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- Scenic Driving Route

### 18 Golf Courses

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## 1 Ballykeeffe Amphitheatre

Located beneath Ballykeeffe Wood and Nature Reserve the Amphitheatre offers acoustics and a setting designed to provide an unforgettable experience of theatre and music. The Ballykeeffe Amphitheatre programme of summer events runs from June to September each year.

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## 2 Castlecomer Discovery Park

Castlecomer Discovery Park offers something for all the family including a new Tree Top Adventure Walk; Fishing; woodland walks, a fascinating interactive coal mining exhibition; design craft studios and an award winning (Bridgestone) restaurant for great food. The Estate Yard, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny  
T: + 353 (0)56 4440707  
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## 3 Duiske Abbey

A National Monument, Duiske Abbey originated in the 13th century as the church of a Cistercian monastery. The churchyard is home to the Aughtiltan and Ballyogen Crosses, dating from the 8th and 9th centuries, respectively. Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny  
T: +353 (0)59 9724238

## 4 Dunmore Caves

Consisting of a series of chambers formed over millions of years, Dunmore Cave contains some of the finest calcite formations found in any Irish cave. The cave is first mentioned in the 9th century Irish Triads, but its most interesting reference comes from the Annals which tells of a Viking massacre at the cave in the year 928 A.D.

Dunmore, Co. Kilkenny

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## 5 Gáirdín An Ghorta

Gáirdín an Ghorta is a National Garden of Remembrance located in Newmarket, County Kilkenny. The path through the garden remembers the Great Famine as well as those who emigrated. The garden is open all year round and admission is free.

Garden of Remembrance, Newmarket

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## 6 Gowran Park

Gowran Park is the only grade 1 racecourse in the South East of Ireland - with 16 top quality national hunt and flat meetings all year round. The addition of the 18-hole championship golf course in 2001 has made Gowran Park a truly exceptional location.

Gowran, Co Kilkenny

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## 7 Hoban Memorial

Located at Desart, Cuffesgrange, the Hoban Memorial was constructed in 2008 to honour James Hoban, architect of "The White House". The memorial was built for the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Hoban, close to the place of his birth.

Desart, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny

## 8 Ignatius Rice Homestead

"Westcourt" the thatched house in which Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers and Presentation Brothers, was born in 1762 is almost 300 years old.

Westcourt, Callan, Co. Kilkenny

T: + (0) 56 7725993

## 9 Jenkinstown Park

Open all year round, Jenkinstown Park incorporates a deer park, developed walks of varying lengths as well as an estate and farm buildings. The park is associated with the Thomas Moore melody "The Last Rose of Summer".

Dunmore, Kilkenny

## 10 Jerpoint Abbey

An outstanding Cistercian abbey founded in the second half of the 12th century, the chief delight of Jerpoint Abbey is the sculptured cloister arcade with unique carvings. Guided tours of the Abbey are available, and the Visitor Centre houses an interesting exhibition.

Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

T: +353 (0)56 7724623

## 11 Jerpoint Glass

At this family-run glassblowing studio each piece is individually handmade by team of skilled craftsmen using simple hand tools and 2000-year-old methods. In the old stone building adjacent to the studio, you can see the full collection in the Jerpoint shop and gallery.

Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny

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## 12 Jerpoint Park and the Lost Town

Jerpoint Park and Lost Town allows visitors to unearth remarkable heritage in the footprints of a deserted 12th Century Medieval Town. Pony and trap rides and angling for wild salmon and wild brown trout on the River Nore are also available.

Jerpoint, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

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## 13 Kells Augustian Priory

The Kells Priory, founded in 1193, is one of the largest and most impressive medieval monuments in Ireland. The priory's striking tower houses enclose a medieval site of over 3 acres, lending the Priory the appearance more of a fortress than a place of worship, and from the tower houses come Kells Priory's local name "Seven Castles".

Kells, Co. Kilkenny

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## 14 Kilfane Glen and Waterfall

Kilfane Glen & Waterfall, one of Ireland's most beautiful, secluded enchanted gardens is now open to the public. Stroll around the woodland paths, enjoy the quiet sitting in the shade of the thatched

cottage, watching the water fall down a carved rock face.

Kilfane, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

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## 15 Nicholas Mosse Pottery

Nicholas Mosse Pottery, established by Nicholas Mosse in 1976, has evolved into being one of Ireland's best known and most popular potteries, producing an extensive range of patterns and shapes all still made and decorated by hand.

Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny

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## 16 Nore Valley Park

Nore Valley Park has operated as an open farm and caravan park since 1989. There are a whole variety of animals to see and enjoy, as well as a playground, sandpit with diggers, straw play area and giant chess. Additional attractions for all age groups include pedal go-karts, crazy golf, indoor 3D maze and trailer rides.

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## 17 Reptile Village

With over 150 animals and 50 different species on display, Reptile Village Zoo offers a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with animals that would normally only be seen on TV!

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## 18 Shankill Castle

Shankill Castle is an 18th-century building that is set in beautiful parkland. The interior preserves much of its original character and features a Georgian staircase, Gothic plasterwork in the dining room and a charmingly Victorian drawing room.

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## 19 Slate Quarries

The Slate Quarry, lying on the borders of County Kilkenny and County Tipperary, were quarried from the 14th Century. The historical stone from the site was used in the building of Ormonde Castle in Carrick-on-Suir and Kells Priory.

Near Ahenny, Windgap, Co.Kilkenny

## 20 St. Mary's Abbey

Gáirdín an Ghorta is a National Garden of St Mary's Abbey in Gowran was built in the late 13th Century on the site of an earlier monastery. In the late middle ages a massive tower was inserted between the nave and chancel, which was incorporated into the parish church in the 19th Century.

Gowran, Co. Kilkenny

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## 21 Tory Hill

A trip to the summit of Tory Hill provides excellent views of the surrounding five counties - Kilkenny, Wexford, Waterford, Tipperary and Carlow. In the holy year of 1950 a large cross was erected on the summit and since then the rosary has been said by the people who gather beneath the cross.

Near Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny

## 22 Waterside Bike & Hike

Waterside Bike & Hike provide a bicycle rental service located on the beautiful Barrow River towpath. Guided ecology tours and history of the Barrow navigation all available while seated in your saddle!

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## 23 Woodstock Gardens and Arboretum

Recently restored by Kilkenny County Council, these Victorian Gardens were developed circa 1840 - 1890 by Lady Louisa and Colonel William Tighe and were considered one of the greatest gardens in Ireland.

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