

# Self-catering stunners

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## Within the Village, Co Galway

Roundstone celebrates 200 years in 2024, and Within the Village is the perfect pressie. A story that began with friends passing a 'For Sale' sign, today it sees five stays threaded through three transformed townhouses (one, the former Connolly's pub). It's a restrained luxury, with more than a hint of hygge, and full of thoughtful curation — from Burren Perfumery products to wood-burning stoves, Joe Hogan's baskets to smoked oak kitchen panelling, or walls sparingly hung with Clodhna Prendergast's landscape photographs, Roisin Coyle's abstract prints, or Dorothy Cross's glow-in-the-dark jellyfish. "Without being twee, we wanted to replicate every single thing that was good about Connemara," says Maria Murphy. Mission accomplished. From original stonework to views over the bay and the Twelve Bens out back, this is a beautifully realised vision and a template for luxury self-catering stays. Cosy, classy, Connemara. What more could you want? — *PÓC*

**Sustainability:** The community focus is extraordinary. A guest directory is full of walking, food and sight-seeing tips, a guest relations manager is on hand, and artists and makers are profiled should you wish to follow up or learn more.

**Insider tip:** You'll find QR codes for instructions on using devices like the oven and coffee machine. The five stays



...ANE O' SULLIVAN; The  
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MURPHY; and Éalú at  
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can be rented exclusively as group accommodation, too.

**Details:** From €300 a night (sleeping two) to €700 a night (sleeping six) with a three-night minimum. *withinthevillage.ie*