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Guided Tour



Disabled Toilets



Exhibition



Car / Coach Park



Restricted Access



Visitor Centre



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Picnic Area

Heritage Sites

Dublin

OPEN:

Saturdays only

01 | Áras an Uachtaráin

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8

A taste of presidential elegance

The first president of the Republic of Ireland, Douglas Hyde, took up residence here in 1938. It has been home to every president since then.

T. 01 677 0095 / E. phoenixparkvisitorcentre@opw.ie

OPEN:

All year round

02 | Arbour Hill Cemetery

Arbour Hill, Dublin 7

The final resting place of the leaders of 1916

The military cemetery at Arbour Hill is the last resting place of 14 of the executed leaders of the 1916 Rising.

T. 01 821 3021 / E. superintendent.park@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

18 June –
06 November 2022

03 | Casino Marino

Cherrymount Crescent, Marino, Dublin 3

Ireland's miniature architectural masterpiece

Designed by Chambers as a pleasure-house, it is a gem of 18th C neo-classical architecture, one of the finest buildings of that style in Europe.

T. 01 833 1618 / E. casinomarino@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

04 | Custom House Visitor Centre

Custom House Quay, Beresford Place, Dublin 1

Stories of building and burning

A masterpiece of European neo classism built in the 18th C and an iconic riverside landmark in Dublin city.

T. 046 940 7140 / E. customhousevc@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

05 | Dublin Castle

Dame Street, Dublin 2

The nerve centre of historical power in Ireland

Built in the 13th C its history stretches back to the Vikings; marvel at the state apartments, undercroft, and chapel royal.

T. 01 645 8813 / E. dublincastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

10 March –
31 December 2022

06 | Farmleigh House and Estate

Phoenix Park, Dublin 15

An eclectic Edwardian mansion

Previously a home of the Guinness family, this 78-acre estate within the Phoenix Park includes the mansion, gallery, working farm, lake and gardens.

T. 01 815 5914 / E. farmleighguides@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

07 | Garden of Remembrance

Parnell Square East, Dublin 1

A tranquil memorial in the heart of Dublin

A beautiful garden in the city centre, dedicated to the memory of 'all those who gave their lives in the cause of Irish freedom'.

T. +01 821 3021 / E. superintendent.park@opw.ie

OPEN:

Saturdays only

08 | Government Buildings

Governments Buildings, Merrion St. Upper, Dublin 2

A working hub for the business of the state

The imposing complex of Government Buildings on Merrion Street Upper, next door to Leinster House.

T. 01 645 8813

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

09 | Grangegorman Military Cemetery

Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7

Remembering the fallen of the British Empire

The largest military cemetery in Ireland.

T. +01 821 3021 / E. superintendent.park@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

10 | Irish National War Memorial Gardens

Islandbridge, Dublin 8

Reflect in this beautiful garden monument

Dedicated to the 49,400 Irish soldiers who died in the First World War.

T. 01 475 7816 / E. parkmanager@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

11 | Iveagh Gardens

Clonmel Street, Dublin 2

Experience wonder in Dublin's 'secret garden'

Designed by Ninian Niven in 1865 as the grounds for the Dublin Exhibition Palace and containing a unique collection of features.

T. 01 475 7816 / E. parkmanager@opw.ie

OPEN:

All year round

12 | Kilmainham Gaol

Inchicore Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8

A monument to Irish nationalism

Since it opened in 1796, Kilmainham Gaol has witnessed some of the most heroic and tragic events in Ireland's emergence as a modern nation.

T. 01 4535984 / E. kilmainhamgaol@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

13 | National Botanic Gardens

Glasnevin, Dublin 9

An oasis of green in the metropolis

Home to over 15,000 plant species and cultivars. The jewel in the gardens' crown is a set of exquisitely restored and planted historic glasshouses.

T. 01 857 0909 / E. botanicgardens@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

14 | Pearse Museum – St Enda's Park

St Enda's Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

An enthralling chapter in the story of 1916

The residence of the leader of the 1916 Rising, Patrick Pearse.

T. 01 493 4208 / E. pearsemuseum@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

15 | Phoenix Park

Dublin 8

Where Dublin goes to breathe

The largest enclosed public park in any capital city in Europe (700 hectares). A large herd of fallow deer still calls it home.

T. 01 821 3021 / E. superintendent.park@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

16 | Phoenix Park – People's Flower Gardens

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8

Enjoy Victorian floriculture at its best

An enclosed and immaculately manicured Victorian flower garden.

T. 01 821 3021 / E. superintendent.park@opw.ie

OPEN:

All year round

17 | Phoenix Park Visitor Centre – Ashtown Castle

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8

A rediscovered medieval gem and its demesne

Includes an entertaining exhibition of the park's history / wildlife.

T. 01 677 0095 / E. phoenixparkvisitorcentre@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

18 | Rathfarnham Castle

Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14

An inspiring Elizabethan castle

With its four flanker towers, an excellent example of the Elizabethan fortified house in Ireland, re-modelled on a splendid scale in the 18th C.

T. 01 493 9462 / E. rathfarnhamcastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

19 | Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Military Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8

From old soldiers' home to art museum

A magnificent late 17th C classical building with chapel, great hall, formal gardens, burial grounds and artists' studios.

T. 01 643 7700 / E. rhktours@opw.ie

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**03 June –
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20 | St Audeon's Church

Corn Market (near High Street), Dublin 8

A medieval chapel at the centre of city life

The only remaining medieval parish church in the capital, it is dedicated to the 7th C bishop of Rouen and patron saint of Normandy.

T. 01 677 0088 / E. staudeonschurch@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

21 | St Stephen's Green

St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

A Victorian civic gem in the heart of Dublin

Opened in 1880 this 9-hectare green space has been maintained in its original Victorian layout.

T. 01 475 7816 / E. info@heritageireland.ie

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OPEN:

**08 April –
22 September 2022**

Closed Tuesdays
and Wednesdays from
April – June

22 | Annes Grove Gardens

Castletownroche, County Cork

A horticultural paradise in north Cork

Spectacular gardens of international importance including a woodland garden, river garden, walled garden, wildflower meadow and lily pond.

T. 087 3497972 / E. donerailecourt@opw.ie

OPEN:

All year round

Gardens open

GUIDE SERVICE:

May – September

23 | Altamont Gardens

Altamont, Tullow, Co. Carlow

Old-world gardens

A large and beautiful estate covering 16 hectares in total, Altamont Gardens is laid out in the style of William Robinson.

T. 059 915 9444 / E. altamontgardens@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

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Ireland website:
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24 | Ballyhack Castle

Ballyhack, Arthurstown, Co. Wexford

Savour a sense of the Middle Ages

It is thought that the Knights Hospitallers of St John built this sturdy tower house around 1450.

T. 051 389 468 / E. breda.lynch@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

25 | Battle of the Boyne

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, Oldbridge House, Oldbridge, Drogheda, Co. Meath

Where two kings fought for Europe's future

At this place on 1 July 1690 a battle took place which changed the continent of Europe forever.

T. 041 980 9950 / E. battleoftheboyne@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

26 | Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre – Newgrange and Knowth

Donore, Co. Meath

Ireland's richest archaeological landscape

A World Heritage site famous for Neolithic passage tombs.

T. 041 988 0300 / E. brunaboinne@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

27 | Cahir Castle

Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

A defensive powerhouse of the thirteenth century

One of Ireland's largest and best-preserved castles, built in the 13th C it stands proudly on a rocky island on the River Suir.

T. 052 744 1011 / E. cahircastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

07 April –
23 October 2022

28 | Castletown House and Parklands

Celbridge, Co. Kildare

Ireland's first and finest Palladian manison

The house contains a significant collection of paintings, furnishings and objets d'art.

T. 01 6128 8252 / E. castletown@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



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Doneraile Estate

Doneraile, Co. Cork

OPEN:

27 January – 28 September 2022

Park open / Court closed

North Cork's 'real-life Downton Abbey'

Doneraile Court towers majestically over the glorious Doneraile Park, a 160-hectare landscaped parkland and wildlife estate.

The house was built by the St Leger family around 1645 on the site of a ruined castle. By the time it was refurbished in the mid-eighteenth century it had become an outstanding example of Georgian architecture. Its associations range from links to the famous St Leger Stakes in horse racing and literature, with famous Irish writers such as Elizabeth Bowen.

Thirteen generations of the St Leger family lived at Doneraile over three centuries. The family had some extraordinary members. For example, Elizabeth St Leger made history when she became the first woman Freemason in the world in 1712.

T. 046 942 3175 / E. donerailecourt@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

Please check Heritage Ireland website:
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30 | Dungarvan Castle

Castle Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

The dawn of Anglo-Norman rule in Ireland

Built c.1209 to safeguard the entrance to Dungarvan Harbour it has a polygonal shell keep, a rare building type in Ireland.

T. 058 48144 / E. charlesfort@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

Closed due to works

31 | Dunmore Cave

Mothel, Ballyfoyle, Castletomer Road, Kilkenny

Where history and geology merge

A series of limestone chambers formed over millions of years. It contains some of the most impressive calcite formations found in any Irish cave.

T. 056 776 7726 / E. dunmorecaves@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

Park open

House closed

GUIDE SERVICE:

April – September

Exterior tours only

32 | Emo Court

Emo, Co. Laois

Magnificent neo-classical architecture

Quintessential neo-classical mansion, set in gardens of model neo-classical landscape design, with formal lawns, lake and woodland walks.

T. 057 862 6573 / E. emocourt@opw.ie

OPEN:

09 June –**06 October 2022**

33 | Ferns Castle

The Square, Ferns, Co. Wexford

In the cradle of the Anglo-Norman lordship

Built by William Marshall circa 1200, the castle originally formed a square with large corner towers.

T. 053 9366411 / E. fernscastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

34 | Fota Arboretum and Gardens

Mimosa House, Fota Estate, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork

Explore an island oasis of rare and exotic flora

The arboretum and gardens on Fota Island are an essential destination for anyone of a horticultural bent.

T. 021 481 5543 / E. fota.arboretum@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

35 | Glendalough Visitor Centre

Glendalough, Bray, Co. Wicklow

A valley of sanctuary for saints and scholars

This famous monastic site founded in the 6th C includes a superb round tower, medieval stone churches and decorated crosses.

T. 0404 45352 / E. glendaloughbookings@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

36 | Heywood Gardens

Ballinakill, Co. Laois

A tranquil and romantic hillside landscape

This entrancing 18th C landscape, designed by Lutyens, consists of gardens, lakes, woodland and exciting architectural features.

T. 086 810 7916 / E. emocourt@opw.ie

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37 | Hill of Tara

Navan, Co. Meath

Experience the legacy of the high kings

The Hill of Tara has been important since the late Stone Age, but became truly significant in the Iron Age as the seat of the high kings of Ireland.

T. 046 902 5903 / E. hilloftara@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

03 March –
30 November 2022

38 | Jerpoint Abbey

Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

Among Ireland's finest Cistercian ruins

An outstanding example of a Cistercian monastery with a magnificently sculptured cloister arcade.

T. 056 772 4623 / E. jerpointabbey@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

09 June –
05 September 2022

39 | Kells Priory

Kells Priory, Kells, Co. Kilkenny

Visit Ireland's largest enclosed ecclesiastical site

Substantial remains of a 12th C priory covering almost 1.25 ha., fully enclosed by the monastic wall, incorporating 7 towers.

T. 056 772 4623 / E. jerpointabbey@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

40 | Kilkenny Castle

The Parade, Kilkenny City

The jewel in the crown of Kilkenny city

Built in the 12th C the castle is decorated in 1830's splendour and includes the exquisite Picture Gallery.

T. 056 770 4100 / E. kilkennycastleinfo@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



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Ireland website:
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41 | Loughcrew

Corstown, Oldcastle, Co. Meath

A high point of Neolithic art and design

The Loughcrew cairns, featuring some beautiful examples of Neolithic art, are a group of Neolithic passage tombs dating to 3000 BC.

T. 087 052 4975 / E. info@heritageireland.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

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Ireland website:
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42 | Maynooth Castle

Maynooth, Co. Kildare

A glimpse of life in a Norman fortress

This majestic stone castle was founded in the early 13th C and was a nerve centre of political power and culture.

T. 01 628 6744 / E. maynoothcastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

43 | National Botanic Gardens – Kilmacurragh

Kilbride, Co. Wicklow

An oasis of rare horticultural delights

This remarkable plantsman's garden was developed during the golden age of plant collecting.

T. 0404 48844 / E. botanicgardens@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

26 May –
04 September 2022

44 | Old Mellifont Abbey

Tullyallen, Drogheda, Co. Louth

Visit Ireland's very first Cistercian foundation

Mellifont Abbey, created in 1142, has several extraordinary architectural features, including a two-storey octagonal lavabo.

T. 041 982 6459 / E. mellifontabbey@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

01 April –
06 November 2022

45 | Ormond Castle

Castle Park, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary

Discover a Tudor gem

The finest example of an Elizabethan manor house in Ireland built by the 10th Earl of Ormond in 1565 in honour of his cousin, Queen Elizabeth.

T. 051 640787 / E. ormondcastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

46 | Reginald's Tower

The Quay, Waterford

Step inside Ireland's oldest civic building

Originally a Viking citadel it owes its current existence to the Anglo-Normans who made it the strongest point of the medieval defensive walls.

T. 051 304220 / E. reginaldstower@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

47 | Rock of Cashel

St Patrick's Rock of Cashel, Cashel, Co. Tipperary

The high king of Irish monuments

A spectacular group of Medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale.

T. 062 61437 / E. rockofcashel@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

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48 | Roscrea Heritage Centre – Roscrea Castle and Damer House

Castle Street, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

A place of medieval might and 18th C elegance

A magnificent castle, the pre-Palladian Damer House, restored mill and high cross.

T. 0505 21850 / E. roscreaheritage@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

**12 May –
24 August 2022**

49 | St Mary's Church Gowran

Gowran, Co. Kilkenny

Home to ogham stones, knights' effigies and neo-classical memorials

Late 13th C church includes an aisled nave, chancel and tower and features high quality stone carvings.

T. 056 772 6894 / E. breda.lynch@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

**10 March –
06 November 2022**

50 | Swiss Cottage

Ardfinnan Road, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

An idyllic fantasy of country life

A superb example of an early 19th C. cottage orné designed by world-famous Regency architect John Nash.

T. 052 744 1144 / E. swisscottage@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

51 | The John F. Kennedy Arboretum

Ballysop, New Ross, Co. Wexford

A garden of presidential proportions

252 hectares including 4,500 types of tree and shrubs, 200 forest plots, rhododendrons and dwarf conifers.

T. 046 9423490 / E. jfkarboretum@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

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Ireland website:
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52 | The Main Guard

Sarsfield Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

A courthouse with centuries of history

A fine symmetrical building built in the 17th century

T. 052 612 7484 / E. mainguard@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

10 March –
01 November 2022

53 | Tintern Abbey

Saltmills, New Ross, Co. Wexford

Where monks toiled and legacies were created

A beautiful Cistercian monastery, founded c. 1200 by William Marshal, the nave, chancel, tower, chapel and cloister still stand.

T. 051 562650 / E. tinternabbey@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



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Trim Castle

Trim, Co. Meath

OPEN:

12 February – 02 November 2022

The ultimate symbol of Norman glory

Few places in Ireland contain more medieval buildings than the heritage town of Trim. Trim Castle is foremost among those buildings.

In fact, the castle is the largest Anglo-Norman fortification in Ireland. Hugh de Lacy and his successors took 30 years to build it.

The central fortification is a monumental three-storey keep. This massive 20-sided tower, which is cruciform in shape, was all but impregnable in its day. It was protected by a ditch, curtain wall and water-filled moat.

Modern walkways now allow you to look down over the interior of the keep – a chance to appreciate the sheer size and thickness of the mighty castle walls.

T. 046 943 8619 / E. trimcastle@opw.ie

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55 | Athenry Castle

Athenry, Co. Galway

An emblem of Norman lordship

The three-storey hall-keep survives from the mid-thirteenth century, containing only a hall at first-floor level and dark storerooms below.

T. 091 844797 / E. athenrycastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

24 March –
21 September 2022

56 | Boyle Abbey

Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Step back into Ireland's monastic past

It was one of the most powerful of the early Cistercian foundations in Ireland and among the foremost in Connacht.

T. 071 966 2604 / E. boyleabbey@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

57 | Clonmacnoise

Clonmacnoise, Shannonbridge, Athlone, Co. Offaly

A sainted place in the heart of Ireland

The ruins include a cathedral, seven medieval churches, two round towers and the largest collection of early Christian graveslabs in western Europe.

T. 090 9674195 / E. clonmacnoise@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

31 March –
04 October 2022

58 | Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre

Corlea Trackway Centre, Kenagh, Co. Longford

A pathway into the past

Part of an Iron Age road, built in 148 BC, it is the largest of its kind to have been uncovered in Europe.

T. 043 332 2386 / E. corlea@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

59 | Famine Warehouse 1848

Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary

The unlikely site of a bloody skirmish

An ordinary farmhouse that become the site of a bloody siege and a monument of the Young Irelander Rebellion of 1848.

T. 087 908 9972 / E. info@heritageireland.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN

60 | Nenagh Castle

O'Rahilly Street, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

The finest cylindrical keep in Ireland

Dating from the 3th C the castle is 30 metres high and its walls are a massive 6 metres thick in places.

T. 067 33850 / E. castlenenagh@gmail.com

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

**24 March –
26 October 2022**

61 | Parke's Castle

Kilmore, Fivemilebourne, Co. Leitrim

Walk in the footsteps of planters and Gaels

A restored castle of the early seventeenth century, it was once the home of English planter Robert Parke.

T. 071 916 4149 / E. parkescastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

**25 March –
06 November 2022**

62 | Portumna Castle and Gardens

Portumna, Co. Galway

17th C splendour on the shores of Lough Derg

The castle is a unique example of the transitional Irish architecture of the early 1600s.

T. 090 974 1658 / E. portumnacastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

Monday to Saturday

63 | Rathcroghan

Cruachan Aí, Tulsk, Castlerea, Co Roscommon

Home of the warrior Queen Medbh of Connacht

Tightly packed into a few square kilometres of the Roscommon landscape at Rathcroghan lie over 240 archaeological sites.

T. 071 963 9268 / E. info@rathcroghan.ie

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OPEN:

**31 March –
28 September 2022**

64 | Ardfert Cathedral

Ardfert, Tralee, Co. Kerry

A trio of medieval churches devoted to St Brendan

The cathedral boasts a magnificent thirteenth-century window and a spectacular row of nine lancets in the south wall.

T. 066 713 4711 / E. ardfertcathedral@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

**07 April –
02 November 2022**

65 | Askeaton Castle

Askeaton, Co. Limerick

A medieval fortress dating from 1199

The banqueting hall is one of the finest medieval buildings in Ireland. The tower is partly ruined, but some fine windows and an exquisite fireplace remain.

T. 085 801 3385 / E. askeatoncastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

**23 March –
13 November 2022**

66 | Aughnanure Castle

Aughanure, Oughterard, Co. Galway

A historical gem in the heart of Connemara

Here stand the remains of a banqueting hall, a watch tower, an unusual double bawn, bastions and a dry harbour.

T. 091 552214 / E. aughnanurecastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

**24 March –
02 November 2022**

67 | Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery

Carrowmore, Sligo

A most impressive cluster of ancient stone tombs

The largest cemetery of megalithic tombs in Ireland.

T. 071 916 1534 / E. carrowmoretomb@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

10 June –
06 November 2022

68 | Céide Fields

Glenurla, Ballycastle, Co. Mayo

The world's most extensive Stone Age monument

Here lies a system of fields, dwelling areas and tombs that make up the most extensive Stone Age monument in the world.

T. 096 43325 / E. ceidefields@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

69 | Charles Fort

Summer Cove, Kinsale, Co. Cork

A star-shaped military fortress

Charles Fort is a massive star-shaped structure of the late seventeenth century.

T. 021 477 2263 / E. charlesfort@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

17 March –
11 December 2022

70 | Derrynane House

Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry

The childhood home of Daniel O'Connell

The ancestral home of one of the greatest figures of Irish history – Daniel O'Connell, known as 'The Liberator'.

T. 066 947 5113 / E. derrynanehouse@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

01 June –
30 September 2022

71 | Desmond Castle Adare

Adare Heritage Centre, Adare, Co. Limerick

Discover a medieval masterpiece, built for defence

Adare Castle epitomises the medieval fortified castle in Ireland.

T. 061 396666 / E. info@adareheritagecentre.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

Closed due to works

72 | Desmond Castle Kinsale

Cork Street, Kinsale, Co. Cork

Also known as the French Prison

Built as a custom house in c. 1500.

T. 021 477 4855 / E. desmondcastle@opw.ie

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OPEN:

07 April –
26 November 2022

73 | Desmond Castle Newcastle West

The Square, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick

Where sounds of medieval revelry echo

A venue for frequent and lavish banquets.

T. 069 77408 / E. desmondhall@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

Closed Tuesdays and
Wednesdays from
mid-September to Easter

74 | Donegal Castle

Castle Street, Donegal, Co. Donegal

One of Ireland's most splendid Gaelic castles

The castle was constructed by Red Hugh O'Donnell as his personal fortress in the fifteenth century.

T. 074 972 2405 / E. donegalcastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

75 | Dún Aonghasa

Inis Mór, Aran Islands, Co. Galway

Western Europe's most magnificent stone fort

Dún Aonghasa defiantly faces the Atlantic Ocean. It is the largest of the prehistoric stone forts of the Aran Islands.

T. 099 61008 / E. dunaonghasa@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

01 April –
02 November 2022

76 | Ennis Friary

Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare

Admire some exquisite Renaissance carvings

The building contains an exceptional wealth of fifteenth-century and sixteenth-century sculptures carved in the local hard limestone.

T. 065 682 9100 / E. ennisfriary@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

16 – 24
April 2022

05 June –
16 November 2022

77 | Glebe House and Gallery

Glebe, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Explore a world-class collection of art

An elegant Regency house, dating from 1828. The painter Derek Hill lived/worked here from the 1950s until the 1980s.

T. 074 913 7071 / E. glebegallery@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round**Monday to Friday**

78 | Hall of the Red Earl

Druid Lane, Co. Galway

An archaeological site in the heart of Galway

The 13th century archaeological remains of the Hall of the Red Earl, the oldest building to be excavated within Galway's medieval walls.

T. 091 564 946

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

01 April –**06 November 2022**

79 | Innacullin – Garinish Island

Glengariff, Bantry, Co. Cork

An island garden of rare beauty

Innacullin is an island garden containing a wealth of unique horticultural and architectural gems.

T. 027 63040 / E. garinishisland@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



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Ionad an Bhlascaoid Mhóir – Blasket Centre

Dún Chaoin, Dingle, Co. Kerry

OPEN:

Please check Heritage Ireland website:
www.heritageireland.ie

The story of a remarkable island community

In Dún Chaoin, at the very tip of the Dingle Peninsula, is an utterly unique heritage centre and museum. A stunning piece of architecture in itself, the Blasket Centre tells the story of the Blasket Islands and the tiny but tenacious Irish speaking community who lived there until the mid-20th century.

Visit Ionad an Bhlascaoid – the Blasket Centre – to experience the extraordinary legacy of the Blasket Islanders and delve into the heart of Irish culture, language and history.

T. 066 915 6444 / E. blascaod@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

81 | Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh, Connemara – Pearse Cottage

Rosmuc, Co. Galway

A cottage steeped in Gaelic culture

It is here that Patrick Pearse, the 1916 rebellion leader, built a summer cottage.

T. 091 574292 / E. icpconamara@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

 26 May –
28 September 2022

82 | Listowel Castle

The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry

The last bastion of the FitzGerald

Listowel Castle stands on an elevation overlooking the River Feale, above the location of a strategic ford.

T. 086 385 7201 / E. listowelcastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

All year round

83 | Lough Gur

Lakefront, Lough Gur, Co. Limerick

9,000 years of life

One of Ireland's most important heritage sites due to the area's rich archaeology and environment.

T. 061 385 186 / E. info@loughgur.com

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

 Please check Heritage
Ireland website:
www.heritageireland.ie

84 | Newmills Corn and Flax Mills

Churchill Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Delve into Ulster's industrial heritage

It contains one of the largest working waterwheels in the country.

T. 074 912 5115 / E. newmills@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

 04 March –
05 November 2022

85 | Ross Castle

Ross Castle, Ross Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry

A lakeside citadel steeped in legend

Perched in an inlet of Lough Leane, it is likely that the Irish chieftain O'Donoghue Mór built it in the 15th C.

T. 064 6635851 / E. rosscastle@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



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Scattery Island Centre

Kilrush, Co. Clare

OPEN:

26 May – 21 September 2022

In the footsteps of St Senan

Off the northern bank of the Shannon Estuary lies Scattery Island where St Senan built his monastery in the early sixth century. It included a mighty round tower, which at 36 metres is one of the tallest in Ireland.

There are six ruined churches on the site too. The Church of the Hill stands on a high spot, the very place where, legend has it, an angel placed Senan so that he could find – and then banish – the terrible sea-monster called the Cathach.

A short boat trip will take you to the island, where you can explore its multi-layered, 1,500-year history.

T. 087 995 8427 / E. scatteryisland@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

15 May –
01 October 2022

87 | Skellig Michael

Co. Kerry

An island monastery towering over the sea

On the summit of this awe-inspiring rock off the Kerry coast is St Fionan's monastery, one of the earliest foundations in the country.

E. opwskellig@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



OPEN:

24 March –
26 October 2022

88 | Sligo Abbey

Abbey Street, Co. Sligo

Where friars' prayers echo among the ruins

This Dominican friary contains a great wealth of carvings, including Gothic and Renaissance tomb sculpture.

T. 071 914 6406 / E. sligoabbey@opw.ie

FACILITIES INCLUDE:



Unique Experiences

New for 2022

Castletown House

Private Viewing of an Irish Portrait Collection of Miniatures

A “behind the rope”, private viewing of an Irish Portrait Collection of Miniatures in the Lady Kildare Room. The miniature and silhouette were personal items, often given as a gift and were often used as a visual memorial of a loved one which could be carried on the person as jewellery. Your personal expert guide will lead your group on a journey of discovery through Irish history from the turbulent 17th C, through the opulence of enlightenment Ireland in the 18th C. Insights into the estate’s history, owners (the Conolly family), architectural and decorative art gems.

Dublin Castle

Meet the Curator and explore the collection of Dublin Castle

Highlights and hidden gems await you on this special visit to the Castle, in the company of an expert curator. Beginning in the palatial State Apartments, you will experience a private viewing of key artworks and architectural features, including a portrait by Sir Anthony van Dyck, and the most important painted ceiling to survive in Ireland from the 18th C. Hence to the soaring interior of the Chapel Royal, for an exclusive visit to the gallery, with its velvet furnishings, jewel-like stained glass windows and array of sculptural ornament.

Kilkenny Castle

The Ormonde Collection

You will be warmly greeted by the Events Manager and one of our most experienced Guides, who will enthral you with wonderful stories of the very powerful and influential Butler Family. This magnificent Castle has many hidden gems, which will be exclusively available to our Unique Experience Guests. Some very special pieces from the Ormonde Collection will be available for your viewing in the Duchess Closest of the west wing. Guests will have the opportunity to handle some pieces, which may include weaponry, family photograph's, special family pieces and even some children's toys from the 19th century nursery.

Farmleigh House

Meet the Librarian and explore the collection of Benjamin Guinness

Enjoy the unique sense of history in the beautiful library of Farmleigh House, once home to the famous Irish brewing family. The collection amounts to more than 5,000 items and includes mostly rare Irish books and manuscripts. Among the historical manuscripts in the collection is a 13th century description of Ireland, an Irish-language primer prepared for Queen Elizabeth I. All major Irish writers are represented in the collection, including James Joyce, Seamus Heaney, Samuel Beckett, Jonathan Swift, and includes first editions of Ulysses and Gulliver's Travels. The experience includes behind the ropes access to the house.

For more information please see:

<https://heritageireland.ie/visit/trade-groups/plan-your-itinerary/>

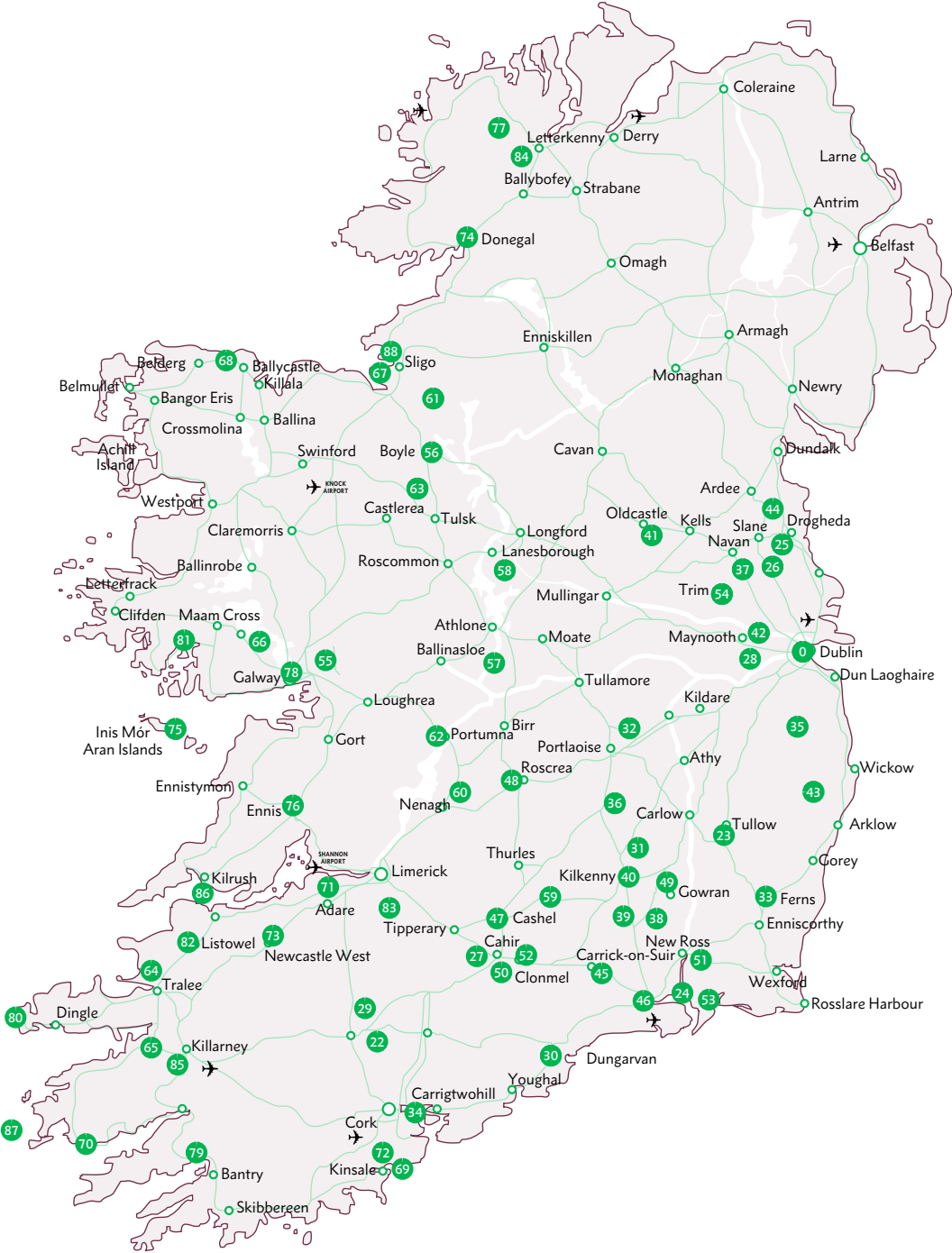
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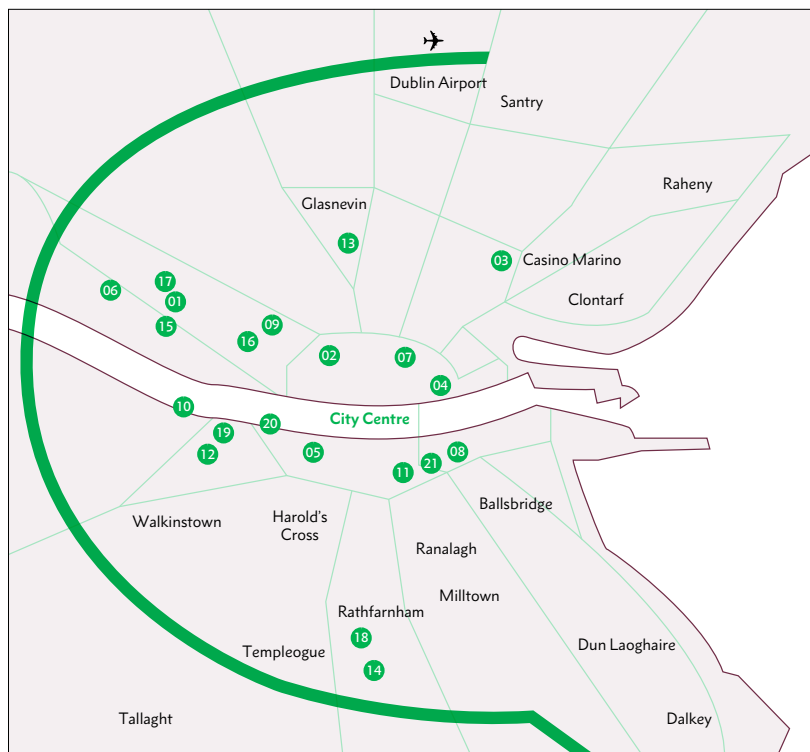
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