



## PEARL OF THE WEST

Pearla na Mara is the new kid on the block on Oranmore's food scene. Conveniently located in the centre of Oranmore (next door to the Bank of Ireland branch), this new café/restaurant, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, only opened its doors at the beginning of July and has already earned a handful of loyal and happy customers. Pearla na Mara offers Irish-inspired cuisine with a Mediterranean touch, blending together the West's finest ingredients to create signature seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes. There's a great lunchtime offer of soup, any pasta and a regular tea or coffee for only €9.95, which is sure to garner a few regulars. The evening menu from Head Chef Kamel Ourdache is inspired and customers can bring their own bottle of wine for a nominal charge of €5 – one of only a handful of restaurants in Galway to offer this service.

Of course, you can choose to pair your meal with drinks from the carefully selected wine list. Pearla na Mara is a great place to bring all the family for a weekend treat, being equipped with high chairs, baby changing facilities and serving a special kids' menu. Free underground parking also available.

Pearla na Mara, Unit 10, Howley Square, Oranmore, Co Galway 091 483900  
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## COOKING WITH HISTORY

Up for a new unique experience in dining? You won't be disappointed with 'The Kitchen' restaurant at the heart of Galway City Museum, beside the scenic Spanish Arch. With gluten free and vegetarian dishes on offer daily, takeaways welcomed and a coffee maestro on stand-by, give your day a healthy boost with a visit to 'The Kitchen'.

The Kitchen, Galway Art Museum,  
Spanish Arch, Galway 091 534883



## THE BASES OF GREAT PIZZAS

Love pizza but sick of the bloat that ensues? The Artisan Pizza Company pizza bases use only the simplest of ingredients, ensuring delicious pizzas that won't leave you feeling like lead. Hailing from Terviso, outside Venice in Italy, Piero De Vallier is very particular about how authentic pizzas are made. Each of Piero's pizza bases is individually handmade over a two-day period, using only flour, water, extra virgin olive oil, salt and a very small amount of yeast. So if you're looking for a great party snack for over the holiday season, pick up some of these bases at Sheridan's Cheesemongers, Mortons in Salthill or Connemara Fine Foods in Oughterard.  
www.artisanpizza.ie



## ICE FACTOR

From 1 December, Galway City's Carlton Hotel on the Dublin Road, will stage an ice skating extravaganza. The Ice Factor's rink will occupy 600 square metres at the front of the hotel along with a Christmas Café, open daily to offer a selection of festive winter warmers to eat and drink. Special packages are available for Christmas party bookings, Stay and Skate packages, and a whole lot more. Skating facilities will be provided at a cost of €15 per adult, €10 per child. Ample Free Car Parking. www.icefactor.ie 091 381291