

# Visitor Information for Groups



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National Museum of Ireland  
Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann

Country Life

Turlough Park,  
Castlebar,  
Co. Mayo







**Step back in time**

View Ireland’s National Folklife Collection and get up close to the lives of our ancestors. Learn about age old customs, crafts, skills and trades. See the blacksmith’s forge and what a typical Irish home looked like in the 19th century.



**Biodiverse gardens**

The Green Flag award-winning gardens are some of the loveliest in the region with lots of interesting features and things to see and do, with formal gardens, woodland walks and lakeside trails.



**Victorian Gothic house**

Visit the ancestral home of the Fitzgerald family. See how the gentry lived in 19th century Ireland in the restored formal rooms.



**Time out**

Have a bite to eat or a sweet treat in the Museum café. If the weather is nice, enjoy the outdoor seating in the courtyard. Group dining options and rates available.



**What’s on**

Attend a talk, tour or a hands-on workshop. Visit [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie) to view our range of upcoming events.

**Model thatched cottage**

Visit the model thatched cottage in the grounds, which shows how an Irish family would have lived in the early 20th century. It has a thatched roof, wattle reed framework and lime walls.

**Outdoor art**

There are several sculptures and installations dotted throughout the grounds. The new St Brigid willow sculpture is a firm favourite with visitors!

**Crafts & more**

Browse a wide-range of unique Irish crafts, gifts and books in the Museum Shop.

**Greenway**

Cycle the 10km Greenway from Castlebar to the museum. Bike parking facilities available at the museum.



**Bookings Office**

Group visits can be booked in advance through the Bookings Office. Self-guided visits are free. A guided tour with an experienced museum guide is €40 per group (up to 15 people per group. Larger groups may need more than one guide.)

**Café Reservations**

Group dining options available, bookable in advance through a convenient online booking system. Visit: [www.syngemandbyrne.com/pages/tour-bookings](http://www.syngemandbyrne.com/pages/tour-bookings)

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## Self-guided group visits

Admission is free for self-guided groups. Floorplans available from Reception. Contact +353 94 90 31751 for bookings.

## Guided group visits

Guided group tours with an experienced museum guide, cost €40. Contact +353 94 90 31751 for bookings.

## Group dining

Group dining rates available from Synge & Byrne. Visit: [www.syngeandbyrne.com/pages/tour-bookings](http://www.syngeandbyrne.com/pages/tour-bookings)

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