

## 24- 48 Hours in Mountmellick (History Buff )

### Day.1

#### Morning

Start your day with a full Irish breakfast at either Noras Place in the Square or at Hare's Corner, a vibrant cafe known for its delicious award-winning food and friendly atmosphere.

Then immerse yourself in Mountmellick's rich history with a visit to the Mountmellick Embroidery Museum which is located on the same campus as the Hares Corner. Learn about the unique "Mountmellick Work" technique, a white-on-white embroidery style pioneered by Johanna Carter in the 1800s. Explore the museum's exhibits showcasing exquisite lacework and the stories of the women who kept this craft alive. [Mountmellick Embroidery Museum](#)

Get in some exercise and embark on a journey through time with Mountmellick's Heritage Walk (map available in the Coach House). Explore the town's rich heritage, from its Quaker roots to its industrial past. Visit landmarks such as the Quaker Meeting House, built in 1714 and one of the oldest of its kind in Ireland and the Quaker Burial Ground in Rosenallis.

### Day 1

#### Afternoon

Take a short drive to Emo Court, a stunning Georgian mansion nestled amidst sprawling parklands.

Grab a light lunch or enjoy a coffee and a pastry in the tea rooms, while admiring the beautiful surroundings. Picnic Benches available for picnics.

Embark on a guided tour to discover the history of the once-powerful family and marvel at the opulent interiors. <https://www.emocourt.ie/>

### Day 1

#### Evening

Enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere in the pubs, which have a variety of music playing at the weekends.

If dining after 6pm, The Hares Corner are happy to plate up a dinner for you to have in the Coach House later. Alternatively, a 15-minute drive to Portlaoise or 20-monutes to Tullamore opens a wider range of restaurants to choose from.

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### Day.2

#### Morning

A trip to the Rock of Dunamase a Norman castle located about a 20-minute drive from Mountmellick. Perched high on a rocky outcrop, The Rock of Dunamase was built in the 12th century and is one of the most impressive Norman castles in Ireland. Discover the ruins of this ancient fortress and learn about its rich history, which dates back over a thousand years. The site is perfect for a leisurely walk and a picnic while soaking in the scenic vistas. You can climb to the top of the rock for stunning views of the surrounding countryside. [DiscoverIreland/rock-of-dunamase.ie](#)

Take a trip into Portlaoise for a bite to eat in one of the many bars and restaurants. Jerimiah Grants comes highly recommended for tasty bar food. After lunch take a stroll and visit the Old Fort Quarter in the town centre.

### Day 2

#### Afternoon

By car take a trip cross country to the village of Timahoe to explore the Round Tower. It is one of the finest examples of its kind in Ireland, featuring an intricately carved doorway in the Romanesque style. Dating from the 12th century, the tower stands nearly 30 meters tall and is the sole surviving structure of an early monastic settlement.

### Day 2

#### Evening

Treat yourself to a fine-dining experience at The Osprey Restaurant at Ballyfin Demesne, a luxurious hotel located nearby. Savour exquisite dishes prepared with fresh, local ingredients in an elegant setting. [Ballyfin.com](#)