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# LIMERICK

Ireland's Student City



## A CITY ON THE MOVE

Limerick City, situated in the picturesque Shannon region of Ireland, is a vibrant and historic city known for its **warm and welcoming atmosphere**.



Boasting a rich cultural heritage, Limerick offers students a blend of traditional charm and modern amenities. From its medieval landmarks like King John's Castle to its lively arts scene and bustling cafés, Limerick has something for everyone.

Limerick is an affordable and accessible place to live. There are over 35,000 University students living in Limerick, including international students from more than 150 countries, students make up a quarter of the city's population. A vibrant riverside city, Limerick's location offers a unique opportunity to enjoy a quality of life where city and country living co-exist harmoniously.

Beyond the city's colourful streets, county Limerick awaits, boasting breathtaking landscapes and picturesque villages that will steal your heart. Embark on a daytrip along the iconic Wild Atlantic Way, and let the stunning scenery leave you in awe. Limerick's perfect Mid-Western location serves as your gateway to exploring the wonders of Ireland and Europe. Hop on a short train/bus ride to Cork, Galway, or Dublin, or take a flight from Shannon Airport to exciting European cities.

Limerick is safe and global; famed for the **friendliness of its people** as much as its **eclectic food scene, lush green countryside** and **dynamic student community**.



A DIVERSE CITY,  
HOME TO MORE THAN  
150 NATIONALITIES



FASTEST-GROWING REGION  
IN IRELAND FOR FOREIGN  
DIRECT INVESTMENT  
OUTSIDE OF THE CAPITAL  
CITY OF DUBLIN.

AN AFFORDABLE CITY, WITH A  
HIGHER PURCHASING POWER  
FOR STUDENTS IN COMPARISON  
TO OTHER IRISH CITIES.



MORE THAN 35,000 STUDENT POPULATION,  
INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM  
MORE THAN 150 COUNTRIES



LIMERICK IS A  
UNESCO CITY  
OF LEARNING  
SINCE 2017



A VIBRANT, CULTURAL CITY  
WITH MORE THAN 110  
FESTIVALS, 9 MUSEUMS,  
8 THEATRES & 3 CINEMAS

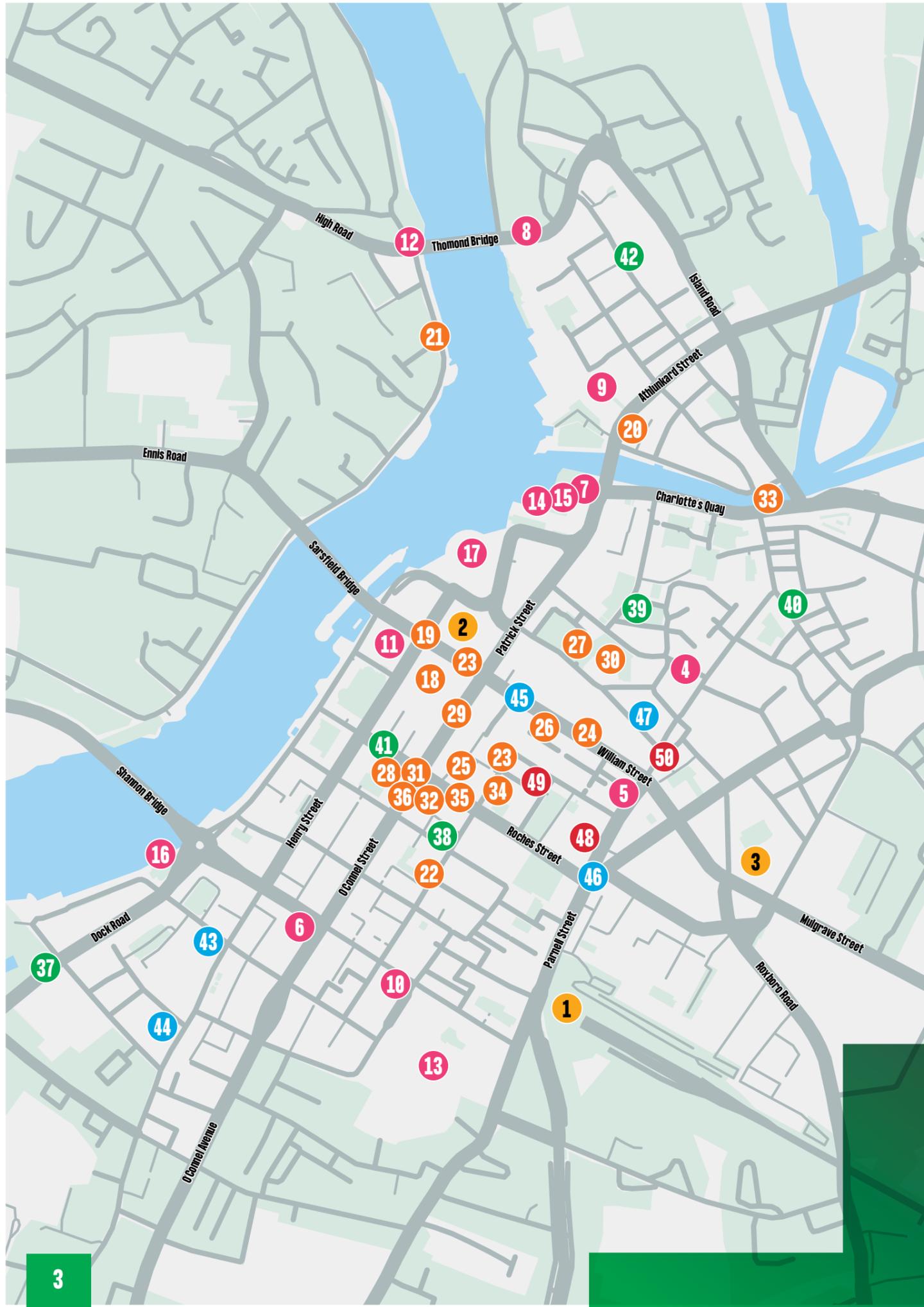


LIMERICK IS DEVELOPING  
INTO IRELAND'S LEADING  
CARBON NEUTRAL ECONOMY



MANY GLOBAL COMPANIES ARE BASED IN LIMERICK  
INCLUDING UBER, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, REGENERON,  
ANALOG DEVICES, DELL, STRYKER & NORTHERN TRUST.





# LIMERICK CITY

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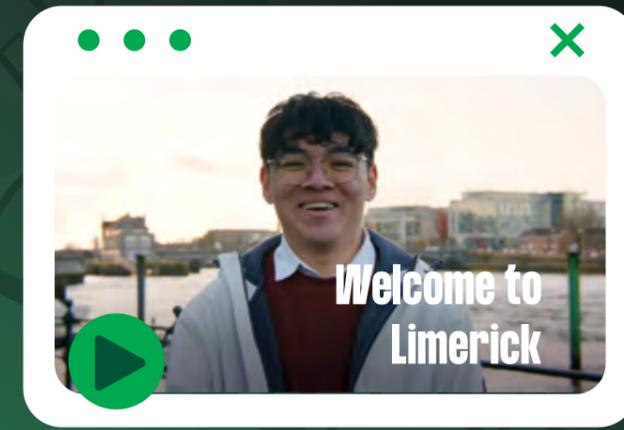
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“ I've never experienced a more **welcoming community** or culture where I've been. It's fascinating how everyone is so incredibly kind. ”

Isabella Campione, USA

# LOCATION

Limerick is in the Southwest of Ireland, boasting some of the best connections across Ireland, and is the gateway to the **Wild Atlantic Way**.

Limerick has great connections to Europe, the USA and the rest of the world through Shannon airport.

Limerick is served with excellent rail links, with frequent services between Limerick and Dublin and other key urban centres. There are also extensive bus services to Limerick from all parts of Ireland.

From the University of Limerick, the bus will bring you into the city centre within 15 minutes, students can also rent bikes from student villages or walk to the city centre by the riverside pathway which takes 50 minutes.



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Limerick City is located 30 kilometres from Shannon International Airport, which has full US customs pre-clearance. Shannon International Airport offers daily services to the US, UK and mainland Europe.

# GETTING HERE

## By Air

Limerick is just 30 minutes from **Shannon International Airport**, with direct daily flights to the US, UK and EU. Dublin Airport is just a two-hour drive away.



## By Rail & Bus

**Bus Eireann** public buses 304 and 304A and the **Dublin Coach 310** service the University of Limerick. There are two bus stops in the University, one inside the Main Entrance and the second outside the **Student Life Courtyard**. You can pay using cash or use a Leap Card for a discounted fare. Please note that the 310 only accepts the Leap Card!



Colbert Station in the heart of the city connects Limerick to the rest of the country, with regular scheduled services to get you where you need to be. You can get here by taking the 304/304A bus from UL to Sexton Street. There are regular connections to Dublin, Tralee, Cork, Galway, Killarney, Rosslare, Donegal, Sligo, Shannon, Derry and many other locations.

There are frequent train services to Limerick Colbert Station from all over Ireland, more information can be found on the **IrishRail website**.



## By Road

Motorway connectivity provides easy access to Limerick and beyond.



# GETTING AROUND

## By Bike & Foot

Limerick's Active Travel Scheme makes it easier to use more sustainable transport modes around the city, as part of a purposeful journey. Programmes linking key attractors (including our educational institutions) to the city centre to improve cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, continue to be rolled out across Limerick.



Access to and around the University is easy on a bicycle. Cycling facilities outside and inside the campus have been constructed as a response to the recent increase in the numbers of cyclists travelling to the campus. The University of Limerick is a smarter travel campus with the support of Limerick Smarter Travel, the University is committed to the promotion of sustainable modes of travel.



To promote cycling, the UL Bike Doctor operates each Tuesday during term from 10:00 to 15:00 offering free bike mechanic services as part of the Farmer's Market in the UL Student Courtyard. The service is paid for by the University.

Sign up for the **TFI Bikes** service to get access to a self-service bike rental. Stations are conveniently located throughout the city. At just €10 for an annual subscription it's super affordable!

A scenic **walk and cycleway** weaves its way along the River Shannon from UL into the city.

## LIVING IN LIMERICK

Life in Limerick extends way beyond the lecture hall, offering a blend of rich history, vibrant culture, and modern amenities, making it **a unique and welcoming place to live.**

The city boasts a lively atmosphere with its bustling markets, charming streets, and thriving arts scene. Limerick is home to a warm, close-knit community and a diverse population, including students from around the world who attend its renowned educational institutions like the University of Limerick.

During the day Limerick City is alive with the hustle and bustle of people going to work but also with people visiting the different shops, restaurants and attractions around the city. At the weekend you'll find Limerick City wakes up early, to stroll the stalls of Limerick's famous **Milk Market**, where you can find anything from artisanal products, fresh fruit and vegetables to a great cup of coffee. It is not to be missed.

The pace of life is relaxed. Limerick is compact and fully walkable, with plenty of green, open spaces, low traffic congestion and good public transport – ideal for your well-being.



## THINGS TO DO

There are some great **sights, exhibitions and activities** to keep you busy in Limerick, here is just a sample of some of the things to do:

With arts and exhibits dating back to the Neolithic Period, **The Hunt Museum** is a must-see for visitors to Limerick.

Step inside the walls of Limerick's most iconic landmark! Discover the stories of ruthless King John, the noble knights, and rebellious natives. Located at the heart of Limerick's medieval quarter, **King John's Castle** brings to life over 800 years of dramatic local history.

**St. Mary's Cathedral**, built c.1172. Originally the palace site of Donal Mór O'Brien, King of Munster, who donated the site to the church. It is open daily from 09h00 to 17h00.

There are various **cinemas** dotted across Limerick that offer special student rates!

For activities to get the heart pumping check out **RollerJam, Bowling, Arena 5 UV Bowling** and **Jurassic Par Mini Golf**.

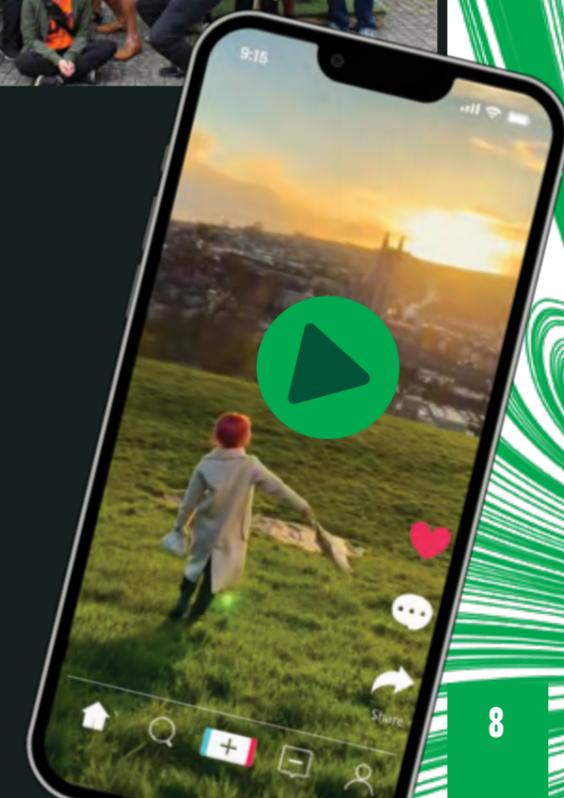
Our students recommend: **Funworld** and the **National Kart Centre**



You don't have to break the bank to have a social life in Limerick, there are plenty of **free attractions!**

- Limerick City Gallery of Art
- Limerick Museum
- St. Mary's Cathedral
- The Treaty Stone
- Limerick Street Art Trail
- People's Park

**Limerick.ie** is a great place to keep up with things to do in Limerick such as this **50 Things to do in Limerick**.



# FOOD & GROCERY SHOPPING

The food culture in Limerick is a delightful mix of **traditional Irish fare** and **modern culinary innovation**, reflecting the city's rich heritage, diverse culture and vibrant community.

Local favourites such as hearty stews, fresh seafood, and soda bread showcase the best of Irish cooking, often made with ingredients sourced from the lush surrounding countryside.

The city's Milk Market, a bustling hub for food lovers, offers a variety of artisan products, including cheeses, baked goods, and organic produce, alongside international flavours. Limerick's restaurants and cafes cater to diverse tastes, with menus suited to every taste and budget.

The city also hosts food festivals and events, celebrating local producers and fostering a strong sense of community around its culinary traditions.



“My favorite part of Limerick, I would say **listening to trad music in local pubs and exploring the weekend markets**, as well as just the greenery!”

Mikayla Renzi, USA

## TOP EATS

### WEEKEND BRUNCH

Start your weekend right with brunch at **The Buttery** or **Hook & Ladder**.

### TRADITIONAL MEALS

You can never go wrong with **The Locke Bar** or **The Curragower**.

### CATCH UP CAFES

For casual catch ups with light bites visit **Canteen**, **Starbucks** and **Klaud9**.

### MEAT FREE MEALS

For meat free options visit **The Grove** and **Chopped**.

### INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

For a more global feel check out **Lana Thai**, **Mejana**, **Jasmine Palace**, **Afro Delight**, **Wokking** and **Taikichi**.

### MARKETS

Check out Limericks Markets for fresh food and food trucks at **Milk Market** and **Wickham Way**.

Our Students Recommend – **Hunters Sports Bar**, **Viko Viko**, **Wildberry Cafe** and **Aroma Café**.

## GROCERIES

There are many grocery options in Limerick, to suit every budget and taste. Lidl & Aldi are both budget friendly supermarkets based within walking distance of the University of Limerick. There is also a large Supervalu supermarket based in Castletroy near the University.

There are a large number of stores in Limerick selling specialty ingredients from all over the world including:

- **Cheong Heng Hong Oriental Supermarket**
- **Khan Supermarket**
- **Olio & Farina**
- **Asian Arabic Food**
- **India foods**

On the city's outskirts in Dooradoyle, there's the **Crescent Shopping Centre**, the biggest shopping complex outside of Dublin. That's not all; Limerick also has the **Jetland Shopping Centre**, **Childer's Road Retail Park**, the **Parkway Shopping Centre** and many more!



## BEAUTY

- **Chubby Hair and Cosmetics** - sells wigs, bundles, extensions, and hair and beauty care products.
- **Kelly Jane Beauty** - Highly regarded for lash lifts, brow lamination, and makeup.
- **Beauty & Glitter Hair Salon** - Specialises in cutting, styling, weaving, braiding, and custom made wigs.

## ARTS & CULTURE

Arts and Culture are at the heart of Limerick City, with **museums, galleries, theatres and live music venues** all attracting thousands of people every week.

No matter what time of the year there are always cultural events happening across the city. Every September the cultural spaces across Limerick open their doors to Limerick City, creating a night of celebration of the arts here in Limerick. Each March the streets of Limerick come alive to celebrate our national holiday, St. Patrick's Day. Another one of the many fantastic weekends of culture in Limerick is **Riverfest**, with the annual festival held every May Bank Holiday weekend in Limerick. There are many amazing things that happen each year throughout the festival, but some of the highlights include Riverfest on the Shannon, the Riverfest BBQ Competition, Riverfest Village in Arthur's Quay Park, Great Limerick Run and a fireworks display.

Limerick is the host city to a wide variety of internationally acclaimed groups and organisations, including the **Irish World Academy of Music and Dance**, the Irish Concert Orchestra, Daghdha Dance Company, and the Island Theatre Group. The **Lime Tree Theatre**, **Belltable Arts Centre**, **University Concert Hall** and Millennium Theatre all host regular events.

Limerick has an incredible and continuously expanding **Street Art Trail**. Renowned street artists from all over the world come to Limerick to make their mark, and what they leave behind are vibrant, evocative, unifying murals and messages.



## THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Limerick serves as a gateway to the **Wild Atlantic Way**, one of the world's most scenic coastal routes.

Just a short drive away, travellers can reach the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, the windswept landscapes of Loop Head, and the picturesque towns of Lahinch and Doolin. Whether you're seeking adventure, breathtaking views, or rich Irish heritage, Limerick offers the perfect blend of urban charm and access to the untamed beauty of the Wild Atlantic Way.

Find out more at [wildatlanticway.com](http://wildatlanticway.com)



Courtesy Brian Morrison



## WORSHIP IN LIMERICK

There are many centres of worship in Limerick including Christian churches, Mosques and a Buddhist centre.

The University of Limerick has prayer rooms near the courtyard for Muslim students as well as The Contemplative Centre, a sacred oasis of peace and tranquillity for those who wish to take time from the campus hubbub to reflect, pray or listen to sacred music. Religious services are provided throughout the academic year.



## SPORTING LIMERICK

Home to the legendary Munster Rugby, Limerick is commonly acknowledged as **Ireland's unofficial rugby capital**.

Thomond Park boasts a capacity of 25,600. Whether you are experiencing the thrilling atmosphere of a match day or diving into the heritage of Munster Rugby with a stadium tour, a trip to Thomond Park is a favourite among UL international students each semester.

[Take a virtual tour of Thomond Park.](#)



Limerick locals tend to be rugby-obsessed, with Limerick being home to Munster Rugby. However, if you are coming to Ireland, you must watch a Gaelic Games match. The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) is the national sporting body which governs the traditional Irish games of Hurling, Camogie, Gaelic Football and Handball.

The Gaelic Grounds or Páirc na nGael is the principal Gaelic Athletic Association stadium in Limerick City and is home to the Limerick hurling and football teams.

UL is renowned for its world-class sporting facilities. With an Olympic-sized swimming pool, four high-standard multipurpose basketball courts, a health and performance centre and much more, we are proud to be Ireland's Sports Campus.

[Discover UL Sport.](#)

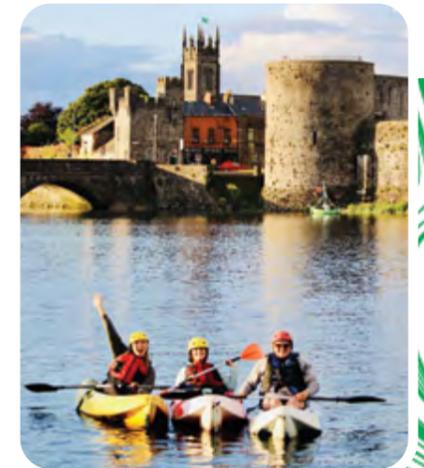
## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Exploring the outdoors in Limerick offers an abundance of **natural beauty and recreational opportunities**, making it a haven for nature enthusiasts.

The city's location along the majestic River Shannon provides scenic riverside walks, kayaking, and tranquil spots for picnics. One of the fastest ways to find your feet in a new place is to get up, out and go for a wander about! **Walk the Three Bridges**, taking in the heart of Old Limerick and some of the best views the city has to offer. You can take it at your own pace, stopping off at the various pubs, cafés and restaurants dotted along the route!

There are also numerous walking tours in the city which will captivate you with stories of Limerick's past and present. Experience the architecture, history and folklore, as well as some of the surprises and delights, of this fascinating riverside city. Or why not try a **self-guided walking tour** of historic Limerick City?

Kayaking in Limerick City offers a unique and immersive way to experience the heart of the city from the waters of the River Shannon. Paddling past iconic landmarks like King John's Castle, the Treaty Stone, and St. Mary's Cathedral, kayakers get a fresh perspective on Limerick's rich history and stunning architecture. Guided tours, such as those offered by **Nevsail Watersports** and **Limerick Adventures**, cater to all skill levels. There are even options to kayak through the city at night.



## BEYOND LIMERICK CITY

Just a short trip from Limerick's lively city is a magnificent county full of **sights, open spaces and rural charm!**

Carving a 40km path through the local countryside, the **Limerick Greenway** offers an authentic experience of rural Ireland for cyclists, runners and walkers.

Have a bonding session with your new housemates and take a road trip along the **Shannon Estuary Way** and **Foynes**, home of the **Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum**.

- There's the wonderful 774 acre **Curraghchase Forest Park** also off the N69.
- Head to the stunning **Clare Glens** and **Glenstal Abbey** near Murroe.
- Picturesque villages like **Adare** and **Castleconnell**; towns with great heritage and architectural history like **Kilmallock**, **Askeaton** and **Newcastle West**.
- **Lough Gur** has a captivating heritage centre looking back at 6,000 years of life and Ireland's largest stone circle.



## ADRENALIN RUSH

**Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Park** will challenge even the biggest adrenalin junkies. Get down and dirty on one of the largest trail networks of its kind in Ireland with 98kms of trails suitable for beginners and professionals. Bring your own bike or hire one there.

How about a spot of adventure? The **Basecamp Adventure Park** in Shanagolden is home to a variety of outdoor activities including Paintball, Forest Archery, Splatball and Bushcraft.

**Kilfinane** has an outdoor education centre and **UL Sport's Adventure Centre** offers high quality adventure-based programmes.

Whether you're exploring historic landmarks, enjoying water sports, or simply soaking in the peaceful surroundings, Limerick's outdoors invites endless opportunities for discovery and relaxation.

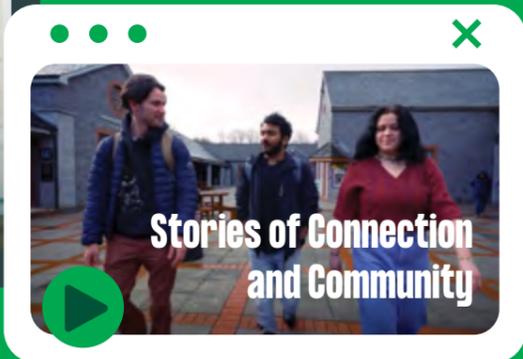


## LIMERICK AFTER DARK

Limerick is home to one of Ireland's best known live music venues, **Dolan's**, with traditional music and a variety of gigs taking place every night of the week. Check out Live at the Big Top and **King John's Castle** for some pretty spectacular gigs too!

The city has a range of cozy pubs, stylish bars, and buzzing nightclubs including **The Commercial**, **Molly's late night disco bar** and **The Locke** with many providing live music several nights a week.

There are also plenty of alcohol-free activities at night in Limerick including **Karaoke Studio**, the retro **Level Up Arcade** packed with classic gaming experiences, modern arcades and board games. Battle the clock to break free from the pirate ship, dungeon or classroom-themed escape room in under 60 minutes at **Escape Limerick**.

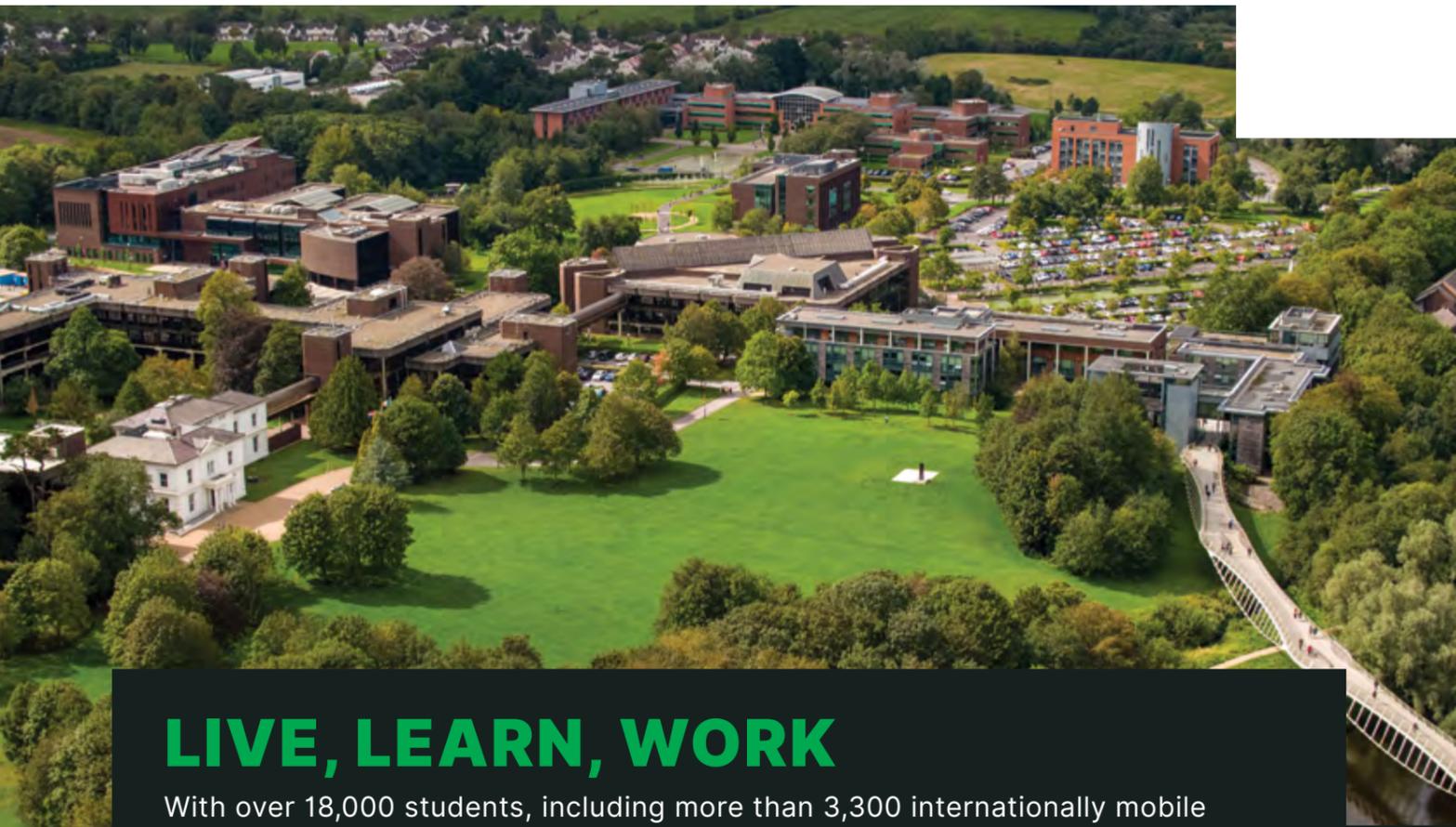


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**Limerick is a student friendly county.** It's not as crowded as Dublin or Cork and yet it is lively enough. It's a cozy little place. As an international student, I guess it's one of the best places you can start your journey in Ireland. Also, Limerick theatre puts up great shows and parades during Halloween and Christmas which I absolutely love.

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Aleena Philip, India



## LIVE, LEARN, WORK

With over 18,000 students, including more than 3,300 internationally mobile students each year, **UL is an independent research-led university** offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Education and Health Sciences, Science and Engineering and the Triple Accredited (including AACSB) Kemmy Business School.

Cafés, restaurants and student accommodation options and a range of on-campus facilities provide an outstanding student experience and a stimulating working environment.

As one of Ireland's foremost universities, UL is recognised for its dedication to an outstanding student experience, its commitment to graduate employability, and its research with societal impact — all of which have fostered an extensive network of partnerships with industry, government, and communities, both nationally and internationally.

## WHY CHOOSE UL

**AWARDED A GREEN CAMPUS STATUS FOR ENERGY, TRAVEL, TRANSPORT & BIODIVERSITY**  
Foundation for Environmental Education

**BEST STUDENT ACCOMMODATION**  
Education Awards, 2024

**RANKED NO. 1 GLOBALLY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT - UL GLOBAL OFFICE**  
International Student Barometer, 2024

**NO. 1 IN IRELAND FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HAPPINESS**  
International Student Barometer, 2024

## WHERE TO LIVE

### ON CAMPUS

Living on-campus is one of the best ways to enjoy life at UL. Based on UL's distinctive riverside parkland campus, students can choose to live in one of UL's eight villages offering 4, 6 and 8 bedroom apartments. Students have their own private study bedroom equipped with a good size study desk and free access to high-speed internet via the UL network. All accommodation offers a private bedroom with shared living space and kitchen and some of our apartment style residences also have an en-suite option. Living on-campus offers a convenient, safe and affordable option for students. Each village has a village manager, who is available 8am – 8pm from Monday – Friday as well as on campus security 24/7.

For more information visit: [Student Living](#)

### OFF CAMPUS

Finding long-term accommodation in Limerick requires some planning, especially as demand can be high. Visit [www.accommodation.ul.ie/Accommodation](http://www.accommodation.ul.ie/Accommodation) to search for rental properties, offering listings for apartments, houses, and shared accommodations. Areas like Castletroy and Annacotty are popular among students due to their proximity to the University of Limerick. There is also an off-campus accommodation officer, you can contact them through [offcampus.accomm@ul.ie](mailto:offcampus.accomm@ul.ie).



## WORKING IN LIMERICK

If you are interested in working while studying, we have **plenty of opportunities for you!**

International students that hold an immigration stamp 2 are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week during the university term. During the holiday period students can work on a full-time basis – up to 40 hours per week.

Limerick is a hot spot for job opportunities because it's an attractive hub for international companies looking to establish or broaden their presence in Europe. Limerick ranked 1st for FDI Strategy in the European City of the Future's ranking of micro-sized cities, underscoring Limerick's proactive approach to attracting and supporting foreign direct investment, ensuring sustainable economic growth.

Limerick also ranked 1st for Human Capital and Lifestyle in the micro-sized cities category, highlighting its dedication to enhancing the quality of life for its residents through excellent education, healthcare, and cultural amenities.

Limerick is home to companies such as Dell, Analog Devices, Regeneron, Johnson & Johnson, Zimmer, Stryker, Intel and Cook Medical to name a few. New patterns of employment are also emerging across new sectors – with companies like KEMP Technologies and ACMS Group expanding at a rapid rate. Northern Trust also has a very significant presence in Limerick.

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