The Shannon Estuary is a spectacular and unspoilt estuary located just off the Wild Atlantic Way. This area of remarkable natural beauty is where Ireland's longest river – the mighty Shannon from the azure water of the Atlantic Ocean. Along the Shannon Estuary drive, you will find delightful towns, pretty villages and world famous shore fishing sites.

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Dolphins are a common sight in the Shannon Estuary. From Killimer to Ennis, make sure to stop off along the way and chat to the locals in villages Labasheeda, Killadysert, Ballylongford, and Clarecastle. You'll find some of the best story tellers in the county relaying stories of monks arriving from Europe, early river transport systems, Hollywood stars, local traditions and the area's most famous story of them all, the 'Golwen Bawn'. Further west from Killarney you can charter a boat for fishing trips in the Shannon Estuary. From the village pier you can see some of the many islands that lie in the estuary.

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Shannon Estuary... The Story

Limerick is built around a medieval core on King's Island and has a charter older than that of London. However, it's also considered a vibrant, bustling modern city that continuously reinvents itself which surprises the visitor with every stay! From the medieval quarter at King's Island with its cathedral, museum and renovated King John's Castle, to the elegant splendour of the Georgian new town, Limerick is full of historical and architectural surprises. Providing a twist on the shopping experience, the MALL Market; Ireland's oldest market, offers bustling themed market days and activities for those with an eye for environmentalism, while the art connoisseur can creep at Picasso and relax with Renior at the Hunt Museum.

Limerick City is also home to some of the very best stadia and sporting facilities in Ireland including Thomond Park Stadium, home of Munster Rugby team, the Gaelic Grounds, the University of Limerick Sports Arena and the recently developed Limerick Greyhound Stadium. Visitors to the city can enjoy a trip on a kayak – tours are arranged throughout the day at all times of year. Walking tours are also pleasant in Limerick and the compact design of the city means you will discover a lot on a short journey. No matter how long or short your visit, there is a wealth of attractions and activities for you to enjoy in Limerick City.

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MONITORING INFORMATION - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

REGULATORY TRAFFIC SIGNS

Generally circular with a red border and black symbols or letters on a white background. These signs must be obeyed - they show a course a driver must follow and an action they are required to take or forbidden to take. Mandatory Regulatory signs are blue and white. These signs indicate the direction traffic must take at junctions.

DIRECTION / INFORMATION SIGNS

These signs show directions and the location of services or places of tourist interest. Blue background motorway. Green background national road. White background Regional road. Brown background Tourist information.

GENERAL SPEED LIMITS

Motorways: National primary and secondary 120km/h Regional and local roads 100km/h Built up areas 50km/h

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