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As a remarkable county with a truly unique atmosphere, Galway - in the West of Ireland - gets under your skin like no other place in the world: it is dramatic, haunting and utterly wild, while the craggy countryside at times looks unforgiving, yet rich with a burst of colours. Galway has got great beaches, soaring mountains, lovely villages, fabulous pubs and some of the friendliest people in Ireland. The Gaeltacht area of County Galway offers an authentic insight into life through the Irish language, and the Aran Islands have a breathtaking beauty of their own.



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With a youthful population and a bohemian spirit, Galway's charms are best enjoyed by strolling the city lanes, and by experiencing town and landscape alike. There is plenty to keep sightseers happy, too, but do not forget to soak up the special atmosphere by mingling with locals.

View traditional Celtic jewellery



Call in, and watch Jonathan Margetts tinkering with rings at Thomas Dillon's Claddagh Gold shop that crafts the Original Claddagh Ring

since 1750, and therefore features the best experts on Ireland's most famous traditional ring's history. The ring consists of two hands holding a heart that wears a crown, and it came to life in the fishing village of Claddagh, a community of Irish-speaking families that still elect their very own "King".

Photo: Royal Claddagh/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: 1 Quay Street, Galway Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm Phone: +353 91 566 365 Internet: www.discoverireland.ie/galway Email: info@claddaghring.ie

Savour traditional tastes



From award-winning chips at McDonagh's to fabulous farmhouse Irish cheeses at Sheridans, you will find something to your taste in Galway

whatsoever. No visit is complete without calling into the family-owned Griffin's Bakery, which goes strong since 1876 in its fifth generation now, for their unbeatable breads including bracks, rye, soda, gluten-free, multigrain and even one with an Irish whiskey kick.

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Experience music at Nicholas' Collegiate Church



Packed with curious corners and ancient tombs, Ireland's largest medieval parish church, St Nicholas' Collegiate Church, was built in

1320. These days, traditional Irish Tunes in the Church feature the rector on his concert flute on summer nights, and Christopher Columbus is even reputed to have prayed here in 1477 before setting off on his voyage of discovery to the New World.

Photo: Wolfgang Glock/Wikimedia.org (image cropped) Address: 7 Lombard Street, Galway

Explore with a trip to Mayo



Jutting proudly into the Atlantic ocean, the county Mayo north to Galway boasts a stunningly beautiful and also most wild environment with a



wonderful mountain scenery and great bays. Mayo's main tourist centre is Achill at the northwest corner of Clew bay but every town bursts with charm and a personality that is as welcoming as the people in Mayo themselves.

Photo: irishladylinda/Pixabay.com (image cropped) Address: Mayo

Discover with a trip to Roscommon



County Roscommon northeast to Galway is often described as 'the Heart of Undiscovered Ireland', as to its wild and untouched landscapes

and its more rural life. The low level of traffic makes for an unspoiled environment that offers a pleasant and peaceful holiday experience within a stunning atmosphere that catches both country bumpkins and townsfolk.

Photo: IrishFireside/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: Roscommon Internet: www.discoverireland.ie/roscommon

THE CITY



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Known as the "City of the Tribes" – after the 14 famous families who forged Gaillimh's history –, Galway is one of Ireland's most charming and romantic cities, and a magnet for visitors as to its rich Celtic and Spanish heritage, its vibrant arts scene, and its lengthy list of festivals. Delightfully compact, the city is easy to stroll around, so do explore its medieval streets dotted with brightly-painted shop fronts, handsome limestone buildings and landmarks.

DO & SEE



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Galway is a place that is packed with things to see and to do, and the most difficult part about experiencing the city is the decision about where and what to start with. While enjoying the landscape traditionally is of very high priority, do not forget to immerse yourself in the city's special atmosphere by trying to keep up with a local's daily life.

Aughnanure Castle



Built by the O'Flaherty family back in the 16th century, Aughnanure Castle lies in the picturesque scenery of Oughterard, and it is one

of over 200 tower houses in County Galway. While experiencing a quite impressive atmosphere by only having a glance, vsitors will also find the remains of a banqueting hall, a watch tower, an unusual double bawn, bastions and a dry harbour.

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Address: Aughnanure, Galway Opening hours: 1st Mar-24th Oct: daily 9:30am-6pm. 25th Oct-31st Oct: daily 9:30am-5pm Phone: +353 91 552 214 Internet: www.heritageireland.ie Email: aughnanurecastle@opw.ie

Brigit's Garden



These beautiful Celtic-themed gardens offer a magical experience for all ages, so make sure to explore the unique seasonal gardens,

the nature trail, the stone chamber, and the nature discovery trail for children. After experience this stunning atmosphere, do also have a look at the gift shop, and a try at the Garden Café.

Photo: Couleur/Pixabay.com (image cropped) Address: Pollagh, Roscahill Opening hours: Mar-Oct: daily 10am-5:30pm. Nov-Feb daily 10am-5pm Phone: +353 91 550 905 Internet: www.brigitsgarden.ie Email: info@BrigitsGarden.ie More Info: The Cardens are closed Dec 24th-Jan 31st.

Cnoc Suain Conamara



Cnoc Suain is dedicated to fostering and presenting real Irish Culture, and the Gaelic heart in a restored 17th century hill-village. With

its authentic environment and its sophisticated atmosphere, this institution is an international award-winner, and for interests of all kinds only 25 minutes away from Galway city itself.

Photo: MarkOpants/Wikimedia.org (image cropped) Address: L1320 Spiddal, Moycullen Phone: +353 91 555 703 Internet: www.CnocSuain.com Email: info@cnocsuain.com

Connemara National Park



This park offers an exhibition on Connemara's landscape, and it also features an audio visual, a playground, an indoor

and outdoor picnic areas, as well as the Connemara ponies & Diamond Hill Trails ranging in length from 15 minutes to 3 hours. After experiencing the environment, you can afterwards enjoy yoourself with a cup of tea of coffee, home baking and light lunches at the tearoom.

Photo: Stewjules/Wikimedia.org (image cropped) Address: Letterfrack, Galway Opening hours: Daily 9am-5:30pm Phone: +353 95 410 54 Internet: www.connemaranationalpark.ie Email: cnp@chg.gov.ie More Info: The visitor centre is open Mar-Oct daily 9am-5:30pm, while the tea room is open daily 9:30am-5:30pm.

Connemara Smokehouse



At Connemara Smokehouse, hand prepared traditional Irish smoked and marinated seafood are still traditionally produced,

with an emphasis on freshness, seasonality and sustainability. The Wild & Organic Salmon, and the line caught Smoked Tuna are especially popular at this multi-award winning venue since 1979, which also is one of Rick Stein's Super Food Heroes.

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Address: The Pier, Ballyconneely Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm Phone: +353 95 237 39 Internet: www.smokehouse.ie Email: info@smokehouse.ie More Info: Tours available.

Dun Aonghasa



Perched on a cliff, and overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the largest of the prehistoric stone forts on the Aran Islands, Dun Aonghasa, is a

semi-circular building enclosed by three massive stone walls. Excavations also revealed significant evidence of prehistoric metalworking, as well as of several houses and burials.

Photo: Tuoermin/Wikimedia.org (image cropped) Address: Kilmurvey, Aran Islands Opening hours: Apr-Oct: daily 9:30am-6pm. Nov-Mar: daily 9:30-4pm Phone: +353 99 610 08 Internet: www.heritageireland.ie/en/west/dunaonghasa Email: dunaonghasa@opw.ie

Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Walled Garden



As home to the Benedictine nuns, the 1000-acre-wide Kylemore estate is the perfect day trip destination, as you can here discover an

award-winning Victorian Walled Garden, a children's play trail, guided tours, musical performances and excellent shopping and dining experiences. Head here and prepare for some adventure.

Photo: Tomtom60/Pixabay.com (image cropped) Address: Kylemore Abbey, Connemara Opening hours: Nov-Mar: daily 10am-4:30pm. Apr-Jul: daily 9am-6pm. Jul-Aug: daily 9am-7pm. Sep-Oct: daily 9:30am-5:30pm Phone: +353 95 520 01 Internet: www.kylemoreabbeytourism.ie Email: info@kylemoreabbey.com More Info: Opening hours change periodically so do check current ones on the website before visiting.

Druid Lane Theatre



This landmark is home to the award-winning Druid Theatre, one of Ireland's premiere theatre companies, while also acting as a host for many

visiting Performing Arts Companies. Check out their programme as you do not want to miss it out.

Photo: Free-Photos/Pixabay.com (image cropped) Address: Druid Lane, Galway Phone: +353 91 568 660 Internet: www.druid.ie Email: info@druid.ie

Galway Atlantaquaria



The National Aquarium of Ireland is home to the country's largest display of aquatic life, as the five hundred tonnes of water house more than 150

species of fish and invertebrates. The exhibits provide an insight into native marine and freshwater habitats, so prepare yourself for learning a lot.

Photo: visavietnam/Pixabay.com (image cropped) Address: Seapoint Promenade, Salthill Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm Phone: +353 91 585 100 Internet: www.nationalaquarium.ie Email: info@nationalaquarium.ie



Galway City Karting



Galway City Karting is Galway's only 20,000 sq. ft. indoor karting venue, and it offers a fun and safe environment for testing out your own

limits. Head here for enjoying the speed with friends and family, as both the karts and the route are also great for children.

Photo: Ajale/Pixabay.com (image cropped) Address: Liosban Industrial Estate, Tuam Road Opening hours: Sun-Fri 12pm-10pm. Sun 10am-10pm Phone: +353 91 440 136 Internet: www.galwaycitykarting.ie Email: info@galwaycitykarting.ie

Galway City Museum



Galway City Museum is a spacious and modern building situated in the heart of Galway, on the banks of the River Corrib, and it houses a variety of

permanent and touring exhibitions dealing with archaeology, local history, art and craft. head here for learning more about the city's shape and character.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com Address: Spanish Parade, Galway Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 12pm-5pm Phone: +353 91 532 460 Internet: www.galwaycitymuseum.ie Email: museum@galwaycity.ie

Athenry Heritage Centre



Enjoy a Medieval Experience in the Athenry Heritage Centre, with dressing up in medieval costume, and testing your skill with

Have-A-Go-Archery, while also discovering history through interactive exhibits. This museum is fun for people of all age, and guided tours are organised regularly.

Photo: Andreas F. Borchert/Wikimedia.org (image cropped) Address: The Square, Athenry Opening hours: Sat-Thu 10:30am-5pm. Fri 10:30am-2pm Phone: +353 91 844 661 Internet: www.athenryheritagecentre.com Email: athenryheritagecentre@gmail.com

Irish Workhouse Centre



At this establishment, you will get to know history within a real workhouse, as these institutions were the last resort of the destitute poor from the

1840s to the 1920s. In the workhouse, people received food in return for work.

Photo: Shelli Jensen/Shutterstock.com Address: St. Brigid's Road, Portumna Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-5pm Phone: +353 90 975 9200 Internet: www.irishworkhousecentre.ie Email: info@irishworkhousecentre.ie

The Latin Quarter



Galway's Latin Quarter can be experienced with an exciting tour through the winding medieval streets, and you will visit some of the city's most



historic landmarks. Featured by local actors and visiting, this Tribes Alive Theatrical Walking Tour last 70 minutes, and it promises great adventures.

Photo: Ana Candida/shutterstock.com Address: The Latin Quarter, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Fri 2:30pm-3:30pm and 5:30pm-6:30pm Phone: +353 86 302 5529 Internet: www.thelatinquarter.ie Email: info@thelatinquarter.ie

EVENTS



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Galway does not only feature great bars and restaurants but also annually events that take place over the whole town, and for people of all ages. Check out the city's schedule as you do not want to miss them out.

Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival



This festival, with the 'World Oyster Opening Championship', attracts its visitors with live music, oyster hot spots, seafood trails, free

heritage events, hot oyster cooking challenges, and by showcasing Galway's seafood heroes, and the native Galway oyster. Head here for experiencing the oyster's value as well as, of course, its history and its taste. Photo: 809xia/Shutterstock.com Address: Galway Opening hours: End of September Phone: +353 91 394 637 Internet: www.galwayoysterfestival.com Email: info@galwayoysterfestival.com

Galway Science and Technology Festival



This forum is a two week festival providing shows and workshops for schools, while the final day exhibition is a great family day out as well.

See the Bug Doctor, Bubble Magic and Sue McGrath's Chemistry Show, and learn more about science and technology in a very fun way.

Photo: Maggie Chen/Shutterstock.com Address: Mervue Business Park, Galway Opening hours: Mid November Phone: +353 86 803 3709 Internet: www.galwayscience.ie Email: galwaysciencefestival@gmail.com

Galway Arts Festival



This event is one of Ireland's leading arts festival with theatre, spectacle, street art, music, comedy, literature and music producing a

stunning fortnight of cultural activity and celebration. The programme will annually be revealed in the end of the previous year, so stay tuned and take the opportunity to join.

Photo: Peter Clarke/Wikimedia.org Address: Galway Opening hours: End of July Phone: +353 91 509 700 Internet: www.galwayartsfestival.ie Email: info@giaf.ie



Galway Racing Festival



The Galway Racing Festival brings the whole country to a standstill, as it is one of the country's greatest sporting festivals. While the horse

races of all kinds fascinate locals and tourists alike, the organised events around this highlight will also pleasure you most.

Photo: el ui/Wikimedia.org (image cropped) Address: Ballybrit Racecourse, Galway Opening hours: End of October Phone: +353 91 700 100 Internet: www.galwayraces.com Email: information@galwayraces.com

Gaelforce West



This original and ultimate Irish adventure race - a 67km course involving trail and mountain running or walking, and cycling and kayaking

through Connemara, Killary Fjord and Croagh Patrick – is most challenging but indeed one-of-a-kind. Admire the athletes' performance, and you will probably catch up some motivation for yourself.

Photo: Alextype/Shutterstock.com Address: Galway Opening hours: Mid June Phone: +353 95 420 06 Internet: www.gaelforceevents.com/west Email: info@gaelforceevents.com

DINING



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No matter what your budget or your occasion looks like, you will always find an array of eateries and restaurants that apply both your expectations and your taste. Try out Ireland's specialities for getting a feel for a local's life but be also assured that you will find international influences and dishes as well.

Donnelly's of Barna



One of Ireland's best known seafood restaurants, Donnelly's, does also serve a variety of game and meat dishes so that every taste bud

will be pleased. Head here for the evening, and finish your dinner at the bar, with some nice drinks afterwards.

Photo: ilolab/Shutterstock.com Address: Barna Opening hours: Mon-Thu 12pm-11:30pm. Fri-Sat 11pm-12:30am. Sun 12:30pm-11pm Phone: +353 91 592 487 Internet: www.donnellysofbarna.com Email: dine@donnellysofbarna.com



Aniar



The only Michelin Star restaurant in the whole West of ireland, Aniar, is based in Galway's West End, and its chef is committed to the local

and the wild in contemporary Irish cuisine. Head here for experiencing food traditions, and best try their sample menus for getting to know all the dishes.

Photo: Anna Kurzaeva/Shutterstock.com Address: 53 Lower Dominick Street, Galway Opening hours: Tue-Thu 6pm-9:30pm. Fri-Sat 5:30pm-9:30pm Phone: +353 91 535 947 Internet: www.aniarrestaurant.ie Email: food@aniarrestaurant.ie

Ard Bia at Nimmos



Ard Bia at Nimmos is a charming restaurant where guests can enjoy diverse cuisines as to its dishes from Ireland, New Zealand and the Middle

East. As housing a cafe, a restaurant and a wine bar, you can enjoy breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner here.

Photo: Marco Verch/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: Spanish Arch, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-3:30pm. Sat-Sun 10am-3pm Phone: +353 91 561 114 Internet: www.ardbia.com Email: reservations@ardbia.com More Info: Dinner reservations are possible Mon-Sun 6pm-9pm, while walk-ins are available until 10pm in summer months.

McDonagh's



This restaurant is run by the same family for four generations already, and it serves up a wide menu of quality seafood that ranges from Clarenbridge

oyster over salmon to crabs. Head here for grabbing the typical dish of fish and chips.

Photo: fudowakira0/Pixabay.com (image cropped) Address: 22 Quay Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-11pm. Sun 2pm-10pm Phone: +353 91 565 001 Internet: www.mcdonaghs.net Email: fish@mcdonaghs.net

Maxwells Restaurant



Maxwells is Galway's oldest and longest serving restaurant, as built in 1866 as a Whiskey, Fine Wine and Tobacco Importers as

well as a Restaurant. Today, it is

an all-day and casual dining eatery serving freshly prepared quality food, and especially valuable for overseas visitors that are seeking an authentic Irish food experience.

Photo: jeffreyw/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: 14 Williamsgate Street, Galway Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm Phone: +353 91 568 974 Internet: www.maxwellsrestaurant.ie

The Forge Pub & Eatery



This eatery is located in the heart of Moycullen, at the gateway to Connemara, and it servers typical Irish dishes that are made of



locally-produced ingredients, and served within a most inviting atmosphere. Head here for enjoying a casual yet most enjoyable stay.

Photo: Alias Studiot Oy/Shutterstock.com Address: Ballycuirke West, Moycullen Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10:30am-11:30pm. Sun 12:30pm-5pm Phone: +353 91 868 944 Email: forgemoycullen@gmail.com

The Malt House



The Malt House is an award-winning restaurant with an exquisite wine list that serves dinner and lunch made of the best in local and seasonal

produce. Enjoy a great stay here within an intimate yet cosy atmosphere.

Photo: Kartashov Stas/Shutterstock.com Address: Town Square, Mountbellow Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-9pm Phone: +353 90 967 9255 Internet: www.malthousemountbellew.ie

White Gables Restaurant



Housed in 1920's stone cottage, White Gables Restaurant is renowned for their fine fresh sea food, as lobster, crabs and oysters are –

alongside with daily specials fresh off the boat – among their favourites. While the dishes will already warm your heart, the sophisticated yet cosy atmosphere will make up for a perfect stay.

Photo: Suporn Thawornnithi/Shutterstock.com Address: Ballycuirke West, Moycullen Opening hours: Wed-Sat 7pm-closing. Sun 12:30pm-3pm and 7pm-closing Phone: +353 91 555 744 Internet: www.whitegables.com

Tulsi



Tulsi is one of Galway's most famous Indian restaurants, and it prides itself on the excellence of its cuisine, and its prompt and friendly service.

While lamb, beef, poultry and seafood dishes are prepared to authentic Indian recipes, they can also be made to suit individual preferences so that nearly every taste bud will be served here for sure.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 3 Buttermilk Walk, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-11pm. Sun 1pm-10pm Phone: +353 91 564 831 Internet: www.tulsi-galway.com

Kirwan's Lane



Right in the heart of medieval Galway, Kirwan's Lane specialises in seafood cuisine, and its dishes are as famous as its huge selection of

white and red wine. As the restaurant offers different dishes of meat as well, the menu's range is wide enough to treat tastes of all kinds.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: Kirwan's Lane, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:30pm-2:30pm and 6pm-10pm. Sun 6pm-10pm Phone: +353 91 568 266 Internet: www.kirwanslane.com



Fat Freddy's



This family-run restaurant is located in the heart of Galway City, and it offers a range of Italian and Mexican food including pizza, pasta,

enchiladas and burritos. Although the dishes are priced economically, the food is always of high quality, as made of fresh ingredients and with a care for details.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: 15 Quay Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Thu 5pm-10pm. Fri-Sat 12pm-10:30pm. Sun 12pm-10pm Phone: +353 91 567 279 Internet: www.fatfreddys.ie

Cooke's Restaurant



Located in one of Galway City's oldest districts, Cooke's Restaurant offers an excellent modern cuisine as well as a selection of fine wines

that will definitely please your taste. In fact, this is a perfect place to enjoy a night out with great drinks and tasty food.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 28 Abbeygate Street Upper, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-4pm and 5pm-10pm. Sun 12pm-10pm Phone: +353 91 568 203 Internet: www.cookesrestaurantgalway.com Email: cookesreservations@gmail.com

Martine's



Martine's is an award-winning family-run restaurant and wine bar located in the heart of Galway City, and it is renowned for its quality

local food and an excellent service. Enjoy both lunch and dinner within a relaxed atmosphere that will make a perfect stay.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com Address: 21 Quay Street, Galway Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm and 5pm-10:30pm Phone: +353 91 565 662 Internet: www.winebar.ie

Cactus Jacks



Cactus Jacks specialises in Mexican cuisine, and it offers a variety of menus that will most likely please every taste. With a relaxing atmosphere and

an attentive service, your stay here will make for a great evening out.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: Druid Lane, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5:30pm-closing. Sat-Sun 2pm-closing Phone: +353 91 563 838 Internet: www.cactusjacks.ie Email: info@cactusjacks.ie

Brasserie On The Corner



This venue specialises in steak and seafood dishes, with an emphasis on locally sourced produce and top class service, and this makes for its

popularity among tourists and locals alike. Head here for also enjoying a good glass of wine or



beer.

Photo: nazarovsergey/Shutterstock.com Address: 25 Eglinton Street, Galway Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm Phone: +353 91 530 333 Internet: www.brasseriegalway.com Email: eimear@brasseriegalway.com

CAFES



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At Galway's cafes, you can enjoy traditional Irish homemade cakes, bakes and lunchtime treats such as warm fluffy brown scones, jam-laden soda bread, Irish fruit cake, open crab sandwiches, boxty and soda farls. Try to visit as many different venues as possible, as each of them has some very individual treat for you.

Corrib House Tea Rooms



This beautifully restored Georgian Townhouse, overlooking Galway's famous Salmon Weir, boasts two spacious tearooms that offer an

ever changing selection of delicious cakes and treats that are freshly baked in house every morning. Head here for enjoying a break of exciting sightseeing by experiencing this lovely tradition.

Photo: petereleven/Shutterstock.com Address: 3 Waterside, Woodquay Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-5pm. Sun 10:30am-3:30pm Phone: +353 91 446 753 Internet: www.corribhouse.com/tea-rooms Email: info@corribhouse.com

Poppy Seed Cafe



Poppy Seed Cafe serves freshly cooked breakfast, lunch and all day specials as well as delectable home pastries. As this cafe committed itself to

"healthy and real" food, all its treats are freshly prepared with locally produced ingredients.

Photo: Lolostock/Shutterstock.com Address: Castle Road, Oranmore Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm Phone: +353 91 795 191 Internet: www.poppyseed.ie Email: info@poppyseed.ie

Food 4 Thought



Food 4 Thought is a family-run cafe, and only stone's throw from Lynch's Castle in the middle of town. Head here for having a break

from sightseeing, and for enjoying both food and drinks.

Photo: PPstock/Shutterstock.com Address: 4 Abbeygate Street Lower, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm. Sat 8am-6pm. Sun 12:30pm-4:30pm Phone: +353 91 565 854



High Cafe



High Café is a cafe right in the heart of the Latin Quarter, the hub of the city, and it serves savoury dishes as well as sweet treats, so that you can

head here nearly all day long. While the service is quite attentive and friendly, you will also enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com Address: 2 High Street, Galway Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm Phone: +353 91 532 648 Internet: www.thisisgalway.ie/eat-galway/high-cafe Email: high-cafe@hotmail.com

The Kitchen



The Kitchen Cafe and Restaurant is a funky fun place serving some of Galway's most exciting food, both sweet as well as savoury. Right in the

Galway City Museum, looking onto the historic Spanish Arch, you can here enjoy best cakes and great dishes.

Photo: Bignai/Shutterstock.com Address: Spanish Parade, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. Sat 9am-5:30pm. Sun 10:30am-5pm Phone: +353 91 534 883 Internet: www.thekitchengalway.ie Email: thekitchengalway@gmail.com

Butlers Chocolate Café



Experience two pleasures all together, as the pleasures of delicious coffee and mouth-watering luxury chocolates are blended at

your nearest Butlers Chocolate Café. After having been here, you will for sure come back for more.

Photo: nadyatess/Shutterstock.com Address: 40 William Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Wed 8am-6:30pm. Thu-Fri 8am-7:30pm. Sat 8:30am-7pm. 11am-6:30pm Phone: +353 91 569 901 Internet: www.butlerschocolates.com Email: chocolate@butlers.ie

Upstairs at McCambridge's



Upstairs at McCambridge's serves great dishes nearly all day long, and as both the service and the atmosphere is quite

inviting, it is not difficult to stay here for hours. Do also check out their Food Hall as there is always something new to discover.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com Address: 38-39 Shop Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Wed 8:30am-5:30pm. Thu-Sat 8:30am-7pm. Sun 10:30am-4:30pm Phone: +353 91 562 259 Internet: www.mccambridges.com More Info: The Food Hall is open Mon-Thu 8am-7pm, Fri-Sat 8am-8pm and Sun 10:30am-6pm.



The Secret Garden



The Secret Garden is Galway's best kept secret but its Shop, cafe and bar are definitely worth the visit. While it already became one of Galway's

favourite social meeting place, it will probably also rank among your favourites as well.

Photo: Jyliana/Shutterstock.com Address: 4 William Street West, Galway Opening hours: Mon 11am-8pm. Tue-Sat 11am-11pm. Sun 1pm-9pm Phone: +353 85 758 3927 Internet: www.secretgardengalway.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Throughout the year, Galway features a party atmosphere with a special edge, and people start pouring into traditional pubs quite early, and hopping bars every weekend. Come and join us for an unforgettable time, and toast with your friends while mingling with locals.

The Kings Head Bar



The Kings Head Bar serves great food and beverages within a cosy and relaxing atmosphere that is featured by the bar's location within a historic building as well as by music events and sports watching that both take place here regularly. Head here for experiencing a typical Irish pub.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com Address: 15 High Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10:30am-11:30pm. Thu 10:30am-12am. Fri-Sat 10:30am-2am. Sun 11:30am-11pm Phone: +353 91 566 630 Email: info@thekingshead.ie

The Trappers Inn



Only minutes away from Galway city centre, The Trappers Inn is a traditional and family-run bar and restaurant, and truly passionate about

seasonal and locally obtained food. Enjoy best quality when it comes to both service and dishes, and a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Photo: TORWAISTUDIO/Shutterstock.com Address: Tuam Road, Castlegar Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-11:30pm. Fri-Sat 8am-12:30am. Sun 9am-11pm Phone: +353 91 751 228 Email: emmet@trappersinn.ie

Taaffes Bar



For traditional Irish music in Galway City, consider Taaffes Bar as this venue is renowned for its sessions during both day and night. The

bar serves tasty drinks and also great food, so you will be pleased in any imaginable way.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com Address: 19 Shop Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10:30am-11:30pm- Fri-Sat 10:30am-12:30am. Sun 12:30pm-11pm



Phone: +353 91 564 066

Busker Brownes



Right in the heart of Galway 's vibrant and chic Latin Quarter, Busker Brownes has been a meeting place for the Tribes of Galway already,

and it nowadays still attracts many people that tend to become regulars. Head here for enjoying great drinks and food, with special offers, and also a rousing atmosphere.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com Address: 5 Cross Street Upper, Galway Opening hours: Daily 10am-closing Phone: +353 91 563 377 Internet: www.buskerbrownes.com Email: www.buskerbrownes.com

Murty Rabbitts



Just off the Eyre Square, at Galway city centre, Murty Rabbits serves dishes and drinks of huge variety, and also high quality, and it ranks

among the favourites of tourists and locals alike. While the welcoming atmosphere makes for a great stay, head here for watching sports as the mood then will come to the boil.

Photo: Master1305/Shutterstock.com Address: 23 Forster Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-11:30pm. Fri-Sat 11am-12:30am. Sun 12pm-11pm Phone: +353 91 566 490

The Cellar



Boasting a stunning two floor venue that transforms from a busy restaurant to a buzzing late bar, The Cellar is a favourite location of

nearly everyone, as it offers something for every taste, and any occasion. While food and drinks are of high quality, the attentive service could not keep up any better.

Photo: DonnaSenzaFiato/Pixabay.com (image cropped) Address: 12 Eglinton Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-11:30pm. Fri-Sat 10am-12:30am. Sun 11am-11:30pm Phone: +353 91 563 966 Internet: www.thecellar.ie Email: info@thecellar.ie

The Quays Bar



For nearly 400 years already, The Quays Bar has been pleasing Galwegians and visitors alike with great food and drinks, as well as with

live music and a quite lively atmosphere. The historic establishment in the heart of Galway City has a very own by itself, so head here for experiencing traditions at their best.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com Address: Quay's Street, Galway Opening hours: Daily 12pm-8:30pm Phone: +353 91 568 347 Internet: www.louisfitzgerald.com/quaysgalway Email: quaysgalway@fitzgeraldgroup.ie



The Huntsman Inn



The Huntsman Inn is one of Galway's most impressive bars, and it has maintained a personal touch which will never fail to make an

impression on each and every customer. While both bar and restaurant feature a great menu, the atmosphere is always relaxing and cosy.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 164 College Road, Galway Opening hours: Daily 8am-12am Phone: +353 91 562 849 Internet: www.huntsmaninn.com Email: info@huntsmaninn.com

Massimo



Massimo is a spacious pub bringing together live music, great DJs, and excellent food and beverages while featuring a relaxing and cosy

atmosphere. As this venue features different events quite regularly, head here for experiencing a surprise, or check out their programme first.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com Address: 10 William Street West, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Wed 4pm-11:30pm- Thu 4pm-2am. Fri-Sat 12pm-2am. Sun 12pm-1am Phone: +353 91 582 239 Internet: www.massimogastropub.com Email: massimogalway@gmail.com

Galway Arms Inn



The Galway Arms Inn has been one of the most recognisable buildings in Galway city for many years, and so it remains until today. Ideally

located only minutes from Galway's shopping hub, and standing proudly at the entrance to Galway City West, this venue serves drinks at the bar, especially beer, but also food at their Grill.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 5 Dominick Street Lower, Galway Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10:30am-11:30pm. Fri-Sat 10:30am-12:30am. Phone: +353 91 564 555 Internet: www.galwayarmsinn.com Email: info@galwayarmsinn.com More Info: The opening hours for breakfast, lunch and dinner vary, and they can be checked on the venue's website.

The Dáil Bar



In the heart of Galway's Latin Quarter, The Dáil Bar is a firm Galway favourite for fantastic Ffod and award winning cocktails. As live Music

takes place five nights a week, with top DJs on the weekends on top, this is the place to be for a great night out.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com Address: 42-44 Middle Street, Galway Phone: +353 91 563 777 Internet: www.thedailbar.com Email: info@thedailbar.com



The Front Door



The Front Door is a large yet intimate premise accessible from both High Street and Cross Street, in the centre of Galway's Latin Quarter. As the

historic pub has been tastefully decorated with dark wood, textured walls and stained glass, the atmosphere is stunning while drinks are absolutely pleasuring.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 8 Cross Street Upper, Galway Opening hours: Mon, Fri-Sat 11am-2am. Tue-Thu 10:30am-2am. Sun 12pm-2am Phone: +353 91 563 757 Internet: www.frontdoorpub.com Email: info@frontdoorpub.com

Tigh Coili



In the heart of Galway City, just off Shop Street, Tigh Coili is famous for its traditional Irish music sessions, and popular among tourists and locals

alike. head here for sampling music, and for enjoining drinks in a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere.

Photo: TORWAISTUDIO/Shutterstock.com Address: Mainguard Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10:30am-11:30pm. Fri-Sat 11:30am-12:30am. Sun 12:30pm-11pm Phone: +353 91 561 294 Internet: www.tigcoiligalway.com Email: tig.coili@yahoo.com

Monroe's Tavern



Tuesday night is a set-dancing night at Monroe's Tavern, a whitewashed pub in Galway's West End, so do take your partner's hand

for the Siege of Ennis or the Walls of Limerick traditional Irish dances.

Photo: JayMantri/Pixabay.com (image cropped) Address: 14 Dominick Street Upper, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-11:30pm. Fri-Sat 10am-2:30am. Sun 12pm-11:30pm Phone: +353 91 583 397 Internet: www.monroes.ie Email: info@monroes.ie

SHOPPING



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Galway provides a unique shopping experience with a wide range of shops to cater for the tastes of both visitors and locals. As well as the high street shops, there is an interesting variety of specialist and tourist orientated shops, which offer unique and interesting gifts. Many of the shops are located on streets in the main shopping area in the centre of the city including Galway's famous bustling market which has been trading in Church lane by St Nicholas' Church in the centre of the city for literally centuries. The city centre shopping areas are supplemented by a number of enclosed shopping centres, most of



which are situated on the city's outskirts.

Eyre Square Centre



This shopping centre is Galway's liveliest meeting place, as over 70 shops including both local Irish retailers as well as best known brands from all

over the world string together with cafe style eateries with a range of drinks and snacks. As to its leading mix of fashion and leisure retailers, this establishment will meet your every expectation while also impressing with its modern and welcoming appearance.

Photo: NaiyanaB/Shutterstock.com Address: Eyre Square, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Sat 8:30am-7pm. Thu-Fri 8:30am-9pm. Sun 10:15am-7pm Phone: +353 91 568 302 Internet: www.eyresquarecentre.com Email: avril@eyresquarecentre.com

Cobwebs



You may have already spotted this shop in calendars or travel magazines, as the building is often photographed for its

outstanding appearance. After admiring the outside, do step inside and explore the stunning stock of antique and modern jewels while having a chat with the owner, who will impress you with her knowledge, her passion and her enthusiasm that is definitely infectious.

Photo: Sergey Ryzhov/Shutterstock.com Address: 7 Quay Lane, Galway Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-5:30pm Phone: +353 91 564 388 Internet: www.cobwebs.ie

Email: info@cobwebs.ie

Brown Thomas



Thomas Brown is one of Ireland's leading department stores, and its huge variety of items – ranging from clothing for men, women and children

over decor and accessories to beauty products – should not be missed. Visit this premier site in the centre of Galway.

Photo: Creative Lab/Shutterstock.com Address: 18-21 Eglington Buildings, Galway Opening hours: Mon, Wed, Sat 9:30am-7pm. Tue 10am-7pm. Thu-Fri 9:30am-9pm. Sun 11am-6pm Phone: +353 91 565 254 Internet: www.brownthomas.com Email: btcustserv@brownthomas.ie

Galway Market



This bustling street market along Church Lane by St Nicholas' Church has existed for centuries, and is known for its hundreds of stalls

selling fresh produce and locally produced crafts. While many people come here to shop only, it is also a great place for meeting local artisans and for discussing local issues.

Photo: Mohd Fazlin Mohd Effendy Ooi/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: Church Lane, Galway Opening hours: Sa 8am-6pm. Sun 12am-6pm Internet: www.galwaymarket.com More Info: The market also opens Fri 12am-6pm in July and August.



Charlie Byrne's



Right in the heart of Galway, the flagship shop of Charlie Byrne's is packed with over 100,00 new, bargain and secondhand books about

any subject, and of any genre that you can possibly imagine. As one of the liveliest cultural scenes in Galway, this establishmend also arranges literary-themed events such as book launches, author signings, readings, and a weekly Saturday-morning storytime.

Photo: Don Pablo/Shutterstock.com Address: Middle Street, Galway Opening hours: Sat-Wed 9am-6pm. Fri-Sat 9am-8pm Phone: +353 91 561 766 Internet: www.charliebyrne.com Email: info@charliebyrne.com

Ó'Maille



This store is known for its huge selection of handmade traditional Irish clothing and crafts, and especially its hand-knit traditional Aran

sweater that you will probably need during colder and rainier Irish nights. With their unique designs for men, women and children, they convince with both quality and service.

Photo: Uximetc pavel/Shutterstock.com Address: 16 High Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Sun 12pm-6pm Phone: +353 91 562 696 Internet: www.omaille.com Email: shop@omaille.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Galway Airport



Galway Airport is just 3.5 miles away from central Galway, and taxis are the only way to get to the city, for approximately 15 Euro in charge. As this

airport is currently closed, and only open for Galway Flying Club, the city served by the nearest airports:

Dublin Airport Dublin, Ireland information.queries@dublinairport.com www.dublinairport.com

Ireland West International Airport at Knock County Mayo, Ireland info@irelandwestairport.com www.irelandwestairport.com

Shannon International Airport County Clare, ireland comments@shannonairport.ie www.shannonairport.ie

The most straightforward and cost effective means of travel from one of these airports to



Galway is by bus (www.buseireann.ie), while renting a car is also a good options – most car rental companies have a venue at Dublin Airport. Taxis are serving as well.

Photo: Juan Garces Address: Tuam Road, Glenrevagh Phone: +353 90 963 1836 Internet: www.galwayairport.com Email: info@conneelybuilders.com

Passport / Visa



Citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland can enter Ireland without a visa, while holders of a

Residence Card of a family member of a Union citizen, or of a red United Nations laissez-passer also enjoy a visa exemption. Other citizens best check whether they need a visa, and what prerequisites and fees may apply: www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com Address: 80 Street Stephen's Green, Dublin Phone: + 353 14 780 822 Email: www.inis.gov.ie

Best Time to Visit



Galway can be visited nearly all year long. Influenced by the Gulf Stream, Ireland has a mild summer with temperatures generally

ranging from 14 to 16 degrees Celsius (60-70 Fahrenheit), while the winter brings 4 to 7 degree Celsius (30-40 degrees Fahrenheit), and can get quite cold. While the city gets lively especially during the warmer months, with many events and people sitting outside in restaurants and cafes, the winter can also be cosy when it comes to meeting people at a bar, or going shopping.

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Public transport



Public transport in Galway is happening via rail and bus service, and schedules as well as tickets and prices can be checked on the internet.

Bus: www.buseireann.ie Railway: www.irishrail.ie.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Internet: www.galwaytransport.info

Taxi



Taxis and Hackney Cabs are available all over Galway, and the costs are normally measured by distance – while taxis can be hailed down in the

street, Hackney Cabs must be booked from offices. If you have to be somewhere at a particular time, it is wise to book in advance as both taxi services as well as offices can be quite busy. Galway Taxi is a quite known company but there are many more to find:

City Taxis Galway 11A Eyre Street, Galway +353 91 525 252

Local Taxis Steamship House, Galway +353 91 500 600

Photo: Taxi



Address: 4 Tuam Road, Galway Phone: +353 91 561 111

Pharmacy



Pharmacies can be found across Galway city and Galway county, and they are usually marked by a brand logo. University Late Night Pharmacy, in

the heart of Galway, is open every day, as well as most other shops, and also quite long on Saturdays and Sundays – most of them are within shopping centres.

Walsh's Pharmacy Corrib Shopping Centre, Eyre Street, Galway +353 91 561 605 Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Sat 9am-6pm. Thu-Fri 9am-8pm. Sun 11am-6pm

McSharry's Pharmacy Terryland Dunnes Stores Shopping Centre, Ballinfoyle +353 91 561 423 Opening hours: Mon-Tue, Sat 9am-6pm. Wed-Fri 9am-9m. Sun 11am-6pm

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: Newcastle Road, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-9pm.Sat 9:30am-6pm. Sun 12pm-6pm

Post



Offices of Ireland's national postal service are usually open Mon-Fri 9am-5.30 pm, and Sat 9am-1pm. Offices in bigger cities in Galway

County, such as the Galway Post Office in Galway city itself, may have extended Saturday opening hours while other ones can set up individual operating hours as well.

Post Galway Mails Centre City North Business Park, Tuam Road, Galway +353 1850 575 859 Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm

Oranmore Post Office Millplot, Galway County +353 91 794 101 Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm. Sat 9am-1pm

Photo: Andy Fuchs Address: 3 Eglington Street, Galway Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm Phone: +353 91 534 727

Driving



If you intend to rent a car, make sure to familiarise with the Irish road rules. As a start: Ireland has a left-hand traffic, and speed limits

are determined to 120km/h on motorways, 100 km/h on national roads, 80 km/h on regional and local roads, and 50 km/h in a built-up area. Make sure to check out all the other rules as well.

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Health and Medical Treatment



EU Citizens are entitled to free hospital treatment in a public ward, and they should obtain a European Health Insurance Card (which replaced the old

E111 form) prior to departure. For Visitors from non-EU countries, private medical insurance is strongly advised.



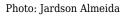
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Electricity



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Population 79,500

Currency 1 Euro = 100 Cents

Opening hours

Shops are normally open Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, while some larger department stores stay open quite long once or twice a week, and also a few hours on Sundays. Banks are generally open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, and they normally feature ATM machines as well as money exchange offices.

Newspapers

Galway Magazine (available from the Galway Tourist Office) The Connacht Tribune The Irish Independent The Irish Times

Emergency numbers

European Emergency Number: 999 Tourist Emergency Number: 1800 661 771

Tourist information

Aras Failte, Forster Street, Galway +353 91 537 700 www.discoverireland.ie/west irelandwestinfo@failteireland.ie

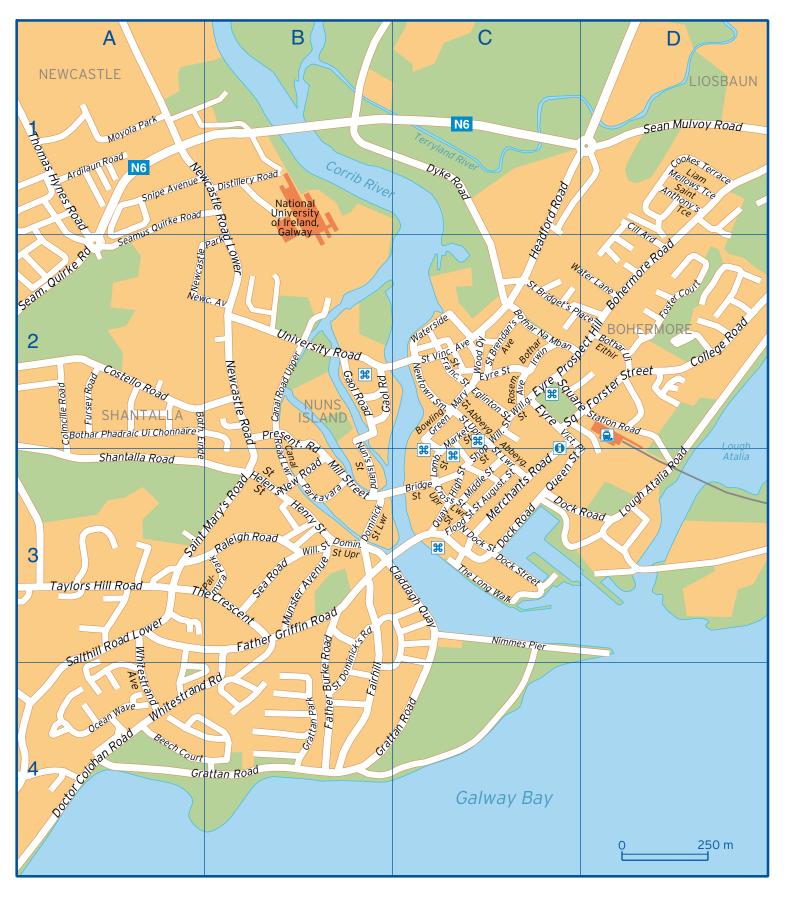




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