

Galway Activities

Discover why Galway was voted the 4th best city in the world to visit and Lonely Planet describe it as Ireland's most engaging city. Having an action-packed activity programme can help you make the most of your time in Galway.

Afternoon Activities:

First Day Walking Tour: A walking tour of Galway City, its historical sights, legends, monuments and places of interest. During the tour students will be shown where to get their bus for travelling to and from their host families **Duration:** 1 hour approx *Guided*

Galway Aquarium: Students are brought on a guided tour of the aquarium, and its wonderful displays. During the tour students will see seahorses, rays, sharks and a skeleton of a fin whale. A highlight of the tour is Valentine, the only White Skate on display in the world. During the tour students are given the opportunity to feed the fish.

Duration: 1 hour *Guided*

Galway City Treasure Hunt: Students are divided into teams. Each team is tasked with following clues to find key locations around the city. At each location they must look for a letter which they then use to unjumble and reveal the secret word at the end. They can interact with the people of Galway to find the answers but they must work as a team The winning team will receive a prize

Duration: Varies, 1 hour – 1hr 30 minutes *Unguided*

English Language Table Quiz: Students take part in a table quiz, in teams. The quiz will challenge students to answer questons on a range of topics such as sports and entertainment, Ireland, world politics and culture, geography and history. There may also be some riddles to solve

Duration: 1 hour *Guided*

Irish Sports: Students are introduced to the basics of Gaelic Football. They will learn the rules of the game and do some skills practice drills. This activity is lots of fun but it does takes place outdoors so it is weather dependent. Football boots and comfortable clothing are required. **Duration:** 1 hour playing time *Guided*

Irish Film: Enjoy the best Irish cinema has to offer, in the comfort of the school. Duration: 1 hour Unguided



Evening Activities:

Bowling: Students attend the 10 lane bowling alley with computerised scorekeeping capabilities for the competitive players. **Duration:** 1 hour Unguided

Cinema: Students take a trip to the cinema to watch a recent release in English. Films are not subtitled or dubbed **Duration:** Varies *Unguided*

Irish Dance: is a traditional dance that originated in Ireland as early as the 18th century. Students will learn traditional Irish dancing steps and then attempt some group dances. Traditional Irish dances were enjoyed at house parties and corner road gatherings in Ireland many years ago. This has since developed into a popular dance around the world and has taken on many different forms.

Duration: 1 hour *Guided*

Drumming Workshop: This very popular workshop helps students develop to communication skills all through music. Led by an experienced tutor, the drumming workshop is guided by the principles of participation, respect, expression and encouragement. Group drumming promotes well-being and relieves stress and anxiety. And it's a whole lot of fun Duration: 1 hour Guided



Full Day Tours:

Aran Islands & Bike Tour: Students take a ferry from the Port at Rossveal which brings them to the main island called Inis Mor. They cycle around the island taking in all the historical sights and picturesque scenes. They also spend some time at Dun Aengus heritage site.

Duration: departing Galway at 08:30/9am returning to Galway at approx. 7pm *Guided*

Connemara: A guided bus tour to Connemara. This tour includes stops at the 14th century Ross Errily Friary, Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Gardens and the village of Cong - famous location of the 1950's film classic 'The Quiet Man'.

Duration: Departing Galway at 9:30am returning to Galway at approx. 5pm *Guided Bus tour*

Half day excursions:

Cliffs of Moher: A guided bus tour to the Cliffs of Moher. The students get to spend time at the Cliffs taking in the breathtaking scenery. **Duration:** Departing Galway at 13:00am returning to Galway at approx. 5pm *Guided bus tour*

Bunratty Castle: Students take a bus tour to Bunratty Castle. It is a 15th Century Tower House in county Clare they are given time to explore the grounds of the Castle and folk park. **Duration:** Departing Galway at 9:30am returning to Galway at approx. 5pm *Guided tour*



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