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Please join us for a memorable stay in Ballyvaughan self-catering options. Contact details are in the brochure so we advise you to book early.

Burren in Bloom guests are assured a warm welcome from our participating hotels, guesthouses, B+B's, and on our website www.ballyvaughanireland.com for updates.

An Fulacht Fia Restaurant; wine tasting at Burren Fine Wine and Foods and whiskey tasting at O Loughlins pub. Check featuring the best organic produce at Gregans castle Hotel each Sunday, a classical music evening at the gourmet And that's not all.... this year sees the introduction of gastronomic events to delight you. Tasting lunches Hylands Burren hotel, Logue's Lodge, Burren House, Monk's Pub all cater for a variety of palates and purses.

At the end of an active day, relax and enjoy delicious food and entertainment in our cosy pubs and restaurants. are treasure troves for the discerning shopper.

Treat yourself to something special from our exquisite specialist shops: Lillimar, Lin Ella and the Burren House on May 23rd. www.ballyvaughanranorewalkclub.com

For breathtaking views and a robust day's exercise, join the Burren walking club for the annual Burren marathon activities to entertain them.

Burren College of Art, you can be happy in the knowledge that other family members will have no shortage of If you have escaped to participate in a painting workshop or to attend the annual Burren Law School at the adventure, learn to spot bats at dusk, let the symphony of birdsong awaken your senses on Dawn Chorus morning. environmentalists to help deepen your understanding of this unique landscape. Join us on a moth identification The 2009 programme includes an expanded series of walks, talks and excursions, led by leading botanists and welcome you into our community in Ballyvaughan.

and wonderful place. We have put together a programme of events to enrich your experience in the Burren and to The Burren is at its most splendid in May. Those of us lucky enough to live here invite you to share this unique



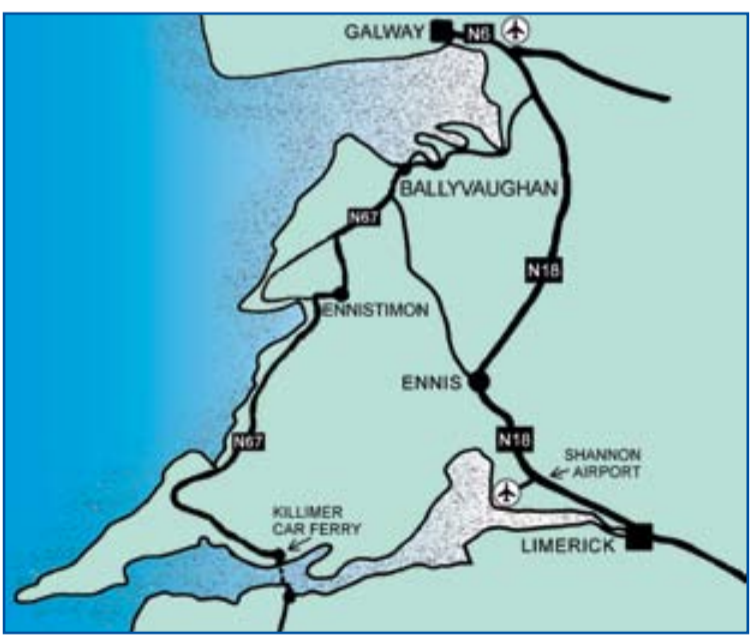
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Ballyvaughan VILLAGE

CAPITAL OF THE BURREN

Ballyvaughan village is situated between the hills of the Burren and the southern coastline of Galway Bay. Ballyvaughan (O'Behan's Town) developed as a fishing community from the 19th century. A castle site and celtic ringfort hint at earlier habitation of this sheltered bay.



Today this community welcomes visitors to the Burren region. Each year, botanists and naturalists roam this lunar landscape searching for the Arctic, Alpine and Mediterranean plants which grow in profusion over the limestone pavements.

The Burren is renowned for its archaeology. Ballyvaughan is surrounded by megalithic tombs such as Poul nabrone Dolmen, celtic ringforts, medieval churches and castles.

From Ballyvaughan visitors can explore this unique landscape by car or bicycle or by hiking over its many hills. The karst terrain hides caves and caverns, such as Aillwee Cave, which is open to the public all the year round. The beaches and coastline around Ballyvaughan are ideal for swimming, kayaking, boating and are rich fishing grounds. The village and its surroundings offer exclusive and comfortable accommodation to relax in and there are numerous fine restaurants for dining and pubs where regular traditional Irish music sessions can be enjoyed.

Many visitors come to Ballyvaughan to stroll along its shorelines and its many 'green roads,' and absorb the living spirit and peaceful solitude of Ireland's most scenic wilderness.



Burren in Bloom

MAY 2009 PROGRAMME



Ballyvaughan Celebration

WEEK ONE**Tuesday 5th 10.30am**

History and Folklore tour of Ballyvaughan Village
Meet at Church Car Park - Guide Jim Hyland

Tuesday 5th 8.30pm

Illustrated talk – The Burren: a landscape moulded by ice
Burren College of Art – by Dr Helen Goldie

Wednesday 6th 2.00pm

Guided walk in the Burren looking at Rocks - Flowers – Farming.
Led by Stephen Ward, Emma Glanville and Helen Goldie
Meet at Spar Village Stores. Car sharing.

Wednesday 6th 8.00pm

Classical evening

Thursday 7th 8.30pm

Illustrated Talk – Lakes Without Water: The Limestone Lakes of SE Burren
Burren College of Art – by Dr Cilian Roden

Sunday 10th 5.15am

Dawn Chorus walk – Meet at Spar Village stores - Leader – Gordon D'Arcy
Champagne Breakfast* afterwards at Hyland's Burren Hotel 7.30am

Sunday 10th 2.00pm

Guided Walk in the Burren looking at Rocks - Flowers – Farming.
Led by Stephen Ward, Sharon Parr and Maria McNamara.
Meet at Spar Village Stores. Car sharing.



Burren in Bloom is supported by the Heritage Council under the Local Heritage Grant Scheme 2009

WEEK TWO**Tuesday 12th 10.30am**

History and Folklore tour of Ballyvaughan Village
Meet at Church Car Park - Guide Jim Hyland

Tuesday 12th 8.30pm

Illustrated talk – Going Underground in the Burren
Burren College of Art – By Colin Bunce

Wednesday 13th 2.00pm

Guided walk in the Burren looking at Rocks - Flowers - Farming.
Led by Stephen Ward and Emma Glanville
- Meet at Spar Village Stores. Car sharing.

Thursday 14th 8.30pm

Illustrated Talk – Recent Archaeological Discoveries in the Burren
Burren College of Art – By Christine Grant

Sunday 17th 2.00pm

Guided Walk in the Burren looking at Archaeology – Flowers – Farming.
Led by Christine Grant and Sharon Parr. Meet at Spar Village Stores. Car sharing.

**WEEK THREE****Tuesday 19th 10.30am**

History and Folklore tour of Ballyvaughan Village
Meet at Church Car Park - Guide Jim Hyland

Tuesday 19th 8.30pm

Illustrated talk – Fabulous Fossil Flowers
Burren College of Art – By Maria McNamara

Wednesday 20th 2.00pm

Guided walk in the Burren looking at Rocks - Flowers – Farming.
Led by Stephen Ward and Emma Glanville. Meet at Spar Village Stores. Car sharing.

Wednesday 20th 8.30pm

Bats of the Burren - followed by a bat walk.
Burren College of Art - David Lyons

Thursday 21st 8.30pm

Illustrated joint talk with the Burrenbeo Trust
A Botanical artist in the Burren by Susan Sex.
Burren College of Art.

Saturday 23th 8.00pm

Guided walk and Drive near Ballyvaughan.
Moths of the Burren – Talk and set up Moth trap(s). Ken Bond and others.
Meet at Spar Village Stores. Car sharing.

Sunday 24th 9.00am

Moth identification after breakfast.

Sunday 24th 2.00pm

Guided Walk in the Burren. Flower Power: Healing properties of Burren medicinal plants. Led by Vivienne Campbell. Meet at Spar Village Stores. Car sharing.

*Burren in Bloom 2009 talks sponsored by
Gregans Castle Hotel*

WEEK 4**Monday 25th 8.30pm**

Illustrated talk. BurrenLIFE: Flowers, Farming and the Future.
Burren College of Art – by Dr Sharon Parr

Tuesday 26th 10.30am

History and Folklore tour of Ballyvaughan Village
Meet at Church Car Park - Guide Jim Hyland

Tuesday 26th 8.30pm

Illustrated talk – The Burren as Geopark – joint with European Geopark week
Burren College of Art – By Maria McNamara

Wednesday 27th 2.00pm

Guided walk in the Burren looking at Rocks - Flowers – Farming
Led by Stephen Ward, Emma Glanville and Maria McNamara. Meet at Spar Village Stores.
Car sharing.

Thursday 28th 8.30pm

Illustrated Talk. The living Burren – the Burrenbeo Trust.
Burren College of Art: by Brendan Dunford and Stephen Ward.

Sunday 31st 2.00pm

Guided walk in the Burren looking at Rocks – Flowers – Farming –
Joint with European Geopark week. Led by Maria McNamara, Sharon Parr and Stephen Ward.
Meet at Spar Village Stores. Car sharing.

Gregans Castle Hotel
in THE BURREN

*Luxury Country House and Restaurant,
Corkscrew Bar, Afternoon Tea, Gardens.
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