DONEGAL TOWN
VISITOR MAP & GUIDE

DONEGAL

Cosseted in Ireland's far north west corner, Donegal is a county of contrasts and a holidaymaker's paradise. With deserted sandy beaches, rugged mountains, challenging golf courses, big surf & a vibrant Gaeltacht region, your action and relaxation choices are endless.

Donegal has many relics to remind people of their proud heritage. The town is set in a valley girdled by the Bluestack Mountains and Donegal Bay.

There is a record of an early Danish fortress being destroyed in the town by Murtagh Mac Lochlainn, High King of Ireland in 1159. The O'Donnell castle in the town was built by the first Red Hugh and his wife Lady Nuala. They also brought the Franciscan Monks to Donegal. The Abbey was built in the same year - 1474.

Donegal Town is situated in the north west of Ireland in Co. Donegal. It is 200km from Galway City, 230km from Dublin & 175km from Belfast.

SOME MUST SEE ATTRACTIONS

Donegal Castle - The centrepiece of Donegal Town is without a doubt O'Donnell's Castle better known as Donegal Castle by the banks of the River Eske. The castle was built by Red Hugh O'Donnell in 1474 when he also built the Franciscan Abbey further down the River Eske. Tel: (074) 9722405. Check for opening times. Admission: applies. Group rates available.

Donegal Bay Waterbus - Fully narrated 75mins cruise of Donegal Bay, its Islands & Seal Colony. Live music on every trip. Fully wheelchair accessible Purchase tickets in advance from ticket office on Quay Street.
Contact 074 9723666 for further details. E. info@donegalbaywaterbus.com

Donegal Railway Museum - Includes historical presentations, artefacts & a shop dedicated to reawakening interest in Donegal's railway history. Tel: (074) 9722655. Open all year. Admission Applies.

Donegal Craft Village - A collection of contemporary art, crafts and design studios to visit. . Tel: (074) 9725928. Open all year. Free admission

Donegal Abbey - Overlooking Donegal Bay, Donegal Abbey was erected in 1474 for the Franciscan friars by Red Hugh O'Donnell and his wife Lady Nuala. It prospered for over 150 years & produced one of Ireland's most important records of history - The Annals of the Four Masters. Open all year. Free admission

Children's Playground - Located near the Donegal Railway Museum, this playground is equipped with safe, brightly coloured amusements.

The Obelisk
This monument in the town centre was erected in the late 1930's to commemorate the Four Masters - the four Franciscan friars who wrote the Annals of the Four Masters.

The Obelisk at the Diamond

Statue of Red Hugh O'Donnell
Located on the pier, this statue was erected in 2007 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the "Flight of the Earls".

Napoleonic Anchor
Located on Quay Street this anchor belonged to a French ship, the Romaine, which moored here in 1798. The anchor lay under water until the early 1850's when it was moved and placed on the quay.

Sliabh Liag (Slieve League) - Approx 1 hours drive from Donegal Town, these cliffs are the highest marine cliffs in Europe with the sheer cliff face stretching straight down to the wild Atlantic waves below.

Sliabh Liag

Malin Head - Inishowen Peninsula in County Donegal, is renowned for its rugged coastal landscape and attractive beaches. The area is steeped in history and folklore. Malin Head is an area for all tastes, including walking, fishing, swimming, photography, studying rock formations or rare flora and it is close to Inishowen's splendid golf courses.

Fanad Head - Cionn Fhánada - Fanad Peninsula
Donegal - Cionn Fhánada on the Fanad Peninsula lies between Lough Swilly and Mulroy Bay on the north coast of County Donegal. The Fanad Head lighthouse sits on the western shore of the peninsula.

Glencolmcille Folk Village - The museum is built in the form of a village where each house is a replica of the dwellings used by people in each of the three centuries, 18th, 19th and 20th.
Tel: (074) 9730017

Glenveagh National Park - Located just over 1 hours drive from Donegal Town, this park encompasses some 16,000 acres in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains. Tel: 076 100 2537

Grianán of Aileach - Burt, Donegal - The stone fort of Grianán of Aileach sits on a hilltop in Inishowen County Donegal. The view from Aileach is breathtaking. The glistening waters of Lough Foyle and Lough Swilly are clear, as is the form of the entire peninsula. Grianán has been a silent witness to the history of Ireland.

Grianán of Aileach

BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

Fintra Beach

BUNDORAN **Blue Flag Beach**, Bundoran, Co Donegal
CARRICKFINN **Blue Flag Beach**, Carrickfinn, Co Donegal.
CULDAFF **Blue Flag Beach**, Culdaff, Co Donegal
DOWNINGS **Blue Flag Beach**, Downings, Co Donegal
FINTRA **Blue Flag Beach**, Killybegs, Co. Donegal
KILLAHOEY **Blue Flag Beach**, Dunfanaghy, Co Donegal
MARBLE HILL **Blue Flag Beach**, Donegal County Council.
MURVAGH **Blue Flag Beach**, Donegal Town.
NARIN/PORTNOO **Blue Flag Beach**, Narin, Portnoo, Co Donegal.
PORTSALON **Blue Flag Beach**, Portsalon, Co. Donegal.
ROSSNOWLAGH **Blue Flag Beach**, Rosnowlagh, Co. Donegal.
STROOVE **Blue Flag Beach**, Stroove, Inishowen, Co. Donegal.

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Rossnowlagh Beach

SOME FUN STUFF FOR ALL

Family Fun - There is something for all the family to enjoy from indoor play centres, open farms, adventure parks, leisure centres, bowling, forest parks, heritage centres to taking in one of the up to date films in the Cinema, the list is endless.

Golfing - If golfing is your pleasure, County Donegal offers some of the best courses to play. Tee-off at one of the numerous championship links all over the county, not only will you enjoy some great golf you will also be able to take in some of the most breathtaking scenery in the country.

Angling - The Atlantic coast offers some of the best angling around - from game, coarse and sea, the avid fisherman is spoilt for choice.

Surfing - With excellent beaches Donegal caters for this sport any time of the year. If you're only a beginner there are many surf schools around with fun surf sessions and board hire packages available.

Equestrian - Canter along some fabulous beaches or just trek through great countryside. Beginners and advanced catered for. If an equestrian holiday is something that interests you a full list of centres is available at the local tourist office or visit www.govisitdonegal.com

Walking and Hiking - Donegal has some great hidden gems. Whether you're a serious mountain hiker or just like to stroll you won't be disappointed. Fabulous landscape, great coastlines and an abundance of golden beaches, Donegal won't disappoint.

Courtesy Rory O'Donnell

Sliabh Liag

Adventure & Watersports - Boasting a lot of blue flag beaches there is something to suit all tastes. Windsurfing, deep sea diving, sailing to kitesurfing, there is something for the whole family to enjoy.

Scenic Drives - There are a number of scenic drives and routes - too many to mention here but a full detailed list can be obtained from Donegal Tourist Office or by logging onto: www.govisitdonegal.com

Culture, Arts & Heritage - Donegal has all in abundance...

Relax, Unwind & Indulge Yourself - Numerous Spas and Health Clubs will revitalise you and help you unwind, relax & switch off.

Donegal Gardens - Check out our full list on www.govisitdonegal.com

Chandpur Indian Restaurant Donegal Town

This family owned restaurant led by Rana and Susan Miah celebrate 16 years in business on the 5th November 2025. Nine times winners of Best Indian Restaurant in Ireland. Three times winners of Best Takeaway in Ireland and Twice Winners of Best Vegetarian Restaurant in Ireland are a testament to the fantastic team at Chandpur. Winning awards from all the prestigious food industries over the last 15 years and being top rated on Trip Advisor, has made sure that this restaurant has kept their standards very high and has brought visitors from all over Ireland and further afield, putting Donegal Town on the map.

This restaurant had the honour of appearing on RTE Television with Neven Maguire on Neven's recent series Neven's Coastal Food Trails. Striving to offer the most authentic dishes they can, using the freshest local produce where possible, fused with the spices from Asia to create the mouth-watering dishes their customers have become accustomed to.

Genuine hospitality, great food, a lovely ambiance are all part of the Chandpur ethos, whether you call in for a take-away or opt to dine in, you are truly welcome.

All allergies are catered for and are renowned for the vegetarian and vegan options also. Open seven days per week, 4 – 10 Monday to Saturday and 1- 10 on a Sunday, the Chandpur Team welcome you with open arms.

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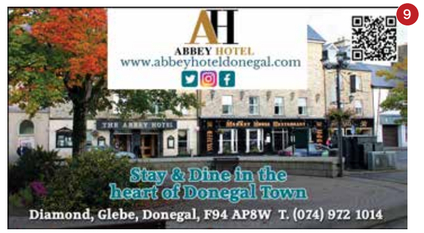

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D Donegal Abbey
E Famine Cemetery

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