



IRELAND ON A BUDGET

**Restaurant Recommendations for the Island of Ireland
(includes cafés, delis and pubs that serve or sell food)**

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BELFAST

Bar + Block Steakhouse: <https://www.barandblock.co.uk/en-gb/locations/belfast>

Deanes: <https://www.michaeldeane.co.uk/restaurants/>

(The chain includes Meatlocker, mrDeanes and Deanes at Queens, all in Belfast)

Ginger Bistro: <https://www.gingerbistro.com/>

Home Restaurant Belfast: <https://www.homebelfast.co.uk/>

Mourne Seafood: <https://www.mourneseafood.com/restaurants/belfast/>

COUNTY CLARE

Doolin

Fitz's Pub, part of Hotel Doolin: <https://doolin.ie/fitzpatrick-s-bar/>

Gus O'Connors: <https://www.gusoconnorsdoolin.com/>

Homestead Cottage: <https://www.homesteadcottagedoolin.com/>

Ivy Cottage: <https://www.theivycottage.ie/>

McDermott's: <https://mcdermott-s-pub.com/>

McGann's Pub: <https://mcgannsdoolin.com/>

Oar Doolin (Michelin Star): <https://oardoolin.ie/>

Russells: <https://www.fiddleandbow.ie/Russells-Bar.html>

Ennis

Brogans: <https://www.facebook.com/brogansennis/>

Knox's: <https://knoxs.ie/> (trad music there too)

The Abbey: <https://www.theabbeybarennis.com/>

Lahinch

Danny Mac's Bar & Restaurant: <https://www.instagram.com/dannymacslahinch/>

Hugo's Bakery: https://www.instagram.com/hugos_lahinch/

New Quay

Linnane's Lobster Bar: <https://www.linnanesbar.com/>

COUNTY CORK

Baltimore

The Algiers: <https://www.thealgiersinn.ie/>

Cork City

Cask: <https://caskcork.com/>

Good Day Deli: <https://www.gooddaydeli.ie/>

Greenes: <https://greenesrestaurant.com/>

Market Lane: <https://www.marketlane.ie/>

Kinsale

Bulman: <https://www.thebulman.ie/>

Finn's Farmcut: <https://www.finnsfarmcut.com/>

Fishy Fishy: <https://fishyfishy.ie/>

Jim Edwards of Kinsale: <https://www.jimedwardskinsale.com/>

Kitty O'Shea's: <https://www.facebook.com/kittykinsale/>

Lemon Leaf Café Bar & Townhouse: <https://lemonleaf.ie/>

Man Friday: <https://manfridaykinsale.ie/>

Max's Seafood: <https://maxs.ie/>

O'Herlihy's: <https://www.oherlihyskinsale.com/>

St. Francis Provisions: <https://saintfrancisprovisions.squarespace.com/>

The Black Pig Wine Bar & Café: <https://www.theblackpigwinebar.com/>

The White House Restaurant: <https://www.whitehouse-kinsale.ie/accommodation-kinsale/Restaurant>

Shanagarry

Ballymaloe House: <https://www.ballymaloe.ie/bookatable>

DERRY

Badgers Bar & Restaurant: <https://www.instagram.com/badgersbarderry/>

Fitzroys Bistro: <https://www.fitzroysrestaurant.com/>

ShipQuay Restaurant, part of The ShipQuay Hotel:

<https://www.shipquayhotel.com/restaurant.html>

COUNTY DONEGAL

Ardara

Nancy's: <https://nancysbar.com/>

Rusty Mackerel: <https://therustymackerel.com/>

Killybegs

Seafood Shack: <https://www.facebook.com/killybegseafoodshack/>

Anderson's Boathous Restaurant: <https://andersonsboathouserestaurant.com/>

Letterkenny

Lemon Tree Restaurant: <https://www.thelemontreerestaurant.com/#/>

DUBLIN CITY

Avoca Suffolk Street: <https://www.avoca.com/en/stores-and-cafes/suffolk-street>

Bison Bar & BBQ: <https://bisonbar.ie/>

Bovinity: <https://bovinity.ie/> (good for a Sunday roast)

Bruxelles Cosmopolitan Bar: <https://bruxelles.ie/>

Chapter One (Michelin star): <https://chapteronerestaurant.com/>

Chequer Lane (Jamie Oliver): <https://www.chequerlane.com/en/chequer-lane/>

Cornucopia: <https://cornucopia.ie/> (Vegan)

Darkey Kelly's Bar & Restaurant: <https://darkeykellys.ie/>

Darwins Restaurant: <https://www.darwins.ie/>

Dax: <https://www.dax.ie/restaurant/> (French cuisine)

Electric Circus: <https://electriccircus.ie/>

Etto: <https://etto.ie/>

Gallagher's Boxy House Temple Bar: <https://www.boxtyhouse.ie/>

Hawksmoor Dublin Steakhouse Restaurant: <https://www.hawksmoor.ie/>

Hugo's: <https://www.hugos.ie/>

John Kavanagh The Gravediggers: <https://tripadvisor.tp.st/QJVzMRU3>

Kirala Kitchen: <https://www.keralakitchen.ie/>

Lucky's Bar, Beer Garden & Pizza Kitchen: <https://www.luckys.ie/>

Mae Restaurant (Michelin Star): <https://www.maerestaurant.ie/>

Matt the Thresher: <https://matts.ie/> (also in Birdhill, Co. Tipperary and Julianstown, Co. Meath)

Miller's Pizza Kitchen: <https://www.facebook.com/millerspizzakitchen.ie/>

Murray's Bar and Grill: <https://www.murraysbar.ie/>

O'Connor's of Mount Street: <https://www.oconnorspub.ie/> (serves food too)

Old Music Shop: <https://www.oldmusicshop.ie/>

O'Shea's of Temple Bar: <https://osheastemplebar.net/> (enjoy a full Irish breakfast for €10)

Opium: <https://opium.ie/> (Thai cuisine)

Paulies Pizza: <https://www.paulies.ie/>

Pichet: <https://pichet.ie/>

Pickle Restaurant: <https://picklerestaurant.com/> (Indian cuisine)

Red Torch Ginger: <https://www.redtorchginger.ie/> (Thai cuisine)

Ryleigh's Rooftop Grill: <https://ryleighs.ie/>

Sano Pizza: <https://www.sano.pizza/> (also in Cork)

Six by Nico: <https://www.sixbynico.co.uk/> (in Belfast too)

Sophie's Rooftop: <https://sophies.ie/> (located within The Dean Hotel in Dublin, Cork and Galway)

Spitalfields Pub & Restaurant: <https://www.spitalfields.ie/>

The Bank Bar & Restaurant: <https://www.bankoncollegegreen.com/>

The Brazen Head: <https://brazenhead.com/>
The Cheeky Piglet: <https://thecheekypiglet.com/> (Tapas)
The Gingerman Pub: <https://www.instagram.com/thegingermanpub/?hl=en>
The Church Café Bar & Restaurant: <https://www.thechurch.ie/>
The Hairy Lemon: <https://thehairylemon.ie/>
The Joy of Cha: <https://joyofcha.com/>
The Ivy Dawson Street: <https://ivycollection.com/restaurants/the-ivy-dawson-street/>
The Lobster Pot Restaurant: <https://www.thelobsterpot.ie/>
The Old Mill Temple Bar: <https://oldmillrestaurant.ie/>
The Seafood Café: <https://theseafoodcafe.ie/>
The Stage Door Café Temple Bar: <https://www.instagram.com/stagedoorcafetemplebar/>
The Vintage Kitchen: <https://thevintagekitchen.ie/> (Reservations only)
The Winding Stair: <https://www.winding-stair.com/> (contains a bookshop and café)
Trocadero: <https://www.trocadero.ie/> (good for special celebrations – make reservations)
Two Boys Brew: <https://twoboysbrew.ie/>
Uno Mas: <https://unomas.ie/>
Urban Brewing: <https://www.urbanbrewing.ie/restaurant>
Variety Jones: <https://www.varietyjones.ie/>

Dun Laoghaire

Hartley's Dun Laoghaire: <http://hartleys.ie/>

Glencullen (Dublin Mountains)

Johnnie Fox's The Highest Pub in Ireland: <https://johnniefoxs.com/>

Howth

King Sitric Seafood Bar and Accommodation: <https://www.kingsitric.ie/>

COUNTY GALWAY

Clifden

Mitchells Seafood Restaurant: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100065024382999>

Ravi's Bar and Restaurant: <https://www.facebook.com/ravisclifden/>

Galway City

Aniar (Michelin Star): <https://www.aniarrestaurant.ie/>

ArdBia at Nimmos: <https://www.ardbia.com/>

Bake Box: <https://www.facebook.com/mybakeboxgalway/> (snack bar/café)

Bar Rua: <https://galwaybaybrewery.com/barrua/> (part of Galway Bay Brewery)

Da Roberta's Ristorante Pizzeria: <https://www.darobertas.ie/> (Salthill – 7 minutes by car)

Ground and Co: <https://groundandco.ie/> (Salthill)

Hooked: <https://hookedgalway.ie/>

Kai: <https://www.kairestaurant.ie/>

Le Petite Delicé: <https://www.lepetitdelicegalway.com/> (great for pastries)

Magnetti's Italian Breads and Pizzas: <https://www.magnettis.ie/> (2 locations, Quay St. & Salthill)
McSwiggans Steak & Seafood Restaurant: <https://mcswiggans.ie/#./home>
Monroe's Bar & Kitchen: <https://monroes.ie/>
Oscars Seafood Bistro: <https://www.facebook.com/oscars.bistro/>
Rouge: <https://rougegalway.com/restaurant/>
Sheridans Cheese Mongers: <https://sheridanscheesemongers.com/>
The Front Door Pub: <https://www.frontdoorpub.com/>
The Seafood Bar @ Kirwans: <https://www.kirwanslane.ie/>

Kilcolgan

Moran's The Weir: <https://www.moransoystercottage.com/>

COUNTY KERRY

Dingle

Courtney's Bakery: <https://tripadvisor.tp.st/qcFTE61a>
Doyles Seafood Restaurant: <https://doylesrestaurantdingle.ie/725-2/#home>
Fentons of Dingle: <https://tripadvisor.tp.st/r4ZdbfPN>
Murphy's Ice Cream: <https://murphysicecream.ie/> (also in Dublin, Galway, Killarney, & Cork)
Out of the Blue Seafood Only Restaurant: <https://outoftheblue.ie/>
Paul Geaney's Bar & Restaurant: <https://www.paulgeaneysbar.ie/>
Solas Dingle: <https://www.solastapas.com/>
The Dingle Pub: <http://www.thedinglepub.com/>
The Half Door Restaurant: <https://halfdoor.ie/>

Dunquin

Caifé na Trá: <https://www.facebook.com/caifenatra/>
Tigh Khruger: <https://krugers.ie/>

Kells

Caitins Pub and Accommodation: <https://www.caitins.com/>

Kenmare

Davitt's Bar and Restaurant: <https://davittskenmare.com/restaurant>
Kenmare Brewhouse: <https://www.kenmarebrewhouse.com/>
Mulcahy's Bar & Restaurant: <http://mulcahyskenmare.ie/>

Killarney

Bricín Restaurant & Irish Craft Shop: <https://bricin.ie/> (has an early bird menu – must be seated between 6 and 6:45 p.m.)
Cronin's Restaurant: <https://croninsrestaurant.com/>
Kitty O'Se's Seafood and Grill Restaurant: <https://www.kittyoseskillarney.com/>
Salvador's & Robertino's: <https://www.salvadorsandrobertinos.com/>
The Flesk Restaurant: https://www.instagram.com/the_flesk_restaurant
The Shire Killarney: <https://www.theshirekillarney.com/>

Treyvauds: <https://treyvaudsrestaurant.com/> (for special gatherings – make reservations)

Ventry/Slea Head Region

The Stone House Café & Restaurant: <https://www.facebook.com/Thestonehouse.Sleahead/>

KILKENNY CITY

Butcher Steakhouse and Cocktail Venue: <https://www.butcherrestaurant.ie/>

Café La Coco: <https://cafelacoco.ie/> (great for hot chocolate and pastries)

Campagne: <https://campagne.ie/>

Foodworks: <https://foodworkssk.ie/> (food comes from the family's local farm)

Kilkenny Café: <https://kilkennycafe.ie/> (within the [Kilkenny Design Centre](#)) – also in Cork City & Cobh

Matt the Millers: <https://mattthemillers.com/>

Petronella: <https://www.petronella.ie/>

Rafter's Gastro Pub & Accommodation: <https://www.raftersgastropub.ie/>

Ristorante Rinuccini: <https://www.rinuccini.com/>

Statham's Bar & Restaurant <https://www.instagram.com/stathamskilkenny/>

The Playwright: <https://www.playwrightbarkilkenny.ie/> (known for its great breakfast)

COUNTY LIMERICK

Adare

1826 Adare: <https://1826adare.ie/>

Aunty Lena's: <https://auntylenas.com/>

Pat Collins Bar: <https://patcollinsbar.ie/>

The Arches Restaurant: <https://www.adarevillage.com/the-arches/>

Limerick City

Cornstore Limerick: <https://cornstorelimerick.ie/>

Freddie's Restaurant: <https://www.freddysrestaurant.com/>

Hamptons Bar and Grill: <https://www.thesavoycollection.com/the-savoy/dining/the-hamptons/>

Melody Café: <https://www.melodylimerick.com/>

The Buttery: <https://thebuttery.ie/>

The Curragower Bar & Restaurant: <https://www.curragower.com/>

The Locke Bar: <https://www.lockebar.com/>

COUNTY MAYO

Westport

An Port Mór Restaurant: <https://anportmor.com/>

Savoir Fare: <https://www.facebook.com/SavoirFareWestport/> (excellent for lunch)

Sage Restaurant: <https://www.facebook.com/sagewestport/>

COUNTY MEATH

Trim

Stockhouse Restaurant: <https://stockhouserestaurant.ie/>

COUNTY SLIGO

Sligo Town

Eala Bhán: <https://www.ealabhan.ie/>

Hargadon Bros Grocer, Wine & Spirit Merchant: <https://www.hargadons.com/>

COUNTY TIPPERARY

Cashel

Ladyswell Restaurant: <https://www.facebook.com/LadyswellRestaurant/>

Mikey Ryan's Bar and Kitchen: <https://www.mikeyryans.ie/>

WATERFORD

Geoff's Café Bar: <https://www.facebook.com/geoffscafebarwaterford/>

Union Wine Bar and Kitchen: <https://unionbar.ie/>

Additional Resources

<https://www.kcctravelirelandinview.online/about-1>

Some Popular Food Experiences to Enjoy While in Ireland

Irish Craic & Cuisine: Cooking Class & Dinner in Central Dublin

Experience the genuine Irish "craic" while preparing a traditional meal complete with seasonal ingredients. It also includes Irish soda bread, colcannon and creamy Irish coffee. Duration: 3 hours. Find out more: <https://tripadvisor.tp.st/lbYQxkZz>

Delicious Dublin Food Tour

Includes tastings of delicious food at award-winning restaurants and cafes. Duration: 3 hours. Find out more: <https://tripadvisor.tp.st/PX0OmEmV>

Dublin Walking Food Tour with Secret Food Tours

Spend half a day with a local guide visiting authentic pubs, cafés, markets and food shops. Try a traditional Irish breakfast, artisanal cheese and sip an Irish liqueur and other drinks. Duration: 3 hours, 30 minutes. Find out more: <https://tripadvisor.tp.st/PFnMqYbE>

Oyster Farm Tour and Tasting, Ballinakill Bay, Connemara

Tour the farm and learn about the 3-year oyster farming process, from seed to plate. Then learn about the shucking process and even shuck an oyster yourself, finished by a tasting. Suitable for ages 6+. Duration: 1 hour. Find out more: <https://www.dkconnemaraoysters.com/oyster-tours/>

A private farm tour and tasting is also available.

Oyster Farm Tour (Sligo Oyster Experience)

Gain exclusive access to a long-established working oyster farm in beautiful County Sligo, following by an oyster tasting together with a local craft beer and other refreshments. Meet in Bree's carpark, Strandhill. Duration: 1.5 hours. Available only June-Sept. Find out more:

<https://www.sligooysterexperience.ie/tour/farm-tour/>

The Sligo Oyster Experience also offers a private farm tour and an oyster tasting at WB's Coffee House in Sligo town.

Kinsale Food Tour, County Cork

Take a food tour of the colorful town of Kinsale known for its great restaurants. Taste a range of locally sourced foods, rounding off your experience with some artisanal sweet treats. Duration: 2.5 hours. Find out more: <https://tripadvisor.tp.st/74G97gly>

Mourne Foods and Films Cycle Tour

Take a self-guided bicycle tour of the Mourne's area in Northern Ireland, beginning at the Spelga Dam and traversing quiet rural roads. Along the route, stop and meet the producers of Abernethy Butter and other local artisans. Organized by Enniskillen Country House Hotel.

Advance booking is required by calling Clearsky Adventure at 44-28-4372-3933. Find out more:

<https://www.enniskillenhotel.co.uk/Mourne-FoodsFilms-CycleTour.html>

Award-Winning Goat Cheese Tasting and Farm Tour in Ennistymon, Co. Clare

Learn about Ireland's rich goat-breeding pedigree on St. Tola's Farm in the Burren region of County Clare on this private tour and then pair their goats' cheese with wine. Duration: 2 hours. Find out more: <https://tripadvisor.tp.st/2v3tjZdT>

St. Tola's also runs public tours at specific times of year. The next one will take place Aug. 15th at 10:30 a.m. €15 per person or €35 for a family of 4. Email info@st-tola.ie for availability.

Ailwee Gold Cheese Tasting Tour, Burren, Co. Clare

Learn how they make Burren gold cheese, specifically the company's Farmhouse Gouda, on this popular tasting tour. You'll also have the chance to taste its other offerings, from their young creamy cheese to their mild and very mature cheese that is known for its nutty, caramel flavors. All cheese is made and aged naturally. The tasting is part of the Ailwee Burren Experience. Find out more: <https://aillweeburrenexperience.ie/burrengoldcheese/>

Taste the Atlantic – The Salmon Experience, The Burren Smokehouse, Co. Clare

Learn about the unique smoking process that takes place in this popular attraction and the carefully selected local ingredients that go into the process. Get a sampling of Burren smoked Irish organic salmon as part of your tour. Duration: 45 minutes. Find out more:

<https://www.burrenexperiences.ie/experiences/taste-the-atlantic/>

The Sligo Food Trail Experiences

Lots of food-related experiences are available in and around Sligo town, from the above-mentioned oyster tour to afternoon tea at an award-winning local restaurant, as well as a unique seaweed tour starting in Strandhill, a popular seaside resort. Find out more:

<https://sligofoodtrail.ie/food-experiences/>

You can find more food-related tours in this [article](#).

Top Tips for Dining Out in Ireland

- ✓ Many restaurants in Ireland stop taking reservations after 8 p.m. so be aware of that when booking.
- ✓ If you have food allergies, there's no need to worry about eating out in Ireland since many restaurants cater to vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free customers. In addition, menus frequently list allergens and when they don't, you should ask the server for help.
- ✓ [Open Table](#) is used in Ireland. However, most in-demand restaurants have a special reservations page where you can book online.
- ✓ Don't expect the waiter or waitress to check on you regularly like you are used to in the U.S., for example. While they will be attentive to a certain degree, most will allow you to enjoy your meal without interruption except when serving the courses you ordered.
- ✓ Many restaurants give customers the opportunity to pay for their bill at the table using a credit card reader.
- ✓ Tipping is not as heavily encouraged in Ireland as it is in the U.S., but all tips are appreciated. If you received excellent service, a tip of between 15 and 20% is the norm, but do check your bill as a service fee may be added into the final cost.
- ✓ Many restaurants offer Early Bird/special pre-fixe menus at a discounted price (early evening hours) so check each restaurant's website before you visit.
- ✓ If you're watching your wallet, you may want to explore food trucks, farmers' markets and the hot and cold food that is available in many of Ireland's smaller supermarkets and gas stations.

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