

Codex4SMEs

Double Session Information & Networking Event in Galway

INFO PACK

Dear participants,

In this document you will find all the necessary logistical information to help you find your way to Galway and to the venue.

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HOW TO GET TO GALWAY

ARRIVAL BY PLANE

Most of you will be flying into Dublin so this information relates to travelling to/from Dublin Airport. (www.dublinairport.com). If you are considering another airport (e.g. Shannon, Ireland West/Knock), please let me know and we can provide some information.

DUBLIN AIRPORT TO GALWAY BY BUS

(Fastest and most direct way to get from Dublin Airport to Galway)

As the Airport is not served by trains, there are regular bus services directly from Dublin Airport to Galway city. Some of these pass through Dublin City Centre, others go directly to Galway by motorway. These buses depart from the Bus Terminal Zones that are located together opposite Terminal 1. Those arriving at Terminal 2 will have a short walk (See adjacent map). The express buses leave Dublin airport and go directly to Galway with 2.5hr journey time. Those passing through Dublin city centre take a little longer (3 hrs). You will arrive at Galway Coach station which is just a 3 minute walk to the recommended Hotel – Hotel Meyrick.



RECOMMENDED BUS SERVICES



Citylink (www.citylink.ie/routes) this is a frequent service (hourly – usually departing at 06:15hrs), cost €28-€32return- web fares) It has a number of non-stop journeys (called Eireagle Direct – www.eireagle.com). Departs Bus Zone 13.



Gobus www.gobus.ie Frequent (mostly hourly – usually departing at 06:45hrs), (approx. €28 return), depending on your arrival time, it also provides some non-stop bus services (journey time 2.5 hours non-stop). Departs Bus Zone 13.

DUBLIN TO GALWAY BY TRAIN

For those that prefer to travel by train, the Dublin-Galway train departs from Heuston Station and arrives in Galway Ceannt Station in Galway city centre, just 3 minutes from the recommended hotel. However, the journey will take longer, and will be more expensive as you must get a bus from the airport to the train station first, which takes 40-60 minutes, depending on traffic. The train journey itself will take approx. 2.5 hours.

GETTING TO TRAIN STATION (FROM AIRPORT)



By Bus from Dublin Airport to Train Station: To travel to Galway by train, first you need to take the Airlink Express Bus 747 from Dublin Airport to Heuston Rail Station. These are very frequent (every 10-15 mins) at a cost of €10 return. Tickets can be purchased from vending machines located at the bus departure points or sometimes on the bus itself. For very organised people, prepaid tickets can be bought at the Bus/ Rail info desk inside terminal buildings or online (For more information, see link: [Dublin Bus Timetables](#))

Note: The Airlink 747 bus leaves from directly outside the Terminal Buildings (and not from the other Bus Zones mentioned earlier)

By taxi: A taxi from the Airport to the train station should be much quicker (30 mins) – the cost would be approx €25 each way.

Dublin (Heuston Station)-Galway (Ceannt Station) Train Timetable



Train website: www.irishrail.ie, including on-line booking (You can also buy tickets at the station). Trains are less frequent than the buses (approx. every 2 hours in morning/early afternoon, and then some every hour in the evening: The full train timetable is in the following link: [Train Timetable](#))

Note: As the timetables may be confusing, I have also included a summary of Dublin-Galway train services in the final page of this guide for those considering this option. The latest train departs Dublin at 19.35 hours. Typical cost for return train journey is €40 - €45.

Overnight in Dublin on arrival? Travel Tips, depending on arrival dates/times, for those that may have to stay overnight in Dublin on their arrival or departure:

Link to hotel directly opposite Heuston Train Station: [Ashling Hotel Train Station](#) Partners may wish to get the Airlink bus to Heuston Station, walk across to this hotel for the night (take a walk around Dublin if desired), and then get the early train to Galway on Tuesday morning (Depart Dub 07.35). The Galway train station is very near the centre, the recommended hotel and meeting venue.

Airport Hotels: Links to hotels at the airport to get a bus direct to Galway on Tuesday morning (or for return travel after the meeting).

[Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport](#), or [Radisson Blu Dublin Airport](#)

DUBLIN TO GALWAY BY CAR (HIRE)



For large groups that are travelling, it may be economical to hire a car at Dublin Airport (especially if you get some offers through your flight booking). This way you will see more beautiful Irish countryside, and if you have time in Galway you can experience some of the internationally renowned Wild Atlantic Way). The journey from Dublin to Galway is fairly straight forward by Motorway (Follow M50, then M4, then merge onto M6 at Junction 11. **(Tip:** Take the correct M6 exit at Junction 11 and not the earlier 'Kinnegad' Junction 10 exit – they are very close together..!)

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

For the Codex4SMEs meeting, we have agreed a special rate with the **Hotel Meyrick (4 star)** in the city centre close to the bus/train stations and most convenient for the meeting venues. The reduced rate is €149 per night for bed and breakfast. Of course you can also check online for other offers.

Recommended Hotel:

1. **Hotel Meyrick**, www.hotelmeyrick.ie/, 4 Star, very central, 3-minute walk to train & bus stations and is also the Double Session Information & Networking Event venue. **To book a room:** Call the hotel, Tel.: +353 91 564041 to make your reservation (Rooms are already fully booked via Meyrick's online platform). You will need to provide contact details and a credit/debit card to confirm your booking.

Other Suggested Hotels:

2. The Galmont, www.thegalmont.com, 4 star hotel, 3 min walk – approx €167 per night
3. Park House hotel, www.parkhousehotel.ie, 2 min walk, approx. approx €270 per night
4. Jurys Inn, www.jurysinns.com/Galway 3 star (Central) – approx. €140 per night, including breakfast
5. Harbour Hotel, www.harbour.ie Good 3 star - (Relatively Central) – approx. €169 per night
6. Connacht Hotel, www.theconnacht.ie, 3 star (further from the Centre and taxis would be required) approx. €93 per night
7. The Victoria Hotel, Galway, www.victoriahotelgalway.com, 3 min walk – approx. €100 per night

Alternative Bed and Breakfast Accommodation:

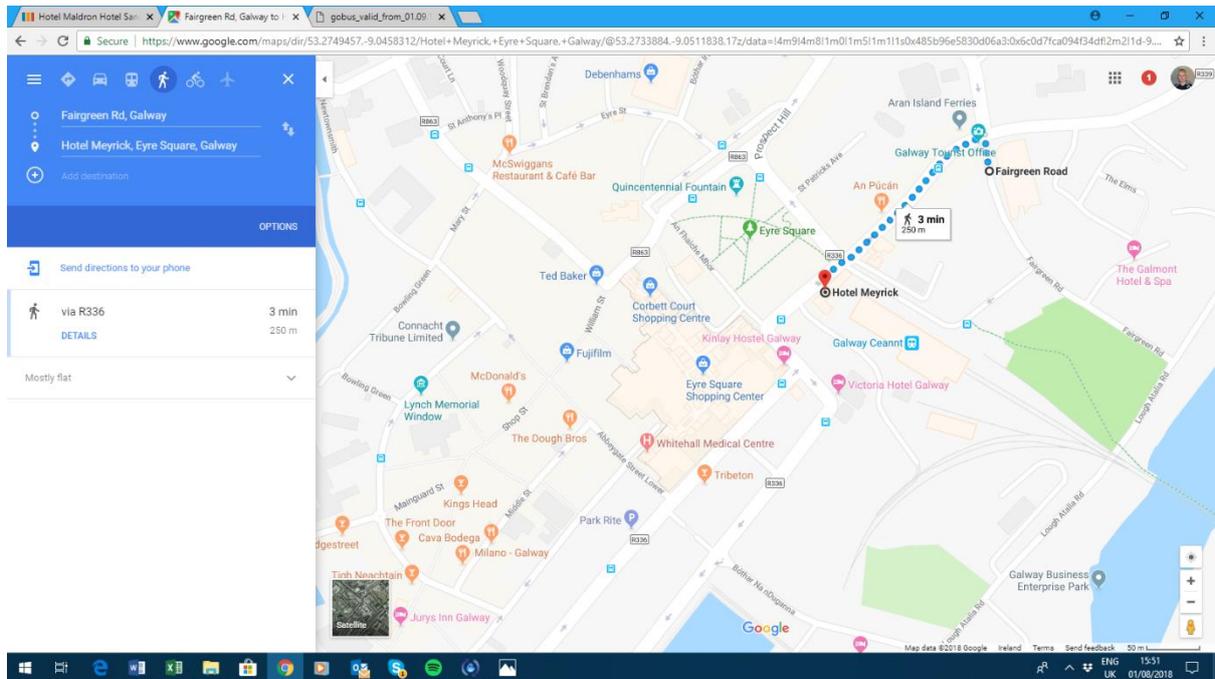
8. As a tourist city, Galway has many bed and breakfast accommodations in family homes. If you wish to take this option, the best location is College Road, Galway, as it is the most central. You may find possibilities at www.trivago.ie (e.g Copper Beech B&B).

The Double Session Information & Networking Event Venue

Wednesday 18th September 2019:

09.30 – 15.00 : Connemara Suite at Hotel Meyrick, Eyre Square, Galway - www.hotelmeyrick.ie

(1 min walk from Galway Ceannt train station and 3 min walk from Coach Station on Fairgreen Road)



TOURIST INFO

<http://www.discoverireland.ie/Galway/>

Known the world over for its friendly people, charming streets, shopping and nightlife, Galway will refresh flagging spirits like no other place. Wander Galway City's cobble-stoned streets and feel yourself stepping back in time to Medieval Ireland. Visit the famous Galway Farmers Market in Church Lane for lots of great Irish delicacies and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere. Have a break to remember in Galway.

EYRE SQUARE

Eyre Square ('An Fhaiche Mhór' in Irish) in the heart of Galway City, is officially known as the John F. Kennedy Memorial Park. The square has a rich history dating back to medieval times when markets took place on the green in front of the town gates. In 1710, Mayor Edward Eyre officially presented the plot of land to the city. It remains a popular gathering place for visitors and natives alike and the grass areas are often packed on sunny days. There is a playground here and seasonal markets take place during the year. A bust of the US President Kennedy, who was made a Freeman of



the city, marks the spot where he made a speech to approximately 100,000 Galway people in 1963, on his last trip before his assassination. Over the years, the square has undergone a number of name changes and facelifts to become the present square, which received the Irish Landscape Institute Design Award in 2007. There are a number of ornate fixtures in the park, such as the historic Browne family mansion doorway (1627) and the Quincentennial fountain (1984) which is a representation of the Galway Hooker, which is a traditional fishing boat unique to Galway.

THE SPANISH ARCH

The Spanish Arch built in 1584, stands on the left bank of the River Corrib, where Galway's river meets the sea. The arch is the remainder of a 16th century bastion, added to the town's walls to protect



merchant ships from looting. At this time, it was known as Ceann an Bhalla (Head of the Wall). It was originally an extension of the famous city walls, designed to protect the quays. The Spanish Arch is, in fact, a misnomer, as there is no proven association between the Spanish in Galway and the building of the Arch. The Arch features a wooden sculpture, called Madonna of the Quays, which was sculpted by the well known artist, Claire Sheridan, who lived in the adjacent building during the 1950's. Today The Spanish Arch is home to Galway City Museum, which nestles into one of its impressive walls. Its current title Spanish Arch dates from the last century - a reference to the former merchant trade with Spain, whose galleons often docked under its protection.

GALWAY CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas is more commonly known as Galway Cathedral. This site, on the banks of the Corrib River was originally the site of the old city jail. Work began in 1958 and was completed in 1965 making this the last great stone Cathedral to be built in Europe. Its dome, at a height of 44.2 metres (145 ft), is a prominent landmark on the city skyline. Its architecture draws on many influences with the dome and pillars reflecting a Renaissance style and the rose windows and mosaics, echo the broad tradition of Christian art. The word “cathedral” is derived from the Greek ‘kathedra’ meaning seat as only a Cathedral can contain a bishop’s seat.



THE LONG WALK

The Long Walk is a section of the quays of Galway City which is designated as a special Architectural Conservation Area by Galway City Council who state that it has “particularly attractive



setting, with views towards the sea and the Claddagh and characterises a distinct urban form, which reflects Galway’s historic relationship with the sea.

Built sometime in the 18th century by the Eyre family of Eyrecourt, The Long Walk is connected to the rest of Galway quay by The Spanish Arch. This is one of Galway’s most historic landmarks and was built in 1584 as an extension of the city’s medieval walls spanning from Martin’s Tower to the bank of the Corrib to protect merchant ships from looting. Originally called Cean an Bhalla (Irish for ‘Head of the Wall’), the arch later became known as The Spanish Arch due to the number of Spanish trading ships that docked in Galway harbour.

THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

The Wild Atlantic Way is set to be Ireland’s first long-distance touring route along the Atlantic coast from Donegal to West Cork. Stretching 2400km, it provides breath-taking views of all of the areas located along the west coast of Ireland.

Click on link to view video.

[The Wild Atlantic Way](#)



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SUMMARY OF DUBLIN-GALWAY / GALWAY-DUBLIN TRAIN TIMETABLE

(for those considering this option, although the bus directly from the airport is quicker)



OUTWARD JOURNEY – From Dublin Heuston to Galway (Ceannt) – Tues 17 Sept 2019

Dept.	Arrive	Duration & Changes	Online fares
07.35	10.08	2 h 33m – 0 changes	€17.99
9.25	11.48	2 h 23m – 0 changes	€17.99
11.25	13.43	2 h 18m – 0 changes	€17.99
13.25	15.40	2 h 15m – 0 changes	€17.99
15.35	17.58	2 h 23m – 0 changes	€17.99
16.30	18.50	2 h 20m – 0 changes	€17.99
17.30	19.57	2 h 27m – 0 changes	€17.99
18.30	20.50	2 h 20m – 0 changes	€17.99
19.35	22.00	2 h 25m – 0 changes	€17.99

RETURN JOURNEY – From Galway (Ceannt) to Dublin Heuston – Thurs 19 Sept 2019

Dept.	Arrive	Duration & Changes	Online fares
5.30	07.59	2 h 29m – 0 changes	€17.99
6.30	08.41	2 h 11m – 0 changes	€17.99
7.30	09.47	2 h 17m – 0 changes	€17.99
09.30	11.52	2 h 22m – 0 changes	€17.99
11.00	13.37	2 h 37m – 0 changes	€18.99
13.05	15.42	2 h 37m – 0 changes	€17.99
15.05	17.38	2 h 33m – 0 changes	€17.99
17.20	19.54	2 h 34m – 0 changes	€17.99
18.10	21.29	3 h 19m – 1 change	€17.99
19.20	21.48	2 h 28m – 0 changes	€17.99