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Clare County is alight with Christmas cheer. Dive into the holiday spirit, where every moment is a celebration and every gathering sparkles with joy. Here are some ideas:



## Santa and Christmas Escapades Across Clare

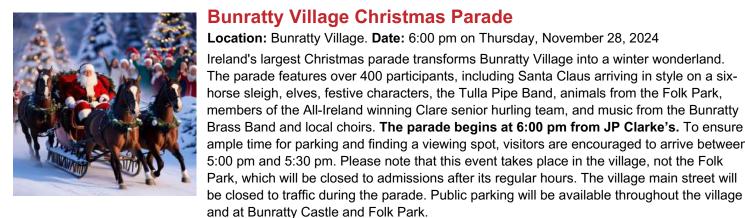


#### Visit Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves, in the Aillwee Cave

Location: Aillwee Experience, Ballyvaughan. Dates: Friday, Saturday and Sunday from November 23 to December 23, 2024.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their hardworking elves have made Aillwee Cave their cosy Christmas headquarters. This hidden underground haven is the perfect place to gather and prepare all the presents bound for Ireland, ready for Santa's grand journey across the country on Christmas Eve. On weekends through late November and December, Santa is welcoming families into his magical workshop. With twinkling lights, festive cheer, and the joyful bustle of elves at work, it's a one-of-a-kind Christmas experience. Visitors can enjoy heartwarming activities, seasonal treats, and the chance to make special holiday memories with Santa himself, surrounded by the unique wonder of Aillwee Cave.

https://aillweeburrenexperience.ie/santas-workshop/



#### **Bunratty Village Christmas Parade**

Ireland's largest Christmas parade transforms Bunratty Village into a winter wonderland. The parade features over 400 participants, including Santa Claus arriving in style on a sixhorse sleigh, elves, festive characters, the Tulla Pipe Band, animals from the Folk Park, members of the All-Ireland winning Clare senior hurling team, and music from the Bunratty Brass Band and local choirs. The parade begins at 6:00 pm from JP Clarke's. To ensure ample time for parking and finding a viewing spot, visitors are encouraged to arrive between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Please note that this event takes place in the village, not the Folk Park, which will be closed to admissions after its regular hours. The village main street will

Location: Bunratty Village. Date: 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 28, 2024

https://www.bunrattycastle.ie/events/bunratty-s-christmas-parade-2/



#### **Enjoy Breakfast with Santa at Bunratty Castle!**

Location: Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. Dates: November 30, December 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23

Join Santa, his elves, and festive characters for a magical breakfast at Bunratty Castle. Enjoy fluffy pancakes, chocolate sauce, and strawberries with a sing-along led by Santa and the Bunratty Entertainers. Santa and his playful elves host this festive breakfast, with entertainment by the Bunratty Entertainers and theatre artists performing as Christmas favourites like Mrs. Claus, Jack Frost, and Mary Poppins. End the experience with a keepsake photo with Santa. Please note: Due to the castle's layout, bookings for children under 3 years old cannot be accepted.

Book early. https://www.bunrattycastle.ie/christmas/breakfast-with-santa/





#### **Christmas at Bunratty 2024 and Santa's Grotto**

**Location:** Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. **Dates:** Selected dates November 29 to December 23, 2024

Experience the magic of Christmas at Bunratty Castle and Folk Park from 29 November to 23 December! Santa Claus returns to his grotto on the Village Street, continuing a beloved tradition for families across Ireland. This year's Christmas Experience at Bunratty promises to be bigger and better than ever, set in one of Ireland's most enchanting holiday locations. Children can visit Santa in his famous grotto to share their Christmas wishes and receive a special gift. After meeting Santa, families can explore the winter wonderland of Bunratty Folk Park, illuminated with twinkling lights, friendly elves, festive characters, and enchanting indoor and outdoor displays.

**Important:** Tickets must be pre-booked online to visit Santa in his Grotto.

https://www.bunrattycastle.ie/christmas/christmas2024/



# Magical Christmas Evenings of Festive Food and Music at Bunratty Castle

Location: Bunratty Castle. Dates: Select dates during December 2024



This festive season, create unforgettable memories with friends and family at the enchanting Bunratty Castle. Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit with a four-course feast, serenaded by the world-renowned Bunratty Castle Singers. Your evening begins at 7:15pm as you cross the drawbridge and enter the candlelit courtyard. Enjoy a warm mulled wine reception in the Great Hall, setting the stage for an enchanting experience. Afterward, head to the medieval banquet hall for a four-course feast by candlelight. Throughout the meal, the Bunratty Castle Entertainers will perform a selection of beloved Christmas carols, contemporary classics, and festive theatrical pieces, immersing you in the magic of Christmas. The evening concludes at 10:20 pm. **Not suited to children under 10.** 

Book Online: www.bunrattycastle.ie/christmas/christmasbanquet/



#### Visit Santa at Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre

**Location:** Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre, Kilrush. **Dates:** December 6 to 8 and 13–15. Plus a Christmas Market on Saturday, December 14.

Celebrate Christmas at Vandeleur Walled Garden with Santa's enchanted grotto on two magical weekends. Wander through winter displays, twinkling lights, and festive decor, leading to Santa's grotto where children can share their Christmas wishes. Each child receives a personalised email invitation from Santa, and professional photos will be available. Entry for accompanying adults is free. Also, on Saturday, December 14, enjoy our Christmas Market featuring handcrafted gifts from local vendors, holiday treats, and a festive atmosphere. Booking for Santa is essential, so reserve online to avoid disappointment.

www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie/product/visit-santa-2024/



#### Santa Land Experience 2024

**Location:** Treacys West County Hotel, Ennis. **Dates:** November 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and December 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

Your family will be guided by Santa's elves through a Special Winter Wonderland, beginning in the Magical Fairy Forest. Explore Santa's Reindeer Stable and visit Mrs. Claus in her cosy kitchen before encountering animated reindeer and elves. Continue through the Magic Doorway into the elves' workshop, where you'll meet "Snuggles," the sleepy workshop elf known for his loud snores. Visit the North Pole Post Office to write your letter to Santa, then finish with a special meeting with Santa Claus himself. Book Online

www.treacyswestcounty.com/special-offers/santa-land-experience/





#### **Santa Experience at Moher Farm**

Location: Moher Hill Open Farm, Liscannor. Dates: December 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 22

Santa and his elves are thrilled to return to Moher Hill Open Farm this Christmas season. The farm is bustling with activity as Santa's elves are busy with toy-making, attending elf school, working in the post office, and feeding Santa's reindeer. Children can enjoy a private visit with Santa in his log cabin, with a professional photographer available to capture the moment. They'll also love the bouncing castle, ball pit, and feeding Santa's reindeer along with other animals like ostriches, emus, pygmy goats, and alpacas. Plus, there's an opportunity to cuddle rabbits and take a photo in Santa's sleigh. Adults can relax with complimentary tea, coffee, mulled wine, and a homemade mince pie in the North Pole Café. Visit the Post Office to post your letter and see the elves hard at work in their workshop. Book online for family visits, or call 087 2258347 for larger group bookings.

www.moherfarm.com/product/santa-visit-2024/



#### Visit Santa's Aviation Wonderland

Location: Shannon Aviation Museum, Shannon. Dates: December 7, 8, 14 and 15, 2024

Get ready for a Christmas adventure where the magic of flight meets holiday cheer at Santa's Aviation Wonderland, exclusively at Shannon Aviation Museum. Are you ready to join Santa's team of pilots? Wander through the museum's festive aviation displays, filled with holiday surprises, or take a turn at the controls of the B737-800NG Simulator—perfect for older kids and adults looking for a unique Santa experience. Santa's Aviation Wonderland offering a fun-filled day for the whole family. Book online.

www.shannonaviationmuseum.com/visit-santas-aviation-wonderland/



#### **Gerbola's Christmas Circus Comes to Ennis**

**Location:** Clare Marts, Quin Road, Ennis. **Dates:** Monday, December 9 to Sunday December 15, 2024

The internationally acclaimed Circus Gerbola is bringing its sensational Christmas show to Ennis at Clare Mart on Quin Road, promising to captivate the whole family. This two-hour show features a galaxy of international stars and iconic circus acts, including the Flying Trapeze, High Wire, and the daring Globe of Death. Highlights include Argentina's Marisa Saenz with her hair-hanging act, as well as 10-year-old "Princess Gabriella," one of the world's youngest trapeze performers. Adding to the holiday cheer, Santa will make an appearance at every performance, with festive treats like Christmas hot chocolate and candy floss available. Clare Mart will host the Big Top, offering free on-site parking. Tickets are available online and **early booking is recommended.** 

www.circusgerbola.ie/ennis



Promo Code: Clare24

# Clare Residents: Free Entry to the Cliffs of Moher Experience - Booking online with PROM Code

**Location:** Cliffs of Moher Experience, Liscannor. **Dates:** December 1, 2024 to January 6, 2025

The Cliffs of Moher Experience invites Clare residents to enjoy a complimentary visit to the centre anytime from December 1 to January 6. **Simply pre-book online at cliffsofmoher.ie using the code Clare24.** Take an invigorating walk at Ireland's favourite attraction, warm up with a hot chocolate in the café, and enjoy a Christmas shopping discount in the craft and gift store. Don't miss the twinkling, Christmas-themed visitor centre! Booking online with the code is essential.

https://bookings.cliffsofmoher.ie/





# Advent Carol Service at St. Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe - plus a Christmas Market

Location: St. Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe. Dates: 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 1

On Sunday, December 1 at 3:00 pm, the annual Advent Carol Service will take place in the historic St. Flannan's Cathedral in Killaloe. The soaring stone walls and timeless architecture of the cathedral will come alive with the sounds of traditional carols, filling the sacred space with warmth and anticipation for the Christmas season. All are warmly welcome to join. While in the area, take the opportunity to explore the twin towns of Killaloe and Ballina. Just across the canal from the cathedral, the Farmers Market runs from 11:00 am to 3: 00 pm, offering a variety of local produce and crafts. Additionally, the Killaloe Christmas Market, a special one-day event from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, will be held at the Family Resource Centre on The Green at the top of Main Street. Make a day of it by enjoying lunch or dinner in one of the many charming cafés and restaurants throughout Ballina and Killaloe.

https://www.facebook.com/StFlannans/



#### Switching on Christmas Lights in Ennis

**Location:** Abbey Street Car Park, Ennis. **Dates:** 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 28, 2024

The annual Switching on of the Christmas Lights in Ennis will take place on Thursday, November 28, in Abbey Street Car Park. This much-loved event has grown each year and promises another spectacular celebration. Clare FM's Colum McGrath will MC the evening, with live music from the energetic Circus Ponies starting from 5:00 pm. At 6:15 pm, Santa Claus will arrive by horse-drawn carriage, joined by the Mayor of Ennis, Clare Colleran-Molloy, and special guests Clare hurling legends Brian Lohan and Tony Kelly. The evening will be filled with festive cheer, including treats from Santa for all good children, along with face painting and balloons. This year's event promises a dazzling display of lights for Ennis, and everyone is welcome to join in the festivities.



#### **Christmas Lights Switch-On at Shannon Town Park**

Location: Shannon Town Park, Shannon. Dates: 5:30 pm on Monday, December 2, 2024

Get into the festive spirit at Shannon Town Park on Monday, December 2, from 5:30 pm for the annual Christmas Lights Switch-On event. The evening will feature festive music by DJ Chris Walshe, carol singing by the Shannon Gospel Choir, and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, complete with sweets and treats for all. The official lights switch-on will take place at 6:00 pm, led by Patrick O'Gorman, Cathaoirleach of the Shannon Municipal District. Celebrate the season with family and friends in this joyful community event!





#### Celebrate the Christmas Season at glór, Ennis

**Location:** glór, Causeway Link, Ennis, Ennis. **Dates:** Various dates November and December, 2024

glór, the vibrant arts centre in Ennis, is buzzing with holiday excitement, offering a packed festive season filled with something for everyone. From festive concerts and workshops to enchanting performances, glór has created a programme that captures the magic of the season. Highlights include 'Christmas Country with the Stars', bringing the best of country music to the stage, and 'Hothouse Flowers' in Concert, offering an unforgettable night of live music. Families can also enjoy hands-on fun with Christmas decoration workshops and a range of concerts specially designed for children.

The season's crowning jewel will be Ennis Panto Society's production of Cinderella, a beloved classic filled with laughter, music, and plenty of magic. Perfect for audiences of all ages, Cinderella promises to be a delightful experience for families and panto-lovers alike. This Christmas, make glór your destination for festive entertainment, as it brings the community together with a programme bursting with seasonal joy and celebration.

https://glor.ie/events-whats-on-glor/



# **Enjoy an overnight 'Visit Santa Stay' at the Armada Hotel, Spanish Point**

**Location:** The Armada Hotel, Spanish Point. **Dates:** December 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23.

Celebrate the magic of Christmas with **an overnight Santa Stay** at the Armada Hotel. The Santa Experience includes a cosy night's stay with breakfast, a visit to Santa at Rudolph's Stables, special gifts for the kids, and a printed family photo to capture the moment. Enjoy a kids' disco, treats, and a bedtime milk and cookies tradition to make this a truly memorable holiday getaway.

www.armadahotel.com





## **MARKETS, FOODS, AND ARTISAN GIFTS**



#### **Burren Family Christmas Fayre Weekend at the Pavilion, Lisdoonvarna**

Location: The Pavilion, Lisdoonvarna. Dates: November 30 and December 1, 2024

The Pavilion in Lisdoonvarna is hosting a festive weekend filled with Christmas cheer! Visitors can meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves (booking essential), write and post letters to Santa in the North Clare Post Box, and make special reindeer food to leave out on Christmas Eve. Children can also participate in the Colour a Snowman competition, supporting the 'As Darragh Did' charity in partnership with the Irish Independent. The weekend will feature live music and dancing—follow social media for performance times—and over 25 stalls for Christmas shopping. A coffee shop will be open, serving hot food and seasonal treats. All activities take place indoors at the Pavilion, located within Lisdoonvarna's amenity park, which also offers a 1.5 km looped walk and a playground for children under 12.

www.lisdoonvarnafailte.ie



#### Clare Crafts Association Christmas Fairs

Location: Templegate Hotel, Ennis. Dates: December 8 and 15, 2024

The Clare Crafts Association Christmas Craft Fairs at the Templegate Hotel in Ennis offer visitors the chance to explore an array of exquisite handmade crafts by talented local artisans. Running from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, the fair provides a festive shopping experience and the opportunity to discover unique, one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting the vibrant local creative community. Set in the welcoming atmosphere of Templegate Hotel, it's the perfect destination for those seeking beautifully crafted holiday gifts.

https://www.facebook.com/clarecrafts



#### **Chapel Lane Art & Craft Christmas Markets**

Location: Chapel Lane, Ennis. Dates: December weekends: 7 & 8; 14 & 15; and 21 & 22

Chapel Lane Artisan Market will hold its annual Christmas art and craft markets over **three weekends**. Located in the community centre just off Market Square in Ennis, this festive market showcases up to 26 stalls featuring high-quality, handmade crafts and artwork from local artisans. Visitors will find a wide selection of unique items, including jewellery, knitwear, candles, woodcraft, leather goods, soaps, handbags, feltwork, home décor, decorations, and photography, along with Christmas wreaths and logs. Local artists will also be present, displaying distinctive art pieces created using diverse techniques and mediums. A few food stalls will offer homemade baked goods and local honey, adding to the festive atmosphere. Entry is free, with doors opening at 10:00 am on Saturdays and 11:00 am on Sundays, closing at 4:00 pm both days.

www.facebook.com/chapellanemarket



#### **Ballymorris Christmas Fair**

**Location:** Ballymorris Pottery, Cratloe. **Dates:** November 23 & 24 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Ballymorris Pottery is hosting a unique Christmas fair celebrating local craftsmanship from Co. Clare. This friendly event will showcase a variety of handmade items, including pottery, glass, wreaths, patchwork, paintings, and home-baked treats. Visitors can also join special sessions to create their own Christmas decorations in the pottery studio (booking required, €18; call 061-357118). Complimentary refreshments will be provided, making this fair a welcoming holiday outing and a wonderful chance to explore the pottery, conveniently located just off the N18 between Bunratty and Cratloe.

https://www.facebook.com/ballymorrispottery



## MARKETS, FOODS, AND ARTISAN GIFTS



#### **Mountshannon Community Christmas Market**

**Location:** Mountshannon Market House and Mountshannon Community Hall. **Date:** Sunday, December 8, 2024

The Mountshannon Community Christmas Market will take place on Sunday, 8 December, offering something for everyone with 50 stalls across two village locations. Visitors can enjoy free entry, free refreshments, and children's activities. Set in the scenic village of Mountshannon on the shores of Lough Derg, this festive market is the perfect place to discover original, handcrafted gifts made by local artisans. Hot food will be available, including vegetarian, vegan, and locally produced organic burgers and sausages. It's a wonderful way to support local crafts and enjoy the holiday spirit in one of Ireland's most picturesque settings.

https://www.instagram.com/mountshannoncommunitymarket/



#### **Nature-Inspired Holiday Gifts at Irish Seed Savers**

Scarriff, County Clare. Dates: December: Mondays to Fridays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm until December 23, 2024

Their nature-inspired festive gift range offers a meaningful connection to the season and the beauty of the local area. At its heart is the gift of an apple tree—a sustainable, lasting present symbolising new beginnings. They also offer unique gift sets of heritage and heirloom seeds, allowing recipients to grow rare, traditional plants that celebrate biodiversity and the region's agricultural heritage. For those who enjoy something to sip, their organic apple juice, made from locally grown apples, captures the essence of the orchards. They also feature books on nature, sustainable living, and local heritage—ideal for cosy winter reading.Rounding out the collection are locally sourced stocking fillers, including natural artisan soaps and indulgent chocolates, each item celebrating the spirit of the season and local traditions.

https://irishseedsavers.ie/shop/



#### **Shop Unique Local Gifts with Airmid in Ennistymon**

Location: Main Street, Ennistymon. Date: Mondays to Saturdays

Discover unique, handcrafted gifts at Airmid in Ennistymon this Christmas, supporting local artisans and small Irish businesses. Airmid offers luxurious soaps, skincare, and home goods inspired by Ireland's landscape, along with a curated selection of artisan products from other Irish makers. Find thoughtful, meaningful gifts while supporting the local community and sustainable craftsmanship, all in the heart of Ennistymon.

www.airmidsoap.com



# **Burren Smoked Salmon and Gift Hampers - Buy Online. Christmas made easy**

Location: Lisdoonvarna. Date: Buy Online

Burren Smokehouse makes Christmas gifting easy with high-quality foodie gifts delivered directly to the door. Perfect for those who seem to have everything, their selection includes Burren Smoked Irish Organic Salmon, curated gift hampers, and instant gift vouchers. With simple online ordering and reliable delivery across Ireland and internationally, Burren Smokehouse ensures a seamless gifting experience. Visit <a href="https://www.burrensmokehouse.ie">www.burrensmokehouse.ie</a> to order and make Christmas gifting effortless.

https://www.burrensmokehouse.com/shopping-categories/



# MARKETS, FOODS, AND ARTISAN GIFTS



#### **Carrygerry Christmas Shop**

**Location:** Newmarke on Fergus. **Date:** Christmas shop open from December 1 to December 24, 2024

Carrygerry Country House opens its annual Christmas Shop from December 1, 2024, featuring the Carrygerry range of jams, chutneys, Christmas puddings, hampers, candles, and gift vouchers. Hampers start at €25, with options to choose pre-made or custom selections to suit any taste and budget. New this year is the Clare Hamper, showcasing Carrygerry's products alongside items from other Clare small businesses. Support local this Christmas at Carrygerry.

www.carrygerryhouse.com



#### **Doolin Cave Pottery Online Christmas Sale**

Location: Doolin Cave. Date: Buy Online. Sale ends December 4, 2024

Enjoy 10% off all Doolin Cave Pottery products in the online Christmas sale. Each piece, handcrafted by Caireann Browne, is made from ancient glacial clay hand-dug 120 feet deep within Doolin Cave, capturing the unique beauty of the Burren. Inspired by the natural drip and layering of cave stalactites, these pottery pieces offer a one-of-a-kind texture and flow. **Use the code FESTIVE** at checkout on doolincave.ie/pottery/ and bring home a piece of Doolin heritage this Christmas.

https://doolincave.ie/pottery/



#### **Burren Fine Wine & Food Christmas Hampers**

Location: Ballyvaughan. Date: Orders required before December 12, 2024

Burren Fine Wine & Food offers an exquisite range of wine and food hampers, filled with locally sourced delicacies and exceptional wines. Perfect for corporate gifts or sharing with family and friends, each hamper can be customised to suit your budget, starting from €50. For more details, visit www.burrenwine.ie, email info@burrenwine.ie, or call Cathleen at 087 763 3241.

www.burrenwine.ie

# Give the Gift of Clare This Christmas

Make your gifts extra special this Christmas by supporting local Clare businesses. Choose restaurant vouchers, staycation vouchers, tickets to local attractions, adventure experiences, spa and wellness passes, or handcrafted treasures. These gifts not only bring joy to your loved ones but also support Clare's talented creators and businesses.

This Christmas, share the magic of Clare with those you care about most.





### **Festive Wellness and Renewal**



#### Winter Warmer Special at Ciúnas Wellness Centre

**Location:** Ciúnas Wellness Centre. **Date:** Friday, December 6, from 5:00 pm to 6.15 pm or 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Relax and unwind with Julie Ann at Ciúnas Wellness Centre in Feakle. Treat yourself, friends, or family to a soothing herbal footbath, a restorative guided meditation, and delicious treats inspired by warming winter herbs. Sessions are available on Friday, 6 December, from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm or 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.

https://www.ciunascentre.com/workshops



# Winter Solstice Yin and Sonic at Shannon Estuary Way Retreat

**Location:** Shannon Estuary Way Retreat, Ballynacally. **Date:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on December 20, 2024

Shannon Estuary Way Retreat invites you to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new with a rejuvenating New Year's Eve Wellness Day Retreat. The day begins with a soul-refreshing yoga session designed to align body and mind, followed by a soothing sound bath to release stress and tension. Guests can enjoy relaxation in the hot tub and sauna, offering a warm escape from the winter chill. A guided breathwork session fosters calm and clarity, creating space for a mindful transition into the new year. The retreat includes a wholesome vegetarian meal, thoughtfully prepared to nourish and energise. Set against the tranquil landscape of the Shannon Estuary, this wellness day is an opportunity to step into the new year feeling refreshed and revitalised.

https://shannonestuarywayretreat.ie/retreat/winter-solstice-yin-and-sonic-friday-evening-20th-december-2024/



# **New Year's Eve Winter Wellness Day Retreat at Shannon Estuary Way Retreat**

Location: Shannon Estuary Way Retreat, Ballynacally. Date: December 31, 2024

Shannon Estuary Way Retreat invites you to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new with a rejuvenating New Year's Eve Wellness Day Retreat. The day begins with a soul-refreshing yoga session designed to align body and mind, followed by a soothing sound bath to release stress and tension. Guests can enjoy relaxation in the hot tub and sauna, offering a warm escape from the winter chill. A guided breathwork session fosters calm and clarity, creating space for a mindful transition into the new year. The retreat includes a wholesome vegetarian meal, thoughtfully prepared to nourish and energise. Set against the tranquil landscape of the Shannon Estuary, this wellness day is an opportunity to step into the new year feeling refreshed and revitalised.

https://shannonestuarywayretreat.ie/retreat/new-years-eve-wellness-retreat/



# New Year's Day Wellness Day at Shannon Estuary Way Retreat

**Location:** Shannon Estuary Way Retreat, Ballynacally. **Date:** 12:45 pm to 5:45 pm on January 1, 2025

Start the new year with a revitalising retreat from 12:45 pm to 5:45 pm for a day of rejuvenation and tranquility at Shannon Estuary Way Retreat, designed to align mind, body, and spirit. This wellness experience includes an invigorating yoga session, followed by relaxation in the hot tub, sauna, and a refreshing cold plunge to balance warmth and energy. Guests will enjoy a nourishing vegetarian meal, crafted to provide deep rejuvenation, before moving into a session of yoga nidra and breathwork to release the past year's tensions. The retreat concludes with a healing sound bath, creating a serene foundation for the year ahead. Begin 2025 with tranquility, renewal, and a peaceful mind.

https://shannonestuarywayretreat.ie/retreat/new-years-day-wellness-day-retreat-2/



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR STAYS & DINING



#### **Doolin Inn Online Gift Voucher Sale**

Location: Doolin. Date: Book online before December 8, 2024

This Christmas, give the gift of Doolin with a Doolin Inn gift voucher. For a limited time, enjoy 20% extra on all gift card purchases at doolininn.ie/gifts/ (offer ends December 8 at midnight). Gift cards can be used for B&B stays, activity packages, and in-room amenities, making them ideal for those eager to explore the Cliffs of Moher, the Burren, and the Aran Islands. Treat loved ones to an unforgettable experience in the heart of Doolin!

www.doolininn.ie/gifts/



#### New Year's Eve Escape at The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon

**Location:** The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon. **Dates:** Arrive December 30, Depart January 1, 2025

The Falls Hotel is offering a special 2-night New Year's package. Guests can start each morning with a full Irish breakfast and enjoy a four-course dinner on one evening featuring dishes by the hotel's talented chefs. At midnight, a Prosecco toast and live music in the Dylan Thomas Bar set the perfect scene to ring in the New Year. Relaxation awaits in the hotel's leisure and spa facilities, which include a pool, sauna, and hot tub, or with pampering treatments at the River Spa (charges apply). Just outside, scenic glen and river walks along the Cascades invite refreshing strolls and invigorating hikes. Nearby, the town of Ennistymon offers quaint shops, cosy cafés, and local charm, perfect for leisurely exploration. Book early.

www.fallshotel.ie



## Festive Dining at Park Inn by Radisson Shannon Airport

Location: Park Inn by Radisson Shannon Airport. Dates: December 1 to 23, 2024

From 1 to 23 December, Park Inn by Radisson Shannon Airport offers Christmas gatherings for friends and colleagues. Available daily from 12:00 pm to 9:30 pm, guests can enjoy party festive finger food and small bowl options, with ample on-site parking. Prices start at €16.00 per person. For those seeking a more traditional meal, Christmas lunches are also available, featuring a 2-course option with tea, coffee, and mince pies for €25.00 per person, or a 3-course option for €32.00 per person.

https://www.facebook.com/ParkInnbyRadissonShannonAirport



Also see on page 6: 'Enjoy a Visit Santa Stay' at the Armada Hotel, Spanish Point.