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4-DAY GUIDE

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WELCOME TO YOUR 4-DAY SELF-GUIDED TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR EXPLORING WEXFORD

From adventure and wildlife experiences to history and hotspots for food, this itinerary will inspire you to take a 4-day tour of beautiful County Wexford.

This is Wexford your way, so take detours, be open-minded and explore more of Wexford than suggested if your time allows. Keep an eye out for our fun facts as well as insider tips on places to eat, things to see and do and interesting facts about the Model County.

We advise contacting attractions directly for large group bookings as group access and coach parking will differ from the information in this guide.

Please note: If you are travelling with people with visual, hearing and/or mobility impairments, please contact venues directly for access information. While a large number of the venues listed will have systems in place, we can't confirm or guarantee it in this guide.

The information in this guide was correct at the time of writing.

-  Time
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-  Food & Drink
-  History & Heritage
-  Sea & Coast
-  Farm & Countryside
-  Nature
-  Shopping
-  Entertainment
-  Local Tips

DAY 1

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STOP 1

Go Paddle



L 10.00am (stay approx 1 hour)

P Enniscorthy

P Free on-site parking

📍 gopaddle.ie

🏊 Moderate

A great way to get out and see some scenery and enjoy the fresh country air is to take part in some kayaking.

Go Paddle will ensure everyone from a complete novice to an expert kayaker is accommodated for. Everything from wetsuits and helmets to kayaks are provided.

Discover Enniscorthy from a whole new vantage point as you take a relaxing paddle along the River Slaney!

STOP 2

The Village at Wheelocks



L 12.00pm (stay approx 2.5 hours)

P Enniscorthy - 10 min drive

P Free on-site parking

📍 thevillageatwheelocks.ie

🏊 Low

What's a visit to Wexford without sampling the county's famous strawberries? Visit the oldest berry farm in the area at Wheelocks and grab yourself a tasty farmhouse lunch while you dry off after kayaking in the sunshine in the Sunny South East.

Afterwards, you can explore the woodland trail, meet the farm animals and best yet, pick some punnets of juicy strawberries to take home and enjoy afterwards.

DAY 1

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STOP 3

Enniscorthy Castle



L 2.30pm (stay approx 40 mins)

P Enniscorthy - 10 minutes

P Paid street parking

📍 enniscorthycastle.ie

🏊 Moderate

After lunch, it's back to the town centre to visit Enniscorthy Castle. Hear all about the history of the 13th-century castle, then climb to the roof for amazing views of the town.

You can also find the set pieces from the award-winning 2015 film 'Brooklyn' starring Saoirse Ronan and Domhnall Gleeson. You may even recognise some streets and buildings from the movie as you explore Enniscorthy as it was filmed right here in the town!

While you're here, pick up a discounted saver ticket for the next stop on your itinerary!

STOP 4

National 1798 Rebellion Centre



L 3.30pm (stay approx 40 mins)

P Enniscorthy - 10 min walk

P Free on-site parking

📍 1798centre.ie

🏊 Low

1798 was a prominent year in Wexford's history as the county staged a rebellion against the British. From the centre, you can take in the scenic views of Enniscorthy and you'll spot Vinegar Hill in the distance - the site of one of the main battles during the rebellion.

This fantastic interpretive museum takes you on a journey into the past and includes an amazing holographic recreation of the battle of Vinegar Hill, placing you right in the middle of it all.

Local Tips

Thinking about dinner plans? Visit the Riverside Park Hotel in Enniscorthy for a taste of heaven in the Alamo Steakhouse Restaurant or The Prom Bar. Take a walk down the promenade by the River Slaney after dinner as you reminisce on the first day in Wexford.

DAY 2

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STOP 1

Active Tribe Courtown



L 10.00am (stay approx 1 hour)

P Courtown

P Free on-site parking

📍 activetribe.ie

🌿 Moderate

Offset your travelling carbon footprint with a visit to some of North Wexford's most sustainable visitor attractions.

Start off with a visit to Active Tribe, one of the only pools in Ireland heated by bio waste! Enjoy the flume slides, the in-pool climbing frame and much more on a morning swim.

Before you leave, grab a light snack in the on-site cafe which showcases many local producers.

STOP 2

Seal Rescue Ireland



L 12.00pm (stay approx 1 hour)

P Courtown - 1 min walk

P Free on-site parking

📍 sealrescueireland.org

🌿 Low

Next door is Seal Rescue Ireland - Ireland's only seal rescue and rehabilitation centre. Book in for the seal feed and enrichment experience where you'll get a chance to feed the adorable seals and hear all about the centre's wonderful conservation and rehabilitation efforts.

General admission to the centre is free, however, donations are welcome on entry to help the centre to continue to do the incredible work they do.

DAY 2

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STOP 3

Cow House Café and Bistro



L 1.00pm (stay approx 1 hour)

P Gorey - 5 min drive

P Free on-site parking

📍 cowhousegorey.com

🌿 Low

The Cowhouse Café and Bistro is just a 5-minute drive up the road. With plenty of outdoor space and parking, this busy spot is a popular one.

Owned by Greenes Berry Farm, don't miss out on the delicious strawberries and cream on offer. Nothing beats County Wexford's famous fresh strawberries.

STOP 4

Gallivanting.ie



L 2.30pm (stay approx 2.5 hours)

P Courtown - 2 min drive

P Free on-site parking

📍 gallivanting.ie

🌿 Moderate

Now it's back to nature as you explore Courtown Woodlands with forest guide and storyteller Lorraine from Gallivanting.ie. Unwrap the hidden world of the forest as you taste, touch and listen.

Discover what leaves make soap when you add them to water, what nettles don't sting but do smell horrible, what tree makes the best bows and arrows and hear the stories of the ghosts and fairies reputed to live within the trees! It's certainly an experience not to be missed.



Local Tips

Don't leave Gorey without stopping for dinner! Head to The Kitchen and enjoy their must-have family pizza deals with all ingredients sourced locally, made fresh and cooked in the wood burning stove. What's not to love?

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STOP 1

The Irish Experience



- L** 10.00am (stay approx 3 hours)
- P** Baginbun Beach
- P** Free on-site parking
- 📍** theirishexperience.com
- 🏊** High

Today, it's time to head to the breathtaking Hook Peninsula. Now that you've kayaked along the River Slaney, it's time to take to the seas. The coastline along this part of Wexford is filled with sea caves and it is said there is still pirate treasure to be found! Take a tour with Graham in Baginbun Bay and the sea caves that surround it and see Ireland as both the Normans and Cromwell did when they landed on this very point.

Don't fancy the sea caves? You can also opt for a sunset experience, coastal canyon or even stand-up paddle-boarding. It's certainly an unforgettable experience as you discover Wexford's magical coast.

STOP 2

Hook Lighthouse



- L** 1.00pm (stay approx 1.5 hours)
- P** Hook Head - 15 min drive
- P** Free on-site parking
- 📍** hookheritage.ie
- 🏊** Low

At over 800 years old, Hook Lighthouse is the oldest functioning lighthouse in the world and the views from the top are simply breathtaking. Listed by Lonely Planet as one of the top lighthouses in the world and National Geographic as a must-see attraction.

The visitor centre offers a tasty selection of locally sourced, organic and artisan dishes. Don't miss out on the smoked salmon from Ballyhack Smokehouse - an 80-year-old smokehouse less than 30 minutes away.

Dolphins and even whales have frequently been spotted off the coast of the Hook Peninsula, so keep your eyes peeled for the wonderful wildlife in the area!

STOP 3

Dunbrody Abbey



- L** 3.00pm (stay approx 1 - 3 hours)
- P** Dunbrody - 25 min drive
- P** Free on-site parking
- 📍** dunbrodyabbey.com
- 🏊** Low

Time to head inland now and in an area filled with stunning castles and abbeys, you're spoiled for choice. Dunbrody Abbey is a great one for the family with a huge antique doll house on display, a mini golf course and the wonderful abbey ruins.

However, the main draw has to be the full size 2-acre yew maze. One of only 2 in Ireland, the maze is made from 1500 yew trees and it's great fun to explore.

Plus, the nearby tea rooms have a lot of sugary and delicious treats to choose from for the drive home!

If You Have Time



Take a trip down to Kilmore Quay while down south to taste the freshest fish you'll ever taste. The Little Saltee chipper was named the best takeaway in Ireland and you'll find out why when you taste the fish and chips for yourself. Fishing trawlers bring fresh fish into the harbour daily and you may spot the friendly seals following them hoping to sample the goods!

Fun Fact



Wexford's coastline is over 250km long and is dotted with plenty of beautiful sandy beaches along the way. The county is known as the 'Sunny South East' as it receives the most hours of sunlight in the country.

Did You Know?



County Wexford is renowned for its strawberries and the Strawberry Festival is an annual event held in Enniscorthy to celebrate this, complete with music, markets and even they even crown a Strawberry Queen.

Fun Fact

A language called 'Yola' was spoken in Wexford until it became extinct in the mid-19th century.

DAY 4

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STOP 1

Irish National Heritage Park



L 10.00am (tour approx 2-3 hours)

P Wexford town

P Free on-site parking

👉 irishheritage.ie

🏠 Moderate

Located just outside Wexford town, the Irish National Heritage Park is a unique heritage experience in Ireland and Europe bringing over 9000 years of Irish history to life. As you stroll through the 40 acres of natural woodland, you'll find reconstructed buildings from Pre-Historic Ireland, Early Christian Ireland and the Age of Invasion. You'll feel as though you've stepped back thousands of years into history!

Tour guides could easily be mistaken for Vikings or wild Celts and this is one of the few places you can shoot a bow and arrow, pose with a bird of prey and pan for gold, all within 5 minutes of each other. A wonderfully fun way of learning about Ireland's past.

STOP 2

The Fulacht Fiadh Restaurant



L 1.00pm (stay approx 1 hour)

P Wexford town

P Free on-site parking

👉 irishheritage.ie

🏠 Moderate

Stay at the park for lunch in The Fulacht Fiadh Restaurant overlooking the crannógs. It is one of the few places in Wexford that consistently serves traditional Irish stew, so it may in fact be the best in Ireland!

But don't worry if stew is not for you, they also serve a wide range of lunchtime food from carvery to lighter sandwiches and salads. Keep immersing yourself in Wexford's story and the experience at the Irish National Heritage Park.

DAY 4

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STOP 3

Quadventure



L 2.30pm (stay approx 1.5 hours)

P Clonroche – 30 minute drive

P Free on-site parking

👉 quadventure.ie

🏠 High

After a relaxing morning wandering through the past, get the adrenaline pumping with something thrilling. Head to Clonroche for quad biking at Quadventure. They have everything you need to rev, vroom and launch yourself over hillocks, getting very muddy along the way.

Too much excitement? You can also take a leisurely spin around the lanes and fields of the farm, looking out for the wild hares that call this place home. Stop on occasion to smell the wild flowers and admire the ancient trees while the rest of the family splash through streams and practice their skids!

STOP 4

Secret Valley Wildlife Park & Zoo



L 4.00pm (stay approx 1 hour)

P Clonroche – 10 min drive

P Free on-site parking

👉 secretvalley.ie

🏠 Low

Your final stop is not far away at Secret Valley Wildlife Park & Zoo - home to some unusual and interesting animals. Meet the meerkats, monkeys and the rest of the gang as you wander around the park. You can also meet the keepers to ask questions about the exotic animals, or book ahead to have the opportunity to help during feeding time!

If the kids are still pining for the quads, they can take a spin on the quad train around the farm. It is a must-do for families when visiting County Wexford.

i Fun Fact

From its progressive farming methods and model farms, the first agricultural school in Ireland was opened in Wexford in the 1850s.

i Fun Fact

The nickname "the model county" was established in 1847 by "Exemplar Hiberniae", which is the motto chosen for the county arms in 1987.

STOP 5

Mannion's Pub



- 5.30pm
- New Ross – 15 min drive
- Free on-site parking
- mannionspub.ie
- Moderate

By now, the crew will be getting tired and hungry, so head to nearby New Ross for a tasty dinner in Mannion's Pub.

Their delicious pasta dishes are a firm favourite with locals, but they also stock the juiciest and tastiest Wexford beef and cheddar burgers to be found, all served with thick cut chips from their own farmers market shop.

Mannion's Pub is a popular spot, so we'd advise booking ahead during high season to guarantee a chance to sample their food..

Fun Fact



See what life in Wexford was like over 1000 years ago by immersing yourself in the history with a stay in the Viking hut at the Irish National Heritage Park.

If You Have Time



Make it your mission to visit one of Wexford's many beaches from Curracloe to Duncannon, Rosslare to Morriscastle. There is sure to be a beach not far from each location you'll visit on this 4-day tour. Make it your priority to feel the sand between your toes and the wind in your hair!

Did You Know?



Wexford was the centre of the 1798 rebellion against British rule. Wexford town was held by the rebels throughout the fighting and was the scene of a notorious massacre of local loyalists by the United Irishmen, who executed them on the bridge in the town centre.



Local Tips

Before you leave, be sure to taste Wexford's famous strawberries or a rissolle which is one of Wexford's most prized specialities!