

*EI Travel Group* 



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## ***BOYNE VALLEY DAY TOUR***

*WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8.30am – 5.15pm*

*INCLUDED:-*

*HILL OF TARA, TRIM CASTLE, MONASTERBOICE,  
LOUGHCREW PASSAGE TOMBS, OLDBRIDGE  
ESTATE & BATTLE OF THE BOYNE SITE*

*\*\*\*Lunch:- picnic lunch at one of the sites during the day!*

**EXTREME**  
IRELAND 



# HILL OF TARA, CO. MEATH

- The Hill of Tara (Teamhair or Teamhair na Rí), located near the River Boyne, is an archaeological complex that runs between Navan and Dunshaughlin in County Meath. It contains a number of ancient monuments and, according to tradition, was the seat of the High King of Ireland.
- Your guide will explain all the details and monuments of the site.



# MONASTERBOICE, CO. LOUTH

- The historic ruins of Monasterboice (Irish: Mainistir Bhuithe) are of an early Christian settlement in County Louth. It was founded in the late 5th century by Saint Buithe who died around 521 and was an important centre of religion and learning until the founding of nearby Mellifont Abbey in 1142. The site houses two churches built in the 14th century or later and an earlier round tower, but it is most famous for its 10th century high crosses.



# TRIM CASTLE, CO. MEATH

- Trim Castle (Irish: Caisleán Bhaile Atha Troim) is a Norman castle on the south bank of the River Boyne in Trim, County Meath. With an area of 30,000 m<sup>2</sup>, it is the largest Norman castle in Ireland. Over a period of 30 years, it was built by Hugh de Lacy and his son Walter and used as York Castle during filming the movie Braveheart.
- Enjoy the grounds and take some photo's, your guide will enthrall you with stories of the castle



# LOUGHCREW PASSAGE TOMB, CO. MEATH

- Loughcrew is a site of considerable historical importance in Ireland. It is the site of megalithic burial grounds dating back to approximately 3500 and 3300 BC. Passage tombs on the site are aligned with the Equinox sunrise.
- After a short hike, your guide will enter the tomb in groups of approx 9 people at a time and explain the significance of the tombs.



# BATTLE OF THE BOYNE/OLDBRIDGE HOUSE, CO MEATH

- Oldbridge House was built in the 1740's and is believed to have been designed by George Darley, a local mason architect who also designed the renovated Dunboyne Castle, Dowth House and The Tholsel in Drogheda, Co. Louth. To the left of the house there is a cobble stone stable yard with fine cut stable block. This originally contained coach houses, stables, tack and feed rooms.
- Take a guided tour of the house for 1 hour and see some of the canons used in the battle.

