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We look forward to offering you a whole host of staycation and tourism experiences to discover along the Wild Atlantic Way, along with ideas to explore and encounter new holiday/staycation destinations.

We continue to put people and trusted relationships at the heart of what we do. While technology will virtually bring us closer together, we still believe that meeting new people and making new friends on a Wild Atlantic Way staycation break in Ireland, cannot be replicated.

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1 BEARA PENINSULA

The Beara Peninsula in southwest Ireland is one of Ireland's most compelling and beautiful locations. The Miskish and the Cahia mountains form the rugged spine of the Beara peninsula which pokes out into the wild Atlantic Ocean.



2 BANTRY

Bantry is a beautiful and modern harbour town in West Cork, one of the most picturesque parts of Ireland. It is located along the renowned Wild Atlantic Way touring route and is the perfect base to explore these stunning lands.



3 CORK CITY

Built on a series of islands this ancient merchant city is steeped in maritime history and a rich artistic culture. Ireland's second city, Cork is the best place in the world to relax, unwind and soak up the atmosphere.

Cork is a small and compact City where you can get from the airport to the city centre in less than 10 minutes, but don't let that deter you because within that small space you will find historical buildings and a vibrant arts and cultural scene.



4 NORTH CORK

Marvel at stunning houses, castles and gardens or experience the thrill of mountain biking, rock climbing, archery, fishing and kayaking in this often overlooked, but certainly worthwhile region of Cork County.



5 MIDLETON

Nestled at the centre of East Cork, Midleton boasts an ever-enhanced culinary reputation with wonderful restaurants, farmers-market, specialist food shops and the internationally famous Jameson Midleton Distillery.



6 WEST CORK ISLANDS

Seven inhabited islands and one garden paradise - strung like jewels along Ireland's southwest coastline. They're the perfect places to explore the landscapes, seascapes, and heritage of beautiful West Cork.



7 SKIBBEREEN

Skibbereen is the hub of West Cork and an ideal base from which to discover the delights that the area has to offer. This bustling market town has so much to offer including world class food, unique shops, live music and nearby beaches.



8 CLONAKILTY

Clonakilty is a multi-award winning, cosmopolitan, and friendly seaside town at the heart of West Cork, in the South of Ireland. A vibrant town, Clonakilty also boasts beautiful beaches, green surrounds and a mix of activities to suit everyone.



9 KINSALE

Located at the start of the Wild Atlantic Way, Kinsale is famous for its colourful streetscapes and rich history and foodie culture. Kinsale is a vibrant coastal town with an energetic personality to keep you entertained all year round!



10 COBH

Overlooked by the renowned Cobh Cathedral and famous for its colourful exteriors, Cobh's history is entwined with the sea being the last port of call for the doomed Titanic and the departure point for many millions of Irish emigrants.



11 YOUGHAL

Youghal, the gem of Ireland's Ancient East, a truly unique place with miles of sandy beaches and a rich ancient history. Youghal, an impressive medieval town and one of the last walled towns of Ireland.

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The Wild West

Rugged coasts with pristine waters, golden beaches and looming cliff faces, dramatic mountains and valleys and glistening lakes, the wild west is a land of breathtaking beauty and extremes. The drama, the beauty, the untamed nature of the land and the people who live there have combined to create a magic unlike anywhere in the world



TEAM SPIRIT

Meet Brian Bowler, Regional Operations Manager at The iNUA Collection

At the start of 2022, Brian Bowler took on a whole new challenge – one he’s been preparing for over the last 25-years. The new Regional Operations Manager at The iNUA Collection, part of Cliste Hospitality, is drawing on his two-and-a-half decades working in hotel management to provide support to the teams across the group’s ten properties in Ireland. These include: Muckross Park Hotel in Killarney, Kilkenny Hibernian, Dublin One plus the Radisson Blu in Cork, Sligo, Limerick and Athlone.

So far, he’s relishing the change of pace. “It’s exciting. I’m enjoying getting out to so many different properties in different parts of the country,” he says. “It’s a strange transition. When you’re a general manager (GM), you’re so focused on one property and involved in every aspect of the running of the business; you need to know what’s going on in all areas of the hotel. Whereas, when you’re working in a group role, you have good GMs and teams in place, so you don’t need to get into that level of detail. It’s more about getting across the overall

strategy for the company and making sure everybody’s on track, offering guidance, assistance and support.”

Born and raised in Kerry, Brian has firm roots in hospitality. “I grew up in Ballyferriter on the Dingle Peninsula – one of the most beautiful places in the country. My mother had a guesthouse and I worked in local pubs and restaurants from an early age. When I was 18, I went to college to study computers and quickly realised it wasn’t for me, that hospitality was where my passion was.” He took part in a trainee manager programme and landed a job at the Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney. And so began his career in hotel management. Roles in the Clarion in Limerick and Cork plus Carton House in Maynooth followed, before he took on his first GM role at The Brehon in Killarney. His next was in The Montenotte in Cork, where he remained for five-years before accepting this new role at iNUA. “I’m proud of all the properties I’ve worked in, alongside excellent GMs, inspirational owners and operators. Every day has been a learning day.”

Brian is also the current President of the Irish Hospitality Institute, where he’s tasked with driving the promotion of careers within the industry. “The biggest challenge we have at the moment



is the retention and recruitment of talent. The pandemic had a detrimental impact on hospitality workers and created this perception that it’s not a secure sector in which to build a career, when in fact it was the country’s largest indigenous employer before the pandemic. It’s an industry that’s heavily reliant on its people. They’re at the core of our business.” To address this challenge at iNUA, Brian has focused on training and development and enhancing employee benefits.

With 2022 seeing positive bookings and a huge expansion on the horizon, Brian is excited about the Collection’s bright future. “We want to grow the business through the continuous investment in our products and our people. We’re also working hard on our sustainability programme with the goal of becoming carbon neutral in ten-years. Cliste Hospitality’s ambition is to double its portfolio to about 20-properties over the next two-and-a-half years.” So what does Brian consider the key attributes one needs to work in the industry? “A positive personality, strong work ethic, resilience, attention to detail and collaborative spirit to work as part of a team.” Clearly, skills he’s honed to lead the next generation.

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GABE SAGLIE



Gabe Saglie is senior editor for Travelzoo, a global travel media company. Based in Los Angeles, he is Travelzoo's primary media liaison and works with various news outlets and destinations, on a variety of projects, to keep consumers abreast of the evolving travel landscape and to promote travel. He is also a long-time wine writer and lives with his wife, Renee, their three children and their Golden Retriever.

Q1 *How does your normal day begin?*

Throughout the pandemic, mornings have been all about information overload. A lot of reading and consumption of news updates at the beginning of each day, better allows me to understand changing industry rules, evolving consumer sentiment and how it all affects travel both in the U.S. and abroad.

Q2 *What are your biggest daily challenges?*

A big part of my job is communicating with travellers through media and various Travelzoo initiatives and to encourage them to travel. Keeping current with requirements that differ from state to state and country to country, and to creatively push travel, amidst varying individual comfort levels, is fun but challenging.

Q3 *What do you love most about your job?*

I've been lucky – travel has always been part of my life (a big thank you to my Chilean globe-trotting parents). Now, I spend most of my days analysing travel trends and producing various consumer-friendly content around travel. And I get to walk the walk – to travel to destinations both near and far, I love it!

Q4 *What do you do to relax?*

Among the wonders of living in Southern California, is the weather – the outdoors offers plenty of ways to relax. Throughout the pandemic, biking and hiking trails in my local Santa Monica Mountains, as well as swimming laps at my local gym, have become effective and fun ways to unplug and recharge.

Q5 *Favourite staycation destination in Ireland and why?*

I love every corner of the island. But, I have special places in my heart for the Wild Atlantic Way and the Boyne Valley. In part, these are places where I've developed wonderful friendships over the years. They are also epicentres for gorgeous landscapes, fascinating history and amazing food.

Q6 *Favourite holiday destination worldwide?*

Hawaii holds a special place in my heart because it's become my family's tried and true vacation destination. We've

been blessed with the opportunity to travel once a year to islands like Maui and the Big Island and it's become the one dependable place where the five of us can detach from reality and reconnect with each other.

Q7 *Favourite Business motto?*

"Take the bite now, worry about chewing it later." My late dad said this to me when I was young – his way of encouraging me to never turn down opportunities that come my way. Life and the universe, he'd tell me, will find a way to make it all the pieces fit. It's advice that rings true for me to this day – I feel best when I'm juggling multiple things at once.

Q8 *Advice for young business entrepreneurs*

Don't think of your career as a job, but as a lifestyle. Loving what you do – even when it gets tough, even when you stumble – goes hand in hand with happiness, and it makes it easier to balance life when your to-do list – both professionally and personally – gets long.



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Mark Harrison

on His Highs of the WILD ATLANTIC WAY

From the wet, windy weather, to coastal climbing, Canadian born photographer and videographer Mark Harrison found the Wild Atlantic Way to be appropriately named. Alongside fellow Australian travel social media star Jordan Tually, the travel gurus hired a car at Dublin Airport and headed straight to Achill in County Mayo to begin their eight days exploration of counties Mayo, Sligo and Donegal. With a new found love for black pudding and family ties to gin distillers in Cork, Mark plans on returning but with a greater

selection of waterproof clothing and footwear next time.

“We tried to spend as much time on the coast looking at cliffs ‘cos we love that, Jordan and I, so we spent a lot of time doing that. Horn Head was a big highlight. We saw photos of Slieve League and kind of expected that and knew what we were getting ourselves into in Achill, but we randomly drove to Horn Head and that was stunning, beautiful. Like really, really, high sea cliffs, there were castles everywhere and little ruins and then the clouds came in and we got a really cool drone shot of the top of the cliff and then the clouds meeting but not going above the cliff. So it was just like this edge with clouds on one side and the edge on the other, it was really cool.”

Speaking about his other highs of the trip he said:

“Climbing with Ian Miller of Unique Ascent in Co. Donegal was the highlight for sure. He’s just such an adventurer at heart and you can really see it and he is a lot of fun and just let us do whatever, which was a lot of fun. And we really would not have gotten there without his guidance.”

“We went to this one little beach called Port, and there was no one there and the sea was really rough, an insanely crashing ocean and I’d say that’s the one appeal that we had, even though we didn’t have beautiful weather, we

had extreme weather, which is arguably cooler ‘cos I travel for unique experiences that was an experience. On the day we were with Ian Miller, we experienced 90KM winds, he was saying, really insane winds that we could really lean in to and then with all the rainy weather we got lots of rainbows, which is always a nice silver lining.”

While wave conditions prevented surfing in Sligo and the short winter days interfered with climbing Benbulbin, they did soak up the atmosphere in the form of a seaweed bath in Strand Hill to which Mark felt it was “like bathing in aloe vera, with all the goo!”

Continuing to talk about his best bits, he said: “There’s one place called the Secret Waterfall in Co. Donegal and we were driving along this road and saw this little coffee truck just sitting at the side of the road. We were like ‘aw sweet let’s check that out’ and they told us, just down on the shoreline when the tide is out you can walk down and out and access this waterfall but when the tide is in you can’t access it. Unfortunately, the low tides were five and five so it was dark both times. But we thought that was really cool, the little titbit that we learned just by chatting with the locals that were in the coffee shops. And it was amazing coffee!”

“Besides the dinners in Lough Eske





Castle and Harvey's Point, which was also very fancy overlooking the lake, the highlight for food was, and the thing that stuck with me, surprisingly, was the Irish breakfast. That was really good with the hash browns and the beans, the little black pudding. I don't usually eat breakfast, but I think I gained a solid 5-lbs (2-kilos) from being in Ireland!" Mark also found coming off a wet and wild mountain into a cosy snug in a pub with a peat burning fire was certainly a pleasant experience, with plenty to be found along the route.

Asking if he would return, he exclaimed; "I would definitely come back! There's so much to see and I feel like I just scratched the surface. We'd love to come back and spend longer than a week but a lot of locals said a week is a solid introduction to the Wild Atlantic Way. After travelling to so many places, I try not to have any expectations, so that I am always blown away and that was the same idea, I went in thinking this should be cool and it was better than that, it was awesome, it was super awesome."

Having spent most evenings drying out his shoes, he took a liking to Ian Miller's SealSkin water proof socks, and so his advice to people travelling to the Wild Atlantic Way is to have the appropriate outdoor clothing.

Follow Mark Harrison on Instagram @ [markharrison4](#)



48 in Doolin HOURS

Looking for a decent dose of vitamin sea? You will find it and more in the colourful coastal hub of Doolin, Co. Clare renowned for its wild waves, traditional Irish music sessions and fabulous food.

While year-round surfing conditions attract wave riders looking to catch Ireland's biggest wave Aill na Searrach, wetsuit wearing is not an essential pre-requisite for a visit to Doolin. It is possible to stay dry (rain depending) and jump on board one of the many boat trips available from Doolin Pier. From fishing trips, to Ferry's over to the Aran Islands, to cruising cliffside, there is plenty to ponder.

Set amongst the stunning surroundings of The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, cyclists will approve of the roving roads, providing plenty of picturesque pit-stops. A day's meandering will likely have you stall for selfies at 'Father Ted's' house before strolling up Mullaghmore



Hill for an up-close encounter with the fascinating terrain, or having a nose at the Burren Perfumery, complete with cosy café and smells of the best kind. A stop-off at the Salmon Experience at the Burren Smokehouse is also encouraged.

For sandy strolls head to Fanore or Lehinch Beach, but for a good stretch of the legs lace-up for The Blackhead

Loop, The Burren Way or clamber the Cliffs of Moher Coastal Walk leading to Lisacnnor. Twenty Kilometres long, it will take your breath - and possibly your hat - away with views of the crashing Atlantic Ocean for miles. The full tourist experience can be found at the official Cliffs of Moher



visitor centre while other noteworthy attractions include the Great Stalactite at Doolin Cave and the Ailwee Caves and Birds of Prey Centre.

Foodie fiends will be in their element with a variety of enticing establishments using local artisan food producers. Favourites include Glas at Hotel Doolin, The Ivy Cottage with its tempting terrace and Russell's Bar and Restaurant, which also provides perfect picnic provisions from their deli. Or, opt for a posh perch courtesy of Grá Picnics who will lavishly set you up in style! And if pizza is your preference, check out Stonewall Café and Pizzeria. Popular pubs Fitzpatrick's, Gus O'Connor's, McDermott's and McGann's serve traditional feasts with a side of toe-tapping traditional music and all within walking distance of award-winning accommodation such as The Doolin Inn, The Doolin Hotel, the Fiddle + Bow collection, self-catering cottages and B&B's.

Given the Atlantic coastal climate, cosying-up fireside in one of the village pubs with a hot brew is likely but with expert pint pourers and musicians never far away afternoons can easily flow into evening extravaganzas! Embrace it all and enjoy this coastal cure.

The Doolin Folk Festival
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Céide Fields , Co. Mayo



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What better way to spend the day than a spell out on the water? Discover the magic of Ireland's waterways, choosing from cruising, powerboats, ferry transfers and luxurious overnight accommodation.

From short trips to all-day experiences, here's a selection of some of the most popular cruises and day trips that can be enjoyed by all the family.

1 Sliabh Liag Boat Tours, Donegal

Running trips to the magnificent Sliabh Liag Cliffs, Sliabh Liag Boat Tours take you to see one of the highest sea cliffs in Europe standing at 600-metres.

2 Doolin Ferry - Cliffs of Moher Cruise, Clare

Take a stunning journey along the 6-km of coastline from Doolin Pier, with daily cruises from Doolin2Aran and the Doolin Ferry. With the cliffs reaching a height of over 214m, visitors are in awe of these natural creations with the nearby Great Sea Stack (Branauanmore) equally as exciting to see.

3 Corrib Tours on The Corrib Princess, Galway

Corrib Tours run daily sailings on The Corrib Princess from Woodquay and the 90-minute journey is a relaxing break from the bustle of the nearby city. See the majestic River Corrib as it flows into Ireland's largest lake with unsurpassed views of this breathtaking waterway.

4 Killary Fjord Boat Tours, Galway

Take a 90-minute trip on a luxury boat with Killary Fjord Boat Tours for uninterrupted views of Killary Fjord.

The inlet has some of the finest scenery in the West of Ireland and because of its sheltered nature, the waters are always calm.

5 Seafari Fun Eco Nature & Seal Watching Cruises, Kerry

Book in with Seafari Fun for a wildlife experience aboard a comfortable passenger vessel. Join a friendly captain and guide to hear all about the history and ecology of the area while taking in the dramatic scenery of Kenmare Bay.

6 Cork Sea Safari

Learn all about the wonderful history and culture of Cork harbour through exciting tours from Cork Sea Safari. Enjoy the Grand Harbour Adventure with a trip around islands, coves and beaches or book in for the Dolphin Discovery to see bottlenose and common dolphins up close.

7 Scattery Island Tours

Come Explore Scattery Island with Scattery Island Tours. Located just off Kilrush in Co. Clare, and recently awarded The European Destination of Excellence for 2017 (EDEN), Scattery Island is truly a unique visitor experience on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. Visitors to the island are amazed at the wealth of historic sites, which includes five Churches, a Cathedral, a magnificent Round Tower, Napoleonic War Artillery Battery and a working Lighthouse.

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JAW-DROPPING WONDERS *of the Wild Atlantic Way*

Get in gear for some of the most spellbinding destinations on the 1,500 mile/2,500 km wave-lashed, Wild Atlantic Way



SKELLIG MICHAEL COUNTY KERRY

Skellig Michael lies over 11-km off the coast of Kerry's Iveragh Peninsula, a shard-like rock capped by a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a difference. Close to its peak sit several beehive-shaped huts in a monastic site that dates back to the 6th century, with sensational views of the Irish coast. As seen in *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, history, myth and stunning scenery collide with monumental effect at this wilderness site but come prepared with food and water as there are not any facilities on the Island. Boats, both to the island and around the island, run from May to October and are weather-dependent. There are also wonderful views of the islands to be had from the Kerry Cliffs.

What is there to do nearby?

The Ring of Kerry is Ireland's iconic touring loop around the Iveragh Peninsula or try the Dingle Peninsula for seafood, the Sleah Head Drive and a celebrity dolphin called Fungie.

THE ISLANDS ALONG THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Unique, friendly and steeped in traditional culture, Ireland's islands are full of exceptional landscapes, prehistoric forts, Irish-speaking communities and a real sense of escape. There are those that can be easily accessed, connected by bridges to the mainland, such as Achill, County Mayo, and Valentia, County Kerry or abandoned gems such as Inishmurray off County Sligo and the Blasket Islands off County Kerry.

Which island should I visit?

There's an Irish island for every taste. Fancy a thrill? Take the cable car to West Cork's Dursey Island, where the resident population is said to be just three! Clear blue waters meet secluded beaches on Inishturk, County Mayo; culture vultures can try a few words of Irish on Tory, County Donegal; and Inis Mór in County Galway is perfect for families.



THE CLIFFS OF MOHER COUNTY CLARE

Towering 702 ft/214 metres above the crashing Atlantic waves, County Clare's iconic cliffs offer incredible views out over the ocean. The cliffs are more than 300 million years old and the walks they offer, the teeming birdlife and the interactive visitor centre make for an unforgettable few hours.

What is there to do nearby?

The Cliffs of Moher are close to the Burren National Park, a wonderland of karstic limestone formations. On your coastal drive, plan a stop in the lively music town of Doolin (where you can also catch a ferry to the Aran Islands) and, for a more remote Atlantic experience, take a car or bike around Loop Head, an awe-inspiring headland where you can spot dolphins and whales, as well as the Loop Head Lighthouse, which dates back to 1854.





MALIN HEAD COUNTY DONEGAL

Want to visit the ends of the earth? Ireland's most northerly point is every bit as elemental as you would expect, with rock formations, ancient ruins and some of Europe's largest sand dunes. Crowning the Inishowen Peninsula, Malin Head's natural wonders include basking sharks and exotic birdlife. You might even see the Northern Lights, which are known to make an appearance in the skies above the peninsula. Steeped in myth and history, the area also boasts Banba's Crown, a clifftop tower dating from 1805, and the ominously titled Hell's Hole, where the Atlantic waves dramatically crash against cliffs.

OLD HEAD OF KINSALE COUNTY CORK

Stretching nearly 3-km into the Atlantic off the coast of West Cork, this dramatic headland is one of Ireland's most exceptional geographical formations. Although the tip of Old Head is now a private golf course, visitors can still take a stunning 4 mile/6.5 km walk around the base of the peninsula or discover your adventurous side with a sea-kayaking tour. In 1915, German U-Boats famously torpedoed the Lusitania offshore and the area also features a 30-metre lighthouse that guides ships to Kinsale Harbour.

What is there to do nearby?

Explore the foodie town of Kinsale (bring an appetite), which is packed with craft shops, pubs and seafood restaurants; take a tour of the star-shaped Charles Fort, dating from the late 17th century; or travel west for a mosey around Clonakilty. Its colourful shops, restaurants and nearby Inchydoney beach make this a firm favourite with visitors.



KILLARY HARBOUR COUNTY GALWAY

Located within the wilderness of Connemara, Killary Harbour stretches 16 km inland from the Atlantic to its head below the Aasleagh Falls and serves up some of the most dramatic views in Ireland. Cleaving the border between counties Galway and Mayo, activities in Killary range from sea kayaking to sightseeing boat tours. There's a stunning 19th century road here too, the Green Road, that hugs the coastline tight above the waters of the fjord and is a leap into breathtaking scenery. Take a drive to Westport through the awe-inspiring Doolough Valley, set between the Connemara mountains; visit the charming villages and towns of Cleggan, Clifden, Letterfrack and Roundstone; and don't miss Kylemore Abbey. This Benedictine Abbey, which casts a breathtaking reflection in its lake, is set on a 1,000-acre estate and is home to Ireland's largest walled garden.

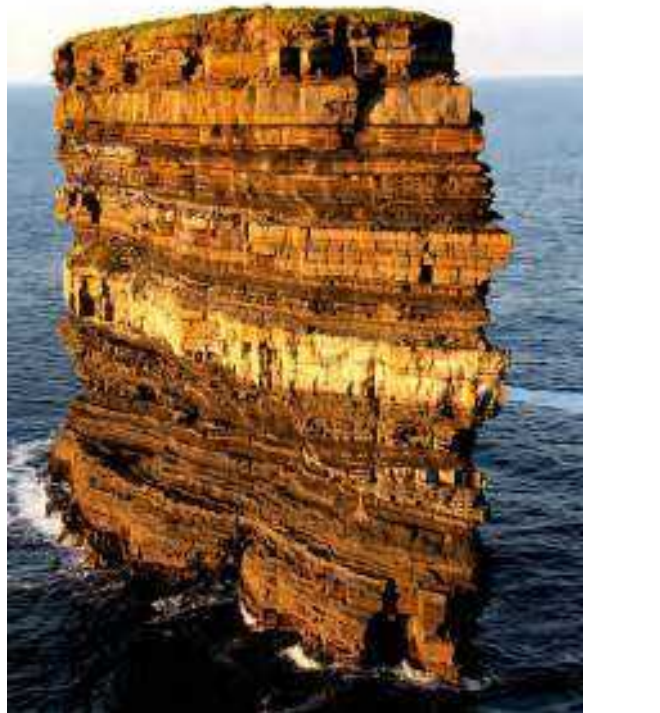


DOWNPATRICK HEAD COUNTY MAYO

Downpatrick Head is one of the wildest, most glorious places on the island of Ireland. It may look modest on the map, but those who venture out from nearby Ballycastle, County Mayo, are rewarded with stunning views of the Dún Briste sea stack, rugged coastal scenery and wildlife. Dún Briste means "broken fort" in Irish and this piece of rock is believed to have broken away from the mainland in 1393. St. Patrick is also said to have founded a church on a headland where you'll find a holy well and stone cross perched above the mighty Atlantic Ocean.

What is there to do nearby?

Visit the oldest known stone-walled farmlands in the world at Céide Fields; view the Staggs of Broadhaven – a set of five rocky islands off the shore of Mayo's Benwee Head; take a walk around Sligo's Mullaghmore Peninsula (in winter, watch the big wave surfers); or catch a wave yourself at Strandhill Beach.



48 in Westport

HOURS

The beautiful town of Westport is probably one of the liveliest and most scenic spots you'll probably discover in Mayo

To sleep

Mulranny Park Hotel

The Four-Star GN Mulranny Park Hotel, is perched on a unique site overlooking Clew Bay and Croagh Patrick Mountain beyond. They are located on the Great Western Greenway, in the most scenic section of the route and, it makes for the perfect cycling and walking holiday base. They are only a few steps away from the sand and sea of the beautiful Mulranny Beach, which has been awarded the coveted blue flag and is ideal for family breaks.



To Do: Great trips to enjoy - 5 great choices

Clare Island and Inishturk

While you're out west, take a trip to at least one of Mayo's untouched islands, via ferry from Roonagh Pier, just half an hour from Westport. Enjoy a picnic and a dip off Inishturk or travel across the blue waters of Clew Bay to Clare Island and head for the pristine beaches first.

Achill Island

Starting at Achill Sound, the 40-km Atlantic Drive is the ideal way to explore the island, as it guides you through small villages, around corkscrew bends and past epic seascapes.

Keel Beach

Stretching for 3.5-km to the cliffs of Minaun, Achill's Keel Beach is blissfully secluded, surrounded by dramatic mountainous backdrops.

Keem Bay

You simply can't leave Achill



without taking in Keem Bay, one of the most special parts of the island. When the iconic view of the beach appears on the cliff-side drive up, you'll immediately feel a sense of the magic of this sheltered spot.

Céide Fields

Journey back 5,000 years at Céide Fields, the most extensive Stone Age site on the planet, featuring ancient stone walls and tombs that survived beneath the bog.

Get Active

Great Western Greenway

Back on dry land, rent a bike from Clew Bay Bike Hire and cycle along the Great Western Greenway, a 42-km stretch of traffic-free cycle track that follows the old Westport to Achill Island Railway.

Drink in the spectacular views of the Nephin Beg mountains and across Clew Bay to Croagh Patrick, as you travel from Westport to Newport, through Mulranny and on to Achill.



Grab & Refreshments

Matt Molloy's

Traditional Irish music pub located in the centre of Westport town. If he is not on tour, Matt joins in the

session and if you have been dazzled by his flute playing with The Chieftains, you can sit down here for the price of a pint and hear the same music.

The Pantry & Corkscrew

The Pantry & Corkscrew Restaurant is an award-winning restaurant. Established by the husband-and-wife team of Dermott Flynn and Janice O'Rourke, Janice will welcome you at the front of house while Dermot will create a dish to delight you.

Cian's of Bridge Street

In Cian's on Bridge Street, their philosophy is to use the freshest, local, seasonal ingredients to create dishes that are bursting with amazing flavours and textures, to delight every palette. The Restaurant is located on Bridge Street, in one of the oldest buildings in Westport town.



Cosy Joes

Cosy Joes in Westport, is a modern and lively bar, situated right in the heart of Westport town. With an exquisite bar food menu that's served daily until 8.00pm and a late bar with live music plus DJ's every weekend, there is something for everybody to enjoy.

Cronin's Sheebeen

Cronin's Sheebeen is an upmarket bar and restaurant serving the finest in food and drink and specialising in seafood, located approximately 1.5-km from Westport, just past Westport Harbour, overlooking Clew Bay.

With vibrant Ballina at its heart, North Mayo is blessed with a breathtaking Atlantic coastline, stunning rugged landscapes and thousands of years of history. A hidden gem along the Wild Atlantic Way, it's the perfect destination to make a break for it, recharge and reconnect with nature.



From Ballina to Belmullet, North Mayo's reputation as a secret gem continues to attract attention, as visitors discover the charms of this off-the-beaten-track destination with its ancient history, glorious wide open spaces and warm welcomes. Here are some tips to help you plan your North Mayo visit!

1 Take to the Trails

A walker's paradise, North Mayo boasts over 50 marked trails catering for all fitness levels. Visit sporrreland.ie/outdoors/walking/trails. For a guided walking or trail running experience, contact [Rachel's Irish Adventures](http://rachelirishadventures.com) (rachelirishadventures.com), Terra Firma Ireland for a night walking experience (terrafirmairland.com) or Alchemy Tours (alchemytours.ie) offers guided walks in Erris.

2 Get cultured

On rainy days, immerse yourself in history. Learn about a legendary collector in Ballina's fascinating [Jackie Clarke Collection](http://jackiecollection.ie) (jackiecollection.ie), one of Ireland's great patriots in the [Michael Davitt Museum](http://michaeldavittmuseum.ie) (michaeldavittmuseum.ie), take the mills tour at [Foxford Woollen Mills](http://foxfordwoollemills.com) (foxfordwoollemills.com) or explore the quirky [Marshall Doran Collection](http://marshall-doran.com) (marshall-doran.com). The newly opened [Ballinaglen Museum of Art](http://ballinaglenmuseumofart.com) in Ballycastle boasts a wonderful contemporary art collection (ballinaglenartsfoundation.org) and the iconic Coide Fields now boasts a brand new, state of the art Visitor Centre, opening in spring 2022.

3 Soak in our ecclesiastical history

By car, bike or foot, explore the [Monasteries of the Moy](http://monasteriesofthemoy.com), Rathfron, Moyne, and Rosserk, a series of beautifully well-preserved Franciscan abbeys dotted along this iconic river as it winds its way from Ballina to Killala Bay. Hire a bike from [Killala Bike Hire](http://killalabikehire.com) (killalabikehire.com) or [Ballina Bike Hire](http://ballinabikehire.com) (ballinabikehire.com) and away you go!

4 Outdoor adventures

Get your heart rate going! Learn to surf with [7th Wave Surf School](http://7thwave.com) just up the road in Enniscrone (7thwave.com), paddleboard up the River Moy with [Harbour SUP n Sail](http://harbourSUPnSail.com) (harbourSUPnSail.com) or [Simply SUP](http://SimplySUP.com) (SimplySUP.com), or go on an island adventure with [Geraghty Charters](http://GeraghtyCharters.com) (GeraghtyCharters.com) or [Blacksod Sea Safari](http://BlacksodSeaSafari.com), both operating out of Blacksod Bay.

5 Coffee and chill

Enjoy afternoon tea at one of our beautiful hotels or linger in our local cafés – [Mary's Cottage Kitchen](http://MarysCottageKitchen.com), Ballycastle, [The Acres](http://TheAcres.com) or the brand new [Kiosk Café](http://KioskCafe.com) in Killala or [The Post House](http://ThePostHouse.com) or [Dave's Deli](http://DavesDeli.com) in Ballina. Or enjoy an expertly made espresso martini in hip [Hogan's Bar](http://HoganBar.com)!

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Fáilte Ireland unveils new and updated viewing points along Mulroy Drive

Wild Atlantic Way looped route to encourage visitors to explore further and stay longer in the region

Fáilte Ireland has unveiled ten new and updated viewing points along Mulroy Drive, a looped route off the Wild Atlantic Way, designed to encourage visitors to explore more and stay longer in the Mulroy Bay area in Donegal.

Developed with an investment of €160,000 from Fáilte Ireland, the new and updated viewing points will bring local stories to life and maximise the optimum vantage points along the 38-km route, which was originally created by the Mulroy Drive Tourism Group.

Five new viewing points have been installed at Kerrykeel (x2), Carlan South, Tamney and Woodquarter and five existing viewing points have been upgraded at Kindrum, Kerrykeel Pier, Milford, Cranford and Devrinleagh.

Joan Crawford, Wild Atlantic Way Manager at Fáilte Ireland, said:

“The Mulroy Drive was designed to encourage visitors to explore Mulroy Bay, an area of remarkable unspoilt beauty connecting Fanad Lighthouse, Ballymastocker Bay and Rosguill Peninsula. While there were viewing points in existence along the route, together with Donegal County Council

and the Mulroy Drive Tourism Group, we identified additional points for interpretation. These five new viewing points along the route, alongside five updated viewing points, will enhance the visitor experience and increase dwell time, supporting revenue generation and job creation in local communities in the area.”

Created using stories and imagery from local communities across the region, the theme for the new viewing points along the Mulroy Drive is ‘gathering the harvest of land and sea’. Constructed from locally cut stone, the viewing points aim to encourage visitors to sit and take in the beauty and stories of the local area.

Liam Ward, Director of Community Development & Planning Services at Donegal County Council, said:

“Donegal County Council is delighted to work in partnership with Fáilte Ireland and the local tourism industry and community to further develop the Mulroy Drive. The Wild Atlantic Way has been a fantastic success and this looped route encourages visitors to get off the beaten track and discover the surrounding area.”

Paddy Logue, Mulroy Drive Tourism Group, said:

“It is fantastic to see the Mulroy Drive continue to be developed. The Mulroy Bay area has so much to offer visitors and with ten viewing points along the route for visitors to discover now, it will encourage people to stay longer and spend more within the region.”

The Mulroy Drive will be promoted on www.discoverireland.ie. A visitor map outlining the route and highlighting the activities and attractions that visitors can enjoy throughout the region, is available for local businesses to use. Fáilte Ireland is working with Donegal County Council, Mulroy Drive Tourism Group and local businesses to maximise the tourism opportunities the route presents and a motif has been created for businesses to use across their websites and marketing materials along with an Interpretation Toolkit.



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Visit Dublin, where there are countless stories to be told. Feel the buzz of the city centre and get a different perspective on Croke Park's Skyline or in the Gravity Bar at the Guinness Storehouse. You can also set your heart racing with water sports at Grand Canal Dock, or take in the views of Dublin's shimmering bay in picturesque coastal villages.

7 great loop walks in Clare



BLACK HEAD LOOP

Loop Head Cliff Walk is just one of the incredible loop walks in Clare. As you trek through natural beauty with deserted beaches, quaint villages and spectacular cliffs and seascapes, it's easy to see why Co. Clare is a must-visit for walkers. Explore scenic trails from the tip of Loop Head Peninsula, north along the coast to Ballyvaughan and inland to Dromore.

1: LOOP HEAD WALK

Ease yourself in gently with one of Ireland's most westerly and stunning trails on one of the country's most dramatic headlands. The 2-km trek from Loop Head carpark takes you round the moors and along the cliffs.

2: DOONBEG LOOP

From Loop Head, a scenic 40-minute coastal drive takes you to Doonbeg, reputedly the longest village in Ireland, with its famous Whitestrand Beach and known for surfing, swimming and fishing. The well-marked Doonbeg Loop starts not too far from Doonbeg Castle and is an easy 8-km trek on minor roadways and bog tracks, with views of Doughmore Bay and Mutton Island.

3: CAHER VALLEY LOOPED WALK

It's well worth taking the coast road from Lahinch through Liscannor and Doolin to reach Fanore and the trailhead of the Caher Valley Looped Walk. This 14-km moderate walk takes three-and-a-half-hours from the carpark at the beautiful sandy beach, in the village of Fanore.

4: BLACK HEAD LOOP

Experienced walkers won't easily forget the views and natural wonders on the Black Head Looped Walk, a more challenging hike from Fanore Beach. You'll need seven-hours to complete the 26-km trek along an impressive mix of Burren, hill and coast, following laneways, tracks and mountain paths.

5: BALLYVAUGHAN WOOD LOOP

After you arrive back to Fanore Beach, it's 20-minutes to



DROMORE WOOD LOOP



BALLYVAUGHAN WOOD LOOP



LOOP HEAD



CAHER VALLEY



TEMPLECRONAN LOOP

Ballyvaughan, along the coast road fringed by drystone walls with the expanse of sea beyond. The Ballyvaughan Wood Loop starts at the seafront and takes you on a journey through country roads and farmland. For the perfect stop along the route, visit the famous Aillwee Caves, the best known of thousands of caves under the Burren. Take your time and watch out for rough terrain in places and you should be back in Ballyvaughan in two-and-a-half-hours.

6: TEMPLECRONAN LOOP

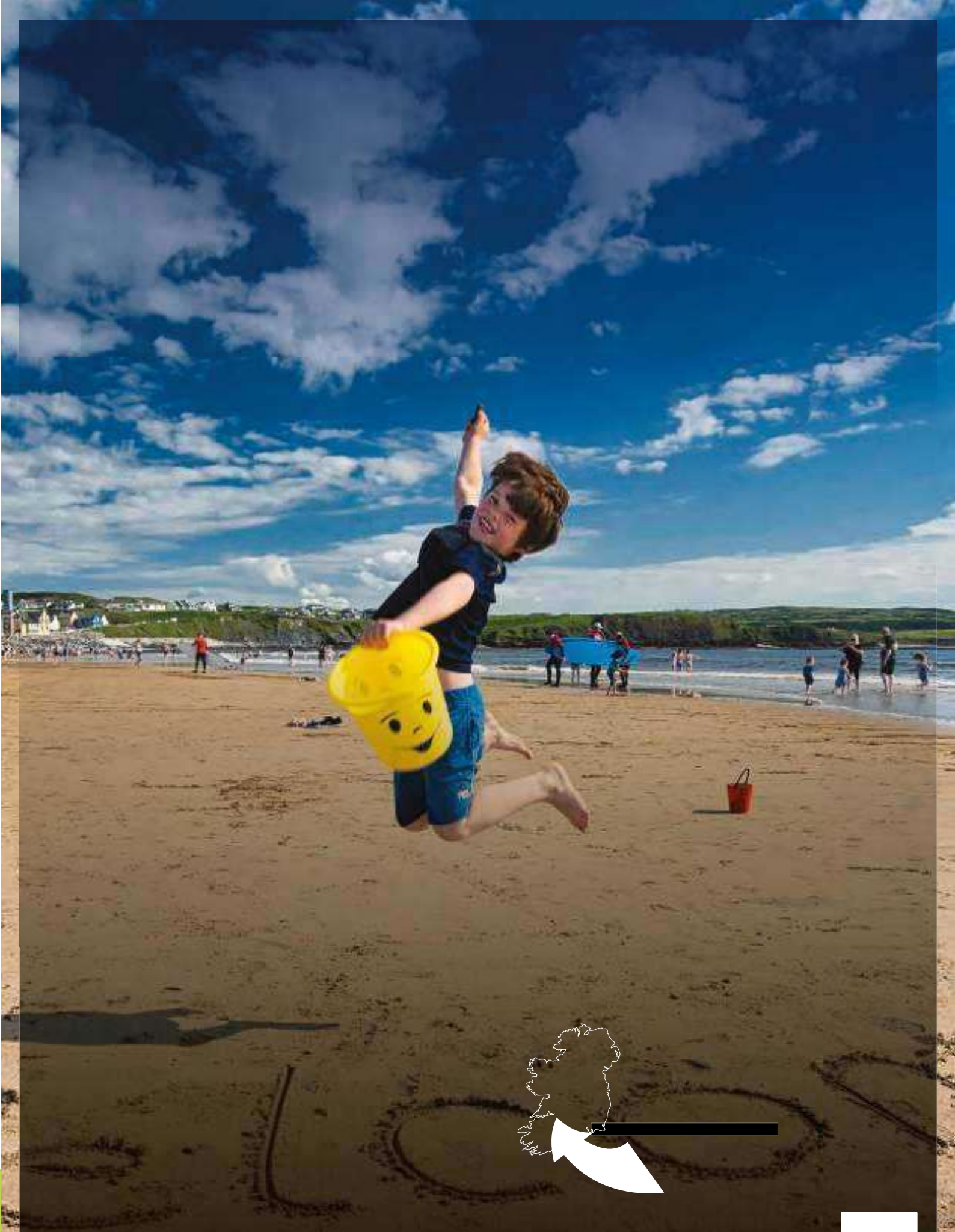
Heading inland from Ballyvaughan, you'll reach the start of the Templecronan Loop Walk in 20-minutes. This relatively easy 5-km walk starts at Cassidy's Pub in the village (there's a longer 9-km Carran Loop from here too but, you'd be best to take a map for that one).

7: DROMORE WOOD LOOP

Just 25-minutes on from Carran towards Ennis, you'll reach the magnificent Dromore Woodland Nature Reserve, with its abundance of diverse flora and fauna. Follow the signpost in the village of Ruan, 2-km to the carpark and you'll find the trailhead for the Dromore Wood Loop, a moderate two-hour, 6-km circular trail, marked with purple arrows.



DOONBEG LOOP





HISTORIC NOTES

In 1963, transatlantic passengers needed a reason to get off the plane at Shannon Airport and tour the local area. That reason? The medieval banquets at Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. This was the brainchild of Brendan O'Regan and the Bunratty Castle Singers are still taking centre stage almost sixty years on.

Niamh Wade met with Vanessa McTigue, Head of Commercial Operations at Shannon Heritage.

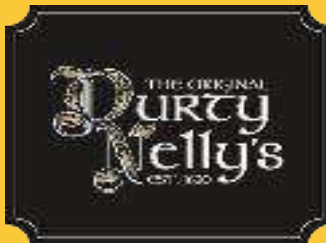
"In full season there could be eighty-to-one-hundred- performers between the three castles and Irish Céilí", says Vanessa. For some it is a full-time job, others part-time with one vocalist, Patty Gibbons, still singing forty- three years on. With a requirement to have a strong foundation in music plus a bubbly, out-going personality, what is the draw to be a member of the Bunratty Castle Singers? According to Catherine O'Carroll it is, "performing a wonderful variety of music with great colleagues for International and domestic guests." For Liam Monagher it is "performing to a live audience with beautiful arrangements of music." And for Lynne Connolly, it is "getting to meet people from all over the world, VIPs and celebrities. It's been a life-time dream from the age of five."

Accompanied by harp, violin and bodhrán, the singers have a set repertoire for public banquets, normally lasting thirty-five to forty minutes but are happy to customise the musical programme for private shows. Rehearsals are weekly, with the team constantly reviewing and updating their programmes and improving performances. From appearing in Eurovision in 1971 to noteworthy audience attendees such as John F. Kennedy, Jackie Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon, Crown Prince Akihito of Japan, Pope John Paul II, Princess Grace, Bob Hope, The Beatles, Glen Campbell, Richard Harris, Xi Jinping president of China, Dr. Oz, Rod Taylor, Dolores O' Riordan, Imelda May, Greg O'Shea and Melania Trump, there have been many memorable moments for the singers. Another perk is getting to go on tour.

"Over the years the Entertainers have appeared live on radio and television shows in Europe, Australia and in North America, where they performed on the popular 'Today' TV show and 'Good Morning America'", tells Vanessa. The visual performance is evidently as important as the sound, with performers gracing the stage in beautiful, colourful creations. "No two costumes are alike and each costume has its own style and design. They are handmade by Margaret Cooke in Shannon," she continues. Nowadays, visitors might pay more than the 35-shillings (€3) they did back in the sixties but prior banquet guests would most likely agree that it is worth every penny, to hear the world-famous castle crooners while feasting in such a unique and historic setting. Find out more at: Bunrattycastle.ie.



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Family Affairs of the Art

Picturesquely placed on Loop Head Peninsula County Clare, and now in its eighth year of trading, Kilbaha Gallery is run by sisters-in-law Ailish Connolly and Liz Greehy. Niamh Wade caught up with the local curators.

Appealing to everyone, this contemporary art gallery on the Wild Atlantic Way has orders from as far away as Australia. Speaking of how it came to fruition, Ailish says, “the family has been steeped in the art industry for two generations now, with bronze sculptors and a bronze foundry in the family. The Gallery was a natural progression.”

“My brother Seamus (Connolly) is one of Ireland’s leading portrait sculptors, the creator of many of the beautiful life-size commemorative works you see around Ireland, from Páidi Ó Sé in Ventry, Co. Kerry, to John B. Keane in Listowel and the statue of past US President John F. Kennedy in Co. Limerick – these are only



a few of the many pieces he has created over the years. The Foundry is situated near the gallery and forms a very close part of what we do here,” Ailish continues. In terms of running a family business, according to Ailish, “it’s wonderful, because it means we have an opportunity to carry on and extend the family legacy - plus you have an immediate support network around you. We work very much in a way that suits us and we get to live and work in our beautiful homeplace of Loop Head.” And as to whether there are any pros or cons to working so closely with relatives, Liz answers, “well, in our case, we chose this business and we set it up ourselves, with our eyes well and truly open to the fact that we would be all working very closely together. We work extremely well together and are generally on the same page for everything. That makes it very easy!” At any one stage the gallery has around forty plus artists on display in various guises between hanging on the walls or featuring on their online gallery.

They source this original artwork from professional contemporary artists ranging in mediums from bronze sculptures to oil paintings, acrylics, mixed media pieces, pen and ink drawings, ceramic, stone and a few others. “Most of the artwork changes as it sells, which thankfully, is quite frequently with new pieces coming every week,” adds Liz. Their claim to fame? “Perhaps the most famous for us was the commissioning of a bust of James Joyce by the production company behind the last Season of The Crown on Netflix.” The gallery has grown to be a very popular spot over the years complete with a hugely successful online presence. However, Liz explains that, “Covid brought its own changes, where we ended up focusing largely online during that period, but we hope to gradually get back fully open over the coming months. We also have some big changes coming up, but we can’t mention them quite yet!”

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Whether it's seafood chowder with a view, or active days in the wild turning to wilder nights you are craving, Ennistymon, Lahinch and Liscannor will have you spoilt for choice, as Niamh Wade found out.

Driving along the N67 on route to well-known coastal hubs in County Clare, one might not think to stop in the market town of Ennistymon. Do stop! Saunter along the colourful shopfront streets and have cameras ready to capture the Cascades - the little rapids of the River Inagh, rushing over the ridges of rocks. Stroll along the riverside walkway or take time on the terrace at Byrne's serving meat and vegan fare, or perch outside Pot Duggan's boasting a Middle Eastern menu and home to the ultimate quiz and music bingo nights every Friday. Or pack a picnic with goodies from The Cheese Press, Unglert's Bakery, Oh La La Creperie or This is It. Nightlife won't disappoint either with authentic Irish pubs renowned for the craic and traditional Irish music.

Leaving Ennistymon over the narrow bridge and arriving into Lahinch, it's hard to know if it's the sound of the sea

or the happy hum around the village that instantly pulls you in. Should you book a surf lesson? Go stretch the legs along the promenade? Or go straight to one of the atmospheric pubs? These are the 'tough' questions you will likely ask yourself once checked in. Or if golf is your game, Lahinch Golf Club, complete with eighteen-holes, expands over the sandy dunes.

For the curious culture seekers, wishing to explore more than just the thrills of wild waves and bustling bars, Liscannor is a few minutes north of Lahinch, just around the photogenic headland. Art lovers will be drawn to the Atlantic Way Gallery, while works of talented weavers are showcased in the Woolen Market. A fascinating display of fossils, gemstones and collectible rocks can be perused at The Rock Shop or simply pause on their patio café, overlooking Liscannor Bay. The Cliffs of Moher Coastal Walk can also be accessed from this fabulous fishing village and Clahane Shore proves popular with sunset swims recommended. Warm-up courtesy of Sauna Suaimhneas, with location times posted every Tuesday and Wild Atlantic Seaweed Baths, often pop-up at this location too.

Finding fresh, seafood cuisine

is easy with a handful of excellent eatery's lining the village, including award-winning Vaughans Seafood and Oyster Bar. Traditional Irish music sessions in Egan's Bar, The Cliffs of Moher Hotel and Joseph McHugh's, all offer excellent entertainment.

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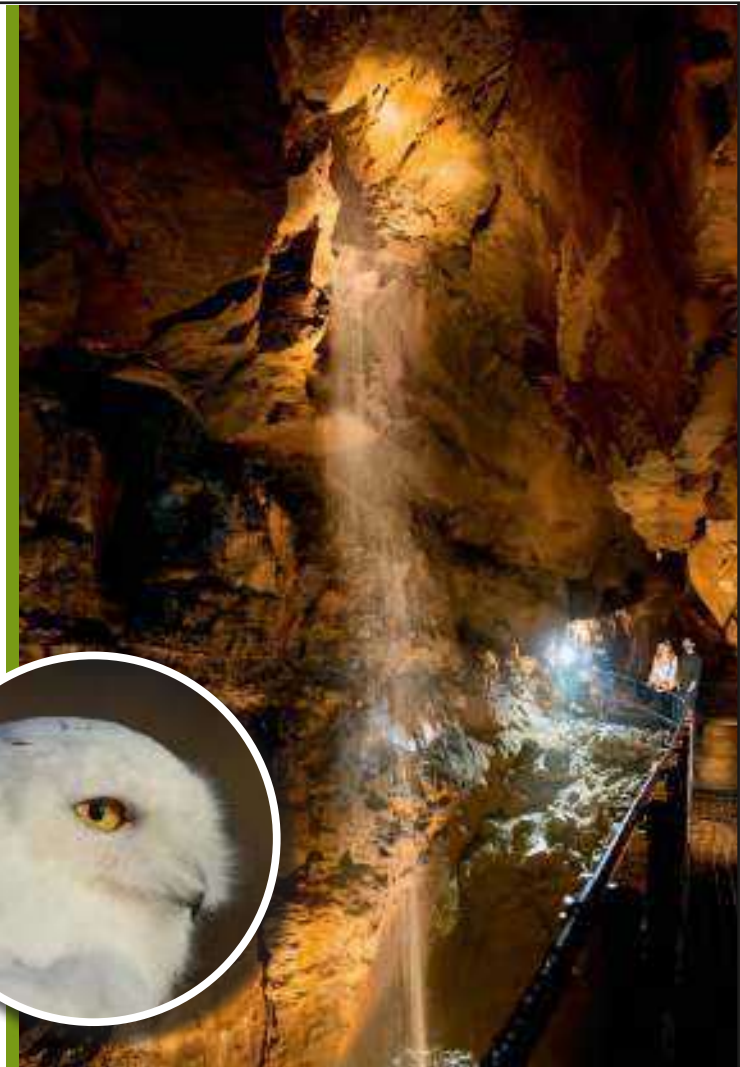
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Loop Head

On the Wild Atlantic Way

A cinematic landscape

Bound on one side by the Shannon Estuary and on the other by the awesome power of the Atlantic Ocean, Loop Head has always been defined by its relationship with the water. As you drive south from Kilkee and embark on the famous Loop Head Drive, you'll be wowed by the dramatic cliffs, turbulent seascapes and historic sites you'll encounter.

With scenery this beautiful, who could blame those Star Wars location scouts for being enticed. Loop Head was one of a handful of places along the Wild Atlantic Way used to film Star Wars: The Last Jedi. Filming was shrouded in mystery, with the iconic Loop Head Lighthouse closed to the public while the Jedi Masters of the film world worked their magic.

Room with a view

Drive to the very tip of the peninsula and you'll come to the imposing Loop Head Lighthouse. There's been a lighthouse on this site for well over 300 years but this one dates from 1854 and is open to the public. Take the guided tour and you'll find yourself on the balcony, 23 metres (75 feet) above the ground, braced against the Atlantic winds as you marvel at the views. On a clear day, you can see the mountains of Connemara to the north and the Blasket Islands to the south. You can even stay in the lightkeepers' accommodation, courtesy of the Irish Landmark Trust.

Nearby, you might notice the E-I-R-E

From birdwatchers and legendary lovers to Star Wars film crews, no one can resist one of the Wild Atlantic Way's most dramatic headlands

marked on the grassy clifftop in large white letters. This is a relic from World War II, when the writing was used to alert pilots that they were entering neutral air space. You'll find similar sights all along the Wild Atlantic Way.

Bridges of Ross

The Bridges of Ross were a trio of sea arches on the north shore of the peninsula. Only one remains standing but the name has endured and this lone survivor is renowned as one of Europe's top bird-watching sites, home to kittiwakes, cormorants and wintering geese.

Little Ark of Kilbaha

During the mid-19th century, the landlords of Loop Head refused to allow a Catholic church to be built on their land. But the locals refused to abandon their faith and used the Little Ark – a wooden box on wheels, containing an altar – to celebrate mass on the beach.

Land of legend

Just a short walk from the lighthouse, at a spot known as Lovers' Leap, is a stunning natural wonder that's shrouded in legend; a majestic sea stack known as Diarmuid and Gráinne's Rock. It's said that the mythical lovers leapt onto this rock to escape the pursuing armies of jealous exes.

Dive right in

The waters around Loop Head are ideal for everything from sea angling and kayaking to coastering (an exhilarating combination of climbing, swimming, jumping and scrambling along rock pools, cliffs and caves). And if you're a scuba diver, you'll want to know that Jacques Cousteau



himself declared this the best diving spot in Europe. Local experts such as Nevsail Watersports and the Dive Academy in Lahinch can help you take on these aquatic challenges.

Meet the locals

Of course you won't want to leave the Loop Head Peninsula before meeting some of the locals. And if you take the Dolphinwatch boat trip from Carrigaholt to the mouth of the Shannon, you'll have the chance to see some of the 160 or so bottlenose dolphins that live in this EU Special Area of Conservation.

So now that you've thoroughly explored the highlights, history and secrets of the Loop Head Peninsula, you're ready to get back into your Wild Atlantic Way adventure.





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INTERVIEW WITH

Isabel Haley



With a passion for sustainable, well made products from Ireland, Isabel Haley, who moved to New York from County Dublin over 30 years ago, has served as Executive Director of North American Trade Association (NACTA) for three years and recently set up ANAM Craft Marketplace. Niamh Wade finds out how and why Celtic goods keep the bonds of affection amongst the diaspora strong.

How does NACTA help businesses?

While we're a small trade association, NACTA does do what it can to help businesses on both sides of the Atlantic thrive. As a buying group, we make it possible for our retail

members to access better deals than they would as individuals; vendors and makers benefit from the increase in sales that results. Networking events and trade shows are very important to our mission – nothing strengthens relationships and mutual understanding like being able to spend time together. We also provide education and business building tools for our membership.

Are there certain crafts that prove more popular?

The public demand for genuine Celtic goods has always been high. That being said, of course we're heavily represented in the traditional categories associated with Ireland – knitwear, jewelry, pottery and more. Everything you'd associate with gracious living does very well.

What is ANAM Craft Marketplace and why did you set it up?

It is an online platform for wholesale sales, exclusively focused on presenting Celtic makers to buyers from all around the world. It is designed to give Celtic makers a stage to shine upon, without costing them a fortune. We also give buyers a degree of accessibility and flexibility they previously didn't have. Ashley Rooney – who has owned the most amazing store, Celtic Aer, just outside of NYC, for more than ten years – and I saw the difficulties American retailers were having accessing genuine Celtic products in an affordable, convenient way. For a long time, our industry functioned on the assumption retailers would go to Ireland to buy product. Even before COVID hit, this was becoming less and less realistic for many small business owners – and it really limited when and how often a buyer could replenish their stock.

How important is the craft market in America compared to other industries?

In a culture where so much is mass produced and there's a lot of questions about where and how things are made, it's almost a shock to the system to encounter goods that are beautiful, unique, and genuine. When shoppers come into Celtic stores, you can see their shoulders drop and they relax. It's a restorative, rejuvenating experience, and they want to bring that feeling home with them. Maybe they choose an Aran sweater, or a knotwork pendant. It's a piece of their heritage all on display in one unique space, it brings them instantly home. In terms of making sales – obviously I'm going to steer you toward ANAM Craft Marketplace, if you're interested in wholesale. To me, it's a big part of the future of wholesale. Having a strong website and a good social media presence will make it easier for American shoppers to discover you.

What advice would you give to someone who is looking to break into the American market?

Connect, connect, connect. The Celtic craft industry runs on relationships. NACTA is here to help you present your goods to a dedicated corps of retailers who are always looking for the best new products. If at all possible, attend trade events – both the ones that are local to you as well as the larger events that Americans travel for, like Showcase. Market research is always a good idea, but don't be afraid to do your own thing.

See anamcraft.com for more information



24 HOURS *in Connemara*

Connemara is about an hour's drive from Galway. Its coastline has tiny coves, bays and fishing villages like Roundstone. Connemara National Park is a vast expanse of mountains, bogs, heathland and lakes. The Park is also home to a herd of Connemara ponies. The area's main town, Clifden, has several venues for traditional Irish music.

Driving to Connemara, you want to head towards the village of Clifden (allow an hour or so with stops).

The mountainous, ever-changing landscape that you'll pass over the course of this stretch of road, is simply superb.

Drop the windows (hopefully it isn't raining), dial up the radio and just cruise, while taking it all in. You're in no rush. Just soak up the magic of Connemara.

Grab Lunch in Clifden

If you fancy a bite to eat, there's plenty of brilliant restaurants in Clifden that

you can nip into for a bite to eat. Simply park-up. There's lots of choice.

I was in Clifden last summer and we had lunch in the Station House on the first day. It was excellent (there's also loads of parking, which is handy).

Get in and fuel up – you've a long hike to Connemara National Park next, so you'll need a good bit of energy.

The Diamond Hill hike

It's time for the first hike of the day. When you've finished eating, take the 15-minute drive to the Connemara National Park visitors centre.

It's here that you'll find the starting point for the Diamond Hill hike (there's

trail and takes 2 to 3-hours).

There's a reason this is one of the best walks in Galway: the views are out of this world!

The Sky Road for sunset

The Sky Road in Clifden is special and it's a short, 15-minute drive from Connemara National Park, so head out there, when you're ready.

One of my favourite things to do in Clifden is to head up to the Sky Road at sunset. On a clear day, the scenery is simply spectacular.

This is a circular route around 11-km long that takes you out west from Clifden. The scenery you'll be treated to as you spin along the Sky Road, will remain in your mind forever

You'll need to decide in advance if you want to take the upper or lower road. The Upper Road is best, in my opinion.

A room for the night

Your base for the first night of your 48-hours in Galway, is the lively little town of Clifden.

If you like buzzy pubs, traditional music and great food, you'll love it too, once you know where to go, that is.

You have plenty of choice in Hotels or B&Bs in Clifden and each one guarantees a great night's sleep. If you fancy an overnight in a castle, the magnificent 5-Star Ballynahinch Castle, is only a 12-km drive away.

Connemara has that magic that helps you chill, relax and enjoy the sights and sounds plus really make you feel that you are getting some chill time.



loads of parking here and there's also toilets and a cafe on-site).

There are two different trails to choose from here: the lower trail (3-km and takes 60 to 90-minutes) and the upper trail (continuation of lower

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48 HOURS in Galway



Take a walk along the Claddagh in Galway

Galway is a glorious contradiction. This is where you'll find the untamed, stunning and compelling wilds of the West, from the rugged Aran Islands to the Connemara coastline. But it's also a hub of modern culture and cuisine; a magnet for the finest artists, musicians and chefs in Ireland.

The Latin Quarter

It's time for the first hike of the day. Explore the famous streets of Galway City.

The Latin Quarter is home to lots of cute shops and cosy pubs, but it also has that elusive quality that many cities don't have; it's a pleasure to just wander around and savour the atmosphere.

O'Connell's Bar

O'Connell's Bar is one of the most interesting pubs in Galway. Pop into the pub for lunch and just enjoy the laidback charm of a real old Irish pub that was converted from a grocery store from 50-years ago. It even has a beer garden!



Galway City Museum

Across three-floors and several exhibitions, you can trace Galway's evolution from medieval times to more recent historical events.

Head out of the City and Explore County Galway and Connemara

The Islands

The Aran Islands remain stubbornly, gloriously unchanged through the years, giving you the chance to escape modernity and experience majestic sea views. Board the ferry at Rossaveal, which is about 45-minutes west of Galway City, passing through Salthill and Spiddal. Highlights of the Aran Islands include Dún Aonghasa on Inis Mór. This is a prehistoric, cliff-side stone fort

with an epic view of the Atlantic. The island of Inishbofin resonates with the sounds of music and storytelling. Some of the best food and trad music in Ireland are on this proud island, at the edge of the ocean.

Clifden and Connemara

Known as the capital of Connemara, Clifden is a jumping-off point for plenty of the region's riches, with many highlights of a visit to the west, within an hour of the seaside town. The coast of Connemara is one of the most striking places in the country and what better way to experience the landscape than on an outdoor kayak adventure, with Real Adventures Connemara.

Kylemore Abbey

People flock to Kylemore Abbey from far and wide to bask in the peaceful solitude: the main building is a magnificent structure, reflected beautifully in the water. You can take a fascinating tour of the abbey and its impressive interiors. The real jewel though, is the walled garden. This is an impeccably manicured Victorian Garden, where only flowers from that era are cultivated. Time seems to stand still in this magical place.

Killary Fjord Shellfish

About an hour beyond Clifden, to the north, Killary, one of Ireland's only fjords, is not just incredibly scenic, it's also a place where you can enjoy world-class seafood. The Atlantic is a rich source of fish, as you might expect, and local businesses like Killary Fjord Shellfish, specialise in mouth-watering mussels, clams and oysters. You can also take a tour of this famous mussel farm.





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Exploring Ireland on two wheels is fast becoming one of the best ways to see the island, thanks mainly to the creation of a wonderful network of greenways connecting some of the country's most scenic beauty spots.

From the Wild Atlantic Way to the Ancient East, cycling is all about the scenery, the joy and the experience. Here are three top cycle routes to try where the pedalling is pure pleasure.

The Wild Atlantic Way

Cycling the entire 2,500km Wild Atlantic Way would be an epic, though not impossible challenge for those who have the stamina. If the full route is too tall an order, you can decide which and how many of the six awe-inspiring zones, each with their character and signature discovery points, to take on. Ireland's western seaboard is just teeming with scenic vistas, culture, wild places, and miles and miles of stunning roads. So, it will be an amazing experience, even if you just fancy carving out a leisurely slice for yourself in places like the spectacular Great Western Greenway in Co. Mayo, or Valentia Island in Co. Kerry.

A Dublin City Bike Tour

Dublin Castle, the General Post Office, the city's cathedrals, College Green, Merrion Square, Parnell Square, the Grand Canal Dock and more - get a comprehensive handle on the Irish capital and all its charms from

the saddle of a Dublin Bike, under your own steam. Or with the likes of Dublin City Bike Tours entertaining guides who will give you well-researched information on the history of the city and the characters, events and stories that shaped its character and culture. You can even choose an electric bike, cool, comfortable and eco-friendly, from Lazy Bike Tours.

The Waterford Greenway

Ireland's longest greenway offers a relaxing ride through nature and history. This spectacular off-road cycling and walking trail meanders for 46-km from river to sea along an old railway line in Ireland's Ancient East. Start at the riverside quays of Waterford, a city founded by the Vikings, then pedal to the vibrant seaside market town and historic port of Dungarvan. The area is rich in Irish heritage and the route embraces 11 bridges, three tall viaducts, an atmospheric 400m tunnel, and some of the most beautiful scenery in the country.





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Fáilte Ireland launches new long-term tourism plan for Clew Bay

Fáilte Ireland has launched a new plan that will help drive and sustain tourism in Clew Bay, Co. Mayo.

Entitled the ‘Clew Bay Destination and Experience Development Plan’, the plan aims to create a sustainable tourism destination by extending the tourism season and spreading business across all parts of the region over the next five years.

Key stakeholders in the area and the local community were consulted and inputted into the plan including Mayo County Council, the Office of Public Works, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Westport Chamber of Commerce and local tourism marketing groups as well as many local tourism operators and networks.

The focus of the plan builds on a number of destination development projects that will bring local experiences to life including the restoration of the house and gardens at Westport Estate, the enhancement of the visitor experience at Croagh Patrick and a number of trails to encourage visitors to explore the region including the Clew Bay Bike Trail.

Speaking about the plan, Paul Kelly,

CEO of Fáilte Ireland, said:

“This Destination and Experience Development Plan, which captures the unique themes central to Clew Bay, is about looking to the future of tourism in the region and will be hugely important as we work towards recovery. It provides a framework for tourism businesses and stakeholders to work in partnership over the next five years to create new and improved existing visitor experiences.

Local consultation and input was central and this collaborative approach provided local stakeholders with the opportunity to contribute and shape the plan.’

Commenting on the plan, Kevin Kelly, CEO of Mayo County Council, said:

“With a unique combination of islands from Achill Island to Inishturk and a backdrop of mountains including the iconic Croagh Patrick, Clew Bay has attracted visitors and pilgrims for centuries. We

are delighted to work with Fáilte Ireland and the Clew Bay Tourism Network who will now take on the role of steering the implementation of this new long-term plan, which will help increase dwell time and revenue without compromising the environment or culture of the region.”

Michael Lennon, General Manager of Westport Woods Hotel and Chris McCarty, Manager of Achill Tourism, Co-Chairs of the Clew Bay Destination and Experience Development Plan, said:

“Building on the success of the Wild Atlantic Way, this plan will provide local tourism businesses with the tools to develop new experiences and enhance existing ones, while encouraging visitors to stay longer and spend more within the region.”



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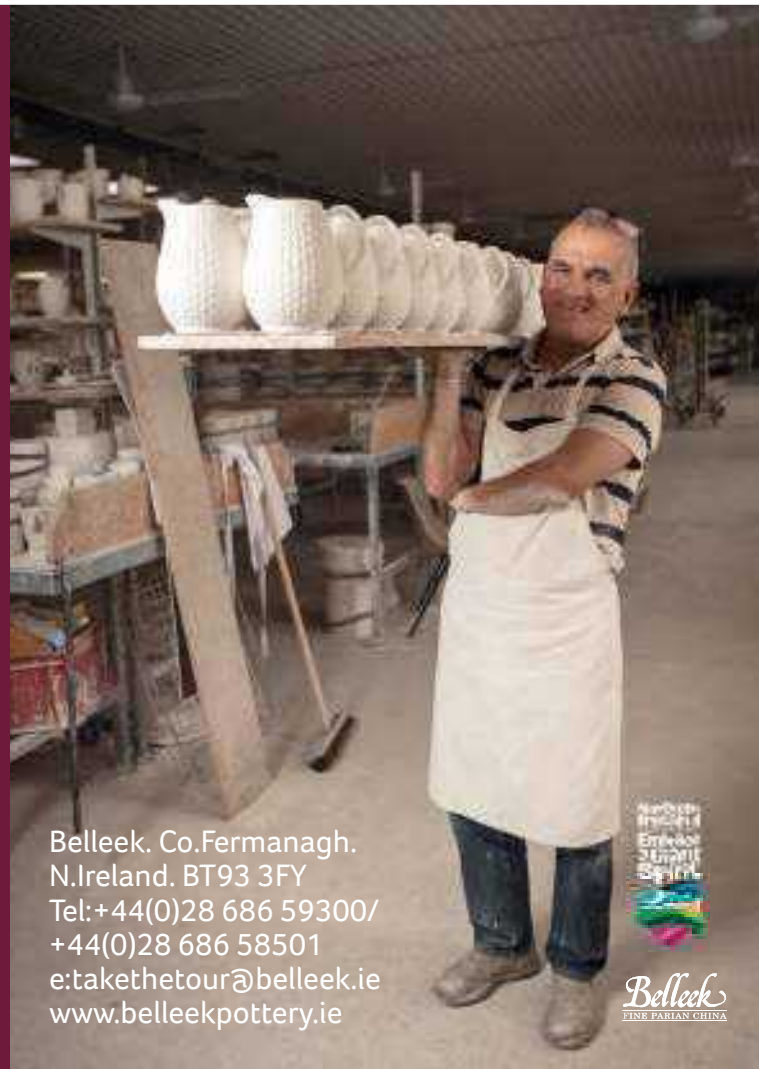
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Things to Do in The North West

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Croagh Patrick

Croagh Patrick is a well-known mountain and an important site of pilgrimage in Co. Mayo. You can find it 8km from Westport, above the villages of Murrisk and Lecanvey. It is the third highest mountain in Co. Mayo after Mweelrea and Nephin. If you visit, you may be joined by pilgrims who make the journey, which Saint Patrick himself once did.



Achill Island

Achill Island is the largest island off the coast of Ireland and situated off the west coast. It has a small population of 2,700 and is attached to the mainland by Michael Davitt Bridge. Achill Island occupies an area of some 57sq miles but its actual coastline, including all the inlets and spars, measures over 80 miles. Two particular stretches of road have been designated as Achill's Atlantic Drive; a spectacular journey with breathtaking views, which can be completed in a vehicle, by bicycle or on foot.



Clew Bay

Want to see an amazing island formation without having to travel to the Caribbean? Then go to Clew Bay, a natural ocean bay, which contains Ireland's best example of sunken drumlins.



Downpatrick Head

Just a few miles north of Ballycastle village, is the windswept outcrop of Downpatrick Head. This is the perfect place to park up and stretch your legs with an invigorating coastal walk. The name Downpatrick is derived from a time when Saint Patrick himself founded a church here. You can still see the ruins of the church building, a stone cross and holy well today.

Keem Bay

Keem Bay is a heavenly secluded valley at the very western tip of Achill Island. It is extremely popular during warmer months when the strand is a magnet for beach-goers and those interested in scenic walks. This bay was formerly the site of a basking shark fishery and a British Army lookout post.



Sligo

Mullaghmore Head

Land and sea come together to create something truly special at Mullaghmore Head. This is the home of big wave surfing in Ireland, and surfers come from all over the world to test their skills against epic waves. But there's more to Mullaghmore. There are boat trips to the 6th century monastic ruins on Inishmurray Island, Classiebawn Castle dominating the

surrounding landscape with its Gothic splendour and nearby Ben Bulben, the flat-topped mountain famed in Irish mythology and the poetry of W.B. Yeats.



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Surfing

From the big wave thrills at Mullaghmore and Strandhill's consistent breaks, to the family-friendly swell at Enniscrone, no trip to Sligo is complete without a go on a surfboard. Surf schools can help newbies paddle out with confidence, while pros can hunt for secret spots.

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Benbulbin

Benbulbin is known as Co. Sligo's 'Table Mountain' and is part of the Dartry Mountains. It was originally merely a large ridge, however the moving glaciers cut into the earth, leaving a distinct formation, now called Benbulbin. It is possible to climb Benbulbin as there is a looped access trail but it is strongly advised that you have a guide to hike Benbulbin.



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Eagles Flying

The attraction for all the family. Nestled in the green hills of south Sligo, Ireland's largest sanctuary for raptors and owls, the Irish Raptor Research Centre/Eagles Flying is situated on more than 27 hectares of mature parklands near Ballymote. Currently it is the home of more than 100 eagles, hawks, owls, falcons and vultures.



For the ones who prefer it more cuddly, there is also a large supervised petting zoo, where visitors can get hands-on with guinea pigs, pigs, rabbits, lambs, goats, donkeys, ferrets, and many more.

WB Yeats' Grave

Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo is set against the striking backdrop of the Benbulbin Mountains. It is best known as the final resting place of W.B. Yeats. Found in the churchyard, his grave is marked with a simple headstone with the inscription, "cast a cold eye on life, on death, horseman, pass by."



Donegal

Glenveagh National Park

Glenveagh National Park is one of the six beautiful national parks in Ireland. Situated in the Northwest of Co. Donegal, Glenveagh encompasses some 16,000 hectares in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains. Such a great wilderness is the haunt of many interesting plants and animals. These lands were managed as a private deer forest before becoming a national park in 1975. With the completion of public facilities, Glenveagh National Park was officially opened to the public in 1986.

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Glenevin Waterfall (Clonmany)

This amazing waterfall is located at the top of a short 2km hike through the woods in Clonmany. There are picnic areas on the way to the waterfall, which blend in beautifully with the natural landscape. Footbridges towards the waterfall are dotted along the track as visitors criss-cross the stream using the stepping stones.

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Malin Head

Malin Head is located on the Inishowen Peninsula, Co. Donegal. Here you will find the most northern point of the whole island of Ireland. The northernmost tip is the headland named Dúnalderagh (Banba's Crown). The views in this area are spectacular and it is a place that any tourist must visit when they come to Donegal.



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Mount Errigal

Mount Errigal is a beautiful mountain near Gweedore in Co. Donegal. It is both the tallest peak of the Derryveagh Mountains and of all the peaks in the county. Errigal is also the most southern, steepest and highest of the mountain chain, called the Seven Sisters by locals. The mountain is beautiful in both summer and winter and is a must-see.



The 10 best things to do in DONEGAL

From rugged mountains to wave-hewn sea cliffs, Donegal is one of Ireland's most memorable counties. Donegal has 1,134-km of sandy beaches, cliffs and craggy inlets to explore. Here are ten of the best places to visit in Donegal.

1. Slieve League (Sliabh Liag)

Blow away the cobwebs with a visit to some of the highest sea cliffs in Europe at Slieve League (Sliabh Liag). This holy mountain was a Christian pilgrimage site for over 1,000-years and it's easy to see why it was regarded as a sacred place.

Pop in and say 'hi' to Mary in Sliabh Liag Visitor Centre and tell her Go Wild sent you.

2. Fanad Head Lighthouse

One of the most beautiful lighthouses in the world, a visit to Fanad Lighthouse is a perfect way to finish off a trip to Fanad Head, where the views are unbeatable. Perched on a rocky outcrop at the mouth of Lough Swilly, the lighthouse has helped seafarers to negotiate the local waters since 1817.

3. Tory Island

Steeped in ancient myths and legends, Tory Island is a magical place with a rich heritage, deep culture and a real sense of community. The island's remote location has probably helped the locals to preserve old Gaelic customs, such as the appointment of an island king. From its renowned trad musicians to the catch-your-breath scenery, a trip to Tory is a chance to experience a unique way of life.

4. Ards Forest Park

With over 481-hectares of woodland and beaches, the lush green reserve at Ards Forest Park is a perfect place for a romantic walk or a fun day out with the family. This biodiverse park offers a rare combination of landscapes and habitats teeming with all sorts of local wildlife.

5. Doagh Famine Village

A visit to the Doagh Famine Village is a chance to step back in

time and get a real sense of what life was like in Donegal, from the Famine up until a couple of generations ago.

6. An Grianán of Aileach

One of Ireland's most distinctive megalithic sites, the stone ringfort of Grianán of Aileach dates back to 1700BC and it's said to have been built by the Tuatha de Danann. The hilltop structure has been very well-preserved, and you can climb up on its walls to take in glorious, panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

7. Errigal

Climbing the magnificent Errigal is a rite of passage for Donegal natives and visitors can join their ranks with a couple of hours of effort.

8. Glenveagh National Park and Castle

In the shadow of Errigal, deep in the Derryveagh Mountains, the 16,000-hectares of Glenveagh National Park are a haven for wildlife and visitors should keep an eye out for its large herd of red deer.

9. Narin-Portnoo Strand

Where else but Donegal would you find such a ravishing coastline as the one at Narin-Portnoo? This super-sized, white sand beach seems to go on forever and it's just as spectacular in the winter.

10. Arranmore Island

Combining the peace of its outdoor attractions with buzzing nightlife, the Gaeltacht island of Arranmore, near Burtonport Harbour, is the largest inhabited island in Donegal. A trip to Arranmore is a chance to immerse yourself in local culture and relax at a different pace in nature.





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The 10 best things to do in STRANDHILL



Head west from Sligo Town to the energetic seaside village of Strandhill, with world class waves, bustling cafés and eateries, and new adventures around every corner. Here are some of the best things to do in Strandhill.

1. Experience surfing in Strandhill

With its world-class waves, Strandhill attracts seasoned surfers from all over the world. If you're a beginner or learner, Strandhill Beach is a great place to start or improve your skills.

For a deeper experience, book a Mind Body Surf clinic with Rebelle Surf; a female owned and run surf school on the beachfront. Tell Melanie, Go Wild sent you.

2. Take a scenic stroll on Strandhill Beach

It's fair to say that Strandhill Beach is one of Ireland's most beautiful beaches. Take a scenic coastal walk from Strandhill to Culleenamore, where you'll enjoy panoramic views of majestic Benbulbin.

Strandhill Beach also happens to be one of Sligo's Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Points and watching a sunset here is a memory you'll treasure long after your visit.

3. Enjoy a relaxing seaweed bath

Relax in a warm Victorian bath filled with revitalising seaweed at VOYA Seaweed Baths, just off the seafront in Strandhill.

4. Browse and eat at Strandhill Market

A short stroll from the beachfront, The Strandhill People's Market takes place in the unique venue of Hangar 1, at Sligo Airport, against the backdrop of Knocknarea Mountain. Head there on Sundays and grab a coffee as you browse local crafts, speciality foods and textiles.

5. Go sea kayaking

Take a guided kayak tour of the clear coastal waters with Sligo Kayak Tours. Choose from a variety of routes that suit beginners and experienced kayakers. Instructors have lots of knowledge on the local area and you'll take in some stunning scenery and famous landmarks along the way.

6. Take a historic hike

Explore quiet forest paths and admire the spectacular coastal scenery on the Killaspugbrone Loop walk. The 6.9-km trail takes about two-hours to complete with beautiful views around every turn.

7. Camp by the sea

Sleep under the stars at Strandhill Caravan and Camping Park. You won't find a more picturesque setting to wake up to. Right on the beach and stretched across eight-hectares, there's plenty of room to park a caravan or camper van.

8. Practice yoga on the beach

Regular beach yoga sessions are held all summer long with Your Wellbeing Warrior. The elements become part of the practice as you connect with nature on the soft sand.

9. Play golf in Strandhill

With Knocknarea mountain as a magnificent backdrop, play a round at Strandhill Golf Club, overlooking the ocean. It's hard to find a course with a more beautiful setting and you might just find yourself distracted with all the stunning scenery on display.

10. Check out the Strandhill restaurants before heading to Sligo

Food lovers can order sociable sharing plates at Stoked. The menu may be inspired by far flung travels, but the produce is as local as it comes.

With hearty dishes and epic sea views, a visit to The Venue is a must when in Strandhill.

If you are heading to Sligo then Eala Bhan & Hooked Restaurants are simply the best.



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County Carlow

Kayak, Paddle or Row down the River Burrow, the second-longest river in Ireland, and take it easy as you listen to the birds.



County Cavan

A visit to the Cavan Burren Park, a spectacular megalithic landscape, is a must. After the free entry, you'll find a visitor centre and four marked picturesque trails.



County Clare

The incredible views of the Cliffs of Moher are not to be missed during a visit to County Clare along the Wild Atlantic Way. You can even take a guided walk along the sea cliffs from Doolin to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre.

County Donegal

Glenveagh National Park is a haven for wildlife and visitors should keep an eye out for its large herd of red deer and 19th-century castle.



County Down

Hillsborough Castle in County Down is the official residence of the Royal Family when they visit Northern Ireland.

County Dublin

A dart ride from Dublin to Malahide and discover the magnificent Malahide Castle.



County Fermanagh

The Cuilcagh Boardwalk Trail (also nicknamed the Stairway to Heaven Walk) will amaze you with its breathtaking views.



County Galway

Travel to the Aran Islands off the coast of Galway and experience the native Irish language and heritage that is kept alive by the community.



County Kerry

The Ring of Kerry road trip along the Wild Atlantic Way is not to be missed when you visit the county fondly known as "The Kingdom".

County Kildare

Have a fun day out Newbridge House & Gardens.



County Kilkenny

Go back in time and visit Kilkenny Castle, restored and set in 1830's splendor and extensive parklands.



County Laois

Hike The Slieve Bloom Mountains, which along with the Massif Central in France, are the oldest mountains in Europe.



County Leitrim

In Leitrim discover Glencar Waterfall and enjoy spending quality time in the great outdoors.

30 things for you to do (in alphabetical order):

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History enthusiasts will love exploring medieval Limerick with a visit to the stunning King John's Castle.



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County Louth

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County Mayo

Discover Downpatrick Head in County Mayo and on an exhilarating coastal trek see the site of a former church founded by St. Patrick.



County Meath

You can't go to Meath without visiting Newgrange. The Stone Age passage tomb located in the Boyne Valley has fascinated people for centuries.

County Monaghan

The Patrick Kavanagh Centre in Monaghan preserves, interprets, and celebrates the life and works of the beloved Irish poet.

County Offaly

Pay a visit to Leap Castle, believed to be Ireland's most haunted castle!



County Roscommon

Visit the award-winning Derryglad Folk & Heritage Museum and enjoy over 4,000 items encompassing history, heritage, and folk culture.



County Sligo

If you're interested in Irish literature, then the William Butler Yeats exhibition in the heart of Sligo town should be top of your list.

County Tipperary

The Rock of Cashel in Tipperary, one of the most spectacular and iconic landmarks in Ireland, is a sight to behold.



County Tyrone

The magnificent Sperrins Mountain range is home to an official Dark Skies location - one of the world's best places for stargazing.



County Waterford

Take a road trip along the Copper Coast, a UNESCO Global Geopark that is described as an outdoor museum of geological records.



County Westmeath

Get off the beaten track and onto an ancient path by visiting the Hill of Uisneach, a sacred Celtic heritage site.



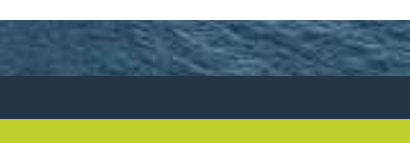
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County Wicklow

For thousands of years, people have been drawn to Glendalough in Wicklow for its spectacular scenery, rich history, archaeology, and abundant wildlife.





Simple serenity

Doo Lough (Irish: Dúloch, meaning 'Black Lake') is a freshwater lake in the west of Ireland. It is located in southwest County Mayo on the Murrisk peninsula.



Who has the best job in the world? According to Niall Gibbons, CEO of Tourism Ireland, he has – getting to promote Ireland abroad! From budget breaks to creative coffee carts, Niamh Wade caught up with the leading Irish Influencer.



What do you love about Ireland as a holiday destination?

People, pubs, food and fun.

Do you have any favourite places to holiday in Ireland?

My family are originally from the West of Ireland, so Mayo and Galway were always on the map growing up. In more recent years, our family have enjoyed many holidays on the East coast.

Are there places you have yet to visit?

Too many to mention. There is so much variety in Ireland; there is always something new to see and do. I really enjoyed a short break we took last year to Portmagee in Co. Kerry, to visit some friends. Our trip to The Skelligs during our time there, was absolutely amazing.

Do you prefer to stay in a hotel or self-catering accommodation when holidaying in Ireland?

It depends on what the occasion is. When the family were younger, self-catering was the way to go. The quality and variety have improved immensely in recent years. Hotel quality here is really good, especially when compared with hotels abroad.

What it is the appeal for overseas visitors about holidaying in Ireland?

The three compelling things they keep on telling us are culture, scenery and, above all, the people. It's all about the curiosity, banter, humour and capacity to be humble and generous.

Do you have any tips for holidaying in Ireland without breaking the bank?

There is amazing value off-peak. Also, there is a great variety of outdoor activities that don't require a

budget. Walking, swimming and cycling are all free. And remember to slow down, you don't need to do it all in one day.

Where is the best place to be when the weather is not so good and why?

In an Irish pub, with a bowl of chowder and a pint of Guinness, is generally good.

Where would you recommend to overseas visitors for a romantic break?

I'll be in trouble if I name just one – there are definitely too many to mention. It's all about creating memories and Ireland is a good destination for that. I met a couple from the United States this week who got married in Galway a few years ago. They have no family connection – they just love Ireland.

Are there any new attractions in the pipeline for this year, which will appeal to our overseas visitors?

I'm just back from the new Game of Thrones Studio Tour in the Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge. World-class!

COVID-19 saw the growth in popularity of food trucks and coffee carts. Do you have any favourites?

I love the creativity in the names. I had a cuppa from a truck last week called 'Bean around the Block'.

Did you try any new activities last year, during lockdown, that you continue to enjoy?

Genealogy – I pursued some very poor lines of enquiry but got to find out about my two great-aunts, who left Mayo and arrived in Ellis Island in 1910, aged 27 and 17. I found my 'new' second cousins in New Jersey. Maybe we will meet in 2022. I also reconnected with golf ... my report card would definitely read "room for improvement"!

And finally, what is the best thing about your job?

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Fastnet Rock, was known as “The Teardrop of Ireland” as it was the last image of Ireland the emigrants had when sailing for the New World and it houses Ireland’s highest lighthouse at 54-metres.

The very pleasant village of Durrus is located at the head of Dunmanus Bay, where the Sheep’s Head and Mizen Head Peninsulas meet.

The Wild Atlantic Way continues along in an easterly direction towards Baltimore, where the ferries depart to the islands of Roaring Water Bay (also available from Schull, Mizen Head Peninsula). Baltimore Beacon, a signal tower, offers the perfect view over the islands in the bay.

SCHULL- THE VILLAGE FEELS LIKE HOME AND THE PEOPLE FEEL LIKE FAMILY

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On a visit to Crosshaven you can relax at one of its many cafes or bars or take a beautiful walk to enjoy the mixture

of views of land, river and sea.

BALTIMORE & BALTIMORE BEACON

The historic village of Baltimore and the enchanting islands of Cape Clear, Sherkin and Heir, lie near the very Southern-tip of Ireland, where the Wild Atlantic Way meets Carbery’s Hundred Isles, off the beautiful coast of West Cork.

SKIBBEREEN

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CLONAKILTY

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COURTMACSHERRY

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BALTIMORE BEACON



OLD HEAD OF KINSALE

GARRETSTOWN BEACH

Garretstown Beach is an extensive sandy beach located along the coast of County Cork. It enjoys stunning views of The Old Head of Kinsale and is a great spot for walking, bathing and swimming. Garretstown Beach is located within a short distance of Ballinspittle Village by car and is worth it to feel the sand between your toes

OLD HEAD OF KINSALE

The Old Head of Kinsale, a narrow tongue of land, is flanked by precipitous rocks and with a lighthouse at its most southerly tip. An idyllic, dramatic promontory, mostly enjoyed by golfers, as this land is owned by the local and well-known, Old Head Golf Course.

KINSALE

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FOR THE FAMILY

Discover the delights of the Atlantic Underwater world at Galway's Atlantaquaria, Dingle Oceanworld aquarium, or Lahinch Seaworld and leisure centre. You can also check out Letterfrack Sea Safari or choose from Baltimore or Dingle Sea Safari's. Its an amazing opportunity to learn all about the underwater world.

TREKKING

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He was one of the original Dragons on ‘Dragon’s Den’ for the first four years of the series. Although he has left the series to look at other broadcasting opportunities, he continues to be actively involved with the nine investments he made during the series. Bobby is also a popular business, entrepreneurial and motivational speaker.

He is the author of “The Kerr Report”, which maps out a blue print for the future of the Irish Post Office Network. He is also Chairman of The Great Lighthouses of Ireland and of the Board of the Cliffs Of Moher Limited as part of his maritime interests. Recently he joined the board of healthy food delivery business ‘DropChef’, which is a rapidly growing meal distribution business across Ireland.

Q1 How does your normal day begin?

My day generally starts early either with a 10k run, a 25k cycle, or a trip to the gym with my two youngest daughters. I try and start the day

with exercise as I believe it clears the head and sets you up for the day.

Q2 What are your biggest daily challenges?

I try and plan out my day as best I can, but I have to be careful on not overcommitting or underestimating how long each job or task takes. I have to read a lot when preparing for my radio show “Down To Business” on Newstalk 106-108FM, so it’s important I keep myself up to date on what’s happening in business, both at home and internationally.

Q3 What do you love most about your job?

I love meeting people and talking to people about business. I have a varied number of jobs now, all parttime and all different. For example, my job as the chair of The Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre, allows me to work with great people on a great project, as we are currently writing a 20-year strategy for the cliffs, which is very exciting. My job on the radio allows me to meet the greatest brains in Irish business on a regular basis.

Q4 What do you do to relax?

I run, I cycle, I sail competitively. I love anything to do with the water, so I fish and I swim regularly (in the summer months) in the 40-foot bathing place, which I am lucky to live nearby.

Q5 Favourite staycation destination in Ireland and why?

I have two. Kilkee in west Clare, where

my father hailed from. I have been there for at least a week for every summer since I was a child and all my family go there. I love the pollock holes or Byrnes Cove for a swim. I also love Schull in West Cork, where I go sailing every August for ‘Calves Week’, before or after I visit Kilkee.

Q6 Favourite holiday destination worldwide?

Cudjoe Key, Florida, USA. On the famous Florida Keys, it’s 23-miles from Key West. Life there is all on the water and a place I have caught a few decent fish. The sunsets are also amazing there.

Q7 Favourite Business motto?

Always try and have a bit of spare cash as “ it takes twice as long and costs twice as much” as you expect. I am amazed that almost every business start- up I have been involved in always takes longer and costs more than you think to get started

Q8 Advice for young business entrepreneurs

I love interacting with young entrepreneurs, ever since my days on the ‘Dragons Den’. I try and tell them that you have to work harder than the next guy to succeed and there is no guarantee that even with that, you will succeed. Have a vision for your product or service and be prepared to change the vision if your customer or market place changes.



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With the Atlantic to one side and a forest of evergreen to the other, the challenging Murvagh Links golf course offers wonderful views and satisfying golf in abundance. One of Ireland's most outstanding championship links golf courses, the course was designed by the legendary course architect, Eddie Hackett, and further enhanced in recent years by master of Links design, Pat Ruddy.

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Located in the rugged and scenic land between the Twelve Bens and the Atlantic Ocean, the Connemara Golf Links offers some of the finest golf in the country. Designed by Eddie Hackett, the course offers a challenge for all levels.





The Aran Islands



Things to Do in The South West Cork & Kerry

Cork



The English Market

In the heart of Cork City and with an eye-catching fountain at its centre, this quirky roofed food market has been trading since 1788. Under the possession of the Cork City Council, it's one of the world's oldest municipal markets. Artisan breads, fruit, and freshly caught seafood are just some of the specialities on offer. In recent years, the market gained worldwide fame when Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain dropped by on her first-ever state visit to the Republic of Ireland in 2011.



Cork Opera House

Given a modern makeover in the 1990s, this leading venue has been entertaining the city for more than 150 years with everything from opera and ballet to stand-up comedy, pop concerts and puppet shows. Around the back, the Half Moon Theatre presents contemporary theatre, dance, art and occasional club nights. Check online for what's coming up once theatres reopen. Get those dates in the diary.

Cork City Gaol

Another of Cork City's must-dos, is the atmospheric and historic



City Gaol, which opened in 1824 and closed in 1923. Originally the prison housed both male and female prisoners who committed crimes within the city borders. In 1878, the City Gaol became an all-female prison, which it remained until men opposed to the 1920 Anglo-Irish Treaty were incarcerated there in 1922-1923. The complex then deteriorated until its restoration and re-opening to the public as a tourist attraction in 1993.

Crawford Art Gallery

A two-minute walk from St. Patrick's Street, art-lovers may like to take in this regional museum dedicated to the visual arts, both historic and contemporary. The gallery receives in excess of 200,000 visitors per annum and hosts a range of permanent exhibitions including 18th Century European and Irish sculpture, a collection of Greek and Roman sculpture casts, and contemporary video installations.

Kerry

The Blasket Islands

The Islands once had a thriving Irish-speaking population but were evacuated to the mainland due to harsh Atlantic conditions in the 1950s. Jokingly called 'next parish America', this spot is as 'battered west coast' as you can hope to see. There's a stunning beauty in that.





Skellig Michael

A jagged, difficult-to-access island off the Kerry shoreline, Skellig Michael was once an isolated hermitage and is now almost as well-known for its core role in the Star Wars movies. To get there you'll need good summer weather and your climbing legs but toiling amid the puffins is well worth it, for the rustic housing and glorious views.



Gap of Dunloe

A fantastic drive into the Kerry Hills, the Gap of Dunloe is a narrow mountain pass through the McGillicuddy Reeks, a tough trail by car, but easily passable in the popular horse-pulled jaunting cars that are abundant in Killarney National Park. It's popular to hike

or bike the route, with Kate Kearney's Cottage - a 150-year-old 'pubcraft' shop - a popular launching spot.

Carrauntoohil

The highest peak of the McGillicuddy Reeks mountain range, Carrauntoohil is a challenging climb for intermediate-level hikers. It rises to just over 1,000 metres via the dramatic, slippery 'Devil's Ladder'. At its peak, you'll find a huge iron cross and spectacular views across the Kerry countryside. A selfie-nut's dream location.



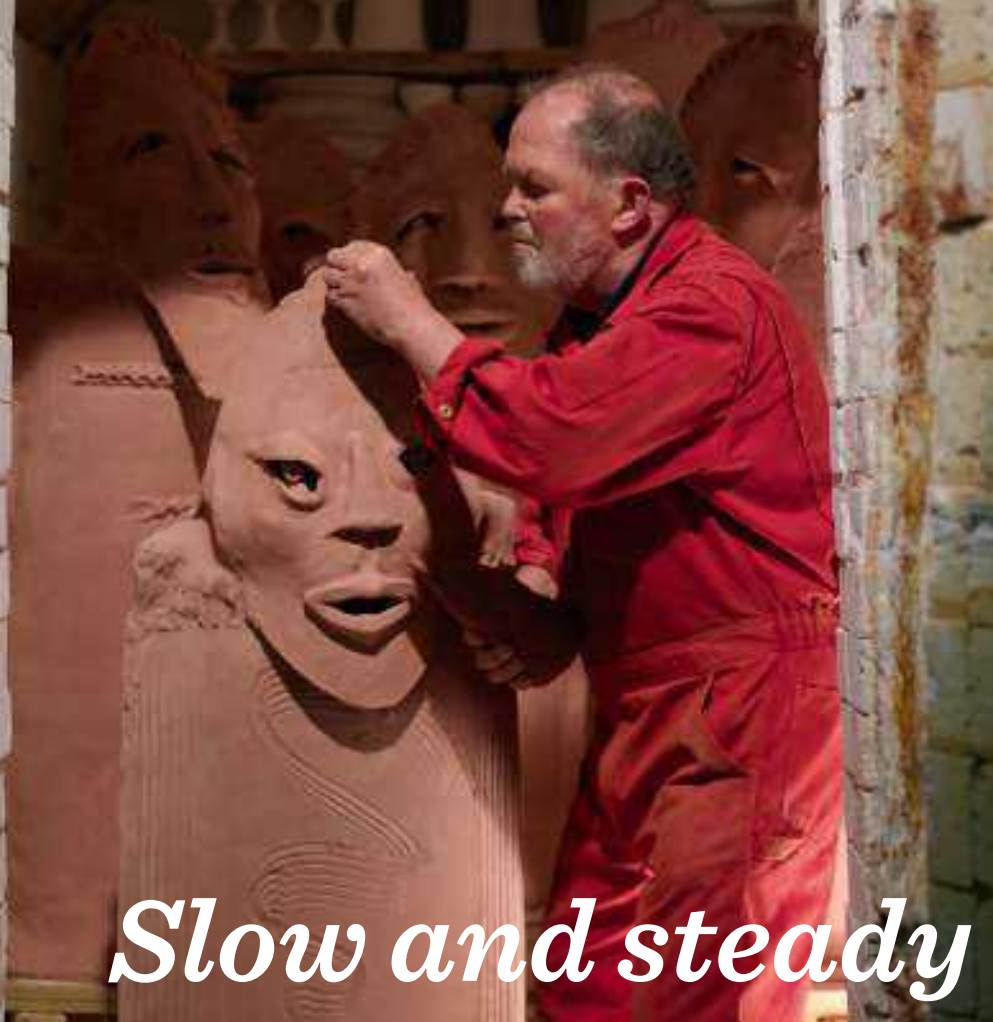
Muckross House

At Muckross House, you'll get a glimpse into luxurious 18th Century life at this fantastic, manicured throwback. This is a rural estate that's home to horse-pulled jaunting cars, fantastic gardens, lake views and craft stores. The garden restaurant is open for daily takeaway 10am-4pm.

The Ring of Kerry

Not so much a single site as an entire circuit of rugged, rural beauty, this is the one tour you must do while in Kerry. The 'ring' takes you around the Iveragh Peninsula, past a host of gorgeous Atlantic views, quaint towns and tiny, enticing beaches. Around every corner is a photo opportunity, so go under your own steam, if possible.





Slow and steady

Louis Mulcahy has been creating his pottery for more than 50-years and to this day, the “godfather of Irish craft”, ensures each piece carries his personal stamp of approval.

It’s not easy running a successful craft business, especially one that sprouted from a remote village in the 1970s, Gaeltacht. But Louis Mulcahy had a dream ... to make pottery amidst a stunning landscape that would feed his inspiration to create distinctive pieces, reflecting the vibrant colours of his surroundings.

When asked what first got him into pottery, Louis quips, “Jealousy. My wife, when she was very young, was doing it at school in Denmark. She was over here as an au pair and when she finished, I went to visit her and we toured around the small craft potteries that were there at that time. I became extremely interested. There was nobody really making craft pottery in Ireland at the time. It was 1967 when I started making pottery shapes. I wasn’t firing them because I didn’t have a kiln, but I was learning how to repeat shapes.”

After winning first prize for pottery in the National Crafts Competition in 1975, Louis decided it was time to take a leap of faith and he and his wife, Lisbeth, left their jobs in Dublin, took their three young children

and moved to Dingle, on the rugged coast of Co. Kerry, where Irish was the primary language spoken at the time. “There wasn’t much tourism when we first came here. I think there were two cafés, one in a hotel and the other in the back of a clothes shop.”

Originally from Wexford, Louis now considers Dingle his true home. So, what drew him to set up his studio there? “I just felt Dingle was different. Lisbeth and I were blown away by the topography. People were very kind and spoke English to us but Irish was their first language. Of course, now, Irish is the secondary language because so many people have moved in. My wife has better Irish than I do, even though Irish is the language of the workshop I work in every day! Lisbeth taught herself Irish and has a Danish accent, so she speaks something closer to the original Irish.”

Over the last half-century, Louis has continuously evolved his techniques, experimenting with different glazes and shapes. “We’ve always pursued excellence in our quality and in the materials we use –

the clay and the way we use it. Our pottery is by far the strongest in the country.”

Louis prefers to work alone in his studio, where he can be at one with the clay. He continues to make all of his one-off pieces by hand, while bigger collections, like the tableware and lamp bases, he makes the prototype by hand and then hands it over to his dedicated team.

“I go to work in the morning and sit down with some clay and things evolve as I go along. And if I like something, I’ll pursue it. The thing I look for when I’m making something is the life in it. All our pieces would have that slightly different look about them.”

At the moment, Louis’s favourite pieces to work on are his masks and Druids. “They’re a bit of fun but they are a challenge to create. I’ve also been experimenting with putting my poems on very large sheets of porcelain to be hung. I enjoy doing those.”

Louis also handmakes large, one-off pots that are sold directly from his workshop in Dingle. And for anyone wanting to try their hand at throwing clay, they can visit the workshop, where a guide will show them the basics and they can even have their piece fired up in the kiln.

Like any business, Mulcahy’s was certainly impacted by the pandemic, especially the very popular café, which remained closed for two-full-years; but Louis is thankful that online orders increased hugely in that time, to the point that now, the focus of the business is on direct online sales and preparations are currently underway to move the location of the café in order to expand the space before it welcomes guests back.

But of all his achievements in craft, family is what Louis is most proud of. “Despite all the time I’ve spent doing pottery, morning, noon and night, my wife and family is what is most important to me. Lisbeth and I have brought up three really wonderful children.” His is a legacy anyone can admire.





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2: MUCKROSS HOUSE TO TORC WATERFALL LAKE LOOP

Park at Muckross House, 6-km from Killarney town centre and give yourself two-hours for this relatively challenging, but family-friendly walk. Follow the Old Boathouse Trail past heady views of mountains and meadows, by the scenic limestone cliffs of Dundag Point and panoramas of the Middle Lake.

3: ROSS ISLAND MINING TRAIL

With its incredible views of the MacGillycuddy Reeks, Ross Castle is an intact 15th century fortress on the eastern shores of Lough Leane. Park at the castle and pick up your map of the 17-stop Ross Island Mining Trail, which leads you around Ireland's, and North-Western Europe's, earliest known metal mines.

4: THE OLD KENMARE ROAD: TORC TO INCHEENS

Seasoned walkers enjoy the Torc to Incheens two-hour route, easily one of the best Killarney walks, which forms part of the much longer Kerry Way and meanders through the uplands of Killarney National Park. Starting out at the Upper Torc carpark, you'll follow the Old Kenmare Road across the wooden bridge, over the Owengarrif River, before turning left down the leafy wooded trail.

5: THE MASS PATH: DERRYCUNNIHY CHURCH TO LORD BRANDON'S COTTAGE

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Start your trip in Killarney

The vibrant town of Killarney is known for its rich heritage and hospitality. Sitting on the shores of Lough Leane and flanked by the National Park, the town is an epicentre of incredible scenery and world-famous attractions. Base yourself there for a couple of days if places like the Gap of Dunloe, MacGillycuddy's Reeks, Torc Waterfall or Ross Castle are on your must-see list.

Killarney National Park

Just minutes from the centre of town, Killarney's National Park is a magnificent 26,000-acres of unspoiled, rugged landscape. The Park encompasses Ireland's highest mountain, Carrauntoohil, which stands at over 1,000-metres high.

Muckross House and Gardens

In the National Park you'll find the beautifully maintained Muckross House and Gardens, which you can explore on a tour. A fine example of a 19th century Victorian mansion, the house contains original period furniture and artworks.

Head west to the Dingle Peninsula

Surfing at Inch Strand

From Killarney, travel towards the Kerry coast for 40-minutes and jump on a surfboard at Inch Strand. The iconic 5-km stretch of sand is just one of Ireland's many Blue Flag beaches, popular with swimmers, surfers and anglers.

The South Pole Inn at Annascaul

Ten-minutes from Inch, The South Pole Inn in Annascaul, is named after world-famous Antarctica explorer, Tom Crean's adventures. A native of the small Kerry village, Crean's legacy is displayed triumphantly throughout the pub, with newspaper articles, photos and memorabilia in every corner and, outside, a bronze statue of the man himself.

Foodie fun in Dingle

Just 15-minutes from Annascaul, you'll reach the colourful port town of Dingle, which is known as much for its incredible scenery, as its legendary welcome.

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While you're there, head along to the neighbouring Dingle Whiskey Distillery for a tour and a taste.

While you're in the area...

The Sleah Head Drive

Leaving Dingle, set out on the Sleah Head Drive for views of the Atlantic roaring below dramatic cliff faces. This scenic, circular route brings you right back to Dingle.

Take a boat to The Blasket Islands

Just 25-minutes outside Dingle on the Sleah Head route, The Blasket Centre is a heritage centre and museum that tells the story of a tiny Irish community who lived on the remote Blasket Islands until 1953. Learn what life was like for the islanders and, if you have time, take a boat trip to the island and explore this hidden treasure for yourself, with an overnight stay in a restored cottage.

Visit a Star Wars location at Ballyferriter

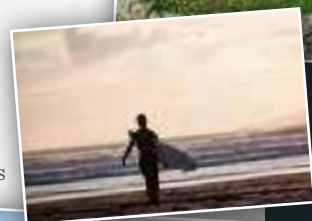
Not too 'far-far-away' from Dingle, George Lucas's crew were based in the town while filming 'Star Wars'. At Ceann Sibéal, they recreated the monastic settlement of Skellig Michael, featured at the end of 'The Force Awakens' and in 'The Last Jedi'.

If you have time to spare in Kerry

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A few Must sees along the Wild Atlantic Way

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Mullaghmore Head Co. Sligo

A world famous surfing spot, Mullaghmore is probably best known in surfing circles for its "Prowlers" - a wave that can swell up to 100 ft. The rugged coastline offers views of Sliabh Liag and Benbulbin.

Downpatrick Head Co. Mayo

With great views of the Atlantic and the Staggs of Broadhaven, folklore has it that Dun Briste, the large sea stack rising from the sea off Downpatrick head was formed when St Patrick struck the ground with his crozier in anger after a pagan chieftain, Crom Dubh refused to convert to Christianity.

Cliffs of Moher Co. Clare

Over 700 ft high and 8 kilometres long the Cliffs of Moher offers spectacular views of the Aran Islands and Galway Bay, The Twelve Pins, Loop Head, The Dingle Peninsula and the Blasket islands in Kerry. The Cliffs of Moher (Moher meaning ruined fort in Irish) are named after a 1st century BC fort that used to be located on the cliffs.

Blasket View Co. Kerry

On the very Western tip of the Wild Atlantic Way, just off the Dingle Peninsula in Co. Kerry, you can see the famed Blasket Islands. The largest of the islands, the Great Blasket used to have 176 people living there, but by 1953, the last of the inhabitants moved to the mainland. Today you can visit the deserted villages on the islands by boat.

Mizen Head Co. Cork

Known for its dramatic cliffs and breathtaking scenery, Mizen Head, the most south westerly point of Ireland, used to be the last and the first place that seafarers would see on their trip across the Atlantic. From the cliffs you can see Fastnet Lighthouse on a rock called "Ireland's teardrop".



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Gap of Dunloe





01.

Wild Atlantic Way TOP BEACHES

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With bracing Atlantic winds, breathtaking vistas and miles and miles of undisturbed beaches, the Wild Atlantic Way is a beach-lover's paradise.

01. Barleycove, Co. Cork

One of West Cork's most beautiful beaches, Barleycove is the ideal spot for families, with its many sand dunes providing hours of fun for kids. Officially declared a Special Area of Conservation by the EU, this is the perfect spot to enjoy the stunning views and discover the natural wildlife of the area.

03.



02. Dog's Bay, Roundstone, Co. Galway

With its crystal clear waters and over a mile of white sandy beach, the crescent shaped Dog's Bay (beside Gurteen Bay), is one of Galway's best beaches. Ideal for windsurfing and kitesurfing.

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03. Fanore Beach, Co. Clare

Stunning views, golden sand and with a certain wildness about it, Fanore Beach is great for surfing, body boarding and swimmers. It's also a botanist's haven, with its proximity to the Burren.

04. Inch Beach, Co. Kerry

Breathtaking scenery and with over four miles of beach, Inch is an ideal spot for walkers. Made famous for its scenes in Ryan's Daughter, Inch Beach is popular with surfers, anglers and swimmers.

05. Inchydoney Beach, Clonakilty, Co. Cork

With its blue flag status, Inchydoney Beach is the ideal spot for swimming in the calm, and surfing when the wind is up. Inchydoney is yet another of Ireland's most stunning beaches, with miles of sandy beach to walk or jog along and take in the breathtaking views.



06. Keel Beach, Achill, Co. Mayo

Surrounded by stunning vistas of the Minaun Cliffs, green fields and the Atlantic, this 4km beach, also known as Trawmore Strand, is a haven for watersports enthusiasts. Expect lots of windsurfers, bodyboarders and surfers living it up on this Blue Flag beach.



07. Ballymastocker, Co. Donegal

Voted the second most beautiful beach in the world by readers of the Observer Magazine, Ballymastocker, on the shores of Lough Swilly, is a spectacular mile-long beach of beautiful sand and stunning views. Never over-crowded, this Blue Flag beach is one of Ireland's top gems.



08. Silver Strand, Malinbeg, Co. Donegal

This horseshoe-shaped secluded beach is an ideal spot to relax and take stock. Stunning views and protected from winds, Silver Strand is a beach lover's paradise with its golden sands and peaceful ambiance.



Fáilte Ireland unveils first viewing points along the Burren Discovery Trail

Wild Atlantic Way looped route to encourage visitors to explore further and stay longer in the region.

Fáilte Ireland has unveiled the first viewing points along the Burren Discovery Trail, a new looped route off the Wild Atlantic Way designed to encourage visitors to explore more and stay longer in the Burren.

Developed with an investment of €340,000 from Fáilte Ireland, the 95km Burren Discovery Trail takes visitors through the Burren Highlands in Co. Clare and Lowlands in Co. Galway encouraging them to engage with the stories of each local area and explore the many wonderful towns and villages in the region.

The Burren Discovery Trail is one of the catalyst projects identified through Fáilte Ireland's Visitor Experience Development Plan for the Burren and Cliffs of Moher which was published earlier this year. The plan aims to create a sustainable tourism destination by extending the tourism season and spreading business across all parts of the region over the next five years.

Commenting on the Burren Discovery Trail, Miriam Kennedy, Head of the Wild Atlantic Way at Fáilte Ireland, said:

"The Burren is famous for its stunning karst natural landscape but it is also a living environment with its own unique culture and traditions. The Burren Discovery Trail was designed

to bring the stories of the region to life and encourage visitors to explore more of the area and stay longer. With the support of Clare and Galway County Councils, the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), the Office of Public Works (OPW) and Coillte, we're delighted to unveil the first of our new viewing points, which will enhance the visitor experience and increase dwell time, supporting revenue generation and job creation in local communities across the region."

Leonard Cleary, Director of Service at Clare County Council, said:

"Clare County Council is delighted to work in partnership with Fáilte Ireland, other statutory bodies and the local tourism industry and community on the Burren Discovery Trail. This project delivers on the Clare Tourism Strategy 2030 and aims to distribute visitors across the wider North Clare area for the economic and social benefit of local towns and villages."

Liam Hanrahan, Director of Services at Galway County Council said:

"The continued protection of the Burren and uncovering unique stories associated with this part of Galway, Galway Bay and Clare underpins this project. The Burren Discovery Trail recognises the international reputation of the Burren and offers visitors additional reasons to visit, providing clear connected alternative routes throughout the Burren. In particular, we welcome how our towns and villages are to the fore in maps and promotion and we trust visitors will stay and spend in local businesses as a result. It's an exciting opportunity for continued partnership with Fáilte Ireland, Clare County Council, the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), other

statutory bodies and the local communities and tourism industry, to ensure the success of the trail, in its aim to both protect and invite people to experience and stay in the Burren."

Nuala Mulqueeny, Managing Director of the Aillwee Cave & Birds of Prey Centre in The Burren and Geraldine Enright, Director of the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience, Co-Chairs of the Visitor Experience Development Plan for the Burren and Cliffs of Moher, said:

"We're delighted to see the Burren Discovery Trail come to fruition. A catalyst project in the Visitor Experience Development Plan for the Burren and Cliffs of Moher, it will help distribute visitors more evenly across the Burren and encourage visitors to stay longer and spend more within the region."

The theme of the trail is mythology and folklore. Constructed of the same Corten Steel as the Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Points, each viewing point along the trail features a doorway interpreting the Dolman, a signature image of The Burren. Storyboards highlight the unique stories and flora of the local area as well as follow on steps encouraging visitors to explore the route further.

Viewing points have been installed across the Burren Highlands in Co. Clare in Lisdoonvarna, Corofin, Gagan's Wood, Corkscrew Hill and Kilfenora and further viewing points will be installed across the Burren Lowlands in Co. Galway over the coming weeks, ensuring the trail is market ready for the beginning of the 2022 tourism season.



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Game of Thrones Studio Tour officially opens in Northern Ireland as stars of the show 'Break The Chains' to this epic new visitor attraction

Excited visitors to the newly launched Game of Thrones Studio Tour were greeted by fan favourites Isaac Hempstead Wright ("Bran Stark"), Kristian Nairn ("Hodor"), and Nathalie Emmanuel ("Missandei"), who together helped to 'Break the Chains' for this brand-new global visitor attraction located in Northern Ireland.

Located at one of the acclaimed series' original filming locations at Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, Northern Ireland, Game of Thrones Studio Tour takes fans closer to the Seven Kingdoms than ever before. Guests can step inside the iconic Great Hall at Winterfell, where Jon Snow was proclaimed the "King in the North," see Daenerys Targaryen's imposing Dragonstone throne, delve into



the incredible props, weaponry and visual effects of Game of Thrones and learn more about the skills and craftsmanship that helped bring the show from script to screen. The immersive experience brings Westeros to life and will evoke the show's epic scale -- from King's Landing, Winterfell, Dragonstone, The Wall and the lands beyond.

Julian Moon, Head of EMEA Warner Bros. Consumer Products, said:

"What an incredible honour to be opening the doors to the first-ever Game of Thrones Studio Tour. This marks a first for Warner Bros. Themed Entertainment to launch a world-class attraction in Northern Ireland where fans can explore, up close and personal, a vast array of authentic sets, as well as a comprehensive collection of costumes, props, set pieces, and so much more.

We're incredibly grateful for our partnership with Linen Mill Studios, who have helped bring this concept to life with the attention to detail, along with the scale and depth of production that makes this experience so special and worthwhile. We are proud to be part of the legacy of the beloved Game of Thrones franchise and

we can't wait for fans around the globe to step inside and immerse themselves in all corners of the Seven Kingdoms and beyond."

Andrew Webb and David Browne, Executive Directors at Linen Mill Studios, said:

"February 4th truly represented a new and hugely exciting chapter in the Game of Thrones story. Here at Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, Northern Ireland, after many years of planning, design and construction, we are thrilled to finally open our doors to guests and allow them to get closer to the Seven Kingdoms than ever before at the world's first and only Game of Thrones Studio Tour. Housed at one of the original filming studios, this incredible and unique experience brings the making of Game of Thrones to life through a vast array of authentic sets, props and costumes, together with immersive interactives and exclusive behind the scenes content. On behalf of all those who have contributed to creating Game of Thrones Studio Tour and the dedicated team at Linen Mill Studios in bringing the experience to life, we are proud to be part of an ongoing legacy of Game of Thrones that



will delight current and future fans of the show, as well as those interested in the artistry that goes into making an iconic production.”

John McGrillen, CEO, Tourism Northern Ireland:

“We are excited that Game of Thrones Studio Tour at Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge has officially launched and thrilled to see Warner Bros. Themed Entertainment’s commitment to Northern Ireland as the Home of Thrones. The attraction will deliver a world-class visitor experience and demonstrates the increasing opportunity that screen tourism brings for our hotels, hospitality sector and other visitor attractions across Northern Ireland.

As we start to look to the future, and as tourism and travel opens up across the globe, Game of Thrones Studio Tour will be a central plank of recovery activity and we look forward to working in partnership in the months and years ahead to deliver visitors from near and far.”

HBO’s Game of Thrones aired in more than 200 countries and territories, culminating in record-setting ratings. Game of Thrones continues to engage passionate fans and ignite

audiences’ excitement with the next iteration of the franchise, House of the Dragon, set to premiere on HBO and HBO Max in 2022. www.gameofthronesstudiotour.com

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About Linen Mill Studios

Located in Banbridge, Co Down, Linen Mill Studios is a subsidiary of John Hogg & Co, a

family business from Northern Ireland that has operated successfully since the 1800s. Established in the 1800s, the Linen Mill site in Banbridge was used solely for linen production.

Following a significant decline in the local linen industry in 2008, the association with HBO began. Over the following years, culminating in the filming of the final 8th season in 2018, a third of the 75% of Game of Thrones filmed in Northern Ireland was shot at the Linen Mill Studios. Preparing to open its doors in February 2022, the Linen Mill Studios Game of Thrones Studio Tour is the latest chapter in the Linen Mill story, which in itself is a tale of successful adaptation and industrial regeneration.

COVID-19 Information

Guest and staff safety is the number one priority at Game of Thrones Studio Tour.

For more information see www.gameofthronesstudiotour.com

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The award-winning 'Food On The Edge' will take place in Airfield Estate, Dundrum, Dublin, on 17th and 18th October, 2022.



First speakers and themes of 'Food On The Edge 2022' announced

The symposium will centre around the themes of Disruption and Regeneration. Confirmed speakers to date include 30-year-old Rasmus Monk, of Copenhagen's Alchemist Restaurant, recently named as OAD's Best Restaurant in Europe 2021. Paolo Casagrande of Barcelona's 3-Michelin-Star Lasarte. Calum Franklin 'the pie king', who heads up the popular The Pie Room in the Holborn Dining Room in London and Søren Ørbek Ledet co-owner and sommelier of 3-Michelin-Star Geranium, Denmark.

Making a welcome return to Food on the Edge are authors, chefs and activists, food-educator Alice Zaslavsky, Jess Murphy of Kai Galway, social gastronomy disruptor Joshna Maharaj and thought-leader on food and cities Carolyn Steel.

Simon Rogan of L'Enclume will make his 'Food On The Edge' debut, while Matt Orlando, of Copenhagen's

Amass, a 'Food On The Edge' veteran, will also return for FOTE 2022.

Founder of 'Food On The Edge', and restaurateur JP McMahon, said "The last two-years have seen massive disruption in our industry and our global food system in general. Much of this disruption has negative consequences for our food culture, for example, the closure of restaurants and farms, leading to an exodus of people from our industry. This haemorrhaging will have a lasting impact on the growth and development of the unique food cultures we create all over the world through food. However, not all disruption is negative in terms of its physical consequences. The way in which we conceive disruption can force us to reconsider the ways in which we have acted previously. Often a disruptive event can cause us to reflect for the better and bring about periods of regeneration. In this way, disruption and regeneration are inextricably bound together."

"This year's 'Food On The Edge' looks at the ways in which ideas of disruption and regeneration can change the way we think about our industry, especially the ways in which food is produced and consumed. While many past practices will fade or fall away, with the passing of the pandemic, many new practices will surface, germinate and grow because of what has happened over the last two-years. The Covid pandemic has forced many of us to reconsider what words like 'sustainability' and 'gastronomy' mean and how we might reconfigure them anew."

JP goes on to say, "I hope this year's FOTE allows us to reflect on a greater level, why we do what we do every day, when we cook and serve food. I hope we reconsider the ways in which our industry has been disrupted and reassess the way in which we can grow again in a better manner. Regeneration acts as a potent symbol for the formation of many new ways of changing our food culture and allowing more people to embrace their own food sovereignty and make food a pivotal part of their lives."

'Food On The Edge 2022' Early Bird tickets are on sale now: €250 for two-days including lunch on both days. Tickets can be purchased via: www.foodontheedge.ie Closing date for Early Bird 'Two-Day' tickets, is 30th June.

More details of the event this year will be announced in the coming months. Key partners and sponsors of 'Food On The Edge 2022' are Gather & Gather, Airfield Estate, La Rousse Foods, San Pellegrino, and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Follow @FoodOnTheEdge on social media to be the first to know. For more information see: www.foodontheedge.ie.



Food On The Edge Founder JP McMahon announcing themes of FOTE 2022. Pictured at Slieve Aughty Centre, Loughrea



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It's an exciting year for Go Wild Publications as we launch our first national food title, Go Wild Coast to Coast Food Magazine, which is a bi-annual miscellany of incredible Irish food from Farm to Fork and the people behind it, with Dee Laffan joining us as editor of this title.

We're keeping it local in the first issue of 2022 as the focus turns to regionality. The spotlight shines on restaurants, chefs, producers and growers in every corner of Ireland and the unique flavours, products and hospitality that each region dishes up.

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Key Sites To Visit During Your Trip along the Wild Atlantic Way

Malin Head

Looking out over the North Atlantic from the mainland, Ireland's most northerly point at Malin Head feels a bit like reaching the end of the world. With little separating you from the Arctic other than ocean, you can even see the Northern Lights from here if you time it right.

Fanad Lighthouse

The crowning point of County Donegal's Fanad Peninsula, is a lighthouse dating back to 1818. Fanad Head Lighthouse is one of 12 that make up Great Lighthouses of Ireland, an initiative allowing visitors the chance to visit or stay in an Irish lighthouse.

Letterkenny

Donegal's largest town, Letterkenny is known as the Cathedral Town, for having Donegal's only Roman Catholic cathedral. It is also home to the Donegal Museum, set in a former famine workhouse and officially recognised by the Irish government as the best of Ireland's county museums.

Sliabh Liag

Sliabh Liag's cliffs aren't as well-known as the Cliffs of Moher but they are nearly three times taller. Europe's highest sea cliffs at 601 metres, seeing them is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Inis Meáin, Aran Islands

The smallest of Galway Bay's Aran Islands in terms of population, Inis Meáin is described as 'one of the most important strongholds of traditional Irish culture'. An extension of The Burren's karst landscape, this beautifully remote area is a must-visit for any tourist on the route.

Strandhill

Strandhill, a surfer's paradise, is the biggest coastal village in County Sligo and one of its most scenic, nestled at the base of Knocknarea Hill and looking out across the Atlantic.

Kylemore Abbey

A Benedictine monastery based in a 19th Century castle on a picturesque lakeshore, Kylemore Abbey in Connemara is well worth visiting. As well as exploring the abbey itself, visitors can tour the entire 1,000 acre estate, including six acres of Victorian walled gardens.

Galway City

Welcoming and colourful, the harbour city of Galway has everything you could possibly want from an Irish city and for 2020, Galway City was chosen as the European Capital of Culture.

Doolin Cave

Inside the Doolin Cave in County Clare, you will find the longest free-hanging stalactite in the entire Northern Hemisphere. A staggering 7.3 metre (23 feet) structure hanging from the ceiling, it was formed from calcium deposits from a single drop of water, dripping over thousands of years.

The Cliffs Of Moher

As one of Ireland's most visited sites, the majestic Cliffs of Moher on the Clare coast, need no introduction. Providing views of the Aran Islands, the Maumturks and Twelve Pins mountain ranges plus Loop Head peninsula, these spectacular cliffs are a natural national treasure.

Bunratty Castle

Clare's 15th-Century tower house known as Bunratty Castle, has become another major tourist attraction, famous for its long history (the site was originally a Viking trading camp in 970) and its medieval-style banquets – a tradition that has survived since 1963.

Slea Head Drive

Taking in some of Ireland's most striking vistas, Dingle's circular Slea Head driving route has so many fabulous stopping points that it's impossible to pick just one. Travellers are advised to set aside at least a half-day to get the most out of this breathtaking journey.

Skellig Micheal

The site of a former monastery and featured in the recent Star Wars films, the larger of County Kerry's two Skellig islands is as arresting in person as it looks on film.

Mizen Head Signal Station

The southerly equivalent of Malin Head, the cliffs at Mizen Head has their own visitor centre, where the brave can cross a startlingly high bridge and watch for seals, whales and dolphins in the waves below.

Courtesy of Kate Phelan @ the culture trip



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Sliabh Liag



9 excellent things to experience in LIMERICK

Limerick's important role in Irish history is evident in its medieval city streets, Norman strongholds and ancient Irish monuments but, it's the people that are the real legacy of the Treaty County.

1: King John's Castle

Named after the villainous king from Robin Hood, King John's Castle is a 13th Century stronghold on King's Island, in the heart of medieval Limerick. One of the best-preserved Norman castles in Europe, its recent state-of-the-art upgrade introduced interactive activities and exhibitions, CGI animations and projections that really bring its story to life. It's an immersive experience that captures the castle's place in Limerick history, culture and everyday life.

2: Thomond Park

There's nothing like experiencing the "Munster roar" in Thomond Park and seeing the unique synergy between the Munster Rugby Team and the fans, at a live game. Go one better with a behind the scenes Thomond Park tour and access places normally reserved for players and coaches.

3: The Hunt Museum

In the heart of Limerick, on the banks of the Shannon, the Hunt Museum's eclectic collections reflect the diverse interests of its founders, John and Gertrude Hunt.

4: The Milk Market

Ireland's oldest weekly market. The Milk Market is an enduring Limerick institution where you can pick up the best artisan food or fresh family essentials, each weekend. You'll see traditional fare like crubeens alongside fresh seafood and homemade sauces as you soak up the buzz and 'chatter', you'd expect from a working market.

5: Lough Gur Visitor Centre

The stunning views and walks around Lough Gur are impressive enough but you'll also find ancient burial mounds, megalithic tombs, forts and standing stones scattered around this mysterious landscape. The locals even claim that the King of the Fairies lives on the Hill of Knockadoon!

6: The Ballyhoura Way

The Ballyhoura Way is a 90-km route that forms part of the famous O'Sullivan Beara Trail, the infamous route that Domhnall Cam Ó Súilleabháin Bhéara and his entire clan used to flee from their enemies, after the Battle of Kinsale. For added excitement, try some off-road cycling on the Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trails. From testing forest road climbs to boardwalk sections, there are five loops to choose from depending on how adventurous you're feeling.

7: Curraghchase Forest Park

With 313-hectares of woodland, rolling parkland and lakes, the vast Curraghchase Forest Park is ideal for every family. The 8-km of sign-posted trails really show off the area's natural beauty and the children's playground, picnic areas and barbecue facilities make it a great place to bring the family.

8: Adare

Just a half-hour from Limerick City, the heritage town of Adare, on the banks of the River Maigue, is a required stop on any tour of Limerick. It's a postcard perfect village that has no shortage of attractions. There's the 19th Century Adare Manor, the gorgeous thatched cottages that once housed the Manor's workers, the ruins of three ancient monasteries, the impressive Adare Heritage Centre, a celebrated golf course and a 2-km riverbank walk that takes in some of its best historic buildings. As if all that wasn't enough, it's also known as "Ireland's prettiest village".

9: The International Rugby Museum

A €30-million interactive world rugby experience is on track to open its doors in Limerick city this year. Visitors to the International Rugby Experience, which is being constructed on O'Connell Street, will be able to score a try, kick a conversion at their favourite rugby ground, pass the oval ball to their favourite rugby hero or sidestep tackles on a sequence of changing floor lights.



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1: What is the Ring of Beara?

The Beara Peninsula Drive, also known as The Ring of Beara, snakes its way along the endless coastline from the village of Glengarriff in Co. Cork, to Dursey Island at its tip, and on up to Kenmare in Co. Kerry. It doesn't really matter if you turn left or right, you'll find dramatic scenery whichever way you go.

2: The Beara Way Cycle Route

The Beara Way Cycle Route, sign-posted with a logo and bicycle symbol, hugs the coastline on quiet country roads. Cyclists can relax in the natural beauty, coasting from the summit of The Healy Pass on a shorter route from Lauragh to Adrigole.

3: Walking the Beara Way

Walkers can hike 184-km along the peninsula on the well-marked Beara Way, which winds through rugged mountains and seacoast scenery. The route can be broken into 18-sections, mainly rated from moderate to easy with only one hard section from Adrigole to Castletownbere.

4: Glengarriff and Garnish (Garinish) Island

Just ninety-minutes from Cork City



past the town of Bantry, Glengarriff, makes a good base for exploring. Check out the dramatic sea on your left as you head south along the coast. Glengarriff is warmed by the Gulf Stream so it enjoys a unique micro-climate. You can see it for yourself in the world-renowned sub-tropical gardens on Garnish Island

5: The Healy Pass

South of Glengarriff is the village of Adrigole, which leads you through The Healy Pass to Lauragh. It's like 'The Land that Time Forgot' with views of the forest fringed Glanmore Lake across Kenmare Bay.

6: Castletownbere

Further down the coast is the bustling town of Castletownbere – the largest white fish port in Ireland and the biggest on the peninsula.

7: Bere Island

A ten-minute ferry trip from Castletownbere takes you to Bere Island with its great forts, Martello Tower, Ardnakinna Lighthouse and a number of looped walks.

8: Dursey Island

The most western point of the Beara Peninsula (and the tip of County Cork) is the sparsely inhabited Dursey Island. A ten-minute ride on Ireland's only cable-car takes you there. As you swing 250-m above the Atlantic, six passengers at a



time. Bring food and water as there are not any shops or restaurants on the island.

9: Allihies and Eyeries

You'll also want to stop at the pretty villages of Allihies and Eyeries, with their brightly painted buildings. Allihies was a site of copper mining since the Bronze Age and you can uncover the story in The Copper Mine Museum.

10: Ardgroom and Kilmakilloge

As you journey towards Kenmare, you'll reach Ardgroom, a magical and mystical place with an impressive stone circle and the world's tallest ogham stone, in nearby Kilmakilloge.

11: Kenmare

Kenmare links the Beara Peninsula to the Ring of Kerry and is equally known for its stunning setting and gourmet food. And in the very unlikely event that you still haven't seen an archaeological site on your trip around the Beara Peninsula, we can guarantee you'll find one at Bonane Heritage Park in Kenmare.

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2: CATCH AND COOK AT DINGLE COOKERY SCHOOL, KERRY

Get out on the water to experience the thrill of catching your own food in the Atlantic and then, use fresh ingredients to create a delicious meal with Catch and Cook at Dingle Cookery School. This is an authentic meal that's not to be missed, as you head out to the fishing grounds of Dingle Bay and land fish such as mackerel, pollock or cod.

3: EAT OUT IN THE LONG DOCK PUB AND RESTAURANT IN CARRIGAHOLT, CLARE

Built in the 1820s, The Long Dock was always a pub but, like many traditional Irish public houses, it was also a hardware shop, grocers and even a drapery! From the moment you cross the threshold of the Carrigaholt Pub, you'll be struck by the old-world charm and comforts of this establishment.

4: DINE AT THE PILGRIM'S RESTAURANT, CORK

With unusual concoctions and ingredients like Tokyo turnips, roasted kelp and even cashew cheese, enjoy a memorable meal at Pilgrim's Restaurant in Rosscarbery. Indulge in a nibble here or go for a two-course dinner as a treat.

5: WILD KITCHEN WILD FOOD WALKS ON LAND AND SEASHORE, CLARE

Join Oonagh O'Dwyer from Wild Kitchen and share her knowledge and passion of all things to do with wild food on her guided walks. Discover many types of edible seaweeds, plants, flowers, herbs, berries and fruit and learn how to forage sustainably and safely with an expert by your side.

6: ENJOY A WELLNESS RETREAT AT MACALLA FARM ON CLARE ISLAND, MAYO

Set sail for magical Clare Island and prepare yourself for an incredible foodie experience, in a stunning setting, at Macalla Farm. Explore the organic farm, watch sheep graze on the wide open boglands and wander through pretty woodlands on a scenic walk.

7: TRY A SEAFOOD DELICACY AT MUNGO MURPHY'S SEAWEED CO. IN GALWAY

Visit the Connemara coast and find one of the most unique and delicious seafood dishes in Ireland – abalone. This sea snail thrives in Irish waters and at Mungo Murphy's Seaweed Co., they teach you all about this interesting creature on an abalone tasting tour.

8: SAVOUR THE VIEWS AT CAFFE BANBA, COUNTY DONEGAL

At the top of Ireland's most northerly point, Malin Head, Caffe Banba is one of those places you just have to see for yourself when in Donegal. Known locally as the "café on wheels", it serves up some of the best coffee in Ireland, alongside spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean and the neighbouring Donegal mountains.



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Couple bags dream caretaker jobs on an Irish island

Two dream caretaking positions on a remote island on Ireland's famous Wild Atlantic Way have been snapped up once again.

The caretaking roles, available annually on Great Blasket Island off the coast of County Kerry, have attracted more than 100,000 applications over the last three years and are among the most sought-after jobs in the world.

The dream jobs involve managing a coffee shop and guest cottages on the island, meeting and greeting guests, serving tea and coffee to day visitors and collecting goods such as fresh laundry, coal and food from the pier from April to October.

Days off can be determined by the weather; however, after work, the new caretakers will be able to unwind amid the rugged wild Atlantic scenery and the island will be their own.

This year, a lucky pair, yet to be named but understood to be from outside Ireland,

have been picked for the jobs from the vast list of previous applicants who have dreamed of living on the island.

With no permanent residents, electricity or hot water, Great Blasket Island, or An Blascaod Mór in Irish, is the main island in a group of six which lie about three miles off the coast of the stunning Dingle Peninsula in Kerry.

Stretching over 1,100 acres of unspoiled, largely mountainous terrain, the island is approximately four miles long by half a mile wide and offers a pristine natural environment.

Great Blasket is known for its strong links to Irish literature and folklore and for centuries it was inhabited by a small, close-knit Irish speaking population who followed the traditional ways

of farming, fishing and weaving.

The late great female author and storyteller Peig Sayers, whose writings were required reading in Irish schools, hailed from the island and at one stage its residents were the subject of important linguistic studies because of their use of a largely unchanged version of the Irish language.

At its peak, the island's population was only around 175 and it was finally vacated in the 1950s following a decline in population alongside worries about the difficulty of reaching it in the event of an emergency.

A boat trip through the incredible coastal scenery and tour of Great Blasket is one of the best experiences to be had on the beautiful Dingle Peninsula today. There are still ancient ruins to explore, and the simple, self-catering cottages can be rented to give a longer experience of island living.

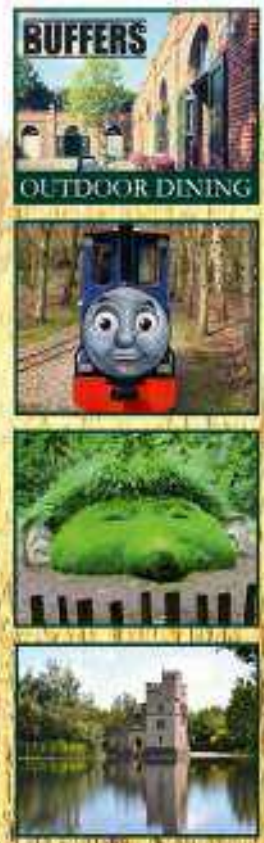
Back on the mainland the recently revamped Blasket Centre, situated on a clifftop at the tip of the Dingle Peninsula, tells the story of life on Great Blasket through a variety of exhibitions, interactive displays, artefacts, audio-visual presentations and artworks.

Last year the centre saw the opening of a new Wild Atlantic Way Viewing Point. With remarkable views of the Blasket Islands, a restaurant, services and ample parking on site, it is a wonderful place to spend a morning or afternoon and contemplate island life.



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Paul Kelly, CEO Fáilte Ireland

To help accelerate the recovery of Ireland’s tourism sector, Fáilte Ireland is now sponsoring RTÉ Weather, which attracts an average daily audience of 400,000.

The 3-year sponsorship is part of Fáilte Ireland’s Keep Discovering campaign and commenced on January 1st, 2022. The Keep Discovering message will be watched daily in hundreds of thousands of living rooms across the country and will inspire people to Keep Discovering Ireland’s huge range of incredible destinations and experiences. It will encourage more people to choose a domestic holiday and in doing so support local businesses, local jobs and communities throughout the country.

Since January of this year, the weather bulletins following RTÉ’s main news programmes (One, Six & Nine) on RTÉ One and RTÉ One +1 have reached 84% of all viewers. That is equivalent to over 3.7 million people having seen the weather forecast at least once since January. The average daily audience for the weather bulletins after the Six One and Nine O’

Clock news is 400,000 Individuals.

Announcing the sponsorship, CEO of Fáilte Ireland Paul Kelly said: “Our research shows Irish people enjoy taking long and short breaks at home all year round while international visitors tend to travel predominantly during the summer season. With international travel not expected to return to pre-Covid levels until at least 2025 our investment in the sponsorship of RTÉ Weather will allow us to maximise the opportunity that domestic tourism offers as we focus on accelerating the recovery of our tourism industry.

Domestic tourism generated €2.5billion for the Irish economy in 2019 and represented one-third of all tourism revenue. Due to the enormous weekly viewership of RTÉ Weather, we expect our strategic sponsorship to significantly help boost domestic tourism year-round and drive revenue for businesses while sustaining and creating thousands of jobs in a sector that has been devastated by Covid19. Our message will be watched daily in hundreds of thousands of living rooms across the country and will inspire people to ‘Keep Discovering’ Ireland’s huge range of incredible destinations and experiences. It will encourage more people to choose a domestic holiday and in doing so support local businesses, local jobs and communities throughout the country.”



Commercial Director for RTÉ, Geraldine O’Leary commented:

“We are thrilled that Fáilte Ireland will sponsor Weather on RTÉ television and online from January 2022. This is an exciting new partnership, and we love how Fáilte Ireland has embraced the opportunity and worked closely with us to ensure that the sponsorship will resonate with the RTÉ audience, while highlighting the opportunities that abound to explore, experience and keep discovering our beautiful country.”

Niall Tracey, Director of Marketing at Fáilte Ireland adds:

“Fáilte Ireland’s investment in RTÉ Weather will be central to the execution of our domestic marketing strategy. Our objective is to inspire more people to explore more areas of the country and experience the joy and simplicity of discovery with constant and compelling reminders of the wonders a home holiday can bring. Through world class creative, the weather sponsorship provides a powerful platform to constantly promote motivating reasons to travel to specific destinations, counties and events at specific times of the year.”





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It's an exciting year for Go Wild Publications as we launch our first national food title, Go Wild Coast to Coast Food Magazine, which is a bi-annual miscellany of incredible Irish food from Farm to Fork and the people behind it, with Dee Laffan joining us as editor of this title.

We're keeping it local in the first issue of 2022 as the focus turns to regionality. The spotlight shines on restaurants, chefs, producers and growers in every corner of Ireland and the unique flavours, products and hospitality that each region dishes up.

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VAN GOGH DUBLIN

An Immersive Journey

The advanced digital artwork spectacle is coming to the RDS from May 16th until August 4th

Taking over the Shelbourne Hall at the RDS from May 16th, Van Gogh Dublin is a 20,000 square foot, light and sound spectacular featuring two-story projections of the artist's most compelling works. The journey is completely immersive using artificial intelligence, so it feels like you are surrounded by the artwork and that the artwork is a living, breathing thing. You will encounter the brilliance of one of history's greatest artists in 360 degrees.

Van Gogh Dublin is an immersive, all-digital, hands-free experience that is perfect for our socially distant world and every audience, young or old. The RDS is one of very few Dublin venues with sufficient infrastructure to build an immersive exhibition of this scale and impact.

This immersive journey is so different to other Van Gogh exhibitions and light shows, due to how it interprets Van Gogh's paintings through new technologies, combined in a way that has never been seen before this world premiere.

Speaking about what makes this immersive experience, by one of the world's most iconic artists so incredible and different, Project Director Jillian Wilson said:

"Visitors will experience audio-visual storytelling at its best and will be immersed in Van Gogh's history and artwork, enjoying his masterpieces in an advanced digital format, transformed using different facades and technological approaches. Even finishing with a futuristic and innovative Artificial Intelligence interpretation of his paintings".

"You get to walk through the fascinating and tragic life of Van Gogh, through his carefully curated artworks, chosen to fully absorb you in

a multisensory experience, with mind-blowing audio-visual effects."

The spectacle has been masterminded by creative studio Nohlab, known for their mind-bending, multi-award-winning immersive digital-art exhibitions across the world.

As part of this Van Gogh Dublin immersive journey, visitors will also experience three of Nohlab's existing multi-sensory, contemporary pieces of digital artwork, some of which feature in the famous Atelier Des Lumiere in Paris. These will take the visitor on a journey beyond Van Gogh, to the evolution on Art, Science and Light.

Founder Dan Gleeson experienced similar shows across Europe, the US and Asia, inspiring him to bring something even better to Dublin:

"When you first arrive you don't know what to expect. Immediately you're completely taken aback by how beautiful everything is and how impressive the digital artwork is brought to life all around you. You then become completely absorbed by the journey, Van Gogh's incredible talent and his fascinating life".

"And it's really not just for art lovers. People of any age and any interests will enjoy this spectacle. It really is an incredible new experience we can all now enjoy in Dublin across the summer months".

Tickets are available now at vangoghdublin.com. All Covid-19 rules and guidelines will be strictly followed. Follow Van Gogh Dublin on Instagram here: [@vangoghdublin](https://www.instagram.com/vangoghdublin) and Twitter here: [@vangoghdublin](https://twitter.com/vangoghdublin)





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Before heading to the hidden gem that is Louth's coastline, where the most stylish Fairways Hotel Dundalk is to be found.

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Awake to waterfront vistas in Athlone, roam endless acres of private woodlands in Limerick, indulge in pure relaxation at The Spa at Radisson Blu Cork, or have it all in Sligo, where our breath-taking views stretch from Benbulbin to the sweeping coastline of Sligo Bay.

Or how about our newest hotel, DUBLIN ONE. Designed for creative minds and social spirits, DUBLIN ONE offers unique, stimulating stays, for guests who are hungry for more. Cosy rooms, great coffee, and a courtyard to soak up some culture in the heart of one of Dublin's most creative neighbourhoods.

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Connemara Coast Hotel

The Connemara Coast Hotel, located on the Wild Atlantic Way only minutes from Galway City, has 141 luxury bedrooms, a choice of restaurants & bars including the Coast Club Leisure Centre. A resort hotel, it is the perfect location for exploring the West of Ireland. Tel: 091 592108 Email: info@connemaracoast.ie Web: www.connemaracoast.ie



Gartan Outdoor Education and Training Centre

Gartan Outdoor Education and Training Centre has been providing courses and training in adventure activities since 1988 to children as young as five and adults as old as... we won't say. Whatever your outdoor adventure interest may be, Gartan has the answer.



The Texas Steakout Limerick

GOOD HONEST HEARTY FOOD
The Texas Steakout is without a doubt one of the most established and appreciated restaurants in Limerick.



Here is our story about how exactly it came to be one of Limerick's finest eateries.

The Texas Steakout Restaurant is in the basement of 116 O'Connell Street, a gorgeous setting for a restaurant with original stone brickwork giving that warm homely feel, accompanied by an age-old fireplace and friendly staff that make you feel most welcome.

You can sense the character of the setting the second you walk through the doors. Although the inviting atmosphere and the mouth-watering menu selections are indeed something you come to expect from the Texas Steakout, a lot of work has gone into making the Texas Steakout what it is today.

"What was different about the Steakout was that obviously, we had a big theme. We were serving hearty American style dinners, so at the time there was nothing like it. Along with the Texan themed menu options, we made sure we paid great attention to the theme incorporating it into the décor. Once the theme was decided the hunt for memorabilia commenced and all the charming Texan figures and ornaments that are in the restaurant today have adorned the walls since we opened in 1989."

Padraicins

Here at Pádraicins, you will receive a warm & friendly 'Failte' from our staff as soon as you enter. Pádraicins Seafood Bar serves excellent fresh food every day. Relax at the water's edge overlooking Furbo Beach & Galway Bay.



Our lounge, with a maritime theme, serves excellent food throughout the day, relax at the water's edge on Furbo Beach, or enjoy a pint or two in our traditional bar.

Davitt Museum

The Michael Davitt Museum is located in the picturesque and historic village of Straide in Co. Mayo on the N58 route between Ballyvary and Foxford.

The Michael Davitt Visitor Centre includes the beautiful surrounding grounds of Straide Abbey, which together with parking and picnic area provides an ideal destination for one of the great family days out in Mayo.



The Falls Hotel & Spa

The Falls Hotel & Spa is in a wonderful and unique location, mid-way along the fabulous Wild Atlantic Way. Within a 20-minute drive of the hotel, heading North, you have the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher, the mythical Burren Region, both combining to make the UNESCO Global Geopark: www.burrengeopark.ie. Driving South, you will reach the magnificent Loop Head Peninsula, with the Victorian seaside town of Kilkee, the lovely fishing village of Carrigaholt and of course, the majestic Loop Head lighthouse: www.loophead.ie. In between, there are an abundance of villages, beaches, restaurants, craft shops, pubs and countless hidden gems that make your trip to Clare well worth it.



North Mayo

With its breathtaking Wild Atlantic coastline and cliffs stretching from Blacksod to Ballina, rugged landscapes, hidden beaches and thousands of years of history beneath its blanket bogs, it's the perfect place to reconnect with nature and get away from it all. North Mayo boasts world-class visitor attractions like the newly revamped Céide Fields Visitor Centre and gorgeous accommodation, including the renowned Ice House Hotel, Belleek Castle and Mount Falcon Estate. And with a variety of delightful eateries dotted throughout, it's just waiting for you to discover it. When you do, you'll receive a welcome so warm, you'll want to return, again and again.

Visit: www.mayonorth.ie to plan your visit.



Sliabh Liag Visitor Centre and Cliff Experience

Sliabh Liag Visitor Centre and Cliff Experience, where your Fáilte awaits, is a signature point of the Wild Atlantic Way in Donegal as Sliabh Liag Mountain boasts the highest sea-facing cliffs in Europe, reaching 1972-feet/801-metres. The famous 'One-man's Path' and

'Pilgrims Path', are considered a hikers' paradise.

Tel: 074 9739620 or email: info@sliabhliag.com for further information.



Spike Island

Ireland's historic island, Spike Island Cork, has reopened to visitors with some brand new offerings. New this year, visitors can explore 'Old Cork in colour', an exhibition that showcases over thirty black and white images, brought back to life by renowned authors, Professor John Breslin and Dr. Sarah-Anne Buckley. Images from Cork City, Kinsale, Cobh and Clonakilty will be on show. New children's playgrounds and new walking trails are also opening. Boats travel weekends and half terms until the seven-day opening starts from May: www.spikeislandcork.ie



House of Waterford Crystal Afternoon Tea

During your visit to Waterford, why not treat yourself to an 'Afternoon Tea Experience' at the House of Waterford Crystal. Relax and indulge with luxurious treats and specialty teas



or coffee. The experience is a beautiful, colourful occasion, served in Wedgwood's 'Butterfly Bloom' fine bone china collection. It consists of three courses - scones served with cream and jam, a selection of savoury items followed by some decadent deserts. Booking is essential.

For more details, visit: www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com.

Belleek Pottery Visitor Centre

Enjoy our 30-minute guided tour and experience 165-years of Belleek's rich heritage. Browse the Belleek museum and a little light shopping in our retail showroom; finish your day with lunch by the shores of Lough Erne in the Belleek Restaurant. Opening times are 10am-3pm Monday to Friday; call ahead to pre-book your tour.



The Savoy Hotel Limerick

Relax, indulge, and reward yourself with a stay in Limerick City's only 5-star hotel, The Savoy Hotel. Boasting unrivalled hospitality in the very heart of the city centre, and within walking distance of local attractions, King John's Castle, the Milk Market and The Hunt Museum. This is a peerless address for luxury, a treasured retreat for a chic city break and is the perfect base for you to explore the Wild Atlantic Way.



County Clare - Open Spaces, Amazing Places

County Clare is a special place for holiday fun. Experience dramatic cliffs, wonderful blue-flag beaches and seaside resorts along the Wild Atlantic Way, the amazing Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, the River Shannon, and the treasures and pleasures of Lough Derg. Visit Ennis, the County Capital, one



of Ireland's most picturesque towns - its history, heritage, hospitality and excellent shopping mark it out as special. For more on the wonders of Clare, check out www.Clare.ie/best

Kelly's Kitchen

The fare of Sean Kelly's much-loved artisan butcher shop (next door) can be sampled here for breakfast and lunch, or stop for a coffee, a sandwich or some delicious seafood chowder. The huge - and stunning - photograph of Grace Kelly on the wall near the door celebrates the film star's ancestral connection to Newport.



See The Burren come alive!



Enjoy an accessible, easy-going hike through the mature, eight-acre, native Holly, Ash and Hazel Woodland @ Aillwee. This unique landscape comes to life as you and your family explore the self-guided Biodiversity Walk. Discover

terrific trees, amazing animals, gorgeous geology and fabulous flowers!

Glencolmcille Folk Village

Glencolmcille Folk Village is a thatched cottage coastal village in South West Donegal. Established in 1967, it tells the story of Glencolmcille through the ages. Original artefacts are on display in the cottages, which were constructed from stone taken from period cottages throughout the parish. The tours are currently self-guided and are available in more than eight languages. There are three audiovisual programs that tell the story of Father McDyer, the local fishing tradition and cinefilm from the 1950's.



Smugglers Inn

Serving gourmet food amidst panoramic views of Ballinskelligs Bay, the beautiful restored 180-year old Smugglers Inn offers a unique and authentic Irish experience. Hugging two-kilometres of unspoilt sandy beaches and next to the world class Waterville Golf Links, come for the food and stay for the craic.



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Ballymaloe House is a family run Country House Hotel and restaurant on 300 acres of farmland located in beautiful East Cork countryside. Internationally recognised as the birthplace of Modern Irish Cuisine, Ballymaloe House offers you the very best of Irish hospitality and seasonal locally sourced or homegrown food.

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King John's Castle brings to life over 800 years of dramatic local history. Explore the spacious outdoor courtyard where you'll get a sense of the bustling activity that took place many years ago.



Cork County Council



Cork County Council has launched a new advertising campaign targeting inbound visitors to Cork Airport to help regenerate the tourism economy in Cork. The new campaign will feature the 'Explore Cork'

app. The first of its kind to be developed in Ireland, the 'Explore Cork' app features over 850 places to see and things to do in Cork.

Eagles Flying - The Attraction For All The Family

Excitement, Fun, Photo opportunities and much more at Affordable Prices.

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Mizen Head Signal Station

Souvenirs, gifts and so much more.

At the Mizen Shop you'll find a wide range of Mizen and West Cork related items for sale. From clothing to local arts and crafts, books and stationary to Mizen Head branded souvenirs, you're sure to find something of interest as you browse the shelves.

You'll see the shop as you enter the main Visitor Centre building. If the Visitor Centre is open, the shop is too.



Aran Islands and Cliffs of Moher Tour from Galway Docks

Aran Island Ferries are thrilled to announce the full details of their new route from Galway City Docks to Inis Mór and the Cliffs of Moher this summer.

Starting June 4th, Aran Island Ferries luxury vessels will depart Galway City for the first time since 2005 and showcase the beauty and scenery of the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way coastline before arriving in Kiltonan on Inis Mór, the largest of the three Aran Islands. The return journey to Galway City will bring passengers on a cruise along the iconic Cliffs of Moher.



Parknasilla Resort

Parknasilla Hotel, nestled in the shadows of the Kerry mountains amidst islands, inlets and hidden beaches. Come stay with us and feel the restorative power of nature and marvel in the splendour of the seascape and landscape that surrounds you here.



Eala Bhan Restaurant

Located in Sligo Town, Eala Bhán is a purveyor of fine Irish dining from locally sourced food.

Eala Bhán is located in the heart of Sligo Town on a beautiful stretch of the Garavogue River. The décor here has a cool urban brasserie bistro feel with dark wood floors, subtle lighting, well-spaced tables, and it is a place in which there is always a buzz.



Owner Anthony Gray

Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

Set in 25-acres, visitors to Bunratty Castle & Folk Park can experience the sights, sounds and smells of rural life in Ireland of the early 1900's.

Explore the Park's interactive Fairy Trail, Viking playgrounds, farmhouses, walled gardens, and say hello to the Park's adorable animals, including Irish Wolfhounds and Red Deer.



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The Donegal Hotel Collection

Book your staycation along the Wild Atlantic Way in Donegal Town. Let the Abbey Hotel and Central Hotel be your "Home away from home" with Guestrooms

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The Abbey Hotel and Central Hotel are part of Donegal Hotel Collection. Check out special offers online: www.donegalhotelcollection.com



West Cork Model Village

Step back in time and see life as it was in the 1940's at Ireland's only Model Village. Explore the historic West Cork Railway Line in miniature. The models and figurines are handmade on site. Enjoy a trip through the award winning town of Clonakilty aboard the Road Train. Facilities include remote control boats, mini diggers, indoor and outdoor play areas, Café and Gift Shop.



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Durty Nelly's can truly be described as one of Ireland's landmark Irish pubs. Nestling in the shadow of the magnificent Bunratty Castle, it is the first stopping off point for generations of visitors to Ireland arriving at nearby Shannon Airport.

It's a meeting place for both locals and tourists alike, and the interaction between the two is what makes it such a unique Irish pub.



The Montenotte Hotel

The Montenotte Hotel is a vibrant, family-owned, design-led, destination hotel with a playful and eclectic vibe. Built within the former 18th Century residence of a Merchant Prince, The Montenotte Hotel is a 'Garden of Eden' in the heart of Cork, nestled in stunning surroundings with unrivalled views of the city and harbour.



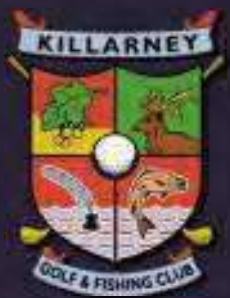
Michael Collins House

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