WIN an Amazing Holiday Break at a

Take our 2-minute online feedback survey, and you could win this fantastic prize.

This Daily Adventure guide provides you with lots of great ideas on things to do, see and enjoy during your Ireland holiday. We encourage and welcome reader feedback and, therefore, if you take our 2-minute online survey you will have a chance of winning a wonderful Lighthouse Holiday Break for up to 5 people sharing at a choice of locations around Ireland.

Take the Survey and Win

Our feedback survey will take you no more than 2 minutes to complete, and you can do so online via www.YourDailyAdventure.com/enter, OR you can scan the QR code above.

You must complete the online survey no later than Friday, October 9, 2020.

The Prize
A Stay at an Amazing Irish Lighthouse

Great Lighthouses of Ireland features 14 amazing lighthouses perched high in dramatic locations around Ireland’s stunning coastline. They are wonderful to visit, and visitors can also stay at eight of these lighthouses. See www.GreatLighthouses.com.

The lucky winner, selected from those completing our survey, will get to enjoy an exhilarating 3-night stay, for up to 5 people sharing, at their choice of lighthouse locations. The prize break must be availed of within 12 months of winning.

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Great Lighthouse of Ireland

10 posters to be won
Every entry will be entered in a draw to win one of 10 fabulous posters by award-winning author and illustrator, Roger O’Reilly. The collection of almost 90 lighthouses of Ireland is available on www.IrelandPosters.ie As shown here the posters capture the uniqueness of each lighthouse setting. They are great for framing and bring wild and natural Ireland into any room where they hang.

 Winners of the posters will also be selected on Friday, October 16, and they can select which lighthouse poster they wish to receive as their prize from IrelandPosters.ie.

Terms and Conditions
• You must be aged 18 or over to participate.
• The survey must be completed online no later than Friday, October 9, 2020.
• The survey may only be completed once. Entering more than once will disqualify from the opportunity to win the prize.
• One lucky winner will be selected from the survey returns and will be selected on Friday, October 16, 2020.
• The ‘3-night Lighthouse Holiday Break’ must be availed of within 12 months of winning the prize (dates subject to availability at the selected lighthouse).
Welcome to Ireland’s South East

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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 2020 rates as submitted by the individual businesses.

Errors and Omissions
Every care has been taken in the compilation of this guide to ensure its accuracy and compliance with the consumer protection laws of Ireland. Glance Promotions cannot accept responsibility for errors or omissions, but where such are brought to our attention future editions will be amended accordingly.

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- Mount Congreve Gardens
- Waterford Greenway Bike Hire and Visitor Centre
- Dungarvan Castle
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- Ardmore Open Farm & Mini Zoo
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For details on YourDailyAdventure.com visit
The South East covers an area of great beauty and features some spectacular coastline and countryside steeped in history. To help you enjoy it to its fullest, we’ve packed this edition with wonderful attractions, activities and experiences. Enjoy Irish heritage in Waterford, Tipperary and Kilkenny, glorious gardens in Carlow and lots of fun activities in Wexford. Plenty to see and do in the region.

Cead Mile Fáilte

A Hundred Thousand Welcomes – to Ireland’s South East

Known as the ‘Sunny South East’, the area is filled with a variety of attractions, cultural offerings and lots of fun and interesting things to see and do. You’ll find ancient Christian settlements, medieval castles and towns, rural getaways and coastal villages and resorts.

This free publication aims to enhance your visitor experience.

Plenty of choice

Variety is the essence of a good holiday and Ireland’s South East certainly provides a wide range of attractions and visitor experiences from caves and gardens, museums and historic houses, castles and monastic sites, visitor farms and outdoor adventure, to galleries and lighthouses.

Detailed information is included on each attraction and visitor experience including eircodes and sat nav co-ordinates, opening times and admission rates.

Enjoy!

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

Guides for other regions in Ireland are widely available.

We would welcome your feedback on the guide to info@glancepromotions.ie
Kilkenny Castle
The Parade, Kilkenny City

12th Century Castle in the heart of the City

Kilkenny Castle stands dramatically in the heart of Kilkenny city. This impressive 12th century castle remodelled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands was the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde.

A tour of the castle will capture your imagination as you move between the Medieval Room, the Castle Gateway, and the Undercroft of the West Tower hearing about the Lords and Ladies of this most impressive home.

The central block of the castle now includes a library, drawing room, and bedrooms decorated in 1830s splendour, as well as the beautiful Picture Gallery. The castle has been under the care of the Office of Public Works since 1969 and many important programmes of archaeological excavation, conservation and restoration have been carried out on the grounds.

Guide Books available in English, Irish, French, German, Italian, Spanish & Polish

Audio-visual presentation located in the Medieval Room.

Kilkenny Famine Experience
MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre, Kilkenny City

FREE AV tour retelling the human stories of the Kilkenny Union Workhouse. Tour begins at the men’s yard of the Workhouse and ends with a visit to the Memorial Garden and evocative bronze sculpture—the final resting place of over 970 famine victims found unexpectedly on the site in 2005. Book the tour online or go to the Customer Service Desk in the beautifully restored Shopping Centre.

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
Smithwick’s Experience Kilkenny
Parliament Street, Kilkenny City

Visit the home of Ireland’s most popular ale
The Smithwick’s Experience is one of Kilkenny’s must-see attractions. Immerse yourself in the story of Smithwick’s, where 300 years of history combine with extraordinary brewing innovations to create the Smithwick’s Experience—a journey like no other. Learn about the fascinating history of brewing on this site and the resourceful family behind the name. Harvested from the land and seasoned by Irish history, Smithwick’s has been brewed in Ireland since 1710.

Tours run daily throughout the year and are guided by local and passionate tour guides. Along the way you will discover how the craft of brewing began on this site in the 13th century and how John Smithwick first began brewing the ale we know and love today. Savour the sensations of the brewing process and try your hand at turning the mill and stirring the mash. Your tour is topped off with a perfectly poured pint of Smithwick’s. Sit back and relax in the recently refurbished bar at the home of Ireland’s most popular ale.

Don’t forget to pick up a gift for yourself or a friend at the Smithwick’s retail store where they offer an exclusive range of merchandise, including customised, engraved glasses, clothing and giftware. Complimentary pint of Smithwick’s available to all visitors over 18 years old. Soft drinks also available.

See website for further information and to book your tour: 
www.smithwicksexperience.com

A city steeped in brewing tradition
The Smithwick’s Experience is one of Kilkenny’s must-see attractions. Located in the heart of Kilkenny on Ireland’s Medieval Mile, the daily guided-tours bring the story of Smithwick’s to life through the clever mix of technology and storytelling. Relax with a pint of your favourite ale and discover for yourself what makes this one of Kilkenny’s most loved attractions.
St. Canice’s Cathedral & Round Tower
The Close, Kilkenny City

A great day out for all the family


Cathedral wheelchair accessible.
Information leaflets are available in 15 languages.
Height restrictions apply to climb the tower: Minimum height 140cm.

Contact
St. Canice’s Cathedral & Round Tower
The Close, Kilkenny City, R95 V63H
Tel: 056-776 4971
info@stcanicescathedral.com
www.stcanicescathedral.com

Location
Top of Coach Road off Dean Street

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6568, -7.2572

Opening Times
Apr, May & Sept, Mon to Sat: 10:00–17:00h, Sun: 14:00–17:00h
Last admission 16:30h
Jun, Jul & Aug, Mon to Sat: 09:00–18:00h, Sun: 13:00–18:00h
Last admission 17:30h
Oct to Mar, Mon to Sat: 10:00–16:00h, Sun: 14:00–16:00h
Last admission 15:30h. Tower Entry depends on weather and staffing

Admission Rates
Cathedral
Adult €4.50, Concession/Group (min 10) €3.50, Guided group tour €4pp.

Tower
Adult €4, Group (12 max per climb). Please telephone to confirm.

Non-group Cathedral & Tower: Adult €7, Family €15 (2A+3C)

Information
Gift Shop
Parking
Street parking close by

Dunmore Cave
Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny

Explore Calcite formations

History and geology blend at Dunmore Cave to give an interesting and unique situation. 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.

Interactive Virtual Museum consisting of the several treasures found in the Cave including one of the most significant Viking finds in the country.

Contact
Dunmore Cave
Ballyfoyle, Castlecomer Road
Co. Kilkenny, R95 A972
Tel: 056-776 7726
dunmorecaves@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

Location
10km from Kilkenny, 1km off N78 Castlecomer (road is well signposted)

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.7341, -7.2477

Opening Times
Open Daily
Mar, Apr, May, Sept & Oct
09:30–17:00h
Jun, Jul & Aug 09:30–18:00h
Nov to Feb, Wed to Sun incl.
09:30–17:00h

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

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
Nicholas Mosse
Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny

Making beautiful tableware that gets used every day

An old mill on the riverbank is home to one of Ireland’s best-loved craft workshops, Nicholas Mosse Pottery. Explore its history, watch the ceramics being formed and decorated, browse through the extensive Irish Country Shop (filled with all sorts of necessary items and gifts for country lovers!) or book a tour to get up close to the action.

Going strong after 40 years, Nick and his team of local craftspeople use an old Irish technique called ‘Spongeware’ to create their charming range of pottery. The pottery is also famous for its use of ecologically friendly processes, from hydro electricity to recycling and upcycling every bit of material. The café, the riverside seating and even the goats make this a must for visitors to Kilkenny.

Jerpoint Abbey
Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

Sculptured Cloister Arcade

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.

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 which was built in place of the chancel and which now takes up about half of the building. There were also several other changes made to the church at various periods. Regular tours available.

Contact
St. Mary’s Church
Gowran, Co. Kilkenny. R95 CV0Y
Tel: 056-772 6894 (open season) or 056-772 4623 (closed season)
info@heritageireland.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

Location
In the centre of Gowran town. Follow the R448 from Carlow south towards Thomastown

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6290, -7.0647

Opening Times
May 14 to Aug 26
10:00h–17:30h, Wed to Sun inclusive
Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Free of charge

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A dynamic multi-disciplinary arts facility

VISUAL
Old Dublin Road, Carlow
Tel: 059-917 2400
info@visualcarlow.ie
www.VisualCarlow.ie

Location
Located in Carlow’s town centre, in the grounds of Carlow College complex
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.8384, -6.9300

Opening Times
Closed Mondays
Tues to Sat 11:00–17.30h
Sun 14:00–17:00h
Last admission 15 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Free admission to gallery

Information
Lennons restaurant on-site
Parking
Pay and display parking in the Town council car park

In County Carlow rural life is the way of life. Soaring mountains, verdant river valleys and rich rolling countryside offer the perfect backdrop for golf, trekking, angling, horse riding and canoeing. Take a trip on foot, horseback or boat and discover mystical pre-christian monuments, ancient ecclesiastical sites, grand country houses and gardens, and picturesque rural villages all offering a glimpse of times past.

Immerse yourself in the story of Ireland’s Ancient East in County Carlow. Get off the beaten track to see, hear, touch and feel the imprints of the millennia of settlers in this county. Take your time to discover it all – Stone Age artefacts, monasteries, medieval castles and large country houses and estates.

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The River Barrow near Borris
Duckett’s Grove Historic House and Walled Gardens, Kneestown, near Carlow Town
Altamont Gardens, Tullow
Brownshill Dolmen, near Carlow Town
The River Barrow near Borris
Huntington Castle, Clonegal

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e: info@carlowtourism.com www.carlowtourism.com
Carlow County Museum

Located in the Cultural Quarter of Carlow

Carlow County Museum is located in Carlow’s Cultural Quarter, just off the town’s main street, and is entered through Carlow Tourist Office. Among the four galleries view the magnificent 19th century hand carved pulpit from Carlow Cathedral, which is among the top 100 objects to view in an Irish museum. Stand under the original gallows trapdoor from the Carlow Gaol! See the wooden smoking pipe of Captain Myles Keogh who was killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876; items relating to John Tyndall, Carlow’s 19th century scientist who discovered the greenhouse effect; and Kevin Barry’s last cigarette before he was executed in 1920 at the age of 18 for his role in the Irish War of Independence.

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Carlow College, St Patrick’s

Hosting the public Carlow Art Collection on its ground floors, Carlow College is one of Ireland’s finest public buildings located in magnificent grounds and within ten metres of VISUAL. The art collection was a voluntary initiative. Artists in the collection include: Bridget Flannery, Hilary Elmes, Frank O’Meara, Hughie O’Donoghue, Victor Zevakin and many more.

Duckett’s Grove
Historic House and Walled Gardens

Home to the Duckett family from the 18th to early 20th century and formerly at the centre of a 20,000 acre estate. Even in ruin, the surviving towers and turrets of Duckett’s Grove form a romantic profile. Two Georgian kitchen gardens form part of the complex where the old paths have been revealed and the beds and borders reinstated. Woodland walk and large green area for picnics.

The Chocolate Garden of Ireland
Tullow, Co. Carlow

Chocolate Workshops, Parties and Afternoon Tea (booking essential) & Chocolate Mould-making (available 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.
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 guided tour (approx 40 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 or stay the night with historic B&B and self catering options available.

Wells House & Gardens

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.

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Gorey, Co. Wexford

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

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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.

Information
Coffee shop with snacks and hot drinks
Parking
Free on-site parking
Rates quoted are for 2020 All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees

Pirates Cove
Gorey, Co. Wexford

Pirates of all ages will enjoy swashbuckling fun

Ahoy Mateys! Come along to Pirates Cove for a great family day out. Enjoy the sub tropical gardens, when you challenge your crew to a game of 18-hole mini golf. Be the captain of your own bumper boat as you travel around the beautiful lagoon but beware of the waterfalls. Walk on water in the bubble rollers while the little scallywags enjoy the paddleboats. Funcaves soft play area is always a hit with the under 10s.

Don’t forget the 10 Pin Bowling, Electric children’s Go-karts, the Games Arcade and the Spinning Compass Casino for older visitors! Cove Café serves up feasts fit for Captain Jack Cove himself. For a bit more fun, take a ride on the eco-friendly Pirates Cove Express at Courtown’s Seafront or WIN great prizes at the Ticket Redemption Counter in the Arcade with exciting new games.

See website for more details about the different packages on offer as well as birthday party and group packages. So bring your crew along for an adventure not to be missed!
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 well-trained members of the Crown Forces, in a battle that lasted only four hours, but left 1,500 dead and a county distraught.

Rebellion at the National 1798 Rebellion Centre
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.

Enniscorthy Castle
Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
S2.5014, -6.5671

Opening Times
Mon to Fri 09:30–17:00h
Sat & Sun Closed. Seasonal weekend opening Jun to Sept, check website

Last entry to exhibition is 45 mins before closing

Vinegar Hill Battlefield:
Year round from 10:00h to dusk

Admission Rates
Adult €7, Student/Senior €5
Child (Over 5yrs) €5, Family €20
Entry to Vinegar Hill Battlefield: Free

Information
Craft and book shop on-site
Newly opened ‘Coffee Kiosk’

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

Rebellion at the National 1798 Rebellion Centre
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.
Irish National Heritage Park
Ferrycarrig, Co. Wexford

Journey to a place where history and legends come to life

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. Experience one of the renowned tours in the company of a costumed guide. From campsite to ringfort, from Water Mill to Fulacht Fiadh, from Crannóig to Viking house, every activity is an unexpected adventure into 9,000 years of Irish History and Heritage. Homesteads, places of ritual, burial mounds and long forgotten remains will enlighten the casual visitor and inspire the scholars.

Within the park, children have a unique opportunity to experience Ireland’s heritage along with fun activities including: panning for gold, wattle your own house, rock art, 2 adventure playgrounds and an activity scramble. Special programmes and family fun days are here to entertain and delight children with archery, axe throwing or a Hawk Walk with our Resident Falconer Jim. Learn a new skill by partaking in an exciting course, these courses are lead by traditional craft workers and local artists. (Course pre-booking required) Stay a night in our Medieval Ringfort and experience the life, for a farming family of 1,500 years ago. An experience you will never forget, whether you stay an hour, an afternoon or for the night.

Fulacht Fiadh Restaurant and Craft Shop

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

Contact
Irish National Heritage Park
Ferrycarrig
Co. Wexford, Y35 X313
Tel: 053-912 0733
reception@irishheritage.ie
www.irishheritage.ie

Location
Wexford Town

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.3482, -6.5171

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

Admission Rates
Adult €10.50, Senior €9, Student €8
Family €25/€30

Information
Fulacht Fiadh Restaurant
and Craft shop

Parking
Parking on-site

Rates quoted are for 2020

All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees
Johnstown Castle Estate, Museum & Gardens
Johnstown, Co. Wexford

A gem of Gothic Revival architecture with lush grounds

Visit the new experience at Johnstown Castle Estate, Gardens and Museum which offers visitors a ‘3 in 1’ attraction including the Gothic Revival castle with adjoining servants’ tunnel (one of the longest in the country), the Irish Agricultural Museum with its 19 exhibitions exploring Irish rural life and the spectacular lakes, walled gardens and sculptures. This great 19th century castle in its beautiful setting was designed by the Victorian architect Daniel Robertson who is responsible for many projects in the southeast of Ireland including Powerscourt in County Wicklow.

If time allows visit the gift shop and café or just relax by the castle lakeside with its Gothic towers, waterfall and statues and watch the peacocks strut by.

Secret Valley Wildlife Park
Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

Discover the wonders of Secret Valley Wildlife Park!!

At Secret Valley Wildlife Park they strive to make everyone’s 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.
Walk the Tintern Abbey Trails
New Ross, Co. Wexford

Immerse yourself in nature

Tintern Abbey, at Saltmills, New Ross, Co. Wexford, is a Cistercian Abbey, founded circa 1200 by William, the Earl Marshall. It is a seasonal attraction, open daily late March to end October (dates are subject to change, check www.HeritageIreland.com). There is an admission fee to the Abbey. Part of the Wexford Walking Trail network, the walks are free—and there are four to choose from. To start each walk, turn right at the entrance to Tintern Abbey and continue to Trailhead.

Tintern Demesne Trail
This 2.4km walk along the Tintern River and around the demesne boundary shows nature’s bounty, including fine beech, oak, and chestnut trees as well as kingfishers, egrets, buzzards, red squirrels, stoats, and bats.

Foxboro Trail
The 3.5km trail starts at Tintern Abbey and follows the Tintern River through deciduous and coniferous forest. The walk has some climbs, rough underfoot and obstacles.

Bannow Bay Trail
Starting at the Abbey, this 7.2km trail meanders through the ‘Deal Park’ and on to the ‘Brickfield’ where the bricks to construct the Walled Garden were made. Your walk will take in the old estate village of Saltmills. This area is rich in bird life.

Information and Safety Notice:
We strongly advise that you check out www.WexfordWalkingTrail.ie for more details of these and other walks. Their website also provides downloadable maps, advice on safety, footwear and clothing tips, and the suitability of walks for different abilities.

Contact
Tintern Abbey
Saltmills, New Ross
Co. Wexford, Y34 KR64
Tel: 051-562 650
tinternabbey@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

Location
16km south of New Ross off the R734 road or 29km from Wexford off the Wexford to Ballyhack road R733

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
S2.2371, -6.8380

Opening Times
Walks open all year round
Abbey Opening times
Mar 28 to Oct 29
Daily 09:30–17:00h
Jun, Jul & Aug Daily 10:00–17:30h
Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Walking Trail Free of Charge
Abbey Adults €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3

Information
Tearoom open daily

Rates quoted are for 2020
All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees
Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience
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.

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.

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.
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, Waterford Greenway. Seaside town of Tramore, and the scenic fishing villages of Dunmore East & Ardmore with its famous Round Tower are just some of the attractions in County Waterford.

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

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.
Hook Lighthouse
Hook Peninsula, Co. Wexford

The oldest original operating lighthouse in the world

Enjoy a tour of Hook Lighthouse, one of the most popular visitor attractions in county Wexford. Loved by families year round this 800 year old lighthouse has many accolades, chief amongst them; it is the oldest original operating lighthouse in the world... yes, the world!

Hook Lighthouse was voted in Ireland’s top 10 favourite attractions and Ireland’s favorite hidden gem in the 2018 Irish Travel Awards. Climb the 115 well-worn steps of the tower and meet the life-size hologram of St Dubhán, a monk who tells of perishing nights spent with fellow monks in the 5th century warning sailors against dangers with a beacon they kept alight on the headland.

On the second floor meet another life-size figure, the Knight William Marshal, who tells the tale of his empire in the Southeast of Ireland. How he built Kilkenny Castle, Tintern Abbey and the Hook lighthouse tower in the 13th century in order to guide shipping to his port at nearby New Ross. On the third floor you can hear tales of times gone-by of life as a lighthouse keeper in Ireland. And when you reach the tower balcony enjoy the sea breeze on your face and experience the newly opened watch room offering a panoramic observatory across the estuary.

Guided tours of the lighthouse tower are on offer 7 days a week sharing with visitors one of the greatest experiences on Ireland’s Ancient East.

Events and Festivals at Hook Lighthouse

Bespoke and private tours are also on offer and don’t miss out on the regularly announced Sunset and Sunrise Tour Experiences. Hook Lighthouse also has an artist in residence, Rose Finn who offers children and adults art workshops year round. For all the details see www.hookheritage.ie.

For updates on news, events and festivals at the lighthouse follow @HookLighthouse on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram or call 051-397055.
New Ross Heritage Town

New Ross, Co. Wexford

On the banks of the majestic River Barrow, New Ross is full of cultural and historic surprises, beautiful shopfronts and quaint laneways.

The town is home to the most famous Irish American, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Visitors to New Ross can see the spectacular Dunbrody Famine Ship sit proudly on the quayside —take a tour and discover its fascinating history.

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.

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.
House of Waterford Crystal
The Mall, Waterford City

A Breathtaking Experience
Waterford Crystal is located in the heart of Waterford City. The highlight of any visit, the guided 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 must-see attraction.

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

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.
Only 100 steps from Reginald’s great Viking tower, which displays Treasures of Viking Age Waterford and a full-size replica Viking longship.

Exciting and dynamic 3D Virtual Reality experience available in 3 languages and lasting 30 minutes, housed in an exact replica of a Viking house found in Waterford. The Viking house has been recreated within the atmospheric walls of a medieval monastery where once stood a Viking fort. The visitor is met by a Viking comb-maker, regaled with stories about life in Viking Waterford and is invited to don a special magical helmet (3D Oculus Rift headsets) that will transport them back 1100 years and they come face to face with the great heroic and legendary Viking leader Reginald, founder of the city of Véðrafjǫrðr, (Waterford) and King of Waterford and York.

The lower two floors of the current stone structure were built by the Normans after their capture of Waterford in the late 12th century, replacing the earlier wooden Viking tower, while the upper two floors are of late 15th century date. Originally part of the city’s defences it protected the vital river approach to Waterford and has been in continuous use since that time. The tower has served as a mint, arsenal, prison, residence and the city museum. Today visitors can learn the story of this incredible monument by taking a guided tour or enjoy the exhibition within that also incorporates the Viking Treasures of Waterford.
Treasures of Medieval Waterford
The only museum in Europe to be built over two National Monuments, the 13th century Choristers Hall and the 15th century Mayor’s Wine Vault. Don’t miss the unique Cloth of Gold Vestments and the Great Charter Roll, as seen by Queen Elizabeth II on her state visit to Ireland.

Treasures of Georgian Waterford
This magnificent Georgian building hosts the oldest surviving piece of Waterford Crystal in the world dating back to 1789, the only surviving Napoleon Bonaparte ‘mourning cross’, which was one of twelve produced upon his death in 1821 and the fantastic 4D Masterpieces in Glass exhibition tracing the story of glass making in the city from the 1700s.

The award winning all-weather guided Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle takes in 6 national monuments within an hour, covering 1100 years of Waterford’s history from the Vikings to the Victorians, which includes lots of photo opportunities along the way. A great way to get an overview of Waterford’s history.
Waterford’s Blue Plaques

Waterford City

A trail of discovery

As you walk through the streets of Waterford you will notice round blue plaques with inscriptions. These descriptions tell you of important events or people connected with Waterford and the building/place you are passing by.

Waterford Civic Trust has installed over 40 Blue Plaques throughout the city to commemorate links between a particular location, a famous person or event. Follow all or part of the trail and you’ll get a great insight into Waterford’s rich and diverse heritage.

You’ll discover, for example, some of what the Vikings built; where King Richard landed in 1394 at the head of the largest armada to sail into an Irish port; and the house where William Hobson, the first governor of New Zealand, was born.

Splashworld

Tramore, Co. Waterford

Wild & wonderful fun for all!

Tramore’s only indoor water attraction. Experience the thrills of the wet & wild waves, indoor/outdoor water slides, bubble pool, paddle pool, water cannons, and splash slide. There’s fun for all ages in the 25m swimming pool. Family discounts available. Fitness and health enthusiasts can take advantage of a fully equipped Gym and fitness studio. Fitness classes are available daily for all abilities. Enjoy some relaxation time in the steam room. For all public pool times and daily fitness classes, visit the website: www.splashworld.ie

Splashworld is located adjacent to Tramore Amusement Park and Tramore’s 5km blue flag beach. There’s something for everyone in Tramore’s seaside resort. Splashworld—making memories for generations since 1993.
**Waterford Suir Valley Railway**

Kilmeadan, Co. Waterford

All Aboard to Experience the Magic of Rail!

Board the train at Kilmeadan Station, hear the whistle blow and take off on an exciting journey through the countryside, taking in panoramic views of the River Suir, get a glimpse into Mount Congreve Gardens, make a wish as you pass through the Fairy Wood and continue on to Carriganore beside Waterford Greenway. Travelling at 15km per hour, the journey lasts 40 minutes. Saturday trips last 10 minutes longer. Come prepared with a jacket if you want to sit in the open carriages. Enclosed seating also available. This is a fun experience for all ages and all facilities are wheelchair accessible. Refreshments are available in the Whistle Stop Café. Special events in the year include Choo Choo Fun Days, Nature Express, the Spooky Express at Halloween and Santa Express at Christmas. Check the website for timetables and further information.

**Mount Congreve Gardens**

Kilmeadan, Co. Waterford

Meander the 70 acres of spectacularly designed gardens, with 16kms of pathways throughout the woodland gardens, including a 4-acre walled with a vegetable garden in continual use for over 250 years. Hidden treasures include a Chinese pagoda, water features and many exotic plants from all over the globe. Described as ‘A World of Gardens’ Mount Congreve boasts one of the largest private collection of plants in the world.

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**Gaeltacht na nDéise**

Scenic Irish speaking district (Gaeltacht) located between the two vibrant coastal towns of Dungarvan and Ardmore. Promoting the Irish language, culture, traditional music and dance.

www.deise.ie
The Shuttle Bus can only be used for customers that hire bikes from Waterford Greenway Bike Hire. You can only book the Shuttle Bus once you drop off your bike, you cannot pre-book same. You can decide during your cycle where to drop off your bikes. 5 Shuttle Buses operate and leave every hour from each Depot.

BOOK: Via website: waterfordgreenwaybikehire.com or phone central booking: 051-295 955.

Explore the Waterford Greenway

The Greenway is 46km long from Dungarvan to Waterford, taking approximately 5 hours (leisurely cycle) to include stopping off halfway for lunch in Kilmacthomas Village or the Coach House Coffee, Union Workhouse which is 2 hours from Dungarvan Town, and 2 hours from Waterford City. After 10km from Dungarvan (halfway to Kilmacthomas) you will find O’Mahoney’s Pub-Durrow, which is just after Ballyvoyle Tunnell (Coffee/Toilet Facilities) and 10km from Waterford, (halfway to Kilmacthomas), you will find Mount Congreve House & Gardens, and also Kilmeaden Waterford & Suir Valley Railway, (Coffee/Toilet Facilities). During the Summer months there will be various pop-up-shops along the route. For Winter months phone or visit website for opening hours and bus times.

BIKE HIRE DEPOTS: Open every day from 9am to 6pm: Sexton Street, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, (just beyond the traffic lights with the beginning of the Greenway literally just around the corner); Kilmacthomas, The Union Workhouse adjacent to the Coach House Coffee, which is directly onto the Greenway; Hanover Street in Waterford, opposite the Bus Station on the Quay and just above Dooleys Hotel.

BOOKING REQUIREMENTS: Booking in advance is advisable, via website: waterfordgreenwaybikehire.com or central booking line: 051 295955. Let them know your pick-up location, what bikes you require, ladies/ gents/ kids/ attachments, i.e trailers, seats, tow alongs or an electric bike.

Free Shuttle Bus

The Shuttle Bus can only be used for customers that hire bikes from Waterford Greenway Bike Hire. You can only book the Shuttle Bus once you drop off your bike, you cannot pre-book same. You can decide during your cycle where to drop off your bikes. 5 Shuttle Buses operate and leave every hour from each Depot.

BOOK: Via website: waterfordgreenwaybikehire.com or phone central booking: 051-295 955.

Visiting

Contact
Waterford Greenway Bike Hire
and Visitor Centre
The Famine Workhouse
Union Road, Kilmacthomas
Co. Waterford, X42 DP68
Tel 051-295 955
info@waterfordgreenwaybikehire.com
www.waterfordgreenwaybikehire.com

Location
Depots at Sexton Street-Dungarvan, The Famine Workhouse - Kilmacthomas & Hanover Street-Waterford city

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
Dungarvan: 52.0926, -7.6146
Eircode X35 FT61
Kilmacthomas: 52.2013, -7.4066
Eircode X42 DP68
Waterford City: 52.2626, -7.1151
Eircode X91 KY27

Opening Times
Dolly 09:00–18:00h

Admission Rates
Adult bike €25, Electric bike €45
Child bike €10—20 inch suitable for 6–8yr olds. 24 inch suitable for 9–12 yr olds. Tow Along Bikes (Free) suitable for 4–6 yr olds. Trailers (Free) suitable from born up to 4yr and Seats (Free) are suitable up 3yrs

Information
Further details and booking available on-line

Parking
Waterford: Parking on the Quay, Kilmacthomas: Free carpark adjacent to the Greenway & Coach House Coffee, Dungarvan: Free carpark behind Eurospar in Abbeyside

Rates quoted are for 2020 All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees
Dungarvan Castle

Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

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

Criostal na Rinne Irish Crystal Studio & Craft Shop

An Rinn, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Experience behind-the-scenes access with master craftsman Eamonn Terry, creating hand cut crystal in the Waterford Gaeltacht. Marvel at the skill of the glasscutter during a free demonstration in the workshop. Enjoy fascinating historic stories of local glassmaking from the 16th century to the present day. The designs are stories made physical. More than just useful objects, they create meaningful connection with Ireland’s rich culture, history, nature and language.

Ardmore Open Farm & Mini Zoo

Ardmore, Co. Waterford

A family attraction like no other, with a wide range of exotic and rare breed animals, as well as a host of reptiles. Dedicated petting times and informative talks. Playgrounds, zipline, soccer pitch, karting, climbing pyramid and maze. Luxurious glamping pod facility available from Summer 2018. Full restaurant offering home cooked food and yummy desserts.
Blue Flag Beaches
Waterford & Wexford

Enjoy a day at the beach

With such an extensive coastline along the two counties of Waterford & Wexford you would expect to find quality beaches and you won’t be disappointed. With many beaches meeting the Blue Flag standard you are certain to be never far from a great day out at the beach.

The miles of beaches available are great for swimming, exploring rock pools and all sorts of beach fun. There are plenty of water activities to be enjoyed from sub-aqua, sailing, diving, water skiing, rowing, canoeing, land yachting and surfing.

The Blue Flag is an international award for beach excellence. It is presented to beaches which have excellent water quality, which provide a range of services and visitor facilities, and which fulfil other specified criteria including environmental management, litter control and education.

If you enjoy the great outdoors, there’s no better place for a holiday. There’s so much to see and do!

The Blue Flag Programme

The Blue Flag is an international award for beach excellence. It is presented to beaches which have excellent water quality, which provide a range of services and visitor facilities, and which meet other specified criteria including environmental management, litter control and education.
Lismore Heritage Centre
Lismore, Co. Waterford

Small town with huge community spirit

A special place to visit and relax in the lush green landscape of west Waterford. Set at the foot of the Knockmealdown mountains, this town has been a haven for travellers since the early 600s. Connect with the monks of old, Norman’s, Vikings and Bishops who all passed through this town and left their mark in different ways to make the town what it is today. New for 2020, immerse yourself in a 360 degree virtual reality experience of the rooms inside Lismore Castle at Lismore Heritage Centre. Here you will learn about the historical figures who shaped Lismore town through the ages, from entrepreneurs and adventurers, Hollywood stars and world leaders who have spent time in this beautiful home overlooking the majestic Blackwater River.

Contact
Lismore Heritage Centre
Lismore, Co. Waterford, P51 TP26
Tel: 058-54975
info@lismoreheritage.ie
www.discoverlismore.com

Location
Situated on the N72 between Waterford and Mallow/Killarney
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.1358, -7.9377

Opening Times
Mon to Fri 09:00–17:30h
Open Weekends mid-Mar to Dec
Sat 10:00–17:00h & Sun 12:00–17:00h

Admission Rates
The Lismore Castle Experience:
Adult €10, Senior/Student €8
Child (3–16yrs) €5, Family (2+2) €25

Information
Heritage Centre and Tourist Information Point
Free WiFi
Parking
Free Parking

Robert Boyle Escape Room
Lismore, Co Waterford

Puzzle over conundrums set for you!

Try out the new Robert Boyle Escape Room at Lismore Heritage Centre, you and your team will have one hour to Escape the Room and save Boyle’s Alchemy Box.

Robert Boyle, Father of Modern Chemistry was born here in Lismore Castle.

The Game: Robert Boyle has been busy trying to solve many of the C17th science’s most puzzling questions. Boyle’s nemesis, the fraud, Vincenzo Falcone believes that Boyle has discovered a mysterious ingredient which can turn base metals into gold and give humans the gift of immortality. Falcone knows that Boyle is away trying on important business in the city today and Falcone will be here in 60 minutes to search Boyle’s study for his secret Alchemy Box. Can you find it before Falcone gets here? Teams of 2–6 players.

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Opening Times
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Open Weekends mid-Mar to Dec
Sat 10:00–17:00h & Sun 12:00–17:00h
By appointment outside these hours

Admission Rates
Team of 2: €25pp
Team of 3: €22.50pp
Team of 4: €17.50pp
Team of 5: €14.50pp
Team of 6: €12.50pp

Information
Heritage Centre and Tourist Information Point
Free WiFi
Parking
Free Parking
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.

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History
Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Come see for yourself!

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History is a state-of-the-art visitor experience in the centre of Clonmel, in the heart of Ireland’s Ancient East. Completely re-imagined and redesigned, the new Museum brings Tipperary’s rich hidden history vividly to life through characters, stories and significant collection pieces. Immerse yourself in stories of castles and conquests, courage, superstition, murder and death. Explore tales of two worlds, from rural life in 19th century Tipperary to the Big Houses on the Suir Valley. Come face to face (literally) with Oliver Cromwell. Learn about a host of Tipperary heroes from the world of sports and entertainment. This multi-sensory experience is a must-see on your journey into Ireland’s Ancient East. Expect to be surprised and intrigued by what you find!
**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 its external woodwork resembles branched trees. The nature theme is continued throughout the former guest 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.

**Visiting**

[Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5]

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**Mitchelstown Cave**

**Cahir, Co. Tipperary**

**One of Europe’s Major Showcaves**

Mitchelstown Cave is one of the largest and most complex cave systems in Ireland. On the guided tour you will follow ancient passageways and visit massive caverns in which you are surrounded by indescribable cave formations, stalactites, stalagmites and huge calcite pillars. Guided tours are conducted through half a mile of this world famous cave. Entry to cave is by guided tour, min 2 adults required for tour.

On May 3rd 1833, Mitchelstown Caves was discovered by Michael Condon who was quarrying limestone when he accidentally dropped his crowbar into a crevice. He pulled out some rocks and boulders to retrieve the bar and found himself looking down into a vast series of underground passages, chambers and caverns.

**Visiting**

[Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5]
Family Fun Activities

Bunmahon Playground
Bunmahon, Co. Waterford
Sat Nav 52.1392, -7.3684
Keep the little ones entertained as you travel the Scenic Copper Coast Driving Route from Dungarvan to Tramore. This playground is located close to the beach and is the ideal location for a fun filled hour or two!
www.visitwaterford.com

Copper Coast Scenic Drive
Co. Waterford
The Copper Coast drive winds its way along the coast between Tramore and Dungarvan. Marvel at the secret beaches and hidden coves, the perfect backdrop to your family picnic.
www.visitwaterford.com

Curracloe Beach
Curracloe, Co. Wexford
Sat Nav 52.3881, -6.3643
What better way to spend a few hours than on one of the sunny south east’s best loved beaches. Whether you are an avid swimmer, a sandcastle genius or simply wish to hear the roll of the sea, this is one of the countries finest beaches.
www.visitwexford.ie

Dunmore Adventure
The Harbour, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford, X91 KD40
Sat Nav 52.1489, -6.9928
Land & water activities for families, friends, groups & individuals. Aquapark, Kayaking, Team Building, Sailing, SUP, Archery, Climbing, Caving, Café onsite. Prebooking is essential.
Tel: 051-383 783 www.dunmoreadventure.com

Gáirdín an Ghorta (The Famine Garden)
Newmarket, Co. Kilkenny, R95 NP40
Sat Nav 52.4744, -7.2627
A garden commemorating the Great Famine, which saw one million Irish people die and another million emigrate. The path through the garden is a metaphor for Irish history and is synonymous with the journey of the Irish people.
Tel: 086-839 4349 www.discoverireland.ie
Ireland’s South East has fantastic family fun activities. We highlight just some of the activities for you to choose from during your visit to the South East.

**Seal Rescue Ireland**
Courtown Harbour, Gorey, Co. Wexford, Y25 TP93
Sat Nav 52.6492, -6.2284
Seal Rescue Ireland’s visitor centre and animal hospital are open 7 days a week for free public tours. Come meet the seal pups, learn their stories, and get involved in marine conservation!
Tel: 053-942 4980/087-195 5393
www.sealrescueireland.org

**Wexford Arts Centre**
Cornmarket, Co. Wexford, Y35 X5HF
Sat Nav: 52.3396, -6.4644
For all those culture vultures out there a trip to Wexford Arts Centre is not to be missed. With a large range of exhibitions, workshops, theatre, music and comedy events—there is something for all ages to enjoy!
Tel: 053-912 3764  www.wexfordartscentre.ie

**Wexford Wild Fowl Reserve**
North Slob, Ardcavan, Co. Wexford
Sat Nav 52.3570, -6.4222
Immerse yourself in the un-spoilt beauty of this wild fowl reserve. The resident wildlife can be viewed from an 8m tall observation tower. The on-site visitor centre hosts exhibitions and an audio-visual show.
Tel: 076-100 2660  www.wexfordwildfowlreserve.ie

The opening days and times of these venues can vary. If you are travelling distances to visit them, it is always advisable to check times online.
Festivals

Looking for laughs, music, food, and entertainment? Look no further than Ireland’s South East with an array of festivals to choose from.

**Cats Laughs Comedy Festival**
28th May–01st Jun 2020
Laughter is the best medicine and that is certainly the case for those who make an annual pilgrimage to Kilkenny to hear some of the best comedians creating a “laugh out loud” atmosphere! A weekend not to be missed!
www.thecatlaughs.com

**Clonmel Junction Arts Festival**
04th–12th Jul 2020
This week-long arts festival is an array of music, theatre, street performance, comedy, visual art, food, drink and much, much more. Be sure to pay a visit to this lively town and embrace the festival atmosphere.
www.discoverireland.ie

**Waterford Spraoi Int. Street Art Festival**
02nd–05th Aug 2020
Come along and enjoy a spectacular event where street performers from all over the word come together to entertain and delight visitors to the Viking City.
www.spraoi.com

**2020 National Ploughing Championships**
15th–17th Sept 2020
The 89th National Ploughing Championships will take place in Ballintrane, Fenagh, Co. Carlow. The event is not just for ploughing or machinery enthusiasts and features something for just about every member of the community.
www.npa.ie

**Wexford Festival Opera**
20th Oct–01st Nov 2020
Since it was first launched back in 1951 this opera festival has gone from strength to strength and is now ranked amongst the worlds leading opera festivals. It brings thousands of opera lovers to the region each year.
www.wexfordopera.com
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