



## KILLYBEGS MARITIME & HERITAGE CENTRE 2009 TOUR INFORMATION

A warm welcome awaits you in the Killybegs Maritime & Heritage Centre, a unique experience for visitors who venture to this picturesque town situated on Donegal Bay. We want to bring you back in time, to a time when skilled craftsmen were plentiful and the art of hand-crafted goods were the norm.

Meet and chat to our friendly staff, Mary T, Maeve, Freda and Alana, who will take you on a memorable and informative tour into not one, but two industries that have made such an impact on this beautiful and timeless shoreline.



### Killybegs Fishing Fleet

Enjoy a fascinating insight into the history of one of the largest fishing fleets in Ireland; take a journey into the past via audio-visual display, and listen to the experiences of some of the Killybegs fishermen who give their own personal account of life in bygone days.

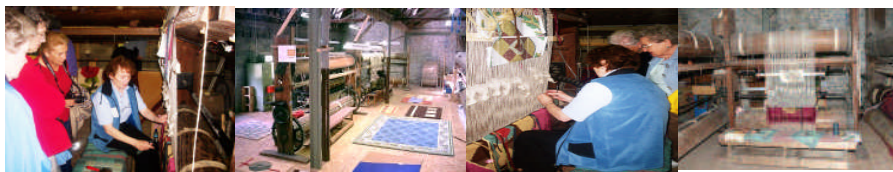


Take the opportunity to enjoy a hands-on audio visual display in a fishing trawler wheelhouse. Step into the 'fisherman's boots' and imagine the wonderment of the ocean, the thrill of the open seas, and the skills needed to live alongside nature in its true sense.

Killybegs harbour has always been famous for fishing, an industry which has brought prosperity to its kinsfolk. But the town holds a rather fascinating secret.....situated within what was once the famous Killybegs Carpet Factory, the Heritage Centre is home to the largest hand-knotted loom in the world.

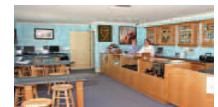
### Donegal Carpets

You will see live demonstrations of weaving of the hand-knotted carpets, a chance to meet and talk with one of the few hand-loomers remaining in this part of the country, and enjoy a step-by-step account of how each carpet is individually designed and produced. You are taught the unique craft of hand-stitching, and have the opportunity to try your skills at one of the hand-loomers on display in the Factory.



Donegal Carpets are on the floors of the President of Ireland's residence [Aras an Uachtarain], the Oval Office in the White House in Washington DC, The Vatican in Rome, Buckingham Palace, and other stately homes, cruise ships, and many other places around the world.

There is also a coffee shop on the premises, and you can enjoy browsing through some of the heritage literature and perhaps purchase some crafts designed by local craft-workers that are on display.



**Our Opening Times:** Mon-Fri, 10am - 6pm. **Also** July/Aug Sat/Sun 1pm - 5pm. Please contact our staff for special requests outside of these hours, and where possible we will be happy to facilitate you.

**Entrance Fee per person:** Adult €6 / Student/OAP €5 / Groups >10 €4

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