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## Discover Limerick

A vibrant place with a rich history and culture, complemented by charming scenic countryside, where you will always receive a warm welcome.



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At the estuary of the powerful River Shannon where the wild Atlantic waters meet the rushing river, discover Limerick, a Wild Atlantic Way Gateway City. Explore waves of history shaped by our unique Atlantic connection with the energy and excitement of our city streets. With limitless possibilities to uncover in our city, county and coastline, Limerick is the source of surprise and the perfect base for your Wild Atlantic Way journey.

## CULTURE AND HERITAGE



In the heart of the city, journey through time and take in the remarkable archaeology at the 13th century King John's Castle. The Hunt Museum exhibits one of Ireland's greatest private collections of art and antiquities. Why not venture 20 minutes from the city to Lough Gur, a mystical and enchanting place with stunning views and ancient burial sites, tombs and forts. Further afield Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum captures the story of how Foynes became one of the great aviation hubs of the world from 1937 to 1945. Back in the city, Georgian Limerick offers beautiful architecture, the People's Park and Limerick City Gallery of Art.

## TASTE LIMERICK



Limerick is synonymous with good food, with its wide variety of cafés, restaurants and gastropubs providing some fantastic dining options. Located in the Golden Vale, Limerick has the perfect climate for local growers and producers, which transfer to the many menus around the city and county. The internationally famous Limerick Milk Market places local food produce at the heart of its offering. Local attractions include dining options at castles, farm and cheese making tours, orchard tours and farmers markets. Check out [www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie) for further details.

## SPORTING CAPITAL



Limerick's love of rugby is world-renowned and a visit is not complete until you've seen Munster Rugby play at their home grounds in the iconic Thomond Park. You can also watch All-Ireland winning hurlers at the TUS Gaelic Grounds or enjoy a flutter at Limerick Racecourse, set in rolling countryside. Limerick boasts many high quality golf courses; be sure to fit in a visit to Adare Manor who will be hosting the 2027 Ryder Cup.

## ADVENTURE



For the adventurers the city's waterfront can be seen from the mighty River Shannon on a kayak tour. Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trail in County Limerick has 98km of trails surrounded by rolling green pastures, woodlands, hills and mountains. Take in the fresh air on a scenic riverbank walkway, or explore the Limerick Greenway, a unique 40km stretch of countryside just waiting to be discovered.

## FESTIVALS



Limerick's diverse festivals feature music, fashion, athletics and family fun, creating a year-round programme of entertainment. Limerick's St. Patrick's Festival and International Band Championship brings performers and marching bands to the city's streets in March; Limerick's favourite festival, Riverfest, kick starts each summer in May. For full festival listings go to [www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie).





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## King John's Castle

[www.kingjohnscastle.com](http://www.kingjohnscastle.com)

Map Reference: E1

Located on the banks of the River Shannon, King John's Castle is Limerick's most iconic landmark. The castle brings to life over 800 years of dramatic local history. Explore the spacious outdoor courtyard, the visitor centre with state of the art interpretive activities and exhibitions which allows visitors to travel back in time and imagine life in medieval times. Medieval courtyard games are available for all the family to enjoy, and there is also a café on site.



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## Limerick Milk Market

[www.milkmarketlimerick.ie](http://www.milkmarketlimerick.ie)

Map Reference: F4

Established in 1852 and situated in the heart of Limerick City, Limerick Milk Market is a haven for all who care about the provenance and quality of the food they eat. From passionate amateur cooks to people on the look-out for variety and value or those who just love finer foods, this market has it all. Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until 3pm, this market is perfect for a leisurely stroll to seek out new tastes and experiences.



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## Saint Mary's Cathedral

[www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.saintmaryscathedral.ie)

Map Reference: E2

Located on the waterfront in the city centre, this Cathedral was once the Royal Palace for the Kings of Thomond and was gifted to the Church of Ireland in 1168. This site has a rich history of more than 850 years. You can discover the Cathedral's impressive building through a self guided tour, with daily services and events. The Cathedral hosts regular lunchtime concerts. For further information please visit [www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.saintmaryscathedral.ie)



## Treaty Stone and the Three Bridges Walk

[www.liimerick.ie](http://www.liimerick.ie)

Map Reference: D1

The Treaty Stone in the heart of Limerick City is one of our most iconic links to the past; being the rock that the Treaty of Limerick was signed on in 1691, marking the surrender of the city to William of Orange. It is located on the Three Bridges Walk, a 3.6km trail along the Shannon rivers' edge, which starts at Arthur's Quay Park. The walk passes some of Limerick's most iconic landmarks including King John's Castle, Saint Mary's Cathedral and the Hunt Museum.



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## Hunt Museum

[www.huntmuseum.com](http://www.huntmuseum.com)

Map Reference: E3

Located on the waterfront, The Hunt Museum preserves and exhibits the original artefacts gathered over a lifetime, by John and Gertrude Hunt, which is today known as the Hunt Collection. The Museum also displays its own collections, as well as visiting exhibitions of local, national and international significance.



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## Wickham Way

[www.liimerick.ie](http://www.liimerick.ie)

Map Reference: F5

Located on the junction of Thomas Street and Wickham Street, the Wickham Way is an indoor community space offering everything from food, coffee, art, crafts and more!



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## Limerick Museum

[www.limerick.ie/limerick-museum](http://www.limerick.ie/limerick-museum)

Map Reference: D4

The Museum's collection illustrates the unique history of Limerick and its people, with almost 60,000 display objects including archaeological artefacts, Limerick silver, Limerick lace, and military artefacts telling the story of Limerick through its objects. The Museum was established in 1916, and is the oldest local authority museum in the State.



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## People's Park

[www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie)

Map Reference: D7

People's Park, also situated in the heart of Georgian Limerick, was first opened in 1877, and has many iconic features including a band stand and a refurbished drinking fountain. The park has an excellent array of formal and semi-formal planting areas with a large selection of trees and a wonderful display of flowers during the summer months. The park has a playground for toddlers and children.



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## Limerick City Gallery of Art

[www.limerick.ie/gallery](http://www.limerick.ie/gallery)

Map Reference: D7

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA) invites you to see the best of contemporary art through the exhibition program and to enjoy the extensive collection of Irish art. LCGA is the largest contemporary art gallery in the Mid-West, annually exhibiting national and international artists in a diverse exhibition program.



## The People's Museum of Limerick

[www.peoplesmuseum.ie](http://www.peoplesmuseum.ie)

Map Reference: D7

Situated in the heart of Limerick City, the beautifully restored Georgian townhouse at No. 2 Pery Square is home to The People's Museum of Limerick, a museum that aims to reflect the diverse lives of the people, buildings, and streets of the city.



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## Watersports and City Kayaking Tours

[www.nevsailwatersports.ie](http://www.nevsailwatersports.ie)

Map Reference: E3

Situated on the banks of the River Shannon, Limerick City has a number of watersports activities including kayaking. Suitable for all ages, individuals and groups, this is an excellent opportunity to spend time on the water and to view the city from a different perspective. Kayaking tours take bookings from 6 years +, and booking is required.



## Treaty City Brewery

[www.treatycitybrewery.ie](http://www.treatycitybrewery.ie)

Map Reference: E1

Treaty City Brewery is an artisan craft brewery situated in a newly renovated 18th century building on Nicholas Street, in the heart of Medieval Limerick. This new micro brewery produces lagers, ales and IPAs, and is a unique visitor attraction providing tours, tastings and special events.





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## Thomond Park Stadium

[www.thomondpark.ie](http://www.thomondpark.ie)

### Map Reference: B1

This famous venue, renowned internationally for its unique history and atmosphere, boasts a capacity of 25,600. As home to Munster Rugby, its award winning design and structure incorporating symmetrical grandstands on the east and west sides makes it a truly unique landmark in Limerick City. The stadium is a multi-purpose venue, with conference facilities, museum, and stadium tours for rugby and sports fans alike.



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## Limerick Whiskey Experience

[www.whiskeyexperience.ie](http://www.whiskeyexperience.ie)

### Map Reference: F5

Located in Limerick City this experience is situated in an architecturally iconic building now housing Mother Macs public house. The building itself is steeped in whiskey history as blenders/bottlers of Irish whiskey. The Limerick Whiskey Experience was founded to promote whiskey education and deliver enjoyable experiences in the comfortable surroundings of Peggy's Parlour. Through a combination of experience, passion and education the delights of whiskey are brought to your glass.



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## Lime Tree Theatre and The Belltable

[www.limetreetheatre.ie](http://www.limetreetheatre.ie)

### Map Reference: B7 and C6

Lime Tree Theatre is a state-of-the-art 510 seat theatre, on Mary Immaculate College campus, and close to the city centre. The theatre ensures that audiences in Limerick have access to the best local, national, and international performing arts, as well as grassroots community and school performances. Located on O'Connell Street, the Belltable is renowned for its diverse arts and theatrical programming, hosting a wide range of performances, theatre to cinema and music.

## University of Limerick, University Concert Hall and Sports Campus

[www.ul.ie](http://www.ul.ie)

### Map Reference: G3

Founded in 1972 on the banks of the River Shannon at Castletroy, the University of Limerick (UL) campus, encompasses almost 138 hectares on both sides of the river. The campus has a number of woodland trails and is home to Ireland's first Olympic size swimming pool at the Sports Campus. UL is an excellent place to spend a day meandering through nature and observing the diversity of architecturally designed buildings, many award winning.



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## City Hall, Merchant's Quay

[www.limerick.ie/council](http://www.limerick.ie/council)

### Map Reference: E2

For any information/queries in relation to tourism, visit between 9am - 5pm.

Council Offices:  
Monday to Friday  
9am - 5pm



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## Limerick Civic Trust

[www.limerickcivictrust.ie](http://www.limerickcivictrust.ie)

### Map Reference: D7 and E1

Limerick Civic Trust is a self-funding charity, which initiates and undertakes a programme of projects for the general improvements of Limerick.



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## Limerick Greenway

[www.limerick.ie/greenway](http://www.limerick.ie/greenway)

Carving a 40km linear path through the local countryside, Limerick Greenway offers an authentic experience of rural Ireland for cyclists, runners and walkers alike. Following the old Limerick to Kerry railway line, the Greenway seamlessly links the West Limerick landscape with bustling towns and villages and some of the country's most historic sites. Experience it in one visit or explore in shorter stages, perfect for day-trippers. Bike hire, car parking, accommodation and restaurants are available along the route, with trailheads/hubs at Rathkeale, Ardagh, Newcastle West, Barnagh and Abbeyfeale.



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## Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum

[www.flyingboatmuseum.com](http://www.flyingboatmuseum.com)

Travel back to the 1930's and 1940's, when Foynes played a pivotal role in establishing commercial transatlantic passenger flights. The story of the role played by Foynes in the establishment of passenger flights across the Atlantic is excitingly captured in this museum. The museum includes a 3D hologram enacting the night the first Irish Coffee was made. The Maureen O'Hara Exhibition in the museum includes prized personal belongings and memorabilia of the Irish Hollywood movie star, including her Oscar for Lifetime Achievement.



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## Adare Village and Adare Desmond Castle Tours

[www.adareheritagecentre.ie](http://www.adareheritagecentre.ie)

Known to many as one of Ireland's prettiest villages with its picture postcard Main Street lined with thatched cottages and medieval buildings, Adare is rich in ancient and archaeological remains with a history dating back to 1200AD. Adare offers lots to do including sightseeing of heritage sites such as Desmond Castle, Trinitarian Monastery and Augustinian Abbey, walking trails along the River Maigue and an ornate Town Park. The Heritage Centre on Main Street provides a visitor information point.

## Lough Gur

[www.loaghgur.com](http://www.loaghgur.com)

Lough Gur is at the heart of a remarkable archaeological landscape featuring sites that represent every major period of human history in Ireland from the Neolithic period. Home to Ireland's largest and oldest stone circle, megalithic tombs, crannogs, ring forts and castles. There is lots to do on site, including a walking trail, a magical fairy trail, superb solstice playground and a visitor centre with exhibitions.



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## Curraghchase Forest Park

[www.coillte.ie/site/curragh-chase-forest-park/](http://www.coillte.ie/site/curragh-chase-forest-park/)

With over 300 hectares of rolling parkland, mixed woodland and lakes, a number of looped trails for walking and cycling, as well as the iconic Curraghchase House, and an impressive arboretum, Curraghchase is a hidden gem. The perfect place to spend a day exploring and immersing yourself in nature and history. The park has lots of amenities with two playgrounds, and a café, fairy trail and campsite.



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## Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trails

[www.visitballyhoura.com](http://www.visitballyhoura.com)

Nestled in the Ballyhoura Mountain range in the south of County Limerick, this is the largest trail network of its kind in Ireland. With 98km of trails including forest road climbs, tight twisty single track with loads of ups and downs, boardwalks, tight turns and technical rocky sections all guaranteed to leave you energised. The elevated nature of the trails give rise to stunning panoramic views across the region. With lots of trails to choose from, car parking, toilets, showers and bike wash facilities on site.



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## Desmond Castle and Banqueting Hall

[www.heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/desmond-castle-newcastlewest/](http://www.heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/desmond-castle-newcastlewest/)

The imposing Desmond Castle and Banqueting Hall situated in the heart of Newcastle West is a worthy historical landmark and a must-see for any visitor. The castle itself dates back to the 13th century, its main feature being the Desmond Banqueting Hall; an imposing two-storey structure that was used by the Earls of Desmond for banqueting and entertainment. Guided tours are available. Entry is free of charge.



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## Glin Village, Pier and Glin Heritage Walks

[www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie)

Glin, a picturesque village on the Shannon Estuary, boasts a rich and varied culture dating back to the early Celtic settlements of the Corbry Clan. It has been the ancestral home to the Knights of Glin since the 13th century, boasting two castles. The story of the Knights of Glin is proudly told in a new Knights Experience at the Library on Main Street. Glin Pier has borne witness to the rich trade and maritime history of the village and is a popular open water swimming location, with lifeguards during summer months. The Knights Walk through woodland and Knockaranna Walking Trail take in sweeping views over the Estuary.



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## Medieval Kilmallock

[www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie)

Kilmallock is an important Norman town and was at the centre of Ireland's political development from the 13th through to the 17th centuries. A history that is evident through its diverse cultural heritage with national monuments, including the towns' walls. It's an attractive town of great cultural and heritage value, one time being politically significant as a stronghold of the Earls of Desmond.

## Askeaton

[www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie)

One of the oldest towns in Ireland, on the banks of the Deel River, 3kms upstream from the Estuary. Askeaton has a richness in history and ancient archaeological remains with a significant Desmond Castle on a tiny island dating to 1199, and the remains of the Hellfire Gentlemen's Club, dating to 1740. The Franciscan Friary dates from 1389 and remains one of the most beautiful complete ruins in Ireland and can be seen from the N69 Shannon Estuary Way driving route. Askeaton has a state of the art leisure centre and pool, and children's playground.



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## Knockfierna Heritage and Famine Trail

[www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie)

Steeped in local history and folklore, the regionally significant hill of Knockfierna, or *Cnoc Dhoiñn Firinne*, can be accessed by a number of tracks near Ballingarry. This archaeological and historical journey will take you on a path to see cottages, which were abandoned during the famine, and a famine memorial. It is a scenic location for a hike with expansive views to Limerick, surrounding counties and to the Shannon Estuary.



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## Irish Palatine Centre

[www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie)

In 1709 several hundred families from the German Palatinate settled in Ireland. Known as the Irish Palatines these families established roots in counties Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary and Wexford, but mainly in the Rathkeale area of County Limerick. This exhibition tells their story placing due emphasis on their innovative contributions to Irish farming life and on their formative role in the development of the world of Methodism. The exhibition is housed in the Rathkeale Station House at the trailhead to the Limerick Greenway.



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## Limerick Regional Athletics Hub

[www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie)

This regional athletics hub consists of a world-class standard 8 lane synthetic athletics track, associated track and field facilities with a surrounding walking path. The track is fully floodlit with 10 number sports flood lighting masts with LED lamps to IAAF Class 2 standard which will provide optimum lighting during winter conditions.



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## Glenstal Abbey

[www.glenstal.com/abbey](http://www.glenstal.com/abbey)

The Barringtons moved to England in the 1920s and in 1927 sold the castle and lands to the Benedictine Order. It became an abbey in 1957.

Visitors can walk the Front and Back avenues at their leisure. The lands have a wide variety of specimen trees and flowers and are a wildlife sanctuary. Part of the remains of Ireland's primitive oak forest lies along the edge of the Front avenue. Please note that the school buildings and playing fields are not normally open to the public.

