



Fáilte Ireland
National Tourism Development Authority

YOUTH & ADVENTURE BUYERS' TRADE REFERENCE GUIDE



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YOUTH AND ADVENTURE EXPERIENCES



INTRODUCTION

This guide will act as a source of information on a range of youth and adventure experiences available across Ireland. It will provide you and your travel partners with practical information to support you in developing Youth and/or Adventure focused programmes to Ireland.

The experiences featured in the guide are presented according to Ireland's three distinctive yet complementary signature programmes; Dublin, Ireland's Ancient East, and Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way.

ABOUT FÁILTE IRELAND

Fáilte Ireland is the National Tourism Development Authority. Our role is to support the tourism industry and work to sustain Ireland as a high-quality and competitive tourism destination.

We provide a range of practical business supports to help tourism businesses better manage and market their products and services. We also work with other state agencies and representative bodies, at local and national levels, to implement and champion positive and practical strategies that will benefit Irish tourism and the Irish economy.

We promote Ireland as a holiday destination through our domestic marketing campaign (DiscoverIreland.ie) and manage a network of nationwide tourist information centres that provide help and advice for visitors to Ireland.

We work closely with our sister agency Tourism Ireland, who are responsible for marketing the Island of Ireland.





Why Ireland is ready for youth and adventure visitors

Ireland is the ultimate youth and adventure destination. From pubs to passage tombs, heritage gems to hip cafés. From cosmopolitan Dublin to the Wild Atlantic Way and to Ireland's Ancient East, this is an island where visitors truly live like locals. With a superb spread of affordable accommodation, and a thriving festival scene, welcome to Europe's great adventure playground!

Are you ready for Ireland? It's ready for you. Youth numbers are growing, guides are top-notch and hostels are second to none. The Wild Atlantic Way is both an epic 2,500km touring route and a springboard to all kinds of hiking, biking, surfing and kayaking adventures. Great food, funky festivals and tumb-thumping traditional music abound. Ireland is a small country that's easy to get around, yet crammed with culture and home to a friendly population that makes doing business easy. Its capital, Dublin, is a thriving city cradled between mountains and sea. Whilst Ireland's Ancient East provides a wonderful opportunity for you to experience 5000 years of European history. Little wonder media are calling Ireland one of the hottest tickets in adventure tourism. What are you waiting for?



SIGNATURE PROGRAMMES



Dublin

Dublin is both a place and a state of mind. This is Ireland's vibrant capital, a bayside beauty as famous for its heritage as its thriving nightlife. It's a city where the Book of Kells, Trinity College and medieval city walls are a stone's throw from the home of Guinness. It's a hotbed of hip cafés, of sizzling restaurants, a place where you'll feel as comfortable sipping cutting-edge cocktails as cosying up in a centuries-old snug. It's a UNESCO City of Literature whose stories range from the pages of Ulysses to the songs of U2. Regularly voted one of the world's friendliest cities, crammed with quality accommodation and expert guides, it never fails to provide a warm welcome. Whether kayaking the river, kicking back at a festival, taking a Viking Splash tour or venturing into the undercroft of Dublin Castle, we guarantee a Facebook feed full of extraordinary days and happening nights.



Ireland's Ancient East

Ireland's Ancient East is a unique touring region taking in an amazing 5,000 years of history. From passage tombs like Newgrange (older than the Egyptian pyramids) to Palladian Mansions like Powerscourt and Castletown; from monastic sites to medieval castles and high crosses harking back to Early Christian Ireland, nowhere in Europe offers such a wealth of heritage in such an intimate geographical space. For youth and adventure travellers, this is the perfect opportunity to get hands-on with Irish history, to mix the pubs and festivals of Dublin and the raw adrenaline of the Wild Atlantic Way with a journey of discovery where fun, learning and meeting the locals blend seamlessly into one. How did our early Christian settlers live? Who were the invaders and early settlers to Ireland? How did the great rulers build and decorate their medieval castles? Who were the great British gentry who secured Irish lands, built our great houses and managed these great estates? What's it like to play the ancient sport of hurling? How does it feel to board a famine ship? With some of the best storytellers in the world, you will find the answers to these... and so much more.



The Wild Atlantic Way

The Wild Atlantic Way is a stunning coastal touring route, stretching 2,500km from Donegal's Malin Head to Kinsale, Co Cork. It's strewn with soaring cliffs, hidden beaches, famous landscapes and film locations, as well as activities ranging from surfing to stand-up paddling, hiking to biking and rock-climbing to coasteering. Adventure operators here pride themselves on being the best in the business, and a network of hostels, hotels, B&Bs, holiday cottages and guesthouses ensures visitors get the most out of the coast. But it's not all about adrenaline and natural wonders – get ready for traditional music, Irish language and fantastic food adventures too. From Galway City to seaside towns like Strandhill, Lahinch, Kenmare and Skibbereen, the Wild Atlantic Way is home to some of Ireland's best festivals and most unforgettable nights out. Whether you do the full thing, or dip in and out, prepare for an injection of Ireland you'll cherish forever.

ACCESS IRELAND



FLIGHTS TO IRELAND PER WEEK

High season – 2,402 flights
Low Season – 1,798 flights

AIRLINES FLYING INTO IRELAND PER WEEK

High season – 34 airlines
Low Season – 25 airlines

SAILINGS TO IRELAND PER WEEK

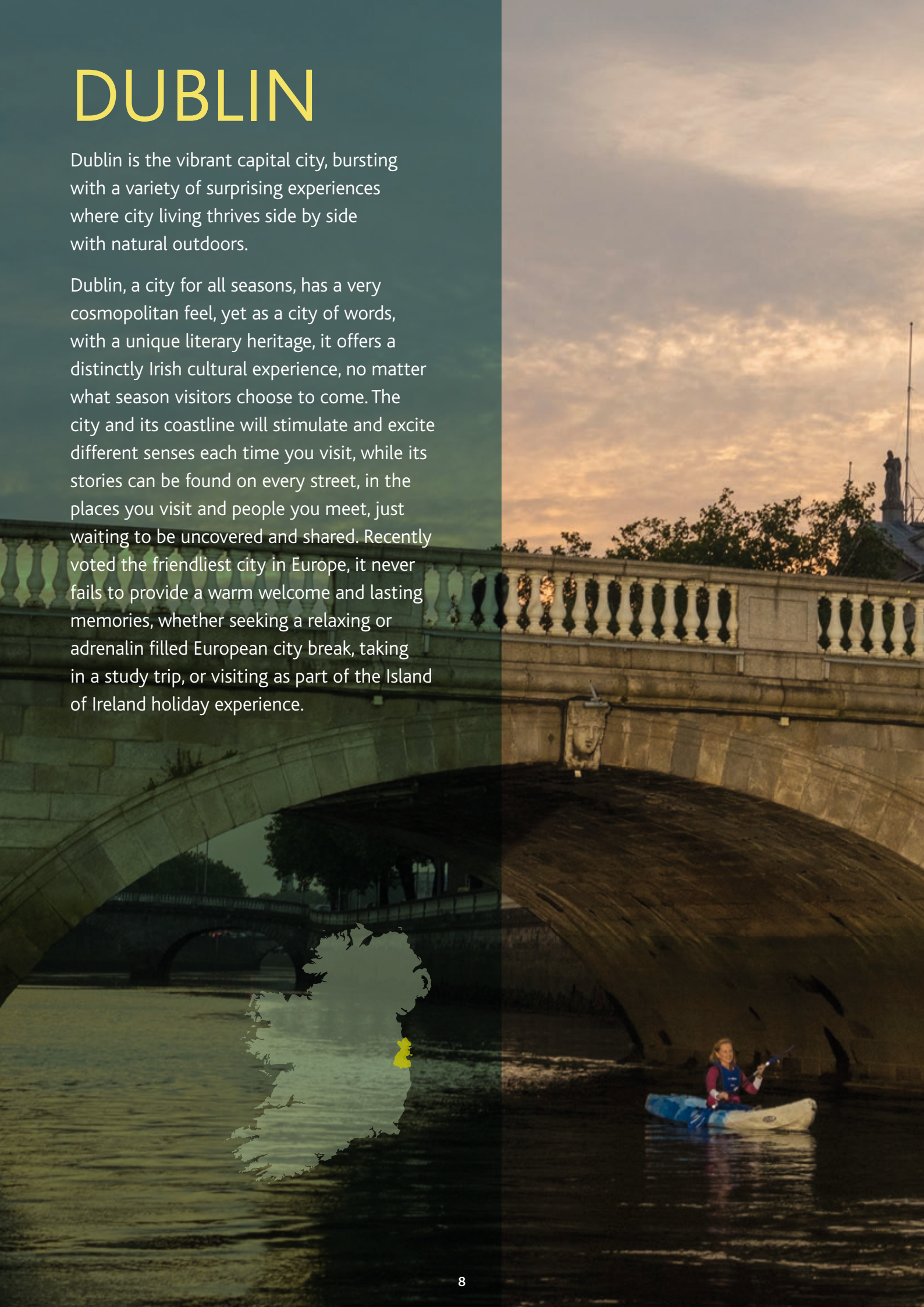
High season – 120 sailings
Low season – 112 sailings

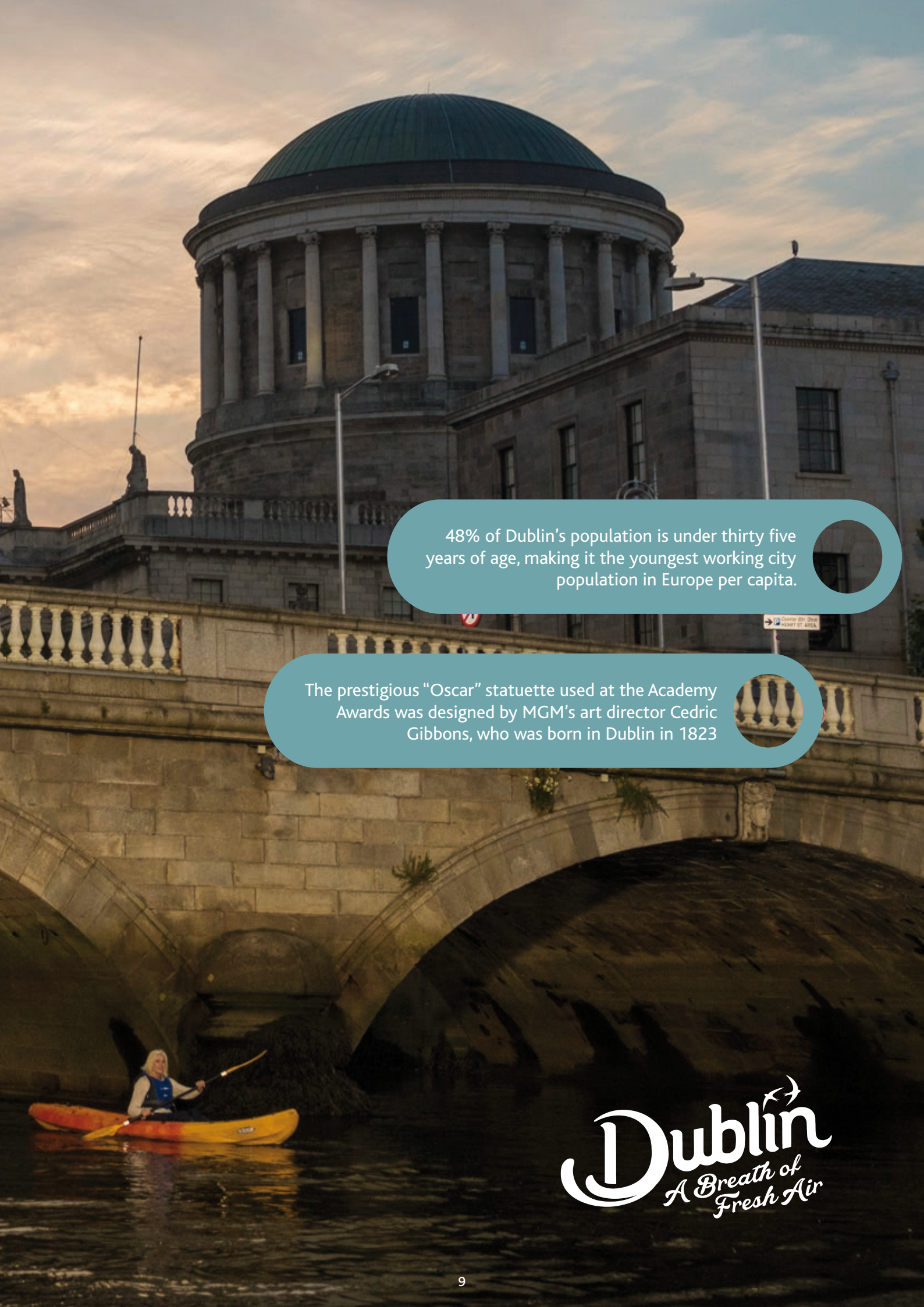


DUBLIN

Dublin is the vibrant capital city, bursting with a variety of surprising experiences where city living thrives side by side with natural outdoors.

Dublin, a city for all seasons, has a very cosmopolitan feel, yet as a city of words, with a unique literary heritage, it offers a distinctly Irish cultural experience, no matter what season visitors choose to come. The city and its coastline will stimulate and excite different senses each time you visit, while its stories can be found on every street, in the places you visit and people you meet, just waiting to be uncovered and shared. Recently voted the friendliest city in Europe, it never fails to provide a warm welcome and lasting memories, whether seeking a relaxing or adrenalin filled European city break, taking in a study trip, or visiting as part of the Island of Ireland holiday experience.





48% of Dublin's population is under thirty five years of age, making it the youngest working city population in Europe per capita.

The prestigious "Oscar" statuette used at the Academy Awards was designed by MGM's art director Cedric Gibbons, who was born in Dublin in 1823

Dublin
*A Breath of
Fresh Air*



Cycling Tour of Dublin/Wicklow Mountains

Business Contact Details

Ballinastoe Mountain Bike Trail Centre, Ballinastoe Woods, Roundwood, County Wicklow. Ticknock Mountain Bike Trail Centre, Ticknock Rd, Dublin 18
GPS 53.107526,-6.217145 (Wicklow location)
Tel +353 (0)87 7698775
Email info@biking.ie
Web www.biking.ie
Video <https://vimeo.com/78977679>

Business Contact Niall & Garreth Davis

Experience Description

Enjoy 3 hour cycling day tour bringing clients to the most beautiful parts of the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. With expert guides on hand to teach the fundamentals of mountain biking, the group can then choose an appropriate route, best suited to their level. Biking.ie staff have a wealth of local and cultural knowledge. Clients are truly immersed in the very best Ireland's natural landscape has to offer making for an unforgettable experience. Complimentary Tea and coffee are provided.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €70 for 2 pax; €55 for 3-5 pax; €45 for 6-10 pax. Advance booking required

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Niall or Garreth
Email As above
Tel As above

Opening Details

Year round, 7 days. Not available in extreme weather.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Min. Age 11 years. Must be able to cycle & be reasonably fit. Private groups choose own pace. Public car park onsite. Suitable outdoor activity clothing & good grip shoes required. Drinks/light snacks available. Public restrooms onsite.

Public Transport

Co Dublin serviced by Dublin Bus www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm
 Wicklow serviced by Private bus www.glendaloughbus.com

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Roundwood, Dundrum or Dublin City

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport www.aircoach.ie/timetables

Other Experiences Nearby

Glendalough (20 mins); Johnnie Fox's traditional pub with music (15 mins) & Dundrum Shopping Centre (8 mins)



Chester Beatty Library – Unique Museum Experience for Youths

Business Contact Details

CBL, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2
Tel +353 (0)1 4070750
Email info@cbl.ie
Web www.cbl.ie

Business Contact Derval O'Carroll

Experience Description

Winner of 'European Museum of the Year' and considered 'one of the best multi-cultural museums in Europe', the library's world renowned collection features artworks, manuscripts and rare books from around the world dated 2700BC to the present day. A guided tour is available for groups (prebooking essential). Allow 60 mins. A comprehensive public events programme is available throughout the calendar year. Educational programmes, workshops, film screenings, seminars, talks scheduled and available to book, alongside a dynamic teen's club (min age 12 years). A range of intercultural Learning Resources for schools/groups planning a visit, see www.cbl.ie/Education/Ways-of-Seeing-intercultural-Learning-Project-for-.aspx

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates

Standard Retail Price 2015 Private group guided tours available @€2.00 pp. www.cbl.ie/Plan-A-Visit/Guided-Tours.aspx

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered Yes

15 pax, larger groups accommodated with 2 guides.

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Mary Dowling
Email mdowling@cbl.ie
Tel +353 (0)1 4070759

Opening Details

Open year round, Nov-Feb: Closed Mondays March-Oct. Mon-Fri. Weekdays 10:00-17:00. Sat 11:00-17:00 Sun 13:00-17:00
 Closed 1st Jan, Good Friday + 24,25,26th Dec as well as Monday Public Holidays.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age. Fully accessible, Braille resources available. Car and Coach parking available outside Castle Walls on Ship street. Restrooms onsite. Silk Road Café onsite serving food from around the world.

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram) (5 mins), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) (12 mins) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Other Experiences Nearby

Trinity College (5 mins walk); Christchurch Cathedral (5 mins walk); Marsh's Library (10 mins walk)



Christ Church Cathedral

Business Contact Details

Christchurch Place, Dublin 8

GPS 53.343628, -6.271013

Tel +353 (0)1 6778099

Email welcome@christchurch.ie

Web www.christchurchcathedral.ie

Business Contact Lydia Toal

Experience Description

Step into Dublin's oldest working structure dating back to the early 12th century – your guide will share the many uses of the largest crypt in Ireland with you and lead you up the 86 narrow stone steps to the Belfry which houses 19 bells rung in full circle, you can have a try at bell-ringing yourself. As you explore the stunning nave perhaps you'll hear some choral music – the cathedral choir is world famous and was founded in 1493! Allow 45 mins for the guided tour.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates

Standard Retail Price Guided Tour €10.00 Student €8.50

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates

Advance booking required. Min. 15 pax for private tour. Max 24 pax in Belfry at a time (larger groups may be split over 2 tours). FITs may join scheduled tours

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Contact

Jessica Plunkett

Email Jessica@christchurch.ie

Tel As above

Opening Details

Year round except 26th Dec. April-Sept Mon-Sat 09:00-19:00, Sun 12:30-14:30, 16:30-19:00; Mar & Oct Mon-Sat 09:00-18:00, Sun 12:30-14:30, 16:30-18:00; Nov-Feb Mon-Sat 09:00-17:00, Sun 12:30-14:30.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Min age – Belfry 10 yrs. Full mobility required to Belfry (86 steps). Restrooms onsite. Coach drop – Winetavern Street Coach Parking – Castle Street (5 mins walk). Variety of Cafés, Restaurants and Bars (2 mins walk).

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram) (10 mins walk), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) (12 mins walk); Dublin Bus routes www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Other Experiences Nearby

Dublin Castle (5 mins walk); Trinity College (10 mins walk); Teeling Distillery (10 mins walk)

The Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral was Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels.



City Kayaking – Dublin

Business Contact Details

Dublin City Moorings, Custom House Quay, IFSC, Dublin 1

GPS 53.347834, -6.246097

Tel +353 (0)1 4428234/+353 (0)86 0680197

Email info@citykayaking.com

Web www.citykayaking.com

Business Contact Donnchadh Mac Cobb

Experience Description

City Kayaking is a unique experience giving you the chance to see Dublin City from a completely different angle. Over a two hour trip, your guide will lead you under some of Dublin's most famous bridges and show you some of the city's most iconic landmarks. All relevant safety gear provided before stepping into your double seater kayak to paddle through the heart of Ireland's capital city.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €25.00

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered

Yes (For private group bookings min. nos 12, max. nos. 40)

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Donnchadh Mac Cobb

Email groups@citykayaking.ie

Tel +353 (0)86 3152389

Opening Details

Open March-October: 7 days. October-March: Fri-Sun. Private group bookings available year-round. Not subject to weather conditions, unless extreme weather deems trip unsafe.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Min age 8 years. Average mobility required, No experience necessary. Suitable outdoor activity clothing required. Change of clothing, footwear & towel advised. Multi-story public coach park available at IFSC or Connolly Station (3 mins walk). Variety of cafés, restaurants, bars nearby. CHQ Food Court with restroom facilities – 2 mins walk.

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin City Centre

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (30 mins by Aircoach www.aircoach.ie/timetables/route-700-dublin-airport-dublin-city-centre)

Other Experiences Nearby

Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship (Adjacent, on same site); Irish Whiskey Museum (10 mins walk); Wakedock – wakeboarding (12 mins walk)



Dublin Bay Wildlife and Seal Kayak Tour

Business Contact Details

Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, Co Dublin
GPS 53.2856022; -6.107604
Tel +353 (0)86 1684755
Email info@kayaking.ie
Web www.kayaking.ie

Business Contact Jenny Kilbride

Experience Description

Experience the UNESCO biosphere of Dublin Bay with a guided kayak tour at Dalkey, Co Dublin (20 mins from city centre) with our friendly Eco Guides. Immerse your group in nature and wildlife as they kayak from the shore to historic Dalkey Island. Get up close and personal with the famous seals and meet many species of sea bird and marine life. A walk on historic Dalkey Island is included to explore Mesolithic ruins, a 10th century church and a Martello Tower from 1805. The island boasts many other points of interest as well as plenty of rabbits and a herd of goats as well as spectacular views of Dublin Bay. Allow 3 hours for experience.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €49.00 (advance booking required)

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates

Yes (min group size 4, max group size 18)

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Jenny Kilbride
Email As above
Tel As above

Opening Details

Available 1st March to 30th Oct – 7 days, Pre booking required.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Min Age 13 years. Suitable outdoor activity clothing required. All Equipment and safety clothing provided.

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Located in Dublin City Centre

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (30 mins by Aircoach www.aircoach.ie/timetables/route-700-dublin-airport-dublin-city-centre)

Other Experiences Nearby

Walk to Killiney Hill (15 mins walk); Joyce Tower Museum (5 mins walk); Rock Climbing in Dalkey Quarry (15 mins walk)



Epic Ireland – The Journey of a People

Business Contact Details

Unit 1, The CHQ Building, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1
GPS 53.349040, -6.247870
Postcode D01 WR86
Tel +353 1 5313688
Email info@epicirelandchq.com
Web www.epicirelandchq.com

Business Contact Dervla O'Neill

Experience Description

Epic Ireland is the dramatic new 21st Century visitor experience that showcases the unique global journey of the Irish people. Epic Ireland is located in the beautiful vaults of the iconic CHQ building, which dates from 1820, and is situated on Custom House Quay in the centre of Dublin. This high-technology interactive exhibition, tells the story of the Irish people's dispersal throughout the world over the ages. This is the world's first fully digital museum. The tour is self-guided and we have audio guides in French, Spanish, Italian and German. Each visitor gets a take way souvenir passport that they get stamped as they walk through the galleries.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €16; groups over ten people should book in advance.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rates Yes;

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Bookings/Rates Contact

Dervla O' Neill
Email doneill@epicirelandchq.com
Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round 7 days a week 9am – 7pm (6pm outside June – August). Duration of experience: 90 minutes.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

There is one dedicated drop off and pick up coach stop beside the entrance, on the same side of the road as the entrance, suitable for a 50 seater coach. There are a wide variety of eating options in The CHQ Building to suit all tastes and budgets from coffee shops to bistros all under one roof.

Public Transport

www.dublinbus.ie
www.irishrail.ie

Accommodation Hub

Jurys Inn Hotel is 200 metres from the entrance to EPIC Ireland

Other Experiences Nearby

Trinity College and book of Kells (8 minute walk); GPO Museum (10 minute walk); Jeanie Johnston and famine memorial (1 minute walk)



Experience Gaelic Games

Business Contact Details

32 Claude Road, Drumcondra Dublin 9

Tel +353 (0)1 2544292/+353 (0)87 2317794/+353 (0)86 8116809

Email info@experiencegaelicgames.com

Web www.experiencegaelicgames.com

Experience Locations

Dublin

EGG, Na Fianna GAA Club, Saint Mobhí Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9

GPS 53.37415, -6.26543

Galway

EGG, Liam Mellows GAA Club, Renmore, Ballyloughane Road, Galway

GPS 53.27101325014381, -9.02067661035403

Cork

EGG at Na Piarisigh GAA Club, The Commons, Fairhill, Cork

GPS 51.91912603569929, -8.494491574648464

Business Contact Georgina Caraher & Cormac O'Donnchú

Experience Description

Experience Gaelic Games offers a mix of cultural immersion, soft activity and serious interaction over 3-4 hours. Your group visits a local Gaelic (Irish) Club where the session starts with a personally delivered Audio/Visual presentation explaining the Irish obsession with our tribal national sports as an expression of our cultural identity. Then we unleash the groups inner warrior instincts as they learn how to play our native games. Add to this, some Gaelic Handball action and you have the perfect Irish 'team' experience.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €35 Adult; €25 Student & <18 years

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates

Yes (Min group booking nos 8 pax. Max 300 pax)

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Georgina Caraher

Email georgina@experiencegaelicgames.com

Tel As above

Opening Details

Year round, 7 days. Indoor facilities available in inclement weather.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

All ages, all abilities. Wheelchair accessible. Public car park onsite or adjacent. Suitable outdoor activity clothing or tracksuit & runners advised. Restrooms and light snacks available. Water provided free of charge.

Public Transport

Serviced by Public Transport

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin city centre (10 mins) from Dublin Venue; Galway city centre (5 mins) from Galway venue; Cork city centre (10 mins) from Cork Venue

Other Experiences Nearby

National Botanic Gardens (4 mins walk); Glasnevin Cemetery (6 mins walk via Botanic Gardens) Croke Park Stadium (12 mins walk)



Extreme Adventure – Rockclimbing in Dublin

Business Contact Details

Extreme Ireland Guinness Enterprise Centre, Taylor's Lane, Kilmainham, Dublin 8

Tel +353 (0)1 4100700

Email info@extremeireland.ie

Web www.extremeireland.ie

Business Contacts Keith McDonnell & Stephen Power

Experience Description

Your group will be taken to Dalkey Quarry where they will experience rock climbing, in a unique location just a short 15 minute trip from Dublin city centre. Full tuition and use of essential safety equipment is provided by an expert. Rock Climbing is one of the most exciting and safest sports. With the qualified rock climbing instructor, the group will learn all the basics for successful climbing. This includes learning about the equipment used, how to use it correctly, climbing techniques and how to set up systems safely. Allow 6 hours for this experience + 30 mins travel time each way to and from the city.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €50.00 (Advance booking required)

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates

Yes (Minimum group size 4, max. group size 20)

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Stephen Power

Email stephen@extremeireland.ie

Tel As above

Opening Details

Available year round, 7 days. Not available in bad or extreme weather conditions that would render the experience unsafe. Your group will be transported from the city to Dalkey Quarry and returned afterwards.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Fully mobility required and reasonable level of fitness but no previous experience necessary. Sturdy footwear essential. Killiney Hill Car Park (6 mins walk from Dalkey Quarry)

Public Transport

Serviced by DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin City Centre (15 mins by public transport)

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (30 mins by Air coach from City)

www.aircoach.ie/timetables/route-700-dublin-airport-dublin-city-centre

Other Experiences Nearby

Dalkey Castle (11 mins walk); Killiney Hill Walk (6 mins walk); Boat trip to Dalkey Island from Coliemore Harbour (19 mins walk)



Glasnevin Cemetery Guided Walking Tour & Museum

Business Contact Details

Glasnevin Cemetery Museum, Finglas Road, Dublin 11

GPS N 53° 22.190 W 006°16.613

Tel +353 (0)1 8826500

Email booking@glasnevintrust.ie or akilcoyne@glasnevintrust.ie

Web www.glasnevintrust.ie

Business Contact Ann Kilcoyne

Experience Description

Recent winner of Tourism Industry awards 'Best Cultural Experience'; this engages visitors in a guided walking tour with highly experienced guide, through the cemetery. It offers a fascinating walk through time, visiting the graves of those who helped shape modern Ireland. Founded in 1832 by Daniel O'Connell, the tour includes a visit to his tomb, located beneath his 168ft iconic tower, along with many other famous historical figures buried there. With over 1.5 million Dubliners, there are plenty of stories to tell. The experience includes a dramatic re-enactment where an actor in period costume recites a famous speech. Allow 90 mins for tour + extra to visit Museum, shop and café.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates

Standard Retail Price 2015 €12.00 Includes 10% café discount & €5.00 towards genealogy record search

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered

Yes (Min group numbers 10 pax. <10 pax can join public tours)

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Aideen Stapleton

Email astapleton@glasnevintrust.ie

Tel +353 (0)1 8826500

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days. 10:00-17:00.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age. All areas except Daniel O'Connell Crypt are wheelchair accessible. Comfortable outdoor clothing to suit weather advised. Coach park onsite. Café, shop and restrooms onsite.

Public Transport

Serviced by Dublin Bus Nos 40, 140 from O'Connell St.

www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm and Red City Sightseeing Bus (Blue route)

Other Experiences Nearby

The National Botanic Gardens (adjacent, 3 mins walk), Jameson Distillery & Guinness Storehouse (5km – 30-40 mins walk)



GPO Witness History

Business Contact Details

O'Connell Street Lower, Dublin 1

Postcode D01 WR86

Tel +353 (0) 1 8169538

Email info@gpowitnesshistory.ie

Web www.gpowitnesshistory.ie

Business Contact John Horgan

Experience Description

GPO Witness History is a brand new visitor experience opening March 29th 2016 in the historical GPO building, O'Connell Street, Dublin. This will be a highly interactive and immersive exhibition which will focus on the 1916 rising and also how Ireland has developed since. Self – guided audio headsets are available in various continental languages. The tour includes touch screens, real artefacts, videos, dress sets and memory walls which will further enhance the visitor experience. Visitors can relax afterwards in the café and retail store.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €10; groups over ten people should book in advance.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Bookings/Rates Contact

Carla Kelly

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round 9am – 5.30pm (last admission 4.30pm), closed Dec 24th/25th/26th and Easter Sunday. Duration of experience; 1.5hrs to include café and retail experience.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

The attraction is wheelchair accessible. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Café and retail experience on site.

Public Transport

www.dublinbus.ie

Accommodation Hub

GPO Witness history is located on O'Connell Street in Dublin city centre with numerous hotels within walking distance.

Other Experiences Nearby

Guinness Storehouse (5-10 minute drive), Old Jameson Distillery (5-10 minute drive), Glasnevin Cemetery (10-15 minute drive)



The Jeanie Johnston Tallship

Business Contact Details

City Moorings, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1

Tel +353 (0)1 4730111

Email info@jeaniejohnston.ie

Web www.jeaniejohnston.ie

Business Contact Lydia Toal

Experience Description

A 50 minute guided tour, telling the story of what it was like for Irish emigrants having to leave their homeland in the mid-19th century. The tour retraces their steps as they boarded the ship for the difficult transatlantic voyage and an uncertain future. Below deck, the guides lead you through the dimly-lit quarters to show what life on board was like for passengers. Hear some inspiring stories of human determination to overcome adversity and make a better life.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €9,00 Adult (>18); €8,00 student; €5.00 Child (<15)

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Contact

Laura or Paul

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days. Tour times April to October: 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00.

Tour times November to March: 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age. No Wheelchair access available to Ship. Multi-story public Car Park opposite. No onsite refreshments/restrooms – variety of Cafés, Restaurants and Bars with restroom facilities within 2 mins walk.

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (30 mins by Aircoach www.aircoach.ie/timetables/route-700-dublin-airport-dublin-city-centre)

Other Experiences Nearby

Samuel Beckett Bridge (4 mins walk); Trinity College – Book of Kells (12 mins walk); Hugh Lane Gallery (15 mins walk)

Abraham "Bram" Stoker who wrote the famous novel Dracula, was born in 1847 in Clontarf.



The Little Museum of Dublin

Business Contact Details

The Little Museum of Dublin, 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 D02 X336.

GPS 53.3394115, -6.258540900000071

Tel +353 (0)1 6611000

Email Sarah@littlemuseum.ie

Web www.littlemuseum.ie

Business Contact Sarah Costigan, Director of Development

Experience Description

The Little Museum experience, overlooking St Stephen's Green, covers the three floors of the beautiful Georgian townhouse and is centred on a guided tour of our main exhibitions. This tour covers the social and political history of Dublin in the 20th century and lasts approx. 40 mins. Your guide will explain many of the highlights of the museum's permanent collection. We also have a temporary exhibition schedule and some permanent exhibitions including one of Ireland's famous Rock Band U2. Allow 1 hour for visit.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €7.00, Family Rate €14

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates

Yes (min private group tour 10 pax. – Max 35)

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Niamh Ní Riain

Email bureau@littlemuseum.ie

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days: 9.30-17:00, late opening Thurs to 20:00. Closed:

Early-Mid Jan. Public tours: April-Oct – hourly 10:00-16:00 except 13:00.

Nov-March: hourly 11:00-15:00 except 13:00.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Not wheelchair accessible: Multi-story public car park nearby Nassau St (5 mins walk). Restrooms onsite. Hatch and Sons Café (in basement of property) offer 10% discount to museum visitors.

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram), Dublin Bus routes.

www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Located in City Centre

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (30 mins by Aircoach www.aircoach.ie/timetables/route-700-dublin-airport-dublin-city-centre)

Other Experiences Nearby

St. Stephen's Green Shopping (2 mins); National Museum of Ireland (Natural History), (7 mins walk). Trinity College (6 mins walk)



St Patrick's Cathedral – 800 Years of Living History

Business Contact Details

St Patrick's Cathedral, Saint Patrick's Close, Dublin 8, D08 H6X3
GPS 53.3394° N, 6.2714° W
Tel +353 (0)1 4539472
Email info@stpatrickscathedral.ie
Web www.stpatrickscathedral.ie

Business Contact Amy Bunce

Experience Description

Saint Patrick's Cathedral provides a window into 800 years of Irish history, religion, art, architecture, music and literature. Enjoy a self-guided experience at your own pace, including a visit to the grave of Jonathan Swift. Use the Discovery Space to learn some of the wonderful stories this building has to offer through touch screen technologies; take time to do a brass rubbing, or build a model of the Cathedral. Allow 40-60 mins for the experience. Printed visitor information about the Cathedral history is available online in various languages and can be sent in advance to groups.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €6.00

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered

Yes (Advance booking required for groups of 10+)

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Amy Bunce
Email tours@stpatrickscathedral.ie
Tel +353 (0)1 4539472

Opening Details

Open Year Round. Mon-Fri 09.30-17.00; Sat 09.00-18.00 (09.00-17.00 Nov-Feb) Sunday: Please check website for access outside of worship times. Check website for availability of public guided tours.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Fully Accessible. On-street coach parking at Saint Patrick's Close, outside Cathedral. Restrooms onsite. Variety of cafés bars, restaurants nearby (5 mins walk).

Public Transport

Serviced by Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Nearest Accommodation Hub

10 mins walk from Dublin City Centre

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (30 mins by Aircoach) www.aircoach.ie/timetables/route-700-dublin-airport-dublin-city-centre

Other Experiences Nearby

Marsh's Library – 1 min walk; Dublinia – 10 mins walk; Dublin Castle – 15 mins walk



Viking Splash – Experience Dublin by Land & Water

Business Contact Details

Viking Splash Tours – Dublin. Office: RGI House, 18 Mill Street, Dublin 8.
Tour Departures St. Stephen's North, Dublin 2
GPS 53.347834,6.246097
Tel +353 (0)1 7076000
Email info@vikingsplash.ie
Web www.Vikingsplash.com

Business Contact Lynn Walsh

Experience Description

Viking Splash Tours offers a unique experience to see Dublin sights on both land and water! Climb on board an amphibious World War II open top vehicle and don the Viking helmet. Enjoy an interactive guided tour with a humorous driver-guide, while roaring at unsuspecting passers-by. All tours in English. Tour duration 1 hour 15 mins + 15 mins advance attendance to board.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 Adult €22; Child €12 (2-12 years)

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered

Yes (28 pax. max per vehicle)

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group Booking Contact

Lynn Walsh
Email info@vikingsplash.ie
Tel +353 (0)1 7076000

Opening Details

Open Feb to Mid-Dec. March-Oct – 7 days; Feb, March, Nov, Dec – Fri-Mon. Contact office to check daily tour times (change by season) or to book private group tour.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min age. Average mobility required – 6 steps required to board vehicle. Appropriate clothing needed to suit weather. Multi-story public car park at Nassau Street (5 mins walk). Variety of cafés, restaurants, bars nearby. Shopping centre with restroom facilities – 2 mins walk.

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm Taxi rank (2 mins)

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Located in Dublin City Centre – Stephen's Green

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (30 mins by Aircoach) www.aircoach.ie/timetables/route-700-dublin-airport-dublin-city-centre

Other Experiences Nearby

St Stephen's Green Public Park (1 min walk); St Stephen's Green Shopping Centre (2 mins walk); Little Museum of Dublin (2 mins walk)

Dublin is over 1,000 years old and was originally a Viking settlement.





Historic Dublin Parks & Georgian Squares

Experience Description, Location & Opening Times

Phoenix Park: The Phoenix Park is over 700 hectares (1752 acres) in area and is the largest enclosed public Park in any capital city in Europe. A large herd of fallow deer still remain to this day. The Park is also home to the Zoo, Áras an Uachtaráin where the Irish President lives and Victorian flower gardens. The Park facilities include a visitor centre, Victorian tearooms, bicycle hire and access to Dublin Zoo. Open year round, see website for opening times. See www.phoenixpark.ie. Allow 1-4 hours for visit.

St Patrick's Park: Situated beside St. Patrick's Cathedral, tradition has it that St. Patrick baptised the first Irish Christians there with water from the River Poddle which flows underground. The park provides an ideal setting for the cathedral and recent additions in 1988 include a Literary Parade highlighting the works of Swift, Mangan, Wilde, Shaw, Yeats, Synge, O'Casey, Joyce, Behan, Beckett, Clarke, Dillon and the Liberty Bell Sculpture. There is also a children's playground and a Victorian Café. www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture/dublin-city-parks Open year round, see website for opening times. Allow 30 mins-1 hour for visit.

St Stephen's Green: Georgian Square and Park Ireland's best known Victorian public park, in the heart of the City. Spanning 22 acres. Well maintained in the original Victorian layout. Over 3.5 km of pathways are accessible for all users. The waterfall and Pulham rock work on the western side of the green are worth a visit, likewise the ornamental lake which provides a home for waterfowl and a garden for the visually impaired. A number of sculptures are located throughout the green. Lunchtime concerts are performed during the summer months. Open year round, see website for opening times. Allow 30 mins-1 hour for visit www.heritageireland.ie/en/dublin/ststephensgreen/

Merrion Square: Merrion Square, in the heart of Georgian Dublin has a fascinating history. Oscar Wilde lived as a child at No. 1 Merrion Square, where Bram Stoker also spent a lot of time attending Lady Wilde's salons, while W. B. Yeats lived at No 82, and Daniel O'Connell at No 58. The Square is well known for its Sunday Open Art Gallery and is home to diverse organisations including Irish Traditional Music Archive, Irish Architectural Archive, Irish Georgian Society, Society of Antiquarians, College of

Anaesthetists and Irish Red Cross. The beautiful park at the centre of the Square provides an appealing and relaxing atmosphere for locals and visitors with a mobile café situated near the East entrance. The Square is open year round, See website for opening times. www.merrionsquare.ie. Allow 30 mins-1 hour for visit. Note: The Irish Architectural Archive at No. 45 Merrion Square, is the largest house on Merrion Square, built in 1762 with an interesting history. A fine example of Georgian Architecture, it is open to the public FREE Tues-Fri 10:00-17:00 hrs. Group tours by appointment.

Contact Simon Lincoln
Email SLincoln@iarc.ie
Tel +353 (0)1 6633040

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age. All parks are accessible. Public Restrooms & Coach parking are available in Phoenix Park. All other parks have restrooms, cafés and shops within 5 min walk and have public coach parking available within walking distance.

Public Transport

All parks are serviced by Luas (Roadtram), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Other Experiences Nearby

Phoenix Park: Dublin Zoo (10-30 mins walk), depending on your entrance gate to the park. Zoo is closest to the Park Gate Street or North Circular entrance gates (10 mins).

St Patrick's Park: St Patrick's Cathedral (1 min walk); Christchurch Cathedral (10 mins walk); Guinness Storehouse (12 mins walk).

St Stephen's Green: Little Museum of Dublin (3 mins walk). Irish Whiskey Museum (10 mins walk).

Merrion Square: National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology (FREE); Museum of National History (FREE); National Gallery (FREE).

A smartphone multilingual guide is now available for the Oscar Wilde sculpture in Merrion Square. The guide provides audio, text and visual interpretation of the artwork and information on the sculptor Danny Osbourne. Smartphone users can link to the information via a Quick Response(QR) code or via website www.DublinArtinParks.ie This is a pilot scheme and it is hoped to expand art and parks interpretation in traditional and digital formats.

Handel first publicly performed Messiah in Dublin on April 13th 1742 – in a music hall on Fishamble Street.



National Museums of Ireland (NMI)

All Museums Contact details

Tel +353 (0)1 6777444

Email bookings@museum.ie

(Booking office open Mon-Fri 10:00 14:00hrs)

Web www.museum.ie

Advance booking required to ensure accommodation of your group size (Min. 1 month advance booking advised). Min. 1 hour recommended for each museum visit.

International and Language Group visits are self-directed in each museum allowing your group take in the Museum's collections at their own pace to focus on the areas of particular interest. Knowledgeable attendants are on hand to answer questions. Note: For conservation purposes, no food or drink allowed in Museum spaces.

All Museum Opening Times

Open Year Round. Tues-Sat 10:00-17:00 hrs; Sunday 14:00-17:00hrs.

Closed: Mondays (including Bank Holidays), Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Experience Description, Location & Opening Times

NMI – Decorative Arts, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7.

GPS 53.347868, -6.285242.

At the National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts & History you will find Irish haute couture garments, furniture, silver, jewellery, ceramics, and exhibitions exploring Irish military history, including the 1916 Easter Rising. To help plan your visit a floor plan is available to download at: www.museum.ie/en/list/tours-floor-plans-guides-national-museum-ireland-decorative-arts-history.aspx

NMI – Archaeology, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

GPS 53.340617, -6.255244

The National Archaeology Museum carries artefacts dating from 7000BC to the 20th Century over seven galleries. Language Guides & Floorplans available to download at: www.museum.ie/en/info/other-language-visitors-national-museum-ireland-archaeology.aspx

NMI – Natural History Museum, Merrion Street, Dublin 2.

GPS 53.339722, -6.252100

Also known as 'The Dead Zoo', the Museum carries 10,000 exhibits of the natural world showcasing (in decorative cabinets) a wide-ranging and comprehensive zoological collection. The Discovery Zone offers a unique chance to get to grips with a Badger and a Pilot Whale skull. This hands-on area has two mobile units with the themes: Life on Land and The Life Aquatic. To help plan your visit a floor plan is available to download at: www.museum.ie/en/info/tours-floor-plans-guides-national-museum-ireland-natural-history.aspx

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates N/A. FREE

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age. Each museum is wheelchair accessible (although some floors have no lift access – please check website for details). Public Restrooms, including wheelchair accessible restrooms at each Museum. An onsite café (at NMI Archaeology) and variety of Cafés and shops all within 5 mins. walk of all Museums. Coach Parking available within walking distance. Public Coach parking available throughout the city, all within walking distance of each museum. For further information see www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-parking-dublin/coach-parking-dublin-city

Public Transport

All parks are serviced by Luas (Roadtram), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Other Experiences Nearby

NMI – Natural History: NMI – Archaeology (8 mins Walk); National Gallery of Ireland (5 mins walk).

NMI – Archaeology: Little Museum of Dublin (5 mins Walk) St Stephen's Green (5 Mins Walk); Merrion Square (5 Mins Walk).

NMI – Decorative Arts: Phoenix Park (10 mins walk), Dublin Zoo (20 mins walk).

The remains of St. Valentine are contained in Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church, on Aungier Street in Dublin.

The lion who roars at the start of every MGM movie was born in Dublin Zoo in 1927.



Science Gallery, Dublin

Business Contact Details

Science Gallery, Trinity College Dublin, Pearse Street, Dublin 2
Tel +353 (0)1 8964091
Email info@dublin.sciencegallery.com
Web www.dublin.sciencegallery.com

Business Contact Jessica Hilliard, Marketing and Communications Manager

Experience Description

Through a programme that ignites creativity and discovery where science and art collide, Science Gallery Dublin encourages young people to learn through their interests. There is an ever-changing programme of exhibitions and events. The focus is on providing programmes and experiences that allow visitors to participate and facilitate social connections, always providing an element of surprise. Visitors have the opportunity to engage with our mediator staff on the floor to answer questions and chat. They can get lunch in our café and pick up a memento or a gift in our shop.

Group Booking Contact

Ruth Chadwick
Email tours@dublin.sciencegallery.com
Tel +353 (0)1 8964091
 Guided tours are available for pre-booked groups – on request

Opening Details

Open year round. Note: exhibition space closes for 2 weeks during exhibition installation with no programmes available during this time between shows. Please contact group bookings contact or see our website for updates on exhibition dates. Exhibition Hours: Tue-Fri: 12:00-20:00 & Sat-Sun: 12:00-18:00 Closed Mondays. Café and Shop Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 08:00-20:00 & Sat-Sun: 12:00-18:00.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age. Fully accessible. Restrooms, café and shop facilities onsite. Coach parking available in designated stops on College Green – 2 mins walk into the campus.

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Other Experiences Nearby

Book of Kells (on same campus) (1 min walk); Dublin Gallery trail (Temple Bar) (5 mins walk); Hugh Lane Gallery (10 mins walk)



Bram Stoker Festival Bram Stoker – Creator of Dracula

Halloween Festival Celebration – Late October

See video www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vx--vJkm40

Contact Details

Tel +353 86 364 3334
Email tomlawlor@gmail.com
Web www.bramstokerfestival.com

Experience Description

Every October, Dublin City celebrates 4 Days of Living Stories & 4 Nights of Deadly Adventures. Whether you're a resident vampire or visiting from further afield, Bram Stoker Festival – October (weekend nearest Halloween) will have something for everyone with its gothically inspired programme of events. There are a number of FREE events during the festival for visitors to enjoy.

Abraham 'Bram' Stoker was born on 8 November 1847 at 15 Marino Crescent, Clontarf in Dublin and educated at Trinity College from 1864-1870. He joined the Irish civil service and worked in Dublin Castle for 15 years. His love of theatre led him to become the unpaid drama critic. In 1878 he married Florence Balcombe, former girlfriend of Oscar Wilde, in St. Ann's Church in Dawson Street. Immediately following his marriage he moved to London to act as manager of the Lyceum Theatre. He began writing novels while in London – the most famous of which is Dracula, published in 1897. The global importance of Stoker's novel is just one of the many reasons Dublin is internationally recognised as a UNESCO City of Literature.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Contact

Tom Lawlor
Email tomlawlor@gmail.com
Tel +353 86 364 3334

Event Details

End of October annually. Check festival website or www.visitdublin.com for festival dates each year.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No age restrictions for FREE Events. FREE events fully accessible. Please contact group bookings contact for Disabled Access and viewing to events. Age restrictions apply to some evening paid events. Some Free events are hosted outdoors, so appropriate comfortable outdoor clothing and footwear advised. Public Coach parking available throughout the city, however, parking and vehicle access restrictions may apply around the festival dates. For further information about these restrictions close to event dates, see www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-parking-dublin/coach-parking-dublin-city

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin city and county See www.discoverireland.ie/where-to-stay/

Dublin's Ha'Penny Bridge is thus called because pedestrians had to pay a half penny toll to walk over it.



NYF Dublin 30th Dec-1st Jan (Annually)

NYF Dublin is a new and exciting 3 day city wide New Year's festival celebrating the best of contemporary Irish talent in Arts, Music, Culture and Live Entertainment.

Contact Details

Tel +353 1 4978988
Email Niamh@holohan.ie
Web www.nyfdublin.com

Experience Description

Spanning the New Year period from December 30th-January 1st, NYF celebrates IRELAND NOW – DUBLIN LIVE.

A city wide animation, stretching beyond the boundaries of a traditional arts festival, showcasing the evolution of its shining talent in music, dance, design, art, spoken word and food. Offering a vibrant spectrum of events, many FREE, the festival promises an authentic expression of Ireland's textured identity, informed by its heritage but looking to the future.

The programme includes the headline event – NYF Countdown Concert; An NYF Food village; City wide Luminosity 3D Light projections (FREE); the Procession of Light (FREE) and elements of the Spoken Word Festival (Some free); NYF Art Trail (Some free); NYF Music Trail (Some free); Resolution Day (Some free) and Dublin Culture Trails (Some free). Please see programme details on Festival website for further information or contact group bookings below.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Contact

Niamh Holohon
Email Niamh@holohan.ie
Tel +353 (0)1 4978988

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No age restrictions for FREE Events. FREE events fully accessible. Please contact group bookings contact for Disabled Access and viewing to events. Age restrictions apply to some evening paid events. Some Free events are hosted outdoors, so appropriate comfortable outdoor clothing and footwear advised. Public Coach parking available throughout the city, however, parking and vehicle access restrictions apply around the festival dates. For further information about these restrictions close to event dates. See www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-parking-dublin/coach-parking-dublin-city

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No age restrictions for FREE Events. FREE events fully accessible. Please contact group bookings contact for Disabled Access and viewing to events. Age restrictions apply to some evening paid events. Some Free events are hosted outdoors, so appropriate comfortable outdoor clothing and footwear advised. Public Coach parking available throughout the city, however, parking and vehicle access restrictions apply around the festival dates. For further about these restrictions close to the event date see www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-parking-dublin/coach-parking-dublin-city

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin city and county See www.discoverireland.ie/where-to-stay/



St Patrick's Day Festival – 4 Day Programme (Mid-March Annually)

A four day city wide festival celebrating St. Patrick, Irish Culture and Heritage over four days.

Contact Details

Tel +353 (0)1 6763205
Email info@stpatricksfestival.ie
Web www.stpatricksfestival.ie

Experience Description

For many years, Irish people around the world have gathered on 17th March to honour the life and memory of Saint Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. Today, this special day has become an annual global celebration of the island's unique heritage and culture. Dublin City hosts Ireland's biggest and most spectacular festival which runs over four days.

An invitation to join us in Dublin to experience the festival's entertainment, atmosphere and the unforgettable experience of being 'Irish in spirit' for a short time.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Contact

Edel Moss
Email info@stpatricksfestival.ie
Tel +353(0)1 6763205

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No age restrictions for FREE Events. FREE events fully accessible. Please contact group bookings contact for Disabled Access and viewing to events including Street Parade on 17th March. Age restrictions apply to some evening paid events. Some Free events are hosted outdoors, so appropriate comfortable outdoor clothing and footwear advised. Public Coach parking available throughout the city, however, parking and vehicle access restrictions apply around the festival dates, notably 17th March for public Street Parade. For further information about these restrictions close to event dates, see www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-parking-dublin/coach-parking-dublin-city

Event Details

End of October Annually. Check festival website or www.visitdublin.com for festival dates each year.

Public Transport

Serviced by Luas (Roadtram), DART (Coastal Dublin Lightrail) and Dublin Bus routes. www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm

Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin city and county See www.discoverireland.ie/where-to-stay/


The first chapter of Ulysses by James Joyce is set in the Martello Tower in Sandycove, now open to the public as the James Joyce Museum.

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

Ireland's Ancient East offers a personal experience of 5000 years of Europe's history. Your journey of discovery in this relaxing, off the beaten track, lush beautiful landscape, that attracted warring settlers for millennia, will be made illuminating by stories from the best storytellers in the world.

Discover tombs older than the pyramids, from Pagan and Celtic Ireland. Be moved at monasteries, the masterworks of our Christian heritage. Explore a Viking settlement, walk a Medieval mile, brave a battleground. Discover the stories of a time of contrasts, the time of empire, rebellion, innovation and industry.





Lonely Planet voted Ireland one of its hottest countries to visit in 2015, and ranked the Smithwick's Experience in Kilkenny as one of the year's hottest attractions.

Newgrange, a 5,000-year-old passage tomb was engineered 500 years before the Egyptian pyramids, and 1,000 years prior to Stonehenge!



Challenge Yourself on a Zip Line Adventure in Carlingford

Business Contact Details

Carlingford Adventure Centre & SKYPARK,
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GPS 54.039482, -6.184799
Postcode A91 VW70
Tel +353 (0)42 9373100
Tel +447826899464
Email ciarac@carlingfordadventure.com
Web www.carlingfordadventure.com

Business Contact Ciara Cunningham

Experience Description

Whizzzzzz through the trees on a tree top ZIP TOUR, challenge yourself on SKYPARK an aerial adventure park or enjoy the amazing views of the Cooley & Mourne Mountains while canoeing on Carlingford Lough. This is a hands on adventure experience with breath taking scenery you will never forget.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €49 per person (Ages 18+); no max group size; min 6; individual bookings also taken.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Carmel Belton
Email carmel@carlingfordadventure.com
Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, closed 15th Dec-15th January. Duration of experience; 3-4 hours.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Activities are not accessible to wheelchairs. Some activities do have steep walks and uneven surfaces. You do not have to be physically fit. There are some restrictions for Zorbing, please refer to website. No specialist clothing required, Carlingford Adventure Centre provide wetsuits etc... No flip-flop or sandals allowed on land activities, tied shoes only. Free coach parking available. Refreshments/meals can be pre-booked if required. There are plenty of cafés and eating establishments in Carlingford village.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Carlingford Adventure Centre offer hostel style accommodation (180 pax) onsite and 8x4* Holiday Homes in the Village.

Other Experiences Nearby

1. Walking Tour of The Medieval Village – Right on our doorstep
2. Traditional Irish Pub Experience – Right on our doorstep
3. Visit *The Last Living Leprechauns Cavern* (2 minute walk)



Castlecomer Discovery Park – Outdoor Adventure Activities

Business Contact Details

Castlecomer Discovery Park, The Estate Yard,
Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny, Ireland.
GPS 52.8065903, -7.203715500000044
Postcode R95 HY7X
Tel +353 (0)56 4440707
Email info@discoverypark.ie
Web www.discoverypark.ie

Business Contact Liz Nolan

Experience Description

Set in the former grounds of the Wandesforde Estate, Castlecomer Discovery Park comprises of over 80 acres of woodland and two lakes. We are a multi-activity park with a range of outdoor activities. These include the exhilarating Tree-Top Adventure Walk, Climbing Wall and Leap-of-Faith. We also offer Boating activities on our picturesque Upper Lake. We have three woodland orienteering trails to explore along with a coal-mining museum, café and design craft workshops.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price Tree Top Walk €12.50pp; Climbing Wall and Leap of Faith €10pp; **Package Deal** Tree Top Walk, Leap of Faith and Climbing Wall €20pp. Boating, max. €15 per boat.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered Yes

Minimum group booking of 20 people. Advance booking required.

FIT Rate No

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates No

Group bookings/rates contact

Liz
Email As above
Tel As above

Opening Details

Weekdays

May-August: 9.30am-5pm
September-April: 9.30am-4pm

Weekends

May-August: 10am-5pm
September-April: 11am-4pm. Duration of experience; 90 mins.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Tree-Top Adventure Walk; Climbing Wall and Leap-of-Faith – min. 7 years and 1.2m height. Pedal Boating – min. age 4 years accompanied by adult, min. 14 years alone. Canadian Canoes – min. 12 years accompanied by adult, min. 16 years alone. Minimal fitness levels required. Secure footwear (no sandals or flip-flops). Refreshments available onsite.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City (25 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Dunmore Cave – 15 mins/10km drive
Kilkenny Castle – 25 mins/23km drive
Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny – 25 mins/20km drive



Ireland's Ancient East Hurling Experience

Business Contact Details

Kilkenny Way Hurling Experience, 28/29 Rose Inn Street, Kilkenny

Tel +353 (0)56 7721718

Email info@thekilkennyway.com

Web www.thekilkennyway.com

Business Contact PJ Lanigan

Experience Description

Take a 2 hour trip down the ancient Irish sporting heritage of hurling. Unique sporting experience giving insights into the world's oldest (3,000 years) and fastest field game. Introductory video to the game of hurling and history of the GAA; tour of Kilkenny stadium where you will experience hands on the skills of the game. Enjoy a fresh bowl of Irish lamb stew at Legend's hurling museum whilst watching a game seeing the skills you have learnt on the pitch.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €25 including Bowl of Irish Stew (min. age 5yrs)

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

Tour Op. Rate: FIT

Yes >5 pax Ad-Hoc Group: Yes >5pax Tour Series: Yes >5 pax

Group bookings rates contact

As above

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days, Tour times: Mon-Fri. 13.45; Sat-Sun. 12.00hrs.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Min. age 5 years. Wheelchair access. Coffee shop onsite. Coach parking available close by, 50 bays.

Public Transport

Train to MacDonagh Junction; Expressway coaches.

Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City.

Nearest Airport

Dublin (1hr 30mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Kilkenny Castle; Smithwick's Brewery; Kilkenny Ghost Tours within walking distance



Kilkenny Cycling Tours

Business Contact Details

Kilkenny Cycling Tours, Old Tea House, Bateman Quay, Kilkenny

Tel +353 (0)868954961

Email info@kilkennycyclingtours.com

Web www.kilkennycyclingtours.com

Business Contact Jason Morrissey

Experience Description

Enjoy a fun and easy paced two hour Guided Cycling Tour with Kilkenny Cycling Tours visiting historical and cultural sites around Kilkenny including Kilkenny Castle, The Kilkenny Design Centre, Shee Alms House, The Tholsel, St. Mary's Church, Rothe House & Gardens, The Courthouse (Grace's Castle), St. Francis' Abbey, The Black Abbey, St. Canice's Cathedral and some hidden gems along Ireland's Medieval Mile. We have bikes suitable for all ages and we use riverbank paths and backstreets to stay away from heavy traffic. Find out about Kilkenny's most famous characters like the Witch Dame Alice Kyteler and William Earl Marshal, the greatest Knight that ever lived.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €20 per person; max group size 60, min 2.

For larger groups of 60 for example we go in 4 separate groups of 15.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Jason Morrissey

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open 7 days a week, 9am-7pm. Duration of experience 2 hours.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Must be able to cycle. The cycle is very easy going and we keep away from traffic. Bring comfortable footwear and rain coat. Two bus drop off bays and a public car park at site. Refreshments available in Kilkenny City.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

www.irishrail.ie

Accommodation Hub

10 minute walk to The Hibernian, Club House, Pembroke, Kilford Arms, Rivercourt Hotel, Kilkenny Inn, Langtons, Ormond hotel.

Other Experiences Nearby

Go With The Flow River Adventures; Kilkenny Castle, Smithwicks Experience Kilkenny – within 5 mins walking distance

US President John F. Kennedy's family hailed from Dunbrody, Co Wexford.



The Smithwicks Experience

Business Contact Details

The Smithwicks Experience, 44 Parliament Street, Kilkenny
GPS 52.655602N 7.254146
Tel +353 (0)56 7786377
Email info@smithwicksexperience.com
Web www.smithwicksexperience.com

Business Contact Mark McGovern

Experience Description

Home to Ireland's most popular ale, the Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny® opened its doors in July 2014. Housed in a restored Victorian brewing building the multi-sensory experience takes visitors on a journey through the medieval origins of brewing on the site, to the arrival of John Smithwick's in the 1700's up to the present day. During the guided tour, the Smithwick's brewing process will be brought to life with visitors having the opportunity to experience the smells, tastes and textures of the raw materials involved in creating the perfect pint of ale.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €12 Adult; €7 Student; €28 Family (2 adults & 3 children). Groups over 25 people will be split into two groups and sent on tour 5 mins apart.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates No

Group bookings/rates contact

Keith O' Dwyer
Email keith.odwyer@diageo.com
Tel +353 (0)87 7173138

Opening Details

March-October 10am last Admissions 5pm; November-February 11am last Admissions 4pm Duration of experience – 1hr.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No parking onsite, parking available in vicinity, within 5 mins walk. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Experience is fully accessible. Restrooms and retail outlet onsite. Audio guides available in foreign languages.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie
www.irishrail.ie

Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City

Nearest Airport

Dublin airport (1hr 25 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Kilkenny Castle; St Canices Cathedral; Rothe House – all within 10min walk



Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience & Restaurant

Business Contact Details

Dunbrody Famine Ship & Restaurant, South Quay, New Ross, Co Wexford
GPS N 52.39354, W 006.94770
Postcode Y34 A786
Tel +353 (0)51 425239
Email bookings@dunbrody.com
Web www.dunbrody.com

Business Contact Sean Connick

Experience Description

Dunbrody Famine Ship is one of the premier tourist attractions in the South East of Ireland. Centred on an authentic reproduction of an 1840's emigrant vessel, it provides a world-class interpretation of the famine emigrant experience. Incorporating **guided tour, costumed performers and themed exhibitions** of the highest quality, 'The Dunbrody' provides a unique insight into the bravery and fortitude with which Irish people faced up to a desperate situation. As well as the Ship's Tour the Dunbrody Visitor Centre houses a charming river-view café and the Irish America Hall of Fame.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €8.50 – adult; €7 – senior; €5 – child/student. No minimum or maximum group size, advance booking preferable.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Offered Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Carmel/Maura
Email carmel@dunbrody.com / mauramurphy@dunbrody.com
Tel As above

Opening Details

Open 7 days a week 9am to 6pm. Experience is not weather dependent.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Fully accessible. Coach parking available – 12 dedicated Bus Parking Spaces across from Visitor Centre; 2 in Bus Bay at Visitor Centre. No minimum age requirements. Refreshments, restrooms and retail outlet available onsite.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

New Ross Town
 Waterford City (24kms/30 mins)
 Kilkenny City (52kms/44mins)
 Wexford Town (36kms/44mins)

Nearest Airport

Cork City (1hr 48 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

New Ross Tapestry (500 Metres/5 mins walk); The Kennedy Homestead (8Km/10mins); The John F Kennedy Memorial Park & Arboretum (12Km/15 mins)



Experience 800 Years of Lighthouse Keeping at Hook Lighthouse – The Oldest Working Lighthouse in the World

Business Contact Details

Hook Lighthouse, Fethard on Sea, Hook Peninsula, New Ross, Co Wexford
GPS N52.12.48.75 W6.93.06.15
Tel +353 (0)51 397054/5
Email info@hookheritage.ie
Web www.hookheritage.ie

Business Contact Ann Waters

Experience Description

Fully guided 1hr tour takes you through the medieval lighthouse tower built by William Marshal, the Earl of Pembroke, the most famous knight of his time. Visit the modern watchtower with fascinating stories about lighthouse keeping and the lighthouse, still fully operational today. Enjoy spectacular views from the balconies. Relax by the sea and keep an eye out for seals, dolphins and even whales.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €6

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Yes

Ad-Hoc Group Yes <30 pax

Tour Series Yes <30 pax

Group bookings rates contact

Cathy Dowling/Elaine Wallace

Email as above

Tel as above

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days. June-Aug. 09.30-18.00, tours every 30mins; Sept-May 09.30-17.00, tours every hour. Closed Monday before Christmas up to and including Christmas Day. Some areas may be restricted during extreme weather conditions.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Free car and coach parking (one coach and one minibus). Restaurant and Bakery onsite. Outdoor barbeque during summer months. Outdoor picnic areas. Not suitable for those with mobility challenges.

Public Transport

New Ross train station (40 mins)

Accommodation Hub

New Ross (40 mins); Wexford Town (50 mins); Waterford City via Passage East Ferry (1hr); Waterford City via New Ross (1hr15mins).

Nearest Airports

Dublin (2hr 45mins); Cork: (2hr 45mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Hooked Kitsurfing; Loftus Hall; Tintern Abbey/Colclough Walled Gardens; Dunbrody Abbey and Maze



Irish National Heritage Park

Business Contact Details

Ferrycarrig, Co Wexford
GPS 52.3482 – 6.5171
Tel +353 (0)53 9120733
Email info@inhp.com
Web www.inhp.com

Business Contact Maura Bell

Experience Description

1.5hr guided tour. The world you enter is an authentic recreation of Ireland's heritage. From campsite to Ringfort; Mill to Fulacht Fiadh; Crannog to Viking site, every activity is an adventure into 9000 years of history. Children can experience fun activities such as panning for gold; wattle your own house. Includes two adventure playgrounds and an activity scramble. Stay a night or two in a replica of a 1,500 year old ringfort (Cert. of Tourist Accommodation, Approved by Fáilte Ireland). Restaurant, craft and gift shop.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €9.00 Adult (>18); €8.00 Senior/Student; €25 per family (2 adults and up to 3 children (<16))

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Yes

Ad-Hoc Group Yes >20 pax

Tour Series Yes >20 pax

Group bookings rates contact

As above

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days (except 24th, 25th/26th Dec). Opening times: May-Aug. 09.30-18.30 (last admission 17.00); Sept-April 09.30-17.30 (last admission 16.00).

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age but persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Wheelchair access. Park is outdoors so suitable clothing advisable. Car and coach parking available. Restaurant, restrooms and retail outlet onsite. Set menus for groups available on request.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie; www.irishrail.ie; taxi from Wexford train station (10mins)

Accommodation Hub

Wexford Town (5 mins)

Nearest Airport

Dublin (2hrs)

Other Experiences Nearby

Enniscorthy Castle & 1798 Rebellion Centre (18mins); Dunbrody Emigrant Ship, New Ross (34 mins); Wexford Wild Fowl Reserve (35 mins)



Follow the Emigrant Trail – Retrace the fortunes of the most famous Irish America Family

Business Contact Details

The Kennedy Homestead, Dunganstown, New Ross, Co Wexford

GPS N52.3486° / W 006.98099° Postcode: Y34 KW31

Tel +353 51 388264

Email info@kennedyhomestead.ie

Web www.kennedyhomestead.ie

Business Contact Sean Connick

Experience Description

Follow the journey from famine emigrant to President!

The Kennedy Homestead, birthplace of President John F. Kennedy's great grandfather, celebrates the story of five generations of the Kennedy dynasty. Relive President Kennedy's iconic return visit in 1963. Experience a state of the art interpretive museum; housing an interactive exhibition, guiding visitors through the footsteps of the most famous Irish emigrant family. Witness a unique collection of film, photographs and exclusive memorabilia.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price Adult €7.50, senior €6.50, Student/ Child €5.00 (under 4yrs free), Family (2 adults & 3 children under 12) €22. No min or max group size, advance booking required for groups of 10 or more.

Group Bookings /Tour Operator Rates Offered Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Sean Connick

Email info@kennedyhomestead.ie

Tel +353 51 388264

Opening Details

Open 7 days a week, 9.30am – 5.30pm (Last admission 5.00pm). Duration of experience – the visitor experience is largely self-guided which begins with a detailed personal introduction.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking onsite. Wheelchair accessible throughout. Refreshments available onsite.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie; Taxi from New Ross (10mins)

Accommodation Hub

New Ross – (8kms/10mins); Wexford Town – (42kms/40mins); Rosslare Harbour – (55kms/50 mins); Waterford City – (33kms/40 mins); Kilkenny City – (60kms/60 mins); Dublin – (160kms/2 hours)

Nearest Airport

Dublin airport (1hr 50 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

The Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience (8km/10mins); The Kennedy Memorial Park & Arboretum (7Km/10mins); Hook Head Light House (29Km/35mins); House of Waterford Crystal (33Km/40mins)



Bishop's Palace – Treasures of Georgian Waterford

Business Contact Details

Viking Triangle, Waterford City

GPS 52.259712 – 7.107703 X91 E279

Tel +353 (0)51 849650

Email granaryrecep@waterfordcouncil.ie

Web www.waterfordtreasures.com

Business Contact David Rodgers

Experience Description

A 45 minute guided tour. Experience authentic grand 18th century living in this beautiful Georgian building. Don't miss the oldest surviving piece of Waterford Crystal dating back to 1789 and Napoleon Bonaparte's Mourning Cross; the only one to survive of the original twelve that were made on his death. Take the multi-media handheld guide or enjoy a family friendly tour with a costumed performer.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €7.00 Adult (>18); €6.00 Senior/Student; FREE Child with paying adult (<15)

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Yes

Ad-Hoc Group Yes >10 pax

Tour Series Yes >10 pax

Group bookings rates contact

As above

Email As above

Tel As above plus 353 (0)87 4141794

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days (except 25th/26th Dec. & 1st Jan.).

Opening times

June-Aug. Mon.-Fri: 09.15-18.00; Sat. 09.30-18.00; Sun. 11.00-18.00 (last admission 17.20); May-Sept. Mon.-Fri. 09.15-17.00; Sat. 10.00-17.00; Sun. 11.00-17.00 (last admission 16.20). Opening outside of normal hours facilitated by prior arrangement.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age. Wheelchair access. Coffee shop onsite. Bolton St Public Car Park less than 3 mins away. On street parking (pay by meter) on the Quays; the Mall; Parnell St and City Square Shopping Centre all nearby. Free coach parking available outside the Bishops' Palace, all size coaches, 8 bays.

Public Transport

Irish Rail Expressway coaches; local buses from train station.

Accommodation Hub

Waterford City

Nearest Airports

Dublin 2hrs; Cork 1hr

Other Experiences Nearby

Reginald's Tower; Waterford Crystal Visitor Experience



Medieval Museum – Treasures of Medieval Waterford

Business Contact Details

Viking Triangle, Waterford

GPS 52.259919, -7.106772 X91 K10E

Tel +353 (0)51 849501

Email medievalreception@waterfordcouncil.ie

Web www.waterfordtreasures.com

Business Contact David Rodgers

Experience Description

45min. tour, currently ranked #1 attraction in Waterford on Tripadvisor.com. Only museum in Europe built on National monuments, the 13th century Chorister's Hall and the 15th century Mayor's Wine Vault. Don't miss the Unique Cloth of Gold vestments, lost for centuries after they were hidden from Cromwell's army; the Great Charter Roll viewed by Queen Elizabeth II on her visit to Ireland and the only piece of clothing to survive King Henry VIII's reign, 'The Cap of Maintenance'. Take the multimedia handheld guide or enjoy a family friendly tour with a costumed performer.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €7.00 Adult (>18); €6.00 Senior/Student; under 14 free with paying adult.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Yes

Ad-Hoc Group Yes >10 <35 pax

Tour Series Yes >10 <35 pax

Group bookings rates contact

As above

Email drodgers@waterfordcouncil.ie

Tel +353 (0)51 849646/353 (0)87 4141794

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days (except 25th/26th Dec. and 1st Jan). Opening times: Mon-Fri 09.15-18.00; Sat. 09.30-18.00; Sun. & Bank Holidays 11.00-18.00. Last admission 17.20 (Sept-May 16.20). Opening outside of normal hours facilitated by prior arrangement.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age. Wheelchair access. Coffee shop. Free coach parking outside the Bishop's Palace, all size coaches, 8 bays. Metered parking on the Quays, the Mall, Parnell St.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie; www.irishrail.ie

Accommodation Hub

Waterford City

Nearest Airports

Cork (1hr); Dublin 2hrs

Other Experiences Nearby

Bishop's Palace; Reginald's Tower; House of Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre Experience – within 5 mins walking distance



Surfing and Irish Language Experience

Business Contact Details

The Beach House, The Gap Riverstown, Tramore, Co Waterford

GPS 52.16124928, -7.14096308

Tel + 353 51 386773 / 353 86 3914908

Email irish@freedomssurfschool.com

Web www.freedomssurfschool.com

Business Contact Billy Butler

Experience Description

Enjoy learning to surf and experience the spoken Irish Language from our authentic 'Irish Cottage Surf School'. Freedom Surf School's unique surf lesson is about learning how to surf and learning Irish words and phrases at the same time. Instruction is given through English and Irish in waist deep water for maximum fun and enjoyment. Duration two hours. All equipment supplied (full wetsuits, booties, surf boards). Relax and enjoy a light refreshment at the cottage after your surf.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €35

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Yes

Ad-Hoc Group Yes >4 pax < 50 pax

Tour Series Yes >4 pax <50 pax

Group bookings rates contact

Billy Butler

Email info@freedomssurfschool.com

Tel as above

Opening Details

Open year round. May-Aug. 09.00-20.00; Sept & April 09.00-18.00; Oct-Mar. 09.00-17.00; Nov-Feb. 09.00-16.00

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Min. age 8yrs. Basic level of fitness and swimming ability. Bring towel and swimwear. Advance booking required. Facilities: Coffee Doc, indoor lecture room, shower room. Male and female changing rooms. Beach Art Gallery. Two beach restaurants located 3 min. walk from premises. Coach parking available, 2 bays, within 3 mins walk from premises.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie; www.irishrail.ie

Accommodation Hub

Tramore Town (5 min. walk).

Nearest Airport

Dublin (2hrs 15mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Lafcadio Hearn Memorial Gardens (5mins); The Copper Coast Geopark (25mins); The Viking Triangle – Waterford City (20 mins)



Whitewater Adventure – Guided Tour

Business Contact Details

Go with the Flow River Adventures, Golden Grove, Roscrea, Co Tipperary
Tel +353 (0)87 2529700
Email info@gowiththeflow.ie
Web www.gowiththeflow.ie

Business Contact Charlie Horan

Experience Description

With various departure points along the River Barrow in counties Kildare, Carlow or Kilkenny, enjoy a 2.5hr guided tour. Experience the incredibly beautiful Barrow River valley with qualified, enthusiastic guides. Take a ride in a Canadian canoe; experience going through a lock system; shooting through a weir; riding the waves on the rapids and wild swimming through a natural rock garden. The scenery is stunning. Fantastic fun levels; inspiring experiences. Highest safety standards apply. All equipment supplied. FREE photos for all after the event.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €35

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Yes

Ad-Hoc Group Yes

Tour Series Yes

Group bookings rates contact

As above

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Year round. Opening times: 09.00-18.00hrs.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Minimum age 6yrs. Parking for up to four large coaches onsite.

Public Transport

Train to Bagenalstown; public bus from Kilkenny 20mins

Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City, 20mins

Nearest Airport

Dublin 1hr 40.

Other Experiences Nearby

Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny; Kilkenny Castle; Kilkenny Cycling Tours



Horses & Horticulture

Business Contact Details

Irish National Stud, Tully, Kildare Town, Co Kildare
Tel +353 (0)45 521617
Email dwardell@instourism.net
Web www.irishnationalstud.ie

Business Contact David Wardell

Experience Description

From horses to horticulture the Irish National Stud & Gardens offers you a unique experience that may be enjoyed at your own leisure or as part of a guided tour. Daily guided tours of the Stud. Browse through the world famous Japanese Gardens. Visit the award winning Irish Garden – St. Fiachra's Garden and also our Horse Museum. Restaurant with home baking onsite.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €12.50 Adult; €9.50 Senior/Student; children under 5 go free. No min or max group size, larger numbers divided into smaller groups. Pre booking is essential.

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Marie/Siobhan/Caroline/Mary

Email reservations@instourism.net

Tel As above

Opening Details

7 days a week from 9am-5pm between 1st February and 6th November. Duration of experience – minimum time 1.5 hours, recommended time to visit 3 hours.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available for 25 buses and car parking for over 200 cars. The Japanese Gardens are partially wheelchair accessible as they were designed in 1906. The remainder of the property e.g. Stud, Museum & St. Fiachra's Garden are wheelchair accessible. Comfortable walking shoes required. Advisable to bring a light raincoat and umbrella. Refreshments and restrooms available onsite.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

www.dublincoach.ie

www.irishrail.ie

Accommodation Hub

Newbridge (12 minutes drive)

Nearest City

Dublin (50 mins)

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (1hr)

Other Experiences Nearby

Newbridge Silver and Museum of Style Icons (5 miles); Kildare retail Village (1 mile); Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park (10 miles)

Mount Usher Gardens in Wicklow were voted Best to Visit in Ireland by BBC Gardeners' World Magazine.



Wicklow Gaol Historic Tour

Business Contact Details

Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow Town, Co Wicklow

GPS 52.978909, -6.037345

Tel +353 (0)404 61599

Email info@wicklowshistoricgaol.com

Web www.wicklowshistoricgaol.com

Business Contact Emeir O'Connell

Experience Description

1 hour tour. Take an interactive multimedia journey through Wicklow's Historic Gaol. Designed to engage all the senses, visitors will step back in time. Holographic projections of cruel prison guards, the sound of the defiant cries from the 1798 rebels and the transformation of three prison floors visually creates over 200 years of Irish history through the eyes of the inmates. The tour is partially guided. Audio guides also available.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 €7.90 Adult (>18); €6.70 Student/Senior; €5.00 Child (<16); €20 Family

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Yes

Ad-Hoc Group Yes

Tour Series Yes

Group bookings rates contact

Marie Comerford

Email as above

Tel as above

Opening Details

Open year round. Mon-Sat. 10.30-16.30; Sun. 11.00-16.00.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min. age requirement. Wheel chair access ground floor only. Coffee shop. Free car parking (up to 2 hours) in public car park in front of Wicklow Gaol. Coach parking available, 2 bays.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie; www.irishrail.ie

Accommodation Hub

Wicklow Town

Nearest Airport

Dublin (50 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Diamond Bowl and Kidzone (8 mins); Mount Usher Gardens (16 mins); Brittas Bay Beach (32mins)



Day Tour of Wicklow with Activity Options

Business Contact Details

Hilltop Treks, 17 Dodder Lawn, Dodder Valley Park,

Firhouse, Dublin, Dublin 24

Tel +353 (0)87 7849599

Email info@hilltoptreks.ie

Web www.hilltoptreks.ie

Business Contact Terry Lambert

Experience Description

Fully guided day tour of Wicklow from Dublin, visiting Glendalough and the Powerscourt Gardens. Visitors will have the options of a guided walk (approx. 1.5hrs); horse riding (approx. 2hrs) or Powerscourt Gardens (approx. 1.5hrs). Tour starts in Dublin at Suffolk St at 09.30, then travels to Enniskerry, Co Wicklow for visit to Powerscourt or chosen activity. Lunch Enniskerry. Tour takes scenic route through Wicklow Mountains visiting Glencree, Sally Gap and on to Glendalough to visit the 6th century monastic site. Return to Dublin by 17.30.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price 2015 Tour only €25 (does not include admission into Powerscourt €6.50); Tour with guided walk €35; Tour with horse riding €75.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Yes

Ad-Hoc Group Yes

Tour Series Yes >15 pax

Group bookings/rates contact

Terry Lambert/Dara

Email bookings@hilltoptreks.ie

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days. Tour times 09.30-17.30.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age but min. age for horse riding is 8yrs. Lunch included. Average level of fitness required for guided walk and horse riding. Recommend walking boots or old trainers for walking; jeans for horse riding and some rain gear just in case!

Accommodation Hub

Dublin City

Brú na Bóinne the UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to the largest concentration of stone art in Western Europe.



A Stitch in Time

Business Contact Details

Carrickmacross Lace Gallery, Market Square,
Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan
Tel +353 (0)42 9664176
Email info@carrickmacrosslace.ie
Web www.carrickmacrosslace.ie

Business Contact Geraldine O'Reilly

Experience Description

30 min. tour. Visit Carrickmacross Lace Gallery to learn more of the history of Carrickmacross Lace which has a long and rich tradition, having originated in the early 1820's. Its style was inspired by examples of Italian lace of that era. At that time it became an important source of rural family income. It was 'made by the poor for the rich and famous'. Today it is still worked by a small group of people who are passionate about the beauty of fine, meticulously stitched needlecraft.

Group bookings contact

As above
Email As above
Tel As above

Opening Details

Mon-Sat. 09.30-17.30.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Group demos available, costs €50 per group < 15 pax. Car park available across the road. Numerous cafés in the town.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie/ – to Carrickmacross

Accommodation Hub

Carrickmacross

Other Experiences Nearby

Patrick Kavanagh Centre, Inniskeen 12km/15mins; Wildlife and Heritage Centre, Clontibret, Co Monaghan 33km/30mins;
Rally School Ireland, Scotstown, Co Monaghan 50km/45mins



An Undiscovered Landscape

Business Contact Details

Cavan Burren Park, Cavan County Council,
Farnham Street, Cavan, Co Cavan
Tel +353 (0)49 4378543
Email jhayes@cavancoco.ie
Web www.thisiscavan.ie/fun/article/new-visitor-centre-for-heritage-site-at-cavan-burren

Business Contact Joanne Hayes

Experience Description

1hr tour. Cavan Burren Park just outside Blacklion in West Cavan is one of the finest integrated prehistoric landscapes in Ireland with fine examples of megalithic tombs, stone walls, ancient rock art, glacial erratics and pre-bog walls. Visitors will enjoy exploring the visitor centre and four walking trails (inc. multi-access trail). Interpretation along the way will assist you in unravelling the intriguing layers of human history as you walk. Rich in archaeological and geological heritage, Cavan Burren Park affords spectacular views over Lough MacNean, Cavan and Fermanagh and the wider Global Geopark.

Group bookings contact

Joanne Hayes
Email As above
Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, 09.00hrs to dusk.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Wheelchair accessible tracks on some of the walking tracks. Coach and car parking available.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie to Blacklion

Accommodation Hub

Blacklion; Ballybawn; Glenfarne (10mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Marble Arch Caves, Co Fermanagh (8km/11mins); Manorhamilton Castle & Heritage Centre, Co Leitrim (22km/21mins); Out Doors and Dirty (ODD), Ballyconnell, Co Cavan (37km/35mins)

Arthur Guinness was born in Celbridge and ran his first brewery in Leixlip before trying his luck in Dublin. He is buried in Oughter Ard, Co Kildare.



An Ancient Oak Road

Business Contact Details

Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre, Kenagh, Co Longford

Tel +353 (0)43 3322386

Email ctrackwayvisitorcentre@opw.ie

Web www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlandseastcoast/CorleaTrackwayVisitorCentre/

Business Contact Mary Forbes

Experience Description

Discover an ancient transport route constructed in the Iron Age at the Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre. Located 3km from Kenagh village close to the River Shannon in Co Longford. The oak road is the largest of its kind to have been uncovered in Europe. Inside the building an 18 metre stretch of preserved road is on permanent display in a specially designed hall with humidifiers to prevent the ancient wood from cracking in the heat.

Group bookings contact

As above

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open early April to end Sept. Daily 10.00-18.00, last tour is 17.00.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking available onsite. Wheelchair access.

Max. group size 59 for the audio visual room.

Public Transport

www.irishrail.ie

www.buseireann.ie

Longford to Keenagh (16km/19mins)

Accommodation Hub

Longford Town (16km/19mins)

Athlone, Co Westmeath (29km/35mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Newcastle Woods, Co Longford (8km/11mins); Hill of Uisneach, Co Westmeath (27km/30mins); Claypipe Visitor Centre, Co Roscommon (32km/30mins); Athlone Castle Visitor Centre, Co Westmeath (31km/38mins)



Take a Walk in Paradise

Business Contact Details

Glen of Aherlow, Fáilte Society Ltd, Coach Road, Aherlow, Co Tipperary

Tel +353 (0)62 56331

Email info@aherlow.com

Web www.aherlow.com

Business Contact Helen Morrissey

Experience Description

The Glen of Aherlow is a quiet country valley, secluded but not isolated. It stretches from the N24, South of the heritage town of Tipperary, through sixteen miles of unspoilt countryside affording some of the most breathtaking scenery imaginable making it one of the most desirable holiday destinations in Ireland. There are opportunities for walking, rambling, horseriding, cycling and fishing. The Glen is renowned for the warmth of its welcome and the friendship of its people. Choose from eight looped walks ranging from 2-10kms and two linear mountain trails.

Group bookings contact

Helen Morrissey

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open seven days a week, 365 days a year, subject to severe weather conditions. Duration of experience – minimum 1hr.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available at Glen of Aherlow Fáilte office. There is no limitation on group sizes to undertake these walks. Adequate level of fitness required. Longer range walks are best suited to experienced walkers. Walking boots, raingear, liquids, snacks and mobile phone as appropriate to the type of walk. Refreshments available nearby at the village of Lisvermane 3kms/5mins, Bansha 10kms/13mins and the town of Tipperary 10kms/13mins.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie – to Cahir

Taxi from Cahir to Glen of Aherlow – 20mins

Accommodation Hub

Glen of Aherlow

Tipperary Junction 14kms/20mins

Cahir 24kms/25mins

Nearest City

Limerick (50 mins)

Nearest Airport

Cork Airport (1hr)

Other Experiences Nearby

Mitchelstown Cave 36kms/36mins; Cahir Castle 24kms/25mins;

Rock of Cashel 28kms/35mins



Lough Boora Discovery Park

Business Contact Details

Lough Boora Discovery Park Visitor Centre, Boora, Co Offaly

GPS N 53°13'24.9" W 007°43'44.5"

Tel +353 (0)57 9340010

Email Thomas.Egan@bnm.ie

Web www.loughboora.com/

Business Contact Thomas Egan

Experience Description

Lough Boora Discovery Park is located in County Offaly and is open year-round. This amenity can be explored for its outdoor activities, nature and biodiversity, sculptures and historical Mesolithic Site. With access for all ages and abilities to experience our diverse amenities, activities, natural flora and wildlife species in a safe and inclusive environment. With 50km of trails, bike hire facilities, angling lakes, bird hides and a dedicated Sculpture Park, discover all that Lough Boora has to offer.

Group bookings contact

Thomas Egan

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open seven days a week, 365 days a year. The Visitor Centre, café, car park and toilet facilities: open weekdays from 9.00am-7.30pm. Check the website for open times during your planned visit.

Visitor Centre Café – Open daily from 9.30am-6pm until 31 October. Open weekends from 11am-4pm from 1 November.

Duration of experience – minimum 1hr.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available at Visitor Centre. €2 car park fee applies.

Refreshments available onsite. Access for all abilities.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie – to Birr

Taxi from Birr – 20mins

Accommodation Hub

Birr, Co Offaly. 22kms/20mins

Tullamore, Co Offaly. 22kms/22mins

Nearest City

Kilkenny (1hr 32 mins)

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (1hr 33 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Birr Castle Demesne & Historic Science Centre 21kms/20mins; Tullamore D.E.W. Visitor Centre 22kms/22mins; Clonmacnoise Monastic Settlement 30kms/30mins



Walks in the Slieve Blooms Mountains

Business Contact Details

Slieve Bloom Mountains, Slieve Bloom Rural Development Co-operative Society, Community Centre, Kinnitty, Co Offaly

GPS 53.097806, -7.718997

Tel +353 (0)86 2789147

Email info@slievebloom.ie

Web www.slievebloom.ie

Business Contact Gerry Hanlon

Experience Description

Situated in both Offaly and Laois, in the heart of Ireland, the picturesque Slieve Bloom Mountains allow visitors to experience and to explore the largest continuous area of upland blanket bog and forestry in Ireland. It is said that you can see half the counties in Ireland from the top of the Slieve Blooms. There are 16 looped walks ranging from 5-16kms to choose from. Spend a while in the surrounding villages such as Kinnitty or Clonaslee, stepping back in time, to an era when life moved at a much slower pace. Walking Festival on May Bank Holiday Weekend. Eco Walking Festival in July.

Group bookings contact

Gerry Hanlon

Email walks@slievebloom.ie

Tel +353 (0)86 8210056

Opening Details

Open seven days a week, 365 days a year, subject to severe weather conditions.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available in Kinnitty. Adequate levels of fitness is required. Longer range walks are best suited to experienced walkers. Walking boots, raingear, liquids, snacks and mobile phone as appropriate to the type of walk. There is no limitation on group sizes to undertake these walks. Refreshments available in villages of Kinnitty, Cadamstown, Clonaslee, Rosenallis, Camross, Ballyfin.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Accommodation is available in the nearby villages of Kinnitty and Ballyfin

Birr – 14kms/15mins

Roscrea – 18kms/20mins

Tullamore – 27kms/30mins

Portlaoise – 39kms/41mins

Nearest City

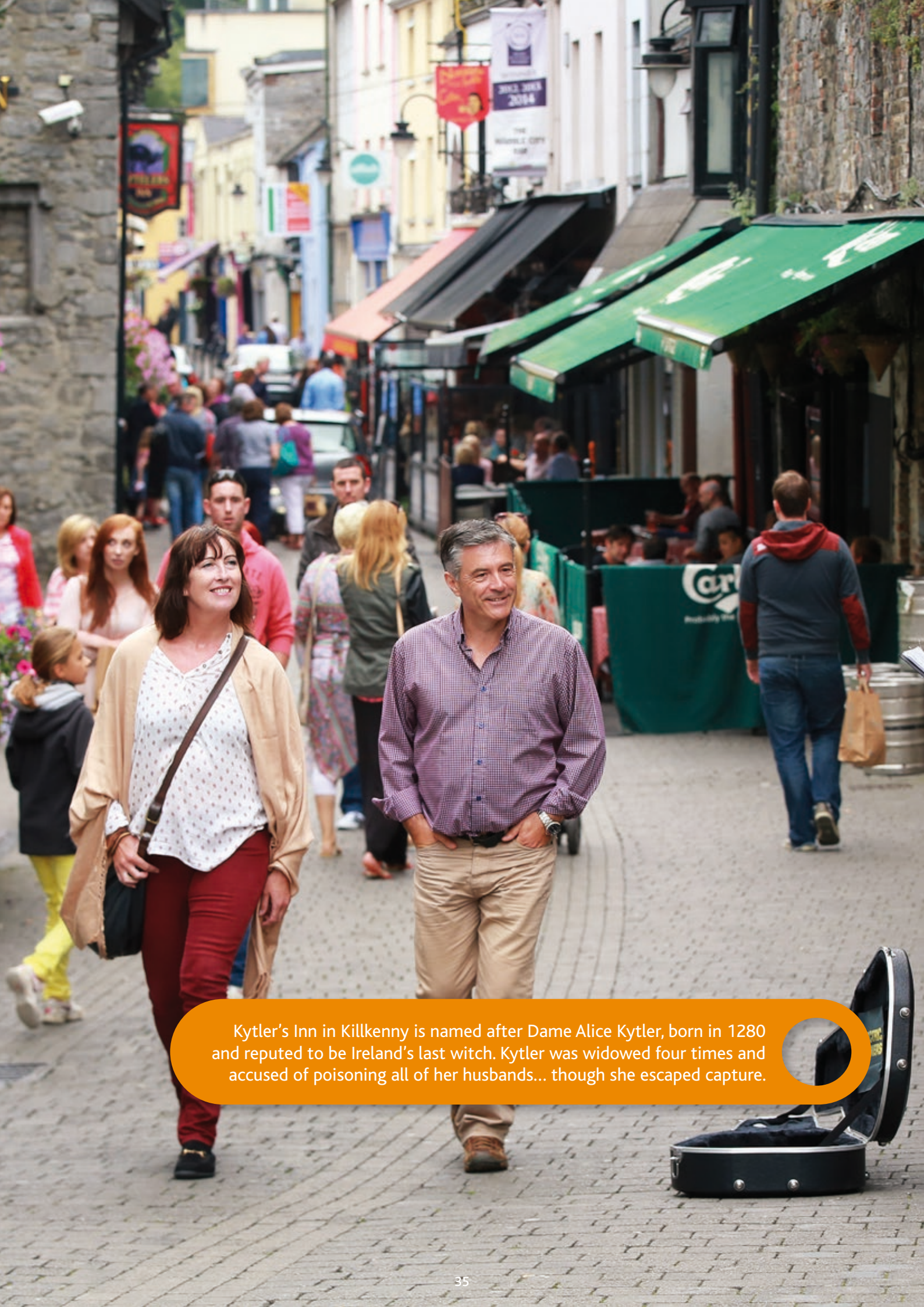
Kilkenny (1hr 15 mins)

Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (1hr 32 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Lough Boora Parklands 17kms/20mins; Birr Castle Demesne & Historic Science Centre 14kms/15mins; Roscrea Castle & Damer House 18kms/20mins



Kytler's Inn in Killkenny is named after Dame Alice Kytler, born in 1280 and reputed to be Ireland's last witch. Kytler was widowed four times and accused of poisoning all of her husbands... though she escaped capture.

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

The Wild Atlantic Way on Ireland's Western Coast off the Western Edge of Europe, captivates you with its wild landscape that continuously shapes its living history; and engages you with its vibrant & creative communities, whose stories and culture stimulates you, so you are freed up to relax, enjoy and leave feeling refreshed, renewed and uplifted.





For the top surfers around the globe who come here, the best Big Wave surf in Europe is in Mullaghmore, Easkey & Tullan.

Kerry is one of only three locations worldwide designated as a Gold Tier Dark Sky Reserve, one of the best locations in the world for star gazing!



WILD ATLANTIC WAY
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Catch a Magical Kayak Trip

Business Contact Details

Atlantic Sea Kayaking, Lough Hyne, Skibbereen, West Cork
GPS 51.50625, -9.306274
Tel +353 (0)28 21058
Email info@atlanticseakayaking.com
Web www.atlanticseakayaking.com

Business Contact Jim Kennedy

Experience Description

Sign up to this three-way dream combination – get up close to nature, forage for some seaweed and take a magical moonlit guided kayaking trip with Atlantic Sea Kayaking in stunning Lough Hyne between Baltimore and Skibbereen in West Cork. Warmed by the Gulf Stream, kayak along the coastline dotted with deserted islands, ancient castles, sea caves, hidden coves and an abundance of marine life. Visit a seal colony and spot varied birdlife en route. Kayak under the moonlight and embrace the silence while bathed in the bioluminescence that surrounds you – Magical!

Pricing

Standard Retail Price: €50.00 per person (less 15% for trade); max group size 24, min 6.

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Jim Kennedy
Email As above
Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, 7 days, weather permitting. Duration of experience; full day or an evening (2.5hrs).

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Moderate level of fitness required. Comfortable clothing/towel and suitable footwear required. Coach parking available. Refreshments not available onsite but in local towns depending on location of kayak trip i.e. Skibbereen, Baltimore or Union Hall.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Skibbereen, Baltimore or Union Hall

Nearest City

Cork (1hr 25 mins)

Nearest Airport

Cork (1hr 15 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Skibbereen Heritage Centre; Dún na Séad Castle; Drombeg Stone Circle



West Cork Heritage & Food Trail

Business Contact Details

Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co Cork, P85 WF86
Tel +353 (0)23 8848722
Email info@celticross.com
Web www.celticrosshotel.com

Business Contact Neil Grant

Experience Description

Get a full flavour of West Cork in this fascinating experience that combines the historic legacy of the region with the culinary skills to be found there. You'll start at the Skibbereen Heritage Centre, where the knowledge and passion of the team will bring history alive, and help you find out about your heritage. Walk the Famine Walk and visit the Abbeystrewry Famine Graveyard. West Cork is known for its artisan food producers, and you can meet some of the people whose creations, such as Gubbeen, Durrus and the Woodcock Smokery, have put south-west Ireland on the world culinary map. Finally, you'll visit the home of Michael Collins and the Four Alls pub, and learn about his struggle for Irish independence.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price: €59 low season, €69 high season (price pppn).
 Max group size 100, no min.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates No

Group bookings/rates contact

Neil Grant
Email As above
Tel As above

Opening Details

Open seven days a week. Duration of experience – 2 or 3 nights. Pre booking required.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Refreshments available at hotel.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Celtic Ross Hotel

Nearest City

Cork (1hr 7 mins)

Nearest Airport

Cork (1hr)

Other Experiences Nearby

Owenahincha Blue Flag Beach – in the town; Drombeg Stone Circle – 11mins/7kms; West Cork Model Railway – 14km/13mins



Wild West Cork Whale Watching

Business Contact Details

Manor House Hotels, 1 Sandyford Office Park, Foxrock, Dublin 19
Postcode D18 CC79
Tel +353 (0)1 2958900
Email david.cleary@manorhousehotels.com
Web manorhousehotels.com / www.irishcountryhotels.com

Business Contact David Cleary

Experience Description

Experience the wilds of West Cork with 2 nights Bed & Breakfast in Baltimore at Casey's of Baltimore Hotel. On one of the days, you will take a guided Whale Watching Tour from the nearby Baltimore harbour. This tour will take approx 4 hours and will give you the opportunity to see some stunning whales and dolphins in their natural habitat.

On your return, you will enjoy a dinner in Casey's Hotel overlooking the water and enjoy a pint in the adjacent bar.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price: €190 per person for 2 nights B&B, 1 dinner and 4-hour boat trip. Max 12 per group for boat trip, can handle bigger groups but advance booking essential.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Maria Martin

Email reservations@manorhousehotels.com

Tel As above

Opening Details

Daily whale watching tours April-December at 9.30am and 2.15pm. During July & August there is an additional tour at 7pm. Duration of experience – 4 hrs.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Easy boarding. Most mobility limitations can be overcome. No minimum age but please note that due to the nature of the boat tour, it is advised that children are kept under close supervision by parents. Dress in warm clothing. No refreshments available on board but are available in Baltimore.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Casey's of Baltimore

Nearest City

Cork (1hr 40 mins)

Nearest Airport

Cork (1hr 30 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Traditional music session in a local pub; Baltimore Heritage Trail; walks – all within the town of Baltimore



Cycle & Stroll Through History

Business Contact Details

Ecotrek, Greenfields, Church Road, Ballybunion, Co Kerry
GPS 52.51241, -9.6706859
Postcode V31 FC43
Tel +353 (0)87 3539613
Email dannyhoulihan@me.com
dannypiper761@gmail.com

Business Contact Danny Houlihan

Experience Description

Join local historian and piper Danny Houlihan on an adventure walking tour along the famous Cliff Walk in Ballybunion where myths and legends and wild life are interwoven into a rich tapestry with tales of its smuggling past and its famous piper Thomas Mc Carthy 1799-1904. Why not have a go on the pipes yourself? Experience the sound of the Irish pipes and have a lesson on the tour with Danny your guide along these Majestic cliffs and view the panorama of The Wild Atlantic Way.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price: €12.50 per person. Max 10 per group, min 5, pre booking essential.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates No

Group bookings/rates contact

Danny Houlihan

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Only available when pre booked by phone/email. In winter subject to daily weather conditions. Duration of experience – allow 2hrs.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Please bring waterproof clothing, good footwear, water. Minimum age is 7 due to historical content and safety. Cliff walk not suitable for wheelchair users. Moderate levels of fitness required. Refreshments available at the start and finish point of walk.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Ballybunion – cliff walk is in Ballybunion

Nearest City

Limerick (1hr 20 mins)

Nearest Airport

Shannon (1hr 25 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Bromore Cliffs Visitor Attraction; Ballybunion Seaweed Baths; Ballybunion Crazy Golf – all within 10 mins



Indoor Rock-climbing & High Ropes

Business Contact Details

Play at Height, Ballinaboola, Dingle, Co Kerry
Tel +353 (0)66 9152822
Email Info@playatheight.com
Web www.playatheight.com

Business Contact Cian O'Driscoll

Experience Description

Expect an adrenaline filled day in our base in Dingle Co Kerry. Our indoor rock-climbing wall is one of the biggest in Ireland and has routes and grades for individuals of all abilities.

We have two levels of High ropes 15ft and 35ft. The 15ft course is designed for groups. You can walk the tightrope, scale the cargo net and fly down our Zip line.

The 35ft course is the extreme course and has a minimum age limit of 16 years. This challenging course comprises of 10 elements. Clients can expect to tackle the Ariel surfboard, the swinging logs as well as two zip lines.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price Rock Climbing €10, Rock Climbing & Low Ropes Course €20

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates

Yes 10% discount on groups 10+

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Cian O'Driscoll
Email Cian@playatheight.com
Tel As above

Opening Details

July 1st-September 1st, open 7 days a week 11am-6pm (Summer).

September 1st-July open Weekends 11am-6pm also open Wednesday nights 7pm-10pm (Winter).

Easter Break/Bank Holidays Open 11am-6pm
 Duration of experience; 1.5-3.5 hours.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Extensive car park which can facilitate small to large coaches as well as multiple cars.

We can tailor fit the experience to the individual where necessary.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Dingle (nearest hotel 3 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Dingle Ocean World Aquarium; Irish Adventures Kayaking; Fungi Boat Trip – all located in Dingle town



Outdoor Adventure Activities

Business Contact Details

Cappanalea OETC, Caragh Lake, Killorglin, Co Kerry
GPS 52.04734, -9.85268
Tel +353 (0)66 9769244
Email info@cappanalea.ie
Web www.cappanalea.ie

Business Contact Teresa Foley

Experience Description

Cappanalea is an outdoor education centre offering a wide range of quality outdoor activity based experiences on the mountains, rivers and lakes of the beautiful southwest region of Ireland along the Wild Atlantic Way. Our guided activities (which include the provision of equipment and instruction) range from land based activities such as hillwalking and rock climbing to sea based activities including Kayaking and Windsurfing.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price Day Course Adults Non Residential €70/Day Course Youth Non Residential €35

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Teresa Foley
Email Teresa@cappanalea.ie
Tel As above

Opening Details

Centre operates 24/7, Day Courses 10:00-17:00, Half Day 10:00 to 13:00 or 14:00 to 17:00.

Duration of experience; one day; an evening (3hrs – 2 week residential).

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Access suitable for coaches and car parking for up to fifty cars. We are an inclusive Centre and cater for people of all abilities. Activities pitched at a level to suit customer needs. Specialist clothing provided. List of personal clothing/equipment requirements supplied to clients.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Nearest City

Killarney (40 mins)

Nearest Airport

Cork City (1hr 30 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Gap of Dunloe/Rossbeigh Beach – Horse Riding

Killarney/Dooks/Killorglin – Golf

Lakes of Killarney/Caragh Lake – Fishing/Angling



Burren Adventure

Business Contact Details

Atlantic Sea Kayaking, Adventure Burren, Poulacarran, Kilfenora, Co Clare

Tel +353 (0)87 2244569

Email christy@adventureburren.com

Web www.adventureburren.com

Business Contact Christy Sinclair

Experience Description

This experience brings small groups onto the fantastic Burren to experience the Eco landscape and all the unique aspects of the area. Participants will experience something for all the senses. The experience may be tailored for intensity, learning or to concentrate on any particular aspect of the area. The Burren is famed for landscape, its flora and particularly extensive archaeology.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price: Half day €30 per person, Full day €55 per person; Minimum of 4 for a group booking maximum of 8, multiples of this may be booked. Advanced booking is required, minimum one week in advance.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Christy Sinclair

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open Monday-Friday 9am-9pm, some weather restrictions.

Duration of experience – 6hr full day, 3hr half day.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking can be arranged nearby. Participants require a good level of mobility for the activity. Reasonable level of fitness is required. Waterproof/warm clothing, good footwear required. Refreshments not available onsite, please bring with you. Minimum age is 16 years. Under 16 if there are proper adult supervision arrangements.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie/

www.irishrail.ie – to Ennis

Accommodation Hub

Kilfenora

Lahinch – 20mins/13kms; Doolin – 21mins 14kms

Nearest City

Limerick (1hr)

Nearest Airport

Shannon (55 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Cliffs of Moher – 25mins/18km; Doolin Cave – 21mins/14kms;

Surfing in Lahinch – 21mins/14km



Caves & Birds of Prey in the Burren

Business Contact Details

Aillwee Cave and Birds of Prey Centre, The Burren, Ballyvaughan, Co Clare

GPS 53.091838, -9.150317

Tel +353 (0)65 7077036

Email tracy@aillweecave.ie

Web www.aillweecave.ie

Business Contact Nuala Mulqueoney

Experience Description

Our experience at Aillwee Cave includes a fully guided, informative 35 minute tour of the unique underworld of The Burren which includes explanations on limestone, cave and calcite formations. It also explains about temperature and life underground. Our Birds of Prey & Educational Centre is home to Eagles, Owls, Falcons, Vultures & Hawks. Audio Guides, hands on interactive Flying Displays and Information Boards are all included in the experience. Our Bird Handlers also highlight Irish & International Birds of Prey Conservation Programmes.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price: Adult €15, Child €12. Min group size 15, no max.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Tracy Lynch

Email tracy@aillweecave.ie

Tel +353 (0)65 7077036

Opening Details

Open seven days a week, 10am to 5.30pm, July & August 10am to 6.30pm.

Duration of experience – allow 2hrs.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Cave cannot accommodate wheelchairs. Suitable for normal fitness levels. Sensible shoes and jacket required. Minimum age: 5years. Children between 5years to 16years need to be accompanied; 1 adult per 15 children. Refreshments available onsite.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Ballyvaughan – 10 mins; Lisdoonvarna – 20 mins; Ennistymomn – 35 mins;

Oranmore – 40 mins; Ennis – 45 mins

Nearest City

Galway (1hr 5 mins)

Nearest Airport

Shannon (1hr 5 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Poulabrone Dolmen – 6Kms; Caherconnell Ringfort – 6Kms; Burren Centre, Kilfenora – 16Kms



The Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience

Business Contact Details

Cliffs of Moher, Co Clare
GPS 52.9361° N, 9.4708° W
Tel +353 (0)65 7086141
Email info@cliffsofmoher.ie
Web www.cliffsofmoher.ie

Business Contact Katherine Webster/Geraldine Enright

Experience Description

Standing 214m at their highest point they stretch for 8 kilometres along the Atlantic coast of County Clare in the west of Ireland. From the Cliffs of Moher on a clear day one can see the Aran Islands and Galway Bay, as well as the Twelve Pins and the Maam Turk mountains in Connemara, Loop Head to the south and the Dingle Peninsula and Blasket Islands in Kerry. A guided tour is a special way to learn more about the Cliffs of Moher and are most suitable for smaller groups who have special interest in nature, geology, history, geography and tourism. The guided nature walks are conducted by trained Cliffs of Moher rangers and customer service staff. Tours should be pre-booked to avoid disappointment.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €6 per person. No max group size, min 10. Pre booking necessary.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Tara Griffin
Email bookings@cliffsofmoher.ie
Tel +353 (0)65 7086145

Opening Details

Open 363 days a year, closure in severe weather conditions.
 Duration of experience – allow 2hrs.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Visitor centre is fully accessible. Walking shoes, light rain jacket and hat required. Refreshments/café and restrooms available onsite.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Doolin – 11mins/9kms; Lahinch – 16mins/11kms

Nearest City

Limerick (1hr 20 mins)

Nearest Airport

Shannon (1hr 05 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Doolin Cave – 18mins/12km; Burren & Cliffs of Moher Geopark;
 Surfing in Doolin – 11mins/9kms



Wild Experiences on the Wild Atlantic Way

Business Contact Details

Killary Adventure Company, Leenane, Co Galway, H91 PY61
Locate code KBV-27-SDN
Tel +353 (0)95 43411
Email shane@killary.com
Web www.killaryadventure.com

Business Contact Shane Young

Experience Description

This is an activity package where the group can engage in water or land activities. We have over 20 activities to choose, from bungee jumping to high ropes challenges and our unique Turf Warrior challenge to kayaking on the fjord. We cater for all levels. We have Accommodation and fully serviced kitchen onsite and can cater for groups from 4 up to 200. If you want to immerse yourself in the Wild Atlantic Way and truly get an in depth experience of the beauty of Ireland you need to stop here.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price varies please visit our website rates page; max group size 200, min 4. All activities must be pre-booked.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Shane Young
Email As above
Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, activities from 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm.
 Duration of experience; from 1hr – 6days.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. No previous experience necessary. Some mobility limitations. Please bring a towel and raingear, other equipment such as wetsuits and safety gear provided. Refreshments available onsite.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie
www.irishrail.ie – to Galway City

Accommodation Hub

Accommodation onsite for 100 people.
 Westport and Clifden are both 40 mins away.

Nearest City

Galway (1hr 29 mins)

Nearest Airport

Knock Airport (1hr 45 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Killary Cruises – 5 mins; Connemara National Park – 15 mins; Kylemore Abbey – 10 mins



Wild Camping in Connemara

Business Contact Details

Wild Full Stop, Connemara, Co Galway

Tel +353 (0)87 6151931

Email info@wildfullstop.com

Web www.wildfullstop.com

Business Contact Michelle Casey

Experience Description

Enjoy a 2-day guided walking expedition with wild camping in the mountains of Connemara where you can watch the sun set and rise again across the Irish mountains. Improve your mountain skills, navigation and confidence while also learning wild camping skills. Experience the freedom of the hills and explore the mountains in confidence with a Mountain Leader. Meeting points and camping sites are flexible depending on numbers, routes, weather conditions.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €150.00 per person; max group size 12 split into two groups of 6, min 2. Suitable for 15 years of age and upwards.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates No

Group bookings/rates contact

Michelle Casey

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, weather permitting. Duration of experience; 2 days 1 night.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Parking for cars and smaller transport vehicles can be arranged close to the area of activity as required. Coach parking not available, though is available nearby in Clifden. Some mobility limitations due to the terrain. No experience necessary as instruction is provided. Reasonable level of fitness required. Sturdy boots and weatherproof clothing is essential. Camping equipment provided.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

www.irishrail.ie – to Galway City

Accommodation Hub

Leenane, Letterfrack, Clifden. Travel time is dependent on what area of Connemara the activity/camping will take place.

Nearest City

Galway (1hr 29 mins)

Nearest Airport

Knock Airport (1hr 45 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Kylemore Abbey & Gardens; Connemara National Park; Visit Inishbofin island – all less than an hour away



Beach Horse Riding on the Wild Atlantic Way

Business Contact Details

Connemara Wild Escapes, Bayview House, Letterfrack, Connemara, Co Galway

Tel +353 (0)86 3771025

Email cathy@connemarawildescapes.ie

Web www.connemarawildescapes.ie

Business Contact Cathy Wolfe

Experience Description

Explore Connemara's spectacular beaches on horseback on this one day guided tour. Experience beach horse riding on the wild Atlantic West coast of Ireland, punctuated by dramatic land and seascapes, historical sites, wild rugged landscapes and islands flung out to sea. Beautiful scenic rides along quiet country lanes, and moorland rides are also available. All treks are suitable for beginner to advanced riders, and include a short assessment before leaving with up to 2 guides. All beach rides are governed by the tide and subject to availability. We ride in the morning, have a break for lunch and then ride again in the afternoon.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €158.00 per person; max group size 12, min 1.

Tour operator rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Cathy Wolfe

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

8am-6pm daily, all year around. Duration of experience; 4-5 hours: One ride is approx 1h 30 mins, second ride is approx 2h 30 mins.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available at Cleggan. Offer available March-October subject to availability and weather conditions. Minimum age 12 years old. Clients must be able to mount a horse. Low fitness/experience required. Warm/ weatherproof clothing required. Refreshments available to purchase in Cleggan.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Clifden

Nearest City

Galway (1hr 40 mins)

Nearest Airport

Knock (2hr)

Other Experiences Nearby

Connemara National Park 15 mins; Kylemore Abbey 20 mins; Clifden town is 15 mins



Connemara Island Adventures

Business Contact Details

Wild Atlantic Adventures Ltd, 4 An Gollann Gno, Furbo, Co Galway

Tel +353 87 3818989

Email info@wildatlanticadventures.com

Web www.wildatlanticadventures.com

Business Contact Flan Kelly & Eoin Cox

Experience Description

Bespoke tours for FIT visitors and small groups (up to 8 pax) to include visits to deserted offshore islands. Fully guided tours include walks to discover the islands history and culture, foraging and fishing. We use traditional currach boats, iconic to Connemara, to journey from island to island. Additional activities can be included on request. Picnic lunch provided.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price Full day tour: 2 people, €195 per person; 4 people, €155 per person; 6+ people, €135 per person Half day tour: 2 people, €165 per person; 4 people, €125 per person; 6+ people, €95 per person. No minimum group size.

FIT Rate: Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Flan Kelly & Eoin Cox

Email info@wildatlanticadventures.com

Tel +353 87 3818989

Opening Details

May-September. Available on request throughout season. Single island visit and tour: 2-3hrs; Multi island tour: minimum 6hrs. Tours may not be possible in poor weather conditions. Alternative experience will be provided on the mainland in the event of late cancellation due to weather.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Parking available for 1-2 small coaches. Not suitable for passengers with limited mobility. Lifejackets provided. No special clothing required. Appropriate dress and footwear taking into account weather conditions. Refreshments available locally before departure.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Carna (20mins; 23km)

Roundstone (30mins; 28km)

Clifden (35mins; 38km)

Nearest city

Galway (1hr15mins; 75km)

Other Experiences Nearby

Pearse's Cottage Rosmuc (15-20mins; 22km)

Galway Hooker Sailings, Roundstone (30mins; 28km)

Guided hill walking in the Twelve Bens and Maamturk Mountains (30mins; 25-30km)



Follow the Spanish Armada Trail

Business Contact Details

Seatrails, Innovation Centre, Sligo IT, Ash Lane, Co Sligo

GPS 54.40181604965681, -8.564225043554643

Tel +353 (0)87 2405071

Email info@seatrails.ie

Web www.seatrails.ie

Business Contact Auriel Robinson

Experience Description

A guided walk (approx. 2 ½ hours, led by a Maritime Archaeologist) of ancient archaeology, fossils and rare orchids in gorgeous sand dunes, with tales of the Spanish Armada. Lunch at a restaurant with locally sourced food, followed by horse-riding (approx. 2 ½ hours) along a sandy beach.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €110.00 per person (20% off for groups – €88pp); max group size 15, min 4.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate No

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Auriel Robinson

Email As above

Tel As Above

Opening Details

April-September (peak), off peak – until end of October based on 10 minimum number in off-peak, 7 days, weather permitting. Duration of experience; 6 hours/full day.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available at the beach near the start of walk. Walkers can be dropped off at start point. There is some parking at Mullaghmore Harbour but no coach parking at the stables. Small coach only. Experience is not absolutely necessary for riding. Beginners are accepted. Some fitness is required. Would not suit under 8 years.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Nearest Large Town: Sligo Town (25 min). Mullaghmore (20 min)

Other Experiences Nearby

Mullaghmore Beach and Pier Walk (30mins/36kms) – you'll enjoy excellent views of Slieve League, Benbulbin and Benwiskin. Lissadell House: Visitor reception centre at Lissadell (21mins/15kms) with tea rooms, shop and exhibitions. Inishmurray Island Trips. experience the romance and mystery of Inishmurray Island just 7km off the coast of Sligo.



Rock & Roam

Business Contact Details

MNG, Gaoth Dobhair (Gweedore), Clochaneely, Co Donegal

GPS 55.049799, -8.228777

Tel 353 (0)83 1230529

Email moira@mng.ie

Web www.mng.ie

Business Contact Moira Ní Gallachóir

Experience Description

An adventure and cultural experience in the Gaeltacht (Irish Speaking) of Donegal. Locally guided rock climbing, sea kayaking, island hopping, hiking as well as traditional music and dancing sessions, language & craft workshops, inspirational talks. Immerse yourself in the landscape and culture, and feel inspired by nature and the adventure it provides. The providers are local native speakers as well as experts in their fields. The experience is suitable for all ages/experience levels. We can provide locally sourced food, refreshments, picnics or fine dining.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price: Varies depending on activity & no. of nights, contact Moira. Max group size 60, min 6 (15 ideal or 4 groups of 15 for larger numbers). Advance booking essential.

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

Moira Ní Gallachóir

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Open year round, not seasonal.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Parking available. Reasonable levels of fitness required. No minimum age. Suitable clothing and footwear required. Refreshments can be arranged.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Gweedore

Nearest City

Derry (1hr 15 mins)

Nearest Airport

Derry (1hr 25 mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Glenveagh National Park – 20mins/20kms; Ionad Cois Locha – in Gweedore; Doe Castle – 30mins/29kms



Go Coastal for Adventure

Business Contact Details

Unique Ascent, Mill Road, Dungloe, Co Donegal

GPS 54.951018, -8.363932

Tel +353 (0)87 7584810

Email uniqueascent@gmail.com

Web www.uniqueascent.ie

Business Contact Iain Miller

Experience Description

See the Wild Atlantic Way from a completely new perspective as our expert guides will take you on a tailor-made adventure that can include everything from rock climbing and coasteering to abseiling and wild camping. All levels of experience are catered for. With outdoor novices opting for more relaxed walking, hiking or climbing excursions, while out and out thrill seekers can sign up for a day of daring, including the ascent of a 120m high sea stack in one of Ireland's most remote locations.

Pricing

Standard Retail Price €150 per person single for day (€80 per person for Couple). Min 1 Max 60

Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates Yes

FIT Rate Yes

Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates Yes

Tour Series Rates Yes

Group bookings/rates contact

As Above

Email As above

Tel As above

Opening Details

Year round, Open 7 days a week from 7am until 10pm. Duration of experience: Full day.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No parking available at location. All rock climbing courses are tailored to your experience, needs and ambitions. No previous rock climbing experience required.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Nearest City

Letterkenny

Other Experiences Nearby

Cruit Island – 7 mins; Gola Island – 15 mins; Mullaghderg Coastline – 10 mins



Discover Blueways along the Wild Atlantic Way

Business Contact Details

Blueway.ie (Mayo & Galway)

Email info@blueway.ie

Web www.blueway.ie

Business Contact Chris O'Neill

Experience Description

Blueways are an invitation to stop and discover an inviting network of water trails on the Wild Atlantic Way. These beautiful trails offer kayaking and snorkelling in safe environments making them suitable even for beginners. Each Blueway site has an information board with trail maps, safety details and information on equipment hire and tuition locally. So whether you drop by just one of the locations or plan an exciting odyssey taking in all six, it's time to take the trip of a lifetime on Ireland's Blueway along the Wild Atlantic Way.

Mayo Blueways:

Dugort Strand, Achill Island – kayak trail

Keem Strand, Achill Island – snorkel trail

Old Head Beach, Louisburgh – kayak trail and snorkel trail

Galway Blueways:

Inishbofin Island – kayak trail & snorkel trail

Killary Fjord – kayak trail & snorkel trail

Mannin Bay – kayak trail & snorkel trail

Opening Details

Year round; weather dependent.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

As the activity takes place on/in water there may be mobility limitations. A reasonable level of fitness is required. Activity is free if you bring your own equipment. Parking for cars and smaller vehicles is available in each location.



The Jackie Clarke Collection – Immerse yourself in 400 years of Irish History

Business Contact Details

Mayo County Council's Jackie Clarke Collection,
Pearse Street, Ballina, Co Mayo

GPS 54.11472654100103, -9.153458084364274

Tel +353 (0)96 73508

Email clarkecollection@mayococo.ie

Web www.clarkecollection.ie

Business Contact Austin Vaughan/Anne Marie Forbes

Experience Description

A 2hr guided tour of Irish historical material, comprising over 100,000 items spanning 400 years. It includes artefacts associated with Theobald Wolfe Tone; letters from Michael Collins, Douglas Hyde, Michael Davitt and O'Donovan Rossa; rare books, proclamations, pamphlets, maps and personal items from Leaders of the 1916 Rising. Marking the centenary of the founding of the State, this repository of Irish historic material is worth a visit.

Group bookings/rates contact

Anne Marie Forbes

Email ajforbes@mayococo.ie

Tel +353 (0)87 4133752

Opening Details

Year round. Tuesday to Saturday, 10am-5pm. All bookings must be made in advance.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking bay at the front of the building. Wheelchair accessible lifts to all levels.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

www.irishrail.ie

Accommodation Hub

Ballina

Other Experiences Nearby

Iceford Stables (5 mins)

Paddle and Pedal Kayaking (2 mins)

Belleek Woods Cycle (10 mins)

Alcock and Brown crash landed into Derrygimlagh Bog Co Galway in 1919 at the end of the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic



Walk Sliabh Liag's Pilgrim Path

Business Contact Details

Blue Stack Centre, Drimarone, Letterbarrow, Co Donegal
GPS 54.641697, -8.666561
Tel 353 (0)87 9318077
Email ibock@dldc.org
Web www.irishtrails.ie

Business Contact Inga Bock

Experience Description

A 1hr 30min walk. The Pilgrim Path at Sliabh Liag (Slieve League) offers a different way of experiencing these spectacular cliffs which are among the highest in Europe. This moderate walking route is only 2.8km long but features views of the villages of Teelin and Carrick and finishes up looking down upon the cliffs. On your excursion you will also get a glimpse into the ancient history of this mystical location, passing church ruins and a holy well on the eastern summit of Sliabh Liag.

Opening Details

All year round, subject to weather conditions as mountain path.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No coach parking. Up to 3 car parking spaces available at trail head. No min. age but children need to be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable standard of fitness required. Suitable for the intermediate walker. Walking boots and relevant all weather clothing required. Packed lunches available from Slieve League Lodge, Carrick Village, 5 mins drive away.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie

Accommodation Hub

Hostel accommodation in Carrick – 5 mins drive

Other Experiences Nearby

Glencolmcille Folk Village – 12km; Silver Strand, Malin Beg – 18km;
 Studio Donegal, Kilcar – 9km



Rougey Walk along a Cliff Top

Business Contact Details

Tourist Office, The Bridge, Bundoran, Co Donegal
GPS 54.49007836374548, -8.2687099831129838
Tel +353 (0)71 98 41350
Email info@discoverbundoran.com
Web www.discoverbundoran.com/coastal-walks

Business Contact Shane Smith

Experience Description

A 1hr 30min. 4.5km non-guided circular walk taking in views of the Atlantic Ocean from Rougey and Bundoran's bustling main street. Along the path are cliff arches which have been carved by the Atlantic Ocean and the Wishing Chair which is Bundoran's answer to the Blarney Stone.

Opening Details

Year round. Caution required during high winds.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking at Tullan Strand. Street parking at Tourist Office. Moderate level of fitness required. Suitable clothing/footwear required for walking on finished surface.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie to Bantry (47min, 34km)

Accommodation Hub

Bundoran

Other Experiences Nearby

Bundoran Surf Co (2 mins)
 The Donegal Brewing Company at Dicey Reilly's (9 mins)
 Mullaghmore Head (15 mins)

The Ceide Fields in Mayo and Carrowmore in Sligo are two of the most significant sites in terms of Ireland's prehistoric period.



Seashore Nature Walk Derrynane Historic Park

Business Contact Details

Derrynane House, Derrynane, Co Kerry

GPS 51.7628668, -10.1305571

Tel 353 (0)66 9475113

Email Christopher.oneill@opw.ie

Web www.heritageireland.ie/en/derrynanehouse/

Business Contact Chris O'Neill

Experience Description

2hr seashore Nature Walk at Derrynane Historic Park. This is a 1.2km looped coastal walk with great views of Derrynane Bay. Derrynane National Historic Park, plantations and garden walks were laid out in the 18th & 19th centuries, principally north and west of the house. Some features of the demesne are strongly associated with Daniel O'Connell, including the old summer house. The main gardens can be reached through a tunnel under the road. AV presentation and guided tours available on request. Guidebooks in English, Irish, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Dutch also available.

Opening Details

5th March-13th Dec.

5th Mar-1st April: Wed-Sun. & Bank Holidays 10.00-17.00

2nd April-30th Sept: Daily 10.30-18.00

1st Oct-1st Nov: Wed-Sun. & Bank Holidays 10.00-17.00

2nd Nov-13th Dec. (weekends only) 10.00-16.00

Last admission 45mins before closing.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Not wheelchair accessible. Walking boots/all weather gear required. Seasonal coffee shop onsite.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie to Waterville (20mins)

Accommodation Hub

Waterville (20mins)

Other Experiences Nearby

Derrynane House; Eagle Rock Equestrian Centre; Atlantic Irish Seaweed Walks



Sheepshead Lighthouse Loop

Business Contact Details

Lighthouse Walk, Sheepshead Peninsula, Co Cork

Tel +353 (0)86 3030991

Email info@livingthesheepsheadway.com

Web www.livingthesheepsheadway.com

Business Contact Siobhan Burke

Experience Description

This 2hr looped walk circles the far tip of the Sheep's Head Peninsula, on tracks and paths which are sometimes steep and rocky, passing high cliffs. It touches on lovely little Lough Akeen and there is spectacular coastal scenery, including Mizen Head and the Beara Peninsula.

Opening Details

Year round.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Car parking at Wild Atlantic Way Sheepshead Discovery Point. Moderate level of mobility required. Suitable clothing and footwear required for walking on track/trail with uneven surface, i.e. walking boots and rainwear. Bernie's Café with resrooms at car park.

Public Transport

www.buseireann.ie to Bantry (45min, 34km)

Accommodation Hub

Bantry. B&B and self-catering operators on the Sheepshead Peninsula.

Other Experiences Nearby

Heron Gallery, Ahakista (27mins, 17km)

Carbry Sailing Cruises including Wild Atlantic Way and daily sails, Ahakista (27mins, 17km)

Durrus Cheese, Coomkeen, Durrus (40mins, 27.6km)

Bantry House (45mins, 33km)

You can view 350 Million Year old tetrapod footprints on Valentia Island, Co Kerry.



Donegal's Sliabh Liag cliffs are Europe's highest accessible sea cliffs.



SAMPLE ADVENTURE ITINERARY

TO HELP YOU PROGRAMME AN ADVENTURE TOUR IN IRELAND, HERE IS A SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR YOU TO CONSIDER:



Kayaking



Wake Dock



Glendalough



Treks Walking Guides

DAY 1

DUBLIN

Start your tour in Dublin with a Kayaking trip. [Kayaking.ie](#) offers a wide variety of kayaking classes and tours in the Dublin area, all of which are sure to satisfy your clients' appetite for adventure.

Or for adrenaline junkies, those who want to show off their good balance, there's no better way to spend a day than at Dublin's [Wake Dock](#). Wakedock is Ireland's first cable wakeboard park, with speed and obstacles adjustable to suit all abilities and none.

Take time out with lunch in one of the many [cafés](#) in Dublin City Centre.

Continue your tour by experiencing a forest adventure on a zipwire. [Zipit](#) offers the raw thrill of the great outdoors with a harness or safety net to catch you should you fall. Recreate your own action hero stunt moments as you hurtle down a zipwire or BMX over a treetop bridge.

Finish off your day and play some 'hurling' or football like a native! [Experience Gaelic Games](#) offers the fast paced thrill of hurling and the sheer skill of football to groups as small as five people. Don't try and understand the rules just yet, it's all about teamwork and learning the basics as you wield your hurley and hand-pass the sliothar to the next person.

Dinner & overnight in Dublin City Centre

DAY 2

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

Depart Dublin early morning for [Ireland's Ancient East](#).

Travel to [Glendalough](#) and explore the 6th century monastic ruins in Glendalough before taking a self-guided walk. There are nine way-marked walking trails in the valley of Glendalough. The walks vary from a short half hour stroll to a long four hour hill walk. Large maps of the walks are displayed at the visitor centre beside the monastic city and on the notice board at the Upper Lake car park. All the walks start at the National Park Information Office near the Upper Lake. Each trail is signposted with colour-coded arrows. The staff at the Information Office can help you choose a suitable route.

Alternatively why not hire your very own walking guide with [Hilltop Treks Walking Guides](#) who will take you around this magnificent area.

Spend the afternoon discovering the beautiful Blessington Lakes in a different way and on your very own personal transport with [Segway Tours](#). They run daily tours along the lake front, visiting local historical attractions along the lake trails.

Travel to and overnight in Kilkenny City

DAY 3

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

Travel to Castlecomer just outside Kilkenny City. Over coffee in their award winning café, decide which activity you'd like to experience at **Castlecomer Discovery Park**. Set in a stunning 80 acre natural woodland, there are walking trails, lakes, boating, fishing and high-ropes adventure activities; activities which will help calm the mind and also could get the heart racing if you so wish.

Following your morning of activities travel to Kilkenny City and enjoy lunch in one of the many restaurants the city has to offer. Or why not try your hand at a Bodhran lesson over lunch or early evening meal in **Kytlers Inn**.

Explore by bike the wonderful Medieval city of Kilkenny with **Kilkenny Cycling Tours**. This fun and easy paced two hour guided cycling tour will not only help orientate you but also help discover the many slipways and side streets which are dotted throughout.

An essential part of the structural heritage in Kilkenny is **St Canice's Cathedral** and its Round Tower. This ecclesiastical site was founded in the 6th century and named after St Canice. Climb to the top of the tower – the oldest standing structure in Kilkenny City. It is also one of only two towers that people can climb in Ireland.

Dinner & overnight in Waterford City

DAY 4

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

Explore Ireland's oldest city on foot, either with **Epic Tours** or **Jack Burtchells' Walking Tour**.

The Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle is a theatrical comedy whirlwind journey with props, costumes, singing, dancing and plenty of craic!

Experience the oldest intact operational lighthouse in the world, **Hook Lighthouse**. The present structure is about 800 years old and offers guided tours of the lighthouse tower all year round. Climb the 115 steps to the spectacular view from the balcony. The former lighthouse keeper's house now play host to the visitor facilities.

Overnight in Tramore

DAY 5

IRELAND'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Travel South West along the Copper Coast to Cork. Enjoy lunch at the the infamous English Market in Cork City before travelling onwards to West Cork.

Start your journey on the Wild Atlantic Way with **Atlantic Sea Kayaking**. Kayaking offers the visitor the opportunity to explore this landscape. Kayaking trips are available every day for people of all abilities. Or join a night trip in one of the many magical locations in West Cork. Other possible trips include coastal tours, seaweed forging trips whale and dolphin watching or experiencing white water rapids.

Travel to **Mizen Head Signal Station**, Ireland's most south-westerly point. The Mizen Peninsula is very beautiful with spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. Whales, Dolphins and Basking Sharks pass this coast and Mizen Head is a world class spot for whale and dolphin watching.

Continue along the Wild Atlantic Way and nine miles off Kerry's magnificent Iveragh Peninsula – where Ireland's highest mountain range sweeps down to the wild Atlantic coast – is one of the wonders of the world: **Skellig Michael**. 1300 years ago, early Christian monks built a remarkable hermitage at the top of this jagged ocean crag – then at the furthest limits of the known world. Steep steps are carved into the rock. Near the 700 ft summit is a collection of 'beehive' monastic cells: solitary places for contemplation and prayer, as far from the distractions of civilisation as it was possible to be.



Kilkenny cycling



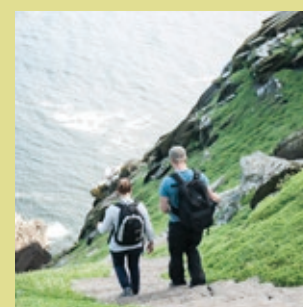
St Canice's Cathedral



Hook Lighthouse



Kayaking Cork



Skellig islands



Kenmare Bay



Horse Riding on Rossbeigh Beach



Doolin Cliff Walk



Cliffs of Moher

DAY 6

IRELAND'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Start your day with Watersports at **Star Outdoors** one of the best fun experiences on offer in the South West. Why not try some of these activities: kayaking, canoeing, water trampoline and slide, pedal boats, sailing, banana boat rides, water-skiing and wakeboarding. For those that don't wish to get wet there is also a cruise vessel offering a tour of Kenmare Bay. See the Seabirds, Herons, and the flora and fauna of Kenmare Bay.

Horse Riding on Rossbeigh Beach, this is an experience not to be missed! Galloping on horseback along the 7 miles of Rossbeigh beach, close to the water's edge, with the spray from the Wild Atlantic Ocean in your face. This is an experience riders of all levels will never forget.

Travel on to Dingle and take some time to meander around the colourful streets of Dingle filled with artisan arts and crafts for that extra special gift to bring home! Why not participate yourself in an art or crafts class and meet with local crafts-makers to create your very own masterpiece on the Wild Atlantic Way with Holden Leather, Louis Mulcahy Pottery or Dingle Crystal! **West Kerry Craft Trail**.

Overnight in Dingle

DAY 7

IRELAND'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Continue your journey by taking the Tarbert Ferry to Co Clare. Start your day in Lahinch and Doolin, both are excellent surf spots; particularly Lahinch is known worldwide as a premier venue for professional surfers. Doolin is a well-known location also for its nightly traditional Irish music sessions.

Doolin Cliff Walk provides a guided walk from Fisher street in Doolin Village of County Clare, along the sea cliffs leading to the Cliffs of Moher. Guided by local farmer, walking enthusiast and historian, Pat Sweeney, you will follow a trail route along the coast and above the Doolin cliffs. With the green fields of cows and sheep of the local farms on one side and the pounding waves of the Atlantic Ocean on the other, this is a unique way to experience the stunning views and breath-taking rural beauty of this part of Clare.

Enjoy a visit to **Doolin Cave**, with a local guide. The Great Stalactite is a world-class natural wonder at Doolin Cave, and is an important eco-tourist attraction. Measuring 7.3 metres (23 feet) in length, it is recognised as being the longest stalactite in the Northern hemisphere.

Visit the **Cliffs of Moher Interpretative Centre**. Standing 214m (702 feet) at their highest point they stretch for 8 kilometres (5 miles) along the Wild Atlantic Way. From the Cliffs of Moher on a clear day one can see the **Aran Islands** and Galway Bay, as well as the Twelve Pins and the Maumturk mountains in Connemara, Loop Head to the south and the Dingle Peninsula and Blasket Islands in Kerry. O'Brien's Tower stands near the highest point and has served as a viewing point for visitors for hundreds of years.

Continue your journey and overnight in Galway City

DAY 8

IRELAND'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Explore Galway's coastline by Kayak, Windsurf or Stand up Paddle with **Rusheen Bay Watersports**.

After an action packed morning learn about the local flora/fauna and history of the Connemara landscape at **Choc Suain**. A selection of activities can be enjoyed here including, Irish music, song & story, the Gaelic language & poetry, learn a Céilí (Folk) dance!

Continue your journey on the Wild Atlantic Way with a walk up Diamond Hill with a local guide from **Connemara Wild Escapes**. Connemara is an Irish landscape at its most dramatic. With soaring mountains, scattered loughs and an intricate coastline, two mountain ranges dominate the area – the rugged Maunturks and the cluster of quartzite peaks known as the Twelve Bens. Between them, they offer up some of the most challenging and exciting hill walking in the country.

Travel & overnight in Westport

DAY 9

IRELAND'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Clew Bay on the west coast of Ireland is home to 365 drumlin islands the largest off shore island is Clare Island. Clew Bay is the home to many different species of wildlife and its marine life is plentiful and varied too. Experience the beauty and scenery of Clew Bay with **Clew Bay Angling** on one of their Sightseeing tours.

Experience the Great Western Greenway by electric bike with **Electric Escapes**.

The **Great Western Greenway** is the longest off-road cycling and walking trail in Ireland. Meandering along the old Westport/Achill railway line which closed in 1937 this is a 42km traffic-free route.

Travelling the greenway, you'll be surrounded by idyllic countryside. This is a chance to drink in the view of the spectacular Nephin Mountains and across Clew Bay to Croagh Patrick.

Westport House was the ancestral seat of the Marquises of Sligo up until July 2014. It was built by the Browne family in the 18th Century, on the site of an O'Malley castle which dungeons are still present today. Set in beautiful woods, lake and parkland grounds, Westport House is a must see.

Travel & overnight in Sligo

DAY 10

IRELAND'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Travel to the seaside town of Strandhill and meet with **Seatrails**. Seatrails provides guided archaeological and historical walking tours within and close to the coastal zone of County Sligo. Both town, coast and county are steeped in history and archaeology.

Take some time out afterwards with a relaxing seaweed bath in Strandhill with **Voya Seaweed Baths**. Imagine relaxing back into a luxurious steaming bath of fresh seawater and wild, organic seaweed. Floating effortlessly in a soothing and tranquil state, your skin feels smooth and renewed. Breathe deeply and sense the tension, aches and pains simply slip away: an ideal way to unwind any time.

Travel to Slieve League in Donegal and enjoy the **Slieve League Experience**. Slieve League Cliffs are the highest cliffs in Europe at 900ft. The highest point on the cliffs is marked at 1,972ft. Boat hire can be arranged to experience these breath taking cliffs with **Sliabh Liag Boat Tours**.

Partake in a variety of adventure experiences at **Donegal Adventure Centre**. Activities include Surf lessons, Kayak lessons, Climbing, Abseiling, Orienteering, Hillwalking, Archery, High Ropes Course, Cliff Jumping, Canoeing.

Dinner & overnight in Donegal Town



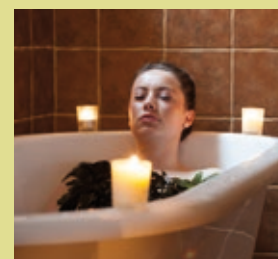
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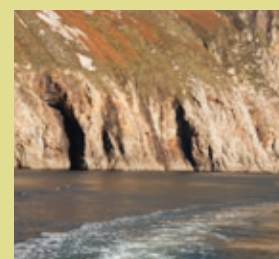
Greenway Cycling



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Seaweed Baths



Slieve League

SAMPLE YOUTH ITINERARIES

7 DAY ITINERARY DUBLIN, IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST & WILD ATLANTIC WAY (CORK TO CLARE)

Option A

DAY 1

DUBLIN

Start your day in Dublin with a visit to **Trinity College** located in the heart of Dublin City centre, at the meeting place of the retail and cultural districts. Visit the renowned **Book of Kells** 'Turning Darkness into Light' exhibition and the Long Room. Take a tour of the wider campus and demystify the world of science in the **Science Gallery**.

Take the **Hop On/Hop Off** bus tour. Stop off at **Kilmainham Gaol**, former county gaol for Dublin. It offers profound and disturbing insights into modern Irish history and housed many political prisoners during the War of Independence. 14 of the leaders of the 1916 Rising were executed here.

Or,

continue to the **Phoenix Park** conceived as a Royal deer park in 1662 and still home to 500 fallow deer. Check out the home of the Irish President in Áras na Uachtaráin, Dublin Zoo, Phoenix Park Visitor Centre and Ashtown Castle.

Picnic lunch at the **Victorian Tea Rooms**. Phoenix Park.

Continue to Glasnevin and **Experience Gaelic Games**. Discover the history and learn to play hurling, the fastest field sport in the world and Gaelic football a mix of soccer, rugby basketball all rolled into one!

Or,

Head to **Glasnevin Museum**, the world's first cemetery museum. More than 1.5mn people have been interred there – rich and famous, paupers and politicians, artists, warriors and heroes. Discover the fascinating history of this hallowed place and learn about grave robbers, cholera epidemics and world wars!

Dinner in **Temple Bar**. Look out for Button Factory (Temple Lane South) and the Wall of Fame. Includes images of famous Irish musicians – U2, Sinéad O'Connor, Luke Kelly, Christy Moore, the Undertones and more.

Overnight hostel Dublin city centre.

DAY 2

DUBLIN

Explore Dublin's Living Bay. Hop on the DART (southwards) to the coastal town of **Dalkey**. Head to **Dalkey Castle** and take part in a living history tour – watch an archer shoot a longbow; a cook prepare a hedgehog pie and a barber surgeon offering hair cuts!

Take a **boat trip** to Dalkey Island or climb Dalkey Hill and watch out for famous locals – U2's Bono and The Edge as well as Enya and Van Morrison) who all live nearby.

Take time out in one of the many coffee shops in Dalkey. Return to the city.

Take a **Le Cool Dublin Experience** Tour with Michael McDermott (publisher of Le Cool) who always knows the latest scoop!



Trinity College



Kilmainham Gaol



Glasnevin Museum



Dalkey Castle

Walk around the **Creative Quarter** with its host of fashion boutiques and vintage clothing at Castle Market and George's Arcade.

Or,

Interested in learning more history then head for the Museum Quarter. Visit the **National Museum of Ireland** and the **Natural History Museum**, affectionately known as the Dead Zoo and the **National Gallery** with 15,000 works of art. Admissions FREE.

Get spooked on an evening tour of Dublin with **Hidden Dublin** walks. Take a walking tour of the city's ghoulish ghettos, cobblestoned streets – beware of the dark alleyways as they conjure up characters such as Darkey Kelley and regale the story of Dracula's creator, Bram Stoker.

Enjoy a fish and chip supper at **Leo Burdock's**, Werburgh St. Get there early because there's always a queue!

Overnight Dublin

DAY 3

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

Depart Dublin early morning for Ireland's Ancient East.

Travel to **NUI Maynooth** for tour of the campus, the National Science Museum and Geraldine Castle.

Continue to the **Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens** with its medley of stables, paddocks and gardens. Take a guided tour of the stud farm where you will meet champion race horses, spot mares and, in season, bandy legged foals! Meander through the paths of life in the **Japanese Gardens**.

Head to the medieval city of **Kilkenny**. Walk the **Medieval Mile** and discover how people lived and paid their taxes during the Middle Ages!

Learn to beat an Irish drum and take a lunchtime or early evening bodhrán session with **Irish Beats** in Kyteler's Inn.

After a visit to the infamous Kilkenny Castle, try climb to the top of 6th century **St Canice's Round Tower**, 121 steps reached by a series of ladders with views of 5 counties, amazingly still standing even though it's off-plumb by 0.7m!

Overnight B&B Kilkenny City

DAY 4

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

Depart for Waterford city

Take the **Epic Tour** of the Viking Triangle – a theatrical comedy whirlwind comedy with props, costumes, singing, dancing and plenty of craic!

Lunch stop Waterford city

Continue to New Ross. Take the **New Ross Historical Walking Trail** – first stop **Dunbrody Famine Ship**, then follow the **Emigrant Trail** of President Kennedy whose Great Grandfather, Patrick Kennedy, left for the US in 1848.

Head for the Hook peninsula and **Loftus Hall**, the most haunted house in Ireland.

Hotel overnight in the harbour town of Dungarvan.

DAY 5

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Depart early morning for Cork city.

Stop off at Cork City and visit the **campus** at University College Cork (UCC). Check out the award winning art and architecture at **Lewis Glucksman Gallery** and the **Crawford Observatory**, the only astronomical observatory in a university in Ireland.



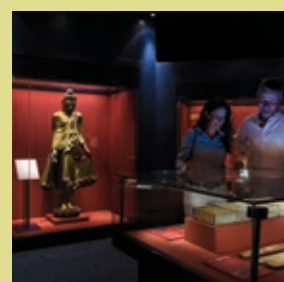
Natural History Museum



Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens



Kilkenny City



Museum of Treasures



Dunbrody Famine Ship



English Market



Mizen Head Bridge



Skellig Michael



Cliffs of Moher

Visit to St Ann's Church and view the internal faces of the clock, affectionately called the 'Four Faced Liar' by Corkonians. Try your hand at ringing the **Shandon Bells**.

Lunch 'on the go' in the **English Market**.

Continue to Kinsale and take the **Kinsale Historic Stroll** through the colourful gourmet capital of Ireland.

Or,

Explore the coastline with **Atlantic Charters** – visit Oyster Haven, picnic lunch on board or hop off at any of the patchwork of harbour villages.

Continue to **Skibbereen**, explore marine life and Irish history and discover nearby **Lough Hyne** where the waters come alive with bioluminescence and you feel you're paddling through the stars!

Dinner and B&B overnight in Skibbereen.

DAY 6

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Travel to **Mizen Head Signal Station**. Dare to cross the iconic bridge high above the gorge and experience the solitude of the keepers' lives.

Head to Bantry and take the ferry to nearby **Whiddy Island**. Walk or hire a bike and check out the two lakes on the island, the Witches Seat and Gallows Hill. Lunch on the **pier**.

Or, stay mainland and...

Visit 17th century **Bantry House and Gardens**. Find out about the archaeological findings of the medieval Gaelic village and a 17th century deserted English fishing settlement on the West lawn! Lunch in the tea room or picnic on the lawn.

Continue to Kenmare and discover Kenmare's rich **heritage trail**. Uncover the secrets of Kenmare Bay by **kayak** and don't miss the chance to sample the local smoked salmon beside the pier.

Dinner and guesthouse overnight Kenmare.

DAY 7

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Depart for the Ring of Kerry.

Head to Valentia Island and 9 miles off the coast to **Skellig Michael**, a world UNESCO site. 1300 years ago Christian monks built a remarkable hermitage, a collection of 'beehive' monastic cells, solitary places for contemplation and prayer.

Continue to the **Kerry Bog Village** of Glenbeigh, the only one of its kind in Europe.

Lunch in Glenbeigh

Head to Foynes and the Flying Boat Museum, the only aviation museum in Ireland. Check out the original Terminal building, radio and weather room transmitters and full sized replica B314 Flying Boat.

Cross the **Tarbert-Killimer ferry** and head to Doolin the **traditional music capital** of Ireland.

Take the **Doolin Cliff Walk** and view the 241m high **Cliffs of Moher** from land and by sea. Look out for the movie locations – films including Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (2009) were filmed here.

Overnight hostel in Doolin.

DAY 8

Depart for Shannon Airport.

7 DAY ITINERARY DUBLIN, IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST & WILD ATLANTIC WAY (CLARE TO GALWAY)

DAYS 1-3 DUBLIN & IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST
(SEE OPTION A)

DAY 4

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Depart for **Limerick City**.

Visit medieval **King John's Castle** – King John was the brother of Richard the Lionheart, associated with legends such as Robin Hood and the Knights of the Round Table. Check out the Hunt Museum.

Or,

Visit **Limerick City Gallery**. Admission free.

Take a look behind the scenes at **Thomond Park**, the home of Munster Rugby. Test your rugby skills in the interactive games zone. Tour includes visits pitch side and the Munster dugout.

Or,

Experience the atmosphere, the flutter and the 'craic' of the unique sport of greyhound racing at **Limerick Greyhound Stadium**.

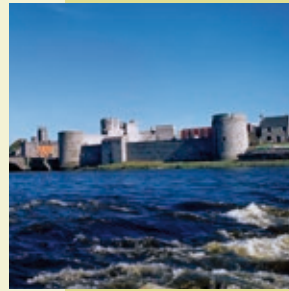
Lunch at the **Milk Market**.

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Continue to the Tarbert-Killimer ferry to Co Clare.

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Overnight hostel in Doolin.



King Johns Castle



Thomond Park



Burren



Trad music session



Inisheer



Bodhran

DAY 5

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Travel to the **Burren Geopark** and explore the vast lunar like limestone landscape. Discover the **Aillwee Caves**, the longest cave system in Ireland with its underground chasms, waterfall and extinct brown bears bones (ursos artcos)!

Explore the Burren on the **Sky to Sea Mountain/Biking/Kayaking Tour**. Fun off-road cycling and a great paddle to top it off.

Lunch in **Clarenbridge** famous for its renowned Galway Bay oysters.

Continue to Galway city. Visit **NUI Galway** campus and **accommodation**. Take in the **highlights** by strolling around the thriving, bohemian, cultural city with its colourful Spanish heritage and Latin Quarter. Visit **Galway City Museum** – Admission free.

Enjoy renowned Celtic music and dance show at **Trad on the Prom**.

Hotel overnight Galway city.

DAY 6

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Head to Rossaveal for **ferry transfer** to Gaelic speaking Inisheer, smallest of the Aran Islands.

Hire a bike and explore the medieval church half buried in the sand, the Plassy shipwreck, stone fort and the sandy beaches. Visit **Áras Eanna**, a multi-faceted arts and heritage centre housed in a renovated weaving factory where visitors can attend workshops and learn about traditional culture.

Lunch on Inisheer.

Return to Galway and travel to Clifden.

Dinner and overnight Clifden.

DAY 7

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Trek Errislanan beach on a Connemara pony or try your hand at fishing at **Errislanan Manor**. Lunch in the Horsey Hut Shop.

Or,

Visit Malachy Kearns Musical Instruments in Roundstone. Malachy crafts and provides demonstrations on the bodhran (pronounced bow-rawn). Lunch stop Malachy Kearns coffee shop.

Return to Dublin.

6 DAY ITINERARY DUBLIN AND WILD ATLANTIC WAY (GALWAY TO DONEGAL)

DAYS 1-2 DUBLIN (SEE OPTION A)

DAY 3

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Depart Dublin for Galway City. Visit **NUI Galway** campus and **accommodation**. Take in the **highlights** by strolling around the thriving, bohemian, cultural city with its colourful Spanish heritage and Latin Quarter.

Continue to Gaelic speaking Connemara and the village of Spiddal. Immerse yourself in traditional and contemporary Gaelic culture at **Cnoc Suain** – learn to céili dance, sing a Gaelic song, learn rushcraft and the rejuvenating effects of eating and bathing in seaweed!

Lunch stop **Moycullen**

Head to Connemara and walk one of the 4 trails in the **Connemara National Park**, wildlife home to Connemara ponies and peregrine falcons.

Or,

Visit **Kylemore Abbey** and its Victorian walled garden. Learn about its history, tales of tragedy and romance.

Head to the mountains and **Delphi Adventure Resort** with its array of land and water activities.

Head to Westport. Dinner and hotel overnight Westport town.

DAY 4

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Take the Westport **looped walking trail** or take the new guided **train tour**.

Visit **Westport House**. Its owners, the Brownes', are direct descendants of the 16th century Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley. Spend an action packed day visiting the house and taking part in the land and water activities. Lunch Downton Abbey style in the **Old Kitchens**.

Or,

Follow the Greenway to the Seaway and cycle part of the **Western Greenway** by **electric bike!**

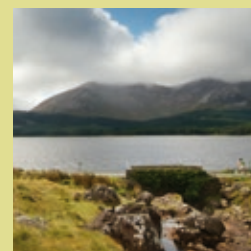
Depart Westport for **Achill Island**. Discover the eerie deserted village of **Sliabh Mor**.

Head for the furthest tip of the Mullet peninsula. Enjoy the guided Lighthouse Tour and stories of the Blackrock and Eagle Island lighthouses and tales of their keepers.

Dinner and overnight Achill.



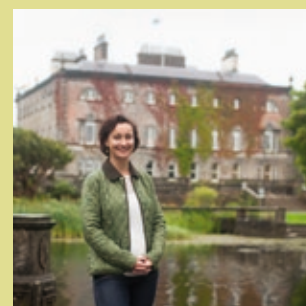
NUI Galway



Connemara National Park



Kylemore Abbey



Westport House



Greenway



Ceide Fields



Lisadell House



Glenveagh National Park

DAY 5

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Return to mainland.

Head for the Neolithic site at the **Céide Fields** in Co Mayo. 6,000 years old and the oldest known field systems in the world. Remains of stone field walls, houses and megalithic tombs are preserved beneath a blanket of peat.

Continue to Strandhill and explore the beach, a mecca for **surfers**. Head to **Voya Seaweed Baths**. Relax back into a luxurious steaming bath of fresh seawater and wild, organic seaweed!

Lunch in Strandhill

Travel Sligo and check out the story of WB Yeats at the **Sligo County Museum**

Continue to **Lissadell House and Gardens**, the childhood home of Constance Markievicz and her sister Eva Gore Booth. Constance was one of the leaders of the **1916 Rising** and a suffragist. WB Yeats was friendly with both sisters and immortalised Lisadell in his poetry.

Head for Donegal Town. Explore the coastline with the **Donegal Bay Waterbus** and enjoy the singalong on the return journey.

Dinner and B&B overnight Donegal Town.

DAY 6

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Travel to the Donegal Gaeltacht. Learn about the Irish language and cultural activities in **Oideas Gael**.

Continue to **Sliabh Liag Cliffs** for a hiking experience with a difference, take an archaeological tour or kayak under the cliffs.

Lunch stop Sliabh Liag.

Travel to **Glenveagh National Park**. Its summits and crags resemble parts of the Arctic. Spot the red deer, falcons and recently reintroduced golden eagles.

Or,

Take the ferry to Gaelic speaking **Tory Island** and meet the King of Tory Island, artist and musician **Patsy Dan Rogers** who has no formal powers but welcomes people to the island!

Dinner and hostel overnight Letterkenny.

DAY 7

Return to Dublin.



ACCOMMODATION, LANGUAGE & OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

APPROVED ACCOMMODATION LISTINGS

B&B Ireland – www.bandbireland.com

Celtic Group Hostels – www.celticgrouphostels.com

Discover Ireland – www.discoverireland.ie/where-to-stay/

Independent Holiday Hostels – www.hostels-ireland.com

Irish Hotels Federation – www.ihf.ie

An Oige (Youth Hostels) Ireland – www.anoige.ie

OPW SITES

List of Office of Public Works attractions in Ireland – www.heritageireland.ie

TRANSPORT

Coach Tourism and Transport Council of Ireland – www.cttc.ie

Listing of all transport providers – www.discoverireland.ie/Info/Getting-Around

APPROVED LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

Accreditation and Co-Ordination of English Language Services – www.acels.ie

UNIVERSITIES

Universities Ireland – universitiesireland.ie

On Campus – www.oncampus.ie

APPROVED TOUR GUIDES

Association of Approved Tour Guides of Ireland – www.tourguides.ie

HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay – www.homestay.com/ireland

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LISTING OF FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Suitable for Youth or Adventure

Name of festival	Contact Name	Email	Website	Month festival takes place	Programme
Glen of Aherlow Walking Festival	Helen Morrissey	info@aherlow.com	www.aherlow.com/festivals	January	Ireland's Ancient East
Trad Fest	Claudine Murray	claudine@templebarcompany.com	www.templebartrad.com/	January	Dublin
St Patrick's Day Festival	Edel Moss	edelle@stpatricksfestival.ie	www.stpatricksfestival.ie	March	Dublin
Offset	Bren Byrne	bren@iloveoffset.com	www.iloveoffset.com/offset-dublin/	April	Dublin
Music Town	Dublin City Council	contact@musictown.ie	www.musictown.ie	April	Dublin
Cuirt International Literary Festival	Dani Gill	dani@galwayartscentre.ie	www.cuirt.ie	April	WAW
Killarney Adventure Race	Oliver Kirwan	info@eliteevents.ie	www.killarneyadventure.com	April	WAW
Galway Food Festival	Pearse Doherty	pearsedoherty@gmail.com	www.galwayfoodfestival.com	April	WAW
Cork International Choral Festival	Sinead Madden	sinead@corkchoral.ie	www.corkchoral.ie	April/May	Ireland's Ancient East
Battle for the Bay	Catherine Etienne	catherine@puremagic.ie	www.battleforthebay.com	May	Dublin
The Sky Cat Laughs Comedy Festival	Jane Russell	jane@thecatlaughs.com	www.thecatlaughs.com	May	Ireland's Ancient East
The Tain March	Frances Taylor	info@carlingford.ie	www.tainmarch.net	May/June	Ireland's Ancient East
Bloomsday Festival	Mark Traynor	mark@jamesjoyce.ie	bloomsdayfestival.ie	June	Dublin
Cork Midsummer Festival	Lorraine Maye	lorraine@corkmidsummer.com	www.corkmidsummer.com	June	Ireland's Ancient East
Sea Sessions Music Festival	Daniel Browne	danielb@rivermedia.ie	www.seasessions.com	June	WAW
Listowel Writers Week	Eilish Wren	eilish@writersweek.ie	www.writersweek.ie	June	WAW
Erris Beo Festival	Rina Garrett	info@errisbeo.ie	www.errisbeo.ie	June	WAW
Laya City Spectacular	Shell Holden	shell@cityspectacular.com	www.cityspectacular.com/dublin	July	Dublin
Festival of Curiosity	Vincent McCarthy	vince@festivalofcuriosity.ie	https://festivalofcuriosity.ie	July	Dublin
Feile Brian Boru	Arlene White	info@feilebrianboru.com	www.feilebrianboru.com	July	Ireland's Ancient East
Earagail Arts Festival	Paul Browne	info@eaf.ie	www.eaf.ie	July	WAW
Achill Half Marathon & 10k	Achill Tourism	manager@achilltourism.com	www.achilltourism.com	July	WAW
Galway Arts Festival	Elizabeth Duffy	admin@giaf.ie	www.giaf.ie	July	WAW
West Cork Chamber Music	Grace o'Mahony	gracewcm@eircom.net	www.westcorkmusic.ie	July	WAW
Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann	Comhaltas		www.fleadhcheoil.ie	August	WAW
Extreme North Sports Events	Harold McGuinness	harold@extremenorthwestevent.ie	www.extremenorthwestevent.com	August	WAW

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Kilkenny Arts Festival	Eugene Downes	director@kilkennyarts.ie	www.kilkennyarts.ie	August	Ireland's Ancient East
A Taste of West Cork Food Festival	Helen Collins	helencollins@gmail.com	www.atasteofwestcork.com	September	WAW
Clifden Arts Festival	Noreen Darcy	noreen@darcymarketingandpr.ie	www.clifdenartsweek.ie	September	WAW
Irish National Hot Air Ballooning Championships	Joe J Daly	joe@joedaly.com	www.irishballoonchampionships.com	September	Ireland's Ancient East
Culture Night	Aimee Van Wylick	aimee@culturenight.ie	www.culturenight.ie	September	Dublin
Fringe Festival	Amy	amy@fringefest.com	www.fringefest.com	September	Dublin
Cork Folk Festival	William Hammond	cfolkf@gmail.com	www.corkfolkfestival.com	October	Ireland's Ancient East
Guinness Cork Jazz Festival	Jack McGouran	jack@questcom.ie	www.guinnessjazzfestival.com	October	Ireland's Ancient East
Bram Stoker Festival	Tom Lawlor	tomlawlor@gmail.com	www.bramstokerfestival.com	October	Dublin
Lingo Festival	Linda Devlin	lindevlin@gmail.com lingofestival@gmail.com	www.lingofestival.com	October	Dublin
Galway Comedy Festival	Kevin Healy	kevin@roisidubh.net	www.vodafonecomedy.carnival.com	October	WAW
Westport Arts Festival	Cuala McGann	committee@westportartsfestival.com	www.westportartsfestival.com	October	WAW
Cork Film Festival	Eileen O'Shea	eileen@corkfilmfest.org	www.corkfilmfest.org	November	Ireland's Ancient East
Temple Bar Arts Week	Salla Paananen	salla@templebarcompany.com	www.viewtemplebar.com	November	Dublin
Waterford Winterval		info@winterval.ie	www.winterval.ie	December	Ireland's Ancient East
New Year's Eve Festival	Niamh Holohan	niamh@holohan.ie	www.nyfdublin.com	December	Dublin

WAW = Wild Atlantic Way

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