



IRELAND'S
ANCIENT EAST®
Wander Through Time

EXPERIENCE THE ANCIENT, VIKING & GARDENS OF IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

A selection of saleable experiences



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Ireland's Ancient East is a touring region that offers your customers the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich history, culture and stories of this beautiful yet relatively unexplored part of Ireland.

It is the chance to go on a journey of discovery as this part of Ireland is full of great visitor experiences set in off-the-beaten track, lush, green landscapes and along coastlines rich with history.

It's the chance to explore castles and manor houses and wonderful gardens, in medieval cities and legendary sites, where 5,000 years of extraordinary history and folklore are brought vividly to life by the warm and welcoming local people that they will meet.

For this is a European cultural destination with a difference – and the difference is the people and the stories they tell. Connecting past with present. And bringing it all vividly to life.

ANCIENT



Brú na Bóinne

Megalithic tombs older than the pyramids, that have held their secrets for 5,000 years.

Donore, Co. Meath

353-41-9880300 | Brunaboinne@opw.ie

www.worldheritageireland.ie/

bru-na-boinne

LOCATED NEARBY



Hill of Uisneach

Stand where mythology meets archaeology at the royal, sacred and ceremonial centre of Ireland.

Rathnew, Loughnavalley, Co. Westmeath

353-87-718 9550 | info@uisneach.ie

www.uisneach.ie

LOCATED NEARBY

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre

www.battleoftheboyne.ie

Rock Farm Slane Electric Bike Tours

www.rockfarmslane.ie/activities/electric-bikes

Carlingford Lough Scenic Ferry

www.carlingfordferry.com

Floating Through Time River Tour

www.boynevalleyactivities.ie/index.php/river-tours

Knowth Passage Tomb

www.worldheritageireland.ie/bru-na-boinne

Listoke Distillery & Gin School

www.listokedistillery.ie

Loughcrew Megalithic Cairns

www.loughcrewmegalithiccentre.com

Old Mellifont Abbey

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

Slane Castle & Slane Irish Whiskey

www.slaneastle.ie

www.slaneirishwhiskey.com

Trim Castle

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

Athlone Castle

www.athlonecastle.ie

Belvedere House, Gardens & Park

www.belvedere-house.ie

Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Centre

www.birrcastle.com

Clonmacnoise Monastic Site

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

Dún na Sí Amenity & Heritage Park

www.dunnasi.ie

Kilbeggan Distillery Experience

www.kilbeggandistillery.com

Old Rail Cycle Trail

www.athlone.ie/visit/the-old-rail-trail

Tullamore Dew

www.tullamoredew.com

Tullynally Castle Gardens

www.tullynallycastle.ie

Viking Ship Cruises

www.vikingtoursireland.ie

Food

Stories of our food and drink connect visitors with our place - with our landscape, our seas, our history, our heritage and our values.

Catch and Cook at
Athenaeum House

www.athenaeumhousehotel.com

Cork Tasting Trail

www.fabfoodtrails.ie

Macreddin Village
Food Journey

www.brooklodge.com

Salmon of Knowledge

www.salmonofknowledgeexperience.com

Wild Food Mary

www.wildfoodmary.com

VIKING



Waterford Viking Triangle

Delve into the three museums of Waterford Treasures, reading the changing times through precious artefacts.

The Mall, Waterford | 353-51-849650
bookings@waterfordcouncil.ie
www.waterfordtreasures.com

LOCATED NEARBY

The Irish National Heritage Park

This open-air museum brings you through 9,000 years of Irish history with full-scale reconstructions of houses, forts and tombs.

Ferrycarrig, Co. Wexford
353-53-9120733 | info@inhp.com
www.irishheritage.ie

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Bishop's Palace

www.waterfordtreasures.com

Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience

www.dunbrody.com

House of Waterford Crystal

www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com

King of the Vikings

www.kingofthevikings.com

Medieval Museum

www.waterfordtreasures.com

Mount Congreve

www.mountcongreve.com

Reginald's Tower

www.waterfordtreasures.com/reginalds-tower

Traditional Sail Waterford Harbour

www.traditionalboatcharters.com

Waterford & Suir Valley Railway

www.wsvrailway.ie

Waterford Greenway

www.visitwaterfordgreenway.com

Colclough Walled Garden

www.colcloughwalledgarden.com

Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience

www.dunbrody.com

Enniscorthy Castle

www.enniscorthycastle.ie

Johnstown Castle & Gardens

www.irishagrimuseum.ie

Loftus Hall

www.loftushall.ie

Ros Tapestry Exhibition Centre

www.rosapestry.ie

The Kennedy Homestead

www.kennedyhomestead.ie

The Norman Way Heritage Trail

www.thenormanway.com

Tintern Abbey & Walks

www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/tinternabbey

Wells House & Gardens

www.wellshouse.ie

LOCATED NEARBY

Hook Lighthouse

Normans, monks and grateful sailors: climb 115 steps to enjoy spectacular views from this 800-year-old lighthouse.

Churchtown, Hook Head, Co. Wexford
353-51-397055
info@hookheritage.ie
www.hookheritage.ie





Huntington Castle

Originally built as a garrison in 1625, a tour of this sumptuous family home brings all its history to life.

Clonegal, Co. Carlow | 353-53-9377160
info@huntingtoncastle.com
www.huntingtoncastle.com

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Mount Congreve

There's a real sense of escape at these elegant gardens considered to be amongst the finest in the world.

Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford
353-51-384115 | ray@mountcongreve.com
www.mountcongreve.com

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Powerscourt House & Gardens

Step into one of the world's greatest gardens, discover the tragic history of a grand mansion and breathe in Wicklow's beauty.

Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow
353-1-2046000 | info@powerscourt.net
www.powerscourt.com

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Altamont Gardens

www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/altamontgardens

Blackstairs Eco Trails

www.blackstairsecotrails.ie

Brownhill Dolmen

www.carlowtourism.com/brownhill-dolmen-2/

Duckett's Grove Walled Gardens

www.carlowtourism.com/ducketts-grove-walled-gardens-and-pleasure-grounds

Go with the Flow River Adventures

www.gowiththeflow.ie

Highbank Orchards

www.highbankorchards.com

Kilkenny Castle

www.kilkennycastle.ie

Medieval Mile Museum

www.medievalmilemuseum.ie

Shenanigan's Kilkenny Walking Tours

www.shenaniganswalks.com/

Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny

www.smithwicksexperience.com

Clockgate Tower, Youghal

www.youghalclockgate.ie

Curraghmore House & Gardens

www.curraghmorehouse.ie

House of Waterford Crystal

www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com

Kilkenny Castle

www.kilkennycastle.ie

King of the Vikings

www.kingofthevikings.com

Lismore Castle Gardens

www.lismorecastlegardens.com

Ormond Castle

www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/ormondcastle

Waterford & Suir Valley Railway

www.wsvrailway.ie

Waterford Greenway

www.visitwaterfordgreenway.com

Waterford Treasures: Bishop's Palace & Medieval Museum

www.waterfordtreasures.com

Avondale House & Forest Park

www.coillte.ie/site/avondale-forest-park

Ballyknocken House & Cookery School

www.ballyknocken.ie

Castletown House

www.castletown.ie

Glendalough Monastic Settlement

www.glendalough.ie

Irish National Stud & Gardens

www.irishnationalstud.ie

Killruddery House & Gardens

www.killruddery.com

Mount Usher Gardens

www.mountushergardens.ie

National Botanic Gardens, Kilmacurragh

www.botanicgardens.ie/kilmac/kilmhome.htm

Russborough House & Parklands

www.russborough.ie

Wicklow's Historic Gaol

www.wicklowshistoricgaol.com

Craft

Rooted in the landscape, skills are passed down the generations and new stories are added to myths and legends.

Celtic Roots Bog Oak Studio www.celtic-roots.com

House of Waterford Crystal www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com

Jerpoint Glass www.jerpointglass.com

Kilkenny Design Centre www.kilkennydesign.com

Nicholas Mosse Pottery www.nicholasmosse.com





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Ireland's Ancient East is a region with plenty of historical twists and turns!

From Viking invaders and Norman knights to high kings, monks and fleeing emigrants; visit places that boast of great legends, strange tales and mighty battles. With experiences to entertain and delight; start your next adventure now.







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Please contact us for more saleable and free experiences.

The Irish National Heritage Park