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4-Day Coach Holiday - Cork To Wicklow

Day 1



Begin Tour

Depart via coach from Cork City. Your final destination today will be Arklow, Co. Wicklow.



Dove Hill Irish Design Centre, Carrick-on-Suir

A perfect comfort stop to break up the journey, Dove Hill offers style, flavour, and local charm nestled in the scenic Golden Vale between Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel. Set amid rolling green pastures, it's a delightful halfway break for travellers. Enjoy some refreshments and leisure time before continuing your journey.



New Ross, Co. Wexford

Set along the River Barrow, New Ross is a lively heritage town steeped in maritime history and Irish-American connections. Most famous as the home of the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience—a full-scale replica of a 19th-century emigrant vessel—New Ross tells the powerful story of Ireland's emigrant past.

Visitors can stroll the scenic quayside, explore charming shops and cafés, and visit the Kennedy Homestead, birthplace of JFK's great-grandfather. With its blend of historic depth, river views, and warm hospitality, New Ross makes for a fascinating and memorable stop in Ireland's Ancient East.



John F. Kennedy Arboretum, County Wexford

Nestled just 12 km south of New Ross, the JFK Arboretum is a serene and inspiring comfort stop on your tour. Spanning some 252 ha (about 623 acres) across Slieve Coillte, this living memorial honors President Kennedy's Irish ancestry, with plantings received from over 22 countries

Enjoy the following:

- **World-class tree collection:** Discover over 4,500 varieties of trees and shrubs, thoughtfully arranged in botanical sequence, including 200 forest plots representing all continents
- **Glorious gardens & wildlife:** Wander through the vivid Ericaceous Garden—home to 500+ rhododendrons, azaleas, and heathers—and enjoy bird life around the mirror-like lake
- **Stunning viewpoints:** A winding drive or gentle climb to the summit reveals panoramic views over six counties from 271 m high

- **Visitor-ready amenities:** Settle in at the visitor center with exhibitions on JFK, enjoy light meals at the café, let kids play in the playground, or explore trails and picnic spots



Arklow, Co. Wicklow

Situated where the River Avoca meets the Irish Sea, Arklow is a historic seaside town with deep maritime roots and a friendly, laid-back charm. Once a thriving center for shipbuilding and fishing, today Arklow offers visitors a mix of coastal beauty, heritage, and local life.

Stroll along the quays, visit the Maritime Museum for a glimpse into the town's seafaring past, or take in the sea air on a beach walk or riverside promenade. With cafés, shops, and scenic views all around, Arklow makes for a pleasant and authentic stop along Ireland's east coast.



Check into Arklow Bay Hotel (3 nights)

Nestled in the heart of County Wicklow, the Arklow Bay Hotel offers guests a serene retreat overlooking a tranquil lakeside wildlife reserve. With 91 tastefully decorated rooms, this 4-star hotel provides an ideal base to explore Ireland's Garden County. Guests can enjoy the Bay Leisure Centre, featuring a 20-meter indoor pool, state-of-the-art gym, steam room, sauna, and Jacuzzi. For relaxation, the Bay Beauty Rooms offer a range of treatments. Culinary delights await at the award-winning Pottery Restaurant and the Ferrybank Lounge, which hosts live music on select nights.

Enjoy an included dinner at the hotel tonight.



Day 2



Explore Co. Wicklow

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning. Then, board the coach for some day touring around Co. Wexford and Wicklow.



Wexford Lavender Farm

Set amid the rolling hills of County Wexford, Wexford Lavender Farm is Ireland's first lavender farm—a peaceful, family-run haven bursting with colour and scent in summer. Wander through fragrant purple fields, browse the craft shop, ride the quirky woodland train, or enjoy homemade treats in the café. A charming and relaxing countryside stop.



Powerscourt House & Gardens

Just outside of the charming village of Enniskerry, visit Powerscourt House, the former home of Lord Powerscourt. Tour the house, and walk through the expansive terraced Italian gardens and abundant floral displays. Set on a commanding hilltop position, against the backdrop of the Sugarloaf mountains, a sweeping terrace on the mansion's southside opens onto a breath-taking, ornamental garden and lake. A must-see picturesque destination!



Bray, Co. Wicklow



A classic seaside resort with Victorian charm, Bray offers coastal walks, sea views, and a lively promenade. The scenic Bray to Greystones Cliff Walk is a highlight, as is the town's mix of shops, cafés, and beachfront fun. With great transport links to Dublin, Bray blends small-town ease with big-city access.



Dinner at Arklow Bay Hotel

Return to the hotel, where you will have dinner as a group.

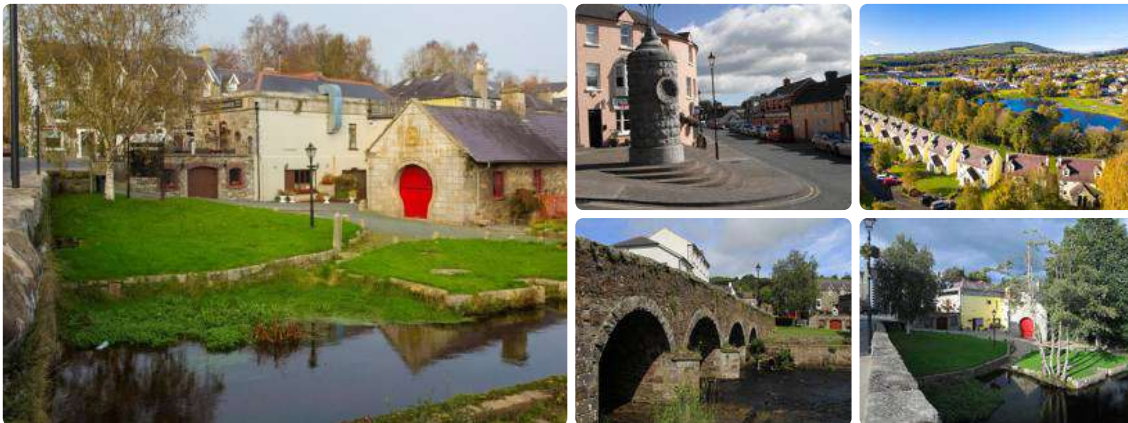


Day 3



Aughrim, Co. Wicklow

Known as one of Ireland's tidiest towns, Aughrim is a picturesque village nestled in the Wicklow Mountains. With stone bridges, riverside walks, and flower-lined streets, it's a peaceful and charming place to pause. Visit the local café or take in views from nearby forest trails and hill walks.



Avondale House & Forest Park

Take a self-guided tour of Avondale House.

Once the home of Charles Stewart Parnell, Avondale House is a stately Georgian residence set within a spectacular forest park. Visitors can explore the restored house, enjoy scenic walks, or experience the Treetop Walk & Viewing Tower for sweeping views over Wicklow's landscape—a standout mix of history and nature.

After, embark on the *Beyond The Trees* Experience - An unforgettable blend of nature and innovation, Beyond the Trees Avondale is one of Ireland's most unique outdoor experiences. Set in the lush Avondale Forest Park, this fully accessible treetop walk winds through the canopy before spiraling up a striking viewing tower with panoramic views over the Wicklow Mountains.

For the adventurous, there's even a fun slide back down! Interactive displays, forest trails, and a stylish café make it a brilliant stop for all ages—combining natural beauty, heritage, and a touch of thrill in one spectacular setting.



Avoca, Co. Wicklow

Nestled in a wooded valley, the charming village of Avoca is best known from *Ballykissangel*, the beloved TV series. With its scenic river, colorful cottages, and historic copper mines, Avoca offers a quiet and welcoming atmosphere - perfect for a stroll, a pint, and a visit to the nearby Avoca Handweavers.



Avoca Handweavers (Avoca Mills)

Ireland's oldest working woollen mill, Avoca Mills in County Wicklow offers a vibrant glimpse into traditional Irish craftsmanship. Watch weavers at work, shop for beautifully made textiles and gifts, and enjoy a meal in the award-winning café. A must-visit for those interested in Irish design and heritage.



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Day 4

Fr. Murphy Visitor Centre, Boolavogue

This small but powerful centre tells the story of Fr. John Murphy and the 1798 Rebellion in County Wexford. Located in a restored 18th-century cottage, it offers exhibits on local history, rebellion, and folklore. A meaningful and educational stop that brings Ireland's revolutionary past to life.



Oulart Hill Battle Site

A key site in the 1798 Rebellion, Oulart Hill offers sweeping views and historical significance. It was here that Wexford rebels, led by Fr. Murphy, claimed a major victory. A monument and walking trail honour the past, making it a thought-provoking stop for those exploring Ireland's fight for freedom.



The Old Thatch, Killeagh

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After, finish your journey in Cork.

