



Waterford TREASURES



EDUCATION PROGRAMME

2024/2025



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WELCOME

Welcome to Waterford Treasures – the only dedicated Museum Quarter on the island of Ireland.

Waterford Treasures is a group of 6 distinctly different museums set within buildings ranging from the 12th to the 21st centuries and all within walking distance of each other, in Waterford's Historic Viking Triangle.

If you are looking for an inspiring, educational day out, then Waterford Treasures is the place for you and your students!

We offer a range of educational and interactive events, workshops, and tours for students of all ages. Our carefully created activities seek to capture the imagination of students while also focusing on encompassing a variety of historical themes.

Our expert guides aim to create lasting memories for students of all ages by bringing history to life in a fun and engaging manner.

Please note, admission for teachers/tour leaders is free of charge when accompanying students.

Collection of Experiences



EPIC WALKING TOUR OF THE VIKING TRIANGLE

The Epic Walking Tour of the Viking Triangle introduces visitors to the great stories of Ireland's oldest city from the Vikings to the Victorians. This walking tour covers a thousand years of history in a thousand paces. Here in the Viking Triangle, guests will meet warring Vikings, be inspired by medieval wonders and elegant Georgian architecture.



Medieval
MUSEUM

THE MEDIEVAL MUSEUM

The Medieval Museum, Ireland's only purpose-built Medieval Museum, incorporates two medieval chambers: the 13th-century Choristers Hall and 15th Century Wine vault. Guests can view incredible artefacts including the only complete set of Medieval Cloth of Gold Vestments in Northern Europe which had been buried for almost 125 years.



Bishop's
PALACE

THE BISHOP'S PALACE

The Bishop's Palace is an 18th-century Georgian home containing a stunning collection of Irish treasures, including the oldest piece of Waterford Crystal ever made - The Penrose Decanter.



Irish Silver
MUSEUM

THE IRISH SILVER MUSEUM

The Irish Silver Museum is an intimate and personal collection of silver treasures from Ireland. From the Vikings to the Victorians, our collection has been created by Ireland's virtuoso craftsmen over the course of a millennium. The collection offers a rare opportunity to step back in time and explore the fascinating story of Ireland through its magnificent silver treasures.



Irish Museum
OF TIME

THE IRISH MUSEUM OF TIME

Ireland's National Horological Museum features the oldest Irish-made grandfather clocks and watches in the world and celebrates the incredible skills of the virtuoso craftsmen who, since the seventeenth century, created timepieces of remarkable beauty and technological genius.



THE KING OF THE VIKINGS

This award-winning virtual reality adventure gives guests the opportunity to get up close and personal with the Vikings who founded Waterford over 1000 years ago. Experience the thrill of raiding the Viking settlement they called 'Vadrefjordyr'. The King of the Vikings is the world's first Viking VR adventure.



THE IRISH WAKE MUSEUM

The Irish Wake is a celebration of life, which evolved from the ancient Celtic wake. Explore the history and traditions surrounding this amazing custom. Learn about where it all began, why these traditions have carried on into modern Ireland and how they differ from funeral rites around the world.



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EXPERIENCE
THE WORLD' S FIRST VIRTUAL
REALITY VIKING EXPERIENCE

THE KING OF THE VIKINGS -VIRTUAL REALITY

Introduce your students to an exciting virtual reality adventure where they will get up close and personal with the Vikings who founded our city in 914AD. Students will witness the Vikings seize control of the settlement that we now call Waterford in the world's first Virtual Reality Viking Experience.



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RATES

STUDENT GROUP TOURS	DURATION	MIN /MAX NUMBERS	PRIMARY SCHOOL	SECOND-ARY SCHOOL	THIRD LEVEL
Medieval Museum Guided Tour	45 mins	10-30	€3 pp	€4 pp	€6 pp
Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle Guided walking tour of the Viking Triangle, the oldest part of Ireland oldest city. visit 7 monuments & see where the Irish Tricolour was flown for the very 1st time. Suitable for age 8+	45 mins	10-30	€3 pp	€4 pp	€6 pp
Bishop's Palace A guided visit of the treasures of Georgian Waterford including a 4D audio visual on the history of Waterford Glass	45 mins	10-25	€3 pp	€4 pp	€6 pp
Irish Silver Museum An exploration of silver in Ireland from the Vikings to the Victorians and all the way through to the modern era.	45 mins	10-15	€3 pp	€3 pp	€4 pp



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<p>The Irish Museum of Time A tour of this astonishing museum which showcases the story & science of time.</p>	30 mins	10-30	€3 pp	€3 pp	€4 pp
<p>King of the Vikings VR The world's first virtual reality Viking adventure. *Suitable age 8+</p>	30 mins	10-40 (groups larger than 10 are split into 2 locations)	€5 pp*	€5 pp	€8 pp
<p>The Irish Wake Museum A guided tour of the Irish Wake Museum explores the history of funeral rites in Ireland. **Suitable for Age 14+</p>	45 mins	10-12	N/A	€11 pp**	€11 pp

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Educational Experiences for Secondary School Students

The Work of an Archaeologist

How do we know all we know about the lives of people in the past? Indiana Jones may not be the reality but in this two-hour workshop your students will literally get their hands dirty as they experience first-hand the work of an archaeologist. A short tour of some museum objects followed by carrying out their own mini digs form the main body of the experience but while replica objects are always cool, some students may just find a real artefact in their dig site...

Duration: 90 mins **Min/max numbers:** 15 - 30 people **Price:** €5 pp

A Stitch in Time

How important are our clothes? What can you tell about the person that might have worn them? This ninety-minute workshop is a timeline of history – through clothes! Clothing from the Viking period to more modern times will be available for children to handle and try on along with some accessories to round out our historic characters. By stepping into the shoes of their ancestors' students will gain a new appreciation for life across different historic periods.

Duration: 90 mins **Min/max numbers:** 15 - 30 people **Price:** €5 pp

Creating a Museum Exhibition

What goes into creating a museum exhibition? Students can meet with our curators to learn about our history and the science of museology to better understand how a museum exhibition comes together and the people needed to make it work. Curators will show off object highlights, allow students to handle real objects and more.

Duration: 90 mins **Min/max numbers:** 15 - 30 people **Price:** €5 pp



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Educational Experiences for Secondary School Students continued...

A Shard in Time

Wine was the backbone of Medieval Waterford, the wine trade brought prosperity and riches to the city but it also brought many artefacts. On this special tour students will learn about the importance of the wine trade, its historic origins and the objects it left behind. Students will handle real medieval pottery fragments to see the delicate craftwork and fingerprints still left within the clay.

Duration: 90 mins **Min/max numbers:** 15 - 30 people **Price:** €5 pp

Time Flies

Do you ever wonder about the science and story of time? When did time become important to us? Has it always looked the same? Building on our world-class Museum of Time, this workshop for students will look at some of the crucial time-telling objects of our past and our present and complete activities to gain an understanding of the role time plays in our lives.

Duration: 2 hours **Min/max numbers:** 15 - 30 people **Price:** €5 pp

Leaving Certificate Research Project

Is your class looking at a local figure for their research project? A visit to the museum may be helpful to learn about the sources and resources available in their locality as well as assistance with research skills.

Contact us today!

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Curriculum Links – Secondary School Students

The Work of an Archaeologist

Curriculum links: Suitable for Junior Cycle Students only

History

Strand One: The Nature of History - Working with Evidence

Geography

Exploring People, Place and Change

A Stitch in Time

Curriculum links:

Junior Cycle

History

Strand One: The Nature of History -
Developing Historical Consciousness

Strand Two: The History of Ireland

Geography

Exploring People, Place and Change

Art

Visual Culture and Appreciation (craftwork)

Senior Cycle Students

History

Early Modern Ireland

Art

Research and Response Strands

Creating a Museum Exhibition

Curriculum links:

Scientific Environmental and Education

History - Life, society, work, and culture in the past

History - Continuity and change over time

Science - Environmental awareness and care

Social, Personal and Health Education

Developing Citizenship – Living in the local community



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Curriculum Links – Secondary School Students

A Shard in Time Curriculum links:

Junior Cycle

History

Strand One: The Nature of History -
Developing Historical Consciousness
Strand Two: The History of Ireland

Geography

Exploring People, Place and Change

Art

Visual Culture and Appreciation (craftwork)

Senior Cycle Students

History

Early Modern Ireland
History and the Historian

Art

Research Strand/ Respond Strand

Time Flies

Curriculum links: Suitable for Junior Cycle Students only

History

The Nature of History

Geography

Exploring People, Place and Change

Science

The Nature of Science

Earth and Space

Physical World

Art

Visual Culture and Appreciation

The Architecture of the Viking Triangle

Curriculum links:

Art

Research Strand

Respond Strand



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BOOKING POLICY

Rate Basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rate quoted is net of commission.• Waterford Treasures reserves the right to amend these rates.• Gratuities are at a client's discretion.
Rate Conditions	<p>Neither agreed rates nor allocations will feature on any public or consumer internet site. Nor should they feature on any distribution system that offers or sells directly to the public, or are otherwise featured in the public domain. Under no circumstances are the rates provided to be sold unpackaged. Rates are intended only for packaging with other elements of travel and must be packaged before onward distribution. Any rates which are packaged and sold to another third party for onward distribution are bound by the terms and conditions of this contract. The Operator company cited on this contract will ensure communication of and compliance with said terms and conditions.</p>
Cancellation Policy	<p>All amendments, including cancellations to bookings, must be notified in writing & received by Waterford Treasures.</p> <p>Cancellation policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please confirm final group numbers 24 hours prior to arrival
Payment Terms	<p>Credit Account Customers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where an approved credit facility is in place, invoices will be posted or emailed• Invoices are billed in local currency and the Booker agrees to discharge amounts payable in local currency within 30 days of the invoice issue date.• Failure to comply with credit terms will result in credit facilities being withdrawn.

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EDUCATIONAL VISITS FAQs

How long does a visit to Waterford Treasures take?

A visit will take about one to two hours depending on the tour/experience selected for your students. Our guided tours of each museum will take between 45 minutes and 1 hour. Our educational experiences will take between 90 minutes and 2 hours. All of our museums are within five minutes walk of each other and a one minute walk to Waterford Crystal.

Do I need to book in advance? How do I book a school visit?

Yes, school groups must book in advance. All bookings can be made by contacting Cliona Purcell, our Curator and Programmes Manager, at cpurcell@waterfordcouncil.ie or alternatively bookings@waterfordcouncil.ie

Does Waterford Treasures offer an inclusive education programme for students of higher needs?

Yes! Please contact cpurcell@waterfordcouncil.ie to find out more.

Is there coach-parking?

Coach set down is on the Mall outside Bishop's Palace. Free coach parking and free coach cleaning in Bolton Street Car park.

What facilities are available?

Our Medieval Museum has accessible toilets on site.

Are the museums fully wheelchair accessible?

The museum caters for visitors with varying abilities. Please note, there is no wheelchair access to the Irish Wake Museum. This is due to the fact that the Irish Wake Museum is located within a listed building.

How do the museums keep school visitors safe?

Waterford Treasures is committed to ensuring the protection and safety of all children under the age of 18 years and vulnerable adults who visit any of our museums. Please feel free to contact us for our child protection policy.



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MEDIEVAL MUSEUM AND BISHOP'S PALACE:

Monday to Friday 9.15am – 6.00pm (5pm Sept to May)

Saturday 9.30am – 6.00pm (10am - 5pm Sept to May)

Sundays and Bank Holidays 11.00am – 6.00pm (5pm Sept to May)

IRISH SILVER MUSEUM:

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm

Sundays and Bank Holidays 11am – 5.00pm

THE IRISH MUSEUM OF TIME:

Monday to Sunday (Incl. Bank Holidays) 10.00am to 6.00pm

Mid-March to end of October

Also open during Winterval

KING OF THE VIKINGS VR:

Monday to Sunday (Incl. Bank Holidays) 10.00am to 6.00pm

Mid-March to end of October

Also open during Winterval

IRISH WAKE MUSEUM

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm (Closed Mon - Wed Sept to May)

Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00pm

Sundays and Bank Holidays 11am - 5pm

REGINALDS TOWER:

Open Daily from 9.30am - 5.30pm (Mar to Dec)

Wednesday to Sunday 9.30am - 5.00pm (Jan to Feb)

Last Admission: One hour prior to closing time.

Please check our website for the most up-to-date hours

Waterford Treasures is open all year round with certain exceptions

All attractions are closed on Christmas Day (25th December)

St. Stephen's Day (26th December) and New Year's Day (1st January)

Tours outside of normal opening hours can be facilitated by prior arrangement.

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HOW TO GET THERE?

WATERFORD TREASURES 6 MUSEUMS ARE
LOCATED IN THE VIKING TRIANGLE IN THE HEART
OF WATERFORD CITY CENTRE.

WATERFORD TREASURES
BISHOP'S PALACE
THE MALL
VIKING TRIANGLE
WATERFORD
X91 E279

Location	Distance
Waterford City	0 mins
Dublin Airport	1 hr 45
Cork Airport	1 hr 30
Rosslare Ferryport	60 min

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