

# STEP BACK IN TIME IN IRELAND'S OLDEST CITY



## EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF IRELAND'S OLDEST CITY

Learn more about the rich history of Waterford city by visiting Ireland's only designated museum quarter and other key landmarks throughout. Since its establishment in 914AD Waterford has witnessed many historical events, so much of the past is still present in the city today.



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# THE MEDIEVAL MUSEUM

The Medieval Museum is Ireland's only purpose-built museum and incorporates two medieval chambers, the 13th Century Choristers Hall and the Mayor's Wine Vault from the 15th Century. The museum is home to The Great Charter Roll from 1373 which displays the walled city of Waterford.

Another must-see artefact in the museum is the last remaining piece of clothing belonging to King Henry VIII in the form of the **Cap of Maintenance**, which was given by Henry to his long-time friend William Wyse, the Mayor of Waterford in 1536.

You can't visit the Medieval Museum without viewing the elaborate and breathtaking **15th Century gold vestments**. They are the only full set of Medieval vestments in northern Europe to survive and there were great lengths taken to ensure their protection. You can learn more about the exciting story behind the vestments on a guided tour at the Medieval Museum.



# DAY ONE

4 EXPERIENCES 300M

## BISHOPS PALACE

Bishop's Palace showcases the best of Georgian Waterford, the tour is re-enactor led and takes you through the rooms of what was once the home of the Bishop. The museum features the oldest surviving piece of Waterford Crystal dating from 1789 and the 4D audio-visual experience allows visitors to learn more about the origins of glass making in Waterford.

Another must-see artefact while at Bishops Palace is the only surviving gold mourning cross commissioned by Napoleon's mother after his death in 1821.

## THE IRISH WAKE MUSEUM

Ireland's first-ever Wake Museum will take you on an exploration of life and death, detailing traditions and superstitions, from early Christian times right up to the 20th century.

Situated in Ireland's oldest urban domestic building, in what was once a 15th-century Almshouse, the Irish Wake Museum offers visitors a rare opportunity to explore one of the most iconic parts of Irish culture, through the eyes of an expert, on this fully guided tour. Beginning with a unique audio-visual experience, visitors are taken on a fascinating journey, where the themes of life and death are explored within an intimate space, in order to gain a true understanding of a Wake's unique customs.



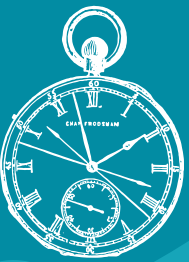
## HOUSE OF WATERFORD

Located in the heart of Waterford City, the House of Waterford Crystal allows visitors to witness the creation of crystal stemware, giftware and masterpieces right before their very eyes. The factory tour is a unique and captivating experience that is sure to enthrall visitors of all ages. Go behind the scenes for over an hour and see exactly how Waterford Crystal pieces are made - witness every stage of production, from the initial design stage right up to the final engraving of the piece. Each year, the House of Waterford Crystal melts down over 750 tonnes of crystal!



# THE IRISH MUSEUM OF TIME

The recently opened Horological Museum explores half a century of timekeeping in Ireland, Europe and the USA and displays a wide range of century-old clocks, from grandfather clocks to pocket watches from all over Ireland. It is a must-visit for those interested in the story and science of time.



## TOP TIP

Located across from Ireland's oldest civic building, Reginald's Tower, is Hobson's Restaurant. Situated on the first floor of The Tower Hotel, the restaurant has commanding views of the quayside and the marina and it's the perfect place for a spot of lunch!

# DAY TWO

3 EXPERIENCES 220M

## THE KING OF THE VIKINGS

Go back in time to Viking-age Ireland with The King of The Vikings VR experience. This award-winning VR experience is the first in the world to be set inside a replica Viking house. You will witness what life was like in *Vadrefjordyr*. Witness epic battles and voyages in the heart of Waterford's Viking Triangle.



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Infamous Waterford architect John Roberts left a significant imprint on the landscape of the city, with Christ Church Cathedral being one of his greatest architectural legacies. Christ Church stands at the site of an 11th-century Viking church, where English knight Strongbow and Irish Princess Aoife, daughter of Diarmait Mac Murchada, King of Leinster, married in 1170. This is therefore one of the most important historic sites in Ireland. Later, in the 13th century, the Normans took over Waterford and built a Gothic cathedral, which remained until the community decided to construct Christ Church in 1773.



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