



Waterford TREASURES



EDUCATION PROGRAMME
2026



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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. Choose between our Historic Georgian Tour or immerse yourself in the captivating stories of Waterford's historical figures, told through Bridgerton-inspired tales



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. New for 2026: A new exhibition gallery to include the world's largest collection of 19th-century Black Forest Cuckoo Clocks



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.



Irish
Wake
Museum

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.

Virtual Reality Experience available in English, French & German



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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.	45 mins	10-30	€3 pp	€4 pp	€6 pp
Bishop's Palace A guided visit of the treasures of Georgian Waterford	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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The Irish Museum of Time A tour of this astonishing museum which showcases the story & science of time.	45 mins	10-30	€3 pp	€4 pp	€6 pp
King of the Vikings VR The world's first virtual reality Viking adventure. *Suitable age 8+	30 mins	10-30 (groups larger than 10 are located in Medieval Museum)	€5 pp*	€6 pp	€8 pp
The Irish Wake Museum A guided tour of the Irish Wake Museum explores the history of funeral rites in Ireland.	50 mins	10-12	N/A	€11 pp	€11 pp

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Educational Experiences for Primary School Students

History Heroes

Learn about Waterford's history through great characters that once walked our streets. Examine their lives and objects associated with them as part of this workshop that takes students through 1000 years of Waterford's history using fun games and activities. Students will work in groups to inhabit these history heroes & will participate in object handling.

Duration: 90 mins **Min/max numbers:** 15 - 30 people **Price:** €4 pp

Life in Viking Waterford

What was life like for our Viking ancestors? What roles did they play in society? How did they defend themselves? Learn about all of this and more in this fun workshop which encourages students to consider how the lives of Vikings were both very different and very similar to their own. Students will try on costumes, handle objects, learn to play ancient games and more.

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Life in Medieval Waterford

How did medieval Waterford look and sound? What sort of people walked its streets, how important were the medieval city walls? Like our Viking workshop this experience is concerned with encouraging children to think about their own lives in relation to the lives of our ancestors, to literally step into their shoes. Object and costume handling, group activities and games will make up this ninety-minute workshop.

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The Work of an Archaeologist

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Duration: 2 hours **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.

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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.

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Curriculum Links – Primary School Students

History Heroes

Curriculum links:

Social, Environmental and Scientific Education

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

History - Continuity and change over time

Social, Personal and Health Education

Developing Citizenship – Living in the local community

Life in Viking Waterford

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Social, Environmental and Scientific Education

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

History - Continuity and change over time

Social, Personal and Health Education

Developing Citizenship – Living in the local community

Art

Visual Art - Drawing

Life in Medieval Waterford

Curriculum links:

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Social, Personal and Health Education

Developing Citizenship – Living in the local community

A Stitch in Time

Curriculum links:

Social, Environmental and Scientific Education

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

History - Continuity and change over time

Social, Personal and Health Education

Developing Citizenship – Living in the local community

Art

Visual Art - Drawing

Visual Art - Fabric and fibre

Time Flies

Curriculum links:

Social, Environmental and Scientific Education

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

History - continuity and change over time

Science - Environmental awareness and care

Science - Materials

Science - Energy and forces



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Bespoke Tours - Primary School Students

CHILDREN'S VIKING TOUR

Duration: 40 mins **Min/Max Numbers:** 10-25

Price: €3.00 pp | €9.50 pp (with a toy sword)

Little Legends: The Viking Adventure Tour

This 40-minute interactive walking tour is designed just for kids, full of stories, surprises and hands-on fun. Beginning in our replica Viking house, young adventurers are greeted by a real-life Viking and offered their very own sword. Then, it's off to explore Waterford's past, from tales of sea raids and fearless kings to a jaw-dropping replica longboard and the legendary Reginald's Tower.

Perfect for curious minds and restless feet, the tour is just the right length to for young explorers, without wearing them out.

Children's Viking Tour is Subject to Availability

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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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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

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

The Architecture of the Viking Triangle

Do Ideal for art students, come along with our curators for a look at the historic modern architecture of Waterford's Viking Triangle. See examples of medieval features, Georgian finery and sleek 21st century buildings as this tour takes you through 800 years of Waterford's building.

Duration: 90 mins **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: Suitable for Junior Cycle Students only:

History

Strand One: The Nature of History - Developing Historical Consciousness

Strand Two: The History of Ireland

Art

Visual Culture and Appreciation (craftwork)



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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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Educational Experiences for Third Level Students

Curator tours

Our curators will tailor a tour to suit the needs of your class group. Handle museum objects, see behind the curtain of exhibition curation – the sky is the limit, just let us know what you need!

Duration: 1 hour + **Min/max numbers:** 15 - 30 people **Price:** €100 + General Entrance

Waterford's Urban Underbelly

What was life like for ordinary citizens throughout Waterford's history? In this tour students will explore history from below throughout the eras. From evidence of disease found in medieval archaeological sites to hangings, prostitution, filth and crime, this tour examines the darker side of life which was the reality for many.

Duration: 2 hours **Min/max numbers:** 15 - 30 people **Price:** €8 pp

The Architecture of the Viking Triangle

Ideal for architecture students, come along with our curators for a look at the historic and modern architecture of Waterford's Viking Triangle. See examples of medieval features, Georgian finery and sleek 21st century buildings as this tour takes you through 800 years of Waterford's buildings.

Duration: 90 mins **Min/max numbers:** 15 - 30 people **Price:** €6 pp

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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. Cancellations made after this point will be charged in full.
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 Reservations, at 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, Bishop's Palace and Irish Museum of time have 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 Friday 9.30am – 6.00pm (5pm Sept to May)

Saturday 10.00am – 6.00pm (5pm Sept to May)

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

KING OF THE VIKINGS VR:

Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 6.00pm (5pm Sept to May)

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

Seasonal Hours may vary

IRISH WAKE MUSEUM

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm (5pm Sept to May)

Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00pm

Sundays and Bank Holidays 11am - 5pm

Seasonal Hours may vary

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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