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**“Live with no excuses
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regrets”**

~ Oscar Wilde

Let us take you on the road and explore the country we are proud to call home. Our Emerald Island offers you the chance to experience a land built on a history rich in myths, legends and local folklore, surrounded by rolling hills cloaking the untouched wilderness.

Combining the spectacular countryside with the mesmerizing tales of times gone by Marathon Travel curates coach tours that captivate and create experiences unlike any other.

We promise to take care of you every step of the way. Having 25 years' experience in the coach tours industry allows us to keep a breath of the ever-changing travel industry and adapt and change our tours to give you and your group the experience you deserve.

With well-balanced itineraries across the board you are sure to find a tour to accommodate the requirements and expectations of you and your group!

Our coaches are state of the art, our drivers are experienced, and our guides are professional and fully accredited. Our Marathon Team are focused on making your tour perfectly special, creating memories and experiences that will surely last.

We welcome you to browse our carefully tailored tours and choose the perfect excursion for you! Any Questions? Just ask! Our team are always on hand to help you with anything and everything. And until then, Céad Míle Fáilte - a hundred thousand welcomes.

The Marathon Team,

Padraig, Tasha & Michael

DAY TOURS 2020

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Carlingford Cruise & The Mourne Mountains



Departure

10.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Carlingford Scenic Ferry

The Scenic Carlingford Ferry links the Cooley Peninsula with the coastal regions of the Mournes. After the 15-minute Ferry crossing from Greenore, Co Louth to Greencastle, Co. Down, you may explore the Mourne Coastal Trail.

Mourne Mountains Scenic Drive

The Mourne region offers a host of activities and attractions for families, couples, groups of friends and visitors of any age, who want to get away from it all. Explore unspoilt landscapes and enjoy a real sense of well-being for those who prefer the amenities of the great indoors. After your scenic drive, spend some time shopping in Newry.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Visit to Carlingford Village
- Trip on Carlingford Scenic Ferry
- Panoramic trip through the Mournes
- Shopping in Newry
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham OR Roast Sirloin of Beef OR Fish of the Day served with fresh vegetables & potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 54
- 33 - 40 people = € 59
- 25 - 32 people = € 65

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group.

*Menu Subject to Change

The Wicklow Hills & Glendalough



Departure

11.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Avoca Handweavers

A visit to Avoca Handweavers is a long time favourite among the Dublin and Wicklow communities. The Visitor Centre tells you the story since 1723 and a Mill Tour enables you to meet the weavers at work. The original whitewashed buildings of the old mill now house the store, which carries an extensive selection of Avoca favourites.

Wicklow Drive & Glendalough

Wicklow is Ireland's Garden County, bursting with heather-clad mountains, gushing waterfalls, dramatic valleys and sparkling hidden lakes. At the core of this exhilarating drive lies the Wicklow Mountains National Park. Drive south along past blanket bog and mountains, where the road leads to Glendalough, by Glenmacnass and Laragh. Take a short time to refresh and stretch your legs in the wonderful surrounds of Glendalough.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Visit to Avoca Handweavers
- Wicklow Drive
- Free time in Glendalough
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Age Roast Sirloin of Beef with mashed potatoes & gravy OR Seared West Coast Salmon with pesto mash & cherry vine tomatoes served with selection of vegetables
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 54
- 33 - 40 people = € 59
- 25 - 32 people = € 65

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

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Belfast City Tour & Botanic Gardens



Departure

09.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Botanic Gardens & Ulster Museum Belfast

The Ulster Museum is located in the Belfast Botanical Gardens. The museum tells the unique human story of this part of Ireland and its collections will take you to all corners of the globe. The Ulster Museum has something to offer for art lovers, history buffs, excited children and the generally curious. Come face to face with dinosaurs, get up close with an Egyptian mummy, dive into discovery zones or just enjoy a bite in the coffee shop or wander through the gift shop.

Belfast City Guided Bus Tour

Immerse yourself in Belfast's Culture & History with this wonderful guided bus tour. See major Belfast attractions like HMS Caroline, Titanic Belfast, St George's Market, Belfast City Hall, Falls Road, Crumlin Road Gaol and much more.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Visit to Ulster Museum & Botanic Gardens
- Guided Bus Tour Of Belfast
- Shopping in Belfast
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham OR Roast Sirloin of Beef OR Fish of the Day served with fresh vegetables & potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 55
- 33 - 40 people = € 60
- 25 - 32 people = € 66

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change

Kilmacurragh Gardens, Wicklow

**New
Tour**



Departure

10.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Kilmacurragh Gardens

The National Botanic Gardens in Kilmacurragh, an outpost of the Glasnevin Gardens, comprises of the remnants of a large 18th century estate located in Kilbride in East Wicklow. Planted during the 19th century, it features a spectacular collection of rhododendrons that flower from early springtime. The different soil and climatic conditions at Kilmacurragh resulted in many spectacular specimens succeeding there where it wasn't possible in other areas. Visitors will enjoy Rhododendron Avenue, the Double Herbaceous borders, the Yew Walk and the Oak Avenue and much, much more.

Gorey

Gorey is the perfect location for a sport of afternoon shopping, with independent boutiques where you can buy occasion wear from top Irish and European labels and a shopping centre ensures you can purchase those must have items!

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Guided tour of Kilmacurragh gardens
- Shopping in Gorey
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Grilled Supreme of Chicken with Peppered Sauce OR Fish of the Day with Chef Sauce with selection of fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Homemade Bailey's Cheesecake
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 53
- 33 - 40 people = € 58
- 25 - 32 people = € 64

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change



Pearse Museum & Dundrum Shopping



Departure

12.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide.

Pearse Museum

Set in nearly fifty acres of beautiful parkland, the Pearse Museum tells the story of Patrick Pearse and his brother William, both of whom were executed for their part in the 1916 Rising. A guided tour of the museum with an option of riverside walks, incorporating waterfall and walled garden will be of special significance. An audio-visual show titled "This Man Kept a School" will remind you of his life and his writings. The Museum, the Gardens and the Cafe are very enjoyable and relaxing.

Dundrum Shopping

Dundrum Town Centre is the ultimate destination for shopping and entertainment. Located in Dundrum, Dublin, the shopping centre boasts more than 100 stores, 40 restaurants and cafés, 12 cinema screens, a bar, two nightclubs and a theatre. Simply browse or engage in some retail therapy, or maybe grab a coffee in one of their many coffee shops and relax after your shopping.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Guided tour of Pearse Museum
- Shopping in Dundrum Shopping Centre
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Age Roast Sirloin of Beef with mashed potatoes & gravy OR Seared West Coast Salmon with pesto mash & cherry vine tomatoes served with selection of vegetables
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 51
- 33 - 40 people = € 56
- 25 - 32 people = € 62

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

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Gardens in Carlow

Heywood & Delta Sensory



Departure **10.00** We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Heywood Gardens Heywood Gardens were completed in 1912, and consist 50 acres of gardens, lakes, woodland and architectural features. The gardens have a spectacular setting on a hillside looking south-east over a sweep of undulating country which takes in seven counties. Enjoy a walk lined with lime trees that leads to a formal terrace overlooking the surrounding countryside. In the sunken garden, circular terraces descend to an elongated pool, where small statues of turtles gaze inquisitively at the grand fountain. Heywood promises to be a destination not to be missed. .

Delta Sensory Gardens Enjoy a guided Tour of Delta sensory Gardens, "An Oasis of Peace and Tranquility", The gardens are set on a 2.5 acre site with 16 interconnecting gardens located on the outskirts of Carlow Town. The gardens have so much to offer the visitor during all the seasons of year, from the bright and beautiful daffodils and tulips in Spring to the breathtaking colours of the autumnal foliage.

Evening Meal After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Self Guided Tour of Heywood Gardens
- Guided Tour of Delta Sensory Gardens
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham with Cranberry Sauce OR Fish of the Day served with panache of vegetable and potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 56
- 33 - 40 people = € 61
- 25 - 32 people = € 67

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change





The Waterford Crystal Tour



Departure

10.00 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Waterford Crystal

Waterford Crystal has moved to a magnificent new home in the heart of Waterford City. A unique highlight of a visit is the factory tour which gives an up close insight into the centuries old tradition of Waterford Crystal making. Feel the heat of the furnace and marvel at the skills of crystal craftsmen. After the tour indulge your passion for the world's most famous crystal in a lavish retail store, which houses the largest collection of Waterford Crystal found anywhere in the world. An exhibition of sporting trophies and statement pieces is an absolute must see attraction.

Shopping In Waterford

Set in a backdrop of the City's medieval landscape, shopping in Waterford City is a unique experience. No matter what your style, taste or pocket you will have great fun discovering the great mix this exciting City has to offer from high street stores, designer brands, independent boutiques and two shopping centres.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Guided tour of Waterford Crystal
- Shopping in Waterford City
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham with Cranberry Sauce OR Fish of the Day served with panache of vegetable and potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

41 - 53 people = € 59

33 - 40 people = € 64

25 - 32 people = € 70

Prices below 25 people on request.

A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to change



Wells House and Gardens & Wexford



Departure

10.00 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Wells House and Gardens

Take a break and relax in the beautifully restored formal gardens which are based on the original 1830 plans. The old stable block has been converted to a craft courtyard perfect for shopping for unique crafts and gifts. Take the chance to experience real life in a Victorian Great House through the Living Victorian House Tour. Walk in the footsteps of Lady Frances and the residents of the Wells house and let the resident Archer show you how to shoot a bow at the only 3D course in Ireland.

Wexford Shopping

Unusual small shops peer out from every angle on the Main Street in Wexford which still retains many of its original shop fronts. The Bull Ring forms a square in the centre of the town. You will find a lovely collection of shops, local interest and history here.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost..

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Guided tour of Wells House & Gardens
- Shopping Time in Wexford
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Grilled Supreme of Chicken with Peppered Sauce OR Fish of the Day with Chef Sauce with selection of fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Homemade Bailey's Cheesecake
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 63
- 33 - 40 people = € 68
- 25 - 32 people = € 74

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change



The River Run Cruise, Athlone



Departure **10.30** We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide.

The River Run Departing from The Quays, in the shadow of Athlone Castle, you will travel along the longest river in either Ireland or Great Britain and discover the unspoilt beauty and wild life of the Shannon. Listen to the river's history, enjoy the expanse and tranquillity of Lough Ree and marvel at the island monastic settlements before heading back to The Quays.

Athlone Town Athlone is a thriving historical town. Athlone Castle commands the traditional gateway to the West, and its recently renovated Visitor's Centre is well worth a visit. You can 'shop till you drop' in Athlone. There are two shopping centres, several exclusive boutiques and numerous restaurants and cafés for shopping and dining and are all centrally located.

Evening Meal After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments on the cruise
- River Shannon Cruise
- Shopping & Sightseeing in Athlone
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Supreme of Chicken in Peppercorn Sauce
OR Fish of the Day served with Panache of Vegetable and Potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 61
- 33 - 40 people = € 66
- 25 - 32 people = € 72

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change

Knock Shrine



Departure

08.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Knock Shrine

Since the 2018 Visit of Pope Francis, Knock Shrine has attracted even more visitors and he is the latest Pontiff to visit Knock over the last one hundred years, following on from Pope John Paul II. Since the apparition of Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, John the Evangelist, angels and Jesus Christ in 1879, Knock Shrine has become a place of pilgrimage. While the original church still stands, the complex now incorporates five churches including the Basilica. Services at the Shrine include daily masses and confessions and anointing of the sick. A large range of religious goods are on sale in several shops. There are also numerous cafés and restaurants. Most pilgrims find themselves refreshed after their visit, both physically and spiritually, and we trust that this will be your experience on your day at the Shrine.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Refreshments en-route
- Visit to Knock Shrine
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Supreme of Chicken in Peppercorn Sauce
OR Fish of the Day served with Panache of Vegetable and Potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 51
- 33 - 40 people = € 56
- 25 - 32 people = € 62

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change

Free Place for the Parish Priest on all groups over 35 pax .

Tramore's Japanese Gardens



Departure

09.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens

The journey begins in a Victorian Garden which commemorates Hearn's happy childhood summers in Tramore. Later you will visit an American Garden and a Greek Garden, followed by a series of Japanese inspired areas. Having passed beneath a Fujidana, you will find a traditional Japanese Tea Garden; followed by a Stream Garden which leads to ponds, a waterfall and a woodland area. The 2.5-acre gardens are set on a hillside overlooking the dramatic sweep of Tramore Bay. Visitors are introduced to aspects of Japanese folklore through several stories written and translated by Lafcadio Hearn, including the legend of Urashima Taro.

Waterford City

There is also much to do and see as the city features three of Ireland's premier visitor attractions. The Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre, the highly praised Waterford Museum of Treasures and the Waterford Walking Tour as well as Christ Church Cathedral.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Guided tour of Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens
- Visit to Waterford
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham with Cranberry Sauce OR Fish of the Day served with panache of vegetable and potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 59
- 33 - 40 people = € 64
- 25 - 32 people = € 70

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group.

*Menu Subject to Change

Belvedere House and Gardens



Departure

10.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Belvedere House and Gardens

Belvedere Estate is an esteemed example of cultural built heritage. It has been transformed into a tourism asset of national importance for the region. A magnificent lakeside estate spread over 160 acres it is home to a beautifully restored Georgian Villa, Victorian Walled Garden and naturalistic designed 18th century parkland. These parklands are punctuated with Romantic follies including the largest in Ireland called the Jealous Wall.

Shopping in Mullingar

You'll be spoilt for choice in Mullingar, it's a shoppers delight with lots of shops and boutiques in close range. A feature that attracts visitors is the fact that the main streets are lined with small shops. Another popular feature is the statue of Joe Dolan, outside the tourist office. If you're looking for something unique, and fashion is your passion, then you'll have a field day in Mullingar.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Guided tour & Visit to the Belvedere House and Gardens
- Shopping in Mullingar
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the day
- Roast stuffed Turkey & Ham OR Baked Fillet of Cod served with selection of fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 59
- 33 - 40 people = € 64
- 25 - 32 people = € 70

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change



Russborough House & Kildare Village



Departure

10.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide.

Russborough House

Russborough House is regarded as one of Ireland's most beautiful houses. With magnificent views of the Blessington Lakes and Wicklow Mountains, it has nearly three centuries of fascinating history and magnificent collections. The house which is beautifully maintained and lavishly furnished contains fine furniture, tapestries, carpets, porcelain, silver and much of the Beit collection of paintings. It also has beautiful ceilings, plaster work and a fine mahogany staircase. Afterward enjoy a short visit to see Blessington Lakes

Kildare Village

Nestled within landscaped grounds and presented in an authentic village environment, Kildare Village is the perfect luxury shopping destination. A morning or afternoon spent browsing 100 fashion & homeware boutiques offering luxury for less in a chic and casual open-air environment is truly time well spent.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Refreshments on arrival in Russborough
- Professional Tour Guide
- Guided tour of Russborough House
- Visit & Shopping in Kildare Village
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Cream of Vegetable Soup
- Roast Turkey & Ham with herb stuffing and gravy OR Roast Prime Irish Beef with Yorkshire pudding & gravy OR Fish of the Day served with seasonal vegetable and mashed potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 63
- 33 - 40 people = € 68
- 25 - 32 people = € 74

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to change



Moon River Cruise, Carrick-On-Shannon



Departure

09.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Moon River Cruise

"Moon River" is a pleasure cruiser with a totally enclosed viewing lounge. Passengers depart from the quayside for a relaxed cruise on the Shannon. An entertainer sings and explains points of interest, while you relax and enjoy the scenery. Bar and snack facilities are available.

Shopping in Athlone

Athlone is a thriving historical town. Athlone Castle commands the traditional gateway to the West, and its recently renovated Visitor Centre is well worth a visit. You can 'shop till you drop' in Athlone. There are two shopping centres, several exclusive boutiques and numerous restaurants and cafés for shopping and dining which are all centrally located.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en route
- Cruise the Shannon on the Moon River
- Shopping in Athlone
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Supreme of Chicken in Peppercorn Sauce
OR Fish of the Day served with Panache of Vegetable and Potatoes
- Apple Pie with Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 63
- 33 - 40 people = € 68
- 25 - 32 people = € 74

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change

Powerscourt House and Gardens



Departure

11.00 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop..

Powerscourt House and Gardens

Located in County Wicklow, Powerscourt Estate is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Recently voted Number 3. in the world's top ten gardens by National Geographic Powerscourt. Gardens stretch over forty-seven acres. They offer visitors a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statues and ornamental lakes, secret hollows and rambling walks. Designed from 1731 onwards, Powerscourt Gardens include The Walled Gardens, The Italian Garden & The Dolphin Pond. Also enjoy the Avoca shop and a choice of wonderful Cafés

Powerscourt Garden Pavilion

Enjoy a visit to Powerscourt Garden Pavilion, your 5* local Garden & Lifestyle Centre, located in the beautiful 1,000 acre Powerscourt Estate.

Bray

Bray has a wide range of festivals and activities to keep you entertained throughout the year. Enjoy the splendid seafront, or walk the magnificent Bray Head.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Visit to Powerscourt House and Gardens
- Visit Powerscourt Garden Pavilion
- Bray Promenade
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Age Roast Sirloin of Beef with mashed potatoes & gravy OR Seared West Coast Salmon with pesto mash & cherry vine tomatoes served with selection of vegetables
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 61
- 33 - 40 people = € 66
- 25 - 32 people = € 72

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change

Altamont Gardens & Rathwood



Departure

10.00 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Altamont Gardens

Altamont House has one of the most famous gardens in Ireland, set on 40 acres, and on the banks of the Slaney. The Gardens are a mixture of formal and informal gardens with riverside walks. Altamont is considered a wonderful experience at any time of year. Take a fascinating walk through the Arboretum, Bog Garden, Ice Age Glen and return by means of the 100 steps through the Bluebell Wood.

Rathwood

Rathwood is a mix of so many experiences: shopping, furniture, interiors, gift shops and craft products, garden centre, restaurant, walks, cookery classes and falconry. This is quite a selection, so you may have to pick and choose. Rathwood has been developed by the Keogh family over the years and is an excellent day out with a wide range of possible activities.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Guided tour of Altamont Gardens (except Sundays)
- Visit Rathwood Arboretum
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham with cranberry Sauce OR Fish of the Day served with panache of vegetable and potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee & Cream

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 56
- 33 - 40 people = € 62
- 25 - 32 people = € 67

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change

Kilkenny City



Departure

10.00 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Kilkenny Road Train

What a novel way to see a city? You will pass by historical sites whilst listening to matching commentary. The black and amber train departs from The Castle gates and passes by attractions such as St. Canice's Cathedral and Black Abbey. You will have time in the afternoon to revisit any site that was of particular interest to you .

Kilkenny City & Arboretum, Leighlinbridge

The compact nature of this elegant and vibrant city means that a ramble through its passageways and streets will allow you to experience its bustling, commercial life. A variety of shops will provide ample shopping opportunities. Numerous restaurants and cafes offer a wide variety of dining experiences. After your tour to Kilkenny, enjoy a wonderful gardening and lifestyle experience at the Arboretum Home & Garden centre.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Trip on Kilkenny Road Train
- Visit to Arboretum, Leighlinbridge
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham with Cranberry Sauce OR Fish of the Day served with panache of vegetable and potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Price

- 41 - 53 people = € 58
- 33 - 40 people = € 63
- 25 - 32 people = € 69

Prices below 25 people on request.

A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

*Menu Subject to Change

Japanese Gardens & Irish National Stud



Departure

11:00 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens

This is the only stud farm in Ireland open to the public. Enjoy a visit to the stud's new interactive centre, "The Irish Racehorse Experience" truly brings to life the worlds of retired equine racing stars like Hurricane Fly and Beef or Salmon. As well as getting close to some of the world's most famous, thoroughbred horses, visitors are invited to enjoy the world famous Japanese Gardens, a horse museum and St. Fiachra's Garden which was created to celebrate the Millennium. Refreshments are available at this unique attraction.

Kildare Village Shopping Outlet

Nestled within landscaped grounds and presented in an authentic village environment, Kildare Village is the perfect luxury shopping destination. A morning or afternoon spent browsing 100 of designer fashion & homeware boutiques offering luxury for less in a chic and casual open-air environment is truly time well spent.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Guided Tour of Irish National Stud
- Self Guided visit to Japanese Gardens
- Shopping in Kildare Village
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Cream of Vegetable Soup
- Roast Turkey & Ham with herb stuffing and gravy OR Roast Prime Irish Beef served with Yorkshire pudding & gravy served with seasonal vegetable and mashed potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 63
- 33 - 40 people = € 68
- 25 - 32 people = € 74

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

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Hillsborough Castle & Belfast



Departure

09.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Hillsborough House & Gardens

Explore breath taking gardens and discover Hillsborough Castle's unique history, from grand family home to charming royal residence. Located in North-West County Down it is not a classified castle but a Georgian Country House built in the 19th Century. Hillsborough Castle is an official government residence in Northern Ireland. It is the residence of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and the official residence in Northern Ireland of Queen Elizabeth II and other members of the British royal family when they visit the region.

Belfast Shopping

After your mornings walk through history into modern day, you will be whisked into Belfast City centre to spoil yourself with a spot of retail therapy.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost. for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Refreshments en-route
- Professional Tour Guide
- Guided Tour of Hillsborough Castle
- Self Guided visit to Hillsborough Gardens
- Visit to Belfast
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham OR Roast Sirloin of Beef OR Fish of the Day served with fresh vegetables & potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 64
- 33 - 40 people = € 69
- 25 - 32 people = € 75

Prices below 25 people on request. A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

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Battle Of The Boyne & Oldbridge House



Departure

10.30 We will depart from the agreed pick up point with our luxury coach and experienced guide. Enjoy a morning break for hot tea / coffee and freshly made scones en route to your first stop.

Battle of The Boyne Centre & Oldbridge House

Since earliest times, sites along the Boyne Valley have been centrally important in Irish history. The restored 18th century Oldbridge House is on the site of the Battle of the Boyne (1690). Well informed, welcoming guides and the centre's laser battlefield model will give you a wonderful insight into this significant battle between King James and King William. The walled garden and the lovely Tea Pavilion will further enhance your visit.

Drogheda

Drogheda is one of the oldest towns in Ireland. It is known for its tourism and as a centre of industry and medical care. Wander through time with ancient gates and walls, sacred sites, battlegrounds and big houses, festivals, family fun, culture & adventure.

Evening Meal

After a great day out, you will depart for your evening meal. Here you will enjoy a 4 course meal before returning home. Although entertainment is not included, it may be added for an additional cost.

What's Included

- Luxury Touring Coach
- Professional Tour Guide
- Refreshments en-route
- Visit to Oldbridge House & the Battle of the Boyne Centre
- Visit to Drogheda for Shopping
- 4 Course Evening Meal

Sample Menu*

- Homemade Soup of the day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham OR Roast Sirloin of Beef OR Fish of the Day served with fresh vegetables & potatoes
- Apple Pie & Cream
- Tea & Coffee

Prices

- 41 - 53 people = € 57
- 33 - 40 people = € 62
- 25 - 32 people = € 68

Prices below 25 people on request.

A pickup surcharge may be incurred depending on the location of your group

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