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GO TO SLIGO BY AIR:

Dublin International Airport, Ireland West Airport, Shannon International Airport, Belfast International Airport, George Best Belfast City Airport, City of Derry Airport

GO TO SLIGO BY SEA:

Dublin, Dun Laoghaire, Belfast and Larne are served by car ferry from Britain. Rosslare and Cork are served by car ferries from Britain and France. Stena Line, Irish Ferries, P&O Ferries, Brittany Ferries.

GETTING AROUND IN SLIGO:

Choose from a selection of buses, car hire, taxis, plus a network of roads and motorways. You'll find Sligo an easy place to get around.

BUSES:

Bus Eireann
National bus company servicing all main towns and cities.

TRAINS:

Iarnoid Eireann
Irish Rail Network.





From its breathtakingly beautiful great outdoors to its vibrant and quirky urban centre, Sligo offers a unique experience for locals and visitors alike.

Come witness the waves crashing down on Wild Atlantic rocks, take in our gently lapping lakes, our hushed ancient woodlands and sublime mountain vistas.

There are pubs aplenty and music galore. There's theatre and literature, arts and crafts to satisfy the artistic soul. And for those with more sensuous appetites our exciting food scene offers delights of every kind in a variety of award-winning cafes, bars and restaurants.

The town centre is picturesque and perfect for a leisurely stroll. Take a ramble around our many independent and brand-name shops and boutiques or enjoy a coffee or cocktail on the banks of the Garavogue river.

And finally, for those in search of views and vistas, Sligo has it in abundance - two mountains to climb, countless trails to explore, boats to punt in, horses to ride, cold water surfing and our renowned seaweed baths to relax in at the end of your day.

This guide will give you just a taste of the many delights we have to offer. Welcome to Sligo, you may never want to leave!



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Closely associated with the great poet WB Yeats, the magnificent Lissadell Estate, with its celebrated place in the history of modern Ireland, and featuring some of the finest gardens and architecture in the country, is a “must-see” destination.

In a beguiling setting of great natural beauty, Lissadell is the home of husband and wife Edward Walsh and Constance Cassidy, who purchased it in 2003 and transformed the mostly-neglected property into a beacon for tourism in the North West.



The landmark estate is famous as the childhood home of Constance Markievicz, Revolutionary, artist, activist for the poor; Constance was one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising, the first woman elected to the House of Commons at Westminster and later she became the first female minister in Dail Eireann (Irish parliament).

- Lunch or Afternoon Tea in the elegant Tea Rooms
- Tour of the House – its magnificent stairway, gallery, dining, drawing and billiard room; below-stairs kitchen, servant’s hall and wine cellar.
- Tour of the exotic Alpine Garden and Victorian Kitchen Garden.

Additionally, you have access to a selection of permanent and seasonal exhibitions, incl:

- The Voice of Women -1916 Exhibition-Marine Exhibition
- The Yeats Gallery opened by songwriter and poet Leonard Cohen in 2010

HISTORIC GARDENS

The beautiful Alpine Garden, created in 1740 as a pleasure garden, and the Victorian Kitchen Garden, established in the late 1890’s, formed an internationally renowned horticultural business, exporting seeds, bulbs and flower varieties across Europe and the U.S. The gardens lay neglected for 60 years but have now been restored to their original splendour.

LOCATION:

From Sligo, take the N15 north for 5km; then take a left turn after Drumcliff for Carney and points west. The entrance to Lissadell is the third on the left after the village of Carney

Web: www.lissadellhouse.com

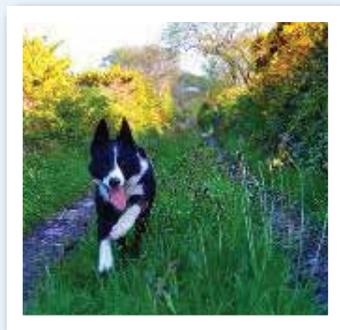
Email: info@lissadellhouse.com

Tel: 071 916 3150

Atlantic Sheepdogs

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Utterly charming and hugely popular with visitors, Atlantic Sheepdogs offers you the chance to see some of the world's smartest working dogs in action. Shepherd Martin Feeny tells how generations of his family have herded sheep in North Sligo and demonstrates some of the tricks to training the perfect sheepdog. He sets his faithful border collie Jack – ranked 3rd in Ireland – to work to show how sheep are moved around mountains and fields. Martin's engaging stories about life on a typical Irish farm are a big hit.



Location: Grange, approx 15 mins from Sligo town

Web: www.facebook.com/atlanticsheepdogs

Tel: 085 740 2836

Eagles Flying/Irish Raptor Research Centre

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Eagles Flying is a thrilling experience featuring more than 100 magnificent birds of prey including falcons, hawks, vultures and eagles, some with a wingspan of up to 3 metres. The birds will sail above you, swooping right over your head, and, if you fancy, land on your arm! There are two spectacular shows daily where staff train the birds and provide information on their biology, unique characteristics, intelligence, habitats and hunting methods.



Location: Near Ballymote, approx 20 mins from Sligo town

Web: www.eaglesflying.com

Email: eagles.flying@hotmail.com

Tel: 071 918 9310



Seaweed and Seafood on Sligo Seashore

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A unique culinary adventure along the seashore with Dr. Prannie Rhatigan, “seaweed ambassador” and award winning author of Irish Seaweed Kitchen. Discover the “nutritional powerhouse” that is seaweed, now appearing on supermarket shelves and restaurant menus nationwide.

Identify the many varieties of edible seaweed, and learn some delicious treats – from stir-frys and smoothies to brownies and omelettes - you can make with it.

Prannie – hailed as “Ireland’s leading seaweed expert” by Food & Wine magazine - has given numerous workshops abroad and was invited to give a demo at Copenhagen’s famous Noma restaurant, voted Best Restaurant in the World three times.

Location: Streedagh Beach, approx. 30 mins from Sligo town

Web: www.irishseaweedkitchen.ie

Email: info@irishseaweedkitchen.ie

Tel: 086 848 4876

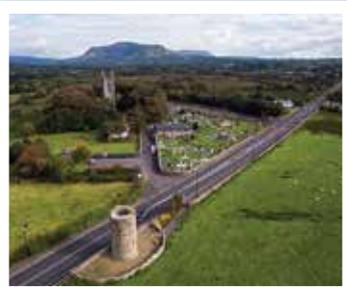


Grave of W.B. Yeats and Drumcliffe Churchyard.

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One of Sligo’s “must-see” tourist spots, Drumcliffe Churchyard is world-famous as the resting place of Nobel Prize winning poet W.B. Yeats. In this tranquil setting, framed by the dramatic sweep of Benbulbin mountain, the poet’s gravestone is inscribed with his simple, self-penned epitaph, containing the celebrated couplet:

“Cast a cold Eye on Life, on Death.
Horseman, pass by.”



Drumcliffe is also the site of a monastic settlement, dating from 574AD when St.Colmcille founded a monastery here. It features the remains of Sligo’s only round tower and a high cross with scenes from both the Old and New Testaments.

Location: Drumcliffe Parish Church. Drumcliffe, Sligo approx.
15 mins from Sligo town on the main Sligo-Donegal road

Discover Ireland's Ancient Secrets at Carrowmore

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Located at the centre of a prehistoric ritual landscape, dominated by Knocknarea mountain with the great cairn of Maeve, the Iron Age Queen of Connaught, on top, Carrowmore is the largest of the four major passage tomb cemeteries in Ireland. It is also the most extensive megalithic burial site in Europe.

With monuments ranging from five thousand to six-and-a-half thousand years old, the site predates the Pyramids.

A restored cottage houses an exhibition relating to the site. A guided tour of 45 mins – 1 hour runs throughout the day or self-guided information is available in over 15 languages.

Location: Near Ransboro, approx 15 mins from town

Web: carrowmoretomb@opw.ie

Tel: 071 916 1534



Walk and Talk Yeats

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The Yeats Family walking tour - two hour guided walk taking in the many places and sights directly linked to the Yeats family and which inspired their work. Includes poetry recitals and thoughts of Sligo as described by the Nobel Laureate himself - WB Yeats.

There is a shorter, 30 minute version of the same tour available.

Tours are booking only at: info@yeatssociety.com

The Society also hosts a 30-minute guided tour of the Yeats Family exhibition which includes first edition books, original photographs, letters and paintings.

Location: Yeats Building, Hyde Bridge, Sligo Town
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm

Web: www.yeatssociety.com

Tel: 071 914 2693





Sligo Town Walking Tour

Free guided walking tour taking in numerous buildings and locations in the centre of town, incl. the Abbey c.1250, the Courthouse, both Cathedrals and others recalling significant events and people in the social, cultural and political history of Sligo.

Location: Sligo Tourist Office, O'Connell St.

Tel: 071 917 1905

Web: www.sligotourism.ie

Dark Tales Walking Tour

Explore Sligo's dark history and turbulent past with stories of war, execution and hauntings. Discover Sligo's connection to Bram Stoker and hear how stories of the 1832 cholera epidemic in town may have inspired his great novel Dracula. Meeting place: Riverside Hotel, Sligo. Friday & Saturday Evenings: 7.30pm to 9pm (June to October)

Booking essential.

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Tickets are €12 per person. Booking essential.

Email: info@sligowalkingtours.com

Web: sligowalkingtours.com/sligo-dark-tales

Tel: 085 173 5103

Sligo Foodie Tour

This is a delicious, 2.5 hour trek through Sligo's finest gastronomic establishments, visiting seven venues and sampling both locally inspired dishes plus desserts, craft beers, oysters and other tasty treats from the West of Ireland. A tour on which "ceol agus craic" (music and fun) is the order of the day.

Wednesday to Saturday, 12pm & 3pm. €55 per person

Parties of 8+ (max. 20) Booking is essential at: Hooked, Rockwood Parade

Email: hookedsligo@gmail.com

Tel: 071 913 8591

Sligo Town Tour

Learn all about it! Daily tour taking in the most interesting sights and locations in the centre of town with an engaging and knowledgeable guide.

Year round from Monday to Friday 12pm to 6pm. 2-3 hours, with a min. of 10 and max. of 25 people. €10 each

Location: Sligo Tourist Office, O'Connell St.

Booking: sligotowntours@gmail.com

Scenic Seaside Walks and Healthy Hikes

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Sligo is an area of extraordinary natural beauty and it's all within easy reach!

Highly recommended is a bracing walk on one of our many dramatic beaches such as Enniscrone, Rosses Point or Streedagh.

Combine your beach walk at Mullaghmore in North Sligo with a saunter through the traditional and pretty fishing village. Situated under Benbulbin and overlooking the Atlantic, relax, enjoy the views and take in the ocean air.

You can also enjoy surfing as a spectator sport, remaining on the beach while watching top international surfers ride some of Europe's best waves. Mullaghmore Head is also a Signature Point on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Another very popular beach option is the seaside village of Strandhill. Again, it's an internationally renowned surfing mecca and with a wide, white strand it's the perfect place to stroll your way into the day or to marvel at a golden evening sunset.

Alternatively, you could do what we Irish really love to do and Head for the Hills!

There are over 60 invigorating trails to choose from, in a diversity of gorgeous settings, from waymarked routes to coastal paths & mountain hikes.

- Walks:** www.sligowalks.ie
Strandhill: www.thrillofstrandhill.com
Mullaghmore: www.wildatlanticway.com/mullaghmore-head
Enniscrone: www.enniscrone.ie





A rich mix! A taste triumph! A food lovers' paradise!

Sligo Food Trail treats your palate to an abundance of culinary treasures. You can map your own route to choose the cuisine that you love best. Welcome to foodie heaven!

What makes Sligo such a fantastic foodie destination is the culture that goes hand in hand with your food experience! Producers and Food Trail members take pride in giving you fresh, local, healthy, (and very often) organic food that nourishes your body while the scenery nurtures your soul.

As you drive through Sligo, you'll witness the outstanding landscape which yields the fresh ingredients that create its exceptional cuisine: the lush green fields, the majestic mountains, the charming farms, the salmon rivers, and the mighty Atlantic Ocean!

Sligo's premiere location on the Wild Atlantic Way means you can enjoy freshly-caught fish in any local restaurant. Alternatively, indulge your taste buds on Knocknarea honey, wild Mullaghmore lobster, Lissadell oysters, and fresh eggs from the foot of Benbulbin Mountain.

Whatever your food preference, Sligo Food Trail surpasses your expectations!

Web: www.sligofoodtrail.ie

Email: dine@sligofoodtrail.ie





Half Day Magnificent Lissadell House & Gardens

Tour the sumptuous and beautifully restored grand country home, now a flagship for tourism in the North West. Enjoy its splendid interiors, historic and interesting quarters and take in its exhibitions in a wonderful tour steeped in history; part home, part estate, part museum.

Enjoy a relaxed lunch or treat yourself with afternoon tea in the elegant Tea Rooms. Explore the exotic Alpine and Victorian Kitchen Gardens dating from the mid 1700's and which once exported seeds and shrubs throughout Europe and the US. Round off the day with a visit to WB Yeats's grave at Drumcliffe Church, famously nestling Under Bare Ben Bulbin's head.

Half Day

Head to spectacular Strandhill for one of the many invigorating guided walking tours offered by Auriel Robinson, Wild Atlantic Way Ambassador for Sligo (www.seatrails.ie for details); this one has a little history, heritage, archaeology and lore. Afterwards, a relaxing soak or spa treatment in Voya Seaweed Baths is the perfect way to revive and refresh.

One Day

Thrill to the soars and swoops of Eagles Flying (and falcons and owls too) at one of Sligo's top attractions. Return to Sligo town for a leisurely lunch. Follow that with some ancient Celtic history at Carrowmore cemetery; the largest collection of megalithic tombs in Ireland, dating back thousands of years. Round off your day with a visit to vibrant Strandhill village for an evening beach walk.

One Day

One of the daily guided walking tours of Sligo Town is an entertaining and enlightening start to the day. By then you'll be ready for lunch in town at one of our award winning restaurants. In the afternoon head down to Grange and Martin Feeney's farm for a delightful and charming visit with the very popular and award-winning Atlantic Sheepdogs.

Sample Sligo Itineraries

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Two Day (1)

Mullaghmore, a picturesque, traditional seaside village is the perfect place to begin your day with a bracing beach walk. Then make for Streedagh and learn about the “nutritional powerhouse” that is seaweed with award-winning author Dr. Prannie Rhatigan. Return to Sligo town for lunch and relaxation. Round off your evening with a scary “Dark Tales Walking Tour”.

Two Day (2)

Begin your day with one of our numerous woodland walks, like Slish Wood, Union Wood or Lough Gill Forest. Alternatively, if you feel like a challenge, there is the climb up beautiful Knocknarea mountain to Queen Maeve’s cairn at the top. It’s a workout! But to help you there are steps leading to the top from the main road – part of the new Queen Maeve Trail.

or

Pleasure Cruise on Lough Gill, where you can sit back without doing any work and take in and much of the landscape that inspired WB Yeats.



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Wet and Wild

Sligo is famous for its world class surfing coastline. Even if you are not a pro, there are plenty of top class surf schools to show you the basics.

Perfect Day Surfing:

The original and the best since 1998

Location: Sligo Enterprise Centre,
Strandhill

Web: www.perfectdaysurfing.ie

E-Mail: perfectdaysurfing@gmail.com

Tel: 087 20 29 399

Strandhill Surf School

The centre of surfing in Strandhill

Location: Shore Road, Strandhill

Web: www.strandhillsurfschool.com

E-Mail: strandhillsurfschool@gmail.com

Tel: 071 916 8483

Surf n Stay

Your chance to become a surf god at this surf school in Strandhill

Location: Shore Road, Strandhill

Web: www.strandhillaccommodation.com

E-Mail: info@surfstay.ie

Tel: 071 916 8313

Sligo Surf Experience

Premium surf and bodyboard lessons along the edge of the Wild Atlantic Way in Strandhill with Seamus McGoldrick, Wild Atlantic Way body board champion

Location: Shore Road, Strandhill

Web: www.sligosurfexperience.com

E-Mail: info@sligosurfexperience.com

Tel: 087 7471915

Beach Bar Surf School

Based at Sligo's famous traditional thatched Irish pub, restaurant and B&B at Aughris Head.

Location: The Beach Bar, Aughris,
County Sligo

Web: www.beachbarsurfschool.com

E-Mail: beachbarsurfschool@gmail.com

Tel: 086 073 8869

Northwest Surf School

Situated near the county border with Mayo, only 14km from Ballina and 56km from Sligo. The 5km white, sandy beach provides ideal conditions for novice to intermediate surfers.

Location: Enniscrone Beach,
County Sligo

E-Mail: info@nwsurfschool.com

Tel: 087 959 5556

7th Wave Surf School

A family run and family friendly surf school located at what is regularly nominated in the top 10 beaches in Ireland.

Location: Enniscrone Beach,
County Sligo.

Web: www.surfsligo.com

E-Mail: info@surfsligo.com

Tel: 087 971 6389

Carraig Climbing:

Join Conall Ó Fiannachta - Sligo's outdoor rock climbing and abseiling specialist – for an awesome adventure.

Web: www.carraigclimbing.com
E-Mail: carraigclimbing@gmail.com
Tel: 087 664 7285

North West Adventure Sligo

Kayaking, trekking, abseiling and white water rafting with an expert team

Location: Outdoor education centre
Ballinafad, Co. Sligo.

Web: www.northwestadventure.ie
E-Mail: info@northwestadventure.ie
Tel: 086 195 2663

Island View Riding Stables

A family-run horse farm specialising in beach rides in Sligo and Donegal Bay.

Location: Mount Temple, Moneygold,
Grange, County Sligo

Web: www.islandviewridingstables.com
E-Mail: islandviewridingstables@gmail.com
Tel: 071 916 6156

Wild Wet Adventure

Kayaking, canoeing and guided walks with local expert John Barrett at Lough Talt in the stunning Ox Mountains in South Sligo.

Location: Ten minutes from Ballinacarrow on the N17 main Sligo-Galway (thirty minutes from Knock Airport).

Web: www.wildwetadventures.ie
Tel: 086 722 2750

Northwest Adventure Tours

Hiking, biking, SUPing or overnight camping with Sligo adventure expert William Britton.

Location: Centrally located at Riverside Hotel, Sligo Town.

Web: www.northwestadventuretours.ie
Email: northwestadventuretours@gmail.com
Tel: 087 125 9594



Get **Adventurous**

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Sligo Aero Club

Ever wondered what Yeat's Country looked like from 3,000 feet?

Location: Sligo Airport, Strandhill.
Web: www.sligoaeroclub.com
E-Mail: info@sligoaeroclub.com
Tel: 087 2932884

Ewings Sea Angling and Boat Charters

The best boat trips in Sligo where you can explore islands, ancient sites, lighthouses and more.

Location: Rosses Point, Sligo.
Web: www.sligoboatcharters.com
Tel: 086 891 3618
E-Mail: info@sligoboatcharters.com

Offshore Watersports

Specialists in diving and boating trips from mighty Mullaghmore.

Location: Mullaghmore Village, Sligo
Web: www.offshore.ie
Tel: 087 610 0111
E-Mail: mail@offshore.ie

Freedive Ireland

Add depth to your life! Freedive Ireland run several types of freediving courses using the syllabus of the world renowned Apnea Academy headed by world champion Umberto Pelizzari.

Location: 15 Oakfield Park ,Co.Sligo
Web: www.freediveireland.com
Tel: 086 809 9898
E-Mail: info@freediveireland.com

Northwest Freediving School

Freediving Courses, surf-vival courses and snorkelling trips.

Location: Mullaghmore Village, Sligo
Web: www.northwestfreedivingschool.ie
Tel: 087 125 9594
E-Mail: nwfreedivingschool@gmail.com

Sligo Bay SUP

Standup Paddle School operating from Rosses Point, Lissadell, Streedagh Beach, Mullaghmore and Doorly Park

Web: www.sligobaysup.ie
Tel: 087 600 1588
E-Mail: sligobaysup@gmail.com

SUP Dude

The leading Stand Up Paddle School in Ireland operated by Emmet O'Doherty, Irish SUP Champion.

Location: Mullaghmore, Sligo.

Web: www.supdude.ie

Tel: 085 705 1188

E-Mail: info@supdude.ie

Seatrails

Highly recommended scenic guided walking coastal tours with maritime archaeologist and Wild Atlantic Way ambassador Auriel Robinson.

Location: Strandhill, Rosses Point, Streedagh.

Web: www.seatrails.ie

Tel: Auriel: 087 240 5071

E-Mail: info@seatrails.ie

Waterpoint Aqua Park

A fusion of water park, health suite and sports centre.

Location: Pier Road, Enniscrone, County Sligo.

Web: www.waterpoint.ie

Tel: 096 36 999

E-Mail: info@waterpoint.ie

County Sligo Golf Club

Web: www.countySligoGolfClub.ie

Tel: 071 917 7134

E-Mail: info@countysligogolfcourse.ie

Strandhill Golf Club

Web: www.strandhillgolfclub.com

Tel: 071 916 8188

E-Mail: bookings@strandhillgolfclub.com

Enniscrone Golf Club

Web: www.enniscronegolf.com

Tel: 096 36 297

E-Mail: info@enniscronegolf.com





Archaeology and History

Queen Maeve's Cairn

"Listed as the No.1 thing to do in Sligo on TripAdvisor!"

This 5,000 year old megalithic tomb, high in Sligo's magical landscape on top of Knocknarea, is the largest unopened megalithic tomb in Ireland.

The views from the top are quite simply stunning. The new Queen Maeve's Trail makes the monument more accessible than ever.

Web: www.gostrandhill.com

Sligo Abbey

Founded in the mid - 13th century, the site contains a great wealth of carvings including Gothic and Renaissance tomb sculpture, well preserved cloister and the only sculptured 15th century high altar to survive in any Irish monastic church.

Location: Abbey St. Sligo Town.

Web: www.heritageireland.ie/en/north-west.

E-Mail: sligoabbey@opw.ie

Tel: 071 914 6406

Carrowmore Tombs

Ireland's largest coastal megalithic cemetery with some of the country's oldest tombs is a must see attraction for all visitors to Sligo.

Location: Carrowmore, Sligo
Web: www.heritageireland.ie/en/north-west/carrowmore-megalithiccemetery/

Tel: 071 916 1534

E-Mail: carrowmoretomb@opw.ie

Dolly's Cottage

A traditional 19th century Irish cottage now run as a folk museum by the Irish Countrywomen's Association. The turf fire is still alight and visitors are welcome during the holiday season.

Location: Strandhill, Sligo.

Web: www.gostrandhill.com

Tel: 071 916 3150

Killaspugbrone

This medieval church ruin was built on the site of the first Christian church in the North West, founded in the 6th century by St. Patrick himself! A beautiful looped walk is accessible via Sligo Airport.

Location: Strandhill, Sligo

Web: www.gostrandhill.com

Carrowkeel

Carrowkeel is one of the mighty South Sligo megalithic tombs along with Keshcorran, Heapstown and Moytura. It's also one of the 'big four' Neolithic passage tomb cemeteries in Ireland along with Carrowmore.

Location: Carrowkeel, Castlebaldwin Co. Sligo

Web: www.carrowkeel.com

Creevykeel Court Tomb

Situated at the foothills of Tievebaun Mountain is one of the finest examples of an Irish court tomb dating from the Neolithic period (c. 4000 - 2500BC)

Location: Sign posted and easily accessible from the N15 just past Cliffoney village on the right hand side.

Seatrails

Offering guided heritage walks in coastal locations, horse-back rides on gorgeous beaches and scenic mountain treks. Discover the ancient hidden gems of Sligo including historic towns, hidden away places, incredible fossils, archaeology, wild flowers and birds.

Web: www.seatrails.com

Tel: 087 240 5071



Arts and Culture

The Hawk's Well Theatre

Sligo's performing arts centre presenting the best of theatre, music, comedy and culture for all ages.

Location: Temple Street, Sligo Town

Web: www.hawkswell.com

Tel: 071 916 1518

E-Mail: info@hawkswell.com

The Model

The Model is one of Ireland's leading contemporary arts centres, which also offers vibrant cinema and music programmes. It is the home of the impressive Niland Collection of art, one of the most notable collections in Ireland and featuring works by John and Jack B. Yeats, Estella Solomons, Paul Henry and Louis Le LeBrocqy.

Location: The Mall, Sligo Town

Web: www.themodel.ie

Tel: 071 914 1405

E-Mail: info@themodel.ie

Coleman Traditional Irish Music Centre

A celebration of Irish music, culture and heritage as expressed in the South Sligo Style of music played by fiddle giant Michael Coleman.

Location: Gurteen, County Sligo

Web: www.colemanirishmusic.com

E-Mail: info@colemanirishmusic.com

Tel: 071 918 2599

The Blue Raincoat/Factory Theatre

A hundred seat theatre and highly-regarded professional theatre ensemble with a focus on modern European plays and new productions.

Location: The Factory Performance Space, Lower Quay St. Sligo Town

Web: www.blueraincoat.com

E-Mail: marketing@blueraincoat.com

Tel: 071 914 3686

The Cat & The Moon

A collection of the finest handmade Irish jewellery and artisan crafts curated by artist Martina Hamilton. Everything is designed and made in Ireland.

Location: 4 Castle St., Sligo Town

Web: www.thecatandthemoon.ie

E-Mail: info@thecatandthemoon.ie

Tel: 071 914 3686





Benbulbin

The iconic Sligo mountain immortalised by Yeats in his poetry is the second largest table mountain in the world.

Streedagh

Streedagh Strand is an impressive 3km long sandy beach where three ships of the Spanish Armada were wrecked in a storm in 1588.

Mullaghmore Head

Overlooked by the picturesque fishing village of Mullaghmore, Bunduff Strand is a popular pure white beach where walkers enjoy excellent views of the dramatic landscape. The way to Mullaghmore Head passes through Mullaghmore and once past the village you will find yourself surrounded by dramatic scenery. Huge waves roll ashore and looking inland, a magnificent view on Classiebawn Castle, in front of Ben Bulbin dominates the picture.

Rosses Point

A popular seaside resort with beautiful views of Knocknarea to the South and Benbulbin to the North. Features a Blue & Green Flag Beach.

Strandhill Beach

Ireland's top surfing beach in lively Strandhill village. With stunning panoramic views of Raughly, Blackrock Lighthouse, Benbulbin, Knocknarea, The Ox Mountains.

Culleenamore Strand

A wide, tidal, peaceful strand where you can enjoy a walk right under the watchful eye of towering Knocknarea. It looks out on Ballisodare Bay which is a seal sanctuary.

Dunmmoran Strand

Another unspoilt stretch of beach that is perfect for surfing, swimming and walking.





Enniscrone Beach

A safe, Blue Flag beach that stretches for five kilometres, hugged on one side by the lively seaside town of Enniscrone.

Location: West Co.Sligo

Web: www.enniscronebeach.com

Coney Island

Like a step back in time, this magical island lies in Sligo Bay between Rosses Point and Strandhill and gave its name to the famous Coney Island in New York, USA.

Text Coney to 53600 (ROI mobiles) or 81400 (UK Mobiles) for safe times to walk across.

Slish Wood

Located on the southern shore of Lough Gill in a beautiful location between the lake and the Ox Mountains.

Location: 20 minutes drive from Sligo town

Web: www.sligowalks.ie/walks/slish-wood

Hazelwood

A woodland celebrated by Yeats in 'The Song of Wandering Aengus', on the western shore of Lough Gill.

Location: 10 minutes drive from Sligo town.

Web: www.sligowalks.ie/walks/sligh-wood

Union Wood

A large area of mixed forestry between Collooney, Ballygawley and Ballisodare, a wonderful amenity providing access to Union Rock and it's wonderful panorama of the North West.

Location: 20 minutes drive from town.

Web: www.sligowalks.ie/walks/union-wood





Sligo Food Trail

The secret is in the mix.

Sligo Food Trail has brought together all its artisan producers, cafes, restaurants and food experiences to ensure that your visitors don't miss out on Sligo's wonderful local food culture.

Web: www.sligofoodtrail.ie

Beltra Country Market

Every Saturday 10am -12 midday, selling the best of home fresh baking, savouries, seasonal plants & vegetables, preserves, eggs, quality crafts. Coffee shop, fresh crepes.

Location: 15 minutes from Sligo town on N59 Wild Atlantic Way between Ballisodare and Skreen.

Web: www.facebook.com/beltracountrymarket/

Tel: 087 674 3693

The Strandhill People's Market

A traditional Irish farmer's market taken to the next level at Sligo Airport.

A gathering of local bakers, chefs, craftspeople and artists and there are always surprising special guests and musicians waiting for you on Busker Corner.

Location: Every Sunday 11am – 4pm at Hanger 1, Sligo Airport, Strandhill, Sligo.

Web: www.strandhillpeoplesmarket.ie

Tel: Allan: 085 118 9767

E-Mail: almulrooney@gmail.com



Rathcormac Food & Craft Market

Lonely Planet loves this place!
A charming and lively market in the company of antique shops and a good café where the best producers in the region sell ready-to-eat food, produce, cheeses, baked goods and local crafts. It's a delight to wander about snacking while you browse! Every Saturday 10am-3pm

Location: 10 min drive from Sligo Town on the Donegal road.

Tel: 085 275 2589

E-Mail: michaelbranley@gmail.com

Web: facebook.com/Rathcormac-Artisan-Food-Craft-Market

Sligo Farmer's Market

A proper Irish farmer's market with local food, crafts and more. Homemade jams, chutneys and tapenades along with a variety of organic yogurts and drinks.

The Market has become a very sociable place where people come to shop, meet their friends, sample the tasty treats and soak up the atmosphere.

Location: Every Saturday in the car park at Sligo Institute of Technology, Ash Lane, Sligo. 9am - 1pm

Web: www.facebook.com /SligoFarmersMarket

E-Mail: marsden.guy@itsligo.ie

Tel: 071 914 7007



Sligo Oyster Experience

Indulge in Wild Atlantic Oysters at WB'S Coffee House on Stephen St. and be guided by owner Aisling through the history and current farming methods of harvesting oysters in Sligo Bay. It's lots of fun and there's even a demo on how to shuck them. Then it's time to relax with a selection of freshly prepared naked or dressed oysters and a glass of wine. Tours are available.

No booking required for the menu, just drop in. For dates and times go to:

Web: www.sligooystereperience.ie

Tel: 071 914 1883 or 087 975 7475





Wild Atlantic Shanty Festival (June)

A fun gathering of shanty-singers, sailors and entertaining sea-dogs, the festival welcomes groups from home and abroad to Rosses Point. It is run entirely on a voluntary basis and all profits are donated to the RNLI, the charity that saves lives at sea.

Location: Rosses Point

Web: www.wildatlanticshanty.ie

Cairde Arts Festival (July)

Where Sligo transforms into a kaleidoscope of colourful cultural happenings with an incredible range of visual art, kids events, theatre, spoken word, performance and music from all over the world.

Location: Sligo Town, Various venues

Web: www.cairdefestival.com

Tread Softly (July)

Celebrating the legacy of brothers Jack B. and William Butler Yeats, the festival runs in conjunction with the legendary Yeats International Summer School.

Location: Sligo Town, Various venues

Web: www.treadsoftly.ie

Enniscrone Black Pig Festival (July)

Very popular community summer festival takes place over 5 days in Enniscrone, one of Sligo's most scenic towns, with a wide variety of activities for all ages.

Location: Approx 35 minutes west of Sligo town

Web: www.facebook.com/Enniscrone/Events

Sligo Jazz Festival (July)

A unique festival that mixes all-star concerts, pub gigs and Europe's biggest Jazz Summer School; the festival has grown to become one of the most important and inspiring jazz education events, with a faculty that includes the cream of Irish jazz and international jazz musicians, teaching during the day and performing at night.

Location: Sligo Town, various venues

Web: www.sligojazz.ie

The James Morrison Festival (August)

Celebrating the music and legacy of James Morrison, one of the 'Big Three' Sligo fiddle masters, along with Michael Coleman and James Killoran.

Location: Riverstown, Co. Sligo

Web: www.jamesmorrisonfestival.com

Sligo Summer Fest (August)

Summer Festival is a family friendly live music event spanning four nights in the centre of Sligo town. The event is recognised nationally as the best value festival in the country and attracts a nightly audience in excess of 4000. The event is well served by the fantastic selection of food and beverage venues on it's doorstep.

Location: Sligo Town Stephen St.
Car park

Web: facebook.com/sligosummerfestival/

The Warriors Festival (August)

A very popular festival celebrating Queen Maeve and her legendary warriors. A 15km road and hill race from Strandhill village to the top of Knocknarea and back – competitive or, just plain fun! Each year around 800 runners take part in this unique event to earn the honour of being able to say that they completed the Warriors Run. Various family events take place around the beach.

Location: Strandhill

Web: www.warriorsfestival.com

Spanish Armada Festival (September)

Remembering Sligo's links to the famed Spanish Armada, three of whose ships foundered on Streedagh Beach in 1588. The festival features lectures, tours, music and food.

Location: Grange, Streedagh,
Sligo town.

Web: www.spanisharmadaireland.com/celtic-fringefestival

Sligo Festival of Baroque Music (October)

The festival presents high quality performance of baroque chamber music in a friendly and informal context. There is always a mix of performers, some with an enviable international reputation, others at some early stage of their careers.

A feature of the festival has always been an attempt to foster the development of young performers.

Location: The Model, The Mall, Sligo Town

Web: www.sligobarquefestival.com





Sligo Live (October)

Ireland's premier folk, roots and indie music festival since 2005. Past headliners include Sheryl Crow, Elvis Costello, Mary Chapin-Carpenter, Joan Armatrading and Rufus Wainwright. Over 100 gigs in warm, intimate and atmospheric indoor venues, from cafes and churches to concert halls.

Location: Various Sligo town venues
Web: www.sligolive.ie



Sligo International Choral Festival (November)

One of Ireland's premier choral events which sees choirs from Ireland and abroad converge on Sligo for a weekend of competition and concerts. The festival also takes to the streets, with choirs performing for the passing public.

Web: www.sligochoralfest.com

St Patricks Day Festival (March)

Come join us when the town bursts into life, jam packed with free family friendly events

Sligo's St. Patrick's Day Parade is the only event which has run in Sligo every year since 1971.

Web: www.sligostpatricksday.com
E-Mail: info@sligobid.ie





Pubs and Craic agus Ceoil

Pubs and Sessions

Sligo town has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to excellent pubs. And it's no secret that the live music scene here is flourishing; our music and merrymaking – or craic agus ceoil as we like to call it – is certainly a Sligo specialty.

Whether it's trad, blues, Americana, jazz or folk you're likely to happen upon a free live pub "session" most nights of the week. That's why we're known as a Music Town and hosted two wildly successful national Fleadh Cheoil (pron. Flah-kyol meaning "festival of music") here in 2014 and 2015. An updated list of live gigs for every venue, large and small, can be found on

Web: www.sligomusicians.com

Whiskey, Gin & Craft Beer Experience

If you just fancy a few drinks, Sligo has a wonderful selection of pub types, from traditional stone-floor-and-wood interiors through stylish cocktail lounges to elegant and relaxing hotel bars. And they've come together to offer a very tempting Tasting Experience.

Featuring a selection of whiskies, gins and distinctively Irish as well as local craft beers, there is something for every palate. Many of our venues are happy to offer an extensive tasting experience for corporate, social and other private groups.

For info contact Gail McGibbon at info@sligobid.ie





In 2017, Sligo Business improvement District (BID) supported the local hotels, hospitality and retail sectors in forming a dedicated unit that would assist the coach and conference sector in enhancing the user experience of Sligo.

Winning the international award for

excellence in the evening and night time economy – the Purple Flag (Association of Town and City Management UK and Ireland) 2015, First certified Coach Friendly Town in Ireland (Coach Tourism Transport Council of Ireland) 2017, Must Visit Destination (Vogue Editors UK), 2018 and home to one of the best food trails in the world (CNN Network), 2018.

Meet in Sligo will assist in the following activities:

- Bidding
- Venue Search
- Site Visits
- Accommodation
- Social Programmes
- Welcome Dinners
- Traditional Irish Music & Dance Events
- Coach Transfers

*If you have an enquiry, please do contact
Gail at gail@sligobid.ie or 00353 85 758 4434*

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MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Events)



Sligo is the perfect conference destination! We offer a wide selection of fully-serviced facilities in a unique setting which can transform your conference into a memorable, lifetime experience.

We have capacity for anywhere from 10 to 1000 delegates and over 900 hotel bedrooms, from international brand-names to quality local operators, in a region renowned for its extraordinary natural beauty. Few counties can boast such a range of facilities with so many complementary activities.



We can offer easy access to an international airport a short drive away. Ireland West offers convenient daily and often low-cost flights to many UK and European destinations.

www.irelandwestairport.com

Irish Rail offers a full-day schedule between Sligo and Dublin.

www.irishrail.ie

Contact: gail@sligobid.ie
or info@meetinsligo.ie

**Getting here is easy!
Sligo is easily reached by
air, ferry, train, bus or car.**

Dublin Airport (c. 2.5 hours)

Shannon Airport (c. 3 hrs)

Belfast Airport (c. 2.5 hours)

Ireland West Airport Knock (40 mins)

**For full information
check www.meetinsligo.ie**

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When planning your event you really want to know that at every step of the way you have the right partners. The right partners will understand the purpose of your event, what you want to achieve, how you want your presenters, audience and sponsors to feel about booking, attending and post your event.

We at AVA have the staff, technical and display facilities you require to ensure success every time. We discuss your event in detail with you so we fully understand your needs. You can rely on AVA to deliver appropriate sound, screens, staging, backdrops, lighting, display panels, graphics, video and audio recording/streaming. An award winning company, with over 20 years' experience, you can be assured that your event will be expertly managed by AVA's professional and friendly staff.



Contact: Odilon Hunt 071 914 6300 Web:www.ava.ie Email: odilon.hunt@ava.ie

Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa



Nestled between the beautiful vistas of Sligo Bay and Benbulbin Mountain, the 4 Star Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa sits comfortably along the stunning Wild Atlantic Way. The hotel is just 3km from the bustling centre of Sligo and a shells-throw from the seaside village of Rosses Point.

The hotel's conference and events team offer 10 flexible meeting and event suites with ballroom capacity for up to 740 delegates. It has the largest conferencing facilities in the NW of Ireland. The hotel continues to welcome local, national and international conferences

For further information

Tel: 071 914 0008

Web: radissonblu.com/hotel-sligo

Email: info.sligo@radissonblu.com

SUITE	THEATRE	CLAS ROOM	BOARD ROOM
Benbulbin	740	400	-
Knocknarea	100	70	33
Bricklieve	50	21	20
Dartry			15
Ballincar	32	28	18
Baymount Boardroom	-	-	8
No. of Bedrooms	132		

Glasshouse Hotel



Towering dramatically over the Garavogue River, The Glasshouse combines functionality and cutting-edge design to offer a unique 4 star city centre conference and meeting venue. The meeting rooms are sound proofed and offer natural daylight with climate control facilities, plus wireless broadband and a high speed LAN.

With ample car parking and luxurious accommodation plus a range of dining options, including the AA Rosette award winning restaurant The Kitchen and two bars.

Web: www.glasshouse.ie

Email: info@theglasshouse.ie

SUITE	THEATRE	CLASS ROOM	BOARD ROOM
Hyde	50	35	25
Yeats	50	35	25
Swan	150	100	50
No. of bedrooms	116		

Riverside Hotel



We are in a pleasant, relaxing location overlooking the Garavogue river and just minutes walk from the town centre.

For conferences and meetings, the Forde Room can seat up to 120 delegates theatre-style and offers the very best in audio-visual equipment from digital interactive screen, video conferencing, PA system and adjustable lighting.

The hotel also has a number of smaller meeting rooms that are a perfect option for interviews, board meetings or working groups.

Web: www.riversidesligo.ie

Email: info@riversidesligo.ie

SUITE	THEATRE	BOARD ROOM
Forde Room	120	-
No. of Bedrooms	37	

Sligo Park Hotel



Located just on the edge of Sligo Town, the 4-star Sligo Park Hotel is set in quiet parkland making it an ideal conference venue. The hotel has an AA Rosette award winning Restaurant, a modern Leisure Club with jacuzzi and a 16 metre swimming pool.

Bar, restaurant and private dining for guest numbers 10 to 450; ample parking for cars and coaches.

Abundant natural light throughout the meeting rooms and public areas with complimentary Wifi and blackout conference facilities

Web: www.sligoparkhotel.com

Email: sligo@leehotels.com

SUITE	THEATRE	CLASS-ROOM	BOAR ROOM
Sligo Park Suite	520	300	80
Sligo Suite	450	250	80
Park Suite	150	100	60
Mespil Suite	120	35	45
Hazelwood Suite	50	25	20
Kenmare Suite	13	-	10
No. of Bedrooms	136		

Clayton Hotel



Set on extensive grounds, the 4-star Clayton offers a choice of 6 meeting rooms in a purpose built conference centre.

KEY FEATURES ARE:

Dedicated rooms with reception area: flexible room combinations: natural daylight and fully air-conditioned: AV equipped and expert in supplier co-ordination e.g. equipment hire, backdrop specialists, AV companies. Complimentary high-speed internet. Free onsite parking.

Our Club Vitae Health and Fitness Club, offering a fully-equipped gym, pool and Spa. is the only facility in Sligo with a White Flag Diamond Award.

Web: www.claytonhotelsligo.com

Email: info.sligo@claytonhotels.com

SUITE	THEATRE	CLASS ROOM	BOARD ROOM
Pegasus	650	256	-
Pegasus 1	260	110	-
Pegasus 2	260	110	-
Tuscania	60	45	31
Cygnus	-	-	20
Aquila	-	-	20
Corvus	-	-	12
Cania Major - 19th century Chapel	220	-	-
No. of Bedrooms	163		

Sligo Southern Hotel



One of the original Great Southern Railway resort hotels, combining the elegance of a more gracious age with the best in modern facilities. We have four conference/meeting rooms with capacity for 12-350 delegates including break-out options in three fully-equipped suites.

FEATURES:

Generous Parking: blackout facilities: air-conditioned: wireless Internet Access: Natural daylight: wheelchair accessible: Leisure Centre with fully equipped gym and swimming pool.

Web: www.sligosouthernhotel.ie

Email: reservations@sligosouthernhotel.ie

SUITE	THEATRE	CLASS ROOM	BOAR ROOM
Innisfree	350	150	30
Knocknarea	60	40	30
Connaught	25	16	20
Benbulbin	40	20	24
No. of Bedrooms	93		

Knocknarea Arena



The Knocknarea Arena at IT Sligo is the ideal venue in the North West of Ireland for your event.

The Arena is also ideally suited to holding several parallel events. You can partition it into smaller, acoustically-discreet sections, which can host several different events under one roof, with easy access to the rest of the venue.

- Large-scale ground floor exhibition space
- Easy access (Wheelchair friendly)
- 800 car park spaces
- Cutting-edge conference equipment: The Knocknarea Arena will help ensure presentations pack a visual punch by providing a range of high-end technical equipment.
- Fast, reliable Wi-fi and ethernet internet access.
- High quality self-catering student accommodation available during the summer months
- 130-seater dining area upstairs. IT Sligo's 600-seater main restaurant on campus is also within walking distance of the arena. Both facilities have access to IT Sligo's contracted professional catering teams.

Recent conferences/exhibitions at the Knocknarea Arena include: Irish Sports Council and the Irish Government Launch of Ireland 2040

Web: www.itsligo.ie

Email: dalton.gerry@itsligo.ie

City Hotel



The Sligo City Hotel is an ideal venue for meetings and conferences with its superb city centre location, complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel and a range of accommodation and dining options available.

We have 4 conference rooms which can cater for groups of 12-180 delegates. These rooms are designed for various layouts and technical requirements and feature: Natural light: black-out capability: LCD projector and screens.

Web: www.sligocityhotel.com

Email: reception@sligocityhotel.com

SUITE	THEATRE	BOARDROOM
Lissadell	180	40
Glencar	50	20
Garavogue	20	12
Innisfree	20	12
No. of Bedrooms	61	

Alainn Tours

The Agency, which was set up in 1991, creates tailor-made holidays with and without activities for groups, families and individuals traveling from France and other French speaking countries.

We are renowned for our ability to deliver a unique holiday experience. Our suppliers are selected to meet our client's expectations and to match Alainn Tours high standards: a warm welcome, perfect location, comfort, great service and last but by no means least; competitive prices. We constantly research and develop new services and fresh experiences in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the rest of the UK.

Location: Unit 9, Pro Tek House,
Finisklin Estate, Sligo, Ireland

Contact: Bernard Eucher-Lahon /
Corine Ledanois

Tel: +353 71 915 0345

E-Mail: Info@alainntours.com

Web: www.vacancesenirlande.com

Wild Atlantic Ways

Apart from being such good fun, our comprehensive Wild Atlantic Way Tours allow you to get closer to the hidden Ireland that we know you'll just love.

We explore locations normal tours simply can't reach, delve into Ireland's complex, colourful and ancient history, be intrigued by our Myths & Legends. Choose from one of our structured Wild Atlantic Coastal Tours or allow us create a bespoke private tour or adventure weekend to suit the needs of your group. We offer small group Tours (max 16)

Tel: +353 71 917 3454

E-Mail: info@wildatlanticways.ie

Web: www.wildatlanticways.ie

Furey's Coaches

We provide luxury Irish coach and mini-bus hire services for corporate travel, golf tours, school trips, sports events, active retirement groups and professional guided tours within Ireland. Based in Sligo, Ireland, but providing a complete service throughout the country.

By choosing Furey's Coaches passengers from anywhere can sit back and enjoy a relaxing experience of the Irish countryside in our luxury coaches.

Tel: 071 917 3055

E-Mail: info@fureysofsligo.com

Feehily's Coaches and Travel Centre

Feehily's Travel Centre Sligo has been a family run business since it began in 1951. A one stop shop when it comes to individual and group travel offering a complete range of services and a selection of tours including Wild Atlantic Way Tour, Lough Gill Tour, North Sligo Scenic Tour and W.B. Yeats Tour of Sligo.

Tel: +353 71 914 3000

Web: www.sligobushire.ie



Invitation to Coach Operators / Drivers / Guides Operators/Drivers / Guides

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On behalf of the Sligo Business Community and Sligo County Council, we are delighted to extend a warm welcome to Coach Tours, Drivers and Guides.

In 2017, Sligo was selected by the Coach Tourism Transport Council of Ireland (CTTC) as the first designated Coach Friendly Town in Ireland. We are delighted to win this award as we place a high value on the business you bring to us. As a Purple Flag town Sligo is internationally recognised as a family-friendly, safe town with an excellent cultural offering in the evening and night time.

We would like to ensure that you and your clients have a memorable and pleasant experience while in Sligo.



WE OFFER:

- 17 coach parking spaces in total
- 24 Hour CCTV Monitoring
(Install app on your phone to view your coach)
- Drivers Lounge in The Model, Niland gallery with CCTV & Free WiFi
- Complimentary lunch/snack/coffee for drivers and guides
- 100 Metres from Sligo Town Centre
- GPS Coordinates:
Latitude 54.273675 / Longitude - 8.468303

Sligo is a member of the Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme and Sligo BID has purchased 3 wheelchairs that are available (Free of Charge) for use during your visit.

**for more information please
contact info@sligobid.ie or
Gail on 085 758 4434**



Sligo County Council
Comhairle Chontae Shligigh



CTTC
Coach Tourism and Transport Council of Ireland



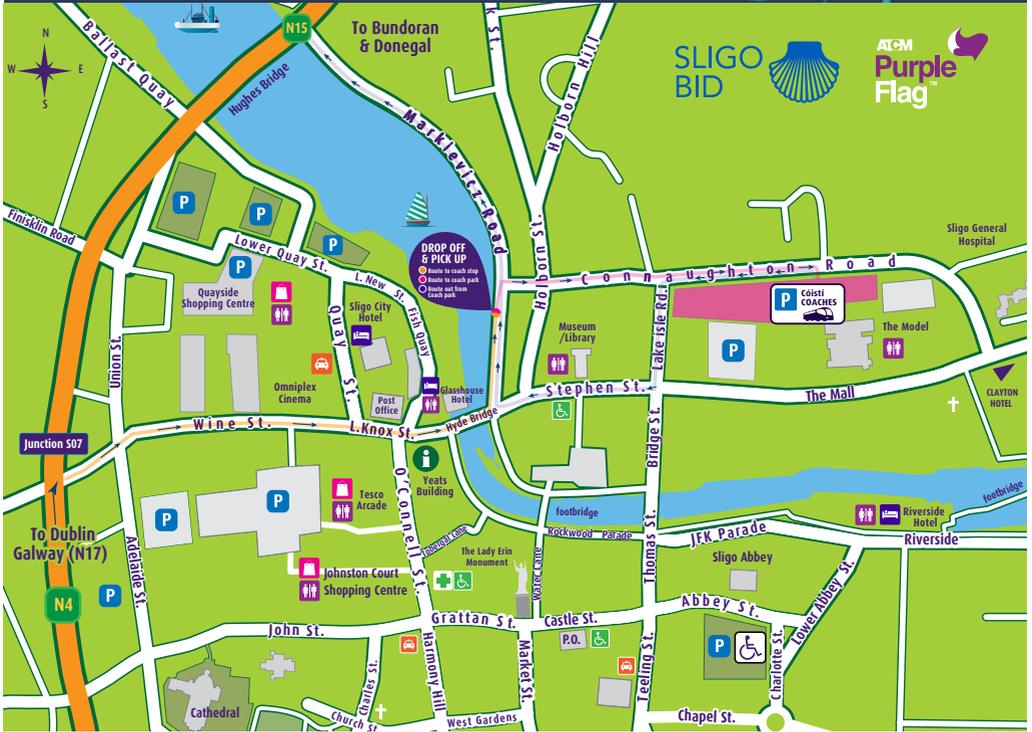
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Sligo Chamber
Advancing business together

Coach Parking Operators/Drivers/guides

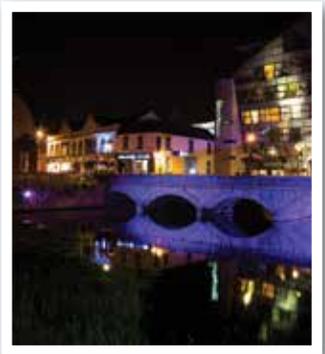
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Sligo was awarded the Purple Flag in 2015 and has retained the award every year since. Like the Blue Flag for beaches, a Purple Flag is awarded to towns and cities that demonstrate a standard of excellence in the evening and night-time economy (ENTE).

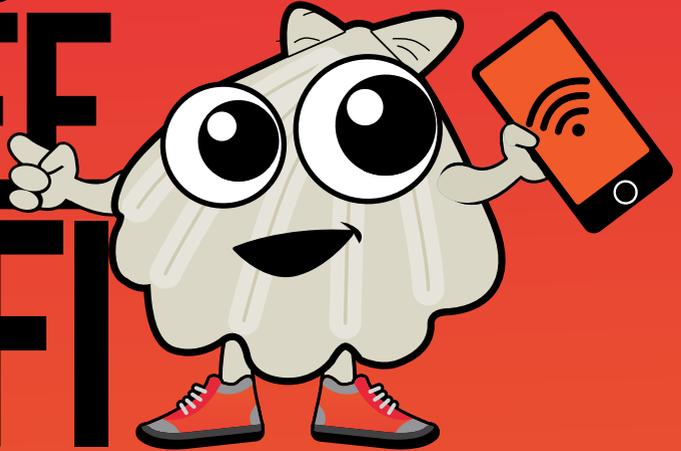
Independently assessed, the ENTE in Sligo has been judged to outperform larger urban centres.

With over 100 live music acts a month, thriving drama and cultural offerings and an award-winning gastronomic experience, Sligo is the epitome of a Purple Flag destination.





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