

EXCURSIONS

We can organise both half day or full day excursions to some of the most amazing hidden gems and World famous landmarks in the Donegal area and the surrounding counties.

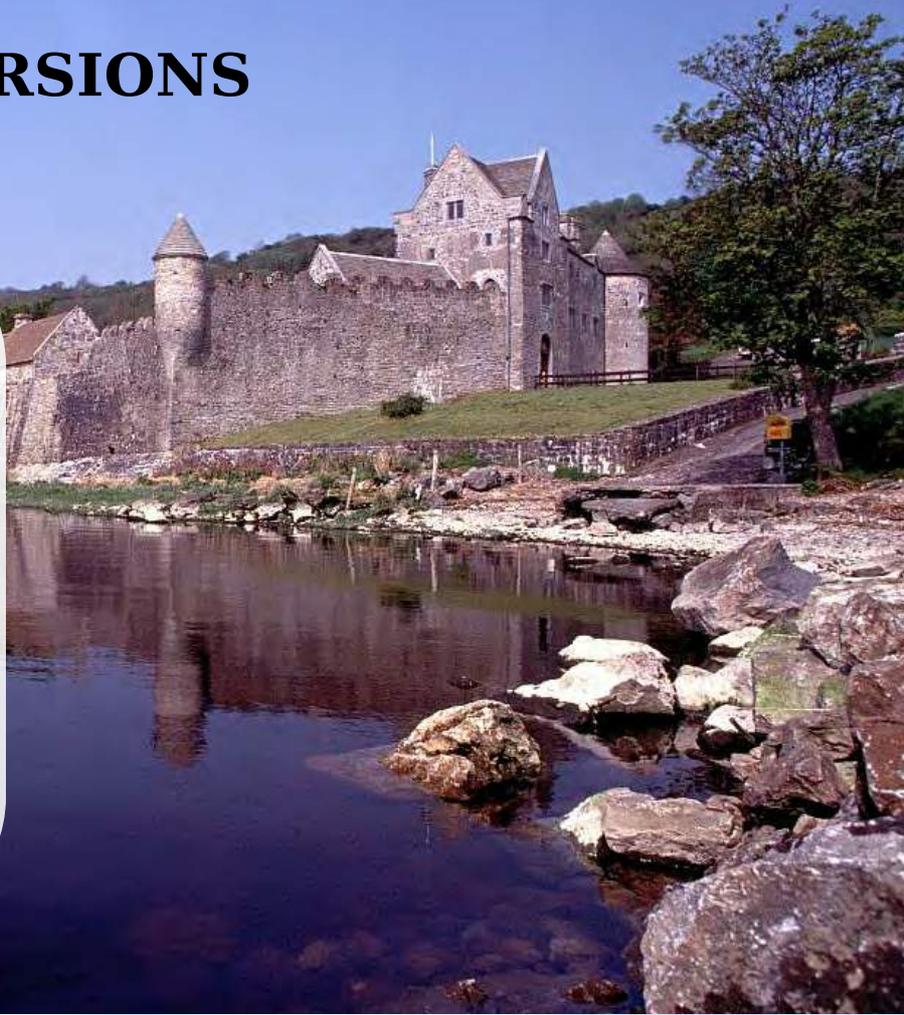
Ireland is a breathtaking country and needs to be explored. Our excursions will enhance your trip, making memories to last a lifetime.



HALF DAY EXCURSIONS

Parkes Castle & Lough Gill

A restored plantation castle of the early 17th century, picturesquely situated on the shores of Lough Gill, once the home of Robert Parke and his family. The Castle has been restored using Irish oak and traditional craftsmanship.



Walking Tour of Salmon Leap and Mullaghmore Bay

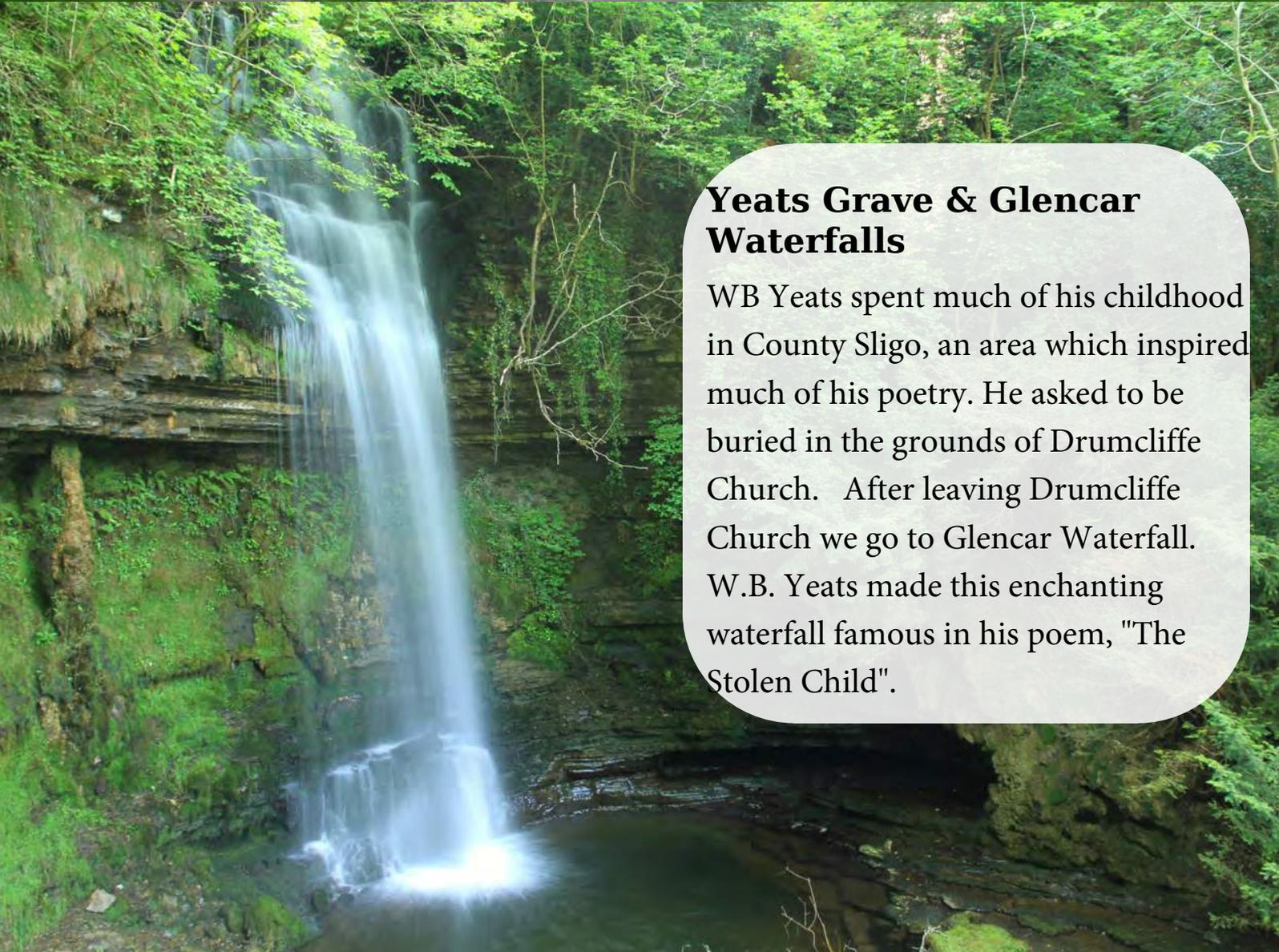
Walk along the Duff River to see the Salmon leaping upstream to find their mate and lay their eggs. Follow on to walk the cliffs along Mullaghmore Bay and take in the beautiful Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo coastline.



A large, multi-story stone castle with several towers and windows, situated on a grassy area. The sky is overcast.

Donegal Castle & Donegal Town

Donegal Castle, built by the O'Donnell chieftain in the 15th Century it is ideally located by the picturesque River Eske. After visiting the castle spend the afternoon visiting the Arts and Crafts shops that Donegal Town has to offer including world renowned Magees of Donegal.

A waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff into a pool of water, surrounded by lush green trees and foliage.

Yeats Grave & Glencar Waterfalls

WB Yeats spent much of his childhood in County Sligo, an area which inspired much of his poetry. He asked to be buried in the grounds of Drumcliffe Church. After leaving Drumcliffe Church we go to Glencar Waterfall. W.B. Yeats made this enchanting waterfall famous in his poem, "The Stolen Child".

FULL DAY EXCURSIONS

Wall of Derry, Tower Museum & Derry City

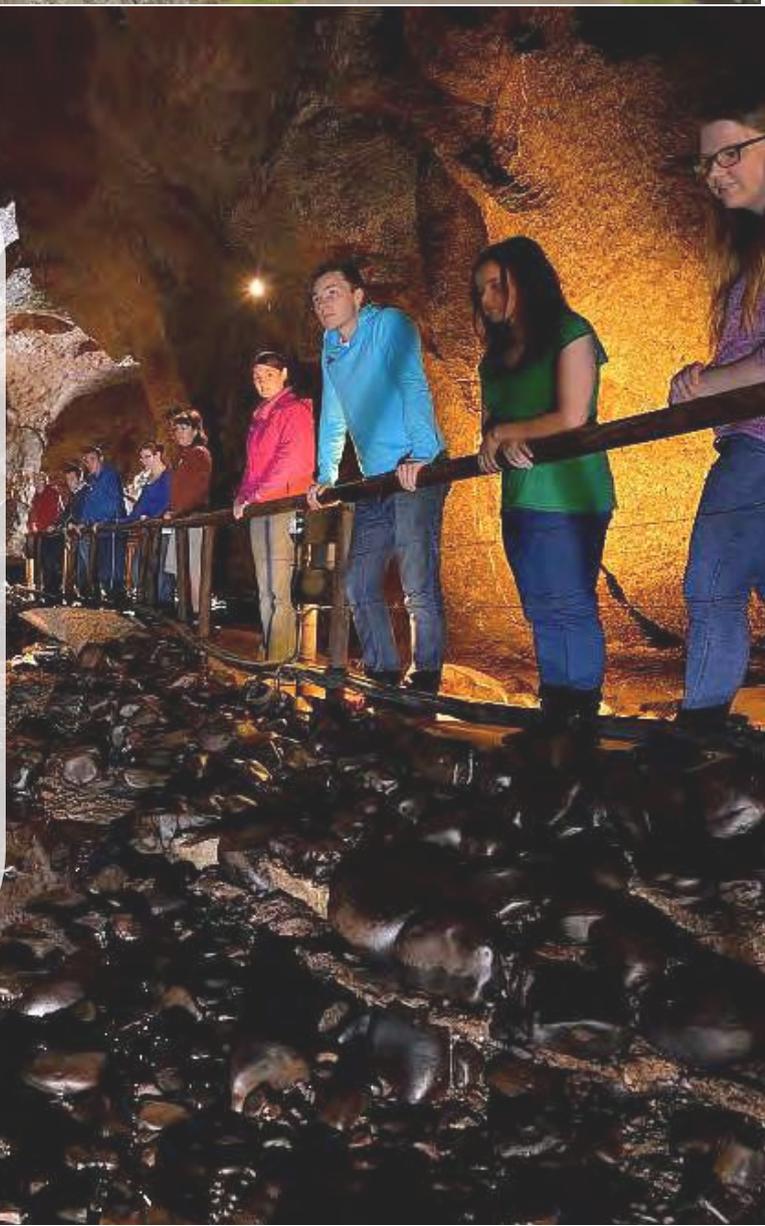
Built in the 17th century, Derry's Walls dominate its skyline and are a reminder of a divisive history.

The Tower Museum hosts two major historical exhibitions - 'the Story of Derry' and an 'Armada Shipwreck: La Trinidad Valencera'. The tour is followed by some shopping in the afternoon.

The Marble Arch Cave & Enniskillen Town

The Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark allows visitors to explore a fascinating, natural underworld of rivers, waterfalls, winding passages and lofty chambers. Lively and informative guides conduct tours past a bewildering variety of cave formations.

Students also have the opportunity of exploring Enniskillen, Fermanagh's largest town for some shopping in the afternoon.





Slieve League, the Gaeltacht (native Irish speaking area) & Donegal Town

Slieve League, Europe's tallest cliffs boast breathtaking views over Donegal Bay and Raithlin Island. Situated in a remote part of Donegal, students get to explore the Gaeltacht (Ireland's Irish speaking region) before climbing Slieve League.

After visiting Slieve League and the Gaeltacht spend the afternoon visiting the Arts and Crafts shops that Donegal Town has to offer.

Queen Meabh's grave, Yeats Memorial & Sligo Town

Current legend says Queen Maeve (fore-mother of the Celtic people) is buried here standing up in full battle gear facing her enemies to the north. It was possibly built as a symbolic tomb of mother earth, and she faced her enemies to the north. The Yeats Memorial Building in the very centre of Sligo, houses the Yeats Photographic Exhibition, the Yeats Art Gallery and a library.



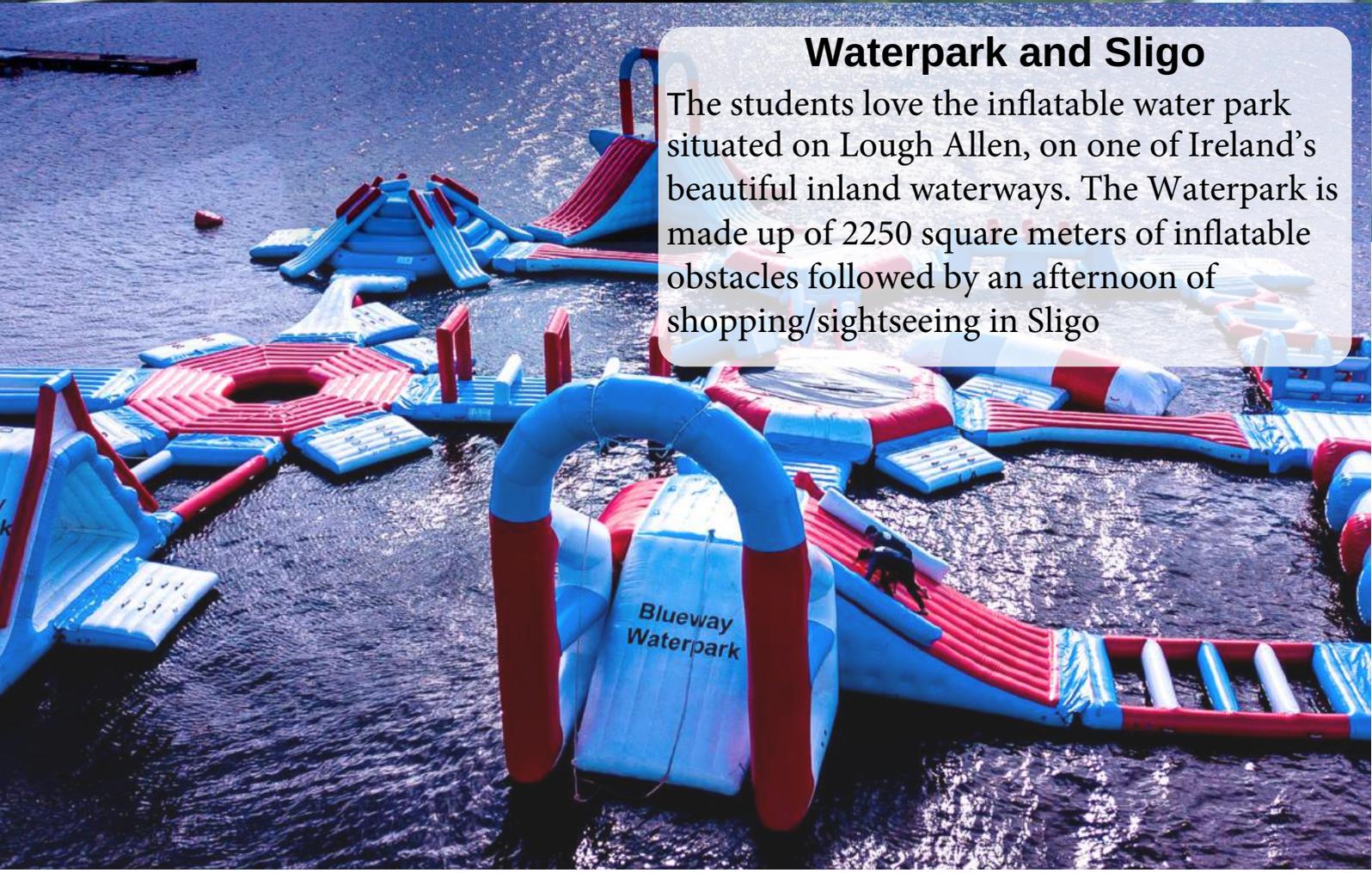
Go Karting and Derry City

A favourite with our students, go-karting, with prizes for the fastest around the track followed by an afternoon of shopping/sightseeing in Derry city



Waterpark and Sligo

The students love the inflatable water park situated on Lough Allen, on one of Ireland's beautiful inland waterways. The Waterpark is made up of 2250 square meters of inflatable obstacles followed by an afternoon of shopping/sightseeing in Sligo



Gleniff Horse Shoe

Benbulbin and the Gleniff Horseshoe are located in the Dartry Mountain range in Co. Sligo. There are several legends associated with the area, we will tell you about the most famous one being the legend of Diarmuid and Grainne, the greatest of all Irish love stories.



Glenveagh National Park and Letterkenny

Situated in Northwest Donegal, the National Park has over 16,500 hectares, making it Ireland's largest. It boasts beautiful lakes set in impressive mountain scenery.

The Park includes the two highest peaks in Donegal - Errigal and Slieve Snacht.

At the south-west end of the Park are the ice-carved cliffs of the Poisoned Glen and Bingorm, while the north-east end has a gentler array of hills, deep peat bogs and the swampy valley of the Owencarrow River. The outstanding feature of Glenveagh is its wild character with the sense of remoteness and solitude that it conveys to the visitor.

The Park was opened formally in 1986 and, from the purpose-built Visitor Centre, visitors travel by Park transport along the shores of Lough Veagh to Glenveagh Castle (built in 1870 by George Adair) and its outstanding gardens, which are both open to the public.

Students can have the option of stopping in the afternoon in Letterkenny, Donegal's largest town for some shopping.



Ulster American Folk Park

The Ulster American Folk Park is an open-air museum in County Tyrone. The museum tells the story of emigration from Ulster to America in the 18th & 19th centuries and provides its visitors with a living historic experience on its outdoor site.

The Folk Park comprises of an indoor and outdoor site complete with thatched and log buildings, where visitors have the opportunity to watch hands-on activities including blacksmithing, spinning, open-hearth cookery and traditional corn craft. Costumed demonstrators go about their everyday tasks in the traditional manner in fully furnished Old and New World buildings.

This award-winning museum, voted one of the North's Top Attractions, tells the story of the thousands of emigrants who left Ireland for America.. You will hear music, enjoy food tasters and meet many faces from the past.

The museum has over 26 buildings including many reconstructed original buildings from Ireland and North America. It has a Dockside Gallery with its life sized replica of an original Emigrant sailing ship "The Brig Union". Also the original 1945 Castletown National School is placed there, and there are beautiful walks. Students can have the option of stopping in Omagh town, Tyrone's largest town for some shopping in the afternoon.



Giant's Causeway & Carrick a Rede Rope Bridge

When the Giant's Causeway was discovered in 1693, many regarded it as the 8th Wonder of the World. Made up of over 40,000 basalt steps, the Giant's Causeway has many natural features, including the Giants Harp, Eye and Gate.

The Causeway is an astonishing complex of basalt columns packed tightly together and the tops of these form stepping stones which lead from the cliff foot to disappear under the sea. Columns, which are very similar, can also be found on the Island of Staffa in Scotland, this is why the story goes that the road was built by the giant Finn MacCool to enable him to cross over to Scotland.

Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge is a rope suspension bridge to the tiny Carrick Island. It is thought Salmon Fishermen have been erecting bridges to the island for over 300 years. It has taken many forms over the years. In the 1970s it featured only a single handrail and large gaps between the slats.

The current bridge, tested to carry up to 10 tonnes, was built with the help of local climbers and abseilers in 2000.



CITY TOURS



DUBLIN CITY

With evergreen attractions like the National Museum, Trinity College, Grafton St, Croke Park and St. Stephen's Green, as well as world-renowned, architecture, history and so much more, Ireland's capital city has plenty to offer. Half day tours can be incorporated into your programme depending on your arrival/departure times or alternatively we can arrange full day tours taking in national treasures such as the National Museum, National Art Gallery, Collins Barracks. Photographic Exhibition, the Yeats Art Gallery and a library.

GALWAY CITY

Galway City at the mouth of Galway Bay is both a picturesque and lively city with a wonderful avant-garde culture and a fascinating mixture of locally owned speciality shops, often featuring locally made crafts. Your tour can incorporate either a visit to the national aquarium as well as taking in iconic landmarks and the old Claddagh village.

As Ireland's largest aquarium the national aquarium boasts over 170 species ranging from sea horses to sharks. A visit to the aquarium is original and full of wonder for visitors of all ages.

BELFAST CITY

Northern Ireland's capital offers fascinating walking, beautiful gardens, cultural escapes, scientific exhibitions and literary inspirations for students of all ages.

Titanic Visitors Centre

Opened in April 2012 students can also have the option of visiting the , Titanic Visitors Centre is a "must see" visit in any tour of Belfast. It is located in Belfast Harbour, on the slipways where RMS Titanic was built. Inside, visitors re-live the entire Titanic story from her birth in Belfast to the fateful maiden voyage and her eventual discovery on the seabed.