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COUNTY GALWAY AND COUNTY CLARE

Driving a couple of hours west from Dublin takes you to Galway

Galway City is a thriving, bohemian, cultural city on the west coast of Ireland, approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes drive from Dublin using the M4 and M6 motorways. Along with being a popular seaside destination with beautiful beaches and long winding promenades, it also has a buzzing cosmopolitan city centre. The city is fun to explore with its cobbled streets, colourful shop facades and busy café/ bar culture. Galway is also well known for its many festivals throughout the year with huge crowds gathering for the annual Galway Arts Festival, Races and numerous other events. Old Ireland is present too with turf fires and traditional music featuring in many pubs to compliment your enjoyment of a well-earned pint of Guinness. Take an evening stroll along the promenade and watch the sunset over Galway Bay.

A two-night stay in Galway will give you enough time to see everything in and around the city centre.



A day trip out of Galway to Connemara

The distinct region of Connemara can be found in the northwest corner of County Galway. Connemara is considered to be the west of Lough Corrib. On the north side of Connemara is [Killary Harbour](#), the south side Galway Bay and the west side the Atlantic Ocean.

Connemara is a stunning location, north of Galway. It's best experienced by getting "off the beaten path" and not just sticking to main roads. Here are some suggested stops for a driving day to Connemara.

- **Stop 1:** Salthill
- **Stop 2:** Spiddal
- **Stop 3:** [Coral Strand](#)
- **Stop 4:** Pine Island Viewpoint
- **Stop 5:** [Dog's Bay](#) and [Gurteen Bay](#) Dog's Bay Beach is one of our favourites
- **Stop 6:** Clifden Town/Sky Road and then head back to Galway (inland or via the coast road)



Driving down the coast from Galway through County Clare

If you have more time available and would like to keep heading south after your stay in Galway, we recommend a visit to the beautiful county of Clare.



In the small village of Kilcolgan south of Galway, there is a lovely little pub-restaurant, [Moran's Oyster Cottage](#). It's easy to miss this place as it's about a 5-minute drive off the main road. It's worth a stop whether it's for coffee, lunch, or a nice pint of Guinness.



After Moran's, head toward Kinvarra and then onto Ballyvaughan. From here, driving south, try to use the coast road where possible to get the best scenery until you come to the Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs of Moher is a highlight with its amazing cliffs.



Not too far from the Cliffs of Moher, there is a nice restaurant called [Vaughans Anchor Inn Seafood and Oyster Bar](#) in Liscannor, they don't normally take advance bookings. Vaughan's has beautiful seafood and is not too expensive, it's also a pub.

From Liscannor, depending on your plans, there are options. If you are flying to London for a few days or to other parts of Europe, Shannon Airport is about 1 hour from Liscannor.

If you are planning to keep heading south toward County Kerry (see our separate write-up on County Kerry), you could drive to [Killimer Tarbert Ferry](#) and take the car ferry across the Shannon estuary to County Kerry.



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