



# ROSCOMMON:

## THINGS TO SEE & DO



What makes Roscommon so attractive to visitors is the diversity of products on offer which has a natural fit with 'hidden Ireland'.

County Roscommon is traversed by the River Shannon and is home to unique heritage and historical houses including Strokestown Park House, a restored 19th century mansion, famine museum and walled garden, King House, a restored Georgian Mansion, Clonalis House and Castlecoote House. Historical sites include Rathcroghan in Tulsk, the Celtic Royal site that predates Newgrange.

The County is predominantly rural and boasts unspoilt landscapes with an abundance of green spaces. The rivers Shannon and Suck together with a network of tributaries provide excellent opportunities for fishing and boating whilst our lakes provide scenic backdrops for a wide range of water sports and tourist attractions.

The communities are relatively small and have retained their friendliness and openness as well as being inclusive of all sectors of society. There is a wide range of high quality recreational and leisure amenities throughout the County including town parks, golf courses, a racetrack, leisure centres, swimming pools, angling facilities, arts centre, arts venues and many more. The facilities for children include a network of modern playgrounds and parks as well as privately owned play facilities.

A variety of festivals span the summer months in Roscommon including the Dr Douglas Hyde Summer School of Traditional Irish Music and Dance in July in

Ballaghaderreen, Féile Frank Mc Gann, the Lamb Festival, the Boyle Arts Festival, the O' Carolan Summer School, Percy French Summer School, Strokestown International Poetry Festival, International Rose Festival and Drama festivals.

The opportunities for passive as well as active recreational pursuits are endless from walking on the Suck Valley Way or Miners Way, to horse riding on the shores of the river Shannon to power boating or cruising on Lough Ree, Roscommon has it all.

Sport is well catered for in Roscommon. Active GAA, soccer and rugby clubs are dotted throughout the county backed by modern floodlit pitch and changing room facilities. All clubs have active participation from under 8 up to senior level. Roscommon is also well served with excellent golf courses including, an 18 hole championship golf course in Roscommon and others in Castlerea, Boyle and Strokestown. Roscommon Horse Races steeped in National Hunt tradition happen throughout the year.

Anglers can enjoy coarse, trout and pike angling. There are a range of walking trails including the famous Suck Valley Way and the Arigna Miners Way.

Cruising; walking tours; indoor gym; swimming; football and soccer are also available. Clubs in various towns include bridge and musical and drama societies. Towns have many attractive shops, numerous bars with live music and restaurants.

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Roscommon boasts a solid tourism industry and is ideally located in the lakelands region to capitalise on this growing market. The touristic gems to be found in Roscommon include;

- **Lakelands and scenic waterways.**  
Roscommon has the longest inland coastline in the country, the River Shannon.
- **Rich heritage including:**  
Rathcroghan the Celtic Royal Site, historic houses such as King House a fully restored Georgian mansion, Strokestown Park House and its world famous famine museum, Clonalis House and Castlecoote House, Roscommon Castle and Boyle Abbey and the walled town in the deserted medieval village of Rindoon.
- **Lough Key Forest Park, Boyle:**  
A unique product, offering a tree canopy walk, children's play kingdom, Boda Borg (Swedish Technology House), ring forts, cruising, fishing, a bog-garden, an old ice-house, picnic grounds and a caravan and camping site.
- **Elphin Windmill:**  
An early-18th century fully-restored wind mill.
- **Musical festivals** celebrating the world famous Percy French and O' Carolan.
- **Arigna Mining Experience** – a wonderful experience that showcases the coal mining heritage in the Arigna Valley.
- **Ideal cycling and walking trails**
- **Fishing and golf**



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