



Kylemore Abbey

& Victorian Walled Garden

FACT & INFORMATION SHEET 2011/12 with RATES

Kylemore Abbey is the no.1 visitor attraction in the West of Ireland and a 'must see' visit for any tour of Ireland.

Set in the dramatic Connemara landscape of mountains and lakes, Kylemore is an iconic attraction, famous around the world. From its beginnings as a romantic gift in the 1860s to becoming home to the Benedictine Nuns in 1920, Kylemore is steeped in history and tales of tragedy, romance, royal visits, spirituality and education. The Benedictine community welcome visitors to experience the Victorian atmosphere of the restored rooms of the abbey and gothic church explore the magical Victorian Walled Garden, nature trails and woodland walks and much more.

ADDRESS	Kylemore, Connemara, Co. Galway, Ireland
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WEBSITE	www.kylemoreabbeytourism.ie
PUBLIC ENTRANCE FEES:	Adult: €12.50*, Senior: €10.00**, Student: €8.50***. FREE Entry for accompanied children aged 10 years and under. Family Type 1: (2 Adults + 1-6 Children/Student aged 0-17): €33.50, Family Type 2: (2 Adults + 1-6 Children aged 10 years and under): €25. Group rate 10+: €8.00. *Adult aged 18-64 years. **Seniors aged 65 and over. ***Student aged 11 – 17 and students with valid student I.D. card aged 19 and over.
LOCATION	Kylemore Abbey is located in Connemara, Co. Galway, West of Ireland. Located on the N59 between Clifden and Westport, it is easily assessible from Shannon, Galway City, Clifden, Cong and Westport
DIRECTIONS FROM GALWAY CITY	80Km. Driving Time 1hr. 10mins. Take the N59 for Clifden and continue through Oughterard and Maam Cross until you pass through Recess. Turn right on the R344 signposted Letterfrack, through the Inagh Valley, turn left on to the N59 loop for Kylemore and follow the road.
DIRECTIONS FROM CLIFDEN	20km. Driving Time 25 mins. Take the N59 for Westport and continue past the entrance to Connemara National Park, through Letterfrack village and Kylemore Abbey will be on your left hand side.
DIRECTIONS FROM WESTPORT	50km. Driving Time 50 mins. Take the N59 for Clifden. You will pass through Leenaun and then Killary Harbour before winding along Kylemore Lake and Kylemore Abbey will be on your right hand side. (Alternate route possible via Croagh Patrick and Louisburgh).
SEASON	All year.
DATES OF NON-OPERATION:	Closed for Christmas. 2011 Christmas closure dates: 19 th December to 26 th December inclusive.
OPENING TIMES:	Open 7 days a week, all year. March-November 9:30 to 17:30pm November-March 10:00 to 16:30pm July & August 9:00 to 19:00pm Bank Holidays will operate as normal working hours.
GROUP BOOKINGS NECESSARY:	Advised
BOOKING CONTACT:	Kylemore Abbey e: bookings@kylemoreabbeytourism.ie t: +353 95 52001 Bookings/Visitor Centre Manager: Isabelle Pitorre

AVERAGE VISIT LENGTH:	90- 180 minutes. Allow a minimum of 90 minutes to visit the “must see” attractions of the estate including restored rooms of the Abbey, Gothic Church and Victorian Walled Garden. Visitors are welcome to walk to the Victorian Walled Garden from the Abbey which takes approx. 20 minutes, alternatively there is a complimentary shuttle bus running every 15 minutes between the visitor centre and walled garden.
GUIDED TOURS of ABBEY:	From May to September there are complimentary Guided Tours of the Abbey running daily every hour on the hour between 11:00 to 16:00. Duration of tour: 20 minutes.
GUIDED TOURS of WALLED GARDEN:	From May to September there are complimentary Guided Tours of walled garden at 14:30. Duration of tour: 25-30 minutes.
SELF-GUIDED TOURS:	Printed guides & maps available in English, French, German, Spanish & Italian.
AUDIO VISUAL:	Running daily in English, French & German.
ATTRACTIONS:	1000 acre estate Miles of mature woodland and lakeshore walks, Nature & Tree Trails Children’s Play Trail Restored Rooms of the Abbey Miniature Gothic Cathedral (with lunch time performances during summer months & on selected dates throughout the year). Please see our website for upcoming events & choral performances. http://www.kylemoreabbeytourism.ie/church-events Award Winning 6 acre Victorian Walled Garden Restored Head Gardener’s House & Garden Boys’ House (Bothy) Restored Tool Shed with original gardening tools Restored Glass Houses Oak Plantation, Wild Garden Walk Guided Mountain Hikes (during summer months, booking advised, additional fee applies) On-site pottery studio. Kylemore handmade products available for purchase.
RESTAURANT:	The Mitchell Henry Restaurant at Kylemore is renowned for its traditional home-cooked food using vegetables and herbs from the walled garden and recipes bestowed by the Benedictine Nuns. Mitchell’s Cafe is open all year round and can seat up to 260 people indoors with an additional 70 seats on our outdoor terrace. Open all year. Disabled Access & Toilets. Vegetarian & Celiac Options available. The Tea House by the Victorian Walled Garden is open from Easter to Halloween and offers tea, coffee, desserts, soups & sandwiches with spectacular views of the Connemara National Park. Herbs from the walled garden are used in our herbal teas. Outdoor seating. Disabled Access & WCs.
CRAFT & DESIGN SHOP	We stock a wide range of high quality Irish crafts and design products such as; knitwear, fashions, glassware, books and jewellery as well as pottery from our onsite pottery studio and Kylemore products such as jams, jewellery and candles. We also stock products handmade by the Benedictine Community at Kylemore such as chocolates, skin care products. Popular designer brands available such as; Barbour, Magee, Galway Crystal, Orla Kiely, Carraig Donn, Solvar Jewellery, Foxford, Belleek China, Jack Murphy Clothing, Connemara Marble, Fisherman out of Ireland & Guinness Clothing/Products
COACH PARKING	Yes. Free.
CAR PARKING	Yes. Free.
DISABLED ACCESS/TOILET:	The Restaurant, Craft Shop & Tea House are fully accessible with disabled toilets. The shuttle bus running between the visitor centre and the walled garden is suitable for wheelchairs. There is partial disabled access to the abbey and walled garden.
MOBILITY SCOOTERS & WHEELCHAIRS	To assist people with reduced mobility wheelchairs and mobility scooter available to hire. Mobility scooters for use on the Kylemore estate are available for hire at the visitor centre at €5 per hour. Booking advised.