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WHERE GALWAY COMES ALIVE



1 Lynch Window Memorial



Although it is something of a 'fake', the Lynch Window Memorial stills keeps alive one of Galway's most enduring medieval legends. This is the story of Mayor James Lynch who allegedly hung his son for the murder of a young Spanish man who was visiting Galway. The window memorial was only erected in the 19th century by a wily man in order to give tourists a location to relate the story to!

2 St. Nicholas Collegiate Church



St. Nicholas Collegiate Church is the jewel in Galway's medieval crown and remains the largest medieval parish church in continuous use in Ireland today. It dates from 1320 and was developed and extended over time by Galway's 'Tribe' families who ruled over the medieval town. It houses a range of wonderful medieval features and hosts performances, recitals and concerts. www.stnicholas.ie

3 Galway Market



Galway's famous street market has been trading in Church Lane by St. Nicholas' Church for literally centuries. You will find hundreds of stalls selling fresh produce and locally produced crafts. There's a great variety of food available and Saturday is the best day to visit if you are looking for bread, vegetables or plants. It's a great place to meet local artisans and hear local issues discussed. www.galwaymarket.com

4 King's Head



A bar full of medieval features including a 400 year old fire place. The pub got its name as the building which houses it, was once seized by Cromwellian leader Col. Peter Stubbers, the man thought to have wielded the axe on the head of King Charles I in 1649. The famous Pictorial Map of Galway of c. 1651 depicts a three storey residence adjoining a five storey building. www.thekingshead.ie

5 Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe



Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe, also referred to as An Taibhdhearc (pronounced 'on tìve-yark') is one of Galway's cultural institutes. It is Ireland's national language theatre and having opened in 1928 is the oldest theatre still in operation in Galway. The theatre is primarily dedicated to Irish language productions and stages original works as well as translations of modern and established classics. www.antaibhdhearc.com

6 Charlie Byrnes Bookstore



As Ireland's best-loved independent bookshop, Charlie Byrnes is a Galway institute, a veritable treasure trove of all things literary and a place to lose yourself as you browse amongst its stock of over 100,000 new and second-hand books. It prides itself on its knowledgeable and friendly staff of book lovers and also regularly hosts book launches, readings and other cultural events. www.charliebyrnes.com

7 Tigh Neachtain



Tigh Neachtain is located on the corner of Cross Street and Quay Street in the heart of Galway City. From 1894, the former home of prominent animal rights activist Richard Martin (Humanity Dick) has been a meeting place since it first opened its doors for a diverse and eclectic clientele. It's strong connection with Galway's arts and musical communities adds to the allure of it's already welcoming interior. www.tighneachtain.com

8 Claddagh Ring Museum



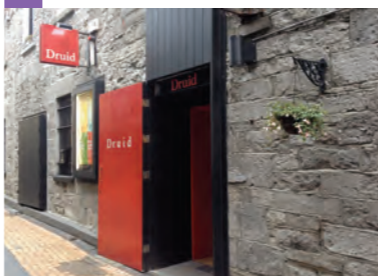
This museum is dedicated to one of Galway's most enduring symbols, the Claddagh Ring. The ring features a male and female hand clasping a heart which wears a crown it is said to be the traditional wedding ring of the celebrated Claddagh fishing village. The small museum also holds some interesting maps, photos and images relating to the history of the Claddagh and Galway City. www.claddaghring.ie

9 Kirwan's Lane



Kirwan's Lane is a charming medieval laneway which hosts some impressive historical features as well as some unique and distinct businesses. The lane is part of Galway's historic street layout and is associated with the Kirwan family who owned a 'fine stone house' there. The Kirwans were one of the 14 'Tribe' families who presided over the city's social and economic affairs in the medieval era.

10 Druid Theatre



The internationally renowned Druid Theatre is a central strand of Galway's cultural fabric. The theatre was established in 1975 as the first professional theatre outside Dublin. Since then the company has been at the forefront of the development of Irish theatre. When not on tour the company host regular performances in their home town. www.druid.ie

11 Hall of the Red Earl



Visit the fascinating archaeological remains of the oldest building to be excavated within Galway's medieval walls. The 13th century Hall acted as a medieval equivalent of a tax office, court house and town hall rolled into one! The site is now housed within glass panelling complete with an exhibition of the hall's archaeology. Free Entry. www.galwaycivictrust.ie

12 Blake's Castle



Located at the western end of Quay Street, Blake's Castle was home to one of medieval Galway's 14 'Tribe' families. The Blakes are said to have been part of the earliest wave of Anglo-Norman invaders who came to Ireland in 1169. This castle was the family's main residence in the medieval town and is featured on the Pictorial Map of Galway from the mid-17th century.

13 Fishery Watchtower Museum



Located on Wolfe Tone Bridge, the Fishery Watchtower Museum is dedicated to the history of the fisheries along this stretch of the River Corrib. The museum is housed in a wonderful Victorian tower which was used as a look-out point against illegal poaching and as a draft netting station in the 19th century. Knowledgeable guides are on-hand and entrance is free. www.galwaycivictrust.ie

14 The Spanish Arch



The Spanish Arch is one of Galway best loved landmarks and was named in memory of the many Spanish galleons which off-loaded their casks of wine at Galway's medieval docks. The Arch was originally an extension to the line of Galway's medieval town walls and was part of a bastion to guard against a naval attack on the city.

15 Galway City Museum



Galway City Museum is located to the rear of the Spanish Arch and is dedicated to exhibiting the history, heritage and archaeology of Galway City. It houses exhibitions on pre-historic and medieval Galway as well as the Claddagh Fishing Village. It also hosts regular touring exhibitions, artistic collections and various talks and workshops. It has wonderful views and has an excellent café. www.galwaycitymuseum.ie

16 Claddagh Boats



Claddagh Boats are synonymous with Galway and in particular with the famous and ancient village of Claddagh which stands opposite the upturned boats. The Claddagh was a traditional village of whitewashed thatched cottages whose economy was based on fishing. The traditional boat of the village is the 'Galway Hooker', the brown sails of which are represented in the fountain in Eyre Square.

The Latin Quarters Butchers, Bakers & Candlestick makers ...

Head to the **Latin Quarter** for a slice of culture and a big chunk of Independent Artisan retail action...The Latin Quarter is home to some of the finest bespoke Claddagh ring and jewellery makers in the world. **High Street** boasts some retailers famous for handmade, traditional Irish clothing and craft. Musical instrument and guitar makers sit alongside traditional music and instrument shops with knowledgeable staff. Irish design department stores neighbour boutique and contemporary Irish design jewellery shops and quality traditional souvenir shops alongside candles fit for a queen.

Continuing on down **Quay Street** towards the **Spanish arch** you'll find the Claddagh ring museum, contemporary newly opened design shop & coffee house, exquisite vintage boutiques & jewellery shops packed full of stunning antique and modern jewels, a beautiful specialist toy store & a pet shop.

Cross Street splits in two, on the **lower** side you'll find something old and something new, everything from vintage and contemporary fashion boutiques to hipster barber shop. Multibrand outdoor pursuits and adventure sports shops and skateboard shop sit comfortably alongside speciality food, cosmetics and beauty suppliers. There's a cool Tea shop and coffee house and the local area's leading design and printing shop.

Meet the makers on the **upper** side of **Cross Street** where you'll find a specialist pie maker, authentic pizza from Napoli, renowned craftspeople making traditional jewellery from local materials and a host of other craft, design, beautiful flowers, a diamond shop & specialist antique jewellers. A famous potter in **Kirwan's lane**, where a great selection of emerging Irish and international design brands display, nestled against the backdrop of the store emerged from a medieval merchant house.

Around the corner on **Mainguard Street**, discover a delightful french bakery, famous local butcher shop, newly opened ladies boutique & shoe shop, gift shop, leather specialist and the local healthfood store. Hot desk at the workbench in the local bank. Make sure to catch an afternoon traditional music sessún in Tig Cóilí or Taaffes...

Middle Street not to be missed, runs parallel to the main Shop street. Home to the award winning 'Best Bookshop in Ireland', wine shop with personality, a music shop, fashion cafe, numerous newly opened boutiques & footwear stores, beauticians, barbers and hair stylists not to mention the array of diverse eateries & edgy foodie spots.

Market Street is home the the much loved Saturday & weekend market beside St.Nicholas church. There's an artisan Pork speciality butcher, fine menswear & homestore & famous food store.



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WALKABOUT

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The Latin Quarter is an area of Galway City that is situated on the left bank of the River Corrib. It is defined by some of the city's most historic landmarks and stretches from the Spanish Arch at Long Walk to O'Brien's Bridge to St Nicholas' Church and back (via Buttermilk Lane) to An Taibhdhearc on Middle Street.

FOOD & DRINK BIA & DEOCH

The Latin Quarter is home to 16 fantastic pubs. Some with great live music, some with great food, but each one has something uniquely special that will make you want to stay on longer.

EATING OUT AG ITHE AMUIGH

The list of established quality eateries is endless. From Galway best Thai restaurant, to seasonal gourmet Mediterranean, Irish mix, Middle Eastern, New Zealand, Lebanese and Indian a la carte. Boutique Hotels with cocktail bars and bistro all close by the Spanish Arch.

The **Middle street** foodie offering alone boasts an authentic Spanish restaurant & tapas bar, Pan Asian restaurant sits next to Japanese, renowned meat & fish vegetarian & vegan are all catered for. **Quay street** is not only home to world famous fish & chips, but also some of the city's finest seafood, Italian and traditional restaurants serving locally sourced produce. **High street & Cross street** have some of the finest Gastro pubs and bar restaurants. Sample some Sunday brunch with live Jazz or simply meander through the cobbled streets sipping on a macchiato.



Claddagh Village



The Prom
Sea Walk to Salthill

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1 HIT THE MARKET

Galway's famous bustling street market has been trading in Church Lane by St Nicholas' Church in the centre of the city for literally centuries. You will find hundreds of stalls selling fresh produce and locally produced crafts. There's a great variety of food available, Madras curry, Yummy Crepes, Japanese Sushi, and mouth watering handmade cookies among many others or you can buy the ingredients for a delicious gourmet picnic.

2 WORK UP AN APPETITE

Stroll down through the cobbled streets to the Spanish Arch and Wolf tone bridge, turn left to walk along the sea shore past Europe's largest swan sanctuary and on out along the promenade of Galway Bay, kick the wall at the end of the prom and come back and enjoy the bustling atmosphere as the streets come alive in the early evening and enjoy some well deserved tastes of the many gastronomic delights on offer.

3 PEOPLE WATCH

Sit and enjoy a pint at Neachtains bar, a local favourite spot for watching the world go by while being entertained by street performers and buskers.

4 FIND A GALWAY HOOKER

Take a boat excursion on board a Galway Hooker, a traditionally made working boat, famously unique to the west of Ireland and still crafted in Galway from local trees. The skipper is sure to have a story or two.

5 MEET THE LOCALS

Talk shop and catch up with passionate entrepreneurs and urban visionaries driving the city forward. This avantgarde generation of artisans, retailers and entrepreneurs are reshaping a city where tradition and modernity thrive side by side and create the Latin Quarters thriving nightlife and rich culture.

INTERESTING FACTS

Local Council have plans to take the city to the 2020 European Capital of Culture.

2015 Galway was voted the "No.1 Friendliest City in the world".

June 2015 survey, voted Galway "the most romantic county in Ireland."

December 2014 Galway wins UNESCO City of Film designation.

Galway is the only city along the Wild Atlantic Way. The coastal touring route is one of the longest in the world covering 2500 km and includes 156 discovery points along the way.