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The River Erne

Rises in County Cavan (Republic), flows through Upper and Lower Lough Erne in County Fermanagh, empties into the Atlantic at Ballyshannon, Donegal.

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Lower Lough Erne

About 109 km squared. About 100 islands, many with ancient Christian sites. Devenish Island has a famous round tower.

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Upper Lough Erne

Complex lakes, channels and wetlands between Enniskillen and the border. Hundreds of islands in a maze of navigable channels.

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Fermanagh's limestone

Sits on carboniferous limestone. Water dissolves limestone to create caves, underground rivers, and hollows.

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Marble Arch Caves

UNESCO Global Geopark. Among the finest showcaves in Europe. Stalactites, stalagmites, underground rivers.

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Erne-Shannon Waterway

Opened 1994. Canal link connecting Lough Erne to the River Shannon — creating 750km navigable waterway from Belleek to Limerick.



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Water-based tourism

Boating, fishing, and water sports. Enniskillen is the gateway. One of the best pike fisheries in Europe.

