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The Mid Ireland Region has scheduled bus services operating by Bus Éireann and there are also private bus companies to and from all cities and towns in the region. Please see www.buseireann.ie for further information, or www.kearnstransport.ie, www.citylink.ie, www.gobus.ie, www.martleys.com, www.jjkavanagh.ie.

TRAIN SERVICES
The Mid Ireland Region is well served by mainline rail services in the following towns: Athlone, Ballinasloe, Mullingar, Longford, Nenagh, Roscrea, Tullamore, Templemore, and Thurles. There are direct connections to Dublin, Cork, Limerick or southwest to Killarney and Tralee. Please refer to Iarnród Éireann website for train times and destinations www.irishrail.ie.

ROAD ACCESS
Please see map on inside front cover for various routes.
Spanning counties Laois, Offaly, North Tipperary, Westmeath, Longford and East Galway - the Mid Ireland Region offers the visitor an array of breathtaking inland scenery with large tracks of bogland, rolling hills, lakes & rivers and a wonderful tapestry of Irish farmland and forestry. The area is part of Ireland's Lakelands and Inland Waterways Region, so its majestic waters are an integral part of the landscape.

Rest assured that after a long day's discovery you will find a full range of satisfactory accommodation on offer. From welcoming B&Bs to luxury hotels, including a diverse self-catering sector along with caravan and camping facilities for those who like complete independence.

Mid Ireland offers a range of activities to satisfy even the most thrill-seeking holidaymakers. While you are in the area you can enjoy hill walking, golfing, cruising, horse riding, water-sports, fishing and you also have plenty of opportunities to pamper yourself. You can also visit one of the many excellent visitor attractions in the area.

This Visitor Guide will help you plan the perfect holiday, wherever your interests lie - Family Break, Romantic Getaway, Shopping, Golf, Culture & Sightseeing, Cruising or Walking, the area offers something for everyone. Plan your holiday in the region using the Mid Ireland Region map and also don't forget, wherever you see the symbol in the guide you can use the Mid Ireland Visitors Card to get the best value from your holiday.

We look forward to welcoming you to the region and we wish you an enjoyable visit.
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For ultimate relaxation, body and soul rejuvenation, let your senses guide you to the Spa & Beauty Centre at The Bridge House Hotel. Our qualified therapists will indulge you in a wide range of spa and beauty treatments. Experience our unique relaxation chambers, full body massages, facials, stone therapies and much more.

Packages can be tailor-made to suit you. Free WiFi is found throughout the hotel and car parking is complimentary.

**SPECIAL OFFERS:**
For a range of special offers including weekend, midweek, spa, leisure, family, golf, girlie, golden themed breaks and more log onto our website www.bridgehousehoteltullamore.ie

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**SPECIAL OFFER: 20% OFF SPA & BEAUTY TREATMENTS**
TULLAMORE COURT HOTEL

Located in the vibrant town of Tullamore in the heart of the midlands, the Tullamore Court Hotel is a superb four-star hotel offering the ideal combination of luxurious accommodation, fine dining, extensive leisure facilities and a warm, friendly welcome to create the ideal ambience for your next breakaway.

The Tullamore Court Hotel itself comprises of 103 beautifully appointed classic and executive guest rooms. Enjoy fine dining in the superb restaurant, casual dining bistro, or a more relaxed dining experience in the Furlong Bar. Large and small groups are catered for, with a fantastic range of locally obtained menu options available throughout the day. The Tullamore Court is also a popular venue for well-known acts. With a popular and varied entertainment line up every weekend in the Furlong Bar, this is the perfect place to join locals and residents alike for a great night out.

Leisure facilities include a fully equipped fitness suite with separate aerobics studio and a new free weights room with free weights up to 50kg. The leisure centre also features a 20 metre swimming pool with fun water features, Jacuzzi and Tullamore’s largest sauna and steam room. There are also water massage jets, great for rehabilitation, soothing sports injuries, or simply massaging your aches and pains away. For families, don’t miss out on the in-house kids club which runs over the school holidays with up to 6 hours of safe and fun activities every day. For older kids, a games room including a pool table and Nintendo Wii is open in the evening.

The Tullamore Court Hotel would be delighted to book activities for you or if you just want to relax be sure to visit Elma’s Beauty Spa on the 1st floor offering everything in beauty treatments, massages, facials and manicures.

Well serviced by road, train and bus, Tullamore really is the ideal location for your next break!

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SPECIAL OFFER: COMPLIMENTARY UPGRADE TO EXECUTIVE ROOM.
Please quote Mid Ireland Tourism at booking stage and present visitor card on check in. Complimentary late check out.* Subject to availability.
Dooly’s Hotel has a long and distinguished history; originally one of Ireland’s first Coaching Inns, it dates back to 1747. The hotel maintains its old world charm whilst keeping pace with the modern comforts required by today’s guests. Dooly’s management and staff offer a warm, hospitable welcome to all their guests, whether they are staying at the hotel or they’ve popped in for a coffee and a chat.

HOTEL FACILITIES
• 3-star 18th century hotel centrally located in Birr
• 17 beautifully decorated ensuite bedrooms
• Ample, free parking
• Easy walking distance to Birr Castle, theatre and other local attractions
• Elegant À la Carte Emmet Restaurant
• Home-cooked food served all day in Dooly’s Coffee Shop & the Coach House Bar
• Melba’s Niteclub open Sat & Sun, 11.00pm ‘til late
• Ideal wedding venue
• Conference and exhibition space available

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Celebrating over 50 years of Loughnane Family hospitality, the County Arms Hotel is your great value 4* Hotel, perfectly located within easy reach of all major cities. You’ll love our friendly local staff, great food, roaring fires, 9 acres of gardens and warm welcome. Please visit www.CountyArmsHotel.com for Special Offers and Best Available Rates.

4* Hotel Facilities
• 70 Deluxe 4* Bedrooms & Suites, Family Room with Bunk Beds
• Active Andy’s Kids Camp, Kiddies Pool, children’s menus
• 20m Pool, Jacuzzi, Sauna, Steam Room, Hydrotherapy, Gym
• Ogra Treatments
• Cooke’s Restaurant and Private Dining Suites
• Free High Speed Internet & WiFi
• All day dining in Bar 62 and Live Music every Weekend
• 90 mins Dublin, 1 hr Galway, Limerick, 2 hrs Cork
• Excellent Conference, Banqueting and Wedding facilities

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SPECIAL OFFER
• Healthy living Breaks include Yoga, Aqua Aerobics, Detox & Destress
• Spa offers with Champagne & Strawberries
• Girly breaks include shopping discounts and girly gifts
• Walking breaks in Slieve Bloom Mountains & Lough Boora Parklands
• Special Offers include Golf, Horse Riding, Active Retired, Kids Camp, Adventure seekers, Dancing, Festivals, Gardening, Food Heroes and lots more
KINNITTY CASTLE HOTEL

LUXURY ACCOMMODATION:
Located in the picturesque village of Kinnitty, Co. Offaly, nestled in the foothills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains. The hotel is easily accessible from the M7 extension and within 90 minutes from Dublin, Galway and Limerick. Kinnitty offers everything you would expect from a medieval setting including dungeon bars to fairytale weddings. Each of our 37 distinctively styled en-suite guestrooms retain an original, cultivated style, in keeping with the period of the property. Spaciousness and high ceilings, along with opulent fabrics and period furniture effortlessly highlight the singular heritage of the castle. Each room is named after historic people and places linked with our notable and enduring history.

THINGS TO DO AND SEE:
There are a host of activities available onsite or in the local area, ranging from archery, clay pigeon shooting, cycling, historical trips, horse riding, nature trails and much more. You can even bring your dog with you as we have kennels on site.

DINING & RELAXATION:
Enjoy gourmet cuisine in the Sli Dala Restaurant prepared by the “Irish Restaurants Awards” Best Chef in Offaly. Our Head Chef, whose menus are designed to offer a wide selection of dishes, all locally sourced. Enjoy the finest wine, in the calm, candlelit room surrounded by friends or family and afterwards retire to the Library Bar to relax by an open log fire in opulence and comfort.

RATES: For rates please visit www.kinnittycastlehotel.com

KINNITTY CASTLE HOTEL

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SPECIAL OFFER: COMPLIMENTARY UPGRADE TO A BERNARD STATE ROOM WHERE AVAILABLE.
Please quote Mid Ireland Tourism at booking stage.
Discover Glasson Country House Hotel and Golf Club, situated on the shores of beautiful Lough Ree, close to the quaint village of Glasson. At our 4-star resort experience our warm “Glasson Welcome”, super spacious bedrooms & public areas to relax and unwind in, enjoy delicious food in our stunning Lakeside Bar. Play Glasson’s championship golf course, previous host to two televised European Challenge Tour Events. This family-run luxury hotel is the ideal getaway for business or pleasure. Glasson has established itself as one of Ireland’s premier wedding venues, with its breathtaking setting and warm and friendly attention to detail.

HOTEL FACILITIES:
• 65 spacious contemporary bedrooms with unrivalled views, spectacular lakeside bar, restaurant and banqueting suite.
• Enjoy the panoramic lake views, inside and out
• Fitness suite, sauna, steam room, massage and beauty treatments
• Take a boat trip from our private jetty and discover the lake and its islands
• Superb 18-hole golf course, chipping & putting greens
• Roaming countryside and beautiful woods close by
• Ideal for private parties, weddings and conferences

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SPECIAL OFFERS 2015:
2 NIGHTS B&B, 1 EVENING MEAL FROM €135 pps
Green fees range from €35 to €50 pp
PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

Positioned in the very centre of Athlone, The Prince of Wales Hotel offers the very highest standards of comfort and service. This modern and comfortable hotel is within walking distance of the town’s rail and bus station and has its own self-contained parking facilities exclusively for guests. The hotel features 46 bedrooms comprised of Classic, Executive and Superior rooms. Each room is soothingly simple, finished in black marble, chocolate & cream. All rooms are equipped with television, DVD, multi-post modem connection, voicemail facilities and high-speed internet access.

At The Prince of Wales we cater for all age groups. With modern & comfortable bedrooms and a fun & cosy bar spread out over two floors the Prince really does offer it all under one roof. The Prince Bar is renowned for its extensive Bar Evening Food menu, Carvery Lunch and Salad & Sandwich Bar, which caters for everyone’s tastes. We serve high quality homemade food using the best local produce. All topped off with our eager & friendly staff, the Prince of Wales offers it all under one roof, including the Midlands best cocktail bar.

If it’s a bite to eat, a drink at The Prince Bar or a comfortable room for the night, the Prince of Wales Athlone is the place to do it!

SPECIAL OFFERS
For details of our special offers & packages, check our website. Packages range from golf, spa, romance, shopping and much more – you are guaranteed to find the perfect break away.

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SPECIAL OFFER: FREE BOTTLE OF WINE WITH DINNER
Retreat from it all with a trip to Athlone where you can explore all that the heart of Ireland has to offer.
Trail Ireland’s Ancient East at Clonmacnoise, one of Ireland’s ancient monastic sites, cruise along the Shannon and admire the breathtaking scenery or go back in time at Athlone Castle and Derryglad Folk Museum.
Athlone is not only about sightseeing with a stay in Athlone Springs Hotel. If being out and about is not your thing then the hotel will fill your days. Relax in the Zen swimming pool and beauty rooms, wine and dine in the Cedar Restaurant or sit back in our sunny lobby and chat with friends.

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SPECIAL OFFER: QUOTE MID IRELAND TOURISM FOR 10% OFF YOUR NEXT STAY
Shearwater Hotel is a beautiful four star modern Hotel located on the river Suck in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. It is an ideal location for local and long distance weddings. From the moment you step into the magnificent marble foyer, you and your guests will be wowed by the sheer elegance of the hotel and its beautiful ballroom.

When it comes to weddings, the dedicated wedding team at Shearwater Hotel understand the importance of having a seamless, effortless and memorable day. We are invested in creating lasting wedding memories for you and your guests. Renowned for its warm welcome, freshly prepared and locally sourced food with excellent friendly service– you can relax in knowledge that your guests dining experience will be of a high standard.

The Plaza ballroom can cater for intimate civil ceremonies and receptions from 50 people to a maximum of 400 guests. We can cater for formal and informal style weddings and welcome new creativity for each individual wedding. After all, no two weddings are same! The Plaza ballroom has wall to wall glass where double doors open out onto a large and private outdoor seating area with white umbrellas; fairy lit outdoor trees, colourful flowers and outdoor candlelight. All brides and their guests can avail of our Heather & Earth Spa pre and post wedding packages. We can provide full hair and makeup the day after your big day making the whole experience stress free.

**Wedding Packages include:** Choice of arrival music; Cocktail reception on arrival with tea, coffee and signature cupcakes; Classic fully dressed ballroom with chair covers, fresh flowers, candlelit candelabras and evening buffet; Complimentary one year leisure membership; Exclusive discounted spa packages.

**Capacity:** 50 – 400 Guests • **Price** from €40. Call 090 9630400

**Website:** www.shearwaterhotel.com/weddings/

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Bloomfield House Hotel, Leisure Club and Spa is stunningly situated in the heart of the beautiful Westmeath Lakelands in an idyllic setting overlooking Lough Ennell. This Irish, family-owned hotel is nestled in rolling countryside amidst acres of rich parkland and lofty trees, where you will be close to culture, history and the ancient myths of Co. Westmeath.

This luxurious four-star hideaway is noted for its delicious fine dining, attentive service, superb leisure facilities and warm welcome that extends far beyond the front door. Be it a pampering spa escape, special occasion, romantic getaway or fun family break, an oasis of tranquillity awaits for all kinds of celebrations.

For business and holiday guests, our seamless blend of country-house character and contemporary four star luxury will make you feel completely at home with ideal amenities for all.

Not only is Bloomfield House Hotel, Leisure Club and Spa the perfect location for relaxation and indulgence, but there are so many great activities onsite and in the surrounding area.

4* HOTEL FACILITIES
• Fabulous lakeside location
• 111 Bedroom Hotel, including Suites and Family Rooms.
• Free Kids Clubs, Playground, Kids Menus, Kids Pool
• 20m Pool, Jacuzzi, Sauna, Steam Room, Gym
• The Stirrup & Reel Bar & Charles Brinsley Restaurant
• Complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel
• An impressive Leisure Club and Spa
• Excellent Conference, Banqueting and Wedding Facilities
• Live Music every Weekend

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The Greville Arms Hotel is justifiably proud of its great tradition for good food, hospitality and excellent service. It is also renowned for its warm atmosphere in a charming old world elegance.

Unwind in Ulysses Bar and choose from our evening bar food menu or simply relax and enjoy a drink as you soak up the unique atmosphere.

On your visit to the hotel you can choose from a number of dining experiences. Our James Joyce is recognised as being one of the best dining experiences in the Midlands with a choice of Early Bird, À la Carte and an extensive Wine List. You might like to enjoy a more leisurely dining experience in the café or our Bistro.

The hotel has ample private car parking facilities and complimentary WiFi available throughout.
Set in the heritage town of Roscrea, North Tipperary in the monastic Midlands of Ireland the Racket Hall Country House makes for the perfect location to get away from it all whether it’s business or pleasure. Racket Hall Country House offers a host of amenities including cosy log fires, exceptional traditional Irish Classical Cuisine, elegantly appointed conference and banqueting facilities and 40 luxurious guest rooms with every personal touch you would expect from a leading midland hotel.

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Welcome to The Lakeside Hotel & Leisure Centre, which sits on the banks of the majestic River Shannon, commanding stunning views of the twin heritage towns of Ballina in Co. Tipperary and Killaloe in Co. Clare. Our award winning gardens provide the ideal backdrop to the tranquil beauty of Lough Derg.

The Lakeside Hotel & Leisure Centre is the ideal base for family holidays. On site there is a full indoor leisure centre with the now famous 120ft, figure of 8 waterslide – a treat for all children big and small!!!! There is also a children's creche in house with fully qualified Montessori staff, which can be availed of on an hourly basis as well as offering fun camps during school holidays, catering for children up to 8 years of age.

Your comfort and relaxation are of utmost importance to The Lakeside Hotel & Leisure Centre. Our rooms are designed to maximise the views of the lake. Simply unwind and drink in the stunning scenery while the team cater to your every need. There are rooms to suit every guest from solo travellers to family groups.

Relax and enjoy fishing or boating on the lake, explore the many heritage sites, walk or trek along the East Clare Way – there really is something for everyone to enjoy in what the Killaloe / Ballina area has become known - “Ireland’s best kept secret”.

Check out our website www.lakesidehotel.ie for exciting packages. They have all been designed with you in mind to give you the best experience at a very affordable price.

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RATES (including breakfast):
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The Stables, Oxmantown Mall, Birr, Co. Offaly
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Birr

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**RATES** from €29pps

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MULLINGAR

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In 2006, the house was personally chosen by Michael Jackson to be his Irish estate. Sadly, the King of Pop never got to see the finished house, but now you can. Bishopstown features six spacious double bedrooms. There is two large sitting rooms, a dining room, five modern bathrooms, traditional Georgian country kitchen with back scullery and an outdoor terrace. The equestrian yard features a bar and relaxation area, function room, stables and two extra bedrooms are available. Horse riding can be arranged and guests have full use of the leisure facilities at Grouse Lodge. The house is ideal for groups, families and friends in search of a memorable break in the heart of the Irish Midlands. A flexible venue, it can be used for celebrations and parties, activity breaks, team-building events, retreats, workshops and residential courses and much more. Bishopstown House is a luxury self catering Georgian Mansion located in the heart of the Midlands countryside in Westmeath. This house has been voted among the top ten most unusual places to stay in the UK and Ireland by Lonely Planet.

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Ballywilliam House is a charming modern country house located on the outskirts of Birr town. The house has been finished to a high standard with a bright spacious modern kitchen and fantastic large lounge area with a cosy open fire place. The house is located 1.6 miles from Birr and 14 miles from Roscrea and 22 miles from Tullamore. There are two double bedrooms, one twin bedded room and one room with bunk beds. The house is suitable for 6 adults and 2 children. There is a large bathroom upstairs with a bath, separate power shower toilet and wash hand basin. Downstairs there is an electric shower off the utility room with toilet and wash hand basin. The heating is oil fired and an open fire can be lit in the lounge. All linen and towels are included in the rental. There is a high chair, stair gate at the bottom and top of the stairs, TV, DVD player, freezer, microwave, dishwasher, washer/dryer, hairdryer, electric blankets, alarm clock. There is a large garden to the front and rear of the property and a locked shed available for storage. There is ample parking to the front and side of the property.
Price for rental is €550 per week - Saturday to Saturday.

Ballywilliam, Birr, Co. Offaly.
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LIME KILN SELF-CATERING COTTAGES

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Lime Kiln self-catering cottages offer accommodation to four-star standard close to the town of Banagher near the river Shannon in the heart of the Irish Midlands. From the cottages, visitors have the prefect base from which to tour Offaly, the Midlands, the Shannon Region and the rest of Ireland. The ancestral home of the United States President Barack Obama in Moneygall is only 40 minutes away! Joan Larkin opened the two attractive cut-stone cottages to guests in 1996 after lavishly restoring old farm buildings and transforming them into superior accommodation for those seeking the perfect rural retreat. The Lime Kiln cottages are located near Lusmagh, just 3km from Banagher and each cottage sleeps 5 people, with two bedrooms, a bathroom and kitchen/living accommodation with modern appliances throughout.

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Coach House Cottages,
The Old Rectory, Lorrha, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
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Terryglass, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
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**RATES** from €300 - €800

Dromineer Bay, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
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**RATES:** May-October, 1 week, €475 • May-October, two nights, €290

Clarkhill Cottage, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary  
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CLONASLEE

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Shracullen, Clonaslee, Co. Laois
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CARAVAN & CAMPING

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Lord Belvedere's residence, originally intended as a hunting lodge, was built in 1740 by eminent Palladian architect Richard Castle. The House is set on an elevated site overlooking Lough Ennell with spectacular views of the 160-acre estate, complete with Victorian Walled Garden, exotic trees and numerous follies including the Jealous Wall. The House is fully restored and offers an interactive ‘Upstairs Downstairs’ experience and an owner's gallery. The Walled Garden is a 1.5 acre sloped garden with formal lawns, old rose beds, tumbling herbaceous borders, alpines, climbers, a fragrant herb garden and potager, and a Victorian style glasshouse with exotic plants.

Set within the Belvedere stable block is Licensed Café by Catoca fine food and giftware, interpretative centre and exhibition galleries. Belvedere has lakeside picnic areas, four children's playgrounds, fairy garden, Zipline and offers family tickets & Annual Membership.

Belvedere House Gardens & Park is open year round with gardens and parkland open until 8pm during the summer months. Belvedere plays host to a series of seasonal family events at Easter, Halloween and Santa at Christmas. Also a range of outdoor events which include a Summer Garden Festival, Scruffs Dog Shows, Athletic Championships, and a series of Educational Nature Walks, including the Dawn Chorus, Bat, Tree and Bird Walks.

During the season Belvedere may be closed to the general public whilst hosting major outdoor events, please check in advance on www.belvedere-house.ie for a full list of events.

OPEN: All year from 9.30am. Please telephone or check online www.belvedere-house.ie for specific times

RATES: Adults €8 Senior Citizen / Student €6

FAMILY TICKETS
2 adults + 2 children 3-16 years: €23
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Group rates available

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ATHLONE CASTLE

Athlone Castle Visitor Centre, reopened in 2012 is a family friendly tourist attraction in the heart of Ireland. Filled with modern exhibitions, Athlone's history, people, castle and battles are explored and brought to life. Child friendly multimedia displays and interactive games guide the visitor through the castle. The great Siege of Athlone is relived in a 360º cinematic experience transporting visitors to the centre of the 1691 battle. The eight individual gallery spaces depict a different aspect of Athlone life through the ages. The most recent addition is a permanent display to John Count McCormack, the famous tenor who was native to Athlone town. Athlone Castle Visitor Centre is a treat for all the family, with dress-up areas, seasonal outdoor giant chess set, courtyard picnic facilities and picturesque town views. This newly renovated tourist attraction along Ireland's Ancient East is the perfect midlands stop off point. Athlone Castle Visitor Centre is waiting for you to explore, engage and enjoy!

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LUAN GALLERY

Luan Gallery, established in 2012, is Athlone’s municipal visual art gallery, the first of its kind in the midland region. Dedicated to showcasing and celebrating visual arts practice, the gallery plays host to a varied programme of exhibitions, events, courses and workshops. Situated in the renovated and extended Fr Mathew Hall, the spectacular Shannon side site offers exquisite views. Admission to the gallery is free.

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BIRR CASTLE GARDENS & SCIENCE CENTRE

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Eliana Ferioli: Great Gardens of Europe

Ireland’s award-winning gardens span over 120 acres of formal and natural landscapes. The impressive worldwide plant collection boasts over 40 champion trees, a Victorian fernery, wildflower meadow, lakes, rivers and waterfall. The Millennium gardens include the world’s tallest box hedges and stunning arch pathways of hornbeam cloisters. The gardens are also home to Ireland’s historic science centre, where visitors may travel back in time to when Birr Castle was a hub of scientific discovery and innovation. The interactive galleries reveal pioneering Irish achievements in astronomy, engineering and photography, with a special emphasis on the design and assembly of the world famous Great Telescope, created in the 1840s, now fully restored in the centre of the park. The gardens are also home to Ireland’s largest tree house and adventure area with the castle opening its doors for guided tours during the summer months.

SITUATED: Birr Town. 130km SW of Dublin, 38km S of Athlone on N52 from Tullamore, N62 from Athlone or Roscrea
OPEN: Daily Mar-Oct 9.00am – 6.00pm • Nov-Mar 10.00am – 4.00pm
FACILITIES: Courtyard Café (Seasonal), The Discovery Gift Shop, Annual Programme of Events, Disabled Toilet, Wheelchair Access, Treehouse area
RATES: Adults €9.00 • Senior Citizen / Student €7.50
Child (5-12) €5.00 • Family Ticket (2 adults + 2 children) €25, (Children 4 and under free).
Guided Tour €25.00 (max. 40 people per tour – booked in advance).

FROM 1st JANUARY TO END FEBRUARY 10% OFF ADMISSION
Emo Court was designed by the architect James Gandon in 1790 for the Earls of Portarlington, and is a magnificent example of neo-classical style. During the middle of this century it was owned by the Jesuits, it was then acquired and extensively restored by Mr Cholmeley-Harrison in the 1960s.

The house is surrounded by beautiful gardens and parkland which were first laid out in the 18th century and contain formal lawns, a lake and woodland walks with many very fine trees and shrubs. The house and gardens were taken into State ownership in 1994. House open daily early April to late September 10.00 - 6.00pm. Last admission one hour before closing. Restricted access for visitors with disabilities.

ADMISSION CHARGES: Adult €4.00, Group & Senior Citizen €3.00, Child/Student €2.00, Family €10.00. Gardens open all year every day during daylight hours. No dogs are allowed. Cycling forbidden.

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Heywood Gardens

Completed in 1912, the property consists of gardens, lakes, woodland and architectural features. It was transferred to State ownership in November 1993 from the Salesian Fathers who had taken care of it since 1941. The Formal Gardens form the centrepiece of the property and were designed by the famous architect, Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) and probably landscaped by Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932). It is one of four gardens in this country designed by him, the others being in the War Memorial Park, Lambay Island and Howth Castle. The gardens are composed of four elements linked by a terrace that ran along the front of the house, which now no longer exists. An extensive replanting programme is currently underway. There is also limited access for visitors with disabilities. Admission free of charge.

OPENING HOURS: October to March 8.30am to 5.30pm April & September 8.30am to 7pm • May to August 8.30am to 9pm

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PORTUMNA CASTLE & GARDENS

The great semi-fortified house at Portumna was built before 1618 by Richard Burke or de Burgo, 4th Earl of Clanricarde. It was the main seat of the de Burgo family for over 200 years, until it was gutted by fire in 1826. The ground floor of the house is now open to the public. To the north of the house are formal, geometrically laid out gardens. Portumna Castle now includes the recently restored 17th century walled kitchen garden. Following its original plan the garden has been organically planted with fruit trees, flowers, herbs and vegetables, all combining to make it a treat to the senses. Portumna Castle is surrounded by the towns’ local attractions - Lough Derg, the River Shannon and Portumna Forest Park. Limited wheelchair access for visitors to gardens and Gate House.

OPEN: Late March to Mid October, Daily 9.30 – 6.00pm
Weekends to October: 9.30am to 5.00pm.
Last admission 45 minutes before closing.

ADMISSION CHARGES: Adult €4.00, Group & Senior Citizen €3.00, Child/Student €2.00, Family €10.00

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ROSCREA HERITAGE (Castle & Damer House)

The stone castle consists of a gate tower, curtain walls and two corner towers dating from the 1280s. The castle rooms are furnished and some house exhibitions. Built in the early 18th century in the Queen Anne style, Damer House is an example of pre-Palladian architecture. One of the rooms is furnished in period style. Within the complex, there is a restored mill displaying original St. Cronan’s high cross and pillar stone. Guided tours on request. Access for people with disabilities to the gardens only.

OPEN: Early April to late September Daily 10.00am - 6.00pm.

ADMISSION CHARGES: Adult: €4.00, Group & Senior Citizen: €3.00, Child/Student: €2.00, Family: €10.00.

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Castle Street, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
Tel: 0505 21850 • Fax: 0505 21904
roscreaheritage@opw.ie • www.heritageireland.ie
CORLEA TRACKWAY VISITOR CENTRE

The Centre interprets an Iron Age bog road that was built in the year 148 BC across the boglands of Longford, close to the River Shannon. The oak road is the largest of its kind to have been uncovered in Europe and was excavated by Professor Barry Raftery of University College Dublin. Inside the interpretive centre, an eighteen metre stretch of the preserved trackway is on permanent display in a hall specifically designed to preserve the ancient wooden structure. Bord na Móna and the Office of Public Works have carried out conservation work on the surrounding bog to ensure that it remains wet and the buried road remains preserved. Last admission 45 minutes before closing. Centre is fully accessible for visitors with disabilities.

OPENING ARRANGEMENTS:
Early April – End September daily 10.00am – 6.00pm.

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Kenagh, Co. Longford • Tel: 043 3322386 • Fax: 043 3322442
ctrackwayvisitorcentre@opw.ie • www.heritageireland.ie

FAMINE WARHOUSE 1848

During the Great Famine the Warhouse was the scene of the 1848 Rebellion. The house exhibits the history of the famine and mass emigration, the rebellion, high treason trials and penal exile of the Young Ireland leaders in Australia and their escapes to the U.S.A. Here rebels, under the leadership of the Protestant aristocrat, William Smith O’Brien, MP, besieged 47 police who had barricaded themselves into the McCormick farmhouse taking five children hostage. The exhibition places the Famine Rebellion in the context of 1848 as Europe’s year of Revolutions in France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Hungary.

Access to the ground floor for visitors with disabilities.

OPEN: April - September Wed - Sun 2.30pm - 5.30pm
October - March Sat & Sun only 2.00pm - 4.00pm
By appointment contact 087 9089972

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Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary
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CLONMACNOISE

The ancient monastic site of Clonmacnoise is one of Europe's most highly regarded sites of its kind. It was founded in 545 AD by St. Ciaran. The monastic ruins are the most extensive of their kind in Ireland consisting of a cathedral, 7 churches, 2 round towers & 3 high crosses. There are also the remains of a 13th century Castle. The site is interpreted through a modern visitors' centre managed by the OPW.

OPENING HOURS: November–Mid March: Daily 10.00am–5.30pm
Mid March–May: Daily 10.00am–6.00pm • June–August: Daily 9.00am–6.30pm • September–October: Daily 10.00am–6.00pm.
Closed 25th & 26th December.
Last admission is 45 minutes before closing.

ADMISSION FEES: Adult: €7 • Senior/Group: €5
Child/Student: €3 • Family: €17

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Shannonbridge, Athlone, Co. Offaly
Tel: 090 9674195 • Fax: 090 9674273
clonmacnoise@opw.ie (info only – all bookings must be made by phone/fax)
www.heritageireland.ie

LOUGH BOORA DISCOVERY PARK

Lough Boora Discovery Park is a beautiful landscape at the centre of Ireland. Experience all that Lough Boora has to offer outdoor enthusiasts, keen botanists, nature lovers, and arts and culture fans. The park is in a continuous state of flux depending on the season. Birds depart or arrive, breed and rear their young. Plants flower and fungi appear and disappear, while the resident animals go about their lives. The varying sights, sounds and smells ensure a walk through the park always has something new, exciting and interesting to offer.

Use a solo or tandem bike to explore 22km of trails, winding through the park’s lakes, wetlands and rich grasslands. Start from the new Visitor Centre and cycle around the periphery of the protected NPWS, stopping for a rest at one of the park’s bird hides or a picnic at the Pavillion. Have a tea or coffee at Catoca Cafe in Visitor Centre.

GUIDED TOURS April to September inclusive contact
Lisa or Helen at Tel: 057 9340010

Leabeg, Tullamore, Co. Offaly
info@loughbooraparklands.com
www.loughboora.com

BICYCLE HIRE Contact Pat Barrett at 086 8895194
or email: patbarrett@live.ie
CHARLEVILLE CASTLE HERITAGE TRUST

Charleville Castle is situated in Ireland’s most ancient primordial oak woods, once the haunting grounds of Ireland’s druids. It grew from paper doodles in early 1798 to grandiose plans by the end of that very eventful year in Ireland. It was built by Charles William Bury, Earl of Charleville and was designed by Francis Johnston, one of the leading architects of the day. Charleville Castle is said to be the finest example of gothic-revival architecture in the country. It owes its “Tin Soldier Fortress” look to the celebration of victory over the third French revolutionary expedition to Ireland. It took fourteen years to complete this gothic dream, a monument not only to a now forgotten power, but also to the people who made it possible, the Irish craftsmen and impoverished people. Charleville Castle is a voluntary organisation.

Tullamore, Co. Offaly • 057 9323040
info@charlevillecastle.com • www.charlevillecastle.com

DONAGHMORE WORKHOUSE MUSEUM

Set in the original Workhouse building, completed in 1853, Donaghmore Workhouse Museum explains the socio-economic conditions post-famine that led to their establishment. The museum covers the formation of the Donaghmore Co-Operative Society and houses an impressive Household and Agricultural collection for visitors to enjoy.

OPENING TIMES: Mon-Fri 11.00am to 5.00pm, except Public Holidays. Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays 2.00pm to 5.00pm.
RATES: Adults: €5.00 • OAPs and Students €3.00
Family: €10.00 • Groups (more than 10 people): €4.00

Donaghmore, Rathdowney, Co. Laois
Tel: 0505 46212 • Mobile: 086 8296685 • Contact: Trevor Stanley
info@donaghmoremuseum.com • www.donaghmoremuseum.com

CLARA BOG VISITOR CENTRE & NATURE RESERVE

Clara Bog Visitor Centre provides interpretative facilities for Ireland’s best known and most studied bog. Traditionally our raised bogs have been well known as ancient sacrificial sites and as an indigenous source of fuel. Nowadays they are also viewed as unique biodiversity hotspots. Visitors will journey through a story that is 10,000 years in the making and discover why it is now vital to conserve a portion of our peatlands for future generations. A 1km looped boardwalk gently meanders across the bog allowing visitors to enjoy this naturally wet environment. Admission is free.

Ballycumber Road, Clara, Co. Offaly
Tel: 057 9368878 • claraguides@ahg.gov.ie
www.clarabognaturereserve.ie
www. Facebook.com/ClaraBog
GPS 53 20” (North) 7 37” (West) www.youtube.com/clarabog
BELLEFIELD GARDENS

Bellefield Gardens surround an old Georgian farmhouse and include walled gardens and woodland areas. The walled gardens are built of mellow Tipperary sandstone and yellow brick. No sign of the original glasshouse remained so an old style Victorian style glasshouse was constructed in 2008, using salvaged materials. A fantastical folly is the focal point of the upper garden which is planted with unusual varieties of peony, old roses and iris with masses of bulbs for spring interest, especially snowdrops over 300 varieties and tulips, many rare new and old hybrids. A spectacular 40m rill and pools have recently been constructed in the lower garden to complete the vista between the Events Centre and the glasshouse. Special events will take place in the gardens including ‘Snowdrops and Eranthis’ and the ‘Spring Plant Fair’. For these and further events see website: www.angelajupe.ie and www.irishsnowdrops.org.

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MOUNTMELLICK MUSEUM

Nestled at the foothills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains, Mountmellick was once known as the little Manchester of Ireland due to the presence of a large and diverse industrial base, which included flax and cotton mills. Traces of Mountmellick’s rich heritage as a Quaker settlement remain in its Victorian and Georgian architecture and warm friendliness of the people. During the 19th Century this quiet residential town gave its name to the world renowned Victorian White on White embroidery called Mountmellick Work. The Museum has built up a treasure trove of old and contemporary pieces of this magnificent work. Heirlooms of bed coverlets, pillow shams, tablecloths and nightdress cases survive today in excellent condition which is evident in the items on display in the museum.

Heritage Trail: This is an opportunity to stroll through the town of Mountmellick and explore its historical and cultural depths.

OPEN: All year. Mon-Fri. Weekend by request only. Rates: Adult €5

Irishtown, Mountmellick, Co. Laois
Tel: 057 8624525 • Fax: 057 8644343
themuse@mdaltd.ie • www.mountmellickdevelopment.com
www.facebook.com/mountmellickmuseumandconference
Derryglad Folk Museum situated in a rural setting in the heart of South Roscommon. Here you can view over 6,000 items dealing with History, Heritage and Folk Culture. This all-weather facility deals with Farm and Folk Life and includes horse-drawn machinery, a tradesman’s tools, Old style 1930s Thatched Bar and Grocery, phonographs, gramophones, radios, quernstones, rare bog butter, sun dials, rush lights, new display on old days, old ways at school, slates, slate pencils, dip pens, ink and blotting paper. In the Photographic Room view items old and rare memorabilia from bygone days also political portrait photographs, wedding photographs, etc. The Museum is an ideal visit for all ages. For the young, it’s a great benefit to them in their understanding of our history, heritage and folk culture. For the older folk, it’s a nostalgic peep into the past. New sports section and old style school room. From Athlone take exit 13 of N6 and follow the Tuam Road.

OPEN: May-September, Mon-Sat 10.00am – 6.00pm. Any time by app.

Curraghboy, Athlone, Co. Roscommon • Tel: 090 6488192
info@derrygladfolkmuseum.com • www.derrygladfolkmuseum.com
GPS: North 532794 West 080483

Tullynally Castle Gardens

Tullynally has been the home of the Pakenhams, later Earls of Longford since the 17th century and the magnificent gardens and parkland have been created over 300 years. Terraced lawns around the castle itself lead to winding paths through woodland gardens to two ornamental lakes and a series of follies. The walled gardens beyond have dazzling herbaceous borders and are now partly home to a family of llamas. Play area and special discovery trail for children. Light lunches and homemade teas available in a delightful sunny café in the castle courtyard.

OPEN: Garden & Tea rooms open 11am–5pm, Saturday–Sunday only in April, May and September.
Thursday to Sundays in June, July and August.
Also open bank holidays and Heritage week.

RATES: Adult €6 • Child (6–16): €3
Family (2 adults & 2 children): €16 • Season ticket €45

CASTLE: Guided tours of Victorian kitchens and laundries on Sundays in season (please check website for times). Tickets from Castle Tearoom. Tours of main Castle rooms for groups (minimum 20) by appointment only. Please contact Valerie Pakenham (see below)

For tea rooms and catering enquiries, please contact Bartle Darcy at 087 3453119 or email bartledarcy@gmail.com

Tullynally Castle Gardens, Castletollard, Co. Westmeath
Contact: Valerie Pakenham • 044 9661159 • Mobile: 087 1301986
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Drominagh, Ballinderry, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.
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For all details check out our website, find us on Facebook and read our reviews on TripAdvisor.

Bike Park Ireland, Fairymount Farm, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary • Tel: 067 21961
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Mon – Sat: 11am to 6pm & Sun: 12pm – 6pm. Groups catered for by appointment €8 per person.

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Clonmona, Rathcabbin, Co. Tipperary • Tel: 057 9139081 tearaways@hotmail.com • www.tearaways.ie
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OPEN: Monday – Saturday from 10.00am, Sundays from 11.00am.

Sragh Business Park, Tullamore, Co. Offaly
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Mullingar Greyhound Stadium, Ballinderry, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.
Tel: 1890 269 969 • sales@igb.ie • www.mullingargreyhoundstadium.ie

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Lynn Road, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
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www.rocknbowl.ie

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Dartfield Horse Museum & Heritage Centre is the vision of legendary Irish horseman Willie Leahy who also leads the Connemara & Coast Trails. A visit here gives an interesting insight into Irish history and culture and is set amidst 350 acres of parkland. The museum has facilities for the disabled and is an ideal venue for coach and school tours as well as the individual: it provides a convenient stop on one of Ireland's arterial roads. We provide pre-booked activities like clay pigeon shooting, archery and carriage rides. Dartfield also offers 4X4 off-roading and the course is suited to both beginners and experienced off-roaders. Café, tack and gift shop also on site. Horse riding for all levels available Jan – Dec.

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Contact the Club: Brookfield, Tullamore, Co. Offaly
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New Forest Golf Club
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The idyllic Castle Barna Golf Club in County Offaly is one of Ireland’s hidden gems, set on some of the most beautiful countryside in the heart of Ireland. Castle Barna Golf Club is Fáilte Ireland approved. Only an hour from Dublin Airport via the M6. It is ideally located for tourists travelling west or returning for a late flight. Nestled along the banks of the Grand Canal on its route from Dublin to Shannon. The course is always in mint condition with the greens immaculately manicured and whether you are a high or low handicap golfer you will seldom make the same putt twice. This course enjoys great popularity with visitors and societies. Visiting golfers enjoy the beauty of this excellent course and the friendly atmosphere of the clubhouse. Open Senior’s every Tuesday morning and Open Single Stableford every Thursday.

GREEN FEES 2016

Midweek €18 • Weekend & Bank Holidays €23

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This 18-hole championship course is just five minutes from the M7 at Junctions 21 and 22 on the R445. The course is renowned for its greens and is playable throughout the year.

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Dates for your diary: Birr Stage Guild annual musical – March; Hullabaloo! Scripts Ireland’s Playwriting Festival - June; Offaly’s Children’s Arts Festival - October; OFFline Film Festival – October; One Act Drama Festival – October.

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PARKER’S RESTAURANT, RIVERSTOWN

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Restaurants

**NEW FOREST HOUSE RESTAURANT**

The wonderful Restaurant at New Forest House is only 5 minutes from the M6 motorway and situated in the heart of the beautiful New Forest Estate near Tyrrellspass. New Forest House restaurant has become a hidden gem in culinary circles and relaxing in the conservatory restaurant overlooking the Estate whilst enjoying the delicious food is a great experience. All tastes and events are catered for, from a light snack to a beautiful wedding in the Historical Manor House. A recipe of excellent food served in first class surroundings by warm and inviting staff ensures your visit to New Forest will be a memorable experience.

New Forest House Restaurant
Higginstown, Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath, Ireland
Tel: 044 9221100 • info@newforest.ie • www.newforest.ie

**THE SUNRISE INN**

For the best drinks in comfort. Newly renovated, now serving all-day breakfast. Carvery lunch and A la Carte menu from 10.00am - 8.00pm. Relax, dine and wine, meet friends old and new. Free Wifi. All parties catered for, also outside catering!

Tullamore Road, Birr, Co. Offaly.
Contact John O’Halloran • 057 9120345

**PUBS**

**KELLY’S BAR AND RESTAURANT**

For a drink, chat and a bit of craic, Kelly’s of the Green is the place to go. Located in the heart of Birr’s Heritage Town, Kelly’s of the Green has a long established reputation as one of the Midland’s leading bars. Lunch is served daily and from May to September we serve evening meals 7 days a week. A warm welcome awaits you.

The Green, Birr, Co. Offaly
Contact: John Kelly 087 0608606
Tel: 057 9120175 • mpk294@yahoo.co.uk
PADDY’S BAR

Paddy’s Bar is located on the North Eastern shore of Lough Derg near where the Shannon enters the Lough. Lough Derg, known as Ireland’s “Pleasure Lake”, is a hive of activity. Paddy’s Bar is the true home of a traditional Irish welcome with great food & drink served for nearly 200 years. Part of our charm is the unique mix of local characters whose families have been customers of the pub for centuries along with our visitors. Savour our locally produced home-cooked food.

If your idea of a good night out is velvet pints, open fires and fiddlers raising the roof then Paddy’s Bar in Terryglass is the pub for you.

Terryglass, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary • Tel: 067 22147
info@paddysbar.ie • www.paddysbar.ie

OLLIE HAYES

Ollie Hayes Bar is located in the heart of Moneygall the ancestral home of United States President Barack Obama. Enjoy a pint of “Barack” or a glass of “Michelle.” We have renamed our Guinness in these parts. We encourage all our visitors to sign our guest book and join the thousands of others who have already done so. People from as far away as the Australian Gold Coast and Obama’s homeland of the USA have signed the book.

Main Street, Moneygall, Co. Offaly • 0505 45230 • 086 8213939
olliehayes@gmail.com • www.olliehayesbar.com

LUKER’S PUB & RESTAURANT, SHANNONBRIDGE

Situated 5km from Clonmacnoise, 10 mins from exit 14 off the Dublin/Galway M6 motorway. Here you can take a step back in time in one of the last remaining “authentic old heritage pubs of Ireland” dating back to the 1700s. The pub features the last only remaining Queen Victoria fireplaces where many an Irish Music trad session has developed over the years. It has been referred to as one of the best kept secrets on the river Shannon and recently been featured on the TV programme “Duiche”, TG4. It is an unbelievable experience that visitors will cherish among their finest recollections of Ireland long after they have left our shores. A reputation for the best pint of Guinness, quality home cooked food, and a superb organic coffee with panoramic views of the river Shannon. A real jewel - well worth a visit!

Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly • Tel: 087 7415389 • 090 9674995
www.shannonbridge.ie • www.facebook.com/lukersbarshannonbridge

HUGH LYNCH’S BAR TULLAMORE

For a friendly chat with the locals, live music every weekend, all the major sporting fixtures, Craft Beers, whiskeys and more, Hugh Lynch’s is your one-stop venue in Tullamore. Hugh Lynch’s have over 70 whiskeys available to enjoy at the bar, each one tagged with a short description.

Kilbride Street, Tullamore, Co. Offaly • Tel: 087 2505422
hughlynchs@gmail.com • www.hughlynchs.com
CRAUGHWELL’S BAR

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Castle Street, Birr, Co. Offaly
Tel: 086 2789150 / 086 8313618 • www.craughwellspub.com

THE THATCH

All-Ireland Pub of the Year 1999, Offaly Pub of the Year on numerous occasions and All-Ireland Pub of the Year 2001. Well worth a visit!

Crankill, Birr, Co. Offaly • Tel: 057 9120682

D & S MCINTYRE

This family run little gem of a pub is located where the river Shannon and the Grand Canal meet in the tiny sleepy village of Shannon Harbour, near Banagher, Co. Offaly. A bit off the beaten track they say but a Truly Authentic Irish Pub and mini shop. It’s famous for its pint of Guinness which is loved by locals and tourists alike. Delicious freshly cooked food served Wednesday to Sunday, 4pm to 8.30pm from March to September. One should phone ahead for groups of 6 or more. Music most Saturday nights but the odd trad session or sing song can happen any time of the week!!!

Shannon Harbour Village, Banagher, Co. Offaly • Tel: 057 9151493 • shirleyintheharbour@hotmail.com

CORRIGAN’S THE CORNER HOUSE

Corrigan’s is located at the centre of the town. This traditional family-run pub has been in the Corrigan name for over two generations. For a drink, chat and a bit of craic, it is old world character at its best. A traditional pub where folk gather for a touch of Celtic culture, song, storytelling, poetry and, of course, the finest pints in the country. There’s no better place to be on a summer’s day than sitting in the beer-garden for a barbeque or maybe a cool pint or two in the bar. There’s an old saying “That beats Banagher” but there’s nothing to beat Banagher so long as Corrigan’s Bar is at the heart of it. For hospitality, fine food and beer, sure you’re always welcome at the corner! Free WiFi now available.

Main Street, Banagher, Co. Offaly. Contact: Sean Corrigan
Tel: 057 9151384 • Fax: 057 9151363 • Mobile: 087 2210067 • corrigansbar@eircom.net • www.corrigansbar.ie • www.facebook.com/corrigans.bar
FLYNN’S BAR & RESTAURANT

Flynn’s Bar & Restaurant is situated in the heart of the bustling town of Banagher Co. Offaly. Flynn’s is renowned for its hearty lunches and mouthwatering À la Carte menus with music at weekends it’s a must for all visitors to the midlands and surrounding areas. So call in we would love to meet you.

For the best in home cooked food in a relaxed atmosphere.
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Evening À la Carte from 5pm until late.

Commercial House, Banagher, Co. Offaly
Tel: 057 9151312
epflynn@eircom.net

GILTRAPS PUB IN KINNITTY

Giltraps Pub in Kinnitty, County Offaly, Ireland, is a landmark building in the centre of the picturesque village at the foothills of the Slieve Bloom mountains in the Irish midlands. Dating back to the seventeenth century when it was originally a hotel, Giltraps Pub is now a family run operation managed by the Clendennen family.

Whether you're looking for an open fire after a day's hiking or walking in the Slieve Bloom Mountains, attending a wedding at Kinnitty Castle Hotel, want to have the ‘craic’ or chat about GAA with the locals or you're simply looking for the 'perfect' pint of Guinness, then Giltraps is one of the best pubs / bars in the area to chose from.

Kinnitty, Co. Offaly.
Tel: 057 91 37076 Mobile: 087 6118883
info@giltrapspub.com
www.giltrapspub.com

KILLEEN’S OF SHANNONBRIDGE

Killeen’s Village Tavern is a world famous, award winning, old style Irish pub, full of charm and character. A dying breed in these modern times. It is situated just a five minutes stroll from the pier in Shannonbridge, County Offaly and close to the 6th Century, historic site of Clonmacnoise.

Killeen’s Village Tavern comprises a bar, lounge (with pool table), TV room (with dart board) and a grocers shop. The shop stocks everything, including the kitchen sink! There is a vast range of fishing lures, baits, rods and reels. Information about local fishing spots and catches is also available. Whatever you’re looking for you are sure to find it in Killeen’s Shannonbridge!

Music is a huge feature of Killeen’s and everyone is welcome to bring their own instruments, or play some of the instrument already in the bar at anytime. The pub offers a variety of music through the summer.

Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly.
Tel: 090 9674112
EUGENE KELLY’S BAR & LOUNGE TULLAMORE

Renowned locally as having the best pints of porter in the town, it encapsulates an old world style with a warm, traditional welcome. Eugene Kelly himself has been in the pub trade for over 30 years and has a longstanding reputation as a business man and professional publican.

Eugene Kelly’s is in prime placement for anyone attending GAA matches in O’Connor Park, visitors boating along the canal or punters looking for banter, craic and warm hospitality. For music lovers, there is a traditional music session every Thursday night in the lounge, where musicians or listeners from near and far can come and join in. Additionally, there is live music in the bar every Monday night from Brendan Keeley and Paul Skelton.

Kilbeggan Bridge, Tullamore, Co. Offaly
Tel: +353 (0) 57 9341145
eugenekellytullamore@gmail.com

BREWERY TAP TULLAMORE

An elegant olde world pub renowned for its snack and drinks. The Brewery Tap in Tullamore is instantly recognisable from the High Street – just look for the wonderful old Give every Man his Dew sign hanging from the pub’s exterior. Step inside and the pub is a veritable tribute to the D.E. Williams Distillery of Tullamore. The history of Tullamore and the old D.E. Williams Distillery are more or less encapsuled by all the old memorabilia you’ll find inside.

The Brewery Tap, O’Connor Square, Tullamore, Co. Offaly
Tel: 057 9321131
info@brewerytap.com • www.brewerytap.com

DAN & MOLLY’S

Situated in beautiful Ballyboy which is steeped in history. The cosy thatched roof matches the warmth of the atmosphere inside, where easy conversation flows and time passes slowly or even seems to stand still.

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27th & 28th August 2016 from 10.00 – 6.00.
www.irishgameandcountryfair.com
See the 2014 Irish Game & Country Fair video:
https://vimeo.com/106036699
and http://www.irishtv.ie/offaly-matters-37

For further details: Tel 028 (from ROI 048) 44839167/44615416
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