

## ***Welcome to my Top 3 Things to See and Do to help you plan a great stay at Rossclare Lodge***

Number 1 of my 3 top attractions in Fermanagh:

### **Cuilcagh Boardwalk – Stairway to heaven**

Part of the Fermanagh/Cavan Lakelands Geopark, our most recommended attraction is the Boardwalk, a 6km trek across a wooden walkway over a sensitive blanket bog, with the stairway to heaven starting after 4km. The ascent for the final 2km is steep (and hard going for some) but the views at the top are spectacular. You'll need to be prepared as the weather can change suddenly, so make sure you have suitable walking shoes, a fleece and waterproofs, hat & gloves, and sunblock! Take plenty of water and high energy snacks. We can pack you a picnic to enjoy at the summit, if you like.



The walk takes approximately 3-5 hours depending on your level of fitness and how long you want to spend admiring the panoramic view at the top. The Cuilcagh car park is the best place to park, but if you don't mind a longer walk you can park at the Killykeegan National Nature Reserve.



And if you have any energy left when you come back down, do pop into the amazing Marble Arch Caves on your way back.

Number 2 of my top 3:

### **Florence court**

An 18th century Georgian stately home, owned by the National Trust, Florence court is located 8 miles from Enniskillen, so approximately 25 minutes from Rossclare Lodge, with views across the countryside to Cuilcagh mountain. Opt to take a tour of the house, which is well worth it, especially if you were a fan of Upstairs Downstairs, or Downton Abbey, as the servants quarters are so well preserved and the guides have some great stories to tell you!

Outdoors you'll delight in the historic walled garden, with a herb garden and kitchen garden as well as an array of gorgeous flowers, and the recently refurbished and re-opened greenhouse. As you stroll around the grounds you'll find the old ice house and the sawmill, as well as a native apple orchard, and yes, you can buy the apples and the veg from the garden too.

Your dog will be welcome in the grounds of Florence court and you can choose the red or the blue trail, depending on the time you have, but both will take you through parkland and historic woodland, and your doggy will thank you!



At the end of your visit, we recommend you pop into the tea rooms for a cuppa and a wee bun!

To visit the house at the weekend, we do advise booking ahead.

No. 3 on my list

### **Erne Water Taxi to Devenish Island**



Your fully guided tour to Devenish Island is a not-to-be-missed trip! Sail from Enniskillen Castle up the river and into the lough in the 8 seater water taxi, enjoying the craic with your local guide, who knows how to tell a tale or two!

You'll disembark at Devenish Island where another guide awaits you to show you around the 11th century monastery ruins and round tower. There are so many islands in Lough Erne, but only one can claim its own monastery. During its history it has even been raided by Vikings, but flourished during the Middle Ages as a parish church site and St. Mary's Augustine Priory. Take a picnic to enjoy before heading back to Enniskillen in your taxi.



You can even hire your own private electric powered water taxi with guide, which seats up to 12 people, if you want to make an event of it!

If you need more help with anything at all, just email us at [office@rossclarelodge.co.uk](mailto:office@rossclarelodge.co.uk) or call us now on 028 6862 1487 and we'll be happy to help you.

*"Super friendly host Denise. Assisted us with suggesting places of interest which were all great. Really appreciated the attention to detail in making our stay comfortable."*

