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DISCOVERY POINT	DISTANCE	JOURNEY TIME
1 BALLINA QUAY	49.3 km	50 mins
2 KILLALA QUAY	51 km	50 mins
3 LACKAN STRAND	58.8 km	1 hr
4 DOWNPATRICK HEAD - Signature Point	62.8 km	1 hr 5 mins
5 CEIDE FIELDS	64 km	1 hr 5 mins
6 DÚN NA MBÓ (DOONAMO)	77 km	1 hr 10 mins
7 ANNAGH HEAD (CEANN AN EANAIGH)	78 km	1 hr 10 mins
8 TRÁ OILÍ (ELLY BEACH)	80.5 km	1 hr 10 mins
9 AN FÁL MÓR (FALMORE)	90 km	1 hr 20 mins
10 AN FÓD DUBH (BLACKSOD HARBOUR)	89.1 km	1 hr 20 mins
11 OILEÁN CHLOIGEANN (CLAGGAN ISLAND)	66 km	1 hr
12 CEANN RAMHAR (DOOHOMA HEAD)	69 km	1 hr 5 mins
13 INIS BIGIL (INISHBIGGLE ISLAND)	35.1 km	35 mins
14 CLAGGAN MOUNTAIN COASTAL TRAIL	23.7 km	25 mins
15 TRÁ DHUMHA GOIRT (DUGORT BEACH)	45 km	45 mins
16 KEEM BAY - Signature Point	53.7 km	1 hr
17 KEEL STRAND	45.5 km	45 mins
18 CUAN NA HAISLÉIME (ASHLEAM BAY)	38.4 km	40 mins
19 AN CHÉIBH BHEAG (CLOGHMORE PIER)	39.5 km	40 mins
20 SPANISH ARMADA VIEWPOINT	25.4 km	25 mins
21 DUMHACH BHEAG	19.4 km	20 mins
22 CROAGH PATRICK VIEW	21 km	25 mins
23 OLD HEAD	30.6 km	35 mins
24 ROONAGH PIER	40 km	45 mins
25 CLARE ISLAND		
26 INISHTURK		
27 CARROWNISKY STRAND	42 km	45 mins
28 SILVER STRAND	47.2 km	55 mins
29 DOOLOUGH VALLEY	45.9 km	50 mins
30 AASLEAGH FALLS	41.1 km	45 mins
31 KILLARY HARBOUR - Signature Point	46.5 km	50 min

1.

## BALLINA QUAY

An attractive river setting and the key access point for boats to the River Moy; famous for Atlantic salmon. The quay is home to the Moy Estuary boat & sea trout Club. There are visitors moorings available on request, as well as boat rentals and sea trout angling charters, seal watching and historic trips to Bartra Island. The Quay is just a few minutes drive from the Town of Ballina.

Distance from Hotel:  
49.3 km / 50 mins (N)

GPS;  
54.132133,  
-9.1378596



Photo by Alison Crummy

# 2.

## KILLALA QUAY

Killala is a picturesque seaside village, 6.5 miles north-west of Ballina. Located just off the R314, the attractive village of Killala boasts attractive views across the inlet of Killala Bay.

Distance from Hotel:  
51 km / 50 mins (N)

GPS;  
54.213245  
-9.2192835



3.

## LACKEN STRAND

Overlooking the low lying flood plain of the Cloonalaghan Rover this Discovery Point offers expansive views over marshland and sandy beaches. Lacken and its bay nestle along the rugged North Mayo coastline, between the towns of Killala and Ballycastle.

Distance from Hotel:  
58.8 km / 1 hr (N)

GPS;  
54.274154  
-9.2574486



## 4 - SIGNATURE POINT

### DOWNPATRICK HEAD

Downpatrick Head is one of the Signature Point on the Wild Atlantic Way and commands breathing views on the Atlantic. Located 3 miles north of Ballycastle village, standing 126ft above the sea, it's renowned for it's fantastic views of the Atlantic, the Staggs of Broadhaven and high cliffs along the shore.

Distance from Hotel:  
62.8 km / 1 hr 5 mins (N)

GPS;  
54.3279908557371,  
-9.34526219101565



# 5.

## CÉIDE FIELDS

This is a neolithic site and an associated exhibition centre. The R314, as you approach from either direction, boasts clear uninterrupted views of the Atlantic Ocean. This exposed cliff top site has a number of points of interest, not least the Neolithic site itself and the associated exhibition centre. The well maintained viewing platform, with handrail, allows visitors to experience the sensation of standing right on the very edge of the cliff.

Distance from Hotel:  
64 km / 1 hr 5 mins (N)

GPS;  
54.308559  
-9.4558463



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## DÚN NA MBÓ (DOONAMO)

A unique cliff-top place from which one can view the incredible Eagle Island Lighthouse and the wild Atlantic Ocean. A sculpture has been built here around a blowhole, allowing visitors to experience the wild Atlantic waves pushing up through the land!

Distance from Hotel:  
76.8 km / 1 hr 10mins (N)

GPS;  
54.264572  
-10.07531





# 7.

## CEANN AN EANAIGH (ANNAGH HEAD)

Annagh Head is a headland on the western edge of the Mullet Peninsula in Erris, Co. Mayo. Erris was voted by The Irish Times as the best place in Ireland to go wild! This is also one of the most ancient site on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Distance from Hotel:  
78 km / 1 hr 10mins (N)

GPS;  
54.241494  
-10.102216



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## TRÁ OILÍ (ELLY BEACH)

Elly Bay is an area of great scenic beauty and tranquillity in North West Mayo. This is a fine sandy beach located 9km south of Belmullet in Erris, Co. Mayo. The beach is clean, sheltered and ideal for swimming, sailing, surfing and other water sports.

Distance from Hotel:  
80.5 km / 1 hr 10mins (N)

GPS;  
54.1597942172637  
-10.0920643303223



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## AN FÁL MÓR (FALMORE)

Fál Mór is a holy place and has connections to St. Deirbhile and St. Brendan. From this discovery point you can enjoy Deirbhile's Twist – a granite boulder sculpture that was created as part of the Tír Sáile Sculpture Trail in North Mayo, Ireland's largest public arts project. Take in the panoramic views of Achill Island and the Inis Gé islands. Nearby you can visit St. Deirbhile's Well and the ruins of St. Deirbhile's Church.

Distance from Hotel:  
90 km / 1 hr 20 mins (N)

GPS;  
54.09554  
-10.085653



10.

## AN FÓD DUBH (BLACKSOD HARBOUR)

Blacksod Harbour is a working harbour with an accompanying lighthouse which was built in 1864 and is still operational, however, not open to the general public. The approach route to the harbour, offers uninterrupted views of Blacksod Bay. When reaching the harbour views of Achill Island open up to the south.

Distance from Hotel:  
89.1 km / 1 hr 20 mins (N)

GPS;  
54.098875,  
10.060762



11.

## OILEÁN CHLOIGEANN (CLAGGAN ISLAND)

Claggan is a tiny island off Achill. It is the newest Mayo's island having only been declared an island in 1991. With a population of just eight people and can be accessed via a sandy causeway.

**Distance from Hotel:**  
66 km / 1 hr (N)

**GPS;**  
54.173036  
-9.9527711



# 12.

## CEANN RAMHAR (DOOHOMA HEAD)

Ceann Ramhar is one of the hidden gems of Erris - a region voted by 'The Irish Times' as the best place in Ireland to go wild! The headland at Doohoma Head is located in the eastern part of Blacksod Bay, in a very remote and isolated area. Standing on the beach, one has a breathtaking view over Achill Island and the Mullet Peninsula.

Distance from Hotel:  
69 km / 1 hr 5 mins (N)

GPS;  
54.063723  
-9.966296



# 13.

## INIS BIGIL (INISHBIGGLE ISLAND)

Located between the mainland and Achill Island, Inishbiggle is a very unique island which to this day hosts a small community where farming and fishing are time worn traditions. Its tiny population speaks both Irish and English, and their livelihoods are tied to the traditions of a bygone age. It is an unspoilt kind of place, where day-trippers will lap up old-world customs, panoramic views of west Mayo, inspiring wildlife and unrecorded stories.

Distance from Hotel:

35 km / 35 mins to Doran's Point (N)

GPS; (Doran's Point)

54.004544

-9.869243



# 14.

## CLAGGAN MOUNTAIN COASTAL TRAIL

Scenic viewpoint offering open and panoramic views over Ballycroy National Park, south towards Claggan Mountain (382m) and west, across the inlet, to Achill Island. Ballycroy National Park comprises of 11,000 hectares of Atlantic blanket bog and mountainous terrain, covering a vast uninhabited area dominated by the Nephin Beg mountain range. The Visitor Centre is located 9km north in Ballycroy village.

**Distance from Hotel:**

69 km / 1 hr 5 mins (N)

**GPS;**

53.957665,

-9.793323





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## TRÁ DHUMHA GOIRT (DUGORT BEACH)

Dugort Beach, also known as Pollawaddy Strand, is an expansive sandy beach with surrounding hilly terrain. Sheltered by the magnificent Slievemore mountain the backdrop of the neighbouring Slievemore Mountain (672m).

Distance from Hotel:  
45 km / 45 mins (N)

GPS:  
54.010579  
-10.022720



# 16 - SIGNATURE POINT

## KEEM BAY

A magnificent rural and sheltered beach on the east end of Achill Island. Voted as the number one beach in Ireland, Keem is in a beautiful horseshoe bay surrounded by high cliffs. Here the wild Atlantic could easily be mistaken for the Med, as the white sands are flanked by velveteen green cliffs. It's worth the drive; up and over the cliff tops to reach this Blue Flag strand. While you're there be sure to keep an eye out to sea; as you might just spot a basking shark offshore.

Distance from Hotel:

53.7 km / 55 mins (N)

GPS:

53.967169

-10.195376



17.

## KEEL BEACH

Keel Beach is one of the most popular and magnificent sandy beaches in Ireland. Located on Achill Island, it is a shingle beach backed by sand dunes and is popular with water sports enthusiasts, especially surfers.

Distance from Hotel:  
45.5km / 45 mins (N)

GPS:  
53.973653  
-10.072498



18.

## CUAN NA HAISLÉIME (ASHLEAM BAY)

This elevated viewpoint along the southern coast of Achill Island between Cloughmore and Ashleam overlooks dramatic White Cliffs of Ashleam. It offers one of the most breathtaking views on the island.

Distance from Hotel:  
38.4 km / 40 mins (N)

GPS:  
53.899000,  
-9.997287



19.

## AN CHÉIBH BHEAG (CLOGHMORE PIER)

Cloghmore Pier is situated on the south of Achill Island and provides a ferry service to Clare Island. 150m north of the pier is Kildavnet Tower. This tower is a perfect example of a 15th century Irish tower house but it is known locally as Grace O'Malley's Castle. Standing at 40ft (12m) in height, it has three storeys. The location, at the mouth of Achill Sound, was strategically selected by the Pirate Queen to protect the passage between Clew Bay and Blacksod Bay,

Distance from Hotel:  
39.5 km / 40 mins (N)

GPS:  
53.880048,  
-9.947575



# 20.

## SPANISH ARMADA VIEWPOINT

Small gravel surfaced lay by adjacent to the Clew Bay coastal road against the backdrop of Corraun Hill (524m). Exceptional views south across Clew Bay and south west to Clare Island. Strong historical resonance with the Spanish Armada, five ships of which floundered off the Mayo coast in 1588. These include; the San Nicolas Prodaneli and El Gran Grin, both of which sank at the mouth of Clew Bay.

Distance from Hotel:  
25.4 km / 25 mins (N)

GPS;  
53.867062  
-9.8686168



# 21.

## DUMHACH BHEAG (DOOGBEG)

Elevated view point which offers open and panoramic views south and south east across Clew Bay against the backdrop of Corraun Hill (524m).',  
This elevated discovery point offers open and panoramic views south and south east across Clew Bay. Clew Bay (in Irish: Cuan M6) is the most spectacular bay in Ireland.

Distance from Hotel:  
19.4 km / 20 mins (N)

GPS;  
53.893402  
-9.7970796



# 22.

## CROAGH PATRICK VIEWPOINT

Located on the south shore of Clew Bay at the base of Ireland's Holiest Mountain. The Croagh Patrick viewpoint is adjacent to Murrisk Cemetery and the ruins of Murrisk Abbey (founded in 1456 by the Augustinian Friars). Known locally as 'The Reek'; this is a pilgrimage mountain, since prehistoric times, with thousands of people descending on Reek Sunday in the hope of atoning for their sins, many in their bare feet.

Distance from Hotel:  
21km / 25 mins (S)

GPS;  
53.779411  
-9.640141





# 23.

## OLD HEAD

Overlooked by a woodland to the west and Croagh Patrick to the south east, the beach is sheltered from the south west. Lifeguards are on duty through the summer months and the beach and toilets are wheelchair accessible. Large swells during the winter months makes this beach a popular destination for surfers and windsurfers. There is a pier at the western end of the beach which provides shelter for a small anchorage point, popular with local sailors and fishermen.

Distance from Hotel:  
21km / 25 mins (S)

GPS;  
53.779411  
-9.640141



# 24.

## ROONAGH PIER

Traditional stone pier with daily ferry services to Clare Island and Inishturk. In the summer, there are increased ferry sailings, while in winter there are usually just two sailings per day. It is always advisable to refer to the ferry company websites for times of sailings, as these are subject to change. Tickets can be purchased from the relevant ferry operator's port-a-cabin in the car park prior to departure.

Distance from Hotel:  
40 km / 45 mins (S)

GPS;  
53.761692  
-9.903879



# 25.

## CLARE ISLAND

With spectacular cliffs, which are home to large numbers of nesting sea birds, the island's scenic beauty, pristine beaches, rare flora and gentle peak of Knockmore (461m) make it an ideal destination for walkers. Clare Island's complex history can be read through the archaeological remains of the Neolithic and Bronze age, to rare medieval wall paintings in the 14th century abbey. Visit the castle and burial place of the famous 'pirate queen' Grace O'Malley's (Grainneuaile) or enjoy the lively night life and regular summer festivals. Offshore, the clear waters surrounding the island are known for their exceptional dive sites. Access the island via a ferry service from Roonagh Pier (Discovery Point 24)



# 26.

## INISHTURK

Inishturk, meaning “Island of the Wild Boar”, is a quaint beautiful island located 14.5km off the coast of Mayo. The island rises boldly from the wild North Atlantic, off the County Mayo Coast, in wall like cliffs to the north west and steep hills to the north on which stands the ruins of the old signal tower 220m above sea level.

Access the island via a ferry service from Roonagh Pier (Discovery Point 24)



# 27.

## CARROWNISKY STRAND

The vast expanse of sand and great waves of Carrownisky has made it a famous horse racing beach as well as a popular surfing destination. It provides one of the only consistent breaks in the area and is home to one of the first surf schools established in Ireland (open seven days, a week all year round). This is a busy spot in the summer with families, walkers, swimmers, horse racers, surfers among many other watersports.

Distance from Hotel:

42 km / 45 mins (S)

GPS;

53.735383

-9.893226



# 28.

## SILVER STRAND

A remote and unspoiled beach with a fine sand, it is open to the Atlantic with views out towards Inishturk and Inishbofin. In 2016, the beach received the Green Coast Award in recognition of its clean environment, excellent water quality and natural beauty. Though off the beaten track, it is very popular with families due to the shelter provided by the headlands and high sand dunes. The sunsets here are well known with unforgettable orange and red skies over the Atlantic and the offshore islands.

Distance from Hotel:

47.2 km / 55 mins (S)

GPS;

53.250939

-9.124736



# 29.

## DOOLOUGH PASS

Doo Lough, meaning 'BlackLake', is a spectacular but tragic setting between Mweelrea Mountain and Sheeffry Hills. A stone memorial commemorates the poor starving local people who walked this road in March 1849 during the Great Famine in the hope of getting hunger relief. It is said that more than 400 people died on their journey.

Distance from Hotel:  
45.9 km / 51 mins (S)

GPS;  
53.666223  
-9.7813189



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## AASLEAGH FALLS

Located 1 km north of the Galway/Mayo border, this location provides views over Aasleagh Falls, a picturesque waterfall located on the River Erriff just before the river meets Killary Harbour.

Distance from Hotel:  
41.1 km / 44 mins (S)

GPS;  
53.617800  
-9.672755





# 31 - SIGNATURE POINT

## KILLARY HARBOUR

Killary Harbour is Ireland's only fjord, which forms a natural border between counties Galway and Mayo and extends 16km (10 miles) in from the Atlantic to its head at Aasleagh, below Aasleagh falls. This is a haven for water-sport enthusiasts.

Distance from Hotel:  
46.5 km / 50 mins (S)

GPS;  
53.5992278896706,  
-9.7410219134033

