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FREE Visitor Guide

Best Visitor Attractions

Historic Landmarks & Towns

Amazing Natural Wonders

Fun Outdoor Activities

Great Shopping, Entertainment \$ Experiences

and much more...



The Fun Starts Here



The South of Ireland is a land of extremes, from brooding, isolated mountains, wild seascapes and craggy shorelines to some of the most beautiful gardens of subtropical shrubs and blooms you can find anywhere. It's a land where you can enjoy the mountains of Kerry, heritage towns of Waterford or Kilkenny, glorious gardens in Cork and Carlow and history in Wexford.

# **Cead Mile Fáilte**

# a Hundred Thousand Welcomes – to Ireland's South

Stretching from the Irish Sea to the Atlantic Ocean Ireland's South is world famous for its great beauty, activity and history and for its wealth of great visitor attractions and entertainments.

So, whether you are currently in the area and about to plan your itinerary for the next few days, or making final preparations for a visit to Ireland, we hope that the 'Daily Adventure' will add significantly to your stay.

# Plenty of choice

Variety is the essence of a good 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 and island tours.

# Enjoy!

Finally, we do hope that you take the time to explore the rich heritage and delights of Ireland's South and that your 'Daily Adventure' is a rewarding and enjoyable one.





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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 2016 rates as submitted by the individual businesses.

### **Errors and Omissions**

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# Foynes Flying Boat & laritime Museum





## A unique experience for all

There was a time when the great Flying 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 Simulators.

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



### Contact Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime

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



On N69, 37 km from Limerick City and 64 km from Tralee



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**Opening Times** Mid-March to Mid-Nov 09:30-17:00h

June, July & August 09:30-18:00h Open Daily on above dates Last entry 1 hour before closing



### **Admission Rates**

Adult €11. Children €6 (Under 5 free) Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) €28 **Group Rates Available** 



### Information

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



### **Parking**

Ample car and coach parking













# **Shannon Ferry**

Tarbert, Co. Kerry

WILD ATLANTIC WAY



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.



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, Tarbert is on the N69 from Listowel, and the R551 to N69 from Ballybunion

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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 €18, return €28 (including passengers). Discounts available online @ shannonferries.com

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**

23rd May to 6th Sept Mon to Sun 09:30-17:30h Last admission 45 mins before closing



### Information

Out of season opening for groups by prior arrangement

### **Parkina**

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

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



### SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3287. -9.7817

**Opening Times** 28th April to 28th Sept Daily 10:00-18:00h Last admission 45 mins before closing



### **Admission Rates**

Adult €4 Senior/Group €3 Child/Student €2 Family €10



Information Guided tours available on request



# **Tralee Bay Wetlands**

Tralee, Co. Kerry



### Where Activity and Nature combine!

A unique activity & nature based visitor experience on the Tralee Dingle Touring Route (N86) and along the WAW (Wild Atlantic Way). Visitors are introduced to the internationally renowned Tralee Bay Nature Reserve in the Wetlands Visitor Interpretation Centre with Audio Visual & interactive displays.

A quided nature boat tour (multi-lingual) through the wetland reed & willow canals, helps visitors to spot wildfowl, wildlife & wetland habitat (wheelchair friendly). Take the panoramic view of the bay from the 20 metre high viewing and



observation tower (lift and stair access). Activity Lake & Light Watersports Lake available offering Pedelo Boats, Rowing Boats & Water Walker Zorbs for hire. 9 metre Climbing Wall & Boulder Complex on site. The 4 star Lakeside Café & Restaurant (seats 60) overlooks the Activity Lake, Gift Shop Area, Toddler Playground Area. Picnic Areas. Free Car and Coach Parking.

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



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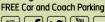


Senior/Student €5 Family €20 (2 ad + up to 3 ch) Hire of Equipment: Boat(s)-Padelo €10, Rowing €8 Water Walker Zorbing €7 Climbing Wall €10 - €12



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

# **Parkina**













# **Aqua Dome**

Tralee, Co. Kerry

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

### 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, gushers, 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 Agua 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 11:00-20:00h Sat & Sun

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €15. Child €12, under 2 Free Senior/Student/Unwaged €12. 20% off for families, 50% 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



### **Head for Dingle Peninsula**



One of the most famous landmarks on the Dingle Peninsula and situated close to Gallarus Castle, the Oratory is completely made of stone and in some ways it resembles an upturned boat. It is extremely 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 53333 gallarusoratory@gmail.com ww.heritageireland.ie

10 km 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

OPW guides on site during season Restricted access for visitors with disabiltiies



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





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# 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.

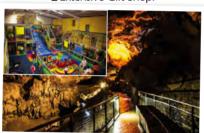
Discovered in 1983 and thought to be over one million years old, the cave system has dramatic sound and lighting effects.

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

Three attractions in one location!

- Crazy Cave adventure centre suitable for children from 0-12yrs.
- 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.





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



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 visit www.kingdomfalconry.com Please note all three attractions are priced separately



### Parking

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



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



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.7625, -10.1305



**Opening Times** 

17th Mar to 11th Dec Mar & Apr Wed to Sun & Bank Hols 10:00-17:00h. May to Sept: Daily 10:30-18:00h. Oct to 1st Nov: Wed-Sun & Bank Hols 10:00-17:00h 2nd Nov to 11th Dec W/ends only 10:00-16:00h

Last admission 45 mins before closing



### **Admission Rates** Adult €4, Senior/Group €3 Child/Student €2, Family €10

Information Outdoor self-guiding trail











## A showcase for Irish Heritage **Craft & Design and Skellig selfie** photo gallery

A warm welcome awaits you at Waterville Craft Market located on the main Ring of Kerry road, just outside Waterville village. You are invited to come and browse in spacious, friendly and scenic surroundings. Waterville Craft Market and the outdoor Heritage Gallery is a rustic and extensive visitor attraction showcasing Irish heritage, craft and design.

The Market carries a wide range of authentic Irish gifts and crafts. Irish brand names such as Waterford Crystal, Newbrige Silverware, Avoca, Genesis and Celtic Jewellery (inspired by the Irish Claddagh, Shamrock, Harp and Celtic Knot) are all stocked.

Locally sourced Valentia Slate, used for a variety of stunning products, is also available for purchase. Also stocked are authentic gifts using the original Transatlantic Cable that represented the first communications between Western Ireland and Newfoundland in 1858.

You will find hand crafted glass, pottery, works of art, knitwear, jewellery, textiles, books, photographs, chocolates, teas and coffees and so much more.

The Craft Market also has a Tourist Information Point and an Outdoor Farm Machinery Exhibition.

### **Outdoor Heritage Gallery**

Open all year round

- Over 150 information panels
- 400 photo exhibits & archives
- Outdoor farm machinery exhibition
- The history of Kerry's transatlantic cable stations
- 5 minutes walk from the village centre
- Skellig island selfie photo gallery
- Picnic Area
- Tea/Coffee
- Free wifi

### **Shop here and avoid excess baggage charges!**

Offering a free worldwide 5 day delivery service (some conditions apply).

### Missing your dog?

Then call in and get a dog fix with our furry friends Suvi and Darkie. You can be assured of a Cead Mile Failte from our staff and our dogs. An experience not be to missed.



Waterville Craft Market Ring of Kerry, Co. Kerry Tel: 066-947 4212 Mob: 087-124 1645 craftmarket@eircom.net www.watervillecraftmarket.com

### Location

Waterville Craft Market is located on the Ring of Kerry, 400 metres outside Waterville Village on the road to Cahersiveen and Killarnev

### SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8336, -10.1763

**Opening Times** Open Daily 09:00-18:00h or later

### **Admission Rates** Free Admission

Parking Ample free parking

# coaches welcome





# 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.

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 www.seafari.ie

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8733, -9.5884

**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

Plenty of parking at the pier









### **Have a great trip!**

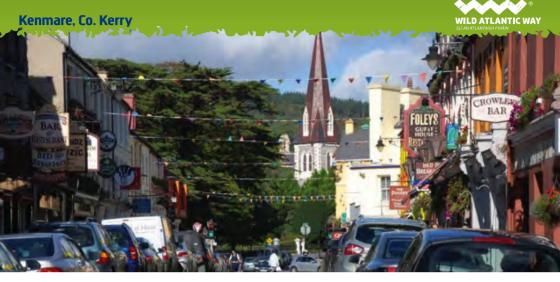
When you travel with Seafari, they want you to enjoy your trip at its best, which is why they have a number of complimentary features during the two hour, ten mile cruise around the River and Islands. Free use of binoculars, charts and books. Complimentary sweets, lollipops, tea, coffee, rum tot and cookies. Entertainment for all including kids' face painting/colouring, traditional music and song. Very special rates for groups (up to 100), coaches and parties.











## **Escape to Living**

Kenmare is a haven of tranquility, gourmet food, superb accommodation and breathtaking scenery in one of the most natural, unspoilt environments in Europe.
Cradled in the heart of Kenmare Bay, the picturesque town of Kenmare is the perfect location from which to discover the South West of Ireland, linking the internationally famous Ring of Kerry with the rugged Ring of Beara.

Founded in 1670, the Irish name of the town Neidin, means little nest, and though many generations have passed since then, the unique charm and inherent beauty of the town remains unchanged. In fact its historical, cultural and environmental significance resulted in Kenmare being bestowed with the title of Kerry's first Heritage Town. There are very few towns in Ireland where you can enjoy

the simple pastime of just browsing shops and streets at an easy and thoroughly relaxing pace, but Kenmare is one. Within walking distance of the main street are wooded areas and boat trips on Kenmare Bay with Seafari.

The Ring of Kerry, known all over the world, follows the coastline of the Iveragh Peninsula. It is one of the most dramatic scenic drives in the country and makes a most exciting day tour. Along the 175km route are picturesque villages, an abundance of historical landmarks, spectacular viewing points, sandy coves and beaches. The unspoiled Ring of Beara and West Cork are to the south of Kenmare. Its rugged beauty is beyond compare. Traffic is minimal and it abounds with archaeological sites, spectacular views, small fishing ports, and historic gardens and houses.

# **Visiting**



Kenmare Tourist Office (Seasonal) The Square, Kenmare, Co. Kerry Tel: 064–664 1233 kenmaretio@failteireland.ie www.kenmare.ie

### Kenmare Location

On the Ring of Kerry, Kenmare is also a great touring base for West Cork, and is approximately 2hours from Cork and 3hours from Shannon airports

# SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8804. -9.5835

### Information

Whether your visit to Kenmare is for a stroll, a lunch, a leisurely day out, a few days break, or an entire holiday Kenmare and its range of accommodation, restaurants, shops, and pubs will refresh you

### Parking

On street and off street car and coach parking available throughout the town





### **The Boathouse Bistro**

The Boathouse at Dromquinna Manor is one of those places that you stumble upon and never forget. On the Ring of Kerry, and just outside Kenmare, it is located on the waterfront in a boathouse dating from the 1800s. The Gin Menu is extensive and lists gins from all over the world, while the food in The Boathouse perfectly matches the place, including calamari and a potted crab dish that may just entice you back. There is a Terrace for sunny days while inside is all corners and nooks where one can hide. Sneem Road, Kenmare, Co. Kerry. Tel: 064–664 2889

# Muckross House, Garden & Traditional Farms

Killarnev. Co. Kerry



## Discover... the magnificence of Muckross



Muckross is one of Ireland's premier attractions and incorporates Muckross Traditional Farms, Craft Workshops, Nature Trails, Audio Visual Show, Restaurant and Craft Shop.

Situated in Killarney National Park, Muckross House and Gardens are among the most popular of Irish visitor attractions. The House is a focal point within the Park and is the ideal base from which to explore its terrain.

### **Muckross Traditional Farms**

are situated adjacent to Muckross House. These working farms recreate traditional farming methods of the 1930's. Visitors to the farms can enjoy a free trip around the site on the superb Muckross Vintage Coach and use the newly opened children's woodland playground.



### Contact Muckross House, Garden & Traditional Farms National Park, Killarney, Co. Kerry Tel: 064-663 1440

shop@muckross-house.ie www.muckross-house.ie

### Location

Located 5.6 km from Killarney on the Kenmare Road

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.0183, -9.5010

### **Opening Times**

Open year round Daily 09:00-17:30h July to August: 09:00-19:00h Farm open mid-March to April weekends & bank holidays only Daily May to October

### **Admission Rates**

Joint Ticket House **Farms** Adult £9.00 €9.00 €15.00 Group / Senior Citizen /

Student (over 18) €13.00 €7.50 €7.50

Child (6-18) €6.00 €6.00 €10.50 Family (2A+2C)

€28.00 €40.00 €28.00 Family (2A+3C)

€32.00 €32.00 €45.00

### Information

Muckross Craft Centre and Garden Restaurant open to the public

### **Parking**

Parking at house free of charge











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

An Ideal place to eat... (OPEN UNTIL 7.00 PM July & August) At the magnificent Garden Restaurant, Conservatory and Garden Terrace with breath-taking views of Torc Mountain and Killarney National Park, you can enjoy a main course or just a light snack from the self-service counter. All food is home cooked and reasonably priced, children's meals are also available.

### An Ideal place to shop...

Visit the Craft Centre and see the Potters, Weavers and Bookbinders at work, free of charge. In the Craft Shop there is a huge selection of reasonably priced gifts for all ages. An extensive selection of outdoor clothing and accessories are available with the emphasis on value.

Rates quoted are for 2016

# 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 disappointed.

# Visiting



### Contact

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



52.0298, -9.3932

**Opening Times** Open Daily 10:00-17:00h



**Admission Rates** Adult €8. Children €8

Children under 2 are free Family (2ad + 3ch) €35 Information



### Small coffee shop and tuck shop

Feel free to bring your own picnic





Ample free parking









# Irish Whiskey Experience and Celtic Whiskey Bar & Larder

Killarney, Co. Kerry

### Irish Whiskey Masterclasses Daily!

Blend your own Irish Whiskey, draw whiskey straight from our authentic oak cask, learn how Irish whiskey pairs perfectly with farmhouse cheese or artisan chocolate.

This is just a taste of what is on offer at the Irish Whiskey Experience! We will take you on a journey through the wonderful world of Ireland's native spirit - from its alluring history, production methods and renaissance.

The adjoining bar & larder is home to one of Ireland's most expansive whiskey ranges, stocking an enormous selection



of Irish whiskeys along with a huge variety of Scotch and international whiskies, Irish craft gins & vodkas and craft beer. A menu of fresh, locally sourced food served daily. You are sure to leave with a smile on your face and a new appreciation for Uisce Beatha (the water of life)!

Irish Whiskey Experience 93 New Street Killarney, Co. Kern 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 52.058698, -9.511222

### **Opening Times** Irish Whiskey Experience:

MasterClasses Daily from 10:30-Celtic Whiskey Bar & Larder Opening

Times: Mon to Thurs 10:30-23:30h Fri & Sat 10:30-12:30h



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











# Coolwood Wildlife Park and Mill

Killarney, Co. Kerry

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



# **Visiting**

### Contact

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
Other times by appointment



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



Coffee shop. Picnic area. Gift shop

### Parking

Ample free parking

# **Killarney Shuttle Bus**

Killarney, Co. Kerry

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 Bus Station, Tourist office and also Ross Castle.



# Visiting

### Contact

Killarney Shuttle Bus, Beech Rd, Killarney, Co. Kerry Tel: 087–138 4384 info@killarneyshuttlebus.com www.killarneyshuttlebus.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.0581, -9.5115

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

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### **Admission Rates**

Under 12 Free
Muckross: Return €6 Single €4
Gap of Dunloe: Return €8 Single €5

### Information

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

# Allihies Copper Mine Museum

**Beara Peninsula. West Cork** 



WILD ATLANTIC WAY

# Visiting Contact Allibias Copper Mine Museum

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.6390, -10.0457

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

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

**Parking** Parking, café, and art gallery on site





in Butte, Montana.

# 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, lunch, 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.

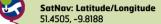


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Mizen Tourism Co-operative Society Harbour Road, Goleen West Cork Co Cork Tel: 028-35225 / 35115 / 35000 info@mizenhead ie www.mizenhead.ie

### Location

From Cork turn off N71 at Ballydehob, go through Schull and Goleen out to Mizen Head. From Killarney, after Bantry before N71 turn right onto R591, go through Durrus and Goleen to Mizen Head



### **Opening Times**

Daily mid-Mar, Apr, May, Sept, Oct 10:30-17:00h Daily Jun to Aug, 10:00-18:00h Wkends Nov to mid-Mar 11:00-16:00h

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €6. Senior / Student €4.50 Child under 12 €3.50 Child under 5 Free. Family (2+3) €18 Groups less 10%

### Information

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

### **Parking**

Cars and coaches









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

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 available

### Information Gift Shop, Tea / Coffee, Wheelchair

accessible

### **Parking**

Adjacent car park, free parking for cars and coaches





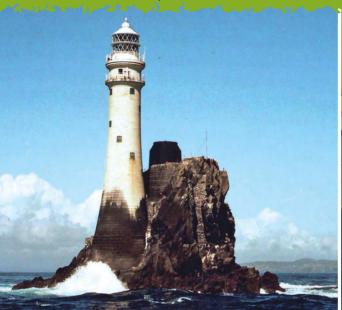




# **Fastnet Rock Tour**

From 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.

### Cape Clear Island-The Original Fastnet Lighthouse

From the mainland the Fastnet sea trip can be quite long and the last part from Cape Clear is through open water that can be quite choppy, even during the summer. For less experienced sailors, breaking up the trip with a stopover on Cape Clear makes for a more enjoyable and relaxed experience, not to mention the opportunity to see a little of this famous Island at no extra cost.



Bookings: 1890 989 190 (Mon to Fri 08:30-19:00h, Sat 10:00-15:00h) info@fastnettour.com

### www.fastnettour.com

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

Baltimore or Schull, Co. Cork Tel: 028-39159 / 41923



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.4818, -9.3736



Jun to Aug, Tues, Thurs & Sun Dept. Baltimore 10:30h Dept. Schull 11:00 h Return 16:45-17:15h Check Sunday sailings on website



€32 per person. €50 Family rate Check our website for more info & On-line discounts

**Parking** 



Public parking available in Baltimore and Schull







# Cape Clear Island Ferry Service Cailín Óir—Farantóireacht go Cléire

**Baltimore. West Cork** 





# **Friendly Cruise service to** a unique Irish coastal community



The Cailín Óir 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 quides 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

The ferry, Dún an Óir 11, 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

### Ionad Fiontair Oileán Chléire, Co. Chorcaí Tel: 028-41923 / 39159 Boat: 086-346 5110 info@cailinoir.com www.cailinoir.com



The Cailín Óir sails from The Pier. Baltimore, Skibbereen, West Cork



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51,4818. -9,3736



All year round. Check website for



more detail, www.cailinoir.com Fares

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



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









### **Hikers and Cyclists**

Bicycles are carried for only €2 and you can travel onwards to Schull at no extra cost. As ferries are in demand in the Summer you can purchase tickets online at www.capeferrybooking.ie to guarantee your place.

Check out 50 things to do with Cape Clear Ferries at www.capeclearferries.com



# **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.

### How does it work???

- 1: Choose your figure
- 2: Cast it
- 3: Paint it
- 4: Take it home!!

Booking is recommended on www.toysoldierfactory.ie or by telephone.

The visitor centre also has a treasure trove of hand painted figures:

- 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 IN YOU!

### **Make & Paint Workshops**

Take part in a workshop. 40 min both for Adult and Kids!! And Take it home!! Only €10

Booking is recommended online.





Toy Soldier Factory Kilnamartyra Village Macroom, Co. Cork Tel: 026-40342 info@princeaugust.ie

www.toysoldierfactory.ie



Halfway between Cork and Killarney Big signpost on the N22, 6 km west



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

51.9001, -9.0831

**Opening Times** 

Mon to Fri: 09:00-17:00h Weekends & Bank Holidays: 10:00-17:00h Closed during Christmas week until after New Year's Day



**Admission Rates** 

Toy Soldier Factory: Free for individuals and families Battle of Waterloo exhibit: Ticket €7.50pp, family ticket €10 Group rates available Book your tickets online to get a

10% discount

Free parking for cars and coaches











# **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.



# WILD ATLANTIC WAY

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.7074. -8.5246

> **Opening Times** 24th Mar to 14th Sept Daily 10:00-18:00h Last admission 1 hr before closing

**Admission Rates** Adult €4, Senior/Group €3 Child/Student €2, Family €10



# **Crawford Art Gallery**

### **Emmet Place, Cork City**

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.



### Contact

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8996, -8.4731

### **Opening Times**

Mon-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

# **Activity Days**

### Blarney, Co. Cork

Offering a host of activites for all the family in many locations in Cork & Kerry. Watersports- kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding, coasteering and surfing Wildlife Tours- boat trips to watch whales or view wildlife in the countryside Walking- enjoy a relaxing guided walk or a graded mountain walk

Outdoors- try fishing, cycling or sightseeing boat trips

Take a Course- art & crafts, cookery, photography or food trail

Golf- Play 2 or more courses & hire clubs Activities for all in just one call!



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**Activity Days** Blarney, Co. Cork Tel: 087-412 9698 team@ActivityDays.ie www. activitydays.ie

### **Opening Times**

Mon to Sat 09:30-17:30h **Email only on Sundays** 

### **Admission Rates**

All activities individually priced. Group Rates available (5+ people)

### Information

Most activities need advance booking of 48 hours or longer in high season. Fitness Level needed for some activities



# Blarney Castle, Rock Close and Gardens

Blarney, Co. Cork



# Where the Blarney Began

Nestled in the charming village 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

Cormac McCarthy in 1314 for his support in the Battle of Bannockburn. World statesmen, literary giants and legends of the silver screen have joined millions of pilarims who climb the towers steps to kiss the 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

### **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.



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



Location

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



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 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, I hour during winter months Please note times are subject to change due to bad weather/poor



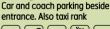
**Admission Rates** 

Adult €13 Child (8-16) €5 Under 8 Free, Family €32 Senior/Student €11



Information Two souvenir shops and refreshments available

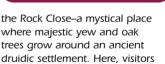












will find an ancient Dolmen, a Druids Circle, a Witches Kitchen, Fairy Glade, Wishing Steps, Waterfall and much more. Spend a day exploring this enchanted and magical wonderland and get a real sense of Irish history!



# Mahon Point Shopping Centre & Retail Park

Mahon, Cork City





## Munster's largest shopping destination

Mahon Point Shopping Centre brings together a cross-section 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 and it is still growing!

The 340,000 sq.ft. premises also houses a number of leading European Chains such as Next, 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.

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 Facilitywhere 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.

### Contact

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









### **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 eleventh year, the market has won top Irish food accolades including the Good Food Ireland "Best Market Award" and recommendations by the Bridgestone Guide.



# **Zipit Forest Adventures**

Farran, Co. Cork

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



A wonderful new attraction 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 trail has 86 activities and over 800 metres of Ziplines for you to enjoy. Climb high into the treetops, swing into cargo nets, surf with a difference or try

cycling a BMX over a treetop bridge before zippina down one of our many ziplines.

Our qualified instructors will give you a short initiation course to explain the

features of the course and 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.

Other courses:

Tibradden Woods - Dublin 16 Lough Key Forest Park -Roscommon

Telephone: 051-858 008



Zipit Forest Adventures Farran Forest Park, Farran, Co. Cork Tel: 051-858 008 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 €22. 12-14yrs €24. 15yrs+ €29. Group discounts available. Min. Height Restriction 1 metre. Min. age 7yrs

Picnic Areas, Walking Trails -Moderate, Kids Playground

### Parkina

Cars and coaches

Information



# **Fota Wildlife Park**

Fota Island, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork

### Ireland's Wildest Attraction

Fota Wildlife Park is not like an ordinary zoo. Wherever possible animals are chosen that thrive in a free-range environment, allowing them to roam free, mixing with other species and human visitors! For some animals, like giraffes, only a barrier separates visitors from the animals but this does not reduce the animals' quality of

Wildlife parks and zoos have an important role in conservation. The animals in Fota Wildlife Park represent all of Earth's continents. These animals are ambassadors for their native ecosystems. Fota Wildlife Park explains the way these



animals live, why they are special and the threats to their native habitats.

The Tropical House is home to Butterflies, Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians and Tropical Fish. Visit the Asian Sanctuary which houses Sumatran Tigers, Warty Pigs, Visayan Spotted Deer, Lion-Tailed Macaques and an Indian Rhino. Don't forget your camera, you won't be disappointed.

### Contact

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

www.fotawildlife.ie

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8903. -8.3057

### **Opening Times**

Mar to Oct Mon to Sat 10:00-18:00h Sun 10:30-18:00h

Nov to Feb Mon to Sat 10:00-16:30h Sun 10:30-16:30h

Last admission hour and half before

Times subject to change

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €15.50 Child (U16) €10, Child (U3) Free Student/Senior/Disabled €11 Family (2+2) €46 Group rate available (20+)



Information Gift shop and restaurant facilities

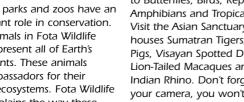
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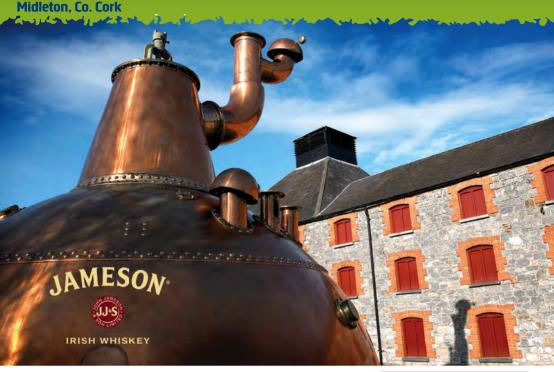












## **Explore the past and** discover the true Spirit!

Midleton town, located 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 Experience which is open to the public 7 days per week, all year round.

Several experiences are available including the 'Jameson Experience' and 'Behind-the-Scenes' tours. which include visits to the grain stores, malt houses, still house and giant water wheel. With the appetite suitably whetted, the visit culminates in the bar for a complimentary Jameson drink. Choose to delve a little deeper by enjoying one of our renowned whiskey tasting

sessions featuring the Jameson whiskey family or the Single Pot Still whiskey range.

The distillery shop stocks all the wonderful whiskeys which are 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? A great selection of merchandise is also available including 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!

Jameson Distillery Reserve 12 year old comes recommended. Personalise this true collectors' whiskey with your name on the label while you wait or order via the online shop at jamesonwhiskey.com



# Visiting

### Contact

The Jameson Experience Midleton, Co. Cork Tel: 021-461 3594 shop.jamesonwhiskey.com jem@jamesonwhiskey.com www.jamesonwhiskey.com



Location Distillery Walk, Midleton, Co. Cork

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.9136, -8.1672



March to October 7 Days, Last tour at 16:30h November to February 7 Days 11:00, 13:00, 14:45 & 16:15h



**Admission Rates** Adult €16, Child €8 Student/Senior/Group €13

## Family (2+3) €42

Return Bus Service from Cork City April to October from St. Patrick's Times: 10:00 £ 14:00h Tickets available on the bus













# 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.

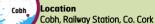
The Queenstown Story retraces the steps of the 2.5 million Irish people who emigrated from Ireland via Cobh on coffin ships, early streamers and on great ocean liners.

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 Heritage.



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



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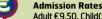
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### **Opening Times**

Open year round Mid-Mar to Oct 31st Mon to Sat 09:30-17:00h Sun & B/Hols 11:00-17:00h Nov to Mid-Mar, Sat 09:30-17:00h

Sun & B/Hols 11:00-17:00h

Closed Dec 22-26 & Dec 31-Jan 8



Adult €9.50. Child(5-16yrs) €5 Child (0-4) Free Student/Senior €7.50 Family (2+4) €25

### Information

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

### Discover centuries of penal, military & social history



gun park with its display of artillery and the interactive displays detailing prison life from the Victorian era to modern times. Stroll around

developed

the perimeter

of the fort and enjoy unique views of Cork Harbour and marvel at the

architecture of the fort itself. Finish your day with a visit to the Spike Island Tearooms.

For opening times and full details of ferry schedules please visit our website at www.spikeislandcork.ie

Spike Island, Cork Harbour Cobh, Co. Cork spikeislandcork@corkcoco.ie www.spikeislandcork.ie

Take the Cobh exit (Exit No.3) from the N25 onto the R624. Follow road signs for Cobh

### SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.8498, -8.2943

### **Opening Times**

Ferry departs hourly from Kennedy Pier, Cobh. Spike Island is open to the general public for the summer season only. For full details, please visit our website

### **Admission Rates**

Ferry Charges: Adults €8, Child €5 Family (2+2) €20. Additional charges may apply for entry to the Fort. Please visit our website for details

### Information

Spike Island Tearooms open within the fort.

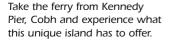
Free public carparks available in Cobh. Charges and time limits apply for on-street parking











Explore the newly renovated visitor attraction, detailing centuries of penal, military and social history within Fort Mitchel. Highlights include the convict cells, the newly



Cobh, Co. Cork

### Eniov the scenic route

Established in 1993 the Cross River Ferry traverses the river Lee and connects the communities at both sides of the harbour, Glenbrook, and Carrigaloe.

The ferries can carry 200 passengers and 27 cars. The crossing from Glenbrook to

Carrigaloe takes 5 minutes and is a convenient and pleasant way to avoid traffic congestion around Cork City.

The service operates 7 days a week including Bank Holidays, from 7.00am to 10.00pm each day. Reservations are not required and payment is taken onboard the ferry.



Cross River Ferries Westland House Rushbrooke, Cobh, Co. Cork Tel: 021-481 1485 cork@dsa.ie www.crossriverferries.ie



Glenbrook, Passage West Pier, East Cork take the R624 Carrigaloe, Rushbrooke Pier, Cobh, take the N40 to J8 & then the R610



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude Glenbrook: 51.8600, -8.3322 Carrigaloe: 51.8616, -8.3263

**Ferry Times** 7 days a week from 07:00 - 22:00h daily



Car single €6, return €8 Pedestrian/Cyclist single €1.50,









# **Spike Island Ferry**

Cobh. Co. Cork

### Direct access to Spike Island



Spike Island is located in Cork Harbour and can be accessed by the Spike Island Ferry which departs from Cobh, 24km from Cork City. Spike Island has hosted a monastery, fortress and prison within its 104 acres, all of which have left their mark and turned the island

into a historical treasure trove.

Visitors can avail of a selfquided tour and can explore the island at their own pace including, walks around the perimeter of the fort which offers unique

views of Cork Harbour and the fort. Marvel at the architecture and expanse of Fort Mitchel, visit the convict cells or relax in the Spike Island Tearooms. For those with an adventurous spirit a visit to Spike Island Adventure Centre is a must.



Contact Spike Island Ferry Kennedy Pier Cobh, Co. Cork Tel: 021-481 1485 cork@dsq.ie www.spikeislandferry.com

51.8503, -8.2943



Kennedy Pier is located in the centre SatNav: Latitude/Longitude



Jun to Aug 7 days a week Sept weekends only Full timetable or to book online visit www.spikeislandferry.com



Adult €8 Child €5 Family (2+2) €20







# **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

sights, and this fantastic boat trip is an ideal way to take in the fresh sea air and see another side of Cork while driving your own boat.

All trips are led by a fully qualified safety boat quide,

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





Cobh Base: 100mtrs from the railway station on the Ouays bar & Restaurant pontoon Cork Base: 100mtrs from the Clarion hotel on the Cork City Marina

17 Westbourne Place, Cobh, Co.Cork

www.corkharbourboathire.com

SatNav: Latitude/Lonaitude Cobh Base, 51.849,-8.297 Cork Base, 51.899,-8.463

**Opening Times** Apr to Oct, daily 09:00-20:00h

Cork Harbour Boat Hire Cobh Base: The Ouavs Bar & Restaurant pontoon

Tel: 086-074 7926 sales@corkharbourboathire.com

### **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)

3 to 4 hour boat trip €160 (subject to availability) Pricing is per boat for up to a family

Information

Cobh: Bar & Restaurant on site

On street or in local car parks







# Ballymaloe Cookery School Vis 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.



### 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**

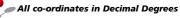
Adult €6, Child (8+) €3 Senior/Concessions €3 Family €15 (2 + 2) Wheelchair access to most of garden. Afternoon Cookery Demonstration €75

Information Shop on-site. Toilets on-site

Parkina







# Perks Family Entertainment Centre & Indoor Funfair

Youghal, Co. Cork

### Indoor Entertainment for all the family

Perks, one of Irelands largest Indoor Entertainment Centres, presents Bowling, Lazer Tag, Zorbs, Bungee Trampoline, Elegant Adult/Childrens Carousel, Adventure Playcentre, Kids Rides (Water Bumper Boats/Ladybirds) video games, snooker/pool and MacPerkies FastFood Diner and Icecream Parlour

Awarded with the Primary Times Award for Best Playcentre and Best Party Venue since 2010 and the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence.

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. It offers a private

> Tea/Coffee and lounge area with a large TV screen.

Entertainment for visitors from 1 to 101 years old. There is no such thing as too much fun!

# Contact



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



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 51.9407. -7.8581

# Open daily during the Summer

**Opening Times** 

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











# Lismore Heritage Town & Visitor Centre

Lismore, Co. Waterford

### A most historic & romantic place

The redesigned Lismore Heritage Centre provides a welcoming introduction to this charming Heritage Town. Discover the many secrets of Lismore's long and fascinating history through exciting new interactive exhibits.

The Lismore Retail Experience stocks many well known Irish



brands, including Avoca, Stephen Pearce Pottery and many more contemporary and popular items.

The family fun adventure pack and orienteering trails will keep families entertained for hours, with tricky clues to solve and questions to answer.

> Free Parking is available throughout the town where you will also find a children's playground and town park.

On Sunday's and during festivals throughout the year the Farmer's Market is held on The Castle Avenue

### Contact

Lismore Heritage Centre The Courthouse Lismore, Co. Waterford Tel: 058-54975 meallafahey@lismoreheritage.ie www.discoverlismore.com



Location Lismore, Co. Waterford

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.1372. -7.9328



Mon to Fri 09:00-17:30h May to October Sat 10:00–17:00h Sun 12:00–17:00h

**Admission Rates** 



Adult €5. Children ao free 2016 Student/Senior €4.50 Group Rates available on request













# **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 tower

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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Contact **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 52.0889, -7.6162





**Admission Rates** Free of Charge

Information

Audio-visual exhibition Access to the castle is by guided tour only



# **Splashworld**

**Tramore, Co. Waterford** 

### Wild & wonderful fun for all!



Visitors can enjoy warm balmy temperatures all year round 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

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.



### Contact

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



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

Free customer parking on-site





# Waterford & Suir Valley **Railway**

Kilmeadan, Co. Waterford



### All Aboard to Experience the Magic of Rail!

Buy your tickets in a Mark 2 Irish Rail Carriage. The conductor will check your ticket. When everyone is safely on board he will blow the whistle, wave the green flag giving the signal to the driver to set off on this exciting journey. Experience the beauty of

the Suir River as you enjoy a

40 minute trip on a narrow gauge railway through the countryside, taking in the panoramic views of the river, rolling farmland of Waterford and across the river to County Kilkenny. You will travel through the Fairy Wood and on to Carriganore. On Saturday's the journey is slightly longer continuing beside the N25, through a 40m tunnel to the River Suir Bridge. The carriages are partially open so bring your jacket. An enjoyable experience for all ages.



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

Kilmeadan

Location

Located 10 km from Waterford City On N25 towards Cork take R680 off Carrick Road Roundabout. From Cork take R680 left off Roundabout Kilmeadan Station is on the left

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2461, -7.2475



**Opening Times** 

April & Sept: Mon to Sat 11:00-15:00h. Sun 12:00-16:00h May to Aug: Mon to Sat 11:00— 14:00h. Sun 12:00—17:00h.



**Admission Rates** Adult €8.50, Child €4 Family (2+1) €20, €3 per extra child Student / Senior €7.50

Information Coffee shop and souvenirs



Car and coach parking







# **Waterford Treasures Epic Tour of The Viking Triangle**

Viking Triangle, Waterford City



### A whirlwind journey with props, costumes & plenty of craic!

The award-winning all weather quided tour of the oldest part of Ireland's oldest city, the 'Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle', is an interactive fun quided tour of the Viking Triangle, taking in six national monuments within one hour. The larger-than-life quide speeds you through the streets and through 1,100 years of Waterford's history from the Vikings to Victorians. Discover archaeological treasures and historical architecture, including Reginald's Tower, Greyfriars Medieval Franciscan friary, Choristers' Hall, the Mayor's Wine Vault, Bishop's Palace, and (if a church service is not in progress) Christ Church Cathedral is also included. It's a fun, engaging tour with many props to engage and entertain



children, and numerous photo opportunities along the way. Avoid the rain - most of the time you are indoors being regaled by the professionally trained tour quide! Where else would you experience an overview of Irish history in an hour?

### Contact

Waterford Treasures, Medieval Museum, Viking Triangle, Waterford, X91 K10E Tel: 0761 -10 2501 bookings@waterfordcouncil.ie www.waterfordtreasures.com



### Tours start at the entrance to

Bishop's Palace SatNav: Latitude/Longitude



52.2595, -7.1077

**Opening Times** 1st May to 30th Sept Daily Tours: 12:00, 14:00 £ 16.00h Outside of these times the Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle is available all year round for Group Bookings, please contact bookings@



**Admission Rates** Adults €7, Child (U14) Free Senior/Student €6, Family (2+2) €14

waterfordcouncil.ie for more details

Bolton Street Car Park within 5 mins







# **Medieval Museum**

Viking Triangle, Waterford City

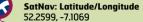


### Treasures of **Medieval Waterford**

The only museum in Europe to be built over two National Monuments, the 13th century Choristers Hall and the 15th century Mayors 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



### **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. Group €4 Under 14 free with paying adult Family ticket €14. (combined adult €10 Student/Senior €9. Family €20)



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.



### Contact

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. Group €4 Under 14 free with paying adult Family ticket €14. (combined adult €10 Student/Senior €9. Family €20)

### Information

Café on-site

Public parking available nearby

# Reginald's Tower

Viking Triangle, Waterford City



### **Treasures of** Viking Waterford

Reginald's Tower is named after the Viking leader who founded Waterford in 914, making Waterford Ireland's oldest city. Don't miss the 9th century sword and weapons from a Viking warrior's grave and the magnificent 12th century gold kite brooch. Guided tours and multimedia handheld tours available.



### Contact

Reginald's Tower Viking Triangle, Waterford City Tel: 051-304 220 reginaldstower@opw.ie www.waterfordtreasures.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2604. -7.1054

### **Opening Times** Jan to Mid-Mar, Wed to Sun 09:30-

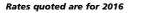
Late Mar to Dec, Daily 09:30-17:30h Closed Dec 24th to Jan 6th

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €4 Senior/Group €3 Child/Student €2 Family €10

Public parking available nearby









## 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.

After the tour, indulge your 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.





Location

Contact

aterford

### 52.2593, -7.1073

House of Waterford Crystal

houseofwaterfordcrystal@wwrd.com

www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com

The Mall, Waterford City Tel: 051-317 000

### **Opening Times** March:

Store Mon to Sun 09:00-17:00h Tour Mon to Sun, last tour 15:15h April to October:

Store Mon to Sun 09:00-18:00h Tour Mon to Sun, last tour 14:15h November to February:

Store Mon to Sat 09:30-17:00h Tour Mon to Fri, last tour 15:15h

### **Admission Rates**

Adult €13. Senior €10 Student €10. Child under 5 Free Child 6-18 €5. Family €30

### Information

Coffee Shop, Factory Tour and Crystal Retail Store

### Parking adjacent







### **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.



Passage East, Co. Waterford

# 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 service is in place, so no need to make a booking. Fares payable onboard. The average crossing time is 5 minutes. Motorhomes, Commercial vehicles up to 3 tons, Cars, Motorbikes, Bikes and Pedestrians are all welcome

## **Discount Fares**

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.



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:

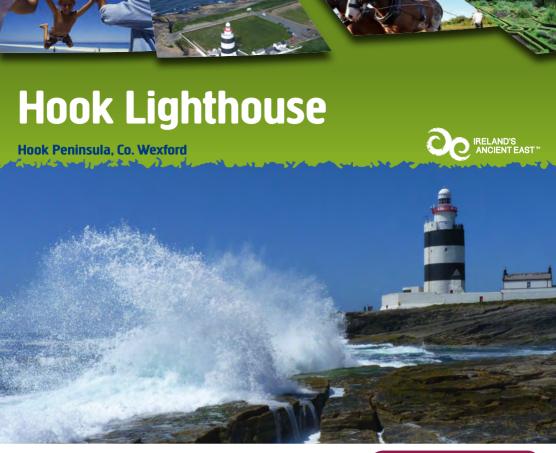
Weekdays 07:00h (all year) Sundays & Public Holidays 09:30h (all year)

Last Sailing: 1st Oct to 31st March 20:00h 1st April to 30th Sept 22:00h

Cars: Single €8. Return €12



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800 Years of Lightkeeping, One of the Oldest Lighthouses in the World

Marking the entrance to Waterford Harbour at the mouth of the three sisters river system for over 800 years, the visitor centre at Hook Lighthouse offers guided tours of the Medieval lighthouse tower, built by William Marshal. the Earl of Pembroke and the most famous Knight of his time, as part of the development of his Lordship of Leinster.

Purpose built as a lighthouse 800 years ago, and still fully operational today, Hook Lighthouse truly is one of a kind! Guided tours take you through the lighthouse with fascinating insights, stories and facts of this unique building. Enjoy the spectacular view from the balcony.

The visitor centre is located in the former keepers' houses, where there is a first class gift



shop, café and bakery. Friendly staff are happy to help with any tourist information you require.

Relax by the sea with a coffee and homemade scone and keep an eye out for seals, dolphins and even whales! In clear weather you can see for miles and in a storm the spray often reaches the top of the lighthouse!

Light up your day with a visit to Hook Lighthouse!!

Hook Lighthouse Fethard-on-Sea, Hook Peninsula Co Wexford Tel: 051-397 055 / 397 054 info@hookheritage.ie www.hookheritage.ie

Situated at the end of the R734, 50 km from Wexford, 29 km from Waterford via the Passage East Car Ferry and 38 km from New Ross

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.1247. -6.9289



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

Open all year round

**Guided Tours of Lighthouse Tower:** Tours every half hour from 10:00-17:00h daily

Access to Lighthouse by guided tour



### **Admission Rates** Adult €9, Senior/Student €7

Family (2+2) €22 Group rates are available on Guided tours and at the Café. Pre-booking

essential



### Information

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



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### **Art classes**

Art classes for adults and kids are held at the lighthouse all year round, with resident Artist Rose Finn. Winter workshops and holiday specials available. Booking advisable, for art contact Rose at the Visitor Centre, Tel: 087-745 2208. Various events are held during the year with BBQ's and kids games on the lawn all summer. For details check out www.hookheritage.ie & Facebook.



# **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.



# **Visiting**

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



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2458, -6.9677

Opening Times

19th May to 31st Aug

Daily 10:30-17:00h Sat to Wed incl

Last admissions 45 mins before closing



**Admission Rates** Free of charge

Parking
Parking in nearby village

# **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.



# **Visiting**

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.2371, -6.8380

Opening Times 24th Mar to 2nd Nov Daily 10:00–17:00h Last admission 16:15h

Admission Rates Adult €4, Senior/Group €3 Child/Student €2, Family €10

# **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.



# **Visiting**

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.5905, -6.4992

Opening Times 12th May to 21st Sept Daily 10:00–17:00h Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates Free of charge



# **Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience & Restaurant**

The Emigrant Trail, New Ross, Co. Wexford

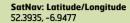
An authentic reproduction of an 1840's emigrant vessel providing a world class interpretation of the famine emigrant experience. Incorporating guided tour, costumed performers and themed exhibitions, the story is brought to life, providing a unique insight into the bravery of Irish people during the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



# Visiting

### Conta

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



### **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

### Informatio

Restaurant and Gift Shop on-site

### Parking

Public parking available nearby

# **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.



# **Visiting**

### Contact

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

### Parking

On- Site Car Park. Coach Parking

# 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.



# Visiting

### Contact

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3211, -6.9337

### Opening Times

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

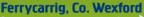
Tearoom (seasonal) & Picnic Area

### Parking

Private on-site car park



# Irish National Heritage Park









Enter a special place, where Ireland's Heritage comes alive

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.

See the Celtic Farm with its ancient breed of animals (seasonal). Chat with the guides

and share these discoveries, delight in the tour, and experience the grinding of grain in the Horizontal Water Mill. 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 and row your own coracle boat, it is a place where history is happening every day. 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.

### Contact

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

Wexford

Location Wexford Town

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3482, -6.5171



Opening Times
May to August: 09:30–18:30h
September 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





Parking Parking on-site







### **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.



## 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.



The National 1798 Rebellion Centre Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford Tel: 053-923 7596 info@1798centre.ie www.rebellion.ie

#### Location

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.4967, -6.5694

#### **Opening Times**

Summer: Mon to Fri 09:30–17:00h Sat, Sun, Bank Hols 12:00-17:00h Winter: Mon to Fri 10:00-16:00h Sat, Sun, Bank Hols 12:00-17:00h Vinegar Hill Battlefield: Year round from 10:00h to dusk

#### **Admission Rates**

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

#### Information

Enjoy mouth-watering home baking in the 'Heather Blazing' Café, and 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.

Be sure to visit 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

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

#### Contact

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



Situated in the heart of Co. Wexford 40mins drive from Waterford on N30. 20 mins drive from Wexford on N11

#### SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.5014, - 6.5671

#### **Opening Times**

Summer: Mon to Fri 09:30-17:00h Sat, Sun, Bank Hols 12:00-17:00h Winter: Mon to Fri 10:00-16:00h Sat. Sun. Bank Hols. 12:00-17:00h

Adult €4. Studen/Senior €3 Family €10. Child (Over 5) €2

### Information

**Admission Rates** 

Craft and book shop on-site

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











## **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.

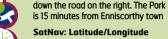






### Secret Valley Wildlife Park Coolnacon, Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford Tel: 087–205 0069 info@secretvalley.ie www.secretvallev.ie

#### Location First turn left after Clonroche, 1 mile



## 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





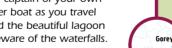
## **Pirates Cove**

Gorey, Co. Wexford

## Pirates of all ages will enjoy swashbuckling fun

A great family day out in the South East's leading entertainment centre. Enjoy lots of swashbuckling fun for all ages. Enjoy subtropical gardens and challenge yourself to a game of 18 hole mini qolf. The Funcaves soft play area is always a hit with the under 10's. Be the captain of your own bumper boat as you travel around the beautiful lagoon but beware of the waterfalls. Walk on water in our bubble rollers. The little scallywags will enjoy the newest addition, paddle boats, which are safely contained within an inflatable pond

> The Cove Café serves up feasts fit for any pirate as well as 10 pin bowling, kids electric go-karts, games arcade and the newly opened Spinning Compass Casino.



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### 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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6431, -6.2328

### **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









# 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.



# **Visiting**

Contact

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

Gorey

Location

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



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

Admission Rates Adults €7. Child €7

Groups welcome Credit card facilities not available

Information

Coffee shop with snacks and hot drinks.

Parking Free on-site parking







## **Wells House & Gardens**

Gorey, Co. Wexford

#### A Great Victorian House and Gardens

Waiting to be explored is Wells House & Gardens, located in the heart 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, Wells House & Gardens is the ideal choice for a day out!

Explore woodland walks with hidden secrets waiting to be discovered, enjoy the Adventure Playground, experience Victorian life with the "living" house tour, relax in the stunning terrace gardens or browse through

the Craft Courtyard, meet new friends in the Wildlife Sanctuary and enjoy delicious lunches and home baked treats in the restaurant! With archery, falconry and clay pigeon shooting also available there is something for all generations to enjoy! Visit the website to see our calendar of events.



# Visiting

Contact

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

info@wellshouse.ie www.wellshouse.ie

Locatio

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 52.5284, -6.3460

**Opening Times** 10:00–18:00h (May to September) 11:00–16:00h (October to April)

Admission Rates Entry €8 per car

Information Restaurant, Playground, Wildlife Sanctuary, 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



Visit St Canice's Cathedral, situated in Kilkenny City, to explore or take in the serenity of an early Gothic Cathedral. See the wonderful stained glass and the largest collection of ancient monuments. A model of Kilkenny City provides a deeper understanding of the medieval city. Also see the seat of the Bishop of Ossory dating back to 1120 AD. View Kilkenny and the surrounding area from the 9th century round tower (weather permitting).

Other facilities are wheelchair accessible.

Information leaflets are available in 15 languages.

Under 12 not allowed to climb the tower



The Close, Kilkenny City Tel: 056-776 4971 info@stcanicescathedral.com www.stcanicescathedral.com



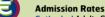
Top of Coach Rd off Dean St

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**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 closing Tower Entry to the tower depends on weather and staffing



Cathedral Adults €4, Concession €3 Groups (min 10) €3pp, with guide €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 Gift Shop

**Parking** Street parking close by







## **Rothe House** & Garden

**Parliament Street, Kilkenny City** 

## 17th Century Irish Merchant's House & Garden

Rothe House and Garden is Ireland's only example of a surviving 17th century merchant's townhouse and garden.

Owned by Kilkenny Archaeological Society, the house offers a charming collection of art, furniture and artefacts gathered from the surrounding county for generations.

Following an archaeological dig, the garden was faithfully reconstructed in 2008 and is now just how the Rothe Family would have enjoyed it in the early 17th century. Vegetables, herbs, fruit trees and ornamental plants all flourish in this unique, citycentre oasis, all overseen by

the resident ducks!

The shop offers a unique selection of gifts and books and the house is also home to the Family History Centre for County Kilkenny.



#### Contact

Rothe House & Garden Parliament Street, Kilkenny City Tel: 056-772 2893 info@rothehouse.com www.rothehouse.com



In the City Centre, on Parliament Street (10 mins from Kilkenny Castle 5 mins from St. Canice's Cathedral)



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6543, -7.2547

### **Opening Times** Nov to Mar

Mon to Sat 10:30-16:30h Closed Sundays Apr to Oct Mon to Sat 10:30-17:00h Sunday 12:00-17:00h



**Admission Rates** Adults €5.50 Concessions €4.50

Groups (10+) €3.50 Family (2+2) €15



Information Retail area on-site

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









## **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.



# **Visiting**

#### Contact

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



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.7341, -7.2468

**Opening Times** Open All Year

**Admission Rates** Adult €4, Senior/Group €3 Child/Student €2, Family €10

## **Jerpoint Abbey**

### Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny a continued and make

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.



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### Contact

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.5111, -7.1582

#### **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 €4, Senior/Group €3 Child/Student €2, Family €10

Car & coach parking

## St. Mary's Church

#### Gowran, Co. Kilkenny

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.





#### Contact

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**

19th Mar to 31st Aug 10:30h to 17:00h Wed-Sun inclusive Last admission 45 mins before closing







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



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



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52,7959. -6,6618



**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 Free Play Area

**Parking** 



Free parking available

## **Huntington Castle**

### Clonegal, Co. Carlow

One of Ireland's historical gems, this amazing Castle is still lived in by descendants of the original builders. The quided tour (approx 35 mins) features the world famous Temple of Isis in the dungeons as well as Castle rooms and ghost stories. With formal gardens, an adventure playground, tearooms and giftshop, Huntington Castle is the perfect place for a day out.



**Huntington Castle** Clonegal, Co. Carlow Tel: 053-937 7160 info@huntingtoncastle.com www.huntingtoncastle.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6905, -6.6492



### **Opening Times**

Gardens: Daily May to September 12:00-18:00h. Castle: Weekends May & September and daily June, July, August 13:00-17:00h (last tour) plus Easter, Halloween, Christmas etc.



#### Admission Rates

Gardens only Adults €5. Child (U12) €2.50. Castle Tour & Gardens Adults €9 Child (U12) €4 Usual concessions apply



Ample free parking (including Coaches)

## **Altamont Gardens**

#### **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.



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



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.7384, -6.7207

## **Opening Times**

Open all year Easter to end of Sept 09:00-18:30h October 09:00-17:00h Nov & Feb 09:00-16:30h Dec & Jan 09:00-16:00h Closed Christmas Day



### **Admission Rates**

Free Admission. Pre-booked guided tours available. €3 per person



Free parking available



# **Carlow County Museum**

**College Street, Carlow Town** 

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

Carlow County Museum, Ireland's 2014-2015 County Museum of the Year, is located in Carlow Town's 'Cultural Quarter'

Over four display galleries some of the highlights include the magnificent 19th century 20ft hand carved oak pulpit from Carlow Cathedral which has

been included in 'A History of Ireland in 100

Objects'.

See the original gallows trapdoor from the Carlow Gaol and the smoking pipe of Captain Myles Keogh, killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn. View the remains of the last cigarette

smoked by Kevin Barry, who was executed in 1920 at the age of 18 for his role in the Irish War of Independence. Learn about scientist John Tyndall. the first person to discover the greenhouse effect.



### Contact

Carlow County Museum College Street, Carlow Town, R93 E3T2 Tel: 059-913 1554 museum@carlowcoco ie

www.carlowcountvmuseum.ie

#### Carlow 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 Cathedral

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.8365.-6.9283

## **Opening Times**

Open year round. Mon to Sat Sept to May 10:00-16:30h Jun to Aug 10:00-17:00h Sun È B/Hols Jun to Aug 14:00 - 16:30h Last admission half hour before closina



**Admission Rates** Free Admission

#### Parkina

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











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## 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 exhibitions



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



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



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3529. -7.7015



14th Apr to 28th Sept Daily 09:00-17:00h Last admission 16:15h Please note this site may be closed at short notice. Please ring ahead before visiting



Admission Rates Free of Charge

**Opening Times** 

24th to 28th Mar

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



Parkina Car parking close to site



# **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.



Contact Swiss Cottage Kilcommon, Cahir Co. Tipperary Tel: 052-744 1144 swisscottage@opw.ie



2 km south of Cahir Town off R670 road to Ardfinnan



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.3574. -7.9235



**Opening Times** 24th Mar to 1st Nov Daily 10:00-18:00h



**Admission Rates** Adult €4, Senior/Group €3 Child/Student €2, Family €10



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



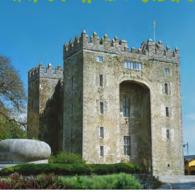
**Parking** Public car & coach parking close to site





# **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 playground, including slides, swings, zipwire, Viking head ship, hammock and sand play area for little ones (and not so little!) to enjoy!

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

### Location

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

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

#### Parking

Ample free parking for coaches and cars

A Shannon Heritage Attraction







## Stonehall Wildlife Park

#### Kilcornan, Co. Limerick

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/Longitude 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 facilities for coaches & cars

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