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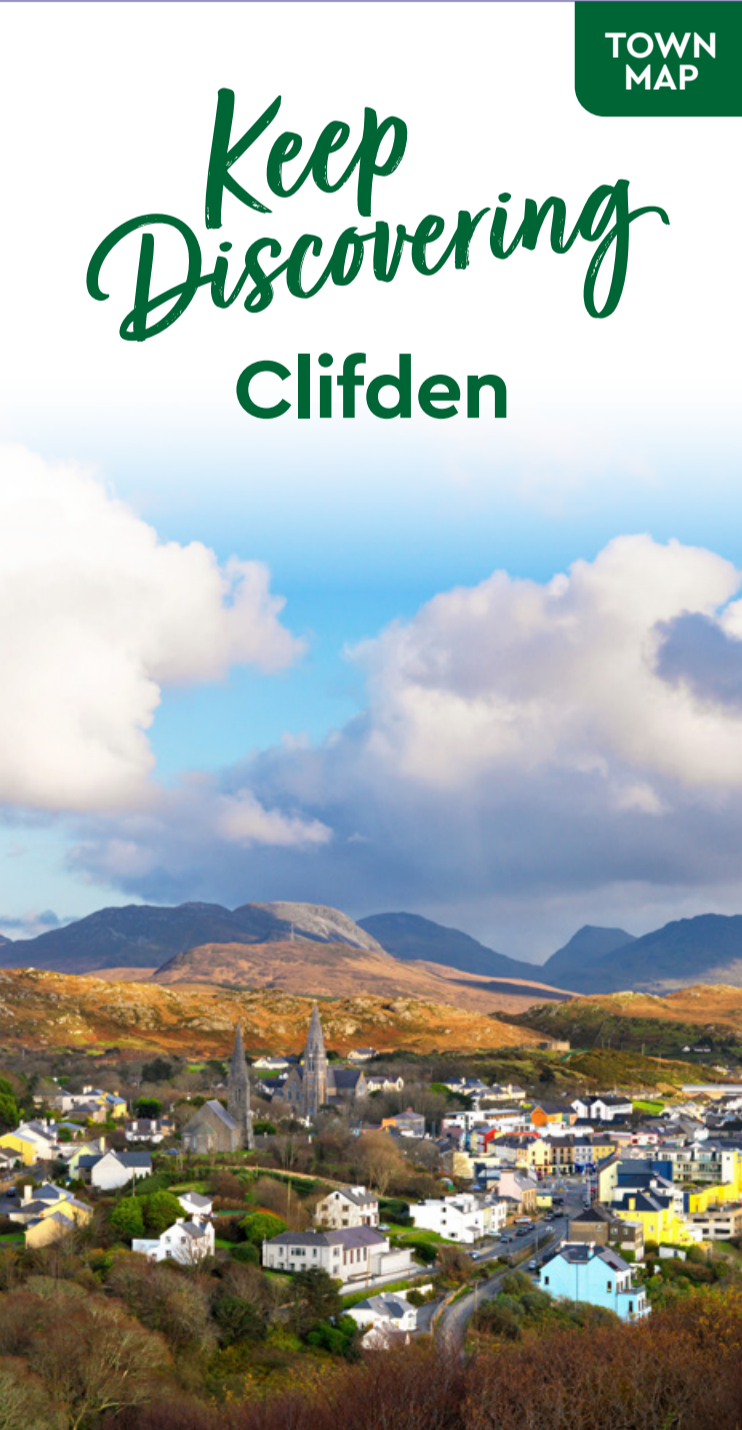
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Clifden Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and The Twelve Bens, Clifden lies below the twin spires of the two churches that overlook this picturesque town. With brightly painted shopfronts, bars and restaurants lining the narrow streets it is a great place to find local crafts or unique special gifts. Take a relaxing stroll along the Beach Road to the nearby harbour or along the Dooneen Road stopping by the Owenglen Cascade.

The Sky Road is a 16km circular route that starts from Clifden Town and rises high above the Atlantic Ocean offering spectacular panoramic views. Enjoy the scenic beauty of the remote offshore islands, serene bays and rugged coastline that west Connemara has to offer. Stop and relax at the viewing point on the highest part of the route to enjoy a picnic or capture a beautiful photo. This looped route winds its way across the peaceful narrow country roads in the heart of Connemara and is shared by walkers, cyclists and motorists.

Derrigimlagh is located 4km south of Clifden and is one of the Wild Atlantic Way's Signature Discovery Points. This vast blanket bog is covered by a mosaic of tiny lakes and is the site of two major remarkable events of the 20th century. Italian inventor Guglielmo Marconi sent the first commercial wireless transmission from here to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia across the Atlantic in 1907. Then, in 1919, Alcock and Brown completed the first nonstop flight across the Atlantic from St John's, Newfoundland before landing in Derrigimlagh. Today, a 5km looped walk winds its way through the bog on gravel paths and boardwalks with a monument, engaging signage, interactive features and the remnants of the Marconi station. Enjoy spectacular views of The Twelve Bens and the beaches on the Errislanann Peninsula. Parking is free.

Kylemore Abbey is 20km north of Clifden and is a haven of history and serenity in an idyllic setting. Visit the former Victorian Castle now home to the Benedictine order of nuns and learn its history from generation to generation in the Abbey itself. Take a journey through this magical 1,000-acre estate and marvel in the woodland and lakeshore walks or visit the 6-acre Victorian walled garden with its delightfully restored garden buildings, formal flower, vegetable and herb gardens. Mitchell's Café and The Garden Tea House are renowned for their traditional home-cooked food. History talks take place daily in the Abbey as well as music in the Neo Gothic Church on certain days and special occasions. Parking is free and there is an entrance fee to visit the abbey and gardens.



Connemara National Park is 15km north of Clifden. The park covers around 2,000 hectares of scenic mountains, expansive bogs, glorious grasslands and enchanting woodlands. Explore the walking trails at your own pace or set off on a challenging mountain hike towards the summit of Diamond Hill. The stunning vistas from here offer spectacular views over the Connemara countryside and the distant islands of Inishbofin, Inishturk and Inishshark. The Park is home to many wild birds and animals as well as some rare breed domestic animals and a herd of Connemara ponies. There is a Visitor Centre and Tea Rooms where you can avail of maps, information and refreshments. Parking is free.

Inishbofin Cleggan is a 12km drive northwest of Clifden and the departure point for the year round ferry that takes you to the island of Inishbofin. Relax in the peace and quiet of the white, sandy beaches or take in some of the magnificent scenery on the island. Walk along one of the three marked loops or enjoy a cycle along the quiet island roads. Accommodation, dining, tours and bike hire are available as well as a museum and some great music sessions. Citylink provide a bus connection to Cleggan from Galway/Clifden daily. Parking is available at one of the paid car parks in Cleggan village.

Omev Island is a tidal island 14km north of Clifden at Claddaghduff. The island can be reached by car or by foot at low tide by following the directional signs across the strand. Check the tide times on the notice board in the car park before you cross over. Explore the rock pools on the beach along the way or discover the ruins of the medieval church and holy well on the island.

Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh – Pearse's Cottage is in Rosmuc, 48km from Clifden via Maam Cross. The impressive Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh (Pearse's Visitor Centre) tells the story of Patrick Pearse, one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising. Visitors are brought on an interactive journey of discovery through the language, culture and landscape of this stunning part of south Connemara. Walk a short distance from the Centre to the original cottage where Patrick Pearse spent most of his summers. There is a small entrance fee, with a café on site. Parking is free.

Killary Harbour on the Galway/Mayo border is an excellent example of a glacial fjord stretching 16km with the village of Leenane at its head. The breath-taking mountain vistas provides a dramatic backdrop around the harbour. Mweelrea, the highest mountain in Connacht, stands on its northwest shore. Look out for the rows upon rows of mussel rafts peeping out of the water along the fjord.

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