



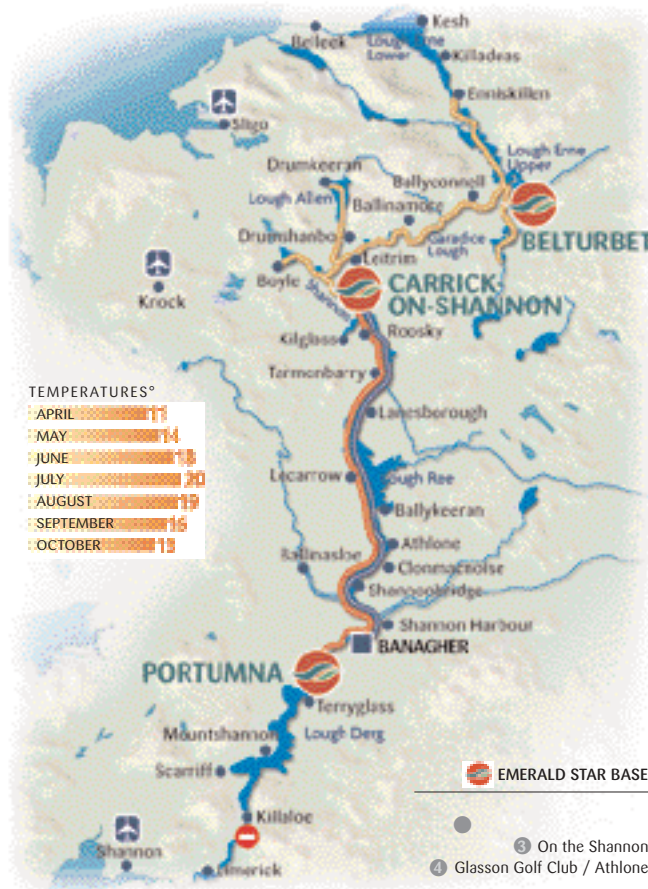
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# Ireland

## Shannon and Erne

*The emerald cruise*

Our partnership with Emerald Star enables us to bring you more of Ireland than ever before. Cruising on the Shannon, Ireland's longest river, and the Erne, you can soak up verdant landscapes and infectious hospitality as you are transported to historic towns and welcoming villages. Ireland is a fishing paradise; salmon, pike, bream and roach are abundant in the lakes that spill off the waterways. Onshore, tee off on championship golf courses or follow cycling routes to the heart of the countryside and join welcoming locals for a pint of Guinness in the friendly pubs. It's no wonder that this tiny country is one of the world's biggest attractions!



### A fisherman's dream

Ireland is a paradise for fishermen and, if you want to discover the tiny islands dotted across the lakes, we recommend that you hire a small rowing boat or dinghy with an outboard motor which can be towed easily behind your boat. This will also give you a chance to explore small unspoilt tributaries that are not accessible to larger boats.



## Cruising suggestions

### 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

#### ■ Carrick-on-Shannon / Belturbet OR VICE-VERSA

*Shannon - Erne*

Cruising to **Leitrim Village**, you'll find a pretty centre with a great reputation in the Tidy Towns competition! Explore **Ballinamore**, nicknamed "The Friendly Town", and enjoy a round of golf at the excellent course. **Lough Scur** and **Garadice** lie along the route and **Lough Erne** is renowned for coarse angling. Enjoy a walk to the famous Slieve Russell Hotel, close to **Ballyconnell**, and play a round of golf on the championship tees.

▶ 130 km • 16 locks

▶ 14 hr one way cruising time

#### ■ Portumna / Carrick-on-Shannon OR VICE-VERSA

*Shannon - Erne*

**Portumna's** impressive castle was one of the first buildings in Ireland to have Renaissance features. Set in beautiful, natural surroundings, overlooking **Lough Derg** and Portumna Forest Park, it's great for painters and photographers. Drop in to one of the pubs in **Shannonbridge** for a pint and some traditional music with the locals! Dating back 1,500 years, the ancient monastic site at **Clonmacnoise** provides an important historic stop.

▶ 160 km • 5 locks

▶ 20 hr one way cruising time



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### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### ■ Carrick-on-Shannon / Banagher

*Shannon*

Fish in the waters around **Carrick-on-Shannon**, an angler's paradise. Explore the imposing remains of the 6th century Kilbarry Monastery, situated near **Tarmonbarry**. Cruising to **Lanesborough**, enjoy a spot of coarse fishing. Glasson Golf Club is set on a peninsula bordering **Lough Ree** where you can moor at the 17th green and enjoy a meal beside the Club's open fire. **Banagher** inspired Anthony Trollope to write his early novels.

▶ 225 km • 8 locks

▶ 30 hr round trip cruising time