

# Making Maldron Memories



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HOTEL  
PORTLAOISE

# Free in Laois

## Climb the Rock of Dunamase

Located 10 minutes from the hotel. The rock, 46 metres above a flat plain, has the ruins of Dunamase, a defensive stronghold dating back from the early Hiberno-Norman period with views across the Slieve Bloom Mountains. Only a few arches remain of the original structure, as the castle was all but destroyed some 200 years after it was built in the 12th century. Even so, the castle foundations are clear enough to imagine what this sight may have looked like in its day. It is near the N80 road between Portlaoise and Stradbally.



## Emo Court & Gardens

Emo Court & Gardens is a Neo classical mansion in Emo located just 12 km from the hotel. The house and gardens attracts locals and visitors from all over the country. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful gardens and parklands which were first laid out in the 18th century. Walks around the lake are a popular way to explore the beautiful grounds. The first Wednesday of every month is free for a guided tour of the house. While on the grounds of Emo Court, a visit to CaToCa Fine Food and Giftware is a must with 10% off for guests of the hotel. (not valid on sale items)

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## Timahoe Round Tower

Located 12 km from the hotel, the round tower was built sometime in the 1100s, on the site of a religious community founded by Saint Mochua (a 7th century warrior who converted to Christianity) around 600 AD. The tower rises almost 30 metres high and is more than 17 metres wide at its base, with walls that are nearly two metres thick. Inside there are five different floors, all of which were reached by ladders.

In times gone by, Timahoe Round Tower was a beacon for travellers looking for the monastery. Bells contained within its stones would be rung to call the monks to prayer and perhaps to signal when the monastery was under attack. The tower stands in a picturesque setting across a footbridge that crosses the Bauteogue River.

## Heywood Gardens



Heywood Gardens located 21 km from the hotel was completed in 1912 and consists of 50 acres of woodland, gardens and lakes including a sunken garden designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. The gardens have a spectacular setting on a hillside looking South-East over a sweep of undulating country which takes in 7 counties. Admission is free. Heywood Demesne, Ballinakill, Co. Laois.



Visit the Slieve Bloom Mountains – There are beautiful walks and views in many parts of the Slieve Bloom Mountains. Moniknew is very popular with short walks, picnic benches and a stream for paddling. Enjoy a view over Offaly from the Cut. Visit the waterfalls in Glenbarrow or take a walk around Brittas Lake in Clonaslee

Visit Portlaoise Farmers Market- Every Friday from 10am-3pm in Market square Portlaoise. Shoppers will be able to buy fresh local produce and goods such as fruit and vegetables, cakes, cheese and jams directly from the growers, farmers and producers.

# Discounted local attractions

Present your Maldron Hotel key card to avail of the following discounts

## Roll n Bowl

located 1 km from the hotel. Roll n Bowl is the Number 1 location for all your entertainment needs. Whether it's fun with your friends, or relaxing with your children, they cater for everyone's needs in their two-tiered warm and friendly complex. Choose the soft play area, bowling, laser quest, crazy golf or the roller disco, the choice is yours.

**Discounted rate of €20 per lane offered for bowling (normal price €30) and €5 per child for the soft play area (normal price €7) Booking advisable by calling + 353 57 8670005 [www.bowlingireland.com](http://www.bowlingireland.com)**



## Odeon Cinema Portlaoise

Situated on Church Street, this is a state of the art cinema for blockbusters in 2-D or 3-D format and offers a range of family and student deals.

**Check out our movie meal deal. Just ask at reception. Discounted Cinema tickets family 2 adults + 2 kids €25 , Single ticket €8, Child ticket €6 Phone + 353 57 8662626 [www.odeoncinemas.ie/cinemas/portlaoise](http://www.odeoncinemas.ie/cinemas/portlaoise)**



## Supershot Paintball, Stradbally

Located just over 12 km from the hotel. The facilities in Supershot are second to none with state of the art equipment, male and female dressing rooms, a kitchen for meals and fully trained marshals to ensure you are safe and have a great time.

**Paintball is normally €30 pp but we are offering a discounted rate of €25pp for guests (over 13's only). Splatball normally €25pp is discounted to €20pp for our guests (9-12 year olds) Phone +353 863777499**



## Barrowline Cruisers & Barrow Way Bike Hire

Located 18 km from the hotel, explore the beautiful hidden gems of the Midlands at a leisurely pace on a quality hybrid, mountain or electric bike. Follow the ancient towpath along the stunning Grand Canal and River Barrow or choose from one of the lovely routes mapped out, including a 14 km route where you can pop into a traditional thatch pub along the way. Bikes come equipped with helmet, lock, pump and puncture repair kit. You may even want to combine your adventure with a trip on a cosy traditional-style barge on the ancient waterways, offered by the other award-winning family business, Barrowline Cruisers.

**20% discount for all our guests. Open all year round. Phone: +353 57 8626060 or +353 87 9887241 [www.barrowline.ie](http://www.barrowline.ie) or [www.barrowwaybikes.ie](http://www.barrowwaybikes.ie)**

## Stradbally Lake Fishing

Visit the lake and enjoy Trout Fishing from 1-3kg over 3 hours.

**Guests in the hotel can enjoy a discounted rate of €10 per Adult (normal price €15) and kids €7.50 (normal price €10). Rods are available to hire on arrival at €5pp Phone + 353 87 9488483**



## Kilvahan Horsedrawn Caravans

Award winning horse drawn carriage holidays gives you the opportunity to step outside the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Take a break from the real world and find yourself in the beauty of the Irish Midlands. Hire a carriage or horse drawn caravan for a couple of hours, a day or a few days.

**15% discount for our guests Phone: + 353 57 87 35178 or +353 87 2750260 [www.horsedrawncaravans.ie](http://www.horsedrawncaravans.ie)**

\*Terms and conditions apply on all offers

# Nearby

## Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens

Located 35 km from the hotel. Home of the most magnificent horses & glorious gardens. Opened 7 days a week from 9am -6pm. Last admission 5pm. This state-owned commercial stud farm also incorporates the world famous Japanese Gardens and wild Irish St Fiachra's Garden as well as the Irish Horse Museum, Living Legend's, Gift Shop and restaurant. It is also home to some of Ireland's most famous racehorses. Visiting the Irish National Stud and Gardens is easy—it's located off the M7 motorway on the outskirts of Kildare Town. An on-site self-service restaurant offers visitors a light lunch, morning coffee and afternoon tea. Facilities include a picnic area, four acres of woodland walks, free car and coach parking, toilets for the disabled and a baby changing room. 20% discount offered to our guests.

Phone + 353 45 521617

Web: [www.irishnationalstud.ie](http://www.irishnationalstud.ie)



## Birr Castle Gardens & Science Centre

Located 65 km from the hotel - Created over generations, Birr Castle Gardens and Science Centre is an environmental and scientific time capsule, a living breathing evolving place of beauty and inspiration. We welcome you to visit one of Ireland's most extraordinary places, open 362 days of the year. Explore the Science Galleries, marvel at the famous Great Telescope, stroll through 120 acres of gardens and parklands and climb the tallest treehouse in Ireland. 10% off for hotel guests on General Admission only and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount.

Phone + 353 57 9120336 [www.birrcastle.com](http://www.birrcastle.com)

## Lullymore Heritage Park

Located 39 km from the hotel. The park was opened by President Mary Robinson in 1993. From very humble origins the park has grown every year to become a national tourism award winner in 2017, now encompassing 60 acres of spectacular meandering woodland / peatland trails and exhibitions.

The Park is an ideal venue for families and tour groups alike as it offers visitors an opportunity to explore the rich heritage and environment of this midland region while also offering great indoor / outdoor play areas, pet farm, train trips and fun seasonal events. 10 % off for guests.

Phone: + 353 45 870238

Web: [www.lullymoreheritagepark.com](http://www.lullymoreheritagepark.com)



## Kildare Village

Located 34 km from the hotel. You will not want to miss the opportunity to shop here with over 100 luxurious fashion & homeware boutiques with up to 60% off. Kildare Village designer outlet offers luxury brands at amazing prices. 10% discount for our guests.

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