

# Battle of the Boyne Tour

## Battle of the Boyne Site ,Oldbridge

The battle of the Boyne was fought between King William III and King James II in 1690 in a struggle for control of the English throne. It was the last time two crowned kings of England, Scotland and Ireland faced each other on the battlefield which was won by William. The Battle of the Boyne site is located at the restored 18th century Old Bridge House estate on the bank of the river Boyne in County Meath. The visitors centre contains an interactive audio visual display of the battle along with costumes and muskets and other artefacts from the battle itself. The visitor centre has a museum containing many of the cannons, muskets, swords and weaponry used during the battle. The estate has beautiful walks and gardens which straddle the banks of the Boyne and rolling countryside. Lunch can be taken in the walled garden restaurant.



Day Tour 2  
Pickup at hotels 11.15  
Drogheda Tourist  
Office 11.45  
Drogheda train  
station, 12.10  
12.30 Oldbridge House  
13.30 Museum  
14.30 Lunch  
15.30 Trails & walk's  
16.30 Return to drop off  
destinations. Drop off  
for Belfast train at  
DunDalk train station

## Oldbridge House



William III



James II

The tour starts on entering the Oldbridge House visitor centre where you can see and hear a recreation of the Battle of the Boyne. Here you will see how each side planned their strategies and made their attacks. A recreation of opposing camps featuring artefacts and military costumes has been created, the museum houses many cannons and weaponry used during the battle. Stroll the Oldbridge walks and trails.

# Medieval Tour

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### Mellifont Abbey



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Monasterboice High Cross & Round Tower



# Medieval & Christian Heritage Tour

## St Peters Church, Drogheda

St Peters church in Drogheda is world famous for housing the remains and shrine of St Oliver Plunkett. Oliver Plunkett was Archbishop of Armagh in 1669 and was tried for treason for preaching the Catholic faith, he was found guilty and executed in London. His preserved head forms the centrepiece of the shrine in St Peters Church. The Church itself was original built in 1791 and has an imposing Gothic style. The church also contains a piece of the true cross of Christ.

### Itinerary Day 1

Pickup at designated hotels,  
Drogheda train station,  
Drogheda Tourist office

10.00 St Peter's Church  
Drogheda

10.20 Guided walking  
tour of Medieval  
Drogheda

12.15 Termonfeckin  
Castle

12.45 (Lunch)

13.45 Monasterboice  
High Cross

15.00 Mellifont Abbey  
16.30 Return to drop off  
points.



## Old Mellifont Abbey

Mellifont Abbey was the first Cistercian abbey in Ireland, founded in 1142 by St Malachy. It was the main abbey in Ireland until it was destroyed and closed in 1152



The tour commences at St Peters church in West street ,Drogheda. St Peters church houses the remains of St Oliver Plunkett and a piece of the true cross of Christ. Leaving St Peter's church, you will be treated to a historic guided tour of ancient Drogheda and its many medieval sites by a local historian and tourist guide. On leaving Drogheda, the tour meanders along the Boyne river up to the scenic village of Termonfeckin, where you will have the opportunity to explore the dungeons and battlements of Termonfeckin castle, enjoying the breath-taking views from the battlements of the Boyne estuary and the Cooley mountains. The tour then breaks for lunch . After lunch, the tour heads for the Monasterboice, the site of Irelands finest and tallest high cross with its biblical carvings . Monasterboice contains the monastic round tower fortress used as a refuge for safety against the marauding Vikings. The ruins of Old Mellifont Abbey is our next stop where you can wonder at the splendour of the golden age of early Christianity and enjoy the tranquil surroundings of this enchanting monastic settlement.

## St Laurence Gate

St Laurence Gate was once the gateway to one of Irelands largest medieval towns. It was named after the Friary of St Laurence. It is regarded as one of the finest barbicans or defence gate of its kind in Europe dating from the 13th century. It saw military action during the siege of Drogheda in 1641 by Phelim O' Neill.



## Monasterboice High Cross and Tower

The Monasterboice round tower is one of Ireland's highest round towers standing over 30m tall. The site contains two of Ireland's tallest and finest high crosses which contain carved murals depicting the biblical scenes . The monastery was founded in the 5th century by St Buite, a disciple of St Patrick from which the River Boyne gets its name.



**Tour Price includes admission fee to all sites. All bookings are non-refundable. Further information at [www.ancientnetours.ie](http://www.ancientnetours.ie)**