

# Creating Clayton Moments



**Clayton Hotel** Sligo





# Coastal, Forest and Mountain Trails

Sligo is home to some of Ireland's most dramatic landscapes and beaches and is firmly rooted in the cultural heritage of the beautiful Emerald Isle. With the stunning & distinctive Benbulbin Mountain, Ireland's very own table mountain and forest landscapes offer a breath-taking backdrop for your Sligo visit.



## Glencar Waterfall

Glencar Waterfall is in a stunning location on the steep-sided Glencar valley and lough. At 15m it is easily accessible via a hard path. It is particularly impressive after rainfall and can be viewed from a lovely wooded walk. There are more waterfalls visible from the road. The Devil's Chimney nearby is spectacular in the wind when it blows upwards. The facilities on site include Car Park, Picnic Area, Public Toilets, Playground and Tearoom.



## Hazelwood Demesne

2 miles from Sligo Town at Half Moon Bay on the shores of Lough Gill is the Hazelwood Demesne. Featuring a series of outdoor sculptures by Irish and International artists it has a picnic area and spectacular lakeside views. Watch the swans glide by. The nature trail forms a loop of 3.2km, with 2 shorter alternative routes available.

## Doorly Park

Doorly Park is located along the riverside in Sligo town, about a 10-minute walk from the town centre. There is a nature trail through the park and a picnic area. Recent development includes a new cycling / walking amenity adding to the existing 4km walking trail with looped link pathway to connect existing woodland and cycling pathway. There is also a children's playground and outside gym located in the area.

## Rosses Point

At the entrance to Sligo Bay you will find Rosses Point with its spectacular blue flag beaches. Rosses Point was a farming and sea-faring village which is still rich in its heritage today. Visitors find it a brilliant place to experience, with wonderful seafront walks where you can enjoy the excellent views and watch the waves as you walk along the unspoilt, clean sandy beach. **Strandhill village** is just 10-minute drive from Clayton Hotel Sligo and has a renowned beach for surfing, however it is not safe for swimming. Strandhill is situated at the western base of Knocknarea on the Cúil Irra (Coolera) peninsula in Sligo Bay, 5 miles west of Sligo town, and is Atlantic facing.

## Mullaghmore

Mullaghmore is located between Cliffooney and Grange in County Sligo. The beach is approximately 3km of white sandy beach and is a very popular surfing, swimming and walking spot. It's also Ireland's premier big-wave spot for professional surfers at certain times of the year.



## Innisfree

William Butler Yeats' love of Sligo is well documented and much of his poetry is inspired by the locality. His poem "The Lake Isle of Innisfree" Yeats talked about one of the Islands on Lough Gill here in County Sligo. The Island is not accessible but may be viewed from land or by boat.

**The Lake Isle of Innisfree boat trip** is available from Parke's Castle. Take a tour of Lough Gill on the Rose of Innisfree.





# Some History

## Lissadell House

The impressive Lissadell House is situated just outside Carney in Lissadell, Sligo. A trip to Lissadell House promises a pleasant experience wandering through the beautifully restored estate. For the garden enthusiast the Alpine Garden and the Victorian Kitchen Garden is home to the Langford potato collection, with over 200 varieties dating from the 1770s. For the kids, an activity centre including woodland obstacle courses, kite surfing, stand up paddling and more can be found in Lissadell House. Lissadell House is just a 20-minute drive from Clayton Hotel Sligo.



## Parke's Castle

Parke's Castle is a restored plantation castle from the early 17th century which is picturesquely situated on the shores of Lough Gill. It was once the home of Sir Robert Parke and his family. The Courtyard grounds contain evidence of an earlier 16th century Tower House structure once owned by Sir Brian O'Rourke who was executed at Tyburn, London in 1591. The castle has been restored using Irish oak and traditional craftsmanship. A guided tour of the castle takes place every hour and there is also a slide show entitled "Stone by stone" in 4 languages.



## Knocknarea Mountain



(Cnoc na Ri) is situated 4 miles west of Sligo Town, in the area of the Strandhill Peninsula. Knocknarea dominates the skyline of Sligo town standing tall at 1078 feet. The summit of the mountain is only accessible by foot by taking a neatly paved path from the car park. The walk to the summit of the mountain takes an average of 40 – 45 minutes and is suitable for all ages. Once you reach the top, there lies the cairn of Queen Maeve of Connacht.

Irish poet William Butler Yeats chose this peaceful churchyard at Drumcliffe in County Sligo as his final resting place, with its stunning location at the foot of Benbulbin mountain. The graveyard has the remains of a round tower and a high cross constructed in the 11th century when there was a Christian monastery on site.

# Family Fun Days Out

**Woodville Farm** is a family run farm just outside Strandhill in County Sligo. Visitors are taken on a short stroll through a nature trail in the woodland area and through stunning green fields. At the end of the tour there is the family-run farm museum, located in the renovated horse stalls which date back to 1870.



Fancy a day out with the family with a difference? **Experience Eagles Flying** from a bird's eye view and even hold them in your hand if you're brave enough. Fun for all the family. Ireland's largest sanctuary for birds of prey and owls. The hotel is a 20-minute drive from Eagles Flying so it is the ideal location to stay during your trip to Sligo.



**Lough Key Forest and Activity Park** is a great day out for all the family and only 30 minutes from Clayton Hotel Sligo. With so much to do and choose from, there is certainly something for everyone to enjoy. There are beautiful walking and cycling trails to be enjoyed. One in particular is Ireland's only Tree Canopy walk.



# Activities in & Around Sligo

Sligo, offers an array of great Golf Clubs, with breath-taking backdrops to tee off from. **County Sligo Golf Club** an 18 Hole Links Course, located in Rosses Point. **Enniscrone Golf Club**, located just under an hour from Clayton Hotel Sligo, is a beautiful 18 Hole, Links Course. For those looking for a smaller course, **Tubbercurry Golf Club** offers 9 holes and is approximately a 30-minute drive from us. The 18 Hole, links Course of **Strandhill Golf Club**, is located 20 minutes' drive and offers beautiful Atlantic Coastal views.



**Five Star Fun** is the brightest, most modern, spacious and exciting play and party centre in the North West of Ireland and only a 15-minute drive from Clayton Hotel Sligo. Located in the centre of Grange, Co Sligo on the picturesque Wild Atlantic Way route. Let the kids enjoy the astra slide, climb tube, spiral slide, or watch them have fun with the electric go-karts with a 40m track, just a few of the great activities that Five Star Fun have to offer. Relax while the kids play in the comfortable surroundings of Grandma's Coffee Shop.

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**Island View Riding Stables** is a family-run horse farm that specialise in beach rides in Sligo and Donegal Bay. It's a fantastic family fun activity to enjoy during your trip to Sligo. If you're stopping in Sligo on your journey along the Wild Atlantic Way, it's definitely a must-do activity. It is rare you will experience something as authentic as riding a horse along the breath-taking West Coast of Ireland and feeling the sea breeze brush past your face. Clayton Hotel Sligo is only a 20-minute drive from Island View Riding Stables.

Home to many of Ireland's seasoned surfers, Strandhill beach is a great place to learn how to surf or stand up paddle board. **Perfect Day Surf School**, the first and original surf school in Sligo has a number of local instructors with a wealth of knowledge on the local beaches. They offer the perfect setting to learn all you need to know while providing a safe environment for you to do so. All wetsuit gear and equipment is provided – the only things you need to bring are swimwear and a towel. Just a 20-minute drive from Clayton Hotel Sligo you won't be disappointed.



**Northwest Adventure Tours** specialise in guided on and off-road biking, bike hire, stand up paddle trips, Freediving and hiking tours in the stunning North West of Ireland. They are based in the heart of Sligo Town and operate in Sligo, Leitrim and Mayo border areas. They provide full and half day tours and have a wide variety of routes and tours to cater for any ability, time frame and interest. Top of the range equipment is supplied. Drop off and collect services with their bike hire transport can also be arranged to and from their tour locations. Self-guided tours also available. The Adventure of a lifetime awaits.



Guests can also enjoy **Sligo Races, Local Craft and Farmer's Markets** and many historic walking tours of **Sligo Town**.



  
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