The area of Galway known as Claddagh has primarily become famous for the well-known Claddagh ring that was named after it, but is also regarded by some as the country’s oldest fishing village. Located at the mouth of the River Corrib, it is now home to the new Claddagh Arts Centre – a showroom of local design. (Galway city is also home to The Claddagh Ring Museum, where you can view some of the first Claddagh rings made, and what is apparently the world’s smallest Claddagh ring, on the top of a tailor’s pin.)

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Galway Markets
Open year-round on Saturdays and Sundays – plus Bank Holidays and additional days during Galway Arts Festival and certain summer months, the popular Galway Market is held in a lane by St Nicholas’ Church, promising hundreds of stalls of locally made food, art and crafts. Here you can get some organic goodies for your evening meal, or just wander through and peruse the stands. During the run-up to Christmas, it becomes a festive Traditional Christmas Market, running daily from 9am to 6pm.

Galway City Museum
Like many of Ireland’s museums, admission to Galway City Museum is free; therefore, you can explore Galway’s prehistoric, medieval and recent history to your heart’s content. Formerly housed inside part of the Spanish Arch, it is now located nearby in the city’s Spanish Parade area. The museum runs a calendar of free events like talks and children’s art classes, for which online booking is recommended. T: 091 532 460

Free In Galway

Renville
Now to be found on the Wild Atlantic Way route, Renville Park seemed for a long time to be a real unknown secret. Located at Renville 2k from Oranmore village, this recreational area is a draw at all times of the year but particularly in summer months when its facilities really come into their own. In peak season there’s also a coffee and ice cream van located near the playground.

Eyre Square
The land that would become the public park Eyre Square was gifted to the city in 1710 by Mayor Edward Eyre. Following the death of US President John F. Kennedy, it was renamed in his honour as a memorial park, but it is still widely known as Eyre Square. Following the financial crash, the park hosted the third longest-lasting Occupy camp in the world. Today, it’s the perfect place to sit with a coffee and soak up the Galway atmosphere. It also hosts a continental market at Christmas time.

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Local Activities

**Busy Bees**
Located within a two-minute walk from the hotel’s front door, it’s the perfect place to keep the kids entertained during your break away!

Busy Bees Oranmore located next to the hotel comprises of 4 main sections:
- A baby and toddler play area
- Busy Bees Activity zone
- Buzzin Balloons Occasion Balloon Shop
- Bees on Skates & Teddy Mountains.

**Oranmore Business Park** T: 091 788 516

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**Jumplanes**
The ideal place to bring energetic kids over 5 years to one day. They can literally bounce off the walls on loads of trampolines or enjoy an indoor ice rink in the middle of summer. The staff organise indoor games including dodgeball or football pool. It is guaranteed to bring a smile to your kids’ faces while tiring them out.

**Monivea Rd, Ballybane** T: 091 762 590

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**Turoe Pet Farm**
Located on the outskirts of Loughrea, it is located only a twenty minute drive from Maldron Hotel Oranmore Galway. Since Turoe Pet Farm opened its doors in 1993 it has grown from strength to strength and is now one of the top family attractions in the West of Ireland for young and old alike. Turoe Pet Farm prides itself on its excellent value for money.

The pet farm includes ponies, goats, donkeys, sheep, “Curley” the alpaca and “Larry” the llama. No matter what the weather Turoe Pet Farm is the place to be for top entertainment throughout the year with a range of activities onsite.

**Turoe, Loughrea** T: 091 841 580

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**Go Karting**
Go karting is a fun activity for adults and kids alike in 20,000 sq ft of FUN. We organise Go Karting race meetings for larger groups and arrive and drive for those that wish to turn up and race. We are ideally located near the motorway, so access is easy. Spectators are welcome for any of our events so if you have friends who want to come down to watch the go karting please bring them along.

**Liosban Industrial Estate, Tuam Rd** T: 091 440 136

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**Atlantaquaria**
Ireland’s largest aquarium located on the Seapoint Promenade in Salthill Galway. Atlantaquaria is 2 floors high and is a home to 60 exhibits and 170 species so whether you’re an enthusiast or just have some interest, this is a place for you. This visitor location is mostly popular with children of all ages and backgrounds, especially the touch pools where they are able to hold starfish and spider crabs. The touch pools must be supervised when holding the starfish so make sure to check the Touch Pool times so the littles ones don’t miss a thing! **Seapoint Promenade** T: 091 585 100

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**Inc Cinema Oranmore**
Located just across the road from our front door, why not pop over to the IMC Cinema Oranmore watch one of the latest family films during your stay here? The perfect solution to the dreaded ‘I’m bored!’ cries from the kids, we can book you in to the cinema ahead of your stay with discounted tickets available from reception. We offer family meal deals in conjunction with the cinema too so make a night of it and treat your family to a movie night during your next break away.

**Carrowmoneash, Oranmore** T: 091 795 282
When designing the course, former Ryder Cup and World Cup golfer Christy O’Connor jnr. superbly blended the stunning backdrop of Galway Bay and the rugged curves of the Atlantic coastline with mature trees, water hazards, concealed bunkers and highly acclaimed putting surfaces.

Rinville West, Oranmore T: 091 790 711

The Galway Races

Widely regarded as the highlight of the Summer season in Ireland, Galway Races offers you fantastic horse racing, live music and entertainment, stunning fashion, family fun and an electric atmosphere that continues to draw people from all over Ireland and abroad to experience first-hand the infectious sense of fun. v 091 753 870

Dine With Us At The grain & grill

The newly refurbished grain & grill restaurant is open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner ideal for family dining catering for all ages. Book your table for dinner at reception.

The Q Bar and Red Bean Roastery Coffee House

The Q Bar and Red Bean Roastery Coffee House open throughout the day serving hand ground coffee, snacks, full meals and a wide selection of drinks in comfortable relaxing surroundings. Live entertainment on select dates.

Galways Latin Quarter

The Latin Quarter – often referred to as the cultural heart of Galway – is home to many of the city’s quirkiest and best-known shops, pubs, restaurants and hotels, along with historic landmarks, events and attractions. It’s always a popular destination for local Galwegians and visitors to the city alike to socialise, boasting extensive pedestrianised cobbled streets that offer a unique festive-like atmosphere regularly lined with street performers and entertainers.