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GREAT DAYS OUT:
Dinosaurs Alive (left), Russborough House (bottom left) and the Viking World at Dublinia (bottom right)

BLAST FROM THE PAST



DUBLINIA & THE VIKING WORLD
LOCATED at the heart of the medieval city facing Christchurch Cathedral, the exhibition explores life in medieval Dublin as well as providing insights into the world of the Vikings.

Attracting over 100,000 visitors a year, Dublinia welcomes Irish natives eager to explore their heritage — and foreign visitors interested in the history of Dublin and the country (take note Trappatonians!). The interactive exhibition traces the history of Ireland's capital from its capture by Strongbow until Henry VIII's closure of monasteries four centuries later. Sights, sounds and smells of medieval Dublin accompany genuine artifacts and life-sized reconstructions.

The mystery of the Vikings is unveiled as visitors climb aboard a Viking warship and behold the vivid and graphic panels on show.

Dublinia claims to bring medieval Dublin to life in a way that is entertaining and historically accurate while raising awareness of and promoting pride in Dublin and Ireland's heritage.

For more information, visit www.dublinia.ie.
BUNRATTY CASTLE & FOLK PARK
THE most complete and authentic medieval village in Ireland, Bunratty Castle remains a cherished feature of Ireland's heritage.

Built in 1425, Bunratty Castle was once the primary focus of a large town with a population of over 1,000. Today, it stands peacefully in delightful grounds.

Guests are invited to wander about the castle and appreciate the 15th and 16th century furnishings that adorn the rooms.

Outside, Bunratty Folk Park takes visitors on a walk down memory lane. On 26 acres of castle grounds, rural farmhouses, village shops and streets recreate village life in the 19th century.

Meet the characters that roam the village (making sure you don't miss the parade for 18's only, of course! Bunratty Castle and Folk Park has something for everybody to enjoy.

RUSSBOROUGH HOUSE
ARGUABLY the most beautiful house in Ireland, Russborough has a spectacular setting and elegant proportions, is highly ornamental and contains some lavish plasterwork.

The House was completed in 1741 by the architect Richard Castle and was opened to the public in 1978.

Visitors can explore the grounds, view Sir Alfred Beit's private art collection and marvel at the wonderful interior. Only last year, a new one-hour walk through the demesne was created.

In recent times, Russborough House has also become an increasingly popular host for musical and theatrical events.

Furthermore, the 2,000 square metre maze has for many years entranced families seeking to find Cupid on the central pillar of the maze — before trying to find their way back out.

DINOSAURS ALIVE - FUNTASIA, BETTYSTOWN
BETTYSTOWN'S resident three-level entertainment complex is hosting Dinosaurs Alive until August 31 this summer.

On its first visit to Europe, the exhibition features an unrivalled collection of 11 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs, fossils and skeletons from the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods.

Dinosaurs Alive is not just a visual experience, but an entertaining, story-driven and educational exposition. Visitors can get up close to the world's largest and most advanced animatronic dinosaurs — the largest stands at 24ft high and 70ft long.

Hear their roar, watch them move — and don't get eaten!

BLARNEY CASTLE

BUILT by one of Ireland's greatest chieftains, Cormac MacCarthy, almost 600 years ago, Blarney Castle has risen to the fore of Irish landmarks.

While Blarney has earned a reputation for its mystical and beautiful Rock Close and gardens, the Blarney Stone has become synonymous with the town situated 6 miles outside of Cork City.

Easily, the Stone — once kissed — gives the visitor the gift of the gab.

Be prepared, though — in order to kiss the stone, you've first got to hang upside down over the edge of the castle!

Make sure those Corkmen hold you tight!



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IRISH HERITAGE AT ITS BEST:
Bunratty Castle and Blarney Castle (right)

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