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TOWN MAP



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Athlone Town is divided in two by the River Shannon. The Castle dominates the town, where visitors can take interactive self-guided tours that showcases the Castle's colourful history. From here you can take a boat trip on the River Run Cruiser to Lough Ree or the Viking Boat which offers a number of daily Lough Ree cruises and occasionally a cruise south to the monastic site of Clonmacnoise. There are some excellent restaurants in the town and the oldest pub in Ireland, Sean's Bar, is located on the Left Bank and has music every night during high season. There is a 5km Nature Walk in the town with beautiful views of the Shannon. If you want to learn more about Athlone, its history and its links to whiskey making there are a number of guided walking tours available which can be booked in advance. Athlone is the birthplace of the world famous tenor John McCormack and the writer John Broderick, with several tributes to them around the town. Athlone is also popular for shopping with 2 shopping centres offering a wide range of choices.

Glasson Village is 10km north of Athlone on the N55 and is known as the Village of the Roses. The famous poem "The deserted Village" by Oliver Goldsmith is thought to be about the village of Glasson as he spent his childhood in nearby Lissoy. There are three award winning Restaurants in Glasson, Grogan's Pub, The Villager and less than 2km from the village, The Wineport Lodge which sits on the banks of Lough Ree. On the way to Glasson from Athlone, you pass through the village of Ballykeeran where there is a scenic viewing point looking down over Lough Ree. In nearby Portlick there is a forest walk by the lake.

The River Shannon, the longest river in Ireland, takes its name from the Celtic goddess Sionna. In the 17th century the Shannon was of major strategic importance to the military in Ireland as it was a physical boundary between east and west of the country. The river is 360km long and flows through the town of Athlone. There are three large lakes on the River and the second largest, Lough Ree, lies just north of Athlone. This lake and indeed the River Shannon itself is popular for fishing, boating and water sports. Located 8km from Athlone at the Hodson Bay Hotel is Bay Sports, where you can participate in many different water activities and is home to the largest inflatable water park in the country.



Clonmacnoise in County Offaly is the ruin of a 6th century monastic site founded by St. Ciaran and lies on the banks of the River Shannon 22km south of Athlone. Take the N62 from Athlone and then the R444 from Ballinahown. It was known locally as seven churches. Clonmacnoise was a City of learning, a University of its time with students from all over Europe. There are three high crosses which are now housed in the visitor centre and there is also an audio visual that tells you all about the history. During the centuries, Clonmacnoise was plundered many times by the Vikings, Normans and the Irish. You can access Clonmacnoise by road or by water and is a beautiful place to visit all year round. There is an entrance fee as well as a gift shop on site.

Kilbeggan Distillery is the oldest distillery in Ireland, dating back to 1757. There are tours of the distillery that shows you how Irish whiskey was made during John Lockes ownership in the 19th century and up to the present day. Here you can also have a taste of the whiskey that is distilled today. Take exit 5 off the M6 Motorway into Kilbeggan. The distillery is in the town and is very visible as you can see the water wheel that has been restored to its former glory.

Sean's Bar is the oldest bar in Ireland according to the Guinness Book of Records and sits proudly on the left bank of the River Shannon in Athlone Town. During renovations in the 1970's, a wattle and wicker wall as well as old coins were found, which dated the bar to approximately 900AD, and these are now on display in the National Museum. There is also a section of the wall on display in the bar today. It is one of the most popular bars in Athlone and many people travel here from all over the world just to visit Sean's. It has recently become famous for its own brand of whiskey.

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