

Weekend Trip 3

Sunday 6th August 2023

Boyne Valley Tour

Trip 3 (48 people)

Leaving DCU at 8.45am

Hill of Tara

Take a guided tour over the historic Hill of Tara. The Hill of Tara has been important since the late Stone Age, when a passage tomb was built there. However, the site became truly significant in the Iron Age (600 BC to 400 AD) and into the Early Christian Period when it rose to supreme prominence – as the seat of the high kings of Ireland. All old Irish roads lead to this critical site.



Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre: Old Bridge House and Gardens

On 1 July 1690 (Old Style), King William III clashed with his father-in-law, King James II, on the River Boyne at Old Bridge, County Meath. On the battleground itself, in a recently restored eighteenth-century house, now stands the Battle of the Boyne visitor centre. The centre contains original weapons and a laser model of the battlefield. It is a treasure trove for anyone who wants to find out more about this pivotal episode in Irish and European history.



Mellifont Abbey

In 1142, Irish and French monks settled in this remote corner and founded Ireland's first Cistercian abbey, which was Ireland's largest abbey until it was closed in 1539. The architectural forms created by a French architect were new to Ireland and influenced many future monastery buildings. There is hardly anything left of the splendour of the former monastery. However, foundation remains give an idea of the former size. In the middle of the ruins stand out the remains of the lavatory, the monks' well house. Four side walls of the octagonal structure still stand. Also preserved are the chapter house, the gatehouse and some arches of the cloister.



Return DCU in time for Dinner and week 2 opening ceremony.

Cost: Adults: €30

Children: €25

These prices do not include your lunch which can be purchased at the Tea Rooms at Oldbridge House.