

# HERITAGE & CULTURE



Cavan Burren Park, Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark

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NATURE**



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# Welcome

Step back in time and uncover the rich heritage, ancient landscapes, and vibrant traditions of Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark on this immersive three-day journey. From prehistoric sites and medieval castles to historic estates and lively traditional music sessions, this itinerary is designed for those who want to connect with the stories, legends, and landscapes that have shaped this unique region.

Over the next three days, you'll explore centuries-old abbeys, Neolithic tombs, and grand stately homes, take in the breathtaking scenery of forests, lakes, and limestone landscapes, and experience the best of local cuisine. Whether you are walking in the footsteps of ancient settlers, sailing across Lough Erne to sacred monastic islands, or unwinding in luxury, this itinerary promises an unforgettable blend of history, nature, and culture.

Before setting off, we recommend checking opening times, tour availability, and booking requirements for each experience to ensure a smooth and enjoyable trip.

Get ready to immerse yourself in the past and celebrate the living heritage of Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark!



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# Day One



## **Morning: Explore Castle Caldwell with a Geopark Ambassador**

Start your journey at Castle Caldwell, a historic 17th-century estate on the shores of Lower Lough Erne. Here, you'll meet a Geopark Ambassador, who will guide you through the fascinating story of the Caldwell family and their deep-rooted connection to the region. Learn how their influence played a key role in the foundation of Belleek Pottery, one of Ireland's most famous brands.



## **Lunch: Dulrush Lodge**

After a morning of history, enjoy a relaxing lunch at Dulrush Lodge, a cosy retreat known for its home cooked cuisine and warm hospitality. Situated close to Lough Erne, it's the perfect spot to recharge before diving deeper into Belleek's heritage.

## **Afternoon: Discover Belleek's Heritage Village & World-Famous Pottery**

Following lunch, take a short drive into Belleek Heritage Village, where history and craftsmanship come to life. Wander through the town and explore its rich artistic past. Admire the pottery murals, which beautifully depict the story of Belleek's ceramics industry, and visit the newly installed Potter's Bench, a tribute to the skilled artisans who have shaped the village's identity.



End your afternoon at the world-renowned Belleek Pottery Visitor Centre, where you can take a guided tour of the historic factory, see master craftsmen at work, and browse exquisite Belleek pieces in the showroom.

### **Evening: Lough Navar Forest**

As the afternoon draws to a close, take a leisurely drive through the breathtaking Lough Navar Forest, where you'll wind your way through lush woodland before arriving at the famous Magho Viewpoint. Here, you'll be rewarded with panoramic views over Lough Erne and even as far as the Atlantic Ocean on a clear day.

Check into your accommodation and unwind before heading out for a delicious evening meal. After dinner, soak up the local culture with some live traditional music and dancing in one of the area's cosy pubs.



- 📍 Castle Caldwell Forest, Boa Island Road, Leggs, Co. Fermanagh BT93 2AH
- 📍 Dulrush Lodge, 331 Boa Island Road, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh BT93 2AF
- 📍 Belleek Pottery Visitor Centre, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh BT93 3FY
- 📍 Lough Navar Forest, Church Hill, Co. Fermanagh BT93 3BW

# Day Two



## Morning: Pilgrim Pass – Enniskillen Castle & Erne Water Taxi to Devenish Island

Step back in time at Enniskillen Castle, a fortress dating back to the 16th century that played a crucial role in Irish history. Explore its fascinating exhibitions covering local heritage, the Fermanagh Lakelands, and military history.

Afterwards, board Erne Water Taxi for a scenic boat trip to Devenish Island, one of the most significant monastic sites in Ireland. Marvel at the 12th-century round tower, the remains of the medieval Augustinian abbey, and the beautifully carved high crosses.

## Midday: Lunch at Lough Erne Resort

After your morning of exploration, treat yourself to a luxurious lunch at Lough Erne Resort, one of Ireland's finest 5-star destinations.

Overlooking the tranquil Lough Erne, this award-winning resort is renowned for its exquisite dining and warm hospitality. Relax in the elegant surroundings and enjoy views of the rolling countryside before continuing your cultural adventure.





## Afternoon: Step into History at Florence Court

After lunch, continue your historical journey with a visit to Florence Court, one of the most beautiful Georgian houses in Ireland, set against the breathtaking backdrop of Benaughlin Mountain. Managed by the National Trust, this elegant 18th-century estate was once home to the Earls of Enniskillen and offers a fascinating insight into the life of the Irish gentry. Take a guided tour of the house, stroll through the walled garden, explore woodland trails, and visit the Florence Court Yew Tree, from which all Irish yew trees are descended.



## Evening: Settle Into Your Accommodation & Enjoy a Delicious Meal

After an enriching day of heritage and culture, check into your accommodation and relax before dinner at one of Enniskillen's top restaurants.



- 📍 Enniskillen Castle, Wellington Road, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh BT74 7HL
- 📍 Erne Water Taxi, Castle Museum Jetty, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh BT74 7HL
- 📍 Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh BT93 7ED
- 📍 Florence Court, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh BT92 1DB

# Day Three



## Morning: Discover the Mystical Cavan Burren Park

Begin your day with an immersive journey through Cavan Burren Park, one of Ireland's most captivating prehistoric landscapes. Located within Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark, this ancient terrain is a hidden gem of megalithic tombs, glacial erratics, and dramatic limestone formations. Highlights of Cavan Burren Park include the Giant's Leap Walking Trail, the Calf House Dolmen, the Lost Valley and an Interpretive Centre where visitors can learn about the archaeology, geology, and folklore that make this area so unique.



**Quick Stop:** Before continuing your cultural journey, make a convenient stop at XL in Blacklion to refuel and pick up some snacks or refreshments. This friendly local store is ideal for grabbing drinks, light bites, or anything you might need for the next stage of your adventure. It's a handy pause point that ensures you're well-stocked and ready to fully enjoy the heritage sites and scenic landscapes that lie ahead.



## **Afternoon: Visit the Sacred Drumlane Abbey & Round Tower**

Continue your heritage journey with a visit to Drumlane Abbey, an early Christian monastic site founded by St. Mogue in the 6th century. Located near Milltown, County Cavan, this peaceful site boasts a remarkably well-preserved 10th-century round tower, which was used as a place of refuge during Viking raids, the ruins of a medieval church, and stunning views over Grafinny Lough.




## **Evening: A Warm and Welcoming Finish in Cavan Town**


Afterwards make your way to Cavan Town, a vibrant hub of traditional music, good food and warm hospitality.

Whether you choose to relax with a quiet drink or join locals for an evening of music and craic, Cavan Town offers the perfect place to unwind and reflect on your journey through the heritage and culture of Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark.



 Cavan Burren Park, Cornagee Road, Burren, Co. Cavan

 XL Blacklion, Blacklion, Co. Cavan

 Drumlane Abbey, Drumlane, Co. Cavan

 Cavan Town, Co. Cavan

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