

Ireland, The Deep South Tour
Houses in County Cork and Waterford

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Price: €1600 single occupancy
€1500 double occupancy



Glenville Park, County Cork



Fortwilliam, County Waterford

A tour of some of Southern Ireland's most beautiful country houses. Guests will be accompanied on the house tour from their stay at Glenville Park, the home the late writer on Irish Country Houses, Mark Bence-Jones and Fortwilliam, the home of the Evans-Bevan family.

Sunday, 9 September

Pick up at Cork airport and Air coach stop, Patricks' Quay and proceed to Glenville Park where you will be able to unwind in time for a welcome drink and informal introduction to the tour. Dinner to be served in the dining room.

Monday, 10 September



Kilshannig House

Visit Kilshannig Stud, Rathcormac, Co Cork, the home of Hugo Merry. A Palladian house by Davis Duckart, 1765/6. Tea and coffee will be served.

Depart for Cork city. Guests have some time to look around Cork city.

Lunch guest's responsibility.

Guided tour by art historian Richard Wood of the French Gothic Cathedral, Saint Finbar's.

Visit Richard Wood's house, Rockrohan for tea.

Return to Glenville Park in time for guided tour of the house followed by drinks and dinner.

Tuesday, 11 September

Depart for Drishane, Castletownsend, home of Thomas and Jane Somerville. The picturesque 1790s weatherslated overlooks the sea. This was formerly the home of the artist, Edith Somerville. The present owners will give us a tour followed by lunch.

Visit the Church of the Ascension, Timoleague and view its mosaics and then on to the Church of the Nativity to see the Harry Clarke stained glass windows.



Drishane

Wednesday, 12 September

Depart Glenville. We head for the picturesque Blackwater Valley overlooking the Knockmealdown Mountains.

Visit Tourin, the two storey mid 19 Century Italianate home of the Jamesons' where we shall be given a tour of the house by one of the family followed by tea and coffee.

Visit Capoquin House, which has interiors which were reproduced by Richard Orpen, brother of Sir William Orpen, the painter. This is the home of Sir Charles and Lady Keane. We shall be given a tour of the house and garden.



Capoquin House

Guests taken to 'Ireland's oldest bakery' (The Good Food Guide) 'Barrons' for lunch. Visit Salterbridge, the Victorian home of Susie and Philip Wingfield for tour and tea.

Travel to Fortwilliam where guests will be shown their bedrooms and free to relax and walk in the gardens. Guest given guided tour of the house.

Guests offered drinks and served dinner in the dining room.

Thursday, 13 September

We visit Dromana, perched on a ledge of rock above the River Blackwater. Home to the Villiers-Stuart family since the 17 Century.

Guests given tour and served tea and coffee and scones.

Guests have the chance to look at gardens and the spectacular view of River Blackwater.



Dromana House,

Lunch guests own responsibility at the 'Summer House' café in Lismore.

Guests taken to Lismore Castle, Irish seat of Duke of Devonshire for a guided tour of the gardens. The lower garden was created by the 6th Duke of Devonshire who was the patron of Sir Joseph Paxton.

Return to Fortwiliam in time for drinks and dinner.

Friday, 14 September

Guests transferred to Cork city and Cork airport.