

# *Raul and Triona's Wedding Guide*

*Thursday 20 March - Galway, Ireland*



The wedding will take place on **Thursday, 20 March 2003** in County Galway, Ireland. This Guide will provide you with all the information you need to plan your trip and ensure that your visit to Ireland is a special one. Events will be planned in Galway City during the week of the wedding for those who wish to take part. Galway City is a beautiful coastal city and is the perfect staging area for exploring the west of Ireland. As you navigate this guide *nearly everything underlined contains a link.*



*The Wedding Mass begins at 2 p.m.: Galway Cathedral is located near the City Center and is hard to miss!*

*The Reception begins at 5:30 p.m.: Ashford Castle is located in Cong, approximately 45 minutes North of Galway*



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We recommend that you plan on arriving in Ireland on Saturday or Sunday, 15 or 16 March. This will give you time to get over the jetlag and will allow you to participate in the week's events. Since the wedding will take place in the west, we recommend you fly into Shannon Airport. Shannon Airport is located 58 miles (93km) from Galway and has rental cars available on site. If Dublin Airport is your choice it is about a 3.5 hour drive to Galway.

## *Travel.*

While 60 miles doesn't sound like far, keep in mind that Irish roads are not exactly the German Autobahn. Most roads are two lanes with little breathing room. So when planning your trip, don't try to see the entire island in a week. When driving, plan on traveling at around 40 mph, with white knuckles at that! The best advice we could give is to plan on spending the entire week in Galway, making day trips to the surrounding areas. Visit the "Sites" page for information on various locations we recommend you take the time to enjoy.



*A red "L" on a car window, like the one on the top right here, indicates the driver (or dog) is learning.*

*The signposts can be frustrating at best! When planning your journey, navigate by noting each town you will pass through on the way (as we have done for you in the Sites section. Then keep an eye out for the sign.*



## *Currency.*

Ireland now uses the Euro (€) for its national currency. Most prices listed throughout this Guide are in Euro. The general conversion from the U.S. Dollar to the Euro is \$1 : €1 (current as of 10 Nov 02).



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## Weather.

The weather in Ireland...well, it's not California. One of the reasons why we decided to have the wedding in March instead of August is because it just doesn't matter what time of year you plan an event, you are never *assured* good weather. In March it is similar to the rest of the year: overcast with a 60% chance of rain! So be sure to bring an umbrella, sweaters, and a windbreaker with a hood, cause the weather is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get! Visit [irelandnow.com](http://irelandnow.com) for an American's list of essentials.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Day	8	8	10	12	16	18	21	19	17	14	10	8
Night	2	2	2	3	6	9	11	10	9	9	3	2

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## Lodging.

Ireland offers the gamut of lodging options, from cozy Bed and Breakfasts, to hotels, to rental houses. Rental houses are recommended for those of you with a child (or ten), as they offer privacy and are extremely affordable. However, since the week of the wedding corresponds with St. Patrick's week, availability may be scarce so book as soon as possible (no deposit is required). We have rented the entire Castle for the evening of the wedding (way!), so plan on spending the night of 20 March in one of the Castle's gorgeous rooms. *There is no need for you to reserve at room at the Castle.*

**Bed and Breakfasts.** B & B's are an Irish national pastime! You can't swing a sheep without hitting one and they are all reasonably priced (usually 20-30€ per night, per person) and comfortable. To book a B & B, check with the Irish Travel Board at [www.ireland.travel.ie](http://www.ireland.travel.ie) or [www.bedandbreakfast.co.uk](http://www.bedandbreakfast.co.uk)

**Rental Homes.** Rental Homes are perfect for families or groups who want to avoid paying costly hotel rates as well as a bit more privacy. They are all extremely reasonably priced (350€ for an entire house with four beds for an entire week!). A couple examples are shown below, with links to many more. Rental periods generally go from Saturday to Saturday. Keep in mind when booking that **Galway is both a county and a city**. You want a rental property in Galway City or one of its suburbs (i.e., Salt Hill).



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Ireland West Self-Catering's web site is designed to help you select and to book a self-catering premises that best suits your needs. Every premise in this Guide has been inspected by Bord Fáilte/Irish Tourist Board, Regional Tourism Authority personnel, awarded a classification rating and approved for renting as self-catering holiday accommodation. Homes are rated from one to four stars. On the site, placing your cursor over the star rating displays what determines the rating.

<http://www.irelandwestholidayhomes.com/default.asp>

Tel: +353 (91) 537777 - Fax: +353 (91) 537780 - General Enquiries

**Hotels.** There are myriad hotels in and around Galway City. As is true with any city, hotels in Galway can be as nice or rugged as you would like to pay for. Generally, rooms near the city center range anywhere from 70-200€ per night. Most hotels include breakfast and some include dinner. All of the hotels listed below are very near the city center (5 minute walk max, with the exception of Salt Hill Hotel, which is about a 10 euro taxi fare). I have listed them from least to most expensive. These are for normal rooms. Luxury rooms or suites are also available.

[Salt Hill \(75 euro\)](#)

[Jurys Inn \(85 euro\)](#)

[Eyre Square \(140 euro\)](#)

[Victoria \(140 euro\)](#)

[Forster Court \(140 euro\)](#)

[Park House \(155 euro\)](#)

[Great Southern \(210 euro\)](#)

Salt Hill Hotel

Salthill, Galway

Telephone: +353 (91) 522-711

Fax: +353 (91) 521-855

Website: [www.byrne-hotels-ireland.com](http://www.byrne-hotels-ireland.com)

Email: [salthillhotel@eircom.ie](mailto:salthillhotel@eircom.ie)

Approximate Cost: 75 euro/night

Jurys Inn Hotel

Quay Street, Galway

Telephone: +353 (91) 566-444

Fax: +353 (91) 568-415

No website and not the fanciest in the world but this is a great location. It is literally a 30 second walk to some of the best pubs in Galway.

Email: [jurysinngalway@jurysdoyle.com](mailto:jurysinngalway@jurysdoyle.com)

Approximate Cost: 85 euro/night

Eyre Square Hotel

Eyre Square, Galway

Telephone: +353 (91) 569-633

Fax: +353 (91) 569-641

Website: [www.byrne-hotels-ireland.com](http://www.byrne-hotels-ireland.com)

Email: [eyresquarehotel@eircom.ie](mailto:eyresquarehotel@eircom.ie)

This is my favorite. It has a great location, is not too expensive, has decent rooms, and will even provide breakfast in bed and one dinner at no extra cost!

Approximate Cost: 140 euro/night

Victoria Hotel

Eyre Square, Galway

Telephone: +353 (91) 567-433

Fax: +353 (91) 565-880

Website: [www.byrne-hotels-ireland.com](http://www.byrne-hotels-ireland.com)

Email: [victoriahotel@eircom.ie](mailto:victoriahotel@eircom.ie)

Approximate Cost: 140 euro/night

Forster Court Hotel

Forster Street, Eyre Square, Galway

Telephone: +353 (91) 564-111

Fax: +353 (91) 539-839

Website: [www.forstercourthotel.com](http://www.forstercourthotel.com)

Email: [sales@forstercourthotel.com](mailto:sales@forstercourthotel.com)

Approximate Cost: 140 euro/night (includes Dinner)



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Park House Hotel  
Forster Street, Eyre Square, Galway  
Telephone: +353 (91) 564-924  
Fax: +353 (91) 569-219  
Website: [www.greatsouthernhotels.com](http://www.greatsouthernhotels.com)  
Email: [parkhousehotel@tinet.ie](mailto:parkhousehotel@tinet.ie)  
Approximate Cost: 155 euro/night  
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Great Southern Hotel  
Eyre Square, Galway  
Telephone: +353 (91) 564-041  
Fax: +353 (91) 566-704  
Website: [www.greatsouthernhotels.com](http://www.greatsouthernhotels.com)  
Email: [res@galway-gsh.com](mailto:res@galway-gsh.com)  
Approximate Cost: 210 euro/night (a Suite is 500 euro)

## *Schedule.*

Below is a recommended itinerary for a one-week stay in Ireland surrounding the wedding:

**Saturday, 15 March:** Recommended departure date from the States.

**Sunday, 16 March:** Arrival in Ireland.

It is recommended that you do **NOT go to sleep** upon arrival from the States. The best way to avoid severe jetlag is to stay awake until your natural bedtime. No joke, even if you have to pretend Freddy Kruger is after you, don't go to sleep or it will haunt you and you will be tired the entire rest of your trip.

Site seeing opportunity. If you are flying into Shannon Airport, it is likely you will arrive in the morning. This is a perfect opportunity to see a site or two on your way up to Galway. The Cliffs of Moher are about 35 miles north and would be a perfect introductory site in Ireland. From the Cliffs it is another 48 miles to Galway city.

**Monday, 17 March: Paddy's Day!**

As you all know, St. Patrick's Day is Ireland's most famous holiday. There is not very much concrete information about St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, but most stories say that he was kidnapped from Britain by pirates and brought to Ireland to tend sheep. From here he escaped to France to study Christianity. In 432 A.D., he sailed to Ireland and began converting chieftains of various Celtic tribes. The fact that Ireland has no snakes is explained by a legend that St. Patrick drove them all into the sea. To celebrate this event, people all over the world hole themselves up in pubs all day and get drunk...naturally. Today is not a good day to go site seeing, as many places are closed and the percentage of drunk drivers on the road rises drastically.

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**Tuesday, 18 March:** Recovery Day.

This will be the best day to do a day trip to one of the many sites around the Galway area. Click [here](#) for a list of recommended sites.

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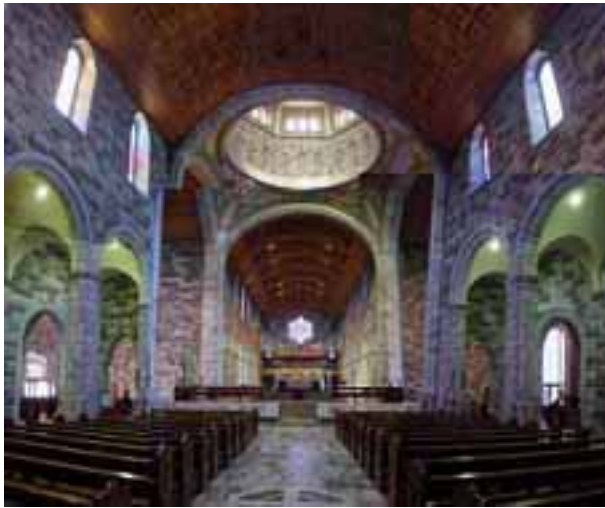
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**Wednesday, 19 March:** Tom Hockel's Birthday and Golf Day! Those who are staying the night of the wedding in the Castle are entitled to a complimentary round of golf on the Castle's pristine premises. Since few people will be fit to golf the day after the wedding, and golfing the day of the wedding could be grounds for annulment, the Hotel has agreed to allow us to reschedule the complimentary round to Wednesday. Be sure to let me know if you would like to participate so I can include you in the pairings. Tom Hockel's Birthday. Hmmm, lemme think. I got it! We'll go to a pub and celebrate that evening.

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**Thursday, 20 March:** The Big Event!  
The Wedding mass *begins at 2 p.m.*

## **Galway Cathedral**



The Cathedral of St. Nicholas (1965) is made from local limestone and Connemara marble. It stands on the west bank near the University College Galway. From here you can see Wood Quay where Lough Corrib cruises start. Below is a collage of the inside portion where the wedding will take place.

## **Ashford Castle**



700 years commanding the water's edge and with the Castle's 350 acres of private woodland should make it a memorable day.

With Ashford Castle's sweeping aspect across Lough (pronounced "lock") Corrib stretched out before you from its shoreline vantage point, it's easy to realize why it's said that time stands still in Ireland.



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The reception **begins at 5:30 p.m.** This should give you enough time to check in and enjoy a look around the castle grounds while we are taking our wedding photos.



The Prince of Wales  
Cocktail Bar

Enjoy a pre-reception cocktail in The Prince of Wales Cocktail Bar, specifically built for the visit of the Prince of Wales who subsequently became King George V in the late 1800's.

**NOTE: Contrary to U.S. custom, Irish weddings feature a no-host bar!** So bring your own "silly coins!"



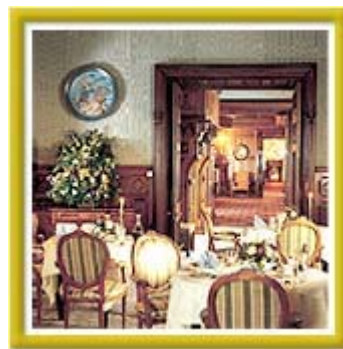
The Dungeon Bar



The George V Dining Room

The reception dinner will take place in the George V Dining Room.

After the reception, those who are still awake can participate in a seisiún (a sing-song) in the Dungeon Bar.



The George V Dining Room



The Drawing Room



The Connaught Room



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State Bedroom

The entire hotel is booked for the night, so plan on spending the night in one of the castle's elegantly designed guest rooms. Once Again **You do not need to reserve a room at the hotel yourself!**



Deluxe Bedroom



Suite

Each room, regardless of the type, will be **provided at the special rate of 225€ for the night.**



Standard Bedroom

The headache usually begins around 12 p.m. the following day.

To View more shots of Ashford Castle, visit our Website and check out our photos from [December 2001](#), [April 2002](#), or visit their homepage at [www.ashford.ie](http://www.ashford.ie)

**Friday, 21 March:** Calm After The Storm.

Depending on how much fun you had at the wedding, today is another opportunity for [site-seeing](#). **Return to Top (of Schedule)**

**Saturday, 22 March:** Possible site-seeing day.

For those of you who are not departing until Sunday, this is another opportunity for [site-seeing](#).

**Sunday, 23 March:** Depart Ireland.

Since those coming from the U.S. gain time on the return trip, leaving Sunday will still bring you back to the states on Sunday. So if you wanted to maximize your week in Ireland you could put off leaving until today!!





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### Aran Islands

Inis Mór - Inis Meáin - Inis Oírr - Dun Aengus



With a population of just 900, Inis Mór (Inishmore) is the largest of the three Aran islands. Its main village is Kilronan. Visitors to Aran can get a great introduction to the islands' cultural and history. Ferries are available daily from Spiddal or you can fly to the islands from Indreabhan (Inverin). The new Connemara Airport is situated here and it is also the base of Aer Arann who operate daily flights to the Aran Islands.

Dun Aengus is a large eleven-acre prehistoric stone cashel situated on Inishmore, believed to be a fortress of great maritime power. Experts say it was built between 800 B.C. and 400 A.D. Defended on the landward side by three rings of huge stone battlements, it is also protected by sharp up-ended, limestone rocks placed in the ground as a defense against approaching enemies. Set on the edge of a sheer drop of over 250 feet to the sea, it offers a spectacular view over Galway Bay. It is one of the most famous and important prehistoric monuments in Europe.



The horseshoe-shaped Dun Aengus is the finest pre-historic cliff fort in Ireland



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## **Figure Eight Drive**

Major Sites: Gaeltacht, Aughnanure Castle, Derryclare Lough, Connemara National Park, Clifden, Kylemore Abbey



Galway - Oughterard - Maam Cross - Clifden - Letterfrack - Kylemore - Leenane - Maam - Screeb - Casla - Spiddal - Bearna – Galway

Take the N59 road to Moycullen village, and on to the town of Oughterard. On route turn off at the sign for Aughnanure Castle and visit a 16th century tower house in a very picturesque setting. After Oughterard the fertile land fed by the River Corrib and its many lakes gives way to the dramatic rugged landscape of Connemara.

Return to the N59 and continue to Maam Cross where roadside fairs are still held regularly. Pull into Peacockes Hotel and avail of the 20m high tower for a panoramic view of the surrounding country. Go straight through the crossroads towards Clifden pausing to admire the stunning scenery around Derryclare Lough, and perhaps dropping into Dan O'Hara's Homestead and visitors center. Clifden is a pretty coastal town to stroll around and why not stop and shop at the Station House complex, a railway terminus converted into an attractive shopping precinct. Not to be missed is a 7 mi/11 km drive along Sky Road for some breathtaking views.

Back on the N59 and head for Letterfrack, a village founded by the Quakers. In the vicinity is the Connemara National Park which is well worth a half or full day's visit for its beautiful walks and excellent interpretation center illustrating all the flora and fauna to be seen.

Continuing on you pass Kylemore Abbey and Gardens, once the home of wealthy Victorians now a private school run by nuns but is open to the public all year round. Next stop is the tiny village of Leenane nestling at the foot of majestic Maamturk Mountains, at the tip of Killary Harbour - Ireland's only fjord. This was the setting for the film "The Field"



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starring Richard Harris, as attested by proudly displayed photos in a local pub. The cultural center provides interesting information and nearby is Nancy's Point from where cruises depart for regular trips up Killary Harbour.

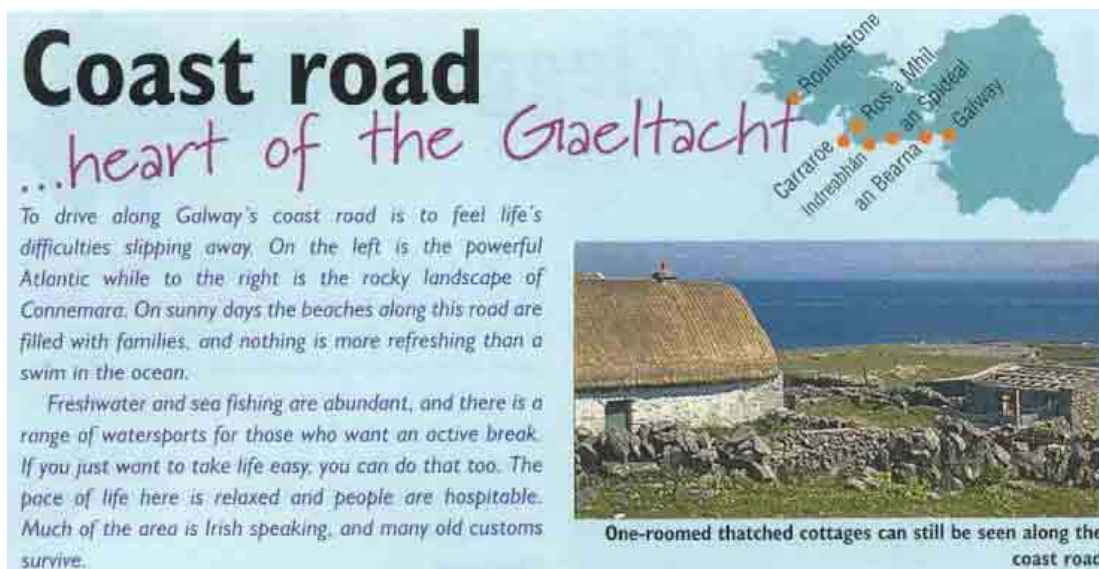
Turning right at the village onto the R336 one journeys into Joyce Country, so called because of the importance of the Joyce family to the region (but not to be confused with Dublin's James Joyce). You have also entered the area of An Ghealtacht, where Irish is the first language, and so are most of the road signs. Continue on through Maam and at Maam Cross (Peacockes Hotel) drive straight on towards Screeb, passing Casla and heading towards the coast.

Note how radically the scenery has changed, from mountainous regions to lush fertile lands and wooded hills dotted with small lakes, to barren stony fields where generations of peasants cleared the land and built the dry stone walls that marked their meager holdings. This drive takes visitors on a truly impressive diversity of landscapes.

The last leg of the journey takes us on the R336 along the coast road through Inverin, Spiddal and Bearna - where the Gealtacht area officially ends. To your right Galway Bay offers beautiful views across to the Burren in County Clare on the far shore, as you head back towards Galway city.

## **Gaeltacht Drive**

Major Sites: Barna, Furbo, Spiddal



**Coast road**  
*...heart of the Gaeltacht*

To drive along Galway's coast road is to feel life's difficulties slipping away. On the left is the powerful Atlantic while to the right is the rocky landscape of Connemara. On sunny days the beaches along this road are filled with families, and nothing is more refreshing than a swim in the ocean.

Freshwater and sea fishing are abundant, and there is a range of watersports for those who want an active break. If you just want to take life easy, you can do that too. The pace of life here is relaxed and people are hospitable. Much of the area is Irish speaking, and many old customs survive.

One-roomed thatched cottages can still be seen along the coast road

An Bearna (Barna) This is a pretty village, 5 miles west of Galway, which has small fields to the right, and to the left, Galway Bay stretching out into the Atlantic. There is an attractive well sheltered beach here between Salthill and Bama at Silver Strand.



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**Ha Forbacha (Furbo)** There is a fine sandy beach and coves along the coast. When Údaras na Gaeltachta, the semi-state body for promoting industry in the Gaeltacht areas was decentralised from Dublin in 1969, it established its head office here.

**An Spidéal (Spiddal)** The word Spideal comes from 'ospidéal' meaning hospital. There may have been a leper hospital in the area at some time. Built on the edge of the Atlantic, the town has some beautiful scenery. It was once an exclusive bathing spot for the gentry and their ladies, who came in from their Connemara estates during the Summer. It is now a homing place for poets, painters and sculptors. Its location in the heart of the Connemara Gaeltacht makes it a haven for hundreds of students every Summer, who go there to learn Irish. It has beautiful beaches for water enthusiasts. Despite its close proximity to the city it still retains some elements of the traditional life.

**Indreabhan (Inverin)** The new Connemara Airport is situated here and it is also the base of Aer Arann who operate daily flights to the Aran Islands.

**Ros an Mhil (Rossaveal)** Rossaveal is a small fishing village where much of today's catch is processed and exported by the large fish companies who are based here. Here also is the departure point for Island Ferries which serves the Aran Islands. Tel: 091-561767

**An Cheathru Rua (Carraroe)** Thirty miles west of Galway city, it is a vibrant Gaeltacht area. Carraroe is a lively town, with beautiful beaches including the coral strand. Perched on peninsula on the Atlantic edge, it has breathtaking scenery.

**Casla (Costello)** The village of Costello is on the main Galway Carraroe Road, Its Irish name, 'Casla' means 'sea inlet'. This village is the national headquarters for Radio na Gaeltachta and TG4, the state-sponsored Irish speaking radio and TV service, established in 1972. It was to Costello that J. Bruce Ismay, Chairman and Managing Director of the White Star Line, which owned the Titanic, came after the liner sank in 1912.

**Leitir Móir (Lettermore)** The village of Lettermore is situated on an island of the same name, one of a number of islands connected to the mainland by a series of bridges. The landscape is a rocky one, punctuated by small lakes. In the days of the Penal Laws, Lettermore was garrisoned and a law was passed restricting the freedom of monks and priests. There are reli1a,itis of several churches and holy wells locally.





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## **Ireland's Holy Sites**

### **Knock and Croagh Patrick**

Two of Ireland's most important places of pilgrimage, Knock shrine and Croagh Patrick are within one hour's drive of Galway city.



**The Apparation Chapel at Knock**

On the evening of 21 August 1879, the parish church of Knock, County Mayo, was the scene of an apparition of the Blessed Virgin. Six weeks later, on the 8th of October 1879, the church authorities formally appointed a commission of enquiry and it declared the vision was genuine.

Since then the shrine has drawn over one million people each year. Its two most famous visitors have been Pope John Paul II, who celebrated Mass for the sick there and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

In 1976 the Basilica of Our Lady, Ireland's largest church with a capacity to hold 20,000 people was built.

Beside the Shrine is Knock Folk Museum that contains items relating to the apparition. It also contains items of rural Ireland from the 19th and early 20th century and a reconstructed interior of a traditional cottage. Knock Shrine, situated in the village of Knock (47 miles / 75km north of Galway City along the N17), is one of the world's major Marian Shrines. Telephone: 094-88100.

Croagh Patrick or "the Reek," is Ireland's holy mountain and rises 2510 feet above the shores of the island strewn Clew Bay in County Mayo. Here Saint Patrick spent the forty days of Lent in the year 441 A.D. in prayer and fasting, and for more than 1,500 years people have come to pray on the summit.



**Croagh Patrick overlooking Clew Bay is Ireland's holiest and most famous mountain**



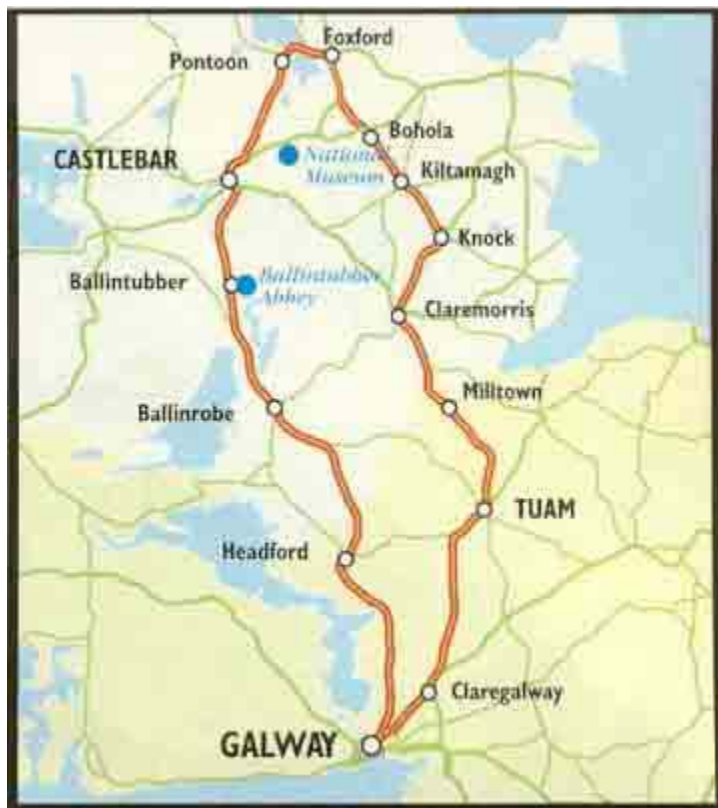
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## **The Mayo Drive**

Galway - Claregalway - Tuam - Milltown - Claremorris - Knock - Kiltimagh - Bohola - Foxford - Pontoon Castlebar - Ballintubber - Ballinrobe - Headford – Galway

Take the N 17 (Tuam Road) to Claregalway, a village with a ruined Franciscan Friary, standing near the Clare River. The flat farmland along here is relieved by Knockma Hill where, it seems, fairies once lived. Tuam, an ancient town, has fine monuments, including a 12th century High Cross. In early Christian times, St. Jarlath founded a monastery here. Tuam is also home to Irish band, the Saw Doctors. Continue on to Milltown, with its restored mill tank, and to Claremorris, an attractive market town.



From here continue to Knock; where on 21st August 1879, an apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John appeared. It is now a Marian Shrine, attracting 1,500,000 visitors annually.

Leaving Knock, turn left for Kiltimagh and continue on to Bohola. After Bohola turn left then right for Foxford by a very pleasant route. A trip to Foxford's Woollen Mills and Visitors Centre is recommended. A nun, Mother Agnes Morrogh-Bernard founded the mills in 1892 and Foxford became famous for its tweeds, rugs and blankets. An audio-visual history of the mills is followed by a tour. For further information Tel: 096-56756.

Next stop is Pontoon, via the scenic road which is bordered on either side by Laugh Conn and Laugh Cullin. Pontoon is a famous angling centre where the former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson has her summer home. Take the R310 to Casdebar and N84 to Ballinrobe. The

famous and beautiful Ballintubber Abbey is off this road. Founded in 1216, it was suppressed by both Henry VIII and Cromwell, but still remains a place of worship. Continue on to Ballinrobe and return to Galway via Headford. Distance 178km/ 112miles(approx).

The last leg of the journey takes us on the R336 along the coast road through Inverin, Spiddal and Bearna - where the Gealtacht area officially ends. To your right Galway Bay offers beautiful views across to the Burren in County Clare on the far shore, as you head back towards Galway city.



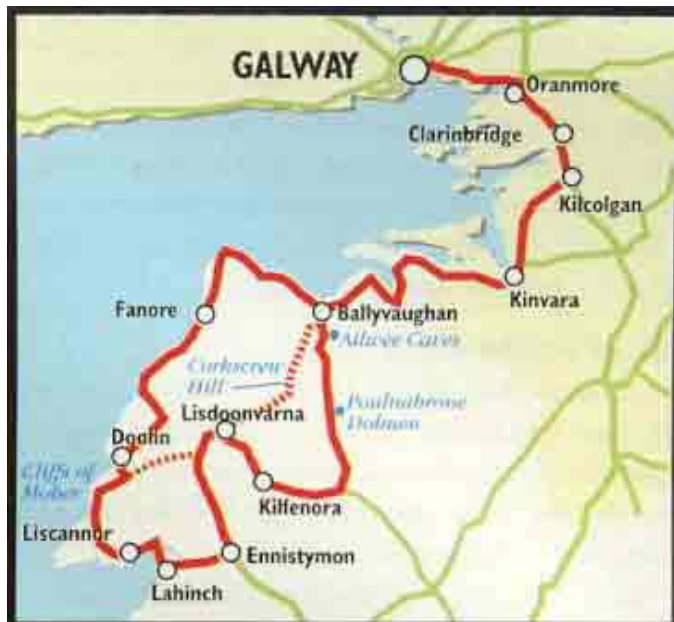
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## **Cliffs of Moher Drive**

Major Sites: Aillwee Caves, Cliffs of Moher, The Burren, Kinvara/Dunguaire Castle

Galway - Oranmore - Clarenbridge - Kilcolgan - Kinvara - Belharbour - Ballyvaughan - Kilfenora - Lisdoonvarna - Ennislymon - Lahinch - Liscannor - Ooolin - Fanore - Ballyvaughan – Kinvara



This drive leads to the limestone plateau of the Burren with its natural and historical riches. The Burren is a gently sloping carboniferous limestone landscape, dissected by numerous joints running from north to south. In addition to its rocky landscape, the Burren is famous for its unusual flowers. Corcomroe Abbey, Lemaneagh Castle, Kilfenora High Cross, burial tombs and Corkscrew Hill are among the sights on your journey.

Leave Galway on the NIB passing the villages of Oranmore and Clarenbridge. At Kilcolgan go right to Kinvara which has a unique Galway boat festival each August. Continue to Ballyvaughan and visit the Aillwee Caves. These 2 million year old caves lead to the heart of the Burren's underground. Continue to Kilfenora and its ancient cathedral.

At Kilfenora turn right for Lisdoonvarna, known for its September Matchmaking Festival, and its Spa waters. Here, take the N67 to Ennislymon, and turn right for the seaside resort of Lahinch. North of here is Liscannor, famous for its flagstones. Drive north along the Cliffs of Moher, which rise to a height of nearly 200 metres, giving a wonderful view of the Aran Islands. The cliffs have a fine watchtower and a visitors' center.

Continue, to a crossroads. Turn left for Doolin. Leave Doolin by the R479, turning left at the 'T' junction. From here, follow the road past Ballinalacken Castle to Fanore - On your left are the Aran Islands and on your right is Slieve Elva, the Burren's highest mountain. Continue along by Black Head, to Ballyvaughan, back to Kinvara and on to Galway. Distance 200km / 125miles (approx).

Alternative return route: After visiting the Cliffs of Moher return to Ballyvaughan via Lisdoonvarna in order to take in the magnificent views from Corkscrew Hill.



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Check out some recommended drives above, or use the links below to find many more!

Ireland's Culture & Heritage  
<http://www.heritageireland.ie>

Ireland's National Airline Carrier  
<http://www.aerlingus.ie>

Car & passenger ferry between Ireland, England & France  
<http://www.stenaline.com>

Ireland's National Bus Service  
<http://www.buseireann.ie>

Iarnrod Eireann, Ireland's National Rail Service  
<http://www.irishrail.ie>

Information on rail tours & seat reservation  
<http://www.railtours.ie>

Aer Rianta Shannon, Information on Shannon Airport  
<http://www.shannonairport.com>

Aer Rianta Dublin, Information on Dublin Airport  
<http://www.dublin-airport.com>

Knock International Airport  
<http://www.knockinternationalairport.ie>

Daily Express Coach Service between Galway and Dublin and Dublin Airport  
<http://www.citylink.ie>

Coach Hire Company operating guided tours  
<http://www.wombat.ie/pages/oneachtain-tours>

Kylemore Abbey, Connemara  
<http://www.kylemoreabbey.com>

Killary Adventure Centre, Connemara  
<http://www.killary.com>

Ireland's all weather dive centre  
<http://www.scubadivewest.com/frames.html>

National Trust for Ireland  
<http://www.antaisce.org>

Heritage Sites in Ireland  
<http://www.heritageireland.ie>

Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo.  
<http://www.knockshrine.ie>





# Paul and Triona's Wedding Guide

Thursday 20 March - Galway, Ireland

## Wallet-sized Cheat Sheet Wedding Guide

(for printing, cutting out, and keeping with you at all times!)

Euro exchange rate is \$1 : 1 Euro  
Hotel Phone Number (write it down):

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Paul's Cell Phone (dialing from Ireland):  
0049-170-807-3796

### Essential Wedding Information.

Date: Thursday, 20 March.

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Galway Cathedral

Colors: Gold

### Essential Reception Information.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Ashford Castle, Cong.

Distance: 45 minute drive from Galway

- No Host Bar

- No requirement for reserving a Hotel Room at the Castle.

- Cost for Hotel Room at Castle 225 Euro

### Things an American shouldn't say:

1. "I'm Irish."
2. "You speak English really well!"
3. "Top o' the mornin' to ya!"
4. "They're always after me lucky charms!"

### Assumptions an American shouldn't make:

1. Irish eat Corned Beef and Cabbage.
2. All Irish hate the British.
3. All Irish have red hair and green eyes.
4. Everyone accepts credit cards.
5. You can't drink the water outside the U.S.
6. Anyone will accept US Dollars!

For a full explanation of the most common American faux pas in Ireland visit our

[Website](#).

American English	Irish English
Crack (drug)	Craic (fun)
Sweater	Jumper
I'm fine	Not a bother; Grand
Go to Church	Go to Mass
Thank You	Cheers
French Fries	Chips
Chips	Crisps
Food "to go" or "take out"	"take away"
Where is the Restroom?	Where are the Toilets?
Windshield	Windscreen
Trunk	Boot
Hood	Bonnet
Gas	Petrol
Diapers	Nappies
Eraser	Rubber
Make fun of someone	Slag someone off
Cupboard	Press
Cigarette	Fag

