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KYLEMORE ABBEY®

A story so timeless,
it's still being written.

Visitor Experiences & Information 2024

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A: Kylemore Abbey, Pollacappul, Connemara, Co. Galway



Spectacular Historic Abbey & Victorian Heritage Garden Framed by Beautiful Connemara

Fairy Tale Castle Abbey | Victorian Garden | History | Walking Trails | neo-Gothic Church | 1,000-acre Estate

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Located in the heart of Connemara on the Wild Atlantic Way, Kylemore Abbey was originally built by Mitchell Henry as an ancestral castle in 1867. Later, after passing through the hands of the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, it became home to a Benedictine Community of Nuns who were fleeing war torn Belgium. In 1920, it was transformed into the iconic Kylemore Abbey. The Estate continues to be a home and place of worship to the Benedictine Community who celebrated their centenary year in Kylemore in 2020.

Today, visitors can experience the **Abbey at its finest, with** its beautifully restored period rooms. Discover the fascinating **visitor experience** and learn about its history of tragedy, romance, education, and spirituality. Explore the **6-acre Victorian Walled Garden** with its delightfully restored garden buildings, formal flower, and vegetable and herb gardens. Step into nature with **woodland and lakeshore walks** that will take you on a beautiful journey through this vast, 1,000-acre estate. The stunning neo-Gothic Church is a short walk from the Abbey and a haven of serenity.

Highlights include:

- **New Visitor Experience** | from Generation to Generation | interactive Visitor Experience
- **Victorian Rooms** | recently restored to their original splendour.
- **History** | discover the fascinating history of Kylemore Abbey.
- **Walled Garden** | One of Ireland's most visited gardens | Victorian Heritage Garden
- **Neo- Gothic Church** | miniature Cathedral | dedicated to Mitchell Henry's wife Margaret.
- **Mausoleum** | the burial place of Mitchell and Margaret Henry | first owners of the estate
- **Nature** | wonderful woodland | lakeshore walks | *Kylemore Woodland's Trails & Tales*
- **Craft & Design Shop** | souvenirs & local crafts | Irish fashion & jewellery | homemade produce
- **Dining** | The Kylemore Kitchen & Garden Teahouse | Locally sourced, authentic Irish dishes.

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Kylemore Abbey | **General Experience**

Experience	Short Description	Min-Max Numbers	Duration-Distance
The Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Garden Experience	**Entry to the Estate including:** ❖ Restored rooms and visitor experience in the Abbey. ❖ The neo-Gothic Church ❖ The Mausoleum ❖ Woodland and Lakeshore Walks with Tree Trail, Dawros River Walk, and Flora & Folklore Trail ❖ The Victorian Walled Garden ❖ Meet the friendly pigs and beautiful Connemara Ponies. ❖ History talks and guided tours	N/A	Min. 3 hours
	❖ Additional Experience: Private Guided Tours (Options: Abbey, Gothic Church, Garden, and Woodlands and Woodlands). Contact www.bookings.com for pricing & availability	Up to 20pax	1-2.5hours






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Kylemore Abbey | **Experience Description**

The Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Garden Experience

Prepare to be awed by the spell binding beauty of the 19th-century Kylemore Abbey that is perfectly framed within Connemara's romantic landscape. Originally built as a castle, step back in time to the Victorian era by visiting the Abbey's perfectly restored period rooms and the **6-acre Victorian Heritage Walled Garden that is one of Ireland's most visited gardens!** Embrace the outdoors on a stroll through the natural **woodland and a magical lakeshore walk**. Do not miss the stunning neo-Gothic Church - a short walk from the Abbey, or the new *From Generation to Generation* visitor experience that shares wonderful insights into this enchanting place.

Tours are mainly self-guided with the aid of a **brochure and guide map** which is in eight languages as well as friendly staff to help visitors move through and fully enjoy the experience. **New for 2024** we will also have an **audio guide app** which can be downloaded in one of eight languages and will guide visitors through the Abbey & grounds with helpful information and enthralling stories.

Private Guided Tours including Guided **Garden Tours** with our Head Gardener and **Woodland Tours** with our Biodiversity Officer can also be booked at an additional cost. Please contact bookings at bookings@kylemoreabbey.com for more details.



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- **Bookings**: Please contact our Bookings Team
  - T: 353 (0) 95 52001 or email bookings@kylemoreabbey.com
  - Private Guided tours available to groups up to 20 pax. Ask Bookings for more details.
- **Accessibility:** the level of accessibility varies throughout the estate, more details available at www.kylemoreabbey.com. Wheelchairs and mobility scooters can be hired from the Ticket Office.
- **Parking:** Free Car & Coach parking.
- **Mass:** Visitors are welcome to join the Benedictine nuns daily for mass at 12:15pm (Mon-Sat) and at 11:30am on Sundays. Visiting Priests and Church groups are welcome to hold Mass in the Monastic Church. Please contact Bookings for details.
- **Price:**

Ticket Type	Details	Price
Adult	18 years+	€17.00
Senior/Student	64years +/with Student card	€13.50
Junior Student	12-16 years	€8.00
Children	Under 12	Free
Group Rate	More than 15 Adults	€12.00

- **Private Guided Tours:**

Experience	Where	Duration	Cost	Capacity
Private Guided Tour	Abbey & Church	1 hour	€80.00	max 20pax
Private Guided Tour	Abbey, Church & Garden	2.5 hours	€140.00	max 20 pax
Private Guided Tour with Gardener	Garden	1 hour	€100.00	max 20 pax
Private Guided Tour with Biodiversity Officer	Woodlands	1 hour	€100.00	max 20 pax
Behind The Scenes Tour (limited availability)	Production Kitchens	1 hour	€66.00pp	max 15 pax

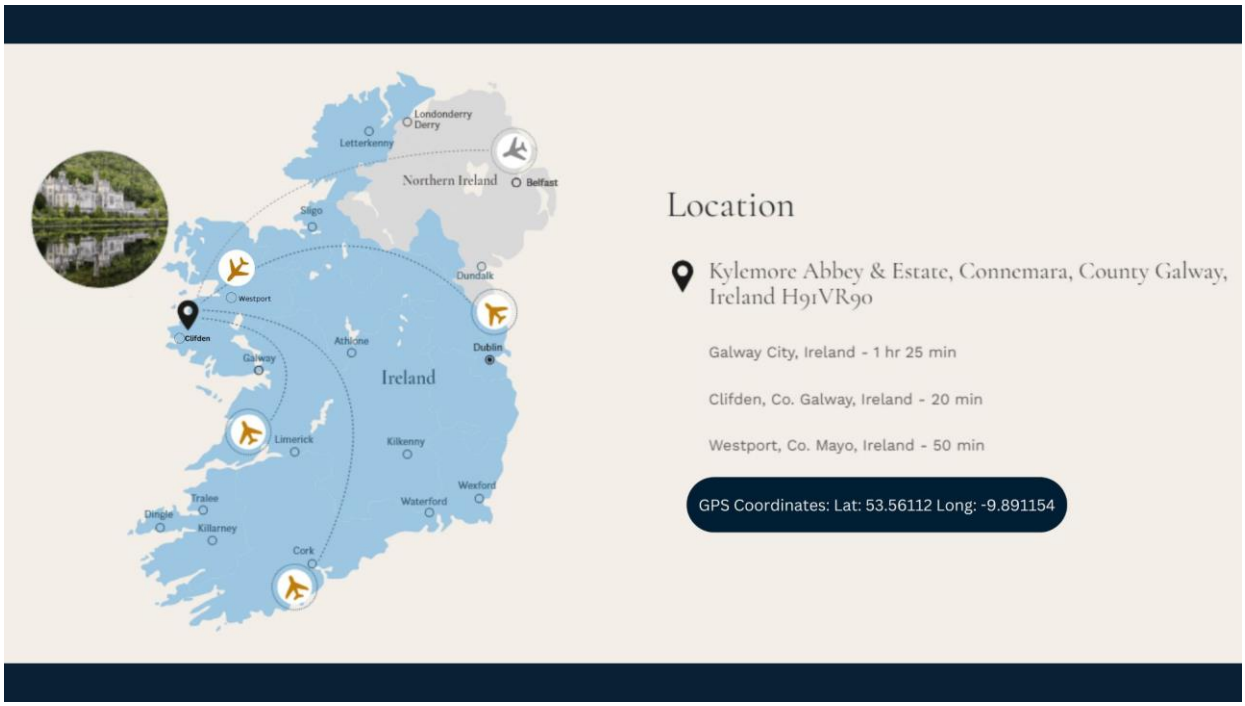
- **Opening Dates:**

Dates	Days	Hours	
Jan. 1st - Jan. 8th	7 Days	10am to 5pm	Last entry 1 hour before closing time.
Jan. 11th- Feb. 5th	Thursday - Monday	10am to 5pm	
Feb 8th - March 10th	7 Days	10am to 5pm	
March 11th - Oct. 20th	7 Days	10am to 6pm	
Oct. 21st - Dec. 23rd	7 Days	10am to 5pm	
Dec. 24th - 26th	**CLOSED**		
**Bank Holidays will operate as normal working hours*			

All times and prices are subject to change. For updated times please check our website www.kylemoreabbey.com or contact our Bookings office.

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Public transport also available from Galway and Westport see www.buseireann.ie or www.citylink.ie for details.
Day Tours from Galway also available with a range of private companies.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you in 2024 and beyond.

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