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Limerick City, known as the Treaty City, has a rich history that can be seen in the ancient built heritage of this compact walkable city. From O’Connell Street in the heart of the city you can take a short stroll from medieval streets to the elegant Georgian quarter in minutes. North of the city is King John’s Castle which brings to life 800 years of strategic history. Close to the top of the tower, to enjoy spectacular views of the mighty River Shannon, Thomond Park and the surrounding contemporary modern cityscape. Visit St Mary’s Cathedral and the National O’Loughlin Library, home to exhibitions of local history and heritage. Throughout the city, the urban street art and typical turn-of-the-century architecture provide a backdrop for the local buskers and street performers who create a festival-like atmosphere for the passerby.

Limerick City Centre has its own ancient street of Foynes (Foynes from Limerick) which is home to one of the deepest ports in Europe. Whilst here you can visit one of Europe’s most scientifically significant birds areas. The Shannon Estuary Way is a 20km scenic coastal route through Limerick City and County. It offers walkers a steeped in archaeological history and providing amazing views of the estuary. Travelling west of the city, visit the scenic villages of Newport, Clarina and Askeaton before reaching Foynes (Foynes from Limerick) which is home to one of the deepest ports in Europe. Whilst here you can visit the only Flying Boat Museum in the world to see a unique mode of transport and step onto a full-sized replica of the Boeing 802. Headland along the coast to the charming village of Glin, where the river at its end and the views are beautifully expansive. Onwards to Tarbert in Kerry to board the ferry for Killimer and step onto a full-sized replica of the Boeing B314. Meander along the coast to the only Flying Boat Museum in the world to see a unique mode of transport and open farmlands.

Derry (90km) Sligo (110km) Galway City (92km)

Lough Gur is 25km south of Limerick City and is where you can experience 9,600 years of history in the footsteps of Ireland’s first dwellers within this ancient and sacred site and learn about the magic of the lake itself. On the shores of the lake is the Neolithic styled visitor centre with magnificent interactive displays where you can listen to stories about the various historical sites in the area. Close by is Ireland’s largest stone circle at Grange with its 15 standing stones, discover the facts and magical myths of this scenic setting.

Walking & Cycling: The Ballyhoura Mountains are 15km south of Limerick City and offer some of the most spectacular and rich views and routes for cyclists and walkers alike. With undulating green pastures, woodlands, hills and mountains, the ancient and unique landscape offers an abundance of heritage sites and thrilling outdoor activities. The Great Southern Trail is a 16km off-road trail from Barrowbridge in Tipperary to Adare where you can walk, hike or cycle on a scenic pathway enjoying the beauty of the surrounding countryside.

Thomond Park Stadium/Museum
St Mary’s Cathedral
National O’Loughlin Library
Cornmarket Row is Ireland’s oldest market. Breathe in the bracing air on the urban street art and stylish boutiques provide a backdrop for the local buskers and street performers who create a festival-like atmosphere for the passerby. From O’Connell Street in the heart of the city you can take a short stroll from Medieval Limerick to the centre of the city, where you can experience 9,600 years of history in the footsteps of Ireland’s first dwellers within this ancient and sacred site and learn about the magic of the lake itself. On the shores of the lake is the Neolithic styled visitor centre with magnificent interactive displays where you can listen to stories about the various historical sites in the area. Close by is Ireland’s largest stone circle at Grange with its 15 standing stones, discover the facts and magical myths of this scenic setting.

Adare is 10km south west of Limerick City and is known as one of Ireland’s prettiest villages. Famed for the picture perfect row of thatched cottages, where you can visit three museums dedicated to the outstanding Desmond Castle, a medieval fortified castle dating to the 11th century. Situated on the banks of the River Maigue, the village park is ideal for a walk or sit down amid the beauty of the village.

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