



Multi Day Stay at the Forum -Mountmellick (Pick your own Trips)

The Forum-Mountmellick, nestled in County Laois, beckons travellers with its promise of exploration and discovery in the enchanting unspoilt Province of Leinster.

The Forum-Mountmellick is conveniently located just a 50-minute from Dublin's bustling Euston Station. Mountmellick serves as a gateway to the region and Dublin's plethora of tourist delights.

Whether you're starting your journey from near or far, the Forum-Mountmellick offers the perfect launchpad for personalised adventures or pre-planned trips.

For those craving autonomy and flexibility, seize the opportunity to plan your own day trips, each tailored to your unique passions and preferences. Explore the rich tapestry of Ireland's heritage with visits to nearby national attractions, each easily accessible on your journey to or from the Forum-Mountmellick. Whether it's tracing the footsteps of ancient ancestors at historic sites or immersing yourself in the natural splendour of verdant landscapes, the possibilities are endless.

Alternatively, for those seeking seamless travel experiences, our pre-planned itineraries offer a stress-free way to immerse yourself in the best that the region has to offer. Indulge in a carefully curated two-day adventure, brimming with captivating excursions and insider insights. From guided tours of historic landmarks to leisurely strolls through picturesque villages, every moment is thoughtfully orchestrated to ensure an unforgettable experience.

Whether you choose to chart your own course or embrace the convenience of pre-planned adventures, the Forum-Mountmellick invites you to embark on a journey of exploration and delight. With endless possibilities awaiting just beyond our doorstep, your next unforgettable adventure begins here.

Mountmellick Historic Tour

Embark on a journey through time with a guided tour of Mountmellick's historic sites. 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. Learn about the town's role in the development of the Irish lace industry and its contributions to the social and cultural fabric of County Laois. Follow the local historic tour map provided.



Distance
By Car
Walking
Url:

Front door
Not required
2-Hour circular tour

Mountmellick Lace Museum

Visit the Mountmellick Development Association (MDA) Centre and discover the intricate beauty of Mountmellick Lace at the Mountmellick Lace Museum. Learn about the history and craftsmanship of this unique form of Irish embroidery, which originated in Mountmellick in the 19th century. Admire exquisite lace displays and perhaps even try your hand at creating your own lace masterpiece. The Centre also houses the Hares Corner restaurant.



**THE
FORUM**
Mountmellick

Distance 0.5km
By Car Not required but free parking if using vehicle
Walking 2-Hours (excluding lunch/coffee)
Url: <https://www.facebook.com/mountmellickmuseumandconference/>

Emo Court and Gardens

Located just a short drive from Mountmellick, Emo Court is a magnificent neo-classical mansion surrounded by stunning gardens and parkland. Explore the elegant interiors of the house, stroll through the landscaped gardens, and enjoy a picnic on the picturesque grounds. Don't miss the peaceful woodland walks and the beautiful lake.



**THE
FORUM**
Mountmellick

Distance 12km
By Car 15-Minutes (Free Parking)
Walking 2-Hour circular tour
Url: <https://www.emocourt.ie/>

Slieve Bloom Mountains

Nestled between the counties of Laois and Offaly, the Slieve Bloom Mountains offer a sanctuary for those seeking solace amidst the chaos of modern life. Here, time slows to a gentle rhythm, and the cares of the world are swept away by the whispering winds that dance through the emerald valleys.

As you traverse the winding trails that crisscross the mountainside, each step brings you closer to the untamed beauty that awaits. Towering trees sway in the breeze, their leaves rustling like a chorus of whispers, while babbling brooks cascade down moss-covered rocks, their laughter echoing through the quietude. Take a trip on the board walk and side step off to visit the ruins of the last family to live a simple life in the mountains.

For the intrepid explorer, the Slieve Bloom Mountains offer a myriad of adventures. Hike to the summit of Arderin, the highest peak in the range, and drink in the breathtaking views. Or, delve into the hidden depths of ancient woodlands, where ancient oaks stand sentinel amidst a tapestry of ferns and lichens.



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Distance Front door
By Car Not required
Walking 2-Hour circular tour
Url: <https://slieverbloom.ie/>

The Rock of Dunamase

Perched high on a rocky outcrop, the Rock of Dunamase offers panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. 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.



Distance	<i>14km</i>
By Car	<i>20-Minutes</i>
Walking	<i>2-Hours</i>
Url:	https://www.discoverireland.ie/laois/rock-of-dunamase

Tullamore D.E.W. Visitor Centre (Offaly)

Embark on a whiskey-themed excursion to Tullamore in County Offaly to visit the Tullamore D.E.W. Visitor Centre. Learn about the history and craftsmanship behind Ireland's beloved whiskey brand through interactive exhibits and guided tours. Enjoy tastings of Tullamore D.E.W.'s finest blends and discover what makes Irish whiskey truly special.



Distance	<i>14-miles</i>
By Car	<i>20-Minutes</i>
Tour Time	<i>2-Hour</i>
Url:	https://www.tullamoredew.com/en-gb/

Charleville Castle-Tullamore (Offaly)

Nestled in the heart of Tullamore, Charleville Castle stands as a magnificent testament to Ireland's rich history and architectural grandeur. Step into a world where tales of ancient nobility and mystical charm converge. With its captivating Gothic architecture, lush surrounding gardens and tales of ghosts whispering through its halls, Charleville Castle promises an unforgettable journey through time. Embrace the allure of adventure and uncover the secrets hidden within its walls.



Distance	<i>26km</i>
By Car	<i>25-Minutes</i>
Tour Time	<i>2-Hour</i>
Url:	https://www.charlevillecastle.ie/

Boora Bog in Tullamore (Offaly)

Discover the enchanting beauty of Boora Bog in Tullamore, where nature's artistry takes centre stage. Immerse yourself in captivating landscapes, vibrant wildflowers and ancient peatlands which whisper tales of centuries past. Wander along meandering boardwalks, and biodiversity. From rare bird sightings to reflective lakes, Boora Bog offers a sanctuary for both the adventurous spirit and the seeker of serenity.

Distance	<i>40km</i>
By Car	<i>35-Minutes</i>



Walking
Url:

2-Hour circular tour
<https://www.loughboora.com/>

Donaghmore Workhouse & Agricultural Museum

Step back in time with a visit to Donaghmore Workhouse, a restored Victorian-era workhouse that offers insight into Ireland's social history. Explore the exhibits detailing the harsh realities of the unfortunate residents.



Distance
By Car
Walking
Url:

38km
35-minutes
2-Hours
<http://donaghmoremuseum.ie/>

Kilbeggan Distillery Experience (Kilbeggan-Offaly)

Visit to Kilbeggan Distillery in County Westmeath, one of the oldest licensed distilleries in the world. Take a guided tour to learn about the traditional methods of whiskey production and explore the historic distillery buildings. Finish off with a tasting session of Kilbeggan's premium spirits.



Distance
By Car
Tour Time
Url:

35Km
30-Minutes
2-Hour
<https://www.kilbegganwhiskey.com/>

National Stud & Japanese Gardens (Kildare)

Visit the National Stud and Japanese Gardens in Kildare for a day of tranquillity and beauty. Explore the world-renowned stud farm, home to some of Ireland's finest thoroughbred horses, and stroll through the serene Japanese Gardens, designed to promote harmony and relaxation.



Distance
By Car
Tour Time
Url:

35Km
30-Minutes
4-Hours
<https://irishnationalstud.ie/>

Guinness Storehouse (Dublin)

Head to Dublin to experience the iconic Guinness Storehouse, where you can learn about the history and brewing process of Ireland's most famous beer. Enjoy panoramic views of Dublin from the Gravity Bar as you savour a complimentary pint of Guinness.



Distance
By Car
Tour Time
Url:

50Km / 50-Minutes by Train
1-Hour
3-4-Hours including pint of Guinness
<https://www.guinness-storehouse.com/>

Kilmainham Gaol (Dublin)

Delve into Ireland's turbulent past with a visit to Kilmainham Gaol in Dublin. Explore this historic prison, which played a significant role in Irish history, housing many political prisoners during the struggle for independence. Guided tours offer insight into the harsh conditions and the stories of the inmates.



Distance *50Miles / 50-Minutes by Train*
By Car *1-Hour*
Tour Time *2-Hours*
Url: <https://www.kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie/>

National Museum of Ireland – Collins Barracks (Dublin)

Explore Ireland's rich archaeological heritage at the National Museum of Ireland in Dublin. Delve into the museum's extensive collections, which include artifacts ranging from prehistoric times to the medieval period. Highlights include the Ardagh Chalice, the Tara Brooch, and the famous bog bodies. Gain insights into Ireland's ancient past and cultural traditions through fascinating exhibits and interactive displays.



Distance *50Miles / 50-Minutes by Train*
By Car *1-Hour*
Tour Time *4-Hour circular tour*
Url: <https://www.museum.ie/en-IE/Museums/Decorative-Arts-History>

For those who want a pre-planned day trip, we outline a number of trips that can be mixed to suit your own personal preferences and make your stay with the Forum-Mountmellick as enjoyable as possible. Based on local experience we can suggest some day trips as follows.