



# Doolin

COUNTY CLARE - IRELAND

*Stay and discover more!*

Visitor Guide

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Doolin Tourism

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## *Welcome* **TO DOOLIN**

Situated on the Wild Atlantic Way, boasting some of the most breathtaking scenery in Ireland and with a colourful and welcoming village ready to host you during your stay, Doolin has something for everyone.

Located on the edge of the historic Burren in northwest County Clare, and within easy reach of the majestic Cliffs of Moher and the unique Aran Islands, Doolin's dramatic landscape cannot easily be forgotten.

Doolin is the home of traditional Irish music, with plenty of music and craic to be had every night. You can take a clifftop walk breathing in the crisp, salty Atlantic air while appreciating the beautiful wildflowers, explore the rugged landscape or go on an Atlantic cruise to appreciate the unique coastline from a different perspective. Adventure is waiting for you in Doolin!

Doolin is a vibrant place full of characters, stories and experiences and is home to some of the region's best accommodation, eateries and beautiful local shops. The people of Doolin are passionate about their community and look forward to welcoming you with open arms. Stay, see, share. Doolin is ready to show you more...

Website: [www.doolin.ie](http://www.doolin.ie)

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*imagine* a charming coastal village along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, packed full of culture, music and Irish heritage, combined with the best seafood, scenery, boutique shopping, adventures, and hospitality. With its year-round music sessions and local festivals, there has never been a better or more exciting time to visit Doolin in County Clare.

*a great base* to explore everything that the Burren region has to offer. Walk the Cliffs of Moher Coastal Trail, visit the Aran Islands by boat, discover the great stalactite at Doolin Cave, surf a wild atlantic wave and adventure in the great outdoors of The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark - a handful of the many adventures that await.







## TOP RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES



Immerse yourself in the famous traditional music sessions in the home of Irish music. Experience live music in the pubs or in an intimate home setting .



Savour the unique local flavours of Doolin on the Taste of Doolin Food & Drink Trail which features taste experiences dotted around the area.



Indulge your adventurous side, catch a wild Atlantic wave in Lahinch, go deep underground & discover caves or stretch out at Doolin Pier with a Yoga class.



Walk or cycle one of the spectacular loops or trails around the Doolin Cycle Hub and the Burren, hike the Cliffs of Moher Trail or explore the Geopark.



Take a day trip to the Aran Islands from Doolin Pier or experience the cliffs from a new perspective on a Cliffs of Moher cruise.



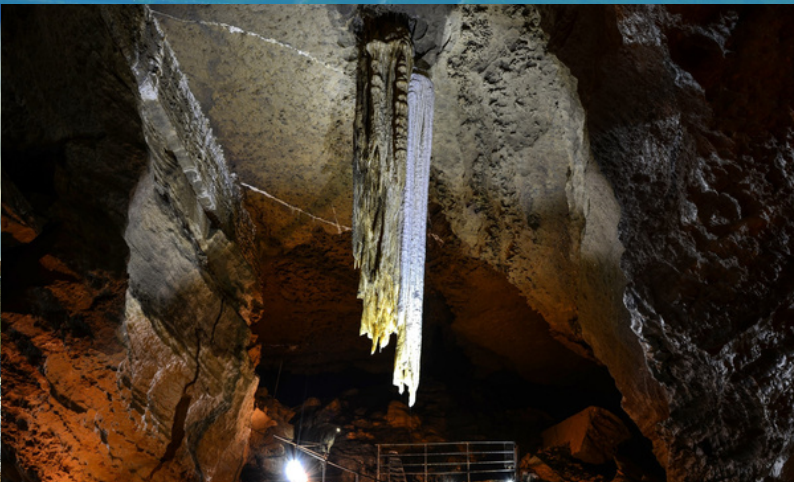
Do a spot of shopping and meet the makers, creators and crafters of Doolin.



Visit the multitude of historic sites including castles, churches & ringforts that are dotted around the coast and countryside.




Experience a warm welcome and relax in top quality accommodation. All accommodation on [doolin.ie](http://doolin.ie) is Fáilte Ireland Approved.



EXPLORE THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

DISCOVER NATURAL WONDERS





Immerse yourself in the music.  
Tap your feet to the beat of  
Doolin's musical ancestors.

## HOME OF IRISH MUSIC



Doolin is widely regarded as the home of Irish Music. Immerse yourself in Irish culture and experience Doolin's musical roots with year-round music sessions in all the local pubs, learn an instrument with the Online Academy of Irish Music, or experience Doolin Music House, where the magic of music and its traditions are showcased in an intimate setting. A bustling village, Doolin also hosts a number of exciting events and festivals throughout the year. Come and experience the culture.

## ROOTS OF THE RHYTHM

Micho Russell was an integral part of Doolin's musical scene and its most famous exponent, appearing on radio and TV in the 1970s, and attracting many visitors to the area to sample the Doolin way of life. Continuing the tradition to modern times, each February since 1995, Doolin is host to the Russell Memorial Weekend which sees musicians from all over Ireland gather in Doolin for a weekend of magical music.

Check out the Doolin Toursim Music Trail during your trip.





## THE FERTILE ROCK

Often referred to as “the fertile rock”, the Burren is home to an incredible mix of wildflowers, growing within the cracks of the limestone pavement, which attracts visitors from all corners of the world.

## THE BURREN

The Burren, from the Gaelic word “Boireann” which means “stony place”, is an area of limestone rock covering imposing majestic mountains, and tranquil valleys with gently meandering streams. With its innate sense of spiritual peace, extraordinary array of flora and wildlife, megalithic tombs and monuments older than Egypt's pyramids, the Burren creates a tapestry of colour and a seductively magical aura that few people leave without wanting to experience again.

## GEOPARK

Doolin is situated within The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark.

Rich in heritage and culture, this area received the highly valuable UNESCO Global Geopark designation in March 2016.

There are many sites to visit in the Geopark, including the Cliffs of Moher, Doolin Pier Geosite and Doolin Cave, but there also many other parts of the Geopark which are worth exploring, and are only a short drive from Doolin.





# WILD ATLANTIC WAY

This is the magic of the Wild Atlantic Way – and at its very heart, like a diamond in the finest of settings, sits County Clare.



## MOHER MAGIC

A magical landscape that seems to change from craggy cliff to soft folds of green in a heartbeat. A coastline dotted with picture-postcard cottages, villages and towns where the secrets of Irish life are unlocked as the music begins. Here, as you take the winding road down to Doolin, the magnificent waves of the Atlantic roll in and crash against the ancient cliff faces. The Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most visited natural attractions, with over 1 million visitors each year, stretch for 8km (5 miles) and reach 214m (702 feet) in height. Experience the cliffs on land or sea.



## ISLAND HOPPING

Located off the Atlantic coast from Galway, the three islands – Inis Mór (Inishmore – “Big Island”), Inis Meáin (Inishman – “Middle island”) and Inis Oírr (Inisheer – “East island”) – are famous for their geology, history and culture, as well as their retention of the Irish language. Spending a day on the Aran Islands will transport you back in time, as you take in the lush green scenery while walking on the narrow roads, surrounded by thick stone walls.

All 3 islands are accessible via the ferries departing from Doolin Pier.





## CULINARY HAVEN



Rich in tradition, rooted in place and driven by passion.

We invite all food lovers to come and meet the makers who are bringing together fresh local ingredients to create incredible flavours.

Whether you're looking for an evening of fine dining, a hearty dish in a local pub, or something in between, Doolin is a culinary haven with a wide range of tastes to whet the palette.

## TASTE OF DOOLIN



Fresh flavours, passionate producers and traditions handed down through generations: come and experience Doolin's tastes for yourself on the Taste of Doolin Food & Drink Trail.

Embark on a seafood journey and learn all about the salmon smoking process, dine over a pot of fresh locally caught mussels, washed down with a cold pint of draught Dooliner Beer, and dine at some of the best local restaurants and eateries that the region has to offer.





## LOCAL CRAFTS

Doolin is a place rich in culture and craft, and a place to savour delicious local produce along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way.

A haven for design and craft lovers, Doolin boasts a number of local craft and boutique shops featuring a wide selection of Irish-made crafts, gifts, textiles, contemporary Irish knitwear, gourmet food products, jewellery, homeware and more - take a piece of Doolin home with you.

## MEET THE MAKERS

Visit the local craftspeople and artisan food producers of the Burren. You'll see everything from sustainable cashmere wool spinning to Atlantic salmon smoking and traditional jam making to cold process soap cutting using natural ingredients from the Burren and west of Ireland region.

Get behind the scenes of the indigenous crafts & food industries here in Doolin and the Burren, and meet the passionate people behind it.



## WARM WELCOMES

Doolin was named one of "The Top 10 Most Welcoming Places on Earth" in the Booking.com Traveller Review Awards 2020.



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**Doolin Tourism**  
**Covid 19 Charter**



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## WHERE TO STAY



Doolin offers an excellent range of accommodation that will make your visit truly enjoyable and memorable. Whether you are looking for budget, luxury or alternative accommodation in Doolin, a warm welcome awaits.

Choose from Hotels and Guesthouses, B&Bs, Hostels, and Speciality Lodging, as well as holiday rentals and campsites.

Doolin has an ample range of Fáilte Ireland Quality assured accommodation available to visitors. Every host will be delighted to welcome you.

## SAFE TRAVELS

Covid-19 has brought new challenges to local businesses all over the world. Here in Doolin, we have prepared a new set of measures to form a safety charter for all our members and visitors. Doolin Tourism's members are committed to adhering to the Doolin Tourism Covid-19 Charter, which has been compiled in line with the safety measures set out by the Health Service Executive (HSE), and Fáilte Ireland. We hope this new charter gives you peace of mind when visiting our beautiful village while enjoying the wide-open spaces of the Burren. See our website for more details.



# #LOVEDOOLIN TRAILS



## DOOLIN INSTA-TRAIL

- ♥ Fisher Street
- ♥ Doolin Pier Geosite
- ♥ Bones Bay
- ♥ Doonagore Castle
- ♥ Doolin Cliff Walk
- ♥ Doonmacfelim Castle
- ♥ Roadford Bridge
- ♥ Killilagh Medieval Church
- ♥ Doolin Cave
- ♥ Ballinalacken Castle



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## Doolin Tourism



Doolin Cliff Walk



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## TASTE OF DOOLIN FOOD & DRINK TRAIL

- ♡ StoneCutters Kitchen
- ♡ The Clare Jam Company
- ♡ The Ivy Cottage
- ♡ Anthony's
- ♡ Glas Restaurant
- ♡ Stone Wall Cafe
- ♡ Fitzpatrick's Bar
- ♡ Russells Fishshop
- ♡ McGann's Pub
- ♡ McDermott's Pub
- ♡ Oar Restaurant
- ♡ Wild at the Cave
- ♡ Ballinalacken Castle
- ♡ Burren Smokehouse
- ♡ Taste the Atlantic - The Salmon Experience



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## DOOLIN TOURISM MUSIC TRAIL

- ♡ Doolin Music House
- ♡ McGann's Pub
- ♡ McDermott's Pub
- ♡ Fitzpatrick's Bar
- ♡ Russells Bar
- ♡ Russell Memorial Weekend Festival
- ♡ Doolin Folk Festival



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| 1. Shannon   | 1. Dublin   |
| 2. Kerry   | 2. Dun Laoghaire  |
| 3. Cork  | 3. Rosslare   |
| 4. Dublin  | 4. Cork   |
| 5. Knock   |   |

*Make a break for  
the Wild Atlantic Way.*

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