

AWE INSPIRING VIEWS OF AN ANCIENT LANDSCAPE

Medieval Carlingford

Carlingford is a medieval walled town located on the Cooley Peninsula in County Louth that has been described as “an outdoor museum of Medieval Ireland” by Ireland’s Office of Public Works.

Carlingford’s architectural heritage is unique and has a history that dates from the 5th to the 19th century. The remaining historical buildings include King Johns Castle, Holy Trinity Church, The Dominican Friary, The Tholsel, The Mint and Taaffe’s Castle. Carlingford was very important during the medieval period in Ireland, with the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries appearing to be the era of its greatest prosperity. The town received five charters in total including a charter to mint coins in 1467. This informative tour lasts approximately 1 ¼ hrs and offers a better understanding of Irish history and the daily life of the medieval society in a fun and engaging way. Added options include an opportunity to strike and keep your own unique Carlingford coin or/and a tour of the interior of King Johns Castle. (1 hr)



NEW! We are pleased to introduce an extended tour this year, to include a scenic Carlingford Lough ferry crossing to King John’s sister castle – Green Castle in Co. Down. This crossing will take in the natural heritage of the lough including its protected wildlife and landscape.

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BURSTING WITH LEGENDS, STORIES & HERITAGE!

Mountains of Mourne & Silent Valley

A Designated Area of Outstanding Beauty

This area was the inspiration for CS Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia who stated "I have seen landscapes, notably in the Mourne Mountains and southwards which under a particular light made me feel that at any moment a giant might raise his head over the next ridge".

View the magnificent engineering of Spelga Dam, which took 2000 men to build over 10 years, distributing 140 million litres of water per day and is encircled by the famous Mourne Wall. (2 hr)

Cuchulainns Country

Cooley Mountains, Fairy Hill & Legend of the Long Woman

Home to the Celtic Warrior Cuchulainn, this is where Ireland's national epic An Táin (Cattle Raid of Cooley) took place! It is a magical place where stories of ancient heroes, giants, kings and conquests echo throughout its land. Local tales are passionately retold and take the visitor on a truly enjoyable journey through time! (1 hr)

Saints and Sinners

St Brigid's Well & Healing Stones and grave of Robert De Bruce

St Brigid is Ireland's best known female Saint, believed to be a Celtic goddess. Brigid's story and healing powers are fascinating, performing over 45 miracles in her lifetime.

The shrine to St Brigid relates to her birthplace and includes a healing well alongside numerous healing stones. (2 hr)

Leprechaun and Lore

Leprechaun & Fairy Cavern and Folklore Park

Visit Ireland's only Leprechaun and Fairy Cavern where the spirits dance at dawn! Hear stories by The Leprechaun Whisperer about how the last leprechauns of Ireland were discovered over 30 years ago and why they are now protected under an EU Directive! Located within a folklore park which is home to The Giants Chair, Proposal Stones Fairy House and much more! (1 hr)

Taste of Cooley

Tailored to whatever whets your appetite!

Focusing on local produce, this storytelling tour includes tastings of the award winning Cooley Whiskey, famous Carlingford Oysters and Carlingford craft beer sampling with local cheese. Breadmaking is also an option. An introduction to foraging is another favourite where common plants are highlighted as edibles sources of nourishment and tasty ingredients! (1.5 hrs)

Get High!

Get a natural high out in the open air in a relaxed and fun atmosphere! SKYPARK is Ireland's newest high rope course to suit to all abilities facilitated by highly trained instructors. Time allowance 2 - 3 hours. (3 hrs)

Canadian Connections

Thomas Darcy Mc Gee

Visit the birthplace of Thomas Darcy McGee, journalist politician poet and a founding father of The Canadian Confederation. Includes a visit to the Thomas Darcy Magee Exhibition and tour of Medieval Carlingford. (1.5 hrs)

**ALL TOURS CAN BE
TAILORED TO YOUR GROUP!**

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Wicklow and Glendalough Tour

This tour travels through the breathtaking Wicklow Mountains and onto the wonderful Glendalough, a 6th century monastic settlement founded by St Kevin. After lunch, visit the home of Avoca Handweavers and see traditional handweaving firsthand.

Kilkenny Tour

Take a guided tour to the medieval city of Kilkenny and Kilkenny Castle, one of the top 10 castles in the world! Kilkenny is Ireland's national craft and design capital with an array of craft outlets and design outlets.

Knock

Visit the beautiful and peaceful shrine at Knock's Marian Shrine set in 100 acres of landscaped gardens. Millions of pilgrims and visitors have found peace and contemplation at the shrine since Our Lady appeared in 1879. Tour includes tea/coffee stops and lunch.

Dublin City Tour

Guided day out in Dublin which includes city tour, visit to Guinness Storehouse, delicious lunch finishing with shopping in city centres' fashionable Grafton Street area.

Belfast City Tour with Ferry Crossing

Take the scenic route north by sailing across Carlingford Lough and on towards Belfast city! This tour includes a visit to The Titanic Centre, the famous Peace Wall and Belfast Muriel's. Lunch included.

Ireland's Ancient East

Wander through time and explore Ireland's Ancient East. Some of the stops include: Bru na Boinne, Monasterboice, Hill of Tara, Trim Castle, Loughcrew Cairns, Rock of Cashel ...

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