



Ireland's Hidden
HEARTLANDS

HERITAGE IRELAND

Ireland's National Heritage

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Trade Catalogue 2021



Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

Wild Atlantic Way

Dublin

Ireland's Ancient East



OPW

1. GROUPS AND TRADE ... EXPLORE MORE

Bring your group to visit an historic place for a great day out.

- If you are a public group or in the travel trade and have customers for group travel, FIT or MICE our staff are delighted to present memorable experiences at over 70 historic attractions.*
- Our guides excel in customer service and storytelling that enthral and engrosses the visitor, while offering a unique insight into the extraordinary legacy of Ireland's iconic heritage.
- Join our mailing list for more information on heritageireland.ie
- Contact each site directly for booking – details in Groups / Trade Catalogue

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions some sites may not be open.

2. GROUP VISIT BENEFITS

- Group Rate – up to 20% off normal adult admission rate. (min. 10 at most sites)
- One free tour leader per group booking
- Free once-off familiarisation visit
- Ability to amend/cancel bookings free of charge
- Coach parking at many of our sites
- Use of tour groups own wireless transmission whisper system allowed. (This does not include open audio loud-speakers.) Some of our sites have their own guided wireless transmission system/audio guide provided free of charge.
- Fast track admission for pre-booked groups
- Exclusive guided tours (some sites have specific language guided tours)

- Specific language audio-visual films in some sites for pre-booked tours
- Access to OPW Tour Operator Voucher Scheme (TOVS). Payment by monthly invoice. Email us at toursopsaccounts@opw.ie

*Minimum numbers may vary at sites due to COVID-19 restrictions as at July 2020.

*Some sites may not be fully accessible or closed due to COVID-19 restrictions as at July 2020.

3. PLAN YOUR ITINERARY

- For inspiration about passage tombs, historic castles, Christian sites and historic houses and gardens throughout Ireland.
- From brunch to banquets – find out about catering facilities at sites, events and more ...
- Wild Atlantic Way
- Ireland's Ancient East
- Dublin
- Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

4. TOUR OPERATORS VOUCHER SCHEME – CONTACT US

- Visitor Services, Office of Public Works, 20 Lakeside Retail Park, Ballindine Road, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, F12 DK30, Ireland. T. 353 (1) 647 6000 / E. touropsaccounts@opw.ie
- Coming soon – Holiday Pass. Explore more with a 2-week Holiday Pass. For use by FITs / individuals only.
- Join our mailing list for more information on heritageireland.ie

Ireland's Iconic Heritage Sites

Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

IRELAND'S HIDDEN HEARTLANDS

- 1 Aughnanure Castle
- 2 Boyle Abbey
- 3 Rathcroghan Visitor Centre
- 4 Famine Warehouse 1848

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

- 44 Adare Castle
- 45 Ardfert Cathedral
- 46 Athenry Castle
- 47 Ballycroy National Park
- 48 Burren National Park
- 49 Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery
- 50 Céide Fields
- 51 Charles Fort
- 52 Connemara National Park
- 53 Coole
- 54 Derrynane House and Gardens
- 55 Desmond Castle
- 56 Doe Castle
- 57 Donegal Castle
- 58 Dromore Wood
- 59 Dun Aonghasa
- 60 Ennis Friary
- 61 Gallarus Oratory
- 62 Glebe House and Gallery
- 63 Glenveagh National Park
- 64 Grianán of Aileach
- 65 Innacullin (Garinish Island)
- 66 Ionad an Bhlascaoid
- 67 Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh, Conamara
- 68 Killarney National Park
- 69 Listowel Castle
- 70 Muckross House and Traditional Farms
- 71 Newmills Corn and Flaxmills
- 72 Parkes Castle
- 73 Ross Castle
- 74 Scattery Island
- 75 Skelligs
- 76 Sligo Abbey

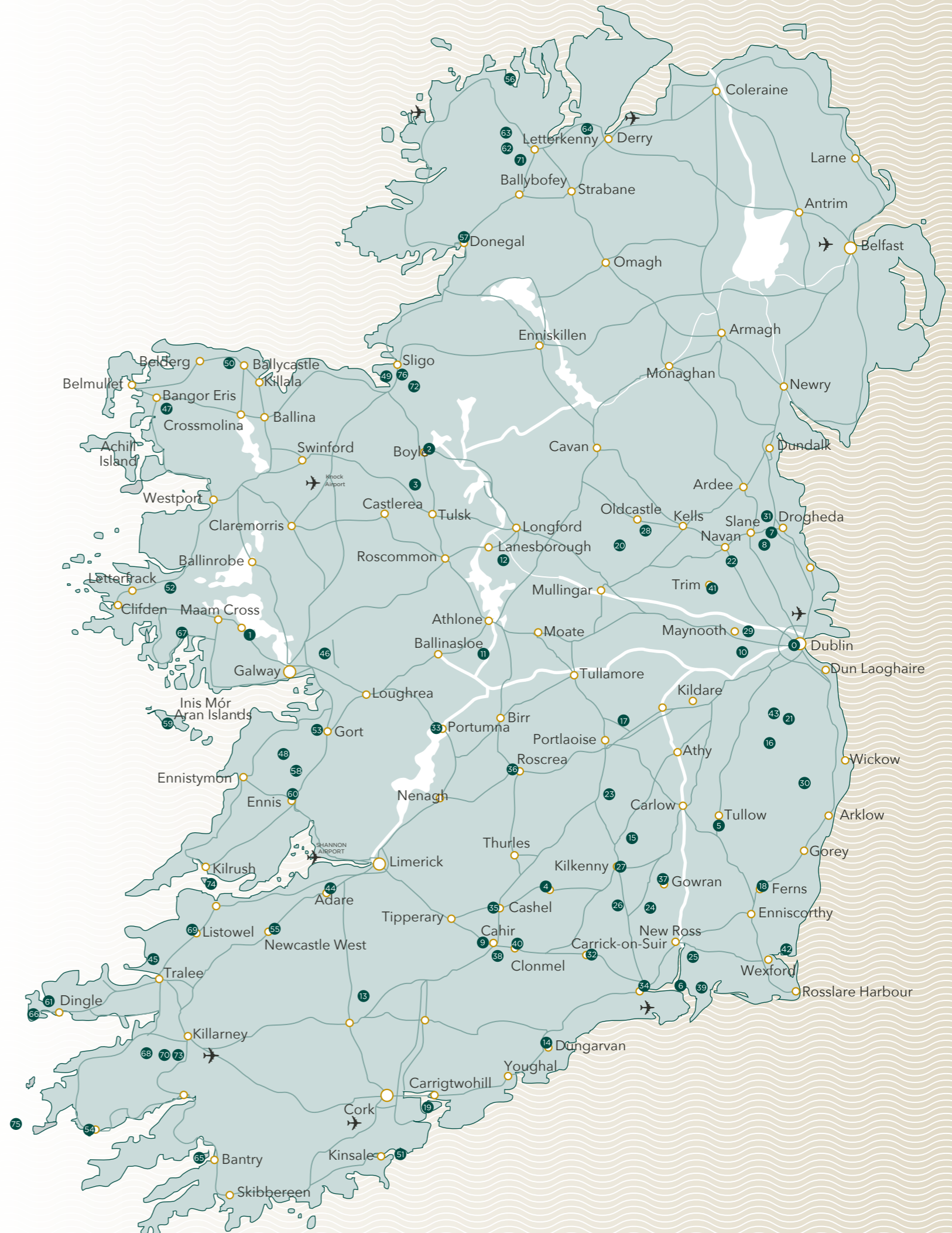
DUBLIN

- 0 Áras an Uachtarain
- 0 Arbour Hill
- 0 Casino Marino
- 0 Dublin Castle
- 0 Farmleigh House
- 0 Garden of Remembrance
- 0 Government Buildings
- 0 Grangegorman Military Cemetery
- 0 Iveagh Gardens
- 0 Kilmainham Gaol
- 0 National Botanic Gardens - Glasnevin
- 0 Pearse Museum & St. Enda's Park
- 0 Phoenix Park Visitor Centre & Ashtown Castle
- 0 Rathfarnham Castle
- 0 Royal Hospital Kilmainham
- 0 St. Audeon's Church
- 0 War Memorial Gardens
- 0 Islandbridge

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

- 5 Altamont Gardens
- 6 Ballyhack Castle
- 7 Battle of the Boyne - Oldbridge Estate
- 8 Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre
- 9 Cahir Castle
- 10 Castletown House and Estate
- 11 Clonmacnoise
- 12 Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre
- 13 Doneraile Court and Wildlife Park
- 14 Dungarvan Castle
- 15 Dunmore Caves
- 16 Dwyer Mc Alister Cottage
- 17 Emo Court and Gardens
- 18 Ferns Castle
- 19 Fota Arboretum and Gardens
- 20 Fore Abbey
- 21 Glendalough Visitor Centre
- 22 Hill of Tara
- 23 Heywood Gardens

- 24 Jerpoint Abbey
- 25 JFK Arboretum
- 26 Kells Priory
- 27 Kilkenny Castle
- 28 Loughcrew
- 29 Maynooth Castle
- 30 National Botanic Gardens - Kilmacurragh
- 31 Old Mellifont Abbey
- 32 Ormond Castle
- 33 Portumna Castle and Gardens
- 34 Reginald's Tower
- 35 Rock of Cashel
- 36 Roscrea Heritage (Castle & Damer House)
- 37 St. Mary's Church Gowran
- 38 Swiss Cottage
- 39 Tintern Abbey
- 40 The Main Guard
- 41 Trim Castle
- 42 Wexford Wildforest Reserve
- 43 Wicklow Mountains National Park





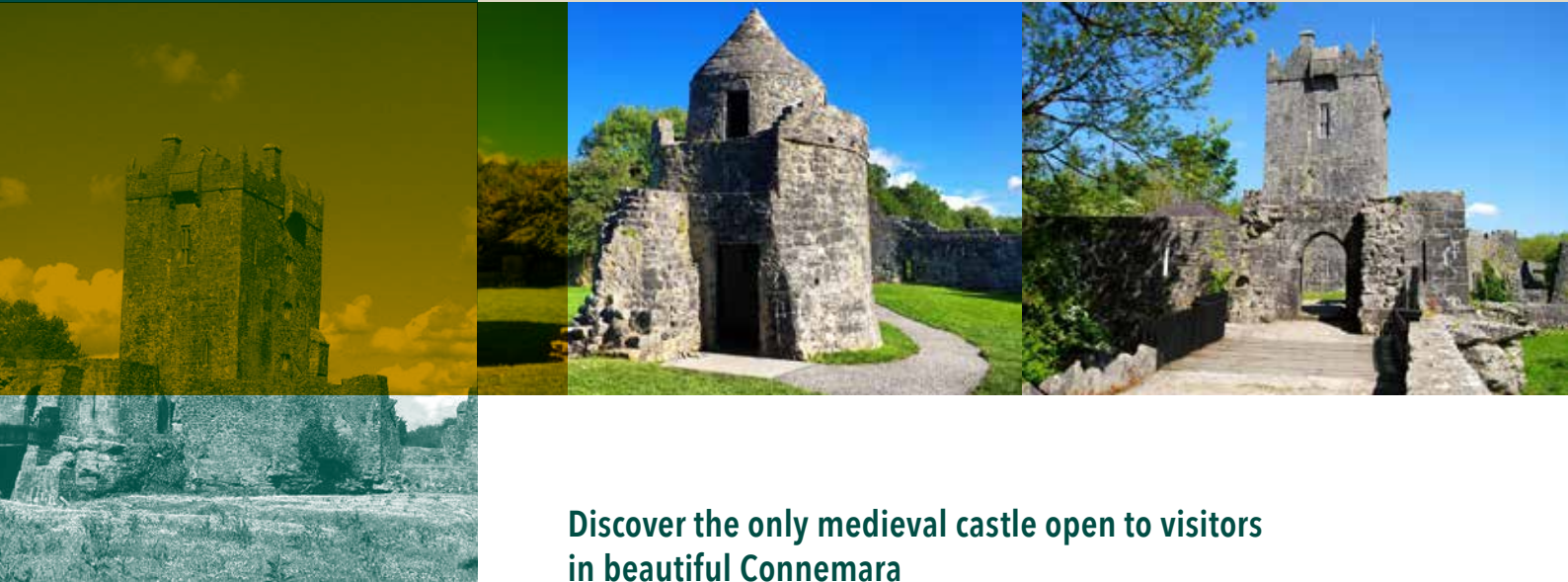
From banquets to
brunch ... enjoy
catering facilities at
our historic sites.



Clockwise from top left:
Dublin Castle; Kilkenny Castle; Castletown House
and Parklands; Farmleigh House

Aughnanure Castle

Oughterard, Co. Galway



**Discover the only medieval castle open to visitors
in beautiful Connemara**

OPENING HOURS 2021 (PROVISIONAL)

Open daily, 9.30 - 17.15

27.02.20 - 21.10.2020

Open daily, 9.30 - 16.15

22.10.20 - 04.11.2020

Open daily, 9.30 - 15.15

05.11.20 - 15.11.2020

2021 dates should be similar.

ADMISSION

Adult: €5.00

Group/Senior: €4.00

Child/Student: €3.00

Family: €13.00

Accompanied children under
12 go free.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Murderhole - a fifteenth century defence feature
- Elaborate sixteenth century banquetting hall carvings
- Annual family-friendly events including Heritage Week, Biodiversity Week and Halloween
- Beautiful river walk along the banks of the Drimneen

Aughnanure Castle is a late-fifteenth century Gaelic towerhouse that stands on a limestone outcrop on the leafy banks of the Drimneen River. Built by the O'Flaherty chiefs of the medieval territory of Iarchonnacht, the castle stands as a testament to what was once the most powerful and influential force in late-medieval Iarchonnacht and is a visible statement of the family's wealth and status on an important route-way to Lough Corrib. For almost four centuries the O'Flahertys ruled supreme as independent Gaelic warrior lords and depended on the sea for trade, food and transport while the green fields and mountain pastures provided grazing for their herds, and the thick forests offered a safe refuge. By the sixteenth century they had built a network of small castles or towerhouses along the Atlantic coastline and further east towards Lough Corrib from where they ran their prosperous little Gaelic kingdom, far out of the reach of English law.

The legacy of this powerful family is deeply entwined with that of the towerhouse at Aughnanure which provides the backdrop through which the story of Gaelic medieval Ireland is told.

VISITOR EXPERIENCES

Experience	Description	Fitness Level	Min. / Max. numbers	Duration (approx.)	Price per person
Guided Castle Tour	Fully guided tours of all four floors of the castle, its flanking towers, walls gatehouse and remains of the banqueting hall. The story of the O'Flahertys is one of many stories of Gaelic ruling families in Ireland, fighting for survival in a time of major political upheaval. Explore the stout stone walls and flanking towers that provided refuge to the family in times of raiding and war. The tour ends by walking back through the gatehouse, over the bridge and along the beautiful banks of the Drimneen river.	Wheelchair access on ground floor only. Uneven surfaces on pathways around the grounds.	Min. 2. Max. 30	45 minutes	€ 4.00 Group Rate
Self Guiding	There are several information panels inside the castle that will guide you through the building at your own pace. These informative panels tell the story of Aughnanure, the O'Flahertys and Gaelic medieval Ireland and can be accompanied by visitor's guides in several languages, available for sale at reception. Paths around the site facilitate visitors with reduced mobility and guides are always on hand to answer any questions.	Wheelchair access on ground floor only. Uneven surfaces on pathways around the grounds.			€ 4.00 Group Rate

BOOKING

T. 00 353 (91) 552214
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LOCATION

Oughterard, Co. Galway,
H91 PX20. Off the N59
main Galway to Cliften route.
5kms south of the village
of Oughterard

LANGUAGES

Leaflet available in Irish,
English, French, German,
Italian, Spanish and Polish.

FACILITIES

Car parking. Toilets on site.
No Tea Room on site.

NEARBY

Glengowla Mines, Quiet Man
Bridge, Corrib Cruises,
Brigit's Garden and Cafe.