



Cottage owned by Bill and Nancy Gilbane

Welcome to Our Irish Cottage

Barnagorteeny
Oughterard, County Galway

Where in the World...

Oughterard is located near the west coast of Ireland about 2½ hours from Dublin and 3½ hours from Rosslare port. It is approximately a 1¼ hour drive from Shannon Airport.

Notes:

Friendly Tips for Our Guests

- ◆ Pack efficiently. All rental cars regardless of size are all luggage limited. Maximum midsize car holds three medium pieces of luggage.
- ◆ There is no Internet access at the cottage. There are cafes in Oughterard that offer Internet access.
- ◆ There are two heating systems. Electric radiators in the kitchen, yellow room, and old cottage living room. The yellow room and kitchen can be switched on manually. The old living room has electric storage units and should not be touched. The remainder of the house is thermostatically controlled radiant heat with simple up/down buttons. Range 10° to 15°.
- ◆ There is no air-conditioning at the cottage.
- ◆ There is a washer and dryer at the cottage should you need to do any washing during your stay.
- ◆ Ireland has become very strict with drinking and driving. Word to the wise, taxis or designated drivers.
- ◆ Top elegant dining restaurants are White Gables in Moycullen (555-744) and Currarevagh House (bottom of road, 552-312). Reservations in advance are required.

Directions to the Cottage from Shannon Airport

- ◆ Head out from the Airport towards Galway (about 1 hour)
- ◆ When nearing signs that indicate City Center, look for two or three signs for Clifden
- ◆ You will see signs for Oughterard
- ◆ Come into the village and on your right will be a pub and The Boat Inn; take a right onto Glann Road
- ◆ Continue on Glann Road for four miles and on your left you will see a white thatched cottage called Mayfly
- ◆ Directly after Mayfly is the road to Bill and Nancy's cottage
- ◆ Go up a windy, hill road for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile
- ◆ The cottage is on your right tucked in, with the blue door

Welcome...

Imagine standing at the front door of your traditional whitewashed cottage, morning tea in hand, and gazing towards the shimmering Lough Corrib, Inchoigill Island, and even Ashford Castle on a clear day.



This charming, cozy three bedroom, three-bath cottage offers absolute tranquility amidst the sights and sounds of country life. The cottage has been renovated and refurbished to combine its originality with comfortable modern living.

The local town center has plenty to offer you on your holiday. The town boasts eight pubs all of which serve meals and bar snacks. There is also a good selection of restaurants including those specializing in seafood, and traditional Irish fare.

If you wish to spend time in a truly vibrant city, Galway is 18 miles away.

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

House Rules:

- ◆ No golf clubs or golf shoes in the house – plenty of room in the dry basement.
- ◆ Bottles and cans can be recycled in the Town Centre by the football pitch. All remaining garbage should be put in bags. Some of which are provided in the kitchen. They should be disposed of behind Londis Market. There is a compactor with which you buy a ticket with a code from the Londis cashier. Each ticket takes care of two large garbage bags. Also, garbage bags can be purchased in either of the two markets. All guests are responsible for removal of recycling and trash.
- ◆ Screen must be in place in grand room when using the fireplace.
- ◆ Replenish wood at the end of your stay for the next guests. Wood is stored outside in the yard.
- ◆ Compressed briquettes (peat) can be purchased in town at most markets.
- ◆ Wood burning stove if used should be cleaned every other day.
- ◆ Shopping bags are required. Ours are stored in the top cabinet over the dishwasher.
- ◆ At the end of your stay, please leave 150 euros for Marian Clancy who will prepare the cottage for the next guests. If you require assistance during your stay, Marian can be reached at 552-612. If you desire a mid-week cleaning/organization/shopping, please arrange with Marian.



Door Instructions:

(Very different from U.S.)

- ◆ **To Open:** Put key in lock, lift handle up and turn to the left.
- ◆ **To Lock:** Put key in lock, lift handle all the way up, turn to right and remove key



Marian Clancy
091-522-612 (home)

To Oughterard

Pubs: Eight in the town. All pubs have a good restaurant and bar food serving drinks until late.



channels, very friendly service that stays open 'til late!

Places of Interest: Galway City center – great place which offers quiet situations as well as extremely lively ones. Excellent art gallery and antiques/collectables shop named An Gailearai Beag on Flood St. Ashford Castle – superb castle with a great golf course on its own stunning grounds.

Cong – very picturesque village, setting from 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 nature to see.

Eating out: White Gables, Moycullen. Said to be the best restaurant in Connemara – you must book beforehand (555-744)!

Currarevagh House (bottom of road 552-312). Reservations in advance are required.

McDonagh's Fish Restaurant and takeaway, Galway City center, near the Spanish Arch – possibly the best fish and chips in the world!

Oughterard...

Golf: Oughterard Golf Course.



Pitch and Putt: near golf course.

Many courses in 25 mile radius including seven championship courses.

Fishing: Lough Corrib – some of the best fishing in Ireland. Many other river and sea fishing opportunities.

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!

Drives: Take a drive all the way around the Lough – go through Oughterard toward Maam

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.

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 four miles away from Salthill.

Within Town:

Excellent Free Fishing
Fishing Tackle & Bike Hire
Gym & Fitness Centre
Tourist Office (Bord Failte)
Specialty Wine Retailer
2 Cafes
Antique Shop
Petrol Station
Post Office
3 Supermarkets
2 Butchers
Greengrocers
Gift shops

And Beyond



Water: Very safe to drink local tap water.

Airports: Shannon Airport, near Limerick is about an hour away.

Car Hire: Best to book through your travel agent or one of the major international car rental companies like Avis, Budget, or Hertz.

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

Boat Rental: Kevin Molloy, Mobile: 087-960-4170, Home: 091-866-954, email:

kevinmolloy72@eircom.net,

Phones: To make a call out of Ireland to the USA, the international access code is 00 followed by the country code for the USA – 1, followed by the area code then phone number.

Bank: There is a Bank of Ireland in Oughterard, with an ATM facility. Counter facilities, including Bureau de Change, open approximately from 10:00am until 4:00pm.

Chemist: In the center of Oughterard.

Doctors: Health Centre next to sports ground.

Hospital: Nearest one is in Galway City.

Electricity: 240V, 50Hz
Driving in Ireland they drive on

