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ABOUT US

Explore Inishowen CLG's main function is to provide an exemplary service in terms of customer information for the visitor to our region.

Marketing Inishowen as a top tourist destination; planning and co-ordinating the development of tourism within the area is paramount.

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Visitor Map





WHAT'S ON

Inishowen is home to wonderful events all through the year! We have the Buncrana Music Festival, world famous Clonmany Country Music Festival, Carndonagh 'Live in the Marquee', Earagail Arts Festival (Inishowen), Halloween Festival in partnership with our neighbours in Derry, the Greencastle Reggatta, Mòville Festival and Inishowen Pride to name just a few!



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if you are planning to visit. Events in Inishowen are
always enjoyed by locals & tourists alike





THE INISHOWEN 100

Coastal Scenic Route

The Inishowen 100 was named by the Irish Independent as one of the top ten scenic routes in the country. Officially starting in Newtowncunningham it hugs the coastline for one hundred miles finishing in Muff at the other end or entrance to the route whichever direction you travel it. For the most part this route aligns with The Wild Atlantic Way; the world's longest coastal touring route covering an astonishing 2,500km.



NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM

Primarily an agricultural area, Newtowncunningham is surrounded by a rich and fertile landscape. Key sights include Blanket Nook and the Roman Catholic Church of All Saints, uniquely designed in the shape of a boat (representing St Peter's Barque). It is well worth a visit to view the varied artwork including a large oil painting by Thomas Ryan commemorating how the land for the first church here was granted by local landlord; Mr William Forward.



BURT

This townland is steeped in history and boasts one of Inishowen's most iconic sites, An Grianan of Aileach. The ringfort stands on a summit 800ft above sea level and Grianan Hill has been the sentinel of Inishowen for over 3000 years. Grianan of Aileach also inspired the architectural 'masterpiece' of St Aengus' Catholic Church, which was designed in 1967 by Liam McCormack.



BURNFOOT

Following the road from Burt to the village of Burnfoot, you will travel along an area which is known locally as the "Slablands". The unusually flat land here is noteworthy as it was reclaimed from Lough Swilly at the end of the 19th Century; it remains one of the largest organic farms in Ireland today. Burnfoot - is the anglicised version of the name "Bun Na hAbhann" or "Foot of the River" and shows the Scottish influence locally, as "Burn", a Scottish term for a small stream or rivulet. This is an excellent location to visit nearby Inch Wildfowl Reserve.



INCH

Situated on the South West corner of Inishowen is Inch Island, attached to the mainland by a wide causeway. Between Inch Island and the mainland lies a region of drained polder land, which has an area of 1,200 hectares. Here Whooper Swans are of international importance with on average 6,000 birds overwintering. During the 15th century, Sir Cahir O'Doherty built a castle near the southern end of the island, parts of which are still visible today. There is also a fully functioning pier on the northern side of the island with easy access to Lough Swilly.



FAHAN

This is the site of the ancient 7th Century Abbey of St. Mura. The cross of St. Mura marks his grave 654 A.D. Other artefacts found here are the Wishing Stone and Greek Cross, both of which are set in the outer wall surrounding the site. Legible marked graves date from 1652 and include the names of the early plantation settlers of the area. Another grave worthy of note is that of Agnes Jones a nursing colleague of Florence Nightingale, who died in 1868. Across the road in the grounds of the Protestant Church is the mass grave of 68 victims of H.M.S Laurentic which was lost on January 26th, 1917 at the mouth of Lough Swilly following an attack by a German U-Boat. A major claim to fame for this village is that Cecil Frances Alexander, wife of the then Anglican Bishop of Derry, wrote "There is a Green Hill Far Away", "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and "Once in David's Royal City", while living in the local rectory. The focal point of Fahan is the Lough Swilly Marina, which provides a sheltered anchorage for 400 boats and yachts.



BUNCRANA

The principal and largest town in the peninsula, Buncrana sits prominently on the shore of Lough Swilly, which translates, from Gaelic into the very appropriate "Lake of Shadows". The importance of Lough Swilly to Buncrana during WWI became evident when Admiral Jellicoe moved his grand fleet from Scapa Flow to Lough Swilly. The Clan O'Dochartaigh has had a long affiliation with this town. The historic O'Dochartaigh's Keep at the entrance to Swan Park sits beside Buncrana Castle, which is accessible via the Crana Bridge. This is also the starting point of the coastal walk to Fr Hegarty's Rock. Nearby is the location where the famous Irish revolutionary, Theobald Wolfe Tone, was captured on board a French warship during the 1798 rebellion. The town today has an abundance of bars and restaurants, nearby beaches and a children's play area.



DUNREE & DESERTEGNEY

Fort Dunree, perched majestically on a rocky outcrop overlooking Lough Swilly, demonstrates its vital role in coastal defence and neutrality protection with a complete expose of coastal artillery. The military museum has an array of artefacts, while the local cafe boasts to be 'The most scenic coffee shop in Ireland.' Newly developed hillside walks enable visitors to get breathtaking views of the Atlantic and Fanad Head. The monastic site of Desertegney is dedicated to St. Columba and the area is one of spectacular scenery overlooking Lough Swilly. In the distance lie the Urris Mountains; the famous Gap of Mamore.



MAMORE GAP

This has to be one of the most breathtaking locations in Donegal. Located five miles North of Buncrana, Mamore Gap passes between Mamore Hill and Urris at 800ft above sea level. This is a favourite spot for tourists and locals alike with its spectacular views of the Inishowen Peninsula and beyond to the broad sweep of the Atlantic Ocean. For the energetic it's the starting point of the Urris Lakes Loop and Butlers Glen Loop Walking Trails.



URRIS

The trip down from the Urris Mountains, through the Gap of Mamore, towards Urris takes you on the steep winding road which is one of the most breathtaking in the country. The magnificent vista before you and below you stretches all the way to Dunaff Head. On a clear day you can see Tory Island. At the base of the mountain lie five beautiful Irish cottages, painstakingly restored to their original condition.



CLONMANY

Clonmany is located next to a river and overlooked by four imposing and awe-inspiring mountains; Bulbin is 1,500ft (457.1m), Raghtin More is 1,656ft (504.7m), Binion is 830ft (252.9m) but towering over them all is Inishowen's tallest, Sliabh Sneacht which is a mighty 2,019ft (615.3m). Just south of the village, is a short, but exceptionally rewarding walk through a wooded stream valley. It follows a very gradual incline over gravel paths coming to an end at an impressive waterfall; Glenevin Waterfall. There are picnic areas along the route to stop and enjoy the area. This traditional Irish village is home to the famous Clonmany Festival, Ireland's longest running and best known family festival.



BALLYLIFFIN

One of the highlights of this delightful little seaside resort is its magnificent stretch of golden sands, over 2 miles in length, known as Pollan Bay Beach which is superb for surfing. There is also a children's playground at the beach. Carrickabraghy Castle, built around '1500 AD' was a stronghold of the Clan O'Dochartaigh, one of its original occupiers being Phelemy Brasleigh O'Dochartaigh. It is accessible by walking along the beach. Ballyliffin is also home to one of Ireland's finest golf clubs with two outstanding, but contrasting links courses.



ISLE OF DOAGH

Doagh Island is situated on the route from Ballyliffin to Carndonagh. This was an island until after the Ice Age, when melting ice left the sea at more than 50 meters below the present level. 6,000 years ago it was again an island to the mainland and wave action pushed ashore sand which was blown into dunes. There are records showing the Isle of Doagh itself inhabited as far back as the early 9th Century. The Isle of Doagh (BarMouth or Lagg) is a wonderful location for sea trout fishing, spinning or free lining Sand Eel from both sides of the channel.



CARNDONAGH

The chief glory of this market town is the famous St. Patrick's Cross, dating back to the 7th century. It is one of the very early Christian crosses outside mainland Europe. The cross is 11ft. 6 inches in height and is regarded as one of the finest examples in Ireland of low relief carving. Alongside the cross are two pillar stones each carved on all sides. The most impressive sight to greet the visitor en route into town is the magnificent granitebuilt Sacred Heart Church, which towers above the town centre where four roads from the main compass points meet. Every single stone for this magnificent building was hand-carved and laid by Master Stone Masons from all over Ireland.



MALIN

An interesting and unspoilt 17th century plantation village picturesquely situated at the head of Trawbreaga Bay. A Key feature is the bridge crossing the Ballyboe River; its ten arches spanning the bay. It is the second largest stone bridge in Ireland. The original triangular village green is still intact, planted with limes, sycamore and cherries, and recently with oaks to commemorate the O'Dochartaigh Clan. The Church of Ireland parish church has a fine three state battlemented tower with square pinnacles. The Lagg Road to Malin Head takes the visitor along the shores of Trawbreaga Bay. The Bay is an area of regional ornithological importance and has been declared a wildlife sanctuary.



MALIN HEAD

Visitors should not miss Banba's Crown, Malin Head. It is not just Ireland's most northerly point, but an area of great scenic beauty and of historical, scientific and ecological importance. The circuit of the Head will take you past the Radio Station, built in 1910. Here a tall derelict building known locally as "The Tower" was built by British Admiralty in 1805 to defend against a possible French invasion during the Napoleonic wars. It was used later as a Lloyds Signal Station. During the Second World War, the small huts were built and used by our defence forces to keep a lookout and protect our neutrality. It is a perfect starting point for a ramble along the cliffs to Hell's Hole, a remarkable subterranean cavern 250 feet long and 8 feet wide. Nearby is a picturesque natural arch which is known as Devil's Bridge.



GLENGAD

For generations Glengad has been a traditional fishing area, a practice still continued today. At Glengad, the visitor can take in views of Inishtrahull, Rathlin Island and further out to sea to the Western Isles of Scotland. Glengad offers a safe viewing point called Portaleen Viewing Point with vehicle parking, bi-lingual information/orientation panels, a newly constructed natural stone boundary wall, new enhanced fencing, landscaping, accessible picnic benches and seating. This type of infrastructure provides a setting for local people and visitors to appreciate the landscape and cultural links to the land and sea. The addition of bi-lingual information panels at the viewing point is the latest development of an ongoing project to enhance visitor experience on the coastal touring route of the Wild Atlantic Way. Portaleen Viewing Point is a place where the community and tourists can now come together with unobstructed views across the coastal landscape, working pier and the Atlantic Ocean.



CULDAFF

This picturesque village has two fine stone bridges and a triangular green featuring a now disused pump house. In Culdaff River you can see St. Boden's 'Boat', a stone in which he is said to have crossed from Scotland. Only the sceptic will doubt the marks of his fingers! Situated on a pretty estuary, the sandy beach has attained Blue Flag status. Culdaff is a fine walking area with cliff scenery stretching North-West to Malin Head and Southwards to Inishowen Head. The famous Shakespearean actor, Charles Macklin, was born here.



KINNAGOE BAY

The scenery as you approach this beautiful cove is breathtaking. When you descend to the beach you feel as if you are in another world, feeling totally cut off by the sea in front and the sheer cliffs to every side. Glenagivney, called the "Queen of the Inishowen Glens," runs inland from Kinnagoe Bay towards Lecamy. An example of an ancient sweat-house can be found in Lecamy. It is

believed that the almost enclosed chamber was heated like an oven and people crept in and then, having been sweated, rushed out to immerse themselves in cold water. Tradition has it that they were used as a cure for rheumatism. It was also just off Kinnagoe Bay in 1970/71 that divers found the Spanish Armed Transporter, La Trinidad Valencera. On September 14th 1588, this 1,100 ton wooden ship had limped into anchor offshore then sank two days later.



BOCAN, GLENEELY, CARROWMENAGH, REDFORD

Bocan, Gleneely, Carrowmenagh and Redford are areas that contain possibly the widest range and greatest number of historical sites and ancient monuments in Inishowen. Among the ancient sites to visit in these areas are, Cloncha Church, Cross of St. Boden, Larrahirril Court Tomb, Bocan Stone Circle, Kindroyhead Standing Stone and Carrowmore High Cross. These areas have also been the birthplace of many well-known authors who have contributed greatly to our knowledge of our past and still continue to supply us with some wonderful reading material. Brian Bonner, Sean Beattie, John A. McLaughlin, Hazel Clarke/McIntyre, Evelyn Ruddy, Neil McGrory and Bridget O'Toole have written some superb works on various aspects of life in the area as well as local and general history. Nearby is Tremone Bay where in 1848 a Young Irelander, Thomas D'Arcy McGee escaped from his pursuers and eventually ended up in Canada where he became one of the founders of the Confederation of Canada and a Government Minister.



GREENCASTLE

This is a popular resort with a fine beach. It is an important commercial fishing port. It was once a place of historical importance. Richard de Burgo (often latinised as Richard de Burgo), the Red Earl of Ulster, selected the place as a site for a castle to dominate the O'Donnells and the O'Dohertys of Inishowen. This village has been synonymous with the sea for centuries and many generations of its people have sailed the seven seas. It is therefore only fitting that there is a Maritime Museum and Planetarium that houses hundreds of relics of the sea. The Irish National Fisheries College is also located here preparing young men and women for a life at sea. During the summer months, the ferry crosses the Foyle to the Causeway Coast it links Greencastle with Magilligan Point; both popular seaside locations.



STROOVE

A favourite walk in Stroove (known locally as Shroove) leads to Port-a-doris - Port of the Door. The "Door" to the lovely cave is a natural arch. Here is a wishing well, where those who drink the water are said to have their wishes granted. Near Stroove, there is an ancient cross-inscribed pillar stone and a small modern cross. A spring dedicated to St. Colmcille spouts near the stone. The saint is said to have stopped here for water on his way to Iona. Located close to Inishowen Head, this area has many lovely small coves including a beautiful sandy beach known as "The Big White Bay" overlooked

by Stroove Lighthouse. Stroove has a European Blue Flag Beach with the standards that apply to this type of accreditation, it ensures that this beach is also an excellent place for bathing.



MOVILLE

This is a busy scenic market town, located along the banks of Lough Foyle. Moville also is the ancestral home of Field-Marshal Montgomery of North Africa and El Alamein fame; it is called New Park House. To further emphasise this link, overlooking the shorefront is a row of wonderful Victorian houses built in 1884 and named Montgomery Terrace. These houses have all been tastefully restored to their former glory. This location is also the starting point to the Moville-Greencastle coastal walk.



REDCASTLE

Ancient maps show two prominent castles along the banks of Lough Foyle, one of Redcastle, which was then called Caire MacEwlyn, and the second at Whitecastle, once called Garnagall. Both castles belonged to the Clan McLaughlin. Sadly, nothing remains of these castles today.



QUIGLEY'S POINT

The village of Quigley's Point is also known as 'Carrowkeel' Located on the eastern shore of the Inishowen peninsula, overlooking Lough Foyle. Quigley's Point lies on the main road between Derry City and Moville and is a key Junction for travellers heading for most areas of North Inishowen.



MUFF

This small village on the border of Donegal and Derry has a Church of Ireland built by the Harts of Kilderry House which dates from 1737. The house itself, part Palladian in design, dates from the 18th century. Muff is in the parish of Iskaheen or in Gaelic, Uisce Chaoin, "pure waters" - because of a holy well near an ancient church. This parish has numerous famous historical connections. One is the ruin of an old church, which lies outside the village opposite the existing Catholic Church of St. Patrick. This old ruin with its graveyard is reputed to date from the 8th century. The second famous item in this parish is the plaque inserted in the wall of this same old church, which reads: "Eoghan, Prince of Inishowen, Son of Niall of the Nine Hostages, died 465 of grief for his brother Conall. Baptised by (Saint) Patrick and buried in Uisce Chaoin." The third is the "Giant Stone," locally known as the "Morton God Dolmen". It is a collapsed dolmen or an ancient burial place, thought to be the largest in Inishowen. Such monuments were used as graves for chieftains and also as "altars" for pagan worship.



MUST SEES



BURT CASTLE

One of Donegal's best known castles due to its prominent location along the Derry-Letterkenny road, Burt castle was constructed during the reign of Henry VIII and an exciting discovery of coins from 1525 and 1547 was made close by. A castle of strategic importance to the O'Dochartaigh's, it eventually fell to English control in 1608 after Cahir O'Doherty's failed rebellion in which he sacked the English ruled Derry, Lifford & Strabane. Though noted to be in ruin by 1833, the castle remains an impressive historic sight and while situated on private ground, it can be viewed quite closely from the nearby road.



GRIANAN OF AILEACH

An Grianan of Aileach Stone Fort was reconstructed in 1870 and built on the site of the original 1700BC ring fort located in Burt. High on a hilltop 800 feet above sea level, the ancient fort looks out over the beautiful waters of Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle, providing breathtaking views of Inch Island below, and an excellent panorama of Counties Donegal, Derry, Tyrone and Antrim.



INCH WILDFOWL RESERVE

As Ireland's premier wetland site, the Inch Wildfowl Reserve is a Special Protected Area under the EU Birds Directive. It is an internationally significant destination for thousands of migrating birds from three different continents; including geese, swans, ducks and other waders. The infrastructure at the reserve caters for outdoor recreational activity such as walking, running and cycling on a popular 8km looped path with seating, and viewpoints. There are also a number of bird hides which are open to the public. This scenic pathway follows around the lake edge and offers panoramic views of the surrounding agricultural landscape and wetlands.



ST MURA'S CROSS

The site of the ancient Abbey of St. Mura lies in Fahan Village. This monastery flourished during the seventh century. The most interesting object from this period is the cross of St. Mura, thought to mark his grave of 654A.D. The stone slab bears an interlaced cross on each face, and on one side there are two figures flanking the foot of the cross and bearing an undecipherable inscription on their garments.



AMAZING GRACE COUNTRY

Ireland's beautiful Lough Swilly was the setting for a dramatic story which changed the life of a foul mouthed slave trader; John Newton. In 1748, Newton, then a slave trader, was sailing to England when his ship was caught in a violent storm. When all hope was lost, he found refuge on the shores of Lough Swilly. Believing God had saved him he changed his ways and went on to pen one of the most famous and well-loved songs of all time - "Amazing Grace". The Amazing Grace Park is located beside the tourist office and a short walk along the shore takes you to The Amazing Grace Viewing Point.



O'DOHERTY'S KEEP

Located beside Crana Bridge, The Keep was originally constructed between 1410-30 as a two storey building with a third storey added in 1602 for Sir Cahir Rua O'Doherty, the last Lord of Inishowen. After O'Doherty's failed rebellion and subsequent death in 1608, the English Crown's Lord Deputy Arthur Chichester claimed it. In 1610, during the Plantation of Ulster, he in turn leased the 'Keep' to Captain Henry Vaughan whose grandson Colonel George Vaughan built Buncrana Castle between 1716-18.



CRANA BRIDGE

The omnipresent symbol of Buncrana, Crana Bridge is a six arched stone bridge leading to Buncrana Castle, built by George Vaughan in 1718; now a private dwelling. The original town of Buncrana was citted by the castle but was subsequently moved by Vaughan to the present day main street. The bridge is located at the entrance to Swan Park which is a much loved amenity, ideal for leisurely river walks.



FORT DUNREE

In the Irish language Dunree translates as Dun Fhraoigh, meaning, "Fort of the Heather," indicating that it was an important defensive location throughout history. Today however, its stunning natural beauty, abundant wildlife, military museum, coastal artillery display and "The most scenic coffee shop in Ireland" are drawing increasing numbers of visitors to one of Inishowen's most beautiful locations.



GLENEVIN WATERFALL

This stunning waterfall is located on the outskirts of the village of Clonmany. Its wedge shape cascades fresh mountain water descending over black rock from an astounding height of 30 feet. A designated car park, walkway and picnic areas are provided. The entrance to the waterfall car park can be found beside The Glen House B&B.



CARRICKABRAGHY CASTLE

On the Isle of Doagh near Ballyliffin are the ruins of what was once an impressive 16th century structure, Carrickabraghy Castle. It is situated on an imposing rock formation at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean with wonderful views. The castle has undergone significant conservation work making it an excellent site to visit for anyone with an interest in Irish history or the O'Dochartaigh Clan Castles.



ST PATRICK'S CROSS

St. Patrick's Cross is situated in Carndonagh and dates back to around the 7th century, making it one of the very early Christian crosses outside mainland Europe. The cross is beautifully decorated with carvings which reflect both the Christian traditions with biblical reference and also the older Celtic art of interlacing patterns. This suggests the success achieved in converting the Irish from a Druid based religion to Christianity.



KNOCKAMANY BENS

The Lagg road to Malin Head takes the visitor along the shores of Trawbreaga Bay. The Bay is an area of regional ornithological importance and has been declared a wildlife sanctuary. The road rises sharply following the coastline around the Knockamany Bens with magnificent views of Trawbreaga Bay from the car park. On a clear day Tory Island can be seen to the west. One of Donegal's most beautiful beaches is at Lagg, known as the "Five Fingers Strand". It has some of Europe's Largest Sand Dunes which began to form in their present position about 5000 years ago. The tough marram grass grows best when sand is blown on top of it and here great sand hills up to 30 metres high have been built up by the action of wind blowing sand from the beach.



NORTHERN LIGHTS

As the most northerly point in Ireland, Inishowen is undoubtedly the best place on the island in which to witness the astronomical phenomenon of aurora borealis. Due to the low light pollution, Malin Head, Dunree, Mamore Gap and Dunaff are prime locations in which to get the perfect photograph, while softservernews.com provide real time maps and updates on the likelihood of the northern lights being visible.





MALIN HEAD

Malin Head is the location of Ireland's most Northerly Point. It is a signature point for anyone doing a tour of the Wild Atlantic Way. The tip, Banba's Crown is named after Banba, a goddess of the Tuatha De Danann, the mythological tribe said to have lived in Ireland in ancient times. Banba and her sisters Eriu and Fodla became the patron goddesses representing the sovereignty and the spirit of Ireland. Standing high at Banba's Crown is a grey derelict building locally known as 'The Tower' Initially constructed by the British Admiralty in 1805 as a Napoleonic lookout tower to help defend against a possible French invasion. It was later taken over by Marconi as an important signal station for news between America and Europe though modern technology has since made it redundant. In 1870 the first weather reports were recorded, and in 1902 the first wireless message was sent from Malin Head to the ship S.S. Lake Ontario Natural attractions along the cliff edge include a spectacular subterranean cavern known as "Hell's Hole" and a natural arch called "Devil's Bridge". On a good day the Scottish Islands, Tory Island and nearby Inishtrahull Island are visible. the cliff edge include a spectacular subterranean cavern known as "Hell's Hole" and a natural arch called "Devil's Bridge". On a good day the Scottish Islands, Tory Island and nearby Inishtrahull Island are visible.



BOCAN STONE CIRCLE

This impressive monument is situated near the village of Culdaff located on pasture land near St. Mary's Church Bocan just outside the village of Culdaff. With a diameter of 65-75 feet, originally consisting of 30 standing stones (of which 12 remain upright) Bocan Stone Circle's impressive six feet high orthostats evoke images of life in Inishowen five millennia ago.



THE TEMPLE OF DEEN

The well preserved remains of a megalithic tomb dating from 1500BC-2000BC, the Temple of Deen (sometimes referred to as Laraghill Cairn) is situated on the opposite side of the road from the Bocan Stone Circle.



LA TRINIDAD VALENCERA

It was just off Kinnego Bay in 1970/71 that divers found the Spanish Armada Transporter, La Trinidad Valencera, a 1,100 ton wooden ship. It was badly damaged in a storm and had limped into anchor offshore on September 14th 1588 but sank two days later. Many artifacts have been recovered from this vessel and can be seen in the Tower Museum in Derry.

CNOC AN UININN, GLENEELY - SPITFIRE MEMORIAL AND VIEWING POINT

On November 30th 1941, a RAF Spitfire was just 3 minutes flying time away from his base at Eglinton Airport when 23 year old Roland 'Bud' Wolfe (he was from a unit made of completely American personnel) had to bail out of his aircraft before it crashed into the bog half a mile away. Seventy years later that Spitfire was located by a team led by aviation historian, Jonny McNamee. Marking the location today is a memorial plaque with a panoramic view.



NORTHBURGH CASTLE

In the village of Greencastle, is the much ruined but still impressive structure "Northburgh Castle". It was built by Richard de Burgh (De Burgo), The Red Earl of Ulster, in 1305. On a prominent rock, close to the shore it was strategically important to protect Gaelic Ulster from invasion. This awesome building utilised the advanced construction techniques of the Normans and the remarkable use of the natural rock to build a fortress intended to prevent attacks from Scotland and to act as a staging post for the final assault on the heartlands of Gaelic Ulster.





ACCOMMODATION

Whether it's a romantic weekend or a singles break, a family gathering or a group of friends 'away for the craic', Inishowen has accommodation to suit every occasion.

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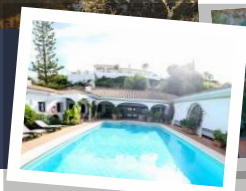
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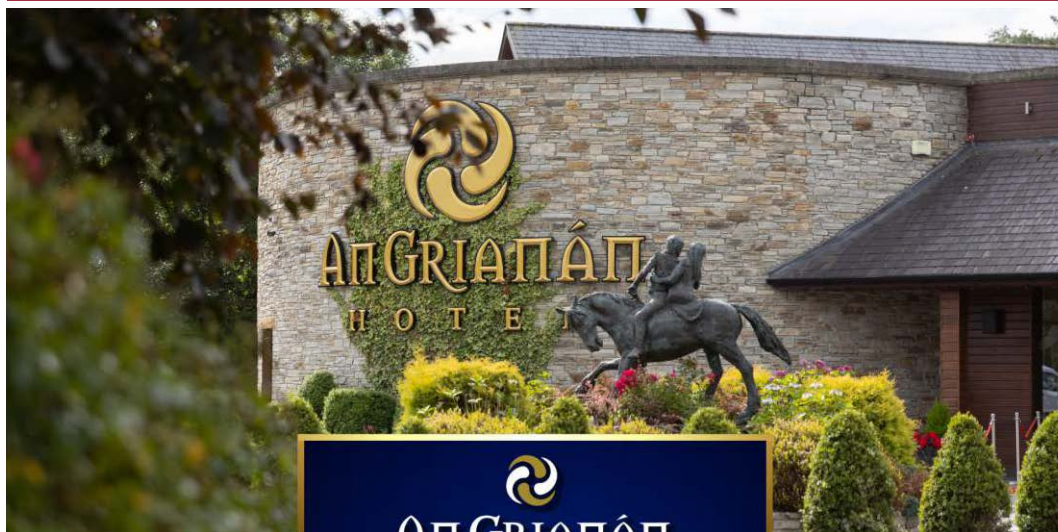
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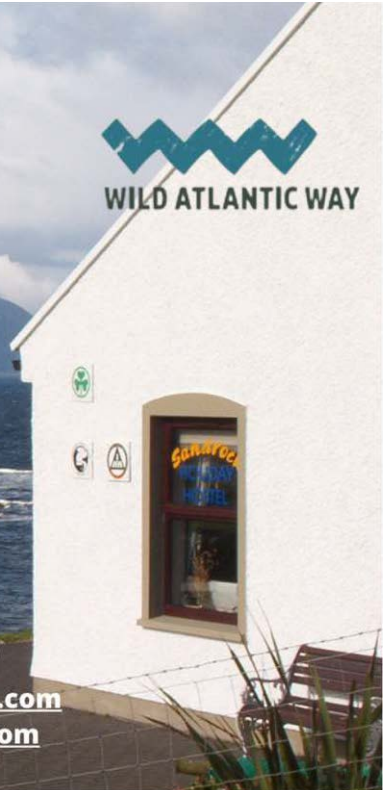
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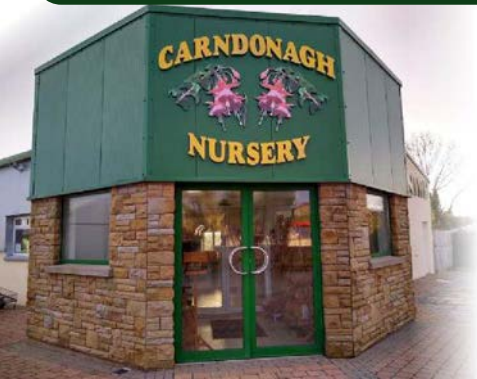


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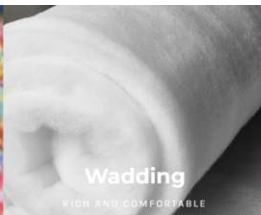
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FORT DUNREE



Fort Dunree is located about seven miles north of Buncrana on the Inishowen Peninsula in Co. Donegal. The site is situated along the shores of Lough Swilly commanding a majestic view of the Lough and its shorelines.

Dramatic and breathtaking as the view is, the Fort was located here for its strategic position rather than its natural beauty.

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