

# OFFALY

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## DAY 1



### BIRR CASTLE DEMESNE

Explore the wonders in the Science Museum, marvel the giant telescope and climb Ireland's biggest treehouse. If that's not enough, stroll along the 10km of walkways and trails in this ancient castle grounds, including two specially designed for kids!

TIME: 2hrs 30 mins



### TEARAWAYS PET FARM

Get up close and personal with the animals at Tearaways. Enjoy the outdoor playground, go-cart track, sports pitches and let loose in the indoor soft play area. Mums and dads can grab a cuppa in the onsite coffee shop.

TIME: 2hrs 30 mins

### STAY OVERNIGHT

Experience the newly renovated family rooms in the four star family run [County Arms Hotel](#) or experience the charm of Birr's [Dooly's Hotel](#) with its award winning restaurant.

## LOVE ANIMALS?

Visit one of our Alpaca Farms to get up close and personal with your furry friends: [Tearaways Pet Farm](#), [Hushabye Farm Alpacas](#), [Hilltop Farm Alpacas](#).



## DAY 2



**Swim:** Take a dip in Banagher's outdoor pool and finish with quick sauna in [An Bosca Té](#), overlooking the River Shannon.

TIME: 2hrs 30 mins

**Water Sports:** Choose between stand up paddle boarding or guided kayak safari (2hrs) from the Shannon's edge in Banagher with [Mid Ireland Adventure](#).

TIME: 2hrs 30 mins



**Cruise to Clonmacnoise:** Jump onboard the [Viking Cruise](#) in Athlone and explore this 6th century monastic site from a different angle.

TIME: 3hrs 30 mins (90 cruise, 90 on site and 30 mins return bus)

### STAY OVERNIGHT

Choose from one of Tullamore's four star hotels: [Bridge House](#) or [Tullamore Court](#). If the kids aren't already exhausted, the pools are ready for their next splash!

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## DAY 3



### PLAYTOWN

Tullamore Children's Museum - This award winning museum will excite the children as they explore the miniature town and creative rooms. Join in or take time for a cuppa whilst the kids play away.

TIME: 1hr 30 mins



### CLARA BOG NATURE RESERVE AND VISITORS CENTRE

Stroll the 1km looped boardwalk of Clara Bog and experience nature at its best. Learn more about the history of one of the finest examples of raised bog in Ireland and its many protected wildlife species at its visitors centre.

TIME: 1hr 30 mins



### LOUGH BOORA DISCOVERY PARK

Explore the wonders of this unique 2,000 hectare park. Not only does it boast 50km off road walking and cycling trails, it has a fantastic sculpture park, fairy trail, lakes, sensory garden, and open parkland filled with interesting flora and fauna, allowing you to reconnect with nature.

TIME: 2hrs 30 mins



### SLIEVE BLOOM MOUNTAINS

The Slieve Bloom mountains offers an abundance of [looped walking trails](#) and [mountain bike trails](#) for all abilities. Start out in Kinnitty where you can choose either activity or just enjoy the quaint village with a snack in [Peavoy's](#) coffee shop or a cuppa at the [Castle!](#) Check out the unique pyramid in Kinnitty too, an exact replica of the Egyptian pyramid of Cheops!

TIME: 2hrs 30 mins

### STAY OVERNIGHT

Enjoy a unique glamping experience at the foothills of the mountains in [Giltraps](#).

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

**Family Creative Day:** [Glasshammer Studios](#) offers a fun-filled day of creativity and artistry for the whole family.

**Indoor Fun:** As it might possibly rain - head indoors and visit one of our suggestions for a fun time: [Playtown children's museum](#), [Tearaways indoor play centre](#), [Tullamore Cinema](#), [Cosmic Bowl](#), [Swimming Pools](#).

## MIX & MATCH

Make your own itinerary and keep everyone happy!! Add a foraging adventure with [Wild Food Mary](#) or some heritage at [Clonmacnoise](#). Check out [www.visitoffaly.ie](http://www.visitoffaly.ie) for more fun ideas.

