

Ireland's Medieval Week – Kilkenny 17th-26th April 2015



Food

Medieval Dishes & Children's Medieval Activities

Daily Medieval specials such as Traditional Medieval Pottage and Chicken Ballotine. Plus Children's Medieval Activities (FREE)

Kilkenny Café, Market Cross Shopping Centre

8.30am – 6pm

Children's Medieval Activities

Sat 18th & Sat 25th 12 - 4

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Medieval Food Specials at Kilkenny Design Centre

Medieval themed menus including stews and Irish Ale

Kilkenny Design Centre, Castle Yard, Kilkenny

10am – 6pm Daytime Restaurant.

8:30am – 6pm Food Hall.

T: 056 772 118

www.kilkennydesign.com

Medieval Food Specials at Matt the Millers

Diners in medieval costume will receive a free glass of porter with their meal. Medieval recipes available all week long

Matt the Millers, 1 John St. Lower

9.30am - 9.30pm daily

T: 056 776 1696

www.matthemillers.com

Medieval Fayre @ Kilkenny Hibernian Hotel

Step back in time and enjoy a medieval meal as our kitchen recreates a selection of medieval dishes including 'homemade pottage'

Kilkenny Hibernian Hotel, 1 Ormonde St.

12pm - 9pm every day

T: 056 777 1888

www.kilkennyhibernianhotel.com

Medieval Food Specials at Bollards Bar

Medieval specials served daily

Bollards Bar, 31/32 Kieran St.

12pm - 9pm (except Sundays)

T: 056 776 1319

E: bollardsbar@gmail.com



Kids

Kids' Medieval Paradise, Art It

Enjoy creating:

- A Shield
- A Medieval Weapon
- A Knight's Helmet
- A Catapult
- A Knight
- A Gargoyle Sculpture
- A Princess Hat
- A Crown
- A Medieval Castle
- A Coat of Arms
- A Stained Glass design
- A Mosaic Design

Priory House, MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre

11am – 6pm every day

From €9.50 per child

T: 086 308 5270

E: artitkilkenny@gmail.com

Children's Craft Workshop

A medieval themed workshop for kids aged between 5 and 11. The activity-filled two hours allows the children to have fun with creating medieval themed works of art which can be taken home.

Rothe House, Parliament St.

Saturday 18th 10.30am - 12.30pm

€8 per child - pre booking essential.

T: 056 772 2893

E: info@rothehouse.com

www.rothehouse.com

Dig It at MacDonagh Junction

In association with the School of Irish Archaeology, this is a practical hands on and fun event for children from 5-12 years of age. The Big Dig incorporates an archaeology dig experience with educational, engaging and interactive activities throughout the day.

MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre

Saturday 18th 9am – 5pm

Sunday 19th 12pm – 5pm

FREE

Pre-booking recommended

See website for details www.macdonaghjunction.com

Medieval Food Workshops for Primary Schools

During Medieval Week, Kilkenny Castle is inviting Primary schools to take part in workshops which will explore the food people enjoyed during medieval times

Kilkenny Castle

Monday 20th – Friday 24th 11am - 12p.m

FREE

Booking is essential

T: 056 770 4105

E: kilkennyguides@opw.ie

StoryLab Viking Skald

Kilkenny Castle presents Púca Puppets and Mary, a Viking character that will delight children with her storytelling. Suitable for children aged 6-10 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Max 1 adult per child.

Kilkenny Castle (Parade Tower)

Saturday 25th 12pm & 2.30pm

FREE

No booking required

T: 056 770 4105

E: kilkennyguides@opw.ie



Tours

Medieval Tour of Jerpoint Abbey

Enjoy self-guided and guided tours of the outstanding Cistercian monastery with its array of medieval stone sculpture. The Visitor Centre display provides information on other medieval sites to see within the county.

Jerpoint Abbey, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

9am - 17.30 every day

Price: Adults €4

FREE entry for kids

T: 056 772 4623

Medieval Tour of Dunmore Cave

Daily medieval themed guided tours

Dunmore Cave, Castlecomer Rd. Co. Kilkenny

10am – 4pm every day

Adults €4

FREE entry for kids

T: 056 776 7726

Medieval Week at Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny

Recently listed by The Lonely Planet as one of the 'Top 26 new attractions to visit in the world in 2015', Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny will be offering guided tours with a medieval twist for the duration of Medieval Week.

Smithwick's Experience, 44 Parliament St.

11am – 5pm every day

Normal admission prices apply. Visit www.smithwicksexperience.com

to book online and receive a 10% discount off adult admission

056 778 6377

info@smithwicksexperience.com

www.smithwicksexperience.com

Ireland's Medieval Mile Cycling Treasure Hunt

The Historical Cycling Treasure Hunt is an exciting way to discover Medieval Kilkenny.

What's involved?

Simply hire the bikes from us and we include the treasure maps along with the questions and clues. The treasure maps will take you through the medieval winding streets of Kilkenny City visiting all of Kilkenny's historical buildings.

Kilkenny Cycling Tours, The Tea House on Bateman Quay

Adults €15, Kids €10 9.30am - 6pm every day

E: info@kilkennycyclingtours.com

T: Jason Morrissey on: 086 895 4961

W: kilkennycyclingtours.com

Ireland's only Medieval Rooftop Tour

Come and join us on the rooftop of the Pembroke Hotel for a 360 degree view of our beautiful medieval Kilkenny city. Here you will be given a history of some of the famous sites Kilkenny has to offer. This view can be seen nowhere else! A must see!

Pembroke Hotel, 11 Patrick St.

3pm every day (excluding Tuesday and Wednesday)

FREE

Pre-booking essential

T: 056 778 3500

www.kilkennypembrokehotel.com

Medieval Kilkenny Ghost Tours

This one-of-a kind ghost tour takes you through the Medieval capital of Ireland. With its narrow cobbled lanes, remnants of its city walls and with its mystic charm, it should be no surprise that Kilkenny is bursting with tales of the paranormal.

Lanigan's Bar & Hostel, 29 Rose Inn St.

8pm Each Night

€10 per person

E: kilkennyghosttours@gmail.com

T: 085 170 6978, /056 772 1718

www.kilkennyghosttours.com

Guided tour of St. Canice's Cathedral's Bell Tower

The Bell tower of the Cathedral will be open for a guided tour by one of the Cathedral bell ringers at 2pm. Only 15 places. Pre booking essential.

St. Canice's Cathedral

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny

Sunday 19th, 2pm

€4

T: 056 776 4971

www.stcanicescathedral.ie

Guided tour of St. Canice's Cathedral's Stained Glass Windows

A guided tour of the Cathedral focusing on stained glass windows and their function in the Cathedral during medieval times. Only 35 places.

Pre booking essential.

St. Canice's Cathedral

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny

Monday 20th, 2pm

€4

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Guided tour of the Medieval Cathedral Close

View new artistic drawings of the medieval Cathedral close, followed by a tour around the significant sites within the Close. Tour mostly outdoors. Only 35 places. Pre booking essential.

St. Canice's Cathedral

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny

Tuesday 21st & Friday 24th, 2pm

€4

T: 056 776 4971

www.stcanicescathedral.ie

Guided tour of the Butlers of Ormonde tombstones

A guided tour of the Cathedral focusing on the Butlers of Ormond tombstones. Only 35places. Pre booking essential.

St. Canice's Cathedral

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny

Thursday 23rd & Saturday 25th, 2pm

€4

T: 056 776 4971

www.stcanicescathedral.ie

The Rothe's at Sunset

Take the opportunity to visit Rothe House & Garden through to sunset. For one night only we will be open to visitors until 9pm; allowing you to experience our amazing townhouse, cobbled courtyards and garden as never before

Rothe House, Parliament St.

Friday 24th 5pm - 9pm

Adults €5.50pp - Concession €4.50pp Family €15

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Talks

Kilkenny's Famous Witch tells her Story

Meet Kyteler's Inn's first owner, the notorious Dame Alice Kyteler.

Back in 1324 she was accused of witchcraft and now she returns to tell visitors her tale, followed by an evening of traditional music in a richly decorated medieval setting.

Kyteler's Inn, St.Kieran's St.

Every evening at 5.45pm

FREE

056 772 1064

www.kytelersinn.com

New Moon Experience

Climb St Canice's Cathedral Round Tower and be nearer to the new moon. A Cathedral guide will talk about the city and the story of Bishop Richard Ledrede and Dame Alice Kyteler. Only 12 places. Outdoors. Pre-booking essential.

St. Canice's Cathedral

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny

Saturday 18th, 8pm

€5

T: 056 776 4971

www.stcanicescathedral.ie

An introduction to Irish Heraldry

Kilkenny Castle welcomes Micheál Ó Comáin, Herald of Arms, who will

present a short history of

Heraldry, its origin, its introduction to Ireland and the function of the

Office of the Chief Herald. Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle

Sunday 19th, 2.30pm

FREE

No booking required. Seats will be allocated on first-come first-served basis

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Survival in a Medieval Crisis - The Bruce Invasion and Black Death in medieval Kilkenny

War, famine and the Black Death killed at least 50% of the population of Kilkenny between 1300-1350. Unsurprisingly some wondered if they were living through the end of the world. Focusing on daily life in the period, this talk will reveal how people reacted to these extraordinary events and how they changed Irish history.

Lanigan Room, Rothe House, Parliament St.

Friday 24th, 7pm

€7 (€5 for members of Kilkenny Archaeological Society)

Pre-booking essential

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The Early Theobalds

Peter Kenny, Guide/Information Office with the Office of Public Works, will talk about the origin of the Butler Family and present the lives and legacies of the early Theobalds.

Kilkenny Castle

Saturday 25th, 3.30p.m

FREE

Booking is essential

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The Medieval Harp

An illustrated talk on the history of Ireland's illustrious medieval instrument, Siobhan Armstrong from the Historical Harp Society of Ireland will present the 1000-year history of the Irish harp with live music examples.

Kilkenny Castle (Picture Gallery)

Sunday 26th, 1pm

FREE

No Booking required

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Matt the Millers Tavern

Call to see Matt the Miller's descendants all working in full medieval dress. Matt the Miller, who was born in Medieval times, will be on hand himself to tell customers tales of yesteryear in the cellar bar. Hear how condemned men were led to the gallows below Greensbridge after their last stop at Matt's tavern

Matt the Millers, 1 John St. Lower

Sunday 19th April & Sunday 26th April, 3pm

FREE

Pre-booking is advised

056 776 1696

www.matthemillers.com



Exhibition

Heraldry: Coats of Arms Uncovered

For the duration of Medieval Week, Kilkenny Castle will be hosting a travelling exhibition from the National Library of Ireland. This exhibition illustrates the origins of heraldry and introduces the culture of knighthood as well as the concept of chivalry

Kilkenny Castle (Muniments Room)

9.3am - 5.00p.m

FREE - no booking required

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