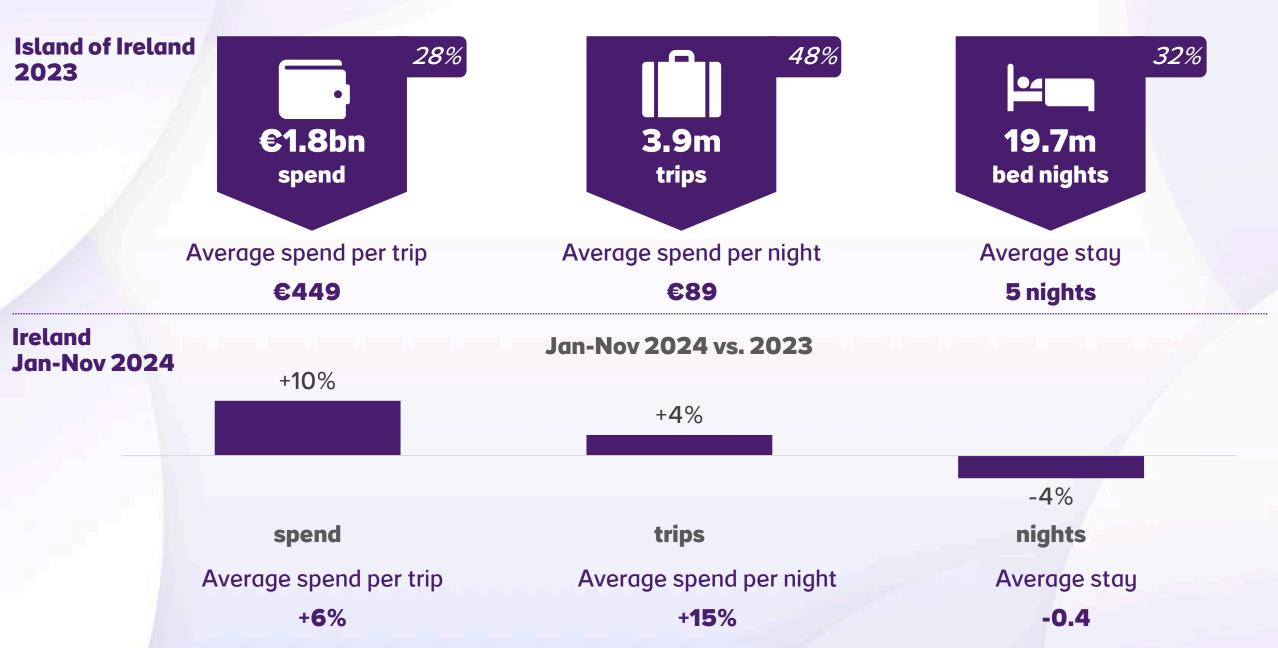
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## Why the Great Britain market matters



# Why the Great Britain market matters

## Key holiday needs:

- Exploring new places, landscapes and cultural activities 80%
- Disconnecting, unwinding and enjoying special moments together 71%
- Building lasting memories with those closest to them 66%
- Enjoying energetic and fun experiences 36%
- Catching up with family or old friends 32%

## **Drivers to visiting Ireland:**

- Beautiful landscapes and scenery 22%
- Never been before / somewhere new 14%
- Family and friends there 13%
- Already been and want to go back 12%
- Great culture 8%
- Rich history 4%

## **GB KEY MOMENTS 2025**

Jan-Mar	TradFest	St Patrick's Day
	Fill your heart with Ireland campaign	British Tourism & Travel Show, Birmingham
	<b>Celtic Connections, Glasgow</b>	
Apr-May	Fill your heart with Ireland campaign	Shared Island media partnership
	Golf promotion in run-up to The Open at Royal Portrush	Golf B2B workshop, Edinburgh
June-Aug	Slow Tourism Month	A Taste of Ireland B2B event,
	Advertising and publicity around The Open	Glasgow Luxury B2B workshop, London
Sep-Dec	Fill your heart with Ireland	Ireland Meets the West End
	campaign	Shared Island campaign
	BMW PGA Championship	Kickstart campaign for 2026
	Home of Halloween campaign	
	World Travel Market	

# **Inspiring Visitors**



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Target:

**230**m

Opportunities to see

### Fill your heart with Ireland campaign

• Drive awareness and consideration

### Channels

• TV, BVOD, SVOD, social and digital

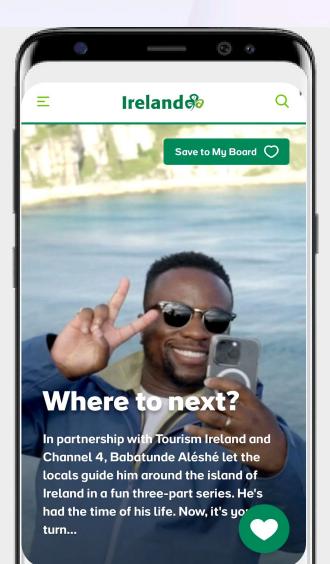
### Timings

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- Kickstart: 24<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> December
- Burst 1: Jan May 2025
- Burst 2: Sept Nov 2025



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# **Inspiring Visitors**

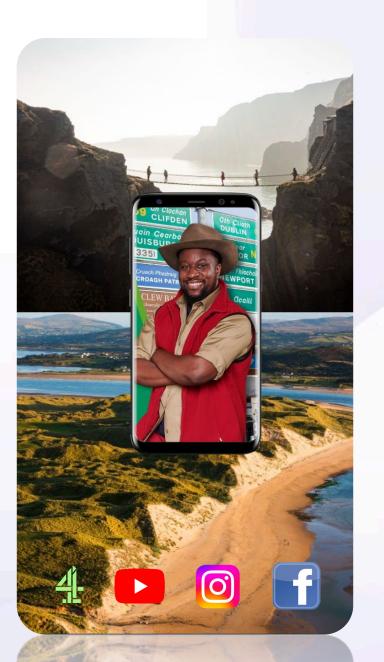
Media partnerships: Where to next?

Digital-first mini-series on Channel 4 platforms – C4 Streaming, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.



# Baba Attempts Gaelic Football

**Gaelic Football** 



# **Inspiring Visitors – Publicity**

People's Friend

### **Return** To **Carrick On** Shannon Neil McAllister makes an overdue journey back to this charming riverside town.

The blueway, which runs to a floating boardwalk in Drumshanbo, is a route equally accessible by foot, bike or boat, passing through Leitrim's lowelest landscapes. Sitting by the marina with missed Daniel O'Donnell performing at the hotel by two weeks. I'll let you decide if that's a good or bad thing! We knew from our first fleeting visit that the town centre is compact, so the a map of Ireland a few years ago, County Leitrim stood out as being an interesting place to visit. Our visit was filled with sitting by the marina wi river traffic enjoying the Shannon-Erne Waterway, our view changed as the sun came and went. The Moon River cruise welv scenic drives, friendly best way to get around is on foot - even on the water. rural villages, history galore and Carrick on Shannon – a Just down from the boat highlight to where we rowed to return. pontoon, the elevated walkway is the perfect place vowed to return. So while I planned a route, Hazel booked the Stena Line ferry from Holyhead to Dublin, which carried us across a millpond-flat Irish boat, filled with day trippers, made its leisure way under the arches. Carrick's name comes It leads to Saint Éidín, a chainsaw sculpture by Wil Fogarty in Linear Park. In the past, the Shannon from Anglicised versions of the Irish "Cora Droma Rúisc sea in what seemed like brought trade to the town. Today it brings visitors, and reflects its watery environs, as it means "weir of the marshy ridge". The town's fortunes have Despite being Leitrim's mooring their floating ounty town, a bit lies in accommodation in the county town, a bit lies in neighbouring Roscommon, as the border runs along the River Shannon. We discovered Carrick's Landmark Hotel on the very helpful ireland.com website. accommodation in the marina, where once working boats would have unloaded goods. A few boats are moored on this side of the bridge by the old town quay and information centre, but under the sockers excluse been on a rollercoaster ride been on a rollercoaster ride over the years. It is ironic that when the Jamestown Canal was created, Carrick became busier and the bridge and It proved a perfect base i the heart of town, with our under the arches anothe quays were built. Yet at the same time the airy, comfortable room walkway runs through the marina crammed with boats It turned out that we had to rent for a holiday afjoat

country was undergoing its greatest catastrophe. With the famine came newest developments o newest developments on the Roscommon side of the bridge, the Inver Gael estate, built with both river and road access, via the stainless-With the famine came starvation and emigration, but as river trade increased, bringing timber, raw materials and Guinness, the town flourished once again steel pedestrian walkway that hangs off the bridge It's the Leitrim side that town flourished once again - until the 1960s, when the closure of the Grand Canal we found most interesting o commercial traffic We paused at the doci provided another setback. first, which today dispense A consequence of this inakes-and-ladders past is a culture where once justice was meted out own where past and p Our route took us through town where past and present mingle in a combination of old and new, with plenty to please the eye. We reached one of the People's Park, past the old parochial hall, emerging at a line of water-thermed

father and son sculpture father and son sculpture. As we discovered, Carrick has no shortage of at – some professional, some amateur, al interesting, Down near the bridge wad discovered a colourful mural depicting the bridge made from plastic bottle tops. Someone had left a dog Ibravy of sticks near St library of sticks near St Éidín, and on Bridge Street we found one of many philosophical paintings. based on abandoned convents. St George's Street emerges at a tiny buil This one, depicting flowers, had the posit

ental legend

OVER eature Irish Tai Mahal Irish Taj Mahai. Edward Costello created the compact chapel in memory of his wife, Mary. When he passed away, he was interred next to his love. It must be said that the place there it here The old courthouse was repurposed 20 years ago and today is Carrick's arts hub, with workshop spaces studios and the Leitrim Design House. There was also a coffee shop where I rested my legs while Hazel explored the

sandwiched between tw tall buildings, dubbed th

glass-topped tombs through which you can see their coffins might not current exhibition, which appeal to everyone, but this appeared to be of artwor unique chapel means that both have a permanent



'A journey and an adventure': driving Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way





The Wild Atlantic Way at Slieve League, County Donegal.



## Melissa Denes

### explores museums, galleries and a new immersive Book of Kells exhibition

hree boats climb steep Rosalind Franklin, the mathematician Georgian, neogothic and elegant 1960s waves on a stormy sea, mak-Ada Lovelace, the writer Mary Wollstone-brutalist. Today the museum is a busy

ing their way south from the craft and Augusta Gregory, the dramatist teaching department; a poster in one island of Iona to the coast of and founder of the Abbey Theatre in window reads "Without geography we'd Ireland. It is AD806 and Dublin. In late 2025 the library will close be nowhere". they carry a precious cargo: for a decade to allow for restoration, Dublin's geography is easily managed

a copy of the gospels, lavish- making now a great time to visit the on foot, and I stayed ten minutes' walk city already most of the chalves have among at the Lainster a chie new bace for a



The quieter, culture-packed riverside alternative to Dublin iskey, live music and cool bars and rest: ng city of Waterford — and you can get there by ferr

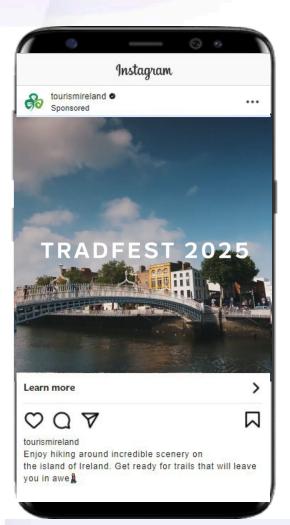


# **Inspiring Visitors – Broadcast**



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## **Supporting Economies and Communities – Season Extension**



Regional / seasonal festivals including TradFest, St Brigid's Day



St Patrick's Day knitwear stunt 7m OTS



Halloween @Kellyprincewright 1.3m followers

## **Supporting Economies and Communities – Regions**

# escapes Explore the

Boasting jaw-dropping landscapes, a rich heritage and the warmest of Irish welcomes, the enchanting Aran Islands will cast a spell on you...



The ruggedly beautiful Aran Islands are the perfect Irish escape, and this year marks the 10th anniversary of the Wild Atlantic Way, an idyllic 1,600mile coastal road, so there's no better time to explore some of the route's isles. Inis Mór the largest of the three Aran Islands, has 800 inhabitants and showstopping scenery. While Inishbofin, home to just 180 people and lying 69km

from the Aran Islands, is also a gem. It has sandy beaches, rolling hills, and panoramic views. But there's more to the islands than their natural beauty. History buffs will adore Inis Mór's array of ancient sites, such as the prehistoric clifftop hill fort, Dún Aonghasa. In Inishbofin, explore the 17th century Cromwellian fortress a symbol of the island's resilience over adversity. Wildlife lovers are catered for too, with a chance to spot seals and birds. Refuel with unbeatable, locally sourced seafood in the wonderful restaurants, for an unforgettable experience.

### Spectacular scenery

on the island

After stepping off the ferry at Inis Mór, take a tour with a local guide. We spent an engaging couple of hours





#### Galway is the ideal base to explore the Aran Islands, It's also a foodie haven, with plenty of unique drinking and dining places to explore. Daróg Wine bar is an awardwinning spot, where you can sample artisan wines, local cheeses and dishes, such as

oysters and chunky chips as serenade vou. Inishbofin, serves up succulent lobster and buttery Beach Bar restaurant's creamy veggie soups and tender salmon

### Rest vour head

kingfish crudo with yuzu.

In Inis Mór, delicious

nomemade fare, such as fish

Before setting sail to the Islands, spend a memorable evening in zzing Galway. The Park House Hotel is

in the heart of the city and has charming décor. It's a short hop from Eyre Square, where US president John F. Kennedy made a rousing sneech to 100,000 people in 1963. Don't miss a visit to

Hole, a natural wonder which

resembles a rectangular pool

carved right into the rock.

run cafe, Teach nan Phaidi. For dinner, stroll to Joe Watty's Bar and Restaurant for crab. talented traditional musicians chips at The Saltbox, while The

the iconic O'Connell's pub, where

In Inish Mór, you couldn't ask

for a more peaceful hideaway

at the Aran Islands Hotel,

than one of the Seaview Chalets

with views of the Atlantic. The

timber-beamed restaurant has

Irish music sessions at night.

surrounded by scenic harbour

views, and many of the rooms

water. We loved unwinding there

look out onto the turquoise

after a busy day of exploring.

love to someone we knew who

Then you can either hire

needed it in a moving ritual.

a bike or set off on foot to

archaeological treasures.

marvel at the island's many

However, the terrain

can be hilly so

watch your step.

expert local guide,

Over in Inishbofin,

Tommy Burke, led us

on a trek past quaint

whitewashed houses.

inquisitive sheep and to the top of a

hill for spectacular

coastal views.

make sure to

Inishbofin House is

a crackling fire and atmospheric

superstar Ed Sheeran shot his

video for Galway Girl.

come with a waterfront view.

paradise, with rare corncrakes and skylarks to look out for. Or try sea kayaking in the peaceful harbour, it's a magical way to discover the secluded golden beaches and ancient ruins.



ull Irish breakfast and parking. Book at Parkhousehotel.ie.

The Aran Islands Hotel, Inis Mór, starts at £154 per night. Book at Aranislandshotel.com

Inishbafin House Hotel costs from E114 per night, including breakfast. Book at Inishbofinhouse.com.

There isn't a direct ferry between the Islands, so you need to catch one from the mainland.

Return ferry tickets, from Rossaveal to Inis Mór, are £260p via Aran Island Ferries

 Return ferry tickets, from Cleggan to Inishbofin, are 22pp via Inishbofin Ferry.

Ryanair flies from London Stansted to Dublin and Knock, from £19.99pp.

For more information,



Other gems You must take home an Aran

jumper from Inis Mór, one of the Islands where the gorgeous knits get their name. They'll keep you cosy, and you'll be supporting an age-old Irish craft, too. Go seal spotting at the resident colony close to Kilmurvey beach - at low tide, you might be lucky enough see up to 20 basking on the rocks. Watch goat farmer Gabriel make cheese, meet the friendly herd and sample his awardwinning products on a tour at Aran Goat's Cheese in Inis Mor. Inishbofin is a birdwatchers



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Cyril also showed us the sacred well of the salmon. We walked around it nine times, sending in the company of Cyril O'Flaithearta. A font of knowledge and with roots stretching back generations, he took

## us to spectacular geological features

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## **Supporting Economies and Communities – Shared Island**



# Sustainability

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## The Telegraph

### 25 places you must visit in 2025

From charming seaside towns to dazzling tropical hideaways, our experts reveal the tourist-free destinations that will tempt you next year

## South Kerry Greenway

IRELAND



The South Kerry Greenway on the Iveragh peninsula | CREDIT: Alamy Stock Photo

'Offering views that rival the Amalfi coast' For almost 75 years, trains on Ireland's Great Southern and Western Railway puffed their way along Europe's most westerly railway line. The last locomotive clattered down the tracks in 1960, but now a section of the route is getting a new lease of life. It will play host to puffing of a different kind - from the hikers and bikers who will descend on a new walking and cycling trail: the South Kerry Greenway.

## Going with the flow

On a quest for peace, quiet and excellent stout, **Richard Collett** decides to follow the route of the River Shannon – Ireland's longest waterway – in the country's 'Hidden Heartlands'



You don't need any prior experience for a self-drive boat is source on the pes of Mount has bases in Banagher and Carleagh on the rick-on-Shannon, where you are next to a sixth-century abbey, I nal Irish border, the River shown the ropes (literally) before being let loose on the Shannon. Shannon carves a path through the island's rural heart. Carrickcraft's 112-strong fleet A welcome chance to escape runs on hydrotreated vegetathe congested roads of the Wild ble oil (HVO), a fael made from recycled vegetable oils. Noel ex-plained that it produces 90 per Atlantic Way or the crowded streets of Dublin, the reed-lined

oanks of Ireland's longest watercent fewer emissions than diesel. way offer a slow route to the Em-Green trees were turning to orald Isle's less-visited interior. shades of golden brown as I set. Starting in the riverside town off, while mellow mallards floated of Banagher in County Offaly, past me, and nonchalant cows planned to head upriver over lined the riverbanks. The most ree days to Carrick-on-Shanstressful part of the day was de-ciding whether to have fish and non. Along the way, I hoped to find peace, quiet and some excel-lent pints of Irish stout in the sohips or a hummus wrap at the River Café in Shannonbridge. Here, an 18th-century bridge alled "Hidden Heartlands" The best way to explore the rosses the river next to a Naporiver's intricate network of loughs leonic-era fortress built by the of the Lough.

and tributaries is by hoat. "They drive themselves," said Noel English, a lazy 90-minute journey north of Banagher. Coughlan, a Carrickeraft captair who gave me a crash course in Trees turned to nautical knots so I that could help to moor the six-berth boat when golden brown while we launched upriver from Bamellow mallards nagher. "They don't go very fast, floated past me only 10kmph or so."



est Park in Co Ro n (top): Gla

pub's storied past. While much of When we moored further north at Clonmacnoise, where it probably dates back to the 17th tour with Carrickcraft, which a Norman castle testers on its century, there is wattle and dault crumbling ri wrbank foundations preserved behind a glass cabine that is said to be from the original was almost a rope-tying pro. inn established by Luain himself, Around 90 minutes further on more than 1,100 years ago. Sean's Bar makes its own whiswe arrived in Lough Ree. Here, I tied up the boat to spend the key, too (I try a dram, of course) night at Glasson Lakehouse, a use Timmy - a frantic love grand estate turned luxury hotel of history - claims that the spirit with hot tubs, a spa and a heated was first distilled by Irish monks outdoor pool. Off-season prices on island monasteries in Lough are surprisingly reasonable given Ree, Don't tell the Scots that.

all the ame les, and star The river is the gentles from (176 (£147). way to travel, but you The next mo need time. It is either a I went off for a wan one-hour drive north to Carrick-on-Shan der around Ath non - the gateway (population: 25,000) to Lough Key - or 1 ours on the boat. pared with Banaghe and Shannonbri I chose road and in on the southern edg the morning met anoth-

er Carrickcraft captain, "You can tell the story of Paul Farrell, for a taster of the Ireland in Athlone," said Vincent Shannon's northern stretches. Harney, a former postmaste The pace was slow as we navi who now runs Athlone Guided rated onto the River Boyle, a Tours. "We are right in the heart ributary of the Shannon, mean of Ireland. People have lived here dering through a maze of islands, sands of years. The town inlets and locks among a sparser, got its name from an innkeeper, rockier landscape framed by rising mountains to the north.

hich says a lot about Athlone." Vincent told me how the town same supposedly comes from a Subscribe now haracter named Atha Luain, an unkeeper who guided travellers to our exclusive ver the River Shannon. newsletter A stout eastle with source walls was built by the Anglo-Normans in 1210, but Sean's Bar on silte claims to date back to 900 scapes naking it the oldest in Ireland. if not the world. "They'll tell you the castle was built to defend the ub," said Vincent with a laugh. Inside Sean's Bar, sawdust was pread across the ancient floors soak up spilled beer. Timmy Donovan, the friendly manager ved me a pint of Murphy's Irish Tinews.co.uk/sign-up Stout and talked me through th

w to set there The region can be accesse from Dublin, Shannon or Galway airports, or by ferry from Tablic and Rosslam Carrickcraft offers boats

from Banagher and Carrick on-Shannon. Week-long from €730, carrickcraft.com

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I took over the steering, and an hour-and-a-half after setting off we crept into Lough Key, where a folly castle is perched dramati cally on an island in the middle o a lake lined by Scots pines. Local folklore has it that the lough takes its name from an ancient druid king named Ce, who drowned when its waters burst

rom the earth. "There are days when I wouldn't want to be anyhere else," said Paul. The weather soon turned. It was driveling as we moored un

utside Lough Key Forest Park, where you can tackle treaton ikways and explore the ruins of the Rockingham Estate. Paul surprised me by describ-

ing Carriek on Shannon as the local party town in an otherwise rural part of Ireland. With a population of 5,000, it ras buzzing later that day, with McHugh's Bar playing traditional usic all night. I opted for a final sint at the quieter Flynn's Bar. which claimed to pour the best Juinness in County Leitrim - the rfect end to a slow trip through and's Hidden Hear

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### Shipwrecks, sea birds and whale spotting: exploring Ireland's first marine park



A vast swathe of the rugged Kerry coast and its Atlantic isles is now a protected haven for wildlife, and the occasional Jedi knight

m crouching in a windowless stone cell, peering at a ball of fluff stuffed into a crack in the floor. The cell is a beehive hut, or *clochán*; 1,400 years ago, it offered sleeping quarters to monks. The fluff is a baby seabird - to be precise, the chick of a European storm petrel. As my eyes adjust, I make out the glint of a tiny eye. After dark, the parents will return with food. For now, the chick sits tight.

Storm petrels nest only on remote, uninhabited islands, so seeing a chick is a rare privilege. I give the bird its privacy and crawl back outside - gasping anew at my surroundings. I'm high on a vertiginous rock outcrop in the Atlantic, just south-west of Ireland's south-west corner.

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## Amagnificent seven must-play courses on the island of Ireland

Seasoned golf writer Brian Keogh selects some of the best greens and fairways in the Republic of Ireland

#### Adare Manor

You may never play Augusta National, but the golf course at Adare, the venue for the 2027 Ryder Cup, might be the next best thing, Rough? There's none of that, just acres of manicured greens and fairways in a setting by the banks of the River Maigue in County Limerick.

#### **County Sligo**

A visit to Rosses Point is a golfing pilgrimage for the



faithful and you can tee up on the links where Rory McIlroy became a star at the tender age of 15 by becoming the youngest winner of the annual West of Ireland Amateur Championship.

#### **Carne Golf Links**

Set among massive, unspoilt sand dunes rising 450ft above sea level, Carne Links offers breathtaking views across Blacksod Bay to the wild Atlantic. As the original designer, Eddie Hackett, put it: "If ever the Lord intended land

for a golf course, Carne has it." Ballyliffin

The Old Links, with crumbled fairways, is magnificent, but the excellent Glashedy Links is the pride of this Donegal club, As top Spanish Jon Rahm said: The views from the seventh and 14th tees are probably som

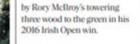


### of the prettiest sights you'll get in golf, It's really beautiful."

The K Club Host for the 2006 Ryder Cup. this Arnold Palmer-designed

parkland course in the heart of County Kildare remains a classic championship test. The iconic par-five 16th (usually the seventh for guests) along the





#### **Druids Glen**

This beautiful course is even better now following an £8.3 million renovation project by former Amateur champion Peter McEvoy, The 491-yard 13th played to a fairway



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Portmannock	County Louth	
Waterville	The European Club	
Lahinch	Enniscrone	
Ballybunion	Rasapenna	
The Island	Donegal Golf Club	

protected by a meandering stream, remains one of the most celebrated holes in Irish golf.

#### Mount Juliet

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