

GALWAY

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Galway (Gaillimh)

- Located in the west of Ireland
 - Province: Connaught
- Galway City & Galway County
 - 5th largest city in Ireland
 - (1) Dublin; (2) Belfast; (3) Cork; (4) Derry; (5) Galway
 - 3rd largest in republic
 - 2nd largest county
 - (1) Cork; (2) Galway



City of the Tribes

- Over 500 years old
 - Municipal charter in 1484, from the crown
- Galway (Gaillimh)
 - AKA as “City of the Tribes” – 14 merchant families that dominated the city from 13th – 19th century
 - Gaillimh – “stony river”, IE the river Corrib
 - Gaillimh – daughter of a local chieftain who drowned in the river



A display of the fourteen tribal flags in Eyre Square, Galway.

Galway (Gaillimh)

- Population, per 2006 census
 - Galway County: 231,670
(Including city)
 - Galway City: 72,729

Galway Flag

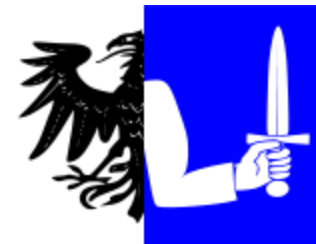


Maroon & White

- Climate

- Rain ~45" per annum
- Temperature 0-30C (32-86F)
 - But can have more extreme temperatures; 2009 -12C (10F)
- Humidity 70-100%

Connacht Flag



Galway Lakes

- Lough Corrib (Loch Coirib)
 - 2nd largest lake in Ireland, largest in the republic
 - Lough Neagh is largest
- Lough Mask – Borders Galway & Mayo, mostly in Mayo
- Lough Coolin – Near Ashford Castle
- Lough Cutra – Gort, a private 1000 acre lake
- Lough Inagh – Connemara
- Lough Derryclare – Connemara
- Loughrea Lake – duh, Loughrea
- Mountbellow Lake
- Ballynakill Lough – Connemara
- Lough Derg – On the river Shannon, shores in south east Galway, at Portumna
- Ballyquirke Lake – Oughterard
- Ross Lake – Oughterard



Lough Corrib



Lough Cutra Castle



Lough Derg & Portumna

Galway Rivers

- River Corrib – Flows into Atlantic at Galway Bay
 - Shortest river in Ireland
 - 6Km (<4 Miles)
- River Shannon – Flows through Portumna to Atlantic at Limerick
- River Suck – Main tributary of river Shannon
 - Divides Galway & Roscommon
- Clare River – Flows into Lough Corrib
- Dunkellin River – Flows into Atlantic at Kilcolgan
- Owendalligh River – flows into Lough Cutra
- Owenriff River – flows into Lough Corrib



River Corrib



Clare River, Claregalway

Galway Mountains

- **The Twelve Bens or Twelve Pins (Irish Na Beanna Beola), Connemara**

(Binn, gaelic for peak – 12 peaks)

- Derryclare Mountain; 2,133'
- Bencorr; 2,333'
- Benbreen; 2,267'
- Glengower; 2,178'
- Ben Lettery; 1,693'
- Benbaun; 2,392'
- Benbrack; 1,909'
- Bengoora; 1,312'
- Bencullagh; 2,073'
- Nuckanaght; 2,146'
- Knockpasheemore; 1,352'
- Bencorr Beg; 1,893'



Galway Mountains



Mammturk Mountains

- North Connemara
- 2,188'

Mweelrea Mountains

(Cnoc Maol Reidh, smooth bald head)

- 2,670'



Galway Mountains

- Rossleague Hill - Letterfrack



- Mount Gable – Clonbur
– 1370'



Galway Castles



Abbeyglen Castle (1832), Clifden
Hotel & Functions



Lough Cutra Castle (~1817), Gort
Hotel & Functions

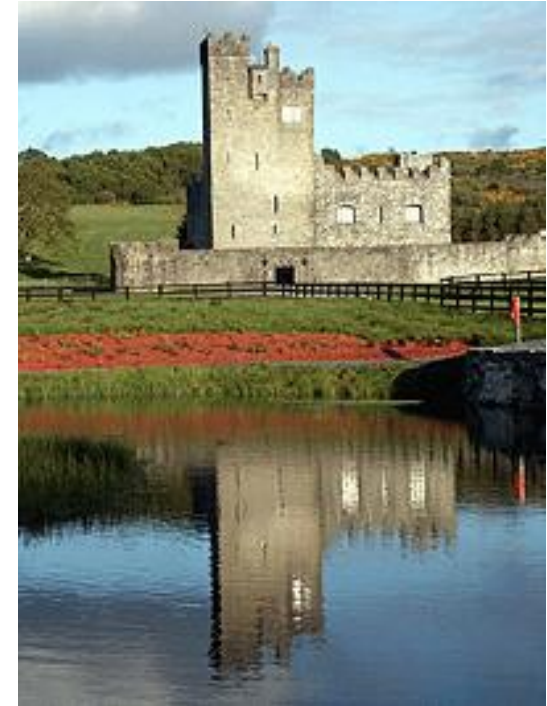


Ballynahinch Castle
(~1756), Gort
Hotel & Functions

Galway Castles



Carraigin Castle (~1300's), Headford



Clogan Castle
(1223, refurb in 1973), Killchreest
Hotel & Functions



Ross Castle (1590), Oughterard

Aran Islands

- Aran Islands
 - Often associated with Galway
 - Islands are administered by Co. Galway



Dun Aonghas



Kylemore Abbey



- Built 1867
- Abbey in 1920

Galway Cathedral



Galway Cathedral

- Built 1965
- Built on the lands of the original county jail

St. Nicholas Collegiate Church



St Nicholas Collegiate Church

- Built ~1320
- Many memorial tombs of stone
- Two bells, dating back to 1630 and 1590.

Galway Colleges

- NUIG – National University of Ireland, Galway
 - ~17,000 Students
 - Founded 1845 (Queen’s College Galway)
- GMIT – Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
 - ~9,000 Students
 - Founded 1972



NUIG

Eyre Square, Galway



Galway Arts Festival



Galway Arts Festival (July 12 - 25, 2010)

- 32 years
- Showcase for Irish and international arts
- Ireland's leading arts festival

Shop Street, Galway Arts Festival



The Galway Races

July 26 - August 1 2010

Starts last Monday of July, each year
Horse racing by day, grey hound racing by night



Trad on the Prom

Traditional Irish Music and Dance

Yvonne & Mairin Fahy & Keaney Brothers

Dancing



The Crane Bar, Sea Road Galway

The Crane Bar on Sea Road is one of Galway's best known traditional music pubs. It has long been a haunt of those who love to play and those who love to listen to them.



Tig Coili

Tig Coili is situated on Mainguard Street at the end of Shop Street, with nightly traditional Irish music.



Busker Brownes

Busker Brownes is located on Cross street in the heart of the City. It is housed in an historic building tracing its origins back to 1615.



Roisin Dubh

Irish legends such as Christy Moore, The Frames, The Saw Doctors and Andy Irvine have played here.



McDonagh's Pub, Oranmore

Traditional Set Dancing every Wednesday night.



Moran's Oyster Cottage

The Weir, Kilcolgan, Co.
Galway

Dates back >250 years

Run by Michael Moran; the
seventh generation of the
Moran family in the business.

It is renowned the world over
for it's superb seafood which
attracts people from the five
continents, and is open all year
round.



Oyster Opening



