



CABRA CASTLE

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Recommended Day Trip from the Castle

Day Trip 1

8:30am. Depart Cabra Castle for the tombs of the **Boyne Valley** - Knowth, Dowth and Newgrange, which predate Stonehenge and the great Egyptian Pyramids.

Bru Na Boinne is the **Visitors Centre** where you go to get a tour -. For large groups it is advisable to book 041-9880300. (Opening hours available from reception). There is no access guaranteed - it's on a first come first served basis therefore the earlier you arrive the better.

11.30 - 12.30 a.m. Continue on to **Monasterboice**, north west of Drogheda, which is noted for the remains of an ancient monastic settlement founded in the 5th Century.

12.45 - 1.00 p.m. Lunch in the historic town of **Drogheda**.

After lunch, explore this historic town - the Hill of Millmount with its museum illustrating the town's history and its craft centre; the Gothic style of St. Peter's Church dedicated to St. Oliver Plunkett and incorporating his shrine, St. Lawrence's Gate and many other sights.

3.45 p.m. Depart Drogheda; Enroute back to Cabra Castle, visit **Carrickmacross**, a charming town and visit Carrickmacross Lace Co-operative, home of the exquisite handmade lace, made locally since 1820.

5.15 - 5.30 p.m. Arrive back at **Cabra Castle**.

Day Trip 2

10.00 a.m. Depart Cabra Castle for **Dundalk**, the principal town of Louth. An important manufacturing centre, Dundalk has a number of major industries and is also a busy seaport and market point.

11.30 a.m. Departing Dundalk going north, drive through the beautiful scenery of the **Cooley Peninsula**.

12.15 p.m. Arrive at **Carlingford**, the capital of the Cooley Peninsula, which nestles at the foot of the Slieve Foy mountain, overlooking Carlingford Lough and the Mountains of Mourne. It is a town of great character, with its narrow streets and medieval town house and castle. Its coastline is the largest producer of oysters in Ireland, a taste to be savoured in many restaurants and bars. (Carlingford Medieval Festival - July).

2.00 p.m. Depart Carlingford for the town of **Omeath**. On the way stop off at the "Longwoman's Grave". Arriving at Omeath, jaunting cars can be hired to take a trip from the strand to the Calvary Shrine (Summer Season). Late afternoon, return to Cabra Castle.

The times stated above, are only to be used as a rough guideline for when planning your days itinerary.