

County Wicklow



Known as the 'Garden of Ireland' **Wicklow** lies just south of Dublin city. The action of glaciers, the sea and the wind have all helped shape the county to produce areas of magnificent scenic beauty. There are mountains, hills and valleys carpeted in blankets of peat, heathers and forests and the many rivers and lakes have carved their course to spectacular effect, interrupted occasionally by glorious waterfalls. The action of the sea has been kind to the county by providing miles of long safe golden sandy beaches.

During an afternoon tour of Wicklow it would be possible to make just one stop at either Glendalough or Powerscourt.

Glendalough



Glendalough is famous for its wild beauty and its outstanding historical and archaeological interest. Here in the 6th century Saint Kevin founded a monastery whose fame as a centre of learning spread throughout Europe.

Powerscourt



Powerscourt is one of the world's great gardens and is situated in the foothills of the Wicklow mountains. The gardens were begun by Richard Wingfield, Viscount Powerscourt, in the 1740s. The word garden belies the magnitude of this creation which stretches out over 20 hectares. It is a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statuary and ornamental lakes with secret hollows, rambling walks, walled gardens and over 200 variations of trees and shrubs. The 18th century house, gutted by fire in 1974, has recently been renovated and reopened.