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Shelmalier Forth Mountain, Co. Wexford



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Day 1 | Wexford

1 Wells House & Gardens - A walk through time Ballyedmond, Gorey, Co. Wexford | Y25 CF96

Visit the 450-acre Wells Estate, owned by Uli and Sabine Rosler who also run a working farm on the grounds. Take a walk through the stunning gardens and discover the 400-year-old history of the 17th Century House by taking a guided tour.

Uncover the everyday lives of the wealthy and powerful families who lived in the estate and their famed architect Daniel Robertson. This tour provides you with a unique insight into the life of previous generations all the way up to the current owners of Wells House & Gardens.

Allow 1.5 hours



Next Destination: 19.6km

2 Curracloe Beach Coolrainey, Curracloe, Co. Wexford | Y21 PD60

Curracloe's white sandy beach stretches from Raven Point to Ballyconigar near Blackwater and is a stunning stretch of the Irish coastline. It is a particularly safe area for bathing and received the International Blue Flag award.

The golden strand is accompanied by hilly sand dunes where various plants bloom in spring and summer.

The opening scenes of 'Saving Private Ryan' were filmed on the beach by Hollywood director Stephen Spielberg, with many Wexford locals joining the cast as supporting extras. More recently, scenes from the 2015 film Brooklyn, starring Saoirse Ronan, were filmed here. With three main entrances & ample parking, Curracloe beach is the ideal spot to relax & take in the outdoors.

Allow 40 minutes



Next Destination: 15.4km

Lunch:

Kelly's Café, Drinagh | <https://kellyscafe.ie/>

Next Destination: 4.6km

3 Johnstown Castle Estate, Museum & Gardens – Combination ticket Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford | Y35 HP22

Get to know this magical 19th century fairytale, neo-gothic castle from diverse perspectives. This multi-faceted adventure includes – a guided visit of the castle along with stories of the families who lived here, a walk through the very rare servants' tunnel which at 86 metres long is believed to be the longest in Ireland, and an exploration of the estate's 120-acre parkland which boasts ornamental gardens, three lakes and woodlands which have become a haven for wildlife including waterfowl and otters.



Optional: Tour of the museum on site with its vast collection of rural and agricultural collectables

Allow 2.5 hours

Dinner Suggestions:

Reed Restaurant @ Ferrycarrig Hotel | <https://www.ferrycarrighotel.ie/dining-ferrycarrig.html>

Oyster Lane @ The Talbot Hotel | <https://www.talbotwexford.ie/Oyster-Lane-Restaurant.html>

Accommodation Suggestions:

Maldron Hotel 3* | <https://www.maldronhotelwexford.com/>

Ferrycarrig Hotel 4* | www.ferrycarrighotel.ie/

Day 2 | Wexford & Waterford

1 Hook Light House – Guided Tour Churchtown, Co. Wexford | Y34 KD93

Take a tour through 800 years of the Lighthouse history, climbing the 115 well-worn steps of the tower to explore the thick-walled chambers, meet the hologram figures to tell their stories along the way & reach the tower balcony.

Enjoy the sea breeze gazing out at the miles of coastline, taking in an awe-inspiring 360degree view, stretching across Wexford, Waterford & the Celtic Sea.

Allow 1 hours 15 minutes



Next Destination: 34.9km

Lunch:

Captains Table @ Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience | <https://www.dunbrody.com/restaurant/>

2 Dunbrody Famine Ship

New Ross, Co. Wexford | Y34 A786

Visitors to Norman town of New Ross will immediately be drawn to the impressive sight of the masts of the Dunbrody Famine Ship, which towers over the quayside.

The replica emigrant ship is moored on the River Barrow. Visitors are offered a fully interactive 1 hour guided tour, partly experienced through re-enactments by costumed actors. As visitors board the ship, they assume the persona of a Famine Emigrant bound for New York where they will experience the sights, smells and sounds of a Tallship crossing the Atlantic Ocean and listen to the personal stories of fellow passengers.

Allow 1 hour



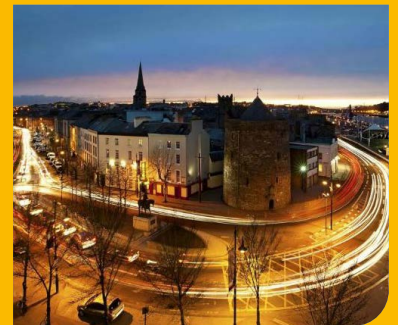
Next Destination: 23.2km

3 Arrive Waterford City

Leisure time

During your leisure time in Waterford City, you might wish to take a walk and explore many of the large-scale mural artworks – Waterford Walls.

Since its inception in 2015, Waterford Walls has welcomed over 200 artists to paint in Waterford City.



Dinner Suggestions:

Everett's | <https://www.everetts.ie/>

The Reg | <https://thereg.ie/>

Accommodation Suggestions:

Dooley's Hotel 3* | <https://www.dooleys-hotel.ie/>

Granville Hotel 4* | <https://www.granvillehotel.ie/en/>

Day 3 | Waterford

1 Cycle on the Greenway & Visit Mount Congreve Gardens Mount Congreve, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford | X91 PX05

Set off on a short cycle on the greenway that's brought new life to Waterford's old railway route and relish in the views! Then explore Mount Congreve's 70-acre gardens, home to one of Ireland's biggest plant collections, and dip into the immense knowledge its gardeners have about the grounds and their stories.

Allow 4 hours in total



Lunch Suggestions:

Grow HQ | giy.ie/grow-hq/ **The Granary Café** | www.granarycafe.ie/home

Waterford Crystal café | <https://www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com/content/crystal-cafe>

Next Destination: 2.8km

2 King of Vikings – The world's first Viking 3D Virtual Reality Adventure 10 Bailey's New Street, Waterford | X91 A0PF

Visit the world's first Viking 3D Virtual Reality adventure located in a reconstructed Viking house, in the ruins of a 13th-century Franciscan friary. A seamless blend of cutting - edge technology and ancient Viking house - building techniques animate the experience of Waterford's Viking past and give you close encounters with the Viking warlords who founded Ireland's oldest city!

Allow 35 minutes



Next Destination: 60metres

3 Waterford Treasures – Masterpieces in Glass Cathedral Square, The Viking Triangle, Waterford | X91 K10E

Bishops Palace & the House of Waterford crystal have joined forces to create a new combination guided tour. Join the "masterpieces in glass" tour in the Bishops Palace to find out how glass making was started in the city, as well as the culture & heritage behind the brand.

Then onto the house of Waterford Crystal guided tour, which will take you through the home of Waterford Crystal's manufacturing facility – Learn all about crystal making from modern day, back to Waterford Crystal's beginnings in 1783 & learn from the Master craftsman the traditional methods that are still used today.

Allow 2 hours 15 minutes

Dinner Suggestions:

Bodega | www.bodegawaterford.com/

Bianconi Restaurant @ Granville Hotel | www.granvillehotel.ie/en/bianconi-restaurant-waterford-greenway/

Accommodation Suggestions:

Dooley's Hotel 3* <https://www.dooleys-hotel.ie/index.html/>

Granville Hotel 4* | <https://www.granvillehotel.ie/en/>

Day 4 | Cork

1 Lismore Heritage Centre – The Lismore Castle VR Experience Lismore, Co. Waterford | P51 TP26

Don a virtual reality headset to be transported into the world of Lismore Castle's past. You'll meet the cast of characters who shaped the castle and the story of this Waterford town including Fred Astaire, Sir Walter Raleigh, and John F. Kennedy.

Allow 1 hour



Next Destination: 29.1km

Lunch:

Aherne's Seafood Restaurant, Youghal | <https://www.ahernes.net/restaurant.html>

Next Destination: 600metres

2 Youghal Clock Gate tower 85 North Main Street, Youghal, Co. Cork | P36 EH56

Explore the most visible landmark in the centre of Youghal Main Street. The Clock Gate Tower is 24 meters high, spanning four storeys and is inextricably linked with the surrounding landscape and community across more than 700 years of history. Learn about the Clock Gate Tower's diverse past as a local time keeper, gaol and centre of trade.

Allow 1 hour



Next Destination: 1.8 km

3 Youghal Boardwalk – Starting from Front Strand Beach Front Strand, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Take a short stroll along the Youghal Eco-Boardwalk, a 400-metre hardwood panelled beach walk-way. Stretching from Front Strand Beach to Claycastle Blue Flag Beach, the Youghal boardwalk is the perfect spot for a stroll to unwind & take in the fresh sea air.

Allow 20 minutes



Depart Front Strand Beach | Next Destination: 25.3km

4 Jameson Distillery, Middleton – Jameson Experience Tour

Old Midleton Distillery, Distillery Walk, Midleton, Co. Cork | P25 Y394

Enjoy what the Jameson Distillery has to offer with a fully guided tour around the original Midleton Distillery. The tour will bring to life the stories of Jameson's rich heritage. You'll learn about the hard-working people and field-to-glass processes responsible for the whiskey that bears John Jameson's name.

Allow 1 hour 15 minutes



Next Destination: 22.3km

Arrive in Cork City

Dinner Suggestion:

Take your pick from a variety of restaurants on Princes Street

Cork's leading alfresco dining street: **Paradiso** | <https://paradiso.restaurant/>

Accommodation Suggestion:

Montenotte Hotel 4* | <https://www.themontenottehotel.com/>

Day 5 | Cork

1 Spike Island

Kennedy pier, Cobh, Cork | P24 E446

Visit Ireland's historic island with a trip to Spike Island Cork. While taking the short 10-minute ferry from scenic Cobh, enjoy a guided tour with a professional Irish storyteller.

The guides will relay a 1300-year history while you pass by quaint island homes, surrounded by stunning harbour views. On arrival to the fortress, you can self-guide a dozen museums and exhibitions using your free map and downloadable APP. Sit in the original famine era prison cells, scale authentic military fortifications and discover Ireland's past from immersive and interactive displays.

Allow 3.5 hours



Lunch:

Seasalt café | <http://seasaltnewcastle.com/>

Next Destination: 20km

2 Nano Nagle Place

45 Douglas Street, Cork City | T12 VRC8

Nano Nagle Place, an unexpected oasis in the centre of bustling Cork city, where an absorbing new museum celebrates 18th-century Cork woman, Nano Nagle. Her vision of empowerment through education and community inclusion continues to change the lives of many in Ireland and beyond today.

Allow 1 hour



Next Destination: 40.8km

3 Fitzgeralds Park & Cork Public Museum

Fitzgerald's Park, Mardyke, Co. Cork | T12 VOAA

Take some time out & wander around this 18-acre park, an oasis of calm just a short distance from Cork city centre. With tree lined avenues, rose garden, statues & sculptures along with a large central fountain, it's the perfect place to unwind.

The park is also home to the Cork Public Museum, which is free entry. The museum houses memorabilia such as silver & ceramics connected with Cork's civic life. There is also a rich representation of the medieval & archaeological history of Cork to explore.

Allow 1 hour



Dinner Suggestions:

Market Lane | <https://www.marketlane.ie/>

Cask | <https://caskcork.com/>

Greenes | <https://greenesrestaurant.com/>

4 Franciscan Well Brewery Tour & Tastings

14b North Mall, Sunday's Well, Cork | T23 RHW2

Seize your opportunity to engage in the ultimate craft beer experience through tours and tastings, bringing you on a journey from the rebellious monks of the Old Franciscan Monastery, right up until the present day. According to legend, water from this Franciscan Well had miraculous, curative properties. People travelled from all over Ireland to drink it.

Gain an understanding as to how local ingredients impact the flavours of beers and how to judge diverse beers for their taste and quality.

Located in the heart of Cork City, The Franciscan Well Brew Pub, has a deep-rooted passion for brewing and distilling.

Allow 1 hour



Accommodation Suggestion:

Montenotte Hotel 4* | <https://www.themontenottehotel.com/>