

Kilkenny

“Open your Heart to it”

Fusing medieval history with a cosmopolitan city life, Kilkenny buzzes with an unforgettable energy. From the walls of the marble city, to the network of towns and villages that are dotted around the verdant countryside, this ancient county at the center of Ireland's Ancient East packs maximum wow-factor in to an easily navigable space.

Kilkenny County Map



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- 1. Black Abbey** restored 13th Century church.
- 2. Dunmore Caves** finest calcite formations found in Ireland
- 3. Hurling - Kilkenny Way** the oldest and fastest field sport in the world
- 4. Jerpoint Abbey** 12th Century ruined Cistercian Abbey.
- 5. Kilkenny Castle** well preserved 12th Century castle.
- 6. Kilkenny Road Train** unique city tour.
- 7. Medieval Mile** in the best preserved medieval city in Ireland.
- 8. Rothe House** 16th Century Merchant's House.
- 9. Smithwick's Brewery** 300 years to reach perfection
- 10. St Canice's Cathedral** site of ecclesiastical worship for 800 years

Black Abbey founded in 1225, was part of the Dominican Priory and derived its name from the Black Friars, as the Dominicans were called. The Black Abbey is the longest established of all Irish foundations. The 3 and 5 light windows are notable.



Dunmore Caves a series of chambers formed over millions of years. First mentioned in the 9th century Irish Triads. Most interesting event recorded in the annals of an archaeologically confirmed Viking massacre at the cave in 928 AD.



Hurling - the Kilkenny Way provides a unique sporting experience giving you an insight into the worlds oldest (3000 years) and fastest field game in the true Home Of Hurling Champions - Kilkenny. Join us for two Hours of Hurling fun in the Home of the Famous Kilkenny Cats.



Jerpoint Abbey founded in the second half of the 12th century. The church with its Romanesque details dates from this period. In the transept chapels the visitor can see 13th to 16th century tomb sculpture. The tower and cloister date from the 15th century.



Kilkenny Castle dominates the 'High Town' of Kilkenny City. Over the eight centuries of its existence, many additions and alterations have been made to the fabric of the building, making Kilkenny Castle today a complex structure of various architectural styles.



Kilkenny Road Train A fantastic way to view the cities historical sites The tour starts beside Kilkenny Castle and takes a 30 minute tour of Medieval Kilkenny City with a full commentary giving a historical and fascinating insight into the history of Kilkenny.



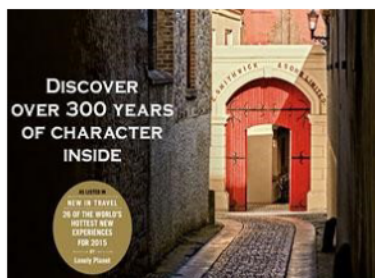
Medieval Mile Once the medieval capital of Ireland, the city has a rich medieval heritage visible through its narrow streetscapes; its historical buildings and landmarks. Kilkenny's compactness allows you to explore everything it has to offer on foot, or visit the new Medieval Mile Museum



Rothe House & Garden should high on the list of things to do in the Marble City. Built between 1594 and 1610 this was the home of the renowned merchant, landowner and Mayor of Kilkenny City, John Rothe Fitz Piers, his wife Rose Archer, and their twelve children.



Smithwick's Brewery Experience is a brewery-turned-brewery-tour located on the Medieval Mile. The Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny is the original site where Smithwick's was brewed from the 1700s until 2014.



St Canice's Cathedral founded in the 6th century Combining the early Christian settlement, the Round Tower, the Anglo Norman Cathedral and its rich cultural ecclesiastical heritage makes St Canice's and its environs a must see.

