1. [Galway](http://chooseireland.com/county/galway/galway-city/)

* Shop Street
* Galway City Walking Tours
* Spanish Arch
* Lynch’s Castle
* [The Burren](http://www.chooseireland.com/clare/the-burren/) --- the combination of this unusual, undulating karst landscape with its rural, isolated coastal location give the Burren region in County Clare an extra-terrestrial feel
* Eyre Square
* Cliffs of Moher, County Claire - these spectacular sea-cliffs in southeastern Ireland draw hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, and a single visit to the the dramatic scenery will explain why
* [Connemara](http://www.chooseireland.com/galway/connemara-national-park/) --- Ireland's wild west, Connemara is an unspoiled region of raw natural beauty in County Galway, where the Irish language (Gaelic) is still spoken
* Aran Islands
* Pubs and Bars - The Kings Head Pub and Taffes (both on Shop Street) are the best place to go to meet other fellow travelers. Lively and loud, they're a fun place to go for a lot of laughs and good times. If you're looking for something a little quieter, go towards the Spanish arches, cross the river, take an immediate right for a block. On the opposite corner you'll see Monroe's. Music every night, an traditional dancing every tuesday night, Monroe's is a great place to go when you're looking for something a little more popular with locals as well as tourists. If you go next door, you can order pizza that will be delivered right to your table in Monroe's

2. Killashandrah

3. Cavan

4. Dublin

* Trinity College - [The Book of Kells](http://chooseireland.com/county/dublin/the-book-of-kells/), on display at Trinity College Dublin, is a beautifully hand-decorated manuscript of the four Gospels in Latin, dating from the sixth century - when Ireland was known as "the land of saints and scholars"
* St. Patrick’s Cathedral
* Grafton Street
* Guiness Storehouse
* St. Stephen’s Green
* Croke Park
* Lennister House
* President’s Residence
* National Library
* General Post Office
* Kilmainham Gaol
* National Museum of Ireland - [The National Museum](http://chooseireland.com/county/dublin/the-national-museum-of-ireland/) in Dublin contains wonderful bronze age treasures such as the Ardagh chalice and the Tara Brooch, relics from a rich period in Irish history when the Celts dominated the land.
* The Boyne Valley
* [The Hill of Tara](http://chooseireland.com/county/meath/hill-of-tara/) has for thousands of years been a revered place in ancient Irish culture and, while its original purpose is unclear, it was used in medieval times to crown the high king of Ireland
* [Newgrange](http://chooseireland.com/county/meath/newgrange/) is an ancient burial chamber that is as old as the pyramid, which was constructed precisely to capture the sunlight during the winter solstice
* Killiney Hill on Dublin's south coast

5. [Cork](http://chooseireland.com/county/cork/cork-city/)

* English Market
* Kinsale - Ireland's gourmet capital, this pretty Cork harbour has many excellent restaurants and pubs
* Bally Cotton Cliff Walk
* St. Patrick Street
* [Blarney Castle](http://chooseireland.com/county/cork/blarney-castle/) --- not to be missed, here's where you get to kiss the Blarney Stone

6. [Killarney](http://www.chooseireland.com/kerry/killarney/) --- while a relatively small town, Killarney is the gateway to the insanely popular, and spectacularly beautiful, Ring of Kerry region

* Killarney National Park, County Kerry
* Muckross House & Gardens, County Kerry
* [The Ring of Kerry](http://www.chooseireland.com/kerry/the-ring-of-kerry/) --- one of the most popular treks in Ireland, but for good reason, this coastal route is littered with stunning scenery and ancient heritage sites at the Iveragh Peninsula
* [The Dingle Peninsula](http://www.chooseireland.com/kerry/dingle-peninisula/) --- similar to the Ring of Kerry but slightly wilder in its raw beauty, this is another famous road loop situated in beautiful County Kerry
* [Ross Castle](http://www.chooseireland.com/kerry/ross-castle/) --- a beautiful, slightly crumbling castle on the shore of the lakes of Killarney, Ross is a picture-postcard Irish castle

7. [Kilkenny](http://chooseireland.com/county/kilkenny/kilkenny-city/) --- with its many medieval streets, buildings and castle, this town has an olde-worlde feel

* Kilkenny Castle
* St. Canices Cathedral
* The Rock of Cashel, County Tipperary – also known as [Cashel Castle](http://chooseireland.com/county/tipperary/rock-of-cashel-cashel-castle/) --- built on a giant rock, this impressive castle was once the seat of the High King of Ireland

8. [Sligo](http://chooseireland.com/county/sligo/sligo-town/) --- an often overlooked town, but pretty and vibrant town in a truly beautiful location on Ireland's northwest coast

* Margaret McHugh’s Grave
* [The burial monuments at Carrowmore, County Sligo](http://chooseireland.com/county/sligo/carrowmore-megalithic-burial-ground/) are also at least 5000 years old

9. [Waterford](http://chooseireland.com/county/waterford/waterford-city/) --- once an ancient Viking city, now a busy town with a huge nearby beach

* Waterford Crystal
* Waterford Treasures Museum
* The Viking Triangle

10. [Limerick](http://chooseireland.com/county/limerick/limerick-city/) --- Ireland's third largest city, with many fine attractions,

* [King John's Castle](http://www.chooseireland.com/limerick/king-johns-castle-limerick/)
* The [Hunt Museum](http://www.chooseireland.com/limerick/the-hunt-museum/)

11. [Donegal](http://www.chooseireland.com/county-intro/county-donegal/) --- "neither north nor south" as its inhabitants say, County Donegal is wedged between [Ireland and Northern Ireland](http://www.chooseireland.com/visitor-tips/what-is-the-difference-between-ireland-and-northern-ireland/), with a wild rural landscape all of its own

* [Grianan Fort in County Donegal](http://chooseireland.com/county/donegal/grianan-fort/) was mentioned in Ptolemy's 2nd Century map of the world
* [Slieve League](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g1896470-d550243-Reviews-Slieve_League-Carrick_County_Donegal.html) (Carrick)
* [Glenveagh National Park](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g186601-d619847-Reviews-Glenveagh_National_Park-County_Donegal.html)
* [National Parks](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g186601-Activities-c57-t67-County_Donegal.html) [Gardens](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g186601-Activities-c57-t58-County_Donegal.html)
* [Doagh Famine Village](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g186601-d671179-Reviews-Doagh_Famine_Village-County_Donegal.html)
* [Glenveagh Castle](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g212516-d214829-Reviews-Glenveagh_Castle-Letterkenny_County_Donegal.html) (Letterkenny)
* [Malin Head](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g186601-d522471-Reviews-Malin_Head-County_Donegal.html)
* [Glenevin Waterfall](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g1158549-d2518309-Reviews-Glenevin_Waterfall-Clonmany_County_Donegal.html) (Clonmany)
* [Donegal Castle](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g186602-d318379-Reviews-Donegal_Castle-Donegal_Town_County_Donegal.html) (Donegal Town)

## 12. Shannon

* [Bunratty Castle](http://chooseireland.com/county/clare/bunratty-castle-and-folk-park/) --- if you're flying into Shannon Airport, chances are you're first port of call will be nearby Bunratty Castle, which has been fantastically preserved in a medieval state, and offers regular banquets
* [The Cragaunowen Project](http://chooseireland.com/county/clare/craggaunowen-project/) in Co. Clare reconstructs the Celtic way of life in an open-air museum, with examples of once common ancient structures such as ring forts and crannogs (wooden houses built on islands)