

Waterford:

Waterford is one of Ireland's oldest cities, with archaeological evidence of Viking settlement in the 10th century. The Waterford Treasures, three museums covering 1,100 years of history, are the highlight of the Viking Triangle. First is Reginald's Tower exhibiting Viking artifacts, including a warrior's sword and a replica Viking longboat at the entrance. Next is the Medieval Museum – don't miss the ornate vestments of spun gold dating to 1460. The Bishop's Palace, a grand 18th-century residence, chronicles Waterford history from 1700 to 1970. Across the street is the House of Waterford Crystal founded in 1783 with history and craftsmanship featured on the guided tour. The Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle provides historical perspective and access to six national monuments. Take in a performance at Theatre Royal, Ireland's oldest continually operating theatre dating to 1785. Stay in Waterford Castle, a five-star Island Resort, dating to the 16th century and reached by ferry crossing. It was recently renovated and restored to former glory with antiques, tapestries, and Waterford crystal chandeliers. Falconry and exquisite cuisine are additional highlights.

