

PLAN YOUR VISIT – AT A GLANCE 2026

ST PATRICKS FESTIVAL KILKENNY – A BIG FESTIVAL IN A SMALL CITY!

Throughout The Festival	Time	Location	Cost
Festival Funfair	11am - 8pm	Festival Quarter, Parade Plaza, Kilkenny City	Pay per ride
Festival Market	11am - 8pm	Festival Quarter, Parade Plaza, Kilkenny City	Free Entry
Street Entertainment	Throughout the day	Festival Quarter, Parade Plaza, Kilkenny City	Free
Face Painting	11am - 6pm	Festival Quarter, Parade Plaza, Kilkenny City	€5 per face
Kilkenny Tradfest Music Trail	Evenings	Pubs & Venues in	Free
Friday 13 March 2026	Time	Location	Cost
Iarla Ó Lionáird, Cormac McCarthy & Aoife Ní Bhriain	7.30pm	St. Canice's Cathedral,	€28 + bf
Saturday 14 March 2026	Time	Location	Cost
Festival Market, Funfair, Facepainting & Street Entertainment	11am - 8pm	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	
The Big Dig	11am	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
Mr. BOOM and Mr. Rumble's Bongo Party	11.30am	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	Free
The Big Dig	12pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
Out of The Blue	12pm	The Bank, Rose Inn Street	€5 + bf €15 Family of 4
Children's Sean Nós Dancing Workshop	12pm	Rothe House, Parliament Street	€15 + bf
Ceol Óg - Ceiliúradh Óg an Cheoil	1pm	St. Canice's Cathedral	Free
Sean Nós Dancing Workshop (Adult/Teens)	1pm	Rothe House, Parliament Street	€15 + bf
The Big Dig	1pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
Wobbly Circus Show	1pm	Butler House Garden, 16 Patrick St	€5 + bf Family of 4 €15 + bf
Mr. BOOM and Mr. Rumble's Bongo Party	1.30pm	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	Free
The Big Dig	2pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
James Stephens (1825 -1901): Life and Legacy	2pm	Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle	€6 + bf
Out of The Blue	2pm	The Bank, Rose Inn Street	€5 + bf €15 Family of 4
Little Folklore Friends - Children's Storytelling & Crafts	2.15pm	Rothe House, Parliament St	€7 + bf
Wobbly Circus Show	3pm	Butler House Garden, 16 Patrick St	€5 + bf Family of 4 €15 + bf
The Big Dig	3pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
Little Irish History Heroes - Children's Storytelling & Crafts	3.15pm	Rothe House, Parliament St	€7 + bf
Mr. BOOM and Mr. Rumble's Bongo Party	3.30pm	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	Free
The Big Dig	4pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
Bodhrán Workshop with Tommy Lanigan	4.30pm	Rothe House, Parliament St	€15 + bf
Medieval Moments - Kilkenny Evening Walking Tour	5pm	Meet at Kilkenny Castle	€15 + bf Conc €12 + bf
Saturday 14 March 2026	Time	Location	Cost
Medieval Moments - Kilkenny Evening Walking Tour	6.30pm	Meet at Kilkenny Castle	€15 + bf Conc €12 + bf
30 Mile - Long Table Dinner	7pm	Butler House, 16 Patrick St	€95 per person

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Sunday 15 March 2026	Time	Location	Cost
Festival Market, Funfair, Facepainting & Street Entertainment	11am - 8pm	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	
The Big Dig	11am	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
Out of The Blue	11am	The Bank, Rose Inn Street	€5 + bf €15 Family of 4
Mr. BOOM and Mr. Rumble's Bongo Party	11.30am	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	Free
Déise Medieval	12pm - 4pm	Castle Yard, The Parade	Free
The Big Dig	12pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
University of Illinois Marching Illini	12pm	City Streets beginning at Kilkenny Castle Park	Free
Dr. Jay's Amazing Science Show	12.30pm	The Bank, Rose Inn Street	€5 + bf €15 Family of 4
The Big Dig	1pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
Mr. BOOM and Mr. Rumble's Bongo Party	1.30pm	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	Free
The Big Dig	2pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
The National Flag of Ireland - Historical Talk	2pm	Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle	€6 + bf
Out of The Blue	2pm	The Bank, Rose Inn Street	€5 + bf €15 Family of 4
An Céilí Mór with the Blackwater Céilí Band	3pm - 6pm	River Court Hotel, John St	€15 + BF
The Big Dig	3pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
Mr. BOOM and Mr. Rumble's Bongo Party	3.30pm	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	Free
Dr. Jay's Amazing Science Show	3.30pm	The Bank, Rose Inn Street	€5 + bf €15 Family of 4
The Big Dig	4pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	€5 + bf
Irish Mythology & Folklore Storytelling	4.30pm	Pembroke Hotel, Patrick St	€10 + bf
Medieval Moments - Kilkenny Evening Walking Tour	5pm	Meet at Kilkenny Castle	€15 + bf Conc. €12 + bf
Medieval Moments - Kilkenny Evening Walking Tour	6.30pm	Meet at Kilkenny Castle	€15 + bf Conc. €12 + bf
Monday 16 March 2026	Time	Location	Cost
Festival Market, Funfair, Facepainting & Street Entertainment	11am - 8pm	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	
Learn to be a Knight	11am	Medieval Mile Museum, Mary's Lane	€ 10
Campo Verde HS Marching Band	11am	Kilkenny Castle Park	Free
Dr. Jay's Amazing Science Show	11.30am	The Bank, Rose Inn Street	€5 + bf €15 Family of 4
Ohio State University Marching Band	12.30pm	Kilkenny Castle Park	Free
Wobbly Circus Show	1pm	Butler House Garden, 16 Patrick St	€5 + bf Family of 4 €15 +bf
Learn to be a Knight	2pm	Medieval Mile Museum, Mary's Lane	€ 10
Dr. Jay's Amazing Science Show	2pm	The Bank, Rose Inn Street	€5 + bf €15 Family of 4
Wobbly Circus Show	3pm	Butler House Garden, 16 Patrick St	€5 + bf Family of 4 €15 + bf
Learn to be a Knight	4pm	Medieval Mile Museum, Mary's Lane	€ 10
Medieval Moments - Kilkenny Evening Walking Tour	5pm	Meet at Kilkenny Castle	€15 + bf Conc €12 + bf

Monday 16 March 2026	Time	Location	Cost
Pop Up Gaeltacht	6pm	Bollard's Bar, Kieran St	Free
Medieval Moments - Kilkenny Evening Walking Tour	6.30pm	Meet at Kilkenny Castle	€15 + bf Conc €12 + bf
Le Chéile at Dusk: Drum & Fire Show	7.30pm	UPMC Nowlan Park Enter via Hebron Road	€8 + bf Family of 4 €25
Tuesday 17 March 2026	Time	Location	Cost
Festival Market, Funfair, Facepainting & Street Entertainment	11am - 7pm	Festival Quarter, The Parade Plaza	
Alize's School of Singing	11am - 12pm	MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre	Free
Guided Tour of Military Barracks Museum	11.30am - 1pm	James Stephens Military Barracks	€5 + bf
Face Painting	12pm - 3pm	MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre	Free
St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band	12.15pm	Festival Stage, The Parade/Patrick St	Free
St. Patrick's Day Parade	1.30pm	Streets of Kilkenny	Free
Rhythm Riot	3.15pm	St. Kieran Street	Free
The Hit Machine	3.30pm	Festival Stage, The Parade/Patrick St	Free
Karbunkulis Latvian Dancers	3.45pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	Free
Jerry Fish Live!	4pm	Festival Stage, The Parade/Patrick St	Free
Craobh Osraí Traditional Irish Music & Dancing	4pm	Bollard's Bar, Kieran St	Free
Hakuna Matata	4.15pm	Canal Square, Kilkenny City	Free
The Kilfenora Céilí Band	8pm	Watergate Theatre, Parliament St	€33 + bf

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