



Kilkenny

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Kilkenny - a beautiful and ancient county where history, modern living and rich culture fuse together across an unspoiled landscape.

The ancient medieval city of Kilkenny has protected its precious heritage whilst evolving as one of Ireland's most vibrant and enjoyable cities in which to stay. Its narrow slipways, side streets and preserved buildings, are matched only by its reputation for fine dining, great shopping, entertainment and accommodation.

The county itself has a wealth of fascinating visitor attractions, from the wonders of Dunmore Cave and celebrated monastic settlements such as Jerpoint Abbey, to the magnificent medieval Kilkenny Castle and the Castlepark Discovery Park.



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THE CITY



Kilkenny is famous for many things: its majestic creeper-clad castle; a bustling crafts industry; cobbled lanes and secret passages; 1,000 years of history and vibrant festivals. It's this magical combination of culture and entertainment that attracts so many people to this captivating heritage city, just 90 minutes south of Dublin.

At the heart and soul of medieval Ireland, Kilkenny is famed for its electric atmosphere played out in its maze of narrow Norman alleyways. Twisting and turning around abbeys, cathedrals and crumbling city walls, there's even an early 13th century castle dropped in the middle of it all. It's surrounded by beautiful gardens that attract artistic locals, giddy kids and chilled-out tourists on sunny days. And with a bustling crafts scene, arts and comedy festivals, GAA hurling specialists (shout "Go the Cats" and the locals will love you), and wonderful old pubs, it's pretty much got the whole city break thing covered.

Explore some more... with a trip to Tipperary



Tipperary is a county of spectacular natural beauty with the Glen of Aherlow, the Rock of Cashel, Cahir Castle and the Vee Valley of particular note. It is a county famous for

traditional music, hurling and bloodstock. In fact, the county is one of Ireland's premier horseracing centres. Tipperary has some other fascinating places to visit, such as Mitchelstown Cave, one of Europe's most spectacular and the captivating Brú Ború Cultural Centre, commemorating Brian Ború with a 'cultural village' celebrating Irish music, song, dance and theatre. A paradise for walkers, anglers, horse riders and heritage & culture lovers, take time to enjoy the great outdoors or simply soak up the atmosphere of this wonderful and welcoming county.

More Info: www.discoverireland.ie/tipperary

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More Info: www.discoverireland.ie

TOP 5



It's hard to whittle Kilkenny's attractions down to just five, but here are a few to kick off any sightseeing tour.

Soak up the atmosphere of a historic castle



A tour will bring you to the Picture Gallery Win, and around the nooks and crannies of the library, with its psychedelic colour scheme. Don't feel

like doing a tour? No problem: 500 years of history is condensed into a 12-minute film in the Medieval Room in the South Tower, and it's free - you only pay to go into the rest of the castle.

Address: The Parade, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7704100
Internet: www.kilkennycastle.ie

Pick up a hurling stick and make like a local



If you want to get under the skin of the fastest field sport in the world, then hook up with The Ultimate Hurling Experience Tour. After an

explanation of the rules, you will be brought to an impeccably manicured pitch and handed a genuine ash hurley stick and a hard leather stitched ball known as a sliotar - the rest is up to you.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7789884
Internet: www.thekilkennyway.com

Experience spine-tingling chills at the Black Abbey



The 13th-century Black Abbey is a world of candlelit serenity, with the largest rosary window of its kind in Ireland. Depicting the life of

Christ, it contains an astonishing 10,000 pieces of ruby and sapphire glass - all taken out and

restored by the Abbey Stained-Glass Company. That's a jigsaw we're glad they called in the experts for

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Internet: www.blackabbey.ie

Discover a "city pad" with a difference



Just a short distance from Black Abbey is the medieval jewellery box of Rothe House and Garden, a restored 16th-century Tudor home, where archaeologists recently found the remains of an earlier medieval townhouse (thought to be the "city pad" of the Abbot of nearby Duiske Abbey).

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7722893
Internet: www.rothehouse.com

Get crafty, Irish-style



Artists and craftspeople work in studios all around Kilkenny city. Renowned potter Nicholas Mosse creates his elegant pieces here, and the Kilkenny

Design Centre anchors the city's retail scene with a stunning collection of jewellery, knitwear, Celtic gifts, china, crystal and pottery. And don't miss the National Craft Gallery at Castle Yard, previously home to the stables and coach houses of Kilkenny Castle, where you can watch clay workers in action, or have a go yourself.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7796147
Internet: www.nationalcraftgallery.ie

DO & SEE



Blackbird Gallery



The Blackbird Gallery has been established in Kilkenny since 2004. It is one of Ireland's most prestigious commercial galleries showcasing the very best of Irish and international contemporary art.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
 Phone: +353 56 7762050
 Internet: www.theblackbirdgallery.ie

Kilkenny Castle



Kilkenny Castle is a 12th century castle, remodelled in Victorian times and set in riverside parklands, which was once the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde. It is located in the heart of Kilkenny City.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
 Phone: +353 56 7704100
 Internet: www.kilkennycastle.ie
 More Info: Audio guides costing €1.99 can be downloaded from www.abartaaudioguides.com

Rothe House and Garden



Rothe House is a unique, early 17th-century, Irish merchant's townhouse and garden, set in the centre of Kilkenny City. It is also the base of genealogical research on Kilkenny ancestry.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
 Phone: +353 56 7722893
 Internet: www.rothehouse.com

National Craft Gallery



The National Craft Gallery was established by the Crafts Council of Ireland in 2000 and is Ireland's leading centre for contemporary craft and design.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
 Phone: +353 56 7796147
 Internet: www.nationalcraftgallery.ie

Saint Marys Cathedral



St Mary's is a gothic revival-style Catholic cathedral that dominates the skyline of Kilkenny City. William Deane Butler designed the impressive house of worship taking inspiration from Norman architecture. It was completed in 1849.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
 Phone: +353 56 7771253

The Butler Gallery in Kilkenny Castle



Located in the interior of Kilkenny Castle, The Butler Art Gallery is a contemporary art space that exhibits emerging and established artists,

both Irish and international. The gallery also has an expansive collection of 20th century art.

Location:

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7761106

Internet: www.butlergallery.com

Kells Priory



Kells Priory is one of the largest and most impressive medieval monuments in Ireland.

The ruins of this Augustine priory are

found in Kells County Kilkenny

Address: Kells, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7751500

The Smithwicks Experience at St Francis Abbey Brewery



Saint Francis Abbey Brewery, in Kilkenny City, is where Smithwick's Superior Irish Ale has been crafted and perfected since 1710.

Guided tours of the brewery are available.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7796498

Internet: www.smithwicks.ie

Black Abbey



The Black Abbey was established as a Dominican friary in 1225. It was considered a tranquil spot, as it fell outside the walls of

Kilkenny City. After many turbulent years, the abbey was restored and opened as a public place of worship in the 1800s.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7721279

Internet: www.blackabbey.ie

Dunmore Cave



Dunmore Cave is located 10km from of Kilkenny City. History and geology blend here to give the visitor a unique learning experience. The cave has

been known to man for many centuries and contains some of Ireland's finest calcite cave formations.

Address: Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7767726

Internet: www.heritageireland.ie

Kilkenny City Tours by Road Train



View historic Kilkenny city by road train. A 25 minute daytime tour of Kilkenny city viewing 15 historical sites or an evening tour and hear

stories about Kilkennys Ghosts & try some witches brew. A great experience not to be missed.

Location:

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
 Phone: +353 86 7301500
 Internet: www.kilkennycitytours.ie

Kilkenny Walking Tours



Enjoy an hours walking tour through Ireland's medieval city, with Tynan Tours, accompanied by a humourous and informative guide. A popular and enjoyable way to get to know the medieval capital of Ireland.

Location:

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
 Phone: +353 87 2651745
 Internet: www.kilkennywalkingtours.ie

Medieval Kilkenny Stories Through Time



Medieval Kilkenny Stories through time is Kilkenny's first street theatrical Walking Tour. The tour starts from the Hole In the Wall on High Street, it is about a 10 min walk from Kilkenny Castle.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
 Phone: +353 87 2651745
 Internet: www.medievalkilkenny.ie

Kilfane Glen & Waterfall



Kilfane Glen is a tranquil oasis found in County Kilkenny, about 6km north-east of Thomastown. The Romantic-era garden was developed in the 1790s and includes a waterfall, woodland paths and contemporary art created specially for the site.

Address: Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny
 Phone: +353 56 7724558
 Internet: www.kilfane.com

Reptile Village Zoo



Want to know what a snake really feels like or how a chameleon catches it's prey? Reptile Village Zoo, Ireland's only reptile zoo is the place to be! With over 100 different animals and more than 50 species on display, from Alligators to Tortosie and Toads to Pythons, there is something for everyone.

Address: Gowran, Co. Kilkenny
 Opening hours: Daily from 10am-6pm
 Phone: +353 56 7726757
 Tickets: Admission: Adults €9.90 Children €7.50
 Student/Senior Citizens €8.90 Family (2 adults + 1 child) €27. Family (2 adults + 2 child) €30. Children under 3 years are free.
 Internet: www.reptilevillage.net

DRIVING ROUTES



1) The Three River Route - Kilkenny

This charming route takes you through many picturesque towns along the rivers Barrow, Nore and Slaney. Kilkenny City is the perfect set off point, where the fully restored Anglo Norman Kilkenny Castle looms

magnificent over the River Nore. From there follow the Nore Valley to the pretty town of Inistioge where the Hollywood film Circle of Friends was shot. Continue on to New Ross in Co Wexford home to the Dunbrody Famine ship, JFK Arboretum, Ros Tapestry and Kennedy Homestead.

From New Ross, travel the N30 to Enniscorthy, overlooked by the 1798 battle site of Vinegar Hill, where you can visit the National 1798 Rebellion Centre. To the north on the N80, Bunclody is an attractive market town at the foot of the Blackstairs Mountains.

Continue on to Goresbridge, a scenic spot popular for river cruising and angling while Gowran is an important ecclesiastical heritage site. Return to Kilkenny via the N10.

2) Kilkenny Tipperary Heritage Touring Route

From the heritage city of Kilkenny, with many ancient visitor attractions such as St Canice's Cathedral, take the R691 towards Cashel stopping at The Commons, a small settlement with many memorials to sporting, musical and patriotic natives of the area. Continue through the towns of Ballingarry, the scene of the young Irelanders' rising in 1848, Killenaule and Fethard and on to the heritage town of Cashel, once the seat of the Kings of Munster and home of the mighty Rock of Cashel.

From Cashel drive south along the N8 to the heritage town of Cahir, where the magnificent 13th century Cahir Castle sits on an island in the River Suir. Nearby attractions include the Swiss Cottage. Clonmel and the Ormond Castle in Carrick-on-Suir these are bustling towns and home to many popular visitor attractions. Head north from Carrick on Suir to Windgap and

Callan, and then back to Kilkenny City.

Find out more at:

Internet: www.discoverireland.ie/kilkenny

TRAIL KILKENNY - WALKING, CYCLING, FOOD & CRAFT



There are a range of trails designed to inspire you to get out and explore the County and countryside of Kilkenny.

The options are endless...

Kilkenny has long been associated with creativity and design and its reputation for great craft is encapsulated in the MADE in Kilkenny Craft Trail which includes a selection of its most renowned potters, jewellers and craftspeople working in willow, glassblowing, stonecarving and weaving; many of whom you can visit in their own studios. Stroll the leafy lanes of O'Gorman's Lane Loop and visit a candlemaker or the renowned Nicholas Mosse Pottery Studios in the old flour mill in Bennettsbridge. Start or end your river walk with a stroll through Thomastown with its village cafés; and pottery like Karen Morgan's Porcelain Studio.

If you're on your bike on the East Kilkenny Cycle route, you'll pass through Graiguenamanagh - drop in to 13th century Cistercian monastery of Duiske Abbey and take in a visit to Cushendale Woollen Mills; where the Cushen family have

been weaving throws for generations.

For foodies, the TASTE of Kilkenny Food Trail suggests visits to organic orchards, a trout farm, and everything from artisan cheesemakers, cute cafés and chocolatiers, to the most cosmopolitan of city restaurants.

Find out more at:

Internet: www.trailkilkenny.ie

ACTIVITIES



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Whether your passion is golf, fishing or splashing about on a surfboard, Kilkenny is a perfect location - with surprises around every corner and a whole host of thrilling activities.

Spa and Wellness

Tucked away in Kilkenny's most tranquil spots, you'll find some of the finest and most luxurious spas in the world. These sanctuaries of calm and pampering combine the nourishment of the island's natural resources, such as mineral-rich seaweeds, with cutting-edge treatments from around the world. Throw in a good dose of that famous Irish hospitality, and you have a spa getaway that is pretty much unforgettable.

Internet: www.discoverireland.ie/spa

Biking and Cycling

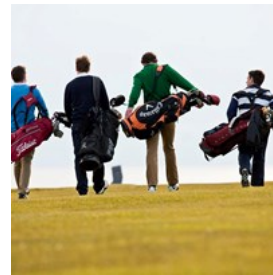
On yer bike! Check out some suggested trails for an adrenaline rush and or explore the countryside with excellent cycle routes.

Internet: www.discoverireland.ie/cycling

Walking & Hiking

What better way to enjoy Kilkenny's breathtaking scenery other than a great walk? Explore Kilkenny by foot on a trail or looped walk.

Golf



From internationally renowned courses to welcoming local clubs in every corner of the country, Ireland is a golfer's paradise. From green parkland to rugged coastal links and everything in between, there is a course to suit every skill level from beginner to pro and, now more than ever before, every budget.

Internet: www.discoverireland.ie/golf

DINING



Kilkenny is a celebration of quality food makers, restauranters, café/bar-owners and retailers whose passion and personality shines through, making Kilkenny a wonderful journey of discovery for people who love great food and warm hospitality

Campagne



The award winning Campagne Restaurant located on Gashouse Lane in Kilkenny City serves modern French food using only the very best of local and Irish produce, establishing itself as one of Kilkenny's most popular restaurants.

Location:

Telephone: +353 (0)56 7772858

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7772858

Internet: www.campagne.ie

Chez Pierre



Chez Pierre, a cosy little café style French restaurant is situated on Parliament Street in Kilkenny City adjacent to the historic Rothe House.

The restaurant has long been popular with locals for its French style bistro fare and seafood.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7764655

City Bar & Grill and Hibernian Bar



The City Bar and Grill at the Kilkenny Hibernian Hotel is a very relaxing and warm restaurant full of atmosphere and character. The Hibernian

Bar is a casual dining alternative to City Bar & Grill and is open for morning coffee & scones, lunch, afternoon tea.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56- 7771888

Internet: www.kilkennyhibernianhotel.com

Foodworks



Freshness and quality are the focus at Foodworks, an inviting café style bistro on Parliament Street, Kilkenny City, where produce supplied directly from their own family farm is transformed into value for money culinary delights.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7777696

Internet: www.foodworks.ie

Italian Connection



The Italian Connection Restaurant, located in the heart of medieval Kilkenny City is renowned for providing quality Italian cuisine at value for money prices. Enjoy the aromas of a truly delightful restaurant with friendly and attentive staff.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7764225

Key Largo Restaurant



Key Largo in Kilkenny City is an elegant and relaxing restaurant located on the banks of the River Nore, and shaded by Kilkenny Castle. It's a gem of a restaurant that leans toward Italian and Mexican cuisine offering something for all tastes.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7723922

La Rivista Restaurant



La Rivista Restaurant, located on Kilkenny city's historic Parliament Street offers fine Italian dining driven by a loving for good food, fine wine and excellent customer service.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 777 1666
Internet: www.larivista.ie

La Trattoria Restaurant



La Trattoria is a genuine little piece of Italy in Kilkenny City centre. Located on one of Kilkenny's most popular streets, John Street, La

Trattoria serves the finest authentic Italian food using only the best ingredients

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7770907

Lautrecs Tapas & Wine Bar



Lautrecs Tapas and Wine Bar on Kieran Street, Kilkenny City is set in a charming building with the rustic feel of an old Parisian Bistro and offers a wide variety of tapas dishes and new world

wines.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7762720
Internet: www.lautrecs.com

Royal Spice Indian Restaurant



Royal Spice Indian Restaurant is a multi-award winning traditional Indian Restaurant set in the heart of Kilkenny City on

Patrick Street, and offers customers a delightful array of authentic Indian cuisine in a stylish and contemporary setting

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7712646
Internet: www.royal Spice.ie

The Claddagh Restaurant & Paddock Bar



The Claddagh Restaurant at Springhill Court Hotel in Kilkenny City boasts an excellent reputation amongst guests and locals alike. This Kilkenny

restaurant combines traditional Irish dishes with an international twist, ensuring an unforgettable meal.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7721122
Internet: www.springhillcourt.com

The Grapevine Wine & Tapas Bar



The Grapevine tapas bar is a unique and vibrant restaurant and wine bar located on Rose Inn Street in the heart of Kilkenny city serving a

diverse selection of international tapas, wines and Irish craft beers.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7712956
Internet: www.thegrapevinetapasbar.com

The White Oak Restaurant



The White Oak Restaurant in the Kilford Arms Hotel on John Street, Kilkenny City offers traditional food using locally sourced

ingredients, served in relaxed and informal surroundings.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7761018

Internet: www.kilfordarms.ie

Zuni Restaurant



The award-winning Zuni Restaurant, on Patrick Street in Kilkenny City prepares dishes using only the finest local ingredients creating

modern Irish flavours and tastes with hints and influences from around the globe.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 77 23999

Internet: www.zuni.ie

Food Highlight

TASTE of Kilkenny invites you to use this trail to discover the countryside farms and city restaurants where you can sample their goods, whether you are local to the area or are visiting on holiday. Whether it's artisan cheese-makers, farmers, small-holders or fine city restaurants, all of the members look forward to meeting you. They'll invite you to taste their mouth-watering delights or show you how they produced their goods.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Internet: www.trailkilkenny.ie

CAFES



There are a number of cafés in Kilkenny offering the finest coffees and teas from around the world along with a wide selection of delicious food and sweet cakes to accompany them.

Mug Shot Cafe



The Mug Shot Cafe has established itself as one of the most popular café's in Kilkenny City, priding itself on great food, coffee and service. Healthy

menus created using the freshest of ingredients sourced from local suppliers cater for all tastes and dietary requirements.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7777798

The Ground Floor Cafe



The Ground Floor Café on High Street in Kilkenny City is a popular daytime café serving homemade baps, panini, sandwiches and wraps along with a

full selection of tray bakes and chocolate treats.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7723522

The Pantry

The Pantry on Kieran Street in Kilkenny City is a busy day-time café famous for their Breakfast Special, but also offering fresh and wholesome cooked food, home-made soups, and hot main courses throughout the day.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7762250

Pennefeather Cafe



friendly environment.

The ethos of the Pennefeather Café, above The Book Centre on High Street in Kilkenny City, is to provide quality home cooked food in a fast and

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7764063

Kafe Katz



atmosphere.

Kafe Katz is a small cosy café on Ormonde Street in the heart of Kilkenny City, that takes pride on the quality of its delicious and healthy yet affordable

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7756658
Internet: www.kafekatz.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Kilkenny has no shortage of establishments in which to stop for a pint and a bit of craic. Most pubs provide food during the day and many have live entertainment at night. These include:

Kytelers Inn



and service.

Dating back to 1324, Kytelers Inn on Kieran Street, in Kilkenny City brings together history and heritage with 21st-century amenities

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7721064
Internet: www.kytelersinn.com

The Rafter Dempsey's



greeting as much as its warm Log Fire and delicious home-cooked foods. Private parties catered for.

The 'Rafter' Dempsey's is a charming Olde Worlde Bar and Lounge in the Centre of Irelands Medieval Capital. It is renowned for its cheerful

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 7722970
Internet: www.rafterdempseys.ie

Matt The Millers



Matt the Millers Bar & Restaurant is situated right in the heart of Kilkenny City at Johns Bridge overlooking the River Nore and the

castle. It has 5 floors, each with its own unique bar.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7761696

Internet: www.matthemillers.com

The Thatch Pub

The Thatch Pub sits beside Grannagh Castle by the banks of the River Suir in south County Kilkenny. A beautifully renovated traditional Irish thatched pub, The Thatch has become synonymous with great Irish music and simple tasty dishes.

Address: Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 51 872876

Internet: www.thethatchpub.com

Lanigan's Bar & Restaurant



Lanigan's Bar and Restuarant on Rose Inn Street, Kilkenny City, is a family-run establishment guaranteeing the finest traditional Irish cuisine

and offering both traditional and contemporary live music 7 days a week during the summer months

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7721718

Internet: www.lanigans.ie

Paris Texas Cafe Bar



Enjoy wholesome homemade food 7 days a week in Paris Texas Cafe Bar, High Street, Kilkenny City. The best of Irish hospitality and

entertainment is guaranteed

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7761822

The Rising Sun



The Rising Sun, Mullinavat, County Kilkenny was originally an 'ale house' built in 1644 during the Cromwellian era. Today,

the Rising Sun offers an all day food service including breakfast, carvery lunch, a bar menu and an a la carte menu.

Location: Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny

Telephone: +353 (0)51 898173

Address: Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 51 898173

Internet: www.therisingsun.ie

The Pumphouse



The Pumphouse is a spacious and friendly pub in the heart of Kilkenny city on Parliament Street. Live music is a huge part of the life of this pub

including the traditional music sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the summer season

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7763924

The Marble City Bar, Gastro-Pub & Tea Rooms



With award-winning food served daily from breakfast, lunch, through to dinner, the Marble City Bar & Tea Rooms in

Kilkenny City offer extensive menus boasting the very best in fresh local Irish produce and service.

Address: Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 7761143

Internet: www.langtons.ie/marble-city-bar

SHOPPING



High Street in Kilkenny is jam-packed with souvenir shops, boutiques and craft shops. You will find a great selection of shops on High Street including Good's where you will find high street stores like Principles, Dorothy Perkins, Oasis, Warehouse and Coast. It also has a cosmetics, accessory and footwear section. The McDonagh Junction Shopping Centre has over 50 top quality retail units including; Next, No Name, River Island, T.K. Maxx and Dunnes Stores. Newpark Shopping Centre and The Market Cross Shopping Centre are also popular shopping spots.

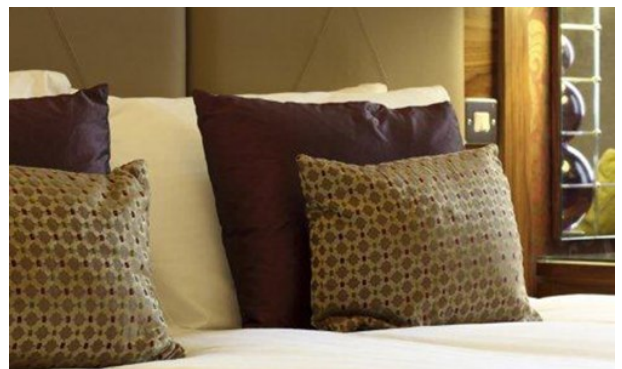
MADE in Kilkenny Craft Trail

Kilkenny is renowned as a creative hub with a

vibrant craft industry. Discover authentic craft created by designer makers all over the county; using the most modern techniques as well as preserving and developing age old methods. From the white furnace of the glassblower, to the traditional throwing wheel of the potter and the hammering of precious metal; each creating unique, functional and decorative pieces.

Download a copy of the dedicated guide to discover Kilkenny's craft culture for yourself - visit www.kilkennytourism.ie for more information

ACCOMMODATION



Choose from country house hotels, self-catering cottages, welcoming Irish Home B&B's to caravan parks and campsites... all committed to Quality and providing you with a welcome like no other.

For comprehensive listings on all types of accommodation in Kilkenny - visit www.discoverireland.ie/kilkenny

Hotel Kilkenny

Hotel Kilkenny is a four star hotel and located about ten minutes' walk from Kilkenny City centre. All of the 138 guest rooms are superbly fitted to ensure a pleasant and comfortable stay. Hotel facilities you can enjoy at this hotel are a pool, hot tub, sauna and the exclusive restaurant

called Taste.

Address: College Road, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 776 2000
Internet: www.hotelkilkenny.ie
Email: experience@hotelkilkenny.ie

The Laurels Bed and Breakfast

The Laurels B&B is a family-friendly guest house that offers outstanding hospitality and accommodation for a good price. Each nine rooms are spacious and feature a TV, power showers, ironing supplies, and tea and coffee making facilities.

Address: College Road, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 776 1501
Internet: www.thelaurelskilkenny.com
Email: laurels@eircom.net

Aspect Hotel Kilkenny

This stylish and contemporary hotel is located just off the city ring road, close to the vibrant city centre, making it the ideal base for both business and leisure travellers alike. Aspect Hotel Kilkenny offers 80 spacious guest bedrooms with a warm and inviting ambiance. The on-site Reuben's Restaurant serves an international menu as well as a kids' menu.

Address: Ring Road, Springhill, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 778 3100
Internet: www.aspecthotelkilkenny.com
Email: res@aspecthotelkilkenny.com

Kilkenny River Court Hotel

At this luxurious four star hotel you can have a relaxing time and is a place where you can retreat from the stress of everyday life. Each of the 90 spaciously appointed en-suite bedrooms have an elegant ambiance with a stylish décor. The on-site AA rosette-winning Riverside Restaurant and Terrace Kitchen has an excellent reputation for its food and is a great place to

enjoy high-quality cuisine.

Address: The Bridge, John Street, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 772 3388
Internet: www.rivercourthotel.com
Email: info@rivercourthotel.com

Club House Hotel

When staying at Club House Hotel, you will be staying in one of the most beautiful vintage accommodations in the city. This 18th century hotel boasts Georgian architecture and has beautifully mixed traditional hospitality with modern day luxuries. Here you can sleep in one of the 28 tastefully decorated en suite bedrooms that encapsulating the old world charm.

Address: Patrick Street, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 772 1994
Internet: www.clubhousehotel.com
Email: info@clubhousehotel.com

San Antonio Guest House

San Antonio is a family-run guest house and is located just ten minutes' walk from Kilkenny city centre, an ideal place to explore the medieval city and south-east area. All of the eight rooms come with tea/coffee making facilities, a multi-channel TV, hairdryers and telephones. This cosy hotel always gives a warm welcome to assure you a pleasant stay.

Address: Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 777 1834
Internet: www.kilkennycitybandb.com
Email: info@kilkennycitybandb.com

Kilkenny Inn Hotel

Ideally located close to tourist attractions, restaurants and nightlife, Kilkenny Inn Hotel is the perfect accommodation to explore the city. This hotel provides 30 guest bedrooms which are designed to meet the requirements of business and leisure travellers alike. In addition, the hotel

boasts two bars and a restaurant.

Address: 15 Vicar Street, Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 777 2828

Internet: www.kilkennyinn.com

Email: info@kilkennyinn.com

Melrose House B&B

Melrose House B&B is a charming family-run accommodation, where you will experience a warm hospitality from the owners and their four children. You will find this small bed and breakfast about ten minutes' walk from city centre. All four rooms are bright and provide free WiFi, a private bathroom, tea making facilities and a cable TV.

Address: Circular Road, Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 776 5289

Internet: www.melrosehouse.com

Email: brennanpn@eircom.net

Lyrath Estate Hotel Kilkenny

Lyrath Estate Hotel Kilkenny is located in a beautiful scenery, on a mature parkland about 1,2 kilometres from the city centre. From the very moment you arrive at this five star hotel you will experience a high-standard of service in a stunning contemporary designed 17th century house. It also offers amazing facilities such as a spa, an indoor infinity pool, and two award-winning restaurants.

Address: Dublin Road, Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 776 0088

Internet: www.lyrath.com

Email: info@lyrath.com

Zuni Hotel

If you would like to have a comfortable stay in the heart of the city centre in Kilkenny, Zuni Hotel might be a good alternative. This boutique hotel brings amazing and impeccable services and where the guest rooms are stylishly

furnished. At the award-winning restaurant inside the hotel you can relish modern Irish cuisine.

Address: 26 Patrick Street, Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 772 3999

Internet: www.zuni.ie

Email: info@zuni.ie

Berkeley House

At this three star hotel you will find yourself staying in an elegant Georgian house, right in the city centre, on one of Kilkenny's oldest streets. This hotel has a charming character and offers old world elegance and an exceptional customer service. Every morning Berkeley House serves continental breakfast, including homemade brown bread and pastries.

Address: 5 Patrick Street, Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 776 4848

Internet: www.berkeleyhousekilkenny.com

Email: info@berkeleyhousekilkenny.com

Newpark Hotel

With a beautiful location on a big parkland, Newpark Hotel offers you a pleasant and relaxing stay. Here you can enjoy great hotel facilities such as an outdoor infinity pool, a hot tub, two restaurants, and a luxury spa. This four star hotel combines the best traditions of Irish hospitality with modern facilities, all to give you the best possible service.

Address: Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny

Phone: +353 56 776 0500

Internet: www.flynnhotels.com

Email: reservations@newparkhotel.com

Kilkenny House Hotel

Kilkenny House Hotel is a three star hotel and ideally situated just 1 km from Kilkenny city centre. The 32 well equipped rooms are spacious and tastefully decorated and come with

amenities such as power showers, TV and free WiFi. This hotel also provides free parking and award-winning gardens.

Address: Freshford Road, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 777 0711
Internet: www.kilkennyhousehotel.ie
Email: kilkennyhouse@eircom.net

Langton Hotel Kilkenny

When you stay at this four star hotel, you will have close to tourist attractions, shopping, theatre and bars. Here you can enjoy a comfortable stay in a contemporary styled room with all the modern comfort. The hotel boasts a fine-dining restaurant, The Langton Room and an award-winning bar called Edward Langtons.

Address: 69 John Street, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 776 5133
Internet: www.langtons.ie
Email: reservations@langtons.ie

Breagh View Bed and Breakfast

On arrival you will be served free tea and coffee at this family-run bed and breakfast. Breagh View B&B is set in a pretty landscape garden, within ten minutes' walk from the city centre. Every morning you can enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast with freshly-baked, homemade bread.

Address: 1 Maiden Hill, Kilkenny
Phone: +353 56 770 3111
Internet: www.breaghview.com
Email: Info@breaghview.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Banks

Banks are generally open from Monday to Friday from 10am - 4pm. Each bank has one later opening day per week. Bureau de Change facilities as well as ATM machines are available at most banks.

Money transfers can be organised through Western Union Money Transfer.

Climate

Influenced by the Gulf Stream, Ireland has a mild temperature climate with summer temperatures generally ranging from 14 to 16 degrees Celsius (60-70 Fahrenheit). The temperatures are generally around 10 degrees Celsius (50 degree Fahrenheit) in Spring and Autumn and between 4 and 7 degrees Celsius (30-40 degrees Fahrenheit) in Winter.

For regional forecasts, please consult www.met.ie

Credit Cards

MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards are widely accepted in Ireland.

Currency

The unit of currency in the Republic of Ireland is the Euro. One euro consists

of 100 cents. notes are €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200, €500.

Coins are 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, €1 and €2.

Electricity

The standard voltage in the Republic of Ireland is 220 volts. Plugs are 3-pin flat, therefore adapters are required for 2-pin appliances. En-suite bathroom shaving points normally have 110 and 240 volt outlets.

Emergency Services

In Ireland the general Emergency Telephone number is 999 or 112 - no coins required in telephone coin boxes.

These numbers will alert the appropriate service - Fire, Gardaí (Police), Lifeboat, Coastal, Mountain and Cave Rescue Services

Health and Medical Treatment

EU Citizens are entitled to free hospital treatment in a public ward and should obtain a European Health Insurance Card (which replaced the old E111 form) prior to departure. For further details see www.ehic.ie.

Private medical insurance is advised for Visitors from non-EU countries.

St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny

Tel: +353 56 778 5000

Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel,

Co. Tipperary Tel: +353 62 61022

St. Joseph's Hospital, Clonmel,

Co. Tipperary Tel: +353 52 617 7000

Passports and Visas

For the latest information on passports and visa requirements for Ireland, contact:

Department of Foreign Affairs

80 St. Stephen's Green

Dublin 2

Ireland

Tel: + 353 1 478 0822

www.foreignaffairs.gov.ie

Post

An Post is Ireland's national postal service provider. Generally, Post Offices are open from 9am to 5.30 pm, Monday - Friday, and 9am - 1pm on Saturday.

In larger towns, the Saturday opening may be extended.

For more information visit www.anpost.ie

Population

95,419

Currency

Euro

Opening hours

Shops: 09:00-18:00 daily.

Many shops open later on a Thursday evening.

Internet

www.discoverireland.ie/kilkenny

Newspapers

Irish Times

Irish Independent

Irish Examiner

Emergency numbers

999

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