



AN IRISH THATCHED COTTAGE



OUCHTERARD COUNTY GALWAY





welcome...

Welcome to our Irish thatched cottage in Oughterard, County Galway, on the west coast of Ireland. Well known as 'The Gateway to Connemara', Oughterard is a beautiful small town with all of it's original charm and character whilst offering a range of everyday facilities all close by in it's small town centre.

The local town centre has plenty to offer you on your holiday. The town boasts 8 pubs, all of which serve meals and bar snacks. There is also a good selection of restuarants including those specialising in seafood, French, Chinese and traditional Irish fayre. If you wish to spend some of your time in a truly vibrant and interesting city, then Galway is only 14 miles away.

Whether you want to enjoy a holiday of golfing, fishing, walking, viewing fantastic scenery or just a very peaceful and relaxing holiday, you will find that Oughterard and nearby Galway city has something to offer every taste and age group.

We hope that you will soon visit our cottage and join the number of happy guests who have enjoyed their stays with us over the years.

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Kathy & Paul Stolworthy





TO OUGHTERARD

A more beautiful village can scarcely be seen than Oughterard. It stands upon Lough Corrib picturesque and romantic. The river Feogg comes dashing over the rocks and by woods until it passes the town and meets the lake."

William Makepeace Thackeray

Pubs: 8 in the town plus the 'Connemara Gateway' across from the cottage.

All pubs do good restaurant and bar food serving drink until late.

Eating Out: White Gables, Moy Cullen (7 miles towards Galway). Said to be the best restaurant in Connemara – you must book beforehand!

McDonagh's Fish Restaurant and takeaway, Galway City centre, near the Spanish Arch – possibly the best Fish & Chips in the world !
Moran's Oyster Cottage, Clarinbridge (5 miles south of Galway towards Limerick) – world famous for it's oysters and seafood.

Donnelly's, Barna (4 miles along from Salthill) – brilliant surroundings service and food.

Le Blason, Oughterard – superb French cuisine in a fantastic setting with views overlooking the flowing river.

The Boat, Oughterard – great food and drink, all Sky TV channels, very friendly service that stays open till late!

Places of interest: Galway City centre – great place which offers quiet situations as well as extremely lively ones for those that want it !
Excellent art gallery and antiques/collectables

shop named An Gailearai Beag in Flood Street – full details held in Welcome Brochure.

Ashford Castle – superb castle with great golf course in it's own stunning grounds.

Cong – very picturesque village, setting for the famous 'Quiet Man' film starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.

Westport – very quaint town just over the border in County Mayo.

Clifden – a nice place made famous by the Wright Brothers landing there in the first transatlantic flight.

Kylemore Abbey – fantastic gothic country house with superb gardens.

Connemara National Park – Oughterard is the start of it but there is also so much more to see including mountains, loughs, sea and coastal routes, forests, etc.

Golf: Oughterard Golf Club – next to cottage.

Pitch & Putt: also next to the cottage.

Many various courses in 25 mile radius, including 7 championship ones.





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Fishing: Lough Corrib – about ½ mile behind the cottage with some of the best fishing in all of Ireland.

Many other river and sea fishing opportunities – see enclosed brochures in Welcome Pack at the cottage.

Walks: So many to choose from – best to go to the tourist office and see all of the ones which they recommend, depending on the time you want to spend and your keenness / fitness !

A really nice short walk is down to the Lough via the road right next to the cottage.

Drives: Once again, you can drive down the road next to the cottage and go partly around the Lough.

Take a drive all the way around the Lough – go through Oughterard toward Maam Cross, then towards Cong, Headford, into Galway and back to Oughterard.

You can drive out of Oughterard towards Clifden on the N59 and just explore the wilds of the Connemara National Park at your leisure.

For a slightly longer journey, drive to the Cliffs of Moher – a fantastic journey with breathtaking views at the end of it – route explained in one of the brochures which you will find on arrival.

Beaches: Dog Bay, near Clifden – one of the best beaches in Ireland and very quiet.

Starting from Salthill, all the way along the coast – Silver Strand is particularly nice and only about 4 miles away from Salthill.



Within the town of Oughterard:

Golf Course	Bank
Excellent Free Fishing	Doctors
Fishing Tackle & Bike Hire	Chemist
Gym and Fitness Centre	Post Office
Swimming	Petrol Station
Tennis	Newsagents
Tourist Office (Bord Failte)	3 Supermarkets
Beauty Salon	2 Butchers
Aromatherapy Shop	Greengrocers
Speciality Wine Retailer	Video Rental Shop
2 Cafés	Bookmakers
2 Boutiques	Fish & Chip Shop
Antique Shop	Gift Shops





AND BEYOND

Currency: Euros (about €1.4 to £stg) although you may see some prices in the former Irish Punts shown in £s.

Phones: Best to buy a phone card, readily available from most shops. To call the UK you will need to dial 0044 then your number minus the first '0'.

Bank: There is a Bank of Ireland in Oughterard, with an ATM facility. Counter facilities, including Bureau de Change, open approximately from 10am until 4pm.

Chemist: In the centre of Oughterard.

Doctors: Health Centre next to sports ground on the right hand side as you approach the town from the cottage – best to take a completed E111 to obtain free treatment and medicines, where appropriate.

Hospital: Nearest one is in Galway City.

Electricity: Same voltage and connectors as in the UK

Driving: The same side as the UK, although the speed limits are slightly lower and the traffic travels slower.

Water: Very safe to drink local tap water.

Airports: Nearest one is in Galway, a regional airport but now offering daily flights to & from Luton. Shannon, near Limerick, is about an hour and a quarter away, Dublin about two and a quarter hours.

Car Hire: Best to book through your airline company, if not, then go into Galway City

Events: These are seasonal but if you are lucky enough to be here when they are on, keep a look out for Galway Racing, Clarinbridge Oyster Festival, Championship fishing, Gaelic Football, Hurling, Rugby Soccer and Galway Greyhound races are every Friday and Saturday nights.





INSIDE THE COTTAGE

The cottage is comprised of:

The living room:

This has been considerably restored to its original style featuring wooden flooring and wood panelled walls. The centre feature of the room is the stone fireplace with a solid oak mantelpiece with inset lamp lighting. The woodburner stove is situated in front of this and is supplemented by a storage heater for your climate convenience.

There is a comfortable 3 piece suite and rocking chair, as well as wooden stools, which can be used when sitting around the large wood and glass coffee table. There is an oak dining suite which can comfortably accommodate 6 people for family dining.

The Living Room is fully equipped with a new colour TV, DVD, video and hi fi systems and has been considerably furnished with a range of oil paintings, prints and other collectables.

The room is finished with a variety of ceiling and window lighting which adds to the cosy nature of the cottage to make your time spent in it as enjoyable as possible

The main bedroom

This very large bedroom is furnished with a wrought iron double bed, 2 metal and glass bedside tables, antique style wicker / metal seat, comfortable armchair, 3 egyptian style rugs, linen basket and long celtic style stained glass dressing mirror hung over the fireplace. It is also tastefully decorated with a range of prints and collectables. There is a camper



The main lounge



The dining area



The main bedroom





bed stored away here and there is plenty of room for this to be used in this bedroom, if required, for an additional guest, perhaps a younger member of your family.

Second bedroom

This compact room is furnished with a double bed with metal bedstead, a wicker table with lamp, a stool and plenty of hanging space and spacious pine shelving. There is also a brass effect hanging mirror and a range of pictures and collectables.



The Bathroom

The bathroom can be entered from either bedroom and has a modern high powered electric shower with cubicle, a period style sink, wc, an electric wall heater above a towel stand, a good sized gold leafed wall mirror, an electric shaving point and plenty of built in pine shelving.

The Kitchen

This fitted kitchen is very well equipped with a large range of cupboards and includes a washing machine with drying facility, electric oven with hob and extractor fan, microwave, fridge, toaster, and breakfast bar accompanied with 2 pine high backed chairs.

There is also a whole range of other useful kitchen equipment and utensils for your everyday needs. There are two windows to the kitchen with a good range of lighting, including sunken spot lights, and you can enter the kitchen directly from the back door.





AND OUTSIDE

Outside Views

The ample driveway has been designed for easy access and decorated with gravel chippings and can comfortably accommodate 6-10 cars.

The cottage is lit by 2 external lights at the front and a security light is situated near the back door for your safety and convenience purposes.

There is a detached stone shed, which can be locked, and used for storing your personal items such as fishing, golfing and walking equipment, bicycles, children's toys, etc.

There is another stone shed attached to the side of the cottage which can also be used for storage of your personal possessions as well as firewood, peat briquettes, etc.

A flowered stone walled garden lies at the front of the cottage which includes a picnic bench for you to enjoy. There is also another picnic table and benches situated on the rest of the property for your use and convenience.





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Month Price per week

January	£240
February	£240 (half-term weeks are £265)
March	£255
April	£260
May	£275 (weeks commencing 01 & 29/05/11 are £295)
June	£285
July	£355 (up to 17/07/11)
July	£395 (from 17/07/11)
August	£395
September	£280
October	£270 (half-term weeks are £285)
November	£240
December	£240

Easter	£330 (weeks commencing 03 & 10/04/11)
Xmas/New Year	£355

Month Price per week

January	£230
February	£230 (half-term weeks are £250)
March	£245
April	£250 (week commencing 30/04/05 £285)
May	£265 (rising to £285 from 28/05/05)
June	£285
July	£345 (up to 16/07/05)
July	£395 (from 16/07/05)
August	£395
September	£275
October	£260 (half-term weeks are £275)
November	£230
December	£230

Easter	£320 (weeks commencing 19th & 26th March)
Xmas/New Year	£345

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All weekly bookings commence at 3pm on Saturdays and finish on the following Saturday at 11am.

Short term and daily rates are available as well as Special Offers. Please contact us for further information.





WHERE IN THE WORLD...

Oughterard is located near the west coast of Ireland about 2¹/₂ hours drive from Dublin and 3¹/₂ hours drive from Rosslare port. It is only about a 1 hour drive from both Shannon and Knock airports and only 20 minutes drive from Galway airport.



County Galway



Oughterard

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