

A Weekend in Cork (by Train)



Friday 23rd – Monday 26th August 2024

This invites initial expressions of interest in a weekend event that will take place if sufficient members express interest **by Monday 22 July.**

The visit will give participants the opportunity to visit and learn more about some of the principal buildings in Cork City, with a day trip to Fota House and Cobh with its magnificent cathedral and interesting maritime heritage.

The provisional schedule is:

Friday 23 August – Travel from Belfast to Dublin on 8 am train, connecting by Luas to 11 am train to Cork, arriving at 1.41 pm – transfer to central hotel (Premier Inn, Morrison’s Quay) - after check-in, walk to St Finn Barre’s Cathedral for guided tour – evening meal together in hotel.

Saturday 24 August – Walking tour of Georgian Cork led by Kevin Hurley, Chair, Cork Chapter, Irish Georgian Society – lunch break – optional afternoon visit to St Anne’s, Shandon (of ‘Shandon Bells’ fame) and vicinity or time to visit the shops – evening free to try one of the many restaurants close to the hotel.

Sunday 25 August – By local train to Fota for tour of Fota House, then on to Cobh for a tour of St Colman’s Cathedral followed by time to explore the waterfront and visit one or more the various exhibitions relating to Cobh’s maritime history - evening free to try one of the many restaurants in Cobh or in Cork close to the hotel.



Monday 26 August – Short bus ride to University College Cork for guided tour of campus, including the Honan Chapel with its recently refurbished array of stained-glass windows by Harry Clarke and other artists of the same period – lunch break – choice of trains back to Dublin and Belfast.

This visit is aimed especially at members willing to travel to Cork by train (particularly Senior Smartpass holders). Travel by car is possible, but our hotel does not have a car park – (though there are 24-hour public pay car parks in the vicinity) and central Cork can be congested to drive in, with an idiosyncratic one-way system).

Indicative cost (will be finalised before booking) £400 (sharing) or £450 (single).

Please indicate your interest by email to info@uahs.org.uk or phone the office at 028 9055 0213 as soon as possible and no later than Monday 22 July. Members only, total number limited to 20.