



# WEXFORD ROSE TOUR

Follow the route the 2022 Roses take around Wexford and discover some of the great experiences this historic county has to offer.

**3 DAY TOUR**



Hook Lighthouse







# WELCOME TO THE WEXFORD ROSE TOUR 2022

From adventure and wildlife experiences to history and hotspots for food, this itinerary will inspire you to take a 3-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.

Don't forget to share your experiences and connect with us on social media using the hashtag **#WexfordRoseTour**

**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.

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

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## Stop 1

### Johnstown Castle



A stunning castle and sitting on acres of beautiful garden grounds, you can easily spend a day exploring this place. Start off with the agricultural museum and after a stop for lunch in the café, take a tour of the castle itself and explore the wonderful gardens.

## Stop 2

### Wexford Town



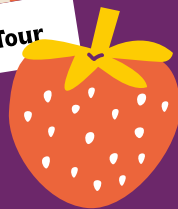
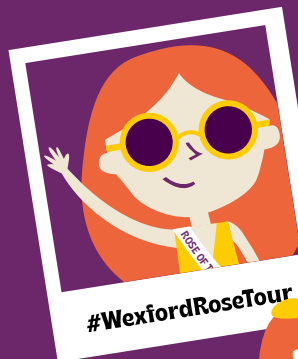
Get to know Wexford town a by taking a walking tour. You may be surprised by the hidden history of this Viking town with links to the US Navy, the Archbishop of Canterbury and even Zorro! Afterwards, choose from many of the fantastic restaurants.

## Stop 3

### Gorey Town



This market town may have started out with chickens and horse fairs but these days it's populated with beautiful boutiques, wine shops and galleries. There are plenty of hotspots to explore including French's of Gorey, which is Wexford's oldest pub left unchanged since the early 1800s.



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## Stop 1



### Wexford Lavender Farm



Ireland's only commercial Lavender Farm set in the heart of the beautiful North Wexford countryside. The farm features four acres of lavender, a beautiful café, gift shop, children's playground, quad barrel train ride, woodland walks, plant sales and plenty more.

## Stop 2



### Seal Rescue Ireland



The only centre of its kind in Ireland, it is a hub of marine biology with students coming from every corner of the world to work here and contribute to their conservation efforts. Spend a morning learning all about the seals, and even get an opportunity to feed them.

## Stop 3



### Wells House & Gardens



Spend a day with the elegant backdrop of this Tudor Gothic house and gardens designed and landscaped by the renowned architect Daniel Robertson. Explore the enchanting woodlands where fairies, trolls and dragons have made their home, animal farm, playground and guided tour of the house that boasts a 400 year history!

## Stop 4



### Curragloe Beach



Curragloe beach is a must visit when in County Wexford. Parts of Steven Spielberg's 1998 Oscar winning film 'Saving Private Ryan' were filmed on Curragloe Beach not far from Wexford town.



## Stop 5

**National Heritage Park**

Learn what life was like in Weissfjord 1000 years ago. Dotted throughout the trees you'll see beautifully reconstructed buildings that take you from the first people to arrive on the island around 9000 years ago, up to the Celts, the Vikings and even a small monastery.





## Stop 1 Ferns Heritage Village



Ferns was once the great capital of Leinster and home to ancient Celtic Royalty. Book into the Medieval Experience before your visit and take the quiz to find out if you have what it takes to be a Celtic King and learn some of the quirkier medieval history!

## Stop 2 Enniscorthy Castle



Enniscorthy Castle is the only castle in Ireland currently offering rooftop access, with amazing views of the town and Vinegar Hill. Enjoy exhibitions exploring local history and culture and showcasing designer Eileen Gray's acclaimed works in a beautiful town centre location.

## Stop 3 Henry's Ice-Cream Shop



A family-run business serving ice-cream for almost 50 years, Campile is home to the best 99 in Ireland as voted by listeners of Today FM. Drop into Henry's Ice-cream in Hayes Daybreak and try one for yourself. With a selection of ice-creams and combinations you never imagined, they even have a sundae named 'The Bomb'.

## Stop 4 Hook Lighthouse



A World Heritage Site and one of the region's most popular attractions, this place will blow your mind – even if it's not windy that day! Your tour takes you from the medieval coal stores at the tower's base all the way to the viewing platform on the top.





## Stop 5

### Bunclody Golf Club



Bunclody Golf and Fishing Club is renowned for its charming setting on the banks of the River Slaney. With a clubhouse situated on 300 acres of breathtaking parklands and a 360 view of its ongoing, it's the ideal place for a catchup over a tee on the course and lunch afterward.

## Stop 6

### Wheelocks Fruit Farm



What's a visit to Wexford without sampling the county's famous strawberries? Visit the oldest berry farm in the area at Wheelocks where you can explore the woodland trail, meet the farm animals and best yet, pick some punnets of juicy strawberries to take home.

## Stop 7

### Secret Valley Wildlife



It is a must-do for families when visiting County Wexford. 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!

## Stop 8

### Barrow Princess



Sit back, relax, and enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery in Ireland. Departing from New Ross, the Barrow Princess cruises along the river to Waterford. See many points of interest along the way, from ancient Christian sites to medieval castles and modern-day architecture, as well as an abundance of wildlife.





## Stop 9

### Dunbrody Famine Ship



Climb aboard this restored 18th-century passenger ship. Called 'coffin ships' by the Irish peasantry, this interactive museum tells the story of the hundreds of people who emigrated during the Great Famine with the hope of better lives abroad in the US and Canada.

## 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 boats land fresh catch 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.

## Did You Know?



County Wexford is renowned for its strawberries, which thrive here thanks to the unique micro-climate and extended hours of sunshine. In fact, Rosslare receives more hours of sunshine each year than anywhere else in Ireland, which is why Wexford is affectionately known throughout the country as the 'Sunny South East'.



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