



the book of banba

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welcome to banba house

Thank you for taking the time to visit Banba House situated in the wonderful little historic village of Athenry on the outskirts of Galway City. I am sure that you will find the following information that I have put together for you in this booklet helpful and interesting. It's certainly well worth your while browsing through the pages.

Athenry (meaning The King's Ford) is ancient, set in the middle of lush plains and some of the most fertile lands in Galway. It was established as a market town in the 13th century and its street scape reflects its medieval past, with narrow streets and defensive walls. The best preserved section of the wall is found at the North Gate, and is also a major feature in the town.

Athenry has been designated as a 'Heritage Status' village, thereby making it an ideal place to live and to holiday.

For anyone planning to visit Athenry, I recommend that you read the history before you arrive so that you get the most out of your time here. Be sure to plan a visit to the Castle and Heritage Centre.

Please let me know what I can do for you to make your stay here memorable! You'll be sure to find the legendary 'Irish Hospitality' abundant here at Banba House.

Regards,

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hello!

Please help yourself to a nice glass of wine to wet your whistle on your arrival.

and farewell...

Check out time is usually by 10.00 a.m. on day of departure but your check out time can be arranged differently, if preferred.

Please leave the house as you found it. Your full deposit will be returned to you by bank transfer on departure and on the basis that the house is left clean and in good and tidy order. Thank you!

non-smoking home

Banba House is strictly non-smoking. If guests decide to smoke in Banba House, a de-contamination fee of Euro 250 will be charged to remove all traces of smoke from the house. Please do not smoke. Thank you.

security

Crime in Athenry is not an issue. I have never had a security issue at Banba in ten years. Please lock the house properly when not occupied, close downstairs windows and pull the blinds when the lights are on late at night.. A set of front door keys are available in the hall for you. We are not responsible for loss or damage of your personal property.

phones/internet

Internet works well in Athenry using a dongle in your laptop or on your regular smartphone. All the restaurants and pubs share internet with their customers. You can buy a temporary dongle service from Vodafon on the main street in Athenry for internet use. There are several phone shops in Galway that will fix you up with mobile internet.

drinking water

Water from the cold tap in the kitchen is drinking water. County Galway is set on a lime-based rock formation and at times you may see a very small amount of lime particles at the bottom of your kettle or cup. This is quite normal in the Galway area and the water is perfectly safe to drink and for you to enjoy.



IMPORTANT!
water info...

electric shower units

Due to limescale in the water in Galway area, water heated appliances are vulnerable to its effects, therefore, please ensure to not exceed the maximum temp marked on the electric shower unit as indicated. (marked on the unit)

If the temp is exceeded, it will cause the thermostat to overheat and fail. Repairs are expensive (Euro 200 +) and can sometimes take a couple of days to have a qualified engineer arrive to carry out repairs. Just give it a second to heat up.

The max temp indicated will give very hot water if required. Turn on the electric shower by pressing the button on the front of the unit and allow a few seconds for it to heat. The shower unit in the large bathroom is fed from the central heating system.

doctor

Athenry Health Office is located across the street and three doors down.
Open daily. Ph. 091 844274
The number above is also used for night time medical help.

emergency/police

Dial 999 or Local Office 091 844016
The station is located beside the Catholic Church

florist /gift shop

Blathanna, Northgate Street, Athenry. Ph. 091 845044
Fields of Athenry. Athenry. Ph. 091 844113

hairdressers

Maggies Barbers, Church St, Athenry
Brenda's, Cross St, Athenry - 091 844192
Hair by Claire, Bridge St, Athenry - 091 844599
Styles Ahead, Court Lane, Athenry - 091 844524

laundry/dry cleaning

Athenry Dry Cleaners, Athenry - Northgate Street. 5 minutes walk from the house, parking on the street outside the shop.

Shannon Dry Cleaners, Athenry, Joyces Shopping Centre 5 minutes drive towards the motor way side of the town
Tel: 091 877892 website: www.shannondrycleaners.com.
Laundry Service, Dry Cleaning, Alterations

public houses (pubs) in Athenry

- Ray Glynn's: very local crowd and friendly, good pints, worth a visit
- Dan's Bar: great lunchtime food, good pints, worth a visit
- Bridgi Glynn's: Main Street, great atmosphere and good pints, worth a visit
- Field's Bar: local crowd
- Iggy's Bar: younger crowd



pubs and great music in Galway

Take a walk down Quay Street and they are all right there...

- Taffes: Main Street Live music 5.30 pm and 9.30 pm daily
- Ti Ceoli.. Main Street Live music 5.30 pm and 9.30 pm daily
- The Crane Bar: Live music nightly 9.30 pm daily
- The Quays Bar great food and music nightly

Free concerts and gigs all over the city during festivals .
Personal Galway walking/pub tours can be arranged.

transportation

Trains: Athenry Train Station is just a 3 minute walk from Banba House. Cross the bridge and turn right.

Find the timetable at: www.irishrail.ie or call the station at: 091 844020

Buses run all day and nights as follows..

Farrells Buses. Tel: 087 6874754. Runs all day 2 times per hour. Buses leave from Londis shop located right behind Banba House, and then returns from Eyre Square Galway to the same spot.

For all festivals Farrells bus times for your trip home from Galway is as follows... 8.30pm, 10.30pm , midnight, and 2.30 am. The 2.30 am is the busiest. The bus stops just the far side of the railway station, 2 minutes walk to Banba House.

Call the bus company to confirm schedule: 0876874594.

Or visit their website: www.farrelltravel.ie

shops/supermarkets/chemists

All shops and services are just 5 minutes walk on the main street. There is plenty of parking available along the street too if you want to drive.

The largest supermarket is Joyces at the shopping centre on the way to the motorway at the far side of town, 5 minutes drive.

Centra Supermarket is at the Arch this side of town on the main street, just a couple of minutes walk.

Londis shop is at the rear of Banba, out the gate turn right and right again and walk along the side of the house 100 yards. You'll see it to the right.

Thank you for visiting!

Thank you for visiting Banba House! It's our pleasure to have you as our guest!

I know your trip to Ireland will be grand and you'll bring home wonderful memories of our "Emerald Island."

Thank you in advance for treating our home as you would treat your own. Banba House is a quiet and residential house and not suitable as a party house. It's located in a very calm and private neighborhood and you will feel safe and at home during your visit. I live next door and am available 24/7.

Some Parting Requirements:

- The house must be left in good and clean condition with bed clothes stripped off and left on the floor. Please also leave all towels together ready for washing.
- Heating and electricity are included in your rental price. There are no other charges involved, however a cleaning charge of your deposit of 250 euro will be incurred if the house requires cleaning after you leave. There will be a walk-through before you leave. Your deposit will be transferred to your bank on day of departure.
- Full rental fee details are easily found at www.banbahouse.com.

If there is anything you need during your visit, or if you need help planning to get to your next destination, please do not hesitate to contact me .

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