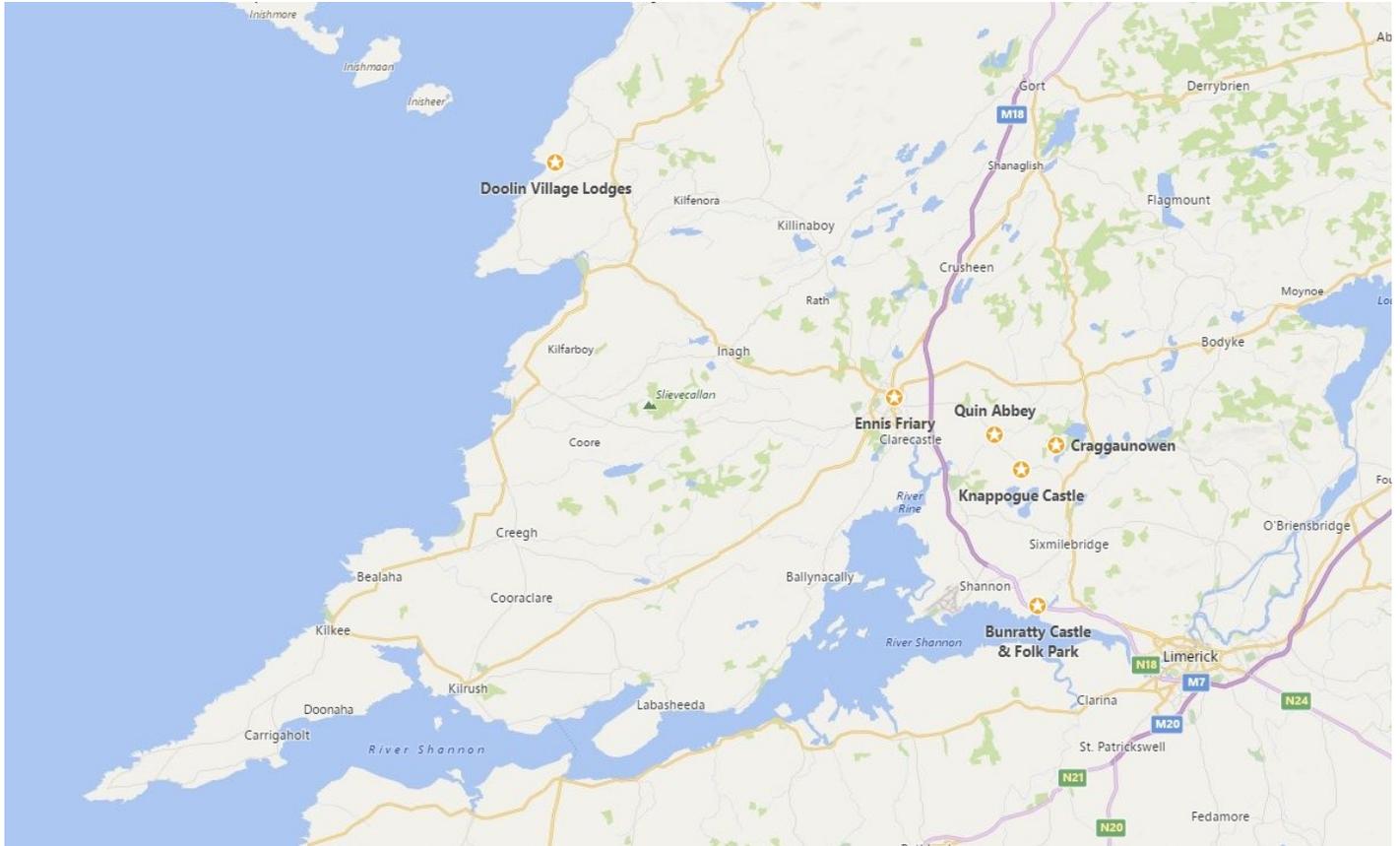


Itinerary 4: Go Back in Time With Shannon Heritage

Prepare to step back in time as you drive away from the ocean and toward the River Shannon.



[Bunratty Castle and Folk Park](#) is home to the most authentic and complete medieval castle in Ireland, which can be explored from dungeon to battlements. Surrounding the castle is a community of traditional houses from all parts of Ireland as well as a village, complete with pub, school, and shops. A bit beyond the village are the farms where you will find all manner of animals— including a pair of loveable Irish Wolfhounds, the walled garden, and an enchanting fairy forest.

Be prepared to stop and chat with the ‘citizens’ of Bunratty about their lives in and around the castle. This ‘living history’ experience is entertaining and educational for all ages.

Ireland's history goes back further at [Craggaunowen, the Living Past Experience](#). Discover Ireland's pre-historic roots as you explore a crannog, lower yourself into a souterrain beneath a ring fort, and learn about live in the Bronze Age.



Not far from Craggaunowen is Knappogue Castle. Though the castle is not open for tours you can wander the grounds. The walled garden is quite nice if you haven't experienced one yet.

Also nearby are the ruins of Quin Abbey. Though roofless the structure of the abbey is well preserved and a lovely spot to wander.

If you pass through Ennis the 13th century Ennis Friary has numerous scriptures carved in the nave, tower, and tombs.

Dine with Royalty at a Medieval Banquet

Though the banquets at Bunratty and Knappogue are a bit far from Doolin, Shannon Heritage also operates a [Medieval Banquet at Dunguire Castle](#) in Kinvarra on