

PLACES TO VISIT

- **Lár Na Pairce Museum Thurles** – houses and impressive collection including jerseys, hurleys, trophies, medals, match programmes which brings to life the development of Gaelic Games to the present day. Telephone (0504) 27534 to book tour.
- **Seemple Stadium Thurles** – the largest sporting arena in Ireland outside of Croke Park, Dublin. Many epic games have been played at this venue and you may even get in a game on your visit !
- **Cormackstown Heritage Centre** – situated between Thurles and Holycross it houses one of the largest collections of rural memorabilia to be found anywhere in Ireland. Contact (085) 7131584.
- **Cashel Folk Village** – This is an extension of the Rock of Cashel attractions. Here you can have a look at the Famine memorial, Easter Rising Museum and a Garden of Remembrance.
- **Mitchelstown Cave** – Mitchelstown Cave is one of the most spectacular cave in Europe located between Cahir and Mitchelstown. It is a world without sun, without time, a world where man almost feels an intruder.
- **Apple Farm, Cahir** -Located near Cahir this farm grows fruits such as strawberries, raspberries, plums, cherries and apples and also make delicious award-winning juices
- **Horse Racing** – Nearby tracks with live racing throughout the year are Thurles, Limerick Junction and Clonmel.
- **Parsons Green Open Farm, Clogheen** – lots of activities for the kids, indoor and outdoor playground, pony and trap rides, boat rides, crazy golf, pet farm.
- **Farney Castle** – round tower home featuring a shop with knitwear by rish international designer, Cyril Cullen
- **Loughmore Cottage** - features tearooms which are housed in one of the oldest buildings in the village. It is an authentic old cottage with a half door open to greet you. A visit is like stepping back in time.
- **Thurles Town Park** – features a playground for children and close to the amenities of the town

For the kids..

Marhill Open Farm

Features an outdoor playground, animals and a petting zoo. There is a café onsite also to enjoy a coffee while the kids enjoy Marhills amazing indoor softplay area.

Just a 10 minute drive away!

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

1. **Rock of Cashel** – 14km from hotel

The Rock of Cashel, iconic in its historic significance, possesses the most impressive cluster of medieval buildings in Ireland. Also, one of the most visited tourist sites in Ireland. Combine your visit with a trip to nearby Hoare Abbey & explore the wonderful town of Cashel.

2. **Explore the Swiss Cottage and Cahir Castle** – 35km from hotel

One of the finest fantasy cottages in Europe – this picturesque cottage is located in the lovely town of Cahir where you can also visit Cahir castle as well as the farmers market on a Saturday morning

3. **Trek through the mountains of Tipperary** – 25km from the hotel

Enjoy riding lessons or treks through the mountains, or take in the remains of a Bronze Age settlement, an Iron Age hill fort or Celtic ring forts with an experienced leader at timorec.ie - or visit *Crossogue Equestrian centre* (www.crossogue-equestrian.ie) for day trip experiences

4. **Visit the world famous Coolmore Stud** – 20km from the hotel

Get a behind the scenes tour of the world's largest thoroughbred breeding operations. Get up close and personal with champions stallions. This is an unmissable experience. Begin your tour at The Fethard Horse Country Experience where you will be immersed in all aspects of Horse Country through their state-of-the-art interactive museum.

Bookings through: www.horsecountry.ie00

5. **Walk the Derrynaflan Loop Walk** – just 2km from the hotel

Derrynaflan Island is home to the Derrynaflan Hoard which was discovered in 1980 and is now displayed in the National Museum of Ireland. Walk through local boglands in the Tipperary countryside.

6. **Have a taste of Tipperary**

Enjoy a tour of some of our world famous producers.

[Cashel Blue Cheese](#) - 10km

[Crossogue Jams](#) – 15km

[Galtee Honey Bees](#) – 44km

[Inch House Black Pudding](#) – 18km

Bookings can be more through - <https://tipperaryfoodproducers.ie>

7. **Kayaking down the majestic River Suir** – 22km from the hotel

Kayak on the River Suir - Golden Kayaking (on Facebook)

Contact Mike on : 087-1627000

8. **Crag Loop** – 17km from the hotel

Follows minor roads, forestry tracks and woodland trails through the mixed forest to the Wellington Monument folly at the summit of the Crag Hill. (<https://www.sportireland.ie/outdoors/walking/trails/grange-crag-loop>)

9. **Holycross Abbey** – 9km from the hotel

Walk in the footsteps of ancient Monks in Holycross Abbey. Enjoy the quaint village on the river suir featuring thatched cottages and country pubs.

10. **Visit Kilkenny** – 48km from the hotel

Venture over to the medieval city of Kilkenny to visit Kilkenny Castle, The Medieval Mile Museum, or do some shopping along the cobbled streets!

WALKS

- **Loch Dhoire Bhile Loop (Lake Derryvilla Loop)**
This is a 3km walk and is home to a lake, two wetland areas and wildlife sanctuary. This walk is ideal for kids and is situated just under the Slieveardagh Hills.
- **Eamonn an Chnoic (8km)** – Located in Upperchurch Village this looped trail passes along quiet country roads and forestry boundaries with beautiful views of the Comeragh, Knockmealdowns, Galtee, Slievenamon and Devils Bit mountains.
- **Devils Bit Loop (5km)** – a wonderful loop with fantastic views of Lough Derg and Slievenamon.
Legend has it that the Devil bit a chunk of rock out of the mountains (Devil's Bit) during an epic battle with St. Patrick. After the battle the devil spat out the rock and it landed in Cashel – the Rock of Cashel !
- **High Kings Loop Cashel (9km)** – This walk starts at the carpark under the Rock of Cashel, goes around the Rock and brings you around the Main Street in Cashel heading towards Rock and down by Granny's Kitchen to the carpark.
- **Cabragh Wetlands, Thurles** -This area has no less than 15 different habitats including ponds, reed swamps, hedgerows, streams and wild flower meadows and is an ideal place for children to discover the sights and sounds of nature in a safe environment.
- **Templemore Park** – This park includes a manmade lake, woodland walkway, ancient castle ruins and open grassland. Ideal walk for kids.
- **Suir Blueway Tipperary** – This is the perfect escape for all the family to enjoy some of Irelands most beautiful Countryside and fascinating history. Enjoy a paddle on flowing waters, go for a cycle along river banks, take a hike up nearby mountains or a more sedate stroll !
- **Galtee Mountains** – The Galtee's are Ireland highest inland mountain range, with a range of peaks for climbers to chose from.



ENTERTAINMENT/LIVE MUSIC

Horse and Jockey Hotel Live Music every Saturday night Enclosure Bar 10pm

- **Horse and Jockey Hotel Singing Circle** – last Tuesday of every month 9.30p.m. All welcome. Entertainment from local musicians and singers. (No singing circle for months of June, July, August and December).
- **Jim O The Mills Pub, Upperchurch** – a pub for traditional music, singing and craic. Opens every Thursday night from around 8pm – till late !
- **Arch Bar, Thurles** – Live Music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night – 10pm Friday and Saturday – 7pm Sundays.
- **Monks Pub, Thurles** – Trad session every Wednesday night.
- **Bru Boru Heritage Centre Cashel** - Located at the foot of the historic Rock of Cashel, our stage shows of traditional music, song and dance run for two nights each week (Wednesdays & Thursdays) from Wednesday 9th July right up until the 21st August commencing at 8:30p.m. each night. Adults €20 and Child under 16 years of age) €10. Concession price for groups.
- **Donoghues Bar Cashel** – Doors Open at 6:00pm Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Live Music every Monday & Thursday from 8:30pm to Close

