## Visitor Information for Groups



# Museum of Ireland Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann

Country Life

Turlough Park, Castlebar, Co. Mayo







The National Museum of Ireland - Country Life s truly a hidden heritage gem at Turlough Park, Castlebar, in Co Mayo. This leading visitor experience is just 20 minutes from the bustling tourism destination of Westport, along the world famous Wild Atlantic Way route.

Originally the home of the Fitzgerald family, historic Turlough Park is now the only branch of the National Museum of Ireland located outside Dublin.

# LEARN

The centrepiece of this impressive complex is the striking contemporary museum building that juts out over an ornamental lake. Here, visitors can step back in time and marvel at the ingenuity, skill and endurance of our rural ancestors.

Learn all about Ireland's traditions, crafts and skills and explore life in the home, in the community and on the farm.

# EXPLORE

Next to the modern building sits an interesting mid-19th century Gothic Revival house.

All of this is nestled in biodiverse gardens and parkland with leafy lakeside walks, woodland trails, outdoor art, an adventure playground and a tranquil 10k Greenway cycle, overlooked by an ancient round tower.

Best of all, admission is free!

Reach out and absorb an all but vanished way of life ...

### Step back in time

View Ireland's National Folklife Collection and get up close to the lives of our ancestors. Learn about age old customs, crafts, skills and trades. See the blacksmith's forge and what a typical Irish home looked like in the 19th century.

### Biodiverse gardens

The Green Flag award-winning gardens are some of the loveliest in the region with lots of interesting features and things to see and do, with formal gardens, woodland walks and lakeside trails.

### Victorian Gothic house

Visit the ancestral home of the Fitzgerald family. See how the gentry lived in 19th century Ireland in the restored formal rooms.

### **▲** Time out

Have a bite to eat or a sweet treat in the Museum café. If the weather is nice, enjoy the outdoor seating in the courtyard. Group dining options and rates available.









### ■ What's on

Attend a talk, tour or a hands-on workshop. Visit www.museum.ie to view our range of upcoming events.

### Model thatched cottage

Visit the model thatched cottage in the grounds, which shows how an Irish family would have lived in the early 20th century. It has a thatched roof, wattle reed framework and lime walls.

### Outdoor art

There are several sculptures and installations dotted throughout the grounds. The new St Brigid willow sculpture is a firm favourite with visitors!

### Crafts & more

Browse a wide-range of unique Irish crafts, gifts and books in the Museum Shop.

### Greenway

Cycle the 10km Greenway from Castlebar to the museum. Bike parking facilities available at the museum.



### **Bookings Office**

Group visits can be booked in advance through the Bookings Office. Self-guided visits are free. A guided tour with an experienced museum guide is €40 per group (up to 15 people per group. Larger groups may need more than one guide.)

### Café Reservations

Group dining options available, bookable in advance through a convenient online booking system. Visit: www.syngeandbyrne.com/pages/tour-bookings

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### **FACILITIES & SERVICES**



### Self-guided group visits

Admission is free for self-quided groups. Floorplans available from Reception. Contact +353 94 90 31751 for bookings.

### Guided group visits

Guided group tours with an experienced museum quide, cost €40. Contact **+353 94 90 31751** for bookings.

### Group dining

Group dining rates available from Synge & Byrne. Visit: www.syngeandbyrne.com/ pages/tour-bookings

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