

FAMILY FUN IN WATERFORD



Planning a great day out with the family in County Waterford but not sure where to start? Look no further! We've selected the best of what the county has to offer for families, whether it's indoor or outdoor, culture or fresh air, city or countryside, there should be something here to keep everyone happy!

KING OF THE VIKINGS

The best way to start the day out in Waterford City is to go back to where it all began, with the Vikings of course! The 'King of The Vikings' VR Experience will transport you through time back to the 10th Century, when Norsemen roamed the land and established Ireland's Oldest City. This hour-long, award-winning VR experience will give you insight into the daily lives of the Vikings and is the first in the world to be set inside a replica Viking house, in the heart of the Viking Triangle.

WATERFORD SUIR VALLEY RAILWAY

Once you are comfortably settled back into the 21st Century, take a 15-minute trip west out of the city to Waterford Suir Valley Railway. This 40 minute period train ride will take you back to the 1800s and allows you to experience the beauty of the Suir Valley, the panoramic views of the river, the rolling farmland of Waterford and south Kilkenny, and the recently opened Mount Congreve Gardens.

THE GREENWAY

If everybody is feeling energetic in the afternoon, why not try out the Kilmeaden to Kilmacthomas section of the Greenway? The family can choose to walk, cycle or use electric bikes on this 15km stretch, and child seats and trailers are available for those with younger children. This trail brings you through Waterford's lush countryside with lots of farm animals and wildlife for the children to spot. Look out for the chimney tower of Fairbrook Mill, an 18th-century paper mill, and later a woollen mill. Enjoy the stunning views of the Comeragh Mountains to the north. After about 30/40 minutes you'll arrive at the old Famine Workhouse in Kilmacthomas.



If your family is spending a second day in Waterford City then take the opportunity to do the fantastic 45-minute Epic Tour. This guided walking tour brings you through a thousand years of history in a thousand paces, allows you to discover the secrets and stories behind Ireland's oldest city, and provides you with a greater understanding of how the landscape and industries changed and developed into the city we have today.

SPLASHWORLD

Once you have immersed yourself in some more of the city's rich history, head 15 minutes to west Waterford to the seaside village of Tramore, where families of all ages can enjoy the town's pristine beach, or head to Splashworld. This fantastic waterpark has lots to keep the kids busy including a wave machine, water slides, bubble pool, paddle pool, water cannon, and rolling rapids, along with a steam room and sauna for Mam and Dad!



LUNCH AT THE HAVEN HOTEL

Visit the family friendly Haven Hotel for a bite of lunch, and relax overlooking the scenic Dunmore East Harbour. The Haven serve food daily and offer a wide range of options for all using locally sourced ingredients.



DUNMORE EAST CLIFF WALK

Take in the coastal scenery of the Dunmore Cliff Walk. This well-maintained coastal routeway gives commanding views of the harbour and towards Hook Head in neighbouring Wexford. This walk was extended in 2020 and now stretches for 7km as far as Ballymacaw Cove. Dunmore East Coastal Walk is situated above many beautiful coves and inlets carved out of conglomerate red sandstones, known locally as pudding stone and was used to build the harbour in the 1820s.



If you are feeling extra adventurous the fantastic Dunmore East Adventure Centre has absolutely everything that a water-sport enthusiast could want! Activities include kayaking, canoeing, sailing, abseiling, powerfan freefall, windsurfing, climbing, archery, Ireland's only Wibit Wipeout aquapark, powerboating, caving along with water trampolines, slides and swings.