

PRESENTS

**LIMERICK
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DAY 2021**



**WILD
GEESE
FESTIVAL**

9, 10, 11 JULY

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HOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS

Due to Covid-related restrictions, all our events will have limited capacity (200 people at a time outdoors, 50 people indoors) and, where specified on this programme, some of them will therefore require pre-booking / registration via Eventbrite.

To access the Eventbrite link, please either scan the below QR code or visit our webpage at limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/festivals/limerick-bastille-day-wild-geese-festival-2021 or check out the pinned post on our social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn) @limerickwild

Free tickets can be booked anytime before the event but will only remain valid up to 10 minutes after the event's starting time (beyond that point, your ticket will be cancelled and will be allocated to the pool of last-minute tickets so it can be given to someone else). To avoid disappointment, it is therefore strongly recommended to arrive a bit in advance of the event's starting time.

If you booked a ticket but do not intend to attend the event anymore, please use the "Cancel my ticket" option on Eventbrite so that your ticket can be given to someone else, it will only take you a minute but it could make someone really happy!.

Booking for all events will open
36 hours before event start *

* COVID-19 restrictions will apply



FRIDAY 9 JULY

12.15pm – 3.30pm [Milk Market]

Mini continental market and free gig by 'Les Paddys'

Maximum 200 people at a time will be allowed in – Book your free ticket (see 'How to Book Your Free Ticket' section on the previous page).

Come to the Milk Market for a mini continental market with some of your favourite traders (Bon Appétit Crêperie, Country Choice, Harpers Coffee Shop, Wilde Irish Chocolate) and some unique pop-up stalls (La Patisserie, Naiiad Jewellery) and enjoy a free banquet-style gig by the incredibly talented and energetic 'Les Paddys'! (the wearing of a mask is compulsory while in the market, except when seated at a table).



5.45pm – 7pm [Old Saint Munchin's Church, King's Island]

Inauguration of the Wild Geese Museum

Maximum 50 people at a time – See previous page to book your free ticket for the inauguration.

Attend the inauguration of Limerick's new museum dedicated to the history of the Wild Geese and created by the Limerick Civic Trust and the Limerick Museum, in partnership with the Consular Agency of France in Limerick. If you cannot or do not want to attend the inauguration, you can visit the Wild Geese Museum for free (without prior reservation) on Saturday 10 or Sunday 11 July (check our webpage for opening times).



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Limerick Milk Market is Open

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SATURDAY 10 JULY



12.45pm [Hunt Museum Gardens]

An afternoon of history, entertainment and fun

No pre-booking needed but crowd-control will be in operation – Entry through the Hunt Museum’s side gate / Exit through the Potato Market bridge (the gate below Sarsfield House will be exceptionally closed).



Enjoy food and drinks from the Hunt Museum Café and Bon Appétit Crêperie and visit the Living History Camp set up in the new Hunt Museum’s gardens where En Garde historical re-enactors will bring you back to the time of Napoléon’s Irish Legion! Talks and manoeuvres by the re-enactors will be interspersed with surprise live-music performances. You will also be able to take part in a ‘pétanque’ competition, the traditional boules French game! At 2.45pm, follow Dr Paul O’Brien for a fascinating historical tour of the city centre.



4.15pm [People’s Museum, No. 2 Pery Square]

Public talk on the role of the French in Ireland in 1690-1691

Pre-booking via Eventbrite required (max. 50 people) – See page 2 for details on how to book your free ticket.



Dr Harman Murtagh, a recognized expert on the subject, will tell us everything about the role of the French in the 1690-1691 events that led to the Flight of the Wild Geese.



8.15pm [No.1 Pery Square]

Wild Geese fundraising gala dinner at Sash Restaurant

See our webpage for more details.

Pre-booking required – Tables of 6 (max. 50 people).

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1691, following the signing of the Treaty of Limerick, Patrick Sarsfield and about 14,000 of his men and their families left Ireland for France. This historical event is known as The Flight of the Wild Geese.

Patrice de MacMahon, a descendant of the Wild Geese from Co. Limerick became the 3rd President of the French Republic in 1873.

The Limerick Bastille Day Wild Geese Festival, Limerick's new annual summer festival, was launched in 2019 to commemorate the Flight of the Wild Geese and celebrate the friendship between Ireland and France.

The first Irish tricolour flag, flown for the first time in Ireland by Thomas Francis Meagher in 1848, was made in Paris and modelled on the French flag.

Samuel Beckett was a member of the French resistance during WW2.

In 1798, General Humbert landed in Mayo and proclaimed the Republic of Connaught.

SUNDAY 11 JULY



9am [from the Treaty Stone] **Sarsfield's Ride Cycling Tour**

The tour is reserved for experienced cyclists licensed with Cycling Ireland. Please see our webpage from July 1st to find out how to register as a participant.

A cycling tour for experienced cyclists along the itinerary followed by Patrick Sarsfield for his famous trip to Ballyneety during the 1690 siege of Limerick (departure from the Treaty Stone – Arrival expected at Templebraden Rock).



1.30pm to 4pm [King John's Castle] **Ceremony and show commemorating the 330th anniversary of the Flight of the Wild Geese**

Pre-booking required (200 people max) – See page 2 to find out how to book your free ticket to the event.

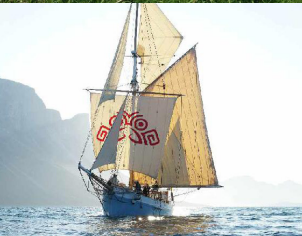


Join us for an afternoon of commemoration with a parade of veteran associations, an official ceremony supported by the Defence Forces, a music and dance show (with a specially-commissioned suite of music composed by Dr Francis Ward and an original dance performance from Scoil Uí Ruairc) and a gun salute by re-enactors from En Garde Franco-Irish Historical Society. The ceremony will be followed by an afternoon tea party with animations for all the family. With the participation of Boherbuoy Brass & Reed Band and of the following veteran associations: French Foreign Legion Association of Ireland, Irish Naval Association, IUNVA and O.N.E.



5.30pm [Abbey river, George's Quay] **Gandalow mini-regatta**

To conclude this year's edition of our festival and symbolize the departure of the Wild Geese, the Ilen Marine School will organise a mini-regatta on the Abbey river with gandalows (Limerick's traditional Shannon river and estuary wooden rowing and fishing boats).





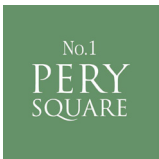
The Fountain of Heritage
on Merchant's Quay, Limerick
(by sculptor William H. Turner, 1991)

Photo courtesy of Nigel Dugdale

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