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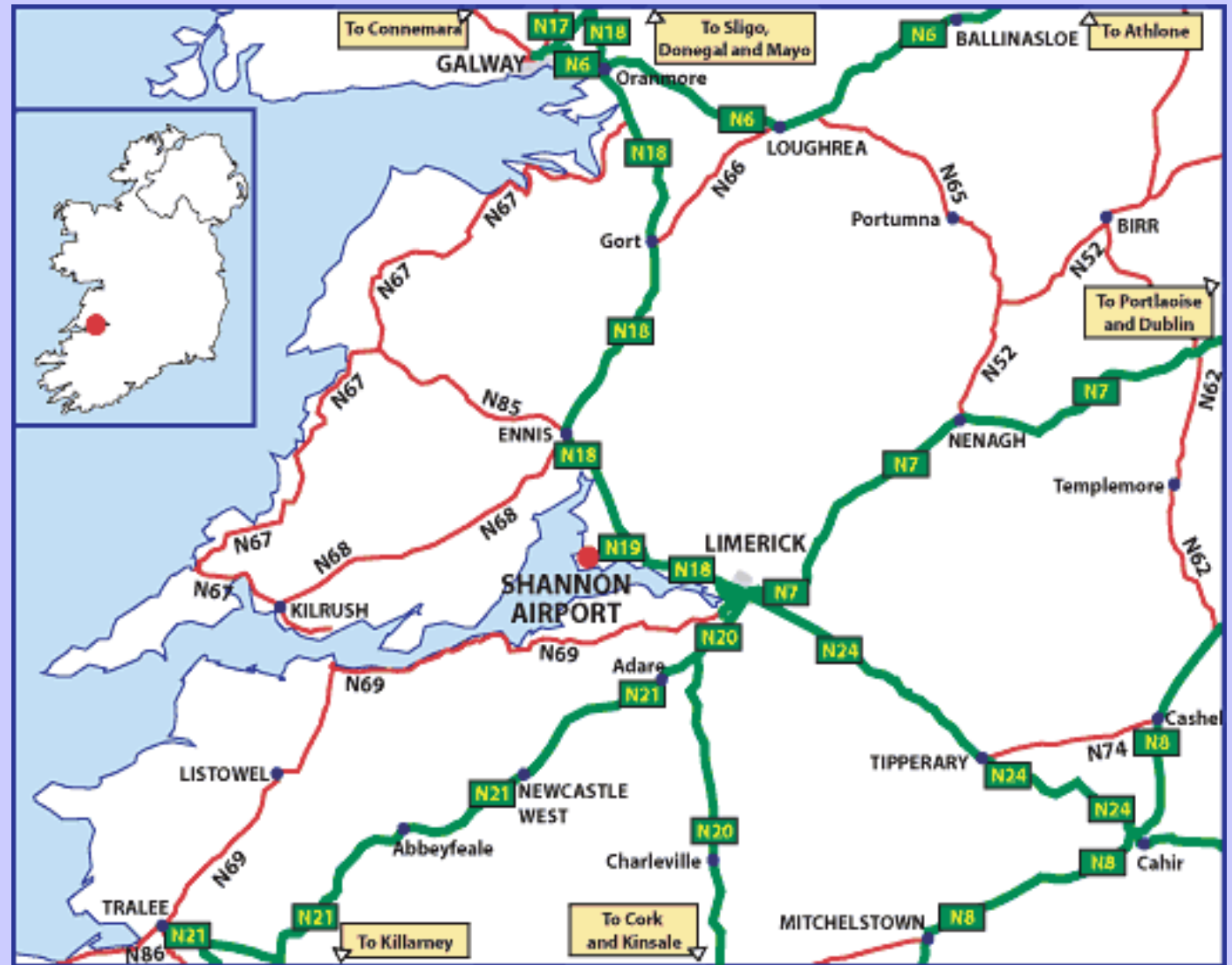
# Cars/Driving Info



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- LOOK RIGHT, DRIVE LEFT
  - Drivers, remember, the steering wheel is on the RIGHT side of the car (or the wrong side, depending on how you look at it)
  - Roads are very narrow with little room for error
  - Extra drivers cost extra, but you MUST register each driver
  - Roundabouts are a little nerve-wracking at first, just remember, LOOK (and YIELD) RIGHT
    - If there is a car coming from your right, THEY GO FIRST, even if you got there first (these are not 4 way stops)
    - stay in the outside lane until you get the hang of changing lanes in the middle of a round-about
    - Try to block “European Vacation” out of your mind

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Don't worry...we'll carry an atlas, but peruse the maps to get a feel for the area of exploration.

[Here](#) is a close up of Ireland in general



QUINN CASTLE

[Here](#) is an interactive map of a few Clare attractions.



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- Get passports at least 2-3 months in advance to avoid “rush” charge. <14 years old has a special form/procedure
- Passport home page with the U.S. Government:  
[http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)
- EVERYONE has to have a passport to get back into the States
- Remember, leave a copy at home with a friend/family member, just in case



# Baggage

- ★ 2 Checked bags less than 70 lbs each
  - ★ 1 carry on, and one small personal item (i.e purse, or camera bag)
  - ★ Remember to keep carry-on's light-weight
  - ★ Pack all necessities in carry-on's
    - ★ Change of socks/underwear
    - ★ Medicines/toothbrush/comb
    - ★ Sunglasses
    - ★ Umbrella/Jacket
  - ★ No sharp objects, including tweezers/files/fingernail clippers
    - ★ No cigarette lighters, but wooden matches are allowed
    - ★ No liquid (as of 8-12-2006)
  - ★ Avoid wearing metal or putting anything in your pockets
  - ★ Wear slip on shoes, as you are required to remove them at security check points
  - ★ Carry all electronics with you if you can (laptops, cameras, etc.)
  - ★ Leave extra space in luggage for gifts – try to keep them accessible for customs checks upon return.
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# Itinerary



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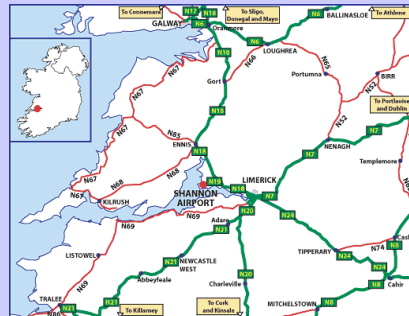
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- We will be flying out of Nashville (airport code BNA) on May 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> and into Shannon, Ireland, (airport code SNN) arriving the next day (overnight flight)
- There will be at least one stop, and maybe a brief delay in Dublin both going and coming, 13-16 hour flight times
- Air prices vary daily, so several options are listed, and will be updated periodically until plans are finalized
- We will be returning June 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> and arriving home that same day (NOT an overnight flight)

# Local Passport Offices

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- Dickson Post Office from 9am – 11am on WED only
- Franklin Post Office from 9a – 4pm M-Th, 8:30-11a on Saturday
- Roanoke Post Office from 9a-4pm M-Th, 9-11a on Saturday, appointment required



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# Children and Passports



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→ For a Child <14, Bring with you:

- birth certificate of child with parent's names on it
- valid driver's license of parent
- a person who can vouch for you with their valid driver's license
- BOTH parent's must be present and sign the document in the presence of the passport official. OR have the correct notarized form with one parent present
- 2 passport photos (of David/Child) 2 x 2 inch
- **\$82.00 for David/Child under 16**
- **[DS-11: Application for Passport](#) (new)**

# Adult Passport Information

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- **Renewal is \$67** – send form DS-82 and prior passport with fee (no photo) to: National Passports Processing, P.O. Box 371971, Pittsburg, PA 15250-7971
  - Make checks payable to the “U.S. Department of State”
  - Full name and birth date of applicant must be on front of check
- **New is \$97**
  - bring form DS-11
  - birth certificate
  - driver's license
  - 2 color 2x2 photos of you
  - you must provide your social security number or incur a \$500 fine.
- [DS-82: Application For Passport By Mail \(renewal\)](#)
- [DS-11: Application for Passport \(new\)](#)
- If you would like to fill out the DS-82 renewal form online, [click here.](#)

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- **Cheapest Option so far:**

- **\$695**

- **Average seems to be:**

- **\$700**



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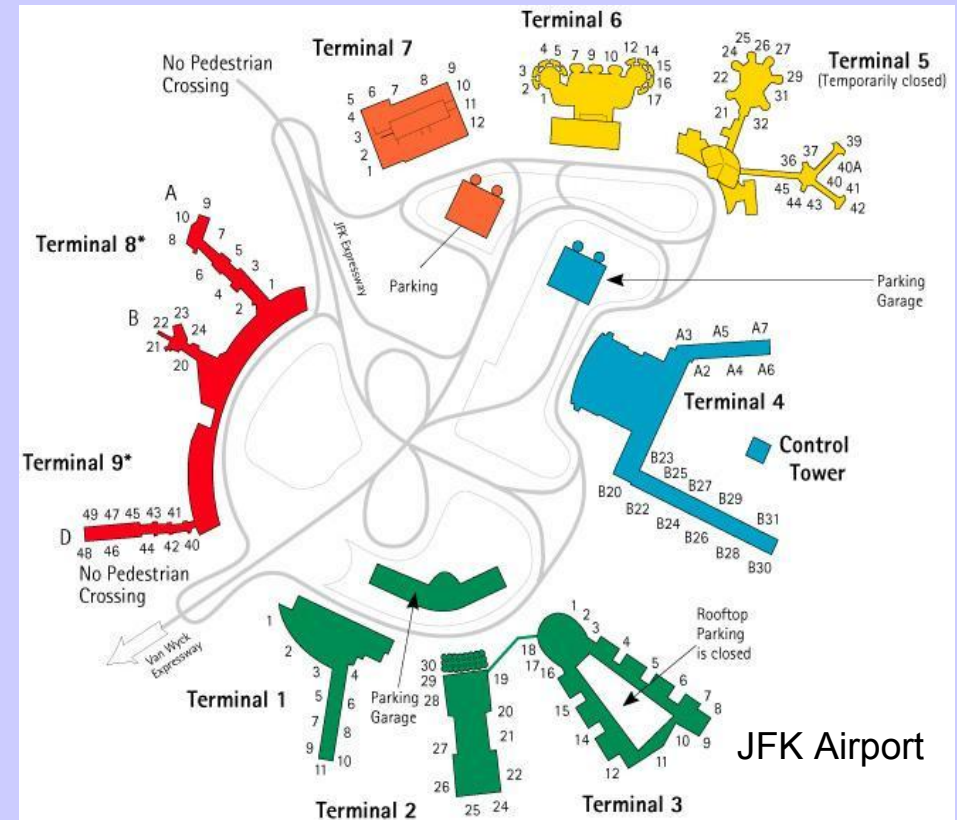
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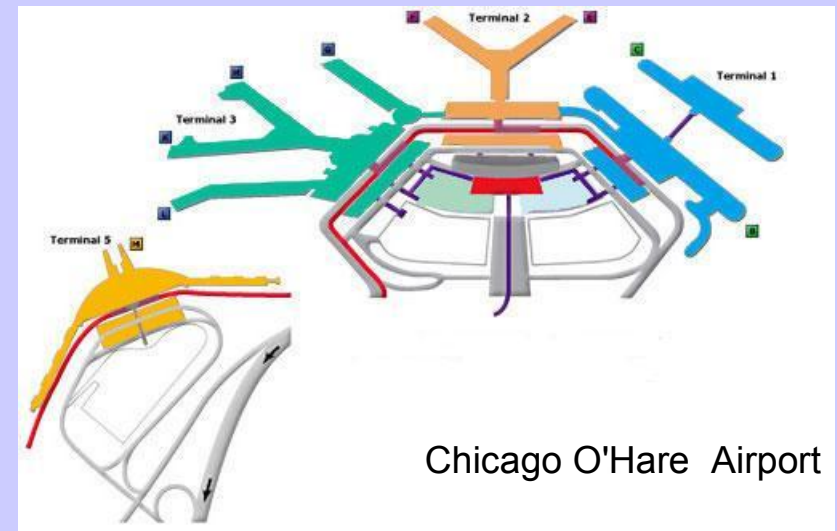
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JFK Airport



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Chicago O'Hare Airport

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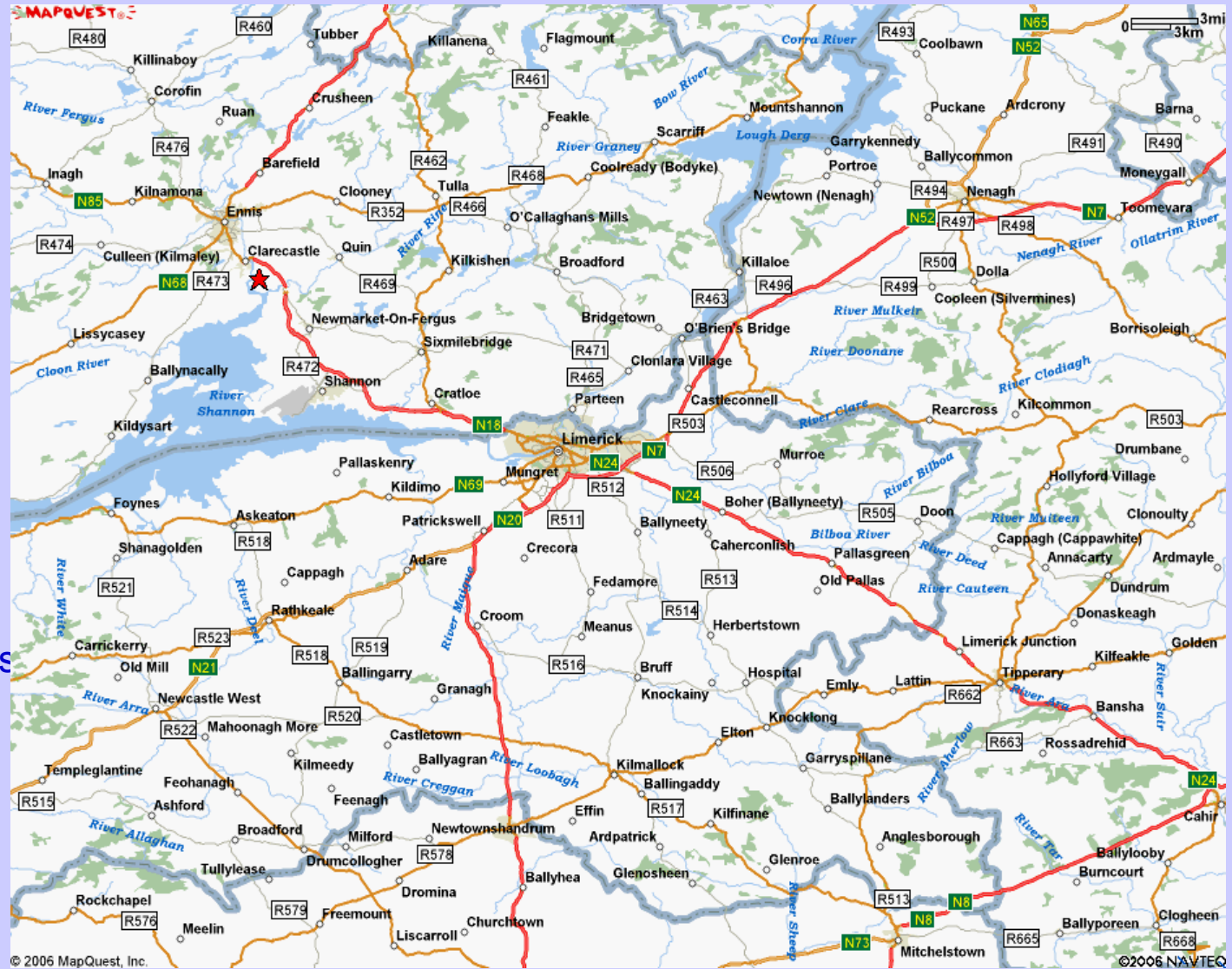
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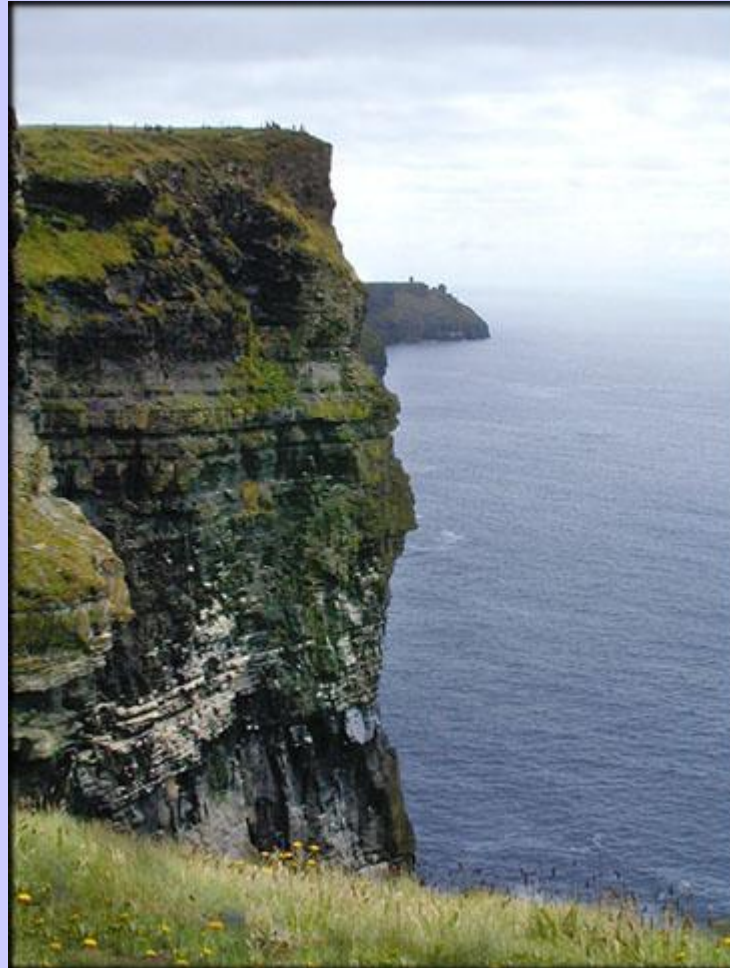
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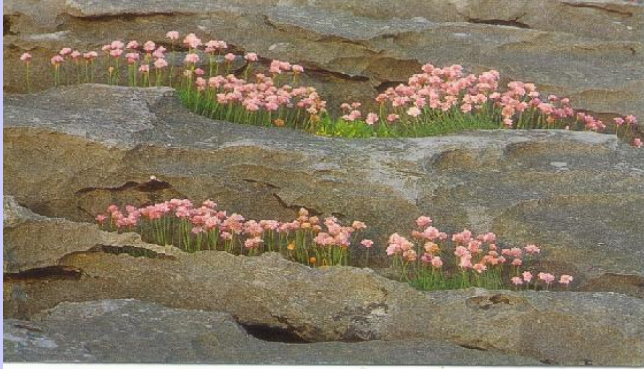
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- [Callura Cottage](#) -- near Lahinch; 3 bedrooms, 6 ppl: 400 euro
- [Links Holiday Village](#) -- in Lahinch; 4 bedrooms, 6ppl: 700 euro
- [Barrtra Lodge](#) -- in Lahinch; 5 bedrooms, >10ppl: 900-1000euro
- [Liscannor Holiday Village](#) -- 4 bedrooms, 6ppl: 375 euro



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- Ballyvaughan

- [Ray's Cottages](#) -- 6 ppl: 450 euro. 3 min walk to private beach.
- [Ballyvaughan Village and Holiday Homes](#) -- 3 bedroom, 6ppl: 375-430 euro. On quiet courtyard off the main street in town
- [Lisheen House](#) -- 6 bedrms: 700euro. Beautiful, overlooks bay
- [Sycamore House](#) -- 5 bedrooms: 700euro: *On the river/bay*
- [Lockie's Cottage](#) -- 3 bedrooms, 8-9ppl: 600 euro. Overlooks bay
- [Burren Shore House](#) -- 4 bedrooms, 8-9 ppl: 750 euro. Overlooks Galway Bay
- [Burren Haven House](#) -- 3 bedrooms, 6 ppl: 600-800 euro. Overlooks Galway Bay
- [Dos Cottage](#) -- 4 bedrooms, 8 ppl: \_\_\_\_ euro. "Architectural House"

- Lisdoonvarna

- [Cruaca Mhaire](#) -- 3 bedrooms, 7ppl: 500-600 euro

- Doolin

- [Doolin Coastal Cottages](#) -- 3 bedrooms, 8 ppl: 300 euro

- "Burren" Cottages (various)

- [Eiri Na Greine](#) -- 3 bedrooms, 6ppl: 400euro. In middle of Burren

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- [Ballyhannon Castle Coach House](#) -- 3 bedrooms, 6 ppl: 750-990 euro. On grounds of castle
- [Shalom House](#) -- 5 bedrooms, 9ppl: 600 euro. Traditional style in Ennis
- [Clare Manor](#) -- 4 bedrooms, 8 ppl: 650 euro. Ranch style in Ennis
- [Garville Court Holiday Homes](#) -- 3 bedrooms, 5 ppl: 637 euro. Condo's in Ennis town
- [Ashgrove Cottage](#) -- 3 bedrooms, 6ppl: 700 euro. Old farmhouse, renovated to 4 star standards.
- [Eden Lodge](#) -- 5 bedrooms, 10ppl: \_\_\_\_ euro. On grounds of horse farm.
- [Strasburgh Manor](#) -- 4 bedrooms, 9 ppl: 600 euro. Old Manor house grounds
- [The Old Parochial House](#) -- 6 bedrooms, 12 ppl: 825 euro.

# Corofin Houses

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- [Lakeside Cottages](#) -- 2 cottages, each with 2 bedrooms (duplex) 280 euro each. ON the lake/River Fergus (across the driveway)
- [Rock Lodge](#) -- 4 bedrooms, 8 ppl: 500 euro. Edge of village.
- [Ceol na Coillte](#) -- 3 bedrooms, 6 ppl: 400-600 euro. Overlooking lake



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- [Castle Gardens Bunratty](#) -- 4 bedrooms, 8 ppl: 682 euro. On grounds of folk park
  - [Cahergall Cottage](#) -- 4 bedroom, 8ppl: 800 euro. Horseback riding on site (award winning bed and breakfast).
  - [Mt. Cashel Lodges](#) -- (Stables) 4 bedroom, 8-10ppl: 1260 euro. Riverside walk – boating/fishing on site.



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- Leave Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, Return Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Economytravel.com: \$695 (flying USAirways)
    - Leave Nashville at 3:15pm on 25<sup>th</sup>
    - Arrive Shannon at 8:30am on 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Change planes at Philadelphia
    - Leave Shannon at 11:10am on 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Arrive Nashville at 5:24pm on 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Travelocity: \$699 (flying USAirways)
    - Leave Nashville at 3:15pm on 25<sup>th</sup>
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    - Change planes at Philadelphia
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    - Arrive Nashville at 5:24pm on 2<sup>nd</sup>

# Leaving Saturday, May 26th

- Leave Saturday May 26th, Return Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Economytravel: \$695 (flying USAirways)
  - Travelocity: \$699 (same itinerary)
    - Leave Nashville at 3:15pm on 26<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)
    - Arrive Shannon at 8:30am on 27<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)
    - Change planes at Philadelphia
    - Leave Shannon at 11:10am on 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)
    - Arrive Nashville at 5:15pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)
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  - ➔ **VisitIreland.com**

    - ➔ **Europcar (with A/C)**

      - ➔ **Compact Automatic \$226**

      - ➔ **Compact Manual \$111**

      - ➔ **Intermediate Automatic \$226**

      - ➔ **Intermediate Manual \$143**

  - ➔ **Priceline.com**

    - ➔ **Autoeurope**

      - ➔ **Compact Automatic \$365**

      - ➔ **Compact Manual \$124 (no A/C)**

      - ➔ **Midsize Automatic \$460**

      - ➔ **Midsize Manual \$171 (w/ A/C)**



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Distances are deceiving. Something that looks like it is going to take 2 hours to get to will probably take 30 minutes or less

That being said, the roads are VERY rural. Their 2 lane roads wouldn't pass for a one lane road in the states.

This has to be kept in mind for daily travel. The idea is to pick one basic area a day and explore

For a quick distance calculator, go [here](#)

For a run down of road signs, go [here](#)

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- The currency of the Republic of Ireland is euro (€).
- Euro notes are in seven denominations: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 euro. There is 100 cent to the euro and coins are in eight denominations: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent, and 1 and 2 euro.
- Euro currency should only be used in the Republic and sterling currency in Northern Ireland.
- Also, the correct term is 50 Euro, not 50 Euros, it doesn't have an "s" on the end.
- Conversion rates vary, but its usually \$1.25 for every 1Euro.
- Try [here](#) for a current conversion calculator
- Please *do not forget* to contact your bank *and* credit card companies before you leave!! This is VERY important
- There are plenty of atms/debit machines around, so bring your debit card - traveler's checks are a *HUGE* hassle, so avoid them.

# Good Eats



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- We plan to stop at a supermarket in Ennis on the way in, planning on about 25-50Euro per person for the week, not including eating out/spending money.
- There are plenty of pubs around, and the food is actually quite good. Prices range from 5-10 euro at pubs, 15-30 euro at restaurants.
- Plan on maybe one or two restaurant meals, with frequent pub stops. Dinner is usually served late (7-8pm), with coffee or tea around 3-4pm.
- Drink: You must be 18 to drink alcohol in Ireland...and Guinness is the mainstay. Youngsters may enter most pubs before 9pm, but not purchase alcohol.
- Smoking: IRELAND IS SMOKE FREE IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES.
- Notable Eateries:
  - [Gus O'Connor's](#), Doolin – one of the most famous pubs in Ireland
  - [Bunratty Castle's Medieval Banquet](#) -- think luau in Ireland
  - [Barrtra' Seafood Restaurant](#) Lahinch – award winning and family friendly.

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- There is a 17% value-added-tax applied to most everything.
- This is refundable, but you must fill out the form while in the store, and present this form with the receipt to customs upon leaving to validate it.
- Then you mail the form back to the store (sometimes you get it back at the airport, but not always) and they will mail you a refund back.
- It sound's complicated, but think about getting 17% back on *every* purchase you make
- This is a **hidden tax**, meaning that it is already included in the price you see on the price tag (unlike the states where it is added at the register)





# Rain, Rain, Rain?

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- You will probably discover all the different types of rain in Ireland

- Take comfort, it almost *never* rains all day, just a shower or two in the mornings or evenings, then the sun comes out

- Winters in Ireland are mild and summers temperate due to the influence of the warm waters of the North Atlantic Drift.

- Ireland has a mild climate all year- averaging 35°-45°F in winter and 65°-75°F in summer. So while we won't need A/C, don't expect to go swimming!

- May and June are the sunniest months with an average of over 7 hours of sunshine per day. Sunset is usually around 10pm!!

- Rain suits and umbrella's should be carried EVERY day, so make sure your gear is portable/small.

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- Health Insurance: Most major insurance plans will reimburse you for expenses out of the country, so bring your cards. Check with your insurance company before you leave
  - Travel Insurance: probably a waste of money...your home owner's insurance probably covers alot of this (ours does), but check with your agent if you are interested
    - **expenses that can be covered by travel insurance:**
      - Cancellation Fees & lost deposits, Overseas medical expenses emergency dental expenses, Damage to or loss of luggage, Loss of travel documents, Disruption of your journey, Permanent disability, Your death, Burial of your body and transport expenses, Your liability for causing injury,death or damage to property
  - CDW (car insurance): an absolute requirement on each car (you can't even rent a car without it usually). Most credit card's include this in Europe, *except for Ireland*. We will check with Mastercard and Visa before we leave, and bring copies of these statements with us on our trip.

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- We may not have a phone in the cottage, and our cell phones are not international phones.
- [Verizon International Package](#): includes phone, sim chip, case, battery, etc. For \$3.99 a day rental, plus \$1.49 a minute talk time (roughly \$28 to get the equipment, plus minutes)
- We will need at least 1 phone, preferably 2, so that we can keep in touch if there is no phone in the cottage.
  - For those of you who have Cingular, we can see about renting a chip for \$1 a day from the car company, autoeurope.com (discount code OK1)
  - If this isn't an option, we can rent phones from verizon as above

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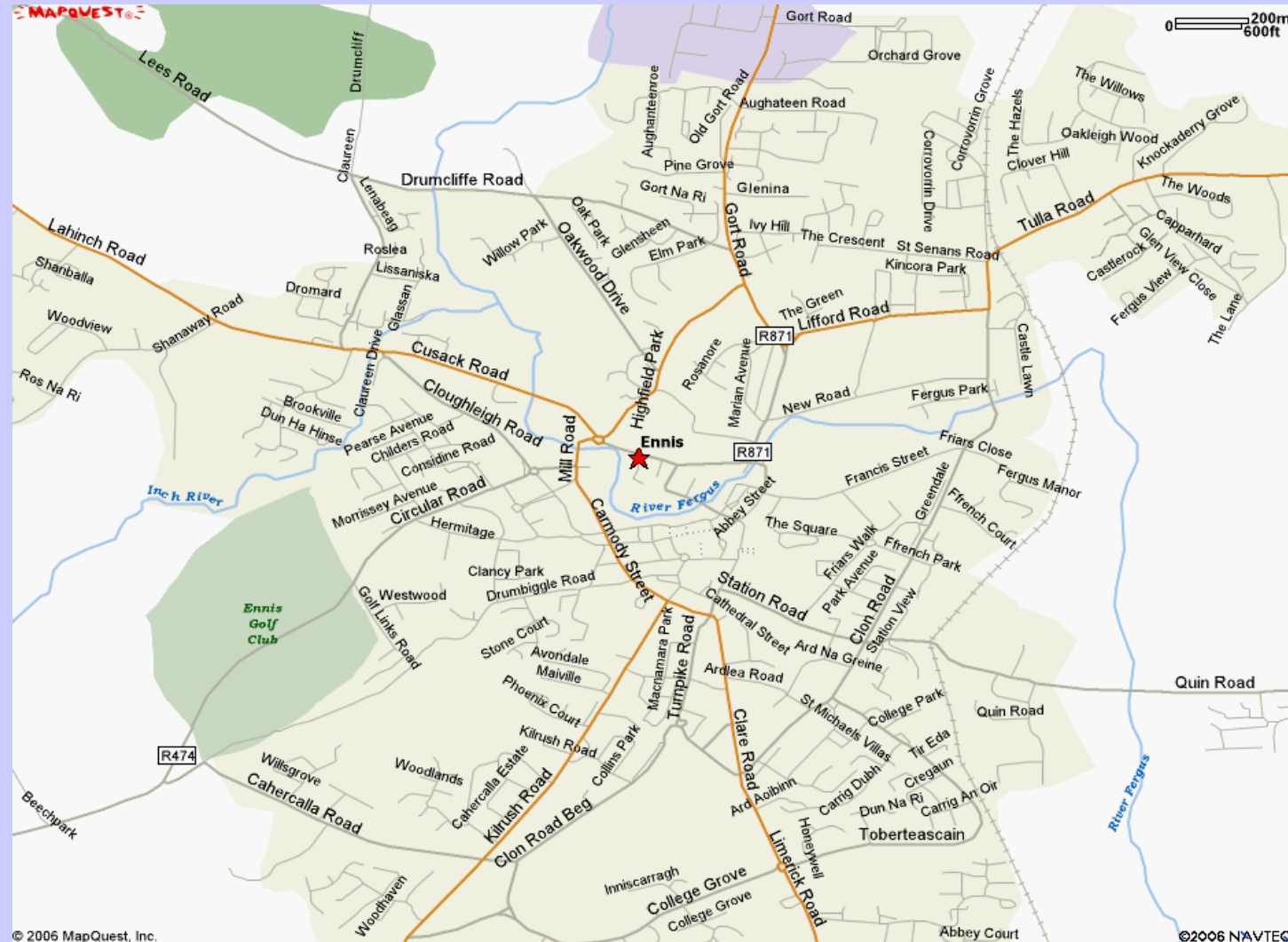
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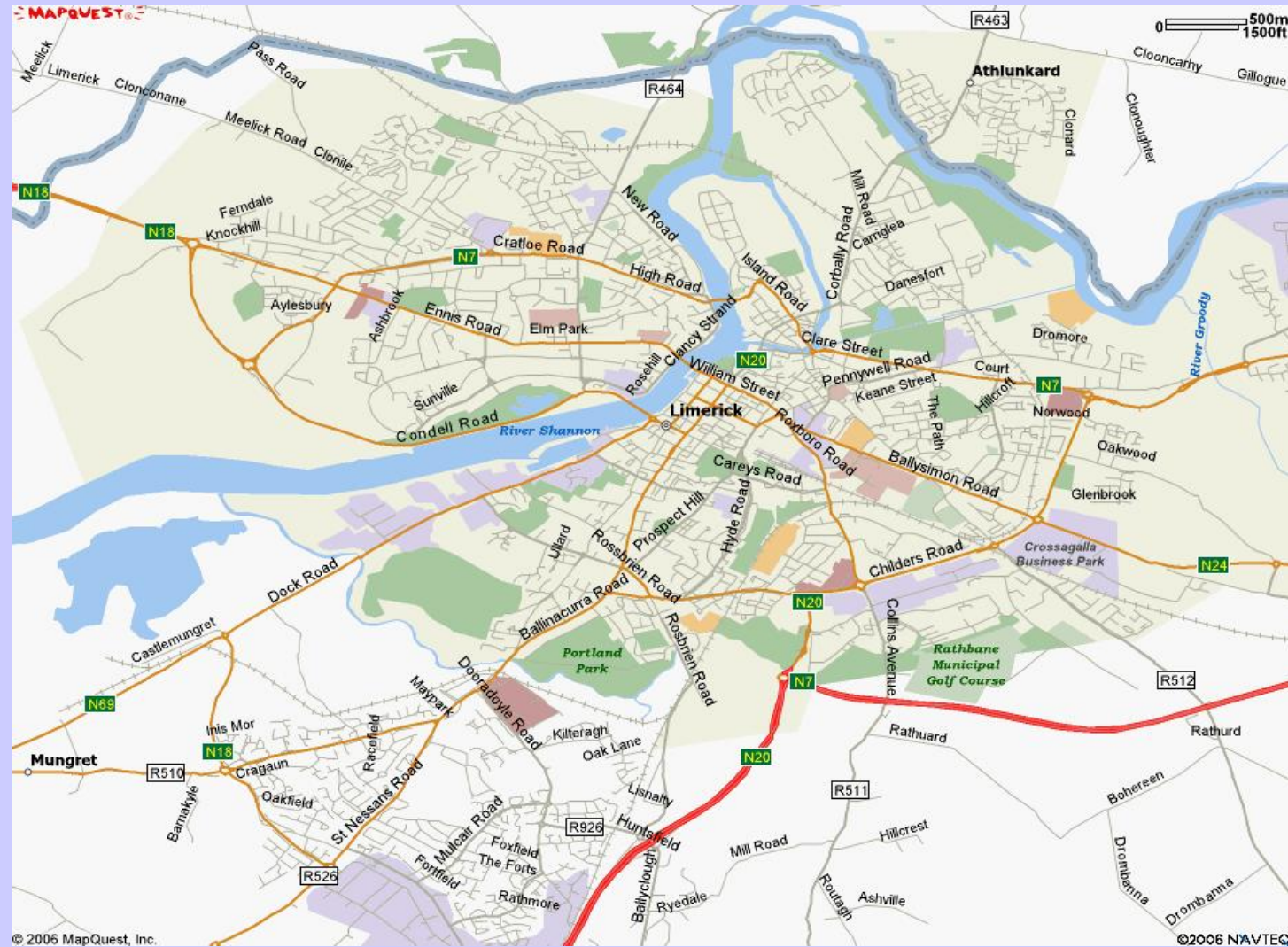
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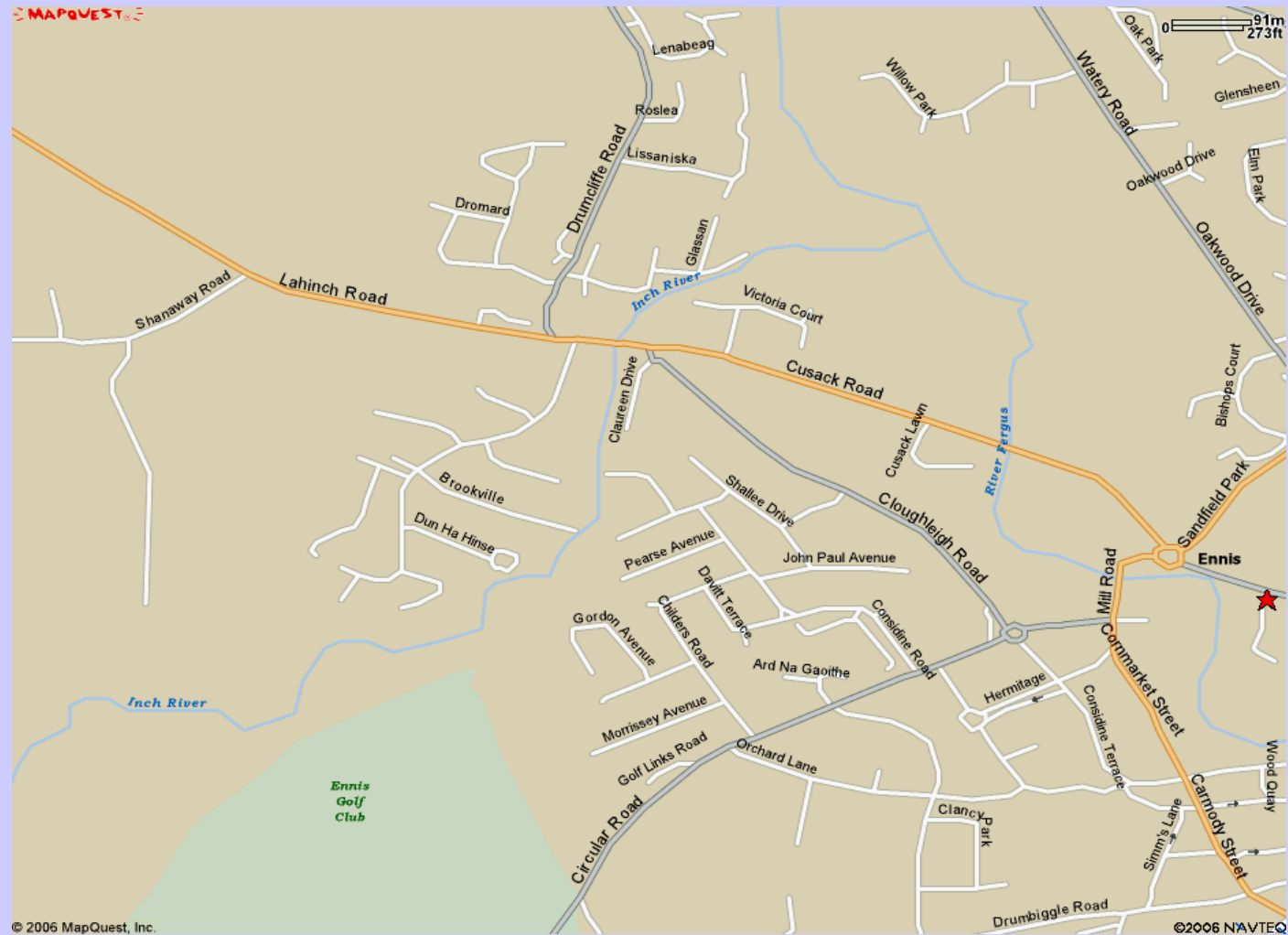


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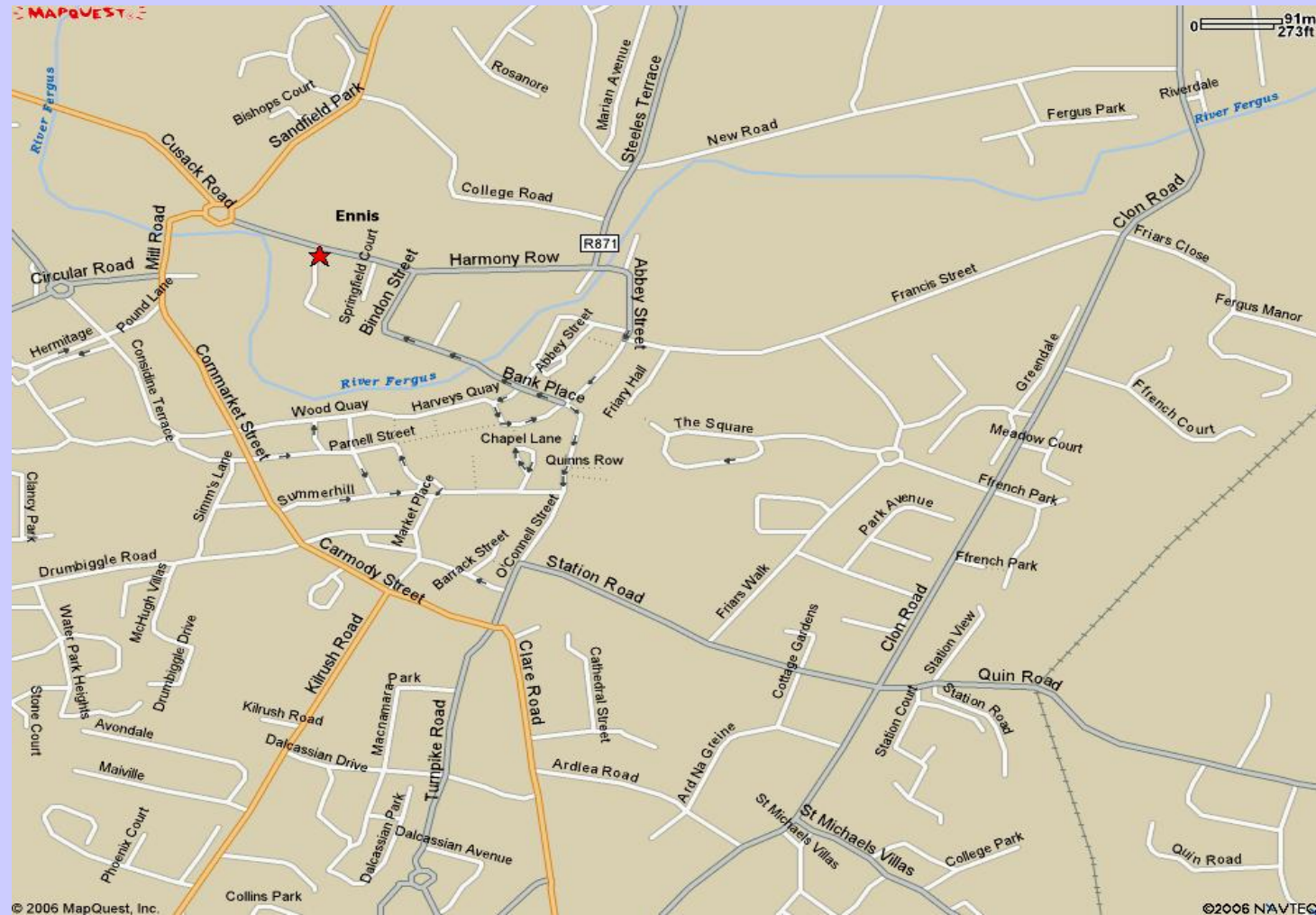
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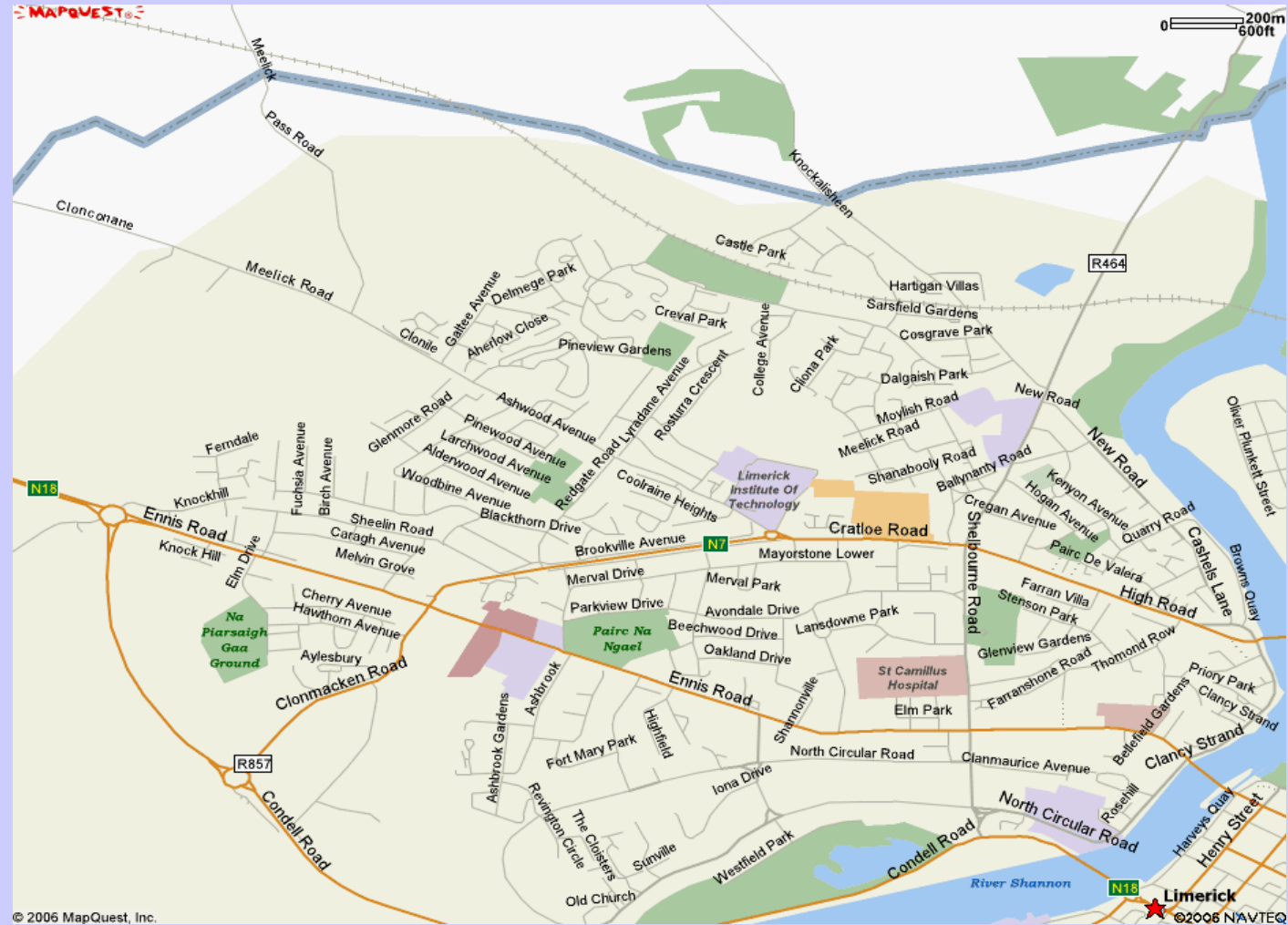
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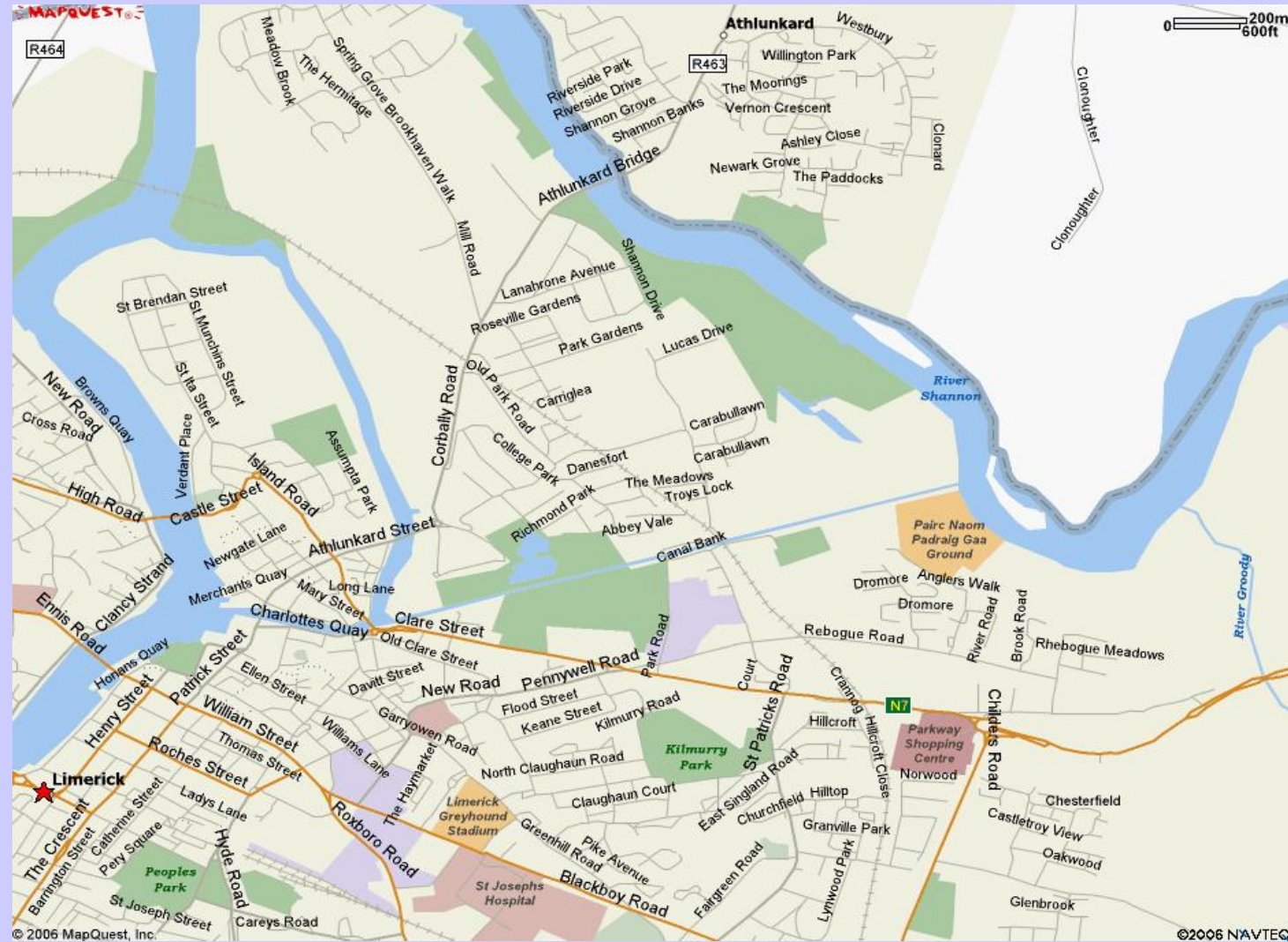
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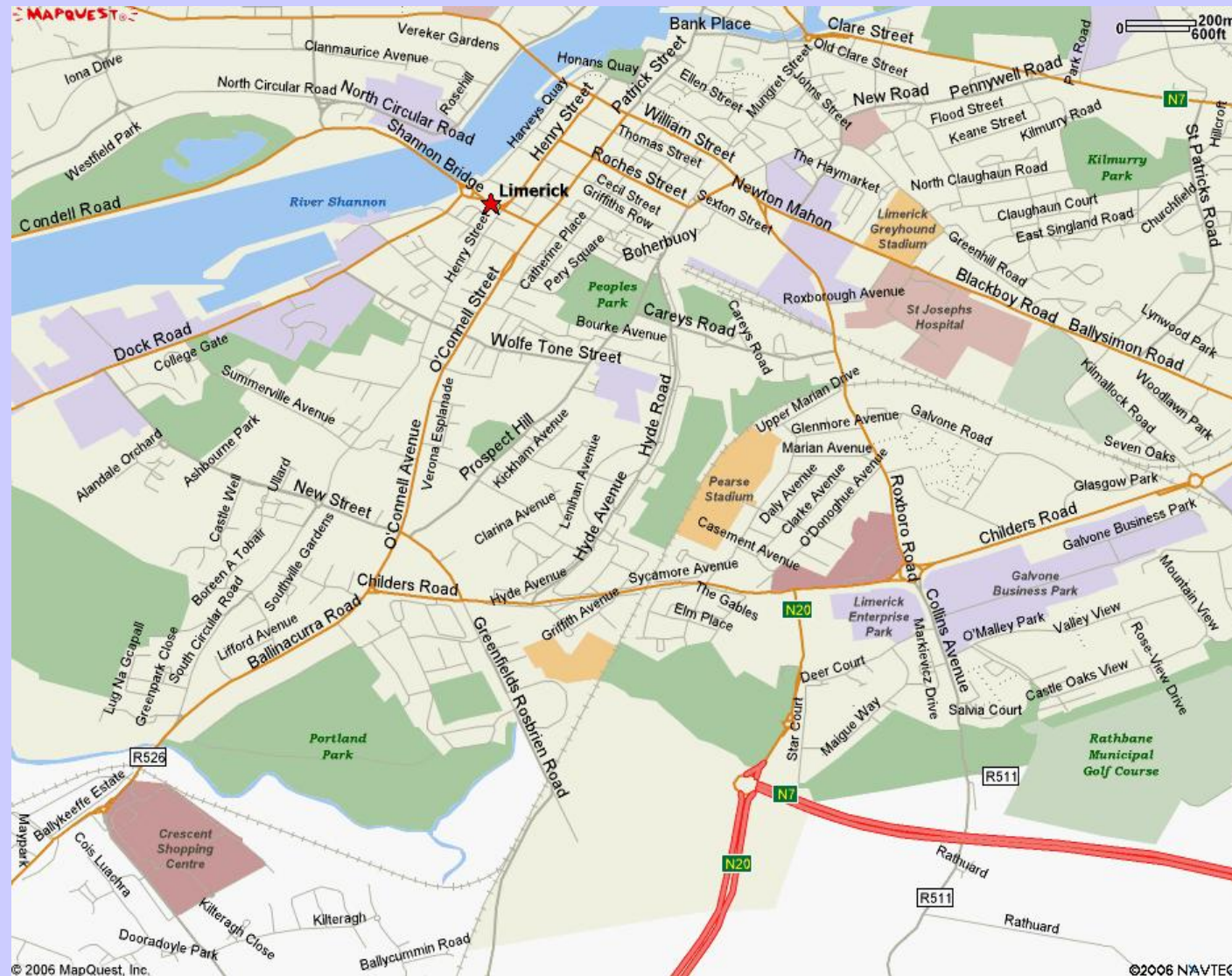
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- **Riverside Mews** – series of houses, positioned on the River Shannon. 650 euro – 3 bedrooms, sleeps 5.
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- **Castleoliver Farm** - Various housing options located on the old farm estate of Castle Oliver
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