

so much to see so much to do in and around Letterkenny

Letterkenny is a vibrant market town wellknown for its busy nightlife, so it's the perfect spot to hit the tiles after some happy days sightseeing.

Donegal County Museum



Donegal County Museum is based in a fine old stone building, which was once part of the Letterkenny Workhouse, opened in 1845. The Museum develops and cares for a comprehensive collection of original artefacts relating to the history of County Donegal. The first floor exhibition charts the history of Donegal from the Stone Age to the Twentieth Century. A series of temporary exhibitions and an associated events programme are held throughout the year.

Opening Times: All year. Mon. to Fri. 10am-4.30pm. Saturday 1pm-4.30pm. Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1pm. Closed on Public Holidays. Admission Free.

High Road, Letterkenny. Tel: (074) 9124613 E: museum@donegalcoco.ie

The Colmille Heritage Centre



The Colmille Heritage Centre, in County Donegal, endeavours to give an appreciation of a period in Irish and European history at the end of the Roman Empire and the beginning of the Medieval period. Europe had been overrun by pagan tribes from the east and was Christianised again by a resurgent Irish church. Saint Colmille was the pre-eminent figure in this period, not just in Ireland but in all of Christendom. The story is told with beautifully reproduced artefacts and panels. There are also minor displays of artwork from local artists as well as a picture display of a local eviction in the 1860s. There is an audio visual display with a choice of four languages. A light lunch can be obtained if booked in advance. A tearoom, coach parking and toilets are also on site. For opening periods, times, facilities, etc, please see website.

Colmille Heritage Centre, Bellville, Church Hill, F92 WR6A. T +353 74 9137306 www.colmilleheritagecentre.ie

Newmills Corn & Flax Mills



One of the few monuments of industrial archaeology in state care in the Republic is the complex of mills at Newmills, three miles west of Letterkenny in County Donegal. The oldest surviving building here is said to be 400 years old. Indeed, the whole complex is an interesting reminder of a stage in the industrial development of this country which has now given way to a more sophisticated but usually far less fascinating technology. The complex of industrial buildings includes both corn and flax mills powered by the river Swilly. The visitor to Newmills can experience the pleasure of seeing one of the largest waterwheels in Ireland in action.

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Glenveagh National Park, Castle & Gardens

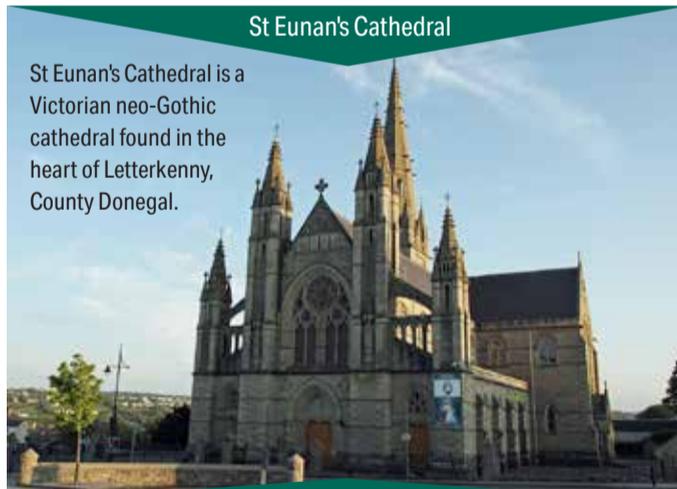


Set in some 16,500 hectares of County Donegal mountains, lakes, glens and woods, with a large herd of red deer, Glenveagh Castle is a 19th Century, castellated mansion built between 1867 and 1873. Surrounded by the famous Glenveagh Gardens, its construction in a remote mountain setting was inspired by the Victorian idyll of a romantic highland retreat.

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St Eunan's Cathedral

St Eunan's Cathedral is a Victorian neo-Gothic cathedral found in the heart of Letterkenny, County Donegal.



With its ornate exterior built from white sandstone, the house of worship is the town's dominant sight. It was constructed between 1891 and 1901 and features oak furnishings, a marble altar, colourful stained glass windows and richly decorative ceilings.

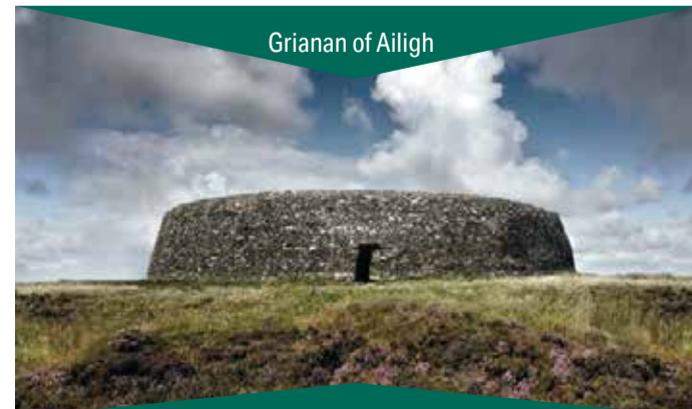
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Alcorns Tropical World



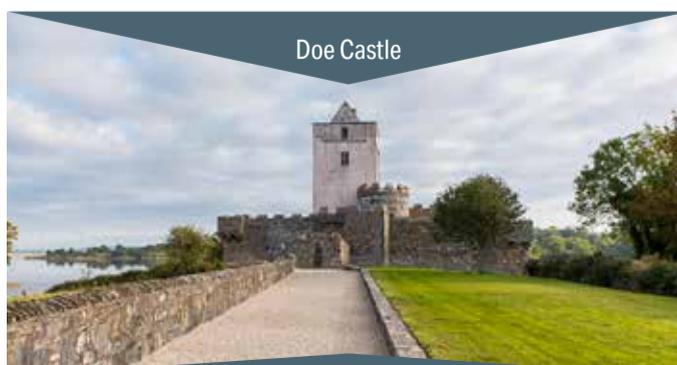
Be astounded by Donegal's, not so mini zoo! Experience your very own slice of the Amazon, see amazing tropical butterflies in free flight, be serenaded by lorikeets, turacos, macaws and birds from around the world in our exotic aviaries. visit lemurs, tamarin monkeys, meerkats, racoons, tortoise and newly arrived squirrel monkeys. 80% of Tropical World is under cover so a great day out is guaranteed whatever the weather, and great experience has been enhanced again this year with replica dinosaurs in our new Jurassic Land plus Bug World, the amazing world of insects live. Loughnagin, Letterkenny F92 H763 - Tel: 074 91 21541

Grianan of Ailigh



Grianan of Ailigh - On the road from Letterkenny to Derry is Grianan of Ailigh, a circular fort whose origins date to around 1700 BC. It is said to have been built by Dagda, an ancient king of the Tuatha De Danann. Burt Castle, a 16th century stronghold, can be seen in the distance. An Grianan Visitor Centre, An Grianan Hotel, Speenoge, Burt, Co. Donegal, F93 YA0P - Tel: +353 74 93 68900

Doe Castle



Doe Castle is situated near Creeslough and is the seat of the Mac Sweeney family. The central tower of the castle is surrounded by a powerful bawn wall overlooking the sea at three sides. As one of Donegal's strongest fortifications, Doe Castle played a pivotal role in Irish history. Sheephaven Bay, Co. Donegal. Email: info@heritageireland.ie



Out at the very edge of Europe, the Wild Atlantic Way stretches for 2,500 km (1,500 miles) along Ireland's western seaboard. From Malin Head in County Donegal to Kinsale in County Cork, through regions like Connemara, Galway Bay and Kerry - it's the longest defined coastal drive in the world. Here, the ocean's force has carved a coast of wild, raw beauty. Huge Atlantic rollers crash and churn, shaping jagged ocean crags, archipelagos and inlets, sea loughs, surfing strands, and the sheer granite walls of cliffs that are amongst some of the highest in Europe. Rare sea eagles circle over glacial mountains, dolphins leap the waves, seals bask on the shore, puffins nest on cliff faces and geese gather in great estuaries. And lighthouses safeguard sailors all the way up the coast - from Fastnet to Malin Head. www.wildatlanticway.com