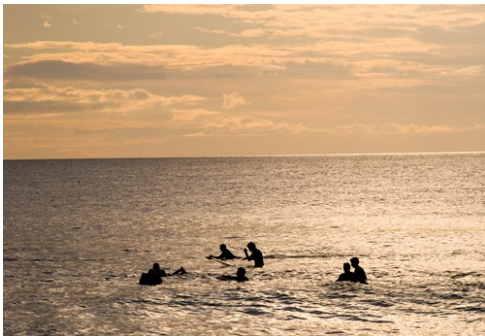




# Donegal & The North West

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Wild and remote, untamed and exciting - welcome to Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way Experience one of the wildest, most enchanting and culturally rich coastal touring routes in the world. Wherever you travel along the Wild Atlantic Way you'll find magic, adventure, history and beauty in abundance. Divided into five main sections each one offers you memories that will last a lifetime.

And do you know what? You won't even have seen the half of it. And it'll call you back. Just you wait.



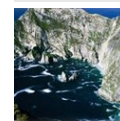
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## Top 5



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## NORTH WEST REGION



The magnificent North West has breathtaking scenery, rich traditions and elegant ruins and offers endless opportunities to immerse in nature, culture and history. If you wish to partake in the outdoor activities on offer or if you simply want to take a relaxing break away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, spend time in the three counties of Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo, and you'll experience the warmth of the welcome that awaits you.

The spectacularly beautiful countryside, the coast that has been etched by the Atlantic Ocean, the rambling hills and mountains and the lovely lakes provide a wonderfully interesting location for the leisurely visitor. Outdoor activities are in abundance for anglers, golfers and walkers. Try your hand at surfing, sailing or kite surfing or go horse riding on the beaches, mountains or moorlands.

Lots to do and plenty to see but don't just take our word for it: Come and see for yourself.

### Explore some more... with a trip to Leitrim



Leitrim may have the shortest coastline in Ireland but this stretch of the ocean is a paradise for surfers wishing to hit the big waves located at

Tullaghan. The rivers Shannon and Erne are the two main river systems in Ireland and are linked by the recently restored Shannon Erne Waterway providing 750km of cruising waterway. Carrick-on-Shannon, the county town of Leitrim is the cruising capital of the river Shannon and the town boasts a beautiful modern marina.

More Info: [www.discoverireland.ie/leitrim](http://www.discoverireland.ie/leitrim)

### Explore more... with a trip to Sligo



Sligo is a county that celebrates its independent spirit and a place steeped in history and mythology where you'll discover a creative tradition that lives in the music, art, poetry and expression of its people, made so famous by WB Yeats and others. From clear lakes and rivers to stunning beaches and dramatic mountains such as majestic Ben Bulbin, Sligo is a place where ancient sites like Carrowmore and Creevykeel, spectacular landscapes and rolling waves inspire stories, trails and adventures that will open your mind and invigorate your body.

Welcome to Sligo - a natural born beauty

Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/sligo](http://www.discoverireland.ie/sligo)

### Discover Ireland App

For the very latest info on what's happening as well as great places to stay, unbeatable special offers, amazing places to eat and a whole lot more - the Discover Ireland app is your essential travelling companion in Ireland. It's free and works offline, so there are no surprise roaming or data charges

More Info: [travelling](#)

## TOP 5



There's a lot to keep you busy in Donegal, from 4,000-year-old-ring forts to Ireland's most northerly point

### Venture out to Slieve League peninsula



Stretching from Donegal towards the Gaeltacht village of Glencolmcille, you'll rarely have much traffic to contend with. And the road literally runs out at the show-stopping Slieve League cliffs. Dropping 600 metres into Donegal Bay, they're amongst the tallest in western Europe... and an unforgettable hike.

Address: Slieve League peninsula  
Phone: +353 74 9739077  
Internet: [www.sliabhleague.com](http://www.sliabhleague.com)

### Surf's up



Wanna catch a wave? Bundoran was recently named one of the World's 20 Best Surfing Towns by National Geographic. The resort was recommended

for "the salty surf traveller who doesn't mind surfing in cold water or rain", in a tactful nod to the wild weather of Donegal. National Geographic went on to praise the warmth of its

locals as much as the quality of its waves. You'll find more of both at Rossnowlagh, Dunfanaghy and the Fanad Peninsula.

Address: Bundoran, Co. Donegal  
Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/donegal](http://www.discoverireland.ie/donegal)

### Activities in abundance



Salmon fishing, diving in Donegal Bay, rock-climbing on offshore islands, or hiking along the inclement sea cliffs of the Atlantic shore: you

won't want for fresh air in the northwest

Address: Donegal  
Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/donegal](http://www.discoverireland.ie/donegal)

### An island fit for a king



Visit the Inishowen Peninsula. This isolated idyll took the glory from our more northerly neighbours recently by welcoming the Aurora

Borealis (Northern Lights) to its shores during a peak in the sun's activity.

Address: Inishowen Peninsula  
Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/donegal](http://www.discoverireland.ie/donegal)

### Get very far-flung



14.5 kilometres off the northwest coast, Tory Island is a place where islanders still talk of "travelling to Ireland."

Shipwrecks, poitín (Irish moonshine) smuggling and violent storms have all been drawn into folklore here. And ancient customs are still in place - including the

appointment of the island king, or Rí Thora.

Address: Tory Island, Co. Donegal

Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/donegal](http://www.discoverireland.ie/donegal)

## DO & SEE



### Glenveagh National Park & Castle



Glenveagh National Park lies in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains in the North West of Co. Donegal. It is a remote and hauntingly beautiful

wilderness of rugged mountains and pristine lakes. The wild setting around Lough Veagh hosts the largest herd of red deer in Europe and since 2001 is home to Ireland's only Golden Eagles. There's also plenty of guided family walks to choose from.

Address: Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Opening hours: March - October 10.00 - 18.00. October - March 9.00 - 17.00.

Phone: +353 74 9137090

Tickets: Bus to Castle Adult €3 return, Concession €2 return. Castle tour, Adult €5, Group/Senior €3, Child/Student €2.

Family €10. Admission to Glenveagh Castle is by guided tour only.

Internet: [www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie](http://www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie)

### Donegal Castle



Built by the O'Donnell chieftain in the 15th century, beside the River Eske, the castle has extensive 17th century additions by Sir Basil

Brooke. The castle is furnished throughout and includes Persian rugs and French tapestries. Information panels chronicle the history of the castle owners from the O'Donnell chieftains to the Brooke family.

Address: Donegal Town, Co Donegal

Opening hours: All year round, Mid March to Mid September daily from 10.00 - 18.00. Mid September - Mid March Thursday - Monday 9.30 - 16.30. Last admission 45 minutes before closing.

Phone: +353 74 9722405

Tickets: Admission: Adult €4, Senior/Group €3, Child/Student €2, Family €10

Internet: [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie)

### Doagh Famine Village



Doagh Famine Village tells the story of a family/community living on the edge of Donegal and surviving from Famine times right up to

the present day.

Address: Isle of Doagh, Inishowen, Co Donegal

Opening hours: 17th March to end of October 10.00 - 17.00

Phone: +353 74 93 78078

Tickets: €7 which includes guided tour, tea, coffee, bread and biscuits

Internet: [www.doaghfaminevillage.com](http://www.doaghfaminevillage.com)

## Ionad Cois Locha



Enjoy the story telling of Manus Ferry's the weavers constructed home. There is an adventure and indoor play area or enjoy a boat

trip around the lake. The new attraction 'An Culturlann' is designed as a multipurpose venue which can seat between 200 and 500 people for concerts, theatre or cinema.

Address: Dunlewey, Co Donegal

Opening hours: Easter to October Daily from 10.30 - 18.00

Phone: +353 74 9531699

Tickets: Cottage OR boat including play area - Adult €5.95, Child €3.95. Boat & cottage including play area. Adult €10, Child €7.

Internet: [www.dunleweycentre.com](http://www.dunleweycentre.com)

## Lough Derg

Not to be mistaken with the larger lake of the same name which straddles the Tipperary-Limerick border, Lough Derg in Co. Donegal is a unique island of peace. Pilgrims have been travelling to this sacred site for centuries on a spiritual quest or journey seeking something deeper, getting closer to their authentic selves, continuing a ritualistic tradition of their ancestors.

Address: St. Patrick's Purgatory, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal

Opening hours: Pilgrimages from May to September

Phone: +353 71 9861518

Internet: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

## Waterworld



All Indoor "Family Friendly" Aqua Adventure Playground. Two leisure pools - Slide Pool with Tornado and Twister Flume plus the super fast

WHIZZER Slide and Scute Shute. Wave Pool with 5 wave patterns

Address: Bundoran, Co Donegal

Phone: +353 71 9841172

Internet: [www.waterworldbundoran.com](http://www.waterworldbundoran.com)

## Bundoran Seaweed Baths



Bundoran Seaweed Baths and Aqua Marine Treatment Rooms in County Donegal, on Bundoran seafront adjoining Waterworld,

has a range of facilities and experiences perfect for the discerning adult looking for a combination of health and relaxation. They offer a range of treatments and therapies which include steam cabinets, seaweed baths with filtered and heated sea water, fresh local seaweed and a refreshing sea water drench shower.

Address: Bundoran, Co Donegal

Phone: +353 71 9841172

Internet: [www.waterworldbundoran.com](http://www.waterworldbundoran.com)

## Malin Head



Malin Head, Ireland's most northerly point known locally as Banba's Crown is an area of great scenic beauty and of historical, scientific and

ecological

importance. The circuit of the Head will take you past the Radio Station, built in 1910, and round the coast to Banba's Crown, the northern tip of Ireland.

Address: Malin Head, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9362600  
 Internet: [www.visitinishowen.com](http://www.visitinishowen.com)

### Sliabh Liag (Slieve League)



Discover the many delights of Sliabh Liag, Teelin and Donegal's iconic attraction as you walk through the countryside on the verge of the mighty Atlantic Ocean. Rare flora, fauna and wildlife inhabit this precious and untouched landscape. And the very names of local pathways such as 'One Man's Pass' and 'The Pilgrim Path' evoke special memories and images. The scenery is stunning. The Sliabh Liag cliffs themselves are the highest marine cliffs in Europe, with the sheer cliff face stretching straight down to the wild Atlantic waves below

Address: Teelin, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9739077  
 Internet: [www.sliabhleague.com](http://www.sliabhleague.com)

### Dunfanaghy Gallery



This attractive, two storey, stone house was built in the 1840's as the fever hospital for Dunfanaghy Workhouse. It closed in 1922. Then from the 1930's to the 1960's it was used as the national school for the Roman Catholic children of the area. It's opening in 1968, as 'The Gallery' was the inspiration of Frank Egginton, the well known landscape artist. Since then, his daughter

and son in law have run it. There is also a craft shop full of the very best of Irish handcrafts

Address: Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9136224

### Salthill Garden



Set just a short distance from the sea near Mountcharles, County Donegal, Salthill Garden is a contemporary space that has been individually styled by Elizabeth Temple. There is always a good selection of perennials, vegetables and shrubs.

Address: Mountcharles, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9735387  
 Internet: [www.donegalgardentrail.com](http://www.donegalgardentrail.com)

### Fort Dunree Military Museum



Fort Dunree is a military museum with special emphasis on coastal artillery and the military history of the north west, in Buncrana County Donegal.

Address: Buncrana, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9361817  
 Internet: [www.dunree.pro.ie](http://www.dunree.pro.ie)

### Flight of the Earls Heritage Centre



In 1607 the Earls of Ulster departed Ireland from Rathmullan in an event known as 'The Flight of the Earls'. This Heritage Centre, in Rathmullan County Donegal, explains this event.

Address: Rathmullan, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9158131  
 Internet: [www.flightoftheearls.com](http://www.flightoftheearls.com)

### Killybegs Maritime and Heritage Centre



The Killybegs Maritime & Heritage Centre is situated at the famous Donegal carpets building, where world famous hand-knotted carpets are

made. These world class Donegal Carpets can still be seen in such places as Dublin Castle, The Oval Room at the White House, the Vatican, Buckingham Palace, stately homes, and foreign embassies throughout the globe.

Address: Killybegs, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9741944  
 Internet: [www.visitkillybegs.com](http://www.visitkillybegs.com)

### Oakfield Park



Oakfield Park is a secret jewel located in Raphoe, County Donegal. The award winning, 18th Century Georgian deanery includes a

traditional walled garden and kitchen garden. Train rides are available on weekends.

Address: Raphoe. Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9173068  
 Internet: [www.oakfieldpark.com](http://www.oakfieldpark.com)

## DRIVING ROUTES



### 1) Atlantic Tour Drive Donegal

This self drive tour starts from Letterkenny, on to Ramelton, a Heritage Town on Lough Swilly. Then on to Milford, and Carrigart, on the isthmus separating Mulroy Bay and Sheephaven Bay. Follow the Atlantic Drive signs around the Rossguill Peninsula, to Melmore Head where there are great views. Then head for Carrigart and right to Creeslough where you will see the ruins of 16th century Doe Castle. The drive continues through Portnablagh, where boats leave for Tory . Drive through Dunfanaghy via Horn Head, and on to Falcarragh in the Irish speaking area of West Donegal. The road passes the Derryveagh Mountains and Glenveagh National Park. Turn left for Kilmacrennan where there is Lurgyvale Thatched Cottage a 150 year old restored building. Then back to Letterkenny.

### 2) Fanad Scenic Drive

The Fanad Peninsula scenic tour is a 72km circuit of the area, which is well signposted and is a splendid drive. Follow the R247 from Ramelton and enjoy the views of Lough Swilly all the way to Rathmullan. Continue for a short distance along the coast to the harbour where the Flight of the Earls Heritage Centre is located. A fully equipped sea angling boat can be hired at the nearby pier and the glorious beach

at Rathmullan flies an E.U blue flag. Follow the Fanad Drive and Portsalon signs, passing the Otway 9 hole links, where golf can be played all year round. Keep right at the fork for Portsalon. As the road rises around Knockalla Mountain enjoy the breathtaking views across Lough Swilly. Below you is Ballymastocker Bay bedecked with a trilogy of golden beaches and punctuated by fingers of grassy dunes. Portsalon lies across the bay. Resume your drive turning left into Portsalon. A left turn in the village will take you to Fanad Head via the coast. Follow the signs for the lighthouse. From the attractive lighthouse grounds you can see the rugged horn of Dunaff Head across the bay and further east, the long finger of Malin Head, the most northerly point in Ireland. Retrace your steps, this time ignoring the sign for Portsalon and keep the coast on your right. Turn left, signposted Kerrykeel 13km. Keep following the Fanad Drive signs past the inner lakes of Mulroy Bay and over a small bridge. Joining the R246 follow the sign, right, for Milford, which lies at the foot of Mulroy Bay. At the T - junction a left turn takes you into the village of Milford and right is the road to Carrigart ( R245 )

## ACTIVITIES



Whether your passion is golf, fishing or splashing about on a surfboard, Donegal is a perfect location - with surprises around every corner, a backdrop of stunning coastline and beautiful countryside, and a whole host of thrilling activities.

### Spa and Wellness

Tucked away in Donegal's most tranquil spots, you'll find some of the finest and most luxurious spas in the world. These sanctuaries of calm and pampering combine the nourishment of the island's natural resources, such as mineral-rich seaweeds, with cutting-edge treatments from around the world. Throw in a good dose of that famous Irish hospitality, and you have a spa getaway that is pretty much unforgettable.

Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/spa](http://www.discoverireland.ie/spa)

### On the Water

Fancy catching some waves? Donegal has a fantastic collection of reefs, beaches and points dotted all around the coastline and the cooler water means it's never too crowded.

Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/adventure](http://www.discoverireland.ie/adventure)

### Biking and Cycling

On yer bike! Check out some suggested trails for an adrenaline rush and or explore the countryside with excellent cycle routes.



Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/cycling](http://www.discoverireland.ie/cycling)

### Walking & Hiking

What better way to enjoy Donegal's breathtaking scenery other than a great walk? Explore Donegal by foot on a trail or looped walk.

Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/walking](http://www.discoverireland.ie/walking)

### Golf



From internationally renowned courses to welcoming local clubs in every corner of the country, Ireland is a golfer's paradise. From

green parkland to rugged coastal links and everything in between, there is a course to suit every skill level from beginner to pro and, now more than ever before, every budget.

Internet: [www.discoverireland.ie/golf](http://www.discoverireland.ie/golf)

### DINING



Don't get us wrong. Donegal does great fish and chips, locally sourced and available straight from bustling seaports in Greencastle or Killybegs. But that's half the story. Donegal also has some of the finest restaurants offering excellent food, from budget to fine dining.

#### Harrys Bar & Restaurant

Welcome to Harry's! The idea is a simple one, a

restaurant that sources everything from one small beautiful peninsula - Inishowen. Come and try it anyday between 12.15 and 9pm but make sure you book and avoid being dissapointed

Address: Inishowen, Co. Donegal

Phone: +353 74 9368544

Internet: [www.harrys.ie](http://www.harrys.ie)

#### The Beach House Bar & Restaurant



Perched on the edge of a sandy beach & overlooking Lough Swilly the Beach House Bar & Restaurant serves modern international

cuisine with an emphasis on local produce. Some of our favourite dishes include fresh steamed mussels with a white wine garlic cream sauce, followed by crispy orange glazed duck with diced fresh mango & noodle salad and to finish a luscious homemade dessert for example our steamed chocolate pudding & a fine Italian coffee. Other dishes include fresh fish, quality Irish lamb, beef & vegetarian choices

Address: Buncrana, Co. Donegal

Phone: +353 74 9361050

Internet: [www.thebeachhouse.ie](http://www.thebeachhouse.ie)

#### Harveys Point Restaurant



The restaurant is the 'heart and soul' of Harvey's Point and this is appreciated by the many regular guests who return again and again

and by all good food guides who have awarded high accolades over the years including two AA Rosettes.

Address: Donegal Town, Co. Donegal

Phone: +353 74 9722208  
Internet: [www.harveyspoint.com](http://www.harveyspoint.com)

### Ard Na Breatha Restaurant



The menu at Ard Na Breatha combines the best quality Irish food (local and organic where possible) with traditional recipes and extra

nuances added by our local chefs.

Address: Donegal Town, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9722288  
Internet: [www.ardnabreatha.com](http://www.ardnabreatha.com)

### Donegal Good Food Taverns



A group of iconic restaurant bars dotted throughout Donegal, each with their own wonderful history, style, traditions, charm and picturesque

surroundings. Collectively, they aim to bring you a genuine taste of Donegal by obtaining the very best fresh, local ingredients and serving them with lashings of pride.

Address: Co Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9732386  
Internet: [www.whatsondonegal.com](http://www.whatsondonegal.com)

### The Weeping Elm



The Weeping Elm at Rathmullan House counts many blessings as far as dining is concerned.

Quality, consistency and innovation have been the

hallmarks of the reign of head Chef Kelan McMichael in the kitchen. The walled garden provides the kitchen with fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs. The seaside setting provides fresh

local fish, seaweed and seafood, while rich local farmland produces specialities like Rathmullan lamb, John Hamilton's free range pork and Pat O'Doherty's black and white pudding.

Address: Rathmullan, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9158188  
Internet: [www.rathmullanhouse.com](http://www.rathmullanhouse.com)

### An Bonnan Bui



In 1993, Martin Kelly and his Brazilian wife Monica Santos brought the bittarn back to life, by opening their marvellous restaurant An Bonnan

Buí. Since the beginning, the restaurant has been offering great food in a relaxed atmosphere, bringing the

Address: Rathmullan, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9158453  
Internet: [www.anbonnanbui.com](http://www.anbonnanbui.com)

### Aileach Restaurant



Call to the Clanree Hotel and experience a new sensation in dining in our award winning restaurant. Our restaurant serves carvery

lunch daily from 12.30pm - 3pm and dinner from 6.30pm - 9.15pm. Both serve a wide range of tantalising dishes to appeal Location:

Address: Letterkenny, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9124369  
Internet: [www.clanreehotel.com](http://www.clanreehotel.com)

### The Lobster Pot



A family run establishment, the award winning Lobster Pot offers you the complete seafood experience together with the best of craic around a glowing fire.

Address: Burtonport, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9542012

### Castle Grove Country House and Restaurant



Castle Grove is an elegant Georgian house set in its own estate. Fine food and service, all produce homegrown to create speciality dishes

such as seafood, game and European cuisine along with the option of a vegetarian meal.

Address: Letterkenny, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9151118  
Internet: [www.castlegrove.com](http://www.castlegrove.com)

### CAFES



Many of the coffee shops in Donegal are independently owned offering delicious homemade cakes and treats. A trip to Donegal will not be complete without sampling homemade scones and jam. Donegal also does great coffee!

### Lily's Bar & Tea Rooms

Enjoy chilled creamy Guinness or a delicious coffee. Whatever your taste the staff at Lily's Bar will have a warm Irish welcome for you.

Address: Malin, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9332969  
Internet: [www.lilysmalin.com](http://www.lilysmalin.com)

### Aroma Coffee Shop & Mini Bakery

At 'Aroma' Coffee Shop & Mini Bakery, the team prepare and bake everything daily on the premises using only the finest and freshest ingredients. Delicious - made to order - salads, sauces and dressings combined with savoury and vegetarian dishes will tempt your palate.

Address: Donegal Town, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 97 23222

### Caffe Banba



At the most northerly cafe in Ireland, they may have a roof or walls, but they do have staggeringly beautiful views of the spectacular Donegal

coastline and mountains. Visit Caffe Banba at the top of the world for fabulous fresh roasted coffee, delicious home baking, decadent Hot Chocolate, freshest air and the warmest welcome

Address: Malin Head, Co Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9370538  
Internet: [www.caffebanba.com](http://www.caffebanba.com)

### Caifé an Ché

Caifé an Ché is Bunbeg House's Cafe-Bar which is open all day right through the summer season, it is available to all residents and the general public. There is much to offer on the menu from home made pizza to chowder, wraps, and a tasty range of desserts.

Address: Gweedore, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9531305  
 Internet: [www.bunbeghouse.com](http://www.bunbeghouse.com)

### The Curlew Cafe & Crafts



Beautiful old fashioned Tearooms, overlooking the Mulroy Bay in Kerrykeel, The Curlew serves soups, salads and sandwiches made from fresh local produce, home baking and shellfish caught and prepared by the owners

Address: Fanad, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9150998  
 Internet: [www.thecurlewcafeandcrafts.com](http://www.thecurlewcafeandcrafts.com)

## SHOPPING



Donegal is world-renowned for its traditional products and crafts, rich in history and offering fantastic quality. Textures and vibrant colours of wool & tweeds that blend in naturally with Pottery, Crystal and Art. You'll find these types of shops dotted throughout the county.

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Part of Donegal's enduring charm is the comfort and warmth of pubs - serving fresh food, providing an authentic Irish music and dance experience.

### Olde Castle Bar



The most lovingly restored building in Donegal Town after the castle is another castle, the Olde Castle Bar, located just across from the seat of the O'Donnell Clan.

Address: Donegal Town, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9721062

### Sister Sara's



Sister Sara's Superpub is situated at the gateway to Letterkenny and Donegal. Originally the Railway Tavern and more recently Peadar's Bar, the premises boasts a long tradition in the licenced trade.

Address: Letterkenny, Co. Donegal  
 Phone: +353 74 9122238  
 Internet: [www.sistersaras.com](http://www.sistersaras.com)

### The Chasin Bull



The Chasin' Bull is proudly run by The O'Doherty family. It was refurbished in 1999 but it is constantly getting retouches to keep up with the times adding in plasma screens, new stage area, smoking area and beer garden.

Address: Bundoran, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 71 9841988

### The Rusty Nail

The Rusty Nail Pub, named after a flame haired owner of the 1930's lies on the scenic route below the rocky ridge which includes Ragtin More, and a short walk from the golden sands of Tullagh Bay.

Address: Clonmany, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9376116

### The Crossroads Inn & Craftshop



The Crossroads Inn and craft shop is Ireland's most northerly traditional Irish music venue. The cosy atmosphere and large open fire make for a relaxing and enjoyable venue.

Address: Malin, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9370160

### The Silver Tassie



This luxurious hotel offers the very best of both worlds - a rural setting gazing across Lough Swilly whilst only a five minute drive from the bustling and sophisticated town of Letterkenny.

Address: Letterkenny, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9125619  
Internet: [www.theblaneygroup.com](http://www.theblaneygroup.com)

### McGrorys of Culdaff



McGrorys of Culdaff offers 3 star accommodation, a superb restaurant and two bars under one roof. A family owned and managed property, the emphasis is on luxurious accommodation and good food.

Address: Culdaff, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9379104  
Internet: [www.mcgrorys.ie](http://www.mcgrorys.ie)

### Leo's Tavern



Tábhairne Leo (Leo's Tavern) is the family home of Clannad and Enya. Leo and his wife Maire bought the tavern in 1968 and Leo became the resident musician with sing songs nightly and which would involve the 9 members of his family.

Address: Crolly, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9548143

### Bonner's Corner Bar



This is a friendly, family run pub in the town of Ballybofey in County Donegal. Its warm welcoming atmosphere gives one a taste of Donegal hospitality and craic at its best.

Address: Ballybofey, Co. Donegal  
Phone: +353 74 9131361

## Hughies



An outstanding selection of eclectic dishes with a festive and informal atmosphere to create a complete dining experience.

Address: Killybegs, Co. Donegal  
Internet: [www.22mainstreet.com](http://www.22mainstreet.com)

## EVENTS



A full list of festivals for the year can be found on [www.discoverireland.ie/whatson](http://www.discoverireland.ie/whatson)

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



### Driving

If you intend to rent a car when you're in Ireland, make sure to familiarise yourself with the Irish road rules. In particular pay attention to the speed limits: 120km on motorways; 100km on national roads; 80km on regional and local

roads; 50km in a built-up area.

### Currency, Bank Hours and Credit Cards

The unit of currency in the Republic of Ireland is the Euro. One euro consists of 100 cents. notes are €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200, €500. Coins are 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, €1 and €2.

Banks are generally open from Monday to Friday from 10am - 4pm. Each bank has one later opening day per week. Bureau de Change facilities as well as ATM machines are available at most banks. Money transfers can be organised through Western Union Money Transfer.

MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards are widely accepted in Ireland.

### Post

Post offices are open Monday-Friday 9.30- 17.30.

### Smoking

Smoking is not permitted anywhere indoors in Ireland, except in hotel rooms and private accommodation.

### Electricity

230 V, 50 Hz

### Telephone

Country Code: +353

Area Code: 073

### Taxi

Taxis and Hackney Cabs are available in Donegal. Taxis can be hailed down in the street, but Hackney Cabs must be booked from offices.

Costs are measured by distance, taxis have a metre.

If you have to be somewhere at a particular time, it is wise to book in advance as offices can be quite busy. All hotels will have a local taxi number.

### **Public transport**

For information on bus times, tickets and prices go to [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)

For information on rail services go to [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie).

### **Climate**

Influenced by the Gulf Stream, Ireland has a mild temperature climate with summer temperatures generally ranging from 14 to 16 degrees Celsius (60-70 Fahrenheit). The temperatures are generally around 10 degrees Celsius (50 degree Fahrenheit) in Spring and Autumn and between 4 and 7 degrees Celsius (30-40 degrees Fahrenheit) in Winter. For regional forecasts, please consult [www.met.ie](http://www.met.ie)

### **Emergency Services**

In Ireland the general Emergency Telephone number is 999 or 112 - no coins required in telephone coin boxes.

These numbers will alert the appropriate service - Fire, Gardaí (Police), Lifeboat, Coastal, Mountain and Cave Rescue Services

### **Passports and visa requirements**

For the latest information on passports and visa requirements for Ireland contact:

Department of Foreign Affairs  
80 St. Stephen's Green  
Dublin 2  
Ireland  
Tel: + 353 1 478 0822  
[www.foreignaffairs.gov.ie](http://www.foreignaffairs.gov.ie)

### **Population**

161,137

### **Currency**

Euro

### **Opening hours**

Shops: 09:00-18:00 daily.

Many shops open later on a Thursday evening.

### **Internet**

[www.discoverireland.ie/donegal](http://www.discoverireland.ie/donegal)

### **Newspapers**

Irish Examiner  
Irish Times  
Irish Independent

### **Emergency numbers**

999

Garda Síochána (police) Tel: +353 74 9167161

### **Tourist information**

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