

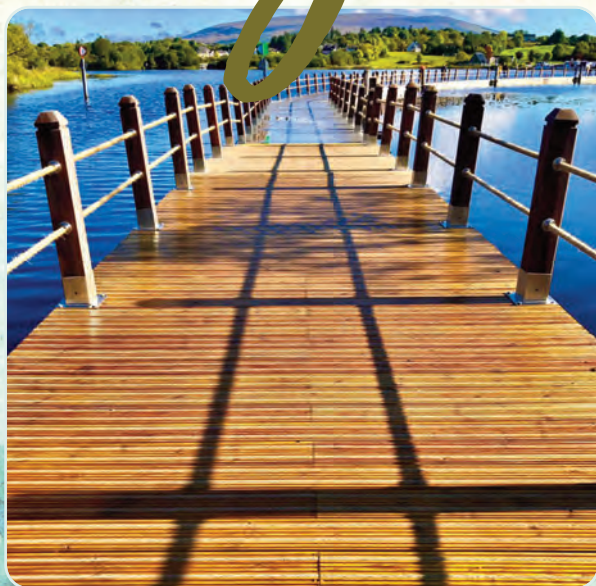
**Leitrim Village
Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim**

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Staycation



Leitrim Marina Hotel is the ideal location to base your visit to Ireland's 'Hidden Heartlands' and the 'Shannon Blueway'. Located in Leitrim village, close to the bustling county town of Carrick on Shannon and within easy reach of a host of heritage, adventure and fun activities, the hotel is the ideal base for your Staycation.

Ireland's most unspoiled county is waiting to be enjoyed.

We have prepared this guide to help you make the most of your visit. Our reception team are available to provide further local knowledge and assistance. Make a day of it or simply chose one or two 'must do' things while you are here. Perhaps you would prefer to simply relax and enjoy the hotels facilities, award winning food and friendly service. Either way your visit to lovely Leitrim will be memorable.

ADVENTURE TIME

Day 1

WALK THE SHANNON BLUEWAY



Acres Lake Boardwalk is Ireland's first floating boardwalk and a popular with our guests. Start the 7.5km trail right here from the hotel and pick up the canal sidewalk from Battlebridge. If you prefer you can drive towards the picturesque village of Drumshanbo and join the 600m floating board walk at Acres Lake. The spectacular scenery at Acres lake makes it a perfect spot for a picnic or even to just sit for a while and take in the peace and tranquility. Distance: 7.5km (Linear) Time: 1 hour 30 minutes (One Way)

CYCLE THE SHANNON BLUEWAY



Enjoy a wonderful traffic-free cycle on The Shannon Blueway from Leitrim Village. Make unique memories for your staycation at Electric Bike Trails (beside the hotel) full range of bikes. Up to 30 Km of traffic free cycling on the Shannon and Shannon Erne Blueways with a choice of regular bikes, electric bikes, children's bikes, child double buggies and child seats available.

www.electricbiketrails.ie

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PADDLE THE SHANNON BLUEWAY



Leitrim Surf Company specialise in guided stand- up paddle boarding safaris on The Shannon Blueway and tours of the Leitrim coastline on the Wild Atlantic Way. They are fully mobile and can also provide tailor-made excursions on any river, lake, canal, or sea; Leitrim and beyond... Commence your adventure right from the hotels boating marina.

www.leitrimsurf.ie

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Tel: 086 349 4013



Enjoy a coffee perk at Jinny's Tea Rooms. This traditional style coffee shop has beautiful views of the shore of Acres Lake looking onto the floating boardwalk. Delicious products straight from Jinny's oven are so fresh you can smell the baking bread as you approach.

THE SHED DISTILLERY - MAKING THE ORDINARY EXTRAORDINARY



Take an incredible journey into the heart of rural Ireland and the inner sanctum of The Shed Distillery, the home of Drumshanbo Gunpowder Irish Gin, Drumshanbo Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey, and other remarkable brands from the curious mind of PJ Rigney. The Shed Distillery tour brings visitors on the incredibly special journey behind the creation of Connacht's first whiskey for 105 years, and on a trip into the epicenter of the distillery to witness the slow hand-distillation of premier 'Grand Cru' Irish Whiskey and Drumshanbo Gunpowder Irish Gin.

www.thesheddistillery.com

Tel: 071 931 7000

THE SCENIC DRIVE

ARIGNA MINING EXPERIENCE



Day 2

The Arigna Mining Experience brings history to life as it tells the story of Ireland's coal mining industry. Explore the themes of energy past, present and future. At Arigna, they do not just take you on a journey back in time, they also take you underground! providing a unique insight from the mines beginning in 1700's to its closure in 1990. Weaving your way through the beautiful scenery of the Leitrim and Roscommon countryside you will enjoy fabulous views over Lough Allen.

www.arignaminingexperience.ie

Tel: 071 964 6466

GLENCAR WATERFALL



Glencar Waterfall is famous for being an inspiration to Ireland's greatest poet William Butler Yeats and features in his poem 'The Stolen Child'.

'Where the wandering water gushes, From the hills above Glen-Car,
In pools among the rushes, That scarce could bathe a star,'

The waterfall reaches 50ft high and is situated at Glencar Lough. It creates a truly magical atmosphere. A short, picturesque, wooded walk offers varied viewing platforms to enjoy the waterfall. There are more waterfalls visible from the road to Glencar, although none are quite as romantic as this one.



Enjoy a Coffee Perk at 'TeaSHED' Café located at the waterfalls.

BENBULBIN & WB YEATS GRAVE



Continue towards Drumcliffe to enjoy spectacular views of Benbulbin mountain and onwards to visit the grave of Irish poet William Butler Yeats at the peaceful churchyard in Drumcliffe. The graveyard has the remains of a round tower and a high cross constructed in the 11th when there was a Christian monastery on site. The monastery was founded by Saint Columcille (Columba) in 574. "Cast a cold eye on life, on death, horseman, pass by!"



Enjoy a Coffee Perk at Drumcliffe Tea House & Craft Shop

Continue towards Carrick on Shannon Stopping off in Sligo town if time allows to enjoy some "retail therapy" and back in time for an evening cocktail and dinner in Waves Restaurant & Bar.

Did you Know - Leitrim is home to many festivals, indeed in the summertime there is practically a festival somewhere every 2nd week.

Check it Out First: We suggest you check out attraction opening times in advance.



EXPLORE CARRICK ON SHANNON

Day 3

So many things to do in Leitrim's County Town!

VISIT THE SMALLEST CHAPEL IN IRELAND



In the late 1800's, Edward Costello, a town businessman, built as a memorial and burial crypt for his late beloved wife Mary Josephine. Edward himself was later entombed in the Chapel in one of the largest funerals held in Carrick-on-Shannon for the time. The Irish "Taj Mahal", it is the smallest chapel in Ireland, measuring only 16 ft x 12 ft, and reputedly the second smallest in the world. Located on Bridge Street, Carrick on Shannon.

THE DOCK ART CENTRE

The Dock Arts Centre is housed in the beautiful 19th Century former Courthouse building overlooking the majestic River Shannon. This wonderful building has been tastefully restored into Leitrim's first integrated center for the arts. The Dock houses a 100+ seat performance space, three art galleries, artists' studios, an arts education room, and it is home to The Leitrim Design House, recommended by the Craft Council of Ireland as one of the leading craft and design outlets.

www.thedock.ie tel: 07196 50 828 www.intoleitrim.com Tel: 071 965 0550



Enjoy a Coffee Perk at Lena's Tea Rooms on Main Street.

THE MARKET YARD

Visit the Carrick-On-Shannon Farmers Market in County Leitrim to find a wide variety of produce, including fresh fish, organic meat, bread, eggs, fruit, and vegetables. Here, you can also find a large range of cheeses, organic wines, and lots more. The market is open each Thursday from 10am- 2pm.

ST GEORGES' HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTRE



George's Heritage and Visitor Centre is located in St George's Church and Workhouse. The restored church houses a well-researched and exciting historical display of artefacts and interpretive material depicting the twin traditions of Leitrim from ancient Gaelic roots through Plantation times up to Leitrim's contribution and Sacrifice in the Great War.

www.carrickheritage.com

Tel: 071 96 21 757

MOON RIVER BOAT CRUISE



Get a taste of adventure right here on the River Shannon and visit the ancient sites along the riverbanks. Enjoyed by visitors for over 25 years the fully enclosed, heated cruiser is the ideal place to take in the wonders hidden long the River Shannon in comfort. One of the most popular attractions for our guests. Check with reception for today's cruise times.

www.moonriver.ie

Tel: 071 96 21 777



LOUGH KEY & BOYLE TOWN

Day 4

LOUGH KEY FOREST AND ACTIVITY PARK

Comprising some 350 hectares of mixed woodland, a lake and castle islands, Lough Key constitutes one of the most extensive and picturesque forest parks in Ireland. Included in the park's amenities are nature walks, historical estate, bog garden, icehouse, wishing chair and underground tunnels, electric bike, boat and segway hire, treetop walk, viewing tower, Boda Borg maze, woodland safari or glide through the tree tops on zip lines. With this much adventure you could easily spend two days exploring.

www.loughkey.ie

Tel: 071 967 3122

ELECTRIC BIKE TRAILS



Enjoy an 8km cycle in the natural woodland trail at Lough Key Forest and Activity Park. Electric Bike Trails hire base at the park is open during the summer months. Your whole family can enjoy a peaceful cycle through the woods and along the water's edge of Lough Key. The trail is suitable for all levels of fitness and the 1-hour cycle option is the most popular choice.

www.electricbiketrails.ie

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LOUGH KEY/BOYLE GREENWAY.

Walk or Cycle the 7.9km from Lough Key to historic Boyle Town, (you can also easily drive there if the day has already been too adventurous!). Plenty of locations for the Coffee Stop and lots of historical sites.

KING HOUSE HISTORIC AND MILITARY BARRACKS



King House is a magnificently restored Georgian Mansion located in Boyle, County Roscommon. The building has an amazing history and unique architecture having been built as a grand family residence in the early Georgian period and converted into a military barracks less than 50 years later! On your tour you will encounter life-size historical figures, voices from the past, sound effects and hands-on activities that bring the building and its residents alive! Marvel at the grandeur, savour the magnificence of the period rooms, or just have fun exploring our interactive exhibitions!

www.kinghouse.ie

Tel: 071 966 3242

BOYLE ABBEY



This Cistercian monastery was founded in the twelfth century by monks from Mellifont Abbey under the patronage of the local ruling family, the Mac Dermott's. It was one of the most powerful of the early Cistercian foundations in Ireland, among the foremost in Connacht and has been beautifully restored as a visitor attraction.

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KIDS & FAMILY TIME

Keeping the little ones entertained (and not so little) will be easily achieved with a host of indoor and outdoor activities to suit all ages.

LOUGH KEY FOREST AND ACTIVITY PARK

The Forest and Activity Park is packed with action and adventure for all ages. Zipit covers 1.6km of Zip Lining with 5 circuits to suit a variety of ages, height, and ability. Comprising some 350 hectares of mixed woodland, Lough Key constitutes one of the most extensive and picturesque forest parks in Ireland. Nature walks to discover the fairy tree and wishing chair is a favourite. Underground tunnels, electric bike, boat and segway hire, treetop walk, viewing tower, Boda Borg maze, Woodland Safari and Adventure Play Kingdom. With this much adventure you could easily spend two days exploring.

www.loughkey.ie

Tel: 071 967 3122

AURA LEISURE CENTRE

Aura Leitrim Leisure provides a wide range of activities for families and individuals. Facilities include 25m Pool, Jacuzzi, Sauna, Steam Room & Gym.

www.auraleisure.ie/leitrim

Tel: 071 967 1771

JUMP STREET – CHILD AND FAMILY PLAY CENTRE

Toddler & kids play area, dodgeball, basketball, foam pit, trampolines, and indoor karting

www.jumpstreet.ie

Tel: 085 866 7757

KIDS KINGDOM – CHILD AND FAMILY PLAY CENTRE

Play Centre, indoor soccer, 10 pin bowling, sumo, arts & crafts, hurricane cars.

www.kidskingdomandbowling.com Tel: 071 962 1605

CARRICK CINEPLEX – 4 SCREEN CINEMA

www.carrickcineplex.ie

Tel: 071 967 2000

DRUMSHANBO OUTDOOR POOL



Open in summer months. Located at Acres Lake Drumshanbo

www.auraleisure.ie/leitrim

Tel: 071 967 1771



WAVES RESTAURANT & TERRACE @ LEITRIM MARINA HOTEL

Waves Restaurant, Bar & Marina Terrace @ Leitrim Marina Hotel is an award-winning restaurant overlooking the River Shannon offering great food in a unique setting. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus offer excellent choice and value. Wave's is a breathtakingly spacious and modern restaurant with outdoor terrace and a unique venue to behold. Perfect for a summers evening with panoramic views over-looking the River Shannon we bring the outside in, with the only "elements" being the cool sophisticated menu, modern soft lighting, friendly service & tempting cocktails. Waves Restaurant, Bar and outdoor Marinaview Terrace will be the highlight of your visit. **Reserve your table at reception or tel. 071-962 3644**



OTHER THINGS TO DO!

SHOP SLIGO & STRANDHILL BEACH

A 45-minute drive from the hotel, Sligo town offers excellent variety that will surely quench the thirst of all shopaholics. Most fashion retailers are present in Sligo along with a variety of local boutiques. Visit the Italian Quarter along the Garavogue River for a light lunch. If you find your bargains early take a 15-minute detour out the R292 to Strandhill Beach. Famous for its seaweed baths and surfing, Westlife have often been spotted surfing the waves. If you're really feeling adventurous visit Queen Maeves Tomb, dating to 3000BC, on the summit of Knocknarea. There are 2 main routes, a 1.2km challenging climbing forest trail (accessed from the Rugby Club carpark) and a 2.5km more moderate walking route.

SHOP ENNISKILLEN & THE MARBLE ARCH CAVES

Spend a morning or an afternoon visiting historic Enniskillen Town Centre in County Fermanagh. Extensive variety of shops with good value and style. 1 hour by car. Sterling Currency Area but Euro is widely accepted. Make a day of your visit to Enniskillen by stopping off at The Marble Arch Caves and Geopark, one of the finest show caves in Europe. Visitors are guided through a fascinating natural underworld of rivers, waterfalls, winding passages, and lofty chambers while stunningly beautiful cave formations glisten all around.

www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Tel: 071 985 3692

GLENVIEW FOLK MUSEUM



The Glenview Folk Museum is located just outside Ballinamore in Co. Leitrim and is ran by the Kennedy Family. The Museum was set up in the year 2000 to preserve Irelands lost heritage and identity. The museum consists of many different attractions from old household & farm items to vehicles and a full street scene which has been reconstructed to really give you a feel for 1930s Ireland. Travel time 25 mins.

www.glenviewmuseum.ie

Tel: 071 964 4157

MOORLANDS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

www.moorlands.ie

Tel: 071 964 1500

STROKESTOWN PARK HOUSE AND IRISH FAMINE MUSEUM



The National Famine Museum at Strokestown tells the fascinating story of life during the Great Famine of 1847, depicted recently in the movie "Black 47". The six acre walled pleasure gardens have been beautifully restored to the original splendor of a Georgian estate. Located in Co. Roscommon, 35 minutes' drive from the hotel.

www.strokestownpark.ie

Tel: 071 963 3013

PARKES CASTLE & 'THE LAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE'



A restored castle of the early seventeenth century, once the home of Robert Parke and earlier a tower house owned by Sir Brian O'Rourke, lord of West Breifne. Viewed at sunset, the castle cuts a stunning silhouette over the water. While visiting Parkes Castle enjoy a tour of Lough Gill and the 'Lake Isle of Innisfree' made famous by WB Yeats on the boat 'The Rose of Innisfree'.

<https://heritageireland.ie/visit/places-to-visit/parkes-castle/> Tel: 071 916 4149

SLIGO FOLK PARK



Sligo Folk Park attraction provides a true experience of rural life and Irish heritage at the turn of the late 19th Century. The Folk Park is set in the grounds of the authentically restored Millview House. Stroll around the park and visit the wonderful museum and evocative exhibition hall which houses one of Ireland's finest collections of rural history and agricultural artefacts. 12 different exhibits and 6 acres of space, there is something for everyone. Call ahead to book your tour. 30 minutes' drive.

www.sligofolkpark.com

Tel: 071 916 5001

TULLYBOY WORKING FARM

www.tullyboyfarm.com

Tel. 071 966 8031

CAVAN & LEITRIM HISTORIC RAILWAY

www.cavanandleitrimrailway.com Tel: 071 963 8599

CARRICK ON SHANNON GOLF CLUB

www.carrickgolfclub.ie

Tel: 071 966 7015



Leitrim Marina Hotel is located in Leitrim Village, 5 minutes from Carrick on Shannon, 2 hrs from Dublin and 1hr from Enniskillen.

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