

Inis Saimer Island

RIVER ERNE • COUNTY DONEGAL, IRELAND

A half-acre river island in the heart of Ballyshannon — a mid-1800s stone residence built by the Erne Fishing Company, a private floating jetty, and the lights of Ireland's oldest town glittering across the water.

EUR 450,000

HALF ACRE • RIVER ERNE • C. 1850S STONE HOUSE

THE ESTATE

At a Glance

PRICE	EUR 450,000
SIZE	Approx. half an acre
RESIDENCE	Mid-1800s stone house
FOOTPRINT	36.5 m × 6.5 m
BEDROOMS	Three double bedrooms
BANQUET HALL	82 sq m with river views
JETTY	Private floating jetty
UTILITIES	Grid power + mains water; fibre surveyed
CROSSING	Approx. 1 minute to Mall Quay

THE ERNE'S ANGLING ISLE

The River Erne below the island holds salmon, sea trout and eel — the same fishery that drew the Erne Fishing Company here in the first place.

ISLAND VITALS

COORDS

54.499°N, 8.202°W

CLIMATE

63°F / 37°F avg

HERITAGE

Parthalon legend, 2700 BC

WATERS

River Erne / Donegal Bay

WATER TEMP

46–59°F

TOWN

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal





THE ISLAND

An Island in Ireland's Oldest Town

Inis Saimer rises from the River Erne at Ballyshannon, County Donegal — a half-acre island wrapped in four thousand years of story. Legend says Partholon landed here around 2700 BC; later it held a Cistercian monastic residence, and in time passed to Thomas Conolly of Castletown. Few private islands anywhere carry this depth of history.

THE HOUSE

A Fisherman's Stone Hall

The island's residence was built in the mid-1800s by the Erne Fishing Company — a long stone house, some 36.5 metres by 6.5, raised for the men who worked one of Ireland's great salmon rivers. Its thick stone walls and river-facing aspect have watched the Erne flow for over 170 years.

INTERIORS

Open Plan, River Light

Inside, the house opens into an open-plan kitchen, dining and sitting area with the river never far from view. Three double bedrooms and a bathroom sit along a 13.4-metre hallway, and the eastern gable carries a balcony looking straight over Mall Quay to the lights of Ballyshannon.

THE BANQUET HALL

82 Square Metres of Occasions

The 82-square-metre banquet hall is the island's great room — its large west window frames the Finner dunes and the surf of Donegal Bay. Above, the attic offers genuine conversion potential for those who want more.





RIVER & TIDE

The Erne at Your Door

Life here is measured in river time. Your private floating jetty puts the Erne's salmon, sea trout and eel water within steps; the crossing to Mall Quay takes about a minute, and the sheltered estuary keeps it safe in nearly all weather. From the gable balcony, Ballyshannon's lights come on across the water each evening.

KNOWN FOR

One of Ireland's most storied river islands — fished, fought over and written about for four millennia, a minute from town.



ARRIVAL

One Minute Across the Water

Access is by private boat from your own floating jetty — roughly a one-minute crossing to Mall Quay, where the shops, restaurants and pubs of Ballyshannon are a short stroll away. Donegal Airport (CFN) is 37 miles distant for onward connections.

REGIONAL INTEL

Ireland: Straightforward and Welcoming

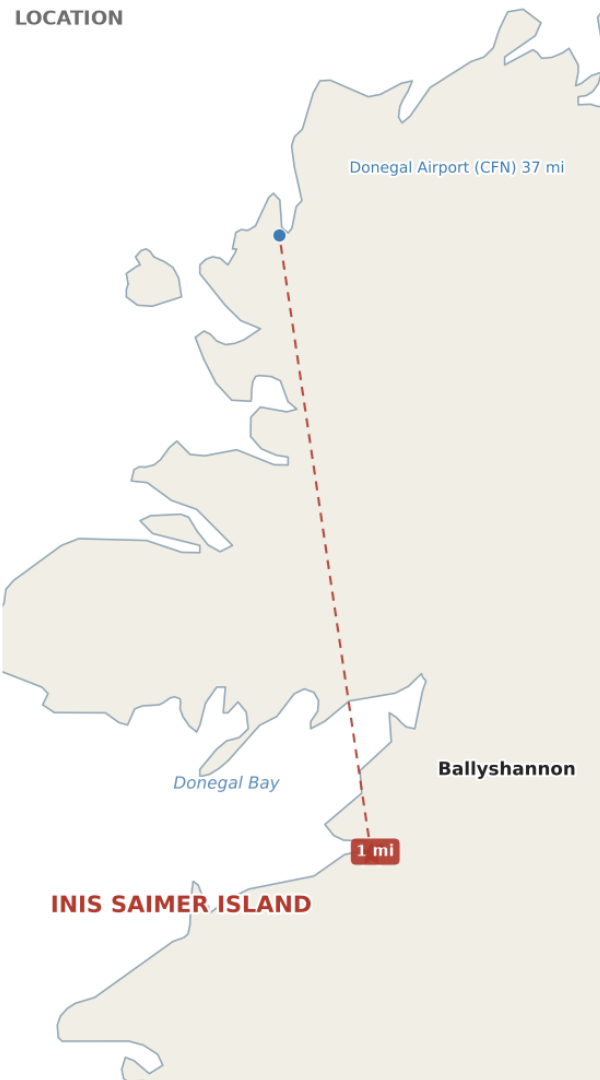
Ireland is among the most straightforward and foreigner-friendly places in the world to buy an island, with no residency-based restrictions on ownership. The legal path is clear, the welcome is genuine, and the setting — the Wild Atlantic Way's doorstep — speaks for itself.

~1-MIN CROSSING • SHELTERED ESTUARY • 37 MI TO DONEGAL AIRPORT

LOCATION

On the Map

RIVER ERNE • BALLYSHANNON, CO. DONEGAL



INIS SAIMER ISLAND

Erne River, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal • 54.499°N, 8.202°W

DISTANCES

Ballyshannon **1 mi**

Donegal Airport (CFN) **37 mi**

ELEVATION & CLIMATE

Summer high (Jul avg) **63°F**

Winter low (Jan avg) **37°F**

Donegal Bay water temp **46-59°F**

ACCESS

~1-min boat crossing to Mall Quay

Shops, restaurants and pubs of Ballyshannon a short walk from the quay

Sheltered estuary waters — safe crossing in nearly all weather

Straight-line distances, approximate.

Coords: geocoder FULL_ADDRESS match (Inis Saimer, 54.49936,-8.20246); Donegal Airport at Carrickfinn.

Climate: weatherspark + whereandwhen Ballyshannon.

Access: listing page.

GALLERY

The Estate in Frames






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