



TIPPERARY  
Time to take it all in



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*The Butler Trail*

Explore the medieval heartlands of Tipperary and discover centuries of drama, romance, intrigue and deadly rivalries as you follow in the footsteps of the powerful Butler dynasty.

The Butlers have left an indelible mark on the landscape of Tipperary as they constructed castles and mansions, founded churches and monasteries and established towns and settlements. Their rise to power, and the bitter rivalries that broke out along the way, forever shaped Irish history.



Join our two-day self guided adventure which includes visits to historic sites along the Butler Trail and a guided sunrise walk through the Galtee Mountains.

From €185pp

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## Day 1

Your journey with the Butlers begins at **Cahir Castle**, a mighty fortress built on a rock in the middle of the River Suir. You can still see the scars of battles and sieges of long ago. Today it remains one of Ireland's best-preserved medieval castles, and its beautiful setting has been the highlight of many movies. Take a wander around the castle grounds or take a guided tour and learn about the historic background of the various buildings.

From here you can enjoy a lovely stroll along the tree-lined banks of the River Suir to see the exquisite **Swiss Cottage**, built as an idyllic rustic retreat for Richard Butler. Swiss Cottage is arguably one of the most romantic cottages in the world.

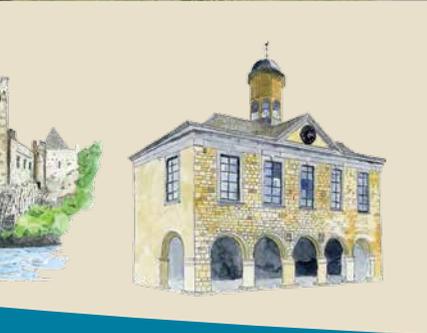
Discover the hidden history of the town of Clonmel, where you can find the stately **Main Guard** and see the strong town walls that once denied Oliver Cromwell himself. Visit **Tipperary County Museum** and learn about the history and heritage of the county from prehistoric to modern times.

### A Taste of Tipperary

Relax and enjoy our hospitality while savouring the flavours of the Golden Vale and beyond; indulge in the artisan produce of this rich and fertile land in our outstanding selection of restaurants and cafes.



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Join Cathal and the Climb Ireland team on a guided walk at sunrise through the **Galtee Mountains**, a walker's paradise with beautiful mountain lakes, waterfalls and rich bog life. After exploring the beauty of the Galtees, take a step back in time and immerse yourself in Ireland's rich history at **Cashel Folk Museum**, where you can experience a magnificent collection of historical memorabilia.

Your journey through the stories of the Butlers is just a glimpse of the historic treasures of Tipperary, where you will encounter world-renowned heritage like the magnificent **Rock of Cashel**, overlooking the **Golden Vale**. Once the traditional seat of the kings of Munster, the Rock of Cashel is one of the foremost pieces of Celtic art and medieval architecture in Europe: a truly remarkable piece of history and an integral monument in Ireland's Ancient East.

Wander through the **medieval walled town of Fethard** and imagine the place as it was in its heyday; relive the stories of the past and visit ruins of fortified tower houses, the 13<sup>th</sup> century Holy Trinity Church and the 14<sup>th</sup> century Augustinian Friary.

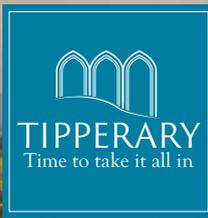
A visit to McCarthy's of Fethard is a must for an authentic Irish pub experience, where you can relax in a rustic pub setting. They promise to "wine you, dine you and bury you".

Wrap up your trip with a lovely shopping experience, at **Dove Hill Irish Design Centre**, Carrick-On-Suir, you can experience the very best in Fashion, Homeware and Furniture all in one convenient location.



Download the Butler Trail app that includes three audio trails (available in English, French and German) and a travel guide of Ireland's Ancient East. These trails will guide you around the ancient towns of Cahir, Clonmel and Carrick-On-Suir, revealing a network of stories - set in a landscape stretching out over 5000 years.

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So much awaits you in Tipperary from its hidden glades, historic sites and ancient tombs, to its friendly villages, remarkable storytellers and gifted musicians; take the time to take it all in.

### Hotel Accommodation

Hotel Minella Clonmel is nestled between the Comeragh Mountains and the River Suir. It has a tranquil setting despite being only a 5-minute drive to the town of Clonmel. The hotel offers a choice of classic and contemporary bedrooms as well as award-winning leisure facilities.

[emailreservations@hotelminella.com](mailto:emailreservations@hotelminella.com)  
Tel: (00353) 052 6122388.

Clonmel Park Hotel offers beautiful guestrooms, leisure facilities and a spa. It is ideally located off the M8, 5 mins from Clonmel town and a short stroll away to a retail park.

[www.clonmelparkhotel.com](http://www.clonmelparkhotel.com).  
Tel: (00353) 052 6188700

Price quoted per person includes 2 nights accommodation with B&B, 1 evening meal in your hotel & entry to The Butler Trail attractions outlined.

## To book contact your chosen accommodation directly

**Possible additions to your package** Can be paid for directly to the provider.

- ✓ Experience the county on foot with an exhilarating walking experience with Climb Ireland. Walks vary from 1 hr to 5 hrs in duration.
- ✓ Visit the Gaelic Athletic Association museum in Thurles and learn more about our national sport of Hurling through the ages.
- ✓ Enjoy an unforgettable horse riding experience at Cahir Equestrian Centre.
- ✓ Discover Tipperary on bike, with bike hire from Ireland's oldest bike shop, O'Keefe Cycles.
- ✓ Learn more about the Tipperary story with the Fethard Walled Town guided tour, provided by Backs to the wall Tours.
- ✓ Immerse yourself in Tipperary's unique equine heritage at our newest visitor experience Fethard Horse Country at The Tholsol, Fethard.