

Places of interest near Dromore

Within half an hour's drive

Dromore

Centred round the beautiful cathedral founded in 500 AD, the town has the Celtic High cross, the town stocks and the spectacle of the Victorian Viaduct. One of the finest examples of a Norman Motte and Bailey castle in Ireland, this protected historical monument is just a few hundred yards from the town.

Hillsborough

Built by the Hill family, starting with the fort in 1650, the village offers much to see in a small space. The gardens of Government House and the Hillsborough Forest Park give visitors the opportunity to relax in peaceful surroundings. Tours starting at the courthouse and enjoy the many attractions along with award winning restaurants and pubs.

Banbridge

The Ferguson Linen Centre and McConville's Water Powered Scutching Mill show the history of linen in the district. Literature and Landscape come together with the Bronte Homeland Drive and concluding with the family story at the Bronte Homeland Interpretative Centre.

Banbridge Genealogy Services are available for visitors to trace their County Down ancestors.

Clanmurry is the perfect place to stay if you wish to make a day at the new Outlet retail centre in Banbridge. Just six miles directly down the A1 takes you to the entrance of The Outlet, with many international brand name stores at discount prices.

<http://www.the-outlet.co.uk/>

Lisburn

The Irish Linen centre & Lisburn Museum are located in the city's 17th century Market House.

The exhibition 'Flax to Fabric' tells the story of linen production through the ages. The Hilden Brewery Visitors Centre offers a unique attraction – a working brewery in the historic setting of Hilden house.

Belfast

The historic buildings, museums and tours are within easy reach. The Ulster folk and transport Museum is one of Ireland's foremost visitors attractions. Taxi tours through the city show the modern history of the City, also boat trips are available on the river Lagan and Belfast Lough.

Downpatrick

Down Cathedral built in 1183 is the reputed burial place of St Patrick. The St Patrick Centre tells the story of Ireland's patron saint through a dynamic and informative exhibition. Down County Museum is located in the old county gaol of down. The restored cells show much of the conditions of the prisoners along with exhibits on the history of Down.

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National Trust Properties

Castle Ward at Strangford and Mount Stewart at Greyabbey are two of the most important historical houses in Ireland. Rowallane Garden at Saintfield has 21 hectares of outstanding trees, shrubs and other plants from many parts of the world.

The Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh

Based outside Omagh, the Folk Park gives the visitor an experience of life for the emigrant.

The museum shows how people travelled to America and some of the houses that they would build on arrival. The Centre for Migration Studies is within the complex allowing research into family history.

The Mountains of Mourne

The mountains are one of the most beautiful natural sights and offer magnificent views of the countryside. Walks take place from Newcastle and Tollymore Mountain Centre offers many options for the more adventurous!

Activities

18-hole Golf

Royal County Down, Newcastle – 29 miles

Lisburn – 8 miles

Banbridge – 8 miles

Spa Golf Club, Ballynahinch – 12 miles

Horse Racing

Downpatrick – 20 miles

Down Royal – 8 miles

Dundalk – 32 miles

Restaurants and Pubs

Good restaurants and pubs abound the area but booking is essential as they are very popular – taxis can be arranged so that the evening can be enjoyed!