

Ashtown Castle Visit

Before visiting Ashtown Castle, you will collect your tickets at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. The visitor centre is in a courtyard with tables and chairs and a café on the other side.



Once you come inside the visitor centre you will see our reception desk in front of you. There are lots of different information leaflets available please take one!



You will be greeted by one of our friendly tour guides, and receive your free tickets. They will let you know what time your tour will start. You can have a look around the visitor centre while you are waiting for the tour to begin.



A guide will call you for your tour and you will walk over to the castle.



Your guide will begin your tour in front of the castle.

Before your tour begins your guide will give a brief health and safety announcement. Stay with the guide at all times, in case of emergency follow their instructions.

The Guide will give you a brief introduction to the history of the building. We will then enter the Castle where a special tool to remove stones from the keyhole is used before they can open the door.



Now let's go inside and explore.



Once inside you enter at the ground floor the guide will point out interesting items for you to look at regarding the history of the building.



Something of interest are the musket loops used for defence of the Castle small openings to protect the soldiers on the inside.



From the ground floor we will walk up a flight of stairs to the first floor. Be careful on the stairs as they are very narrow hold onto the handrail.

The first floor is where the family would live you will notice it is much brighter there are more windows.



and there is a fireplace!



On the top floor is the bedroom where the family would sleep and you will notice a gallery up above. Originally this would have a flat ceiling but we have left the roof exposed so you can see where the soldiers would sleep on the top floor where it is very cold.



Our tour is now over and we will move down the stairs to the front door. You are very welcome to come back and look at the visitor centre again. If you have any questions after your visit, any of our guides will be more than happy to assist you.

Further information about visiting the Phoenix Park can be found at www.phoenixpark.ie

or by phoning the Visitor Centre on 01 677 0095



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