



TIME FOR Hidden Gems

Wandering off the beaten track is exhilarating. Discovering that quiet, hushed little secret is a rewarding experience; a treasure uncovered from a wonderful adventure. We are all drawn to the authentic: Tipperary embodies it. Time to discover it for yourself.



1 Athassel Abbey, Golden

Built by William Fitz-Aldhelm de Burgho for the Augustinians in the 12th century, the abbey was one of Ireland's biggest monasteries, stretching out over four beautiful acres of land along the banks of the River Suir.

2 Cashel Folk Village, Cashel

Cashel Folk Museum has a magnificent collection of historical memorabilia relating to the 1916 Rising, the Irish War of Independence, and the Irish Civil War. There is also a section documenting The Great Irish Famine of 1845 - 1852, with lifelike exhibits and an audiovisual show.

3 Derrynaflan Trail

Discover the rich ecclesiastical heritage of Tipperary on this driving trail. Leading you to church sites, old monasteries, graveyards, holy wells and other sacred places, the heritage sites contain a wealth of stories and history spanning fifteen centuries, from the earliest years of Christianity in Ireland in the decades after St. Patrick, to modern churches. Derrynaflan Trail is a driving trail with a free audio guide.

4 Farney Castle, Holycross

The first early Norman fortification at Farney Castle is a must-see hidden gem in Ireland's Ancient East. Built around 1185, after Richard de Clare (Strongbow) arrived in Ireland, the castle was synonymous with the Butler family name for centuries.

5 Lorrha Monastic Village, Lorrha

Lorrha has a rich ecclesiastical history, as shown by the ruins throughout the village. Among the notable monastic sites in the village are: The Augustinian Priory & Dominican Friary, St. Ruadhan's Church and the impressive Lackeen Castle and Redwood Castle are close by.

6 Mitchelstown Caves, Near Cahir

Discovered in 1833, when Michael Condon accidentally came upon the vast underground network of caves whilst quarrying for limestone. On the guided tour you will follow ancient passageways and visit massive caverns in which you are surrounded by indescribable dripstone formations. You will also see one of Europe's finest columns, the "Tower of Babel", which stands some 9 meters in height. The largest cavern, known as the Concert Hall, has even hosted music concerts. Be sure to visit these timeless masterpieces.

7 Millennium Cross, Portroe

Follow in the footsteps of Brian Boru, the most famous High King of Ireland, with a hike to the Millennium Cross in Portroe and be amazed by the panoramic views of Lough Derg and beyond. Don't miss the lookout point below for a great photo opportunity!

8 Round Tower & Black Mills, Roscrea

This marvelous 11th century round tower in Roscrea rises to a height of 20 metres. The Black Mills behind the tower have been renovated and turned into a museum and visitor centre.



9 St. Patrick's Well, Clonmel

Situated at the base of a limestone cliff, this beautiful natural well is a great location to relax and enjoy a picnic. At the bottom of a set of winding stone steps, the waters from the well flow into a big shallow pond, with an ancient stone cross on a little island in the middle. The site also has a stone statue of St. Patrick.

10 The Famine Warehouse, Ballingarry

Ballingarry Famine Warehouse was the principal site of the Rebellion by the Young Irishmen in 1848: when rebels besieged 47 police who had barricaded themselves into the McCormack farmhouse. The exhibition on display places the Famine Rebellion in the context of 1848 as Europe's Year of Revolutions. Experience this historic national monument today.

To find the location of our Hidden Gems, look for our camera icon on the map. To find out more see www.tipperary.com

11 Tipperary's Gardens

There are so many wonderful gardens to visit in Tipperary, such as Ballyboy Garden & Woodland - with its stunning views of the Knockmealdown and Galtee mountains - and the incredible Fancroft Mill and Gardens near Roscrea.



TIME FOR Adventure & Days Out

With magnificent mountain ranges, unspoiled valleys, scenic hillsides and serene rivers and lakes, adventure awaits at every turn. Enjoy an evening out with friends at the greyhound races or visit one of Tipperary's many festivals.

Biking/Cycling

Diverse landscapes and terrain ensure biking trails range from challenging to leisurely. The North Tipperary Cycle Routes cover the eastern shores of Lough Derg where the character of the lakeside villages such as Dromineer and Terryglass can be explored. Experience the thrill of downhill mountain biking at Bike Park Ireland in Ballingarry.

Walking/Hiking

Whether you are looking for a leisurely stroll or a challenging hiking experience, there are so many trails to choose from in Tipperary. Walk and hike through the majestic Munster Vales taking in the Knockmealdowns, Comeraghs and Galtee Mountains. Take in the breathtaking sights of the Golden Vale and enjoy our historical attractions along the way. The magnificent River Suir, home to otters and herons, adds greatly to the tranquility of the trails along its course. Visit www.tipperary.com for a full list of maps.

Kayaking

Seeking the thrills and excitement of an outdoor activity? Kayaking on Lough Derg and the River Suir offers you an unforgettable experience. Expert guides are available to provide you assistance upon prior booking.

Festivals & Events

There are so many wonderful festivals and events that take place in Tipperary throughout the year, from the Clonmel Junction Festival and Terryglass Arts Festival to the Tipperarian Book Fair.

Visit www.tipperary.com for more information.



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TIME FOR Family

With such ease of access, so many wonderful accommodation choices available and a laid-back atmosphere, there is something for the whole family: whether you are looking to visit an authentic Irish farm and interact with the animals, go on a horse trek or simply want to revel in Tipperary's natural beauty by taking a relaxing river cruise.

River Cruises

Looking to sit back and relax, whilst taking in the splendour of Lough Derg? A leisurely cruise is the ideal way for the family to enjoy the beauty of Lough Derg.

Templemore Park Fairy Trail

This picturesque woodland trail is a wonderful place to unwind and stroll about. Or you can take the Fairy Trail challenge and see if you can find all of the little fairy doors concealed in the trees.

Heritage Centres & Museums

Loose yourself in stories from the past and turn the key to the rich heritage of Tipperary with a visit to Nenagh, Carrick on Suir, Cloughjordan and Cashel heritage centres. Listen to the local stories and history of the people and the places. Don't miss out on excellent exhibitions in Lár na Páirce GAA Museum in Thurles and the Tipperary County Museum in Clonmel.

The Butler Trail

For over 5 centuries of turbulence, the Butlers were the most powerful aristocratic family in Tipperary and they have left an indelible

mark. Explore the Butler Trail through the towns of Carrick on Suir, Clonmel and Cahir with a free audio guide and App to guide you along the way: available on www.tipperary.com/butler-trail. The trail is part of Ireland's Ancient East and its network of stories as they relate to a landscape that stretches back over 5,000 years.

Ballina Outdoor Pool

Brave the outdoors with a dip in the swimming pool located in the Riverside Park in Ballina. Attractively located alongside Lough Derg, it is the perfect place for the whole family to unwind on a lazy afternoon.

Who do you think you are?

Why not trace your ancestry and try one of our genealogy services that can be found at Nenagh Heritage Centre, Tipperary Excel Centre, & Brú Ború Cultural Centre, Cashel.

Arts, Crafts and Cultural Centres

Arts, crafts and cultural events take place throughout the year at the Source Arts Centre, Thurles, Nenagh Arts Centre, Tipperary Excel Centre, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Clonmel, & the Craft Granary, Cahir.



TIME FOR Nature

A haven of heritage and natural beauty, Tipperary boasts some of Ireland's most spectacular sights. The rich pastures of the Golden Vale offer up a range of local produce, from artisan cheeses and black pudding to juices and jams; something to savour after a day of fishing or horse riding.

Fishing/Angling

Whether you are a beginner or an expert, there are so many options for anglers and fishermen. With gently flowing rivers, quiet streams, as well as lakes, there is a broad spectrum of fishing experiences on offer. The River Suir, which rises on the slopes of the Devil's Bit Mountains, has plentiful reserves of brown trout. There are over 12 miles of brown trout fishing on the River Suir and River Aherlow, while the River Shannon and Lough Derg present a great opportunity to spend a day fishing on a lake for trout, bream, pike or perch.

The Apple Farm

The whole family can savour the delightful flavours at the award-winning Apple Farm in Cahir with its delicious juices, lemonades and jams. Come and pick your own fruit for your own unique jam and juice experience.

Horse Riding

Is there anything more beautiful than a gathering of horses in a country meadow on a lovely still evening? If you love to watch horse racing or you enjoy horse riding, and would like to learn, you have come to the right place. Tipperary is famous for producing world champion racehorses and is a base for many of Ireland's most experienced jockeys and trainers. Coolmore Stud, in Fethard, is headquarters of the world's largest breeding operation of thoroughbred racehorses.

There is a choice of equestrian centers available that offer tuition and trekking through picturesque, unspoiled mountain pastures. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of Ireland's finest horses. Experience spectacular off-road mountain treks, riding lessons for children and adults, pony camps, and residential riding holidays.



TIME FOR Walking

Tipperary boasts a huge variety of hikes and walks spread throughout the county, with a range of beautiful linear and looped trails.

Dun Ui Faolain

A beautiful 5km woodland trail along the bank of the River Suir near Clonmel.

Glen of Aherlow

The Glen of Aherlow has 8 different looped walking trails on Slievenamuck and linear walks in the Galtee Mountains.

Coronation Walk

Cahir Castle - Swiss Cottage
This leisurely 2km walk along the banks of the River Suir passes between Cahir Castle and Swiss Cottage. This trail is ideally suited for families.

Tipperary Heritage Way

Golden to Cashel
Enjoy 10 kilometres of this linear walking route that follows the course of the River Suir northwards from the Knockmealdown Mountains towards the historic town of Cashel.

East Munster Way

Carrick-On-Suir to Kilsheelan
Cover 10 kilometres of this stunning linear route on foot or bike with a diverse array of terrain and sights: from riverside pathways and woodland to open mountain moorland and quiet country roads.

Knocknacree Woods, Cloughjordan

A beautiful woodland area that covers 41 hectares; perfect for a quiet leisurely stroll. There are 3 looped trails to choose from, with varying distances, each offering a unique experience.

Eamonn an Chnoic, Upperechurch

This looped walk takes its name from a Robin Hood figure that roamed the hills of Tipperary in the 17th/18th century.

Lough Derg Way

A stunningly beautiful walking trail that follows along the River Shannon to the harbour village of Dromineer on Lough Derg.

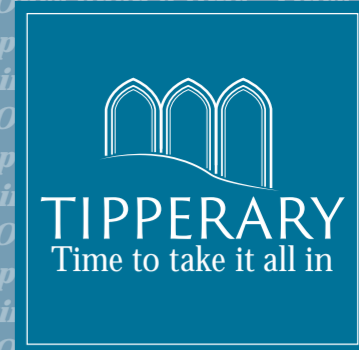
Devil's Bit Loop

The summit of the Devil's Bit Mountain (478m) provides views of 8 surrounding counties. The 5km marked loop utilises forest and hillside paths to provide a pleasant hill trail.

Sli Eala Walk, Nenagh

A serene nature walk of 10km, which passes through an area of exquisite natural beauty and rolling countryside. The trail is teeming with Irish river wildlife, including the Mute Swan, Ireland's largest indigenous bird - which gives the walk its name.

Maps and more walks are available on www.tipperary.com



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Revitalise yourself in the fertile vales of Tipperary: an undiscovered wonder of Ireland's Ancient East with landscapes to take your breath away. There are so many spectacular sights to see in the farming heartland of Ireland: the majestic Galtee and Knockmealdown Mountains; historic landmarks such as the Rock of Cashel, Cahir Castle and Holycross Abbey; and so many delightful towns and villages.

Discover Tipperary for yourself. Here, pilgrim paths and heritage towns are the backdrop to rolling mountains, which are brought to life by beautiful tracks and trails and engaging local folklore. Explore stunning valleys and unspoilt hillsides, wander off the beaten track and lose yourself in nature.

Immerse yourself in 5,000 years of history and culture. Mingle with the locals, whose ancestry can be traced back to these lands for generations. Partake and enjoy our hospitality. Tipperary has something to offer for the whole family: whether you are looking to stay at a cosy hotel or country house, looking to experience an authentic Irish pub or café, or you just want to revel in the natural surroundings by taking a relaxing river cruise on Lough Derg.

Relax and enjoy our hospitality while savouring the flavours of the Golden Vale and beyond, sampling the artisan produce of this rich and fertile land in our outstanding selection of restaurants. You are sure to leave feeling refreshed and fulfilled. Make our home your home.

There is so much to see and do.

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