

# IRELAND BUYERS GUIDE FOR GROUP AND FIT ORGANISERS



**Fáilte Ireland**  
National Tourism Development Authority



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# INTRODUCTION

This guide will act as a source of information on a range of experiences available across Ireland. It will provide you and your travel partners with practical information to support you in developing new programmes to Ireland.

The experiences in this guide are presented according to Ireland's three distinctive yet complimentary signature programmes:



**Dublin. A Breath of Fresh Air**  
[www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com)



**Ireland's Ancient East**  
[www.irelandsancienteast.com](http://www.irelandsancienteast.com)



**The Wild Atlantic Way**  
[www.wildatlanticway.com](http://www.wildatlanticway.com)



# 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 development supports to help tourism businesses understand the needs and motivations of our visitor segments and in doing this, better manage and market their products, services and experience delivery. In doing this we have created and continue to invest alongside our industry partners in our three signature Experience Brands: **Wild Atlantic Way, Dublin. A Breath of Fresh Air and Ireland's Ancient East.** These three experience brand propositions provide prospective visitors and travel buyers with compelling reasons to choose Ireland for a visit or programme while offering distinctive yet complimentary experiences and holiday types that encourage visitors to fully immerse themselves in our culture, traditions, landscape and environment, aligning to their core values and travel motivations.

We also work with other state agencies, Industry and Environmental Representative bodies, at local, national and international levels, to develop, implement and champion positive and practical strategies that will benefit Irish tourism and the Irish economy.

We also promote Ireland as a home holiday destination through our domestic marketing campaign, 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 and have office representatives located on all core source markets to Ireland.

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Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare



Castletown House, Co. Kildare



Clontarf, Co. Dublin





# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Ireland's tourism agencies work to ensure that we create the environment and conditions to make doing business in Ireland as easy as possible for our buyers.

We want to support our industry and buyers in their efforts to grow their revenue and visitor numbers to Ireland. This is achieved through the recently established Joint Operations Group where Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland partner in their B2B activities to review international sales channels, to identify new sales opportunities, sourcing new and niche tour operator business for Ireland and working to expand programming of existing tour operators (domestic and international). For Irish industry it includes provision of buyer insights and trade platforms to maximise their performance, build market share and grow their international revenue in a sustainable manner.

Some of the supports available include a range of practical supports for international buyers and those wishing to expand their existing programmes:

- Recommendations for approved ground handlers/DMC partners
- Digital Library of video and imagery assets (freely available to use) to help promote programmes
- Online buyer tools – programming suggestions and directory of saleable experiences
- Pre-qualified supplier introductions
- Familiarisation visits and support in itinerary development related to our core brands, **Wild Atlantic Way, Dublin. A Breath of Fresh Air and Ireland's Ancient East**
- New Products News
- Opportunities to meet Irish industry at in Ireland and in-market events



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# SIGNATURE PROGRAMMES



**WILD ATLANTIC WAY**

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## The Wild Atlantic Way

A region of natural beauty, the Wild Atlantic Way is the longest defined coastal touring route in the world, and showcases some of the most scenic points along Ireland's coastline. Stretching 2,500km from Inishowen Co. Donegal at its most northerly point, to Kinsale, Co. Cork, its southern point.

This is a place of magic which promises to leave life-long memories – whether strolling among the wildflowers of the Burren UNESCO geopark, gazing at Europe's highest sea cliffs, Sliabh Liag, with the might of the swirling Atlantic Ocean crashing below, or simply sitting by a turf fire in a traditional pub, eating the freshest of seafood, and drifting away on the melody of Irish song, music and language.

And yet, the Wild Atlantic Way is so much more than an elemental destination with breathtaking vistas at every turn: it enchants you with its unique qualities, a pace of life, culture, and captivating people that makes you want to live in the moment and embrace the very nature of the place.

Experience the vast expanse of Ballycroy National Park, drinking in the scene of mountains and valleys along the Beara Peninsula, or walking in the footsteps of Ireland's great poet, WB Yeats, "under bare Ben Bulbin's head". It's out on these western extremities that you'll become enveloped by a rich culture and famed Irish welcome, echoed by the ocean's roar. Discover the Ireland that you've always imagined and a destination that will call you back time and again.





Tintern Abbey, Co. Wexford



Inisheer Island, Aran Islands



## 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.

Connecting the past and present, this is the perfect opportunity to have a personal journey of discovery in this relaxing, off the beaten track, lush beautiful landscape that has attracted warring settlers for millennia. Meet the locals and get ready to have a memorable immersive experience. Engage with the best storytellers in the world who will enthral with stories of a time of contrasts, a time of empire, rebellion, innovation and industry and local legends.

Walk around incredible monastic sites where Early Christians established flourishing communities. Stand inside castles battered by brutal sieges and bloody battles, and wander the gracious manor houses and delightful gardens of the aristocracy. You can do everything from board a replica Famine ship to follow in the footsteps of the Vikings. With some of the best storytellers in the world, the intrigue, romance and incredible tales of Ireland's Ancient East are yours to discover.



## Dublin. A Breath of Fresh Air

Dublin, Ireland's capital is a city that truly captures your imagination. Cobbled alleys, Viking remains, Georgian squares. Dublin's history goes back over a thousand years. Step back in time in this city full of literary landmarks, from the James Joyce Centre to Trinity College, alma mater of many of Ireland's greatest writers.

Steeped in history, Dublin is a medieval city where an abundance of free museums and art galleries chronicle its long and colourful past, while the pubs and cafés buzz with traditional and contemporary entertainment.

Just a 20 min journey will bring the visitor from the city to the charming coastal towns and fishing villages that dot the coastline and provide lots of options for craft shopping, water sports, seafood dining and breathtaking walks against the spectacular backdrop of Dublin Bay.

Dublin is home to the friendliest people in the world. Add to this live music, packed pubs, hip clubs and plenty of culture plus a passion for sport and you have everything you need for a truly enjoyable break!



# ACCESS IRELAND







**FLIGHTS TO IRELAND  
PER WEEK**

High season – 2,590 flights

Low Season – 1,975 flights

**AIRLINES FLYING INTO  
IRELAND PER WEEK**

High season – 32 airlines

Low Season – 27 airlines

**SAILINGS TO IRELAND  
PER WEEK**

High season – 120 sailings

Low season – 118 sailings



# GETTING AROUND IRELAND

EVERYTHING YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS NEED TO KNOW!

## DUBLIN

### THE LEAP VISITOR CARD

[WWW.LEAPCARD.IE](http://WWW.LEAPCARD.IE)

This card offers visitors unlimited transport across Dublin city and suburbs (including Airport to City transfer) for 1, 2 or 7 days, with top up options, on any public transport (Bus, Luas, Dart). Available 24 hours at Dublin Airport or for purchase, from:

#### DUBLIN AIRPORT

- Bus & Travel Information Desk (T1 Arrivals)
- 24-hour Spar Convenience Store (T2 Arrivals)
- Discover Ireland Tourist Information Desk (T2 Arrivals)

#### DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

- Dublin Bus, 59 Upper O'Connell St.
- Discover Ireland Centre, 14 Upper O'Connell St.
- Visit Dublin Centre, 25 Suffolk St.

### DART – DUBLIN COASTAL LIGHTRAIL

[WWW.IRISHRAIL.IE](http://WWW.IRISHRAIL.IE)

Dublin's iconic DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) system offers a fast and frequent way to get to Dublin's coastal villages. The service travels along the picturesque Irish Sea coast for much of its journey with routes to Malahide and/or Howth in north Dublin, or southwards to towns and villages including Dún Laoghaire, Dalkey and further south to Bray and Greystones, County Wicklow. Leap Visitor card is valid for DART or purchase single/return ticket at any station ticket machines.

### LUAS – DUBLIN'S ROADTRAM

[WWW.LUAS.IE](http://WWW.LUAS.IE)

'Luas' (Irish word for speed) is Dublin's light-rail road crossing the city on two lines (The Red line and the Green line). Your clients can purchase single/return or flexi-tickets covering travel for 7 or 30 days, from vending ticket machines at streetside Luas stops or use their Leap visitor card.

### BUS

[WWW.DUBLINBUS.IE](http://WWW.DUBLINBUS.IE)

Dublin has an extensive network of public bus routes, making it easy to get around and to the suburbs too. The Dublin Bus website provides route, timetable and fare information making it easy for your clients to bus around the sights, and a real time information service shows when buses are due to arrive at stops.

### DUBLIN BUS FREEDOM PASS

[WWW.DUBLINSIGHTSEEING.IE](http://WWW.DUBLINSIGHTSEEING.IE)

Provides 72 hours of unlimited journeys on:

- Airlink Express – Airport to City centre.
- Green Hop-on Hop-off open-top City Tour bus.
- Dublin Bus Public Transport

### HOP ON HOP-OFF BUS TOURS

There are two hop-on/hop-off bus tour providers in Dublin, allowing your clients to experience all the city has to offer at their own pace.

[www.dublinsightseeing.ie](http://www.dublinsightseeing.ie) (Green Bus) City Sightseeing Bus offering a 1 or 2 day ticket, on a choice of 2 routes. 2 free children's tickets with every adult ticket purchased and





a free 1916 walking tour and free access to The Little Museum of Dublin with every ticket purchased. Also available is: Evening Ghost Bus Tour, 1916 Rebellion Tour, North Coast & Castle Tour, South Coast & Gardens Tour.

[www.citysightseeingdublin.ie](http://www.citysightseeingdublin.ie) (Part of Greyline Tours – Red Bus) Sightseeing tour offers a 24 or 48 hour ticket, with discounted access to over 50 attractions, on a choice of 3 routes. 2 free children's tickets with every adult ticket purchased and a \*free 1916 walking tour (\* Available in Summer).

## DUBLIN PASS

[WWW.DUBLINPASS.COM](http://WWW.DUBLINPASS.COM)

The Dublin Pass offers a sightseeing package with free entry to over 25 top attractions, museums and monuments in Dublin – city and coast, as well as a free 24-Hour hop-on/hop-off bus tour service. Benefits include 'Fast Track' entry and a free one-way airport transfer.

## DUBLIN BIKES

[WWW.DUBLINBIKES.IE](http://WWW.DUBLINBIKES.IE)

Dublin is one of the top ten bicycle-friendly cities in the world. 120km of cycle lanes and an excellent City Bike Scheme makes it easy for visitors to enjoy Dublin on two wheels.

There are also many private bike hire providers and bike tour operators, not only in Dublin but all over Ireland should your clients wish to enjoy their holiday in Ireland by bike. For further information about these providers in locations to suit your clients programme, contact us at [businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie](mailto:businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie)







# BEYOND DUBLIN

## DUBLIN AIRPORT TRANSFERS TO CITIES

A range of private and public bus providers offer coach transfers directly from the Airport to various cities and towns in The Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland's Ancient East. These include:

- [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)
- [www.dublincoach.ie](http://www.dublincoach.ie)
- [www.gobus.ie](http://www.gobus.ie)
- [www.jjkavanagh.ie](http://www.jjkavanagh.ie)
- [www.airporthopper.ie](http://www.airporthopper.ie)
- [www.aircoach.ie](http://www.aircoach.ie)

## BUS EIREANN – PUBLIC BUS TRANSPORT AROUND IRELAND

[WWW.BUSEIREANN.IE](http://www.buseireann.ie)

Travelling to Ireland's Ancient East or the Wild Atlantic Way by bus from Dublin has never been easier. Visitors can sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery without the hassle of maps or parking. With bus stations in all major towns serviced with a comprehensive road network, there has never been a better time to travel by coach or bus.

### OPEN-ROAD PASS

Bus Éireann now offer an Open Road visitor ticket, valid for hop on/hop off travel (three of six days) on public scheduled services, allowing the freedom to Explore Ireland's Ancient East or Discover the Wild Atlantic Way at your clients own pace.

See <http://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=337>

## RAIL

[WWW.IRISHRAIL.IE](http://www.irishrail.ie)

Ireland's Ancient East and the Wild Atlantic Way are accessible by rail with Cork, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, Sligo, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford and Athlone just some of the city routes served from Dublin's two Intercity train stations: Heuston and Connolly. Tickets can be purchased online or in the train station.

Destination	Travel Time from Dublin by Rail
Cork	2 hrs 45 mins
Killarney	3 hrs 20 mins
Limerick	2 hrs 15 mins
Galway	2 hrs 30 mins
Sligo	3 hrs 10 mins
Belfast	2 hrs 15 mins
Kilkenny	1 hr 30 mins
Waterford	2 hrs 20 mins
Wexford	3 hrs
Athlone	1 hr 30 mins





## CAR HIRE

[WWW.CARRENTALCOUNCIL.IE](http://www.carrentalcouncil.ie)

Car hire is widely available. Advance booking is advisable with an approved car rental company pre-travel to ensure widest availability of options and packages. Alternatively, clients can contact a range of providers when they arrive at their chosen Irish Airport in the arrivals hall. Meet and greet services can also be arranged at ferry ports in Dublin. Many hotel concierge services can also arrange local car hire contacts and services.

## CHAUFFEUR DRIVE/CHAUFFEUR GUIDE

If your clients prefer the chauffeur drive option there are a range of providers on hand to meet their needs. For further information and a list of pre-qualified suppliers, please contact us directly at [businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie](mailto:businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie)

## PRIVATE COACH HIRE

If your clients are looking for a comprehensive coach tour around Ireland there are an abundance of companies at hand so they can sit back and relax and take in the wonderful scenery that Ireland has to offer. See <http://www.discoverireland.ie/Info/Getting-Around/By-bus-or-coach>

## RAIL TOUR OPERATORS

With a choice of 1st class and luxury Rail holiday operators, visitors can enjoy a relaxed first class rail experience or rail holiday, allowing them explore Ireland without the need of a car with a choice of tours and packages. These include:

- Raitours Ireland – [www.raitoursireland.com](http://www.raitoursireland.com)
- Belmond Grand Hibernian – [www.belmond.com/grand-hibernian-train](http://www.belmond.com/grand-hibernian-train)

## PLANNING YOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT JOURNEY:

For complete details of public transport services in Ireland visit [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie). The free app Real-Time-Ireland allows visitors select their preferred destination and departure point to get a complete listing of public transport options and schedules for the selected route – complete with journey times and any notifications of changes to service times. [www.transportforireland.ie/real-time/real-time-ireland/](http://www.transportforireland.ie/real-time/real-time-ireland/)



## TRAVELLING TO THE ISLANDS OF THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

The Wild Atlantic Way boasts a collection of beautiful islands off the mainland, with each accessible by a variety of transport options. While some can be travelled by road via causeways and bridges, others by air, most are accessed via the island's own ferry. See also 'Travelling in Ireland by Air' across.



Island Name	Accessing the Islands
<b>Donegal Islands</b>	
Arranmore Island	<a href="http://www.arranmoreferry.com">www.arranmoreferry.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.arranmorefastferry.com">www.arranmorefastferry.com</a>
Gola Island	<a href="http://www.donegalislands.com">www.donegalislands.com</a>
Tory Island	<a href="http://www.toryislandferry.com">www.toryislandferry.com</a>
<b>Mayo Islands</b>	
Clare Island	<a href="http://www.clareislandferry.com">www.clareislandferry.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.omalleyferries.com">www.omalleyferries.com</a>
Inishturk Island	<a href="http://www.clareislandferry.com">www.clareislandferry.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.omalleyferries.com">www.omalleyferries.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.inishturkisland.com">www.inishturkisland.com</a>
Inis Bigil	<a href="http://www.leneghanferries.com">www.leneghanferries.com</a>
<b>Galway Islands</b>	
Inishbofin Island	<a href="http://www.inishbofinislanddiscovery.com">www.inishbofinislanddiscovery.com</a>
<b>Clare Islands</b>	
Holy Island, Lough Derg	<a href="http://www.holyisland.ie">www.holyisland.ie</a>
<b>Aran Islands</b>	
Aran Islands – Flights	<a href="http://www.aerarannislands.ie">www.aerarannislands.ie</a>
Aran Islands – Ferries	<a href="http://www.aranislandferries.com">www.aranislandferries.com</a>
Doolin to Aran Islands	<a href="http://www.doolin2aranferries.com">www.doolin2aranferries.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.doolinferry.com">www.doolinferry.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.obrienline.com">www.obrienline.com</a>
<b>Kerry Islands</b>	
Skelligs Islands	Book at <a href="http://www.skelligexperience.com">www.skelligexperience.com</a>
Valentia Island	<a href="http://www.valentiaisland.ie/getting-here">www.valentiaisland.ie/getting-here</a>
Blasket Islands	<a href="http://www.blasketisland.com">www.blasketisland.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.blasketislands.ie">www.blasketislands.ie</a>
	<a href="http://www.dinglebaycharters.com">www.dinglebaycharters.com</a>
<b>Cork Islands</b>	
Bere Island	<a href="http://www.bereislandferries.com">www.bereislandferries.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.murphysferry.com">www.murphysferry.com</a>
Cape Clear Island	<a href="http://www.cailinoir.com">www.cailinoir.com</a>
Dursey Island	Access via cable car
	<a href="http://www.durseyisland.ie/cable-car-timetable">www.durseyisland.ie/cable-car-timetable</a>
Garinish Island	<a href="http://www.bluepoolferry.com">www.bluepoolferry.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.harbourqueenferry.com">www.harbourqueenferry.com</a>
Heir Island	<a href="http://www.heirislandferries.com">www.heirislandferries.com</a>
Long Island	<a href="http://www.longislandferry.org">www.longislandferry.org</a>
Sherkin Island	<a href="http://www.sherkinisland.eu">www.sherkinisland.eu</a>
Whiddy Island	<a href="http://www.whiddyferry.com">www.whiddyferry.com</a>



## TRAVELLING IN IRELAND BY AIR

As a modestly-sized island with an extensive rail and bus network, modern motorway and road infrastructure connecting the main cities and towns, there's little need for internal flights. However if your client's time is limited, and they want to maximise their time to see more of the Island, there are domestic flights between Dublin-Kerry and Dublin-Donegal, which travel twice daily and take approximately 40 minutes.

A range of private helicopter and small propeller plane charter and tour companies are also available:

- Executive Helicopters (Private hire)  
[www.executive-helicopters.com](http://www.executive-helicopters.com)
- Irish Helicopters (Private hire)  
[www.irishhelicopters.com](http://www.irishhelicopters.com)
- Aer Arann Islands (Private charters & tours)  
[www.aerarannislands.ie](http://www.aerarannislands.ie)
- Wild Atlantic Way flights (Private charters & tours)  
[www.wildatlanticflights.com](http://www.wildatlanticflights.com)

1 to 5.5 hrs journey times across Ireland and the Islands using 4 seater modern planes for optimal views. All departures from Weston Airport with city transfers available.



## PRIVATE BOAT RENTALS

Ireland has an excellent network of Inland waterways – rivers and canals and recreational lakes that provide wonderful opportunity to travel Ireland and enjoy the scenery from the water with mooring options included.

- For a range of pleasure boat and fishing day trips search boating or fishing on [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie) or contact us at [businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie](mailto:businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie)
- For private rental of Cruise and Barge boats (with accommodation), see Irish Boat Rental Association website [www.boatholidaysireland.com](http://www.boatholidaysireland.com)

## UNIQUE TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

Looking for something a little different for your client... perhaps with a vintage feel or the open road wind on your face, visitors can also consider options such as:

- Vintage VW campervan rentals [www.Retrocamper.ie](http://www.Retrocamper.ie)
- Motorbike rentals & Tours: For listings search motorbike on [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)
- Motorhome and campervan rentals For listings search motorhome or campervan on [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)
- For a range of Luxury Experiences with exclusive access via Luxury Private Yacht or Classic chauffeur car, see [www.secretirelandescapes.com](http://www.secretirelandescapes.com)





# WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Stretching for 2,500km along the Ireland's Atlantic coastline, the world's longest defined coastal touring route traverses an area of magnificent natural beauty. From the breathtaking sea cliffs of Sliabh Liag in Co. Donegal to the foodie mecca of Kinsale in Co. Cork, this elemental region enveloped by our famed Irish welcome will leave life-long memories. Discover a unique destination, culture, people and landscape that leaves you renewed, uplifted and refreshed.









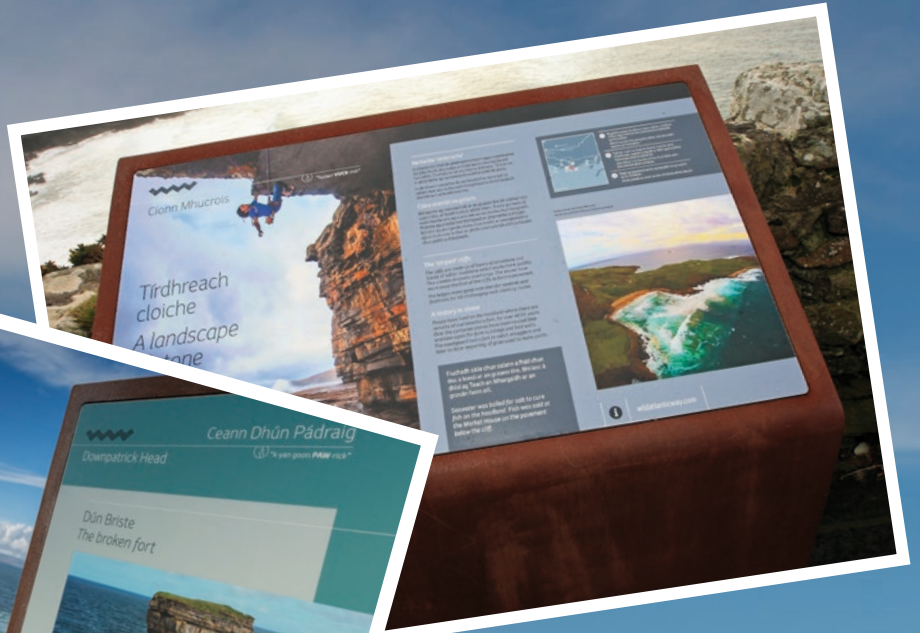
# WILD ATLANTIC WAY DISCOVERY POINTS & INTERPRETATION PANELS

The Wild Atlantic Way offers visitors 6 different touring zones and over 188 Discovery Points. Photo Points have been developed at each of the Discovery Points and Embarkation Points along the route. The Photo Points were designed to literally 'frame' photographs taken by visitors at the beauty spots and scenic views along the route.

New interpretation panels have been installed next to each Photo Point and are intended to tell visitors a little of the history and heritage of the area. Each panel also includes historic or scenic images, a small motivational map and identifies some other local points of interest – with a call to 'Discover more'.

DOWNPATRICK HEAD









# WILD ATLANTIC WAY PASSPORT

The Wild Atlantic Way Passport will enhance your client's holiday experience in Ireland as well as acting as a recorded souvenir of their completed journey of all 188 discovery points along the world's longest coastal touring route.

## A STAMP FOR EVERY MEMORY

The passport will serve as proof that your clients have travelled this astonishing 2,500km length of coast, and also enable them to obtain their 'Wild Atlantic Way Certificate', the official record of their journey. Each beautifully designed passport has its own individual number, so it's completely unique. And as your clients make their way along this inspiring stretch of coast, they can get it stamped at a host of scenic spots.

## A REWARDING ROUTE

The route is divided up into six zones, and once the visitor has completed a zone they can call to specified Tourist Information Offices to receive a special Wild Atlantic Way gift. And the visitor need not worry about trying to fit all 188 Discovery Points into one trip; they can keep adding stamps to their passport every time they visit.

The Wild Atlantic Way Passport can be purchased only at selected Post Offices along the Wild Atlantic Way route at a cost of €10.





Fanad Head, Co. Donegal



Streedagh Beach, Co. Sligo

IRELAND

WILD ATLANTIC WAY  
PASSPORT

WILD ATLANTIC WAY  
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## Sea Safari and Maritime Heritage Tours

### Business Contact Details

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**Business Contact** Jim Muldowney

### Experience Description

See the magnificent Wild Atlantic Way from sea level with Dive Arranmore Charters. The Sea Safari and Maritime Heritage Tour will take you on an excursion of marine history dating back to 1781. The 18th century herring fishing station is a key attraction in this area. Your skipper Jim will outline the establishment of the station whilst cruising through the islands' channels where you will observe the station's island-based historical landmarks. Hear the cry of the gulls as you cruise past cliffs and caves where you will see many species of birds. The beauty of deserted islands and ruins, the unique marine life, the ruggedness of the landscape and the energy of the ocean will stay with you long after your exhilarating trip!

Tour available in English only.

Duration 2 hrs 30 mins

### Pricing

€25.00 per Adult; U16s half price. Max group size 12. Advanced booking is essential

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** No

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

1 April - 31 October; 7 days a week 0900-2100hrs, weather dependent. Tea & coffee available.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Not wheelchair accessible. Please wear suitable clothing for weather. Coach parking available.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

www.arranmoreferry.com

www.arranmorefastferry.com

### Nearest Airport

Carraickfinn Airport (20 mins)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Arranmore Island

### Other Experiences Nearby

Glenveagh National Park (52 mins) www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie

Unique Ascent (25 mins) www.uniqueascent.ie

Walking Donegal (28 mins) www.walkingdonegal.net



## Donegal Knitting and Weaving Experience

### Business Contact Details

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 +353 (0) 87 6484748

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**Business Contact** Michael Molloy

### Experience Description

Immerse yourself in the century's old traditions of Knitting and Donegal hand-woven Tweeds by visiting John Molloy Woollen Mills in the picturesque village of Ardara, which is nestled in the hills of Donegal along the Wild Atlantic Way coast. The Molloy family have five generations of experience to draw on and are delighted to demonstrate the evolution of the knitting and weaving cottage industry in Ardara which is recognised as the home of Donegal hand-woven Tweeds. Your clients will enjoy a 20 – 30 min personal guided tour (English only) of the production of knitted and tweed material showcasing its history, changes in practices and the link between local farmers and the finished garment to this day.

Duration 20 – 30 mins.

### Pricing

€6pp – Min 5 – Max 20; Advance booking necessary

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open all year round, Monday to Saturday. Refreshments and retail available on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking for 3-4 coaches and large number of car parking spaces.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Donegal Airport – 49 mins

Derry Airport – 1 hr 18 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Ardara has one hotel and a number of B&Bs.

Donegal Town (20 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Other Experiences Nearby

Sliabh Liag, Teelin (44 mins) www.slieveleagueliffs.ie

Folk Village Glencolmille (37 mins) www.glenfolkvillage.com

Glenveagh National Park (1 hr 15 mins) www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie





## Step Back in Time

### Business Contact Details

Glencolmcille Folk Village, Glencolmcille, Co. Donegal.

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**Business Contact** Margaret Cunningham

### Experience Description

Step back in time on a visit to Glencolmcille Folk Village. In this isolated settlement, you'll explore several thatched cottages, getting a feel for what life was like in Ireland spanning hundreds of years. Visit the fisherman's cottage, crammed full of fishing-related artefacts and stories. Hear the story of Father James McDyer – who came to this isolated valley in 1951 and helped to establish running water, electricity and industry. Sample the delights at the Village's tea room and craft shop, which has lots of traditional local crafts such as weaving, knitting and spinning on show. Guided and self-guided tours available. Self-guided materials available in French; German; Dutch; Italian; Spanish; Polish.

Duration 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

Adults €5.00; Senior €4.50; Students €4.50; Children over 7 years €2.50; Free under 7 years; Family €13.00 (2 adults + 2 children); Groups €4.50 (11+) Min. 11 – max. 50. Advance booking required.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Easter until 31 October: Monday-Saturday 1000-1800hrs; Sunday 1100-1800hrs (July & August); Sunday 1200-1800hrs low season  
October: Monday-Saturday 1100-1630hrs; Sunday 1200-1630hrs  
Refreshments available on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Car and Coach parking available for all sizes of vehicles.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Derry Airport – 2 hrs 10 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Killybegs – (30 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

Ardara – (40 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

Donegal Town – (1 hr) www.discoverireland.ie

### Other Experiences Nearby

Slieve League Boat Trips – (17 mins) www.sliabhleagueboattrips.com

Oideas Gael (3 mins) www.oideasgael.ie/en



## Glenveagh, hauntingly beautiful...

### Business Contact Details

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E glenveaghbookings@ahg.gov.ie; tres.connaghan@ahg.gov.ie

W www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie

GPS 55.016667, -8.05

**Business Contact** Tres Connaghan

### Experience Description

Glenveagh National Park is a remote and hauntingly beautiful wilderness of rugged mountains, pristine lakes, tumbling waterfalls and enchanted native oak woodland in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains in the north west of County Donegal. At the centre of the Park on the edge of Lough Veagh is Glenveagh Castle. Guided tours of the Castle and Gardens (by prior arrangement) are available. An audio visual tour on the history of the park and castle is also available.

Literature available for the guided tour of the castle in French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish.

Duration 2 hrs.

### Pricing

Admission to the Park and Gardens is free.

Additional services including guided tours of castle and gardens are charged for. Minimum 20 for group rate. Advance booking is essential

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

E As above

Tel As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

The Park and Gardens are accessible all year round. Visitor Services facilities open 0900-1730hrs from March to October and from 0830-1700hrs from November to February. Tours are limited throughout the winter time. Visitors are advised to contact the park in advance of visit. Restaurant & Tea Room on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Car park and 12 coach bays. All areas of the park are accessible by wheelchair users apart from the 2nd floor of the castle.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Derry Airport – 1 hr 10 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Letterkenny (30 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Other Experiences Nearby

Fanad Lighthouse (45 mins) www.fanadlighthouse.com

Dunfanaghy Stables (40 mins) www.dunfanaghyttables.com

McNutt Woollen Mill (40 mins) www.mcnuttfdonegal.com





## See the Light at Fanad Lighthouse

### Business Details

Fanad Lighthouse, Cionn Fhánada, Earra Thíre na Binne, Port an tSalainn, Leitir Ceanainn, Co. Donegal  
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**W** www.fanadlighthouse.com

**Business Contact** Eimear Ní Mhathúna

### Experience Description

Fanad Lighthouse stands at the point where the deep Lough Swilly fjord meets the Atlantic Ocean. Daily guided tours allow visitors to experience the life of the light-keeper for themselves, to hear about the history of the lighthouse, some of the tragedies in the surrounding sea, view the spectacular scenery and to learn about the new technology that watches our coastline today. Your clients can also stay in one of the three self-catering units.

May be restricted by severe weather conditions. Tours in German available if pre-booked for group.

Duration 1 hr 20 mins – 2 hrs.

### Pricing

Adult €8, Concession: €5, Family: €20. Group discounts from 15 persons. Larger discounts available for morning bookings.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

October to St. Patrick's Day:

Saturday; Sunday; Bank Holidays – 1100-1600hrs

Rest of year: Open 7 days 1000-1800hrs

Refreshments available from May 2017.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Children must be 1.2 meters to climb the tower. Not suitable for those with mobility problems. Appropriate clothing for seasonal weather conditions required. Limited coach and car parking currently available, extended parking from May 2017.

### Nearest Airport

Derry Airport – 1 hr 28 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Downings (30 mins) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

McNuts of Donegal (30 mins) [www.mcnuttofdonegal.com](http://www.mcnuttofdonegal.com)

Dunfanaghy Workhouse (51 mins) [www.dunfanaghyworkhouse.ie](http://www.dunfanaghyworkhouse.ie)

Glenveagh National Park (1 hr 14 mins) [www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie](http://www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie)



## Home of Heritage

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**Business Contact** Bartle D'Arcy

### Experience Description

The historic and literary associations of Lissadell and the wild dramatic natural beauty of its setting surrounded by mountains, sea and woodlands makes Lissadell House a must visit heritage attraction in the North West. Follow in the footsteps of the poet W. B. Yeats in wandering through this beautifully restored estate on the shores of the Atlantic. Childhood home of Constance and Eva Gore-Booth, built by Sir Robert Gore-Booth in 1830 and designed by Francis Goodwin, the house is now fully restored and open daily for guided tours with expert guides. Learn about Victorian life both upstairs for the gentry and downstairs for the servants. French and German guides available on request.

Duration 2 hrs

### Pricing

€14pp; under 5 free. No minimum or maximum group size; advance booking required

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking Contact** As above

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### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open 5 March to 15 October 2017; daily from 1000-1800hrs

Tearooms on site, separate seating area for pre-booked coaches available on request.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking facilities available. Reasonable level of fitness required for woodland walk. Coach access direct to the House can be arranged for those with mobility issues.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport – 1 hr 5 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Sligo (21 mins) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Atlantic Sheepdogs (18 mins) [www.facebook.com/atlanticsheepdogs/](http://www.facebook.com/atlanticsheepdogs/)

Raghy Harbour Walk (immediate vicinity) [www.sligo.ie](http://www.sligo.ie)

Yeats Experience (22 mins) [www.yeatssligoireland.com](http://www.yeatssligoireland.com)





## Irish baking along the Wild Atlantic Way

### Business Contact Details

Rachel's Irish Adventures, Quay Road, Ballina, Co. Mayo

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**Business Contact** Rachel Nolan

### Experience Description

Immerse yourself in the Irish culture and take a personalised Irish baking lesson in a typical Irish home overlooking the famous River Moy. Marjorie is the author of 4 cookery books and prides herself in providing interactive cookery lessons where she shares her passion and skills in the kitchen. After you prepare the recipes with Marjorie, you can enjoy them with a cup of tea or Irish coffee.

This experience includes learning how to prepare Irish soda bread, traditional Irish potato cakes and the perfect Irish coffee. Experience provided in English, French translation can be provided.

Duration 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

Price based on 1 person: €65 per person

Price based on 2 people: €55 per person

Price based on 4 people: €45 per person

Price based on 6 people: €35 per person

Max group size 8 people

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open year round.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Ample car and coach parking facilities. There is no minimum age requirement. Children and families and single travellers are all welcome. People will need to be capable of walking up 15 steps to enter the house.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport (43 mins)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Ballina (6 mins) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Enniscrone beach and seaweed baths (12 mins)  
[www.enniscrone.ie/enniscrone\\_seaweed\\_baths](http://www.enniscrone.ie/enniscrone_seaweed_baths)

The Jackie Clarke Collection (6 mins) [www.clarkecollection.ie/home/](http://www.clarkecollection.ie/home/)

Belleek Castle and Dungeon Tour (12 mins) [www.belleekcastle.com](http://www.belleekcastle.com)



## Relive Ireland's Earliest Takeaway: A seatrail with Shellfish and Sea Shells by the Shore

### Business Contact Details

Business Innovation Centre, Sligo IT, Ash Lane, Sligo

T +353 (0) 87 2405071

E [info@seatrails.ie](mailto:info@seatrails.ie)

W [www.sligofoodtrail.ie](http://www.sligofoodtrail.ie)

[www.seatrails.ie](http://www.seatrails.ie)

GPS 54.270090 -8.609690

**Business Contact** Auriel Robinson

### Experience Description

Explore the gorgeous coastline of the Strandhill peninsula and taste the fruits of the Atlantic Ocean. You'll take a walk with an experienced maritime archaeologist who will explain the landscape around you. You will be guided through golden dunes and across stunning Culleenamore Strand which is also a seal sanctuary, so keep your eyes peeled and cameras at the ready. This bay is known for a number of prehistoric shell midden sites which are the discarded remains of shellfish and are thousands of years old. At one of the sites, freshly harvested mussels will be cooked for you on the rocks by one of Trá Bán Restaurant's expert chefs. You can quite literally dine as your ancestors did, in exactly the same place. This experience is seasonal. German and some Spanish spoken by guide.

Duration approx. 3hrs

### Pricing

€35 pp; €10 (child rate). Advance booking required. Minimum 4. Max 16.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** Auriel Robinson

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

April-October, 0900-1800hrs

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available in Strandhill. Minimum age is 6 years. Ground can be somewhat rocky and uneven underfoot so reasonable level of mobility is required. Weather proof clothing and waterproof footwear recommended.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport (55 mins)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Strandhill village (immediate vicinity) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

VOYA Seaweed Baths (immediate vicinity) [www.voya.ie](http://www.voya.ie)

Hang Ten Surf School (immediate vicinity) [www.strandhillsurfschool.com](http://www.strandhillsurfschool.com)





## Eat and drink the poetry of WB Yeats

### Business Contact Details

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E yeatssligo@gmail.com  
W www.yeatssligoireland.com  
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**Business Contact** Damien Brennan

### Experience Description

It's no secret that Irish poet William Butler Yeats was inspired by the landscape of County Sligo. This is where he spent his childhood holidays, and set such famous poems as The Lake Isle of Innisfree.

During this experience, you'll learn all about his poetry over an intimate lunch or dinner in Broc House, surrounded by art and architecture. Enjoy the view from the terrace, taking in several locations featured in Yeats's work. Tuck into sandwiches, seasonal soup, salads from the garden and Irish tea brack, while you listen to Damien Brennan tell the inspiring story of a visionary writer and his beloved Land of Heart's Desire.

Yeats Experience is an English speaking event and only suitable for fluent English speakers.

Duration Lunch 2 hrs, Dinner 3 hrs.

### Pricing

Only available to groups of ten or more. Maximum number 50.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Numbers over 20 + subject to negotiated discount

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open all year, on demand and prior booking, except last two weeks in November.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking facilities provided onsite. Not recommended for under 6's. No maximum age. Bring Your Own Beverages applies to all events. No corkage.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport – 1 hr 20 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Sligo (5 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Other Experiences Nearby

The Model (11 mins) www.themodel.ie

Take a Foraging Adventure in Doorly Park, Sligo (9 mins). www.neantog.com

VOYA Seaweed Baths (18 mins) www.voyaseaweedbaths.com



## Connemara Cultural Centre at Pearse Cottage

### Business Contact Details

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W www.heritageireland.ie/en/west/patrickpearsescottage/  
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**Business Contact** Cillian De Grás

### Experience Description

The development of a cultural centre at "Teach an Phiarasigh" in Ros Muc provides visitors with an introduction to the Irish language, Gaeltacht culture and environment, focusing on 1916 leader Patrick Pearse and his relationship with Connemara. The exhibition includes an enhanced walkway from the Cultural Centre to the existing national monument of Pearse Cottage.

Guided and self-guided tours available.

Duration 1 hr – 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

Access to video, display area and proposed Tea Room will be free.

Access to permanent exhibitions, Pearse Cottage and a guided Tour are: €5.00 per adult; €4.00 Senior Citizens; €3.00 Students; €13.00 Family (2 adults and 2 children). Minimum Group size for group rate is 20+; No maximum group size for Cultural Centre, however, there is a maximum number of 15 people for the guided tour of Pearse Cottage.

**Tour Operator Rates** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate Rates** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking Contact/B2B Rates Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

0930-1600hrs 29 December 2016 - 25 March 2017

1000-1800hrs 26 March 2017 - 29 October 2017

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Experience is indoors, apart from the walkway to the original cottage. Cultural Centre is completely accessible. The Path to Pearse Cottage is accessible for wheelchairs as is Pearse Cottage. Parking available. Tea room on site by Easter 2017.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport – 1 hr 45 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Clifden – (40 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Other Experiences Nearby

Derrigimlagh Bog – (51 mins)

Kylemore Abbey & Gardens – (46 mins) <http://www.kylemoreabbey.com/>

Connemara National Park (48 mins drive) [www.connemaranationalpark.ie](http://www.connemaranationalpark.ie)





## The Magic of Inishbofin Eco Island

### Business Details

Connemara Wild Escapes, The Old Rectory, Cleggan, Connemara, Galway

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**Business Contact** Cathy Wolfe

### Experience

Inishbofin Island, off the coast of Connemara, on the Wild Atlantic Way, is the first Irish island to receive an international ecotourism award.

Experience includes

- Day return ferry Cleggan to Inishbofin island
- Tea/coffee & scones
- Walking Maps
- Soup & Sandwich lunch

On a mid-morning sailing, visitors enjoy spectacular land and seascapes en route to the island, before walking the short distance to the Island Hotel, for refreshment and short film screening about the fascinating heritage, history and geology of the place. Time then, to head out with maps to take in the walk of the scenic Westquarter Loop.

With a selection of looped walks, 2 Green Coast awarded beaches, a dive centre, an equestrian centre, and bicycle hire, there is plenty to fill a day here, not to mention the great bird watching and photography opportunities the island offers. Return ferry 1800hrs.

### Duration

7 hrs / Day trip

### Pricing & Capacity

€35 pp. No min, Max 60 pax. Advance booking required.

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

### Opening Details

Available April-end October, 1115hrs Outbound Ferry – 1800hrs return.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Parking in Cleggan Village. Average mobility to board ferry and walk leisurely. Suitable outdoor clothing & walking shoes advised.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Clifden (15 mins drive) & Galway City (1 hr 40 mins) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Experiences Nearby

Beach horse riding (10 mins drive) [www.connemarawildescapes.com](http://www.connemarawildescapes.com)

Connemara National Park (10 mins drive) [www.connemaranationalpark.ie](http://www.connemaranationalpark.ie)

Kylemore Abbey (20 mins drive) [www.kylemoreabbey.com](http://www.kylemoreabbey.com)



## Gastronomic Food Guide

### Business Details

Galway Food Tours/Wild Atlantic Way Food Tours, 51 Cuirt Seoige,

Bohermore, Galway

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**Business Contact** Sheena Dignam

### Experience

Galway Food Tours is a 2 hr 30 mins guided culinary walking tour of Galway. It gives a great overview of Galway's passionate people and the beautiful produce which combine to make Galway one of Ireland's gourmet jewels. During the tour you will meet artisan producers and sample their products with experienced guide, Sheena Dignam, giving you insights into local favourites and treasured ingredients. Guided tour available in English, French or Irish.

### Pricing & Capacity

€35pp

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Thursday to Sunday. Flexible for private groups.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Dress for the weather, comfortable shoes required. Participants must be able to walk for between 2-3 hrs.

### Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Galway City (immediate vicinity) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport – 1 hr 20 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Galway Atlanaquaria (15 mins walk) [www.nationalaquarium.ie](http://www.nationalaquarium.ie)

Galway City Museum (immediate vicinity) [www.galwaycitymuseum.ie](http://www.galwaycitymuseum.ie)

Cnoc Suain (30 mins) [www.cnoosuain.com](http://www.cnoosuain.com)





## Conamara Gaelic Cultural Experience

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**Business Contact** Dearbhail Troy

### Experience Description

Judged Ireland's "Best Cultural Experience" in 2017. For a true cultural immersion in the Gaelic way of life, visit Cnoc Suain, international award-winning cultural and creative retreat. The evocative setting of Connemara wilderness, coupled with warm hospitality and authentic experiences make it a must-visit destination on the Wild Atlantic Way. Cnoc Suain's all-weather experiences, for organised groups and FITs are participatory, informative and fun, and offer visitors a uniquely personal insight into daily life in the local Gaeltacht community: Gaelic language; music and dance; customs and traditions; bogland habitat and the wonders of Sphagnum moss! New half-day 'Conamara Gaeltacht Experience' excursion from Galway, available for FITs on specific days. Guests can taste seaweed bread & carrigeen moss pudding. English only guide.

Duration 1 hr, 2 hrs and day-experiences.

### Pricing

€24pp (general group rate). Minimum group rate depending on the experience chosen. Advance booking required.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** No

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

0830-1800hrs Seasonal; March to October inclusive. An all-weather experience

No refreshments at the moment. The villages of An Spidéal (7 mins drive) and Moycullen (10 mins drive) have shops, pubs and restaurants.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. 16+ years only. No fitness or experience required. Short walks between the three venues used in the experience.

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport – 1 hr 42 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

An Spidéal (7 mins) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Ceardlann Craft Centre (7 mins) [www.spiddalcrafts.com](http://www.spiddalcrafts.com)

Celtic Crystal (19 mins) [www.celticcrystalireland.com](http://www.celticcrystalireland.com)



## Calvey's Achill Mountain Lamb Experience

### Business Details

Calvey's of Achill, Keel, Achill Island, Co Mayo

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W www.AchillLamb.ie

**Business Contact** Martina Calvey

### Experience

This traditional working family farm and artisan butcher is open to visitors, with a brilliant hands on immersive experience of working sheepdogs, of hand shearing and experiencing daily life on a family farm. After visitors experience the working farm they will enjoy a tasting of Calvey's Achill Mountain Lamb bursting with the exquisite flavours of the Wild Atlantic Way. Guided experience with multi-lingual guides.

Duration 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing & Capacity

€10pp. Minimum group size 10. Advance booking required.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** No

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

April-October 0900-1800hrs

Refreshments available on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Dress for the weather. Outdoor footwear required. All ages welcome. Access friendly, minimal walking.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Achill (immediate vicinity) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport – 1 hr 30 mins

### Experiences Nearby

The Achill Aquarium (immediate vicinity) [www.achillexperience.ie](http://www.achillexperience.ie)

Achill Heritage Centre (immediate vicinity)

<https://www.facebook.com/achillheritagecentre>





## Learn the Irish Dance of the Wild Atlantic Way

### Business Contact Details

Aras na Gael, 45 Dominic Street, Galway City  
**T** +353 (0) 86 2520672  
**E** info@emmaosullivan.com  
**W** www.emmaosullivan.com  
**GPS** 53.2708° N, 9.0573° W

**Business Contact** Emma O'Sullivan

### Experience Description

Learn the Irish dance of the Wild Atlantic Way with master tutor Emma O'Sullivan. Individuals and groups welcome. Individual booking includes a 1 hr dance workshop introducing the basics of sean nos dance unique to Connemara and the Wild Atlantic Way coastal region. The dance is a solo percussive dance so no partner is required. Dancers receive a token dance and performance tuition DVD which features a tour along the Wild Atlantic Way. Group bookings receive a 1 hr 30 mins dance workshop as above with ceili dance instruction.

Duration 1 hr – 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

€50pp; €200 group class. Max group booking 15. Advance booking required

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open daily 0900-2100hrs

Shop and café across the road

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Reasonable level of fitness required. Minimum age 8; no maximum. Loose light layers, comfortable shoes or socks. Bring a bottle of water.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport – 1 hr 23 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Galway City (immediate vicinity) www.discoverireland.ie

### Other Experiences Nearby

Tunes in the Church (5 min walk) www.tunesinthechurch.com

Galway City Museum (8 min walk) www.galwaycitymuseum.ie

Galway Market (5 min walk) www.galwaymarket.com



## Glen Keen 'A Woolly Experience'

### Business Contact Details

Glen Keen Sheep Farm & Visitor Centre, Glen Keen, Louisburgh Co. Mayo  
**T** +353 (0) 87 6167396  
**E** glenkeenfarm@gmail.com  
**W** www.glenkeenfarm.com  
**GPS** N 53.6887939 W -9.7869131

**Business Contact** Catherine O'Grady-Powers

### Experience Description

'A Woolly Experience' includes an immersive Sheepdog herding display followed by a detailed wool spinning demonstration where the visitor gets to hear the story of traditional sheep farming and its value from the 1600s through the 7 generations at Glen Keen Sheep Farm while enjoying a Glen Keen brew of hot tea & scrumptious scones! There is a restaurant onsite where visitors can absorb the historical landscape and connect with this special area of conservation.

Experience is guided in English. German and French guides are available at a rate of €25 per hour. Brochure is available in English. Website available in English and German.

Duration 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

€19 for Groups Minimum size 25+

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** No

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open for Groups 30+ March-October 0900-1700hrs and on request

Open for FITs June, July & August Thursday-Sunday 1100-1700hrs

Farm Restaurant on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. The Visitor Centre is totally accessible and meets the requirements for customers with mobility limitations.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport – 1 hr 23 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

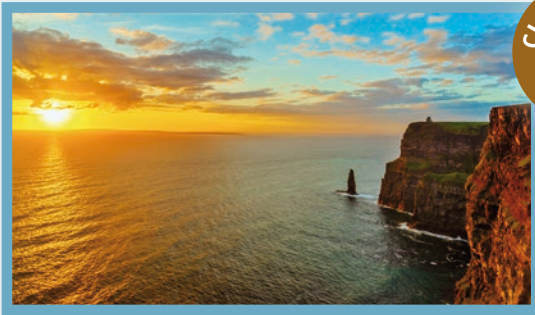
Westport (30 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Other Experiences Nearby

Killary Fjord Boat Tours (20 mins) www.killaryfjord.com

The Lost Valley Guided Walks (20 mins) www.thelostvalley.ie





## Cliffs of Moher at Sunset

### Business Details

Cliffs of Moher, Lislarkin North, Liscannor Co Clare  
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**T** +353 (0) 65 7086141  
**E** info@cliffsofmoher.ie  
**W** www.cliffsofmoher.ie

**Business Contacts:** Katherine Webster/Geraldine Enright

### Experience

Standing 214m at highest point and stretching for 8 kilometres along the Atlantic Coast, on a clear day you can see the Aran Islands and Galway Bay, Loop Head, the Dingle Peninsula and Blasket Islands in Kerry.

A guided tour, conducted by trained Rangers, is a special way to learn more about the Cliffs of Moher. Suitable for smaller groups who have special interest in nature, geology, history, geography and tourism, tours should be pre-booked to avoid disappointment.

Information brochure in over 12 languages. Audio guide free to download – English, French, German.

Duration 2 hrs.

Best experienced early morning or late evening to see the sun set.

### Pricing & Capacity

€6 adults, €4.50 students/seniors, Children u16 free.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Samantha Houlihan

**E** bookings@cliffsofmoher.ie

**T** +353 (0) 65 7086141

Group booking minimum – 10. Group rate available if pre-booked by email. Guided tours max 40 pax.

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Nov-Feb 0900-1700hrs, extended hours in mid/high seasons.

Open unless severe weather conditions. Closed 24/25/26 December.

See [www.cliffsofmoher.ie/plan-your-visit/opening-hours](http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/plan-your-visit/opening-hours)

Refreshments/café and restrooms available.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking. Visitor centre fully accessible. Walking shoes, light rain jacket and hat required.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Doolin (15 mins drive) Liscannor (15 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Shannon International Airport – 50 mins drive

### Experiences Nearby

Doolin Cave (20 mins drive) [www.doolincave.ie](http://www.doolincave.ie)

Doolin Ferries for Cliffs/Aran cruise (20 mins drive) [www.doolinferries.com](http://www.doolinferries.com)

Burren & Cliffs of Moher Geopark (5 mins drive) [www.burrengeopark.ie](http://www.burrengeopark.ie)



## Wild Seaweed Foraging Experience

### Business Details

Wild Kitchen, Lahinch, Co. Clare  
**GPS** N.53.72244,W.9 10264  
**T** +353 (0) 87 6877890  
**E** info@wildkitchen.ie  
**W** www.wildkitchen.ie

**Business Contact** Oonagh O'Dwyer

### Experience

Join Oonagh O' Dwyer on a guided Wild Food walk to a secret beach, where a family of wild seals play hide and seek on the rocks nearby, where barnacle geese and wild duck forage on the rick pickings and where you might catch a magical glimpse of hump back whales on the horizon. Your guide will show you how to sustainably harvest up to 12 of Ireland's beautiful seaweeds, explain the history of seaweed harvesting in the area, the nutritional benefits, cooking and drying methods. You will finish with a wild food picnic on the rocks, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. One of the highlights is finding Pepper Dulse, that's called the Truffle of the Sea, and eating fresh Dilisk, to ignite the fifth taste, Umami.

Take home a copy of Oonagh's Little Wild Food Book.

Duration 2 hrs

### Pricing

€25pp. Minimum booking of 4. Advanced booking required.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As Above

**E** As Above

**T** As Above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

February to November – advanced booking required.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Not suitable for people with mobility problems. Non slip runners/boots/rain gear advised.

### Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Lahinch (immediate vicinity) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Shannon International Airport – 50 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Cliffs of Moher (14 mins) [www.cliffsofmoher.ie](http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie)

Bens Surf Clinic (immediate vicinity) [www.benssurfclinic.com](http://www.benssurfclinic.com)

Doolin Cave (20 mins) [www.doolincave.ie](http://www.doolincave.ie)





## Craft Workshop – Wood Carving with Master Craft Maker John Murphy

### Business Contact Details

Craft Makers, 37 Ashe Street, Tralee. Co. Kerry

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W [www.craftmakers.ie](http://www.craftmakers.ie)

GPS Latitude 52.2702336 Longitude -9.7038748

**Business Contact** Deirdre Enright

### Experience Description

The wood carving workshop takes place at Craft Makers which is a craft centre housed in a beautiful Victorian building in Tralee. The building houses a craft store, gallery and studios for professional craft makers. John Murphy is an experienced teacher on the art of working with wood. Participants will learn how to use a basic set of carving chisels and the session will also look at different approaches to finishing a piece. Books, tools and timbers suitable for carving will be provided.

Duration 2 hrs

### Pricing

€23pp. Minimum 6; maximum 9 per group. Advance booking required.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open seven days a week for tour group & private bookings.

Will open anytime on request.

Jan-March 2017 & 2018: Wed-Sat 1000-1800hrs

March-December Mon-Sat 1000-1800hrs

Open Sundays in December

Tea/coffee/water/juices & biscuits included

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking facilities available on Denny Street. Victorian stairs at Craft Makers – disability access only on shop level, no access on floor one and two. No lift available. Suitable for 12 years and upwards.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Shannon Airport – 1 hr 44 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Tralee (immediate vicinity) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Siamsa Tire Folk Theatre (5 mins) [www.siamsatire.com](http://www.siamsatire.com)

Kerry County Museum (3 mins) [www.kerrymuseum.ie](http://www.kerrymuseum.ie)

Tralee Bay Wetlands (10 mins) [www.traleebaywetlands.org](http://www.traleebaywetlands.org)



## Pub Theatre @ John B. Keane's

### Business Contact Details

37 William Street, Listowel, Co. Kerry

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E [billyjoekeane@gmail.com](mailto:billyjoekeane@gmail.com)

W [www.facebook.com/JohnBKeane](http://www.facebook.com/JohnBKeane)

GPS 52.4464789,-9.4861723

**Business Contact** Billy Keane

### Experience Description

A short visit to John B. Keane's pub in Listowel allows visitors learn how to pull the perfect pint of Guinness (getting a certificate to take home). They can also attend the Pub Theatre, a series of 40 min plays performed in the premises where Keane wrote works like Moll and The Field.

No additional language capabilities outside of English.

Duration 1 hr 30 mins – minimum 30 mins if you wish to simply pull the perfect pint under the guidance of Billy himself and he will regale you and your friends of stories of old and his life growing up with a famous father over a pub !

### Pricing

Pull your pint €6pp

Whiskey tasting €15pp

Show and pint pulling/whiskey €17/€25 pp

Min 2 – Max 50. Group bookings require advance booking

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

7 days a week. Generally open to public from 1400hrs in afternoon but can open for pre bookings earlier as required.

Tea/coffee available on site.

Pre booked soup and sandwiches can be arranged.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available nearby

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Shannon Airport – 1 hr 20 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Listowel (immediate vicinity) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Kerry Writers Museum (10 mins walk) <http://www.kerrywritersmuseum.com/>

Lartigue Monorail (immediate vicinity) <http://www.lartiguemonorail.com/>





## Dolphin & Nature Boat Trip

### Business Contact Details

Carraigholt, Co. Clare  
**T** +353 (0) 65 9058156  
**E** info@dolphinwatch.ie  
**W** www.dolphinwatch.ie

**Business Contact** Susanne Magee

### Experience Description

Fully guided boat trip to observe Europe's largest group of Bottlenose Dolphins at the Mouth of the Shannon. This is a wildlife adventure for all ages. Your guide will tell you about the dolphins, other wildlife including grey seals, pelagic seabirds and wild goats that reside in this beautiful part of Ireland, whilst sailing under stunning cliffs and caves. Learn about the geology and maritime history of the local area.

Boat Crew speak Irish, some German, French & Greek

Duration 2-3 hrs.

### Pricing

€35/Adult; €20 Child (15 & under)

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

May 1st - Sept 30th. Daily schedule varies.

Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Dress for the weather. Comfortable shoes recommended. Blankets and additional jackets available on board.

Coffee shop on board.

### Nearest Airport

Shannon Airport – 1 hr 15 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilrush & Carraigaholt [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Cliffs of Moher (1 hr) [www.cliffsofmoher.ie](http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie)

Scattery Island (30 mins) [www.scatteryislandtours.com](http://www.scatteryislandtours.com)



## Scattery Island Tours

### Business Contact Details

Kilrush Marina, Kilrush, Co. Clare  
**T** +353 (0) 85 2505512  
**E** info@scatteryislandtours.com  
**W** www.scatteryislandtours.com

**Business Contact** Irene Hamilton

### Experience Description

Scattery Island Tours offers a daily scheduled ferry service to Scattery Island, off the coast of West Clare. The ferry service departs from the Marina at Kilrush, Co. Clare from May to September with complimentary guided walking tours available on the island during the months of June and August. The service also offers a packed lunch option to allow visitors to enjoy a longer stay on the island. The unique micro climate coupled with the range of historic sites, bird watching and island walking ensures that a visit to the island offers something for everyone.

Visitors will be supplied with a walking map of the island. In addition, there is an OPW flyer available that offers a short overview on the island in 14 different languages. A short video on board the vessel will provide tourists with a quick intro to the island as they travel out. The OPW provide tour guides on the island between the months of June and August, if you require a guided tour outside of these months arrangements can be made for a guide to be available.

### Pricing

€13.50 per person – excluding lunch option & €19.50 including lunch.

Vessel can take up to 12 people. For larger groups, the boat can depart from Cappa, which will allow transfer of larger groups across a number of runs in a short period of time.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking Contact** As above

**E** irene@scatteryislandtours.com

**T** +353 (0) 86 2236995

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Ferry service – May to September.

The guided tours on the island are available from June to August.

Shop at Kilrush Marina

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Dress for the weather. Comfortable shoes recommended.

### Nearest Airport

Shannon Airport – 1 hr

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilrush [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Cliffs of Moher (1 hr) [www.cliffsofmoher.ie](http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie)

Dolphinwatch (30 mins) [www.dolphinwatch.ie](http://www.dolphinwatch.ie)





## Dingle Cookery School

### Business Contact Details

Dingle Cookery School, An Choill, Dingle, Co Kerry

T +353 (0) 86 8723521

E [info@dinglecookeryschool.com](mailto:info@dinglecookeryschool.com)

W [www.dinglecookeryschool.com](http://www.dinglecookeryschool.com)

GPS Lat 52.141172488682344, Long -10.281186101320827

**Business Contact** Muireann Nic Giolla Ruaidh

### Experience Description

Chowder – one of the most welcoming dishes known to man. Master the art of creating a superb creamy Irish chowder full of fresh Atlantic fish. Hands-on option (Lunch included) Demo (tastings included).

The whole experience takes 3 hrs if you want to get involved and cook too or just 1 hr 30 mins for the demo and includes all ingredients!

Experience given in English or Irish only.

### Pricing

€65pp. Min 1 – Max 18 (Private classes minimum 6 hands on, 18 for demo only)

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open for scheduled classes and private bookings which can take place 7 days per week.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Comfortable closed in shoes for hands on cookery classes. No wheelchair accessible work stations for hands on classes. 5 steps in room. No children under 8 years of age. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Refreshments are provided for most classes. Closest shop is 1km.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 2 hrs 20 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dingle (immediate vicinity)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Dingle Distillery (immediate vicinity) <http://www.dingledistillery.ie/>

Dingle Bay Charters (Eco Tours & Boat Trips) – (immediate vicinity) <http://dinglebaycharters.com/>

Oceanworld – the Dingle Aquarium – (immediate vicinity) <http://www.dingle-oceanworld.ie/>



## The Skywalk @ Kells Bay Gardens

### Business Contact Details

Kells Bay House, Kells, Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry

T +353 (0) 66 9477975

E [billy@kellsgardens.ie](mailto:billy@kellsgardens.ie)

W [www.kellsgardens.ie](http://www.kellsgardens.ie)

**Postcode** V23 EP48

**Business Contact** Billy Alexander

### Experience Description

Inspired by plant exploration expeditions in the jungles of South-East Asia, The Skywalk is Ireland's longest rope-bridge. It is positioned as part of a looped walk through Kells Bay Gardens, which contains probably the largest collections of tree-ferns in the northern hemisphere (BBC Gardeners World 2016). The Skywalk, which may be omitted from the walk, spans the fast flowing Deligeenagh river at a height of circa 11m. It can be completed either as part of a guided tour, though most visitors prefer to explore the gardens alone. Guided tour available in English only and must be booked in advance.

Duration 1 hr

### Pricing

€8pp.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking Contact** As above

E As above

T As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open Daily all year round (except Christmas day)

April-August: 0900-1900hrs (last tickets 1800hrs)

September-October: 1000-1800hrs (last tickets 1700hrs)

November-March: 1000-1700hrs (last tickets 1600hrs)

Café serving snacks and a Thai restaurant offering full lunch and dinner service.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. The experience is not wheelchair accessible.

Visitors with vertigo or a fear of heights may not enjoy the experience.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 2 hrs 20 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Cahersiveen (12 mins)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Valentia Harbour Tours (immediate vicinity) [www.vht.ie](http://www.vht.ie)





## Amphibious Boat Tour with Valentia Harbour Tours

### Business Contact Details

Valentia Harbour Tours, Thar An Uisce, Castlequin, Cahersiveen, Co Kerry  
**T** +353 (0) 87 2854859  
**E** info@vht.ie  
**W** www.vht.ie  
**GPS** 51.947942 -10.23399

**Business Contact** Tommy O Connell

### Experience Description

The Valentia Harbour tour experience starts with a walk with Tommy the boat owner who farms sheep on Valentia Island and whose grandfather lived on the island. Listen to the island stories, environment and the rich archaeology of the island. Climb aboard an exciting 48 passenger Amphibious Boat with Wheels and enjoy a tour of the harbour. Island Hop on Valentia Island and land on uninhabited peaceful Begnis Island in sheltered Valentia Harbour. Guided in English only. It is possible to book German and Spanish speaking guides if booked in advance.

Duration 1 hr

### Pricing

Adult – €15  
 Child – €12  
 Advance booking advised.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

1100-1700hrs Monday-Saturday. May-September

Subject to Weather Conditions. Valentia Harbour is sheltered but will not operate in near gale-force conditions. Amphibious boat is weather independent.

Refreshments available in Cahersiveen and Knightstown, Valentia Island.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Large car park at Marina Cahersiveen suitable for coaches and cars. Moderate mobility required.

Boat experience is wheelchair friendly. No fitness required except in optional walk.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 2 hrs 40 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Cahersiveen (22 mins)



## Walk & Whiskey Tour on Whiddy Island

### Business Contact Details

Sheep's Head & Bantry Tourism Co-operative, Bridge House, Kealkill, Co. Cork  
**T** +353 (0) 86 3030991  
**E** info@livingthesheepsheadway.com  
**W** www.livingthesheepsheadway.com/walk-whiskey-island-tour  
**GPS** 51° 41' 59.99" N -9° 29' 59.99" W

**Business Contact** Siobhán Burke

### Experience Description

Get a real taste of Ireland on a walk and whiskey tour of Whiddy Island.

Take the short ferry trip from historic Bantry, and islander Tim O'Leary will share the secrets of the West Cork island's past. On your guided walk, you'll encounter traces left by previous generations, from Martello towers to the old schoolhouse. Then head to Whiddy's Bank House pub to sample the distinctive flavours of Ireland's exciting new single malt, single cask whiskeys. Guided walking tour is available in English and Irish. The whiskey tour element is available in English only, but the guide here has conversational German and Italian.

Duration 4 hr 15 mins, inc. ferry journey

### Pricing

€35pp. Min. 8 – Max 35. All bookings require advance booking.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

1400-1800hrs

The tour is available year-round, but may be cancelled if exceptional circumstances lead to ferry cancellation, in which case alternative activities and a new location for the whiskey tour can be arranged on the mainland.

Small locally-produced snacks are available as part of the experience.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available in Bantry. Rain gear and walking shoes required. Good level of fitness will be necessary. Minimum age 18.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 1 hr 20 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Bantry (10 mins)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Bantry House (4 mins) www.bantryhouse.com

Bantry Bay Pony Trekking (10 mins) www.bantryponytrekking.com





## Discover What Lies Beneath the Wild Atlantic Way!

### Business Details

Sea Synergy; Main St. Waterville, Co. Kerry  
**T** +353 (0) 87 7850929  
**E** seasynergy@gmail.com  
**W** www.seasynergy.ie

**Business Contact** Lucy Hunt

### Experience

Discover Ireland's amazing sea life in Sea Synergy Marine Awareness & Activity Centre. This quirky interactive sea life exhibition will immerse you in all that Irish waters have to offer. A personal guide will show you around the centre to help you get up close and personal to some of the live animals in the tanks and tell you all about the whale and dolphins skulls and bones and leatherback turtle on display and what lies beneath the Wild Atlantic Way. View live lobsters, spider crabs, starfish and much more in our tanks and touch pool. Learn about Skellig Coast marine heritage and wildlife and ways to help protect the ocean. Memento postcard of humpback whale.

Duration 30-45 mins. Other guided experiences offered: Coastal Walks – 1 hr 30 mins to 3 hrs; Snorkel – 2 hrs; Ecotour SUPfaris/kayaking on Lough Currane to Church Island – 2 hrs 30 mins; Wildlife Eco-tour Boat Trip – 3 hrs.

### Pricing & Capacity

Adults €4; Children/Seniors €3.50

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Lucy Hunt

**E** seasynergy@gmail.com

**T** +353 (0) 87 7850929

Min 2 pax; Max 15 pax

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Mon-Sun 1100-1800hrs 1 June - 31 Oct. Activities can be arranged outside these times on request. Many shops, restaurants nearby.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking. Exhibition fully accessible.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Waterville (0 mins) Sneem (45 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Kerry Airport – 1 hr 30 mins drive

Shannon International Airport – 3 hrs drive

### Experiences Nearby

Derrynane Sea Sports, Caherdaniel (20 mins drive) [www.derrynaneseasports.com](http://www.derrynaneseasports.com)

Iveragh Historical Tours, Caherciveen (15 mins drive) [www.iveraghhistoricaltours.com](http://www.iveraghhistoricaltours.com)

Atlantic Irish Seaweed, Caherdaniel (20 mins drive) [www.atlanticirishseaweed.com](http://www.atlanticirishseaweed.com)



## Seaweed, A Tasty Introduction

### Business Details

Atlantic Irish Seaweed, Caherdaniel, Co Kerry

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**T** +353 (0) 86 1062110

**E** seaweedwalks@gmail.com

**W** www.atlanticirishseaweed.com

**Business Contact** John Fitzgerald

### Experience

Join us at our Seaweed Discovery Centre and enjoy a flavoured seaweed tea with five delicious seaweed nibbles while you view a slideshow presentation on the wonderful seaweeds that line the Skellig Coast of the Wild Atlantic Way. Learn about its rich history from warfare to medicine and health-boosting foodstuffs and its significance for the stone age settlers, ancient monks and Viking invaders!

Duration: 45 mins - 1 hr 30 mins

Seaweed Discovery walking/foraging and tasting experience also available.

### Pricing & Capacity

€20pp up to 8 pax, €18 per head over that.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** No

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** John Fitzgerald

**E** seaweedwalks@gmail.com

**T** +353 (0) 86 1062110

For groups from 1-25. Advance booking essential.

### Opening Details & Refreshments

0900-1600hrs, 7 days. All year round. Bar and restaurant adjacent.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking. No access issues or special requirements.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Killarney (1 hr 20 mins drive) Kenmare (50 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Kerry Airport – 1 hr 40 mins drive

Shannon International Airport – 3 hr 15 mins drive

### Experiences Nearby

Derrynane House and Garden & National Park (5 mins drive) [www.derrynanehouse.ie](http://www.derrynanehouse.ie)

Derrynane Sea Sports (10 mins drive) [www.derrynaneseasports.com](http://www.derrynaneseasports.com)

Eagle Rock Equestrian Centre, Caherdaniel (5 mins drive)

<http://www.eaglerockcentre.com/>





## West Cork Farm Trail

### Business Contact Details

Caherbeg Free Range Pork Ltd., Rosscarbery, West Cork  
**T** +353 (0) 23 8848474  
 +353 (0) 87 9140811  
**E** [accounts@caherbegfreerangepork.ie](mailto:accounts@caherbegfreerangepork.ie)  
**GPS** 51.5777° N, 9.0380° W

**Business Contact** Avril Allshire

### Experience Description

On this West Cork Farm tour, you'll meet innovative farmers, creative food producers and their vibrant communities. In the farms of West Cork, there is a continuity of love for the land. Farming is still very much a family affair. You will immerse yourself in a way of life that's connected to the seasons. The West Cork Farm Trail features six local farms where the owners are only too delighted to welcome you and give you a feel for what their farm is about and explain the intricacies of farming whether it's Dairy, Beef or Pork. In addition, there may perhaps be a demonstration or two plus the possibility of getting the opportunity to pet a heifer! Experience available in English only.

Duration 1 hr

### Pricing

Farm visits €15pp. Minimum group booking 10.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rates** Yes

**Group Booking/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open any day, by arrangement, March-May, September and October.

Farm tours include Tea, Coffee & Scones in a farmhouse kitchen.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Welly boots or sturdy shoes required. A waterproof coat, hat, and gloves also required. Visitors will need to be able to get on and off a coach, and walk around farmyards/quiet local roads.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 1 hr

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Rosscarbery (immediate vicinity) & Clonkilty (15 mins)  
[www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Michael Collins Birthplace & Museum (2 separate places) (15 mins)  
[www.michaelcollinscentre.com](http://www.michaelcollinscentre.com)

Clonkilty Model Railway Village (15 mins) [www.modelvillage.ie](http://www.modelvillage.ie)



## Whale Watch West Cork

### Business Details

Whale Watch West Cork, Baltimore Pier, Baltimore, Co. Cork  
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**E** [nic@whale.ie](mailto:nic@whale.ie)  
**W** [www.whalewatchwestcork.com](http://www.whalewatchwestcork.com)

**Business Contact** Nic Slocum

### Experience

Multi award-winning responsible whale watching tours on board our catamarans, Voyager and Liscannor Star from Baltimore Harbour, Co Cork. Interaction is encouraged by our guide – zoologist and conservationist, Nic Slocum. This boat-based, fully-guided, 4 hr responsible whale and dolphin watching tour leaves from Baltimore Harbour in West Cork at 0915 and 1415 each day and stops at Cape Clear Island for refreshments half-way through the tour. Species that can be seen off West Cork include minke, humpback and fin whales, common and bottlenose dolphins, harbour porpoise as well as the stunning scenery of the West Cork coastline. Advance booking essential. Duration 4hr tour including refreshment stop at Cape Clear Island.

### Pricing & Capacity

€55pp

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Nic Slocum

**E** [nic@whale.ie](mailto:nic@whale.ie)

**T** +353 (0) 86 1200027

No minimum group size. Boats limited to 12 passengers. Advance booking required.

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Office hours 0600-1000hrs.

Tours daily from April to December, subject to suitable sea conditions.

Departure 0915hrs Return 1400hrs OR Departure 1415hrs Return 1900hrs

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Parking available. Warm/windproof clothing, suitable footwear required. Binoculars recommended. Must be able to get down steps and across on boats when boarding.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Skibbereen (20 mins drive) Baltimore (5 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport 1 hr 35 mins drive

Shannon International Airport – 3 hrs 10 mins drive

### Experiences Nearby

Atlantic Sea Kayaking (15 mins drive) [www.atlanticseakayaking.com](http://www.atlanticseakayaking.com)

Inish Beg Estate & Gardens (15 mins drive)

[www.inishbeg.com/gardens-woodlands](http://www.inishbeg.com/gardens-woodlands)

Sherkin Island (10 min drive ferry ride from Baltimore) [www.sherkinisland.ie](http://www.sherkinisland.ie)





## Moonlight Kayaking

### Business Details

Atlantic Sea Kayaking, The Abbey, Skibbereen, Co Cork

T +353 (0) 28 21058

E [info@atlanticseakayaking.com](mailto:info@atlanticseakayaking.com)

W [www.atlanticseakayaking.com](http://www.atlanticseakayaking.com)

**Business Contact** Jim Kennedy

### Experience

One of our most magical and popular kayaking experiences, our moonlight paddle starts 1 hr before darkness. This gives you time to get used to the kayak (singles/doubles).

There is always something to make you gasp on this trip, whether it be the silhouette of the seabirds on the bank, the red sunset, the whole panoply of stars overhead, the moonlight reflected on the water, or, at certain times of year, the astonishing bio-luminescence causing the water to light up around your paddle in 1,000 tiny lights.

Our night time kayak is gentle and atmospheric, and takes place in the safety of either Castlehaven Bay or Lough Hyne – perfect for beginners and those more comfortable on the water. We encourage our paddlers to slip silently into the night and take advantage of the increased awareness of sound and odours – a special element of paddling in the darkness!

Guided tour available in Spanish, French, German.

Duration 2 hrs 30 mins

### Pricing & Capacity

€50pp includes all equipment

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** No

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Jim Kennedy

E [info@atlanticseakayaking.com](mailto:info@atlanticseakayaking.com)

T +353 (0) 28 21058

Min 4, Max 60. Advance booking required.

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open year round, 7 days, weather permitting.

Coffee shop in Union Hall 1 km away.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Parking available. Comfortable clothes required.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Skibbereen (15 mins drive) Baltimore (15 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 1 hr 30 mins drive

Shannon International Airport – 3 hrs drive

### Experiences Nearby

Cork Whale Watch (15 mins drive) [www.corkwhalewatch.com](http://www.corkwhalewatch.com)

Sea Angling Charters (30 mins drive) [www.seaanglingcharters.ie](http://www.seaanglingcharters.ie)

Skibbereen Heritage Centre (15 mins drive) [www.skibbheritage.com](http://www.skibbheritage.com)







## Meet the Local Artists

### Business Details

Donegal Craft Village, Lurganboy, Ballyshannon Rd., Donegal Town, Co. Donegal  
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**T** +353 (0) 74 9725928  
**E** elaine.mcgonigle@yahoo.co.uk  
**W** www.donegalcraftvillage.com

**Business Contact** Elaine McGonigle

### Experience

Meet the artists in their workshops and treat yourself to the many items on offer or as a memorable gift. Donegal Craft Village is a showcase for contemporary arts and crafts in Ireland. Stop off and indulge in the award winning restaurant renowned for its freshly ground coffee, delicious homemade cakes and gourmet lunches. The beautifully landscaped grounds include a picnic area, a charming courtyard and spacious, free car & coach parking.

Minimum of 1 hr but possible duration can be 2-3 hrs given the number of craft units and option to sample the award winning food at Aroma Café.

### Pricing

**Tour Operator Rate** Free

**FIT Rate** n/a

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** n/a

**Tour Series Rate** n/a

Groups of 10 or more should book in advance if a free guided tour/introduction is needed, otherwise no booking required.

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Summer May to Sept  
 Monday-Saturday 1000-1700hrs  
 Winter Oct-April  
 Tuesday-Saturday 1000-1700hrs

\* Individual businesses so opening times may vary.

Refreshments available at Aroma coffee shop.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Limited Coach parking is currently available with good car parking spaces. All units accessible to wheelchairs.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Donegal Town (5 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Donegal Bay Waterbus (4 mins) www.donegalbaywaterbus.com

Donegal Castle (5 mins)

http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/north-west/donegalcastle/

Slieve League (1 hr) www.slieveleaguecliffs.com



## Sliabh Liag Pilgrim Path

### Business Details

Sliabh Liag Pilgrim Path; Bluestack Centre, Drimarone, Letterbarrow, Co. Donegal  
**GPS** 54.641697, -8.666561  
**T** +353 (0) 87 9318077  
**E** ibock@dldc.org  
**W** www.irishtrails.ie

**Business Contact** Inga Bock

### Experience

The Pilgrim Path, an ancient religious path used by pilgrims since ancient times, offers a different way of experiencing the spectacular sea cliffs of Sliabh Liag (sometimes written Slieve League) which are among the highest in Europe. On your excursion, you'll 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.

This moderate walking route is only 2.8km long but features views of the villages of Teelin and Carrick in the valley below where you can enjoy local food and drink after your walk. Walk takes approx. 1 hr 30 mins each way – group should organise their own transport to meet them at top of Sliabh Liag if not doing return section.

Not normally guided, but if required an English/German speaking guide can be sourced locally. There is a charge for this.

### Pricing & Capacity

Free

**Tour Operator Rate** n/a

**FIT Rate** n/a

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** n/a

**Tour Series Rate** n/a

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Inga Bock

**E** ibock@dldc.org

**T** +353 (0) 87 9318077

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open all year – Subject to weather as mountain path.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No coach parking at Trail head but large coach park 1km away.

Suitable for the intermediate walker. Walking boots and all weather clothing required.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Donegal Town (1 hr drive) www.discoverireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Knock International Airport (2 hrs 40 mins drive)

Donegal Airport (1 hr 35 mins drive)

### Experiences Nearby

Glencolmille Folk Village (30 mins drive) www.glenfolkvillage.com

Studio Donegal, Kilcar (22 mins drive) www.studiodonegal.ie

John Molloy Woollen Mills, Ardara (50 mins drive) www.johnmolloy.com





## Downpatrick Head: Dún Briste, the Broken Fort

### Business Details

Downpatrick Head, Knockaun, Co. Mayo  
**GPS** 54.323611 -9.343888

### Experience

Downpatrick Head is a majestic heritage site found about 5km north of Ballycastle village. Jutting out into the ocean and rising almost 40m above the waves, it provides unparalleled views of the Atlantic, including the unique collection of islands known as the Staggs of Broadhaven.

You can also spot the nearby Dún Briste sea stack, with its different coloured layers of rock and nesting sea birds. In addition to the natural scenery and wildlife, Downpatrick Head is home to the ruins of a church, holy well and stone cross, which together mark the site of an earlier church founded by St Patrick. Ireland's patron saint is also honoured with a statue that was built in the early 1980s.

The sea-stack is called Dún Briste (broken fort). Local legend says that when a pagan chieftain refused to convert to Christianity, St Patrick struck the ground with his crozier, splitting a chunk of the headland off into the ocean, with the chieftain on top!

Self-guided visit. Print material in English and Gaelic, no audio guides available.

Duration: 1 hr

### Pricing & Capacity

Free

**Tour Operator Rate** n/a

**FIT Rate** n/a

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** n/a

**Tour Series Rate** n/a

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open all year. Shop/café at Ballycastle (10 mins drive).

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Parking at entrance to Downpatrick Head

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Ballina (40 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Experiences Nearby

Wild Atlantic Cultural Tours (25 mins drive) [www.wildatlanticculturaltours.com](http://www.wildatlanticculturaltours.com)

Belleek Castle (35 mins drive) [www.belleekcastle.com](http://www.belleekcastle.com)

Céide Fields & Cliffs (18 mins drive) [www.museumsofmayo.com/ceide.htm](http://www.museumsofmayo.com/ceide.htm)



## Killaspugbrone Loop Walk

### Business Contact Details

Strandhill, Co. Sligo

**T** n/a

**E** n/a

**W** [www.sligowalks.ie](http://www.sligowalks.ie)

**GPS** 54.270591 -8.609154

**Business Contact** N/A

### Experience Description

This is a stunning (self-guided) coastal walk through the north of the dune system in the busy seaside village of Strandhill. The trail brings walkers through a variety of coastal habitats including sand dunes, salt marsh and pine woodland.

It passes Killaspugbrone Church, an early Christian site with historic and legendary associations. The route features magnificent views of Benbulbin and Knocknarea and out over Sligo Bay. Killaspugbrone church was founded by Saint Patrick in the fifth century. According to local folklore, when Saint Patrick visited the site he tripped on rough ground and lost his tooth. The gold relic is now preserved in the National Museum of Ireland. The present ruins dates to the period between 1150 and 1220.

Duration 1-1 hr 30 mins

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open all year round.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Ample coach and car parking at Strandhill. Grade is moderate so reasonable level of fitness required. Prepare for changing weather conditions; please bring walking shoes and raingear. Restaurants and shops at Strandhill.

### Nearest Airport

Knock Airport – 55 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Strandhill (immediate vicinity)

Sligo (11 mins) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Other Experiences Nearby

VOYA Seaweed Baths (immediate vicinity) [www.voya.ie](http://www.voya.ie)

Strandhill Surf School (immediate vicinity) [www.strandhillsurfschool.com](http://www.strandhillsurfschool.com)

Relive Ireland's earliest Takeaway: A seatrail with Shellfish and Sea Shells by the Shore, Seatrails, (immediate vicinity) [www.seatrails.ie](http://www.seatrails.ie)





## Discover Blueways along the Wild Atlantic Way

### Business Details

Blueway.ie (Mayo & Galway)

E info@blueway.ie

W www.blueway.ie

**Business Contact** Chris O'Neill

### Experience

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 five, it's time to take the trip of a lifetime on Ireland's Blueway.

### Mayo Blueways:

Dugort Strand, Achill Island – kayak trail

Keem Strand, Achill Island – snorkel trail

Old Head Beach, Louisburgh – kayak trail & snorkel trail

### Galway Blueways:

Inishbofin Island – kayak trail & snorkel trail

Killary Fjord – kayak trail & snorkel trail

Mannin Bay – kayak trail & snorkel trail

### Pricing

FREE

**Tour Operator Rate** n/a

**FIT Rate** n/a

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** n/a

**Tour Series Rate** n/a

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Year round; weather dependent

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

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



## Seashore Nature Walk Derrynane Historic Park

### Business Contact Details

Derrynane House, Derrynane, Co Kerry

GPS 51.7628668, -10.1305571

T +353 (0) 66 9475113

E Christopher.oneill@opw.ie

W www.vincenthylandartist.com/look-inside (Seashore Nature Trail app)  
http://derrynanehouse.ie (Derrynane House)

**Business Contact** Chris O'Neill

### Experience Description

Enjoy a 90 min walk along the route of the nature trail 'Seashore Nature Walk' at Derrynane Historic Park; a coastal walk with great views of Derrynane Bay. See the wild coastal flowers, the rare Kerry Slug, the Kerry Lily, the Natterjack Toad. You may also spot basking sharks, dolphins and the fin whale – all frequent visitors to Derrynane Bay. Sea-birds including the Puffin, Shearwaters and Gannets can also be seen in the bay.

This is a 1.2km looped walk with 20 points of interest.

Visitors can also visit nearby Derrynane House, ancestral home of one of Ireland's most famous historical figures – Daniel O'Connell (1775-1847). Derrynane National Historic Park, plantations and garden walks were laid out in the 18th & 19th centuries, principally north and west of the house.

Booklet on the Seashore Nature Walk available from Derrynane House reception desk for a nominal fee and downloadable app <http://www.vincenthylandartist.com/ourapps>

### Pricing & Capacity

Free

**Tour Operator Rate** n/a

**FIT Rate** n/a

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** n/a

**Tour Series Rate** n/a

### Opening Details

Nature Trail Open All Year

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

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

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Waterville (20 mins drive) Sneem (30 mins drive)

### Other Experiences Nearby

Atlantic Irish Seaweed (10 mins drive) [www.atlanticirishseaweed.com](http://www.atlanticirishseaweed.com)

Derrynane House and Garden & National Park (immediate vicinity)  
[www.derrynanehouse.ie](http://www.derrynanehouse.ie)

Eagle Rock Equestrian Centre, Caherdaniel (5 mins drive)  
<http://www.eaglerockcentre.com/>





Poul nabrone Dolmen, The Burren, Co. Clare



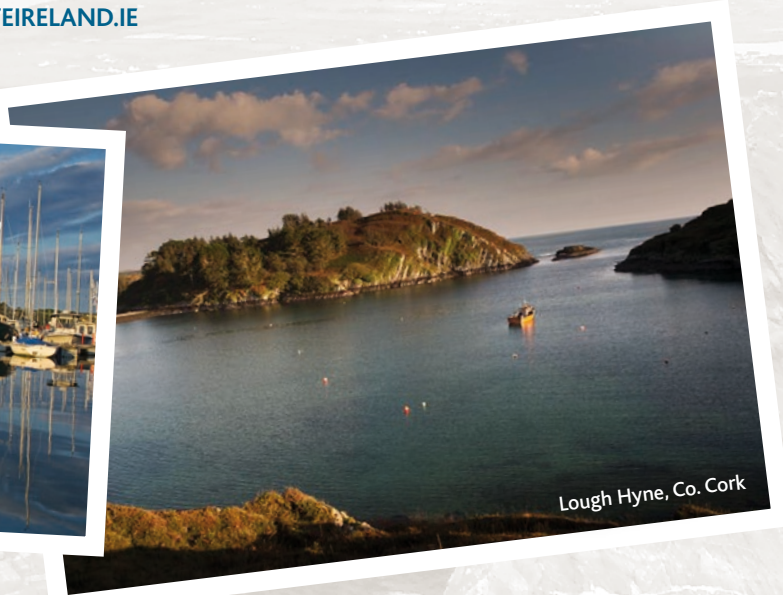
# WILD ATLANTIC WAY SAMPLE 5 DAY ITINERARY

## CLIFF COAST, HAVEN COAST, SOUTHERN PENINSULAS

TO HELP YOU PROGRAMME THIS AREA, HERE IS A SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR YOU TO CONSIDER WHICH WILL HELP YOUR CLIENTS BE THEY GROUP OR FIT, TO NAVIGATE THIS AREA. FOR OTHER SAMPLE ITINERARIES FOR THIS REGION PLEASE EMAIL [BUSINESSDEVELOPMENT@FAILTEIRELAND.IE](mailto:BUSINESSDEVELOPMENT@FAILTEIRELAND.IE)



Kinsale Harbour, Co. Cork



Lough Hyne, Co. Cork

## DAY 1

### WILD ATLANTIC WAY – HAVEN COAST

Start your journey on the Wild Atlantic Way with a visit to the heritage town of Kinsale originally a medieval fishing port. Historic Kinsale (from the Irish, Ceann tSaile – 'Head of the Sea') is a picturesque, historic town and famous for great locally sourced cuisine!

Hit the water on board [Kinsale Harbour Cruises](#). Enjoy a perfect combination of culture, information, relaxation and stunning scenery with a brief history including anecdotal legends and an insight into how Kinsale has developed over the centuries.

**Allow 2 hrs for this experience**

#### Lunch in Kinsale

Continue on your journey and escape the hustle of town life and enjoy some "Farmhouse Theatre" at the [Michael Collins Centre](#). Taking place in a traditional cottage, by candlelight Dolores Crowley demonstrates traditional baking methods, followed by a session of stories, humorous songs and monologues tracing the history of West Cork from the Bronze Age through to the time of the Irish Civil War. Dolores regales the history of local monasteries, castles, the 1798 Rebellion, the Famine, the 1916 Rising and the story of Michael Collins. Farmhouse Theatre has to be Pre-Booked.

**Allow 1 hr 30 mins for this experience**

For the more adventurous try out a magical night time paddle which triggers all your senses. Watch the silhouette of the seabirds on the bank, the red sunset, the whole panoply of stars overhead, the moonlight reflected on the water, or, at certain times of year, the astonishing bio-luminescence. This is a light emitted by marine life, which, from the paddler's point of view, causes the water to light up around your paddle in 1,000 tiny lights. Kayaking trips with [Atlantic Sea Kayaking](#) are available every day and available for those who wish to explore the many magical locations in West Cork.

**Allow 2 hrs 30 mins for this experience**

#### Dinner and Overnight in Rosscarbery or Skibbereen



The Skelligs, Co. Kerry



Mizen Head, Co. Cork



## DAY 2

### WILD ATLANTIC WAY – HAVEN COAST & SOUTHERN PENINSULAS

Travel on the Wild Atlantic Way out to **Mizen Head Signal Station**, Ireland's most south-westerly point. At the end of the Mizen Peninsula, the cliffs of Mizen Head rise high above the Atlantic Ocean, where the currents meet from the west and south coasts and waves from the mid-Atlantic crash into the land. Dare to cross the iconic Bridge high above the gorge; watch for seals and their pups in the swell below. Experience the solitude of the keepers' lives and the elemental power of the restless Atlantic where the ocean currents swirl.

Interpretation and displays demonstrate many different topics, completing your experience.

**Allow 1-2 hrs for this experience**

#### Lunch at Mizen Centre or Bantry

Garnish Island was well chosen by the Bryce family to establish the wonderful gardens that are enjoyed by all who visit. The designs of Peto and Mackenzie's, on developing these exotic grounds, have delighted generations of visitors to the island. **Bryce House on Garnish Island** has undergone an extensive refurbishment. The cottage, which was originally built to the north east of the walled garden in 1912, has been restored to its original Edwardian picturesque style. Further works have been undertaken to facilitate visitors by making the cottage universally accessible. Now that the restoration is complete visitors can enjoy the cottage along with the wonderful gardens and picturesque views overlooking Glengarriff Bay.

**Allow 1 hr 30 mins – 2 hrs for this experience including boat journey**

#### Overnight in Kenmare and visit some of the craft shops

## DAY 3

### WILD ATLANTIC WAY – SOUTHERN PENINSULAS

Start your day with a trip to **UNESCO Skellig Michael**.

*"The most fantastic and impossible rock in the world"* – George Bernard Shaw

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: UNESCO **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 213 meter (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. Today it is the setting for the Star Wars saga. Boats depart mid-May to October.

**Allow from 0830-1500hrs weather permitting for this experience**

In the **Skellig Experience Centre** you can experience many aspects of those offshore Skellig islands while remaining on dry land, in a custom built, stone clad, grass roofed, award winning building located right on the waterfront beside the Valentia Island bridge at Valentia.

Here, through re-creations and models you can study the works and lives of the Skellig monks of the early Christian period, their activities, their endurance and their dedication in gaining a foothold on a tiny, inhospitable, offshore island and creating a community there that survived for some 600 years. In the Skellig Centre's 80-seat auditorium, through a 14 min film presentation you can follow the footsteps of those Skellig monks, and wonder at the legacy of architecture they left behind.





The Skellig Experience Centre also includes a **restaurant** and **craft shop**.

Boat trips to the Skellig Islands can also be booked in season.

**Allow 1 hr for this experience**

Or

Continue on your journey to **Derrynane House** – the ancestral home of the O’Connells and property of Hunting Cap, Daniel’s uncle, who regarded Daniel as his heir. This location brings much of the O’Connell story to life – the love of his life, his wife Mary and the opposition he faced in marrying someone without a dowry, his passion for beagling, his role as landlord, his children, his interest in the traditional culture of song and story, and the way he restored himself physically and mentally on Iveragh.

**Allow 2 hrs for this experience**

**Lunch in Caherdaniel village (Blind Piper) or Waterville**

Continue to Waterville and take a guided walk along the Wild Atlantic Way with **Sea Synergy**, where a local marine biologist walks you through the rich heritage and wildlife of Ireland’s western coast. Varying routes from flat sandy coastline to winding small roads to headlands and walkways hugging the Wild Atlantic Way to see shipwrecks and lookout towers and admire the local marine biodiversity of the area. (Optional seafood taster meal at family restaurant overlooking the bay at end of seashore walk.)

**Allow 1.5 hrs for this experience**

**Dinner & Overnight Valentia or Caherciveen**

## DAY 4

### WILD ATLANTIC WAY – SOUTHERN PENINSULAS & CLIFF COAST

Travel on to Tralee and visit the largest working windmill in Ireland **Blennerville Windmill**, (source: Guinness Book of Records). Now the centre piece of a major visitor attraction on the shores of Tralee Bay which includes an audio visual theatre; exhibitions on milling and Blennerville’s role as a 19th century famine emigrant port. The centre also includes a model railway exhibition on the famous Tralee & Dingle Light Railway (1891 to 1953); a craft workshop and craft shop.

**Allow 1 hr for this experience**

Get back to nature at **Tralee Bay Wetland Centre** and take a boat tour and discover the wild flora, fauna and stunning natural habitat of Tralee Bay, a natural Irish wetlands adjacent to the Wild Atlantic Way. The boat trip guides you through the wetlands and includes a visit to a viewing tower that boasts panoramic views over Tralee Bay and out to the Atlantic Ocean.

**Allow 1 hr for this experience**

**Lunch in Tralee**

Spend the afternoon on a **Walking Tour of Victorian Ashe Street & Denny Street**, followed by morning tea of it’s time!





Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare



Moll's Gap, Co. Kerry

You will be guided along Ashe Street and Denny Street, taking in Victorian shop fronts and facades, Tralee Town Park and market Lanes, while all the time covering key milestones in Irish history from the period 1895 to 1930. Your journey concludes with morning tea at Chopin's Café which is situated directly across the road from Craft Makers in Ashe Street. Here you will finish your journey with Victorian inspired baked goods and a small gift of two hand cut wooden placemats from Craft Makers before you continue your journey along the Wild Atlantic Way.

**Allow 1 hr for this experience**

Journey from Kerry to Clare with **Shannon Ferries**. This is a lovely experience for visitors who would like a short break in their journey to relax as they sail across the majestic Shannon Estuary. If you're lucky, you might even catch a glimpse of the dolphins.

**Allow 20 mins (goes every hour on the half hour)**

**Dinner & Overnight Lisdoovarna**

## DAY 5

### WILD ATLANTIC WAY – CLIFF COAST & BAY COAST HEART OF THE BURREN WALKS

Start the morning with a fantastic guided walk in the Burren with **Heart of the Burren Walks**. Starting at the Burren Centre in Kilfenora the walks feature entertaining and informative commentaries on the geology, flora, archaeology, fauna, farming and folklore of the Burren.

**Allow 3 hrs for this experience**

Visit the **Burren Centre** – in the picturesque village of Kilfenora – here you will be introduced to the visual delights and ancient mysteries which wait to be discovered in this unspoiled corner of Ireland. This walk through time exhibition will take you back through the aeons to a time when this area lay beneath a warm tropical sea. Follow the story of the formation of the Burren's lunar landscape where man hunted bear and wolves roamed the forests.

**Allow 1 hr at this experience**

**Lunch in Kilfenora**

Finish your day with a cruise along the Cliffs of Moher Cruise with **Doolin 2 Aran Ferry Company**.

Witness breathtaking views of Ireland's most famous vista by sea. Set sail from Doolin Pier on a 1 hr journey to the Cliffs of Moher as they climb to their great heights of over 214 meters (700ft).

**Allow 2 hrs for this experience**

**Overnight in Galway**



# WILD ATLANTIC WAY SAMPLE 5 DAY ITINERARY

## NORTHERN HEADLANDS, SURF COAST & BAY COAST

TO HELP YOU PROGRAMME THIS AREA, HERE IS A SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR YOU TO CONSIDER WHICH WILL HELP YOUR CLIENTS, BE THEY GROUP OR FIT, TO NAVIGATE THIS AREA. FOR OTHER SAMPLE ITINERARIES FOR THIS REGION PLEASE EMAIL [BUSINESSDEVELOPMENT@FAILTEIRELAND.IE](mailto:BUSINESSDEVELOPMENT@FAILTEIRELAND.IE)



## DAY 1

### WILD ATLANTIC WAY – BAY COAST

Built on the foundations of an ancient castle belonging to legendary Irish pirate queen Gráinne Mhaol, it's fitting that you'll learn about the area's rich maritime history inside [Westport House](#). Today, its opulent rooms reflect the lifestyles of its more recent owners, including Maud Burke and her husband Colonel John Browne; they built the house we see today in 1650. Carry on into Westport Town when you're done exploring, and immerse yourself in the buzz of Westport. Peruse its shops, go for lunch and get to know friendly locals over a lively trad music session.

**Allow 2 hours for this experience**

#### Lunch in Westport

For those more adventurous continue your journey and escape the bustle of urban life on the 42km [Great Western Greenway](#) linking Westport town to Achill Island. This is the longest off-road walking and cycling trail in Ireland. The Greenway traverses Ireland's Atlantic coast between Westport town and Achill Island and visits the picturesque villages of Newport and Mulranny. It passes by some of the West of Ireland's most dramatic mountains and offers magnificent views of Clew Bay and its many islands.

**Allow minimum of 3-4 hours to Mulranny**

#### Dinner and Overnight in Mulranny





## DAY 2

### WILD ATLANTIC WAY – BAY COAST

Continue on to Belmullet and get ready for a short, brisk Erris Head Loop Walk with your guide Agatha Hurst. From these cliff tops you can experience the power of wild nature where land and sea meet the soft sound of little birds chirping and the dramatic sound of the waves many meters below. Learn about EIRE 62 on the headland which assisted war-time pilots to identify the land as Ireland and the role Blacksod Lighthouse played in a critical part of WW2. You'll also hear the legends from the area, including stories about the Children of Lir.

**Allow 2 hours for this experience**

#### Lunch in Belmullet

Learn handicrafts at a workshop at [Lúnasa Handmade Crafts](#) in Belmullet. A delightful craft store and workshop, Lúnasa Handmade Crafts offers a unique opportunity to try your hand at a host of skills from their 'Give it a Go' menu.

Learn traditional Irish knitting, patchwork, spinning, weaving and many more vintage techniques from Rosaleen Bond, who loves sharing her passion for traditional craft revival.

**Allow 2 hours for this experience**

Travel on to Downpatrick Head discovery point to see Dun Briste sea stack which was once part of the mainland. A storm in 1393 broke off part of the headland, its inhabitants having to be rescued by a ship's rope from the new sea stack 'island'.

**Allow 30 minutes for this experience**

Meet with [Rachel Nolan](#) in a traditional Irish Bed and Breakfast in Ballina. Roll your sleeves up and learn to make traditional brown bread and scones and enjoy them fresh from the oven.

**Allow 1 hour 30 minutes for this experience**

#### Dinner and Overnight in Ballina

## DAY 3

### WILD ATLANTIC WAY – SURF COAST

Start your day with a walk along the seashore with expert guide Marc from [Sligo Seashore Secrets](#) who will lead a fun and informative seaweed identification walk in West Sligo. He'll not only show you how to identify the various seaweeds but you will also learn how to use them. At the end of the walk you'll enjoy a practical demonstration on how to cook and use the sea vegetables.

**Allow 2 hours for this experience**

Travel to the coastal village of Easkey, Co. Sligo and visit [Rosie's Pottery Studio](#). Rosie has been creating ceramic homewares, artistic pieces and lighting for more than ten years. She has been exploring and experimenting with various ceramics and pottery techniques to create her own unique style which is both decorative and functional.

**Allow 1 hour for this experience**

#### Lunch in Easkey





Streedagh Beach, Co. Sligo



Clare Island, Co. Mayo

Continue on your journey and take the **Sligo Food Trail Tasting Tour**, a gentle 2 hr 30 mins-3 hr culinary walk with lots of stops and generous tastings along the way. A food guide will take you to a range of bakeries, food halls, street markets, delicatessens and other speciality shops. There is also a chance to learn a little about the culture and history of Sligo, from the Butter Markets and tea trade to Lissadell Oysters.

**Allow 3 hours for this experience**

### **Dinner & Overnight in Sligo Town, Strandhill, Rosses Point**

Enjoy a Traditional music session at Thomas Connolly's Pub, Markievicz Road and Holburn Street, Sligo Town.

## **DAY 4**

### **WILD ATLANTIC WAY – SURF COAST**

Discover the mesmerising beauty of Glencar Waterfall, a 15 meters (50ft) high oasis of calm that inspired poet WB Yeats. Nestled in idyllic Glencar Lough, Co Leitrim, this scenic cascade is particularly impressive after a spell of rain. Take the scenic wooded walk and you'll enjoy some wonderful views of the waterfall.

Stop at W.B. Yeats Grave at Drumcliffe Graveyard, Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo Drumcliffe, set against the striking backdrop of the Benbulbin Mountains. It is best known as the final resting place of W.B. Yeats.

Enjoy a coffee at Drumcliffe Tea House & Craft House which offers home baking together with a selection of Yeats and Irish interest books to browse through, complemented by a distinctive selection of original quality crafts.

**Allow 1 hour 30 minutes for this experience**

Continue your journey to Streedagh and learn to round up sheep with **Atlantic Sheep Dogs**.

At Atlantic Sheep Dogs, you'll get to meet and spend time with some of the smartest dogs in the world. Martin Feeney has been working with these trusty companions all of his life and during this hour-long experience, you'll get to see the dogs at work, understand how they herd sheep on the farm and see the incredible teamwork between man and dog. Depending on the time of year, you'll also meet new arrivals on the farm, so you may find yourself feeding a pet lamb or playing with a new-born puppy, all in a beautiful setting with views of County Sligo's Atlantic coast.

**Allow 1 hour for this experience**

### **Lunch in Grange, Mullaghmore or Bundoran**

Enjoy a walk along the stunning headland of Mullaghmore taking in panoramic views of Sliabh Liag Cliffs in Co. Donegal and crashing waves under Classiebawn Castle with famous Benbulbin in the background.

**Allow 30 minutes for this experience**

Continue your journey and enjoy beautiful beaches along the Wild Atlantic Way on horseback and learn about the Spanish Armada, the local history and geography of Sligo with **Seatrails** & Island View Riding Stables.

**Allow 2 hours for this experience**

Or

Learn to catch waves at Rossnowlagh beach with Fin McCool Surf School. With gentle, churning waves and an occasionally punchy beach break, Rossnowlagh is the perfect location to start off your surfing career.

**Allow 1 hour 30 minutes for this experience**

### **Overnight Mullaghmore, Rossnowlagh, Bundoran**





Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo



Sliabh Liag, Co. Donegal

## DAY 5

### WILD ATLANTIC WAY – NORTHERN HEADLANDS

Start your day with a visit to **Donegal Craft Village**, a showcase for Ireland's many contemporary arts and crafts. Stop in and meet the makers in their workshops before picking up a unique item or two to bring home as a memento of your time on the Wild Atlantic Way. You can also rest and recharge at the award-winning, on-site restaurant, Aroma, which is known for its delicious homemade cakes and gourmet lunches. The beautiful grounds include a picnic area, charming courtyard and spacious coach and car park.

**Allow 1 hour for this experience**

Continue your journey with a guided tour of **Donegal Castle** beside the River Eske. Built by the O'Donnell chieftain in the 15th century the castle was extended in the 17th century by Sir Basil Brooke. The castle is furnished throughout and includes Persian rugs and French tapestries. Information panels chronicle the history of the castle owners from the O'Donnell chieftains to the Brooke family.

**Allow 1 hour 30 minutes for this experience**

#### Towns/villages to stop for lunch; Donegal Town, Mountcharles, Teelin, Killybegs

Visit the **Sliabh League Cultural Centre** situated on the south west coast of County Donegal and enjoy a guided walk of the cliffs with a local guide. The cliffs are said to be one of the highest and finest marine cliffs in Europe.

**Allow 1 hour 30 minutes for this experience**

Continue your journey with a visit to **Glencolmille Folk Village**. In this isolated settlement, enjoy a guided tour where you will explore several thatched cottages, getting a feel for what life was like in Ireland during different eras spanning hundreds of years. You can also hear the story of Father James McDyer – who came to this isolated valley in 1951 and helped to establish running water, electricity and industry, including the Folk Village.

**Allow minimum 1 hour 30 minutes for this experience**

Continue along the Wild Atlantic Way stopping at **Handwoven Tweed**. Call into Eddie Doherty, at his home on Front Street, Ardara and watch a master at work. Eddie Doherty learnt to weave by hand at the age of 16. Now, 40 years and two long stints with large Irish fabric companies' later, he uses Donegal wool to hand weave pure wool blankets and tweed at his home in Ardara.

**Allow 45 minutes for this experience**

Stop off in Ardara for a hot toddy or pint of Guinness at the award winning **Nancy's Bar**, a cosy pub owned by the same family for over seven generations and renowned for their oysters, mussels and Atlantic prawns.

**Depart for Dublin**





Youghal Medieval Festival, Co. Cork



Kilkenny Design Centre



Jerpoint Park, Co. Kilkenny



# IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

Wander through Time in your own immersive journey of 5,000 years of European History. Discover a world of ancient history, of intrigue and of myth. In Ireland's Ancient East, 5,000 years of stories are waiting to be told by the best storytellers in the world – the locals.

Enter the tombs of Stone Age man, be awed by vast castles and beautiful big houses, and hear compelling tales of invasions, rebellions, alliances and betrayals. As you move around this incredible part of the country, get off the beaten track into silent fields filled with ancient ruins, explore bogland rich with the secrets of our ancestors and walk in the footsteps of the Vikings. Wander through time like you never have before, in Ireland's Ancient East.

Nine signature stories have been created to showcase what visitors to Ireland's Ancient East can experience. Itineraries have been designed around these stories to engage and deliver immersive and memorable personal journeys. Catapult back to prehistoric times inside structures that are older than the pyramids, and discover the world of prehistoric man where ritual ruled supreme. Explore a land of living culture which is celebrated in its craft, food, music and festivals.





# IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST ORIENTATION SIGNS

To make it as easy as possible for the visitor to orientate themselves whilst in Ireland's Ancient East, there has been significant investment in brand infrastructure.

At each county boarder there is a welcome sign saying you are entering Ireland's Ancient East, whilst 80 orientation signs have been installed at key sites across the geography.

The purpose of these signs is to create points of curiosity, slow the visitor down, explore the region and stay overnight.

Shaped as a large spiral wheel, each branded sign highlights a range of sites within up to 60 minutes' drive away from the sign location to encourage visitors to extend their stay and visit more than just the primary sites.











## Step back in time with Vintage Afternoon Tea

**Business Details** Athenaeum House Hotel, Christendom, Ferrybank, Waterford  
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**T** +353 (0) 51 382254  
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**Business Contact** Mailo Power

### Experience

Experience Afternoon Tea at Athenaeum House Hotel

Both immersive experiences relive the experience of the past, celebrating the unique story of TEA associated with the House:

- Afternoon Tea at the House-packages available including prosecco
- Step back in time Vintage Afternoon Tea

Min group: 20. You will be served by staff in late 18th century/early 19th century period costume. Vintage Afternoon Tea, using period recipes and served with vintage crockery. Advanced booking required. Live Café style music can be arranged for an additional fee of €100. Language is not an issue; a number of staff are fluent in both German & French. 1 to 2 hrs can be tailor made to suit group. Option a) can be booked for 2-100 people. To arrange costumes and prepare Vintage Afternoon Tea 7 days' notice recommended.

### Pricing

€17.50pp

Min booking from 20 to 100

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Mailo Power

**E** info@athenaeumhousehotel.com

**T** +353 (0) 51 833999

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open daily throughout the year except 25, 26, 27 December.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

1 large coach or several smaller coaches can be catered for on site at any one time. There is additional car parking available nearby.

### Transport

Dublin Coach & Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Accommodation on site or in Waterford City – 1 mile from the Athenaeum House Hotel www.discoverireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 1 hr 50 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Waterford Crystal (10 mins) www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com

Waterford Treasures Museum (10 mins) www.waterfordtreasures.com

Bishop's Palace Museum (10 mins) www.waterfordtreasures.com



## Discover Athlone Castle where History Comes Alive

### Business Details

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**W** www.athlonecastle.ie

**Business Contact** Carmel Duffy, Manager

### Experience

Discover Athlone Castle where History Comes Alive at the heart of Ireland's Ancient East. A self-guided or guided tour of Athlone Castle visitor centre, castle keep and castle grounds with stunning elevated views of Athlone and the River Shannon in the heart of Ireland's Ancient East. Complimentary audio-guides in 7 languages including English are available on request. Allocate approx 45-60 mins for the visit. Visiting groups can also avail of a guided tour of Luan Gallery – (subject to availability – must be booked in advance)

### Pricing

Group Size: 10-52.

All group bookings require advance booking

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Mary Bannon

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### Opening Details & Refreshment

Jan-Feb Wed-Sat 1100-1700hrs, Sun 1200-1700hrs

March-May Tues-Sat 1030-1730hrs, Sun-1130-1730hrs

June-Aug Mon-Sat 1030-1800hrs, Sun-1100-1800hrs

Sept-Oct Tues-Sat 1030-1730hrs, Sun 1130-1730hrs

Nov-Dec Wed-Sat 1100-1700hrs, Sun-1200-1700hrs

Teas/Coffees & snacks are available.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Lift in visitor centre. Athlone castle is located on an elevated site and access is via a ramp. Groups with mobility issues are advised to have assistants with them.

### Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin – 1 hr 20 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Athlone Town (immediate vicinity) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Sean's Bar – oldest pub in Ireland – (3 mins walk) www.seansbar.ie

Clonmacnoise (30 mins)

www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/clonmacnoise

Kilbeggan Distillery Experience (25 mins) www.kilbeggandistillery.com





## Ballycotton Island Lighthouse Tours

### Business Details

Ballycotton Island Lighthouse Tours, Inn By The Pier, Ballycotton, Co Cork  
**T** +353 (0) 21 4646875  
**E** info@ballycottonislandlighthouse.com  
**W** www.ballycottonislandlighthouse.com

**Business Contact** Jerry Lynch

### Experience

Ballycotton Island Lighthouse Tour begins with a boat trip out to the island and a guided tour of the island and the lighthouse including spectacular views from the lighthouse balcony. Life as it was for lighthouse keepers' living on the island is explained in detail. Personal guides accompany each tour.

### Pricing & Capacity

€20 or €60 for a family of 4

Duration: Approx. 90 mins

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** No

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Jerry Lynch

**E** info@ballycottonislandlighthouse.com

**T** +353 (0) 21 4646875

Max of 10 visitors on the boat, advance booking is advisable.

### Opening Details

April-Sept 1000-1700hrs (7 days per week). Weather dependent.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

There is parking on the pier and at the car park a short distance away from the pier base.

As it is a steep incline to the lighthouse, reasonable level of mobility and fitness required. Warm clothing and suitable footwear for walking strongly advised.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Ballycotton (2 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

Middleton (35 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

Cobh (40 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport (45 mins drive)

### Experiences Nearby

Cliff Walk in Ballycotton (3 mins drive) [www.ballycotton.ie/what\\_to\\_do.html](http://www.ballycotton.ie/what_to_do.html)

Ballymaloe House, Gardens & Cookery School [www.ballymaloe.ie](http://www.ballymaloe.ie)

Fishing (30 mins drive) [www.ballycotton.ie/what\\_to\\_do.html](http://www.ballycotton.ie/what_to_do.html)



## Cruise 250 Years of History on Ireland's Oldest Canal

### Business Details

Bargetrip.ie, Grand Canal Harbour, Sallins, Co. Kildare  
**T** +353 (0) 87 6465465

**E** Info@bargetrip.ie

**W** www.bargetrip.ie

**Business Contact** Ger Loughlin

### Experience

Cruise for an hour or two on the Grand Canal through locks, bridges and aqueducts. Listen to tales of great engineers and merchants plying their trade. The landed gentry, poor folk escaping the Great Famine, heavy horses pulling their cargoes – all have left their legacies here on one of Ireland's Ancient East's hidden treasures. With Skipper Ger Loughlin as your guide, you will get a unique insight into the life and history of the canal.

### Pricing & Capacity

1 hr Cruise €9 Child (U16)/Adult €13.50 – Scheduled Departures: 1300; 1415 & 1530hrs. 1 hr 30 mins Cruise €13.50 Child (U16)/€17 Adult – Scheduled Departures: 1700 & 1900hrs. 2 hrs 30 mins Cruise €17 Child (U16)/€24 Adult – Scheduled Departures: 1000hrs. Max. 12 pax. Private Charters Available: 1 hr @ €135/1 hr 30 mins €175/2 hrs 30 mins €265

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Ger Loughlin

**E** Info@bargetrip.ie

**T** +353 (0) 87 6465465

**W** www.bargetrip.ie

No minimum, Max. 12. Advance booking required.

### Opening Details

1 Mar - 31 Oct. All weather experience.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No wheelchair access. Footwear: flat shoes/boots/trainers for purchase. On-street parking. Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Local Craft Beers and Wines available for purchase on board.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Clane (5 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

Naas (5 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (45 mins drive)

### Experiences Nearby

Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park (20 mins drive)  
[www.lullymoreheritagepark.com](http://www.lullymoreheritagepark.com)

Castletown House (20 mins drive) [www.castletownhouse.ie](http://www.castletownhouse.ie)

Ireland's National Stud (30 mins drive) [www.irishnationalstud.ie](http://www.irishnationalstud.ie)





## Birr Castle Gardens and Science Centre

### Business Details

Birr Castle Gardens and Science Centre, Birr Castle Demesne, Birr, Co. Offaly

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**T** +353 (0) 57 9120336

**E** reception@birrcastle.com

**W** www.birrcastle.com

**Business Contact** Grainne O'Malley

### Experience

Visitors can enjoy a self-guided experience of 120 acres of Birr Castle Demesne. Within the Demesne the visitor can experience a wonderful selection of gardens, parklands and also visit the historic science centre on the pioneering inventions of the Parsons family with Interpretation available. Allow 2-3 hrs for this experience.

### Pricing & Capacity

#### General Admission

Adult €9 & Child €5 (5-12 yrs); Seniors/Students €7pp

#### Castle Tours

Includes general admission to the Demesne. Adults €18 per person. Advance booking required. U18 not permitted to House tour. (Minimum group 10 pax. – Max. 20 pax. for Castle Tour).

#### Garden Tours

Guided Garden tours – €25 per guide for groups of 2-15 with General Admission charge. Advance bookings required for groups

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Finola McDermott

**E** finola@birrcastle.com

**T** As above

### Opening Details

2 Jan - 16 Mar, 1000-1600hrs; 17 March - 31 Oct, 0900-1800hrs

1 Nov - 24 Dec, 1000-1600hrs; 27 Dec - 31 Dec, 1000-1600hrs

Public Access Castle Tours May to Aug: 1030; 1130; 1230 & 1330hrs. Mon-Sat.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking at entrance – accommodating 4 large coaches. Public car park (5 mins).

The parkland area, outdoor terrain and steps at the access point to the castle may cause slight problems for lesser able visitors. We recommend wearing walking shoes/runners.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Tullamore [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Shannon Airport – 1 hr 20 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Clonmacnoise (35 mins drive) <http://www.heritageireland.ie>

Tullamore Dew (35 mins drive) [www.tullamoredew.com](http://www.tullamoredew.com)

Athlone Castle (46 mins drive) [www.athlonecastle.ie](http://www.athlonecastle.ie)



## Blackstairs Ecotrails Wild Food Foraging

### Business Details

Blackstairs Ecotrails, The Old Rectory, Killedmond, Borris, Co. Carlow

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**Business Contact** Mary White

### Experience

A Wild Food Foraging Event. Guests will actively forage for wild safe food and get an opportunity to cook up what has been found. Information sheets, recipes and samples of foraged foods will be on show. The event takes place at Blackstairs Ecotrails in meadows, woods and hedgerows. Delicious organic refreshments will be served.

### Pricing & Capacity

€50 per person

Duration: 2 hrs minimum – normal duration ½ day or on request a full day.

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Mary White

**E** blackstairsecotrails@gmail.com

**T** +353 (0) 87 2707189

Personal Guide – available in Spanish English or German

Minimum Group Booking 5

Minimum Age 12

Advance booking required

### Opening Details

Open Everyday

Experience is seasonal from March to November

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking facilities available.

Premises have full disabled access. Outside activities not suitable for wheelchairs. Advisable to wear walking boots or shoes. Rain gear subject to weather forecast.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Borris (15 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

Kilkenny (45 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (1 hr 25 mins drive)

### Experiences Nearby

Borris House (15 mins drive) [www.borrishouse.com](http://www.borrishouse.com)

Huntington Castle (50 mins drive) [www.huntingtoncastle.com](http://www.huntingtoncastle.com)

Jerpoint Abbey (45 mins drive)

[www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/jerpointabbey](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/jerpointabbey)





## Hear Voices From the Past at Cahir Castle

### Business Details

Cahir Castle, Cahir Co Tipperary

**Postcode** E21 P652

**GPS** N 52 22' 37.47 W 7 55' 37.47

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**E** cahircastle@opw.ie

**W** Cahir Castle page on [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie)

**Business Contact** Eleanor Morrissey

### Experience

A visit to Cahir Castle includes a guided tour and audio visual which explore the important events of the castle's history and the stories of those who lived in one of Ireland's best preserved medieval castles. Explore the towers and view the interesting displays on "Women in Medieval Ireland" and the "Earl of Essex's Siege of Cahir Castle in 1599". Guided tour – English, French (pre-booking necessary). Audio visual presentation & Guide Book (English, French, German, Irish, and Italian). Duration – 1 hr+

### Pricing

Adult €5.00, Senior €4.00, Student €3.00, Child €3.00, Family €13.00

Max 50 persons per guided tour and advance booking is required for groups

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Eleanor Morrissey

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All group bookings are assumed that a guided tour is required unless otherwise stated.

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open Daily: March-June 0930-1730hrs, June-Aug 0900-1830hrs, Sept-Oct 0930-1730hrs, Oct-March 0930-1630hrs, Last admission 45 mins. before closing. Closed 24-30 December inclusive

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Bus parking is available opposite Cahir Castle.

There are steep stairs in the towers. The audio visual theatre is wheelchair accessible and there is a wheelchair accessible toilet. Comfortable, flat shoes are recommended.

### Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Cahir (Immediate vicinity)

Clonmel (15 mins) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 55 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Swiss Cottage (5 mins) [www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/swisscottage](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/swisscottage)

Rock of Cashel (18 mins) [www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/rockofcashel](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/rockofcashel)

Mitchelstown Cave (12 mins) [www.mitchelstowncave.com](http://www.mitchelstowncave.com)



## The Castletown Experience

### Business Details

Castletown House, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 V9H3

**GPS** 53.355 and 6.53

**T** +353 (0) 1 6288252

**E** c.hickey@opw.ie

**W** [www.castletown.ie](http://www.castletown.ie)

**Business Contact** Claire Hickey

### Experience

Visitors to Castletown can enjoy a guided or self-guided tour of Ireland's first, finest and largest Palladian Style mansion nestled along the banks of the River Liffey within 120 acres. Experience the grandeur of the interior rooms and decorative arts collections, lunch within the original 18th century Kitchen and Courtyard. Explore the restored Parkland and historic walks, or relax in the new Pleasure Grounds with Fairy Wood. Summer 2017 – Phase of works to restore Lady Louisa's Farmyard continues with exhibitions, pet farm, and art workshops. Explore more of Ireland's Ancient East and hire a bicycle and cycle through the restored 18th century parklands down to historic Celbridge Village. Visiting at the weekend? Enjoy music in the Long Gallery at the end of your tour from the resident pianist. Guided Tour in English. New self-guided leaflet in English with information already available in French, German, Italian, Irish, Mandarin Chinese, Polish and Spanish. Audio Guide – available in English to download. Duration – 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

€10. Maximum, 54 people per group. Groups will be broken up into smaller groups. Advanced booking required.

**Tour Operator Rate**

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details

House: 16 March - 5 November 2017, 1000-1700hrs

Parklands and Café – Year round

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Wheelchair access to the basement and ground floor of the main house/tour.

The Courtyard Café

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kildare [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 30 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Maynooth Castle and Maynooth University Grounds (20 mins) [www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/maynoothcastle](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/maynoothcastle)

Irish National Stud (50 mins) [www.irishnationalstud.ie](http://www.irishnationalstud.ie)

Russborough House (50 mins) [www.russborough.ie](http://www.russborough.ie)





## Causey Farm Experience

### Business Details

Causey Farm, Girley, Fordstown, Navan, Co. Meath  
**Postcode** C15 P83R  
**T** +353 (0) 46 9434135  
**E** info@causey.ie  
**W** www.causey.ie

**Business Contact** Deirdre Murtagh

### Experience

We provide half and full day hands-on programmes where visitors experience Irish culture in a fun way. Dance a jig, play the bodhrán (traditional drum), cut turf in a bog, bake brown soda bread, see a sheepdog at work, milk a cow (yes, a real one!) and more! We can provide specialist programmes based on agriculture, ecology or geography if required. All activities are guided by our welcoming and engaging leaders.

### Pricing & Capacity

Duration: Half and full day programmes (3 hrs and 6 hr 30 mins respectively)

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

One guide per group. There is a minimum group charge of €250. All bookings must be pre-booked.

### Opening Details

Mon-Sat – Feb-Oct, Nov (subject to availability)

Not weather dependant.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Ample car/coach parking on-site. Working farm implies there are uneven surfaces. We facilitate wheelchair visitors, but advise that a manual (rather than electric) wheelchairs tend to be more suitable to the terrain. Visitors engaging in 'bog jumping', as part of programme, advised to wear old clothes and bring a change of clothes. There are no shower facilities on-site.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Trim (20 mins drive) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (50 mins drive)

### Experiences Nearby

Kells Heritage Town (10 min drive) [www.heritagetowns.com/kells.shtml](http://www.heritagetowns.com/kells.shtml)

Trim Castle (20 min drive)

[www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/trimcastle](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/trimcastle)

Loughcrew Cairns (20 min drive) [www.loughcrew.com/cairns](http://www.loughcrew.com/cairns)



## Cobh Heritage Centre "The Queenstown Story"

### Business Details

Deepwater Quay, Cobh, Cork  
**GPS** 51 50' 55.68N 8 17' 57.72W  
**T** +353 (0) 21 4813591  
**E** info@cobhheritage.com  
**W** www.cobhheritage.com

**Business Contact** Jack Walsh

### Experience

"Walk in the footsteps of our emigrant ancestors". The Queenstown Story is a self-guided tour. The exhibition relays the stories of Irish social, naval and military history and emigration from the harbour of Cobh (known as Queenstown between 1849 and 1922) from the 17th to the 20th century. The Heritage Centre is located in the restored railway station, built in the 1860's, a building with its own historic story, where almost three million Irish people passed through as they started their voyage of emigration. This is a multi-media exhibition that includes audio, video, interactive displays, emigrant's letters and other artefacts that will engage the visitor and leave them with a lasting memory. Audio units are available in-German, French, Spanish, Dutch and Italian. Duration – 1+ hr

### Pricing

Published Adult rate €9.50, Concessions €8.00, Family Ticket €25.00

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Jack Walsh

**E** jack@cobhheritage.com

**T** +353 (0) 21 4813591

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open 7 days: Mon-Sat 0930-1800hrs & Sunday 1100-1700hrs – May-Oct, Mon-Sat 0930-1700hrs & Sunday 1100-1600hrs – Nov-April. Last entry to the exhibition one hr before closing. Closed – December 24/25/26/27 and 31 December to 8 January inclusive. Café serving Teas, coffees and light snack options.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking for up to four large coaches alongside the building.

The Cobh Heritage Centre is fully wheelchair accessible

### Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Cobh (immediate vicinity)

Midleton (25 mins) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 30 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Spike Island [www.spikeislandcork.ie](http://www.spikeislandcork.ie)

Titanic Trail Walking Tours (2 mins walk) [www.titanic.ie](http://www.titanic.ie)

The Jameson experience (25 mins) [www.jamesonwhisky.com](http://www.jamesonwhisky.com)





## Barrow River Heritage Tour

### Business Details

Rose Inn Street, Kilkenny  
**T** +353 (0) 87 2529700  
**E** [Charlie@gowiththeflow.ie](mailto:Charlie@gowiththeflow.ie)  
**W** [www.gowiththeflow.ie](http://www.gowiththeflow.ie)

**Business Contact** Charlie Horan

### Experience

Using 2/3 person Canadian style canoes you are taken on a trail that is full of beauty, nature and heritage. The route starts in Gaignamanagh, site of Cistercian monastery since 1204 and finishes at the ruins of the little pilgrim chapel in st Mullins dedicated to St James.

Your guide will tell you of the History of the local Kavanagh family – including Arthur MacMurrough Kavanagh (1833 to 1889) who travelled all over Europe, Russia and India on horseback – having no arms or legs

Translators available on request

Duration – Min 2.5 hrs Max 4 hrs

### Pricing

€50pp

Advance booking essential

Min 4 participants & 6yrs min age

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** As above

**E** As Above

**T** As Above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

0800-2000hrs

Seasonal

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Parking for large coaches. Good mobility required. Outdoor clothing and footwear recommended. Please bring a change of clothes and towel

### Transport

Dublin Coach & Irish Rail – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 44 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City – [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Experiences Nearby

Kilkenny Castle (immediate vicinity) [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

St Canices Cathedral (immediate vicinity) [www.stcanicescathedral.ie](http://www.stcanicescathedral.ie)

Smithwicks Experience (immediate vicinity) [www.smithwicksexperience.com](http://www.smithwicksexperience.com)



## Taste & Tour – from 'Pip to Sip'

### Business Details

Highbank Organic Fram, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny

**Postcode** R95 N1KC

**T** +353 (0) 56 7729918

**E** [sales@highbank.ie](mailto:sales@highbank.ie)

**W** [www.highbankorchards.com](http://www.highbankorchards.com)

**Business Contact** Julie Cadler-Potts

### Experience

Visit Highbank Organic Orchards and enjoy a guided tour of the Organic Working Farm and Distillery sampling Single Estate Award Winning products. Travel through this wonderful working farm on a tractor train to Burnchurch Castle to experience Irish historic heritage. Steeped in medieval history the 17th century stone built Highbank coach yard with its small distillery offers a backdrop to tasting the organic orchard syrup, juices, organic ciders, vinegars and apple spirits all produced directly from the orchards. The farm is full of seasonal wildlife and visitors are welcome to bring a picnic and sit by the eco lakes to enjoy. French and Spanish guides available. Duration – 1.5 hr – 2 hrs

### Pricing

All Bookings should be in advance

As this is a very specialised, working farm taste and tour experience, prices are negotiated and tailored to suit individual business or tour operators requirements.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes – All negotiable

**FIT Rate** Yes – All negotiable

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes – All negotiable

**Tour Series Rate** Yes – All negotiable

**Group Bookings Contact** As above

**E** As Above

**T** As Above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Mon-Fri: 0900-1700hrs (by appointment at weekends & bank holidays)

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking facilities on site It is a distillery experience and therefore does not necessarily suit children. Surface is uneven and difficult for wheelchairs. Warm clothing and good footwear is recommended

### Transport

Dublin Coach & Irish Rail – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City (13 mins) [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 1 hr 40 mins

### Experiences Nearby

The Bridge Potteries (5 min) [www.thebridgepottery.com](http://www.thebridgepottery.com)

Kilkenny Castle & Design Centre (13 mins)

[www.kilkennydesign.com/design-centre](http://www.kilkennydesign.com/design-centre)

Nicholas Mosse Potteries and Mill (13 mins) [www.nicholasmosse.com](http://www.nicholasmosse.com)





## Mythological and Archaeological Tours of Ireland's Sacred Centre

### Business Details

Hill of Uisneach, Lunestown, Loughnavalley, Co. Westmeath

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**Postcode** N91 D7XW

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+353 (0) 87 9803751

**E** info@uisneach.ie

**W** www.uisneach.ie

**Business Contact** Justin Moffatt

### Experience

Uisneach provides a memorable guided experience through 5000 years of Ireland's history, archaeology, myth and folklore. Special features of the tour include the Royal Palace, St Patrick's Bed and the famous Catstone the portal to Mide the 5th province of Ireland and one of two national monuments on site. Uisneach is one of the five Royal Sites of Ireland and it is on the government's 'tentative list' for UNESCO World Heritage status.

Duration: 90 mins-120 mins

### Pricing

€10pp

The guides can cater for tours of up to 50 people.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** No

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Justin Moffatt

**E** info@uisneach.ie

**T** +353 (0) 87 9803751

### Opening Details & Refreshment

**FIT** Seasonal dates – May & Oct: Sat & Sun 1300hrs

June-Sept: Wed-Sun 1300hrs

Private group tours 7days/all year

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking facilities on site.

Waterproof & sensible footwear & clothing is essential as is suitable protective rain ware. The tour is hilly terrain thus a moderate level of physical fitness is necessary.

### Transport

www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin – 1 hr 30 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Mullingar (15 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Athlone Castle (25 mins) www.athlonecastle.ie

Kilbeggan Distillery (14 mins) www.kilbeggandistillery.com

Belvedere House Park & Gardens (15 mins) www.belvedere-house.ie



## Walk in the Footsteps of Ancient Monks

### Business Details

C/O Holycross Abbey, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

**GPS** 52.639 – 7.868

**T** +353 (0) 86 1665869

**E** holycrossabbeytours@gmail.com

**W** www.visitsholycross.ie

**Business Contact** John Bourke

### Experience

Here visitors can enjoy a guided tour of a restored 12th Century Cistercian Abbey.

Walk in the footsteps of ancient monks; see up close the Relics of the True Cross of Christ that gave the Abbey and village its name, share a secret at the 'Whispering Arch' where your voice magically travels around the carved stone doorway, ring Ireland's oldest church bell, or simply relax in the tranquil surroundings of the Abbey as it stands proudly overlooking the majestic River Suir.

Guided tours in English.

Duration – Approx.40 mins, tour guide tailors tour to suit time/needs of visitors

### Pricing

€4pp donation accepted

No minimum number, max number 50

**Tour Operator Rate** As above

**FIT Rate** As above

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** As above

**Tour Series Rate** As above

**Group Bookings Contact** John Bourke

**E** holycrossabbeytours@gmail.com

**T** +353 (0) 86 1665869 (Marie)

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Tour guides available 0900-1900hrs – all year around

Tours scheduled twice weekly, Sunday and Wednesday at 1400hrs, also available all year by request

Pub serving tea/coffee, lunch and bar food adjoining the Abbey

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach & car parking on site

Ramp available if required for access

### Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 2 hrs

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Thurles (10 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Farney Castle (5 mins) www.cyrilcullen.wordpress.com/farney-castle

Rock of Cashel (15 mins) www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/rockofcashel





## Experience 800 Years of Lighthouse Keeping at Hook Lighthouse

### Business Details

Fethard on Sea, Hook Peninsula, New Ross, Co. Wexford

**GPS** N52.12.48.75 W6.93.06.15

**T** +353 (0) 51 397054

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**E** info@hookheritage.ie

**W** www.hookheritage.ie

**Business Contact** Ann Waters

### Experience

Experience 800 Years of Lighthouse Keeping at Hook Lighthouse; the Oldest Working, fully operational Lighthouse in the World! Fully Guided tours take you through the Medieval lighthouse and modern Watchtower with fascinating insights, stories and facts of this unique building. Relax by the Sea and keep an eye out for seals dolphins and even whales! Print Materials available in English, Irish, French, Italian, German, Spanish. Duration – Suggested visit 2 to 2.5 hrs

### Pricing

€9pp Concession €8, Family €22

Maximum number per guided tour is 30 persons

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Cathy Dowling/Elaine Wallace

**E** info@hookheritage.ie

**T** +353 (0) 51 397054

All group bookings require advance booking

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open all year round 7 days: 0930-1700hrs (Sept to May), 0930-1800hrs (June to Aug). Guided tours every half hour on the half hour. Closed Monday before Christmas to Christmas day inclusive. Full Café and Bakery onsite. Outdoor Barbeque during summer months.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Onsite parking for cars and coaches. Not accessible for those with mobility problems (115 stairs involved in Guided tour). Sensible shoes and appropriate clothing for the seasonal weather conditions. Some areas may be restricted during extreme weather conditions

### Transport

www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 2 hrs 30 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Wexford Town (40 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Hooked Kitesurfing (10 mins) www.hookedkitesurfing.ie

Loftus Hall (5 mins) www.loftushall.ie

Tintern Abbey (20 mins) www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/tinternabbey



## A Castle with a Difference!

### Business Details

Huntington Castle & Gardens, Clonegal, Co Carlow

**GPS** 52.69041 Longitude -6.649361

**Postcode** Y21 K237

**T** +353 (0) 53 9377160

**E** info@huntingtoncastle.com

**W** www.huntingtoncastle.com

**Business Contact** Alex Durdin Robertson

### Experience

Huntington castle was built as a military garrison in 1625. Uniquely it is still home to the same family that built the castle, and a family member will conduct you on a fascinating guided tour to reveal all the secrets and stories of this beautiful castle, including an unbelievable Egyptian Temple in the castle dungeons. The gardens and tearooms are worth a visit in their own right featuring original 17th Century plantings, champion trees and a charming wilderness area. Duration – Min 40 mins for guided tour only. For garden tour (if required) additional 40 mins. Tours available in: Italian, French, Spanish and German – by prior appointment.

### Pricing

Tour of Castle €9pp, Tour of Gardens €6pp, Tea & Scone €5.50pp

Min group-10 people. No max size. All group booking require advance notice.

Tour of Castle – guided tours only.

Gardens are usually self-guided but guided tours are also available.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** As above

**E** As Above

**T** As Above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Daily May – Sept 10:00-18:00 (by appointment outside these time).

For group booking – open all year round. Tearoom & Café on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking facilities on site.

Accessibility-there are steps (with handrails) in the castle. The gardens have gravel paths.

### Transport

www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin 1 hr 30 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City (40 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Newtown Barry House & Gardens (5 mins) www.newtownbarryhouse.com

Altamont Gardens (5 mins) www.carlowtourism.com/altamont-gardens

Enniscorthy Castle/vinegar hill (20 mins)

www.visitwexford.ie/locations/enniscorthy-castle





## “Hidden Gem in Ireland Ancient East”

### Business Details

Jerpoint Park, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

**Postcode** R95 KC2F

**T** +353 (0) 86 6061449

**E** info@jerpointpark.com

**W** www.jerpointpark.com

**Business Contact** Maeve O’Connell

### Experience

Unearth the history of Jerpoint with a guided heritage tour of the footprints of a deserted 12th Century Medieval Town plus the Tomb Effigy of St. Nicholas (Bishop of Myra). The ruined Church of St. Nicholas at Jerpoint Park is also available to groups to celebrate Mass. Sheep dog Demonstrations are a great way to see man & dog working as one on the family farm. In the Tea Rooms Morning Coffee/Afternoon Tea are served. Savour different homemade luncheon menus. F.I.T.’s can avail of a light refreshment menu from 1 June – 30 September in The Court Yard. Flyers in German, French & Dutch are available to visitors to Jerpoint Park. Duration – Approx 1 hr 20 mins

### Pricing

Retail Rate-

Guided Heritage Tour – €10pp

Sheep Dog Demonstration – €5pp

Tea/Scones – €8pp

Angling – €50pp

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** As above

**E** As Above

**T** As Above

All groups need to be pre-booked

### Opening Details & Refreshment

0900-1700hrs Daily from April-October

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking facilities on site. Wheelchair access to Tea/Rooms & Toilet Facilities. Heritage Site is not wheelchair accessible.

### Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 2 hrs

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City (20 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Jerpoint Abbey (4 mins) www.heritageireland.ie/

Kells Priory(12 mins)

http://www.discoverireland.ie/Arts-Culture-Heritage/kells-priory/11172

Woodstock Gardens (15 mins) www.woodstock.ie



## Apprentice Distillery Tour

### Business Details

Kilbeggan Distillery, Lower Main Street, Kilbeggan Co. Westmeath

**T** +353 (0) 57 9332134

**E** Ruth.wyer@beamsuntory.com

**W** www.kilbeggandistillery.com

**Business Contact** Ruth Wyer

### Experience

This is a guided tour of Kilbeggan Distillery with a master class in the tasting of three Irish whiskey’s from the Kilbeggan Distillery Range – Kilbeggan Irish Whiskey, Kilbeggan 8 Year Old Single Grain and Lockes 8 Year Old Single Malt. Each visitor will take home a Kilbeggan branded wee dram glass as a souvenir of their visit. French and German speaking tour guides are available.

Duration – 1 hr

### Pricing

€14pp

All tours must be booked in advance.

Minimum of 10 people and maximum of 35 people per tour.

**FIT Rate** No

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** As above

**E** As Above

**T** As Above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

April-Oct 0900-1800hrs

Nov-March 1000-1600hrs

The Pantry Restaurant is located on site

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

On-site coach parking

Not all areas are wheelchair accessible

### Transport

Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 25 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Tullamore (15 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Du Na Si, Heritage Park (10 mins) www.dunnasi.ie

Belvedere House (20 mins) www.belvedere-house.ie

Athlone Castle (30 mins) www.athlonecastle.ie





## The Kilkenny Way Hurling Experience

### Business Details

The Kilkenny Way Hurling Experience, 28/29 Rose Inn St, Kilkenny

**Postcode** R95 F954

**T** +353 (0) 56 7721718

**E** info@thekilkennyway.com

**W** www.thekilkennyway.com

**Business Contact** PJ Lanigan

### Experience

The Kilkenny Way Hurling Experience is Ireland's only dedicated guided hurling tour, giving you an insight into a 3,000 year old Celtic sport which is the world's oldest and fastest field game in the home of the famous "Kilkenny Cats". Learn how to hook, block and solo; about lifting, striking & The Long Puc and receive a Kilkenny Way Certificate of completion. All rates include a meal at Lanigan's Bar & Restaurant.

### Pricing & Capacity

€25 per adult; €20 per child (U12yrs). Family rates available. Advance booking required for groups. Minimum 2 persons; Max 150 persons.

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

### Opening Details

Scheduled tours: Mon-Fri 1345hrs; Sat/Sun 1200hrs

Advance booking required for private groups at times to suit you

Duration: 2 hrs including meal time

Minimum age 5, No max.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

There is parking beside Kilkenny Castle for buses or at the local hurling club.

This experience is a physical light exercise and flat shoes and comfortable clothing are advised.

### Public/Private Transport

JJ Kavanagh & Sons – Dublin-Kilkenny (1 hr 30 mins drive) www.jjkavanagh.ie

Bus Éireann – Dublin-Kilkenny (1 hr 30 mins drive) www.buseireann.ie

Irish Rail – Dublin-Kilkenny www.irishrail.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City www.discoverireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 30 min drive

### Experiences Nearby

Kilkenny Ghost Tours (1 min walk) www.kilkennyghosttours.com

Kilkenny Castle (3 mins walk) www.kilkennycastle.ie

Kilkenny Cycling Tours (4 mins walk) www.kilkennycyclingtours.com



## Knowth – Brú na Bóinne

### Business Details

Knowth – Brú na Bóinne, Donore, Drogheda, Co Meath

**Postcode** A92 EH5C

**T** +353 (0) 41 9880300

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**W** www.heritageireland.ie  
www.worldheritageireland.ie

**Business Contact** Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

### Experience

Knowth is one of the three great Irish passage tombs of the Brú Na Bóinne complex. The tombs of Brú Na Bóinne are about 5,000 years old. The complex consists of one large mound and eighteen smaller mounds. The kerbstones around the large mound are decorated with excellent examples of Neolithic art. There is a small exhibition room in the mound where visitors can look down the eastern passage. Visitors can also walk on top of the mound for a panoramic view of the Boyne Valley. Guided Tour available. Audio visual exhibition – English, Irish, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Print information – English, Irish, French, German, Italian Spanish and Japanese. Duration – Min 2 hrs

### Pricing

€3-€13 per person, for further details <http://www.worldheritageireland.ie/bru-na-boinne/visitor-information/>. Advanced bookings only for 15 +pax

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** As above

**E** As Above

**T** As Above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Jan 0900-1700hrs. Feb, March, April 0930-1730hrs. May 0900-1830hrs.

June-mid Sept 0900-1900hrs. mid Sept-end Sept 0900-1830hrs. Oct 0930-1730hrs. Nov-Dec 0900-1700hrs. Tea room on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking at the centre.

The visitor centre is fully accessible. The small exhibition room and the top of the monument is not accessible for those in wheelchairs.

Outdoor clothing should be worn and comfortable shoes

### Transport

www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 35 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Drogheda & Slane (15 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Newgrange (17 mins) www.newgrange.com

Old Mellifont Abbey (15 mins)

www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/oldmellifontabbey

Battle of the Boyne (13 mins) www.battleoftheboyne.ie





## Lough Gur Heritage Centre

### Business Details

Lakefront, Lough Gur, County Limerick

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**Business Contact** Kate Harrold

### Experience

Lough Gur Heritage Centre indoor exhibition tour & fully guided outdoor tour of the historic sites. Over 6,000 years of history, Lough Gur is a prehistoric site. It is the only site in all of Ireland where every age of humankind from the very beginning to modern day times can be experienced. Further highlights of the Lough Gur experience include the megalithic wedge tomb, new church, Carraig Aille Stone fronts, an early Christian settlement and the Lough Gur viewing point. The visit ends with a lake front excursion of the newly restored Lough Gur Heritage Centre, with an interactive overview of highlights. Audio guides available in French, English, German, Spanish and Italian. Printed materials available in Spanish. Duration – 40 mins-2.5 hrs

### Pricing

Exhibition only – €4pp. Exhibition and outdoor tour – €24pp.

Group size: 10-60. Min age: 8 years old.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Gemma O' Mahony

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### Opening Details & Refreshment

April-Oct: Mon-Fri – 1000-1700hrs. Nov-March: Mon-Fri – 1000-1600hrs.

Sat & Sun – 1200-1600hrs. Closed on December 24 and 25 December.

Tea & coffee and light refreshments on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking facilities on site. Weather dependent for outdoor segment

Outdoor tour-level of mobility to access the historic sites The Heritage Centre is wheelchair accessible. Weatherproof clothing. Sensible footwear suitable for walking.

### Transport

Bus Éireann & Citylink – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Shannon Airport – 45 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Limerick City (20km) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Old Irish Ways Museum (5 mins) www.oldirishways.com

Thomas Fitzgerald Museum (8 mins) www.visitbruff.com

Tour of Medieval Kilmallock (10 mins)

www.heritageisland.com/attractions/kilmallock-heritage-town



## Floating through Time

### Business Details

Louth Adventures, 63 Meadow Grove, Dundalk, Co. Louth

**GPS** 54.043125,-6.186848

**T** +353 (0) 87 8208985

**E** Info@louthadventures.ie

**W** www.louthadventures.ie

**Business Contact** Shane Reenan

### Experience

Hear the stories of High Kings and Heroes with Cuchulainn, fierce stories of Castles and Conquests while watching Kings John's Castle as you sail back towards the harbour – the stories that make up Ireland's Ancient East are waiting for you told by your own personal storytellers! The cruiser departs from Carlingford Harbour under the Famous "King John's Castle". On the tour, you will hear the story of Cuchulainn and Queen Maebh and the story of the Vikings arriving into Carlingford. Props on board make this an interactive experience for visitors.

Duration – 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

€20 per Adult/Senior.

€12 for Children 16 and under.

Students aged 17-23 inclusive with valid student photo ID €14.

Max group size 12.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Saturdays and Sundays, expanding into week days as the season opens fully

Refreshments available in Carlingford village

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Sailings are subject to Tides and weather conditions on the Lough. There is disability access via Carlingford Marina. Minimum age of 5 years old.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Carlingford Village (immediate vicinity)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr





## Lullymore – Explore an Irish Peatland Full of Secrets and Stories

### Business Details

Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare.  
**T** +353 (0) 45 870238  
**E** ray@lullymoreheritagepark.com  
**W** www.lullymoreheritagepark.com

**Business Contact** Ray Stapleton

### Experience

Each group is welcomed by a local guide with expert knowledge of local history and the local environment. The tour begins with a walking tour of the Park surrounded by woodland. Numerous heritage and nature exhibitions are visited before entering the Parks Peatland area. Following a visit to the Peatland exhibition the group is asked to take part in some traditional turf cutting and then the tour finishes with a trip on Peatland heritage railway. The group can avail of "tea and scone on the bog" after turf cutting or have refreshments in a thatched cottage or café after tour. Hand held audio guides available in 5 languages – French, German, Spanish, Italian and Polish. Duration – 1 hr min. Tours can be tailored to suit 1 – 3 hrs.

### Pricing

€9.00 Adult entry to Park. €5.00 Adult – Peatland Heritage Railway  
 Total = €14.00. 15 is minimum group size – maximum is 200 (large groups would be divided in to groups of 30 for guided tours). Advanced booking required.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshehments

Open to group bookings at any time of year except January.

Open April-September everyday 1000-1800hrs

Open Weekends only/BH/September – December (closed January)

Café on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. The guided tour normally involves some walking but the road train is available (off peak times) for any individual or group with mobility issues. Dress for the weather.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kildare Town (20 mins)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr

### Experiences Nearby

Irish National Stud (20 mins) www.irishnationalstud.ie

Kildare Town Heritage Centre & St Brigids Cathedral (20 mins) – www.kildareheritage.com



## Medieval Mile Museum

### Business Details

Medieval Mile Museum, Kilkenny Civic Trust, Butler House, 16 Patrick Street, Kilkenny, R95 YY43  
**T** +353 (0) 56 7765707  
**E** cnolan@kilkennycivictrust.ie  
**W** www.medievalmilemuseum.ie

**Business Contact** Carmel Nolan

### Experience

The Medieval Mile Museum is Kilkenny's newest visitor attraction located in the heart of the city and the centre of Ireland's Medieval Mile. The setting is the 13th century St Mary's cruciform church and graveyard with its heritage of medieval and renaissance style tombs of national historical significance. You will hear stories of the wealthy merchants who built and attended St Mary's church and ruled Kilkenny between 1200 and 1650. The Museum displays Kilkenny's Civic Treasures, showcasing the Ossory High Crosses and magnificent stone carved tombs and many significant artefacts unearthed during the restoration of this church and surrounding graveyard. Self-guided and guided tours are available in English. Duration Guided tour 1 hr – 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

	Self Guide	Guided
Adult	€7.00	€12.00
Students 18 Yrs+	€6.00	€10.00
Children Up to 18 Yrs	€3.00	

Minimum for guided tour 12 persons. Advanced booking required.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Carmel Nolan

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**T** +353 (0) 86 1705934

### Opening Details & Refreshehments

November-March: 1100-1630hrs – Closed Mondays

April-October: 1000-1800hrs

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Access to certain areas of the graveyard is limited particularly for those with mobility challenges. Inside the museum is fully accessible

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City (immediate vicinity)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 30 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Kilkenny Castle www.kilkennycastle.ie

Rothe House www.rothehouse.com

St. Canice's Cathedral www.stcanicescathedral.ie

All within walking distance.





## Powerscourt Gardens Audio Tour with its Owners

### Business Details

Powerscourt Gardens, Powerscourt Estate, Enniskerry, County Wicklow

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53.18472°N 6.18694°W

**T** +353 (0) 1 2046000

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**Business Contact** Aoife O'Driscoll

### Experience

Enjoy a short introductory film to Powerscourt and audio tour of its Gardens, narrated personally by its family owners over the past 400 years. The 2 audio guides on offer include; 'Garden of the Gods' for adult visitors (22 stops) and 'Family Action Quests' for children and their families (8 stops). The audio guides are available from Powerscourt House or groups may wish to download from the app store to their smartphones in advance of their visit. They are included in the ticket price to the Gardens (on a first come first serve basis) and are free of charge on the app store. The film and audio guides are available in English, Spanish, German, French and Chinese. Garden maps are available in all the languages above which highlight the audio stops in the Gardens. Each stop is also highlighted with a physical signpost in the gardens. Duration – Guided tour 1 hr – 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

Adult: €10.00. Senior: €8.50 (Over 65 years). Student: €8.50.  
Child Under 13: €5.00. Child Under 5: Free

Minimum group booking 20+ (1 March – 31 October)

Minimum group booking 10+ (1 November – 28 February)

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Carmel Byrne

**E** carmel.byrne@powerscourt.net

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open year-round and is closed only on 25 and 26 December

Avoca café on site

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Wheelchair accessible.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Enniskerry (immediate vicinity)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr

### Experiences Nearby

Powerscourt Waterfall (10 mins) [www.powerscourt.com/waterfall](http://www.powerscourt.com/waterfall)

Powerscourt Golf Club (2 mins) [www.powerscourtgolfclub.com](http://www.powerscourtgolfclub.com)

Wicklow Goal (25/30 mins) [www.wicklowshistoricgaol.com](http://www.wicklowshistoricgaol.com)

Glendalough (30 mins) [www.glendalough.ie](http://www.glendalough.ie)



## Slane Food Circle – Artisan & Organic Food Tours

### Business Details

Rock Farm, Fennor, Slane, Co Meath

**GPS** 53.7057,-6.559292

**Postcode** C15 HF59

**T** +353 (0) 41 9884861

**E** info@rockfarmslane.ie

**W** www.rockfarmslane.ie

**Business Contact** Carina Mount Charles

### Experience

The Slane Food Circle electric bike, self-drive or coach tours offer your client the best in artisan cheese, oil, cider and whiskey making in the Boyne Valley, as well as an insight into organic and sustainable farming. They will get a chance to meet the producers and experience local food production through a unique farm to fork process. The tour can be split into a one day (Western Route), half day (Eastern Route) or one to two stop (Bespoke) itinerary depending on their needs.

### Pricing

€39-€59pp based on parties of 6+. Minimum payment of 6 pax required. Advance booking required. Participants must be over 16 years of age to take the tour on electric bike and must be over 18 years of age to participate in cider/whiskey tours.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Carina Mount Charles

**E** carina@rockfarmslane.ie

**T** +353 (0) 41 9884861

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open Daily. Full day tour – 0900-1715hrs. Half day tour – 0900-1530hrs.

Cycling tours – 1 April - 31 Oct. Self-drive/bus options – 1 Mar - 30 Nov.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Not suitable for those with limited mobility

Rain proof jacket, suitable footwear for cycling and walking through farms.

### Transport

[www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Rock Farm Slane [www.rockfarmslane.ie/book-now/accommodation/](http://www.rockfarmslane.ie/book-now/accommodation/)

Please see [www.visitslane.ie](http://www.visitslane.ie) for additional B&B accommodation

[www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (40 mins)

### Experiences Nearby

Slane Castle & Distillery Visitor Centre (10 mins) [www.slanecastle.ie](http://www.slanecastle.ie)

Newgrange Passage Tombs (15 mins) [www.newgrange.com](http://www.newgrange.com)

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre (20 mins) [www.battleoftheboyne.ie](http://www.battleoftheboyne.ie)





## Where History & Culture Live On

### Business Details

Russborough House & Parklands, Blessington, Co. Wicklow

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**W** [www.russborough.ie](http://www.russborough.ie)

**Business Contact** Frieda O'Connell

### Experience

There are many things to admire on a guided tour of Russborough House for instance the beauty of the Lafranchini ceilings, furniture from Louis XV's time, tapestries & silver. Your guide will tell the story of 3 Families from the Earls of Milltown 1751 to the Daly Family and finally Sir Alfred & Lady Beit who were heirs to a fortune made in diamond mining. An Audio guide will be introduced at the end of March, 2017. This will include the history of Russborough, its owners and a description of the lands which the visitor is walking around. The 18th century walled garden which was under restoration since 2011 is opening on 1 March, 2017 for pre booked groups. English, German and French guides available.

Duration – Guided tour 1 hr; exhibition 20 mins; walled garden 30 mins

### Pricing

Adults €12pp

Senior & Student €9pp

House tour 20 Pax; Walled Garden 15; Birds of Prey 20 Pax

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refresehments

1 March to 18 December; Monday to Sunday

1000-1700hrs (Pre booked groups will be admitted earlier as booked).

Full Restaurant on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Wheelchair accessible for main floor, top floor only accessible by stairs.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Naas (20 mins)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 30 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Avon Ri Water Sports (4 mins) [www.avonri.com](http://www.avonri.com)

Glendalough (35 mins) [www.glendalough.ie](http://www.glendalough.ie)

The Irish National Stud & Gardens (30 mins) [www.irishnationalstud.ie](http://www.irishnationalstud.ie)



## Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny

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**W** [www.smithwicksexperience.com](http://www.smithwicksexperience.com)

**Business Contact** Mark McGovern/Martin Hanrahan

### Experience

Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny is a fully guided tour, open all year round. While all tours are guided in English, complimentary audio guides are available in French, German, Spanish and Italian. A pint of Smithwick's or a soft drink is included at the end of the tour. Visitors are taken on an interactive journey through over 300 years of history behind Ireland's most popular ale and will find out how the famous ale is made. The tour provides a great blend of human and digital interaction which provides lots of surprises along the way. All staff are from the local area in Kilkenny. Duration – 1 hr

### Pricing

€13 Adults (10% discount if purchased online). €11 (students +18 and seniors). €33 Families. €7 Students under 18. Free under six years old

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Contact Reservations

**E** [info@smithwicksexperience.com](mailto:info@smithwicksexperience.com)

**T** As above

Advanced booking required. Tour is kept to a maximum of 25, for larger groups (50), group is broken in two.

### Opening Details & Refresehments

Open daily (closed only from 24 – 26 December and Good Friday)

March-October 1000-1800hrs (last tour at 1700hrs)

November-February 1100-1700hrs (last tour at 1600hrs)

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Wheelchair accessible. All visitors under 18 are offered a complimentary soft drink.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City (immediate vicinity)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 30 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Kilkenny Castle [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

Rothe House [www.rothehouse.com](http://www.rothehouse.com)

St. Canice's Cathedral [www.stcanicescathedral.ie](http://www.stcanicescathedral.ie)

All within walking distance.





## Jameson Experience – Behind the Scenes Tour/Whiskey Tastings

### Business Details

The Jameson Distillery Midleton, Distillery Walk, Midleton, Co. Cork  
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**T** +353 (0) 21 4613594  
**E** Midleton@jamesonwhiskey.com  
**W** www.jamesonwhiskey.com

**Business Contact** Ignacio Peregrina

### Experience

Jameson whiskey has been distilled and aged at Midleton for nearly two hundred years. Visitors are treated to a full tour of the 15 acre grounds where they learn about the hardworking people and the field-to-glass processes behind the famous Jameson taste. Bigger doesn't always mean better but for those looking to immerse themselves in the world of Irish Whiskey, there's no better place to start than Jameson Distillery, Midleton. All tours are delivered in English. For advance group bookings, where available, a French or German speaking tour guide can be arranged. Printed materials available in 8 different languages. Duration – 1.5-2.5 hr

### Pricing

Tours size: 35 pax. All group bookings require advance booking

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes – Please contact Reservations directly for further information

**FIT Rate** Yes – Please contact Reservations directly for further information

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes – Please contact Reservations directly for further information

**Tour Series Rate** Yes – Please contact Reservations directly for further information

**Group Bookings Contact** Bernie Hayes/Kelly O'Mahony

**E** Midleton@jamesonwhiskey.com

**T** +353 (0) 21 4613594

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open from 1000-1800hrs all year round, except selected dates during Christmas and Good Friday.

#### Tour times:

Nov-March – 1100/1300/1445/1615hrs. April-Oct – 1000-1630hrs.

Malt House Restaurant onsite.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking facilities on site. Wheelchair accessible. We advise guests to wear comfortable footwear and have adequate rain wear.

### Transport

Bus Éireann – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Cork City (20 mins)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport (25 mins)

### Experiences Nearby

Fota Wildlife Park (15 mins) www.fotawildlife.ie

Titanic Experience Cork (20 mins) www.titanicexperiencecobh.ie

Leahy's Farm (20 mins) www.leahysopenfarm.ie



## Fethard Horse Country Experience

### Business Details

Main Street, Fethard, Co. Tipperary

**Postcode** E91 R652

**T** +353 (0) 86 2747044

**E** mauricemoloney@coolmore.ie

**W** www.theFHCexperience.com

**Business Contact** Maurice Moloney

### Experience

The Fethard Horse Country experience offers guests the opportunity to discover the rich culture and heritage of the region. This interactive exhibition examines the relationship between the people, the land itself and the horse revealing how they are all inextricably linked

The meticulous restoration of the C17th Tholsel building forms part of the journey of re-tracing the history of the area. Individual tales of characters well remembered are woven into the overarching themes and narratives of the showcase embedding them in their historical context.

Fethard is one of the finest examples of a medieval walled town and views of these walls set against a backdrop of working farms and horse-filled fields give visitors an immediate connection to the past with a simultaneous feeling of living history.

Duration – 1 hr

### Pricing

€7.50pp

Group bookings in advance.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group bookings** **E** enquiries@theFHCexperience.com

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Seasonal (by appointment for groups out of season)

1000-1600hrs

Tea, coffee & snacks available.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking nearby. Lift in place to service two upper floors – entire exhibition is wheelchair accessible

### Transport

Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 1 hr 10 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Clonmel (20 mins) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Rock of Cashel (20 mins) www.cashel.ie

Cahir Castle (25 mins) www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/cahircastle

Holy Cross Abbey (30 mins) www.holycrossabbey.ie





## Tullamore D.E.W. – Irish Whiskey Experience

### Business Details

Tullamore Dew, Bury Quay, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Ireland

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**E** info@tullamoredew.com

tullamore.dew@wgrant.com

**W** www.tullamoredew.com

**Business Contact** Cathy Sullivan

### Experience

For whiskey explorers eager to learn about the history and craft of the world-renowned Tullamore D.E.W., a visit to the Tullamore D.E.W. Old Bonded Warehouse is a must. This unique visitor experience is set in Tullamore D.E.W.'s original 19th century bonded warehouse. All tours are guided and visitors get an opportunity to put their new found knowledge to the test with their very own Tullamore D.E.W. personal tasting. Visitors (group only) also take away a beautiful Tullamore D.E.W. branded nosing glass as a memento of their visit. Print Material: French & German. Audio guides plus guides with language capabilities. Duration – 45 mins for group tours

### Pricing

€14pp

Group Size: 15-40 pax

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Marsha Sutcliffe

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### Opening Details & Refreshment

Mon-Sat: 0930-1800hrs

Sundays: 1130-1700hrs

Closed Good Friday and 24 Dec - 1 Jan inclusive

"The Bond" is our on-site restaurant and bar

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking facilities available. We are a wheelchair accessible historic building. Wear comfortable footwear.

### Transport

Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 10 mins

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Tullamore (walking distance) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Lough Boora Parklands (20 mins) www.loughboora.com

Birr Castle (35 mins) www.birrcastle.com

Slieve Bloom Mountains (35 mins) www.slievebloom.ie



## World's First Viking Virtual Reality 3D Adventure

### Business Details

Bishop's Palace, The Mall, Viking Triangle, Waterford, X91 E279

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**W** www.waterfordtreasures.com

**Business Contact** Eamonn McEneaney

### Experience

King of the Vikings – A dynamic Virtual Reality 3D experience, bringing you up close and personal with the Viking warlords who founded Waterford Ireland's oldest city! This experience is housed in a replica Viking house within the atmospheric ruins of a medieval monastery in the heart of the Viking city. Next to Reginald's Tower where the Treasures of Viking Waterford and a full size Viking longship are displayed. Experience is in English only with guide and virtual reality. The re-enactor guide, a Viking comb-maker or his wife, regales the visitor with stories about life in Viking Waterford who is invited to don a special magical helmet that will transport them back 1100 years where they come face to face with the great heroic and legendary Viking leader Reginald, founder of the city of Waterford and King of Waterford and York.

Duration – 30 mins

### Pricing

€7 adult; €5 child

Max 20. Group bookings require advance booking.

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Open 7 days per week.

Bishop's Palace Café within 20m walking distance.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. No mobility limitations, all on flat. Minimum 7 years.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Waterford City (immediate vicinity)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 2 hrs

### Experiences Nearby

Reginald's Tower Treasures of Viking Waterford (2 mins walk)

Medieval Museum Treasures of Medieval Waterford (2 mins walk)

Bishop's Palace Treasures of Georgian and Victorian Waterford (3 mins walk)

All www.waterfordtreasures.com





## Viking Ship Cruise

### Business Details

Viking Tours Ireland, 7 St Marys Place, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, N37 WR94  
**T** +353 (0) 86 2621136  
**E** vikingmike@vikingtoursireland.ie  
**W** www.vikingtoursireland.ie

**Business Contact** Michael Mc Donnell

### Experience

Step on board the Viking ship built of timber in 1923. Your guide will provide commentary (English only) on local history, on the religious history attached to the islands and to the Viking history attached to the River Shannon, Lough Ree and Clonmacnois. Your guide will also give a talk on the flora and fauna found in the midlands as well as on the environment as the region is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Special Protected Area (SPA). Sailings include a one way trip to Clonmacnois where you can disembark and visit Clonmacnois, as well as sailings around Lough Ree.

A discount voucher is given to every passenger on admission to 14 other attractions in the area.

Duration – anything from 45 mins to 90 mins depending on the sailing chosen.

### Pricing

Lough Ree – €12 per adult

Clonmacnois – €18 per adult

30 minimum; maximum 71. Advanced booking required.

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Season normally runs from Easter to the end of Halloween but will cater for group bookings outside that period (weather & water levels permitting)

Tea/Coffee complimentary, Snack Shop and a Bar on board. Food requirements and other refreshments are catered for by request.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Wheelchair accessible except rest room.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Athlone Town (immediate vicinity)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 20 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Athlone Castle (immediate vicinity) www.athlonecastle.ie

Belvedere House (40 mins) www.belvedere-house.ie



## Afternoon Tea Served by your own Victorian Maid

### Business Details

Wells House and Gardens, Ballyedmond, Gorey, Co Wexford  
**GPS** 52.528448 – 6.346021  
**T** +353 (0) 53 9186737  
**E** info@wellshouse.ie  
**W** www.wellshouse.ie

**Business Contact** Sabine Rosler

### Experience

Visit the award winning Wells House and Gardens, set in the lush green countryside of Co Wexford on Ireland's East Coast. Enjoy a meet and greet with owner Sabine as she talks through the restoration of the house and gardens based on the plans by Daniel Robertson from the 1830s then step back in time and learn more of the history of the house & the families who lived there for over 300 years on a guided house tour. Afterwards in the stunning dining room of Wells enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea served on vintage china & silverware by your very own Victorian maid. Enjoy a walk through the woodlands, a browse through the Craft Courtyard and the stunning gardens as part of your visit. Guided tour in English only.

Duration – approx. 2 hrs. More time can be given for groups to enjoy the grounds.

### Pricing

Group rate only for this particular experience.

Afternoon tea option is available for a min of 15 people and max of 30.

Advance booking is required of 14 days and is subject to availability.

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** No

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** No

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details

Open all year round

May-Sept 1000-1800hrs and Oct-April 1100-1600hrs with extended hours by arrangement

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Wells House and Gardens is mobility friendly however the activities would have limitations.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Gorey town (20 mins)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 30 mins

### Experiences Nearby

Ferns Castle (20 mins) www.fernsvillage.ie/ferns-heritage-page53898.html

Wexford Heritage Park (30 mins) www.inhp.com





## Wicklow Gaol Historic Tours

### Business Details

Wicklow's Historic Gaol, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow

**GPS** 52.978909, -6.037345

**T** +353 (0) 404 61599

**E** info@wicklowshistoricgaol.com

**W** www.wicklowshistoricgaol.com

**Business Contact** Emeir O' Connell

### Experience

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 recreates over 200 years of Irish history through the eyes of the inmates. The tour is partially guided (English only) and audio guides are also available. Print Materials available in English/Chinese; Audio guides available in English/French/German/Italian/Spanish.

Duration – 1 hr

### Pricing

Adult €7.90, Child (under 16) €5.00, Student/OAP €6.70, Family €20

Group bookings require advanced booking by email/phone. Max no. 50 per Tour

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Marie Comerford

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details

Daily 1030-1630hrs

The Gaol is open all year round and is not subject to weather conditions.

Jailer's Rest café is onsite

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Disabled parking spaces are available closer to the main door. The ground floor of Wicklow Gaol is fully wheelchair accessible. The upper and lower floors are not wheelchair accessible. All visitors should be careful of their steps throughout the jail and be careful of low doorways. There is a large public car park in front of Wicklow Gaol and space for two coaches.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Wicklow Town (immediate vicinity)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (53 mins)

### Experiences Nearby

Powerscourt Gardens (35 mins) www.powerscourt.com

Mount Usher Gardens (12 mins) www.mountushergardens.ie

Killruddery House & Gardens (30 mins) www.killruddery.com



## 'Floating through Time' River Tour

### Business Details

Llewellyn and Murray Activities Ltd, t/a Boyne Valley Activities, Stone Hall, Trim, Co Meath

**T** +353 (0) 86 7342585

**E** info@boynevalleyactivities.ie

**W** www.boynevalleyactivities.ie

**Business Contact** James Murray

### Experience

'Floating Through Time' River Tour is a unique 1 hr 45 min journey through Medieval Trim. The visitor climbs on-board an inflatable raft and paddles their way down the river following the routes our ancestors took. We pull up and visit the ruins of The Cathedral of St Peter and Paul. The tour is guided by very knowledgeable local guides and is hugely entertaining. The tour ends at a quaint little pub, where visitors can drop in for a drink afterwards. Tour duration: 2 hrs.

Experience is guided with English speaking guides.

### Pricing & Capacity

€30 per person

Min. number 4; max. 16. Advance booking required.

Scheduled Departures: 3 times daily 1000, 1400 and 1900hrs.

### Tour Operator Rate

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact:** As above

### Opening Details

900-1800hrs May-Sept (Seasonal)

The excursion will not run in a flooded river but will run in rain. Rain jackets supplied.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Accommodates small and medium coaches, max. 2 of each. No parking for large coaches. Access to get onto the raft may be difficult for people with mobility issues but once on board it is a relaxed activity. Wellington boots and life jackets are provided on arrival.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Trim – 2 mins drive www.discoverireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (45 mins drive)

### Experiences Nearby

Trim Castle Tour (7 mins walk)

www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/trimcastle/

Trim Living History Group Tour (7 mins walk) www.discoverboynevalley.ie/plan-your-visit/things-to-do/trim-living-history-group

Blackfriary Dig (7 mins walk) www.iafs.ie/index.php/the-black-friary-dig/





## The Butler Trail

### Business Details

Tipperary Tourism, Ballingarrane House, Cahir Rd., Co. Tipperary  
**T** +353 (0) 76 1065000  
**E** [tourism@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:tourism@tipperarycoco.ie)  
**W** [www.tipperary.com](http://www.tipperary.com)

**Business Contact** Marie Phelan

### Experience

The Butler Trail steeped deep in medieval heritage links the 3 towns of Carrick on Suir, Clonmel and Cahir, Co. Tipperary in a 38km drive with indulgent stops at castles, cottages and courts! Each stop off point offers self-guided audio tours in English, French and German allowing you to take it all in at your own pace, discover hidden gems and mix with the locals.

App audio guides for each town available in English, French and German – Carrick on Suir, Cahir, Clonmel

Duration – 40 mins per town

**Group Bookings Contact** As above

**E** As Above

**T** As Above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

App available at all times.

Cahir Castle is open all year around, the app and audio guides are available all year around, the Main Guard and Ormond Castle are seasonal.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking in each town

### Transport

[www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Cork Airport – 1 hr 10 mins drive from Clonmel

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Accommodation available in each town [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Experiences Nearby

Rock of Cashel (20 mins) from Cahir/Clonmel [www.cashel.ie](http://www.cashel.ie)

Cahir Castle (Cahir Village)

<http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/cahircastle/>



## Lough Boora Discovery Park

### Business Details

Lough Boora Discovery Park, Leabeg, Blueball, Tullamore, Co Offaly  
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**T** +353 (0) 57 9340010  
 +353 (0) 86 2896397  
**E** [Info@loughboora.com](mailto:Info@loughboora.com)  
**W** [www.loughboora.com](http://www.loughboora.com)

**Business Contact** Thomas Egan

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**T** +353 (0) 86 2896397

### Experience

Lough Boora Discovery Park is located in Co Offaly and is open all year round. It is an outdoor Amenity Park developed on a former industrial bogland. It has over 50 kms of tarred and gravel looped walkways and over 20kms of tarred looped cycle paths that take the visitor through wonderful natural habitats of wetlands, woodlands, wild grassland, lakes and an outdoor Internationally acclaimed Sculpture Park and Lough Boora Mesolithic Site c6800-7000BC. Recommended time for visit with tour 1.5 hrs.

### Pricing & Capacity

Self guided tour of park and sculptures is free. Guided tours/bike hire at nominal charge. Max 35-40 persons per tour. Advance booking required. €4 per person for guided tours

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Lisa and Helen

**E** [info@loughboora.com](mailto:info@loughboora.com)

**T** +353 (0) 57 9340010

### Opening Details

Park open 365 days

Guided tours: April-Sept – 1000-1600hrs. 3.3km walk

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Bus and Car Parking free on site. Visitor Centre with Café open 0930-1800hrs. Outdoor lakeside seating available with outdoor picnic facilities in various locations.

Bike hire available for all age groups on site and all the paths are on flat family friendly terrain and cater for all age groups from young to juniors to adults. Outdoor clothing and comfortable footwear advised for cycling tours/walking loops. Site is wheelchair friendly.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Tullamore – [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport (1 hr 10 mins drive)

### Experiences Nearby

Birr Castle and Gardens (20 mins drive) [www.birrcastle.com](http://www.birrcastle.com)

Clonmacnoise Monastic site (30 mins drive) <http://www.heritageireland.ie>

Tullamore Dew Visitor Centre (20-25 mins drive)

[www.tullamoredew.com/en-gb/visit-us/](http://www.tullamoredew.com/en-gb/visit-us/)





## Glaslough Heritage Trail

### Business Details

Office: Monaghan County Council, County Offices, The Glen, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan.

**GPS** 54.3173° N, 6.8971° W

**T** +353 (0) 47 81122

**E** info@monaghtourism.com

**W** <http://www.monaghtourism.com/index.php/walking/310-glaslough-heritage-trail>

**Business Contact** Tourism Officer

### Experience

Take a walk through Glaslough village which is in the North East corner of Co. Monaghan and hear stories of the Leslie family and the village community and the way the two have been closely linked for over 350 years.

Starting beside the Famine Monument and finishing at Saint Salvador's Church the trail follows a route of 2 kilometres, open for all to enjoy, around the village and into the Castle Leslie estate.

The trail reveals many stories of time past and present, telling us why railways were once the life of rural communities, how superstition once influenced burial practices and explaining Glaslough's past role as a centre of agricultural innovation and market town. It also describes the differences between life upstairs and downstairs in a great house, and discusses some of the colourful characters who have stayed in Glaslough over the years.

This easy to follow trail through the village of Glaslough is part of Ireland's Ancient East, a network of stories in the landscape stretching back 5,000 years.

Scan the QR code to download the Free App available on <http://www.monaghtourism.com/index.php/walking/310-glaslough-heritage-trail>

Audio is available in English

Trail information on the App is in English, Irish, German & French.

Trail distance – 2km

### Opening Details

Open 365 days a year

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Dress for the weather. Moderate level of fitness required.

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Glaslough [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 20 mins



## Trail Kilkenny

### Business Details

Kilkenny Trails, 10 St Patrick's Court, Kilkenny

**T** +353 (0) 56 7752111

**E** trails@trailkilkenny.ie

**W** <http://www.trailkilkenny.ie/activity-trails/scenic-walks/>

**Business Contact** E trails@trailkilkenny.ie

### Experience

Trail Kilkenny offers a range of Scenic Walks throughout county Kilkenny. Each has its own character and the terrain will suit different fitness levels. Some are leisurely walks, taking you through leafy country lanes and across fields to the riverbank, others offer a more challenging walk up hillside paths to the top of the Hill with super views of the surrounding countryside.

Trail Kilkenny offers other activity trails to help you discover more of Kilkenny's countryside; including river walks on the Nore Valley Walk and cycle routes. Bike Hire Operators are in place to supply bikes for groups. Guided tours in English only.

Minimum loop walk available is 1 hr with options with a range of loop walks available for 2 hrs-3 hrs and the longest loop walk is 7 hrs.

### Pricing

Self Guided Trails are FREE. Adults €4 per person for guided tours Students/OAPs €3 per person for guided tours. Bike hire does require advance booking.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group bookings Contact** For guided options, email as above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

The walking trails are open 365 days.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking facilities available depending on walk location. A mixed terrain of walking paths may impact persons with mobility limitations. A reasonable level of fitness is needed. Comfortable walking shoes or boots, raining coat, water. Suitable clothing for cycling. Refreshments available in Kilkenny City before departure and at various villages along the trail routes.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Kilkenny City – [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Experiences Nearby

Kilkenny Castle (2 mins drive) [www.kilkennycastle.ie](http://www.kilkennycastle.ie)

Dunmore Cave (15 mins drive)

[www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/dunmorecave/](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/dunmorecave/)

Jerpoint Park (20 mins drive) [www.jerpointpark.ie](http://www.jerpointpark.ie)





## Laois Heritage Trails multilingual audio guides and app

### Business Details

Office: Laois County Council, County Hall, Portlaoise, Co Laois, R32 EHP9  
**T** +353 (0) 57 8664129  
**E** ccasey@laoiscoco.ie  
**W** <http://www.laois.ie/departments/heritage/laois-heritage-trail/>

**Business Contact** Catherine Casey

### Experience

This is a smartphone app to the heritage sites of Laois, available to download for free on I-tunes (Apple phones) and the Google Play store (Android). The app features maps, photos and audio guides to the sites of the Laois Heritage Trail and Laois Monastic Trail in English, Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Mandarin. Three short films on the stories of the area, covering the historic houses and towns, the workhouse and the monastic story of Laois are all available in each of the languages on Youtube, at the link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LaoisHeritage/playlists>. There are 30 sites covered in the app in total, the user can travel between sites or just select one or two to visit as they wish. Each site can be visited in about an hour, though this varies between sites.

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshments

Most of the sites are unstaffed and as such are open year-round during daylight hours. The key sites at Abbeyleix, Donaghmore and Timahoe are open as below:

*Timahoe: Open by arrangement*

**T** Roghan Headen +353 (0) 87 6813116

**W** <https://www.facebook.com/Timahoeroundtower/?fref=ts>

*Donaghmore*

Mon-Fri 0900-1700hrs. Weekends by arrangement

**T** Trevor Stanley +353 (0) 86 8296685

**W** <https://www.facebook.com/DonaghmoreWorkhouseMuseum/>

*Abbeyleix Heritage House*

Open Tuesday-Saturday

**T** Paula Maher +353 (0) 57 8731653

**W** [www.abbeyleixheritage.com](http://www.abbeyleixheritage.com)

Opening hours, contact details and entry fees for OPW-run sites (Heywood Gardens and Emo Court) can be found at <http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/>. Tearooms available at some sites.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Dress for the weather. Some sites are not suitable for people with limited mobility, due to nature of the ground and/or slope

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann – [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Portlaoise [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 2 hrs



## Cavan Burren Park

### Business Details

Cavan Burren Park, Burren, Blacklion, Cavan, Ireland

**GPS** 54.262980, -7.890357

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**E** [goconnor@cavancoco.ie](mailto:goconnor@cavancoco.ie)

**W** [www.cavanburrenpark.ie](http://www.cavanburrenpark.ie)

**Business Contact** Gráinne O'Connor

### Experience

Cavan Burren Park is a 124-hectare park on the slopes of Cuilcagh Mountain in scenic West Cavan. It is home to a remarkable number of ancient tombs and monuments dating back over 4,500 years.

There are 10km of sign-posted trails, ranging from accessible trails to bog bridge trails over limestone bedrock. A visitor centre explains the 340 million-year history of the park.

Trails within the park include the Calf House Dolmen Trail, the Giant's Leap Trail and the Tullygobban Lough Trail. Each boasts its own fascinating story, along with unique biodiversity and archaeology and stunning 360° views of the UNESCO Marble Arch Geopark. All interpretation is currently conducted through English. Tour guides are available and can be booked in advance.

### Pricing & Capacity

Entry is free for everyone

Duration: 1-3 hrs. Minimum time required 45 mins.

**Group bookings** Gráinne O'Connor

**E** [goconnor@cavancoco.ie](mailto:goconnor@cavancoco.ie)

**T** +353 (0) 49 9526121

### Opening Details

Open year-round – 0900hrs to dusk.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Large car-parking area capable of accommodating several coaches. Visitors should dress warmly, bring rain gear and wear comfortable footwear. The park has clearly marked multi-access trails suitable for wheelchair users; however, some trails such as the bog bridge trails, are not accessible for visitors with limited mobility. There are trails to suit all ages and all abilities. Rest Room facilities available.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Blacklion (5 mins drive)

Glenfame (10 mins drive)

Bawnboy (25 mins drive)

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 45 mins

### Experiences Nearby

The Shannon Pot (5 mins drive)

[www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com/attraction/shannon-port/](http://www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com/attraction/shannon-port/)

Tullydermot Waterfalls (10 mins drive)

[www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com/map/tullydermot-falls/](http://www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com/map/tullydermot-falls/)

Marble Arch Caves, Co Fermanagh (11 mins drive)

[www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com/marble-arch-caves/](http://www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com/marble-arch-caves/)





## The Norman Way

### Business Details

Office: Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford Town, Co. Wexford.

**GPS** Coming from Rosslare Europort, the first Norman Way site is Lady's Island (52.20971, -6.38014)

At the other end of the ten sites is Kilmore Quay (52.172692, -6.589436). The new interpretive experience at St. Mary's Church in New Ross is wonderful and marks what will be the end of the trail when completed. (52.396322, -6.941362)

**T** +353 (0) 53 9196000

**E** thenormanway@wexfordcoco.ie

**W** www.thenormanway.com

**Business Contact** Sonia Hunt & Siobhan O'Neill

### Experience

The Norman Way is a heritage and cycling trail that runs along the beautiful south coast of County Wexford. Along this Wexford Trail you will discover authentic medieval sites which will help you to understand the Norman way of life. All of the sites are free of charge. They range from medieval church ruins, to historic and picturesque villages to a windmill and more. All of the sites have a wonderful interpretive panel with bespoke illustration on site, along with bike racks. Most have Norman Way benches installed at them too. Take in one or two of these hidden treasures or travel along the Norman Way to see them all, while enjoying the local food, countryside and hospitality.

Duration – From 90 mins – 2 hrs

### Refreshments

As you travel along the Norman Way there are several villages with a range of shops and charming local pubs and restaurants on hand.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available at some sites. Most of the heritage sites on the Norman Way are not wheelchair-friendly. (However the largest, St. Mary's Church in New Ross, is.)

### Public Transport

Bus Éireann & Irish Rail – www.transportforireland.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Wexford Town www.discoverireland.ie

### Nearest Airport

Dublin Airport – 1 hr 50 mins

### Experiences Nearby

The Irish National Heritage Park (25 mins) www.inhp.com

The Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience (35 mins) www.dunbrody.com

Hook Lighthouse (40 mins) www.hookheritage.ie



## Waterford Greenway

Business Details Waterford Greenway, Waterford City and County Council, The Mall, Waterford

**GPS** Dungarvan – Walton Park 52.092489, -7.616947; Kilmacthomas – 52.201992, -7.406314; Waterford City – 52.264199, -7.119373

**E** waterfordgreenway@waterfordcouncil.ie

**W** www.deisegreenway.com

**Business Contact** **E** waterfordgreenway@waterfordcouncil.ie

### Experience

The old railway line from Waterford City, Ireland's oldest city to the market town of Dungarvan in west Waterford is a spectacular 46km off-road cycling and walking trail. It travels through time and nature across eleven bridges, three tall viaducts and a long atmospheric tunnel, all the way from the river to the sea.

Along this route in Ireland's Ancient East is a Viking settlement, Norman castles, medieval ruins, a famine workhouse, old railway stations and a heritage railway train that still runs along part of the track.

Bike hire operators are in place to supply bikes for Groups. Brochures available in English. Small fee for guided tours in English only.

### Pricing

Self guided Greenway Access is FREE. Adults €4 per person for guided tours. Students/OAPs €3 per person.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Group bookings Contact** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Greenway is open 365 days.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car parking facilities available. Easy walking flat terrain. There are no mobility restrictions as wheelchair accessible points along the Greenway. Comfortable walking shoes or boots and suitable clothing for cycling. Refreshments on site.

### Transport

Bus Éireann www.buseireann.ie

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Waterford City – Dungarvan (45 mins drive) www.discoverireland.ie

Dungarvan – Waterford City (45 mins drive) www.discoverireland.ie

Tramore – Waterford city (15 mins drive) www.discoverireland.ie

### Experiences Nearby

Waterford and Suir Valley Railway (20 mins drive) www.wsvrailway.ie

Mount Congreve Gardens (15 mins drive) www.mountcongreve.com

Dungarvan Castle (45 mins drive)

www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/dungarvancastle



# IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST SAMPLE ITINERARY

5,000 YEARS OF HISTORY IN 7 DAYS

TO HELP YOU PROGRAMME THIS AREA, HERE IS A SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR YOU TO CONSIDER WHICH WILL HELP YOUR CLIENT, BE THEY GROUP OR FIT, TO NAVIGATE THIS AREA. FOR OTHER SAMPLE ITINERARIES FOR IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST PLEASE EMAIL [BUSINESSDEVELOPMENT@FAILTEIRELAND.IE](mailto:BUSINESSDEVELOPMENT@FAILTEIRELAND.IE)



This is a tour of epic proportions, delving deep into our past and sweeping through more than 5,000 years of history. Along the way you'll be blasted with sea air at lighthouses, walk through haunting passage graves, visit iconic monasteries and get to grips with the mighty Vikings as they swept through the island. It's a journey that will bring you through dramatic green landscapes, peaceful gardens and lovely coastal villages. Welcome to Ireland's Ancient East.

## DAY 1

Start your day at **Cork Harbour**, you can almost hear the history whispering on the salty sea breezes. Legend has it that around 1000BC, one of the first colonists of the island, Neimheidh, landed in the port of Cobh. He and his followers were wiped out in a plague, but **Cobh** has thrived ever since, and today is a colourful town with deep connections to the past.

As last port of call for the Titanic, as well as historic departure point for hundreds of thousands of emigrants over the centuries, Cobh's history is laden with heartache. Step inside the **Titanic Experience Cobh**, and **Cobh, The Queenstown Story** – to explore the story of both.

**Allow 2 hours for these experiences**

### Lunch in Cobh

Heading north you'll pass through the busy town of Fermoy, with its 13th century Cistercian abbey, before reaching the horseshoe-shaped **Lough Gur**. Rippling with myth and legend, the area here has a history stretching back 6,000 years. Look into the waters and see if you can see any sign of Gearóid Iarla, who was banished to the depths by the Goddess Áine... or so the legend goes.

**Allow 1½ hours to enjoy the sites of Fermoy and Lough Gur**

Let the beautiful greens of the scenery wash over you as you drive into the heart of **Tipperary's Golden Vale**. Soon you'll see the **Rock of Cashel** emerging out of the landscape like a fairytale castle. It's one of Ireland's most iconic sites and as you walk up the steep hill to the entrance, you'll understand why. Huge, craggy and imposing – this is where St Patrick is said to have converted the King of Munster to Christianity in the 5th century, accidentally stabbing him in the foot with his crozier in the process. Explore the Gothic cathedral, see Ireland's oldest frescoes in the 12th century chapel and take in the stunning views of one of the greenest parts of Ireland.

**Allow 1 hour for this experience**

**If you have more time:** Stop off at **Fethard Horse** Country Experience, telling the story of the people of Fethard and county Tipperary through the generations from the arrival of the Normans to the present day of Coolmore Stud.

**Allow 45 minutes for this experience**

### Overnight & Dinner **Waterford city**





Reginald's Tower, Co. Waterford



Irish National Heritage Park, Co. Wexford

## DAY 2

Start your day in Waterford city. Often referred to as "Ireland's oldest city", Waterford was founded by Norse invaders in 914AD. In its Viking Triangle of historic monuments, you can trace the city's past within the fascinating trio of **Waterford Treasures**, including the Medieval Museum, Reginald's Tower and Bishop's Palace. Get up close and personal with the Viking warlords in a replica Viking house, at the world's first Viking Virtual Reality 3D Adventure – King of the Vikings.

### Allow 2 hours for this experience

Walking around, you're likely to notice a "blaa" or two. Part of the city's history, it's thought that these tasty bread rolls were introduced by the Huguenots in the 17th century. Enjoy costumed afternoon tea at the **Athenaeum House Hotel** before hitting the road to New Ross.

Perched on the River Barrow, New Ross is a small but bustling place, anchored by the **Dunbrody Famine Ship**, a replica of an 1840s emigrant vessel. Step on board to uncover the truly emotional history of Ireland's emigrant past.

### Allow 1 hour for this experience

Travel north to County Kilkenny, following the scenic route through the Nore Valley. Now you're into beautiful terrain studded with pretty villages, such as Thomastown and Bennettsbridge. Close by are the grounds of Mount Juliet, with its exquisite parkland golf course, fishing, archery and horse trails, as well as refreshments in The Manor House.

Continue to Kilkenny City, as well as its lively nightlife, great restaurants and traditional old pubs, Kilkenny's star is the **Medieval Mile Museum** – hear tales of witch trials, almshouses and besieged castles as you tour this city at a leisurely pace. Step inside the Medieval Mile Museum. Set in the 13th century St Mary's church, hear the stories of the wealthy merchants who ruled Kilkenny between 1200 and 1650.

### Allow 2 hours for this experience

**If you have more time:** Make your way to **Irish National Heritage Park**. This outdoor museum depicts 9000 years bringing you on an unforgettable journey through Ireland's past and experience stories, sights and sounds that shaped Ireland.

### Allow 45 minutes for this experience

### Overnight & Dinner Kilkenny

## DAY 3

Setting the tone perfectly for today is a tour of **Huntington Castle and Gardens**, to one of Ireland's hidden treasures. Built in 1625, this fascinating Castle is still lived in by the descendants of the original builders.

### Allow 1 hour for this experience

Continue on to the "Garden of Ireland", where Wicklow's hills bloom with beautiful greens flecked with purple heather. But first, the town of Wicklow and its somewhat brutal tales from the early 18th century at **Wicklow Gaol**. Among them stories of convicts transported from Wicklow to Australia, sometimes just for the crime of stealing bread.

### Allow 1 hour for this experience

From these so-called "Gates of Hell" back to the heart of Wicklow serenity in **Glendalough**, famed for its two lakes and spiritual atmosphere. At the monastic village, cast your mind back to what Glendalough must have been like in its heyday – when it was a retreat for peace-seeking monks. St Kevin first came here in the 6th century, and you get the sense that the landscape hasn't changed much since then. Walk to the water's edge at the Upper Lake, before heading to the fern-green hills around Poulanss waterfall, which cascades gently over mossy rocks. Back in the road, pass through the villages of Laragh, Annanoe and Roundwood and weave down towards Enniskerry.

### Allow 1½ hours for this experience





Russborough House, Co. Wicklow



Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park, Co. Kildare

### Lunch in Enniskerry

On the outskirts of Enniskerry is one of the county's jewels – **Powerscourt House and Gardens**. The magnificence of the estate here really is quite something, with its grand Palladian frontage and baroque domed towers – so much so that one architecture historian described it as possessing “the massive dignity of a great Italian Renaissance villa”. Enjoy a coffee on the terrace, before stepping down the grand staircase into the world-famous gardens, complete with Japanese garden, pet cemetery and gracious statues. A perfect end to a perfect day.

**Allow minimum 1½ hours for this experience**

**If you have more time:** Head to **Russborough House and Parklands**, one of the most stunning Irish houses open. This stunning Palladian mansion of nearly 300 years of grandeur has survived two forced occupations, two fires and four art robberies.

**Allow 1½ hours for this experience**

### Dinner & Overnight Wicklow

## DAY 4

From one grand expanse of green to another – this time into the heart of Ireland's horse country in County Kildare. The flat pastures of **The Curragh** have made it world-famous for its thoroughbreds, and it has one of the finest racing tracks in Europe – so get to a race day if you can, or tour early in the morning and witness the spectacle of long lines of thoroughbreds training across miles of flat, rich plains. There's still plenty of equestrian-related enjoyment to be had nearby at the **Irish National Stud**, where the winners of five Classics were produced and the tale of William Hall Walker is revealed. A true character, Walker used astrological charts to determine the futures of his foals – any born under an undesirable chart were sold. Move from horses to horticulture next at the Japanese Gardens. Designed to represent the “Life of Man”, the gardens were created by Japanese master horticulturalist Tassa Eida, and help you to adjust and adapt to a slower, more peaceful pace. Walk the tranquil woodland and wetlands of the restful St Fiachra's Garden.

**Allow minimum 1½ hours for this experience**

Take a walking tour with a difference at **Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park**. Hear the story of Irish Peatlands and try your hand at some traditional turf cutting and enjoy a trip on the Peatland heritage railway.

**Allow 1 hour for this experience**

Continue to Laois's **Emo Court Demesne**. Here, listen for the echoes of the 1798 Rebellion that once permeated the stillness of these magnificent neoclassical parklands. West again, past the scenic **Slieve Bloom Mountains** and through the village of Kinnitty, which according to legend has the head of a princess buried beneath it.

**Allow 1½ hours for this experience**

### Lunch in Kinnitty

Head for **Birr Castle**, which, resides firmly in the realm of science with its huge Great Telescope sitting at the heart of this vast and beautiful demesne. Designed and built in the 19th century by the Third Earl of Rosse, this telescope was the largest in the world from 1845 to 1914 and was appropriately known as the “Leviathan”. Finish the day with a walk through the gardens, which bloom with roses, wisteria and 300-year-old box hedges.

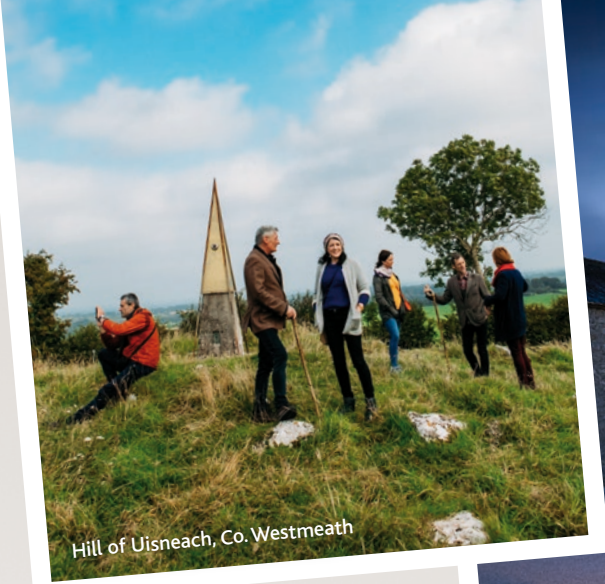
**Allow 1½ hours for this experience**

**If you have more time:** Make your way to The Rock of Dunamase. A gift to Norman Lord Strongbow in 1170 upon his marriage to Aoife, daughter of the King of Leinster, **The Rock of Dunamase** has got to be one of Ireland's most impressive wedding presents. As legend goes, there's even buried treasure lying beneath the castle – guarded by a fearsome hellhound.

**Allow 30 minutes for this experience**

### Dinner & Overnight Birr





Hill of Uisneach, Co. Westmeath



Athlone Castle, Co. Westmeath

## DAY 5

The bones of Christian saints and ancient kings rest side by side at **Clonmacnoise**, founded in 544 by St Ciarán. This site by the River Shannon has withstood raids by unruly Gaels and plundering Norsemen during the centuries, but also managed to produce some impressive sacred texts along the way.

**Allow 45 minutes for this experience**

The Viking Longships have been sailing on our rivers since 795. Step aboard with **Viking Tours**, a heritage boat, which brings you back 1,200 years to cruise the majestic River Shannon from the quayside at Athlone Castle to Lough Ree, the 'Lake of the Kings'.

**Allow 1¼ hours for this experience**

Move from round towers to regal battlements at **Athlone Castle**. The fortress was built in the 13th century in honour of a visit by King John of England, who never arrived! Don't emulate the monarch, though: the keep and walls of this historic site now house a lively museum and are not to be missed.

**Allow 1½ hours for this experience**

### Lunch in Athlone

Let the past light your way at the **Hill of Uisneach**, Ireland's "mythological and sacred" centre, where even today the pagan fire festival Bealtaine is celebrated to herald in the summer. An ancient belief suggests that rocks from Uisneach were used in the construction of Stonehenge. From rocks to bog next as you move on to the **Corlea Trackway**, surrounded by wild terrain. This bog road was built from oak beams in the iron age, some say to carry cargo, others for sacred ceremonial purposes. Follow in the footsteps of our most distant ancestors when you reach this structure that has lasted through the millennia.

**Allow 1½ hours – 2 hours for this experience**

### Dinner & Overnight County Meath

## DAY 6

Start your day at **Loughcrew Cairns** the unsung stars of Ireland's Neolithic era, and explore the Cairns' ancient artwork, the Hag's Chair and hear the legend of a witch.

**Allow 1½ hours for this experience**

Next, and in the middle of a swathe of pristine green fields lies a site that touches at the very heart of Irish history, the **Hill of Tara** – a place with a 5,000-year history, ancient seat of Ireland's High Kings and capital of the mythical god-like race of Tuatha Dé Danann.

**Allow 45 minutes for this experience**

Equally haunting are the passage tombs and sweeping vistas of your next stop: the UNESCO World Heritage Sites around **Brú na Bóinne**. Admire the views with a light lunch in the Visitor Centre, before you enter this treasure trove. Once you've come to terms with the archeological feat that is Newgrange, discover the artistry and secrets of the nearby Great Mound of Knowth, which also dates to 3000BC.

**Allow minimum 2 hours for this experience**

Keep the monastic theme going at **Monasterboice**, founded in the late 5th century by St Buite. The big draw here is the magnificent Muirdeach's High Cross: divided into panels decorated with vivid and lively scenes. There are 124 figures on the cross, but only one appears in headgear – see if you can find Goliath in his conical hat, as well as the few other bearded characters, Adam, Cain, Moses and Saul.

**Allow 45 minutes for this experience**





Carlingford, Co. Louth



Cavan Burren Park, Co. Cavan

Carlingford's Peninsula is next and aim straight for the Carlingford Heritage Centre, found in the beautifully restored medieval church of the Holy Trinity. Starting from 850AD, you can uncover the incredible story of Carlingford from its Viking beginnings to the present day, before soaking up the views from the hillsides. Or you could take to the water for some high-speed thrills with [Carlingford Boat Tours](#).

**Allow 1½ hours for this experience**

**If you have more time:** When it comes to grisly relics, none is more legendary than Saint Oliver Plunkett's preserved head in St Peter's Church Drogheda – a must visit in this County Louth town.

**Allow 30 minutes for this experience**

**Dinner & Overnight County Louth**

Athlone Castle, Co. Westmeath

## DAY 7

Sprinkled with lakes and beautiful scenery, County Monaghan is one of Ireland's lesser explored counties but is full of hidden gems. For starters, it's also the site of one of Ireland's most delicate and intricate crafts – lace making. Here in [Carrickmacross](#) in the 1820s Mrs Grey Porter of Donaghmoynne introduced it as a way for local women to make money. Since then, industry flourished and over the years the lace was favoured by royalty, from Queen Victoria to Princess Diana. The lovely, hand-stitched lace is still a prized possession today.

**Allow 45 minutes for this experience**

Onwards to tranquil Lough Oughter and [Killykeen Forest Park](#), where anglers, hikers, walkers and cyclists can breathe in the absolute beauty of this County Cavan spot. There are more incredible landscapes, too, when you move onto the [Cavan Burren Park](#), part of the [Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark](#). Within this fascinating prehistoric limestone landscape fossils from a coral sea 350 million years ago have been found, while human habitation can be traced back to Neolithic times. With five walking trails through this exceptional landscape, you can explore at your own pace, or step into the past with a guided tour from one of the very knowledgeable Geopark guides.

**Allow 2 hours for this experience**

**If you have more time:** Drop into [Cavan County Museum](#), a centre showcasing the unique heritage and culture of county Cavan, spanning over 6,000 years. Here you will find the World War One Trench Experience.

**Allow 45 minutes for this experience-**

**Depart for Dublin**

**Note:** A list of Storytellers – Ways to engage with the Stories are available on request.

This itinerary is just one of the many ways you can explore Ireland's Ancient East and should be used as a guide only.

A number of story driven itineraries are available, please contact [businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie](mailto:businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie)









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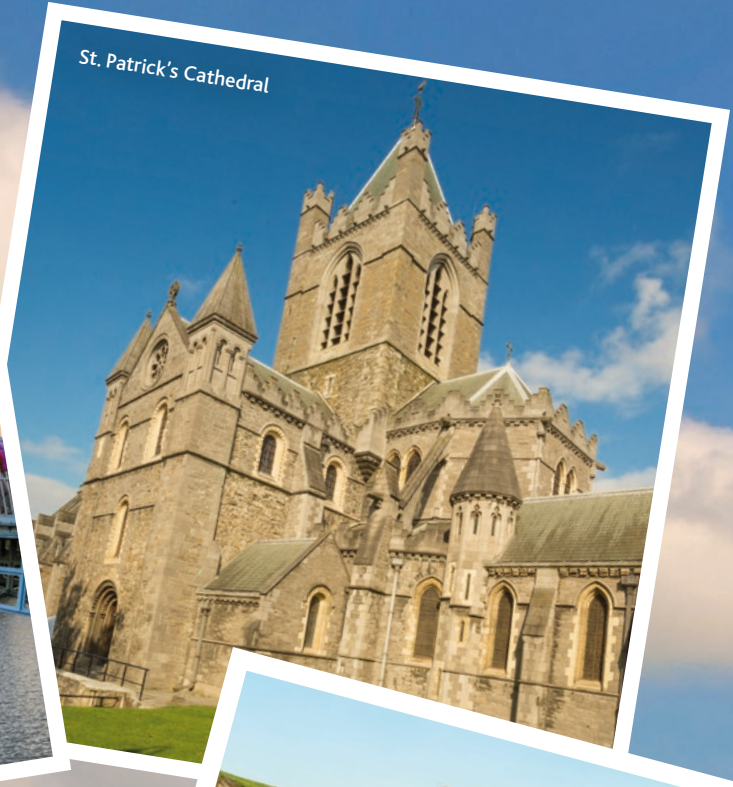
Dublin, a city for all seasons, has a very cosmopolitan feel, yet as a city of words, with a unique literary heritage, it offers a distinctly Irish cultural experience, no matter what season visitors choose to come. The city and its coastline will stimulate and excite different senses each time you visit, 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, or visiting as part of the Island of Ireland holiday experience.







Ha' Penny Bridge



St. Patrick's Cathedral



Dalkey Island







## Chester Beatty Library

### Business Details

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### Experience

'European Museum of the Year' winner and considered 'one of the best multi-cultural museums in Europe', the library's collection features artworks, manuscripts and rare books from around the world dating from 2700BC to present day. Full educational programme of workshops and film screenings are available to book. Information Guide in various languages including French, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic. Advance download @ [www.cbl.ie/Plan-A-Visit/Overseas-Visitors.aspx](http://www.cbl.ie/Plan-A-Visit/Overseas-Visitors.aspx) or access on arrival.

### Pricing

€3pp (Adult); €2pp 3rd-level Student; Primary & Secondary School groups free of charge. Max 15 pax per tour (Larger groups can have staggered tours). Advance booking required for groups

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

Tour in English by expert volunteer guides. Tours in Japanese, Mandarin, Arabic (subject to availability). Online booking [www.cbl.ie/Plan-A-Visit/Guided-Tours/Appy-for-a-Guided-Tour.aspx](http://www.cbl.ie/Plan-A-Visit/Guided-Tours/Appy-for-a-Guided-Tour.aspx)

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Justyna Chmielewska

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Teen programme max 15 (Larger group tours can be staggered. Advance booking required for group tours)

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Mar-Oct: Mon-Fri, 1000-1700hrs; Nov-Feb: Tues-Friday 1000-1700hrs; Saturday 1100-1700hrs & Sunday 1300-1700hrs (All year). Closed: 1 Jan; Good Fri; 24, 25 and 26 Dec & Public holidays.

Silk Road Café @ Chester Beatty Library serves a range ethnic cuisine dishes.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Paid car/coach parking – Ship Street (5 mins); Luas (7 mins); DART (10 mins); Various Dublin Bus services & city sightseeing tours (3 mins)

Accessible building inc. restrooms, exhibits, AV presentation loop system & braille Information leaflet.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin City [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Christchurch Cathedral (5 mins walk) [www.christchurchcathedral.ie](http://www.christchurchcathedral.ie)

Dublin Castle (1 min walk) [www.dublincastle.ie](http://www.dublincastle.ie)

Trinity College – Book of Kells and Science Gallery (7 mins walk) [www.tcd.ie/visitors](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors)



## Discover the Origins of Irish whiskey

### Business Details

Irish Whiskey Museum, 119 Grafton St, Dublin 2

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**Business Contact** Nicola McDonnell

### Experience

Discover the origins of Irish whiskey, its rise to glory and its dramatic fall before new Irish whiskey brands are revealed. This museum situated opposite Trinity College is fully independent from the drinks industry. We offer fully guided tours every 20-30 mins. Tours last 50 mins and every tour includes a whiskey tasting with a minimum of 3 Irish Whiskeys. Tours include our Classic tour, Premium tour, Whiskey and Brunch Experience and Whiskey Blending Experience.

Tours are guided in English, translations available in German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Chinese and Dutch.

### Pricing

Classic Tour €17; Premium €20; Whiskey Blending Experience €28 and Whiskey and Brunch Tour €25. All groups require advance booking. Maximum group size is 30 people; larger groups can be split to depart 15 mins apart.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** No

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open 364 days a year, closed Christmas Day.

1000hrs Monday-Thursday and 0930hrs Friday-Sunday. The last tour is at 1830hrs.

Tea/Coffee, snacks and pastries available onsite

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking is nearby on Nassau St. Fully wheelchair accessible throughout.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin City [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com).

### Experiences Nearby

Trinity College (1 min walk) [www.tcd.ie](http://www.tcd.ie)

Christchurch Cathedral (7 min walk) [www.christchurchcathedral.ie](http://www.christchurchcathedral.ie)

Dublin Castle (5 min walk) [www.dublincastle.ie](http://www.dublincastle.ie)





## Christ Church Cathedral & Belfry

### Business Details

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### Experience

Step into Dublin's oldest working structure dating back to the early 12th century. In addition to the architecture of the Cathedral, your guide will share the many uses of this largest crypt in Ireland and lead you up 86 narrow stone steps to the Belfry, which houses 19 bells rung in full circle. Here your clients can try at bell-ringing themselves. Exploring the stunning nave, visitors often hear some choral music – the cathedral choir, founded in 1493 is world famous! Allow 45 mins for tour.

### Pricing

Retail rate Guided Tour Adult €10.50; Student €9

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

Advance booking required for guided group tour. Min 15 pax for private group tour. Max 24 pax in Belfry at any one time. FITs may join a scheduled tour. Belfry climb not advised if claustrophobic, reasonable level of fitness required to climb 86 steps. Min age 10 yrs advised. Access to Belfry restricted in extreme bad weather.

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Jessica Plunkett

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### Opening Details & Refreshment

Year round except 25 & 26 Dec (for guided experience). April-Sept Mon-Sat 0930-1900hrs, Sun 1230-1430hrs, 1630-1900hrs; Mar & Oct Mon-Sat 0930-1800hrs, Sun 1230-1430hrs, 1630-1800hrs; Nov-Feb 0930-1700hrs, Sun 1230-1430hrs. Last admission 45 mins before closing. Restrooms onsite. Variety of cafés, restaurants and bars nearby on Lord Edward Street (3 mins)

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach drop off – Winetavern Street, at Jury's Inn (2 mins walk). Paid parking – Castle Street (5 mins walk)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Guinness Storehouse (10 mins walk) [www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com)

Dublin Castle (5 mins walk) [www.dublincastle.ie](http://www.dublincastle.ie)

Trinity College – Book of Kells and Science Gallery (10 mins walk)

[www.tcd.ie/visitors](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors)



## Dalkey Castle – Living History Tour

### Business Details

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**Business Contact** Margaret Dunne

### Experience

A 1 hr fully-guided visit of Dalkey Castle, complete with costumed actors, brings history to life with a fun theatre performance as part of the guided tour. The Archer will test your strength on the longbow, while the Barber Surgeon will cure all ailments. Browse the Heritage Centre with information in 12 languages, while exploring the Writer's Gallery to uncover more about the many writers and creative artists connected with Dalkey and Dublin, from Joyce to Bono; Beckett to Maeve Binchy and more.

### Pricing

Retail price €12.50. Advance booking for groups required. Guided tours available for pre-booked groups, guided tour of castle available in French by advance arrangement. Combined offer, with a 55 min literary walking tour of Dalkey Village for €18.50

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Margaret Dunne

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### Opening Details & Refreshment

Weekdays: 1000-1800hrs. Sat/Sun 1100-1800hrs with Seasonal variations (see website)

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking 300 metres and car parking directly opposite (1 min)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Airfield (working farm, gardens, café & heritage) (20 mins drive) [www.airfield.ie](http://www.airfield.ie)

Joyce Tower, Sandycove (6 mins drive/Dublin sightseeing tour) [www.joycetower.ie](http://www.joycetower.ie)

Boat trip to Dalkey Island from Coliemore harbour (15 mins walk) [www.kentheferryman.com](http://www.kentheferryman.com)





## Airfield House, Gardens & Farm

### Business Details

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**Business Contact** Aislinn Barrett

### Experience

An immersive guided tour (English only) of Airfield House, car collection, ornamental & food gardens and farm to include Jersey Milk tasting and a choice of:

#### Option 1:

Demonstration of cheese-making from Airfield Jersey milk, with cheese incorporated into a cheesecake. Tasting of cheesecake served with tea/coffee

#### Option 2:

Immersive butter making from Airfield Jersey milk  
 Tasting of butter served with Airfield scones, tea/coffee

Duration – Min 2 hrs; Max 3 hrs

### Pricing

€25

All groups require advance booking

Group size min 10, max 50

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Claire McGlashan

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### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open 7 days a week

Overends restaurant – full restaurant serving breakfast and lunch

Stables Café – serving coffee, tea, Airfield made scones, snacks etc

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Site is fully wheelchair accessible. Operate in all weather conditions. Cheese making demo, butter making and tasting indoors

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Teelings Whiskey (22 mins) [www.teelingsdistillery.com](http://www.teelingsdistillery.com)

James Joyce Tower & Museum (22 mins) [www.jamesjoycetower.com](http://www.jamesjoycetower.com)

Delicious Dublin Food Tours (22 mins) [www.deliciousdublintours.com](http://www.deliciousdublintours.com)



## Guided Tours through the National Botanic Gardens

### Business Details

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**W** www.botanicgardens.ie

**Business Contact** Felicity Gaffney

### Experience

Join the experienced guides at Botanic Gardens for a stroll through the gardens and glasshouses of Ireland's premier garden. In existence since 1795, explore this fabulous garden with its award winning Victorian Glasshouses, herbaceous borders, pond and water features, rose garden organic vegetable garden, arboretum and much more. Short film available in six languages. Printed maps in English and German, French, Irish.

Duration – Guided tour 1 hr; Recommend that visitors spend two hrs in the garden.

### Pricing

€5

Guided Tour at 1130hrs and 1500hrs daily drop by.

All groups require advance booking; Group booking minimum size 6.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** No

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Glynn Anderson

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### Opening Details & Refreshment

Summer (March-October)

Monday-Friday 0900-1500hrs

Saturday-Sunday 1000-1800hrs

Winter (November-February)

Monday-Friday 0900-1630hrs

Saturday-Sunday 1000-1630hrs

Two Tea Rooms onsite.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Some steep gradients, people need to be able to walk. Small number of complimentary wheel chairs available.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Glasnevin Cemetery (4 mins) [www.glasnevintrust.ie](http://www.glasnevintrust.ie)

Newbridge House and Farm (16 mins drive)

[www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com](http://www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com)

Malahide Castle & Gardens (30 mins) [www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie](http://www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie)





## Dalkey Village Literary Tour

### Business Details

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**Business Contact** Margaret Dunne

### Experience

The walk begins with a setting of the scene at the Writers' Gallery in Dalkey Castle, where a short film clip of Maeve Binchy talking about how she wrote her novels is shown (one of Ireland's most loved contemporary fiction writers, recently deceased). Leaving the castle, walkers will enjoy snippets from the work of Maeve Binchy, James Joyce, GB Shaw, Hugh Leonard, Flann O'Brien and others.

The walk which takes 55 mins crosses various locations of significance through the village of Dalkey, among them Maeve's favourite pub, and will finish in the Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden in Dalkey Library where there is a mosaic to Maeve's memory. Here, too, the Gordon Snell (Maeve's husband, himself a children's author and scriptwriter) rose blooms when in season.

### Pricing

Retail price €12pp. Advance booking for groups required. Min 15 pax, max 56 pax. Combined offer, with a the Living history tour of Dalkey Castle for €18.50

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Margaret Dunne

**E** margaret@dalkeycastle.com

**T** +353 (0) 1 2858366

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Weekdays: 1000-1800hrs. Sat/Sun 1100-1800hrs with Seasonal variations (see website)

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking 300 metres and car parking directly opposite (1 min)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Airfield (working farm, gardens, café & heritage) (20 mins drive) [www.airfield.ie](http://www.airfield.ie)

Joyce Tower, Sandycove (6 mins drive/Dublin sightseeing tour) [www.joycetower.ie](http://www.joycetower.ie)

Boat trip to Dalkey Island from Coliemore harbour. (15 mins walk) [www.kentheferryman.com](http://www.kentheferryman.com)



## Delicious Dublin Tours

### Business Details

Office: Hollybank, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow

**Postcode** A67 CD53

**T** +353 (0) 87 6196619

**E** info@deliciousdublintours.com

**W** www.deliciousdublintours.com

**Business Contact** Ketty Quigley

### Experience

This is a personable 'off the beaten track' walking food tour of Dublin. Delivered by a knowledgeable guide, participants are introduced to both the history of Irish food, as well as the contemporary Irish food scene. The tour is an engaging 3 hr walking tour including numerous food and drink tastings, along with talks from passionate food professionals. Guided tour – English/French.

Usual time = 3 hrs 30 mins; Minimum time = 2 hrs

### Pricing

€50pp

Min = 6

Max = 20

All bookings require advanced booking

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** No

**Group Bookings Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Every Saturday starting 1045hrs

Private tours available any day of the week

Refreshments provided throughout tour.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Participants should bring comfortable walking shoes and dress according to the weather. This is a 3 hr walking tour so is not recommended for those with mobility issues.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Guinness Storehouse (walking distance)

<https://www.guinness-storehouse.com/en>

Teeling Whiskey (walking distance) <http://teelingwhiskey.com>

Trinity College (walking distance) <https://www.tcd.ie/>





## Dublin Bay Boat Trip

### Business Details

Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin  
**GPS** 53.346119, -6.239089  
**T** +353 (0) 1 9011757  
**E** booking@dublinbaycruises.com  
**W** www.dublinbaycruises.com

**Business Contact** Ailbhe Garrihy

### Experience

Operating boat trips between Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire and Howth, this idyllic cruise on the capital's beautiful Dublin Bay has become a 'must' on every visitor's to do list. With views of the stunning landscapes of the Dublin Mountains, Islands like: Ireland's Eye, Lambay, Dalkey as well as James Joyce Martello Tower and Baily Lighthouse, as well as educational guided tours of the Dublin Bay Biosphere. Each Dublin Bay Cruise ticket also allows the holder to travel the same day between Howth and Dun Laoghaire by DART train for just €2, with stop off option to explore or take in lunch at one of the beautiful coastal village stops.

Allow 60-150 mins depending on cruise option selected See [www.dublinbaycruises.com](http://www.dublinbaycruises.com) for info. Audio Guides and Personal Guides in English.

### Pricing

€22-28pp depending on cruise option selected. No min., max boat capacity 96 pax. Advance booking required for groups/private cruise.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes (min 2 pax)

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Ailbhe Garrihy

**E** booking@dublinbaycruises.com  
**T** +353 (0) 1 9011757

### Opening Details & Refreshment

0900-1800hrs, 7 days a week (April-Oct). Full bar and café facilities on board.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

City departure has car and coach parks within 5 mins of quays. Parking at Howth and Dun Laoghaire Pier (5 mins walk). Boat not currently wheelchair-friendly – in boarding and disembarking, crew can lift on/off.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Cliff Walk Howth (5 mins walk)  
[www.walkingroutes.ie/1446-Cliff-Walk-Howth.html](http://www.walkingroutes.ie/1446-Cliff-Walk-Howth.html)

Lunchstop: Brass Monkey, Howth or Purty Kitchen, Dun Laoghaire (Cruise passengers – 10% discount) (3-10 min walk)  
[www.brassmonkey.ie](http://www.brassmonkey.ie) or [www.purtykitchen.com](http://www.purtykitchen.com)

Hugh Lane Gallery (10 mins walk Quay City stop) [www.hughlane.ie](http://www.hughlane.ie)



## EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum

### Business Details

Office: The chq Building, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.  
**GPS** 53.348899-6.246032  
**T** +353 (0) 1 9060861  
**E** info@epicchq.com  
**W** www.epicchq.com

**Business Contact** Dervla O' Neill

### Experience

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum is an interactive experience, the world's first fully digital museum. It will guide you on a journey to discover the stories of Irish emigration around the world, from early times to the modern day. At EPIC you can step through 20 themed galleries to find out why people left, see how they influenced the world they found, and experience the connection between their descendants and Ireland today. The tour is self-guided with audio guides available in English, French, Spanish, German and Italian. Allow 90 mins for visit. Guided tours are available upon request and must be booked in advance.

### Pricing

€14. Min 10 pax for group booking. Advance booking required for groups (inc. guided tour options)

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Dervla O' Neill

**E** doneill@epicirelandchq.com  
**T** +353 (0) 1 9060861

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open 7 days a week all year (Except 25, 26 Dec) 1000-1800hrs (last entry @ 1700hrs). Range of food outlets and restroom facilities located in CHQ building. Souvenir shop in Museum.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach drop off/pick up outside Museum. Coach and Car parking (10 mins walk)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Hugh Lane Gallery (7 mins walk) [www.hughlane.ie](http://www.hughlane.ie)  
 Guinness Storehouse (12 mins walk) [www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com)  
 Trinity College – Science Gallery and Book of Kells (10/15 mins walk)  
[www.tcd.ie/visitors](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors)





## Experience Gaelic Games

### Business Details

Office: EGG, 32 Claude Road, Drumcondra Dublin 9.

T +353 (0) 1 2544292  
+353 (0) 87 2317794  
+353 (0) 86 8116809

E [info@experiencegaelicgames.com](mailto:info@experiencegaelicgames.com)

W [www.experiencegaelicgames.com](http://www.experiencegaelicgames.com)

**Business Contact** Georgina Caraher

*Dublin HQ EGG @ Na Fianna GAA Club, Saint Mobhí Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 (Dublin Experience)*

GPS 53.37415, -6.26543

*Galway EGG @ Liam Mellows GAA Club, Renmore, Ballyloughane Road, Galway (Wild Atlantic Experience)*

GPS 53.27101325014381, -9.02067661035403

*Cork EGG @ Na Piarsíagh GAA Club, The Commons, Fairhill, Cork*

GPS 51.91912603569929, -8.494491574648464

### Experience

Experience Gaelic Games offers a mix of cultural immersion, soft activity and serious interaction over 3-4 hrs. 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 group's 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. Multilingual subtitled videos are available for visiting groups upon request. Allow 3 hrs for this experience.

### Pricing

€35 (Adult); €25 (student). Min 8 pax, max 300 pax per session. Min age 6 years.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Georgina Caraher

E [georgina@experiencegaelicgames.com](mailto:georgina@experiencegaelicgames.com)

T +353 (0) 1 2544292

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Available all year round in daylight hours (start times to suit group). Indoor facilities available for limited group sizes in bad weather. Suitable recreational loose fit clothing and good grip shoes/runners advised. No experience necessary. Suits all levels of ability.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Parking available on site at Sports Grounds

### Transport

Dublin Bus (within 5 mins walk) See [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Botanic Gardens (4 mins walk) [www.botanicgardens.ie](http://www.botanicgardens.ie)

Glasnevin Cemetery Museum (6 mins walk via Botanic Gardens) [www.glasnevinmuseum.ie](http://www.glasnevinmuseum.ie)

Malahide Castle, Gardens & Café (22 mins drive) [www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie](http://www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie)



## Glasnevin Cemetery 'DEAD Interesting' Tour & Museum

### Business Details

Glasnevin Cemetery, Finglas Road, Dublin 11

GPS 53.370191, -6.277691

T +353 (0) 1 88265001

E [bookings@glasnevintrust.ie](mailto:bookings@glasnevintrust.ie)

W [www.glasnevintrust.ie](http://www.glasnevintrust.ie)

**Business Contact** Ann Kilcoyne

### Experience

Since 1832, more than 1.5 million people have been interred in Glasnevin. Glasnevin Cemetery covers 124 acres of glorious parkland-perfect for exploring the legacies of Ireland's heroes. With your local guide leading you through this haunting Victorian Garden cemetery, their passion and love of Irish heritage and history in telling the stories of this island's complex and fascinating history, turns a educational history tour into something magical with a careful balance of passion, sensitivity and fun.

### NEW for 2017

The new 'Dead Interesting' tour of Glasnevin Cemetery gives an alternative view of the varied heritage that Ireland's largest cemetery holds and the history within its walls. Visitors will learn of its sculpture, symbolism, architecture, art, sporting heroes, horticulture, natural life and much more.

Allow 90 mins for tour, with further time to visit museum, interactive exhibitions, genealogy research area, shop and café.

### Pricing

€13 (includes Café discount + €5 voucher for genealogy record search). Advance booking for groups (> 10 pax). Smaller numbers can join scheduled public tours. For groups of > 50 pax, we will split group between 2 guides.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

Guided tours available for pre-booked groups.

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Ann Kilcoyne

E [akilcoyne@glasnevintrust.ie](mailto:akilcoyne@glasnevintrust.ie)

T +353 (0) 1 8169538

### Opening Details & Refreshment

1000-1700hrs Mon-Sun (Tour operates in all weathers). Closed 25, 26 Dec and 1 Jan. Café onsite

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Car & coach parking onsite (3 mins). Suitable outdoor footwear and seasonal outdoor clothing advised.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Botanic Gardens (5 mins walk) [www.botanicgardens.ie](http://www.botanicgardens.ie)

Experience Gaelic Games – via Botanic Gardens (7 mins walk) [www.experiencegaelicgames.com](http://www.experiencegaelicgames.com)

Malahide Castle, Gardens & Café (22 mins/Dublin Sightseeing tour bus) [www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie](http://www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie)





## GPO Witness History

### Business Details

GPO, O'Connell Street Lower, Dublin 1

**GPS** 53.349376, -6.260763

**T** +353 (0) 1 8964091

**E** info@gpowitnesshistory.ie

**W** www.gpowitnesshistory.ie

**Business Contact** John Horgan

### Experience

GPO Witness History is located in the historical and iconic GPO building. A highly interactive and spectacular exhibition, it focuses on the 1916 Easter Rising, the aftermath of this Irish rebellion and tells the story of how Ireland has developed since. Here, visitors will experience the events from an eyewitness perspective of active participants on both sides and bystanders caught in the middle. This engaging and interactive experience brings history to life through electronic touch screens, video, audio visual booths, sound and authentic artefacts – many previously unseen. Self-Guided tour with audio headsets available in German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Irish. Group bookings can avail of guided tour.

### Pricing

Adults €12 pp. Student €8 pp. Advance booking for groups (>10 pax)

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

Guided tours available for pre-booked groups.

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Carla Kelly

**E** info@gpowitnesshistory.ie

**T** +353 (0) 1 8169538

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Mon-Fri: 0900-1730hrs; Sat-Sun & Bank Holidays 1000-1730hrs; July-Aug (Thurs only) 0900-2000hrs. Closed 1 Jan, Easter Sunday, 24, 25, 26 Dec. Check website for possible schedule changes

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Set down parking within 5 mins of location and choice of coach parking (5 mins walk)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Guinness Storehouse (10 mins walk) [www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com)

Glasnevin Cemetery Museum (10 mins drive/Dublin Sightseeing Bus) [www.glasnevinmuseum.ie](http://www.glasnevinmuseum.ie)

Trinity College Book of Kells (5 min walk) [www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/)



## Bow St. Experience @ Jameson Distillery

### Business Details

Jameson Distillery Whiskey Experience, Bow Street, Smithfield, Dublin 7

**T** +353 (0) 1 8072355

**E** bowst@jamesonwhiskey.com

**W** www.jamesonwhiskey.com

**Business Contact** Sabine Sheehan

### Experience

The new look Jameson Distillery Bow St. offers three fully guided experiences: Bow St. Experience, The Whiskey Makers, and The Whiskey Shakers – all of which have a firm focus on immersive storytelling. Guests are invited to touch, smell, and most importantly, taste Jameson in the original Bow St. Distillery buildings. All guests participate in a comparison whiskey tasting and receive a signature Jameson Ginger & Lime drink to enjoy.

An exciting part of the Whiskey Makers & Whiskey Shakers experiences is a visit to the live Maturation Warehouse, where guests get to taste Jameson straight from the barrel.

All tours are in English and Audio Guides will be available from May 2017 for language tours.

Duration Bow St Experience 40 mins, Whiskey Makers & Shakers 90 mins.

### Pricing

€18pp. Minimum of 20 pax, group sizes cannot exceed 30 guests per tour.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** No

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Karla Doheny

**E** As above

**T** +353 (0) 1 8072348

+353 (0) 1 8072314

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 0900hrs, Sunday 1000hrs

Closing Hours: October-April – Last tour 1700hrs, Close 1900hrs

May-September – Last tour 1830hrs, Close 2000hrs

*The Whiskey Makers – Tour times:*

1100, 1300, 1500, 1700, 1900hrs

*The Whiskey Shakers – Tour times:*

1200, 1400, 1600, 1800hrs

Coffee and Tea from Bar area but no restaurant

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach drop off points on Bow Street/May Lane. Fully wheelchair accessible throughout.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin City [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com).

### Experiences Nearby

The Guinness Storehouse (20 mins walk) [www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com)

Collins Barracks (5 mins on Luas) [www.museum.ie/Decorative-Arts-History](http://www.museum.ie/Decorative-Arts-History)





## Jeanie Johnston Tallship

### Business Details

City Moorings, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1  
**T** +353 (0) 1 4730111  
**E** info@jeaniejohnston.ie  
**W** www.jeaniejohnston.ie

**Business Contact** John O'Neill

### Experience

A 50 min 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 retraced 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. Tour delivered in English with printed information guides in French, German and Spanish.

### Pricing

€10 (Adult); €9 (Student).

Advance booking required. Max 30 per tour, tours staggered to accommodate larger groups.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Paul McCarthy

**E** info@jeaniejohnston.ie

**T** +353 (0) 1 4730111

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Year round/7 days. Tour times April to October: 1000, 1100, 1200, 1400, 1500, 1600hrs. November to March: 1100, 1200, 1400, 1500hrs. Choice of Cafés/ Restaurants within 5 mins walk

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Dublin Bus, Luas and DART transport links (5 mins walk)  
[www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

Set down coach drop off opposite, Car/coach parking (5 mins).

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Guinness Storehouse (12 mins walk) [www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com)

Little Museum of Dublin (10 mins walk) [www.littlemuseum.ie](http://www.littlemuseum.ie)

Trinity College Book of Kells (8 min walk) [www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/)



## The Lazy Bike Tour of Dublin

### Business Details

Lazy Bike Tour Company, Unit 4 Scarlet Row, Essex Street West, Temple Bar, DO8 E3 PO  
**T** +353 (0) 1 4433671  
**E** hello@lazybiketours.com  
**W** www.lazybiketours.com

**Business Contact** Hugh Flood

### Experience

Lazy Bike Tours offer fully guided tour of Dublin by electric bikes or conventional bikes with local guides. All our guides are city locals with endless interesting historical facts and provide entertaining stories of the city. Using state of the art electric bikes (or conventional CUBE touring bikes if you prefer) we provide all necessary safety equipment needed. Bike hire is also available complete with safety equipment, helmets and locks as well as maps of cycle routes around the city and surrounds.

Our standard 2 hr tour takes in many Dublin attractions. Average tour group is 10 pax, but private tours can accommodate up to 20 with 2 guides. We can also tailor your tour length and route to suit your client group needs. Tours provided in English, other language guides subject to advance booking and availability of guides.

### Pricing

Adult: €30 retail rate

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Booking Contact** Hugh Flood

**E** hugh@lazybiketours.com

**T** +353 (0) 86 1734373

### Opening Details & Refreshment

0930-1700hrs year round, 7 days (For safety, we don't operate in extreme bad weather). Scheduled tour departures for FITs at 1000, 1230 and 1500hrs. Private group tours at times to suit clients.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Public Car Parks nearby (5 mins walk), Coach stops (10 mins walk)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Transport

Dublin Bus or Luas Road tram (Red Line Jervis Stop/Green line Stephen's Green Stop) (10 mins walk)

### Experiences Nearby

Little Museum of Dublin (10 mins walk) [www.littlemuseum.ie](http://www.littlemuseum.ie)

Guinness Storehouse (10 mins walk) [www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com)

Trinity College – Book of Kells and Science Gallery (5 mins walk)

[www.tcd.ie/visitors](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors)





## Little Museum of Dublin

### Business Details

15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2  
**GPS** 53.3394115, -6.258540900000071  
**T** +353 (0) 1 6611000  
**E** sarah@littlemuseum.ie  
**W** www.littlemuseum.ie

**Business Contact** Sarah Costigan

### Experience

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 hr for visit. Guided tour delivered in English with additional print materials for international visitors available in French, Dutch, German and Italian & Spanish.

Not wheelchair accessible as a Georgian building with stair access throughout. All Museum spaces are on upper floors, No lift access currently available.

### Pricing

€8pp or family entry €16 (2 Adults + 3 children) Advance booking required for groups.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes (min 2 pax)

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** Susie Maher

**E** Susie@littlemuseum.ie

**T** +353 (0) 1 6611000

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Year round, 7 days 0930-1700hrs, late opening Thurs to 2000hrs. Closed 2 weeks early Jan.

Public tours: Jan-Dec hourly 1000-1600hrs, tours until 1900hrs on Thurs.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Various car and coach parking options (within 5 mins walk). Also serviced by public transport Luas, DART and Dublin Bus (within 5-10 mins) [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Trinity College Book of Kells (5 mins walk) [www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells)

Viking Splash Tour (3 mins walk) [www.vikingsplash.com](http://www.vikingsplash.com)

Hugh Lane Gallery (15 mins walk) [www.hughlane.ie](http://www.hughlane.ie)



## Malahide Castle with Parkland Cycle Tour

### Business Details

Malahide Castle & Gardens, Malahide Co. Dublin (Cycles available at The North Lodge, Malahide Castle Grounds)

**T** +353 (0) 1 8169538 (Castle)

+353 (0) 1 8168580 (Cycling Office)

**E** [info@irishcentreforcycling.ie](mailto:info@irishcentreforcycling.ie)

**W** [www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie](http://www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie)

[www.irishcentreforcycling.ie](http://www.irishcentreforcycling.ie)

**Business Contact** Reservations

**T** +353 (0) 1 8169538 (Castle)

+353 (0) 1 8168580 Irish Centre for Cycling – Mick Breen

### Experience

Set on 250 acres of beautiful parkland, Malahide Castle's story dates back to the 12th Century. Located 10 mins from Dublin Airport and 20 mins from city centre, it offers an ideal escape from the bustling city centre. Enjoy a day of culture and activity by combining a 1 hr cycle tour located at the historic gate lodge at Malahide Castle followed by a guided tour of the Castle itself with one of our knowledgeable and passionate tour guides. Audio guides for Castle tours in 6 languages. Avoca Café & gift store is on site.

### Pricing

Adult: €16 Castle tour & cycle. Min. age 8 yrs for cycle. Castle Tour only €12 Adult/€8 Student. Advance booking required for groups.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group bookings/B2B Contacts**

*Castle Tour*

**E** [reservations@shannonheritage.com](mailto:reservations@shannonheritage.com)

**T** +353 (0) 1 8169538

*Package (Castle & Cycling)*

**T** +353 (0) 1 8168580 – Mick Breen

**E** [info@irishcentreforcycling.ie](mailto:info@irishcentreforcycling.ie)

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open year round: 0930-1630hrs (1530hrs Nov-Mar). Closed 24, 25 & 26 December. Restrooms on site, Avoca Café and retail store on site.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach and car onsite (1 min walk)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Transport

Dublin Sightseeing tour (Red Bus); DART Coastal Light Rail (20 mins from City centre); Dublin Bus (32 and 42 routes) See [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

### Experiences Nearby

Glasnevin Cemetery Museum (24 mins drive/Dublin Sightseeing Red Bus) [www.glasnevinmuseum.ie](http://www.glasnevinmuseum.ie)

Experience Gaelic Games (22 mins drive) [www.experiencegaelicgames.com](http://www.experiencegaelicgames.com)

Newbridge House and Farm (16 mins drive)

[www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com](http://www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com)





## Guinness Storehouse Experience

### Business Details

Guinness Storehouse, St. James's Gate, Dublin 8

**GPS** 53.341873, -6.286698

**T** +353 (0) 1 4084800

**E** info@guinnessstorehouse.com

**W** www.guinness-storehouse.com

**Business Contact** Fiona Herald

### Experience

Guinness Storehouse is Ireland's top visitor attraction located in the heart of the Guinness Brewery at St James's Gate. Housed in an old fermentation plant, now the seven-storey visitor experience tells the story of this world famous drink. It is a dramatic story that begins over 250 years ago and ends in Gravity Bar, where visitors will receive a complimentary pint of Guinness while relaxing and enjoying spectacular views over Dublin.

The adventure begins the moment you walk through the door and into the building's giant, pint-shaped heart of glass. As you wander through Guinness Storehouse, you'll discover what goes into making the "Black Stuff" – the ingredients, the process, the passion.

Visitor information map available in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese. Audio tours available for visitors in French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese at a supplementary charge of €1. Guided tour is subject to availability in the above languages and a surcharge applies.

Duration 2 hrs

### Pricing

From €14pp. Group is considered 15 visitors or more and should be pre-booked in advance.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** No

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** As above

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

January-June & September-December Daily 0930-1700hrs (last admission at 1700hrs). July and August: Daily 0900-1800hrs (last admission at 1800hrs). Closed: 24, 25 & 26 December, Good Friday.

Refreshments available at Cooperage Café: Located on first floor.

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. Fully wheelchair accessible throughout.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin City [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com).

### Experiences Nearby

Christchurch Cathedral – 10 mins walk [www.christchurchcathedral.ie](http://www.christchurchcathedral.ie)

Dublin Castle – 15 min walk [www.dublincastle.ie](http://www.dublincastle.ie)

Trinity College Book of Kells and Science Gallery – 20 mins walk [www.tcd.ie/visitors/](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors/)



## A unique guided tour of the newly restored Richmond Barracks and Goldenbridge Cemetery

### Business Details

Richmond Barracks, Off Bulfin Rd, Inchicore, Dublin 8

**GPS** LAT 53.33854 LONG -6.316193

**T** +353 (0) 1 22 24800

**E** richmondbracks@dublincity.ie

**W** www.richmondbracks.ie

**Business Contact** Eadaoin Ni Chleirigh

### Experience

A fascinating tour given by local tour guides. Visitors will step back in time to experience the varied and interesting history of Richmond. The rooms, the corridors, the furniture all tell a personal story which visitors can relate to – what were the conditions like for the rebels imprisoned in Richmond, following the 1916 Rising? What was it like to be a soldier barracked here? What was it like to rear a family in nearby Keogh's Square? What was it like to go to school in St. Michaels Christian Brothers School? Guided tours available in English and by arrangement in French and Polish. Duration 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

*Guided Tours – Includes an exclusive tour of Goldenbridge Cemetery (Weather permitting)*

Adults €8; Senior Citizens €5; Students €5; Unwaged €5; Children €5; Family (2 Adults & 3 Children) €17

*Self Guided Tours – Please note: Goldenbridge Cemetery tour is not included*  
Adults €6; Senior Citizens €3; Students €3; Unwaged €3; Children €3; Family (2 Adults & 3 Children) €15

Max per tour is 30. Tours over 10 should be booked in advance

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** No

**Group Bookings Contact** Victoria Kearney

**E** As above

**T** As above

### Opening Details & Refreshment

1000-1600hrs Monday-Friday

Sat and Sunday tours must be pre-booked

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Coach parking available. The barracks is fully accessible. Some of the pathways in Goldenbridge Cemetery may be difficult for wheelchair users in wet conditions.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Kilmainham Gaol (walking distance) <http://kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie/>

The National Museum Collins Barracks (walking distance)

<http://www.museum.ie/Decorative-Arts-History>

Irish Museum of Modern Art (walking distance)

<http://www.imma.ie/en/index.htm>





## Saint Patrick's Cathedral – 800 Years of Living History

### Business Details

Saint Patrick's Close, Dublin 8

**GPS** 53.339539, -6.271482

**T** +353 (0) 1 4539472

**E** info@stpatrikscathedral.ie

**W** www.stpatrickscathedral.ie

**Business Contact** Amy Bunce

### Experience

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. Visitor information of the Cathedral's history – available in various languages and can be sent in advance to groups. Guided tours in English and Italian for pre-booked groups. Allow 40-50 mins for guided experience.

### Pricing

Retail price €6.50. Advance booking for groups required. Guided tours available for pre-booked groups.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact** Amy Bunce

**E** tours@stpatrikscathedral.ie

**T** +353 (0) 1 4539472

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Mon-Fri 0930-1700hrs; Sat 0900-1800hrs (0900-1700hrs Nov-Feb). Sun 0900-1030; 1230-1430 & 1630-1800 (Closes from 1430 Nov-Feb). Choice of cafés, restaurants within 5-8 mins walk

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

On street coach parking available on Saint Patrick's Close (2 mins walk). Public car parking (5 mins walk)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Dublinia (Viking & Medieval Museum) (7 mins walk) [www.dublinia.ie](http://www.dublinia.ie)

Glasnevin Cemetery Museum (10 mins drive/Dublin Sightseeing Bus) [www.glasnevinmuseum.ie](http://www.glasnevinmuseum.ie)

Trinity College Book of Kells (7 min walk) [www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/)



## Vintage Tea Tour

### Business Details

Office: Vintage Tea Tours Limited, 19 Woodside, Windgate Road, Howth, Co. Dublin

**GPS** T +353 (0) 87 1857198

**E** karen@vintageteatours.ie

**W** www.vintageteatours.ie

**Business Contact** Karen Nixon

### Experience

The Vintage Tea Tour is an Afternoon Tea Experience. Climb on-board a fully restored Vintage Routemaster bus called Pauline and enjoy a drive through beautiful Dublin city taking in the best known sights. On board you will have a chance to sit back and relax whilst enjoying freshly prepared Afternoon Tea and 1950's jazz music. This is not a guided tour but an Afternoon Tea experience. There are beautifully illustrated history booklets on-board if visitors would like some additional information on Dublin City. Pick up point at Castle Street, Dublin 2.

Duration 1 hr 30 mins

### Pricing

Three price tiers:

€40/€45/€50

The bus capacity is 38. The minimum number required for an exclusive booking is 24.

All trips are typically open to the public and no minimum numbers are required.

**Tour Operator Rate** Yes

**FIT Rate** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate** Yes

**Tour Series Rate** Yes

**Group Bookings Contact** As above

**E** info@vintageteatours.ie

**T** +353 (0) 1 5266961

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Wednesday-Sunday three tours a day. Pick up from City Hall on Cork Hill, Dublin 2

1100hrs, 1315hrs, 1530hrs

All food, tea, coffee, water included in the ticket price

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

On-street parking on Castle Street, Dublin 2 and also a car park at Jurys Christchurch. The bus has not been modified in any way so it's not wheelchair accessible. No children under 6 permitted.

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Dublin Castle (immediate vicinity) <http://www.dublincastle.ie/>

Christ Church Cathedral (immediate vicinity) <http://christchurchcathedral.ie/>

1916 Tour (20 min walk) <http://www.1916tour.ie/1916-tour.html>





Upper John's Lane  
West from Thomas  
Street, 1850  
Courtesy of the  
National Library  
of Ireland

## The Liberties

You are in the heart of the famous Liberties, which has played a vital role in Dublin's cultural, industrial and political life since medieval times. The people of the Liberties have always seen themselves as the real Dubliners. Here, where the city evolved more than a thousand years ago, you can explore some of Dublin's most historic streets.

Following the Anglo-Norman conquest of Dublin in the 12th century, areas of land outside the city walls were granted independence, or 'liberty', from city laws. These included the Liberty of Thomas Court and Donore and the Liberty of St Sepulchre. Over time the term 'Liberties' came to refer to a large part of the south inner city.

St Catherine's Church, c. 1803-1814  
Courtesy of the National Library of Ireland



### Brewers, weavers and rebels

A thriving textile industry was created here by Huguenots, French Protestants fleeing religious persecution, while the area was once crisscrossed with breweries and distilleries. Revolutionary aristocrat Lord Edward Fitzgerald was arrested nearby at 151 Thomas Street, days before the ill-fated rebellion of 1798, later dying of his wounds. In 1802 another leader of the United Irishmen, Robert Emmet, was hanged outside St Catherine's Church following a second failed rising.



### National College of Art and Design

Many important Irish artists and designers have studied at the National College of Art and Design (NCAD), which can trace its roots back to the 1700s. Established in 1971, NCAD now houses all its activities at Thomas Street. A self-guided tour of the campus introduces visitors to the contemporary college and the history of the site and buildings, which have housed the Powers' whiskey distillery and Thomas Street Fire Station (now the NCAD Gallery and Lecture Theatre).



The Dubline is an orientation route and the easiest way to explore many of the city's most visited sites. Along the route, discover the stories that shaped Dublin and trace the timeline of our city from its origins to the present day. Explore at your leisure the hidden gems along the way.

For more information please visit:  
[www.VisitDublin.com](http://www.VisitDublin.com)



Explore Dublin's hidden treasures with a self-guided walk. Download the app at [www.dublindiscoverystails.com](http://www.dublindiscoverystails.com) or from the nearby Visit Dublin Centre. Please follow the QR codes below for more information.

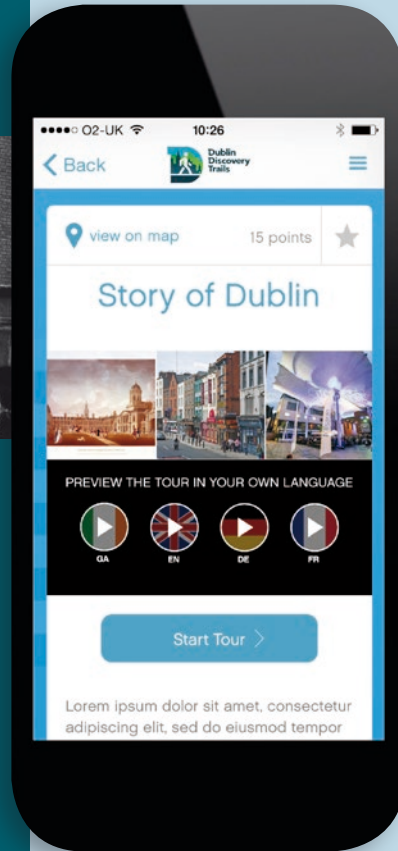
**Story of Dublin Trail**  
This enthralling walking trail takes you on a journey through time, exploring one of Europe's most fascinating cities.



Dublin Discovery Trails (iOS)



Dublin Discovery Trails (Android)



The Dubline  
DUBLIN DISCOVERY TRAILS

## Dublin Discovery Trails

Unlock the treasures and stories of Ireland's capital city with the Dublin Discovery Trails, a new series of self-guided walking trails. Let magical tales of the city's colourful past weave their spell as your clients wander off the beaten track and uncover some of Dublin's hidden secrets that are waiting to be revealed to the curious.

### The App

This free Dublin Discovery Trails app is available for visitors to download for iOS and Android devices, and gives the visitor the chance to uncover the compelling stories of Dublin's culture, heritage and history through a series of engaging audio guides enriched with commentary, personal accounts, images and GPS-enabled maps with the route and stops clearly marked on them.

### Key Features of the App

- Free to download on both iOS and Android – [www.DublinDiscoveryTrails.com](http://www.DublinDiscoveryTrails.com)
- No roaming charges
- GPS-enabled maps with route and stops clearly marked
- In-built itinerary builder which allows you to customise the trail to match your needs and time i.e. you decide whether you wish to embark on the full trail or just visit a number of stops.

### Explore the Trails

There are currently 5 trails:

- **Rebellion – Six Days that Shook Dublin**  
Retrace the dramatic events of the Easter Rising 1916 and hear how these six days changed the course of Irish history.
- **Story of Dublin – Through Streets Broad and Narrow**  
This trail takes you back centuries to explore the birth of the city as a Viking market town, to its renaissance as a hub for saints, scholars, poets and playwrights. It will take you on a thrilling journey through Dublin's 1000-year history.
- **Echoes of War – A Stroll through Historic Kilmainham**  
Discover a Europe in the grip of World War One, as thousands of Irish men and women enlisted in the British Army. Explore Collins Barracks, Kilmainham Gaol and Heuston Station and hear the moving stories of war and rebellion that are now part of Ireland's psyche.
- **Empire – A Tale of Two Cities**  
Go back in time with this trail to the busy streets of Dublin; you'll find a city at the heart of the British Empire in Ireland.
- **The 'Real Dublin' – Characters, Craft, Industry and Design**  
The trail takes you into the creative heart of the city, discovering how commerce and design are inextricably linked throughout Dublin's history.

Each trail takes approximately 2 hrs on foot.

### Interpretive Panels

There are a number of permanent interpretive panels located in the city which are large attractive storyboards which complement the app and help visitors to discover the stories that shaped Dublin. These panels will have integrated iBeacon technology to engage and interact with passing visitors who have downloaded the app.

For more information on the trails go to [www.DublinDiscoveryTrails.com](http://www.DublinDiscoveryTrails.com)





## 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](http://www.phoenixpark.ie). Allow 1-4 hrs 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. <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture-dublin-city-parks-visit-park/st-patricks-park>. Open year round, see website for opening times. Allow 30 mins-1 hr 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 hr for visit [www.heritageireland.ie/en/dublin/ststephensgreen/](http://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](http://www.merrionsquare.ie). Allow 30 mins-1 hr 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 1000-1700hrs. Group tours by appointment.

**Contact:** Simon Lincoln  
E [SLincoln@iarc.ie](mailto:SLincoln@iarc.ie)  
T +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 services. [www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm](http://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 Osborne. Smartphone users can link to the information via a Quick Response (QR) code or via website [www.DublinArtinParks.ie](http://www.DublinArtinParks.ie) This is a pilot scheme and it is hoped to expand art and parks interpretation in traditional and digital formats.





## National Museums of Ireland (NMI)

### All Museums details:

T +353 (0) 1 6777444

E [bookings@museum.ie](mailto:bookings@museum.ie) (Booking office: Mon-Fri 1000-1700hrs)

W [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie)

Locations: [www.museum.ie/Visit-Us/Directions](http://www.museum.ie/Visit-Us/Directions)

Advance booking required to ensure accommodation of your group size (Minimum. 1 month advance booking advised). Guided experience requires pre-booking

E [bookings@museum.ie](mailto:bookings@museum.ie).

Allow minimum 1 hr for each museum visit. International and Language Group visits are self-directed in each museum to take in the Museum's collections at own pace and focus on the areas of particular interest. Knowledgeable attendants are onsite to answer questions. Note: For conservation purposes, no food or drink allowed in Museum spaces

### All Museum Opening Times

Open Year Round. Tues-Sat 1000-1700hrs; Sunday 1400-1700hrs.  
Closed Mondays (including Bank Holidays), Christmas Day and Good Friday.

### Advance book Group guided tours/workshops

E [bookings@museum.ie](mailto:bookings@museum.ie). Audio Guides –within selected exhibitions

### Experience Description

*National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7*

**GPS** 53.347868, -6.285242. At the National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts & History you'll find Irish haute couture garments, furniture, silver, jewellery, ceramics, and exhibitions exploring Irish military history, including the 1916 Easter Rising. Plan your visit here: [www.museum.ie/Decorative-Arts-History/Visitor-Information](http://www.museum.ie/Decorative-Arts-History/Visitor-Information)

*National Museum of Ireland – Archeology, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.*

**GPS** 53.340617, -6.255244. The National Museum of Ireland – Archeology carries artefacts dating from 7000BC to the 20th Century over seven galleries. Language Guides & Floorplans available to download at: [www.museum.ie/Archeology/Visit-the-Museum/Other-Language-Visitors](http://www.museum.ie/Archeology/Visit-the-Museum/Other-Language-Visitors)

*National Museum of Ireland – 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. Plan your visit here: [www.museum.ie/Natural-History/Visitor-Information](http://www.museum.ie/Natural-History/Visitor-Information)

### Group Bookings/Tour Operator Rates: FREE Admission.

Consult Calendar of Events online [www.museum.ie/Visit-Us/Events](http://www.museum.ie/Visit-Us/Events)

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

No min/max age. Each museum is wheelchair accessible (although some floors have no lift access –check website for details). Public Restrooms, including wheelchair accessible restrooms at each Museum. Onsite café (at NMI – Archaeology and NMI – Decorative Arts & History) and variety of cafés and shops all within 5 mins. walk of all Museums. Coach Parking available on site in NMI – Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks. Coach parking available throughout the city (5 mins walk). See city parking information at [www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic/parking-dublin](http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic/parking-dublin)

### Public Transport

All museums are serviced by Luas (Roadtram) & Dublin Bus routes. [www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm](http://www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm)

### Other Experiences Nearby

*NMI – Natural History*

NMI – Archeology (8 mins Walk)

National Gallery of Ireland (5 mins walk) [www.nationalgallery.ie](http://www.nationalgallery.ie)

*NMI – Archeology*

Little Museum of Dublin (5 mins Walk) [www.littlemuseum.ie](http://www.littlemuseum.ie)

St Stephen's Green (5 Mins Walk);

[www.heritageireland.ie/en/dublin/ststephensgreen/](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/dublin/ststephensgreen/)

*NMI – Decorative Arts (Collins Barracks)*

Kilmainham Gaol (15 mins walk) [www.kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie](http://www.kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie)

Phoenix Park (10 mins walk) [www.phoenixpark.ie/visitorinformation/](http://www.phoenixpark.ie/visitorinformation/)

Dublin Zoo (20 mins walk) [www.dublinzoo.ie](http://www.dublinzoo.ie)





## Science Gallery, Dublin @ Trinity College

### Business Details

Trinity College Dublin, Pearse Street, Dublin 2  
**T** +353 (0) 1 8964091  
**E** info@dublin.sciencegallery.com  
**W** www.dublin.sciencegallery.com

**Business Contact:** Jessica Hilliard

### Experience

A programme that ignites creativity and discovery where science and art collide, Science Gallery Dublin encourages young people to learn through their interests. An ever-changing programme of exhibitions and events, focus on experiences that allow visitors to participate and facilitate social connections, always providing an element of surprise. Visitors are encouraged to engage with mediator staff on the floor to answer questions and chat.

### Pricing

Retail rate Guided Tour Adult €10.50; Student €9

**Tour Operator Rate:** Yes

**FIT Rate:** Yes

**Ad Hoc Group Rate:** Yes

**Tour Series Rate:** Yes

Guided tours are available for pre-booked groups – Advance booking required.

**Group Bookings/B2B Rates Contact:** Ruth Chadwick

**E** tours@dublin.sciencegallery.com  
**T** +353 (0) 1 8964091

### Opening Details & Refreshment

Open year round. Exhibition Hours: Tue-Fri: 1200-2000hrs & Sat-Sun: 1200-1800hrs. Closed Mondays. Exhibition closes 2 weeks during exhibition installations. See website for updates on exhibition dates. Refreshment & lunch available in onsite café & a retail shop provides for gift shopping Mon-Fri: 0800-2000hrs & Sat-Sun: 1200-1800hrs

### Parking, Access/Ability & Special Requirements

Fully accessible. Restrooms, café and shop facilities on site. No min/max age. Coach parking available in designated stops on college green (2 mins walk)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Trinity College – Book of Kells (on campus) (1 min walk) [www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/)

Viking Splash Tour (5 mins walk) [www.vikingsplash.com](http://www.vikingsplash.com)

Hugh Lane Gallery (12 mins walk) [www.hughlane.ie](http://www.hughlane.ie)



## New Year's Festival Dublin – NYF Dublin

### 31 December & 1 of January (Annually)

NYF Dublin is an exciting city wide festival celebrating the best of contemporary Irish talent in Arts, Music, Culture and Live Entertainment.

### Contact Details

Daire Enright  
**T** +353 (0) 1 8847894  
**E** Daire.Enright@failteireland.ie  
**W** www.nyfdublin.com

**Business Contact:** Daire Enright

### Experience Description

Gather in the heart of Dublin as the city comes alive for fun-filled New Year's festivities. Bringing together some of Ireland's best talents, NYF Dublin offers a host of free and family friendly activities guaranteed to entertain and excite.

For additional information please see the festival website [www.nyfdublin.com](http://www.nyfdublin.com)  
 See video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltfYbLRrUjk>

### Group Bookings/Tour Operator Contact

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### Public Transport

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

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin city and county [www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation](http://www.visitdublin.com/see-do/accommodation)

### Experiences Nearby

Guinness Storehouse [www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com)

Trinity College – Book of Kells and Science Gallery [www.tcd.ie/visitors/](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors/)

Little Museum of Dublin [www.littlemuseum.ie](http://www.littlemuseum.ie)





## Bram Stoker – Creator of Dracula Halloween Festival Celebration – Late October

### Contact Details

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 E [Daire.Enright@failteireland.ie](mailto:Daire.Enright@failteireland.ie)  
 W [www.bramstokerfestival.com](http://www.bramstokerfestival.com)

### Experience Description

Inspired by the heritage of Dublin-born Gothic author Bram Stoker and his notorious novel Dracula, Dublin city will get gloriously gothic this October bank holiday weekend!

The Bram Stoker Festival playfully celebrates the gothic, the mysterious, the after-dark and the thrill of late October as Ireland approaches Halloween and Samhain. The packed programme of events mixes family-friendly adventures with late-night antics for mates, dates and everything in between.

Incorporating a range of events from large-scale spectacles to intimate performances in unusual spaces, along with a whole range of film and literary events, the festival always manages to whet just about everyone's appetite.

Join in this October as the festival infiltrates the very crevices of the city, awakening the dormant gothic that sleeps in the heart of Dublin. With previous years seeing tens of thousands of visitors from near and far descend upon the city for a weekend of wickedly good fun, don't forget to don your cape and fangs.

A devilish mixture of family fun, adventurous arts, major installations, literature, drama and the unexpected, this spooktacular festival has plenty to suit thrill seekers of all ages.

See video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQswTVXtgyE>

### Group Bookings/Tour Operator Contact: Daire Enright

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### 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](http://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](http://www.dublin.ie/transport/home.htm)

### Nearest Accommodation Hub

Dublin city and county See [www.discoverireland.ie/where-to-stay/](http://www.discoverireland.ie/where-to-stay/)





# DUBLIN. A BREATH OF FRESH AIR SAMPLE 2 DAY ITINERARY

TO HELP YOU PROGRAMME THIS AREA, HERE IS A SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR YOU TO CONSIDER WHICH WILL HELP YOUR CLIENT, BE THEY GROUP OR FITS, TO NAVIGATE THIS AREA. FOR OTHER SAMPLE ITINERARIES FOR DUBLIN PLEASE EMAIL [BUSINESSDEVELOPMENT@FAILTEIRELAND.IE](mailto:BUSINESSDEVELOPMENT@FAILTEIRELAND.IE)



## DAY 1

DUBLIN BAY MEETS DUBLIN CITY WITH A BREATH OF FRESH AIR  
(SUITABLE FOR GROUPS & FITS)

### MORNING & LUNCH

After a hearty Irish breakfast, take a trip out to one of the city's picturesque coastal villages – where you can breathe in the sea air and get up close and personal to the locals. The pretty village of Dalkey on the southern tip of Dublin bay is a 25 minute DART coastal train journey (now available with Dublin's single transport ticket – **Leap Visitor Card**) from any of the city's DART stations.

**Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre** is a visitor attraction which comprises of a fortified town house/small castle structure, an early **Christian Church & Graveyard**, a modern **Heritage Centre** and **Writers' Gallery**. Offering guided tours all day.

The experience includes interactive live theatre performance with costumed actors. You can also climb to the battlements with its magnificent views of sea and mountains. Or in complete contrast to the **Living History tour**, you can spend time browsing the interactive screens in the new state of the art Heritage Centre. If literary matters take your fancy, why not explore the Writers' Gallery where over forty writers and creative artists from Joyce and Beckett to Bono and Binky will grab your attention.

To build your appetite before enjoying a lunch of local Dublin dishes, in one of the many Literary inspired restaurants or heritage bars in the village, why not add **Maevie Binchy Guided Walk** (famous Irish contemporary writer) to your visit (bookings through Dalkey Castle).

Take a stroll through the centuries and enjoy the sea air in the company of a local guide, and learn about Dalkey's historical and literary gems. Listen as the guide reveals the stories behind Dalkey's streetscape and ancient history and some nuggets of local information not available in any guide book!

**Allow 90 minutes to 2hrs 30 Minutes for this experience**

Alternatively, for FITs/smaller parties, if you don't feel like walking and want to enjoy the coast and sea air for another hour or two, you can plan a **Ferry trip of Dalkey Island** ...an island on the tides of time! (Advance booking required)

Starting from Coliemore Harbour in Dalkey you can travel back in time on a supervised ferry trip to Dalkey Island. With Ken as your Ferryman, visit the ancient 11th century church and marvel at the construction of the Martello Towers. The origins of Dalkey Island go back 6,500 years, so you can walk the paths where the Vikings held a slave camp in the early 900s. As an alternative to a village lunch stop, why not plan a picnic as part of your trip and get away from it all, only five minutes from the mainland.

**Allow 90 minutes to 2hrs 30 Minutes for this experience**





EPIC Ireland



Trinity College

## AFTERNOON

### An afternoon of History or Art

**EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum.** EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum is a new state of the art visitor experience that showcases the unique journey of the Irish nation where stories of old are told through the technology of now. Through 20 state-of-the-art galleries, visitors can immerse themselves in the stories of the most remarkable tales of sacrifice, endurance, adventure and discovery. Located in the CHQ Building in the heart of Dublin’s docklands, EPIC brings these amazing stories to life in a unique and spectacular way.

**Allow approx. 90 minutes for this experience**

### Or Alternative Group Experience

**Art Impressions.** A fun afternoon tour of Dublin’s Priceless Artworks – the concise overview of ‘The Story of Art’ strictly for non-academics, followed by an evening’s hospitality at the Church Bar & Restaurant.

Unlock your inner art appreciation and creative instinct and develop the skills that will allow you bring paintings to life. Afterwards enjoy an evening meal and drinks amongst the magnificent Art Architecture and History of the wonderfully restored Church Bar and Restaurant on Mary Street in the heart of Dublin and complete the evening’s enjoyment with live Celtic Entertainment.

**Allow 2½ hours for this experience**

## EVENING

### Dining & Entertainment

#### Traditional

If you choose not to do the Art Impressions Tour and Dining Experience, why not step back in time to 1198, and enjoy a night’s dining, storytelling and entertainment at the **Brazen Head**, officially Ireland’s oldest pub. **(Groups – Pre-booking required.)**

Enjoy an evening of food, folklore and fairies. Pre-booking is required. Enjoy a night of Irish folklore and storytelling over a candlelit dinner, where the renowned storytellers will take you away into a world of the imagination, with wonderful insights and magical tales about life in Ireland in times past. The evening also includes live traditional music and ballads.

#### Contemporary

Want to hang out where the cool kids go? Explore the Creative Quarter, spanning from South William Street to George’s Street and from Lower Stephen’s Street to Exchequer Street, this area of the city is buzzing with new restaurants, cafés and bars. Venues like the **Rag Trader** on Drury Street, once a fabric warehouse, this unique bar takes you on a cultural and historical trip back to the days of the rag trade in Dublin whilst serving up stout and whiskey in a rustic setting. Fancy a cocktail or two give **The Blind Pig** a call and you’ll be escorted to a secret location where award-winning Paul Lambert has created his very own speakeasy with an emphasis on great drinks paired with good, prohibition-era manners. With an excellent choice of quality dining restaurants to suit all budgets nearby you won’t be short of options to suit all budgets and palettes.





Merrion Square



Grand Canal

## DAY 2

### MORNING

After a hearty Irish breakfast at your accommodation, why not blow the cobwebs away and catch a breath of fresh air in the city with [See Dublin by Bike](#). Try a Guided Cycling Tour of Dublin, taking you places well off the beaten track. Departing daily from Café Rother, 16, Fade Street, Dublin 2. When you see Dublin by bike with Sean and Julian as your guides, you'll discover the rich history, the folklore, the great buildings and the unique atmosphere of this city, all with a friendly guide.

Try the Taste of Dublin bike tour which uncovers Dublin's true and local charm. There are no hills and the pace is relaxed. Taking you through the main thoroughfares and exploring character-filled side streets – 'from Guinness to Google' – giving you an unforgettable introduction to Ireland's capital city.

**Allow 2½ hours for this experience**

See the city from a different angle and explore Dublin's most famous river, the River Liffey, with [City Kayaking Dublin](#). Paddle right through the heart of Dublin's city centre and take in some of the city's most iconic landmarks. Your guide will kit you out with all the relevant safety gear and you'll be on your way before you know it. Using qualified guides and safety boats the crew at City Kayaking can ensure the highest standards of safety.

**Allow approx. 2 hours for this experience**

#### Or Alternative Experience

Alternatively for those that prefer to keep their feet firmly on the ground, why not enjoy a Dublin Walking Tour with Pat Liddy's [Walking Tours of Dublin](#).

They say Dublin is a feeling, as much as it is a place. The beauty of Dublin lies inside and outside – in both the obvious as well as the hidden! You can find it on the streets, behind the facades, Northside of the river Liffey as well as Southside, under rainy clouds or bright sunlight, and especially in the Irish peoples' hearts! With a choice of themed tours from Pat Liddy and his team, you can explore Dublin your way with tour choices including 'In the Footsteps of St Patrick' to 'Dublin Film walk' as well as the ever popular 'Best of Dublin' and of course 'Dublin Highlights and Hidden Corners' (you can also book a private tour for groups, at a time to suit you, where you can also opt for a special interest topic from Architecture to History, Dublin City and beyond with a specific language guide, if you choose).

**Allow 2½ hours for this experience**

### LUNCH

For lunch the options are endless. If the weather is fine, why not pick up the contents for a wonderful picnic lunch at Fallon & Byrne Food Hall on Exchequer Street; Avoca Café on Suffolk Street or The Woollen Mills, featuring some wonderful local and artisan produce, and savour it in one of Dublin's unique parks and gardens – St. Stephens' Green (Victorian Square), Merrion Square (exemplary Georgian Square with fascinating literary history), St. Patrick's Park (beside St. Patrick's Cathedral), The Iveagh Gardens (popularly known as Dublin's 'Secret Garden') or The Phoenix Park (the largest enclosed City public park in Europe).

Alternatively enjoy some local Irish foods and international culinary delights in one of the many eateries around the city.

### AFTERNOON

After lunch why not take in a visit to [The Little Museum of Dublin](#), 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 for a guided tour of the Museum.

Inside one of Stephen's Green's beautiful terraced houses, this hidden gem is a wonderful example of the locals coming together to create something unique. Dubliners donated every one of the amazing historical items in this museum so the authentic 'Old Dublin' feel is palpable. A museum created by the people for the people, who live in the city it celebrates.

**Allow 1½ hours for this experience**





The Little Museum of Dublin



Trinity College Library

**The Green Mile Museum.** Every year 8.1 million people walk through St Stephen's Green, but it has also played a key role in Irish history: for example, James Joyce studied on the Green and the Irish Constitution was drafted at the Shelbourne Hotel. This handsome square has long served as a backdrop for public and private drama, as well as the setting for many great love stories.

The tour begins with an introduction to the Little Museum, before a 60-minute walk in the company of an expert local guide. The Green Mile tour starts at 11am every Saturday and Sunday morning. Capacity is strictly limited and the tours often sell out. To avoid disappointment, book your tickets in advance.

**Allow 60 minutes for this experience**

Finish the day with a well-deserved treat of storytelling and whiskey, at the **Irish Whiskey Museum**, the first Irish Whiskey museum in the world, located just opposite the must-see **Book of Kells** at the entrance to **Trinity College**.

With your engaging guide, enjoy a journey through time, in an historic setting, where this fantastic museum unveils the intriguing tale of Irish whiskey. This interactive ultra-modern experience offers an experience unlike any other which tells the story of Irish whiskey through the ages. Learn a few interesting anecdotes to keep you entertained on this one hour tour, before taking part in a fantastic whiskey tasting experience. Hear the interesting history of whiskey, from its humble beginning, inevitable downfall, and current revival. Upgrade to a VIP ticket today to sample matured aged whiskey and receive a unique souvenir to take away as a fond memory of your visit.

**Allow 1 hour for this experience**

**Alternative Experience for Foodies – available for private group bookings!**

*Irish Food Trail*

For something a little different and to satisfy the foodies, why not try book an **Irish Tasting Food Trail** for your group, or for FITs join one of the scheduled evening tours (running from 1800-2100hrs Sunday to Thursday).

The Irish Food Trail gives you a real flavor of what it means to be Irish. Not just through its traditional food and drink, but by meeting its people and exploring a hidden Ireland.

In the company of your own guide you will see the city of Dublin from a different angle, hear some traditional Irish music and great stories of Irish folklore, myths and legends. Find some hidden gems along the way as well as visiting some of Dublin's better known hot spots.

**Delicious Dublin Tours** – Enjoy a personable 'off the beaten track' walking food tour of Dublin. Delivered by a knowledgeable guide, participants are introduced to both the history of Irish food, as well as the contemporary Irish food scene. The tour is an engaging three hour walking tour including numerous food and drink tastings, along with talks from passionate food professionals.

**Allow 3 hours for this experience**

**EVENING ENTERTAINMENT**

No visit to Dublin would be complete without something to immerse you in Dublin's world renowned literary heritage as UNESCO City of Literature, and what better way to enjoy it than with a **Literary Pub Crawl** with your personal guide Colm Quilligan (advance Booking required).

The Tour kicks off the Pub Crawl from the **Duke Pub**, on Duke Street with a song – Waxi Dargle. From there Colm will guide you through the cobbled square of Trinity College and into several pubs in a nearby maze of narrow streets, as he quotes from Joyce, Beckett, Yeats, Heaney and the labour politics activist James Larkin, as he takes you on a journey through the literary history of the city. A key element of experience is the rich lore of Dublin's pubs and the role they played as social centres for many trades, including writers and journalists. The performance is punctuated with song and anecdote and is set against a backdrop of wonderful photographs of the city. With his witty, enthusiastic and informative style, there is always the chance that he will veer off the mark and into subjects that would never be covered in any tourist guides or brochures, such as Eamon de Valera's signing, in 1945, of a condolence book for Adolf Hitler!

**Allow 2 hours for this experience**



# IRELAND'S FOOD STORY

Ireland, an Island on the edge of Europe has long been recognised for the beauty of its landscapes and seascapes, the buzz of its cities, and the spirited warmth of its people. But now visitors are coming for the food and drink too. Thanks to our mild climate, clean seas, fertile soil ... and yes, the rain too ... your clients will taste some of the best raw ingredients in the world.

But what makes it unique and continuously surprises our visitors? Put very simply – it's fresh, natural, local, rugged, uncomplicated and above all, unpretentious. Here in Ireland, we let the ingredients speak for themselves!

On the **Wild Atlantic Way** it's about the freshest seafood plucked straight from the purest waters. But it's also about the men and women who mix tradition with 21st century techniques to bring it from tide to table, to serve it just a few miles (or in some cases, just a few feet) from where it's been caught. Whether it's a steaming bowl of chowder on a wind-whipped winter day or a Guinness and oysters treat on a sun-lit summer terrace, the Wild Atlantic Way is fast becoming a culinary road trip of a lifetime.

In **Ireland's Ancient East**, the cuisine is ancient, simple and profound. Named the bounty of Ireland for its lush green landscapes and rich pastures, in this temperate region you will taste dishes preserved in Irish tradition, the world's best grass fed beef and floury blaas from artisan bakers. Whether it's revelling a local whiskey at fire side traditional music session in a country pub or stepping back in time to enjoy a convivial dinner at a big country house.

**Dublin** – a city of villages, surrounded by mountains and sea; inspires a new wave of chefs, innovators and baristas who are paving the way onto the international food scene. Constantly awash with new eateries and pop up's you will be spoilt for choice, whether it is a stroll and taste through a bustling food market followed by brunch of locally sourced fare, served in a neighbourhood café or a fine dining experience at one of our Michelin stars, here in Dublin you will taste true contemporary Ireland cuisine.





People's Market, Co. Dublin



Johnnie Foxes Pub, Co. Dublin

## IRELAND'S FOOD FESTIVALS

Ireland has seen an explosion of Food Festivals over the last few years. Foodies can celebrate their love of food at some of the best food festivals in Ireland, many of which take place around September and October. With local foods freshly harvested, it's the perfect time to sample this exquisite food culture.

## IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST – FOOD FESTIVALS 2017

Festival	County	Dates	Email	Website
West Waterford Festival of Food, Dungarvan	Waterford	April 14th-16th	<a href="mailto:admin@waterfordfestivaloffood.com">admin@waterfordfestivaloffood.com</a>	<a href="http://www.westwaterfordfestivaloffood.com/">www.westwaterfordfestivaloffood.com/</a>
Wexford Food & Wine Festival	Wexford	May 26th-28th	<a href="mailto:info@wexfordfoodfestival.ie">info@wexfordfoodfestival.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.wexfordfoodfestival.ie">www.wexfordfoodfestival.ie</a>
Sheridan's Cheesemongers Food Fair	Meath	May	<a href="mailto:info@sheridanscheesemongers.com">info@sheridanscheesemongers.com</a>	<a href="http://www.sheridanscheesemongers.com">www.sheridanscheesemongers.com</a>
Ballymaloe Litfest	Cork	May 19th-21st	<a href="mailto:books@litfest.ie">books@litfest.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.litfest.ie">www.litfest.ie</a>
Strawberry Food Fest	Wexford	End of June	<a href="mailto:info@strawberryfest.ie">info@strawberryfest.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.visitwexford.ie">www.visitwexford.ie</a>
Kilmore Quay Seafood Festival	Wexford	July	<a href="mailto:info@visitkilmorequay.com">info@visitkilmorequay.com</a>	<a href="http://www.kilmorequayseafoodfestival.com">www.kilmorequayseafoodfestival.com</a>
Carlingford Oyster Festival	Louth	Aug 4th-6th	<a href="mailto:info@carlingford.ie">info@carlingford.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.Carlingford.ie">www.Carlingford.ie</a>
Taste of Cavan	Cavan	Aug 5th-7th	<a href="mailto:fun@thisiscavan.ie">fun@thisiscavan.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.thisiscavan.ie/fun">www.thisiscavan.ie/fun</a>
Waterford Harvest Food Fest	Waterford	Sept 9th-11th	<a href="mailto:Info@waterfordharvestfestival.ie">Info@waterfordharvestfestival.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.waterfordharvestfestival.ie">www.waterfordharvestfestival.ie</a>
Midleton Food & Drink Festival	Cork	Sept 10th-17th	<a href="mailto:info@midletonfoodfestival.ie">info@midletonfoodfestival.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.midletonfoodfestival.ie">www.midletonfoodfestival.ie</a>
Athlone River & Food Festival	Westmeath	Sept 8th-10th	<a href="mailto:athloneriverfestival@gmail.com">athloneriverfestival@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.athlone.ie">www.athlone.ie</a>
Taste of Togher	Louth	Sept 23rd	<a href="mailto:tasteoftogher@gmail.com">tasteoftogher@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.tasteoftogher.com">www.tasteoftogher.com</a>
Taste of Monaghan	Monaghan	Sept 30th– Oct 2nd	<a href="mailto:info@tasteofmonaghan.com">info@tasteofmonaghan.com</a>	<a href="http://www.tasteofmonaghan.com">www.tasteofmonaghan.com</a>
Savour Kilkenny	Kilkenny	Oct 28th-31st	<a href="mailto:info@savourkilkenny.com">info@savourkilkenny.com</a>	<a href="http://www.savourkilkenny.com">www.savourkilkenny.com</a>
Virgina Pumpkin Festival	Cavan	Oct 28th-31st	<a href="mailto:info@pumpkinfestival.ie">info@pumpkinfestival.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.pumpkinfestival.ie">www.pumpkinfestival.ie</a>
Wild And Slow	Wicklow	Nov 11th-12th	<a href="mailto:wildandslow@macreddin.ie">wildandslow@macreddin.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.wildandslow.com">www.wildandslow.com</a>



## WILD ATLANTIC WAY – FOOD FESTIVALS 2017

Festival	County	Dates	Email	Website
Galway Food Festival	Galway	March	<a href="mailto:info@galwayfoodfestival.com">info@galwayfoodfestival.com</a>	<a href="http://www.galwayfoodfestival.com">www.galwayfoodfestival.com</a>
Gin Fest	Galway	30th March - 2nd April	<a href="mailto:ginfest@thelatinquarter.ie">ginfest@thelatinquarter.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.thelatinquarter.ie/the-latin-quarter-presents-gin-fest">www.thelatinquarter.ie/the-latin-quarter-presents-gin-fest</a>
Cork Whiskey Festival	Cork	April 3rd-10th	<a href="mailto:info@festivalcork.com">info@festivalcork.com</a>	<a href="http://www.festivalcork.com/whiskey-festival-2017/">www.festivalcork.com/whiskey-festival-2017/</a>
All Ireland Chowder Cook off	Cork	April 9th	<a href="mailto:maria@kinsalerestaurants.com">maria@kinsalerestaurants.com</a>	<a href="http://www.kinsale.ie/event/2017-all-ireland-chowder-cook-off">www.kinsale.ie/event/2017-all-ireland-chowder-cook-off</a>
Connemara Mussel Festival	Galway	April 28th-30th	<a href="mailto:connemaramusselfest@gmail.com">connemaramusselfest@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.connemaramussel festival.com">www.connemaramussel festival.com</a>
Burren Slow Food Festival	Clare	May 13th-15th	<a href="mailto:slowfoodclare@gmail.com">slowfoodclare@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.slowfoodclare.com">www.slowfoodclare.com</a>
Listowel Food Fair	Kerry	June 15th-19th	<a href="mailto:info@listowelfoodfair.ie">info@listowelfoodfair.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.dochara.com/events-in-ireland/listowel-food-fair">www.dochara.com/events-in-ireland/listowel-food-fair</a>
Westport Food Festival	Mayo	June	<a href="mailto:info@westportfoodfestival.ie">info@westportfoodfestival.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.westportfoodfestival.ie">www.westportfoodfestival.ie</a>
Só Sligo Food & Culture Fest	Sligo	June 15th-18th	<a href="mailto:info@sosligo.ie">info@sosligo.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.sosligo.ie">www.sosligo.ie</a>
Ballina Salmon Festival	Mayo	July	<a href="mailto:info@ballinasalmonfestival.ie">info@ballinasalmonfestival.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.ballinasalmonfestival.ie">www.ballinasalmonfestival.ie</a>
Food Fleadh Ballina	Mayo	Aug	<a href="mailto:mayonorth@moyvalley.ie">mayonorth@moyvalley.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.northmayo.ie/food-fleadh-ballina-2016">www.northmayo.ie/food-fleadh-ballina-2016</a>
The 2015 Achill Féile na Mara	Mayo	Aug	<a href="mailto:info@achilltourism.com">info@achilltourism.com</a>	<a href="http://www.feilenamara.com">www.feilenamara.com</a>
Doolin Craft Beer Festival	Clare	Aug	<a href="mailto:info@hoteldoolin.ie">info@hoteldoolin.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.hoteldoolin.ie">www.hoteldoolin.ie</a>
A Taste of Donegal	Donegal	Aug 25th-27th	<a href="mailto:development@donegaltown.ie">development@donegaltown.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.atasteofdonegal.com">www.atasteofdonegal.com</a>
Clarenbridge Oyster Festival	Galway	Aug	<a href="mailto:info@clarenbridge.com">info@clarenbridge.com</a>	<a href="http://www.clarenbridge.com">www.clarenbridge.com</a>
Galway International Oyster Festival	Galway	Sept 22th-24th	<a href="mailto:info@galwayoysterfest.com">info@galwayoysterfest.com</a>	<a href="http://www.galwayoysterfest.com">www.galwayoysterfest.com</a>
Seafood in September	Clare	Sept	<a href="mailto:loopheadtourism@gmail.com">loopheadtourism@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.loophead.ie">www.loophead.ie</a>
A Taste of West Cork	Cork	Sept 8th-17th	<a href="mailto:info@atasteofwestcork.com">info@atasteofwestcork.com</a>	<a href="http://www.atasteofwestcork.com">www.atasteofwestcork.com</a>
Dingle Food Festival	Kerry	Sept 29th - Oct 1st	<a href="mailto:info@dinglefood.com">info@dinglefood.com</a>	<a href="http://www.dinglefood.com">www.dinglefood.com</a>
A Taste of Inishbofin – Bia Bó Finne	Galway	Sept 29th - Oct 1st	<a href="mailto:festival@biabofinne.ie">festival@biabofinne.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.biabofinne.ie">www.biabofinne.ie</a>
Kinsale Gourmet Festival	Cork	Oct	<a href="mailto:maria@kinsalerestaurants.com">maria@kinsalerestaurants.com</a>	<a href="http://www.kinsalerestaurants.com">www.kinsalerestaurants.com</a>
Burren Food Fayre – Winterage	Clare	Oct	<a href="mailto:info@burrenecotourismcom">info@burrenecotourismcom</a>	<a href="http://www.burren.ie">www.burren.ie</a>







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Festival	Location	Dates	Email	Website
Dine In Dublin	Dublin City	Feb-March	<a href="mailto:amanda@dublintown.ie">amanda@dublintown.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.dineindublin.ie">www.dineindublin.ie</a>
Dublin Bay Prawn Festival	Howth	March 17th-19th	<a href="mailto:info@fingaltourism.ie">info@fingaltourism.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.dublinbayprawnfestival.com">www.dublinbayprawnfestival.com</a>
Bloom in the Park	Phoenix Park	June 1st-5th	<a href="mailto:info@bloominthepark.com">info@bloominthepark.com</a>	<a href="http://www.bloominthepark.com">www.bloominthepark.com</a>
Taste of Dublin	Iveagh Gardens	June 15th-18th	<a href="mailto:info@tasteofdublin.ie">info@tasteofdublin.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.tasteofdublin.ie">www.tasteofdublin.ie</a>
Flavours of Fingal Show	Donabate	June 24th-25th	<a href="mailto:info@fingaltourism.ie">info@fingaltourism.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.flavoursoffingal.ie">www.flavoursoffingal.ie</a>
The Big Grill Festival	Ballsbridge	Aug	<a href="mailto:info@biggrillfestival.com">info@biggrillfestival.com</a>	<a href="http://www.biggrillfestival.com">www.biggrillfestival.com</a>
Dalkey Lobster Festival	Dalkey	Aug 26th-28th	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/DalkeyLobFest">@DalkeyLobFest</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/DalkeyLobsterFest">www.facebook.com/DalkeyLobsterFest</a>
Dublin Cocktail Festival	Dublin City	Oct	<a href="mailto:oisin@greatirishbeverages.com">oisin@greatirishbeverages.com</a>	<a href="http://www.greatirishbeverages.com">www.greatirishbeverages.com</a>
Smithfield/Stoneybatter Food Festival	Dublin 7	Oct	<a href="mailto:info@smithfieldstoneybatter.com">info@smithfieldstoneybatter.com</a>	<a href="http://www.smithfieldstoneybatter.com/food-festival.html">www.smithfieldstoneybatter.com/food-festival.html</a>
Whiskey Live Dublin	Dublin Castle	Oct 28th-30th	<a href="mailto:info@celticwhiskeyshop.com">info@celticwhiskeyshop.com</a>	<a href="http://www.whiskeylivedublin.com">www.whiskeylivedublin.com</a>
Bite Food Festival	Ballsbridge	Oct	<a href="mailto:info@bitefoodfestival.ie">info@bitefoodfestival.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.bitefoodfestival.ie">www.bitefoodfestival.ie</a>



## IRELAND'S FOOD TRAILS

Ireland boasts a bountiful variety of Local Food Trails and Great Food and Drink Tours – whether Wild, Foraged, Organic or Gourmet, including its fair share of Artisan Whiskey Distilleries and Craft Breweries, influenced by the purity of our waters, the superior quality of our grains and the abundance of our wild berries and herbs. Whether your clients want to follow a food journey from maker to plate or take time out in their itinerary to meet the producer, our choice of Food and Drink trails and tours provide the perfect inspiration and whet their appetite to savour the real flavours of Ireland.



## WILD ATLANTIC WAY FOOD TRAILS & TOURS

Business Name	Contact Details	Contact Number	Website/Email	About the Tours & Trail
<b>Burren Food Trail</b>	Burren Ecotourism Clare Co Council, Ennistymon Area Office, Co Clare	+353 (0) 65 7072295	<a href="http://www.burren.ie/food-dining/burren-food-trail/">www.burren.ie/food-dining/burren-food-trail/</a>	<b>Don't just visit the Burren... Taste it!</b> The fertile valleys produce excellent beef and lamb thanks to a unique and ancient system. Explore the trail as it uncovers the path that your food takes from field to plate
<b>Galway Food Tours</b>	Sheena Dignam	+353 (0) 86 7332885	<a href="http://www.galwayfoodtours.com">www.galwayfoodtours.com</a> <a href="mailto:sheenadignam10@gmail.com">sheenadignam10@gmail.com</a>	Sheena leads food enthusiasts around Galway's finest food destinations and guests usually replace lunch with the tour as along the way you will sample fresh sushi, the finest cheese, Galway oysters, mouth-watering breads and savoury bites as well as delicious sweet treats.
<b>Gourmet Greenway</b>	Mulranny Park Hotel Westport, County Mayo	+353 (0) 98 36000	<a href="http://www.mulrannyparkhotel.ie/gourmet-greenway-getaway">www.mulrannyparkhotel.ie/gourmet-greenway-getaway</a>	<b>Gourmet Greenway Food Trail</b> Devised in association with Mayo food producers, to showcase the wonderful Artisan food in the vicinities of Mulranny.
<b>Connemara Foodie Trail</b>	Sinead O'Brien Mungo Murphys Seaweed Co.	+353 (0) 85 7583662	<a href="http://www.mungomurphyseaweed.com/tours">www.mungomurphyseaweed.com/tours</a>	Mungo's tours offer visitors a combination of history, knowledge, beauty, adventure and taste; making it a truly unique experience to be had in the West of Ireland.
<b>Irish Seaweed Kitchen</b>	Prannie Rhatigan Irish Seaweed Kitchen, Streedagh, Grange, Co. Sligo		<a href="http://www.irishseaweedkitchen.ie/info@irishseaweedkitchen.ie">www.irishseaweedkitchen.ie/info@irishseaweedkitchen.ie</a>	Prannie Rhatigan is a medical doctor with a lifetime experience of harvesting, cooking and gardening organically with sea vegetables.  Learn all about seaweed and educate yourself in the benefits of seaweed in cooking, health, and gardening. Then walk along the shore with Prannie to harvest seaweeds in season.
<b>Wild Kitchen Wild Food Walks on Land &amp; Seashore</b> <b>NEW</b>	Callura South, Lahinch, Clare	+353 (0) 87 6877890	<a href="http://www.wildkitchen.ie/info@wildkitchen.ie">www.wildkitchen.ie/info@wildkitchen.ie</a>	Discover many edible types of seaweed, plants, flowers, herbs, berries and fruit. Walks include plant identification, what's in season, what not to eat, sharing recipes and, of course, tasting the wild bounty.



Business Name	Contact Details	Contact Number	Website/Email	About the Tours & Trail
<b>Irish Food Tours</b>	Zack Gallagher Wendy Kavanagh (Based in Donegal)	+353 (0) 86 6632079 +353 (0) 87 6547061	<a href="http://www.irishfoodtours.ie/">http://www.irishfoodtours.ie/</a>	Arranged food tours of Ireland visiting Artisan food producers, meeting skilled chefs and sampling Irish Local restaurants using the finest of Irish ingredients
<b>Irish Seaweed Safari/Tour</b>	Gerard & Eileen Talty	+353 (0) 87 0922555	<a href="http://www.wildirishseaweeds.com">www.wildirishseaweeds.com</a>	Visit our purpose built Seaweed Centre located along the Wild Atlantic Way. Walk along the secluded shore of Caherush Point; Inhale the breathtaking views of Seafield and Spanish Point. Discover the various seaweeds available in Ireland. Learn how to Identify & sustainably harvest and save your seaweed at home.
<b>Taste The Atlantic: A Seafood Journey</b>	From Galway Bay to Sliabh League, Donegal		<a href="http://www.wildatlanticway.com/stories/food/seafood-itinerary">www.wildatlanticway.com/stories/food/seafood-itinerary</a>	A culinary adventure, which is dotted with savoury suggestions ranging from restaurants and cafés to farms, fishing ports and smokehouses, so you'll know exactly when and where to indulge. It's a route you can dip into or take on in its entirety, an opportunity to explore Ireland's pristine oceans, to sample its food story and to enjoy an unforgettable taste of place on a plate.
<b>Atlantic Irish Seaweed</b>	John Fitzgerald Castlecove, Caherdaniel, Kerry	+353 (0) 86 1062110	<a href="http://www.atlanticirishseaweed.com/workshops/">www.atlanticirishseaweed.com/workshops/</a>	Learn how to forage, find and sustainably harvest our seaweed bounty. Taste these wonderful sea vegetables and discover their nutritional, horticultural and cosmetic benefits.
<b>Foody Tours</b> <b>NEW</b>	Siobhan Foody	+353 (0) 87 1203297	<a href="http://www.foodytours.ie/siobhanfoody@gmail.com">www.foodytours.ie/siobhanfoody@gmail.com</a>	Independent gourmet tapas-style tasting tours in the West of Ireland. Experience some of the best food destinations on the Wild Atlantic Way and have a wonderful day or night out.
<b>Clonakilty Food Tour</b> <b>NEW</b>	Kate – Flavour.ie	+353 (0) 86 205 9360	<a href="http://www.flavour.ie/food-adventures/flavour@allsorts.net">www.flavour.ie/food-adventures/flavour@allsorts.net</a>	The Clonakilty Walking Food Tour every Friday, June to August, come rain or shine! Booking in advance is essential and made by 4pm the day before a tour. The tour starts at 11am sharp and finishes at 3pm.
<b>Sligo Food Trail</b> <b>NEW</b>	Anthony Gray	+353 (0) 87 9028845	<a href="http://www.sligofoodtrail.ie">www.sligofoodtrail.ie</a>	Sligo Food Trail treats your palate to an abundance of culinary treasures. You can map your own route to choose the cuisine that you love best.
<b>Wild Atlantic Way Food tour</b> <b>NEW</b>	Sheena Dignam	+353 (0) 86 7332885	<a href="http://www.wildatlanticwayfoodtours.com">www.wildatlanticwayfoodtours.com</a> <a href="mailto:galwayfoodtours@gmail.com">galwayfoodtours@gmail.com</a>	Galway Food Tours is a 2.5 hour guided culinary walking tour of Galway. It gives a great overview of Galway's passionate people and the beautiful produce which combine to make Galway one of Ireland's gourmet jewels. During the tour you will meet artisan producers and sample their products with experienced guide, Sheena Dignam, giving you insights into local favourites and treasured ingredients.





## IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST – FOOD TRAILS & TOURS

Business Name	Contact Details	Contact Number	Website/Email	About the Tours & Trail
<b>Boyne Valley Food Series Food Event Calendar</b>	Olivia Duff Headfort Arms Hotel, Headfort Place, Kells, Co Meath	+353 (0) 87 6167546	<a href="http://www.boynevalleyfoodseries.ie">www.boynevalleyfoodseries.ie</a>	A group of businesses – restaurants, hoteliers, food producers and visitor attractions – who are passionate about food, keen to celebrate its journey from producer to the table, and to link it to the rich heritage of this region.
<b>Foodtours.ie</b>	Dermot Seebury	+353 (0) 86 3100562	<a href="http://www.foodtours.ie/index.html">www.foodtours.ie/index.html</a> <a href="mailto:irishfoodtours">@irishfoodtours</a>	A one day guided coach tour where you will be introduced to award winning artisan producers from the North East region of Ireland. At each stop you will get the opportunity to hear their stories, taste their food and even buy some to take home with you if you wish.
<b>Carlow Food Trail NEW</b>	Carlow Tourism	+353 (0) 59 9130411	<a href="http://www.carlowtourism.com/site-assets/uploads/2016/05/Carlow-Food-Trail.pdf">www.carlowtourism.com/site-assets/uploads/2016/05/Carlow-Food-Trail.pdf</a> <a href="mailto:info@carlowtourism.com">info@carlowtourism.com</a>	Carlow Food Trail catalogue brings this great food story together. Whether it's free range produce fresh from the farm, artisan cheese, local apples or home bakery, and from bars, restaurants and breweries, Carlow has it all.
<b>Kilkenny Food Trail</b>	Harry Everard 10 Patricks Court, Kilkenny, Ireland	+353 (0) 56 7752111 +353 (0) 86 0485553	<a href="http://www.trailkilkenny.ie/themed-trails/taste-of-kilkenny-food-trail/">www.trailkilkenny.ie/themed-trails/taste-of-kilkenny-food-trail/</a> <a href="mailto:harry.everard@cklp.ie">harry.everard@cklp.ie</a>	Taste the best that Kilkenny has to offer and experience the city which has at its heart rich and varied food culture, artisan cheese makers, chocolatiers and much more all grounded in tradition and its locality.
<b>Kilkenny Tasting Trail</b>	Eveleen Coyle	+353 (0) 1 497 1245 +353 (0) 86 811 9881	<a href="http://www.fabfoodtrails.ie/kilkenny-tasting-trail/">www.fabfoodtrails.ie/kilkenny-tasting-trail/</a> <a href="mailto:info@fabfoodtrails.ie">info@fabfoodtrails.ie</a>	Kilkenny is a city with great food, great craft, great history and what better way to get to know it but through that food, that craft and that history.  The Tasting Trail is a unique combination of fabulous food, great crafts and a little history and architecture.



## DUBLIN – FOOD TRAILS & TOURS

Business Name	Contact Details	Contact Number	Website/Email	About the Tours & Trail
<b>Irish Whiskey Tours</b>	Michael Lawlor	+353 (0) 87 6424235	<a href="http://www.irishwhiskeytours.ie">www.irishwhiskeytours.ie</a>	This tour lets you experience excellent Irish whiskey in the most suitable environment – the pubs of Dublin City. Irish whiskey is the fastest growing spirit in the world and Dublin is the perfect place to relax, unwind and experience what all the fuss is about.
<b>Delicious Dublin Food Tour</b>	Ketty Quiley Fáilte Ireland Food Champion	+353 (0) 87 6196619	<a href="http://www.deliciousdublin.tours.com">www.deliciousdublin.tours.com</a> <a href="mailto:frenchfoodieindublin@gmail.com">frenchfoodieindublin@gmail.com</a>	With Delicious Dublin Tours don't expect to drink a pint of Guinness or eat an Irish stew, we have a contemporary approach to Dublin's food scene and want you to learn about the exciting culinary revolution that Dublin has been going through for the last few years.
<b>Fab Food Trails Dublin</b>	Eveleen Coyle	+353 (0) 1 4971245	<a href="http://www.fabfoodtrails.ie/dublin-tasting-trail">www.fabfoodtrails.ie/dublin-tasting-trail</a>	Visit a range of bakeries, food halls, street markets, cheesemongers, delicatessens and other speciality shops. You'll meet those that have traded for generations producing great food as well as new arrivals to the food scene, bringing new international and contemporary tastes to the Irish table using great Irish produce.
<b>Irish Food Trails</b>	Richard Martin Paul Kavanagh	+353 (0) 85 774 7005	<a href="http://www.irishfoodtrail.ie">www.irishfoodtrail.ie</a>	On the Irish Food Trail you will experience the best Irish food, restaurants and pubs in Ireland. This is an exciting walking food tour of Irish Cities, in which 'craic agus ceol' is the main course. We provide the ideal path to explore Ireland's most popular and hidden Restaurants.
<b>Vintage Tea Tours</b> <b>NEW</b>	Karen Nixon	+353 (0) 1 5266961	<a href="http://www.vintageteatours.ie">www.vintageteatours.ie</a>	The Vintage Tea Tour is an Afternoon Tea Experience. Climb on-board a fully restored Vintage Routemaster bus called Pauline and enjoy a drive through beautiful Dublin city taking in the best known sights. On board you will have a chance to sit back and relax whilst enjoying freshly prepared Afternoon Tea and 1950's jazz music. This is not a guided tour but an Afternoon Tea experience. There are beautifully illustrated history booklets on-board if visitors would like some additional information on Dublin City.



Bloom Festival, Dublin



Temple Bar Food Market, Dublin



## GOOD FOOD IRELAND

Good Food Ireland provides food tours, trails and food and drink experiences for food lovers. Enjoy a gourmet getaway, a cooking masterclass or a great culinary evening all with a behind the scenes twist because Good Food Ireland know Irish food and want to share their secrets with you and your clients.

There is no better way of understanding a countries culture than by eating its food. Stay and eat your way around our island and get exclusive access to the people behind the best Irish food and hear their fascinating stories.

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- Hands on Cookery Courses and Demos
- Producer Visits and Masterclasses
- Brewery and Distillery Tastings

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## IRELAND'S BREWING EXPERIENCES

Ireland is no longer home to just the black stuff – there are dozens of artisan breweries producing delicious craft beers, ales and ciders in stunning parts of the country.

Here is a guide to some of the top microbreweries in Ireland. For a full list of breweries in Ireland please contact Business Development: [E businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie](mailto:E.businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie)

Company	Contact	Email	Tel	Programme
Smithwicks Experience	Mark McGovern	<a href="mailto:Mark.mcgovern@diageo.com">Mark.mcgovern@diageo.com</a>	+353 (0) 86 348 8322	Ireland's Ancient East
Franciscan Well Brewery	Shane Long	<a href="mailto:franciscanwellbrewery@gmail.com">franciscanwellbrewery@gmail.com</a>	+353 (0) 86 851 2848	Ireland's Ancient East
Dungarvan Brewing Company	Claire Dalton	<a href="mailto:claire@dungarvanbrewingcompany.com">claire@dungarvanbrewingcompany.com</a>	+353 (0) 87 904 3237	Ireland's Ancient East
White Gypsy Brewery	James Grymes	<a href="mailto:jamie@whitegypsy.ie">jamie@whitegypsy.ie</a>	+353 (0) 504 56572	Ireland's Ancient East
Metalman Brewing	Tim Barber	<a href="mailto:tours@metalmansbrewing.com">tours@metalmansbrewing.com</a>	+353 (0) 51 348 448	Ireland's Ancient East
Carlow Brewing Company	Seamus O'Hara	<a href="mailto:tours@carlowbrewing.com">tours@carlowbrewing.com</a>	+353 (0) 59 9720509	Ireland's Ancient East
Brehon Brewhouse	Seamus McMahon	<a href="mailto:seamusmcmahon22@gmail.com">seamusmcmahon22@gmail.com</a>	+353 (0) 86 823 0914	Ireland's Ancient East
Wicklow Brewery	Leigh Williams	<a href="mailto:wicklowbrewingcompany@gmail.com">wicklowbrewingcompany@gmail.com</a>	+353 (0) 87 6683216	Ireland's Ancient East
Wicklow Wolf Brewing Company	Simon Lynch	<a href="mailto:info@wicklowwolf.com">info@wicklowwolf.com</a>	+353 (0) 87 616 4172	Ireland's Ancient East
Burren Brewery	Peter Curtin	<a href="mailto:roadsidetavern@gmail.com">roadsidetavern@gmail.com</a>	+353 (0) 87 830 0069	Wild Atlantic Way
Kinnegar Brewery	Libby Carton	<a href="mailto:libby@kinnegarbrewing.ie">libby@kinnegarbrewing.ie</a>	+353 (0) 74 915 8874	Wild Atlantic Way
Black's Brewery	Sam Black	<a href="mailto:sam@blacksbrewery.com">sam@blacksbrewery.com</a>	+353 (0) 87 9180433	Wild Atlantic Way
The White Hag	Amy O'Callaghan	<a href="mailto:amy@thewhitehag.com">amy@thewhitehag.com</a>	+353 (0) 85 8722989	Wild Atlantic Way
Killarney Brewery	Paul Sheahan	<a href="mailto:info@killarneybrewing.com">info@killarneybrewing.com</a>	+353 (0) 64 663 6505	Wild Atlantic Way
Galway Hooker Brewery	Aidan Murphy	<a href="mailto:aidan@galwayhooker.ie">aidan@galwayhooker.ie</a>	+353 (0) 87 7762823	Wild Atlantic Way
Guinness Storehouse	Áine Kavanagh	<a href="mailto:Aine.kavanagh@diageo.com">Aine.kavanagh@diageo.com</a>	+353 (0) 1 471 4649	Dublin

## IRELAND'S WHISKEY DISTILLERIES

Irish whiskey distilleries are a unique and important part of Ireland's heritage and hospitality, here is a list of some of our most famous Whiskey and artisan spirit distilleries. For information on more of these including some Specialist and Luxury Exclusive Whiskey Tours, please contact Business Development [E businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie](mailto:E.businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie)

Company	Contact	Email	Tel	Programme
Kilbeggan Distillery	Ruth Wyer	<a href="mailto:ruth.wyer@beamsuntory.com">ruth.wyer@beamsuntory.com</a>	+353 (0) 57 9332134	Ireland's Ancient East
Jameson Distillery Midleton	Ignacio Peregrina	<a href="mailto:Midleton@jamesonwhiskey.com">Midleton@jamesonwhiskey.com</a>	+353 (0) 21 4613594	Ireland's Ancient East
Tullamore Dew	Cathy Sullivan	<a href="mailto:tullamoredew@wgrant.com">tullamoredew@wgrant.com</a>	+353 (0) 57 9325015	Ireland's Ancient East
Jameson Whiskey Dublin	Sabine Sheehan	<a href="mailto:bowst@jamesonwhiskey.com">bowst@jamesonwhiskey.com</a>	+353 (0) 1 8072355	Dublin
Teeling Distillery	Darren Whelan	<a href="mailto:Darren@teelingwhiskey.com">Darren@teelingwhiskey.com</a>	+353 (0) 1 5310888	Dublin
The Dingle Distillery	Mary	<a href="mailto:mary@dingledistillery.ie">mary@dingledistillery.ie</a>	+353-66-4029011	Wild Atlantic Way



# GET INSPIRED – IRELAND'S FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Some countries have seasons dedicated to festivals, but here in Ireland, we have an entire calendar year to allow your clients totally immerse themselves in themed celebrations of our culture. With hundreds to choose from music – trad, classical, opera and contemporary, as well as food, literature, comedy, film, matchmaking, horse-racing, outdoor activities and more, Ireland is a cultural haven of festivals & events that guarantees your clients a trip to remember forever!

Whether you are looking to develop a standalone itinerary around one of Ireland's many signature festivals or looking to incorporate a flavour of these uniquely Irish celebrations, into a new programme to Ireland, Ireland offers something for everyone!





## IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

The festivals of Ireland's Ancient East are inspired by the landscape and coloured by its fascinating history, but offer distinct insights into the arts, crafts, and Agri-food providence of this region, strongly influenced by its millennia of warring invaders and settlers.

Throughout the bustling colourful towns and villages, across the many market squares, in the gardens of stately homes and castles over afternoon teas, harvest picnics, foraging feasts or across the many walking festivals through its lush landscapes of mountains, valleys, rivers and lakes, the festival and events programme truly brings its past and present to life. Here your clients have the chance to try something new while the musical heritage influences of Ireland's Ancient East are showcased through events such as Kilkenny Roots Festival (April), Cork International Choral Festival (May), Kilkenny Arts Festival (Aug), Cork Folk Festival (Sept/Oct), Guinness Cork Jazz Festival (Oct) and Wexford Opera Festival (Nov).

### CORK INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

Cork International Choral Festival is held annually and welcomes choirs from across the world for a programme of Gala concerts, Schools Concerts, National and International Competitions, and world-class performances, as thousands of participants bring the city to life for a celebration of choral music in all its many forms.

One of Europe's premier international choral festivals, Cork is noted for its high standards, eclectic and wide-ranging programme, and the friendliness of its welcome. Festival events and performances centre around Cork's City Hall.

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### WEXFORD FESTIVAL OPERA

Wexford Festival Opera is one of the leading opera festivals in the world. Priding itself on breathing new life into unjustly neglected operas, it has succeeded in introducing both artists and audiences to forgotten masterpieces. With high quality productions which annually delight both critics and audiences alike, it's not to be missed.

The 66th Wexford Festival Opera will run for 18 days, and feature classic performances such as Medea by Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842), Margherita, by Jacopo Foroni (1825-1858), and Risurrezione, by Franco Alfano (1875-1954).

**Booking Contact** David McLoughlin  
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For a full list of festivals and events in Ireland's Ancient East please go to page 118.





## WILD ATLANTIC WAY

All year round, people come together along the Wild Atlantic Way to celebrate and showcase all that is rugged and real about this Atlantic coastal landscape, and how it inspires those who live here. The Wild Atlantic Way festival programme will immerse your clients in raucous festivals that celebrate the best in Irish traditional music, literature, food and crafts, sports, legends and more.

Here, visitors celebrate the diversity of the Wild Atlantic Way, with festival programmes designed to enlighten and entertain. From Irish music and dance, to sports, the natural outdoors – inspired by the salty sea air and its rugged landscape, to events showcasing local food and drink heritage and artisan farming, this programme of events truly immerses visitors in the Wild Atlantic Way of life.

### LISTOWEL WRITERS WEEK

Listowel Writers' Week is an internationally acclaimed literary festival devoted to bringing together writers and audiences at unique and innovative events in the historic and intimate surroundings of Listowel County Kerry.

The Festival showcases and provides access to writers who offer substantive artistic content and who offer guidance and inspiration to diverse audiences. The Festival also aims to give a platform for participants to perform their art form.

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### SEA SESSIONS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sea Sessions is one of Ireland's most highly respected small festivals and is widely recognised as being the country's premier music, camping and surfing lifestyle event. The festival is rooted in a love of surfing. The cream of Irish and European surfers take part in the ASP sanctioned surf competition. In addition to surfing and music, other activities include street performers, gourmet food outlets, tag rugby and beach soccer tournaments, an ultimate frisbee competition and swimming races. There are also skateboarding, BMX and mountain biking displays; an extreme sports film festival; and a body and soul holistic healing and therapy village!

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For a full list of festivals and events on the Wild Atlantic Way please go to page 118.





## DUBLIN

Dublin has a vibrant year round festival scene including festivals dedicated to theatre, film, food, literature, the outdoors, dance and Irish heritage and nationhood.

For culture vultures Dublin offers endless variety. Tradfest which takes place in late Winter provides up close and personal trad. music sessions from Irish and International greats in a range of cosy pub and intimate theatre venues. In early Autumn, Culture Night – Ireland’s iconic celebration of Irish culture, offers a unique opportunity for visitors to explore the city’s museums, galleries, churches for free and access to many historic houses, artists’ studios and cultural centres some of which are opened specifically for this event. Festivals such as Bloomsday in June celebrates the literature and social fabric of Georgian Dublin in a time past, while the Dublin Theatre Festival and The Dublin Fringe Festival offer those with a passion for the arts, opportunities for back stage tours and access to multi-disciplinary innovative approaches to arts immersion from Irish and International writers, directors and artists.

For foodies, there are festivals and events like The Dine in Dublin Restaurant Week, with excellent value to sample the best of Dublin eateries, while the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival, which runs alongside St Patricks Festival, in the coastal village of Howth offers a harbour celebration – a festival food village and an endless weekend of glorious seafood tastings and treats.

### TRADFEST TEMPLE BAR

Tradfest Temple Bar which takes place in Late January/ Early February has established itself as a major event in Dublin’s cultural calendar. As the city’s premier celebration of Irish Trad and Folk Music, it features an eclectic programme of Irish and international performers performing in some of Dublin’s most iconic venues including Dublin Castle, St. Patricks Cathedral, Dublin City Hall plus many other iconic buildings. The 5 day festival also includes workshops, master-classes, pub sessions, outdoor entertainment, music trails, exhibitions, film screenings as well as a family programme of music, arts and crafts for younger audiences.

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### BLOOMSDAY

Bloomsday celebrates Thursday 16 June 1904, the day depicted in James Joyce’s novel Ulysses. The day is named after Leopold Bloom, the central character in Ulysses. The novel follows the life and thoughts of Leopold Bloom and a host of other characters – real and fictional – from 8am on 16 June 1904 through to the early hours of the following morning.

Bloomsday celebrations often include dressing up like characters from the book and in clothes that would have been the style of the era. One of the hallmark fancy dress items of Bloomsday is the straw boater hat. Celebrations come in many different forms like readings, performances and tours visiting the places and establishments referenced in the book.

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For a full list of festivals and events in Dublin please go to page 118.





# LISTING OF FESTIVALS & PARTICIPATIVE EVENTS

Please check the festival website for additional details, or visit [www.discoverireland.ie/whats-on](http://www.discoverireland.ie/whats-on) for further suggestions.

Name of Festival	Contact Name	Email	Website	Month festival takes place	Programme
Tradfest	Martin Harte	<a href="mailto:martin@templebarcompany.com">martin@templebarcompany.com</a>	<a href="http://www.templebartrad.com">www.templebartrad.com</a>	January	Dublin
Audi Dublin International Film Festival	Sian Cunningham	<a href="mailto:manager@diff.ie">manager@diff.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.diff.ie">www.diff.ie</a>	February	Dublin
St Patrick's Festival	Susan Kirby	<a href="mailto:SusanKirby@stpatricksfestival.ie">SusanKirby@stpatricksfestival.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie">www.stpatricksfestival.ie</a>	March	Dublin
Bloomsday	Mark Traynor	<a href="mailto:mark@jamesjoyce.ie">mark@jamesjoyce.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.bloomsdayfestival.ie">www.bloomsdayfestival.ie</a>	June	Dublin
Laya Healthcare City Spectacular	Shell Holden	<a href="mailto:shell@cityspectacular.com">shell@cityspectacular.com</a>	<a href="http://www.cityspectacular.com">www.cityspectacular.com</a>	July	Dublin
Dublin Horse Show	Marita Connors	<a href="mailto:marita@rds.ie">marita@rds.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.dublinhorseshow.com">www.dublinhorseshow.com</a>	August	Dublin
Rock n Roll, Dublin Half Marathon	Stacey Campbell	<a href="mailto:scampbell@competitorgroup.com">scampbell@competitorgroup.com</a>	<a href="http://www.runrocknroll.com/dublin">www.runrocknroll.com/dublin</a>	August	Dublin
Dublin Theatre Festival	Willie White	<a href="mailto:Willie@dublintheatrefestival.com">Willie@dublintheatrefestival.com</a>	<a href="http://www.dublintheatrefestival.com">www.dublintheatrefestival.com</a>	September	Dublin
Tiger Dublin Fringe	Jane Russell	<a href="mailto:jane@fringefest.com">jane@fringefest.com</a>	<a href="http://www.fringefest.com">www.fringefest.com</a>	September	Dublin
Bram Stoker	Daire Enright	<a href="mailto:Daire.Enright@failteireland.ie">Daire.Enright@failteireland.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.bramstokerfestival.com">www.bramstokerfestival.com</a>	October	Dublin
Dublin New Year Festival	Daire Enright	<a href="mailto:Daire.Enright@failteireland.ie">Daire.Enright@failteireland.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.nyfdublin.com">www.nyfdublin.com</a>	December	Dublin
Glen of Aherlow Walking Festival	Helen Morrissey	<a href="mailto:info@aherlow.com">info@aherlow.com</a>	<a href="http://www.aherlow.com/festivals">www.aherlow.com/festivals</a>	January & June	Ireland's Ancient East
Cork International Choral Festival	Sinead Dunphy	<a href="mailto:sinead@corkchoral.ie">sinead@corkchoral.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.corkchoral.ie">www.corkchoral.ie</a>	April	Ireland's Ancient East
Kilkenny Roots Festival		<a href="mailto:info@kilkennyroots.com">info@kilkennyroots.com</a>	<a href="http://www.kilkennyroots.com">www.kilkennyroots.com</a>	April/May	Ireland's Ancient East
Cat Laughs Comedy Festival	Matthew Smith	<a href="mailto:smythmatthew4@gmail.com">smythmatthew4@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.thecatlaughs.com">www.thecatlaughs.com</a>	June	Ireland's Ancient East
Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair	Roger Casey	<a href="mailto:rcasey@tattersalls.ie">rcasey@tattersalls.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.tattshorsetrials.ie">www.tattshorsetrials.ie</a>	June	Ireland's Ancient East
Kilkenny Arts Festival	Eugene Downes	<a href="mailto:director@Kilkennyarts.ie">director@Kilkennyarts.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.kilkennyarts.ie">www.kilkennyarts.ie</a>	August	Ireland's Ancient East
Wexford Festival Opera	Mr. David McLoughlin	<a href="mailto:dml@Wexfordopera.com">dml@Wexfordopera.com</a>	<a href="http://www.wexfordopera.com">www.wexfordopera.com</a>	October	Ireland's Ancient East
Guinness Cork Jazz Festival	Jack McGouran	<a href="mailto:jack@questcom.ie">jack@questcom.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.guinnessjazzfestival.com">www.guinnessjazzfestival.com</a>	October	Ireland's Ancient East
Kilkenomics	Naoise Nunn	<a href="mailto:naoise@kilkenomics.com">naoise@kilkenomics.com</a>	<a href="http://www.kilkenomics.com">www.kilkenomics.com</a>	November	Ireland's Ancient East
Cúirt International Festival of Literature	Dani Gill	<a href="mailto:dani@galwayartscentre.ie">dani@galwayartscentre.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.cuirt.ie">www.cuirt.ie</a>	April	Wild Atlantic Way
Cuirt International Literary Festival	Dani Gill	<a href="mailto:dani@galwayartscentre.ie">dani@galwayartscentre.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.cuirt.ie">www.cuirt.ie</a>	April	Wild Atlantic Way
Listowel Writers Week	Eilish Wren	<a href="mailto:eilish@writersweek.ie">eilish@writersweek.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.writersweek.ie">www.writersweek.ie</a>	May	Wild Atlantic Way
Sea Sessions	Daniel Browne	<a href="mailto:danielb@rivermedia.ie">danielb@rivermedia.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.seasessions.com">www.seasessions.com</a>	June	Wild Atlantic Way



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Ireland BikeFest	Breffni Ingerton	<a href="mailto:breffni@irelandbikefest.com">breffni@irelandbikefest.com</a>	<a href="http://www.irelandbikefest.com">www.irelandbikefest.com</a>	June	Wild Atlantic Way
Challenge Galway	Liam Heavin	<a href="mailto:liam@challengetriathlon.com">liam@challengetriathlon.com</a>	<a href="http://www.challengetriathlon.com">www.challengetriathlon.com</a>	June	Wild Atlantic Way
Donegal Rally	Damian Crawford	<a href="mailto:damian.crawford@lawlibrary.ie">damian.crawford@lawlibrary.ie</a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/donegalrally/">https://www.facebook.com/donegalrally/</a>	June	Wild Atlantic Way
Sea Sessions Music Festival	Daniel Browne	<a href="mailto:danielb@rivermedia.ie">danielb@rivermedia.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.seasessions.com">www.seasessions.com</a>	June	Wild Atlantic Way
West Cork Chamber Music & Literary Festival	Grace O'Mahony	<a href="mailto:gracewcm@eircom.net">gracewcm@eircom.net</a>	<a href="http://www.westcorkmusic.ie">www.westcorkmusic.ie</a>	July	Wild Atlantic Way
Earagail Arts Festival	Paul Browne	<a href="mailto:info@eaf.ie">info@eaf.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.eaf.ie">www.eaf.ie</a>	July	Wild Atlantic Way
Galway Film Fleadh	Miriam Allen	<a href="mailto:miriam@galwayfilmfleadh.com">miriam@galwayfilmfleadh.com</a>	<a href="http://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com">www.galwayfilmfleadh.com</a>	July	Wild Atlantic Way
Achill Half Marathon & 10k	Achill Tourism	<a href="mailto:manager@achilltourism.com">manager@achilltourism.com</a>	<a href="http://www.achilltourism.com">www.achilltourism.com</a>	July	Wild Atlantic Way
West Cork Chamber Music	Grace O'Mahony	<a href="mailto:gracewcm@eircom.net">gracewcm@eircom.net</a>	<a href="http://www.westcorkmusic.ie">www.westcorkmusic.ie</a>	July	Wild Atlantic Way
Galway International Arts Festival	Elizabeth Duffy	<a href="mailto:admin@giaf.ie">admin@giaf.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.giaf.ie">www.giaf.ie</a>	August	Wild Atlantic Way
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Rose of Tralee	Valerie Kerins	<a href="mailto:info@roseoftralee.ie">info@roseoftralee.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.roseoftralee.ie">www.roseoftralee.ie</a>	August	Wild Atlantic Way
Galway International Oyster Festival	Maria Moynihan Lee	<a href="mailto:maria@milestoneinventive.com">maria@milestoneinventive.com</a>	<a href="http://www.galwayoysterfestival.com">www.galwayoysterfestival.com</a>	September	Wild Atlantic Way
Clifden Arts Festival	Karen Mannion	<a href="mailto:karen.mannion@me.com">karen.mannion@me.com</a>	<a href="http://www.clifdenartsfestival.ie">www.clifdenartsfestival.ie</a>	September	Wild Atlantic Way
Dingle Marathon	Ken Dunne	<a href="mailto:ken@dinglemarathon.ie">ken@dinglemarathon.ie</a>	<a href="http://www.dinglemarathon.ie">www.dinglemarathon.ie</a>	September	Wild Atlantic Way



# ACCOMMODATION IN IRELAND

Fáilte Ireland aims to provide visitors with easily identifiable symbols and standards of service that they can trust, across more than eight different types of tourist accommodation such as hotels, self-catering, hostels, Irish Home B&B's, and camping sites. Working with the accommodation providers, we ensure that those standards meet consumer expectations, help your marketing efforts, and support your programme development.

In 2016 we commenced a standards review, commencing with hotels. Revised Hotel Regulations were introduced in August 2016 and, following on from this, Fáilte Ireland, in conjunction with the Irish Hotels Federation, have implemented new Hotel Classification Criteria, from two to five star.

These new criteria provide opportunities for flexibility in the manner in which hotels meet the needs of the modern traveller. With the increase in visitor traffic to Ireland there is demand for both 'traditional' hotels and new hotel styles to meet consumer needs. These new regulations and classification criteria provide opportunities for our industry to innovate competitively through new hotel concepts and offerings. In 2017, Fáilte Ireland is reviewing the standards for both self-catering holiday homes and camping sites with similar objectives to improve capacity and range.

In a change of policy, Fáilte Ireland will also seek to work closely with all distribution channels carrying inventories of approved visitor accommodation stock. It is recognised that such distributors may simultaneously carry stock for purchase which is not approved by Fáilte Ireland, however, such is their importance to the 'approved sector' that Fáilte Ireland considers it prudent to engage fully with all such distributors to enhance the promotion and marketing effort.

## DUBLIN – ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY UPDATE

Any buyer struggling to contract accommodation in Ireland, please contact your local Tourism Ireland office and together with Fáilte Ireland's Business Development team, we will endeavour to provide practical solutions to your challenges.





# Fáilte Ireland Welcome Standard

## WHAT IS IT?

Fáilte Ireland recently launched the Welcome Standard specifically to recognise the many atypical and innovative accommodation businesses in Ireland which are committed to a high quality experience for their guests but do not fit within the traditional Fáilte Ireland quality framework. The new Standard recognises significant changes in both consumer tastes and the range of accommodation types now available in Ireland for your clients.

Businesses which achieve the standard can display the Welcome Standard Signage on their property and logo on their website and marketing material. The standard is based on the known core characteristics found in any successful accommodation business which includes professionalism, hospitality, friendliness, efficiency and comfort. Fáilte Ireland's Welcome Standard guarantees that these businesses have been professionally and independently assessed by the national tourism organisation, Fáilte Ireland, which has their, and Ireland's, best interests at heart.

## TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION INVOLVED

There are a wide variety of accommodation providers under this scheme, all with varying types of accommodation and number of units. These include:

1. Lighthouses
2. Boat Rentals
3. Irish Landmark Trust Properties
4. Glamping
5. Caravan & Camping
6. Pod Accommodation
7. Marina Accommodation
8. Self-catering
9. B&Bs
10. Guesthouses
11. Adventure Centre Accommodation
12. Bluebook properties
13. Castle Accommodation
14. Individual Campus Accommodation

For a full list of providers please contact Fáilte Ireland Business Development  
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FÁILTE IRELAND'S WELCOME STANDARD



# ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT & OTHER SERVICES

## APPROVED ACCOMMODATION

Organisation	Website
Discover Ireland	<a href="http://www.discoverireland.ie/where-to-stay">www.discoverireland.ie/where-to-stay</a>
An Óige (Irish Youth Hostel Association)	<a href="http://www.anoige.ie">www.anoige.ie</a>
B&B Ireland	<a href="http://www.bandbireland.com">www.bandbireland.com</a>
Celtic Group Hostels (Group Bookings Only)	<a href="http://www.celticgrouphostels.com">www.celticgrouphostels.com</a>
Independent Holiday Hostels	<a href="http://www.hostels-ireland.com">www.hostels-ireland.com</a>
Irish Hotels Federation	<a href="http://www.ihf.ie">www.ihf.ie</a>
Irish Caravan & Camping Council	<a href="http://www.camping-ireland.ie/">www.camping-ireland.ie/</a>
OnCampus (Campus Accommodation)	<a href="http://www.oncampus.ie">www.oncampus.ie</a>
<b>HOSTED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION</b>	
Homestay	<a href="http://www.homestay.com/ireland">www.homestay.com/ireland</a>

## TRANSPORT SERVICES

Organisation	Website
Discover Ireland – Listing of all transport providers	<a href="http://www.discoverireland.ie/info/getting-around">www.discoverireland.ie/info/getting-around</a>
Bus Éireann (National Bus Company)	<a href="http://www.buseireann.ie">www.buseireann.ie</a>
Coach Tourism and Transport Council of Ireland	<a href="http://www.cttc.ie">www.cttc.ie</a>
Dart (Dublin Coastal Light Rail)	<a href="http://www.irishrail.ie/about-us/dart-commuter">www.irishrail.ie/about-us/dart-commuter</a>
Dublin Bus	<a href="http://www.dublinbus.ie">www.dublinbus.ie</a>
Irish Rail	<a href="http://www.irishrail.ie">www.irishrail.ie</a>
Luas (Dublin Road Tram Light Rail)	<a href="http://www.luas.ie">www.luas.ie</a>
<b>VISITOR TICKETS</b>	
Leap Visitor Card (Dublin)	<a href="https://about.leapcard.ie/leap-visitor-card">https://about.leapcard.ie/leap-visitor-card</a>
Bus Eireann Open Road Tourist Travel Pass (National)	<a href="http://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=337">www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=337</a>

## OTHER SERVICES

Organisation	Website
Approved Language Schools – Accreditation and Co-Ordination of English Language Services	<a href="http://www.acels.ie">www.acels.ie</a>
Association of Approved Tour Guides of Ireland	<a href="http://www.tourguides.ie">www.tourguides.ie</a>
Heritage Ireland (State owned Heritage Attractions)	<a href="http://www.heritageireland.ie">www.heritageireland.ie</a>
National Universities of Ireland	<a href="http://www.universitiesireland.ie">www.universitiesireland.ie</a>



# IRISH TOUR OPERATORS & HANDLING AGENTS – MAKING BUSINESS EASY IN IRELAND

Irish Inbound Handling Agents and Tour Operators are experts on Ireland and its tourism product. The benefits of using the professional services of these specialists are that you and your clients have the very best experience when holidaying in Ireland.

Their intimate knowledge of the product, people and place of Ireland will ensure that they deliver creative packaged programmes and itineraries that meet customer expectations, and not just on budget but on experience. If you are looking for a one stop shop on the best of what Ireland delivers, then a local Handling Agent or Tour Operator is the answer.

Simply put, they deliver by:

- ▶ Assisting overseas tour operating partner companies in developing brochure content, marketing programmes, training and familiarisation visits.
- ▶ Creatively packaging the Irish tourism product for groups, free independent travellers (FITs) and business tourism.
- ▶ Providing competitively priced land arrangements which in the majority of cases will be in the local tour operator’s language.
- ▶ Full on-the-ground backup services to your client.

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