



Sample Travel Itineraries

Day 1

- Athlone Castle – The Castle is now a focal point for tourism and visitors and it features exhibitions and audiovisual presentations.
- Glendeer Open Farm & Restored 1950's Cottage – Watch the beautiful deer; feed the donkeys, goats, llamas, and lots more as you make your way around the farm.
- Adventure Viking Cruise – Travel on a replica of a Viking Longship downstream to Clonmacnoise.
- Enjoy some shopping at the new Athlone Town Centre Shopping Centre and Golden Island Shopping Centre.

Day 2

- Portumna Castle & Gardens – Visit the Portumna Castle and view the house that was built before 1618 and the recently restored 17th Century walled Kitchen Garden.
- Turoe Pet Farm – Enjoy a visit to Turoe Farm & Leisure Park. Feed the animals and explore Turoe Stone and the beautiful natural trail around the 14 acre farm.
- St Brendan's Cathedral – visit the Cathedral of the Celtic Revival. It showcases the artistry of An Tur Gloine (The Tower of Glass), one of the most remarkable stained glass studios ever to have operated in Ireland.

Day 3

- Mountmellick Museum – Step into Mountmellick's rich Quaker industrial past with an historical presentation and tour.
- Emo Court & Gardens – Visit Emo Court and view its fine architecture and surrounding gardens.
- Heywood Gardens – Explore the gardens, lakes, woodland and architectural features of 1912.
- Abbeyleix Heritage House – View the Heritage Centre, housed at the Old North National School, which was a Landlord School dating from 1885.
- Donaghmore Workhouse Museum – Discover post famine history on your museum tour.

Day 4

- Derryglad Folk Museum – Visit and explore farm & folk life, old style 1930s thatched bar & Grocery, and the old ways of School.
- Locke's Distillery – Discover the story of whiskey making in the old days.
- Belvedere House Gardens & Park – Enjoy a tour of one of Ireland's finest historic houses and Victorian walled garden on 160 acres of parklands. Lunch will be provided at the courtyard café.
- Mullingar Greyhound Track – Enjoy evening of fun & entertainment at the Grandstand Restaurant.

Day 5

- Birr Castle Demesne – guided tours of Birr Castle gardens. Enjoy a Cuppa & Scone in the Courtyard Café in a relaxed setting.
- Lough Boora Parklands – Quiet Walk through the Flora and Fauna of this natural recolonisation and wetlands.
- Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre – Guided tour and complimentary tastings of Tullamore Dew and Irish Mist.
- Clara House Holistic Spa – Take a trip to this haven of relaxation and pampering and recharge in the Thermal Suite.

Day 6

- Slieve Blooms – Guided Tour of Kinnitty and Slieve Blooms.
- An afternoon walk on the Slieve Bloom Way.
- A visit to the Pyramid at Kinnitty Village.
- Birr Theatre & Arts Centre – Evening entertainment in the Arts.

Day 7

- The River Queen – Enjoy a Boat Trip up the River Shannon to Clonmacnoise.
- Larry's Old Time Village – Walk through the meandering crafted model village.
- Belmont Mill – Enjoy a guided tour of Belmont Mill and Artist Studios that are set in a water mill complex which dates back to 1769.
- Clonmacnoise – Guided tour of the early Christian Monastic site and visitor centre.
- Core Crafted Design Outlet – Core showcases the largest selection of craft designers, artists and creative's in the midlands. Core Café is tempting for locally produced artisan foods.