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WELCOME BACK

Dear Good Friends,

We have come through a tough few years together and we are so happy to reconnect with each and every one of you. There have been a few changes here at Marathon since we last spoke. Our dear friend and colleague Michael, who we know you all adore has happily retired. To his delight he has welcomed a beautiful grandson who has brought him and his family so much joy and happiness. As a result of Michael's departure we have welcomed some wonderful new members to the team. We know you will appreciate them just as much as we do. Say hello to; Siobhan, Marion and Alan.

This touring season to ensure you and your group get the best possible value and can enjoy a wonderful touring experience we have reshaped how we are offering day tours. We have worked extremely closely with our hotels, destinations and coach operators to select the very best Day Tours available on the market. In addition all Day Tours in the brochure have days through the season which they will be available. This change has arisen because these days are the ones where our partner hotels and destinations could offer us the most competitive rates. We have worked really hard to make sure you have best value tours available to help any budgetary requirements.

Browse through the tours and enjoy. We are looking forward to welcoming you on board again in 2023. Let's begin to make more joyful new memories together. Feel free to call our offices for a chat at any stage. We cannot wait to hear from each one of you this season.

Talk Soon,

The Marathon Team

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OSCAR WILDE

ST BRIDGET'S SHRINE & CARLINGFORD VILLAGE



According to tradition, Brigid was born at Fochard Muirtheimne, a few miles north of Dundalk about 450 AD with the place later being named Fochard Bríde in her honour. It is believed that Brigid spent her early years in this scenic area of north Co Louth, and the ancient penitential 'stations' linked with St Brigid's Stream have been performed here from ancient times.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 11:00



Tea & Scones at The Valley Inn



Visit St. Bridget's Shrine



Visit Carlingford Village



Dinner at the Valley Inn



Return to Pick Up Point

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Visit to St Bridgets Shrine ☒
- Free time in Carlingford ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

THE VALLEY INN MENU

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey and Ham OR Roast Sirloin of Beef OR Fish of the Day, served with fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Apple Pie with cream
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €56
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €59
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €65
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €69

TOUR AVAILABILITY

Call our team on **01 475 5010** to find out on which days this tour is available and get the booking process rolling. The prices listed are per person and are based on tours departing Mon - Thurs. Weekend tours are subject to availability and may incur a surcharge

POWERSCOURT HOUSE & GARDENS

Spend your afternoon meandering through the vast manicured gardens of the Powerscourt Estate.

Marvel at the 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.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 11:00



Tea & Scones at The Arklow Bay



Self-guided tour of Powerscourt House



Dinner at The Arklow Bay



Return to Pick Up Point



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Powerscourt Estate ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 – 60 People: €65
- Group of 40 – 49 People: €69
- Group of 30 – 39 People: €75
- Group of 25 – 29 People: €79

THE ARKLOW BAY MENU

- Vegetable Soup of the Day
- Grilled Supreme of Chicken served with fresh vegetables and potatoes OR Catch of the Day served with fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Baileys Cheesecake
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

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KILMACURRAGH GARDENS, WICKLOW

Explore Kilmacurragh, located in a tranquil corner of County Wicklow. It boasts one of Ireland's most beautiful collections of rhododendrons. Bear witness to the stunning magenta carpets of fallen blossoms as you take a walk through these magical gardens. In all its glory Kilmacurragh is now part of the National Botanic Gardens, providing a complementary collection of plants to its parent garden at Glasnevin.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 11:00



Tea & Scones at The Arklow Bay



Guided tour of Kilmacurragh Gardens



Dinner at The Arklow Bay



Return to Pick Up Point

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Kilmacurragh Gardens ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

THE ARKLOW BAY MENU

- Vegetable Soup of the Day
- Grilled Supreme of Chicken served with fresh vegetables and potatoes OR Catch of the Day served with fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Baileys Cheesecake
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €59
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €65
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €69
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €75

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BELVEDERE HOUSE & GARDENS

The magnificent 160 acre Lakeside Estate of Belvedere House, Gardens & Park boasts a fully restored Georgian Villa, built in 1740 by the famous Architect Richard Castles. The estate has a fascinating Victorian Walled Garden, with one of Ireland's finest collections of rare and special plants. Belvedere House Gardens & Park demonstrates beauty, intrigue and passion that make for an enchanting Visitor Experience

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 11:00



Tea & Scones at Belvedere Café



Guided tour of Belvedere House



Dinner at Feerick's Hotel



Return to Pick Up Point



SHORT DAY

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Belvedere House & Gardens ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €65
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €69
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €75
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €79

FEERICK'S HOTEL MENU

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey and Ham with Vegetables OR Roast Beef Stew with Mashed Potatoes OR Catch of the Day with Fries and Salad
- Apple Pie with cream
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

TOUR AVAILABILITY

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RUSSBOROUGH HOUSE & GARDENS, WICKLOW

In 1978 Sir Alfred Beit opened the house for guided tours and there have been over 1 million visitors since. The house which is beautifully maintained and lavishly furnished contains fine furniture, tapestries, carpets, porcelain, silver and much of the Beit collection of paintings. In the summer months, the reinstated garden area is a riot of colour and productivity, with surplus flowers, fruit and vegetables offered for sale at the garden entrance.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 11:00



Tea & Scones at The Arklow Bay



Guided tour of Russborough House & self-guided tour of Gardens



Dinner at The Arklow Bay



Return to Pick Up Point

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Russborough House ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

THE ARKLOW BAY MENU

- Vegetable Soup of the Day
- Grilled Supreme of Chicken served with fresh vegetables and potatoes OR Catch of the Day served with fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Baileys Cheesecake
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €65
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €69
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €75
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €79

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KNOCK SHRINE

The story of Knock began on the evening of the 21st of August 1879. Throughout the years, there have been many milestones which have seen this small rural village grow to become an international pilgrimage destination. Pope John Paul II visited Knock Shrine to commemorate the centenary of the apparition in 1979. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, another much-loved Catholic figurehead, visited in June 1993 and Pope Francis visited the shrine in 2018.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 08:30



Tea & Scones at The Shamrock Lodge



Visit Knock Shrine



Dinner at The Shamrock Lodge



Return to Pick Up Point

NOTES

This tour can only be booked on a Sunday. Due to the duration of the tour, no evening entertainment can be added.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Visit at Knock Shrine ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €59
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €65
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €69
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €75

SUNDAY'S ONLY



SHAMROCK LODGE MENU

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Supreme of Chicken in Peppercorn Sauce OR Fish of the Day served with Panache of Vegetables and Potatoes
- Apple Pie with cream
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

TOUR AVAILABILITY

Are you interested in booking this tour for your group? Call our team on **01 475 5010** and get the booking process rolling. Please do note this tour is available on Sundays only throughout the season.

IRISH LINEN CENTRE & SHOPPING

Explore Ireland's industrial heritage in the Museum's award-winning exhibition 'Flax to Fabric: the Story of Irish Linen'. Trace the history of linen production in Ulster, from the earliest times to the present, and see live spinning and weaving demonstrations. The Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum's galleries also feature a range of temporary and visiting exhibitions, featuring: the history of Lisburn and its people.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 09:30



Tea & Scones at The Valley Inn



Guided Tour of The Irish Linen Centre



Free Time in Banbridge or Belfast



Dinner at The Valley Inn



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Irish Linen Centre ☒
- Free time in Banbridge ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

THE VALLEY INN MENU

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

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €59 PP
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €65 PP
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €69 PP
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €75 PP

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CARLINGFORD CRUISE & THE MOURNE MOUNTAINS

The Scenic Carlingford Ferry links the Cooley Peninsula with the coastal regions of the Mournes. After the 25-minute Ferry crossing from Greenore, Co Louth to Greencastle, Co. Down, you may explore the Mourne Mountains. 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.

YOUR ITINERARY

-  Pick Up: 09:30
-  Tea & Scones at The Valley Inn
-  Carlingford Cruise & Mourne Mountains Scenic Drive
-  Free Time in Newry Town
-  Dinner at The Valley inn
-  Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Carlingford Cruise & Scenic Drive ☒
- Free time in Newry ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €59
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €65
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €69
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €75

THE VALLEY INN MENU

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

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BELFAST CITY TOUR & SHOPPING

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. Sitting at the mouth of the River Lagan where it becomes a deep and sheltered lough, Belfast is surrounded by mountains that create a micro-climate conducive to horticulture.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 09:30



Tea & Scones at The Valley Inn



Guided Coach Tour of Belfast City



Free time in Belfast for Shopping



Dinner at The Valley Inn



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Belfast City Guided Coach Tour ☒
- Free time in Belfast ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

THE VALLEY INN MENU

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

PRICE PER PERSON

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DÚN NA SÍ AMENITY & HERITAGE PARK

Dún na Sí translates from Irish as “the fort of the fairies”. It is named after the local folklore that some lone hawthorn bushes (often known as fairy bushes) once marked the presence of a ‘fairy fort’ which previously existed in the Park. Travel through time and experience a unique outdoor adventure exploring tradition, heritage, nature, and activity!

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 09:30



Tea & Scones at The Shamrock Lodge



Guided Tour of Dún Na Sí Amenity & Heritage Park



Visit Athlone Town



Dinner at The Shamrock Lodge



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Dun Na Si Amenity Park ☒
- Free time in Athlone ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

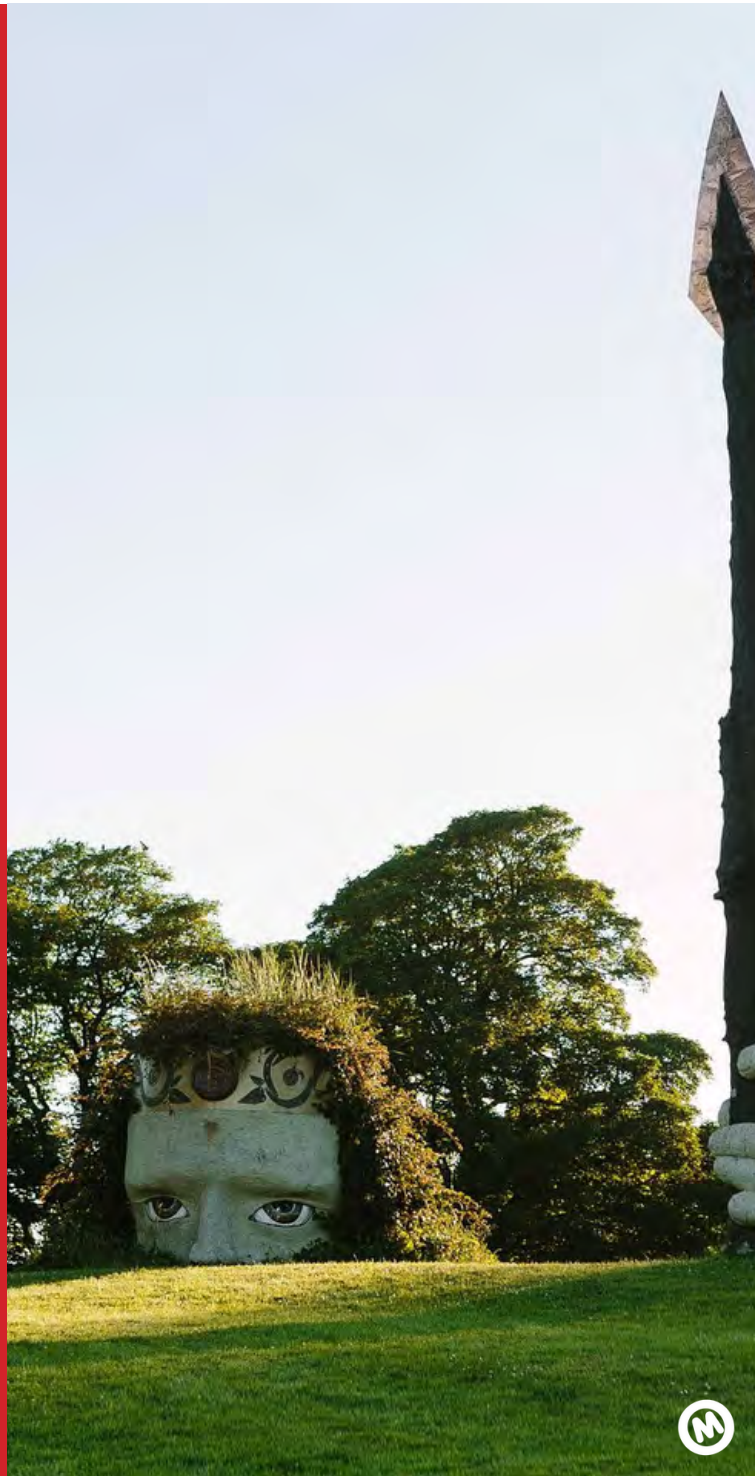
- Group of 50 – 60 People: €65
- Group of 40 – 49 People: €69
- Group of 30 – 39 People: €79
- Group of 25 – 29 People: €85

SHAMROCK LODGE MENU

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Supreme of Chicken in Peppercorn Sauce OR Fish of the Day served with Panache of Vegetables and Potatoes
- Apple Pie with cream
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

TOUR AVAILABILITY

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CAVAN COUNTY MUSEUM

Explore the unique heritage of County Cavan at the Cavan County Museum in Ballyjamesduff. Discover fascinating artefacts dating from the Stone Age through to the 20th century, with material spanning over 6,000 years. The museum also houses a medieval Dug-Out boat and a selection of medieval Sheela-na-Gigs, as well as a Folk Life gallery depicting life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 10:00



Tea & Scones at The Valley Inn



Visit Cavan County Museum



Free time in Cavan Town



Dinner at The Valley Inn



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Visit at Cavan County Museum ☒
- Shopping in Cavan Town ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒

THE VALLEY INN MENU

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

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €65
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €69
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €75
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €79

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THE CAVAN & LEITRIM RAILWAY

Discover the magic and charm of a late 19th century narrow gauge Irish railway, located in Dromod village, County Leitrim. The Cavan and Leitrim railway was one of the busiest of Ireland's narrow gauge railways. Today, the restored narrow gauge railway offers you the chance to experience the age of steam transport. The railway brings you back through time to an era when our ancestors travelled through the unspoilt landscapes of Leitrim.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 09:00



Tea & Scones at Feerick's Hotel



Visit The Railway at Dromod



Free time in Mullingar Town



Dinner at Feerick's Hotel



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Visit Cavan & Leitrim Railway ☒
- Free time in Mullingar ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €69
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €75
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €79
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €85

AVAILABLE WEEKENDS



FEERICK'S HOTEL MENU

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey and Ham with Vegetables
OR Roast Beef Stew with Mashed Potatoes OR
Catch of the Day with Fries and Salad
- Apple Pie with cream
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

TOUR AVAILABILITY

Call our team on **01 475 5010** to get the booking process rolling. This tour is available for bookings from Saturday - Monday throughout the touring season.

DONAGHMORE WORKHOUSE AND CARLOW



Donaghmore Famine Workhouse Museum is a unique place in County Laois which aims to tell the story of the families who lived and died within the famine workhouse walls before, during and after the Great Famine. As a result of the Great Famine era of 1845-1849 about 1,200 people were forced to seek refuge here. The Museum uses guided and self-guided tours combined with various exhibits to explain the socio-economic conditions which led to the establishment of this and other Workhouses. .

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 10:00



Tea & Scones at The Woodford Dolmon



Guided Tour of Donaghmore Workhouse



Free time in Carlow Town



Dinner at The Maldron Portlaoise



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Donaghmore Workhouse ☒
- Free Time in Carlow Town ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experience Tour Manager

THE MALDRON MENU

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Chicken with Fresh Vegetables OR Beef Stew with Mashed Potatoes OR Fresh Fish of the Day
- Baileys OR Strawberry Cheesecake
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €69
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €75
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €79
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €85

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KILKENNY CITY ROAD TRAIN

While on board hear all about the sights on our fully narrated tour and sing along to many favourite traditional songs and music played onboard. Starting from Kilkenny Castle the tour will take you on a 30 minute sojourn through the streets of Kilkenny, along the way you'll see many historical sights. Meander along the picturesque lanes and streets of Kilkenny and enjoy this nostalgic journey reminiscent of the bygone steam train.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 10:00



Tea & Scones at The Woodford Dolmon



Ride the Kilkenny City Road Train



Free Time in Kilkenny City



Dinner at The Maldron Portlaoise



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Kilkenny City Rd Train Tour ☒
- Free time in Kilkenny City ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €69
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €75
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €79
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €85



THE MALDRON MENU

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Chicken with Fresh Vegetables OR Beef Stew with Mashed Potatoes OR Fresh Fish of the Day
- Baileys OR Strawberry Cheesecake
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

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WELLS HOUSE & GARDENS AND GOREY

Explore the great Victorian estate of Wells House in the heart of County Wexford. Discover the history of this stately house, walk through beautiful gardens and enjoy family friendly activities. Admire the spectacular Versailles Room, the Lady Frances Room, the Daniel Robertson Room and many more on a guided tour of Wells House, Ballyedmond, Gorey.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 10:00



Tea & Scones at The Arklow Bay



Guided Tour Wells House & Leisure time in the Gardens



Visit Gorey Town



Dinner at The Arklow Bay



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Wells House & Gardens ☒
- Free time in Gorey ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

THE ARKLOW BAY MENU

- Vegetable Soup of the Day
- Grilled Supreme of Chicken served with fresh vegetables and potatoes OR Catch of the Day served with fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Baileys Cheesecake
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 – 60 People: €75
- Group of 40 – 49 People: €79
- Group of 30 – 39 People: €85
- Group of 25 – 29 People: €89

TOUR AVAILABILITY

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SILVERLINE CRUISE & ATHLONE

Departing from the quays at Shannonbridge you will board the "River Queen" and travel along the longest river in Ireland to Clonmacnoise discovering the unspoilt beauty and wild life of the Shannon. Listen to the river's history with live commentary and enjoy the tranquillity of river life. For those who would like to extend their cruising time we can offer a round trip from Banghar to Meelick Lock and return, just let us know at the time of booking.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 09:30



Tea & Scones at The Shamrock Lodge



Cruise on the River Shannon



Free Time in Athlone Town



Dinner at The Shamrock Lodge



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Cruise on the River Shannon ☒
- Free time in Athlone Town ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 40 – 50 People: €75 PP
- Group of 30 – 39 People: €79 PP
- Group of 25 – 29 People: €85 PP

Please note the maximum capacity of this tour is 50 people due to the capacity of the Cruising boat.



SHAMROCK LODGE MENU

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Supreme of Chicken in Peppercorn Sauce OR
Fish of the Day served with Panache of
Vegetables and Potatoes
- Apple Pie with cream
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

TOUR AVAILABILITY

Call our team on 01 475 5010 to find out on which days this tour is available and get the booking process rolling. The prices listed are per person and are based on tours departing Mon – Thurs. This tour is not available at weekends.



MOONRIVER CRUISE AND MULLINGAR



From the quayside in Carrick on Shannon, Moon River cruises will take you on a lovely one hour round trip along the River Shannon. The entertaining Moon River captain will explain points of interest and folklore of the area while you relax and enjoy the scenery. Carrick on Shannon is known as 'the marina capital of Ireland' and the Marina is an attractive focal point of the town.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 09:30



Tea & Scones on the River Cruise



Cruise the River Shannon



Free time in Mullingar Town



Dinner at Feerick's Hotel



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones on the River Cruise ☒
- Moon River Cruise ☒
- Free time in Mullingar ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

FEERICK'S HOTEL MENU

- Homemade Soup of the Day
- Roast Stuffed Turkey and Ham with Vegetables OR Roast Beef Stew with Mashed Potatoes OR Catch of the Day with Fries and Salad
- Apple Pie with cream
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 40 - 49 People: €79
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €85
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €89

Please note the maximum capacity of this tour is 50 people due to the capacity of the Cruising boat.

TOUR AVAILABILITY

Call our team on **01 475 5010** to find out on which days this tour is available and get the booking process rolling. The prices listed are per person and are based on tours departing Mon - Thurs. This tour is not available at weekends.

AVONDALE HOUSE & GOREY

A home that was once full of life and laughter; where one resident was a champion of trees, while another became one of Ireland's greatest historical figures. The rooms of this great house are brought to life for visitors, and once again the stories of these families fill these beautiful spaces. When John Henry Parnell (1811-1859) and his wife Delia's son, Charles Stewart, inherited Avondale on his 21st Birthday.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 10:00



Tea & Scones at The Arklow Bay



Guided Tour of Avondale House



Free Time in Gorey Town



Dinner at The Arklow Bay



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Avondale House ☒
- Free time in Gorey Town ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €75
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €79
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €85
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €89

THE ARKLOW BAY MENU

- Vegetable Soup of the Day
- Grilled Supreme of Chicken served with fresh vegetables and potatoes OR Catch of the Day served with fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Baileys Cheesecake
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

TOUR AVAILABILITY

Call our team on **01 475 5010** to find out on which days this tour is available and get the booking process rolling. The prices listed are per person and are based on tours departing Mon - Thurs. Weekend tours are subject to availability and may incur a surcharge.



TRAMORE'S JAPANESE GARDENS

The journey begins in a Victorian Garden which commemorates Hearn's happy childhood summers in Tramore. You will visit 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.

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 09:00



Tea & Scones at The Woodford Dolmon



Guided Tour of Tramore's Japanese Gardens



Free Time in Waterford City



Dinner at Arklow Bay Hotel



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Japanese Gardens ☒
- Free time in Waterford ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

THE ARKLOW BAY MENU

- Vegetable Soup of the Day
- Grilled Supreme of Chicken served with fresh vegetables and potatoes OR Catch of the Day served with fresh vegetables and potatoes
- Baileys Cheesecake
- Freshly Brewed Tea & Coffee

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 - 60 People: €75
- Group of 40 - 49 People: €79
- Group of 30 - 39 People: €85
- Group of 25 - 29 People: €89

BOOK THIS TOUR

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HILLSBOROUGH GARDENS & BELFAST

Hillsborough Castle's glorious gardens, developed from the 1760s onwards, are a joy to explore. They include ornamental grounds, peaceful woodland, meandering waterways and picturesque glens. Keep an eye out for specimen trees and rare plants as you explore the grounds. The Walled Garden produces fruit and vegetables that are served in Castle' café."

YOUR ITINERARY



Pick Up: 09:00



Tea & Scones at The Valley Inn



Guided Tour of Hillsborough Gardens



Free Time in Belfast City



Dinner at The Valley Inn



Return to Pick Up Point

SUPPLEMENTS

- Evening Entertainment: €250

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Luxury Touring Coach ☒
- Tea & Scones En Route ☒
- Tour of Hillsborough Gardens ☒
- Free time in Belfast City ☒
- 4 Course Evening Meal ☒
- Experienced Tour Manager ☒

PRICE PER PERSON

- Group of 50 – 60 People: €75 PP
- Group of 40 – 49 People: €79 PP
- Group of 30 – 39 People: €85 PP
- Group of 25 – 29 People: €89 PP



THE VALLEY INN MENU

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

TOUR AVAILABILITY

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DAY TOUR FAQ'S

What time do day tours depart?

This year we are offering two styles of day tours, short days (which you can see marked in the brochure) and our standard length tours. Our Short Day Tours will begin at your pick up point at 11:00. This departure time cannot be altered. Our standard length tours will start at your pick up point from 09:00, this departure time can be altered slightly depending on your destination and journey times required.

Is there more than 1 pick-up point?

All our tours include one pick up location per group. This is usually a location where it is easy for your touring coach to park up and allow you and your group board the coach as safely as possible.

How long is a day tour?

Our Short Day tours start at 11:00 and we aim to have you back to your pickup point by 8pm so they would be 9 hours long. Our standard day trips have a maximum duration of 12 hours, this is to ensure we abide by the Irish Road & Traffic Laws in relation to driver hours. If you decide to include evening entertainment as part of your tour, we will adjust your timings to ensure you have maximum enjoyment at every stop of your day tour.

Are there a free places included for the group leader?

As always we value all the assistance offered by the group leader, so one free place is available once the tour has 40 paying passengers. In other words the 41st person on all tours will not be charged.



Is there a Tour Manager included in the price?

At Marathon Travel we believe in providing our clients with extra-ordinary services at every step of your tour, right from the moment you make the booking until you come home after a day of touring.

Because of this belief a Tour Manager will be present on every day tour, to assist with anything required. They will know your itinerary inside out and are there to ensure you get the most out of your tour.

What is included in our day tour?

Each and every day tour has everything you need included to ensure you have the best possible day. Each tour includes a Luxury Touring Coach, an Experienced Tour Manager, Tea & Scones, Visit to an Attraction and a delicious 4 course meal at a wonderful hotel. The specifics of your tour will be laid out in your booking documentation you receive when booking.

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DAY TOUR FAQ'S

Is entertainment included after dinner?

To ensure the best possible prices for your tour we have not included evening entertainment in the price of your tour, as not every group requires it. Don't panic though we have our entertainers ready and waiting for you to include them as part of your package. We will add this as a supplement on your overall invoice. The supplement on our standard day tours is 250.

Can we book a tour for any day of the week?

To be in a position to offer you and your group the best possible rates the majority of our day tours are secured from Monday - Thursday throughout the touring season. If you want to travel on the weekend this would be subject to availability and will incur a supplement. We have a few select tours which will operate on weekends and these are highlighted in the brochure.

How many people do I need to book a tour?

This year our day tours will require a minimum number of 25 paying passengers. If you have a smaller group and would still like to travel that is no problem at all, you would just be required pay to the minimum charge of 25 people. If you have any questions at all on this please do not hesitate to contact us on 01 475 5010 and we will of course be more than happy to assist and clarify any queries.



What is the deposit amount required to make a booking?

This year we have amended the deposit amount to make it an easier amount to pay. The deposit required to secure your day tour is €20 per person. The balance payment of your Day Tour will be due 7 working days in advance of your tour date. Your full payment terms will be present on your booking documents shared at the time of booking.

When do our numbers need to be finalised for our tour?

We understand things happen in the lead up to your tour so we aim to be as flexible as possible. Your group numbers can be amended up to 3 working days in advance of your tour. This is to ensure everyone has a successful & comfortable day out. For any queries on this pop us a call on 01 475 5010.

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DAY TOUR FAQ'S

Are there toilets on the coaches?

Our touring coaches do not have washroom facilities on board; however, each tour is planned with such care that you will never be on board too long. If you feel you need additional comfort stops do let us know when making your booking.

Is the bus wheel chair accessible?

Our standard touring coaches are not wheelchair accessible. However please do not hesitate to contact us should you have group members with additional needs and we will be more than happy to assist.

Is there microphone on the bus?

Most of our touring coaches have a working microphone as standard equipment. This can be used by your tour manager if required during your tour.

How long do we have for refreshment breaks?

For maximum comfort and enjoyment we have built in at least two refreshment stops into your tour. You will enjoy an hour for your morning break and minimum of 90 minutes for your evening meal.

Is there an out of office number incase we require it?

To ensure everything on your tour goes exactly to plan and for your peace of mind in the lead up to your tour, your tour managers number will be shared 3 working days in advance of your tour.



Can dietary requirements catered for while on tour?

We do of course cater for dietary requirements, as we want everyone in every group to have the best possible outing. Please note we do need to be notified in advance of any dietary requirements your group may have so we can inform the hotels, so they have ample time to prepare. The deadline for dietary requirements would be 72hours before your trip.

How do I make my Day Tour Booking?

We cannot wait to hear from you. You can book your day tour by calling us on 01 475 5010 and we can get you and your group all booked in. You can also email us if preferred on groups@marathontravel.ie and we can also confirm your booking this way. If you are in the area you can also drop into our offices.

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A CHAIRDE,

Thank you for taking the time to browse through our 2023 Touring Brochure, We hope you enjoyed the new look and feel of everything.

We have done our very best to include as much detail as possible and answered as many questions as we thought you might have but it is impossible to cover everything in a printed brochure. We have learned from Michael that there is nothing better than a chat! So if you have any questions or queries or would like to lock in your Touring Date, please do not hesitate to give us a call. We are primed, willing and waiting and cannot wait to catch up!

2023 is a new beginning for Marathon Day Tours and we hope you will come along for the ride! Making memories is what we love to do, and we cannot wait to do it with you and your group!

Le buíochas,

The Marathon Team



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