



RELOCATION GUIDE

Living & Working in Galway, Ireland

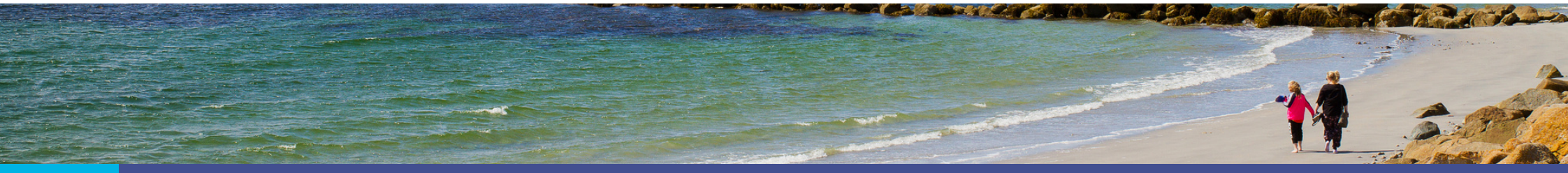
Introduction.

The largest city in the West of Ireland, Galway offers the perfect mix of career progression and quality of life. Galway really does have something for everyone.

Dubbed the 'Most Charming City' by the New York Times, Galway is famous for the lively atmosphere created by the many buskers and shoppers. The rest of the county boasts some of the most spectacular natural sights in the country.

Those in the region enjoy excellent job prospects, with many multinational companies choosing Galway to serve as a hub for establishing global networks. Some examples of MNCs that have settled in Galway include Boston Scientific, Medtronic, HP and CISCO.

In a study of the most promising investment locations in Europe, fDi Magazine – a Financial Times publication – has crowned Galway City a winner of a European City and Region of the Future 2014/15 title and ranked Galway City as Best Overall Micro City in Europe.



Renting in Galway.

According to data from [Daft's 2020 Q3 Report](#), average rental prices in Galway are €1,363 for the city and €937 for the county. Rent in Galway is, on average, **40%** lower than in Dublin and **10%** lower than in Cork.

Here is a break-down of average rental prices in Galway:

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Galway City	€1,021	€1,114	€1,277	€1,437	€1,656

For a detailed breakdown of commuter towns and suburbs near Galway, check out these [Neighbourhood Guides](#) on myhome.ie.



Cost of Living.



Galway is significantly cheaper than Dublin and Cork. Numbeo estimates monthly living costs (excluding rent) as follows:

- **€2,969** for a four-person family
- **€833** for a single person

You can compare prices with your home country or city on numbeo.com.

Education & Childcare.

Early Childhood Care.

You can find more information about childcare options in your area by visiting the website for the [Galway City and County Childcare Committee](#).

	FULL TIME	PART TIME	SESSIONAL
Galway	€163.02	€106.05	€70.04

Source: *Department of Children and Youth Affairs*





Primary Schools.

Click the links below for a full directory of primary schools throughout Galway (English language only):

- [Map](#)
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Secondary Schools.

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Special Education.

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Third Level.

The National University of Ireland (NUI) Galway

Ranked among the top 1% of Universities in the world, NUIG is known for delivering top-quality programmes. As of 2020, the university has a student population today of over 18,000 who attend courses across its 16 Schools and 60+ academic disciplines.

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT)

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology is a third level institute of education and is spread across at five locations in the two counties. GMIT won The Sunday Times Institute of Technology of the Year award in 2004, 2007 and 2015.





Getting Around.

By Car.

The N6, N18, N17 and N84 connect Galway City with Dublin, Limerick, Sligo and Castlebar.

By Bike.

Galway City has many cycle lanes and there are plans to develop more. Cycling is a great way to take in the beautiful sights around the county and there are plenty of recreational cycle routes.

By Bus.

Bus Eireann is the biggest public transport provider in Galway. Visit this [link](#) for a comprehensive map of bus routes.

By Train.

[Galway Ceannt Station](#) is conveniently located in the city centre. It provides routes to Dublin, Limerick, Waterford, and Clonmel.

Leisure.

Known for its dynamic cultural offerings as well as its spectacular natural beauty, Galway is the perfect spot for people who want to enjoy a great quality of life while still being able to access all of the amenities of a modern city.

The European Capital of Culture for 2020, Galway City is home to a thriving arts and entertainment scene. It boasts many famous festivals such as the Galway Races and The Galway Arts Festival.

A renowned culinary destination, Galway is known for the quality of its food and its many gourmet restaurants.

One of the main benefits of relocating to Galway is that many areas of scenic beauty are just on your doorstep. The county is home to some of the most gorgeous spots in Ireland including Connemara, Kylemore Abbey, the Aran Islands plus much more.



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