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Radio and Weather equipment; transmitters, receivers & Morse code.

Travel back in time in our authentic 1940's cinema, while watching our award winning film ‘Atlantic Conquest’ which has been compiled from all original footage.

Showcases on the war years at Foynes with newspaper stories and intelligence reports.

Display cases with authentic BOAC & Pan Am airline memorabilia and uniforms from the Flying Boat era.

See breathtaking view of the village of Foynes and of the Shannon Estuary from our reinstated Control Tower.

Challenge yourself to fly the B314 in our realistic flight simulators.

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**YOUNGER VISITORS**

The museum is full of treasures and it’s a techy-kids paradise as there are several interactive exhibits on which they can have fun. Draw a flying boat and win a prize. Learn about the development of flight and shake hands with a pilot. B314 Flight simulator for all to enjoy.

**THE VIPs**

Everyone that was anyone flew through Foynes during those years. Learn about our VIPs: Presidents, Prime Ministers & Cabinet Ministers along with Queens, Princes and Duchesses.

From the world of entertainment we had actors, comedians and musicians including Bob Hope, Gracie Fields, Humphrey Bogart and Yehudi Menuhin.

Many top military personnel and refugees also landed at Foynes during the flying boat era.

**B. O'REGAN RESTAURANT**

At the end of your visit or even if you’re just passing by; why not call to O’Regan’s (Museum Restaurant) and taste our freshly prepared and home-baked cuisine available at very reasonable prices. The restaurant recreates the ambiance of bygone days and you can enjoy lunch or afternoon tea in a beautiful 1940s setting.
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Step back in time in our O’Brien, Spring Rice and Monteagle room and learn about the famous men and women from Foynes.

Go on board our Paddle steamer cabin and watch our presentation on life on the river then and now and the role played by the River.

Watch the 1911 silent movie on “The Colleen Bawn” and learn her tragic murder story.

US Civil War Confederate Uniforms manufactured in Limerick, shipped from Foynes to the Confederate States by breaking the Union Blockade.

See how Currahs and Gandolas were made.

Peek at our Ghost Ship “Windsor Castle” and read it’s story.

Display of boats from the river—commercial & leisure with a large scale model of the Estuary.

Learn about the weather conditions and check real time weather and tides and observe the River and Estuary from our Control Tower.

Look at how Dockers worked the ships in the 1800’s and the various samples of cargo.

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