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holiday, and the contents panel

opposite gives you a sense of the range of attractions and

entertainments on offer—from ocean experiences and show

caves, museums and historic monuments, historic houses and

gardens, through to shopping

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### **Opening Dates and Times**

Opening Dates and Times are subject to change and may vary throughout the seasons and by day of week. Establishments indicating 'open year-round' may still close, for instance, on Christmas Day. We recommend you verify dates and times directly with each featured establishment, particularly if travelling distances. Entertainments operate subject to demand and pre-booking is normally required.

### **Admission Rates**

The admission rates quoted in this publication are the normal rates for individual adult admissions, children and families. Many of the featured attractions and entertainments do offer special rates for groups, students and seniors. The rates quoted are the 2017 rates as submitted by the individual businesses.

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# Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum





There was a time when the areat Flvina Boats criss-crossed the globe & the picturesque village of Foynes became the epicentre of the aviation world for aircraft preparing to take on the might of the Atlantic Ocean.

The award winning Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum excitingly captures this truly unique story with a comprehensive range of exhibits & interactive displays for all ages to enjoy. Visitors have a once in a lifetime opportunity to board the world's only Full-Size Boeing 314 Flying Boat replica. You can even test your pilot skills by trying your hand at flying the New Boeing 314 Flight

Walk in the footsteps of JFK, Bob Hope, Eleanor Roosevelt and many other dignitaries, movie stars and refugees who landed at Foynes during

Simulators.

World War II. Throughout the original terminal building this nostalgic & romantic era is told by way of original film in a 1940s style cinema, showcases covering the war years, airline memorabilia, control tower, radio & weather equipment & much more...

Foynes and the flying boats will be forever connected with the invention of Irish Coffee

as they combined to give this uniquely Irish treat. Learn all about this historic event by watching a wonderful 3D holographic show re-enacting this famous night back in 1943.

The restaurant offers many delights such as lunch or afternoon tea in a beautiful 1940s setting. Foynes is nestled along the banks of the Shannon Estuary on the Scenic N69 Route, a recommended Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point.

## Life on the river today and yesteryear

The Maritime Museum allows you to relive the history & personality of the River Shannon. While Maritime may only conjure images of water & docks, the history charted at the museum will give you an insight into how the river changed & shaped the lives of those who lived on or near it through the centuries. Read the story of transportation & emigration on the river during the famine & see how American Confederate uniforms were made in Limerick & shipped from Foynes during the American Civil War. Uncover the tragic story of the Colleen Bawn & the weird tale of the "Windsor Castle Ghost Ship" & much more. Enter the original Control Tower from the 1940s which offers panoramic views of the majestic Shannon Estuary, Foynes Island, Village & Harbour.







## Visiting

Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum Foynes, Co. Limerick Tel: 069-65416 info@flyingboatmuseum.com www.flyingboatmuseum.com

On N69, 37 km from Limerick City



**Opening Times** Mid-Mar to Mid-Nov 09:30-17:00h June, July & Aug 09:30-18:00h Open Daily on above dates

Last entry 1 hour before closing Foynes Air Show July 22 2017 **Admission Rates** 

Adult €11, Child €6 (Under 5 free) Family(2+4) €28, Senior/Student €9 **Group Rates Available** 

**Tourist Information Point** Home of Irish Coffee 1940s style Restaurant (O'Regan's) Gift shop carrying an exciting range of unique aiftware

Ample car and coach parking



Information







## **Shannon Ferry**

Tarbert, Co. Kerry

## Bridging the best of Ireland's West

From early morning as the mist descends the Shannon Estuary, to the Wild Atlantic Sea, to the setting of the sun in the late of the evening, ShannonFerry will take you and your vehicle on this memorable 20 minute journey across the estuary linking the iconic tourist destinations of the Banner County of Clare to the Kingdom of Kerry.

This is a lovely experience for visitors who would like a short break on their journey to relax, as they sail across the majestic Shannon Estuary. As the only vehicle ferry trip on the main spine of the Wild Atlantic Way, this invigorating journey allows you experience the rugged nature of land

> and sea as you breathe in the fresh salty sea air that encapsulates Ireland's Wild Atlantic Wav.



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Killimer, Kilrush, Co. Clare Tel: 065-905 3124 enquiries@shannonferries.com www.shannonferries.com

### Location

Killimer is 11 km off the N68 (Ennis Kilrush Rd), From Burren & Cliffs of Moher N67 direct to Killimer Tarber is on the N69 from Listowel, and the R551 to N69 from Ballybunion

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.5873, -9.3599 Tarbert 52.61503. -9.38081 Killimer

### **Ferry Times**

Operates all year round, except Christmas Day. Ferry leaves Killimer every hour on the hour (07:00-19:00h) and Tarbert every hour on the half hour (07:30-19:30h) Half hourly sailings during high season months until 21:00h from Killimer and 21:30h from Tarbert

### **Admission Rates**

Car single €19, return €29 (including passengers). Discounts available online @ shannonferries.com

### Information Visitor Centre, open 09:00-19:00h

Coach and car parking available







## **Listowel Castle**

Listowel, Co. Kerry

## A haven of history

Located in the historic town of Listowel this Castle stands on an elevation on a steep bank, overlooking the River Feale, above the location of a strategic ford.

A substantial part of the front of the castle survives consisting of two large, square towers of four storeys, standing almost to the original height of 15.3 metres, connected by a wall of the same height and linked together by an arch on one side.

A major programme of conservation works has been undertaken

at the castle including the provision of an external staircase to allow public access to the upper levels.



## Contact

Listowel Castle The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry Tel: 087-919 9725 info@heritageireland.ie www.heritageireland.ie

## Location

Situated in Listowel town centre SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

## 52.4428, -9.4828 **Opening Times**

May 18 to Sept 04 Mon to Sun 09:30-17:30h Last admission 45 mins before closing

**Admission Rates** Free of charge

### Information

Out of season opening for groups by prior arrangement

## **Parking**

Car & coach parking close to site





# **Ardfert Cathedral**

Tralee, Co. Kerry



## Steep vourself in history

Founded by St. Brendan in the 6th century, there are three churches, two ogham stones and a number of early Christian and medieval grave slabs on the site today.

The earliest building is the Cathedral which dates from the 12th to the 19th

centuries. It has a fine Romanesque west doorway, a 13th century east window and a row of nine lancets in the south wall.

Two effigies of ecclesiastical figures of late 13th to 14th century which were mounted on either side of the

east window are on view in the South Transept. One of the two smaller churches is a fine example of late Romanesque and the other. Temple na Griffin. is a plain 15th century structure with an interesting carving of a wyvern on one of the windows.



## Contact

Ardfert Cathedral Ardfert, Tralee, Co. Kerry Tel: 066-713 4711 ardfertcathedral@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie

Location

10km from Tralee on R551 (Tralee to Ballyheigue Road)

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3287. -9.7817

**Opening Times** Apr 13 to Sept 27 Daily 10:00-18:00h

Last admission 45 mins before

**Admission Rates** Adult €5

Senior/Group €4 Child/Student €3 Family €13

Information Guided tours available on request

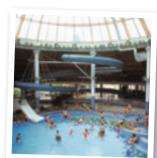
## **Aqua Dome**

Tralee, Co. Kerry



## For a Splashing good time... Just Let Yourself Go....!

The Aqua Dome, one of Ireland's largest indoor Waterworlds offers something for everyone! Enjoy the waves, lazy river, flume slide, children's pools, whirlpool spas, outdoor rapids, bubble seat, qushers, gysers, sprays and adult only health suite. For those who do not wish to get their feet wet there is a gym, 18 hole Agua Golf and outdoor activities to enjoy!



The Aqua Dome, Dan Spring Road Tralee, Co. Kerry Tel: 066-712 8899 / 712 8755 24 hour hotline: 066-712 9150 info@aauadome.ie www.aquadome.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2636, -9.7107

## **Opening Times**

Year round. Jul to mid-Aug 10:00— 22:00h Mon-Fri, 10:00-21:00h Sat & Sun. Sept to Jun 10:00-22:00h Mon-Fri 10:00-19:00h Sat & Sun

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €15. Child €12, under 2 Free Senior/Student/Unwaged €12.10% off for families, 25% off when a 2 visit family ticket is purchased. Adult Golf €5 Junior Golf €4. Family Golf (2a+2c) €15

**Parking** 

Extensive free parking for cars & coaches

## **Gallarus Oratory**

**Gallurus**, Co. Kerry

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

## **Head for Dingle Peninsula**



Peninsula and situated close to completely made of stone and well preserved and several

archeological artefacts are to be found on the grounds of the Oratory. In close proximity is Gallarus Castle which was built by the Fitzgeralds and is one of the few surviving castles on the Dingle Peninsula. It is a four-storey tower with a vaulted ceiling on the fourth floor; none of its battlements remain.

The tower was accessed originally on the 1st floor and there was a two storey defensive structure to the front, now gone but evidence of it can still be seen on the external wall.

**Gallarus Oratory** Gallarus, Baille na nGall Co. Kerry Tel: 066-915 5333 gallarusoratory@gmail.com www.heritageireland.ie

### Location

10km from Dingle (R559)

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.1729. -10.3493

### **Opening Times**

Year round access to the Oratory however the visitor centre closes for the winter months

### **Admission Rates**

Local service charge applies. Call 066-915 5333 for further details

## Information

Restricted access for visitors with

Very limited public parking. Privately owned car park available for an



## One of the most famous landmarks on the Dinale Gallarus Castle, the Oratory is in some ways it resembles an upturned boat. It is extremely

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Tralee, Co. Kerry

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

## Where Activity and Nature combine!

A unique ecotourism and activity based visitor experience on the Tralee Dingle Touring Route (N86) and the Wild Atlantic Way. Tralee Bay Wetlands introduces visitors to the rich biodiversity of the Tralee Bay Nature reserve through a combination

of audio-visual displays and exhibits and a quide-led boat tour (multi-lingual audio quides are available) through 11 acres of wetland habitat. The entire facility is wheelchair accessible, and the tour offers a rare opportunity to experience the wildlife of an Irish wetland up close. A 20m viewing tower offers unparalleled views of nearly 60km of vibrant landscape.



For the more activity-minded, a large lake allows for pedal- and row-boating and water-zorbing. The state-of-the-art outdoor climbing tower is suitable for visitors of all ages and abilities. Also on site, a fantastic café and restaurant, an extensive gift shop, a toddler playground area, picnic facilities and free car and coach parking.

Rates quoted are for 2017

Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre Ballyard Rd Tralee, Co. Kerry

Tel: 066-712 6700 info@traleebaywetlands.org www.traleebaywetlands.org

Location

Located in Ballyard, Tralee just across from the Aquadome

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2618, -9.7115

**Opening Times** 

Open Daily 10:00-17:00h (extended hours July & Aug) Nov to Feb: 11:00-16:00h

Admission Rates Adult €6, Children €4 Senior/Student €5 Family €20 (2+3) Hire of Equipment: Boat(s)—Padelo €10, Rowing €8 Water Walker Zorbina €7

Information

**Parking** 

Lakeside Café, Gift Shop and **Toddler Playground** 

Climbing Wall €10-€12

FREE Car and Coach Parking







## **Crag Cave**

Castleisland, Co. Kerry

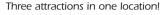
## A great family day out!

Craq Cave is a natural, allweather visitor attraction located at the gateway to Kerry. Formed of limestone, it is a colourful wonderland of stalagmites and stalactites.

Discovered in 1983 and thought to be over one million years old, the cave system has dramatic sound and lighting

A visit to Craq Cave will delight

and enthral all ages. Friendly guides will be pleased to outline the cave's origins, its many beautiful formations and introduce visitors to a world older than mankind.



- Crazv Cave adventure centre suitable for children from 0-12vrs.
- Kingdom Falconry Birds of Prey Flying Displays. Offering a unique opportunity to get up close & personal with amazing birds of prey.
- Garden Restaurant serving healthy wholesome food & delicious home baking.
- Extensive Gift Shop.



Castleisland, Co. Kerry Tel: 066-714 1244 info@cragcave.com www.craacave.com

### Location

2 km outside Castleisland, Co. Kerry off the N21. 21 km from Tralee and 23 km from Killarney

### SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2475, -9.4445

## **Opening Times**

Daily from 10:00-18:00h Jul & Aug 10:00-18:30h Last tour half hour before closing Jan to mid-Mar open Fri to Sun only

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €12. Children (4 years of age or under) Free; (5–16 years) €5 Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) €35. Crazy Cave €8 per child for two hours play. Combined Cave E Play Area €11 per child

### Information

For Kingdom Falconry information please visitwww.kingdomfalconry.com

Please note all three attractions are priced separately

Free parking for cars and coaches





## **Derrynane House**

Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry

## WILD ATLANTIC WAY

## Visit the home of the Great Liberator



Derrynane House is the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell, lawyer, politician and statesman. O'Connell was one of Ireland's leading figures, known by the nation as the Great Liberator. (The main street in Dublin, Ireland's capital city, is called after him). Situated

on 120 hectares of parklands on the scenic Kerry coast, both the house and grounds have been preserved and are open for the public to enjoy.

The tranquil plantations and garden walks were laid out in the 18th & 19th centuries, while the

house displays many relics of O'Connell's life and career. The main area of the gardens, set inland and to the North of the house, can be reached though a tunnel under the road. Universal access for visitors with disabilities

Derrynane House Caherdaniel, Co.Kerry Tel: 066-947 5113 derrynanehouse@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie

## Location

3.5km from Caherdaniel (off N70-Ring of Kerry)

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.7625, -10.1305

## **Opening Times**

Mar 17 to Dec 11-Mar 17 to Apr 01 Wed to Sun, Bank Holidays 10:00-17:00h Apr 02 to Sept 30 10:30-18:00h Oct 01 to Nov 01 Wed to Sun, Bank Holidays 10:00-17:00h Nov 02 to Dec 10 Weekends only 10:00-16:00 Last admission 45 mins before closing

**Admission Rates** Adult €5, Senior/Group €4 Child/Student €3, Family €13



Information Outdoor self-guiding trail

## Parking

Car & coach parking



## Seafari

Kenmare, Co. Kerry



## **Fun Eco-Nature Seal and Eagle Watching Cruises**



Seafari is a Top Class, Award winning, Fun voyage of discovery. A friendly family-run river cruise on a comfortable. stable and fully equipped passenger vessel. The humorous and friendly captain and quide will give you an informative tour, cruising around the many islands and the bay's sheltered waters between the Beara and Iveragh Mountain Peninsulas.

Have a great trip!

See tropical plants nurtured by the gulf stream, prolific birdlife living off the productive sea-water, such as the magnificent White Tailed Sea Eagles, and observe from closeup Ireland's largest and most spectacular seal colony where 300 or more seals make their home in the paradise that is the Kenmare River.

There are lots of photo opportunities, be sure to bring your camera! People like to sit outside while watching seals so bring pullovers and jackets.

Everything else is provided, even a tot of rum for the adults. Full toilet facilities, no seasickness quarantee. Reservations essential especially during low season.

## Contact

### Seafari Kenmare, Co. Kerry Tel: 064-664 2059 book@seafari.ie ww.seafari.ie

## Location

Seafari is located on the pier at the end of Henry Street in Kenmare, on

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

## SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

## **Sailing Times**

April to November. Times vary due to tides. Consult your local tourist office /hotel reception/website/ facebook/Seafari office

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €25. Family (2 adults and 2 children under 12) €60. Extra children €7.50. Children under 2 Free

### Information

Soft drinks, snacks and souvenirs sold on board. Evening BBQ Traditional Music Cruises

## **Parking**















When you travel with Seafari, they want you to enjoy your trip at its

best, which is why they have a number of complimentary features

during the two hour, ten mile cruise around the River and Islands.

Free use of binoculars, charts and books. Complimentary sweets,

lollipops, tea, coffee, rum tot and cookies. Entertainment for all

including kids' face painting/colouring, traditional music and song. Very special rates for groups (up to 100), coaches and parties.

## **Muckross House, Gardens and Traditional Farms**

Killarney, Co. Kerry



## Discover the magic of Muckross...



Muckross House, Gardens MUCKROSS & Traditional Farms is the

jewel in the crown of the spectacular Killarnev National Park. If you are looking for natural beauty, and spectacular photographs to show off to your family and friends when you get home, then this is a "must see" on your vacation to Ireland. There is something to suit all the

The elegant, charming furnished rooms of Muckross House portray the lifestyles of the Gentry. You can also experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the house. After your guided tour, get lost in the beautiful, well-maintained gardens that surround Muckross

To experience rural life in Ireland in the 1930's and 1940's visit the

## Muckross Traditional Farms.

**Opening Times** 

Open year round

Daily 09:00-17:30h

Daily May to October

**Admission Rates** 

Child (3-5yrs)

Child (6-14yrs)

Family (2A+2C)

Family (2A+3C)

Information

Parking

€6.00

July to August: 09:00-19:00h

Farm open mid-March to April

weekends & bank holidays only

Adult €9.00 €9.00 €15.00

Group/Senior/Student (over 14vrs)

€7.50 €7.50 €13.00

€28.00 €28.00 €40.00

€32.00 €32.00 €45.00

Gift Shop, Restaurant, Wheelchair

Shuttle bus available from Killarnev town-various pick-up points.

Admission to Muckross House is by

guided tour only. Last admission to

House and Farms is 1 hour before

Free parking for cars, coaches and

access, Playground, Free WiFi,

€6.00 €6.00

€6.00 €10.50

Explore at your own leisure as your route through the farms is self-quided, or alternatively avail of the free complimentary coach with universal access that regularly circles the farm. Watch the farmers work in the fields, meet the mná an tí, admire the new arrivals in the small farm petting area, or stop off in the Woodland playground complete with a range of swings and slides to keep your little ones entertained.



## **Muckross Craft Centre & Garden Restaurant**

Muckross Garden Restaurant offers delicious buffet lunches, light bites or freshly baked, mouth-watering pastry from the on-site bakery. Vegetarian and gluten-free options available on request. Dine in the outdoor conservatory to enjoy views of the Victorian glasshouses and relish the array of colours on display in the Walled Garden. Muckross Craft Centre offers a large range of high quality souvenirs; outdoor clothing brands including Regatta, Lighthouse, TargetDry, Jack Murphy; contemporary and traditional knitwear by Aran Knitwear, Westend and Irelands Eye and official merchandise of Muckross including Weaving, Pottery and Bookbindery and the Muckross House guide book.

# Kennedy's All Weather Premier Family Pet Farm

Killarney, Co. Kerry

## One of Ireland's premier family pet farms



Set up in 1991, Kennedy's Pet Farm has proven to be a great attraction for both young and old. A great advantage is the all weather facilities, so come rain or shine the Kennedy Family can offer you an exciting day out.

New arrivals on the farm are a regular occurrence and there's always a happy mother waiting to show off her new babies! So if you fancy cuddling, feeding or just admiring the large varieties of animalspuppies, kittens, deer, pigs, piglets, horses, calves, sheep & lambs, goats & kids, donkeys, pot bellied pigs, rabbits, ducks & ducklings, geese & goslings and "Prince" the peacock—then Kennedy's Pet Farm is a must for any visitor to Kerry.

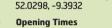
The unique indoor and outdoor playgrounds are every child's dream experience. Don't forget your camera, you won't be



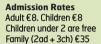
Kennedy's All Weather Premier Family Pet Farm Glenflesk, Killarney, Co. Kerry Mobile: 087-231 0983 kennedysfarm@eircom.net www.kennedyspetfarm.com

## Location 9.5 km from Killarney on the Cork

road, the N22 SatNav: Latitude/Longitude



## Open Daily 10:00-17:00h



## Information

Small coffee shop and tuck shop Feel free to bring your own picnic

### **Parking** Ample free parking







## **Irish Whiskey Experience** and Celtic Whiskey Bar & Larder

Killarney, Co. Kerry

Blend your own Irish whiskey and draw whiskey straight from an authentic oak cask. Learn how Irish whiskey pairs perfectly with farmhouse cheese This is just a taste

of what is on offer at Irish Whiskey Experience. You will be taken on a journey through the wonderful world of Ireland's native spirit—from its alluring history, production methods and tasting. The adjoining bar & larder is home to one of Ireland's most expansive whiskey ranges, stocking an enormous selection

a huge variety of Scotch and international whiskies. Irish craft spirits, craft beer and cocktails. A delicious menu of locally sourced fresh food served daily until 9.45pm. You are sure to leave with a smile on your face and a new appreciation for Uisce Beatha (the water of life)!

## Celtic Whiskey Bar & Larder

93 New Street Killarney, Co. Kerry Tel: 064-663 5700 info@irishwhiskevexperience.net www.irishwhiskeyexperience.net www.celticwhiskeybar.com

Located on New Street in the heart of Killarney, Just a short walk from Killarney train station and around the corner from Killarney Tourist Information Office

### SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.0586, -9.5112

**Opening Times** 

Irish Whiskey Experience: MasterClasses Daily from 12:30— Celtic Whiskey Bar & Larder Opening

Mon to Thurs 12:00-23:00h

Fri & Sat 12:00-00:30h Sun 12:30-23:00h

### **Admission Rates** Irish Whiskey Experience

Masterclasses from €20 (incl. min. 4 whiskey samples) Bar Admission - FREE













or artisan chocolate.

of Irish whiskeys along with



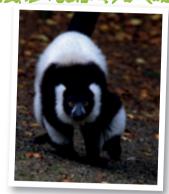




## **Coolwood Wildlife Park** and Mill

Killarney, Co. Kerry

Coolwood Park is the ideal place to take the family for a visit while on holiday in the area. The wildlife park is Killarney's first and only official zoo and is home to monkeys, lemurs, meerkats, raccoons, prairie dogs, skunks, maras, alpacas, llama, pygmy goats, a birds of prey collection, pets corner, fancy fowl, rabbitry and a large waterfowl collection. The wildlife park offers a petting area, a working waterwheel and a delightful coffee shop.



Coolwood Wildlife Park and Mill Coolcaslagh, Killarney, Co. Kerry Tel: 064-663 6288 Mobile: 087-414 1294 coolwoodwildlifepark@yahoo.ie www.coolwoodwildlifepark.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.0685, -9.4386

**Opening Times** Open Daily, Apr to Oct 11:00-18:00h

**Admission Rates** Adult €8. Children €6. Senior/Student €7. Family (2 ad + up to 4 ch) €30

Information

Coffee shop. Picnic area. Gift shop

**Parking** Ample free parking

## Mizen Head **Signal Station**

**Goleen. West Cork** 



## Ireland's most South Westerly Point

Mizen Head Signal Station is a Signature Discovery Point on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Visit the Arched Bridge, the 99 Steps, the New Paths to fabulous views of Dunlough Bay and the Sea Arch. See the Mizen Head Signal Station with the Keepers' Quarters and Marconi Room, Mizen Head Visitor Centre with Fastnet Lighthouse Scale Model, Navigational Aids Simulator,

Displays about Geology, Whales, Shipwrecks and more.

You will find souvenirs, toys, books & cards in the Gift Shop and snacks. Junch, teas/coffees and fresh delicious homemade food at the Mizen Café. Mizen Information and e-Centre located on Main Street, Goleen, 10kms from the signal station offers Information, Coffee, Gifts, Wifi, Office Services, Hot Desks and Restrooms.



Mizen Tourism Co-operative Society Harbour Road, Goleen West Cork. Co. Cork Tel: 028-35000 / 35115 info@mizenhead.ie www.mizenhead.je

### Location

From Cork take the N71, take the Ballydehob exit. From Killarney, after Bantry take the R591 through Durrus

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51,4505, -9,8188

### **Opening Times**

Feb 20 to 24 (mid-term) & Mar 01 to 16, 11:00-16:00h daily Mar 17 to May 31, 10:30-17:00h daily June 10:00-18:00h daily July & Aug 10:00-19:00h daily Sept & Oct 10:30–17:00h daily Nov to Feb (w/ends) 11:00-16:00h

### Admission Rates

Adult €7.50, Senior/Student €6 Child (U12) €4, (U5) Free, Family(2+4) €25. Group rates available

### Information

Gift Shop, Mizen Cafe, Mizen Information & e-Centre

## **Parking**

Cars and coaches







## **Killarney Shuttle Bus** Killarney, Co. Kerry Killarney Shuttle Bus, Beech Rd,

Pick up a timetable at the Tourist Office and see Killarney Shuttle Bus - the best way to view all the main attractions at a great price. Bus leaves outside the Discover Ireland Tourist Office and also the Bus Station hourly. Killarney Shuttle Bus offers informative entertaining day trips at market leading prices. The Shuttle bus also makes two return trips daily to the Gap of Dunloe starting from the



Killarney, Co. Kerry Tel: 087-138 4384 info@killarneyshuttlebus.com www.killarneyshuttlebus.com

SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude 52.0581, -9.5115

**Opening Times** April to October, from 08:45h

**Admission Rates** Under 12 Free Muckross: Return €6 Single €4

Information

Pick-up points at Killarney Tourist Office, Outlet Centre/Bus station Alternatively call us directly

Gap of Dunloe: Return €8 Single €5

## Skibbereen **Heritage Centre**

Skibbereen. West Cork

## WILD ATLANTIC WAY

## **Great Famine and more...**

Located in the award winning, beautifully restored Old Gasworks Building in Skibbereen, one of West Cork's picturesque towns.

The Great Famine Exhibition

Skibbereen was one of the worst affected areas in Ireland, as testified by the mass graves at Abbeystrewery, where almost 10,000 are buried. Learn about this period of Irish History using the latest multimedia technology. Download the walking trail app "Skibbereen:The Famine Story'.

The Lough Hyne Visitor Centre reveals the unique nature of this marine lake,

Ireland's first Marine Nature Reserve. Find out about the history, folklore and formation of this renowned natural phenomenon.

## **Genealogy Information**

for the district. Also features: archaeology information, wildlife of the River Ilen and reference library.



## Skibbereen Heritage Centre

Skibbereen, West Cork Tel: 028-40900 info@skibbheritage.com www.skibbheritage.com

## Location

From Cork City: Take the N71 road through Bandon and Clonakilty approximately 80 km. From Killarney take the N71 via Kenmare and Bantry approximately 80 km

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.5502, -9.2717

### **Opening Times**

Mid March to mid May & mid Sept to end Oct: Tues to Sat inclusive 10:00-18:00h

High Season mid May to mid Sept Daily except Sunday 10:00-18:00h Winter opening by appointment only

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €6. Children €3. Family €14 Student / Senior €4.50 Group rates

## Information

Gift Shop, Tea / Coffee, Wheelchair accessible

Adjacent car park, free parking for cars and coaches











Beara Peninsula. West Cork

Museum

The Museum tells the story of Cornish miners who were drafted in to work the mines in the 1800s, and the technologies they employed. Machines, powered by steam and water are depicted in detail, along with pumping equipment and the 'Man Engine' that carried the miners into the mines. One exhibit story-boards the Cornish community, another the Allihies miners who left to work

in Butte, Montana.





Rates quoted are for 2017



Allihies Copper Mine Museum Allihies, Beara Peninsula West Cork Tel: 027-73218 info@acmm.ie www.acmm.ie

51.6390, -10.0457



**Opening Times** Open from 10:30-16:30h In the off season it is advisable to confirm times in advance

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude



Adult €5. Children €2 Family (2+2) €10

**Admission Rates** 

Parking, café, and art gallery on site

## **Fastnet Rock Tour**

From Baltimore & Schull, West Cork





# Cape Clear Island Ferry Service Farantóireacht go Cléire

**Baltimore/Schull, West Cork** 





## **West Cork's Newest Adventure**

### **Fastnet Rock Tour**

For generations the majestic and isolated Fastnet Rock has fired the imaginations of onlookers, both locals and visitors alike. The Fastnet was also known as Ireland's Teardrop as it was the last part

of Ireland seen by thousands of Irish emigrants as they sailed away to the New World, most of them never to return again.

The Fastnet Rock Tour is a day trip that brings you first to the Fastnet Exhibition and multi media display in the Cape Clear &

Fastnet Rock Heritage Centre on Cape Clear Island. This will allow time to see the Fastnet Rock Memorials on Cape Clear Island and to view the Rock from the Island itself. The tour later circumnavigates the rock to view it from all sides at close quarters.

## Whales, Dolphins, Porpoises and **Basking Sharks**

West Cork is renowned for its whale and dolphin sightings and your trip to the Fastnet brings you through some of the best areas for sighting these magnificent creatures.



The skippers will make detours to give you the best possible views when they are in the vicinity.

### **Subject to Weather**

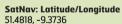
Please check the website 24-72 hours in advance for weather conditions.



Fastnet Rock Tour Ionad Fiontair, Cape Clear Island Baltimore or Schull, Co. Cork Tel: 028-39159/087-266 1617 info@fastnettour.com www.fastnettour.com



The Fastnet Tour sails from **Baltimore and Schull Piers** West Cork



Sailing Times

Apr to Sept, Tues to Sun Depart Baltimore or Schull Full timetable or to book online visit www.fastnettour.com



Check website for more info. **Parking** Public parking available in Baltimore











The Cape Clear Island Ferry is a friendly ferry and cruise service to Oileán Chléire (Cape Clear Island), West Cork. Travelling by sea is more than just a journey and there is no effort spared to ensure that your trip is as enjoyable as possible. The friendly guides provide commentary while experienced Skippers constantly scan the seas for whales, dolphins and basking sharks which abound in these waters, if seen, a detour is made to give passengers the best views. Seeing a minke whale is easily worth an extra 5 minutes!

The ferry. Dún an Óir II, is modern and comfortable and the upper viewing/sun deck offers breathtaking all round views of the spectacular local scenery. Usually alternative ingoing and outgoing routes are offered around

Sherkin Island to show to best advantage, the varied and stunning views of the many Islands and coastline of West

Special rates for groups, coaches and parties including school tours.

Gaeltacht is ea Cléire agus cuirtear fáilte ar leith roimh An Ghaeilge. Tá dhá choláiste samhraidh agus Institúid Teanga san Oileán agus reachtáltear réimse cúrsaí tríd an bhliain ar

Féach www.oilean-chleire.ie



Cape Clear Island Ferry Ionad Fiontair Oileán Chléire, Co. Chorcaí

Tel: 028-39159 Boat: 086-346 5110 info@cailinoir.com www.capeclearferry.info



The Dún an Óir II sails from The Pier, Baltimore/Schull, Skibbereen, West Cork

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.4818, -9.3736

All year round. Check website for more detail, www.capeclearferry.info

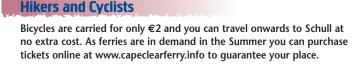
### Fares

Adult €16 Family (2 adults & 2 children) €40 Additional Children €5 Tours: Adult €20, Children €10 Book your tickets online at www.capeclearferry.info to ensure your place

Car park adjacent to the Pier with a number of overflow car parks available during the high season













## **The Clonakilty Park Adventure Centre and Park Cinema**

Clonakilty, Co. Cork

## For daredevils young and old



The Clonakilty Park Adventure Centre & Park Cinema is located on the complex of the Quality Hotel & Leisure Club Clonakilty. Whatever your skill level the Adventure Centre course is designed to match it. Adrenalin iunkies will love the High Ropes Courses. Push yourself

to new heights on the climbina tower, with two challenging walls. Step off the 65ft platform at the top of the tower for a free fall that uses a power fan to control the descent. Ever tried zipping

down a Zipwire? The 100m zipline is suitable for daredevils voung and old. If this all seems too much for you, how about a blockbuster movie in the 3-screen cinema? Whatever the weather, you're covered at the Adventure Centre.

## **Visiting**

The Clonakilty Park Adventure Centre and Park Cinema Clogheen Road, Clongkilty, Co.Cork Tel: 023-883 6400 / 023-883 4141 info@clonadventurecentre.ie www.clonadventurecentre.ie

### Location

Clonakilty is approx. 35 miles south of Cork City. The Adventure Centre and Cinema is on the Clonakilty Quality Hotel complex just outside

### SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.6168, -8.8948

### **Opening Times**

July & Aug open all week Sessions at 12:00, 15:00, 17:00 & 19:00h. Open weekends at off peak times, check website & social media

### **Admission Rates**

High Ropes €15 or with 1 other activity €20. 5 activities for €25pp, Group rates for 10+. Cinema ticket €5 adult/child daytime, €7 for adults

### Information

Ideal for school and sports groups, corporate events & birthday parties

Free coach and car parking







## **Toy Soldier Factory**

Macroom, Co. Cork







## Visit "The Battle of Waterloo" **Exhibition**

A visit to our exhibit of the famous Battle of Waterloo is a must. It depicts the historic and monumental battle of Waterloo 1815. Learn how the Irish Commander Duke of Wellington recruited over 30,000 Irish men to the British army and how these courageous men fought off the French troops under Napoleon Bonaparte. The huge Diorama totalling 26 x 13 feet (8x4 Metres) in size, houses 15,000 hand cast and painted model figures. All figures are from the Prince August range of products and are available in

## our shop. "Making history fun" Visit a real working Factory!

Watch a Toy Soldier being cast (made) in real metal, hand painted, labelled and packed right before your eyes.

Make & Paint Workshops

Take part in a workshop. 40 min both for Adult and Kids!!

## How does it work???

4: Take it home!!

- 1: Choose your figure
- 2: Cast it
- 3: Paint it
- Booking is recommended on

www.toysoldierfactory.ie or by telephone. The visitor centre also has a

treasure trove of hand painted

- Lord of the Rings Characters Fairies
- Mightiest Dragons
- Michael Collins Irish Heroes
- Traditional Toy Soldiers
- Leprechauns
- Historical Chess Sets

All available at Factory Prices!!

WE BRING THE CHILD OUT

## **Contact** Toy Soldier Factory Kilnamartyra Village

Macroom, Co. Cork Tel: 026-40342 visitorcenter@princeaugust.ie www.toysoldierfactory.ie

Halfway between Cork and Killarnev Big signpost on the N22, 6 km west of Macroom Town

SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude 51.9001, -9.0831

### **Opening Times**

Mon to Fri: 09:00-17:00h Weekends & Bank Holidays: 10:00-17:00h Half price workshop before 12pm— Online booking ONLY

### **Admission Rates**

Toy Soldier Factory: Free for individuals and families Battle of Waterloo Exhibit: Ticket €3pp, children under 10 years free of charge. Group rates available Book your tickets online to get a 10% discount

Free parking for cars and coaches





## **Zipit Forest Adventures**

Farran, Co. Cork

## **Ireland's newest Treetop Adventure**



A wonderful new attraction features of the course and at Farran Park, Co. Cork. Zipit is a great day out for all the family or anyone looking for an exhilarating and challenging outdoor activity in a natural setting. This acclaimed Aerial Other courses: trail has 86 activities and over 800 metres of Ziplines for you

Rates quoted are for 2017

cycling a BMX over a treetop bridge before zipping down one of our

many ziplines. Our aualified instructors will give you a short initiation course to explain the

equipment. There are 5 circuits suitable for different ages and abilities and should you need any help or encouragement our instructors are never far away.

Tibradden Woods— Dublin 16 Lough Key Forest Park— Roscommon Telephone: 051-858 008

Zipit Forest Adventures Farran Forest Park, Farran, Co. Cork www.zipit.ie info@zipit.ie

## Location

N22 west from Cork for 14km, turn right at Srelane Cross, 6km to forest park entrance on right. N22 east from Macroom for 6km, take a left, travel 10km to Rooves bridge, take a right, 4km to park entrance on left. Follow signs for National Rowing Centre

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8914, -8.7573

**Opening Times** Feb to May, Sept to Nov: Sat & Sun Mon to Fri, open for group bookings, booking required. Jun to Aug: 7 days Open School Mid-term breaks, Easter and B/Hols, Closed Dec & Jan Booking Online at www.zipit.ie

## Booking required **Admission Rates**

7-8yrs €15. 9-11yrs €23. 12-14yrs €25. 15yrs+ €30. Group discounts available. Min. Height Restriction 1 metre. Min. age 7yrs



Information Picnic Areas, Walking Trails— Moderate, Kids Playground



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All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees



And Take it home!! Only €10

Booking is recommended online

to enjoy. Climb high into the

surf with a difference or try

treetops, swing into cargo nets,

## **Desmond Castle**

## Kinsale, Co. Cork

Originally built as a Customs House, this Castle has served as a prison in the 18th century an Ordnance Store during the Battle of Kinsale and as a Workhouse during the Great Famine. Today Desmond Castle hosts the International Museum of Wine Exhibition, a story that documents the history of Ireland's wine links with Europe and the wider world.





**Desmond Castle** Cork Street, Kinsale Co. Cork Tel: 021-477 4855 desmondcastle@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie

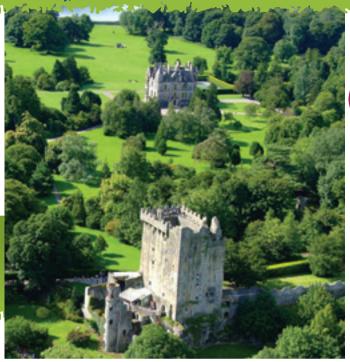


SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude 51.7074. -8.5246

**Opening Times** Apr 12 to Oct 04 Daily 10:00-18:00h Last admission 45 mins before closing

**Admission Rates** Adult €5, Senior/Group €4 Child/Student €3, Family €13

# Blarney Castle, Rock Close and Gardens





Blarney Castle & Gardens Blarney, Co. Cork Tel: 021-438 5252 info@blarnevcastle.ie ww.blarnevcastle.ie



In Blarney town centre, Blarney is easily approached from the Cork to Limerick Road

SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude 51.9292, -8.5686

## **Opening Times**

Monday to Saturday Mar, Apr & Oct 09:00-18:00h May & Sept 09:00-18:30h Jun, Jul & Aug 09:00-19:00h Nov to Feb 09:00-17:00h Sunday & B/Hols Mar to Oct 09:00-18:00h Nov to Feb 09:00-17:00h Last admission 1/2 hour before closing, 1 hour during winter months Please note times are subject to change due to bad weather/poor

## **Admission Rates** Adult €15 Child (8–16) €6

Under 8 Free, Family €37 Senior/Student €12

## Information

Two souvenir shops and refreshments available

Car and coach parking beside entrance. Also taxi rank









the Rock Close—a mystical place where majestic yew and oak trees grow around an ancient druidic settlement. Here, visitors will find an ancient Dolmen, a Druids Circle, a Witches Kitchen, Fairy Glade, Wishing Steps, Waterfall and much more. Spend a day exploring this enchanted and magical wonderland and get a



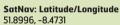
## **Crawford Art Gallery**

## **Emmet Place, Cork City** والمعادل المعادل المراجع والموا

Crawford Art Gallery, a national cultural institution and regional art museum for Munster, is dedicated to the visual arts, both historic and contemporary. Located in the heart of Cork City beside the Opera House, the Gallery is a critical part of Ireland's cultural and tourism infrastructure welcoming over 200,000 visitors a year. Admission to the Gallery & exhibitions is free. The CAG Café opens 8.30am to 4pm, Mon to Sat, serving delicious breakfasts, lunches & cakes.



Crawford Art Gallery Emmet Place, Cork City Tel: 021-480 5042 info@crawfordartgallery.ie www.crawfordartgallery.ie



### **Opening Times**

Mon to Sat 10:00-17:00h Late opening Thurs until 20:00h Closed Sun, B/Hols, Christmas Day &

## **Admission Rates**

Information

Full wheelchair access, café on-site

No parking on-site. Paul St. and Carroll's Quay car park nearby

## **Cork City Gaol**

## **Cork City**

Visitors get a fascinating insight into prison life, when the high walls ensured no escape. Stepping inside visitors are taken back in time to the 19th century. Wandering through the wings of the

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST™

Gaol, the atmosphere suggests you are accompanied by the shuffling feet of inmates, each representing their particular period in Irish history from prefamine times to the foundation of the state



Cork City Gaol Sunday's Well, Cork City Tel: 021-430 5022 info@corkcitygaol.com www.corkcitygaol.com



Open daily Apr to Sept 09:30-17:00h Oct to Mar 10:00-16:00h



On-street parking

## Where the Blarney Began Nestled in the charming village Cormac McCarthy in 1314 for

of Blarney is one of Cork's greatest treasures. Built nearly 600 years ago, Blarney Castle is known the world over for the famous Blarnev Stone that has been a must see attraction for any visitor to Ireland over the past 200 years! In 2006, the Discovery Channel listed kissing the Blarney Stone amongst its 99 things to do before you die!

The Blarney Stone is believed to be one half of the stone of Scone, which was given by Robert the Bruce to

stone every year in the hope to receive the 'Gift of Eloquence'. However, in addition to the most famous stone in the world, the Blarney Castle estate also offers visitors the chance to stroll one of the country's most spectacular gardens, enjoy a

picnic by the lake or explore

his support in the Battle of

literary giants and legends of

the silver screen have joined

the towers steps to kiss the

millions of pilarims who climb

Bannockburn. World statesmen.

## **Blarney Castle Gardens**

The Estate gardens include extensive gardens and an Arboretum surrounding the Castle and House which extend around the Lake with acres of parkland filled with rare and unusual trees including many maples, southern beech and giant western red cedars. In Spring the grounds are carpeted with bulbs and the 'Belgian beds,' full of hybrid azaleas are in full flower. There are formal gardens around the house with manicured lawns, rose-beds, mixed shrub beds, which contain many rhododendrons. The House overlooks green pastures, where horses and cattle graze, to Blarney Lake. You may take a pleasant stroll around the lake and woodland walks. The fern garden has the atmosphere of a tropical jungle. The ruin of an old limekiln and a Victorian 'Ice House', are also in the grounds with a herbaceous border and numerous rare trees.

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 46 and 47

All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees

## **Mahon Point Shopping Centre** & Retail Park

**Mahon, Cork City** 





## **Munster's largest shopping destination**

Mahon Point Shopping Centre brings together a crosssection of appealing retail and leisure outlets under one roof to create a great shopping "experience", on a par with the malls of other major European Cities, and perfect for today's discerning consumer.

With high-profile anchor tenants Debenhams, Tesco and Omniplex 13-screen cinema attracting huge numbers, Mahon Point is Munster's largest shopping destination.

The 340,000 sq.ft. premises also houses a number of leading European Chains such as Next, Stradivarius, stylish Spanish export Zara, men's favourite Jack & Jones, Starbucks, Tiger and a spacious Monsoon. Quality Irish outlets including Sam Mc Cauley, Swamp, and Carraig Donn enhance the variety of goods that can be purchased.

The centre provides an array of refreshments for hungry shoppers of all ages and tastes.

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Families and friends can relax and enjoy a meal in a choice of outlets in the Foodcourt or for something special check out chicken specialities in Nandos or enjoy an Italian at Sorrento.

## Style Advisor:

Mahon Point SC has a free style advisor service. The style advisor, Dee Kelly Morgan has a wealth of experience in the world of fashion and will help you find the best outfits, products and services to suit your budget. Other services in the centre include;

Creche, Kids Party Service, The Kidzone, Hot Desk

Facility-where customers can avail of free Wi Fi and plug in to check email and work in a dedicated workspace in the Upper Foodcourt.

RED fm-Listen out for live broadcasts from the centre every Thursday and Saturday afternoon.

## **Mahon Point Farmer's Market**

Sample the produce of Cork and many other artisan foods and products at the Mahon Point Farmer's Market every Thursday from 10:00-15:00h outside the Western Entrance. There are 50 stalls at the market featuring well-known local traders like Arbutus Breads and Ballycotton Organics. This is one of the largest weekly markets in Cork. Now in it's twelfth year, the market has won top Irish food accolades including the Good Food Ireland "Best Market Award" and recommendations by the Bridgestone Guide.

Rates quoted are for 2017

Mahon Point Shopping Centre Mahon Link Road, Cork City Tel: 021-497 2800 info@mahonpointsc.ie

Just off the Cork South Ring Road (N25), Mahon / Blackrock exit

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8866. -8.3965

**Opening Times** Mon to Wed: 09:30-19:00h

Thurs to Fri: 09:30-21:00h Sat: 09:30-19:00h Sun/B.Hol: 11:00-18:00h

Information

Shopping Centre and Retail Park with all the top names in retail, two restaurants, foodcourt and lots of other snacking options

Over 2,000 free parking spaces









## Fota Wildlife Park

Fota Island, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork

## **Ireland's Wildest Attraction**

Fota Wildlife Park is set on 100 acres on the scenic Fota Island in the heart of Cork Harbour. It is a unique place where vou can come face to face with free roaming animals and birds from all parts of the world. So if it's a kangaroo that hops in front of you, or a ring tailed lemur, which jumps down from a tree, each visit is sure to bring its own fantastic memories.

Fota Wildlife Park features the recently opened Asian Sanctuary—with Asian Lions. Sumatran Tigers and Indian Rhino. The cheetah run, tropical house and giraffe crossing are also must-sees.

The development of the Asian



Sanctuary over the past five years has enhanced the Park as an iconic international visitor attraction as well as serving the core values of conservation, education, and research.

Facilities include cafés, several play areas, picnic areas and a gift shop. Accessible by train

Fota Island, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork Tel: 021-481 2678 info@fotawildlife.ie www.fotawildlife.ie

## Location

Situated 20 mins drive from Cork city off the N25, or take the Cork-Cobh train to Fota Wildlife Park station

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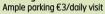
### **Opening Times**

Mid-Mar to Oct Mon to Sun 10:00–18:00h Nov to mid-Mar Mon to Sun 10:00-16:30h Last admission an hour and a half before closing Times subject to change

## **Admission Rates**

Adult €16, Child €10.50 Student/Senior €11.50 Family (2+2) €48 (2+4) €64 Group rates available (20+)

Information Gift shop and restaurant facilities











## **Fota House**

Fota Island, Co. Cork

## A regency style great country house...



Fota House is an Irish Heritage Trust property and is Ireland's finest example of Regency period architecture with superb neoclassical interiors. Discover the grand decor of the principle rooms and charming nursery, or the service wing with the beautifully preserved kitchens,

where you can experience

was like for the cooks, butlers. footmen and maids who supported the lavish lifestyle of the gentry. Enjoy the tranquil beauty of Fota's

what life

gardens and stroll in the historic 'pleasure grounds' or the award winning Victorian walled garden.

Before you leave, why not enjoy a gorgeous, homemade lunch or tempting tea and cake at The Café at Fota.

Fota House Fota Island, Carriatwohill, Co. Cork Tel: 021-481 5543

info@fotahouse.com www.fotahouse.com

### Location

From Cork City take N25 East. 7km to Junction (signposted Cobh). Follow R624 for 2.5km. Fota House is on the right

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8898, -8.3037

## **Opening Times**

Mar to Sept, Mon to Sun: 10:00-17:00h including Bank Holidays

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €8, Child €3, Family (2+2) €19 Concessions/Groups €6 Victorian Walled Garden Tour: Adult €5, Child €2, Family (2+2) €14,

Concessions €4 Combo Tour (House & Victorian

Walled Garden): Adult €11, Child €4, Family (2+2) €29, Concessions €8

## Information

Tree Trails for children (age 3-6 £ 7-10). Arboretum map and trail (for adults) On-site Cafe

## **Parking**

All day parking available at €3





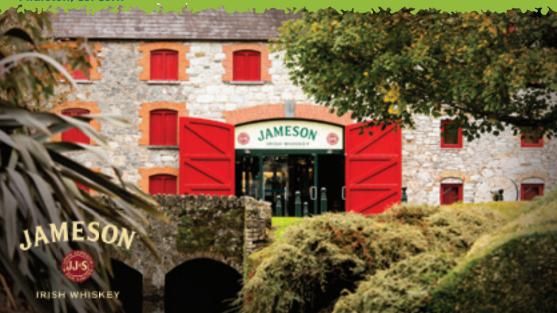






## **The Jameson Distillery**

Midleton, Co. Cork



## Midleton—Where the true heart of Irish Whiskey beats.

Midleton town, only 15 minutes from Cork city, has a rich history in whiskey distillation. It is home to the award winning Midleton Distillery where whiskey was first distilled in 1825 and continues to this day. Located on the 15 acre distillery site is The Jameson Distillery, open 7 days per week, all year round. Jameson was born and raised in Dublin, but eventually

outgrew its city home on Bow Street. Jameson moved its entire whiskey making operation in 1975 to the green surroundings of Midleton, Co. Cork. The original buildings at the impressive 15-acre Midleton Distillery site date back as far as 1794 and have been used to distil and mature the whiskeys since 1825.

There is a range of guided experiences to enjoy, both exterior and interior. For an introduction to the world of Irish whiskey, The Jameson Experience tour is the ideal stepping-stone. For those seeking a deeper dive into the production process, a

Behind the Scenes Tour and Premium Whiskey Tastings will certainly satisfy.

Midleton is also the home of the Irish Whiskey Academy, a state of the art training facility, which has become the dedicated whiskey institute of Irish Distillers, hosting courses that focus on the production and heritage of Irish whiskey produced at Midleton.

The Distillery gift store is home to a full whiskey portfolio crafted at the distillery including; Jameson, Paddy, Powers, Redbreast, Midleton and the Spot range. Why not fill your own bottle of Jameson Select Reserve at cask strength or personalise the label on a bottle of Jameson Distillery Reserve? Other merchandise includes clothing, glassware and gifts.

Also available at the distillery is The Malthouse Restaurant, which serves excellent homemade dishes: as popular with the discerning locals as it is with visitors.

A warm welcome awaits you!

## **Cobh, The Queenstown Story**

Cobh, Co. Cork



## **History. Emigration. Convict Ships!**

Cobh

Heritage

Centre



features a dramatic exhibition of the origins, history & legacy of Cobh, a unique Irish port town It tells the story

of emigration, coffin ships & convict ships and shows the special connection between Cobh & the ill-fated Titanic & Lusitania.

The Queenstown Story retraces the steps of the 2.5 million Irish people who emigrated from Ireland via Cobh on coffin ships, early streamers and on great ocean liners.

Discover Cobh's special connection with the ill-fated Titanic which sank on her maiden voyage - Cobh was her last port of call. A total of 123 passengers embarked at Cobh, then known as Queenstown. The exhibition relates many of the individual stories and artefacts from those on board.

The centre also has a genealogical service for those interested in tracing their Irish



Cobh Heritage Centre Deepwater Quay, Cobh, Co. Cork Tel: 021-481 3591 info@cobhheritage.com



Location Cobh, Railway Station, Co. Cork



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8490, -8.2986



**Opening Times** Open year round Apr to Oct 31 Mon to Sat 09:30–18:00h Sun & B/Hols 11:00-18:00h Nov to Mar 31 Mon to Sat 09:30-17:00h Sun & B/Hols 11:00-17:00h

Closed Dec 24-27 & Dec 31-Jan 08

## **Admission Rates**

Adult €9.50, Child(5–16vrs) €5 Child (0-4) Free Student/Senior/Group €8 Family (2+4) €25



Café/Restaurant & Gift Shop on-site

Car parking outside (fee required) Free car parking a 10 minute walk Coach parking nearby









## Spike Island

Cobh. Co. Cork

## Former Fortress and once the world's largest prison

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 46 and 47



The story of the 104-acre Spike Island is the story of Ireland: from the 6th century monastery to the 200 year-old Fort, from the Victorian era prison to the centuries of island homes. Take the ferry from Cobh to explore 1300 years of Irish cemeteries as you make your way to Fortress Spike, the star shaped Fortress that became

men, women and children in the 1850's. The largest prison in the world at the time and there has never been a bigger prison in Britain or Ireland since.

Enjoy a fully quided tour of the outer island and take in some attractions inside the fort, with audio

quides and self quided tour options available. Marvel at the Victorian cells, modern prison cells, military museum, social history rooms, penal exhibitions and Irelands largest military gun park, as well as unrivalled views of Cork harbour. Will you escape from Fortress Spike? www.spikeislandcork.ie for sailings, booking online recommended to secure

Spike Island, Carrig House Cobh, Co. Cork admin@spikeislandcork.ie www.spikeislandcork.ie

## Location

Follow signs for N25, Cobh. Boats depart Kennedy pier Cobh. 20 mins from Cork city & girport

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8498, -8.2943

### **Opening Times**

See website for sailing times, generally weekends Mar/April/Oct. ferries 12 and 2pm. 7 days May/June/ July/Aug/Sept, ferries hourly

### **Admission Rates**

€18 adult, €10 child, €45 family of 4, includes return ferry, guided tour and entry to all attractions Allow 3.5 hours on the island. Seasonal offers, check website for offers/pricing

## Information

Cafe and toilet facilities on site, activities for kids, suitable for all ages, requires some walking

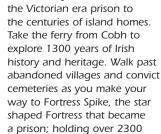
## **Parking**

Free parking in Cobh cathedral and 5 foot way

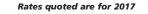








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The Jameson Distillery Midleton, Co. Cork

Tel: 021-461 3594

51.9136. -8.1672

**Opening Times** 

**Admission Rates** 

Adult €18, Child €9

Family (2+3) €45

Times: 10:00 £ 14:00h

Tickets available on the bus

Free Coach and Car parking

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Information

Mar to Oct

Jamesonwhiskey.com Midleton@jamesonwhiskey.com

Distillery Walk, Midleton, Co. Cork

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

7 Days, Last tour at 16:30h

Student/Senior/Group €15

7 Days 11:00, 13:00, 14:45 & 16:15h

Return Bus Service from Cork City

Apr to Oct from St. Patrick's Quay

For bookings:

## **Cork Harbour Boat Hire**

Cobh, Co. Cork & Cork City

## Welcome aboard!

Explore the vast depths of Cork Harbour on a fantastic boating adventure! This is an ideal day out in Cobh or Cork City for families or groups of all ages and sizes. The waters of Cork Harbour are full of fascinating history and captivating

trip is an ideal way to take in the fresh sea air and see another side of Cork while driving your own boat. New for 2017—high speed RIBs.

allows you to independently explore and discover Cork Harbour while showcasing the Harbours natural beauty.



All trips are led by a fully

qualified safety boat guide, who

Cork Harbour Boat Hire Cobh Base: The Ouavs Bar & Restaurant pontoon 17 Westbourne Place, Cobh, Co.Cork Tel: 086-074 7926 sales@corkharbourboathire.com www.corkharbourboathire.com

### Location

Cobh Base: 100mtrs from the railway station on the Quays bar E Restaurant pontoon Cork Base: 100mtrs from the Clayton hotel on the Cork City

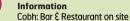
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Cork Base, 51.899,-8.463 **Opening Times** 

Apr to Oct, daily 09:00-20:00h

## **Admission Rates**

1 hour boat trip €49 (11:00-18:00h) 2 hour boat trip €95 (morning 9:00-11:00h & evening 18:30-20:30h) Pricing is per boat for up to a family of 5





On street or in local car parks





## Youghal Clock Gate Tower

Youghal, Co. Cork





## Ballymaloe Cookery School Visiting and Gardens

**Shanagarry, Co. Cork** 

## Come and visit us

A centre of excellence for teaching people how to cook, it is always possible to drop in to join an afternoon cookery demonstration. Check the website or give a call for details of daily classes. If you don't have time for a class, come and visit the wonderful

formal Kitchen. Herb and Fruit gardens, a Celtic Maze for the kids and a delightful Herbaceous Border leading up to the Shell House. A farm walk is open to visitors where you will see pigs, hens, cows and the extensive vegetable glasshouses.

There is a farmshop where you can get delicious treats and a range of gifts to take home. Every Saturday there is a popup Pizzaria, 'Saturday Pizzas'. Close to the seaside towns of Ballycotton and Garryvoe. Well worth a visit if travelling around East Cork.



Rates quoted are for 2017

Contact

Ballymaloe Cookery School & Gardens Shanagarry, Co. Cork Tel: 021-464 6785 info@cookingisfun.ie www.cookingisfun.ie

### Location

Take the N25 from Cork City to Castlemartyr. Take road to Shanagarry. Turn left at church School 1 km up road on right

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8606, -8.0322

## **Opening Times**

Open Mon to Sat 11:00-17:00h (October to May) Open 7 Days 11:00—17:00h (June to September)

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €6, Child (8+) €3 Senior/Concessions €3 Family €15 (2 + 2) Wheelchair access to most of garden. Afternoon Cookery Demonstration €75

### Information Shop on-site. Toilets on-site

Free parking for cars and coaches





## People. Place. Stories...

Youghal, Co. Cork is a unique place in Ireland's Ancient East with miles of sandy beach and a rich medieval history. Youghal Clock Gate Tower is the most visible landmark in the centre of Youghal's Main Street and is newly opened for 2017 as a visitor attraction.

Although built in 1777 as a gaol, this story spans 700 years of history. Visit is by way of a guided tour (allow 1 hour) with costumed 'storytellers' over 4 floors. Each floor depicts a different era in time and includes a medieval merchant's

dwelling, an 18th Century Gaol, a 'time keeping floor' and a former family home. Hear stories of pain, tragedy and rebellion, but also stories of love, friendship and generosity throughout this tour.

Listen in to the free audio quide prior to visit (available on the website)—it will give you a great flavour of what to expect once you enter the Tower, without spoiling the many surprises inside!

Youghal Clock Gate Tower Main Street, Youghal, Co. Cork Tel: 024-20769 tours@youghalclockgate.ie ww.youghalclockgatetower.ie

### Location

Town centre, Youghal, Co. Cork 40 mins from Cork City off N25

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.9528,-7.84665

### **Opening Times**

Apr to Sept, 7 days a week: 09:00-18:00h (last tour at 17:00h) Oct to Mar, Thurs-Sun: 10:00-17:00h (last tour at 16:00h)

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €9.50, Child €5 (4-18 yrs) Family €24 (2A + 2C) Student/Senior: €7.50 (with valid ID) Group rates available

### Information

Town centre location with shops, bars, restaurants. Youghal beach is within walking distance

### **Parkina**

Nearest car park (3 mins walk) is at Nealon's Quay (free)











## **The Raleigh Quarter**

While in Youghal, pay a 'must see' visit to the historic 'Raleigh Quarter'. Explore the medieval St. Mary's Collegiate Church (a national monument) and stunningly restored 13th century Town Walls. The history here is tangible. The children will love the on-site pop-up museum with details of unusual characters who visited Youghal through the ages including Sir Walter Raleigh and Oliver Cromwelli

The Graveyard Trail with interesting information points includes access to the 'Town Wall Walk' with stunning views across the town and the bay.

# Perks Family Entertainment Centre & Indoor Funfair

Youghal, Co. Cork

## Indoor Entertainment for all the family



Enjoy a great family day out with entertainment for visitors of all ages. Bowling, Lazer Tag, Bungee Trampoline, Carousel, Ladybird Ride, Bumper Boats and our video games arcade with new arrivals such as Terminator Salvation and Time Crisis 4. Our award

winning Blackbeards Adventure Playcentre goes down a treat with the kids with 3 decks of slides, swings and ball pools. After a long day of fun, relax and unwind in our Fastfood diner and Ice-Cream Parlour. which serve up all your favourite treats.

### The **SHOWBOAT CASINO** (Strictly

over 18's) is located in its own exclusive setting with state of the art Poker Machines. Slot Machines, Roulette and Live Gaming. Private Tea/Coffee lounge with large screen TV.

## **Visiting**



Youghal, East Cork, a short drive from Cork City. Approx. 35 mins

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.9407. -7.8581

## **Opening Times**

Open daily during the Summer Season. Please contact us for our Winter Season opening times

## **Admission Rates**

FREE admission. Pay as you go for games, rides, and activities

## Information

Fast Food Diner Special Group Rates Available Birthday Party Award Winners Wheelchair friendly

## **Parking**

Spacious free parking





## in the south east's biggest, brightest and best indoor water

park! Experience an abundance of thrills with wild & wonderful waves, indoor/outdoor water slides, bubble pool, paddle pool, water cannons, roaring rapids

## **Splashworld**

Tramore, Co. Waterford

## Wild & wonderful fun for all!



Visitors can enjoy warm balmy temperatures all year round

## and splash slide. There's fun for all ages in the 25m swimming pool. Family group rates are available. Fitness enthusiasts can explore the fully equipped GYM and fitness studio, fitness classes are available daily for all abilities, or enjoy some relaxation in the steam

room and sauna. Check

out www.splashworld-ie for all class times and public pool hours. Splashworld is located adjacent to Tramore Promenade a 5km blue flag beach and sand dunes looking out onto the Atlantic Ocean. There's something for everyone in Tramore's seaside resort.

Splashworld, Railway Square, Tramore, Co. Waterford Tel: 051-390 176 splashworldtramore@gmail.com www.splashworld.ie

## Location

Off the R675 before the Promenade

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.1619, -7.14715

## **Opening Times**

Open all year round. Check our website www.splashworld.ie for all public times

### **Admission Rates** Entry varies in price, visit www.splashworld.ie for rates

## **Parking**

Free customer parking on-site







## **Dungarvan Castle**

**Dungarvan. Co. Waterford** 

## King John's Norman Castle

Dungarvan Castle, built at the mouth of the River Colligan, is an Anglo-Norman fortification founded in 1185. From here, soldiers could command the narrow strip of land to the south of the Comeragh Mountains. The castle consists of a polygonal shell keep with an enclosing curtain wall, a corner tower and a gate

The shell keep is the earliest structure, dating from the 12th century. Shell keeps are common in England, but rare in Ireland. Inside the curtain wall is a two storey military barracks, which dates from the first half of the 18th century.

The barracks is now restored and houses an informative exhibition on the history of the castle.

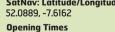


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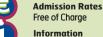
Location

**Dungarvan Castle** Castle Street, Dungarvan, Co.Waterford Tel: 058-48144 charlesfort@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie

At eastern end of Davitt's Quay/ Castle Street SatNav: Latitude/Longitude



May 23 to Sept 26 Daily 10:00-18:00h Last admission 45 mins before



Audio-visual exhibition



## **Waterford & Suir Valley Railway**

Kilmeadan, Co. Waterford



## All Aboard to Experience the Magic of Rail!



Board the train at Kilmeadan Station, hear the whistle blow and take off on an exciting journey through the countryside, taking in panoramic views of the River Suir, get a glimpse in to Mount Congreve Gardens, make a wish as you pass through the Fairy Wood and continue on to Carriganore. Travelling at 15km per hour, the journey lasts 40

minutes. Saturday trips last 10 minutes longer. Come prepared with a jacket if you want to sit in the open carriages. Enclosed seating also available This is a fun experience for all ages and all facilities are wheelchair accessible. Refreshments are

available in the ticket office. Family days take place on Sundays and Wednesdays June to August. Special events in the year include the Spooky Express at Halloween and Santa Express at Christmas. Check the website for timetables

and further information.

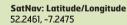


Waterford & Suir Valley Railway Kilmeadan Station, Kilmeadan, Co. Waterford Tel: 051-384 058 info@wsvrailway.ie

### www.wsvrailway.ie Kilmeadan

### Location

Located 10km from Waterford City On N25 towards Cork take Carrick Road (R680) off Carrick Road Roundabout, From Cork take 1st exit off Roundabout on to R680 Kilmeadan Station is on the left





Mon to Sat 11:00-15:00h Sun 12:00-16:00h May 01 to Aug 31: Mon to Sat 11:00-16:00h Sun 12:00-17:00h

**Admission Rates** Adult €8.50, Child €4

Senior/Student €7.50 Family (2+1) €20, €3 per extra child Discounts for groups 20+



Coffee shop and souvenirs

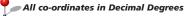
## **Parking**

Car and coach parking









## The Reg Gastro Bar featuring Slainte the Show

Viking Triangle, Waterford City

## Bringing history to life



Ancient walls run through the Reg creating a perfect place to see, touch and hear of 1100 years of Irish history.

Visit the Reg, which serves great food all day and feel the history as you explore its nooks and crannies or the scenic first floor terrace. Enjoy the best local craft beer. Also available is the "Req Patriotic Whiskey tasting Board" with over 80 varied Whiskeys. Kids will love

the "make history fun" quiz and adults will enjoy the best live music every night.

Slainte the Show at the Req brings history to life through 10 toasts of Slainte (good health) with traditional music and ballads to accompany each stage of Irish history. The show is fun, interactive and suitable for all ages. Every Monday & Wednesday at 19:30h, June to September.



The Reg 2 The Mall, Waterford City Tel: 051-583 000 www.thereg.ie

Located in the heart of Waterford's Viking Triangle and only 100m from Waterford Crystal

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2603,-7.1054

**Opening Times** 

10:00h until late (during summer months) £ 12:00h until late (during winter months)

Slainte the Show: Mon & Wed at 19:30h www.slainte.show

**Admission Rates** 

Slainte the Show: Adults €15 Child €10

Information

Live music every night from 21:00h Food served all day

**Parking** 

Bolton Street Carpark (main Waterford Crystal carpark)





## **Medieval Museum**

Viking Triangle, Waterford City



## Treasures of **Medieval Waterford**

The only museum in Europe to be built over two National Monuments, the 13th century Choristers Hall and the 15th century Mayor's Wine Vault. Don't miss the unique Cloth of Gold Vestments and the Great Charter Roll. Take the multimedia handheld quide or enjoy a family friendly tour with a re-enactor.



Medieval Museum Viking Triangle, Waterford City Tel: 0761-102 501

museumreception@waterfordcouncil.ie www.waterfordtreasures.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2599, -7.1069

## **Opening Times**

Open daily, year-round. Mon to Fri: 09:15-18:00h (Sept to May 17:00h) Sun & BHols opens at 11:00h (Sat 10:00h)

## **Admission Rates**

Adult €7, Senior/Student €6, Family €14 Combined Ticket with Bishop's Palace Adult €10, Senior/Student €9, Family €20. Child(U14) free. Group rate for 10+

Information

Gift shop on-site

Public parking available nearby

## Bishop's Palace

Viking Triangle, Waterford City



## Treasures of **Georgian Waterford**

Experience authentic grand eighteenth century living in this magnificently restored Georgian building. Don't miss the oldest surviving piece of Waterford Crystal in the world dating back to 1789, and the only surviving Napoleon Bonaparte 'mourning cross', which was one of twelve produced upon his death in 1821



Bishop's Palace Viking Triangle, Waterford City Tel: 0761-102 650 museumreception@waterfordcouncil.ie www.waterfordtreasures.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52,2595, -7,1077

### **Opening Times**

Open daily, year-round. Mon to Fri: 09:15-18:00h (Sept to May 17:00h) Sun & BHols opens at 11:00h (Sat 10:00h)

## **Admission Rates**

Adult €7, Senior/Student €6, Family €14 Combined Ticket with Medieval Museum Adult €10, Senior/Student €9, Family €20. Child(U14) free. Group rate for 10+

Information

Café on-site

**Parking** Public parking available nearby

## **Reginald's Tower** Viking Triangle, Waterford City

A circular defence tower



Reginald's Tower is named after the Viking leader that founded Waterford in 914.

The lower two floors of the current stone structure were built by the Normans after their capture of Waterford in the late 12th century, replacing the earlier wooden Viking tower, while the upper two floors are of late 15th century date. Originally part of the city's defences it protected the vital river approach to Waterford and has been in continuous use since that time. The tower has served as a mint, arsenal, prison, residence and the city museum. Today visitors can learn the story of this incredible monument by taking a guided tour or enjoy the exhibition within that also incorporates the Viking Treasures of Waterford.



Contact Reginald's Tower The Quay, Waterford City Tel: 051-304 220 reginaldstower@opw.ie www.heritaaeisland.ie

Waterford

Located in Waterford city at the eastern end of the city quay

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**Opening Times** 

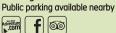
Jan to Mid-Mar, Wed to Sun 09:30-17:00h Late Mar to Dec, Daily 09:30-17:30h Closed for the Christmas period



Adult €5 Senior/Group €4 Child/Student €3 Family €13

**Admission Rates** 

Information Exhibition, Audio visual presentation





## **Viking Waterford** The award-winning all-weather guided Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle takes in 6 national monuments within one hour covering 1,100 years of Waterford's history from the Vikings to the Victorians. Added for 2017 the new 'Mayors through the Ages Exhibition' which is located in City Hall built in 1783.

## **Waterford Treasures**

**Epic Tour of The Viking Triangle** 

**Viking Triangle, Waterford City** 

Treasures of

Waterford Treasures, Medieval Museum, Viking Triangle, Waterford, X91 K10E Tel: 0761-102 501 bookings@waterfordcouncil.ie www.waterfordtreasures.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2595, -7.1077

## **Opening Times**

May 01 to Sept 30 Daily Tours: 12:00 £ 14:00h Group tours please contact bookings@waterfordcouncil.ie as group bookings are available all year round

**Admission Rates** Adults €7, Child (U14) Free

Senior/Student €6, Family (2+2) €14





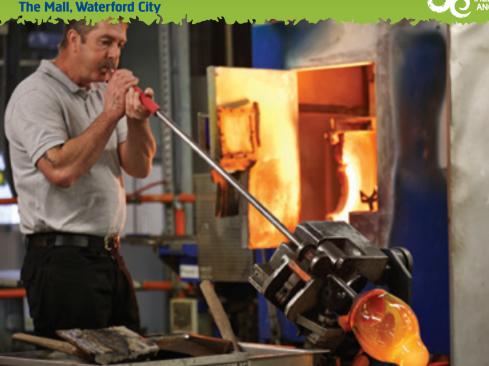




## **House of Waterford Crystal**

# Passage East Ferry Co. Ltd.

Passage East, Co. Waterford





## **A Breathtaking Experience**

Waterford Crystal is now located in the heart of Waterford City. The highlight of any visit, the quided Factory Tour gives all visitors an up close and personal insight into the centuries-old tradition of Waterford Crystal making.

Feel the heat of the furnace and marvel at the skills of the Craftsmen during your guided tour, which takes approximately 50 minutes

passion for the world's most famous Crystal in the lavish Retail Store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal found worldwide. The exhibition of Sporting Trophies and Statement Pieces is also a mustsee attraction.

During your visit, take time to relax and enjoy breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea in the Crystal Café.



# After the tour, indulge your

## **Living Histories**

Why not get your photograph taken with some spectacular showpieces in the Visitor Retail Experience. A visit to tour the Factory, gives visitors the opportunity to learn about the amazing skills required to produce beautiful handcrafted crystal.

Rates quoted are for 2017

## isiting

House of Waterford Crystal The Mall, Waterford City houseofwaterfordcrystal@fiskars.com www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com

Location Waterford City

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2593, -7.1073

## **Opening Times**

Store Mon to Sun 09:00-17:00h Tour Mon to Sun, last tour 15:15h Store Mon to Sun 09:00-18:00h Tour Mon to Sun, last tour 16:15h November to February: Store Mon to Sat 09:30-17:00h Tour Mon to Fri, last tour 15:15h

**Admission Rates** Adult €13.50, Senior €11 Student €10. Child under 5 Free Child 6-18 €5. Family €30

Information Coffee Shop, Factory Tour and Crystal Retail Store

**Parking** Parking adjacent



## Welcome to The Sunny South East

Passage East Ferry Company operate a continuous Car Ferry Service across the River Suir linking the villages of Ballyhack in County Wexford and Passage East in County Waterford. This service, provided for over 30 years, offers a shortcut to visitors touring the Southeast of Ireland where you can enjoy scenic views of the Suir Estuary. The following list of attractions

will help give you, the visitor, some idea of how much the Southeast has to offer. The Irish National Heritage Park, J. F. Kennedy Arboretum, the must see Hook Lighthouse, Tintern Abbey, Loftus Hall if you dare, Kilmore Quay a beautiful

fishing village and lots more in County Wexford. The House of Waterford Crystal, The Viking Triangle which incorporates three museums, Suir Valley Railway, Seaside town of Tramore, and the scenic fishing villages of Dunmore East & Ardmore with its famous Round Tower are just some of the attractions in County Waterford.

A continuous ferry service is in place and tickets can be purchased directly on board or via the website. The average crossing time is 5 minutes. Motorhomes, Commercial vehicles up to 3 tons, Cars, Motorbikes, Bikes and Pedestrians are all welcome.

Passage East Ferry Company Ltd. Barrack Street Passage East Co. Waterford Tel: 051-382 480 / 382 488 passageferry@eircom.net www.passageferry.ie



### Location

38 km from Wexford Town R733 13 km from Waterford City R783 Sat Nav: Latitude/Longitude



Ballyhack: 52.2444, -6.9678 Passage East: 52.2395, -6.9732

## **Sailing Times**

First Sailing: Weekdays 07:00h (all year) Sundays & Public Holidays 09:30h (all year)

Last Sailing: Oct 01 to Mar 31: 20:00h Apr 01 to Sept 30: 22:00h

Cars: Single €8. Return €12 Tickets can be purchased online at www.pgssageferry.je or on board the





If you plan on staying in the area for an extended break why not avail of the multi crossing discounted ticket, car and passengers cost as little as €3.50 per trip on the €42.00 discount ticket, available onboard.

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 46 and 47

## **Hook Lighthouse**

Hook Peninsula, Co. Wexford





## The world's oldest intact working lighthouse

Explore the world's oldest intact working lighthouse. Marking the entrance to the Waterford estuary and built some 800 years ago by the knight William Marshal, the black and white striped tower caps the Peninsula's southern tip.

Hook Lighthouse truly is one of a kind. On a quided tour you can climb the 115 well-worn steps of the tower to meet a life-size hologram figure: St. Dubhán, who tells of perishing nights spent with fellow monks in the 5th century, warning sailors against dangers with a beacon they kept alight on the headland. Then another life-size figure appears: Strongbow's son-in-law William Marshall, 'the greatest knight that ever lived', who tells of his empire in the Southeast. And when you reach the tower



balcony enjoy the sea breeze on your face as you gaze at the miles of coastline and an awesome 360degree view.

Relax by the sea and enjoy some homemade produce at the Café in the visitor centre, situated in the former light keepers' houses with gift shop, art workshops for you to join in, and many exhibits. Guided tours are on offer 7 days a week, sharing with visitors one of the greatest experiences on Ireland's Ancient

## Festivities at Hook Lighthouse

A year round calendar of special events, festivals and late opening occasions take place on the lighthouse lawns which include BBO's. Pirate Days, Music concerts, Harvest celebrations and Maritime festivals. All year round resident artist Rose Finn hosts workshops for adults and children—contact Rose on 087-745 2208. For details of festivals and events see @HookLighthouse social media for up to date information.

Hook Lighthouse Fethard-on-Sea, Hook Peninsula Co. Wexford Tel: 051-397 055 / 397 054

info@hookheritage.ie www.hookheritaae.ie

50 km from Wexford via Wellington Bridge and Fethard-on-Sea 29 km from Waterford via the Passage East Car Ferry and Ramsgrange. 38km from New Ross via Campile or Fethard-on-Sea

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.1247, -6.9289

### **Opening Times** Visitor Centre:

Open Year Round, daily 09:30-17:00h **Guided Tours of Lighthouse Tower:** 

Tours every half hour daily from 09:30-17:00h and later during peak season. Last admission 30 mins before closing time

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €9, Senior/Student €8 Family (2+2 aged 5–16) €22 Family (2+3 aged 5-16) €24. U4 Free Group rates are available on Guided tours and at the Café. Pre-booking

Gift Shop, Café, Bakery, Art Exhibits, Artists workshop, Art classes, and Maritime Displays. Garden Picnic areas and Toilet facilities. Free WiFi

## **Parking**

Free car and coach parking



## **Loftus Hall**

**New Ross, Co. Wexford** 

## The Most Haunted House in Ireland



Set on the stunning Hook Peninsula in Wexford, Loftus Hall is fast becoming one of the South East's must see tourist attractions.

Renowned as Ireland's Most Haunted House, visitors can take a 45 minute interactive tour where a tour quide will take them through the ground floor, revealing the fascinating history and the long told Legend of Loftus

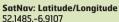
The Hall sits on five acres of walled gardens, work began in Spring 2016 to reinstate these gardens to their former glory,

including extensive planting of box hedging, a fairy door trail for kids and the completion of Queen Victoria's Garden to the front of the House.

Seasonal menu available in the restaurant or relax and unwind with a cup of coffee in the Courtvard.

Loftus Hall, Hook Head, New Ross, Co. Wexford Tel: 051-397 728 info@loftushall.ie www.loftushall.ie

Location Loftus Hall is located on Hook Peninsula



## **Opening Times**

Open Sat and Sun from Feb 11 Every day from June 17 to Sept 03 Halloween: Oct 20 to Nov 05 Christmas: Check website for opening times

### **Admission Rates**

House Tour: Adults €10/Senior €7 Child(4-11 yrs) €5 / (12-18 yrs) €6 Students (with valid student card) €6 Family 2+2, (Child 4-11 yrs) €25 Family 2+3, (Child 4-11 yrs) €30 Infants (0-3yrs) go free but they require inputting on your booking

## Information

Tours must be pre-booked online. Parents/guardians to decide if suitable for children. Under 16 yrs must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Parking** €2 per car









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www.heritageireland.ie

## **Ballyhack Castle**

## Ballyhack, Co. Wexford

Ballyhack Castle is located on a steep slope in a commanding position overlooking Waterford estuary. The castle, a large tower house, is thought to have been built c.1450 by the Knights Hospitallers of St. John, one of the two great military orders founded at the beginning of the 12th century at the time of the Crusades.





Ballyhack Castle Ballyhack Co. Wexford Tel: 051-389 468 jerpointabbey@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie



52.2458, -6.9677 **Opening Times** May 11 to Aug 30 Daily 9:30-17:00h Sat to Wed incl Last admissions 45 mins before closing



**Admission Rates Parking** 

Parking in nearby village

## **Dunbrody Famine Ship** Experience & Restaurant (2)

The Emigrant Trail. New Ross. Co. Wexford

An authentic reproduction of an 1840's emigrant vessel providing a world class interpretation of the famine emigrant experience. Incorporating guided tour, costumed performers and themed exhibitions, the story is brought to life, providing a unique insight into the bravery of Irish people during the famine. Restaurant offering panoramic views of the river Barrow and the Dunbrody Famine Ship, extensive menu available all day.



Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience New Ross, Co. Wexford Tel: 051-425 239 info@dunbrodv.com www.dunbrody.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3935. -6.9477

### **Opening Times**

Every Day, All Year Round 09:00-18:00h Last tour Apr to Sept 17:00h Oct to March 16:00h

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €10. Senior €8. Child/Student €6 Family (2+1 <12) €22, (2+2 < 12) €25 (2+3 < 12) €30. Group rates apply

Restaurant and Gift Shop on-site

Public parking available nearby

## **Tintern Abbey**

## **New Ross. Co. Wexford**

A Cistercian Abbey, founded c. 1200 by William, the Earl Marshall, and named after Tintern in Wales. The remains consist of a nave, chancel, tower, chapel and cloister. It was partly converted into living quarters after 1541, and further adapted over the centuries. The Abbey was occupied by the Colclough family from the 16th century until 1960s.





Contact Tintern Abbey Saltmills, New Ross Co. Wexford Tel: 051-562 650 tinternabbey@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2371, -6.8380

**Opening Times** Apr 06 to Nov 01 Daily 10:00-17:00h Last admission 16:15h

Admission Rates Adult €5, Senior/Group €4 Child/Student €3, Family €13

## **Kennedy Homestead**

## The Emigrant Trail, New Ross, Co. Wexford

Follow the rise from Famine Emigrant to President! The Kennedy Homestead, birthplace of President John F. Kennedy's great grandfather, celebrates the story of five generations of the Kennedy dynasty. A state of the art visitor centre housing an interpretive exhibition allows visitors to follow the fortunes of the most famous Irish emigrant families. Facilities include a unique collection of Kennedy memorabilia and AV display.



Kennedy Homestead Dunganstown New Ross, Co. Wexford Tel: 051-388 264 info@kennedyhomestead.ie www.kennedyhomestead.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3467, -6.9872

## **Opening Times**

Open Every Day, All Year. 09:30–17:30h Last admission 17:00h

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €7.50. Senior €6.50 Child/Student €6. Family €22 Group Rate on request

## Information

Souvenir Shop. Disabled access

On- Site Car Park. Coach Parking

## **Ferns Castle**

## Ferns. Co. Wexford

This castle was built in the 13th century, possibly by William, Earl Marshall, Originally, the castle formed a square, with large corner towers. Only half of the castle now remains. The most complete tower contains a fine circular chapel, with carved ornament. The tower also has several original fireplaces and a vaulted basement. Archaeological excavations revealed a rock- cut ditch outside the castle walls.





Ferns, Co. Wexford Tel: 053-936 6411 jerpointabbey@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude 52.5905, -6.4992

**Opening Times** May 11 to Sept 20 Daily 10:00-17:00h Last admission 45 mins before closing

**Admission Rates** Free of charge

Parking

Car parking available

## JFK Memorial Park & **Arboretum**

The Emigrant Trail. New Ross. Co. Wexford

Dedicated to the memory of John F. Kennedy, President of the United States who was tragically assassinated in 1963, the same year that he visited his ancestral home in New Ross. The arboretum is a plant collection of international standing, covering 252 hectares on Slieve Coillte featuring 4,500 types of trees and shrubs. It is also home to an exhibition which chronicles President Kennedy's time in the White House.



## Contact

JFK Memorial Park & Arboretum New Ross, Co. Wexford Tel: 051-388 171 ifkarboretum@opw.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3211, -6.9337

Open daily year round except Good Friday & Christmas Day. Oct to Mar 10:00-17:00h. April 10:00-18:30h May to August 10:00-20:00h September 10:00-18:30h

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €4. Seniors €3. Students €2 Family €10. Group Rate on request

## Information

Tearoom (seasonal) & Picnic Area

## **Parking**

Private on-site car park



## Irish National Heritage Park

Ferrycarrig, Co. Wexford





Enter a special place, where Ireland's Heritage comes alive with sights and sounds that shaped a country and helped to shape the world. A visit to the Irish National Heritage Park is like no other you can imagine. Surprises wait around every turn as you explore 35 acres of this remarkable heritage trail. From Campsite to Ringfort, from Mill to Fulacht Fiadh, from Crannóg to Viking House, every activity is an unexpected adventure into 9,000 years. The world you enter is an authentic recreation of Ireland's heritage. Homesteads, places of ritual, burial modes and long forgotten remains will enlighten the casual visitor and interest the scholar.

Explore the Neolithic farmstead with stone age crops or witness ancient breeds of animals in natural surroundings (Seasonal).

Experience one of the renowned tours in the company of a costumed guide. Partake in an exciting course lead by traditional craft workers and local artists (Course prebooking required). Within the park children have a unique opportunity to experience Ireland's heritage and fun activities including panning for gold, wattle your own house, rock art, two adventure playgrounds and an activity scramble. Special programmes and family fun days are here to entertain and delight children with archery, spear throwing or a hawk walk with the resident falconer. Whether you stay for an hour or an afternoon, every visit to the Irish National Heritage Park will be an experience you will never forget. Ringfort stayover also available, check website.

## Fulacht Fiadh Restaurant and Craft Shop

Irish hospitality and Wexford charm combine with all the modern facilities to make your visit a time to remember. Before you leave, visit the craft and book shop with its wide range of designer clothing and quality Irish crafts. You can also sample fine Irish cuisine in the restaurant, eat out on the terrace and savour the sensation of the Crannog and Lake, awash in the colours and fragrances of Ireland's past.

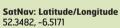


Contact

Irish National Heritage Park Ferrycarrig Co. Wexford Tel: 053-912 0733 info@inhp.com www.inhp.com

Wexford

Location Wexford Town





**Opening Times** May to Aug: 09:30-18:30h Sept to April: 09:30-17:30h Please allow approx 2 hours for a visit to the park Last admission 15:00-16:00h



**Admission Rates** Adult €9.50 Family €25 Student/Senior €8 Information



Fulacht Fiadh Restaurant and Craft shop Parking

Parking on-site







Rebellion

at the National 1798 Rebellion Centre

**Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford** 

## Rebellion is here...

Fanned by flames of Revolution in America and France, the events of 1798 in Ireland are forever etched in blood on the annals of Irish history. Vividly re-told in an exciting interpretation of events, the "Rebellion Experience" at the multi-award winning National 1798 Rebellion Centre is not to be missed

Meet key figures of the Rebellion, including John Shehan (The Croppy Boy), Tom the Devil and General Gerard Lake, and experience the poignant 4-D audio visual interpretation of the Battle of Vinegar Hill. Join the FREE weapons and cookery demonstrations throughout the week (Details available on website).

While here, why not also visit VINEGAR HILL BATTLEFIELD, site of the most famous battle of the 1798 Rebellion. Its current peace, serenity, and spectacular views belie its background as one of the bloodiest battlefields in Irish history. 20,000 men, women, and children faced 10.000 well-armed and welltrained members of the Crown Forces, in a battle that lasted only four hours, but left 1,500 dead and a county distraught.



Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford Tel: 053-923 7596 info@1798centre.ie

Enniscorthy

Location

30 mins from Rosslare on N11: 40 mins from Waterford on N30; 1hr 45 mins from Dublin Airport on N11

SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude 52,4967, -6,5694

**Opening Times** Mon to Fri 09:30-17:00h Sat & Sun Closed Last entry to exhibition is 45 mins hefore closing Vinegar Hill Battlefield:

Year round from 10:00h to dusk

Admission Rates

Adult €7. Student/Senior €4 Children (Over 5yrs) €3. Family €20 Entry to Vinegar Hill Battlefield, Free

Information Craft and book shop on-site

**Parking** 

Ample parking on-site for cars and coaches. Laneway to Vinegar Hill battlefield is not accessible by 52-seater coaches









## **Enniscorthy Castle**

**Enniscorthy. Co. Wexford** 

## A View from the Keep



The award winning Enniscorthy Castle, in the heart of Enniscorthy town, was built in the 13th century, and has long been home to Anglo-Norman knights, English Earls and local merchant families.

the dungeon and see the rare medieval wall art - The Halberdier, dress up as a knight or lady of the house. marvel at the works of the world-renowned furniture designer Eileen Gray, and climb the steps to the

Be sure to visit

battlements at the top of the castle to discover the amazing views of Vinegar Hill Battlefield, Enniscorthy town, and the surrounding flora and fauna.

Enniscorthy Castle, Castle Hill Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford Tel: 053-923 4699 info@enniscorthycastle.ie www.enniscorthycastle.ie

Enniscorthy

Situated in the heart of Co. Wexford 40mins drive from Waterford on N30. 20 mins drive from Wexford

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.5014, - 6.5671

**Opening Times** Mon to Fri 09:30-17:00h Sat/Sun, Bank Hols 12:00-17:00h

Entry to castle up until 16:30h

**Admission Rates** Adult €5. Student/Senior €4 Family €10. Child (Over 5) €3

Information

Craft and book shop on-site

**Parking** 

Parking available in local public car parks (within 2 mins. walk)









All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees

# **Secret Valley Wildlife Park**

**Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford** 

## Discover the wonders of Secret Valley Wildlife Park!!

At Secret Valley Wildlife Park they strive to make everyones visit one they won't forget. Providing a once in a lifetime chance to encounter exotic animals in a safe environment with beautiful surrounds. From bottle-feeding the hungry goats to getting up close and personal with lemurs, there is something for every age. The keeper talks are fun and educational and, with 14 acres of the valley open to the public including a recreational area and traditional farmyard, there is never a dull moment at the park.





Secret Valley Wildlife Park Coolnacon, Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford Tel: 087-205 0069 info@secretvalley.ie www.secretvallev.ie

### Location

First turn left after Clonroche, 1 mile down the road on the right. The Park is 15 minutes from Enniscorthy town

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.4257, -6.7558

## **Opening Times**

Apr to Aug everyday 10:00–18:00h Sept to Mar weekends 11:00-17:00h weekdays 11:00-16:00h

### **Admission Rates** Check website for details

## Information

Debit/Credit cards are not accepted

## Parking

Free parking on-site



## Kia Ora Mini Farm

Gorey, Co. Wexford

## Family fun filled farm

Kia Ora Mini Farm is a family run open farm in Gorey, Co. Wexford where children can get up close and personal with some feathered and furry friends. Adults can relax in the coffee shop or enjoy the outdoor seating while the children enjoy themselves and learn about the animals

Facilities include NEW REAL DIGGERS, Go Kart Track, Footgolf, Crazy Maze, Fire Engine Ride, Football Pitch, Milking Cow etc. The farm is fully wheelchair accessible and perfect for school tours/ large groups.

A dedicated party room is available with a throne

for the birthday boy or girl to make them feel extra special. Keep an eye on the website for Kia Ora Mini Farm's special events at Easter. Halloween and Christmas with fun for all the family.



Kia Ora Mini Farm Courteencurragh, Gorey, Co. Wexford. Tel: 053-942 1166 Mob: 086-878 8424 kiaoraminifarm@gmail.com

## www.kiaoraminifarm.ie

Between the town of Gorey and seaside village of Courtown Harbour off the R742. Exit 23 off the by-pass

### SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6762, -6.2565

### **Opening Times**

Open every day from 10:00-17:30h weather permitting

### **Admission Rates** Adults €7:50, Child €7:50

Groups welcome Information

Coffee shop with snacks and hot

## **Parking**

Free on-site parking







## **Pirates Cove**

Gorey, Co. Wexford

## Pirates of all ages will enjoy swashbuckling fun



Ahoy Mateys! Come along to Pirates Cove for a great family day out. Enjoy the sub tropical gardens, when you challenge your crew to a game of 18-hole mini golf. Be the captain of your own bumper boat as you travel around the beautiful lagoon but beware of the waterfalls. Walk on water in the bubble rollers

while the little scallywags enjoy

the paddleboats. Funcaves soft play area is always a hit with the under 10s.

Don't forget the 10 Pin Bowling, Electric children's Go-karts, the Games Arcade and the Spinning Compass Casino for older visitors! Cove Café serves up feasts fit for

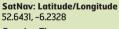
Captain Jack Cove himself. For a bit more adrenaline the Aqua Zone is a must or take a ride on the eco-friendly Pirates Cove Express at Courtown's Seafront.

See website for more details about the different packages on offer as well as birthday party and group packages. So bring your crew along for an adventure not to be missed!

## Contact

Pirates Cove Courtown Harbour, Gorey Co. Wexford Tel: 053-942 5555 info@piratescove.ie www.piratescove.ie

Location Take Exit 23 off the M11 and follow signs for Courtown. At the crossroads in the village turn right, Pirates Cove is approx. 200 metres on the right hand side



## **Opening Times**

Jun, Jul & Aug Daily 11:00—22:00h Refer to website for Sept to May opening times

## **Admission Rates**

Each activity varies in price See website for rates

## Information Café on site

**Parking** On-site parking available



## **Wells House & Gardens**

Gorey, Co. Wexford

## A Great Victorian House and Gardens

Waiting to be explored is Wells House and Gardens, located in the lush green countryside of Co Wexford just 20 minutes south of Gorey. The house and gardens were designed by renowned architect Daniel Robertson famed for his work in Powerscourt Estate! With something for all generations Wells House and Gardens is the ideal choice for a day out!

Enchanted woodland walks with hidden secrets are waiting to be discovered, have fun in the Adventure Playground, experience Victorian life on the "living" house tour, relax in the stunning terrace

gardens or browse through the Craft Courtyard. Make new friends at the animal farm & falconry centre and enjoy delicious lunches and home baked treats in the restaurant. Try your hand at archery or book an unforgettable Hawk Walk with the onsite falconer! Check website for details of all events—Voted Best Family Day Out by TodayFM listeners.



Wells House & Gardens Ballyedmond, Gorey, Co. Wexford Tel: 053-918 6737 info@wellshouse.ie

## www.wellshouse.ie

## Location

Wells House is on the R741 between Gorey and Wexford. It is 18 km from Gorey 24 km from Wexford 21 km from Enniscorthy 110 km from Dublin (choose exit 23 off N11)

### SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.528448, -6.346021

10:00-18:00h (May to September) 11:00-16:00h (October to April)

### **Admission Rates** Entry €8 per car

## Information

Restaurant, Playground, Animal Farm & Falconry Centre, House Tour, Woodland Walks, Gardens, Craft Courtyard

### **Parking**

Full car park on-site









## St. Canice's Cathedral **& Round Tower**

The Close, Kilkenny City

## A great day out for all the family



St Canice's Cathedral & Round Tower is Ireland's best preserved medieval Cathedral, appearing to the visitor today very much as it did to our Norman and Gaelic ancestors 800 years ago. See the Medieval Effigy Tombs one of the finest collections in Europe; The Kytler Grave Slab—condemned as a witch in 1324, Dame Alice Kylter escaped leaving her servant Petronella to burn instead: the Round Tower—a thousand years old and one of only two in the world that visitors can still climb! Cathedral wheelchair accessible. Information leaflets are available in 15 languages. Under 12 not allowed to climb

St. Canice's Cathedral & Round Tower The Close, Kilkenny City Tel: 056-776 4971 info@stcanicescathedral.com www.stcanicescathedral.com



Top of Coach Rd off Dean St

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6568, -7.2572



Kilkenny

**Opening Times** 

Apr. May & Sept Mon to Sat: 10:00-13:00h & 14:00-17:00h. Sun: 14:00-17:00h Jun, Jul & Aug, Mon to Sat: 09:00-18:00h, Sun: 14:00-18:00h Oct to Mar: Mon to Sat: 10:00-13:00h £14:00-16:00h. Sun: 14:00-16:00h Last admissions 1/2 hr before closina Tower Entry to the tower depends on weather and staffing



Cathedral Adults €4, Concession €3 Groups (min 10) €3pp, with quide €3.50pp. Tower Adults €3 Group (12 max per climb) Please telephone to confirm Non-group Cathedral & Tower: Adults €6, Family €15 (2A € 3C) Information



**Parking** 

Street parking close by





## **National Craft Gallery**

Castle Yard, Kilkenny City

## Fostering the craft industry in Ireland



Housed in the beautifully restored 18th century stables of Kilkenny Castle, the National Craft Gallery was established by the Crafts Council of Ireland in

The main focus of the gallery is on profiling the work of Irlsh design-makers both in Ireland and abroad, developing relationships with Irish and International aalleries and collectors, and inspiring appreciation, creativity and innovation through the

gallery education programme.

Activities include: Criticallyacclaimed exhibitions programme of Irish and International contemporary craft, programme of public talks, exhibition tours and workshops.



National Craft Gallery Castle Yard, Kilkenny City Tel: 056-779 6147 info@nationalcraftaallerv.ie www.nationalcraftgallery.ie



Across the road from Kilkenny Castle

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6499, -7.2493



**Opening Times** Tues to Sat 10:00-17:30h Sun 11:00-17:30h Closed Mondays Bank Holidays 11:00-17:30h



Free Admission Information

**Admission Rates** 

Craft-based shops on-site where you can browse or watch work being made. On-going exhibitions throughout the year



Pay & display on street parking, or nearby Ormonde Street Car Park

Check www.nationalcraftgallery.ie





## **Dunmore Cave**

## Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny

Consisting of a series of chambers these caves contain some of the finest calcite formations found in any Irish cave. The cave has been known to man for many centuries and is first mentioned in the 9th century Irish Triads. Archaeological finds within the cave confirm Viking activity. Exhibitions and displays in the Visitor Centre. The caves are inaccessible for wheelchair users.



Dunmore Cave Ballyfoyle, Castlecomer Road Co. Kilkenny Tel: 056-776 7726 dunmorecaves@opw.ie

www.heritageireland.ie



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.7341, -7.2477

**Opening Times** Open All Year

> Admission Rates Adult €5, Senior/Group €4 Child/Student €3, Family €13

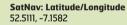
## **Jerpoint Abbey**

## Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

An outstanding Cistercian abbey founded in the second half of the 12th century. The church's Romanesque details date from this period. In the transept chapels the visitor can see 13th to 16th century tomb sculpture. The tower and cloister date from the 15th century. The chief delight of the Abbey is the sculptured cloister arcade with unique carvings. The Visitor Centre houses an interesting exhibition.



Jerpoint Abbey Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny Tel: 056-772 4623 jerpointabbey@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie



## **Opening Times**

Early Mar to Sept Daily 09:00–17:30h Oct Daily 09:00-17:00h Nov to start of Dec Daily 09:30-16:00h Dec to March Prebooked tours only

**Admission Rates** 

Adult €5, Senior/Group €4 Child/Student €3, Family €13

Car & coach parking

## St. Mary's Church

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 46 and 47

### Gowran, Co. Kilkenny

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Built in the late 13th century on the site of an earlier monastery this church was served by clerics who lived in the community. The church was a large and elaborate structure, with an aisled nave and a long chancel and has high quality architectural sculpture throughout. In the late middle ages the existing tower was modified, and in the 19th century it was incorporated into the parish church.



St. Mary's Church Gowran, Co. Kilkenny Tel: 056-772 6894 (open season) or 056-772 4623 (closed season) info@heritageireland.ie www.heritageireland.ie



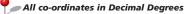
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6290, -7.0647

## **Opening Times** May 18 to Aug 30

10:30h-17:00h, Wed to Sun inclusive Last admission 45 mins before closing

**Admission Rates** Free of charge





## The Chocolate Garden of Ireland

**Tullow, Co. Carlow** 

Chocolate Workshops (booking essential) & Chocolate Mould-making lavailable on a drop-in basis). Café & Ice Cream parlour with Free Play Area —this is a wonderful venue for those with a taste for the finer things in life. Whatever your age, spoil your senses with awesome ice cream and chocolate, all made on-site

Clonegal, Co. Carlow

One of Ireland's historical

gems, this amazing Castle is

still lived in by descendants

of the original builders. The

famous Temple of Isis in the

dungeons as well as Castle

playground, tearooms and

rooms and ghost stories. With

formal gardens, an adventure

giftshop, Huntington Castle is

the perfect place for a day out.

auided tour (approx 35

mins) features the world



The Chocolate Garden of Ireland Rath, Tullow, Co Carlow, R93 PY82 Tel: 059-648 1999 info@chocolategarden.ie www.chocolategarden.ie



**Opening Times** Mon to Sat 10:00-17:00h Sun & B/Hols 13:00-18:00h Closed Dec 24 to Jan 31

**Admission Rates** €12.50 per person-workshops must be pre-booked on www.chocolategarden.ie €10 per person-mould-making session (includes an ice-cream)

Information

**Parking** Free parking available

**Huntington Castle** 

Clonegal, Co. Carlow

Tel: 053-937 7160

52.6905, -6.6492

**Opening Times** 

info@huntingtoncastle.com

SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude

Gardens: Daily May to Sept

Halloween, Christmas etc.

Adults €9 Child (U12) €4

Usual concessions apply

**Admission Rates** 

11:00-18:00h. Castle: Weekends

May & Sept and daily June, July, Aug 13:00-17:00h (last tour) plus Easter.

Gardens only Adults €5. Child (U12)

Ample free parking (including Coaches)

€2.50. Castle Tour & Gardens

www.huntingtoncastle.com

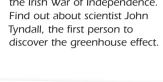
## **Carlow County Museum**

**College Street, Carlow Town** 

## **Located in the Cultural Quarter of Carlow**

Visit the multi-award-winning Carlow County Museum in Carlow Town's 'Cultural Quarter'. Over four display galleries, some of the highlights include the magnificent 19th century six-meter hand-carved oak pulpit from Carlow Cathedral, named among the top one hundred objects to see in an Irish museum. Gaze upon the fabulous new 1916-2016 commemorative stained glass panel. View the smoking pipe of Captain Myles Keogh, killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn. See the remains of

at the age of 18 for his role in the Irish War of Independence. Find out about scientist John Tyndall, the first person to



Carlow County Museum College Street, Carlow Town, R93 E3T2 Tel: 059-913 1554

museum@carlowcoco.ie www.carlowcountvmuseum.ie

Location

Carlow County Museum is located in the heart of Carlow Town just off Tullow Street (main street) sharing the same building as Carlow Library and directly next door to Carlow

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.8365.-6.9283

**Opening Times** 

Open all year round Jun to Aug 10:00-17:00h Sun & B/Hols 14:00-16:30h Sept to May 10:00-16:30h Contact the Museum for Christmas opening times Last admission 30 minutes before closina

**Admission Rates** Free Admission

**Parking** 

Parking for cars in the nearby car parks. Parking for coaches in either the Bus Park on Barrack Street or in the Visual Arts Centre car park











## the last cigarette smoked by Kevin Barry, who was executed in 1920

## **Mitchelstown Cave**

Cahir, Co. Tipperary

One of Europe's Major Showcaves.

Mitchelstown Cave is one of the largest and most complex cave systems in Ireland. On the guided tour vou will follow ancient passageways and visit massive caverns in which you are surrounded by indescribable cave formations, stalactites, stalagmites and huge calcite pillars. Guided tours are conducted through half a mile of this world famous cave.

Entry to cave is by guided tour, min 2 adults required for tour.



Tel: 052-746 7246 visit@mitchelstowncave.com www.mitchelstowncave.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3057, -8.1045

**Opening Times** Daily: Feb to May & Nov 10:00-16:00h Jun to Aug 10:00-16:45h: Sep/Oct 10:00-16:30h; Dec/Jan 10:00-16:00h w/

ends only; Dec 26/Jan 08 10:00-16:00h **Admission Rates** Adult €9, Child (0–12) €3.50

Family (2+2) €20

## Free parking for cars and coaches

## **Ballyhoura Country**

The region extends from North East Limerick to North East Cork, bordering Tipperary and flanked by the Ballyhoura Mountains. It contains a lush green countryside of mountains, valleys, rivers and streams accented by fantastic activities, heritage sites, great local produce and wonderful friendly people.

Check out www.visitballyhoura.com

## **Altamont Gardens**

**Huntington Castle** 

**Tullow. Co. Carlow** 

Large, beautiful old world garden, Altamont is an enchanting blend of formal and informal gardens located on a 100 acre estate. Beautiful riverside walks ensure a great experience at any time of year starting in spring with the snowdrop collection, daffodils and other spring bulbs. Rhododendrons, azaleas and later the rose collection in full bloom mid-summer, followed by contrasting autumnal colours in the winter. There is also a Walled Garden situated within the grounds of the estate.



www.heritageireland.ie

Altamont Gardens Bunclody Road, Tullow, Co. Carlow Tel: 059-915 9444 altamontgardens@opw.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude 52.7384. -6.7207

**Opening Times** Open all year Easter to end of Sept 09:00-18:30h

Oct 09:00-17:00h Nov & Feb 09:00-16:30h Dec & Jan 09:00-16:00h Closed Christmas Day

**Admission Rates** Free Admission.

**Parking** €2 pay and display

All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees





Rates quoted are for 2017

## **The Main Guard**

Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

## Take a journey through the decades



The Main Guard is one of the oldest surviving civic buildings, and one of the earliest examples of classical public architecture in Ireland. The dramatic landmark was built by James Butler, Duke of Ormond, in 1675 as the courthouse for

the Palatinate of administrative area of County Tipperary.

In 1715, the Palatinate jurisdiction was extinguished. In about 1810, the ground floor, a loggia of open arches, was converted into shops, a basement excavated and additional floors inserted

It has been recently restored to its original form and the open arcade of sandstone columns is once again a feature of the streetscape. Inside visitors can enjoy two impressive



The Main Guard Sarsfield Street, Clonmel Co. Tipperary Tel: 052-612 7484 mainguard@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie



Location

Forms one end of the main street -Sarsfield Street is in Clonmel town

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3529. -7.7015



**Opening Times** Apr 13 to Sept 27 Daily 09:00-17:00h Last admission 16:15h

Please note this site may be closed at short notice. Please ring ahead before visiting



Information

During the closed season contact the Rock of Cashel 062-61437 rockofcashel@opw.ie



Car parking close to site



# **Bunratty Castle and Folk Park**

**Bunratty, Co. Clare** 





## A window to the past

Bunratty Castle and Folk Park is one of Ireland's top visitor attractions. A visit to the Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland, and the captivating Folk Park is a wonderful experience for all the family.

Built in 1425, the majestic Castle was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour. It now contains mainly 15th and 16th Century furnishings, tapestries and works of art, which capture the mood of the times. Marvel at the finest collection of medieval furniture in the country, which brings to life a vital part of our medieval past. Included are eight

farmhouses, two watermills, a blacksmith's forge, a church, a display of 19th century agricultural machinery and lots more...

A restored village street complete with pub, post office, school, doctor's house, hardware shop, printers, drapery shop, and pawnbrokers provide the main focal point for the park which will enchant and mesmerise both young and old. There is also a fabulous new children's playaround. including slides, swings, zipwire, Viking head ship, hammock and sand play area for little ones (and not so little!) to enjoy!

Shannon Heritage Bunratty Castle & Folk Park Bunratty, Co. Clare Tel: 061-360 788 reservations@shannonheritage.com

ww.shannonheritage.com

### ocation

Bunratty is a ten minute drive from Shannon Airport, just off the N18 dual carriageway between Limerick & Ennis - follow signage on N18

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6986, -8.8111

### **Opening Times**

Bunratty Castle & Folk Park is open daily year round 09:00-17:30h Last admission to the folk park 16:15h Last admission to the castle 16:00h Closed Dec 24th, 25th & 26th Opening hours are extended during summer months See www.shannonheritage.com

## **Banquet Times**

Reservations Necessary Bunratty 17:30 & 20:45h, year round

### **Admission Rates**

Varying categories including Family, Seniors, Child rates etc

### Information

The Bunratty Gift Shop and speciality shops on the village street Selection of dining options – Tea Room (Mar to Oct) & Mac's Pub (Mid-Ian to Dec 23rd—limited opening during off peak season)

### Parking

Ample free parking for coaches and cars

A Shannon Heritage Attraction







## **Swiss Cottage**

Cahir. Co. Tipperary

## Step back in time



A delightful "cottage orné" built in the early 1800s by Richard Butler, 1st Earl of Glengall to a design by the famous Regency architect John Nash. The cottage was inspired by nature, and its unusual and

rustic features include a distinctive thatched roof while it's external woodwork resembles branched trees.

The nature theme is continued throughout the former quest cottage's internal furnishings containing a graceful spiral staircase and some elegantly decorated rooms.

The wallpaper in the Salon manufactured by the Dufour factory is one of the first commercially produced Parisian wallpapers. Situated on an elevated site with access by stone steps.



Location

2km south of Cahir Town off R670road to Ardfinnan

**Opening Times** Mar 17, 18, 19 Apr 06 to Nov 01 Daily 10:00-18:00h

**Admission Rates** Adult €5, Senior/Group €4 Child/Student €3, Family €13

Admission by guided tour only Please note that this is a very busy site and visitors may experience a delay during the Summer months

**Parking** 

Public car & coach parking close to site



## **Stonehall Wildlife Park**

## Kilcornan, Co. Limerick at a water standy with

Stonehall hosts a wide variety of rare & domestic animals, from Llamas, Alpacas, Ostriches, Emus, Rheas and a large variety of Parrots & Birds of Prev.

Enjoy the nature trail walk.

Caters for all weather conditions. Visit the indoor pets corner, bring your picnic and enjoy the indoor play area where there are a variety of go-karts and bouncy castles for the children.



## Stonehall Wildlife Park

Curraghchase, Kilcornan, Co. Limerick Tel: 061-393 940 info@stonehallvisitorfarm.ie www.stonehallvisitorfarm.com

SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude 52,6080, -8,8680

## **Opening Times**

April, May, June, Sept, Oct Sat & Sun 11:00–18:00h July & Aug. Open 7 days a week Mon to Sat 11:00-18:00h Sun 11:00-18:00h Nov to Mar closed Open Dec for Santa's Grotto

**Admission Rates** 

Adult €8. Children €8 Separate rate for Santa's Grotto

**Parking** 

Parking facilities for coaches & cars



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