Our History Written In Stone

The Fermanagh Lakelands has a unique built heritage, this heritage is evident throughout the islands dotted along Lough Erne, as well as throughout the landscape, from plantation castles to neoclassical stately homes and long established tourism industries.
A tour through our history written in stone captures the essence of Fermanagh’s cultural and built heritage.

**DAY 1 - AM**

**Belleek Pottery**
When you step into the world of Belleek Pottery you enter one of Northern Ireland’s oldest and most fascinating attractions. The factory has been part of the Fermanagh landscape for over 160 years. They say that each piece of Belleek passes through 16 pairs of hands, you can be the 17th pair when you have a go at making and painting part of a piece of Belleek ware.

**Janus Figures**
In Caldragh Cemetery on Boa Island, Lower Lough Erne stand two unique stone carvings. They are placed beside each other on unrelated pillars in the graveyard which is the original location of the Boa figure. Hear about the Pagan connections of this ancient figure mentioned in numerous overseas publications and view this ancient graveyard on the banks of lower Lough Erne.

**Devenish Island**
Step back in time on this remote island steeped in history. Experience the peace of the sixth century Monestry. Like your time on Lough Erne it seems far removed from the pace of the everyday modern world. Enjoy a VIP Tour to Devenish Island with Erne Water Taxi, or hire your own boat from Castle Archdale Boat Hire or Erne Boat Hire.
DAY 1 - PM

**Castle Coole**
Take a guided tour of the home of the Earls of Belmore, designed by James Wyatt, definitely created to impress. Experience the opulence of this 18th century home as you explore the magnificent stately rooms with their sumptuous Regency furnishings.

*Guided tours can be offered on request by guides in traditional costume in a role play manner.*

**Killyhevlin Lakeside Hotel & Lodges**
Check into the award winning 4* Killyhevlin Lakeside Hotel, set on the water’s edge, enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of the lakes.

Enjoy your evening meal in the Kove Restaurant, with unspoilt views of scenic Lough Erne to enhance your dining experience.

DAY 2 - AM

**Enniskillen Castle**
Explore Fermanagh’s unique stories within the picturesque setting of the magnificent Enniskillen Castle beside the River Erne. Discover diverse histories within the castle walls from Medieval Stronghold to Plantation Castle to later Military Barracks.

Enniskillen Castle staff can also offer spiritual tours of Enniskillen, Ireland’s only Island Town. The Castle is also the starting point for the new Enniskillen Taste Experience.

Or

**Garden Of The Celtic Saints**
The Garden of Celtic Saints contains a collection of Irish Oak Sculptures designed and carved by Lithuanian native, Jonas Raiskas. These sculptures are located in the centenary garden in Irvinestown. The figures of saints and scholars include Saint Patrick, Brigid, Columcille and Molaise. The garden is open to the public, free of charge and is truly a hidden gem, well worth a visit.’

‘New to the garden is the Famine Clachán. This memorial remembers a tragic time in Irish history, the Great Famine of 1845-1850. There are four houses to this addition,
Florence Court
Experience one of the most beautiful Georgian houses in Ulster as you explore this stately house formerly the home of the Earls of Enniskillen, which holds a fascinating collection of Irish Furniture and some of the best Rococo plasterwork in Ireland. Discover the fascinating upstairs-downstairs tour of the house to uncover the story of the Cole family and their working Irish estate. Following your tour you can enjoy the walks around the grounds which include the historic walled kitchen garden, landscaped pleasure grounds, Summer House and exterior workings of the estate including watermill, ice house and blacksmith forge.

DAY 2 - PM
Belle Isle
Belle Isle Estate is placed firmly in our islands history as the seat where the Annals of Ulster were written. Located just 15 minutes from Enniskillen, you can arrive at Belle Isle Estate via Belle Isle Bridge. Let your imagination take you back to centuries to understand how this special place inspired the authors of the Annals of Ulster to record the history, heritage, culture, and language medieval Ireland.

Marble Arch Caves
One of Europe’s finest showcaves, The Marble Arch allows visitors to explore a fascinating, natural underworld of rivers, winding passages and lofty chambers. Meet the lively and informative guides as they conduct tours past a bewildering variety of cave formations. See stalactites glisten above steamways and chambers, while fragile mineral veils and cascades of creamy calcite coat walls and create shimmering terraces. Spectacular walkways allow easy access while powerful lighting reveals the stunning beauty and grandeur of the caves.

Final Morning
Headhunters Barber Shop & Railway Museum
For a more unusual and quirky visitor experience head to the dual attraction of Headhunters Barber Shop & Railway Museum. The museum boasts one of the largest collections of Irish railway memorabilia on display. Immerse yourself into the history as you start at the reconstructed booking office, where the ticket collector invites you to step on board, your journey recreates railway travel through Fermanagh and the border counties until the closure of the lines in 1957, with lovingly created exhibits like the Station Master’s office, booking office and signal box.
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