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4-Day Coach Holiday - Cork To Waterford

Day 1



Travel from Cork to Waterford

Depart Cork, you will meet your coach driver for the next 4 days. Your final destination today will be Dooley's Hotel in Waterford, your home for the next three nights.



Stop for Refreshments - The Old Thatch, Killeagh

Enroute, stop for some refreshments at The Old Thatch.

One of the oldest pubs in Ireland, The Old Thatch in Killeagh combines centuries of charm with hearty Irish hospitality. Its thatched roof, cozy interior, and locally sourced menu make it a memorable dining stop—ideal for a relaxed meal in an authentic and atmospheric setting.



Visit to Mount Congreve Gardens

Enjoy a wonderful visit at the horticultural haven, Mount Congreve Gardens, a world-renowned 70-acre estate in County Waterford. With over 16 kilometers of winding paths, vibrant floral displays, and one of the largest private plant collections globally, it's a paradise for nature lovers. Stroll through themed gardens, admire the stunning walled garden, and soak in views of the River Suir. A visit here is a feast for the senses and a tranquil escape into Ireland's botanical beauty.



Check into Dooley's Hotel (3 nights)

Check-in for 3 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast to Dooley's Hotel, overlooking the river Suir, in the centre of Ireland's oldest city, the Darrer family have welcomed guests to Waterford for three generations. With over 75 years of exceptional service, this Hotel offers modern and contemporary amenities and comfort combined with traditional values and charm.

Dooley's is the ideal base to explore Waterford City and County.



Dinner at Dooley's Hotel

Enjoy dinner in the hotel's Ship Restaurant, Dooley's Hotel has a long tradition of tasty food and is a popular choice for dining in Waterford with visitors and locals alike. Menus combine local and International influences, with a strong emphasis on locally sourced produce.



Day 2



Scenic Tour of Country Waterford

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, board the coach for a scenic tour of Co. Waterford. You will enjoy some sightseeing, scenic drives, and leisure time before returning to the hotel for the evening.

Waterford has a little bit of everything. Packed into this coastal county, you'll find a bustling city, stunning beaches, an epic mountain range, and quaint seaside towns and villages.



Visit to Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens

Enjoy a guided tour of Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens, these enchanting gardens trace the life of writer Lafcadio Hearn through themed landscapes, from his Irish childhood to his time in Japan. With serene ponds, bamboo groves, and winding paths, the gardens blend storytelling with tranquility. A peaceful and visually stunning stop just outside Tramore.



Stop at Tramore Co. Waterford

Tramore is a seaside town in County Waterford, on the southeast coast of Ireland. It has a population of 11,277 as per the 2022 census, the second largest town in the county.



Scenic Drive along the Copper Coast

Enjoy a scenic drive along the Copper Coast via Annestown & Bunmahon. This dramatic coastal route between Tramore and Dungarvan showcases rugged cliffs, hidden coves, and sweeping Atlantic views. Once a hub for copper mining, the area is now a UNESCO Global Geopark, dotted with charming villages and geological wonders. Perfect for a leisurely, photogenic drive.



Kilmeaden Village

Enjoy some leisure time in Kilmeaden before returning to the hotel for the evening.

A quiet countryside village in County Waterford, Kilmeaden offers a slice of rural charm along the River Suir. It's best known as the boarding point for the Waterford Suir Valley Railway. With scenic walks, tidy streets, and nearby gardens, it's a gentle and welcoming stop.



Dinner at Dooley's Hotel

Upon returning to your hotel, enjoy dinner in the hotel's restaurant, followed by live music in the bar.



Day 3



After a leisurely breakfast at Dooley's hotel, enjoy two organised tours in Waterford City, a tour of the Medieval Museum, as well as the Bridgerton Tour at the Bishop's Palace.

Then some free time to explore other visitor attractions and do some shopping.



Explore Waterford City

Waterford, a seaport in southeast Ireland, is the country's oldest city. It was founded by Vikings in 914 A.D. and parts of its ancient walled core remain. Within Reginald's Tower, a circa-1003 fortification, the Waterford Museum of Treasures displays local archaeological finds. Famed glass manufacturer Waterford Crystal began here in 1783. Today the company's facility near the historic district offers factory tours.



Tour of Medieval Museum, Waterford City

Enjoy a tour of Waterford Museum of Treasures, a museum for historical artifacts associated with the city of Waterford. There are five museums in the Viking Triangle collectively known as Waterford Treasures. Its collection includes the 14th Century Waterford Charter Roll.





Bridgerton Tour at The Bishop's Palace, Waterford

Step into the world of regency elegance with the Bridgerton-themed tour at the Bishop's Palace. Costumed guides and lavish Georgian interiors bring the Netflix series to life while showcasing Waterford's high society history. A fun, engaging twist on a heritage site visit.



Explore Waterford City

In the afternoon, you will have time to explore the city of Waterford at your leisure. You may want to go exploring on your own, do some shopping or enjoy lunch in the many wonderful cafes and restaurants. However, see the below suggestions for activities to do in the area:



Reginald's Tower, Waterford

Ireland's oldest civic building, Reginald's Tower has stood watch over Waterford's quayside for over 800 years. Originally built by the Vikings, it now houses an excellent museum exploring the city's Norse roots. A compact but powerful glimpse into Ireland's medieval past.



Irish Silver Museum

This elegant museum celebrates Ireland's long tradition of silversmithing through exquisite pieces and fascinating stories. From ceremonial maces to intricate goblets, the collection traces Irish history in precious metal. A hidden gem within Waterford's Viking Triangle.





Irish Museum of Time

Home to one of the finest collections of timepieces in Europe, this museum showcases beautiful Irish and international clocks, watches, and scientific instruments. Set in a restored gothic church, it's both visually striking and deeply immersive. A must for lovers of design and craftsmanship.



Scenic tour to Dunmore East, Co. Waterford

After departing Waterford City, enjoy a scenic drive to Dunmore East. A postcard-perfect fishing village, Dunmore East combines seaside charm with stunning cliffside walks and fresh seafood. Colorful cottages, quiet beaches, and a working harbour make it an ideal spot for a relaxed coastal escape. A true gem along Ireland's south coast - enjoy some free time here before returning to the hotel.



Dinner at Dooley's Hotel

Upon returning to your hotel, enjoy dinner in the hotel's restaurant, followed by live music in the bar.



Day 4



Return to Cork

This morning, check out of Dooley's Hotel. Visit the Waterford Suir Valley Railway and Dungarvan, before ending your tour back in Cork.



Waterford Suir Valley Railway

Step aboard a lovingly restored heritage train and enjoy a scenic journey along the banks of the River Suir. This family-friendly experience offers great views, a touch of nostalgia, and a peaceful ride through the countryside. Departs from Kilmeaden Station.



Dungarvan, County Waterford

This afternoon, enjoy some time to explore, have lunch and shop in Dungarvan.

Start your visit with a walk along the waterfront to take in the sea air, historical sights and discover the buzz in Dungarvan's quaint streets. It's no wonder that Dungarvan is one of Ireland's most-loved coastal spots.



Return to Cork

Return to Cork City, after a wonderful coach Holiday to Waterford.

