

Galway, County Galway, Ireland

The Cultural Heart of Ireland sits right where the Atlantic meets a lively medieval city. Colorful shopfronts, world-class street music, and Galway Bay oysters await — all a short walk from the tender pier.

 Tender port (most ships)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Euro (€)  English (Irish Gaelic official)

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Galway Docks (~15-20 min from anchorage)

Walk to centre: 5-15 min from tender pier on foot

Best For: Traditional Irish culture, seafood, Wild Atlantic Way day trips

Don't Miss: Galway Bay oysters with a pint of Guinness at McDonagh's

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €6–€9 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off · from €19

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cliffs of Moher** — Ireland's most famous natural sight — sheer sea cliffs rising over 200m (max 214m) and stretching 14 km along the Atlantic.
- **Connemara & Kylemore Abbey** — Wild Atlantic bog, purple mountains, and a fairy-tale Gothic abbey reflected in a lake.
- **Aran Islands Ferry** — Ancient stone forts, dry-stone walls, and a way of life unchanged for centuries.
- **Galway City & Latin Quarter Walk** — Explore the medieval Spanish Arch, the winding lanes of the Latin Quarter, and St.
- **Galway Seafood & Pub Culture** — Galway Bay oysters paired with Guinness are a local institution.

BEST WALKS

- **Spanish Arch to Eyre Square Stroll** 1.2 km · 15 min · Flat · All abilities — Walk from the medieval Spanish Arch along the River Corrib quayside, through the colourful Latin Quarter on Quay Street, past the Saturday market at St.
- **The Long Walk & Claddagh** 2 km · 25 min · Flat · Scenic — Follow the picturesque Long Walk promenade past the row of pastel-coloured houses facing Galway Bay, then cut through the historic Claddagh district — the ancient...
- **Salthill Promenade** 3 km · 35 min · Flat · Coastal — Walk or taxi to the seaside suburb of Salthill and stroll 'The Prom' — a 2 km coastal walkway along Galway Bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:36AM–8:36PM · Jun 5:08AM–10:05PM · Aug 6:17AM–9:03PM · Sep 7:10AM–7:51PM · Oct 8:03AM–6:39PM	
Apr	55°	42°	12d	Euro (€)	
Jun	64°	52°	16d		
Aug	64°	54°	18d		
Sep	62°	52°	15d		
Oct	57°	48°	17d		

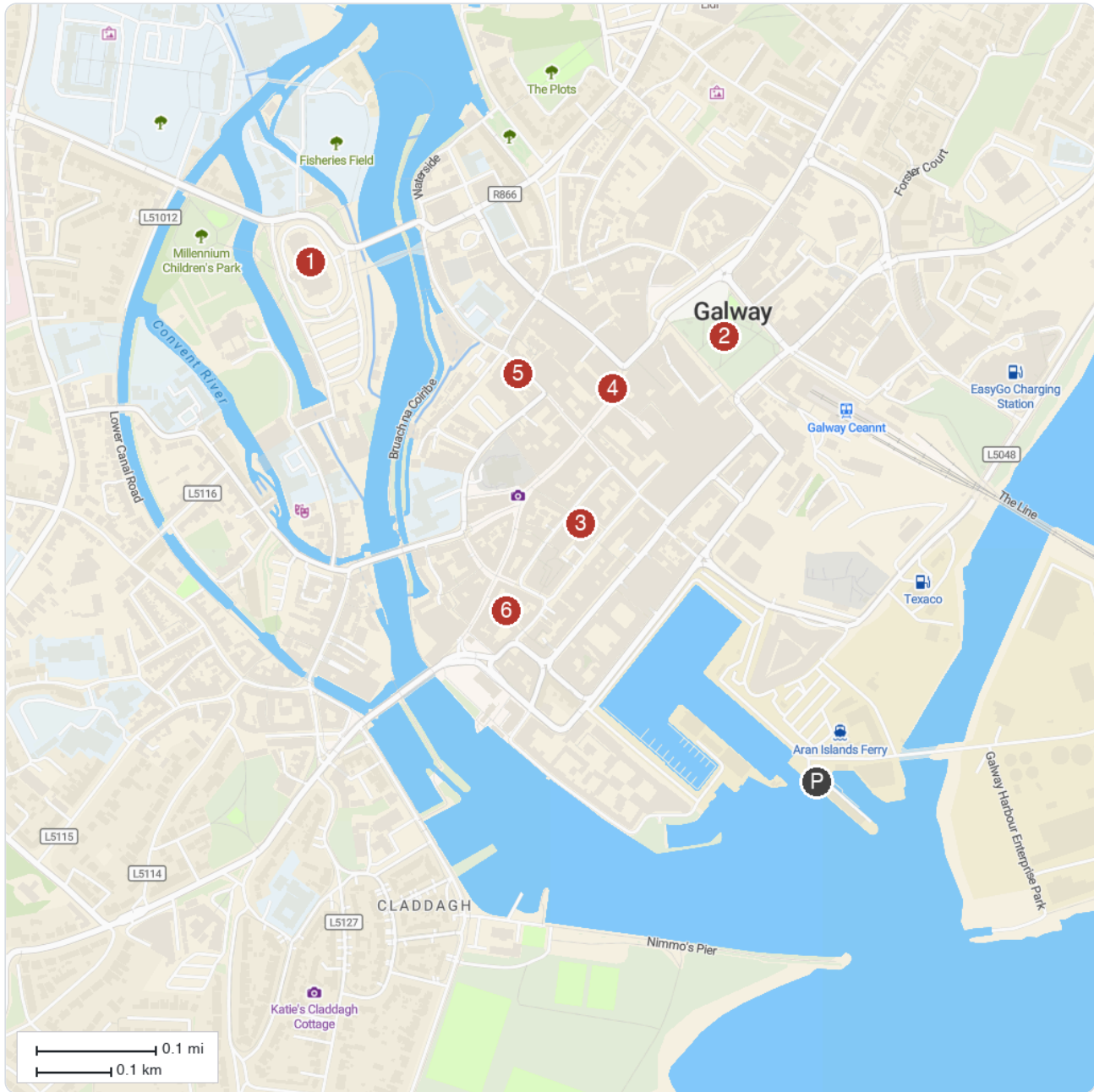
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack a waterproof jacket. The west of Ireland gets four seasons in a day. Umbrellas often lose to the Atlantic wind — a hooded rain jacket is far better. Layers are essential even in summer.
- Tender timing matters. Get your tender ticket early and head ashore with the first or second wave. Late departures can mean long queues at the end of the day — leave yourself 45 minutes to get back to the ship.
- Eat the oysters. Galway Bay oysters are world-famous. McDonagh's on Quay Street is the city institution — half seafood restaurant, half fish-and-chip takeaway. Arrive by noon or expect a queue.
- Buy a Claddagh ring here. Thomas Dillon's on Quay Street (est. 1750) is the original maker. Free tiny museum in the back. Avoid airport and tourist-trap knock-offs — the real thing is made in Galway.
- Book Cliffs of Moher in advance. Independent coach tours fill fast. If your ship offers it as a shore excursion, that guarantees a ship-wait. Irish country roads are narrow and delays happen — give yourself buffer time.
- Carry some euro coins. Cards are accepted almost everywhere, but street buskers (some world-class) and market stalls appreciate cash. ATMs are plentiful near Eyre Square.

Galway, County Galway, Ireland — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Galway Cathedral A large, modern Catholic cathedral.

3 St Augustine's Catholic Parish A historic Catholic church in the city centre.

5 Great Escape Rooms Galway An interactive game where you solve puzzles to escape.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Eyre Square A central city park and meeting point.

4 Statue of Oscar Wilde and Eduard Vilde A unique double-sided bench sculpture of two writers.

6 Hall of the Red Earl Medieval archaeological remains of a 13th-century fortified house.