

### **9:30 AM – Start with the Epic Walking Tour**

Begin your day with the guided walking tour while the streets are quieter and the light is best for photos. The tour ties everything together historically, so it's ideal to do this first before entering the museums.

#### **What makes it interesting**

Learn how Waterford became Ireland's oldest city through Viking settlement  
Medieval walls, narrow lanes, and traces of Norman influence  
Stories of merchants, sieges, trade, and political power  
Georgian Waterford and the city's transformation through the centuries

#### **Don't miss**

- Reginald's Tower exterior
- The old city walls
- Hidden laneways and Viking-era street layout
- The contrast between medieval and Georgian architecture

### **11:00 AM – Medieval Museum**

This is usually the highlight for most visitors because it feels genuinely atmospheric rather than just display-based.

#### **Most interesting things here**

- The Great Charter Roll of Waterford – one of the most important surviving medieval documents in Ireland
- The preserved 13th-century Choristers' Hall
- Medieval vestments that survived Henry VIII's destruction of monasteries
- The underground vaults and stone architecture

#### **Why it stands out**

You actually feel immersed in medieval civic life here rather than just reading labels in glass cases.

Recommended time: 1–1.5 hours

### **12:30 PM – Lunch in Pier 37 Bar & Grill**

### **1:45 PM – Bishop's Palace**

This shifts the story from medieval Ireland into Georgian elegance and 18th-century prosperity.

#### **Most interesting things here**

- Original Waterford Glass pieces
- Georgian furniture and décor
- Stories about wealth, trade, and politics
- Napoleon-related memorabilia
- Beautiful staircase and period rooms

Recommended time: 45 minutes

### **3:00 PM – Irish Museum of Time**

A surprisingly engaging museum even if you're not especially interested in clocks.

#### **Highlights**

- Rare Irish-made grandfather clocks
- Intricate pocket watches
- Mechanical craftsmanship from the 17th–19th centuries
- Stories of scientific precision and luxury craftsmanship

#### **Best part**

The detail and engineering become fascinating once you see how handcrafted everything was before industrial production.

Recommended time: 45 minutes

### **4:00 PM – Irish Silver Museum**

Small but elegant – ideal late-afternoon museum.

#### **Most interesting things**

- Fine Irish silver craftsmanship
- Ceremonial objects and luxury dining pieces
- Trade and wealth connected to Waterford's merchant class

#### **Why it works well late in the day**

It's quieter and more visual, so it doesn't require as much concentration after several hours of touring.

Recommended time: 30–45 minutes

### **5:00 PM – Finish at Christ Church Cathedral**

End the day with the cathedral when the atmosphere is calmer and softer in the evening light.

#### **What's interesting**

- Site connected to Waterford's Viking and Norman history
- Georgian cathedral design
- Burial monuments and historical memorials
- Beautiful interior symmetry and stained glass

#### **Best experience**

Sit quietly for a few minutes and absorb how many eras of Irish history overlap in one place.