



# Waterford & The East

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Waterford, the oldest city in Ireland, is the perfect blend of ancient and modern. Gourmet restaurants and traditional pubs co-exist with medieval city walls, quaint cobbled streets, and historic buildings still standing proud after more than a thousand years. As you leave the medieval strongholds behind, you will find yourself lost in the beauty of Wild Atlantic Way scenery.



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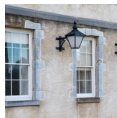
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Do look further than Waterford alone: the "Sunny South East" has plenty of historical and natural jewels, waiting to be explored.

### Hook Lighthouse



One of the oldest lighthouses in the world, this 800-year old structure is home to a visitor's centre, a gift shop, as well as various festivals such as the Maritime Matters Festival on the May bank holiday weekend or the Pirate Festival in July.

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Address: New Ross, Co. Wexford

Opening hours: June to August: 9.30am-6pm, May and September: 9.30am-5.30pm, rest of the year: 9.30am-5pm

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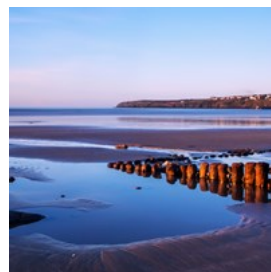
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### Tramore Beach



The five-kilometre long golden stretch of Tramore was given the famous Blue Flag award in 2018, and is well worth a day trip, either for a scenic beach stroll, or to discover this lively resort town just a few kilometres south of Waterford.

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Address: Tramore West, Tramore

Internet: <http://tramore.ie>

### Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens (in Tramore)



This set of gardens pays homage to the life of Irish-born Patrick Lafcadio Hearn, who is famed for his travels and extensive works about

Japanese culture. The place includes among others an American, Greek, and Stream garden: join a guided tour or take a stroll yourself.

Photo: [sevenke/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Tramore

Opening hours: Wed to sun: 5pm-8pm

Phone: +353 51 395 555

Internet: [www.waterfordcoco.ie](http://www.waterfordcoco.ie)

### Copper Coast Geopark (in Bunmahon)



Part of the Atlantic Geoparks Project, Copper Coast, named after the 19th-century copper mines that lie at its heart, comprises some 25

kilometres of spectacular coastline of scalloped beaches, as well as coves buttressed and enclosed by rocky headlands. A walking and cycling trail, geological garden, and various architectural landmarks characterise the area.

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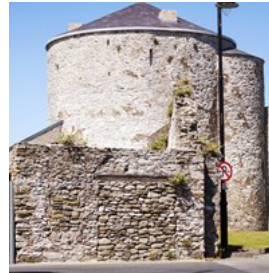
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More Info: A 30-minute drive from Waterford

### Dungarvan Castle



Built on the mouth of the Colligan river in the 12th century, the Anglo-Norman Castle of King John is an important landmark in Irish history: it served as a barracks in the 18th century, and was at the forefront of battles during the Irish Civil War, when it was almost completely destroyed.

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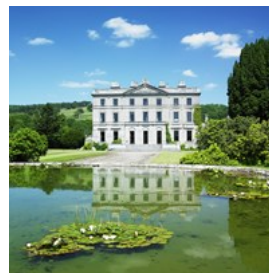
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Email: [charlesfort@opw.ie](mailto:charlesfort@opw.ie)

More Info: A 50-minute ride (car/bus) from Waterford

### Curraghmore House and Gardens (in Portlaw)



Curraghmore House is the historic home of the Eighth Marquess of Waterford, whose ancestors (the de la Poers family) came to Ireland in 1167. From formal gardens to a shell house, discover all the gems of one of the most prominent country houses in the country.

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Address: Portlaw

Phone: +353 51 387 101

Internet: [www.curraghmorehouse.ie](http://www.curraghmorehouse.ie)

More Info: A 30-minute drive from Waterford

### Lismore Castle Gardens



Two distinct gardens spreading across seven acres are the perfect backdrop for a panoramic walk with views on the 12th-century landmark

castle. The entrance ticket also gives access to the contemporary gallery Lismore Castle Arts.

Photo: walshphotos/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Lismore Castle, Lismore  
Opening hours: 10.30am-5.30pm daily  
Phone: +353 58 54 061  
Internet: [www.lismorecastlegardens.com](http://www.lismorecastlegardens.com)  
Email: [gardens@lismorecastle.com](mailto:gardens@lismorecastle.com)

### Fairbrook House Gardens (in Kilmeaden)



Situated among the ruins of a former woollen mill along the River Dawn, this extensive garden features several interesting botanical specialties, from a lavender field to lily ponds in the North African corner.

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Address: Kilmeaden  
Phone: +353 51 384 657  
Internet: [www.fairbrook-house.com](http://www.fairbrook-house.com)  
Email: [gardens@fairbrook-house.com](mailto:gardens@fairbrook-house.com)  
More Info: 15 km from Waterford

### Blarney Stone



Although the Blarney Castle is an hour's drive from Waterford, it is famous enough to be put on your to-do list during your visit: this medieval stronghold is home to the rock that gives the gift of eloquence to anyone who kisses it.

Photo: Thomas Barrat/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Monacnapa, Blarney, Co. Cork  
Opening hours: opens at 9am (closing time varies from 5pm to 7pm throughout the year)  
Phone: +353 21 438 5252  
Internet: <https://blarneycastle.ie/pages/kiss-the-blarney-stone>  
Email: [info@blarneycastle.ie](mailto:info@blarneycastle.ie)

### The Copper Coast Drive



This driving route explores Waterford, Tramore, Dungarvan, Comeragh Mountains Loop, Lemybrien, and back to Waterford city.

From hidden coves to mountain scenery, this loop passes Waterford's coastal UNESCO-site, The Geopark, before venturing into the mountains to the spectacular Mahon Falls.

The first stop along this smorgasbord of coastal and mountain scenery is Tramore, a quintessential Victorian seaside resort. Driving towards Newtown Head, look for the Metal Man perched on one of three pillars on the headland. From here, continue west (via R675) along the Copper Coast, a UNESCO European Geopark named for its 19th century mining heritage.

It's a hypnotic route, spotted with Blue Flag beaches, stunning views and pretty villages like Annestown and Stradbally. Finally you will arrive in Dungarvan.

From Dungarvan, the R672 links with Ballymacarbry, where a right turn takes you through the walker's wonderland that is the Nire Valley. Continuing east to the R678 and R676 crossroads, there are two options - turning north to Carrick on Suir before taking the N24 back to Waterford, or turning south (via R676) towards Mahon Falls, a 240-foot waterfall tumbling spectacularly off the glaciated range, towards Waterford via Lemybrien (via N25), spare a thought for William Crotty, a notorious highwayman hanged in the city in 1742. Crotty robbed coaches travelling along what is today's N25, and his treasure is still said to be stashed amongst the corrie lakes in the Comeragh

Mountains.

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Internet: <https://coppercoastgeopark.com>

### The Vee Drive Tour



The 178km Vee Drive Tour unfolds one stunning vista after another. Setting off on the N25 from Waterford, this driving loop ducks

between the Comeragh Mountains and Copper Coast following the N72 to its first stop, the dazzling heritage town of Lismore. Lismore's showpiece is its castle, founded in 1185, which belongs to the Duke of Devonshire today.

Leaving Lismore, follow the R668 as it twists and turns through the Knockmealdown Mountains culminating in breath-taking fashion at the Vee, a hairpin bend overlooking the Golden Vale.

Journey from Cahir back to Waterford via the N24 stopping at the heritage gems of Cahir Castle and Ormond Castle. The Vee Drive also features two spurs, which you can use as detours if time permits. The first zips down to Ardmore, where a round tower, cathedral and hermitage captivate visitors to this day. The second spur detours, via St. Declan's Way.

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## WATERFORD



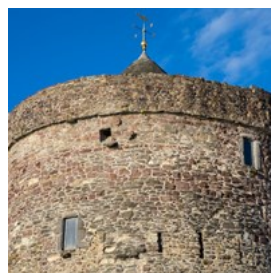
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No city is a better representative of Irish history than Waterford, the capital of the South East. The city was founded by the Vikings in 853 on the River Suir estuary, and it is still influenced by bygone medieval times, with the Viking Triangle, a number of symbolic landmarks embracing the buzzing city centre today.

An important scene during the Irish Civil War, then a glass-making empire, Waterford has always taken a significant role in the Republic of Ireland. Today, Waterford City remains a thriving port with great shopping, accommodation, quality gourmet restaurants, and a mix of modern and traditional pubs.

The surrounding area too has a lot to offer to the lovers of nature and history: the county is home to the world's arguably oldest lighthouse, the spectacular Copper Coast, as well as myriads of medieval castles and gardens all worth a day trip out of the city.

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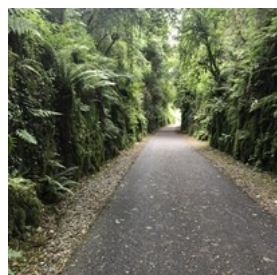
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### King of the Vikings VR Experience



Step inside a replica of a Viking house for a unique Virtual Reality experience. This award-winning tour transports visitors back

to 917, when Viking warlords founded the city of "Vadrafjord", now Waterford. Experiences run every 30 minutes, accommodating 10 people at a

time - so it's a good idea to reserve a spot ahead of time!

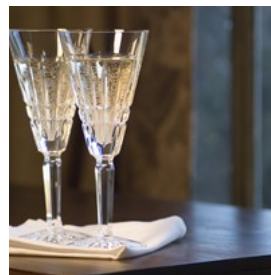
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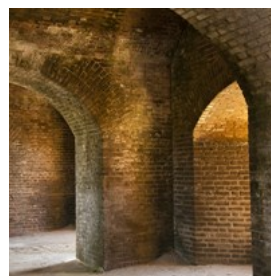
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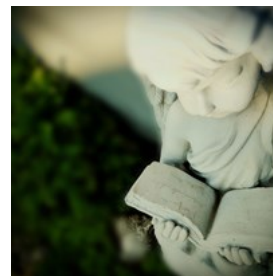
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Phone: +353 51 858 914

Internet: <http://waterfordvikingtriangle.com/retail/speciality-hops/kite-design>

### Edmund Rice Heritage Centre



Remarkable missionary Edmund Rice devoted his life to the education and welfare of the poor in the time of the Penal Laws. Learn about his

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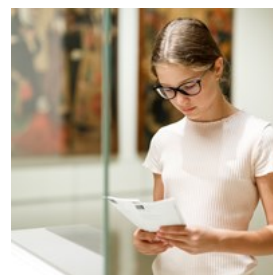
Address: Barrack Street, Waterford

Phone: +353 51 874 390

Tickets: Free admission

Internet: [www.edmundrice.ie](http://www.edmundrice.ie)

### Garter Lane Arts Centre



Theatre, music, film, children's art, accompanied by themed fairs, workshops, and exhibits: this centre has a vibrant and exciting

year-round programme for everyone.

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Address: O'Connell Street, Waterford

Opening hours: Tue to Sat: 11am-5.30pm, plus evening performances

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Internet: [www.garterlane.ie](http://www.garterlane.ie)

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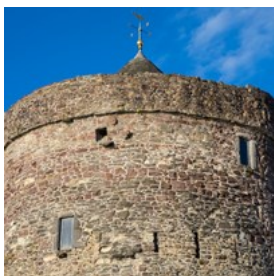
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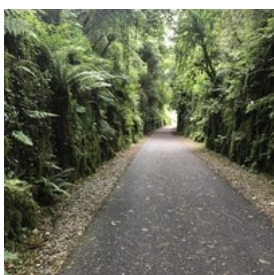
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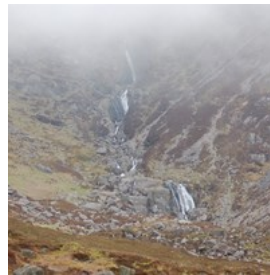
Declan's Well, Ardmore Round Tower, and a 12th Century Cathedral. Keep an eye out for wildlife - coastal birds are abundant here.

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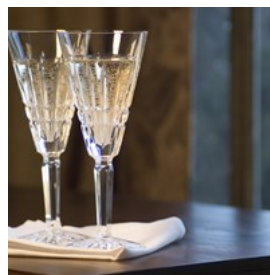
Near Lemybrien, County Waterford, follow the Mahon Falls walking route and take in breathtaking views of the famous Comeragh

Mountains. It is hard to believe such wild landscapes are found so close to a city - keep in mind, the steep, boggy hillsides are encrusted with craggy boulders, making the hike moderately difficult.

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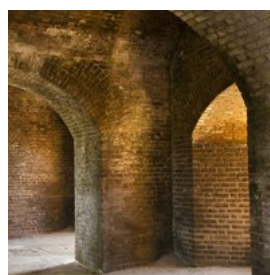
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Opening hours: 9am-5pm daily  
Phone: +353 51 858 914  
Internet: <http://waterfordvikingtriangle.com/retail/speciality-hops/kite-design>

### Edmund Rice Heritage Centre



Remarkable missionary Edmund Rice devoted his life to the education and welfare of the poor in the time of the Penal Laws. Learn about his

extraordinary life and legacy at this interactive museum and visitor centre.

Photo: [SEABOY888/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: Barrack Street, Waterford  
Phone: +353 51 874 390  
Tickets: Free admission  
Internet: [www.edmundrice.ie](http://www.edmundrice.ie)

### Garter Lane Arts Centre



Theatre, music, film, children's art, accompanied by themed fairs, workshops, and exhibits: this centre has a vibrant and exciting

year-round programme for everyone.

Photo: [Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: O'Connell Street, Waterford  
Opening hours: Tue to Sat: 11am-5.30pm, plus evening performances  
Phone: +353 51 855 038  
Internet: [www.garterlane.ie](http://www.garterlane.ie)  
Email: [ticket@garterlane.ie](mailto:ticket@garterlane.ie)

## DINING



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From gourmet to pub grub, Waterford provides a truly diverse dining experience for every taste. Seafood, not surprisingly, is featured on several menus here, sourced from the Celtic Sea and the rivers running through the region. Waterford is famous for its blaa bread, a special dough (to be tried at No. 9 Café).

### Momo Restaurant



One of the city's top restaurants features an extensive local and international menu, which can be tried through a popular sharing board. Seafood, salads, Thai curry, falafel, and ribs are just a few of the top picks.

Photo: [creativesunday/Shutterstock.com](https://www.creativesunday.com)  
Address: 47 Patrick Street, Waterford  
Opening hours: Mon: closed, Tue to Thu: 12-9pm, Fri and Sat: 12-10pm, Sun: 1-8pm  
Phone: +353 51 581 509  
Internet: <https://momorestaurant.ie>  
Email: [kamila@momorestaurant.ie](mailto:kamila@momorestaurant.ie)

### Emiliano's



Traditional Italian flavours, well-stocked plates, and warm hospitality have made Emiliano's the favourite Italian eatery in town.

Seafood pasta, crispy pizza, and the rich gelato desserts are always in demand.

Photo: [Eugenia Lucasenco/Shutterstock.com](https://www.eugeniLucasenco.com)  
Address: 21 High Street, Waterford  
Opening hours: Mon, Tue: closed, Wed to Sat: 12.30am-2.30pm, 5-10.15pm, Sun: 12.30am-3pm, 5-9.30pm  
Phone: +353 51 820 333  
Internet: [www.facebook.com/Emilianos-ristorante-italiano-167317383311641](https://www.facebook.com/Emilianos-ristorante-italiano-167317383311641)

### Munster Room Restaurant at Waterford Castle



Taste traditional Irish flavours at a fine dinner served in the idyllic ambience of Waterford Castle, located on a 310-acre island east of the city. The restaurant was acclaimed in the 2018 Michelin Guide, and serves a wide variety of fish, lamb, and vegetable dishes, as well as fruit and sheep yoghurt-based delights.

Photo: [Yuliya Yesina/Shutterstock.com](https://www.yuliyaYesina.com)  
Address: Waterford Castle Hotel & Golf Resort, The Island, Co. Waterford  
Phone: +353 51 878 203  
Internet: [www.waterfordcastleresort.com/dining/munster-room-restaurant](http://www.waterfordcastleresort.com/dining/munster-room-restaurant)  
Email: [info@waterfordcastleresort.com](mailto:info@waterfordcastleresort.com)

### The Munster Bar



A Victorian pub right in the Viking Triangle, this is one of Waterford's oldest pubs and is noted by many for the best pub grub in town. Expect fish and chips, seafood chowder, bacon ribs, and Guinness pie, to pick a few.

Photo: photographyfirm/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 Bailey's New St, Waterford

Opening hours: Sun to Thu: 12pm-11.30pm, Fri and Sat: 12pm-12.30am, food is served until 9pm from Mon to Sat, and 7pm on Sun

Phone: +353 51 874 656

Internet: [www.themunsterbar.com](http://www.themunsterbar.com)

### Bodéga Restaurant



Bodega Restaurant, located in the heart of Waterford city, features vaguely Spanish décor and an interesting mix of local and Mediterranean flavours, from mushroom soup and Atlantic prawns to chargrilled beef fillet.

Photo: naito29/Shutterstock.com

Address: 54 John Street, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 12-10pm, Sun: closed

Phone: +353 51 844 177

Internet: [www.bodegawaterford.com](http://www.bodegawaterford.com)

Email: [info@bodegawaterford.com](mailto:info@bodegawaterford.com)

### Chez K at Fitzwilton



Chez K's is a renowned restaurant located within the Fitzwilton Hotel in Waterford City. The restaurant serves European-inspired cuisine prepared with local Irish produces.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bridge Street, Waterford

Opening hours: 8am to 9.30pm daily

Phone: +353 51 846 900

Internet: [www.fitzwiltonhotel.ie/dining](http://www.fitzwiltonhotel.ie/dining)

Email: [info@fitzwiltonhotel.ie](mailto:info@fitzwiltonhotel.ie)

### Cafe Goa



One of Waterford's most popular Indian restaurants just a few kilometres south from the city centre, serving rich and varied dishes also available for takeaway. Early bird at 5pm every day.

Photo: Amlan Mathur/Shutterstock.com

Address: 36 Merchants Quay, Waterford

Opening hours: Lunch: 12-3pm from Fri to Sat, dinner: 5pm-11pm daily

Phone: +353 51 304 970

Internet: [www.cafegoa.ie](http://www.cafegoa.ie)

Email: [info@cafegoa.ie](mailto:info@cafegoa.ie)

### The Vee Bistro (Tramore)



A family-friendly restaurant popular for its pancake breakfasts, beer rib lunches, and homemade fruit scones.

Photo: cornfield/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lower Main Street, Tramore

Opening hours: Mon to Wed: 9am-4.30pm, Thu to Sat: -9.30pm, Sun: 9am-6.30pm

Phone: +353 51 386 144

Internet: [www.facebook.com/theveebistro](http://www.facebook.com/theveebistro)

### The Esquire (Tramore)



The Esquire is an elegant but friendly restaurant in the seashore town of Tramore, offering à la carte menu, fresh seafood, and exquisite

wine. Rooms can also be booked for overnight stays.

Photo: nattul/Shutterstock.com

Address: Cross Market Street, Tramore

Phone: +353 51 381 324

Internet: [www.facebook.com/pages/Esquire-Bar-Restaurant/136578056406397](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Esquire-Bar-Restaurant/136578056406397)

### The Strand Seafood Restaurant (Dunmore)



The elegant eatery of the Strand Inn specialises in locally produced fresh seafood. Enjoy a breakfast with scenic views on the terrace, and

listen to the live music played every day in the lounge!

Photo: Olesya Kuznetsova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dunmore East, Co. Waterford

Phone: +353 51 383 174

Internet: [www.thestrandinn.com/the-restaurant](http://www.thestrandinn.com/the-restaurant)

Email: [info@thestrandinn.com](mailto:info@thestrandinn.com)

### The Tannery Restaurant (Dungarvan)



The Tannery is a multi-award winning restaurant next to Dungarvan castle, featuring an extensive selection of fine dishes

and wines, widely acclaimed for seafood-based courses such as the crab creme brulee. They also run a cookery school.

Photo: Aleksandr Lupin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Quay Street, Dungarvan

Opening hours: Lunch: Fri and Sat: 12.30-2.30pm, dinner:

Tue to Sat: 5.30-9pm, Sun: in the summer and bank holidays

Phone: +353 58 45 420

Internet: [www.tannery.ie](http://www.tannery.ie)

### Crew's Restaurant and Accommodation (Dungarvan)



A seafood family-run restaurant housed in a 16th-century building, with a true affinity for the ocean, and an emphasis on quality local produce

and traditional fares.

Photo: vanillaechoes/Shutterstock.com

Address: 27 Church Street, Abbeyside, Dungarvan

Opening hours: Mon and Tue: closed, Wed to Sat: 12-3pm,

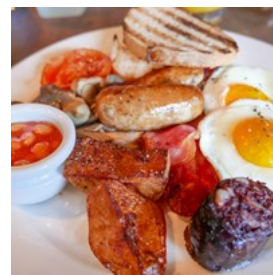
5-9pm, Sun: 12.30-9pm

Phone: +353 58 23 422

Internet: [www.crews.ie](http://www.crews.ie)

Email: [info@crews.ie](mailto:info@crews.ie)

### An Seanacháí Pub & Kitchen (Dungarvan)



A thatched-roof pub in business still 1846, hosting various events and serving meals all day long, from Irish breakfast to pizza baked in a wood

burning oven. Holiday homes are also available.

Photo: KY CHO/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pulla Cross, Ring, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Opening hours: Breakfast served from 9am, lunch from 12 to 5pm

Phone: +353 58 70 957

Internet: [https://anSeanachai.ie/?fbclid=IwAR0J6dz-b0NoH6tm8axaVyohkoHUul6JAZcr\\_pDktWXOBbNZSwRNTIvX824](https://anSeanachai.ie/?fbclid=IwAR0J6dz-b0NoH6tm8axaVyohkoHUul6JAZcr_pDktWXOBbNZSwRNTIvX824)

Email: [dave@anSeanachai.ie](mailto:dave@anSeanachai.ie)

### The Waterfront Restaurant



The Waterfront Restaurant at the Waterford Marina Hotel in Waterford City is ideally situated overlooking the beautiful

river Suir. It has an exciting selection of dishes to choose from, either the A La Carte or Evening Dinner menu.

Photo: Ibrahim Boran/Unsplash.com

Address: Canada St, Co. Waterford

Phone: +353 51 856 600

Internet: [www.waterfordmarinahotel.com](http://www.waterfordmarinahotel.com)

### CAFES



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The cafes of Waterford welcome you with filling treats, fresh snacks, and the famous Irish hospitality so well known throughout the world.

Below are some of the best cafes in Waterford, Ireland:

### The Granary Café



A multi-award winning café based on simple principles: local tastes, fresh ingredients, and a friendly atmosphere.

Breakfast, daily menu with soups, quichés, burgers, to be

complemented with a fine dessert.

Photo: Noir Chocolate/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hanover Street, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 8am-5pm, Sun: 10am-5pm

Phone: +353 51 854 428

Internet: [www.granarycafe.ie](http://www.granarycafe.ie)

### Café Lucia



Café Lucia serves fresh food with a twist: salads are spiced up with warm goat cheese and pear; further specials include Lebanese meatballs and butterfly buns. Two colourful locations in town.

Photo: Nadia Cruzova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Arundel Lane, and Ardkeen Shopping Centre in Dunmore Road

Opening hours: Arundel Lane: Mon to Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 12am-4.30pm. Dunmore: Mon to Sat: 8.45am-5.30pm, Sun: 10am-2.30pm

Phone: +353 51 825 553

Internet: [www.cafelucia.ie](http://www.cafelucia.ie)

### Larder



Larder is a must for coffee enthusiasts, serving Waterford's very own coffee brand, Mean Bean, not to mention the freshly baked scones and many other pastries that will surely round off your visit.

Photo: mind\_photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 111 Coffee House Lane, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 8.30am-7pm, Sun: closed

Phone: +353 87 416 2401

Internet: [www.facebook.com/larderwaterford](http://www.facebook.com/larderwaterford)

Email: [larderwaterford@gmail.com](mailto:larderwaterford@gmail.com)

### No. 9 Café



It is also the place to try the famous Waterford blaa.

A popular brunch spot that serves excellent eggs benedict for breakfast, has interesting lunch offers, and hosts various events occasionally. It is

Photo: Iryna Melnyk/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 Barronstrand Street, Georges Court Shopping Centre, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 9am-5pm, Fri and Sat: 9am-5.30pm, Sun: 11am-4.30pm

Phone: +353 51 857 706

Internet: [www.facebook.com/no.9barronstrandst](http://www.facebook.com/no.9barronstrandst)

### Gallweys Chocolate Cafe



and sandwiches.

One of the Viking Triangle's favourite cafés is rumoured to serve the best hot chocolate in town, and also makes great homemade soups

Photo: Alexandra Lande/Shutterstock.com

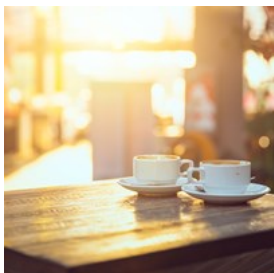
Address: 10a Henrietta street, Waterford

Opening hours: 8.30am-5pm

Phone: +353 87 683 9304

Internet: [www.facebook.com/Gallweys-Chocolate-Cafe-151325061607179](http://www.facebook.com/Gallweys-Chocolate-Cafe-151325061607179)

### Coastguard Cultural Centre (Tramore)



events, located in a beautiful castle building with a green park.

A friendly café serving breakfast and light lunch in a community-run art gallery, showcasing the works of local artists and holding various cultural

Photo: Quality Stock Arts/Shutterstock.com

Address: Love Lane, Tramore

Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 9.00am-5pm, Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun and bank holidays: 11am-4.30pm

Phone: +353 51 391 656

Internet: [www.coastguardculturalcentre.ie](http://www.coastguardculturalcentre.ie)

### Barron's Bakery & Coffee House



gateaux, and all sorts of good tasty treats.

Opened in 1887, Barron's Bakery in Cappoquin is one of the oldest bakeries in Ireland, baking famous crusty bread in a traditional Scotch brick

Photo: Kirsten Drew/Unsplash.com

Address: 4 Cook St, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-4pm

Phone: +353 58 54 045

Internet: [www.barronsbakery.ie](http://www.barronsbakery.ie)

Email: [info@barronsbakery.ie](mailto:info@barronsbakery.ie)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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When it comes to entertainment, the South East never disappoints: enjoy the Irish craic with live music and a pint of Guinness, in the town where Sinéad O'Connor too spent considerable time!

Here are the best bars and nightclubs in Waterford, Ireland:

### Geoff's Cafe Bar



or rock music events.

A popular pub with with interesting options for food and music alike: have some shoestring fries or a calamari meal, and enjoy the electronic

Photo: Zarya Maxim Alexandrovich/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7-9 John Street, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 11.30am-11.30pm, Fri: 11.30am-12am, Sat: 11.30am-12.30pm, Sun: 12pm-12.30am

Phone: +353 51 874 787

Internet: [www.facebook.com/geoffscafebarwaterford](http://www.facebook.com/geoffscafebarwaterford)

### kazbar



top class entertainment and excellent food in a spacious three-floor venue.

Kazbar is Waterford's number one venue for nightlife. A lively bar situated in the heart of John Street Village, it is renowned for providing

Photo: Valua Vitaly/Shutterstock.com

Address: 57 John Street, Waterford

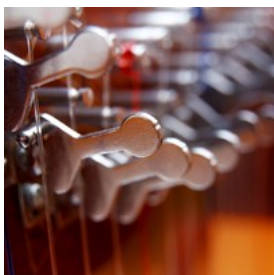
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 10.30am till late

Phone: +353 51 843 730

Internet: [www.kazbar.ie](http://www.kazbar.ie)

Email: [info@kazbar.ie](mailto:info@kazbar.ie)

### Katty Barry's



A genuine Irish bar known citywide for its music events, not only held on weekends. Hop in to grab a beer and sing along!

Photo: Jozef Klopicka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Mall Lane, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 4.30-11.30pm, Fri:

4pm-12.30am, Sat and Sun: 12pm-12am

Phone: +353 51 855 095

Internet: [www.facebook.com/kattybarrysbar](http://www.facebook.com/kattybarrysbar)

### The Munster Bar



and chips, seafood chowder, bacon ribs, and Guinness pie, to pick a few.

A Victorian pub right in the Viking Triangle, this is one of Waterford's oldest pubs and is noted by many for the best pub grub in town. Expect fish

Photo: photographyfirm/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 Bailey's New St, Waterford

Opening hours: Sun to Thu: 12pm-11.30pm, Fri and Sat: 12pm-12.30am, food is served until 9pm from Mon to Sat, and 7pm on Sun

Phone: +353 51 874 656

Internet: [www.themunsterbar.com](http://www.themunsterbar.com)

### The Gingerman Pub



whole day.

A standout black building in the heart of the centre serving lunch, great steak sandwiches, and most importantly, Guinness pints throughout the

Photo: Liv friis-larsen/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Arundel Lane, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 10am-11.30pm, Fri and Sat: 10am-12.30am, Sun: 12-11pm

Phone: +353 51 879 522

Internet:

[www.facebook.com/The-Gingerman-Pub-101707086549037](http://www.facebook.com/The-Gingerman-Pub-101707086549037)



### Jack Meade's Bar



Situated in a farmland surrounded by historical buildings, a stone's throw from the famous Woodstown beach four miles from Waterford,

Jack Meade's beer garden is a popular venue with anyone looking for a getaway from the busy city life. They serve great ribs with colcannon, a potato-based Irish dish.

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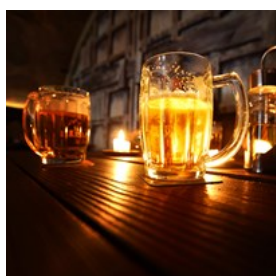
Address: Cheekpoint, Waterford

Phone: +353 51 850 950

Internet: [www.jackmeades.com](http://www.jackmeades.com)

Email: [info@jackmeades.com](mailto:info@jackmeades.com)

### The Wander Inn



The Wander Inn is a riverside pub south of the city centre where you get to enjoy the drink selection of a traditional Irish pub in the company

of friendly local people.

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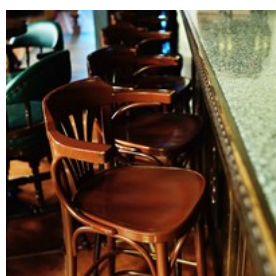
Address: 1-2 Johnstown, Waterford

Phone: +353 51 873 750

Internet:

[www.facebook.com/The-Wander-Inn-171336339636177](https://www.facebook.com/The-Wander-Inn-171336339636177)

### Uluru Bar and Restaurant



Uluru is a trendy bar in southeastern Waterford inspired by the founder's travels in Australia, offering a vast food and whiskey selection, sport

broadcasts, and live music performed by the best local musicians.

Photo: Evgeniy Kalinovskiy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dunmore Road, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 10am-12am, Fri and Sat:

10am-2am, Sun: 10am-1am

Phone: +353 51 855 333

Internet: [www.uluru.ie](http://www.uluru.ie)

Email: [info@uluru.ie](mailto:info@uluru.ie)

### The Local (Dungarvan)



The Local is a friendly sportsmen's bar serving daily soup and lunch specials, salads, and sandwiches. The place is owned by Helena and

Donnchadh Gough, who is a well-known musician playing in the traditional group "Danú", founded in the city of Waterford.

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Grattan Square, Dungarvan

Opening hours: Lunch Mon to Fri: 12-3pm, Mon to Thu:

12-11.30pm, Fri and Sat: 12pm-12.30am, Sun: 12.30-11pm

Phone: +353 58 41 854

Internet: [www.thelocal.ie](http://www.thelocal.ie)

Email: [info@thelocal.ie](mailto:info@thelocal.ie)

### Quealy's Café Bar (in Dungarvan)



Just off the main square in Dungarvan town, Quealy's Café is well known in the region for being the prime watering hole of horse racing fans

for over 175 year now. It has a nice selection of whiskeys and cocktails, served in a truly traditional setting.

Photo: bluedog studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 82 O'Connell Street, Dungarvan

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 4-11pm, Fri: 4pm-12.30am, Sat:

1pm-12.30am, Sun: 12.20-11pm

Phone: +353 58 24 555

Internet:

[www.lsbmarketing.ie/clients/quealys-bar-dungarvan-pub](http://www.lsbmarketing.ie/clients/quealys-bar-dungarvan-pub)

## SHOPPING



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Although the majority of Waterford Crystal products is no longer produced in the home country, there is still no shortage of glassware in the area, as well as lovely souvenir shops scattered all across the city.

### Finders Keepers



With its large selection of handcrafted Irish and European products, this independent gift shop is Waterford's real treasure box.

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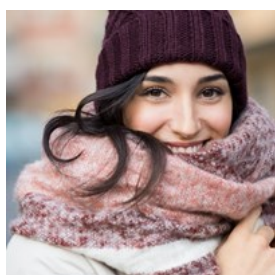
Address: 1 Little Patrick Street, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10am-6pm, Thu: 9am-8pm, Sun: 12-5pm

Phone: +353 51 585 785

Internet: [www.facebook.com/finderskeeperstheshop](https://www.facebook.com/finderskeeperstheshop)

### Hibernian Gifts



An Irish gift store in an elegant multi-storey building selling jewellery of both Celtic and contemporary design, knitwear, and crystal

products, Hibernian Gifts also ships worldwide tax-free. The on-site tearoom offers snacks and refreshments in the summer season.

Photo: Rido/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bolton Street, Waterford

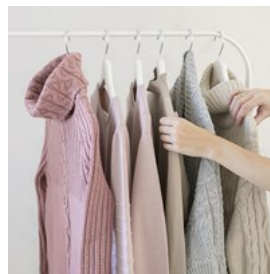
Opening hours: 8.30am-5.30pm daily (9am-5pm in Nov and Dec)

Phone: +353 51 843 884

Internet: [www.hiberniangifts.com](http://www.hiberniangifts.com)

Email: [info@hiberniangifts.com](mailto:info@hiberniangifts.com)

### BÉBHÍNN



Bébhínn McGrath designs knitwear since 2017, and her finely curated products and souvenirs are a true delight to browse in her tiny store in the heart of Waterford.

Photo: Ira Shpiller/Shutterstock.com

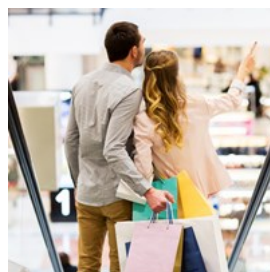
Address: 129 The Quay, Waterford

Phone: +353 871 270 322

Internet: [www.bebhinn.ie](http://www.bebhinn.ie)

Email: [info@bebhinn.ie](mailto:info@bebhinn.ie)

### City Square Shopping Centre



Waterford's largest shopping mall with over forty stores including a Dunnes, plus services and various promotions and events regularly

published on their website.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Arundel Square, Waterford

Opening hours: Mon to Wed: 9am-6pm, Thu and Fri:

9am-9pm, Sat: 9am-7pm, Sun: 10am-7pm

Phone: +353 51 853 528

Internet: [www.city-square.ie](http://www.city-square.ie)

Email: [info@city-square.ie](mailto:info@city-square.ie)

### Kite Design Studios



Kite Design Studios houses a crafts and design collection featuring local artists, with brands that include Irish Handmade Glass, Sean Egan Art Glass, and Button & Co.

Photo: Sailorr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11 Henrietta Street, Waterford

Opening hours: 9am-5pm daily

Phone: +353 51 858914

Internet: <http://waterfordvikingtriangle.com/retail/speciality-hops/kite-design>

### Food and Craft Market



From cheddar to local jewellery, the city's major weekend market is the place to shop for fresh produce and Irish crafts.

Photo: Tupungato/Shutterstock.com

Address: John Roberts Square, Waterford

Opening hours: 10am-4pm on Saturdays

Phone: +353 51 849 903

Email: [ajacob@waterfordcity.ie](mailto:ajacob@waterfordcity.ie)

### Heritage Irish Crystal



Inspired by the traditions of past centuries, Heritage Irish Crystal sells products authentically mouth-blown and

hand-cut in Waterford, a city steeped in the history of crystal manufacture since the 18th century. Shop online or in the store north of the city for home accessories, stemware, and gifts for various occasions.

Photo: Taras Kolomiyets/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bilberry, Waterford

Phone: +353 51 841 787

Internet: [www.heritageirishcrystal.com](http://www.heritageirishcrystal.com)

Email: [info@heritagecrystal.com](mailto:info@heritagecrystal.com)

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Best Time to Visit



Like the rest of Ireland, the region of Waterford is characterised by a mild climate, with rather stable temperatures throughout the year. The

warmest months are between June and August, with the temperature peaking at around 66.9°F (19.4°C) in July. Considerable rainfall is always to be expected, but the driest month of the year is September.

There are several festivals in and around Waterford all year long. The first major event of the year is the Viking Festival in March, followed by several summer programmes including the Festival of Travel Writing (Immrama), and the Harvest Festival in September. Winter festivals include the Waterford Film Festival around November and the Christmas Festival.

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## Passport / Visa



Ireland's passport and visa requirements vary for different nationalities: if you are a UK citizen, you can simply use official photo

identification, whereas if you are an EU citizen, you'll need a national identity card. Visitors from EU countries (including Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein), USA, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, don't need a visa to visit the Republic or Northern Ireland. South African visitors can visit the Republic of Ireland visa-free, but they need a UK visa in order to enter Northern Ireland. If you're not sure whether or not to apply for a visa, we recommend that you contact the embassy or consulate in your country.

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## Waterford Airport (WAT)



Waterford Airport, the one where the first international Ryanair flight took off, is located ca. 10 km from the city centre, and can be

reached by car, train, or bus in 15-20 minutes.

As of late 2018, however, no commercial airline operates routes here, so reaching Waterford is only possible by other means of transport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Killowen, Co. Waterford

Phone: +353 51 846 600

Internet: [www.waterfordairport.ie](http://www.waterfordairport.ie)

Email: [info@waterfordairport.ie](mailto:info@waterfordairport.ie)

## Public transport



The local service provider is Local Link Waterford, which provides scheduled and semi-flexible passenger transportation, but the region is also

served by national companies such as Bus Éireann and Irish Rail.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: Local Link Waterford, The Court House, Dungarvan

Phone: +353 761 102076

Internet: [www.locallinkwaterford.ie](http://www.locallinkwaterford.ie)

Email: [waterford@locallink.ie](mailto:waterford@locallink.ie)

## Taxi



Taxis and hackney cabs are available in Waterford. Taxis can be hailed down in the street, but hackney cabs must be booked from

offices.

Rapid

[www.rapidcabs.com](http://www.rapidcabs.com)

[info@rapidcabs.com](mailto:info@rapidcabs.com)

+353 51 85 8585

Premier Taxis

<http://premiertaxis.ie>

+353 51 373 373

Waterford Taxis

[www.waterfordtaxi.ie](http://www.waterfordtaxi.ie)

+353 51 33 1033

Photo: Taxi

## Telephone



Country Code: +353 Area  
Code: 51

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



The standard voltage in  
Ireland is 230 V/50 Hz.  
Socket type: G.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Post



Postal services are  
provided by An Post.  
Most post offices are  
open from 9.30 to 5.30pm  
on weekdays, and until  
1pm on

Saturdays.

Waterford City Post Office:  
Custom House Quay  
+353 51 317 312

Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Internet: [www.anpost.com](http://www.anpost.com)

## Pharmacy



Gallagher's Pharmacy is  
located in the city centre,  
open from 8.30am until  
10pm from Monday to  
Saturday, and until 7pm  
on Sundays. Mulligans  
also has several branches in Waterford, including  
a Drive-Thru Pharmacy on Dunmore Road, +353  
51 843 700.

Photo: Gemma Garner  
Address: 29 Barronstrand St, Waterford  
Phone: +353 51 878 103  
Internet: [www.mulliganspharmacy.com](http://www.mulliganspharmacy.com)

**Population**  
City: 53,504  
Metropolitan population: 82,963

**Currency**  
Euro (EUR), 1 € = 100 cents

**Opening hours**  
Business hours are generally from 9am to 5.30pm Monday  
through Friday. Most retail stores are open from 9am to 6pm  
Monday through Saturday, and 12pm to 6pm on Sundays  
and public holidays.

**Newspapers**  
Irish Examiner  
Irish Times  
Irish Independent

**Emergency numbers**  
112 or 999

**Tourist information**  
Waterford Tourist Information Centre  
120 Parade Quay  
Waterford City  
Waterford  
Republic of Ireland  
+353 51 875 823  
[waterford@failteireland.ie](mailto:waterford@failteireland.ie)