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English OF IRELAND HERITAGE SITES

One of The Office of Public Works' responsibilities is the protection and conservation of Ireland's built heritage. The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is responsible for the protection and conservation of Ireland's natural heritage. You can find out more about our natural and built heritage from the following:

www.heritageireland.ie

HERITAGE CARDS
If you are interested in visiting a number of Heritage sites, why not buy a Heritage Card? It is great value and gives unlimited admission for one year to sites managed by The Office of Public Works or The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (with the exception of **Muckross Traditional Farms**). It may be purchased at most sites for:

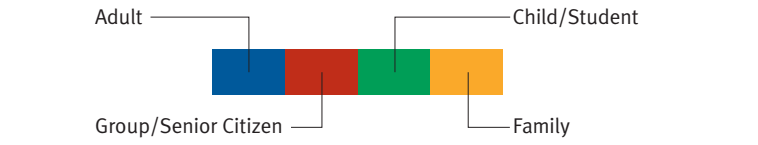
Adult	€21.00
Senior Citizen	€16.00
Child or Student	€8.00
Family	€55.00

You should buy this card at the first Heritage site that you visit. You can also buy the card before your visit – check our website www.heritageireland.ie or telephone +353 (0)1 647 6592 (from overseas) or Callsave 1850 600 601 (within Ireland). The Heritage Card is for individual use only.

SITE LOCATIONS



ADMISSION CHARGES



Please consult www.heritageireland.ie website for current charges and opening times
Last admission to most sites is approximately one hour before closing.
Guided tours are available at most sites. Please note that at some sites access is by guided tour only.
Large groups are asked to book in advance of visit.
For booking, groups and tour operators are asked to contact individual sites directly.
Unless stated otherwise, credit/debit cards not accepted.
Sites with a limited tour capacity are marked in the text. (Generally the maximum number is 25).
Videos/cameras and large bags are not permitted on tour at some sites.
All information is correct at the time of going to print and may be subject to change.
Please consult www.heritageireland.ie website
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DUBLIN LOCATIONS



DUBLIN HERITAGE SITES

- 01 Áras an Uachtaráin**
Phoenix Park, Dublin 8
Tel +353 (0)1 677 0095
Fax +353 (0)1 672 6454
Áras an Uachtaráin is the Official Residence of the President of Ireland. Built in 1751 and situated in the 1,752 acres of the Phoenix Park
Open: Saturdays only
10.15 - 16.00 Summer
10.30 - 15.30 Winter
24th - 27th December
Admission Free
Free admission tickets to the Áras issued from the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre on Saturdays only
- 02 Arbour Hill**
Arbour Hill, Dublin 7
Tel +353 (0)1 821 3021
Email: superintendent.park@opw.ie
The Military Cemetery at Arbour Hill is the last resting place of 14 of the leaders of the Insurrection of 1916
Open: All year round
Mon - Fri 08.00 - 16.00
Sat 11.00 - 16.00
Sun 09.30 - 16.00
Admission Free
- 03 Casino**
Cherrymount Crescent, off the Malahide Road, Marino, D 3
Tel +353 (0)1 833 1618
Fax +353 (0)1 833 2636
The Casino, meaning "small house", surprisingly contains 16 finely decorated rooms, endlessly rich in subtlety and design. It is a remarkable building - both in terms of structure and history.
The Casino is located at Marino, just off the Malahide Road and only three miles north of the centre of Dublin.
Open: Mid March - Late October Daily 10.00 - 17.00
Access by guided tour only. Visitors are not permitted to wear shoes. Disposable foot coverings are provided
- 04 Dublin Castle**
Dame Street, Dublin 2
Tel +353 (0)1 645 8813
Fax +353 (0)1 679 7831
Originally a Norman castle, situated at the southeastern corner of the medieval city walls, Dublin Castle today mainly contains buildings dating from the 17th to 20th centuries, but the visit also includes the medieval remnants.
Open: All year Mon - Sat 10.00 - 16.45
Sun & B/H 12.00 - 16.45
Closed: 24 - 28 Dec, 31 Dec, 1 Jan & Good Friday.
Estate open all year: Daily 10.00 - 18.00
Dublin Castle will be closed at very short notice for government business. Closed for 6 months due to EU Presidency, Jan-June 2013.
- 05 Farmleigh**
Phoenix Park, Castleknock, Dublin 15
Tel +353 (0)1 815 5900/815 5981
Fax +353 (0)1 815 5988
An estate of 78 acres situated to the northwest of the Phoenix Park. It was purchased by the OPW on behalf of the Government in 1999 and developed in order to provide accommodation for visiting dignitaries and guests of the nation
Open: Jan - Dec, Wed - Sun & B/H 10.00 - 17.00
Daily 10.00 - 18.00
Admission Free
Estate open all year: Daily 10.00 - 18.00
Closed for 6 months due to EU Presidency, Jan-June 2013.
- 06 Garden of Remembrance**
Parnell Square East, Dublin 1
Tel +353 (0)1 821 3021
Email: superintendent.park@opw.ie
Designed by Daihi Hanly - a place of quiet remembrance and reflection dedicated to the memory of all who gave their lives in the cause of Irish Freedom.
Open Apr - Sept Daily 08.30 - 18.00
Oct - Mar Daily 09.30 - 16.00
Open Christmas Day 11.00 - 13.00
Admission Free
- 07 Government Buildings**
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2
Tel +353 (0)1 645 8913
Tel +353 (0)1 619 4116
Fax +353 (0)1 679 7831
Open: Saturday 10.30-13.30. Tours starting every hour on the half hour.
Free tickets available at the National Gallery lobby (Merrion Square entrance).
Last tour 13.30
Admission Free
- 08 Grangegorman Military Cemetery**
Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7
Tel +353 (0)1 821 3021
One of the largest military cemeteries in Dublin. Mature trees and well-maintained lawns create a reflective atmosphere in this multi-denominational cemetery which was laid out in 1876.
Open: All year round daily 10.00 - 16.00
Admission Free
- 09 Iveagh Gardens**
Clonmel Street, Dublin 2
Tel: +353 (0)1 475 7816 Fax: +353 (0)1 475 5287
Among the finest and least known of Dublin's parks and gardens - includes a unique collection of landscape features
Open Mon - Sat 08.00
Access from Clonmel St.
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10.00
Close: according to daylight hours
Admission Free
- 10 Kilmainham Gaol**
Kilichore Road, Kilmainham, D 8
Tel +353 (0)1 453 5984
Fax +353 (0)1 453 2037
One of the largest unoccupied gaols in Europe
Open: Apr - Sept Daily 09.30-18.00
Oct - Mar Mon-Sat 09.30-17.30
Sunday 10.00-18.00
Please note that this is a very busy site and visitors may experience a delay during the summer months - Access by guided tour only
Admission: €
- 11 Lusk Heritage Centre**
Lusk, Co. Dublin
Tel +353 (0)1 833 1618
The centre comprises of a 9th century round tower, a medieval belfry and a 19th century church
Ring for Opening arrangements
Admission Free
- 12 National Botanic Gardens**
Glasnevin, D 9
Tel +353 (0)1 804 0300/857 0909
Fax +353 (0)1 836 0080
Colourful gardens covering 19.5 hectares, with approx. 20,000 plant species
(€2.00 for Guided Tours: duration 1 Hour)
Open: Mar-Oct Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00 Sat-Sun 10.00-18.00
Nov-Feb: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.30 Sat-Sun 10.00-16.30
Admission Free
- 13 Pearse Museum and St. Enda's Park**
St. Enda's Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, D 16
Tel +353 (0)1 493 4208 Fax +353 (0)1 493 6120
Former school run by Patrick Pearse, now a museum in one of Dublin's most charming and atmospheric parks. The courtyard incorporates an informative Nature Room.
Open: Pearse Museum (Closed Tuesdays) Nov-Jan Wed-Mon 09.30-16.00
Feb Wed-Mon 09.30-17.00
Mar & Oct 09.30-17.30
Apr & Sept 09.00-20.00
All year Sun & B/H's open at 10.00
St. Enda's Park: Nov-Jan 09.00-16.30
Feb 09.00-17.30
Mar & Oct 09.00-18.00
Weekends and B/H Park & Museum Opens 10.00
May-Aug 09.00-21.00
Closed Christmas day
Admission Free
- 14 The Phoenix Park, A National Historic Park**
Whitefields, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8
Tel +353 (0)1 821 3021 Fax +353 (0)1 820 5584
Website: www.phoenixpark.ie
1752 acres makes the park one of the largest enclosed recreational spaces within any European capital city
Open: 24hrs all year round
Admission Free
- 15 Phoenix Park Visitor Centre & Ashtown Castle**
Phoenix Park, D 8
Tel +353 (0)1 677 0095
Website: www.phoenixpark.ie
Fax +353 (0)1 672 6454
Interprets the history and wildlife of one of the world's largest enclosed parks
Open: (Ashtown Castle in Park)
Nov - Apr: Wed-Sun inc 09.30 - 17.30
May - Oct: Daily 10.00 - 17.45
Access to Ashtown Castle by guided tour only. Last tour 30 mins. before closing.
Last admission 20 mins. before closing.
Tours to Áras an Uachtaráin depart from Centre every Saturday
Admission Free
- 16 Rathfarnham Castle**
Rathfarnham, D 14
Tel +353 (0)1 943 9462
A 16th C. castle with 18th C. interiors by Sir William Chambers and James 'Athenian' Stuart. The Castle also hosts the Berkeley Collection of 18th C. and 19th C. costumes and toys. Open all year.
Winter/Spring: Wed-Sun 10.30am-5pm. Summer: Check opening arrangements with site. Guided Tour: Self guiding. Last admission: 16.30 (Wed-Fri), 16.30 (Sat-Sun)
Tearooms: Open all year. Tel: +353 (0)1 493 9461.
Admission Free
- 17 Royal Hospital Kilmmainham**
Military Road, Kilmmainham, Dublin 8
Tel +353 (0)1 612 9900
Fax +353 (0)1 612 9999
A magnificent late 17th Century Classical building with Chapel, Great Hall, Formal Gardens, burial grounds and artists studios now home to Irish and international visual art.
Contact IMMA at +(0)1 6129900 for tour information.
Admission Free

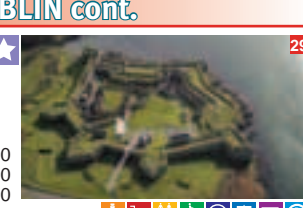
- 18 St Audoen's Church**
Cormmarket, High Street, near Christchurch, D8.
Tel +353 (0)1 677 0088
Sited in the heart of the walled medieval city, St. Audoen's is the only remaining medieval parish church in Dublin.
Open Late April - Late Oct Daily 9.30-17.30
Last admission: 16.45
Admission Free
- 19 St. Mary's Abbey**
Meetinghouse Lane, Off Capel Street, D 1
Tel +353 (0)1 833 1618
Fax +353 (0)1 833 2636
Founded in 1139 as a daughter house of the Benedictine Order of Savigny, it became Cistercian in 1147. Tours can be booked through the Casino, 01 8331618, Fax 01 8332636, or 066 6062729 in the off season.
Open: Early June-Late Sept, Tues, Wed & Thurs 10.00-17.00. Tours can be booked through the Casino, Marino Mid March - Late Oct.
Admission Free
- 20 St. Stephen's Green**
Dublin 2
Tel: +353 (0)1 475 7816
Fax: +353 (0)1 475 5287
Ireland's best known Victorian public park, this 22 acre park has been maintained in the original Victorian layout.
Open Mon-Sat 07.30, Sun & Public Holidays 09.30
Closes according to daylight hours.
Open Christmas Day 10.00 - 13.00
Admission Free
- 21 The Croppies Acre**
Benburb Street, Dublin 7
Tel: +353 (0)1 702 8111 (Phoenix Park)
Memorial to the Croppy Boys of the 1798 rebellion.
Open: All year Tues-Sat 10.00-16.00
Sun 12.00-16.00
Closed Mondays
Admission Free
- 22 War Memorial Gardens**
South Circular Road, Islandbridge, Dublin 8
+353 (0)1 475 7816 (Gardens)
Fax: +353 (0)1 475 5287 (Head Office)
Designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and dedicated to the 49,400 Irish Soldiers who died in the 1914-1918 war.
Open Mon-Fri - 08.00 Sat-Sun - 10.00
Closes according to daylight hours. Access to bookrooms by arrangement with local management.
Admission Free
- 23 Altamont Gardens**
Tullow, Co Carlow
Tel +353 (059) 915 9444
Fax +353 (059) 915 9510
Large, beautiful old world garden, Robinsonian in style
Open: All year.
Admission Free
- 24 Droamore Wood Nature Reserve**
Ruan, Ennis, Co Clare
Tel +353 (065) 682 2711
A nature reserve of 400 hectares. Droamore Wood boasts a rich and diverse flora and fauna
Droamore Wood: Open Daily
Barrier Closes: Summer 19.30, Winter 18.00
Visitor Centre: May: Wed-Sun 10.00-17.00
June-Aug: Daily 10.00-17.00
Admission Free
- 25 Ennis Friary**
Abbey Street, Ennis, Co Clare
Tel +353 (065) 682 9100
Fax +353 (065) 684 1020
13th C. Franciscan Friary which has many 15th & 16th C. sculptures Conservation works ongoing
Open Late March to Late Oct Daily 10.00 - 18.00
Open 1st Oct - 23rd Oct Daily 10.00 - 17.00
Admission free due to continuing restoration works.
- 26 Scattery Island**
Kilrush, Co Clare
Tel +353 (065) 682 9100 (Ennis Friary Tel No)
Scattery Island is home to a 6th century monastery founded by St. Senan
Open (recommended visiting times):
Early June-Late Aug Daily 10.00-18.00
Please note that access to the island is dependent on tidal/weather conditions.
Separate charge for boat
Admission Free
- 27 Barriscourt Castle**
(Managed in conjunction with the Barriscourt Trust)
Carrigtwohill, Co Cork
Tel +353 (021) 488 2218
Present castle dates from 15th and 16th C.
Open: Late May - Late Sept Daily: 10.00 - 18.00
Access by guided tour only.
Last admission 45 minutes before closing.
Admission Free

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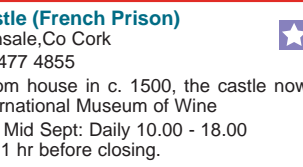
- Heritage Town
- Toilets
- Audio visual
- Nature Trails/Walks
- Guided Tour
- Toilets for visitors with disabilities
- Exhibition
- Car/Coach Park
- Restricted Access
- Visitor Centre
- Tea Rooms
- Picnic Area
- B/H Bank Holiday

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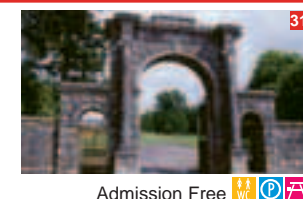
Charles Fort
Summer Cove, Kinsale, Co Cork
Tel +353 (021) 477 2263
Fax +353 (021) 477 4347
A classic example of a 17th C star-shaped fort
Open: Nov-Early Dec Daily 10.00-17.00
Early Dec-Mid March Tues-Sun 10.00-17.00
Mid March-Oct Daily 10.00-18.00
Last admission 1 hour before closing. Visitors are advised to wear footwear suitable for uneven terrain



Desmond Castle (French Prison)
Cork Street, Kinsale, Co Cork
Tel +353 (021) 477 4855
Built as a custom house in c. 1500, the castle now houses the International Museum of Wine
Open: Easter - Mid Sept: Daily 10.00 - 18.00
Last admission 1 hr before closing.



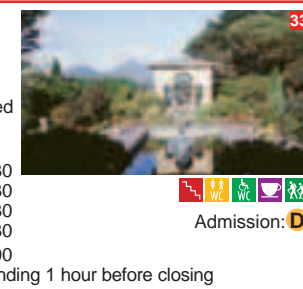
Doneraile Park
Doneraile, Co Cork
Tel +353 (087) 251 5965
An outstanding example of an 18th C. landscaped park covering 166 hectares
Open: Summer Mon-Fri 8.00 - 20.00
Sat, Sun & B/H 9.00 - 20.00
Mon-Fri 8.00 - 17.00
Winter Sat-Sun & B/H 9.00 - 17.00



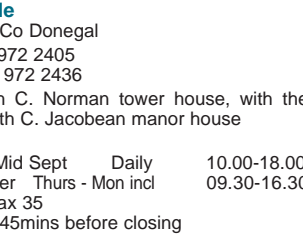
Fota Arboretum and Gardens
Fota Estate, Carrigtwohill, Co Cork
Tel/Fax +353 (021) 481 2728
Extends over an area of 11 hectares and includes an ornamental pond and Italian walled gardens.
Open: Apr-Oct Daily 9.00-18.00
Nov-March Daily 9.00-17.00
Gardens: Apr-Oct Mon-Thu 9.00-16.30
Fri 9.00-15.30
Sat & B/H 11.00-17.00
Apr-Sept Sun 2.00-17.00



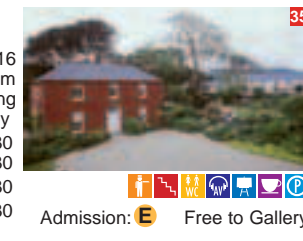
Inacullin (Garinish Island)
Glengarriff, Bantry, Co Cork
Tel +353 (027) 63040
Fax+353 (027) 63149
Island garden of rare beauty situated in the sheltered harbour of Glengarriff in Bantry Bay
Open: Apr Mon-Sat 10.00-18.30 Sun 13.00-18.30
May & Sept Mon-Sat 10.00-18.30 Sun 12.00-18.30
June Mon-Sat 10.00-18.30 Sun 11.00-18.30
July-Aug Mon-Sat 09.30-18.30 Sun 11.00-18.30
Oct Mon-Sat 10.00-16.00 Sun 13.00-17.00
Separate charge imposed by boat operators - Last landing 1 hour before closing



Donegal Castle
Donegal Town, Co Donegal
Tel +353 (074) 972 2405
Fax +353 (074) 972 2436
A restored 15th C. Norman tower house, with the addition of a 17th C. Jacobean manor house
Open: Easter - Mid Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Mid Sept - Easter Thurs - Mon incl 09.30-16.30
Guided Tour: Max 35
Last admission 45mins before closing



Glebe House and Gallery
Churchill, Letterkenny, Co Donegal
Tel +353 (074) 913 7071 Fax +353 (074) 913 7816
Regency house decorated with Victorian William Morris wallpaper, textiles and art works by leading 20th C. artists.
Open: Over Easter Daily 11.00 - 18.30
Late May - June Sat-Thurs 11.00 - 18.30
July & August: Daily 11.00 - 18.30
Sept Sat-Thurs 11.00 - 18.30
Last admission 1hr before closing



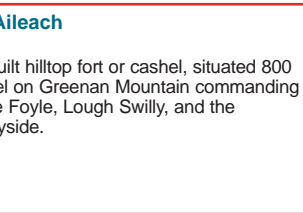
Glenveagh National Park and Castle
Churchill, Letterkenny, Co Donegal
Tel +353 (074) 913 7090 (extn 3609)
Fax +353 (074) 913 7072
16,500 hectares of mountains, lakes, glens and woods, and a 19th C. castle surrounded by the famous Glenveagh Gardens
Castle Open: Mar - Oct Daily 09.00-18.00
Nov - Feb Daily 09.00-17.00
Year Round 10.00-17.00
Teams (open All Year) Restaurant (open Easter-Sept)



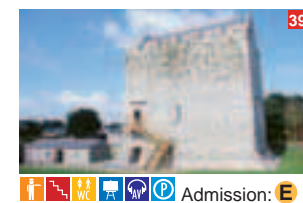
Newmills Corn and Flax Mills
Churchill Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal
Tel +353 (074) 912 5115
Fax +353 (074) 910 3353
A complex of restored industrial buildings, powered by the River Swilly
Open: Late May - Late Sept, Daily, 10.00 - 18.00
Guided Tour: Max 20
Last Admission 45 mins before closing.



The Gránán of Aileach
Burt, Co. Donegal
A very fine stone-built hilltop fort or cashel, situated 800 feet above sea level on Greenan Mountain commanding superb views of the Foyles, Lough Swilly, and the surrounding countryside.



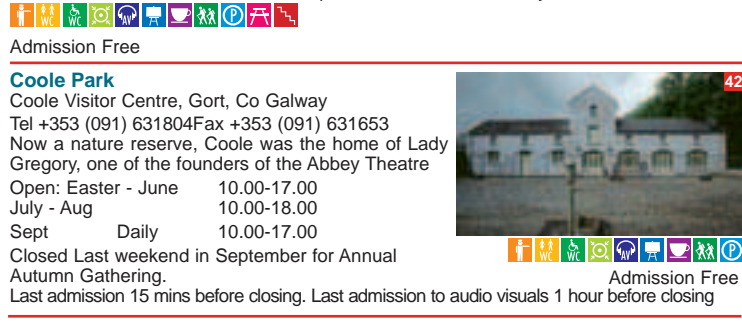
Athney Castle
Athney, Co Galway
Tel +353 (091) 844797
Fax +353 (091) 845796
13th C. three-storey tower house
Open: Easter - Sept Daily 10.00 - 18.00
To Mid Oct Mon-Thurs only 10.00 - 17.00
Last Admission 45mins. before closing



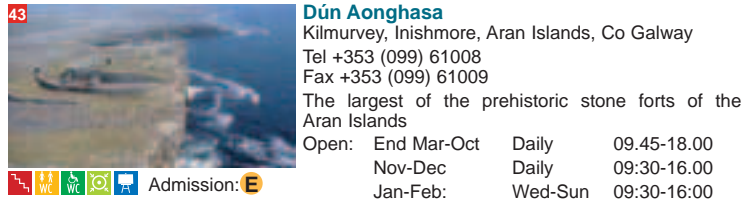
Aughnanure Castle
Oughterard, Co Galway
Tel +353 (091) 552214
Fax +353 (091) 557244
Well preserved 16th C. tower house
Open: Easter - Mid Oct Daily 09.30-18.00
Guided Tour Max: 20
Admission: €



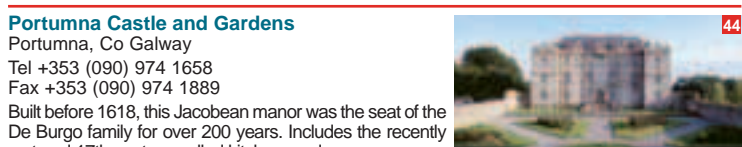
Connemara National Park
Letterfrack, Co Galway
Tel +353 (95) 41054 / 41323 / 60900
Fax +353 (095) 60912
Email: Siobhan.Geoghehan@environ.ie
Covers 2,000 hectares of scenic countryside, rich in wildlife, on the slopes of the Twelve Bens
Open: Mar-End Oct: Daily 09.00 - 17.30
Admission Free



Coole Park
Coole Visitor Centre, Gort, Co Galway
Tel +353 (091) 631804 Fax +353 (091) 631653
Now a nature reserve, Coole was the home of Lady Gregory, one of the founders of the Abbey Theatre
Open: Easter - June 10.00-17.00
July - Aug 10.00-18.00
Sept Daily 10.00-17.00
Closed Last weekend in September for Annual Autumn Gathering.
Last admission 15 mins before closing. Last admission to audio visuals 1 hour before closing



Portunna Castle and Gardens
Portunna, Co Galway
Tel +353 (090) 974 1858
Fax +353 (090) 974 1889
Built before 1618, this Jacobean manor was the seat of the De Burgo family for over 200 years.
Open: Easter - Mid Sept Daily 09.30-18.00
Oct, Weekends only up to the 20th Oct, 09.30-17.00
Admission: €



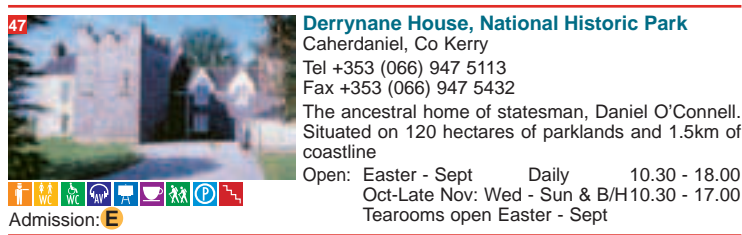
Teach an Pharsaigh (Pearse's Cottage)
Inbhear, Ros Muc, Co Galway
Tel +353 (091) 574292
Restored cottage, once the summer home of Patrick Pearse (1879-1916), nationalist, educationalist and poet.
Open: Easter Weekend Daily 10.00-17.00
Late May - Early Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Admission: €



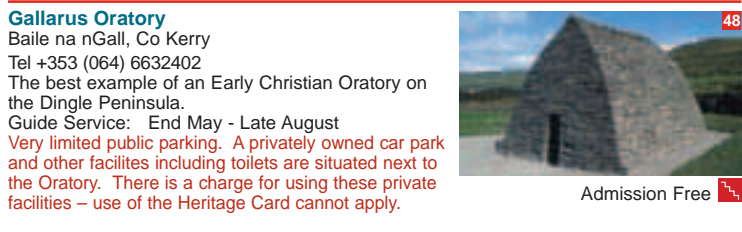
Ardferd Cathedral
Ardferd, Tralee, Co Kerry
Tel +353 (066) 713 4711
The cathedral dates from the 12-17th C.
Open: Early May - Late Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Guided Tour: Max 40
Last admission 45mins before closing



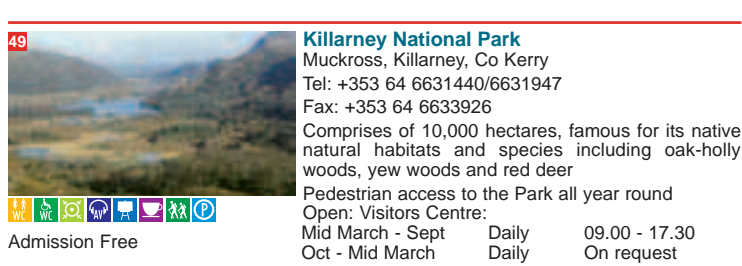
Derrynane House, National Historic Park
Caherdaniel, Co Kerry
Tel +353 (066) 947 5113
Fax +353 (066) 947 5432
The ancestral home of statesman, Daniel O'Connell.
Open: Easter - Sept Daily 10.30 - 18.00
Oct-Late Nov: Wed - Sun & B/H 10.30 - 17.00
Teams rooms open Easter - Sept



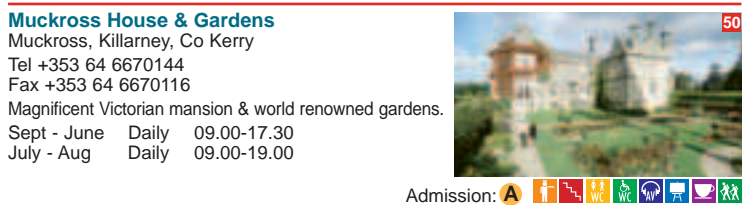
Gallarus Oratory
Baile na nGal, Co Kerry
Tel +353 (064) 6632402
The best example of an Early Christian Oratory on the Dingle Peninsula.
Open: Easter - Sept Daily 10.30 - 18.00
Oct-Late Nov: Wed - Sun & B/H 10.30 - 17.00
Teams rooms open Easter - Sept



Killarney National Park
Muckross, Killarney, Co Kerry
Tel +353 64 6631440/6631947
Fax: +353 64 6633926
Comprises of 10,000 hectares, famous for its native natural habitats and species including oak-holly woods, yew woods and red deer
Open: Visitors Centre: Mid March - Sept Daily 09.00 - 17.30
Oct - Mid March Daily On request
Admission Free



Muckross House & Gardens
Muckross, Killarney, Co Kerry
Tel +353 64 6670144
Fax +353 64 6670116
Magnificent Victorian mansion & world renowned gardens.
Open: June - Sept Daily 09.00-17.30
July - Aug Daily 09.00-19.00
Admission: €



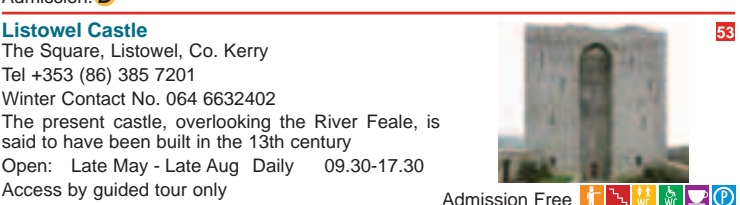
Muckross Traditional Farms
Muckross, Killarney, Co Kerry
Tel: +353 64 6631440/6670144
Fax: +353 64 6633926
Three separate working farms preserving in real life the farming traditions of rural Ireland
Open: Mid Mar & Apr Sat, Sun & B/H 13.00-18.00
May Daily 13.00-18.00
June - Aug Daily 10.00-18.00
Sept & Oct Sat, Sun & B/H 13.00-18.00
Admission: €



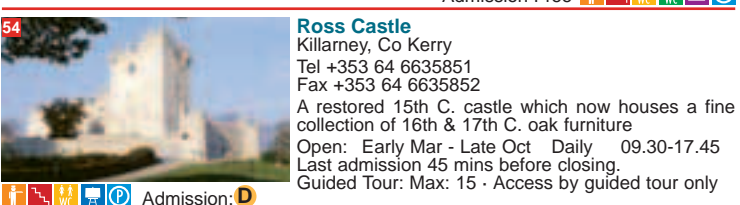
Ionad an Bhlascaoid Mhóir
Dún Chaoin, Baile an Fheirtéaraigh, Trá Lí, Co Chiarraí
Tel +353 (066) 915 6444 / (066) 915 6371
Fax +353 (066) 915 6446
Celebrates the story of the Blasket Islanders their native language, culture and tradition
Open: Easter - Mid Oct Daily 10.00-18.00
Open for bookings in winter



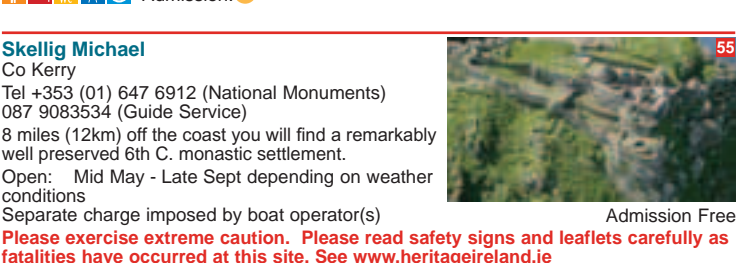
Listowel Castle
The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry
Tel +353 (86) 385 7201
Winter Contact No. 064 6632402
The present castle, overlooking the River Feale, is said to have been built in the 13th century
Open: Late May - Late Aug Daily 09.30-17.30
Access by guided tour only
Admission Free



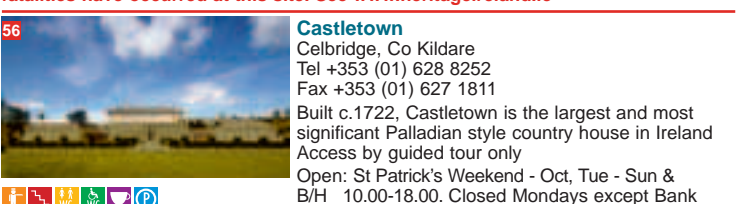
Ross Castle
Killarney, Co Kerry
Tel +353 64 6635851
Fax +353 64 6635852
A restored 15th C. castle which now houses a fine collection of 16th & 17th C. oak furniture
Open: Early Mar - Late Oct Daily 09.30-17.45
Last admission 45 mins before closing.
Open: Late May - Early Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Admission Free



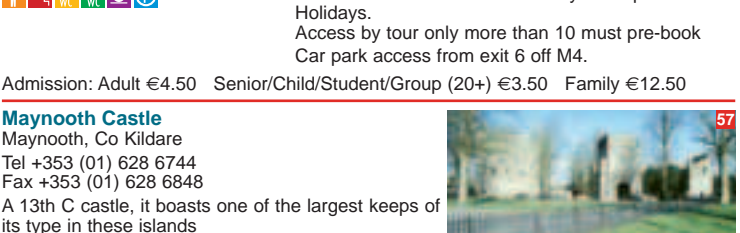
Skellig Michael
Co Kerry
Tel +353 (01) 647 6912 (National Monuments) 087 9083534 (Guide Service)
8 miles (12km) off the coast you will find a remarkably well preserved 6th C. monastic settlement.
Open: Mid May - Late Sept depending on weather conditions
Separate charge imposed by boat operator(s)
Please exercise extreme caution. Please read safety signs and leaflets carefully as fatalities have occurred at this site. See www.heritageireland.ie



Castletown
Celbridge, Co Kildare
Tel +353 (01) 628 8252
Fax +353 (01) 627 1811
Built c.1722, Castletown is the largest and most significant neoclassical style country house in Ireland
Open: St Patrick's Weekend - Oct, Tue - Sun & B/H 10.00-18.00. Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays.
Access by tour only more than 10 m4 pre-book Car park access from exit 6 off M4.



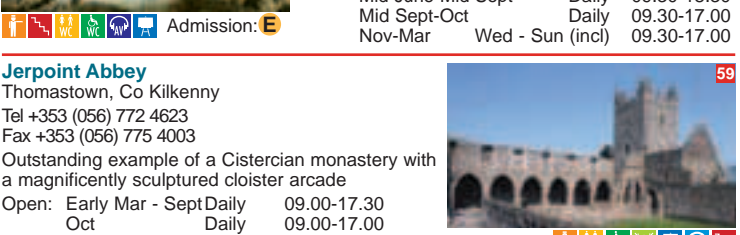
Maynooth Castle
Maynooth, Co Kildare
Tel +353 (01) 628 6744
Fax +353 (01) 628 6848
A 13th C castle. It boasts one of the largest keeps of its type in these islands
Open: Late May - Late Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Wed-Sun and Bank Holidays
Last tour 16.30. Grounds Close 17.45
Admission Free



Dunmore Cave
Castlemore Road, Co. Kilkenny
Tel +353 (056) 776 7726
Fax +353 (056) 776 7302
One of Ireland's most interesting limestone caves. It was the site of a Viking massacre in 928
Open: Mar-Mid June Daily 09.30-17.00
Mid June-Mid Sept Daily 09.30-18.30
Mid Sept-Oct Daily 09.30-17.00
Nov-Mar Wed - Sun (incl) 09.30-17.00
Admission: €



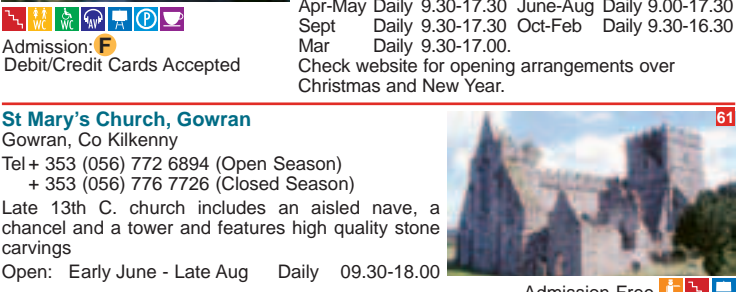
Jerpoint Abbey
Thomastown, Co Kilkenny
Tel +353 (056) 772 4623
Fax +353 (056) 775 4003
Outstanding example of a Cistercian monastery with a magnificently sculptured cloister arcade
Open: Early Mar - Sept Daily 09.00-17.30
Oct - Start Dec Daily 09.00-17.00
Nov - Start Dec Daily 09.30-16.00
Dec - Mar Pre - booked tours only



Kilkenny Castle
Kilkenny City, Co Kilkenny
Tel +353 (056) 770 4100 Fax +353 (056) 770 4116
www.kilkennycastle.ie. Recently restored to 1830s splendour, the castle is set in extensive parklands.
Open: Easter - Mid Sept Daily 09.00-17.30
Apr-May Daily 9.30-17.30 June-Aug Daily 9.00-17.30
Sept Daily 9.30-17.30 Oct-Feb Daily 9.30-16.30
Admission: €
Debit/Credit Cards Accepted
Check website for opening arrangements over Christmas and New Year.



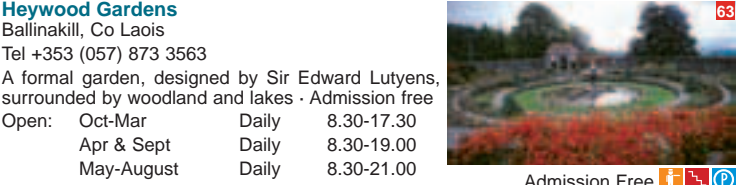
St Mary's Church, Gowran
Gowran, Co Kilkenny
Tel + 353 (056) 776 7268 (Open Season) + 353 (056) 776 7262 (Closed Season)
Late 13th C. church includes an aisled nave, a chancel and a tower and features high quality stone carvings
Open: Early June - Late Aug Daily 09.30-18.00
Admission Free



Emo Court
Emo, Co Laois
Tel +353 (057) 862 6573
Fax +353 (057) 862 6460
A magnificent neo-classical house surrounded by extensive parklands. Access to house by guided tour only
Open: Gardens: All year Daily daylight hours
Open: Easter - Mid Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Admission: €



Heywood Gardens
Ballinakill, Co Laois
Tel +353 (057) 873 3563
A formal garden designed by Sir Edward Lutyns, surrounded by woodland and lakes - Admission free
Open: Oct-Mar Daily 8.30-17.30
Apr & Sept Daily 8.30-19.00
May-August Daily 8.30-21.00
Admission Free



Parke's Castle
Fivemile Bourne, Co Leitrim
Tel +353 (071) 916 4149
Fax +353 (071) 916 4546
17th C. fortified manor house, recently restored using Irish oak and traditional craftsmanship
Open: Easter - Mid Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Last admission 45 min before closing.
Admission: €



Adare Castle
Adare, Co Limerick
Tel +353 (061) 396666 Fax +353 (061) 396932
A fine example of the medieval fortified castle. It was an important stronghold of the Earls of Desmond
Open: June - Sept
Castle Access is by tour from the Adare Heritage Centre
Admission: Adult €6.00
Child/Student/Senior €5.00 Family €15.00 Group €4.50



Desmond Hall (Banqueting Hall)
The Square, Newcastlew, Co Limerick
Tel +353 (069) 77408
Built in 15th C. its medieval features include restored musicians oak gallery and hooded fireplace.
Open: Late May - Early Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Admission Free Guided Tours Only



Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre
Kenagh, Co Longford
Tel +353 (043) 3322386
Fax +353 (043) 3322442
The centre interprets an Iron Age bog road, the largest of this kind to be uncovered in Europe dating from 148 BC
Open: Easter - Mid Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Access by guided tour only
Admission Free



Old Mellifont Abbey
Tullyallen, Drogheda, Co Louth
Tel: Late Mar - Late Aug +353 (41) 982 6459 (Old Mellifont Abbey)
Fax: Late May - Late Aug +353 (41) 982 6053
Tel: Oct-End Apr +353 (41) 988 0300 (Bru na Boinne)
Fax: Oct-End Apr +353 (41) 982 3071
Ireland's first Cistercian monastery, its most unique features being its octagonal lavabo c.1200
Open: Late May - Late Aug Daily 10.00-18.00
Contact Bru na Boinne at 041 9880300 brunaboinne@opw.ie



Cáide Fields
Ballycastle, Co Mayo
Tel +353 (096) 43325 Fax +353 (096) 43261
Stone Age landscape of stone-walled fields, dwellings and megalithic tombs preserved under blanket bogland, over 5,000 years old
Open: Easter - End May Daily 10.00-17.00
June - End Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Oct Daily 10.00-17.00
Rest of year open for groups. Advance bookings only.
Admission: €



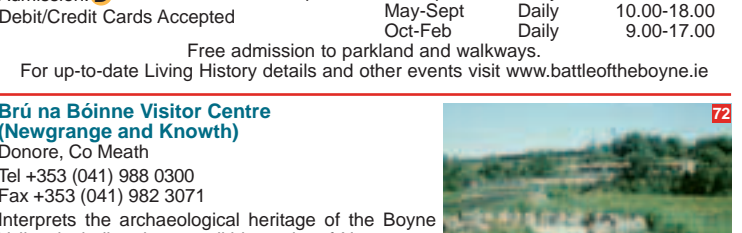
Ballycrov National Park
Ballycrov National park Visitor Centre, Ballycrov Village, Co Mayo
Tel +353 98 49888/49996
Fax +353 98 49879/49017
e-mail: ballycrovvisitorcentre@environ.ie
Website: www.ballycrovnationalpark.ie
Comprising 11,000 hectares of Atlantic blanket bog and mountainous terrain, covering a vast uninhabited and unspoilt wilderness dominated by the Nephin Beg mountain range.
Visitor Centre: Early Mar-Sept Daily 10.00-17.30



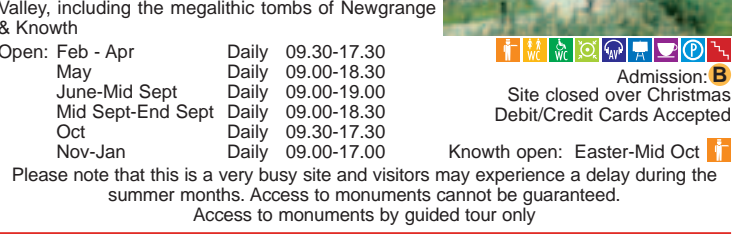
Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
Oldbridge, Co. Meath
Tel + 353 (041) 980 9950
Fax +353 (041) 984 9873
The Battle of the Boyne between King William III and his father-in-law, King James II, was fought on the 1st July 1690 (11th July according to our modern calendar).
Open: Mar-Apr Daily 9.30-17.30
May-May Daily 9.00-18.00
June-May Daily 9.00-18.00
July-May Daily 9.00-17.00
Admission: €
Debit/Credit Cards Accepted
For up-to-date Living History details and other events visit www.battleoftheboyne.ie



Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre (Newgrange and Knowth)
Donore, Co Meath
Tel +353 (041) 988 0300
Fax +353 (041) 982 3071
Interprets the archaeological heritage of the Boyne Valley, including the megalithic tombs of Newgrange & Knowth
Open: Feb - Apr Daily 09.30-17.30
May Daily 09.00-18.30
June-Mid Sept Daily 09.00-19.00
Mid Sept-End Sept Daily 09.00-18.30
Oct Daily 09.30-17.30
Nov-Jan Daily 09.00-17.00
Open: Easter-Mid Oct Daily 09.00-18.30
Site closed over Christmas
Debit/Credit Cards Accepted
Please note that this is a very busy site and visitors may experience a delay during the summer months. Access to monuments cannot be guaranteed.
Access to monuments by guided tour only



Hill of Tara
Navan, Co Meath
End May-Mid Sept
Tel/Fax +353 (046) 902 5903
Mid Sept-End May
Tel +353 (041) 988 0300
Fax +353 (041) 982 3071
Seat of the High Kings of Ireland, it was the most important centre of political and religious power in pre-Christian Ireland
Open: Late May - Mid Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Admission: €



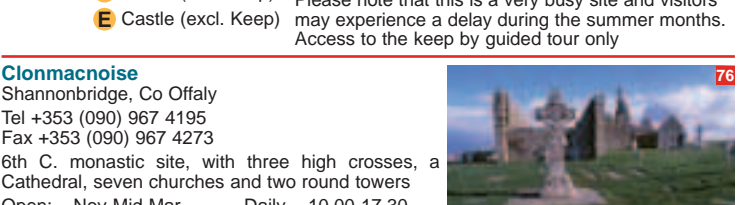
Loughcrew
Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (049) 854 1240
Fax +353 (041) 982 3071 (Brú na Bóinne)
The Loughcrew Cairns, also known as the Little Hills of the Witch, are a group of Neolithic passage tombs dating to 3000 BC
Open: Late May - Late Aug Daily 10.00-18.00
Admission Free



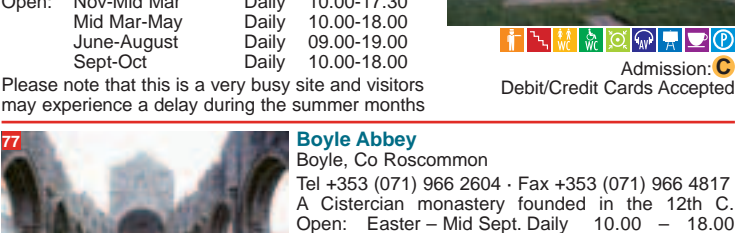
Trim Castle
Trim, Co Meath
Tel +353 (046) 943 8619
Fax +353 (046) 943 8618
Largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland, constructed by Hugh de Lacy in the 12th C.
Open: St Patrick's W/End-Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
October Daily 09.30-17.30
Nov - Mid March W/Ends only
Closed weekend before Christmas & New Year. Please note that this is a very busy site and visitors may experience a delay during the summer months. Access to the keep by guided tour only
Admission: €
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Castle (excl. Keep)



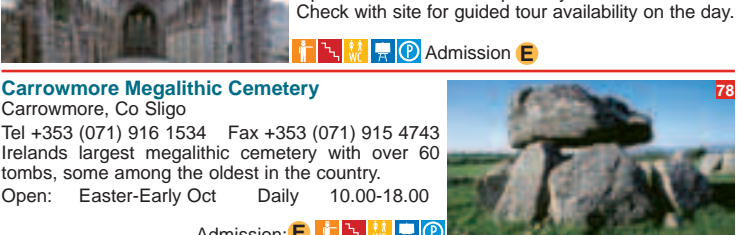
Clonmacnoise
Shannonbridge, Co Offaly
Tel +353 (090) 967 4195
Fax +353 (090) 967 4273
6th C. monastic site, with three high crosses, a Cathedral, seven churches and two round towers
Open: Nov-Mid Mar Daily 10.00-17.30
Mid Mar-May Daily 10.00-18.00
June-August Daily 09.00-19.00
Sept-Oct Daily 10.00-18.00
Admission: €
Debit/Credit Cards Accepted
Please note that this is a very busy site and visitors may experience a delay during the summer months



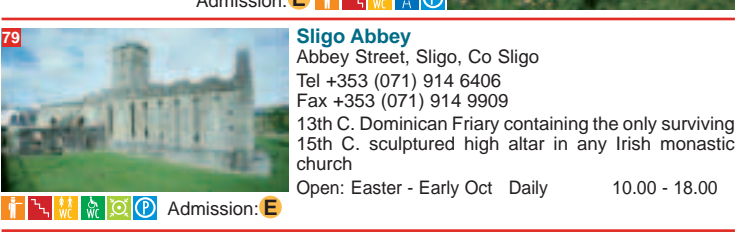
Boyle Abbey
Boyle, Co Roscommon
Tel +353 (071) 966 2604 - Fax +353 (071) 966 4817
A Cistercian monastery founded in the 12th C.
Open: Easter - Mid Sept Daily 10.00 - 18.00
Check with site for guided tour availability on the day.
Admission: €



Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery
Carrowmore, Co Sligo
Tel +353 (071) 916 1534 Fax +353 (071) 915 4743
Ireland's largest megalithic cemetery with over 60 tombs, some among the oldest in the country.
Open: Easter-Early Oct Daily 10.00-18.00
Admission: €



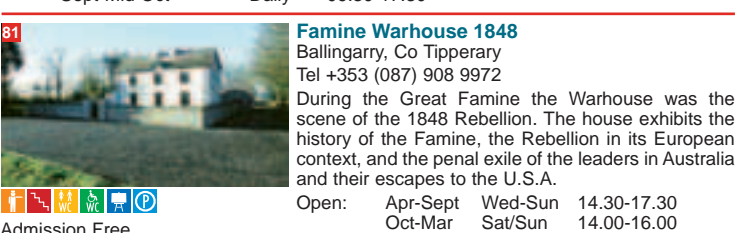
Sligo Abbey
Abbey Street, Sligo, Co Sligo
Tel +353 (071) 914 8406
Fax +353 (071) 914 9909
13th C. Dominican Friary containing the only surviving 15th C. sculptured high altar in any Irish monastic church
Open: Easter - Early Oct Daily 10.00 - 18.00
Admission: €



Cahir Castle
Castle Street, Cahir, Co Tipperary
Tel +353 (52) 7441011
Fax +353 (52) 7442324
One of Ireland's largest and best preserved castles (13th-19th C.)
Closed 24-30 December inclusive
Open: Mid Oct-Feb Daily 09.30-16.30
Mar-Mid June Daily 09.30-17.30
Mid June-Aug Daily 09.00-18.30
Sept-Mid Oct Daily 09.30-17.30
Admission: €



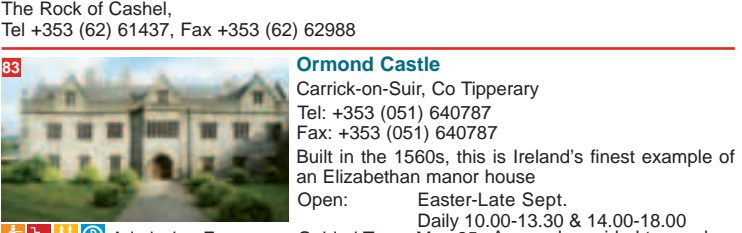
Famine Warehouse 1848
Ballingarry, Co Tipperary
Tel +353 (087) 908 9972
During the Great Famine the Warehouse was the scene of the Famine, the Rebellion in its European context, and the penal exile of the leaders in Australia and their escapes to the U.S.A.
Open: Apr-Sept Wed-Sun 14.30-17.30
Oct-Mar Sat-Sun 14.00-16.00
By appointment contact +353 87 908 9972



The Main Guard
Sarsfield Street, Clonmel, Co Tipperary
Tel +353 (52) 6127484 Fax +353 (52) 6127517
The Main Guard was built by James Butler, Duke of Ormonde, in 1675 as the courthouse for the administrative area of Co Tipperary
Open: Easter-End Sept: Daily, 9.30-18.00
Restricted hours in closed season please contact The Rock of Cashel.
Tel +353 (62) 61437, Fax +353 (62) 62988



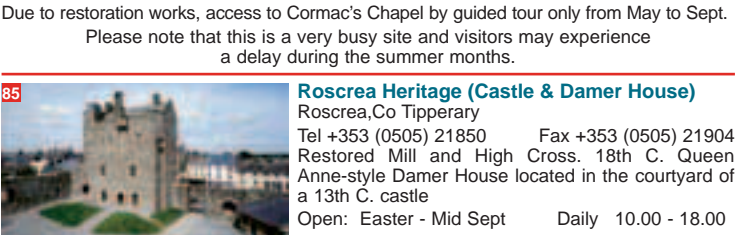
Ormond Castle
Carrick-on-Suir, Co Tipperary
Tel +353 (051) 640787
Fax: +353 (051) 640787
Built in the 1500s, this is Ireland's finest example of an Elizabethan manor house
Open: Easter-Late Sept. Daily 10.00-13.30 & 14.00-18.00
Guided Tour: Max 25 Access by guided tour only
Admission: €



Rock of Cashel
Cashel, Co Tipperary
Tel +353 (062) 61437
Fax +353 (062) 62988
A spectacular group of Medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale
Open: Early Sept-Mid Oct Daily 09.00-17.30
Mid Oct-Mid Mar Daily 09.00-16.30
Mid Mar-Early June Daily 09.00-17.30
Early June-Early Sept Daily 09.00-19.00
Admission: €



Roscrea Heritage (Castle & Damer House)
Roscrea, Co Tipperary
Tel +353 (0505) 21850 Fax +353 (0505) 21904
Restored Mill and High Cross. 18th C. Queen Anne-style Damer House located in the courtyard of a 13th C. castle
Open: Easter - Mid Sept Daily 10.00 - 18.00
Admission: €



Swiss Cottage
Kilcommon, Co Tipperary
Tel +353 (052) 7441144
A superb example of an early 19th C. "cottage orné"
Open: End March - Mid Oct Daily 10.00-18.00
Guided Tour: Max 12
Admission: €



Dungarvan Castle
Castle Street, Dungarvan, Co Waterford
Tel +353 (058) 48144
The castle consists of a polygonal 12th C. shell keep with an enclosing curtain wall, a corner tower and a gate tower.
Open: Late May - Late Sept Daily 10.00-18.00
Access by guided tour only
Last admission 45 mins before closing.
Admission Free



Reginald's Tower