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Welcome to Drogheda on the Boyne, a medieval town just 20 minutes from Dublin Airport. Drogheda is the gateway to the world famous Boyne Valley region and the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Newgrange.

Rich in heritage yet young at heart, the largest town in Ireland still has a village feel and a wealth of unique attractions within walking distance of each other.

Take the heritage trail around some of the ancient sites within the town's old walls. Witness the vibrant culture celebrated in the town's many festivals and venues.

Quiet lanes reminiscent of times gone by feed into bustling thoroughfares and shopping areas, with an abundance of restaurants, cafés and nightlife.

The mighty River Boyne – source of myth and legend – slices through the town, yet unites this ancient ground. Throughout its history Drogheda has been a site of military, civil and ecclesiastical importance.

Drogheda is the ideal centre from which to visit the treasures of Newgrange, Brú na Bóinne, Monasterboice, Oldbridge and Mellifont.

A warm welcome awaits you in Drogheda – Céad míle fáilte.

**We look forward to welcoming you
at the Drogheda Tourist Office**

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Drogheda on the Boyne

By Paddy Cluskey

*There's a big town by Newgrange
Its future's looking bright
Local Heroes gathered
And changed it overnight*

*Come along with me
And I'll take you on a tour
Each day it's getting better
And each day I love it more*

*Millmount's cup and saucer
Looks down on the Boyne
St. Peter's parish church
Hosts St. Oliver's shrine*

*Magdalene Tower, Old Abbey
Are relics of the past
The Viaduct bridge carries
The express train to Belfast*

*Laurence's Gate is a treasure
And something to behold
Part of an ancient fortress
In those days of old*

*Walk along the rampart
Its beauty is sublime
The battlefield at Oldbridge
Will take you back in time*

*The people here are friendly
A place to shop and dine
There'll always be a welcome
In Drogheda on the Boyne*

**R.I.P. Drogheda's beloved poet
Paddy Cluskey (1932 - 2013)**

newgrange

Key dates in Drogheda history

c. 3200 B.C.

The passage tombs at Brú na Bóinne were constructed.

432 A.D.

St Patrick entered the town and founded the Abbey at Old Abbey Lane.

830 A.D.

The town was occupied by the Danes.

848 A.D.

The Vikings wintered on the Boyne.

1142 A.D.

Mellifont Abbey founded by St Malachy.

1494 A.D.

Poynings Parliament held in Drogheda.

1541 A.D.

Suppression of the monasteries by Henry VIII.

1641 A.D.

Siege of Drogheda by Sir Phelim O'Neill.

1649 A.D.

Siege of Drogheda by Cromwell.

1665 A.D.

A wooden bridge erected over the Boyne (Site of St Mary's bridge).

baltray

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mornington

oldbridge



1185 A.D.

Prince John visited Drogheda during a tour of the Pale.

1210 A.D.

The second visit of John, now King of England.

North and South of the River Boyne, constituted separate boroughs.

1229 A.D.

King Henry III, by charter, granted Drogheda on the Louth side privileges and free customs.

1317 A.D.

Edward Bruce, brother of Robert and last man to be crowned High King of Ireland, fails to capture Drogheda.

1348 A.D.

The Black Death arrives in Drogheda. Like other towns the population on every level is devastated.

1412 A.D.

The two Corporations unite.

1681 A.D.

Oliver Plunkett, hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn.

1690 A.D.

Battle of the Boyne.

1839 A.D.

Daniel O'Connell addressed an audience of some 60,000 people 'The repeal of The Union'.

1844 A.D.

Dublin and Drogheda railway completed.

1922 A.D.

Millmount shelled by Irish Free State forces.

1979 A.D.

Pope John Paul II visits Drogheda.

so much to see

Drogheda's top ten



HERITAGE

1

World Heritage Site – Newgrange

Nestling in the heart of the Boyne Valley, within a few minutes drive from Drogheda town centre is the UNESCO World Heritage site Newgrange. This neolithic burial ground was constructed over 5,000 years ago, making it older than Stonehenge in England and the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt.



HERITAGE

2

St Laurence Gate

Once the gateway to one of the largest walled towns in Medieval Ireland, take time to enjoy the sight of one of the finest barbicans in Europe, dating from the late 13th century.

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HERITAGE

3

Drogheda Museum Millmount & Millmount Tower

Known affectionately as the 'Cup and Saucer', this martello type tower takes pride of place overlooking Drogheda, and is home to a fascinating collection of military memorabilia and artefacts in the adjoining museum. In peak season, take time to browse the beautiful local crafts in Millmount's Cultural Quarter.



4 Highlanes Gallery

Housed in a former 19th-century Franciscan Church, this light filled gallery and museum is home to the Municipal Art Collection, as well as several national and international temporary exhibitions.



CULTURE



5

Funtasia Waterpark and Tayto Park

One million visitors a year can't be wrong and whatever the weather, there is no shortage of family fun, with the largest indoor waterpark in Ireland or all the exotic creatures of Tayto Park on our doorsteps.



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RELIGION

St Peter's Catholic Church & St Oliver Plunkett's Shrine

Set right in the heart of Drogheda's main thoroughfare, this towering Gothic Revival church dating back to the 18th century houses the preserved head of St Oliver Plunkett (1625-81) in its lavish interior.



so much to see

MILITARY



Battle of the Boyne

Learn everything you need to know about the Battle of the Boyne – an event that shaped the course of Irish history – in this lovingly restored 18th-century Oldbridge house and magnificent grounds.

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Droichead Arts Centre, Barbican Centre, The TLT & Crescent Concert Hall

Choose from the intimacy of a beautiful gallery space and theatre, or a splendid 900-seater auditorium, both showcasing the best of local, national and international drama, music and comedy.

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CULTURE



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10 Boyneside Life

ACTIVITY

Enjoy the outdoor life by going for a run on the Ramparts alongside the Boyne, take a breezy stroll on one of our Blue Flag beaches, or go exploring along the beautiful Boyne Valley Garden Trail. Afterwards, wander through our medieval streets and sample the finest of local produce.

In July 2018, a team of locals came together to map a series of their favourite walks. They take different routes which highlight places of interest in our built, cultural, religious and natural history. These four walks (taking in the town's bridges, spires, walls and steps) are designed for locals and visitors to Drogheda and we hope you will enjoy them.

Pick up a FREE copy of the Drogheda Walks map & guide at local hotels, the Tourist Office, the Local Authority Offices in Fair St, and many local businesses.



EVENTS

9 Festival Fun

Plan your visit to tie in with one of Drogheda's festivals of art and culture, horse-racing, walking and outdoors, or music. The Drogheda Arts Festival and Drogheda Classical Music series draw the finest international acts. Then there's Vantastival and Seafood Rocks, not to mention the wonderful Irish Maritime Festival; and whether it's the thrill of one of the last beach horse-racing meetings in the world at Laytown, or the breathtaking Bellewstown course, all are well worth a visit.



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24 hours in drogheda

9.30AM: Visit St Peter's Catholic Church on West Street, most famous for the shrine of St Oliver Plunkett.

10.00AM: Drop into Drogheda Tourist office in the historical Tholsel building. Meet the team who will help you get the best out of your day. In summer book your place on the Medieval Walking Tour starting 2.00pm.

10.30AM: Experience the Highlanes Gallery in the beautifully converted Franciscan Friary on Laurence Street. View the Drogheda Municipal Art Collection, the Sword and Mace of Drogheda and enjoy coffee and a freshly baked scone.

NOON: Stroll up to Drogheda Museum Millmount & Millmount Tower. From this height enjoy spectacular views of the River Boyne, Drogheda and the majestic Boyne Viaduct, Ireland's greatest example of Victorian industrial architecture.

1.15PM: Savour lunch in any of our wonderful restaurants showcasing fabulous local produce.

2.00PM: Enjoy the Medieval Walking Tour of Drogheda starting at The Tholsel followed by a visit to the 17th-century Beaulieu House and Gardens (open June - Sept). Alternatively, visit the Battle of the Boyne site at Oldbridge, home of one of the most significant events in Irish history. While you are there, take in the beautiful Boyne Canal, with BoyneBoats.ie (pre-booking required). Take a trip back in time and enjoy this guided paddling tour using hand crafted traditional Kerry Naomhog currachs that have starred in the hit TV show – Game of Thrones. Boyne Boats guide you through 5,000 years of Ireland's Ancient East. Young and old can paddle together and feel what it was like to travel on the sacred Boyne all those years ago.

EVENING TIME: After a busy day, revive yourself with dinner in one of our delightful selection of restaurants. Sample local specialities from nearby farms or created by artisan producers. If you think our historic town is special, you should taste our locally produced food!

West Street,
Drogheda.



© Jimmy Weldon

48 hours in drogheda

9.30AM: Imagine being inside a structure that existed long before the Pyramids of Egypt or Stonehenge. Visit Brú na Bóinne*, a megalithic site dating back to 3,200 B.C. and home to the three passage tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. A mere five miles from Drogheda, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a must-see.

1.00PM: Return to enjoy lunch in Drogheda.

2.00PM: Why not play a round of golf on any of our superb links courses? Enjoy a spot of retail therapy in the old town centre or any of our contemporary shopping centres. Pamper yourself with a trip to one of our luxurious day spas. Visit Ireland's largest indoor water park, Funtasia, or enjoy fabulous family fun at Tayto Park.

5.00PM: Oh we do like to be beside the seaside... a stroll along the beach at Seapoint or Bettystown will inspire your mind whilst invigorating your body.

EVENING TIME: Revel in our long tradition of theatre and music in Drogheda. Book seats for a show at one of our award-winning local theatres or concert halls: TLT, Droichead Arts Centre or the Crescent Concert Hall. Alternatively, enjoy a pint of Irish stout in one of the many bars in the town centre.

Don't miss!

St Laurence Gate, a 13th-century barbican that was once a gateway to our walled town.

* During summer months Brú na Bóinne is extremely busy. Consider advance booking by visiting www.heritageireland.ie to avoid disappointment.

St Laurence Gate



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Boyne Boats

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1 week in drogheda



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STEEP YOURSELF IN HERITAGE

Start your day at the Drogheda Museum Millmount, where you can learn everything you need to know about our rich heritage, military past and industrial roots. Take the short trip down into the centre of the town and marvel at the head of St Oliver Plunkett in St Peter's magnificent Roman Catholic Church. A stroll away is the imposing St Laurence Gate, and as you continue the Heritage Trail, you will spy many more medieval wonders such as the Magdalene Tower, Old Abbey and much, much more.



A LITTLE BIT OF RELIGION

If Oxford is the city of dreaming spires, well Drogheda is its little sister, with seven spires to spot as you gaze over the view from Millmount.

You might not get to all of the churches but St Peter's Catholic Church in West Street is home of St Oliver Plunkett's shrine, St Augustine's with its divine Harry Clarke Studio window and



St Peter's Church of Ireland with its fascinating cemetery, are just three must-sees.

The walls and gates of Drogheda, which enclosed the city until about 1800, are still impressive with St Laurence Gate being the showpiece.

FAMILY FUN

There is plenty for children of all ages in and around Drogheda – a great place for family fun. Funtasia Waterpark is the biggest entertainment centre in Ireland, and is just a five-minute drive from Drogheda Tourist Office. With ample parking, you can sample all the thrills and spills of the waterpark and slides, bowling, roller skating, crazy golf and acres of fun rides. Think you have a head for heights? Try a skyclimb!

St Dominic's Park is a wonderful green site and playground on the Ramparts, along on the banks of the Boyne, minutes from the main street.

CULTURE CULTURES

Drogheda has so much to offer those seeking pursuits of a more cultural nature, it's hard to know where to start. Highlanes Gallery has a wealth of local, national and international art in the glorious setting of a former 19th-century Franciscan Church. The day would not be complete without a trip to one of our theatres, where you can find top comedians, singers or entertainers, or the best in local or national drama.

MILITARY MANOEUVRES

Attention! Drogheda has a rich and varied military past and you could easily lose yourself in all the town has to offer to the enthusiast.

The sight of the two replica cannons at Millmount will alert you to some of the military treasures that lie inside. In 1649 during Oliver Cromwell's attack on the town it is believed that much of the slaughter that took place happened on this very spot, with up to 2,500 men killed on September 11th, 1649.



Oliver Cromwell

The tower was badly damaged during the Irish Civil War in 1922 and was restored to its former glory in 2000.

Just a short hop up the River Boyne at Oldbridge House you can find out everything you need to know about Drogheda's famous Battle of the Boyne between King William III and his father-in-law, King James II, on July 1st, 1690.

Cannon at Millmount overlooking the River Boyne



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Aoife Ruane
Director, Highlanes Gallery

For me, there is simply nothing like the estate of Beaulieu House & Garden. It starts with the short three mile drive right along the river out from Drogheda. The truly unique house which for 800 years has been home to just two families, boasts the finest views of the river Boyne, and is the place for those interested in architecture, history and art. And then there are the gardens...

1 week in the Boyne Valley

ANCIENT WONDERS

Drogheda is the ideal place to plan your week in the Boyne Valley – Ireland’s ancient capital and its most sacred and mythical landscape. Brú na Bóinne is an extensive archaeological area just 5m from Drogheda, and this Unesco World Heritage Site is a must-see, with its interpretive centre and access to the Neolithic tombs.

About 10 minutes north of Drogheda you will find the remarkable monastic site at Monasterboice. The Cross of Muirdeach is the finest High Cross in Ireland. Follow the River Boyne until it splits into the River Mattock, and you have found Mellifont Abbey, another 10 minutes drive from Drogheda town centre.

HOMES AND GARDENS

Nothing could be more relaxing than strolling through the many historical gardens Drogheda and the surrounding area has to offer. The Boyne Valley Garden Trail links 11 of the most stunning garden attractions in counties Louth and Meath. This trail, accompanied by a new guide, will appeal to garden enthusiasts and nature-lovers alike and visitors can also visit many heritage sites along the way. From Grove House & Gardens, Kells to Beaulieu House and Gardens, Drogheda, each garden member hosts events in their gardens, including walks, charity fetes, music events, outdoor theatre, exotic and rare plant sales and harvest festivals. For more info and to download the guide, visit www.boynevalleygardentrail.com.



Beaulieu House & Gardens



Cross of Muirdeach, Monasterboice



Listoke

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The fishing village of Clogherhead is one of the hidden gems of the east coast. With breathtaking views as far as the Cooley and Mourne Mountains, choose between rambling amongst the unique flora and fauna, or heading to the pier, where not only can you buy the catch of the day, straight off the trawler, you can say hello to some of the cheeky seals who frequent the bay. The big strand is also a fine Blue Flag beach.

TIME FOR TEE

The Boyne Valley can be seen as somewhat of a golfer’s paradise. Whether you’re a low handicapper or a ‘social golfer’, there are courses to suit you. These include the majestic Links courses at Co. Louth Golf Club at Baltray, (home of the 2009 Irish Open), Seapoint Golf Links and Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club. Beautiful Parkland courses are also available such as Killeen Castle, (home of the 2011 Solheim Cup), Townley Hall GC, Julianstown GC and Bellewstown GC. For information on all these courses and others visit www.gui.ie.

Pitch & Putt is also well represented in the Boyne Valley with two courses within Drogheda itself, as well as courses at Seapoint in Termonfeckin, Laytown, Bellewstown and Stackallen. The locations of these courses and others can be found at www.ppu.ie.



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Tommy Leddy Founder & Director of the TLT Concert Hall & Theatre

Drogheda has such so much to offer musicians, both at home and abroad. I love the way music has evolved in the town over the last 50 and 60 years – and we have grown with the music too! We have so many music outlets here also... three theatres, five or six big music venues and almost every small pub in our town has music in it at the weekends. I love it!



Garden Tour at Beaulieu

© Jenny Matthews



TQ TRINITY QUARTER DROGHEDA

Situated in one of Drogheda's oldest buildings The Trinity Quarter offers a host of stylish and diverse zones for the ultimate day or night social experience.

Carefully restored and very chic, its beautiful features are now home to four vibrant drinking and dining settings.

Our imposing ground floor bar: The Star, is the perfect setting for meeting up with friends for an afternoon coffee or an early evening glass of wine.



At night The Star turns into the social hub of Drogheda with a party sound supplied by our resident DJs. Serving a selection of classic and contemporary cocktails, A variety of quality beers including fine Irish Craft beers, Quality spirits and a superb selection of exquisite wines.

The second floor transports you to a seductive resto-lounge where our knowledgeable staff are on hand to serve you one of our 50 wines off the extensive wine menu.

Cut Steakhouse, serves the finest selection of Irish Steaks from our mezzanine level providing views of the entire building from its elevated position.

Our gin emporium The Elements has an extensive selection of gins, elixirs and garnishes. With its acoustic playlist, it's the perfect evening or night time retreat.



Set in our outdoor area is the perfect garden oasis - The Botanical garden. With its array of flowers and trees it is the ultimate urban garden with live music from some of Ireland's top acoustic artists on our classic bandstand every weekend. Overall this stunning venue is a feast for the eyes.



OPENING HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY: 2PM TILL LATE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 12PM TILL LATE
STEAKHOUSE MENU AVAILABLE DAILY: 5PM-10PM
DAY MENU AVAILABLE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: 12:30PM - 4:30 PM

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5-01 Club : €4 glass of house wine, €6 House
 G&T, 2 Cocktails €12

Monday - Friday (5pm - 8pm)
 Thursday (5pm to close)

Cocktail, one plate from our daytime menu and
 a coffee: €15 per person

Saturday & Sunday
 12:30pm - 4:30pm



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dance & heritage



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for full details.



discover drogheda



Abbey of St Mary D'Urso
(The Old Abbey)

Rich in heritage yet young at heart, the largest town in Ireland still has a village feel and a wealth of unique attractions within walking distance of each other. Enjoy your journey of discover!



Millmount Tower



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Drogheda (Droichead Átha, meaning bridge at the ford) did not have Viking beginnings (the Vikings sailed up the Boyne but never settled here). It was built on a green field site by the Normans under the guidance of Hugh De Lacy on the southern side of the Boyne, called Drogheda in Meath, which was given a charter in 1194 and by Bertram de Verdon on the northern side, called Drogheda in Oriel. They were not united until 1412 by which time Drogheda had become a thriving port.

2012 saw a host of celebrations marking the 600th anniversary of this unification.

The earliest monument in the town is the motte-and-bailey fort, now called Millmount, which was also built by De Lacy, some time before 1186. Legend has it the ancient poet and druid Amergin is buried in the mound on which the fort was built.

Drogheda was the most important town in the Norman part of Ireland, which was known as "The Pale." The Irish Parliament moved to Drogheda

for a time and in 1494 Poyning's Law, which subordinated the Irish Parliament to the English King was passed in the town.

Drogheda was captured by Oliver Cromwell in 1649 as part of his conquest of Ireland, and in an infamous incident many of the Royalist defenders were massacred.

The famous Battle of the Boyne in which King William of Orange defeated King James was fought at Oldbridge, on the banks of the Boyne, 4km west of Drogheda in 1690.

Drogheda's old monuments and buildings tell the story of its rich history

Medieval



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ST LAURENCE GATE

Nothing defines Drogheda quite like the iconic St Laurence Gate. Regarded as one of the best preserved barbicans in Europe, this massive structure was built in the 13th century. Originally one of 10 gates which allowed entry and exit to the medieval town, it stands almost 20 metres in height, and is one of the most impressive examples of its type in Europe. Visitors can appreciate the spectacular dimensions of the medieval walls south of the gate at Featherbed Lane.

MAGDALENE TOWER

Two significant events make this tower, at the highest point on the north side of Drogheda, a beacon for peace and reconciliation. It was the belfry tower of the Dominican Friary founded by the Archbishop of Armagh, Lucas de Netterville in 1224.

Magdalene Tower



The Tholsel circa 1900

A 14th-century construction, it was here in 1367 that O'Neill and the other Ulster and Leinster chiefs surrendered to England's King Richard II. In 1412, its Abbot, Fr Bennett, helped the two separately administered towns of Drogheda to unite.

OLD ABBEY (ST MARY D'URSO)

Another surviving belfry from the monastic period can be seen at the site of the Old Abbey where in 1206 the Hospital of St Mary d'Urso was founded by Ursus de Swemele and his wife Christine and run by a religious community. Near the end of the century it was taken over by the Augustinians and after a period of decline was reformed by the Observatines. It was surrendered by its last Prior, Richard Malone, in 1543. The belfry surmounting a Gothic archway and a section of the original town wall is part of the remaining structures.

MAYORALTY HOUSE

This fine building on Drogheda's quays holds memories of many civic dinners, receptions, banquets and balls. As with the Tholsel, it is a Georgian limestone building designed by George Darley and was opened in 1768.

THE THOLSEL

This historic building is probably one of the first places you will visit in Drogheda as it is the home of Drogheda Tourist Office. It began life as a wooden medieval building which was demolished in 1765 to make way for the present limestone Georgian building. Designed by George and

Hugh Darley, it was completed in 1770 and was the town's municipal headquarters for 130 years (and site of more than a few hangings) until the Corporation moved to its present location in Fair Street in 1889. From 1890 the building was leased to a bank and in 2010 became the Tourist Office.



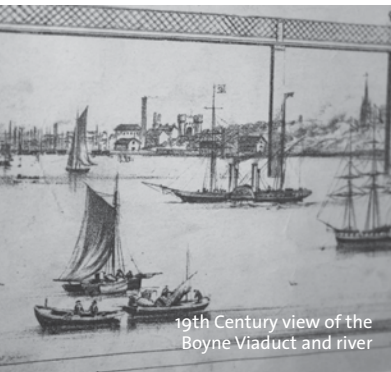
Abbey of St Mary D'Urso (The Old Abbey)

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Richard Moore
Artist

There's nothing nicer than coming down the Boyne River from Slane on a small boat. You could be in the Amazon Jungle with the spectacular scenery and the beautiful colours of the trees. As you look down at our town you get a different perspective of Drogheda – it's so calm and peaceful.



19th Century view of the Boyne Viaduct and river



Ravel's map of Drogheda 1749

Bygone Era

The river splits the town into two halves. Between them the walls had a circuit of 15 miles.

They were 22 feet high and 6 feet thick at the base decreasing to 4 feet at the top to allow for a narrow walkway on which there was standing room for soldiers.

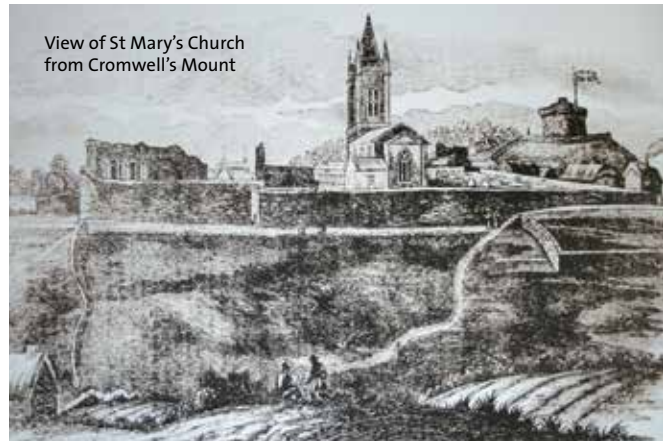
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Cromwellian soldiers portrayed killing townspeople



Cromwellian soldier's armour on display at Millmount Museum



View of St Mary's Church from Cromwell's Mount

heritage



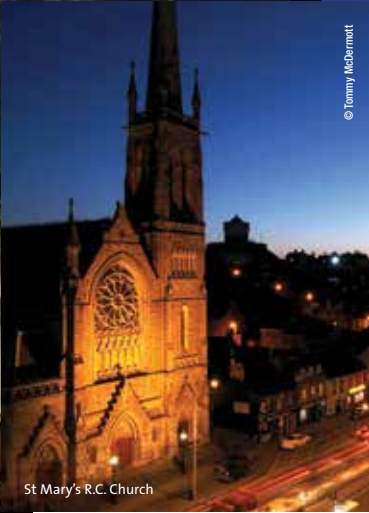
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St Peter's Catholic Church



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St Mary's R.C. Church

DROGHEDA MUSEUM MILLMOUNT & MILLMOUNT TOWER

An absolute treasure, Millmount Tower – known as the ‘cup and saucer’ – offers spectacular views over the town and its majestic steeples. It is home to a military exhibition of Ireland’s struggles displaying guns, swords and John Boyle O’Reilly’s death mask. The tower was built in 1808 on the site of Amergin’s burial ground. It was shelled during the Civil War of 1922 but has recently been lovingly restored. You may be lucky during your visit to hear its replica canons being fired. The neighbouring museum contains a wealth of local artefacts giving a unique insight into Drogheda life through the centuries.



Death mask of John Boyle O'Reilly in Millmount Tower

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Mary’s was built between 1884 and 1892 to a design by Drogheda architect PJ Dodd and is another large modern Gothic design similar to St Peter’s Catholic Church. St Mary’s is dominated by its slender spire and has three gabled entrances which lead to a very dark, dramatic interior that is highly decorated. Only one side of the aisle has windows and these are filled with dark stained glass.

ST MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

This church was built in 1807 in the grounds of an ancient monastery. It was founded by the townspeople for mendicant Carmelite friars some years before the Norman invasion. When the town walls were built in the 13th century, they were extended, at this point to enclose the monastery. It was here, at the southwest corner of the churchyard, that Oliver Cromwell’s cannon breached the town wall which enabled his forces to enter the town in September 1849. The southeastern wall of the town still stands at the rear of the churchyard.

THE AUGUSTINIAN CHURCH

Again, this is an unusual Gothic building but with a distinctly Irish look. The interior has arcades of pointed

arches between the nave and the aisles and a tall pointed arch divides the nave from the sanctuary. The interior is dark and impressive. Tiny windows in the aisles are filled with stained glass from the Harry Clarke Studios.

ST PETER'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

The splendid Church of Ireland building, with its cut-stone facade and rich rococo plasterwork, is one of the finest 18th-century churches in the country. Inside sits a magnificent preaching box which not only provides great acoustics for the voice but also for orchestras which use the church for classical concerts. Various imposing marble monuments and busts in the church are complimented by the adjacent graveyard.



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Cadavers at St Peter's Church of Ireland graveyard

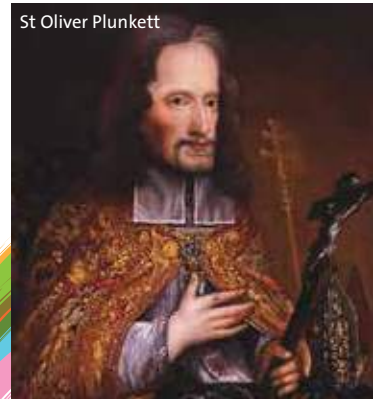
Churches

St Peter's Catholic Church



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

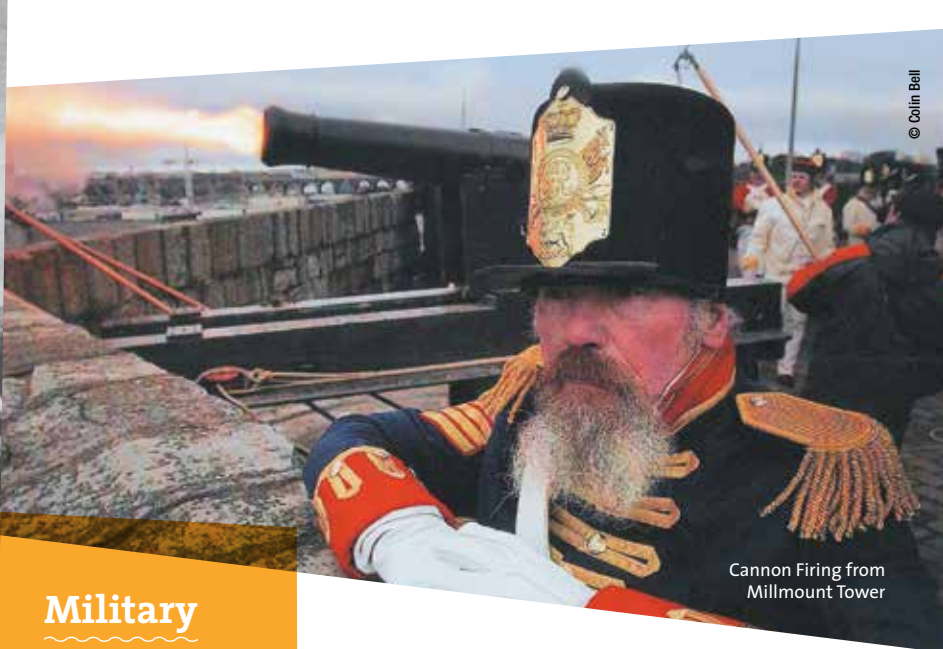
This fine building, on Drogheda’s main thoroughfare, is a centre of pilgrimage. It houses the relic of the head of St Oliver Plunkett, the Archbishop of Armagh, which was retrieved from the executioner’s fire after he was hanged, drawn and quartered for his faith at Tyburn in 1681. St Peter’s is one of the last Gothic churches to have been built in the late 19th century and is regarded as a masterpiece of design.



St Oliver Plunkett



Millmount Tower in the aftermath of the shelling of Millmount July 4th 1922



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Cannon Firing from Millmount Tower

Military

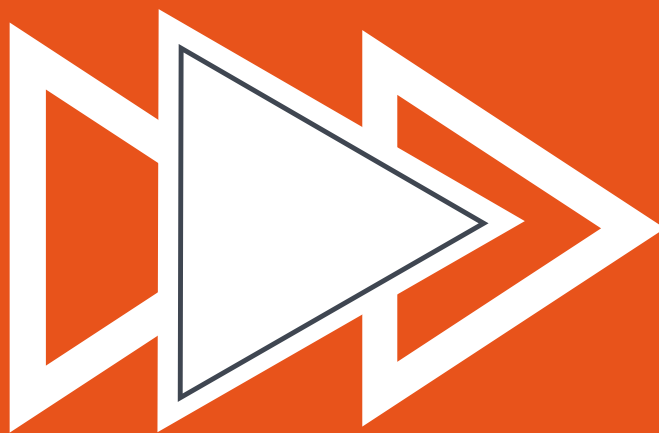
Military buffs visiting Drogheda can trace the footsteps of kings. The Battle of the Boyne, a pivotal battle in history, was fought just three miles outside of the town. The site of the battle, in the grounds of Oldbridge House, is open to the public. Little has changed since the forces of King James and King William faced each other across the Boyne. Access to the site itself is free but there is a small entrance fee for Oldbridge House which provides an audio visual show and displays of original and replica weaponry.

More material is available at Drogheda Museum Millmount which also details the sacking of Drogheda by Oliver Cromwell. The museum also has a weaponry exhibition with items dating from 1642 until after World War II.



Military exhibit at Millmount

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HIGHLANES GALLERY

Highlanes Municipal Art Gallery is in the former Drogheda Franciscan Church, which the order gifted to the town when they ended their 760 year association with Drogheda in 2000. The building dates from the early 19th century, though the former Franciscan burial crypts date from much earlier.

The main exhibition spaces are bright and airy and house five temporary exhibitions every year, some of which are drawn from the magnificent Drogheda Municipal Art Collection.

BARBICAN CENTRE

Drogheda has a wonderful sense of community and co-operation. The Barbican is a multi-purpose hall which acts as a cultural beat in the heart of the town. It is used by both the public, private and community sectors to host a range of events including shows, classes, photography exhibitions, public meetings, training etc.

A visit to www.barbican.ie will reveal what's taking place in The Barbican during your stay in Drogheda.

DROICHEAD ARTS CENTRE

A vibrant multi-disciplinary arts centre in the heart of Drogheda Town. It offers an extensive programme of events including theatre, music, film, visual arts, opera, dance, comedy, literature and festivals. The Centre comprises of two premises including a modern 169 seater theatre, a bright contemporary visual arts gallery and bar/café on Stockwell Street and Barlow House, an 18th century Georgian style townhouse on West Street which hosts rehearsal rooms, meeting rooms, and artist studios. Droichead Arts Centre is one of the major artistic hubs in the North-east region. www.droichead.com

THE CRESCENT CONCERT HALL

Drogheda's newest venue promises to bring the Trinity Quarter to life! An exciting all-year round programme of national and international acts awaits you at this amazing new addition to the entertainment scene in the Northeast.



Traditional Music in Drogheda Museum Millmount

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The Star of Chester's Lane, Quinntessence Theatre, A Drogheda Arts Festival Commission



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THE TLT

The TLT Concert Hall & Theatre is a purpose built, state of the art 900-seat venue for Drogheda and the North East, which stages a variety of performing arts and commercial events.

The annual programme features a diverse range of shows. From live music, ballet, dance and musicals to traditional pantomimes and youth theatre there really is something for everyone. Traditionally, groups and performers visiting Ireland performed exclusively in Dublin but this theatre has succeeded in attracting international artists to perform in Drogheda and they love gigging at the TLT.

Don't miss out – visit www.thetlt.ie to see what's on during your stay and watch out for the legendary Tommy Leddy (pictured below) who may be there in person to greet you on your arrival.



festivals

come join the fun

A year-round calendar of unique festivals means there's always something new to discover in the Boyne Valley



FLEADH CHEOIL NA hÉIREANN, AUGUST 2018 /19

Drogheda plays host to the biggest traditional Irish music festival on the planet in August 2018 and again in August 2019! This week long jamboree of music, song and dance (not to mention late nights and family fun) will take over the region. Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann attracts over 400,000 people annually. It's a celebration of Irish culture, language, music, song, dance and heritage. We'll see YOU in Drogheda! Visit www.FleadhCheoil.ie for full details.



DROGHEDA ARTS FESTIVAL, May

Drogheda is the place to be in May! Drogheda Arts Festival is renowned for a stunning and diverse range of art forms performed and displayed in a selection of evocative and compelling venues. But this fun-filled festival is so much more – it spills out onto the streets of Drogheda filling the town with vibrant colours, sounds and cultural experiences. The calibre of artists and the tradition of commissioning new work have ensured the programming has been critically acclaimed, while the emphasis on family and participation means Drogheda welcomes young and old into its historic streets and buildings for creativity, fun, and new experiences. For full details visit www.droghedaartsfestival.ie.

SEAFOODROCKS FESTIVAL, July

This festival, based in Clogherhead is a nautical themed Seafood, Music & Arts festival. It takes families on a seafaring journey fully loaded with food, music and live theatrics. Five stages jam packed with entertainment brings a bountiful weekend full of movies, music, cookery demos, competitions, comedy, adventure games, street performers, street art, magicians, drama, dancing, and an unrivalled selection of delicious local seafood offerings. Located on the coastal fringes of the Boyne Valley and only 12km from Drogheda this is a family festival not to be missed. Visit www.SeaFoodRocks.ie for full details.



VANTASTIVAL, June

Vantastival is a family-friendly festival which takes place over the June Bank Holiday Weekend. A host of live musical acts will perform over the weekend, while a focus on the campervan lifestyle brings an extra dimension to the only festival of its kind in Ireland. Other attractions include gourmet food stalls, festival traders, scheduled kids' activities, art, craft and many other quirky additions, ensuring that Vantastival has something for everyone, with or without a campervan! Check out www.Vantastival.com for more details.

BOYNE MUSIC FESTIVAL, August

This festival brings together an incredible group of musicians, artists and poets for a weekend of concerts, workshops, readings and much more. The historic Townley Hall, built in 1799 by Francis Johnston, is home to this marvellous festival. Visit www.boynemusicfestival.com for tickets and full line-up.

THE IRISH MARITIME FESTIVAL, June

The River Boyne is our undiscovered gem and this festival, which takes place in June, is about giving people the chance to really enjoy the great maritime tradition we have here in Drogheda. A maritime parade opens proceedings on Day 1 as a flotilla of boats, ships and all kinds of seafaring vessels join the visiting historic ships as they sail up the Boyne. Festivalgoers will be spoiled for choice with fun fairs, boat and canoe trips on the river, stunning watersports displays, an artisan food quarter, boat-building workshops, a stand-up paddle boarding race, art and photography zones and a maritime history pavilion. For full details visit www.maritimefestival.ie.



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DROGHEDA CLASSICAL MUSIC, September to March

Drogheda Classical Music presents a series of seven concerts from September to March each year featuring world-class Irish and international artists, performing works from all classical genres for audiences in Drogheda and the North East. Since its foundation, Drogheda Classical Music has hosted Irish artists such as John O'Connor, Celine Byrne, Finghin Collins, Barry Douglas, Tara Erraught and international musicians including Angela Hewitt, Johannes Moser, Cédric Tiberghien and Alina Ibragimova, to name a few. It works in partnership with Droichead Arts Centre and receives grants from Louth County Council and the Arts Council of Ireland. See www.DroghedaClassicalMusic.com for more information.



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BOYNE VALLEY WALKING FESTIVAL, June

Time to dust down your walking boots and get moving! This festival has become a firm favourite with locals and tourists alike who like nothing more than to experience the magic of the Boyneside landscape with a bracing walk through some of our greatest heritage sites. Local guides tell the stories of the valley over the four days too! Registration for walks is at Drogheda Tourist Office, email bvwfest@gmail.com.

DROGHEDA TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL, November

What better way to spend the cold dark days of November than in a cosy bar corner snuggled up with a creamy pint or a hot cuppa listening to some of Ireland's best trad musicians. A number of concerts, ceilis, and a series of family-friendly sessions are performed throughout the town in pubs, restaurants and hotels. See www.droichead.com for listings.

child's play

The Boyne Valley is one giant adventure playground with amazing parks and cool attractions



Funtasia Bettystown

Funtasia Bettystown is Ireland's premier indoor family entertainment centre. Set in the heart of the picturesque seaside resort of Bettystown, it has something for all the family – white knuckle rides for the thrill seekers and gentler attractions for the less adventurous. Young explorers will be kept busy for hours with adventures around every corner in the Jungle Zone

and the multi-level play area. Adults can also enjoy the luxurious casino, 3D motion theatre, American-themed pool areas and Ireland's only rollercoaster on a roof, which makes Funtasia Bettystown a must to visit! www.funtasia.ie

Celtic Adventures

Located just out the road in Clogherhead, Celtic Adventures offer outdoor pursuits for individuals, families and groups. Here you can really enjoy the outdoors with activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding and coastering. The company also run regular kayak trips on the Boyne. Visit www.CelticAdventures.ie for details.

Open Farms

The Fee Family invite you to visit their Red Mountain

Open Farm. This is a family run mixed farm with tillage, sheep, poultry and horses, set in the open countryside of the Boyne Valley near the village of Donore. It boasts the most extensive indoor facilities of all open farms in Ireland, so no matter what the weather may bring there is lots to enjoy. Close to the Brú na Bóinne site, you'll also find Newgrange Farm, home of the renowned annual Sheepstakes! There are animals galore and café facilities to keep the whole family happy. www.redmountainopenfarm.ie
www.newgrangefarm.com

Tayto Park

Kids of all ages are welcome to visit Mr Tayto in his own theme park near Ashbourne, Co. Meath. The park has a Native American theme and welcomes everyone to get close to weird and wonderful creatures such as ocelots, squirrel monkeys and buffalo, fly through the air at the Eagle Sky Adventure Zone, or simply play 'til you drop at the Pow Wow Playground. Adults are equally well catered for. They can relax in the Teahouse in the Tree House, or have a bite in The Lodge Restaurant after taking a walk around Cool Lough.

If all that isn't enough, you can take a tour of the Tayto crisp factory! www.taytocrisps.ie



Playgrounds

Every child loves to play, and in the Boyne Valley we've playgrounds aplenty! By the banks of the picturesque Boyne River, you'll find St Dominic's Park, which has ample space for play, adult outdoor gym equipment to work up a sweat, and two playgrounds for children aged two to 12. It also has a wonderful Liberty Swing allowing disabled access, with ample parking.

Children's Soft Play Area

Sometimes the weather can conspire against you, leaving you with highly energetic children with nowhere to play! Not to worry, as well as the facilities available at Funtasia, an indoor soft play area is also available at Astrotots in Drogheda Leisure Park and provides a clean, safe and supervised area for young children, whilst allowing the adults to enjoy a relaxing coffee!

Leanbh Children's Festival

Droichead Arts Centre | October

An annual Arts Festival for children and families that will thrill and excite. Taking place throughout the month of October, in our Centre, in our schools and in our Library with an ambitious, creative and playful programme. We plan to brighten up those autumnal October days with fun, imagination and lots of giggles! For children ages 6 months – 12 years. Full festival details can be found on www.droichead.com

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Looking for indoor activities?

A trip to Drogheda Leisure Park is fun for all the family. Go bowling, enjoy indoor football and toddlers can roam in the indoor soft play areas. For details of charges, opening hours and directions visit www.droghedaleisure.ie.

Go for a swim at Drogheda Aura Leisure Centre. This state of the art facility is a great location for all the family to enjoy a swim, dip in the Jacuzzi, a sauna or a steam.

The children's pool is a big hit with the little ones too. A great location for families. Visit www.auraleisure.ie/drogheda

Funtasia Waterpark Drogheda

One million people this year have passed through the doors of this Egyptian-themed entertainment centre located in Drogheda.



Here you can enjoy the Pirates Cove interactive waterpark, the first of its kind in Ireland. This extensive complex features over 200 water gushing activities including the adrenalin pumping Super Bowl Speed Slide and the Boomerang. Other attractions include the Atlantis Cove play area, a 14-lane bowling alley, roller skating rink, crazy golf, rock climbing, a luxurious Casino, Pharaoh's fast food restaurant, video games, simulators and lots more! www.funtasia.ie

Whiteriver Park

Petrol-heads and thrill-seekers alike will love a trip to Whiteriver Park, an exciting new outdoor kart racing venue, located in Collon just eight minutes from Drogheda. Whether you're eight or 80 years old speed lovers won't be disappointed here. Whiteriver Park provides all the equipment you need to go racing, from kart to helmets, suits, gloves, etc. Stylish Alpha Karts are designed to give a very realistic race kart feel and the circuit is super smooth with lots of demanding corners and gradient changes. See www.whiteriver.ie for group bookings/parties or more details.



The Arc Cinema

Family fun is super-sized at Drogheda's state-of-the-art Arc Cinema in Drogheda Town Centre.

Six screens, luxury seating, incredible surround sound and 3D make it a fabulous outing for the young and young-at-heart. There's convenient underground car parking and all your favourite sweets and treats to eat during the show. Special value family packages are available by pre-booking online at www.ArcCinema.ie or see www.facebook.com/ArcCinemaDrogheda for offers.



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shopping retail therapy

If you want to spoil yourself, there is no better place to go shopping than in Drogheda. The town is home to more than 200 shops, from locally owned boutiques and creative artisan shops supplying a wide variety of local and international brands



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West Street

Drogheda's main street is home to a mix of independent retailers, some high street names, a central location which is home to an open air market every Friday.

Drogheda Town Centre

This busy shopping centre, where the ARC Cinema is located, has its main entrance on West Street opposite St Peter's. There is also easy access to the Centre via the covered carpark from Dyer Street.

Shop Street

A vibrant street with menswear and footwear shops featuring strongly. Home to Drogheda's largest furniture showroom, the street is also home to a quaint art and hobby outlet. This street is also home to Drogheda's largest furniture showroom.

Narrow West Street

The street to visit for stylish ladieswear, or where the friendly folk at Hurley Bros. will provide fresh sandwiches at great prices.

Stockwell Street/ Duke Street

Home to the Droichead Arts Centre, check out the vintage shops for some amazing finds and rest your feet at the Artisan café where you can enjoy coffee and delicious local produce.

St Laurence Street

A thriving street in the heart of Drogheda well worth a visit for coffee and ice-cream lovers, where arts & crafts, gift shops and boutiques lead the way to the amazing Highlanes Gallery where you can soak up some culture while enjoying a cuppa in the adjoining Relish café.

Scotch Hall

A vibrant mix of new and old Scotch Hall is the modern shopping experience, housing many of the high street names. Take some time out from your retail therapy to indulge in some pampering in the centre's hair salons, barbers and nail bars.

M1 Retail Park

Located on the northside of the town just off the M1, this retail park has a rich mix of shops including homeware providers, toy stores, sports outlets and specialist shops.

Drogheda Retail Park

Conveniently located just off the M1 on Drogheda's southside, you can grab a cup of coffee while browsing for bargains in TK Maxx, or looking for household goodies in the large DIY and home stores.

Laurence Town Centre

A modern shopping centre, great food outlets, High Street retailers and specialist shops.

Ireland's Wedding Mall

Drogheda is a one-stop shop for all things wedding, with five bridalwear shops, excellent boutiques, menswear and specialist shops to take care of all the wedding trimmings – cakes, cake toppers, photographers to name but a few. Any potential wedding party will find all that they need for their big day in Drogheda.

Visit our Markets

West St Farmers Market, every Friday, 10am – 5pm

Drogheda is bustling with activity every Friday when local farmers, growers and craftmakers all descend on West St to sell their own produce in person and answer any questions you may have. You will be spoilt for choice as you browse the distinctive stalls containing wonderfully fresh home produce.

The Cottage Market Drogheda, St Peter's Church of Ireland, Parish Hall, Peter St Drogheda. (The first Saturday of each month from 11am – 4pm)

The Cottage Market Drogheda aims to create a market that reflects the diverse skills and interests of its local people. Its focus is to develop and showcase the skills and talents of local crafters, bakers, and makers. It is commercial with a small 'c' and Community with a capital 'C'. We have been successfully trading for two years now and continue to support local traders and in turn have created a wonderful Cottage Market Crew who host over 30 stalls every month.

Drogheda Town Market, Bolton Square, every Saturday, 8am – 1pm

One of the greatest charms of Irish towns is the farmers markets which have been functioning for decades and in Drogheda's case, centuries. Every Saturday morning, Bolton Square is home to an open air market selling local farm produce, fruit and vegetables, flowers, clothes, electrical goods, jewellery, books, hardware household items and more. Most of the stalls are small and placed randomly but you can be sure you won't go home empty handed!



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"If you can't buy it in Drogheda – you don't need it!"

home grown

Drogheda has a huge wealth of artistic talent with a vibrant craft industry. Creating objects of outstanding beauty – from solid wood furniture to small pieces of delicate textiles, jewellery and sculptures – our craftmakers are among the best in the country



Aine Dunne Tapestry

Aine Dunne Fine Art Tapestry Weaver

An Cruach, Ballymakenny, Drogheda.

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Working from her studio in the Boyne Valley, Aine designs and hand weaves bespoke tapestry wall hangings for public and private clients. 'A recent commission hangs in the foyer of LinkedIn's EMEA Dublin office. Aine runs workshops in weaving and spinning throughout the year and details are available from her website. If you would like to see a local weaver at work or participate in a workshop, visit the studio throughout the summer months and by appointment throughout the rest of the year.



Breda Marron Creations

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Breda creates sculptures, original drawings and paintings – all inspired by people, literature, nature and wildlife. Her sculptures are made with natural materials such as willow, rushes and seedheads and can be commissioned for exterior and interior spaces.

Breda's artwork is contemporary, evocative, tactile; she uses mixed media such as ink, charcoal and paint. There is a distinctive energy flowing through Breda's work which connects her paintings and sculptures together.



Edmund McNulty – Knitwear

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Edmund has been based in Drogheda for a number of years, designing and producing beautiful designer garments, all knitted from the finest luxury yarns from Italy and South America. The workshop is open to the public most days so shoppers are welcome to browse through the rails of garments and perhaps find that little gem they were always looking for!



Deirdre McCullough – Oldbridge Silver

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Specialising in one-off bespoke designs, Deirdre prides herself on delivering highest quality handcrafted jewellery items, ranging from ornate necklaces and bracelets to torcs and pendants.

During your visit to Drogheda be sure to stop by her studio to see first hand a selection of these beautifully elegant and unique pieces.



Joe Lawler – Architectural Furniture

Church Rd, Donacorney, Drogheda, Co. Meath.

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Joe makes his own distinctive hand-crafted furniture from Irish hard woods using traditional methods. Most of his designs are influenced by architectural forms and have a sculpture feel. Each piece is hand finished to bring out the natural beauty of the wood, and all pieces are signed and dated. Joe was previously commissioned to make a chair for former U.S. President Bill Clinton.



Maureen Finn Ceramics

Unit 10, Millmount Craft Centre, Drogheda.

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Ceramic artist Maureen Finn has been based at Millmount for more than 16 years now. She produces hand built ceramics inspired by the weathered landscape and its contours. Maureen uses oxides and glazes to create very organic forms that would enhance any garden. By appointment only.



Mel Bradley Silks

The Gatehouse Gallery, Millmount Craft Centre, Drogheda.

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Mel Bradley is a textile designer working with a wide variety of fabrics and fibres. For over 25 years she has been designing and creating everything from silk scarves to one-off art pieces to commission. She has worked with leading fashion designers such as Louise Kennedy and John Rocha. Masterclasses with Mel in textile craft and design are held at the Gatehouse Gallery all year round.









Drogheda map

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Get moving

Drogheda has a wealth of sport and recreational activities to offer tourists

Walk the walk

Drogheda on the Boyne is a fantastic centre for all your walking activities, whether it's a stroll, a ramble or a trek – we have it all. For the history buffs, check out the Walking Tours of Historic Drogheda (details from the Tourist Office at The Tholsel).

Starting at the d Hotel stroll past the statues of Socks Byrne and Joey Maher and continue along John Street to join the river at St Dominic's Bridge. Continue along the Boyne river bank then turn left and up to the playground.

When you tire of the swings and roundabouts, continue down to the western end of the recently improved Ramparts Walk. At this point you can make a decision to continue along the river taking in the newly built Boyne Walk to Oldbridge. Admire the biodiversity the Boyne has to offer before retracing your steps back towards the town centre. Make sure to view the Mythical display boards and try out our out-door gym equipment.

Pass under the bridge of peace en route back to the town centre while admiring the urban graffiti artworks and turn left over the Boyne at the pedestrianised St Dominic's bridge and walk the short distance to West Street. Continue along West Street (visiting the shrine of St Oliver Plunkett in St Peters Church) and turn down Shop Street before walking along the North Quay and crossing the Boyne again back to the start.



Drogheda Walks Free Map & Guide

- Five Bridges Walk – c. 1.5km
- Spires & Towers – c. 4km
- Old Town Walls Walks – c. 4km
- Steps Walk – c. 6.5km walk

Pick up a copy at local hotels, the Tourist Office, the Local Authorities Offices in Fair St. and many local businesses.



Boyne Boats

Boyne Boats

Get Out, Get In, Get On with Ireland's Ancient Boyne Boats. Take to the Boyne river canal for a paddling tour in handcrafted traditional Kerry Naomhog currachs that have starred in the hit TV show – Game of Thrones. You'll be guided through 5,000 years of the Boyne Valley – birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East.

Young and old can paddle together and feel what it was like to travel on the sacred Boyne all those years ago. Hear about the battles that shaped Ireland and the magic that spawned legends. Connect, learn and treasure stories of Ireland's oldest canal; Ireland's largest battle and Europe's largest collection of Neolithic Art and of course a tale or two from the set of the biggest TV show in the world!

Just 3km upstream from Drogheda town.



Boyne Boats

Motor Cycle Clubs

Attention all road captains! In Drogheda you will find that you are very welcome and we will greet you with open arms. There are ideal locations in Drogheda to visit or to park your bikes while you enjoy the refreshments on offer. You can relax knowing that your bikes are receiving the admiration they deserve.

The riverfront plaza at The d Hotel will provide an excellent parking place. The external seating allows alfresco refreshments beside the bikes but if the weather is unkind, the fully glazed walls maintain full view of your mounts from the comfort of the d's bar.



Dragon boat race on the Boyne



© Shane Crowley

Bellewstown Races

Horse Racing

The Bellewstown Races, held in July and August, offer world-class race meets, a full bar and dining area, corporate sections, full tote and betting facilities and plenty of car park spaces and entertainment for children. The Laytown Races in September are one of the few remaining beach races in the world, so have a distinctly unique feel. Both are worth a visit, whether you are fluttering or observing. Visit www.goracing.ie.

On yer bike

If you are visiting Drogheda and the Boyne Valley and want to discover the beautiful and historical sites what better way to do it than on a bike.

Drogheda has a long association with the sport of cycling. The Drogheda Wheelers were the inspiration behind Rás na nÓg, a breeding ground for aspiring cyclists. For the enthusiasts, every Sunday morning the local club lead a cycle starting from Quay Cycles, North Quay.

Bicycles and equipment can be hired here also on a daily or weekly rate. Included in the hire is a local map, optional standard safety helmet, lock, pump and replacement inner tube.

Born to run

Drogheda has a superb running community which is rapidly growing thanks to the efforts of our two clubs, Drogheda and District Athletic Club and Boyne AC. The passion of these athletes saw the birth of the Drogheda10k (formerly the Boyne10K) – a fantastic charity run starting in the heart of Drogheda and continuing on a flat scenic route through the historic Boyne Valley. It takes place over the May bank holiday weekend so there's lots of leisure time for TLC post race! Visit www.Drogheda10k.ie for registration details.



© Martin Reilly

The Boyne 10k



Swimming

Fancy a dip? The casual swimmer can dive in at Aura Leisure Centre's 25 metre pool in Drogheda, or there's fun for kids of all ages (and the adults!), at Drogheda's Funtasia Water Park.

Gerry Kelly

Broadcaster at LMFM

Drogheda is where it is happening. We have our history, vibrant arts community, great music and social scene, wonderful sporting prowess and right on our doorstep a vibrant countryside, waterways and the coast. Dublin is on our doorstep and the airport only minutes away offering a gateway to the world. There's no better place to visit!



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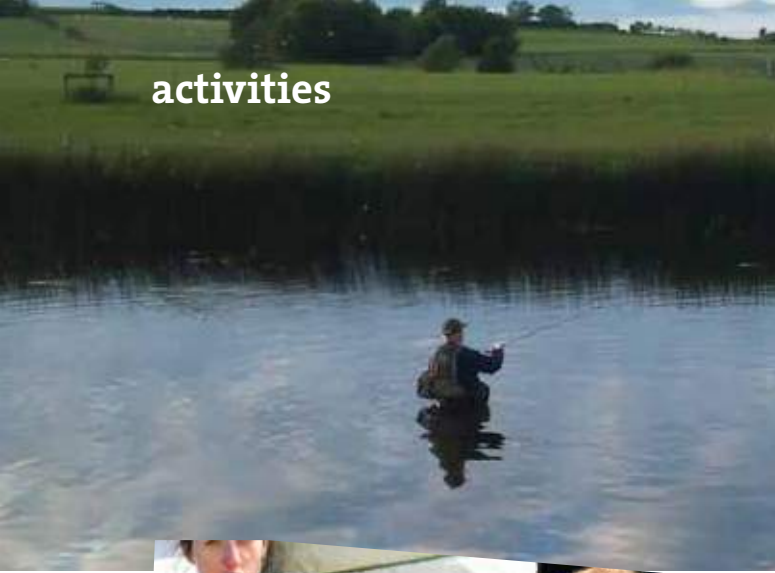
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If you've ever dreamt about catching a salmon or sea trout, then look no further than the river Boyne. Stunning scenery and historic sites aside, the Boyne Valley boasts some of the best fishing spots. Novice anglers can make the most of their fishing trip by booking an experienced angling guide. But before setting off please ensure you have the necessary permission and permit from the local angling association. For information on where to buy permits and tackle shops, pop into Drogheda Tourist Office.

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GAA

The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) is prominent among the sporting activities available in the Boyne Valley and although Hurling and Camogie are well represented, it is Gaelic Football that has the most active participation. GAA clubs in Drogheda include O'Raghallaigh's, Oliver Plunketts, Wolfe Tones, Newtown Blues, and St Nicholas', whilst on the outskirts we have St Colmcille's near Bettystown, St Mary's of Donore and St Fechin's of Termonfeckin to name but a few. Regular supporters are always more than willing to welcome first-timers to the sports, and keep you up-to-speed with the rules of the games. For information on fixtures during your visit check out www.louthgaa.ie & www.meathgaa.ie.

Rugby

Boyne Rugby Club, situated on the outskirts of the town of Drogheda on the Ballymakenny Road is the longest and most established sporting and social club within the precincts of the town. Down through the years the club has had a great tradition of entertaining visitors from all over the country as well as guests from abroad. The senior team plays its rugby in the 2nd Div of the All Ireland League, having been promoted a few years back.

Football

Drogheda has produced more than its fair share of international soccer stars. Gary Kelly, Ian Harte, Nicky Colgan have all strutted their stuff in the English, Scottish and Spanish professional leagues. The local club Drogheda United play their games in United Park, close to Our Lady of Lourdes hospital. The League of Ireland is mostly part time, but continues to supply a stream of quality players to the English leagues. Visiting football enthusiasts will be sure to enjoy an atmosphere where the players are still local heroes. The cream of Irish teams travel to tackle the Drogs, so don your claret and blue and kickstart a great weekend with a match. Check media for fixtures or www.droghedaunited.ie

Golf

The Boyne Valley can be seen as something of a golfer's paradise. Whether you're a low handicapper or a 'social golfer', there are courses to suit you. These include the majestic Links courses at Co. Louth Golf Club at Baltray, (home of the 2009 Irish Open), Seapoint Golf Links and Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club. Beautiful Parkland courses are also available such as Killeen Castle, (home of the 2011 Solheim Cup), Townley Hall GC, Julianstown GC and Bellewstown GC. For information on all these courses and others visit www.gui.ie.



Golfers looking to Stay & Play should avail of the 'Boyne Valley Links Golf' offers. This is a package representing the three links golf courses in the Boyne Valley (Seapoint, Baltray and Laytown / Bettystown) and two local hotels (the d Hotel and CityNorth).

Pitch & Putt

Pitch & Putt is also well represented in the Boyne Valley with two courses in Drogheda itself, as well as courses at Seapoint in Termonfeckin, Laytown, Bellewstown, Julianstown, Duleek and Stackallen. The locations of all these courses and others can be found at www.pputt.ie.



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attractions

St Laurence Gate

Map Ref: I4

The Barbican or outer defence gate located at the junction of Laurence Street and Cord Road is St Laurence Gate. Widely regarded as one of the finest of its type in Europe it dates back to the 14th century. The gate led to the Friary of St Laurence which was located to the East. Part of the old town wall is located to the south of the gate at Featherbed Lane and visitors can see the height and width of the medieval walls.

Twice the walls and gates of Drogheda held face against invasion, firstly when Edward Bruce, brother of Scotland's King Robert Bruce attacked the town in 1317 and again in 1642 when Sir Phelim O'Neill tried to take Drogheda from the garrison commander Tichbourne.



Laurence Street, Drogheda. Email: tourism@drogheda.ie
Web: www.drogheda.ie

Drogheda Museum Millmount & Millmount Tower

Map Ref: G8

An absolute treasure, Millmount's 'cup and saucer' offers a spectacular view over the town centre, and houses a wealth of local and national artefacts inside its doors.

Lovingly restored, the Martello type tower was built in 1808 on the site of Amergin's burial ground, and now houses a permanent exhibition of military memorabilia such as guns, swords and John Boyle O'Reilly's death mask. The neighbouring museum contains a wealth of local artefacts, giving a unique insight into Drogheda life through the centuries.



Millmount Complex, Drogheda Email: info@millmount.net
Tel. 041 9833097 Web: www.millmount.net

St Peter's R.C. Church

Map Ref: F4

St Peter's R.C. Church on West Street is world famous for housing the shrine of St Oliver Plunkett. The first church on the site was built in 1791 to a design by Francis Johnston. The present church incorporates part of that building and it was opened in 1884. The facade is an imposing structure in the Gothic style, built of local limestone.

St Oliver Plunkett, was born at Loughcrew near Oldcastle, Co. Meath and trained for the priesthood abroad, being ordained in 1654 and becoming Archbishop Of Armagh in 1669. He spent a lot of time in Drogheda and is credited with bringing the Jesuits to town and opening a number of schools. Because of the Penal Laws, Catholics were not allowed practice their religion openly but Plunkett managed to defy them for a period before going into hiding, travelling only in disguise. He was arrested in Dublin in 1679 and found guilty of high treason. On 11th July 1681, having spent some time in Newgate Prison, he was taken to Tyburn (now Marble Arch) and hanged, drawn and quartered.



West Street, Drogheda Email: tourism@drogheda.ie
Web: www.drogheda.ie

Old Abbey (St. Mary D'Urso)

Map Ref: C4

A surviving belfry from the monastic period can be seen at the site of the Old Abbey where in 1206 the Hospital of St Mary d'Urso was founded by Ursus de Swemele and his wife Christine and run by a religious community. Near the end of the century it was taken over by the Augustinians and after a period of decline was reformed by the Observatines. It was surrendered by its last Prior, Richard Malone, in 1543. The belfry surmounting a Gothic archway and a section of the original town wall is part of the remaining structures.



Old Abbey Lane, Drogheda.
Email: tourism@drogheda.ie
Web: www.drogheda.ie

The Tholsel

Map Ref: G5

The Tholsel which stands at the junction of West Street and Shop Street is a fine building of local limestone, surmounted by a tower, which houses a large four-faced clock. Erected in 1770 on the site of the old mediaeval wooden Tholsel, it was for almost 130 years the centre of municipal authority, until the Corporation moved its offices and Council Chambers to the then newly-erected Courthouse in Fair Street in 1889. It is now the Drogheda Tourist Office and a must see for all visitors.



The Tholsel has been for countless generations a local trysting place, and before the advent of radio and television, with their constant time checks, Drogheda's clocks and watches were set by its dependable old time-piece. Barnaby Gooche's "Map of Drogheda 1574" shows a market cross standing in the open space before the Tholsel.

West Street, Drogheda. Email: tourism@drogheda.ie
Web: www.drogheda.ie

The Sword & Mace at Highlanes Gallery

Map Ref: H4



Drogheda's two most treasured heirlooms are its sword and mace presented to the Corporation by King William III shortly after his victory at the Battle of the Boyne. They are the most impressive of their sort in Ireland.

The solid silver mace, 5ft 5ins high and weighing 108 ounces, is one of the largest in Ireland and Drogheda is one of the few centres to have a ceremonial sword, which is only presented to towns which withstood sieges. The sword is 3ft 6ins long and the scabbard contains the letters CR for Carolous Rex (King Charles I), suggesting it may be connected to the siege of 1641-2 during his reign. They have now taken up their new home on view in Highlanes Gallery.

Highlanes Gallery Email: info@highlanes.ie
Tel. 041 9803311 Web: www.highlanes.ie

The Boyne Viaduct

Map Ref: J5

A great feat of 19th century engineering, the viaduct spans the mouth of the River Boyne and carries the railway line into Drogheda. The viaduct



was completed in 1855, 1,400 feet long and comprises of 18 arches, each of which have a 60-foot span. Designed by a native Louth man, John Mac Neill, the viaduct facilitated the Great Northern Main Line between Dublin and Drogheda – the third rail line in Ireland.

Until the viaduct was built, passengers had to disembark in Drogheda and make their own way across the Boyne and meet up with the train again at Ballymakenny, some six miles outside the town.

William Evans was given the contract to build the viaduct and was also contracted to build the Newfoundwell Bridge and an embankment, which he completed. In 1853, the bridge was almost complete except for two piers, which were to support the iron lattice portion. The foundations for these piers bankrupted Evans as the muddy bed of the river proved to be quite deep, and the excavations went over budget costs. James Baton later completed the viaduct under a new contract.

River Boyne, Drogheda Email: tourism@drogheda.ie
Web: www.drogheda.ie

Magdalene Tower

Map Ref: F1

Magdalene Tower is all that now remains of the once important Dominican Friary. It is the belfry tower of the friary which Lucas de Netterville, then Archbishop of Armagh, founded in about 1224.

The tower itself is of 14th-century construction. It was here that O'Neill and the other Ulster chiefs acknowledged their submission to Richard II, King of England in 1367. In 1412 its Abbot, Father Bennett, was the peacemaker in the conflict between the people on either side of the river Boyne leading to the uniting of the town.

The tower was located near to the now demolished Sunday's Gate and was located just inside the northern walls of the town.

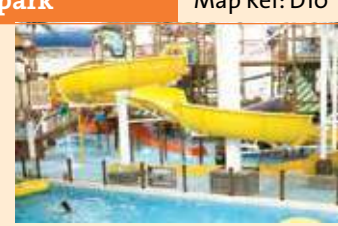
Magdalene Street, Drogheda.
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Web: www.drogheda.ie



Funtasia Waterpark

Map Ref: D10

One million visitors in one year can't be wrong, and this Drogheda attraction is pulling in the fun-lovers from every corner of the country. A great day out for the young and the young at heart, enjoy an incredible indoor waterpark experience, roller-skating, 10-pin bowling, sky-climbing and so much more.



Donore Business Park, Drogheda.
Tel. 041 9898000 Web: www.funtasia.ie

St Peter's Church of Ireland

Map Ref: G3

During the early 13th-century this church was a substantial ecclesiastical site with seven chapels and was the venue of a synod during 1230 which was convened by Private Donal O'Fidabra. The present church was built in 1753 with later additions to the porch and spire designed by renowned architect Francis Johnson.

The interior of the church has beautifully carved memorial tablets of the 18th and 19th century and an octagonal baptismal font dating from the late medieval period.

In the northeast corner of the adjoining graveyard is a large cadaver tombstone slab. This is one of the few examples of funeral sculpture which was fashionable during the 15th and 16th centuries. The tomb is that of Sir Edmond Golding and his wife Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of the Baron of Slane.



Peter Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth. Email: tourism@drogheda.ie
Web: www.stpetersdrogheda.ie

Droichead Arts Centre

Map Ref: E5

A vibrant multi-disciplinary arts centre in the heart of Drogheda Town. It offers an extensive programme of events including theatre, music, film, visual arts, opera, dance, comedy, literature and festivals. The Centre comprises of two premises including a modern 169 seater theatre, a bright contemporary visual arts gallery and bar/café on Stockwell Street and Barlow House, an 18th century Georgian style townhouse on West Street which hosts rehearsal rooms, meeting rooms, and artist studios. Droichead Arts Centre is one of the major artistic hubs in the North-east region. www.droichead.com



Stockwell Street, Drogheda
Tel. 041 9833946 Email: info@droichead.ie
Web: www.droichead.com

Battle of the Boyne/Oldbridge

Map Ref: A5

The Battle of the Boyne, a pivotal battle in European history, was fought just three miles outside of the town and is open to the public on the grounds of the newly refurbished Oldbridge House. Little has changed since the forces of King James and King William faced each other across the Boyne. Access to the site itself is free but there is a small entrance fee for Oldbridge House which provides an audio visual show and displays of original and replica weaponry.



Oldbridge, Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel. 041 9809950 E-mail: battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
Web: www.battleoftheboyne.ie

The TLT (Tommy Leddy Theatre)

Map Ref: D10

The TLT is a purpose built state of the art theatre and concert hall. The annual programme features a diverse range of shows. From live music, ballet, dance and musicals to traditional pantomimes and youth theatre there really is something for everyone. Traditionally, groups and performers visiting Ireland performed exclusively in Dublin but this 900-capacity theatre has succeeded in attracting international artists to perform in Drogheda and they love gigging at the TLT. Watch out for the legendary Tommy Leddy – maybe he'll be there in person to greet you!



The TLT Concert Hall, East Coast Business Park
Matthews Lane, Drogheda, Co Louth
Tel. 041 9878560 Email: info@thetlt.ie
Web: www.thetlt.ie

John Philip Holland Monument

Map Ref: H2

The gardens of Scholars Townhouse Hotel on King Street host the town's newest monument, commemorating the extraordinary contributions of John Philip Holland to naval and maritime engineering worldwide.

The son of a lighthouse keeper, John Philip Holland was born in Co. Clare in 1841. As an adult he joined the Christian Brothers in Cork, and in 1865 he took up the post of mathematics and music teacher in the Christian Brothers Convent, Drogheda (now Scholars Townhouse Hotel).

It was during his residence at the Drogheda Convent that he designed the submersible mechanical duck (which could walk around the garden and swim, dive and resurface when put in water). He then designed what was to become the world's first workable submarine, the Fenian Ram. In 1873, Holland moved to America where he later supplied the first ever submarines to both the US Navy and The Royal Navy.



Scholars Townhouse Hotel,
King Street, Drogheda
Tel: 041-9835410
Web: www.scholarshotel.com

The Whitworth Leisure Centre

Map Ref: I4

Fancy a flutter? Visit Whitworth Leisure Centre and try your hand at Roulette, Slots, Poker Machines and Texas Hold Em in the comfort of the luxurious casino with complimentary refreshments. Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week – this centre is located in the historic old quarter of Drogheda adjacent to St Laurence Gate.



Laurence Street, Drogheda
Tel. 041 9833246 Web: www.funtasia.ie

surrounding attractions

Townley Hall

Up to 60 acres of rolling parklands surround the magnificent Georgian mansion of Townley Hall. Built in 1799, the house is not open to the public; however, Townley Hall Woods feature a pleasant walking trail which ushers visitors through an area steeped in history, while providing lovely views of the River Boyne. The forest is close to the site of the Battle of the Boyne, and the trail takes visitors through 'King William's Glen', where the ultimately victorious Williamite troops, all 36,000 of them, set up camp and from where King William launched his surprise attack on the troops of his father-in-law, King James II. The woodlands were planted around 150 to 200 years ago.

Townley Hall (main house), Slane Road, Drogheda
Tel: 041 9838218
Email: info@townleyhall.ie
Web: www.townleyhall.ie

The Irish Military War Museum

History buffs can rejoice! The Irish Military War Museum offers a fascinating insight into Irish participants' involvement in both World War I and World War II, as well as other military conflicts in world history. Covering 5,000 square feet of floor space, the living history museum represents a distinctly non-political but 'must see' educational and historical resource for people of all ages, with military vehicles, uniforms and artifacts all on display. The five-year plan envisages the building of WWI trenches, an obstacle course as well as tearooms and a playground.



Starinagh, Collon, Co. Meath
Tel: 086 3952180
Web: www.imwm.ie

Newgrange & Brú na Bóinne Centre

Drogheda is set in the rich lands of the stunning Boyne Valley, and nestling within a few minutes drive from the town centre is the UNESCO World Heritage site Newgrange.



This Neolithic burial ground was constructed over 5,000 years ago, making it older than Stonehenge in England and the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. It forms part of a complex of monuments built along a bend of the River Boyne known collectively as Brú na Bóinne – the other two principal monuments are Knowth (the largest) and Dowth.

Newgrange is best known for the illumination of its passage and chamber by the winter solstice sun. Year round visitor access is by guided tour from the Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre on the south side of the river.

Donore, Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel. 041 9880300
E-mail: brunaboinne@opw.ie
Web: www.heritageireland.ie

Boyne Boats

Get Out, Get In, Get On with Ireland's Ancient Boyne Boats! Take to the Boyne river canal for a paddling tour in handcrafted traditional Kerry Naomhog currachs that have starred in the hit TV show – Game of Thrones. You'll be guided through 5,000 years of the Boyne Valley – birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East. Young and old can paddle together and feel what it was like to travel on the sacred Boyne all those years ago. Hear about the battles that shaped Ireland and the magic that spawned legends. Connect, learn and treasure stories of Ireland's oldest canal; Ireland's largest battle and Europe's largest collection of Neolithic Art and of course a tale or two from the set of the biggest TV show in the world! Just 3km upstream from Drogheda town.



Oldbridge, Drogheda **Email: info@boyneboats.ie**
Tel: 086 361 6420 **Web: www.boyneboats.ie**

Mellifont Abbey

Don't miss a trip to Mellifont, founded in 1142 by order of St Malachy, Archbishop of Armagh. Tucked in beside the River Mattock, by 1170 it had 100 monks and 300 lay brothers, and became the model for Cistercian monasteries in Ireland. It was the main Abbey in the country until it was closed in 1152. Little of the Abbey remains except for a 13th-century lavabo, some arches and a 14th-century chapter house. The visitor centre has an interesting exhibition of the work of masons in the Middle Ages. An ideal spot for a summer's picnic.



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United Park

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Windmill Road, Drogheda
Tel. 041 9830190
Email: info@droghedaunited.ie
Web: www.droghedaunited.ie



Beaulieu House & Gardens



Situated a short drive from Drogheda on the road to Baltray, Beaulieu House is built in a 'Dutch' style, unique to Ireland, and believed to be the first unfortified house built in Ireland. A guided tour is available, encompassing a story of living history, spanning over 930 years, through the family of St Oliver Plunkett to Sir Henry Tichbourne, who as Governor of Drogheda defended the town in the 1641 / 1642 siege. No visit is complete without exploring the four acres of walled garden situated overlooking the River Boyne. Entering the garden, the breathtaking herbaceous border draws the visitor deeper into a haven of floral and horticultural beauty further enhanced by the Victorian Knot garden.

Beaulieu, Drogheda
Tel. 041 9838557
Email: info@beaulieuhouse.ie
Web: www.beaulieuhouse.ie

Ledwidge House

The Francis Ledwidge Museum & War Memorial Centre is located just outside Drogheda on the main road to Slane. It commemorates the life of Francis Ledwidge, one of the most famous of "The Great War Poets". The museum, a 19th-century labourer's cottage, is the actual birthplace of Ledwidge. Visitors can see excerpts from the poet's works plus memorabilia and artefacts from the period. Run by a dedicated band of volunteers the museum is open seven days a week. Guided tours can be arranged in advance.



Slane, Co. Meath
Tel: 041 9824544
Email: info@francisledwidge.com
Web: www.francisledwidge.com

Killineer House

The very attractive 16-acre woodland gardens feature large areas of cut laurel, lawns and terraces. These include the Walled Vegetable Garden with apricot, nectarine and peach trees together with an extensive herbaceous border; the Wild Garden with many varieties of candelabra primulas and other damp-loving plants and the Lake, an attractive man-made lake that is surrounded with wild life, including mallard ducks, herons, kingfishers, ravens, sparrow hawks and long eared owls.

Killineer, Drogheda.
Tel. 041 9838563
Email: info@killineer.ie
Web: www.killineerhouse.ie

Monasterboice/High Crosses



Monasterboice boasts one of the tallest round towers (30m) and two of the tallest and best high crosses in Ireland. The crosses (highest is 5.5m) contain carved murals depicting biblical scenes, fine examples of Celtic art. The monastery was founded in the late 5th century by St Buith, a follower of St Patrick, from whom the River Boyne gets its name. The site includes the ruins of two churches and a cemetery. Its importance as a spiritual and scholastic centre declined when the Cisterian monks arrived nearby.

Monasterboice
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Web: www.drogheda.ie

Listoke Gardens

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Ballmakenny, Drogheda
Tel. 041 9832265

HOTELS

The d hotel

Total Rooms: 110



The award-winning, d hotel, a luxury 4 star hotel in Drogheda, Co. Louth, Ireland is located on the banks of the historic River Boyne. This impressive waterfront location includes the Scotch Hall shopping complex and a purpose built pedestrian bridge to the town centre, with its many traditional pubs and restaurants. This luxury Drogheda hotel is only 30 minutes drive to Tayto Park.



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Dublin Road, Drogheda, Co. Meath.
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www.glensidehotel.ie

CityNorth Hotel

Total Rooms: 128



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Gormanstown, Co. Meath.
Tel: 01 690 6666 Email: info@citynorthhotel.com
www.citynorthhotel.com

The Village Hotel

Total Rooms: 16



Once a popular hotel for locals and visitors to Bettystown, Co Meath, the Village Hotel had lain empty for over a decade. In 2017 the Egan family and local builder, Frank Taaffe, purchased the property and made plans to bring the hotel back to life. The Village Hotel now offers 16 comfortable, high spec rooms as well as a gastropub and many other facilities you'd expect to feature in a modern 4 star establishment.

Eastham Road, Bettystown, Co. Meath
Tel: 041 988 7766 Email: hello@villagehotel.ie
www.villagehotel.ie

Westcourt Hotel

Total Rooms: 27



Style and sophistication with an urban twist. This is the winning combination that makes Westcourt Hotel one of the most popular destinations in the area. Located just 25 minutes from Dublin International airport, and situated in the heart of the historical Boyne Valley, the birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East, you are invited to spend some time at the Westcourt Hotel.



On their doorstep, you will find an array of shopping centres, bars and restaurants and Funtasia Waterpark, a 5 minute drive. A 10 minute drive will take you to the wonderful beaches, golf courses and famous historical sites.

Westcourt Hotel is the perfect venue to host wedding receptions, conventions, hen parties, family and friends weekend getaways.

West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.
Tel: 041 983 0965 Email: info@westcourt.ie
www.westcourt.ie

Boyne Valley Hotel

Total Rooms: 52



The Boyne Valley Hotel is a beautiful 19th century Country House Hotel set in 16 acres of landscaped gardens and woodland. They invite you to indulge in some of the finest local cuisine, Unwind in their spacious well-appointed bedrooms and be entertained with everything that this great region of Ireland has to offer. Whether you are staying for business or leisure you will quickly find that the Boyne Valley Hotel is a great choice in the area. Located only 25 minutes from Dublin Airport, they offer free parking, complimentary WiFi and unlimited use of our Leisure Centre to all guests.



Soak in the jacuzzi, revive in their sauna, and if the energy levels allow exercise in their fully equipped gym & 20 metre swimming pool.

Stameen, Dublin Rd, Drogheda Co Louth.
Tel: 041 983 7737 Email: reservations@boyne-valley-hotel.ie
www.boyne-valley-hotel.ie

Scholars Townhouse Hotel

Total Rooms: 16



The hotel is very centrally located in the heart of Drogheda's City Centre, all amenities and a host of attractions are a stone's throw away. Scholars Townhouse Hotel was originally built in 1867 as a monastery for the Christian Brothers by renowned Architects Ashlin and Pugin. The Late Victorian building was renovated by the McGowan family in 2005 who have transformed the magnificent building into a 16 bedroom boutique Hotel. Scholars Townhouse is renowned for its excellence in hospitality and customer service. The Hotel has won numerous awards and the Restaurant has been awarded 2AA rosettes for 2015 & 2016. The Hotel has 16 en suite bedrooms, Fine Dining Restaurant, Bar and Gastro lounge. Scholars Townhouse is an excellent destination for food and relaxation.

King Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.
Tel: 041 983 5410 Email: info@scholarshotel.com
www.scholarshotel.com

GUESTHOUSES

Killowen House

Total Rooms: 4



This 4-star Bórd Fáilte approved B&B is situated south of Drogheda in a quiet exclusive residential area, just off the R132

near Southgate Shopping Centre on the Dublin Rd. The rooms are bright and spacious and all have high quality en-suites, king size beds with flat screen TV and tea/coffee facilities. Dublin airport is only a 20 minute drive, and all the attractions of the Boyne Valley such as Newgrange, Monasterboice and Battle of the Boyne are all just 15 minutes away as well as an abundance of beaches, golf courses and restaurants. Guests are assured of a very welcoming and comfortable stay in Killowen House!

Woodgrange, Dublin Rd, Drogheda

Tel: 041 9833547 Email killowen.house@gmail.com
www.killowenhouse.com



Windsor Lodge Bed & Breakfast

Total Rooms: 6



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North Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth. Tel: 041 984 1966
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Aaron Vale Bed & Breakfast

Total Rooms: 4 (all en-suite)



Aaron Vale is a family owned B&B within a three minute drive from Drogheda Town Centre. This 3 Star Fáilte Ireland approved B&B offers double rooms, twin rooms, and family rooms; all en-suite.

Guests at Aaron Vale can enjoy complimentary Internet Wi-Fi, on-site parking, a lock-up facility for bicycles, baggage store, lounge, cots, highchairs and more. This B&B is very central yet located in a quiet residential area, close to lots of amenities. A warm welcome awaits you at Aaron Vale.

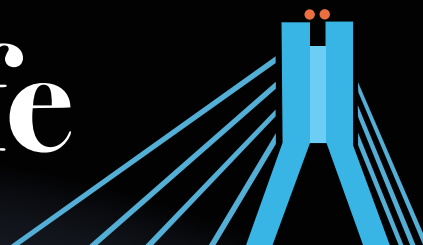


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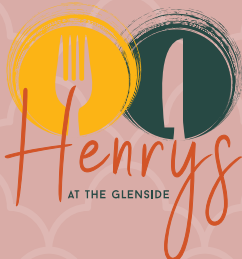
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The Boyne Valley boasts a wide range of restaurants and cafés which offer great food at competitive prices

You will find an array of both international and traditional Irish food from locally sourced producers in the Boyne Valley and its environs. Whether you enjoy fine dining, laid-back bistros, brasseries, wine bars, tapas bars, artisan cafes or traditional pub grub, it can all be found in Drogheda on the Boyne throughout the year.

Why not take one of the 'Food Trails' in town and visit the numerous artisan producers on Drogheda's doorstep, or enjoy the Boyne Valley drive where a gourmet tour will take you to artisan food stores, cookery schools, top restaurants and high-quality farm producers. The drive is part of the Boyne Valley Food Series which has an exciting line-up of more than 40 foodie events taking place in counties Louth and Meath from May until September. Gourmet cycles, food safaris, pop-up restaurants and seafood festivals are just some of the delights food lovers can enjoy. For full details of events see www.boynevalleyfoodseries.ie.

Many of our restaurants specialise in local produce. Look out on the menus for sumptuous Boyne salmon, local beef, pork and bacon, Bellingham Blue Cheese and homemade bread, cakes and confectionary.

The beautiful Louth coastline produces an abundance of seafood, salmon, lobster, oysters, mussels and crab fresh from the sea. Organic and artisan produce is gaining in popularity – one thing is for sure, you will dine like a king in Drogheda, whatever your budget!

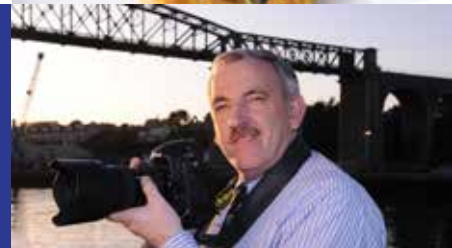


Food Tasting Tours

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Jimmy Weldon
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The people are what make our town so wonderful. It's lovely to walk over West St and enjoy friendly chats along on the way. But no visit to Drogheda would be complete without a tour of St Oliver Plunkett's Shrine in St Peter's Church, or a stroll up to Bolton Square for the Saturday morning market followed by lunch in Simona Café or the Eastern Seaboard.

Restaurants, Cafés & Bars

BLACK BULL INN

Dublin Rd, Drogheda.
T: 041 9837139
E: blackbullinn@eircom.net
W: www.blackbullinn.ie



Fancy a bite to eat, just a pint, or maybe even a night out with some entertainment and some of our signature cocktails. This gem has it all. Popular with the locals The Black Bull Inn has three bars, a restaurant and multiple TV Screens showing all major sporting events. With live music at the weekends, excellent food and a relaxed atmosphere, this family-run pub can cater for all your needs. Open seven days a week: Monday to Thursday 9.30am – 11.30pm Friday & Saturday 9.30am – 12.30am, Sunday 9.30am – 11pm

BRÚ BAR BISTRO

Haymarket, Wellington Quay, Drogheda.
T: 041 9872784
E: info@bru.ie
W: www.bru.ie



Brú Bar Bistro is perched on the banks of the River Boyne in the heart of Drogheda. Floor to ceiling windows offer guests a view of life in Drogheda and the friendly staff extend a warm welcome to guests. Famed for traditional favourites and seasonal specials, Brú offers a wide choice with great value on the brú26 menu that is designed to satisfy every palate; from those looking for a coeliac friendly option or luscious homemade desserts. Brú, where good food and good times meet.

Lunch: 12.00pm-5.00pm daily Dinner: 5.00pm-late
Sunday Lunch: 12.30pm-5.00pm
Cocktail Bar: Friday & Saturday 6.00pm-12.30am

THE CORKSCREW BRASSERIE

Townley Hall Road, Tullyallen, Co. Louth.
T: 041 9836925
E: thecorkscrewullyallen@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/brasserietullyallen



The Corkscrew Brasserie is located in Tullyallen village, just five minutes from Drogheda. The passage tombs of Newgrange, Knowth & Dowth, the ruins of Monasterboice, and Mellifont Abbey are all located a mere 5-10 minutes from the restaurant. Lunch is served Tuesday-Sunday. A La Carte & Early Bird is served Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 6pm.

THE SPIRE RESTAURANT

Church Lane, Duleek, Co. Meath.
T: 041 9880697
E: info@thespirerestaurant.ie
W: www.thespirerestaurant.ie



This family-run Meath restaurant is located in Old St Cianan's church of Duleek. The unique atmosphere of this restaurant reflects its ancient locale, illuminated by nature, and enhanced by the beautifully stonemason-crafted church spire. The Spire Restaurant is open from Wednesday to Saturday for dinner, and all day Sunday for lunch and dinner. Serving a high end Bistro Style menu, we pride ourselves in good quality food at great prices.

SCHOLARS TOWNHOUSE

King St, Drogheda.
T: 041 9835410
W: www.scholarshotel.com

Undoubtedly Drogheda's most outstanding restaurant in terms of food, décor and service, as an all-in dining experience it is second to none. Ceiling frescoes and murals depicting the Battle of the Boyne set the tone of this large room, which is set up with linen table cloths and gleaming glasses.



THE GREY GOOSE

West Street, Drogheda.
T: 041 9805555

Perfectly located in the heart of West Street in Drogheda, this cosy music venue offers a delicious bar food menu that is available 7 days a week. It's the ideal place



to enjoy a drink, have a bite and watch your favourite sport on the big screen.

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T: 041 98 30966
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W: www.west29.ie



Our RestoLounge is a trendy uber comfortable space where you can chill out, relax, enjoy a meal, share a tasting plate or authentic tapas. Choose a bottle of wine, or indulge yourself with a perfectly mixed cocktail, pick from our international beer selection handpicked by our in-house brew master or just take five with a barista coffee and indulge yourself from our "treatery" of delicious desserts all created in-house by our West 29 culinary team. All offerings are waiter served to your table by our friendly, efficient "29 ers". You want it, we get it!

Our mission is simple: locally sourced fresh ingredients prepared with passion, savvy service with a smile at really affordable prices... Welcome to West 29!

Open: Open Thursday – Saturday from 5.00pm and Sunday 12–9pm. Available for Private Hire (Monday – Thursday)

For a complete list of all Restaurants & Bars please see the listings on pages 46 & 47 of this guide or on www.drogheda.ie

STOCKWELL ARTISAN FOODS

No.1 Stockwell Street, Drogheda.
T: 041 9810892
E: info@stockwellartisanfoods.ie
W: www.stockwellartisanfoods.ie

Opening Hours:
 Monday to Saturday
 8am – 4pm

This homely 40-seater deli-café, located in the heart of Drogheda, is a meeting and eating place for diners to feast on our delicious home and artisan cuisine, and the best coffee in town. From mothers and toddlers to business lunchers or simply friends hooking up for a catch-up, everybody feels the same welcome.



THE BAGEL BAR

Laurence Town Centre, Drogheda.

T: 041 9837631
E: info@bagelbardrogheda.ie
W: www.thebagelbars.com



Anyone looking for a great bagel, your search is over! A favourite with locals, this is a café serving a range of healthy options including freshly prepared bagels, delicious paninis, toasties, home-made soups and hand-cut sandwiches as well as Barista prepared gourmet coffees and freshly-baked scones, pastries and luxurious cakes.

Opening Hours: Mon-Thur: 9am – 6pm. Fri: 9am – 7pm,
 Sat: 12pm – 6pm, Sun: 12pm – 6pm

MONASTERBOICE INN

Newtown, Monasterboice,
 Drogheda.

T: 041 9837383
E: mbinn@eircom.net
W: www.monasterboice-inn.ie



The Monasterboice Inn, ideally situated just off the M1 motorway at Junction 10, is highly regarded as the place to go for a relaxing and delicious meal. The Monasterboice Inn is a great venue for breakfast, lunch or an evening meal whilst enjoying the rich heritage trail of the Boyne Valley Drive.

THE CROSS

12 George's Street, Drogheda
T: 087 1022300
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 TheCrossDrogheda/

With award-winning burgers, a large selection of craft beers, clad in nostalgia, music memorabilia and housing it's very own cinema room, The Cross is more than first meets the eye. Open 7 days a week with late bar 5 nights. DJ playing the best of indie, soft rock and alternative tunes every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



Opening Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 6:00pm – 2:30am
 Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00pm – 11:30pm
 Friday to Sunday: 4:00pm – 2:30am

MOORLAND CAFÉ

West Street, Drogheda.

T: 041 9833951
E: themoorland@mccloskeysbakery.ie
W: www.mccloskeysbakery.ie

The young baking team at the Moorland Café would love to make for you fresh-cut sandwiches made on bread we baked today. The Moorland Café is located in the heart of Drogheda and has an extensive range of breakfasts, lunches, snacks and confectionery.

Our fresh-cut sandwiches and bagels are famous; while the pies, soup, fish cakes and quiche are all Granny McCloskey's recipes. For something sweet we have a delicious range of cakes, tarts, fresh cream slices and much more. At any one time a large selection of different types of artisan bread are available such as Rye, Spelt, Cottage Brown & Pumpernickel from our bread counter.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday: 8am – 6pm
 Sunday: 11am – 4pm



MCHUGH'S

1-3 Chord Road,
 Drogheda.

T: 041 9835995
W: www.mchughsvvenue.ie



A genuine, traditional Irish family-run pub, McHugh's is as real as it gets. McHugh's Venue is a modern, purpose built venue that is perfect for live performances. We host a diverse range of acts, ranging from original music acts of all genres, bands and solo artists. Many a celebrity has graced our stage including The Coronas, Damien Dempsey, Aslan, comedians PJ Gallagher, Jason Byrne and Ardal O'Hanlon. Corporate events and private parties, functions can also be accommodated in our function room upstairs. We cater for all occasions please contact TP on 086-8537966.

MCPHAILS BAR

Laurence Street, Drogheda.

T: 041 9837371
FB: Find us on Facebook

A visit to Drogheda would not be the same without a visit to McPhails. A traditional Irish bar, McPhails is a late night live music venue. Some of Ireland's top musicians have played here and the best of local talent can be found any night of the week too. Featuring a large beer garden with its own bar and very accommodating staff, all sporting events can be seen on the big screen also. Isn't it about time you stepped inside for a drink?



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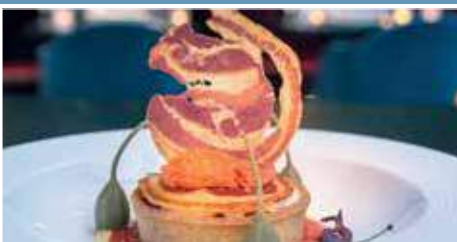
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www.irishrail.ie
www.translink.co.uk



JOURNEYS BY AIR

Drogheda is only 20 minutes from Dublin Airport making it the most accessible large town in Ireland. Alternatively Drogheda is only 1 hour 30 minutes from Belfast Airport.
www.aerlingus.com
www.ryanair.com



JOURNEYS BY SEA

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Westcourt Hotel ★★★	041 9830965
Scholars Townhouse Hotel ★★★	041 9835410
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McDonnell's	Chord Road	041 9837358
McHugh's	Chord Road	041 9835995
McPhail's (Peter Matthews)	Laurence Street	041 9837371
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NEARBY ACCOMMODATION

City North Hotel	01 6906666	The Cottages Laytown (Self Catering)
Daly's Inn	041 9823252	041 9828104
Conyngham Arms	041 9884444	
Village Hotel	041 9887766	Garveystown Lodge
Reddan's	041 9827412	Termonfeckin (Self Catering)
The Millhouse	041 9824621	041 9881741
Newgrange Lodge	041 9882478	
Slane Farm Hostel	041 9824390	Nancy's Cottage (Self Catering)
Woodview House	041 9827911	01 2851829
Keenogue House	041 9829118	
The Cross Garden	041 9822675	
Tankardstown House	041 9824621	
Rannoch	086 2555600	
Highfield House	041 9827371	

RESTAURANTS

Aisha's Café & Bistro	Wellington Quay	041 9843472
Antica Toscana	Shop Street	041 9844878
Apache Pizza	Wellington Quay	041 9839898
Bagel Bar	Laurence Town Centre	041 9837631
Barefood Co.	West Street	041 9835529
Bitter & Twisted	West Street	041 9873896
Black Bull Inn	Dublin Road	041 9844878
Borzalinos	Mell	041 9845444
Boyne Brasserie	Donore	041 9823252
Brú Bar & Bistro	Haymarket	041 9872784
Carlitos	Dunleer	041 6861366
Corkscrew Brasserie	Tullyallen	041 9836925
Cut Steakhouse	Trinity Quarter	041 9830411
D'Vine	Dyer Street	041 9800440
Duende Gastro Bar	Southgate SC	041 9818725
Eastern Seaboard Bar & Grill	Bryanstown	041 9802570
Eddie Rockets	South Quay	041 9803563
Fifty4 Seafood Bar	Laurence Street	041 9845507
Garvey's	Scarlet Street	041 9836927
Gatehouse Grill	Termonfeckin	041 9883772
Genoa Café	Shop Street	041 9898255
Grey Goose	West Street	041 9805555
Harpers on the Quay	North Quay	041 9874942
Henry's	Glenside Hotel	041 9829999
Il Forno	West Street	041 9805555
Il Ponte	The d Hotel	041 9877700
Kanoodle	Laurence Street	041 9842579
Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC)	Drogheda Retail Pk	041 9878160
Kings Grill	Stockwell Street	041 9830000
La Pizzeria	Clogherhead	041 9822223
Lime Kiln	Julianstown	041 9829881
Little Strand	Clogherhead	041 9881061
McDonalds	Waterfront	041 9843495
Ming Garden	Trinity Street	041 9831061
Monasterboice Inn	Monasterboice	041 9837383
Moorland Café	West Street	041 9833951
Pizzeria	James Street	041 9801007
Punjabi House	Dublin Road	041 9804418
Relish Café & Foodhall	High Lanes Gallery	041 9803295
Relish	Bettystown	041 9813344
Relish	Southgate	041 9816666
Richmond Fort	Millmount Square	041 983 7139
Salthouse Brasserie	North Quay	041 9834426
Scholars Townhouse	King Street	041 9835410
Season Restaurant	Boyne Valley Hotel	041 9837737
Simona Café	South Quay	041 9873751
Sorrentos	Shop Street	041 9845734
Stockwell Artisan Foods	Stockwell Street	041 9810892
Supermacs	M1 Retail Park	041 9834100
Tango Restaurant	Rathmullen Road	041 9835054
The Boyne Pantry	North Quay	041 9830044
The Kitchen Restaurant	South Quay	041 9834630
The Pheasant	Duleek Street	041 9831421
The Spire Restaurant	Chuch Lane, Duleek	041 9880697
The Village Hotel	Bettystown	041 9887766
Trinity Quarter	Trinity Street	041 9830411
West 29	Westcourt Hotel	041 9830966
Woodrows	Westcourt Hotel	041 9830966



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