

## Mykidstime Family Guide to Galway



Welcome to the Mykidstime Guide to Galway. We have put together some suggestions to make your family's visit to Galway as enjoyable as possible. As parents ourselves, we are delighted to share with you some of the family friendly spots round our favourite city in the West of Ireland!

Visit [www.mykidstime.ie](http://www.mykidstime.ie) for lots more suggestions for things to do while you are in Galway

**The Mykidstime Team**

### Our Top Ten Things to do in Galway

1. Explore the Galway City Museum – There are great views of the Claddagh from the upper floors **(FREE)**
2. Hop on the Corrib Princess, tour the River Corrib and Lake. See what Galway looks like from the water
3. Take a picnic out to Coole Park near Gort, visit the Autograph Tree and stand on the human sundial.
4. Visit Millenium Park near the Cathedral with skateboarding area for the older kids and Playground for the younger kids
5. Take a stroll along the Promenade at Salthill and follow our [Family Trails](#)
6. Spend the day in Portumna, visit the Castle, the Playground, the wonderful Forest Park
7. Try the Nature Trail at Brigit's Garden
8. Fly a Kite at Rinville Park, in Oranmore and stop by the great playground in the old castle orchard.
9. Spend a few hours in Hipkidz in Briarhill – it's like an activity version of a Giant Playstation
10. Dress up in medieval costume and try archery at the Athenry Heritage Centre

## Some more Indoor Suggestions for Galway








- Visit Galway Atlantaquaria for lots of fishy fun
- Leisureland at Salthill has three pools including kids pool with water slide and pirate ship
- Galway City Library has a wonderful children's book section with toys and seats (**FREE**)
- Soft play areas – Busy Bees in Oranmore, Kardio Kids in Athenry, Play Town in Loughrea
- Take in a matinee at Eye Cinema, Wellpark.

## Some more Outdoor Suggestions for Galway

- Lady's Beach and Grattan beaches at Salthill (**FREE**)
- Playgrounds – see our favourites list below (**FREE**)
- Feed the swans at The Claddagh (**FREE**)
- Walk the length of the Salthill Promenade (don't forget to kick the wall at the end, a good old Galway tradition)
- Take a walk by the river at Dangan, start off at the Sports grounds, head down the hill to the river and walk past the Teahouse (old restored ruin) and along to the NUI Galway campus. You'll see lots of nature on the way.
- Combine a trek through Barna Woods with a stop at the Cappagh Park playground, (we love the great long slide!)
- Head for Ballyloughnane Beach at Renmore (take the road down the hill across from GMIT) and explore this long beach
- Take one of the East Galway Trails - download - <http://galwayeast.com/family-activity-trails>

Family Activity Trails - Brochures  
 Click the routes below to download the brochures in PDF format.

<p><b>Route 1</b></p>  <p>Loughrea &gt; Bullaun &gt; New Inn &gt; Aughrim &gt; Ballinasloe &gt; Killeekil &gt; Loughrea</p>	<p><b>Route 2</b></p>  <p>Oranmore &gt; Tuam &gt; Moylough &gt; Mountbellew &gt; Monivea &gt; Oranmore</p>	<p><b>Route 3</b></p>  <p>Oranmore &gt; Maree &gt; Clarinbridge &gt; Kinvara &gt; Oranmore</p>														
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## Where to Stay



### **The Ardilaun Hotel**

Taylor's Hill, Galway,

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The Ardilaun offers luxury 4 Star Galway Accommodation in a tranquil setting. Leisure Club with Pool, Sauna, Steam Room, Jacuzzi, Gymnasium and Avalon Beauty Salon. Situated close to Salthill and City Centre.

### **Renvyle House Hotel**

Connemara, Galway

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Winner of 'Georgina Campbell Family Friendly Hotel of the Year 2009'. Also in the Bridgestone Guide '100 Best Places to Stay in Ireland 2009', very family friendly

### **The Twelve Hotel**

Barna, Galway

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12 Minutes from Galway City set in the celebrated beauty of the west. Award winning Boutique hotel with flexible family style one & two bedroom suites. Family friendly restaurants, gourmet dining and live entertainment. This is the family life, Irish style.

## Where to Eat



- Milano's, Middle Street is very baby friendly, great pizzas
- Arabica at Galway Atlantaquaria is right beside aquarium and play park
- Lohan's, Salthill Their kids menu is as Gaeilge as well!
- Da Roberta's, Salthill with great pizza and pasta selection
- Eddie Rocket's, Eglinton St and Wellpark has free crayons and colouring sheets
- The Huntsman, Wellpark, elegant pub with child's menu and colouring sheets and crayons
- The Twelve Hotel, Barna.

## Playgrounds



- Millenium Children's Park, by Galway Cathedral
- Toft Park by Galway Atlantaquaria
- Doughiska Playground, Doughiska
- Lough Atalia Park, on Lough Atalia Road
- Cappagh Road Park, Knocknacarra
- Athenry Playground and visit the Athenry Heritage Centre
- Loughrea Playground, feed the swans while at the playground.

## Shopping



- Wooden Heart, Quay Street has a lovely selection of quality toys
- Early Learning Centre in Eyre Square Shopping Centre
- Classic Gifts in Corbett Court (the side entrance to Eyre Square Shopping Centre) has unusual gifts and toys
- Stock up on nappies or juice at Dunnes supermarket Briarhill; Joyces supermarket Athenry, Supervalu Oranmore – Oran Centre, Tesco Oranmore, Dunnes supermarket Knocknacarra