

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION



## PLACES TO EAT

- **Silver Fox Food Truck**, Slane Castle, Slane, Co. Meath [www.slane castle.ie](http://www.slane castle.ie)
- **Blakes of the Hollow**, 6 Church St, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh [blakesofthehollow.com](http://blakesofthehollow.com)
- **Wine & Brine**, 9 Main St, Moira, Craigavon, Co. Armagh [www.wineandbrine.co.uk](http://www.wineandbrine.co.uk)
- **Clenaghans**, 48 Soldierstown Rd, Craigavon, Co. Armagh [clenaghansrestaurant.com](http://clenaghansrestaurant.com)
- **Hara**, 16 Lisburn St, Hillsborough, Co. Down [harahillsborough.co.uk](http://harahillsborough.co.uk)
- **Brabazon**, Tankardstown House & Gardens, Rathkenny, Co. Meath [www.tankardstown.ie](http://www.tankardstown.ie)



## PLACES TO VISIT / EXCURSIONS

- **Slane Castle & Distillery**: Slane, Co. Meath [www.slane castle.ie](http://www.slane castle.ie) & Distillery Tours: [www.slaneirishwhiskey.com](http://www.slaneirishwhiskey.com)
- **Sheridan's Cheesemongers**: Virginia Road Station, Pottlereagh, Kells, Co. Meath [sheridanscheesemongers.com](http://sheridanscheesemongers.com)
- **Wild Atlantic Distillery**: Trienamangan Road, Aghyaran, Co. Tyrone [www.wildatlanticdistillery.ie](http://www.wildatlanticdistillery.ie)
- **Taste Experience** tour with Mark Edwards: [www.enniskillentasteexperience.com](http://www.enniskillentasteexperience.com)
- **Lakelander Food Experience tour on the Erne Waterway**: reserve [here](#) [ernewater taxi.checkfront.com](http://ernewater taxi.checkfront.com)
- **Armagh Cider Company**: Drumnasoo Rd, Craigavon, Co. Armagh [armaghcider.com](http://armaghcider.com)
- **Long Meadow Cider**: Long Meadow Farm, 87 Loughgall Rd, Portadown, Craigavon, Co. Armagh
- **Hillsborough Castle & Gardens**: [www.hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle](http://www.hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle)
- **Newgrange**: Stone Age World Heritage Site, Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre, Donore, Co. Meath [www.newgrange.com](http://www.newgrange.com)



## PLACES TO SHOP

- **Between the Bridges**: 12 Townhall St, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh [betweenthebridges-ekn.com](http://betweenthebridges-ekn.com)
- **Joe the Baker**: "The Bread Table", 32 Paget Lane, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh 10.30am Thursdays & Saturdays [joethebaker.com](http://joethebaker.com)
- **O'Doherty's Fine Meats**: 3 Belmore St, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh [blackbacon.com](http://blackbacon.com)
- **Ispini Charcuterie** Rawdon Court, Main St, Moira, Craigavon, Co. Armagh. [www.ispinicharcuterie.com](http://www.ispinicharcuterie.com)
- **Hannan's Meats** Moira Industrial Estate, 34 Old Kilmore Rd, Moira, Craigavon, Co. Armagh [www.hannanmeats.com](http://www.hannanmeats.com)



## PLACES TO STAY

- **Sheelin's Shepherds Huts**: Cavancoulter, Mount Nugent, Co. Cavan [www.sheelinshepherdshuts.com](http://www.sheelinshepherdshuts.com)
- **Lough Erne Resort**: 193 Lough Shore Rd, Ross Inner, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh [www.loughernereresort.com](http://www.loughernereresort.com)
- **Belle Isle Castle**: Belle Isle Estate, Lisbellaw, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh [belle-isle.com](http://belle-isle.com)
- **Crom Castle**: [cromcastle.com](http://cromcastle.com) and [www.celticc castles.com/castles/crom-castle](http://www.celticc castles.com/castles/crom-castle)
- **Clenaghans**: 48 Soldierstown Rd, Craigavon, Co. Down [clenaghans.com](http://clenaghans.com)
- **Newforge House**: 8 New Forge Rd, Magheralin, Craigavon, Co. Armagh [www.newforgehouse.com](http://www.newforgehouse.com)
- **Tankardstown House & Gardens**: Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath [www.tankardstown.ie](http://www.tankardstown.ie)



## TOURISM OFFICES

- [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)
- [discovernorthernireland.com](http://discovernorthernireland.com)

IRISH FERRIES



# SUGGESTED ITINERARY

## Day 1:

### Meath / Cavan

Dublin Port → Slane Castle  
45 mins/55km

Slane Castle → Sheridans Kells  
35 mins/35km

Sheridans, Kells →  
Sheelin Shepherd's Hut 23 mins/22km

## Day 2:

### Gourmet Day/ Night Enniskillen

Sheelin → Enniskillen 1hr 8 mins/71km

## Day 3:

### Tyrone / Down

Enniskillen → Aghyaran 25 mins/47km

Aghyaran → Craigavon  
1hr 26 mins/104km

Craigavon → Moira 22 mins/27km

## Day 4:

### Hillsborough

Moira → Hillsborough 13 mins/13km

## Day 5:

### Dublin

Hillsborough → Newgrange  
1hr 10 mins/105km

Newgrange → Rathkenny  
19 mins/15km

Rathkenny → Dublin  
49 mins/66km



**Gastro Guide**  
by *Trish Deseine*



IRISH FERRIES

Sea travel differently

# Gastro Guide

by *Trish Deseine*



*Dublin Bay from Howth Head*

Once you've arrived in Ireland (not that I might be biased, coming as I do from Co. Antrim!), why not head north instead of south or west as you drive off the ship, and discover some of the country's hidden foodie gems?

## Day 1:

Just an hour's drive north of **Dublin** port is the majestic **Slane Castle**. Built in 1785, famous for its rock gigs since the '90s when Lord Henry

Mount Charles started inviting superstars (Bowie, U2, The Rolling Stones...) to play in the natural amphitheatre behind his ancestors' castle, the castle and parts of the 1500 acre estate are open to the public. You can glamp on the 90 acre organic farm managed by Alex and Corina Conyngham (Earl and Countess of Mount Charles), take guided tours around the castle, follow walking trails in the grounds and enjoy food and drink from the **Silver Fox Food Truck** in the courtyard. Most importantly perhaps for epicurean visitors, adjacent to the castle is **Slane Distillery** where you can discover how Slane's triple distilled whiskey is made and do some tasting and buying.



*Slane Castle*



*Blakes of the Hollow*

Ireland's oldest pubs or take a walking tour **'Taste Experience'** with guide Mark Edwards.



A short drive from **Slane**, just outside **Kells**, is **Sheridan Cheesemongers' HQ**, housed in the old Virginia Road Station with a warehouse shop, offices and maturing rooms. Every Saturday they host a small market for local producers and on the last Sunday of every May is held their now famous Irish Food Festival, celebrating the best of Irish food. Their selection of Irish cheeses is next to none, of course, but you'll also find interesting charcuterie and deli items for all your picnic needs. Not far, a fun place to overnight is **Sheelin's Shepherd's hut**, set in peaceful fields overlooking **Lough Sheelin**. A brand new, beautifully appointed tiny house, with everything you could need to feel cosy and looked after, including a well-equipped kitchen and nicely stocked fridge.

## Day 2:

Next stop, **Fermanagh**. After the simplicity of a shepherd's hut, book in to some luxury at **Lough Erne resort**,

either in the sumptuous five star hotel, or in one of their comfortable golf cottages. Or if you prefer to stay in an altogether grander type of Irish architecture, **Crom** or **Belle Isle Castles** are for you.



*Enniskillen Castle*

In **Enniskillen** town, check out new artisan deli, **Between the Bridges**, as well as **Joe The Baker's** superb sourdough and **O'Doherty's** famous Fermanagh black bacon, made from 'happy' pigs who roam freely on **Inishcorkish Island** on **Upper Lough Erne**. Have a pint in characterful **Blakes of the Hollow**, one of



*Moira, Co. Down*



*Armagh Apple Cider*

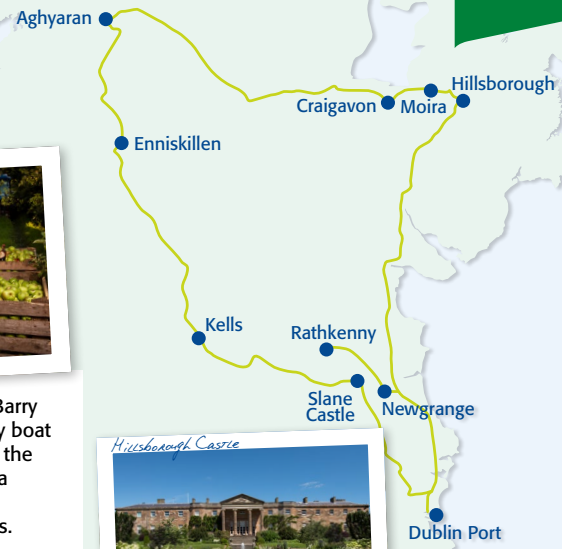
You could also join Mark and skipper Barry aboard an all new passenger waterway boat and discover the history and beauty of the Erne Waterway while being treated to a food and drink tasting menu entirely produced in the **Fermanagh Lakelands**.

From Enniskillen, a 45 minute drive takes you to the **Wild Atlantic Distillery and Gin School** in **Co. Tyrone**. Spend a day learning about the distilling process, enjoying a gin and tonic with a light lunch, and making your very own, unique gin to take away.

## Day 3:

Then, head east to **Moira**, a small, unassuming town in **Co. Down**, rapidly becoming a mini Irish food Mecca. Travel via the Orchard County

**Armagh** where both **Armagh Cider Company** and **Longmeadow Cider** offer tastings and tours for an enjoyable stop on the way. In **Moira**, eat at Chris McGowan's Michelin Bib Gourmand awarded, **Wine and Brine** or for a more traditional gastro pub setting and menu (including a good vegetarian option) try **Clenaghan's**, who also do comfortable self-catering accommodation. Two first class food stores in **Moira** are **Ispini Charcuterie** and **Hannan Meats**. Both offer their own fantastic meats, fresh and cured, alongside a treasure trove of local artisan produce. Pick up some delectable Abernethy Butter, Ballylisk Triple Rose cheese (think a slightly funkier Chource) or multi award winning raw milk blue cheese, Young Buck.



*Hillsborough Castle*

## Day 4:

Head for **Hillsborough Castle**, Northern Ireland's royal and state residence, which sits at the top of the pretty, well-kept town of **Hillsborough**.

Visit the castle and gardens and enjoy food made from their own walled garden produce, then dine at chic **Hara Restaurant**, a short walk from the castle gates. Fall into a four-poster bed at the gorgeous **Newforge House** and build up your energy and appetite for one of Ireland's best breakfasts next morning.

## Day 5:

On your way back to **Dublin**, both the famous neolithic **Newgrange** World Heritage site in the heart of the Boyne Valley and the 18th century **Tankardstown House and Gardens**, are well worth a detour. There you will find 80 acres of formal gardens, woodland and parkland to explore, and you can also enjoy a casual lunch in the **Brabazon** restaurant before heading to the port for the trip home.



*Newgrange, Co. Meath*

