



SONNY MOLLOY'S IRISH WHISKEY BAR

Just a brief stroll down High Street will bring you to the door of the award-winning Sonny Molloy's Irish Whiskey Bar. Sonny was a man of considerable achievement, though very modest, he was a larger than life character. The building itself was part of a Medieval property built in the 1600's, some of which formed part of the old Galway city walls. The shelves are brimming with the finest whiskey, try their very own Redbreast 19 Year Old Oloroso Sherry Single Cask or the popular Whiskey Platters.

High Street, Latin Quarter, Galway
091 563757 :: www.sonnymolloysbar.com



THE KINGS HEAD

The Kings Head is a Pub, Restaurant & Live Venue over 3 floors and is located in the heart of the Latin Quarter.

The 400 year old fireplace, medieval windows and walls give it a unique atmosphere and make it a true piece of living history. History aside, this family run pub, is renowned for its entertainment.

High Street, Latin Quarter, Galway
091 566630 :: www.thekingshead.ie



BLAKE'S CORNER BAR

Set on a corner plot named after a founding family of the Tribes of Galway and one of Galway city's first mayors. John Blake. 1487 - 1488.

The award-winning Blake's Corner Bar is positioned at the historical Blake's Corner where Eglinton St and Mary St meet. The area has a proud association with Persse's Whiskey distillery that was located by the Salmon Weir Bridge. Be sure to try their 'Four Corners of Ireland' whiskey tasting platter or bespoke whiskey boards.

Eglinton Street, Galway
091 530333 :: blakesbargalway.com



O'CONNELL'S BAR

O'Connell's is one of Galway's oldest bars established in 1862. It was once a grocery & bar but has been a pub since the 1970's. Inside its historic walls you will find a wide selection of craft beers, wines and premium spirits from all around the world. They are well known for their large whiskey and gin selection. It is the bar where Ed Sheeran filmed the video for the hit song "Galway Girl". O'Connell's also has one of Galway's best beer gardens, with outdoor bars and serves the famous Dough Bros wood fired pizza.

Eyre Square, East Village, Galway
091 563634 :: www.oconnellsbargalway.com



TIGH NEACHTAIN

Tigh Neachtain is located on the corner of Cross Street and Quay Street in the heart of Galway City.

Since 1894, the former home of prominent animal rights activist Richard Martin has been a meeting place since it first opened its doors. Whether you are looking for a seat by the fire on a chilly winter's day or to soak up the atmosphere of Galway city, Tigh Neachtain's door is always open.

17 Cross St / 2 Quay St, Latin Quarter, Galway
091 568820 :: www.tighneachtain.com

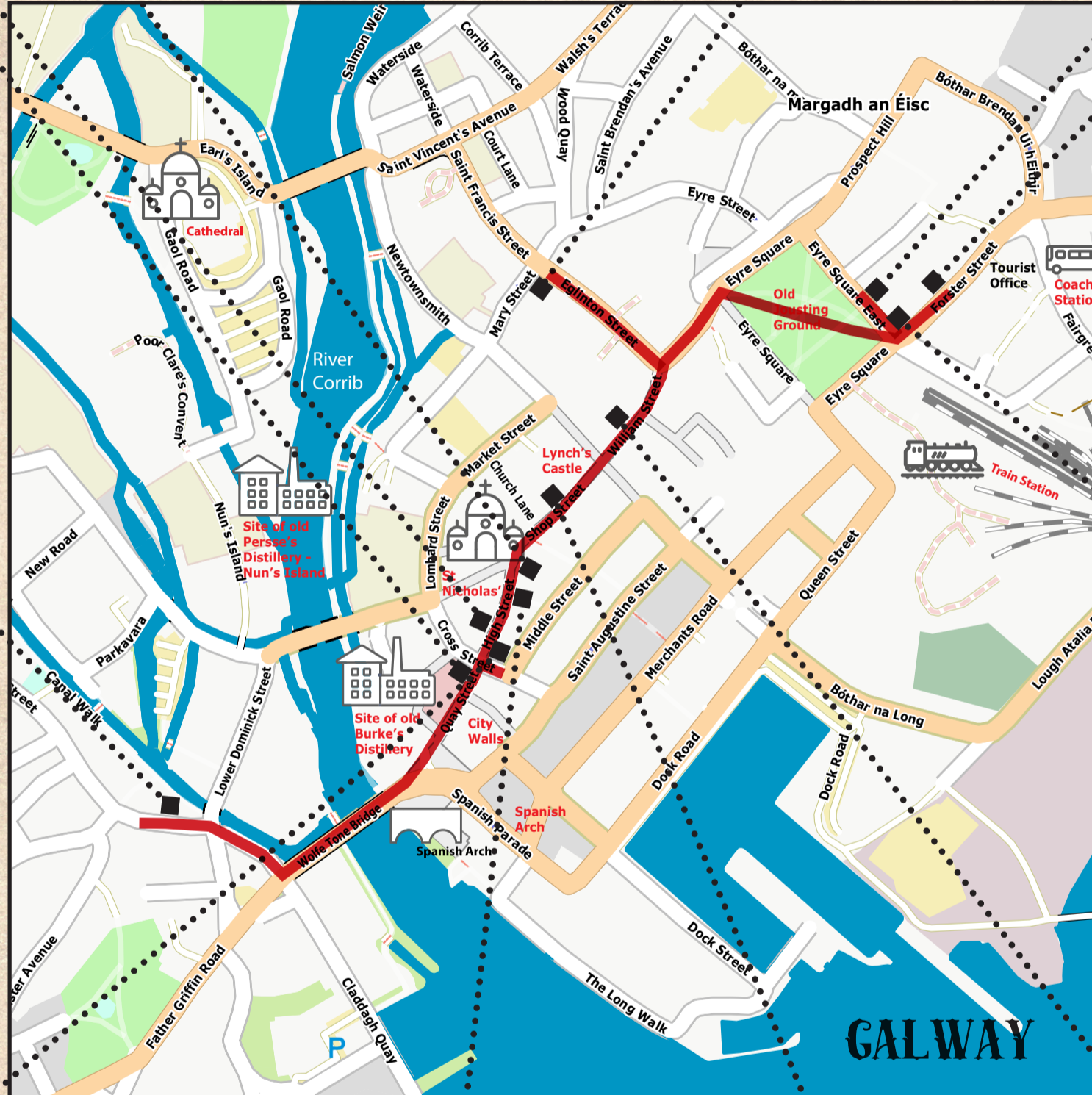


TAYLOR'S BAR & BEER GARDEN

Located at the heart of Galway's Westend, Taylor's belongs to Old Galway, dating back to the early 19th Century.

The Irish whiskey experience at Taylor's caters for all, from an 'Introduction to Irish Whiskey' to tasting the flavours of the finest Irish styles like the classic Pot Still, Grain and Single Malt whiskeys. The bar staff are known for their warm hospitality and whiskey knowledge, and they will be delighted to assist and guide you with your Irish Whiskey selection.

7 Dominick Street Upper, Galway's Westend, Galway
091 450475 :: www.taylorsgalway.ie



AN PÚCÁN

Just off Eyre Square on Forster Street, where Medieval Galway once held it's jousting contests you will find An Púcan.

An Púcan Bar has the most extensive selection of whiskey in the city with a listing stretching to over 200 Irish, Scotch, American, Japanese and other great whiskeys from around the globe along with whiskey platters and specials and their own Single Cask bottling!

11 Forster Street, East Village, Galway
091 376561 :: www.anpuacan.ie



13 ON THE GREEN

Situated on the corner of Eyre Square, in the heart of Galway, 13 on the Green is within a 2 minute walk of the Bus & Train station.

Pop into 13 on the Green for one of the best pints of Guinness in the West or relax and enjoy a fulfilling meal in our restaurant. Tasty snacks, sandwiches, teas and coffees, as well as the full menu, can also be enjoyed in the bar.

Eyre Square, East Village, Galway
091 562224 :: www.13onthegreen.ie



THE DAIL BAR

The Dail Bar, located at the junction of Cross Street and Middle Street is a focal point for the locals and tourists of Galway to gather over a drink, hence the literal meaning of The Dail... "a meeting place".

Over the years, the building has been a family home, a toy shop and is now a licensed premise. The Dail Bar is just around the corner from some of Galway's real treasures and boasts an impressive whiskey selection, with their whiskey cocktails a must-try!

Middle Street, Latin Quarter, Galway
091 563777 :: www.thedailbar.com



FREENEY'S

Situated right in the Heart of Galway City on High Street, Freeney's is a great place to get away from the crowds.

Stocking a wide range of Whiskey, Freeney's is one of the original Galway Whiskey Bars.

From the outside some people don't even realise it's a pub at all due to its display of Swiss army knives and Zippo lighters in its window.

High Street, Galway
091 562609



MCCAMBRIDGE'S

Located in the heart of Galway City, McCambridge's has been providing high quality artisan food, wine and spirits for over four generations.

McCambridge's award winning off-license has one of the best selections of whiskey in the country, also boasting a tasting table for those who need help deciding what to buy. Upstairs in the bustling restaurant there is an impressive whiskey menu with carefully selected food pairings which can be enjoyed while soaking up the famous Galway atmosphere.

38 / 39 Shop Street, Galway
091 562259 :: www.mccambridges.com

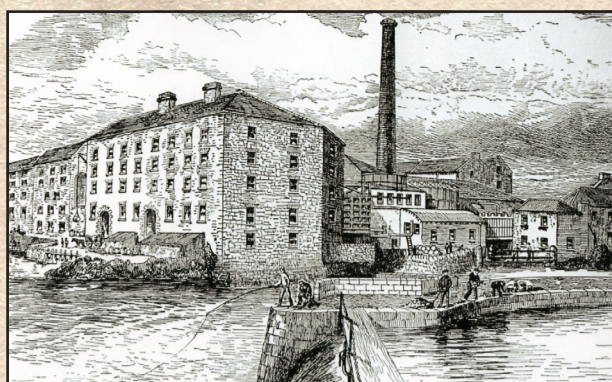


GARAVAN'S BAR

Nestled in the heart of Galway City's main shopping thoroughfare, stands the historic building that is Garavan's Bar. Home to three generations of Garavan's with a physical footprint dating back to 1650.

Award winning bar boasting one of the largest whiskey selections in Ireland, as well as some of the rarest whiskey you will ever see.

46 William Street, Galway
091 562537 :: www.garavans.com



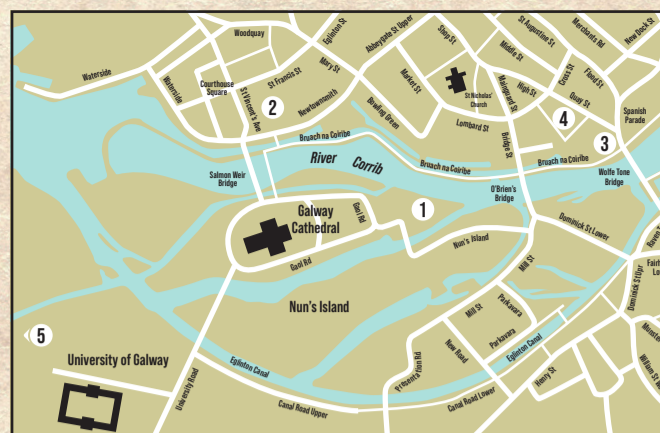
Galway is the capital of the West of Ireland and is renowned the world over for its tremendous welcome and soft weather.

The city is home to a tremendous population of artists, writers, musicians, actors, film-makers and craftspeople as well as a population of those who participate in and value these pursuits. The Galway calendar is jam-packed with cultural activity year-round and there is an ever growing range of entertainment for visitors. The whiskey bars of Galway are where you'll find any and all of the creators and audience, before shows open in moments of inspiration, after witnessing shows sharing moments of wonder.

It was once declared that "God invented whiskey to keep the Irish from ruling the world!"

Witty as it is, this claim overlooks the fact that it was the Irish themselves who created this version of the 'Water of Life' or Uisce Beatha as it is known in the native tongue. Indeed it is widely held that it was our travelling monks, who, inspired by the liqueurs and brandies being produced by their European counterparts, began the distillation of barley in Ireland around 1000AD. As distillation methods improved over the following centuries, whiskey production and consumption (both legal and illegal!) peaked in the 18th and 19th centuries. At this time, Galway city and environs, just like many localities across the length and breadth of Ireland, was home to a thriving distilling industry. Today, the remnants of this industry are visible in the derelict remains of the Persse Galway Whiskey Distillery along the banks of the River Corrib, as well as in local place names and pub memorabilia.

As local whiskey distilling undergoes something of a resurgence however, it is worth reflecting on an enterprise which in its day was Galway's largest employer and which carried the Galway name with pride and distinction around the world. The Persse Galway Whiskey Distillery was established in 1815 in Newcastle, Galway by Henry Stratford Persse, a member of the dynasty (into which



Map showing the location of 19th Century Galway Distilleries

- 1. Nun's Island Distillery (Joyce Distillery - later Persse Distillery)**
One section of the Distillery has survived and can be viewed from O'Brien's Bridge and the River Walk.
- 2. Newtownsmith Distillery (Joyce Distillery - later Persse Distillery)**
On the site of the present-day Saint Vincent's Convent of Mercy, Newtownsmith.
- 3. Burke's Distillery** On the site of the present-day Leonardo Hotel.
- 4. Lynch Distillery (Quay Street Distillery)**
This was supposedly about half-way along Quay Street.
- 5. Newcastle Distillery** On the grounds of University of Galway, near the present-day University Library and Distillery Road.

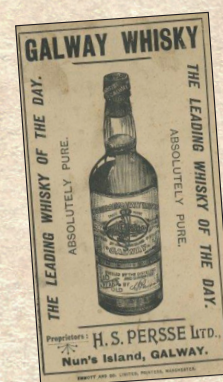
Lady Augusta Gregory was also born). Henry Stratford was undoubtedly a compassionate figure

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who believed there was an obligation on his Ascendancy class to provide entrepreneurship and employment opportunities in order to lift Ireland out of poverty. This idealism may well have driven Henry to open his distillery at a time when the industry had

been rocked by a number of government taxes. These ill-judged levies had led to the closure of eleven distilleries in Galway alone between the end of the 18th century and 1807. Henry's wishes to stimulate the local economy appear to have been rewarded when, in 1824, it was recorded that local markets 'are well supplied with grain, chiefly wheat and oats and when the distilleries are at work with a considerable quantity of barley.'

At the peak of the Ireland's Great Famine, the distillery moved from its original home to nearby Nun's Island where it tapped into the power of the River Corrib. Under Henry's nephew, Burton de Burgh Persse, the distillery would reach new heights whilst also managing to stave off stiff competition from the ever present Connemara poitín makers! Persse Galway Whiskey was marketed internationally and with the slogan 'favourite in the House of Commons' it sold particularly well in English colonies. By the end of the 19th century the distillery directly employed over 100 people and its output of 400,000 gallons was equal to that of the famous Bushmills distillery. As scotch began to steal a march on Irish whiskey's international dominance, Persse's Galway Whiskey began to feel the pinch.



Discover Galway's Rich Whiskey Heritage through it's finest whiskey bars on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Welcome to The Galway Whiskey Trail where we invite you to discover Galway's Rich Whiskey Heritage through it's finest whiskey bars and outlets, each of which is waiting to share their story with you. You can see the remains of the old Persse Distillery on Nun's Island from a vantage point on O'Brien's bridge.

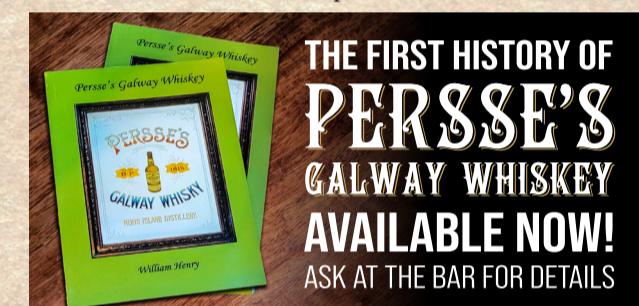
On Eyre Square you'll find the historic O'Connell's and 13 on the Green, you can visit An Púcán, located on the city's old medieval jousting ground, tuck up beside the fire at The Dáil Bar, raise a toast to Galway hero Sonny Molloy, find out about The King's Head and how he lost it, hear the story of the 15th Century Mayor of Galway at Blake's, discover the rarest Irish Whiskeys at Garavan's in a building dating to 1650, settle in at Tigh Neachtain and take your favourite bottle home with you after a visit to McCambridge's or Freeny's.



LOOK OUT FOR THE CREST!

Official venues on the trail have a stone engraving at their entrance - now you're on the right trail.

This pinch became a squeeze when 3 of Dublin's largest distillers amalgamated, and, aided by improved rail in the early 20th century, began to eat into local Persse markets. Despite a rearguard action, the distillery finally succumbed to the inevitable and closed its doors for the last time in 1908. Over 100 years on and with the renaissance of local Irish distillers however, there never has been a more apt time to raise a glass to Henry Stratford Persse and the current crop of whiskey distillers that he and his kind have helped to influence!



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