



Our Top 7 Things to do when it rains in Killarney.

As the old saying goes “there is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing”, and if they were ever a piece of advice to adhere to when planning a trip to Killarney, it would certainly be this. To assist you and prepare you for every scenario, we have created a Top 7 things to do list when it’s raining in Killarney, to ensure you don’t come unstuck if rain hits your way during your time in Killarney.

1: Torc Waterfall

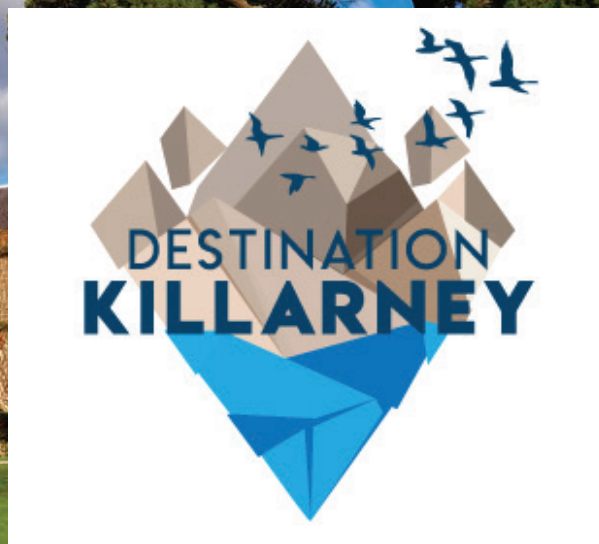
Said to be most spectacular after heavy rainfall, Torc Waterfall is a must-see regardless, whether the umbrella is needed or not. The waterfall itself is 20 metres high and 110 metres long and is just a short walk from the very well sheltered car park nearby. Approx 7km from the town and located on the Muckcross Road, immediately to the left of the waterfall are 100 or more steps, that provide many fabulous views of the majestic Muckcross Lake and Killarney National Park.

2: Ross Castle

Ross Castle is a must-see and the area surrounding the castle is highly regarded as a walker’s paradise and is very well sheltered. A guided tour of the fully renovated Ross Castle lasts for over 1 hour, is very inexpensive and is open to visitors from March to October, 7 days a week, and is highly recommended on a rainy day in Killarney.

3: St Mary’s Cathedral in Killarney

If you’re interested in architecture and enjoy a quiet peaceful escape, On a rainy day, we highly recommend a visit to the stunning St Mary’s Cathedral in Killarney. Designed by renowned



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English architect Augustus Welby Pugin, construction originally started in 1842. However, construction was not exactly straightforward as the Great Famine hit Ireland in the 1840s. Subsequently available funds were decimated and it wasn't until 1853 that interior decoration was commenced by James Joseph McCarthy. The Cathedral is located on the doorstep of Killarney National Park and is the perfect place to take shelter from the rain.

4: Killarney House

Love culture and plan to stay near the town centre, well Killarney House is a must-visit. Recently renovated after an extensive makeover, Killarney House in recent decades actually lay hidden behind high walls, much to the dismay of Killarney residents and visitors. The house itself was neglected, but thankfully has been rightly restored and was recently subject to a visit from Prince Charles and Duchess of Cornwall Camilla, and in many ways has been rightly restored as the gateway to Killarney National Park.

5: Muckross House and Traditional Farms

One of Killarney's most popular tourist attractions, situated under Torc and Mangerton Mountains on the shore of Muckross Lake, Muckross House provides a wonderful tour that is a great option on a rainy day in Killarney. Located nearby is Muckross Traditional Farms, a recreational village in rural Ireland in the 1930s and 1940s. Numerous farmhouses, cottages, and schoolhouses provide excellent shelter from the rain, and the experience provides an excellent insight into rural life in Ireland in recent times.



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6: Go shopping in many of Killarney's wonderful shops

While it may be famed for its natural scenery, Killarney is home to many fantastic retail outlets. Killarney Outlet Centre located just beside Killarney Rail and Bus Stations is home to many great outlet stores such as DV8, Pavers and the Kerry GAA store. Located just a short distance away further outside the town is Deerpark Shopping Centre. Deerpark Shopping Centre attracts many visitors as it is the home to many well known retail outlets such as Boots, New Look, Argos, World of Wonder and Kerry's only Marks and Spencer. The town centre itself has many vibrant shops all selling unique items, so if it's raining check out the shops.

7: Trails of Ross Island

It's always best to bring a broom, coat or some accessories for this one, but the trails of Ross Island are sheltered by a canopy of trees for the majority of the trail. The route itself leads visitors to Governor's Rock, Copper Mines and Library Point. To get there all you need to do is head towards Ross Castle, and you will be well directed from the signposts there. The route does not allow motor vehicles so it is ideal for a peaceful stroll or jog.