

Come & see Louth's scenic seafood trail.

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where the daily catch is landed

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the finest seafood

»»» **admire**
the stunning coastal views

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About County Louth

- **1 hour** commute from Dublin or Belfast;
- Heritage county, steeped in history with **outstanding archaeological features**;
- Internationally important and protected coastline with an unspoiled natural environment;
- **Blue flag** beaches with picturesque coastal villages at Baltray, Annagassan, Clogherhead and Blackrock;
- Foodie destination with award winning local produce, delicious fresh seafood, and an artisan food and drinks culture.
- **'sea louth'** scenic seafood trail captures what's best about Co. Louth's coastline; the stunning scenery and of course the finest seafood. Whether you visit the piers and see where the daily catch is landed, eat the freshest seafood in one of our restaurants or coastal food festivals, or admire the stunning lough views on the greenway, there is much to see, eat & admire on your trip to Co. Louth
- Vibrant towns of Dundalk, Drogheda, Carlingford and Ardee with **nationally-acclaimed** arts, crafts, culture and festivals, museums and galleries, historic houses and gardens;
- Easy access to adventure tourism, walking and cycling, equestrian and water activities, golf and angling;
- Welcoming hospitable communities, proud of what Louth has to offer!

Carlingford Tourist Office

Old Railway Station, Carlingford

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Drogheda Tourist Office

The Tholsel, West St., Drogheda

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Dundalk Tourist Office

Market Square, Dundalk

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Visit Louth

Land of Legends
and Full of Life



**IRELAND'S
ANCIENT EAST**
Wander Through Time

Co. Louth's Visitor Attractions

Louth Land of Legends offers a wonderful array of historical attractions, outdoor pursuits, festivals, top class accommodation and friendly locals. Here thousands of years of history, myth and legend combine with dramatic scenery and coastline, to produce a memorable holiday experience.

HIGHLANES GALLERY

St. Laurence Street, Drogheda

Open all year

Highlanes Gallery is committed to fostering an appreciation of historical and contemporary art. T +353 (0)41 9803311 www.highlanes.ie



ST PETERS CHURCH - Shrine to Saint Oliver Plunkett

West Street, Drogheda

Open all year

St. Peter's Church is among the finest Gothic Revival churches in Ireland and is famous for housing the shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett. T +353 (0)41 9838537 www.saintoliverplunkett.com



"DROGHEDA — GATEWAY TO THE BOYNE VALLEY"

Tourist Exhibition

The Tholsel Tourist Office, West Street, Drogheda

Open all year

This permanent exhibition focuses on five key themes: Ancient Secrets, Beating Hearts, Conflict & Power, Holy Ground and Beauty & Romance. Each section introduces the history of the region under that title and the things to explore see and do. The Exhibition incorporates local arts, crafts, literature and music of the region to help visitors understand the depth of the cultural offering in the region.

T +353 (0)41 9872843 www.drogheda.ie



DROGHEDA MUSEUM, MILLMOUNT

Millmount, Drogheda

Open all year

The Millmount Martello Tower offers spectacular views over the town and the entire Boyne Valley. It was here that Cromwell met his strongest resistance when he laid siege to the town in 1649. The tower was restored in 2000 and is home to a military exhibition of Ireland's struggles.

T +353(0)419833097 www.millmount.net



DROICHEAD ARTS CENTRE

Stockwell Street & Narrow West Street, Drogheda

Open all year

A vibrant multi-disciplinary centre in the heart of Drogheda Town providing an extensive curated arts programme of theatre, music, film, visual arts, opera, dance, comedy, literature, family/children, outreach and festivals. Supporting the work and development of local professional artists in the North East, the Centre is housed over two buildings, Stockwell St., which hosts a modern 169 seater theatre & a bright contemporary visual arts gallery; and Barlow House, an 18th century Georgian style townhouse, which hosts artist's spaces & print studios. So come visit, press play, be inspired.

T +353 (0)41 9833946

www.droichead.com



FESTIVAL FUN IN LOUTH

Celebrate with us in music, song, culture, food and fun at one of Louth's many Festivals. Whether it's the Drogheda Arts Festival, the Carlingford Oyster Festival, Sea Food Rocks, the Drogheda Classical Music Series, the Blackrock Film Festival or Festival Dundalk there is something for everyone! For details of upcoming festivals check

www.visitlouth.ie/whats-on/festivals/

BEAULIEU HOUSE & GARDENS

Beaulieu, Drogheda, Co. Louth

Open June to early Sept.

Beaulieu House is a 17th century house and gardens. Home to the same family since 1650 when it was acquired by Sir Henry Tichbourne, Marshall of the Army of Ireland.

T +353 (0)41 9838557

www.beaulieuhouse.ie



MONASTERBOICE HIGH CROSS & ROUND TOWER

Monasterboice, Drogheda, Co. Louth

Access all year

A remarkable monastic site containing two of the finest high crosses in Ireland. The 9th century Cross of Muirdeach highly regarded as one of the best surviving examples of Irish religious art, and the Tall Cross (or West Cross) the highest cross in Ireland, standing around 7m.



OLD MELLIFONT ABBEY

Tullyallen, Drogheda, Co. Louth **Open late May to early Sept.** Mellifont Abbey was one of the wealthiest and most influential monastic houses in medieval Ireland. St. Malachy along with a community of Irish and French monks trained at Clairvaux, Burgundy, founded this beautiful abbey, the first Cistercian Abbey in Ireland in 1142.

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www.heritageireland.ie



ARDEE

Midway between Drogheda and Dundalk is the town of Ardee which Irish Mythology states as the site of the epic battle between warriors Cúchulainn and Ferdiar. Both Ardee Castle, the largest fortified medieval tower-house in Ireland, and Hatches Castle, built in the 1400's, are sited on Ardee's Main Street.

AN TÁIN ARTS CENTRE

Crowe Street, Dundalk

Open all year

An Táin Arts Centre provides a diverse programme of local arts, national tours and visual arts. T +353 (0)42 9332332 www.aintain.ie



COUNTY MUSEUM

Roden Place, Dundalk **Open all year**

Step back in time in the award winning County Museum, located in a beautifully restored 18th century warehouse. With three floors of permanent exhibitions and an ever changing programme of temporary displays.

T +353 (0)42 9392999 www.dundalkmuseum.ie



ST. PATRICKS PRO-CATHEDRAL

Roden Place, Dundalk

Open all year

At the heart of the town stands an imposing gothic design pro-cathedral, inspired by a chapel at King's College in Cambridge, England and named after St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.



THE ORIEL CENTRE DUNDALK GAOL

Carrick Road, Dundalk **Open all year**

The Oriel Centre, located in the historic Dundalk Gaol, is open to visitors throughout the year with concerts featuring traditional Irish Music and culture.

T +353 (0)42 932 8887 www.orielcentre.ie

CÚCHULAINNS CASTLE/CASTLETOWN MOTTE

Castletown, Dundalk **Open all year**

The ruin of a late 18th century castellated house known as 'Byrne's Folly' stands on top of the mound. It was built by Patrick Byrne, a well-known pirate, in 1780 ad. The motte is built on the site of a pre-Christian fort called Dún Dealgan, meaning 'The Fort of Dealga'. This site is important in Irish mythology as it is said to be the birthplace of the legendary warrior - Cúchulainn.



'The wee county with a big heart'



BLACKROCK

This very special seaside village lies on the shores of Dundalk Bay. Explore its beautiful beaches and wetlands, tranquil coves and rock pools and enjoy its many artisan shops, cafes and award winning restaurants. Take a stroll along the charming promenade or simply take time out to sit and enjoy the spectacular views of the bay backed by the Cooley Mountains.
www.visitblackrock.ie

STEPHENSTOWN POND

Knockbridge, Dundalk (exit 16 of M1) **Open all year**

This unique nature park with lakeside walkways and a wide array of wildlife provides an ideal location for a family day out where you can have fun in the new state of the art children's playground, you can enjoy a picnic while you feed the wildlife, or simply enjoy the walkways (Sli Na Slainte Route). Children can learn about the flora, fauna and wildlife from the educational interpretative boards as they walk round the nature park. Located on the site is the 19th century cottage once the home of Agnes Burns/Galt, sister of Scotland's National Poet, Robert Burns. After a leisurely stroll round the award winning nature park (winner of National Tidy Towns Wildlife Award) you can enjoy a full meal or snack at the newly opened "Willow Tree Cafe".
www.stephenstownpond.com



PROLEEK DOLMEN

Ballymascanlon, Dundalk **Open all year**

The magnificent Proleek Portal Tomb, situated in the grounds of Ballymascanlon House Hotel on the legendary Cooley Peninsula, is one of the finest examples of its kind in Ireland. Proleek Dolmen is about 3m high and has a huge capstone weighing approximately 35 tons. Legend says that a wish will be granted to anyone who can throw a pebble on its capstone so that it stays there. There is also a Bronze Age wedge tomb nearby.

KING JOHNS CASTLE

Carlingford, Co. Louth

King John's, Castle is located on the southern shores of Carlingford Lough. The original castle consisted of an enclosed courtyard with two rectangular towers at the entrance and two-storey buildings within. The eastern half of the castle was added in 1261 ad and included a number of rooms and probably a great hall. There were a number of alterations made to the castle over the centuries.

GREENORE

Greenore, Co. Louth

The Victorian Railway Village of Greenore is home to one of Ireland's newest must-do visitor attractions. Sailing between Greenore beneath the Cooley Mountains and Greencastle at the foot of the Mourne, the Carlingford Lough Ferry saves you over 30 miles and over an hour on the road. Now everyone can get out on Carlingford Lough and make every part of their journey a fun one. Take the scenic route and prepare to be mesmerised by the stunning scenery and feel fresh air on your face! www.carlingfordferry.com



CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY

Carlingford to Omeath, Co. Louth

Take a walk or cycle along the Greenway, built mostly along the old railway line, it connects Omeath and Carlingford and as an old railway line it's also very level. The Greenway provides great views across the lough to the mountains of Mourne, while Slieve Foy towers over it on the Louth side. The Greenway runs through fields full of grazing sheep, over old level crossings and even a few bridges. There are trees, wildflowers and birds to be seen along most of the way too.



CARLINGFORD

Carlingford, Co. Louth

To the north of Co. Louth is the Cooley Peninsula and the medieval town of Carlingford. The region boasts great outdoor activities, rich heritage, breathtaking scenery of Slieve Foy, the Cooley Mountains, Carlingford Lough and the Mountains of Mourne, together with wonderful tales of the epic Táin Bo Culainge (Cattle Raid of Cooley). Spend time discovering the villages many historic buildings, quaint shops, restaurants, and maybe even taste the famous Carlingford Oysters.



LOUTH'S COASTLINE

Enjoy Louth's breathtaking coastline, and the beautiful beaches of Port, Clogherhead, Shellinghill and Templetown which offer unrivalled sport and leisure opportunities. Discover the charming coastal villages of Clogherhead, Annagassan, Blackrock and Omeath. Taste Louth's delicious seafood fresh from tide to table.



To find out more & plan your trip www.visitlouth.ie

