



## Our Top 10 favourite FREE things to do in Killarney!

*There is something special about a staycation in Ireland. We are blessed with stunning coastlines, rugged landscape, vibrant towns, and famous landmarks. There is nowhere quite like home. Killarney is full of history, heritage, activities, and world class hospitality like no other. Killarney offers the perfect destination to couples and families alike. These are just some of our favourite things to do in Killarney for FREE!*

### **Killarney National Park**

Killarney National Park boasts 26,000 acres, where the mountains sweep down to the lake shores. The combination of rugged mountains, lakes, woods and breath-taking waterfalls gives the area a special scenic beauty. Along with housing the largest stretch of native woodland remaining in Ireland, Killarney National Park is also home to the only herd of native red deer. There is so much to discover in Killarney National Park

### **Feed the Ducks at Ross Castle**

Majestically located on the shores of Killarney's largest lake, Ross Castle was built in the late 15th century. Take a picture with the cannons poised on the battlements and soak up the stunning view of the lake and its islands. Let the kids feed the ducks and swans that gather by the bridge over Lough Leane, which laps the shore by the castle.

### **Killarney House & Gardens**

Killarney House and Gardens, located on the doorstep of Killarney town, have been restored to their former glory. The house and gardens offer a quiet sanctuary away from the hustle and bustle of Killarney town. Enjoy a tour of the historic rooms and take in the beauty of the gardens and trails. Killarney House and Gardens amplify Killarney's natural beauty offering visitors breath-taking views of Killarney's lakes and rugged mountains.



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### Muckross House & Gardens

This nineteenth century Victorian mansion is set against the magnificent beauty of Killarney National Park. Muckross House sits on the shores of Muckross Lake, one of Killarney's three lakes. Muckross Gardens are renowned worldwide for their beauty. Relax with a picnic and enjoy the beautifully manicured gardens.

### Ring of Kerry

The Ring of Kerry is one of Ireland's most famous circuits and a popular holiday route to drive. Much more than a simple driving route, the Ring of Kerry is an iconic destination wrapped in a stunning visual history, with diverse wildlife scattered across Ireland's stunning mountains and greenery. It is no wonder that the Ring of Kerry makes it onto so many travellers wish lists. It really is the perfect day out.

### Torc Waterfall

Nestled at the base of Torc Mountain, Torc Waterfall is a must see during your trip to Killarney. Torc Waterfall is a main stop for tourists on the famous Ring of Kerry scenic drive which starts and end in Killarney. The waterfall is approximately 20 metres high, 110 metres long and is best viewed after heavy rainfall. Climb 100 or so steps to the left of the waterfall to see stunning views of Muckross Lake and Killarney National Park

### Ladies View

Ladie's View is home to probably the most fantastic views in Ireland. The Gap of Dunloe, Purple Mountain and the MacGillycuddy Reeks can be seen from Ladies View. Queen Victoria's ladies-in-waiting visited here during the royal visit in 1861. They were so taken with the view that it was named after them. This an amazing viewing spot and ideal for a romantic snap.



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### Muckross Abbey

Muckross Abbey is one of the major ecclesiastical sites found in the Killarney National Park. The Abbey is in a fine state of preservation and its cloister is particularly attractive and striking. The beautifully integrated cloister surrounds a courtyard where stands a magnificent yew tree. The Abbey was subject to a harsh past as the friars saw it vandalised and reconstructed many times throughout the years. Today the ruins remain largely roofless and very well preserved. Visitors are welcome to enter the Abbey and explore the enchanted grounds that the friars once walked.

### Meeting of the Waters

The Meeting of the Waters is where all three of Killarney's glorious lakes merge together. Without a doubt one of the best hidden gems in Killarney. The area can only be reached by foot or bike and is so beautiful, echoing peace and tranquillity in a world of its own. To get to the Meeting of the Waters, take the path leading behind Dinis Cottage, which emerges from the trees as a doorway to this wonderful view.

### Gap of Dunloe:

The Gap of Dunloe is one of the most stunningly beautiful parts of County Kerry and indeed Ireland. A narrow mountain pass forged between the MacGillycuddy Reeks and Purple Mountain by glacial flows. This beautiful glacial valley must be experienced to be appreciated. They say the best things in life are free and we agree, especially when it comes to exploring Killarney.