

Accommodation options in Galway

As accommodation in Galway can be booked up quickly the Irish Basking Shark group has reached out to several hotels and hostels to hold rooms. **All the held rooms are for check in on the 28th of August, with check out on the 1st of September. Guests will be 100% responsible for their bookings and communications with the accommodation.** Booking is still possible after the hold has ended but are entirely dependable on availability and prices may vary from those listed below.

There are several other hotels, hostels, guest houses and Airbnb's available outside those listed below. We suggest hostelworld.com as a good source for hostels in Galway. Not all accommodations were able/willing to hold rooms.

All bus times are estimates. Galway traffic is notoriously busy during peak times. It is recommended to take the earlier bus rather than the late one.

Hotel Rooms on hold – Near ATU:

1. **Connacht hotel** (<https://www.theconnacht.ie/>)

The Connacht hotel is 16 minutes walking away from ATU. Regular buses drive between Galway city and the nearest bus stop (± 5-minute walk). The conference dinner will be hosted at the Connacht hotel.

50 double rooms are on hold for 4 nights (28/08 – 01/09) until the **31/05/2025** for **€835 per room, breakfast included**. After the 31st of May these rooms will be released, availability and prices will no longer be certain.

Cancellation policy: For 3-5 rooms cancellation is available 10 days prior to arrival. 6-10 rooms cancellation is available until 14 days prior to arrival and for 11 or more rooms, the cancellation is available 21 days prior to arrival.

To book the rooms you should email "reservations@theconnacht.ie" and use the reference code **BSC2025**. Delegates will need to provide full contact details (name, mobile number, home address, email address) and add a card to secure the reservations. No payment is taken at the booking stage, we will take full payment upon arrival.

2. **Flannery's hotel** (<https://www.flanneryshotelgalway.com/>)

The Flannery's hotel is 9 minutes walking away from ATU. Regular buses drive between Galway city and the nearest bus stop (±5-minute walk).

20 rooms are on hold for 4 nights (28/08 – 01/09) until the **16/05/2025**. After the 16th of May these rooms will be released, availability and prices will no longer be certain. Bookings can be made by phone or email. When booking reference the code “**BSC2025**” to receive these rates.

	Excluding Breakfast	Including Breakfast
Double/twin room	€780	€876
Single room	€720	€768

3. **Clayton Hotel** (<https://www.claytonhotels.com/galway/>)

The Clayton hotel is a 10-minute bus ride to ATU and 15 minutes from Galway city.

30 rooms are on hold for 4 nights (28/08 – 01/09) until the **28th of July**. After the 28th these rooms will be released, availability and prices will no longer be certain. The Clayton offers rates including and excluding breakfast. The rates can be offered for 3 days on either side of the conference date if you wish to extend your stay.

Including breakfast	Single occupancy (€)	Double occupancy (€)
28/08/2025	155	169
29/08/2025	165	179
30/08/2025	185	199
31/08/2025	155	169
Entire stay	660	716
Excluding breakfast	Single occupancy (€)	Double occupancy (€)
28/08/2025	150	164
29/08/2025	160	174
30/08/2025	180	185
31/08/2025	150	164
Entire stay	640	687

Bookings can be done by contacting “revenue.galway@claytonhotels.com” with the code “**BSC2025**”. Cancellations can be done 1 month prior to arrival.

Hotel Rooms on hold – Near Eyre Square, Galway City:

4. **Hardiman Hotel** (<https://www.thehardiman.ie/>)

The Hardiman is located across from Eyre Square, in the centre of Galway city. Most major buses will pass through Eyre Square and regular buses will be available to reach ATU. The bus ride is approximately 20 minutes.

30 double/twin rooms are on hold for 4 nights (28/08 – 01/09) until the **18th of July**. After the 18th of July these rooms will be released, availability and prices will no longer be certain. All rooms in the Hardiman include breakfast.

	Single occupancy (€)	Double occupancy (€)
28/08/2025	229	239
29/08/2025	249	259
30/08/2025	289	289
31/08/2025	199	210
Entire stay	966	997

Bookings can be done by contacting “sales@thehardiman.ie” with the code “**1931360**” and the block name **International Basking Shark Conference**. Cancellations can be done 6 weeks prior to arrival.

5. **Hyde Hotel** (<https://www.hydehotel.ie/>)

The Hyde hotel is located just down the street from Eyre Square, in the centre of Galway city. Most major buses will pass through Eyre Square and regular buses will be available to reach ATU. The bus ride is approximately 20 minutes.

5 double/twin rooms for are on hold for 4 nights (28/08 – 01/09) until the **17/07/2025** for a total of **€980**. After the 17th of July these rooms will be released, availability and prices will no longer be certain. All rooms in the Hyde hotel include breakfast.

Bookings can be done by contacting Tatyana at “reservations@hydehotel.ie” with the confirmation number “**121163**”. Cancellations can be done 6 weeks prior to arrival. Extensions will be subject to availability.

6. **The Galmont Hotel** (www.thegalmont.com)

The Galmont hotel is located just down the street from Eyre Square, in the centre of Galway city and next the Galway Coach station. Most major buses will pass through Eyre Square and regular buses will be available to reach ATU. The bus ride is approximately 20 minutes.

30 double/twin rooms are on hold for 4 nights (28/08 – 01/09) until the **10/07/2025**. After **the 10th of July these** rooms will be released, availability and prices will no longer be certain. All rooms in the Galmont include breakfast.

	Single occupancy (€)	Double occupancy (€)
28/08/2025	310	320
29/08/2025	350	360

30/08/2025	350	360
31/08/2025	310	320
Entire stay	1320	1360

Bookings can be done by contacting “reservations@thegalmont.com” with the code “**BSC2025**”. Cancellations can be done 30 days prior to arrival.

Hostels

7. The Nest boutique Hostel (<https://thenestaccommodation.com/>)

The Nest is a cosy hostel in the centre of Galway city. A bus from Eyre Square brings guests to ATU in 20 minutes. A **mixed 7 bed dorm** has been put on hold for guest at **€235.8** per bed for 4 nights (Check in: 28th of august and check out 1st of September) until the **1st of May**. All rates include provision of bed linen and free WiFi. Continental breakfast can be booked for €8 per day. Breakfast can be booked on arrival. A self-catering kitchen is available as well as laundry facilities. A 20% no-refundable deposit is required one month before arrival.

Bookings can be made by contacting reservations@thenestaccommodation.com with the code “**BSC2025**”.

8. The Dawson Hotel (<https://galway.thedawsonhostel.ie/>)

While the Dawson Hotel will not hold any rooms, they have offered a discount code. To use the code, book a room on their website and input “**BSC2025**” for a 10% discount on your stay. This hostel is located in the centre of Galway city, within walking distance of Eyre Square.