



1. LAKES OF KILLARNEY

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The lakes of Killarney are all situated within Killarney National Park, County Kerry. Nearest the town is the Lower Lake (Lough Leane) studded with islands and having on its eastern shore the historic Muckross Abbey and Ross Castle. The wooded peninsula of Muckross separates the Lower from the Middle Lake sometimes called Muckross Lake.

At the tip of the Muckross Peninsula is the quaint Brickeen Bridge and Dinis Island further on with its sub-tropical vegetation and views of the 'Meeting of the Waters'. A narrow straight called the Long Range leads to the island-studded Upper Lake. Around these islands are luxuriant woods of oak, arbutus, holly and mountain ash, while beneath grows a profusion of fern and other plants. Added to the beauty of the three main lakes are many other lakes in the folds of the mountains, and the numerous picturesque cascades such as Torc Waterfall.

3 hr 40 mins from Broomfield Lodge.



2. MUCKROSS HOUSE & GARDENS

Muckross House, once visited by Queen Victoria, is situated on the shores of Muckross Lake within the stunning surroundings of Killarney National Park. The house and grounds are located 3.6km from Killarney town in County Kerry.

This magnificent Victorian mansion - one of Ireland's leading stately homes - is situated amidst the spectacular scenery of Killarney National Park in County Kerry. The elegantly furnished rooms portray the lifestyles of the landed gentry, while downstairs in the basement you can experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the House back in the day.

Muckross House is also home to a number of skilled craftworkers, who can be seen using skills in the crafts of weaving, pottery and bookbinding. Many exotic trees and shrubs flourish in the mild climate and sheltered location of the Muckross gardens. Attractive features include a fine collection of rhododendrons and azaleas, an outstanding rock garden on a natural rock outcrop and beautiful tree-fringed lawns.

The Muckross traditional farms are an authentic outdoor interpretation of rural life in Kerry in the 1930s and 1940s, on a 70 acre elevated site. Traditional buildings and field systems are recreated and domestic farming and craft practices are carried out daily during the visitor season.

3 Hr 20 mins from Broomfield Lodge.



3. KILLARNEY JAUNTING CARS

Explore the open spaces of Killarney National Park with a scenic tour from Killarney Jaunting Cars.

Join Killarney Jaunting Cars and step back in time to the 15th Century Ross Castle, fortress of the local chieftain O'Donoghue Mor.

Enjoy Irish tradition at its best and purest form, come on board a Jaunting car and take a unique tour. The tour will take you through areas where no motor traffic is permitted, allowing you to experience a picturesque paradise.

As you travel through Killarney National Park, you will see the home ground of the Red Deer, Ireland's largest native land mammal and learn that they have been in the country since the last ice age, some 10,000 years ago!

3 Hr 10 mins from Broomfield Lodge



4. CRAG CAVE, CASTLEISLAND, KERRY

Step into 1 million years of history and wonder at Crag Cave, Ireland's most exciting show cave. Crag Cave, in Castleisland County Kerry, is formed of limestone and is a colourful wonderland of stalagmites and stalactites.

Discovered in 1983 and thought to be over 1 million years old Crag Cave is a magical wonderland of stalagmites and stalactites. It is an all weather visitor attraction located in Castleisland, 2km off the N21.

The cave is renowned as one of the finest examples of a limestone cave in Ireland. Etched over time into a natural wonder, Crag Cave offers an amazing view of how a cave is formed. See incredible examples of pillars, stalagmites, stalactites, flowstone and underground water channels.

In the 1980's a hydrologist Professor John Gunn from UCC mapped a part of this cave system. At the northern end of where he mapped there was a pool, or sump. The Professor felt there was more of the cave to be found beyond this pool, so in 1983 he invited a Welsh cave diver called Martin Farr to explore the sump. The dive turned out to be a surprisingly short one. A few minutes later he emerged and when he shone his flashlight in the total darkness he was thrilled. He was the first human to enter these caverns.

Crag Cave offers a comprehensive group visit including full guided tours with trained guides.

2 Hrs 45 mins from Broomfield Lodge.



5. CLIFFS OF MOHER

One of Ireland's favourite visitor experiences & tourist attractions, the Cliffs of Moher tower over the rugged west County Clare coast.

Visually spectacular, the Cliffs of Moher sit astride the striking landscape of the Burren on one side and the Wild Atlantic Ocean on the other. Rising out of the Atlantic waters to a height of over 700ft at O'Brien's Tower and running along the coast of Clare for almost 14 kilometres, or 8 miles, the Cliffs of Moher were formed over 320 million years ago, and today form part of the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark.

Walk the safe, paved pathways and view the famous Cliffs on Europe's western frontier and enjoy the spectacular vistas over sea, land and sky. Their natural beauty has inspired artists, musicians and poets for generations, as well as absorbing scientists and geologists, drawn by the unique landscape in which they sit.

The Cliffs of Moher, the most famous cliffs in Ireland, will leave you awestruck, creating memories that will stay with you forever.

2Hr. 45 mins from Broomfield Lodge.



6. COBH – TITANIC EXPERIENCE

The story of the Titanic has captured the hearts and minds of millions. From descendants of crew and passengers, to the just plain fascinated, the story has been re-told over and over from Belfast to Hollywood. Titanic Experience Cobh is a visitor centre located in the original White Star Line Ticket Office in the centre of Cobh town (formally known as Queenstown), in what was the departure point for the final 123 passengers who boarded the Titanic.

The visitor experience is presented in two parts. The first is an exciting immersive audio visual tour retracing the steps of the 123 passengers who boarded Titanic from Queenstown on April 11th 1912. With Officer Boxall as your virtual guide, innovative audio visual technology and the replica interior ship set, experience the anticipation of the long journey ahead and the new life waiting for Queenstown's passengers in America. Share the excitement of boarding the most luxurious liner of her time and feel the horror of the tragedy on that fateful night. The second part of Titanic Experience examines how it all went wrong; the unbelievable and "almost" impossible sequence of events that occurred to cause Titanic to sink. With computer generated graphics recreating the collision and subsequent sinking, film analysis of the Titanic on the sea bed and expert interviews these interactive exhibits allow visitors to find out how and why the Titanic sank on that fateful night of the 15th April 1912.

2 Hr 25 mins to Broomfield Lodge.



7. JAMESON DISTILLERY, MIDLETON

Visit the Jameson Distillery Midleton, the place of whiskey-making dreams. Take a guided tour around the distillery's heritage grounds and discover exactly what makes this world-famous whiskey so special. Come face to face with the largest pot still in the world. It has a capacity of holding an amazing 143,872 litres or 31,648 gallons of liquid.

From field to glass, taste delicious whiskeys as you explore the Cooperage, the Distiller's Cottage and get a deeper insight into the history, production and stories of this famous beverage. The Jameson Ambassadors are on hand to guide visitors through the unique smells, tastes and sensations.

In addition to the Jameson Experience Tour, there are a variety of craft experiences available including the behind the scenes tour, a premium whiskey tasting and a cask opening experience. Take a break at the distillery's Malthouse Café which serves a variety of teas, coffees and snacks, browse in the gift store or linger over a drink in the Jameson Bar.

2 Hr 15 mins to Broomfield Lodge.



8. DUNBRODY FAMINE SHIP

Explore the replica emigrant vessel both above and below deck. Listen to real life stories as costumed performers set the scene for the arduous journeys taken by so many during the Great Irish Famine.

As you enter the inland port of New Ross on the River Barrow, you will immediately be drawn to the sight of the Tall Ship, Dunbrody, towering over the quayside.

Stepping back in time visitors make their way towards the Quay in New Ross circa 1846. Approaching the ticket office, visual presentations will set the scene of a county in crisis. On board the ship, your tour guide will reveal the realities of life on the notorious “coffin ships”. Hear the stories of Mrs. White and Mrs. O’ Brien, costumed actors who give a true and chilling account of day to day life on board.

Exit the ship onto the Savannah landing point one of the port destinations for Dunbrody and learn about life in Savannah in the 1800’s and finally exit through the Irish America Hall of Fame exhibition celebrating the success stories of the Irish in America, such as the Kennedy story.

1 Hr 5 mins from Broomfield Lodge.



9. SALTEE ISLANDS

The Saltee Islands are situated approximately 5km off the coast of Kilmore Quay County Wexford. The larger island, Great Saltee, is the most famous bird sanctuary in Ireland and is very popular with both day-trippers and birdwatchers alike. The Saltee Islands are a haven for sea birds, nurturing an impressive array of birds, from Gannets and Gulls to Puffins and Manx Shearwaters. The Islands consist of the Great and Little Saltee and are situated approximately 5km off the coast of Kilmore Quay in County Wexford.

The Islands lie on an important migratory route and are a popular stopping off place for spring and autumn migrating birds. The Great Saltee also has a breeding population of Grey Seals, one of the very few in eastern Ireland. Up to 120 animals are present in autumn and up to 20 pups are produced annually.

Since December 1943 the Saltees have been privately owned by the Neale family. The Neale family have always respected this bird sanctuary and treated visiting Ornithologists and bird watchers alike with hospitality. Day visitors are allowed on Great Saltee between 11am and 4:30 pm only. Arranged trips from Kilmore Quay are approved within these hours. The Saltee Islands are both rare and beautiful.

1 Hr 30 mins to Broomfield Lodge.



10. HOOK HEAD LIGHTHOUSE

Climb 115 steps to the balcony of Hook Lighthouse in County Wexford, and soak up stunning views of the coastline. A hugely popular attraction in south east Ireland, experience its magic and mystery for yourself.

Discover majestic Hook Lighthouse in County Wexford, voted the number one lighthouse in the world. Described by Lonely Planet Guide as a “little plump lighthouse, the granddaddy of all lighthouses”, it is a fascinating example of medieval architecture in Ireland.

Constructed with local limestone, Hook Lighthouse is one of the oldest operational lighthouses in the world, the present structure dates back 800 years to the medieval tower of Hook. Explore the tower, drop by the visitor centre, pop into the gift shop and relax with a coffee in the café.

Fun festivals and family events take place at Hook Lighthouse throughout the year, including the Maritime Matters Festival, the Pirate Festival, Heritage Week Vintage Day and a series of summer lectures. Enjoy themed cookery demonstrations, historical re-enactments, charity fundraisers and art workshops at the magnificent lighthouse.

1 Hr 45 mins to Broomfield Lodge.



11. SPIKE ISLAND

Spike Island stands tall in Cork's natural harbour just 15 minutes ferry ride from the beautiful heritage town of Cobh. The island has a dark and fascinating past.

Used as an Island prison, fortress, monastery and home, today visitors can meet captains and convicts and sinners and saints as you uncover 1300 years of Irish history. With prison cells, deep tunnels, island walks and multiple museums, explore the 'Irish Alcatraz' via a guided tour or using the free map and app. The island's recorded history goes back to the 7th century when St Mochuda founded a monastery on this magical island. Monks walked the island trails for 300 years until the Vikings sailed into Cork harbour, and for many centuries the island was used by smugglers, pirates and as an island home.

The fortress that was built to defend an empire became the largest prison in the world in the 1850's, as the famine raged in Ireland and people resorted to stealing food to survive. The prison opened in 1847 and soon held over 2300 inmates, and there has never been a larger prison in Ireland or Britain before or since. Conditions at 'Ireland's Alcatraz' were terrible and 1300 poor souls would never leave the island, buried now in mass graves with no headstone. Today visitors can explore the dark cells of the punishment block, Ireland's most notorious prison. You can walk the children's prison which held boys as young as 11, and sit in solitary cells.

2 Hr 25 mins plus 15 min. Ferry ride from Broomfield Lodge.



12. BUNRATTY CASTLE & FOLK PARK

Bunratty Castle & Folk Park in Bunratty, County Clare, is one of Ireland's most iconic landmarks. From the elegance and attention to detail of the careful restoration within the castle walls, to the charm and authenticity of the village street and farmhouses, it is easy to see why visitors are so impressed by this iconic attraction.

Enjoy two unique visitor experiences at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park in Bunratty, County Clare. Visit the 15th century Bunratty Castle and stroll through the Bunratty Folk Park. The characters and musicians bring the village to life as they mimic what life would have been like in the early 1900s. The village collection of typical 19th century urban Irish buildings include the school, doctor's house, pawnbrokers, pub, drapery, printworks, grocery, hardware shop, pottery and a post office.

1 Hr 50 mins to Broomfield Lodge.



13. BLARNEY CASTLE & GARDENS

Visit medieval Blarney Castle in County Cork, one of Ireland's most impressive castles. Kiss the famous Blarney Stone to get the gift of the gab, wander around unique rock formations and see the rare plants in the enchanting gardens. Blarney Castle and Gardens, home of the famous Blarney Stone, is a great place for a day out in Cork.

Incredible gardens surround Blarney Castle, built in 1446 by the King of Munster. Explore themed gardens like the tropical Fern Garden and the Poison Garden with its deadly and dangerous plants from around the world, including the caged specimens of deadly nightshade, wolfsbane and poison ivy. Don't forget to visit the Rock Close where you'll find an ancient druidic settlement and witch's kitchen.

Relax after your rambles in the Blarney Castle stable yard and café or browse the Court Exhibition Rooms and the souvenir shops.

2 Hrs. 25 mins to Broomfield Lodge.



14. ROCK OF CASHEL

The Rock of Cashel, found in County Tipperary is an iconic ecclesiastical site and one of Ireland's top attractions. The group of medieval buildings are located near the centre of Cashel Town and offer stunning vistas of the surrounding farmlands.

The Rock of Cashel is one of Ireland's most visited attractions and is a spectacular archaeological site. A collection of medieval ecclesiastical buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale. The 12th-century round tower is the oldest surviving building on the Rock, which also include a high cross and the ruins of a Romanesque chapel. 'Cormac's Chapel' is one of the earliest and finest churches built in the Romanesque style. The 13th-century Gothic Cathedral is a large cruciform Gothic church without aisles, built between 1230 and 1270. There is also a 15th-century castle and the 'Hall of the Vicars' is the entry point to the ecclesiastical enclosure. The Hall houses the museum where the original Cross of St. Patrick can be found.

1 Hr. 20 mins from Broomfield Lodge.



15. KILKENNY CASTLE

Few buildings in Ireland can boast a longer history of continuous occupation than Kilkenny Castle. Founded soon after the Norman conquest of Ireland, the castle has been rebuilt, extended and adapted to suit changing circumstances and uses over a period of 800 years.

Kilkenny Castle is open all year round and is largely a Victorian remodelling of the thirteenth century defensive castle furnished with the family paintings and tapestries and objects d'art. Visitors can choose to explore the ancestral home of the Butler family with either a self guided visit or a guided tour. The visit of the Castle includes the dining room, Victorian nursery and the picture gallery with its hand painted hammer beam roof.

40 Mins from Broomfield Lodge



16. GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

Welcome to the home of Guinness. Visit the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin City to experience the history, heart, and soul of Ireland's most iconic beer. Located in the heart of St James's Gate in Dublin City, the Guinness Storehouse building was once the fermentation plant of the brewery. Today it offers a Guinness experience. As you make your way through the space, explore the ingredients, history and culture that tell the Guinness story.

Explore the story of Guinness before taking in the views of Dublin from the Gravity Bar while enjoying your perfectly poured, perfectly chilled pint of Guinness, included in your ticket.

Book at table in advance for Arthur's Bar or the 1837 Bar & Brasserie and enjoy the best of local Irish food, cooked to order by a team of talented chefs. Eating at the Guinness Storehouse can be enjoyed without having to buy an experience ticket. The menu showcases how stouts and beers uniquely cut, contrast or compliment food. You can enjoy these unique dishes made with local Irish ingredients while taking in the Dublin views.

1 Hr. From Broomfield Lodge.



17. BOOK OF KELLS, TRINITY COLLEGE

A visit to the Book of Kells at the Old Library, in Trinity College Dublin, is a journey through some of Ireland's most iconic cultural heritage.

Housed within the Old Library building, at Dublin City's Trinity College, the Book of Kells is a precious 9th century manuscript, featuring an exquisite combination of ornate Latin text and intricate illuminations. Discover how the world's most famous medieval manuscript was made and learn about the rich symbolism behind it. You'll also gain access to the Long Room, one of the world's most beautiful libraries and home to 250,000 of Trinity College's most ancient books.

1 Hr. from Broomfield Lodge



18. EPIC - THE IRISH IMMIGRATION MUSEUM

Explore, engage and connect with Irish history and culture in 20 interactive galleries at EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin City. Go beyond the stereotypes to help you discover what it truly means to be Irish. Winner of Europe's Leading Tourist Attraction at the World Travel Awards 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Don't just visit Ireland, understand it, with a visit to EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin City. You will not find leprechauns or pots of gold here, but you will discover that what it means to be Irish expands far beyond the borders of Ireland through the stories of Irish emigrants who became scientists, politicians, poets, artists and even outlaws all over the world. Discover Ireland from the outside in and find out why saying "I'm Irish" is one of the biggest conversation starters, no matter where you are.

1 Hr from Broomfield Lodge.



19. POWERSCOURT HOUSE, GARDENS & WATERFALL

Wander through the magnificent rooms of Powerscourt House and bask in its grand Palladian architecture. Spend some time exploring the 47 acres of incredible gardens set in the beautiful Wicklow Mountains.

Stroll through Powerscourt Gardens and admire sweeping terraces, statues, fountains and ornamental lakes with hidden hollows, rambling walks and beautiful walled gardens. Walk down the winding pathways of the secret gardens and find Venetian gates and Roman statues. There are hundreds of different types of ornamental plants, colourful flowers and majestic trees in the gardens.

Powerscourt Waterfall is located in the beautiful Powerscourt Estate near the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains. Ireland's highest waterfall at 121m, it's a popular tourist attraction near Enniskerry at only 5km from the main estate.

1 Hr. from Broomfield Lodge.



20. GLENDALOUGH

A truly special place, the visitor centre at Glendalough tells the fascinating story of this monastic site, with its early Christian settlement nestled in a glaciated valley with two picture-perfect lakes. This is one of Ireland's most famous visitor attractions but never feels busy, and the sense of peace and splendid isolation you get from walking the three kilometre long valley is second to none.

Trek as far as the Upper Lake, the original site of the monastic settlement which features Reefert Church, Temple-na-Skellig, Saint Kevin's Cell, Saint Kevin's Bed, the Caher and a number of high crosses. Then it's time to unwind at The Wicklow Heather, with its locally sourced ingredients and extensive champagne menu.

1 Hr. 5 mins to Broomfield Lodge.



21. IRISH NATIONAL STUD

Enjoy a day at the Irish National Stud and Gardens. Book in for a guided tour of the stud and afterwards, discover the incredible gardens and magical woodland walks.

Visit the Irish National Stud and experience the beating heart of Ireland's thoroughbred horse industry. See immaculately-bred stallions, spectacular mares, frolicking foals and athletic yearlings. Come to the stud and watch them at close quarters, marvel at their grace and splendour.

25 mins from Broomfield Lodge.