

Sligo

Sligo is great spot to stop on the return journey as the lion's share of the journey is over and you're not far from Galway. If time is on your side travelling to Donegal, and you plan on stopping more than once-Sligo is such a nice wee town. It's lovely to take a half hour in Strand hill or Rosses point for a beech walk, or if you'd prefer to stretch the legs on a path- Glencar waterfall has a lovely walk in Drumcliff on the "Donegal Side" of Sligo town.

Walks: Rosses Point Beach; Strandhill Beach, Glencar waterfall

Lunch/ Dinner: Hooked/Austies (lunch), Yeats Tavern/Davey's (Pubgrub/dinner); Bistro Bianconi(Italian); Tuco's Taqueria (Mexican)

Coffee: Baker Boy, Shells, Le Fournil bakery

Donegal Town

Donegal town is about 2 and half hours from Galway, and 90 mins from Carndonagh. It is a really good place to stop if you only want to stop once as it means you are more than halfway there. There are a few recommended options below, but there is also a really good service

station the far side of the town (put "Supermac's Donegal Service Station" into maps). It is just off a roundabout which is great for fuel, and an ice cream!

Walks: River bank walk, Lough Eske Nature Walk

Lunch/ Dinner: Blas (brunch/lunch), Quay West (dinner), Lough Eske (fancy barfood),

Coffee: The Weighbridge Coffee Truck, Backyard Coffee, Aroma (at the craft village)

Letterkenny (+onwards)

If the tunes and quizzes keep you entertained for the first few hours, Letterkenny is the last "big" town to stop in that would have a Tesco's/Pennys etc. There aren't many walks I know of near Letterkenny town, that are also enroute, but there are a few beauty spots closer to Inishowen which I outline below. You are probably only 45mins from the destination!

Walks/ spots to stop: Grianán of Aileach, Inch Wildfowl Reserve

Lunch/ Dinner: Alcorns (lunch), Mc Gettigans/The Orchard/ The Brewery/ Oasis (pubgrub), The Lemon Tree (fancy dinner)

Coffee: The Wee Blue Van (toasties and treats- parked at Manorcunningham lookout, outside of Letterkenny)