About Galway

Galway is a vibrant city on the west coast of Ireland, steeped in its cultural heritage, rich in folklore and famous for its cobble-stoned streets, stunning landscapes, and lively atmosphere. Often referred to as the "City of Tribes," Galway is a hub of artistic expression, blending traditional Irish music, theatre, and contemporary creativity.



With its proximity to breathtaking natural wonders like the Cliffs of Moher and Connemara, Galway offers a unique mix of urban excitement and scenic beauty.

Things to do in Galway. Selected Tours to attractions will be available to book shortly

- 1. <u>Explore the Latin Quarter</u>: this bustling district is the heart of Galway's cultural scene. Wander through its narrow, colourful streets filled with independent shops, galleries, cafes, and traditional Irish pubs offering live music.
- 2. <u>Visit Galway Cathedral:</u> one of the largest and most impressive buildings in Galway, the Cathedral is a stunning example of Renaissance architecture, with beautiful stained-glass windows and a peaceful atmosphere.
- 3. <u>Walk along the Salthill Promenade:</u> a scenic coastal walk offering stunning views of Galway Bay, Salthill is a popular spot for locals and visitors alike. The long stretch of promenade is perfect for a leisurely stroll, and you can even take a dip in the Atlantic at the Salthill Beach.
- <u>Shop at Galway Market:</u> located beside St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, this lively market offers fresh local produce, handmade crafts, and unique souvenirs. It's a great place to experience the city's local flavours and creativity.
- 5. <u>Visit Eyre Square:</u> the central park in Galway, Eyre Square is a great spot to relax and enjoy the outdoors. Surrounded by shops and restaurants, it is also home to several monuments commemorating Galway's history.

- 6. <u>Explore the Spanish Arch</u>: an iconic part of Galway's medieval history, the Spanish Arch is a must-see landmark.
- 7. <u>Take a trip to the Aran Islands</u>: a short boat ride from Galway, the Aran Islands are a must-see. Famous for their ancient stone forts, breathtaking landscapes, and Gaelic-speaking communities, these islands offer a glimpse into traditional Irish life.
- 8. <u>Tour the Claddagh:</u> this historic fishing village near Galway Bay is famous for the Claddagh ring, a symbol of love and friendship. Its picturesque stone cottages and quiet atmosphere provide a peaceful escape from the city centre.
- 9. <u>Visit the Galway City Museum</u>: learn about the city's history, culture, and art through engaging exhibits at this modern museum located near the Spanish Arch, an iconic landmark from Galway's medieval past.
- 10. <u>Discover the Wild Atlantic Way:</u> Galway is part of Ireland's famous Wild Atlantic Way, a scenic coastal route that stretches from the south to the north of the country. You can drive or bike through rugged landscapes, charming coastal towns, and breathtaking viewpoints.



More information can be found on the Visit Galway Website.

About Ireland - The Emerald Isle

The perfect escape? The city break you've been dreaming of? The cliff-path walk you'll remember forever? Well, Ireland has you covered. From the bustling streets of Dublin, with its world-renowned literary history, to the tranquil beauty of the Cliffs of Moher and the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland is a place where ancient heritage meets modern energy.

Visitors can explore centuries-old castles, enjoy traditional music in cozy pubs, and immerse themselves in the warm hospitality of the Irish people.

The most westerly island in Europe, Ireland is 450 km long and 300 km wide. With a population of 6.5 million Ireland enjoys a rich diversity of ethnic groups and cultures.

Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or cultural discovery, Ireland is a destination like no other.





More information can be found on the websites below:

Discover Ireland Discover Northern Ireland Wild Atlantic Way

Getting around Galway City

By Foot

This compact city lends itself to walking. To say it is a walker's paradise is a bit of an understatement. With so many venues within short distance, be sure to experience the packed delights as you journey through the hidden gems to your next conference.

Bus & The Leap Card

There are two companies providing bus services throughout the city – Bus Éireann and Galway City Direct. The Leap card can be used on both bus services. Leap fares are up to 30% cheaper than cash single fares on city bus services, so spread the word!

- The Leap Card & Leap Card App
- Bus Éireann
- Galway City Direct.

Cycling

Galway is a fantastic city for cyclists. There is an extensive network that allows tourists and commuters alike to easily get around. Choose from 22 bike stations and 195 bikes across the city.

- <u>Bikeshare.ie</u>
- <u>Coca-Cola Zero Bike Share Map</u>
- TFI Cycle Planner App

Taxi Services in the city:

- Download the FREE NOW app
- Galway Taxis 00 353 91 561 111
- <u>Big O Taxis</u> 00 353 91 58 58 58