

Neolithic Newgrange Tour, Ireland



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Tour Summary

County Meath is a must-see day trip for travelers in the surrounding area. Just an hour north of Dublin, visitors have the chance to explore the astronomical phenomenon of Newgrange and the Hill of Tara, the former seat for Ireland's kings. Start your tour at the Bru na Boinne Visitor Centre, where you will be able to learn more about the sites through audio-visual displays and exhibitions. From here you can be transported to and from the locations of your choosing. An easy and cost-effective trip - you will certainly get the most bang for your buck!

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Neolithic Ireland





The rural Irish County of Meath was once a farmer's community, and still is to this day.



Characterized by its lush green fields and fertile lands, Meath's habitat is conducive to farming, which is probably what allowed Neolithic communities to thrive in the area for so many centuries.



Bru na Boinne is Irish for Palace of the Boyne, and the general area is home to many prehistoric structures and enclosures, many of which are astronomically significant.



Of these structures, Newgrange is perhaps the most renowned, with its unique structure built to only allow light inside the chamber during the Winter Solstice sunrise.



At Newgrange, visitors can enjoy the experience of a reproduction of what the Winter Solstice sunrise looks like from inside the mound. Even in the middle of the day, the interior of Newgrange is pitch

black, making it a truly remarkable experience to witness the shaft of light that slowly illuminates the chamber.



Knowth and Dowth are the two other major prehistoric structures in the area, and all three of these mounds are exclusively accessible by way of the Bru na Boinne visitor center.



Throughout the countryside, there are many smaller mounds, though many remain unexcavated to this day.



The Hill of Tara is another archaeological complex located along the Boyne River in County Meath.



The Hill of Tara is home to many ancient monuments, but also, notably, sheep. Enjoy breathtaking views of Ireland from the mound at the top of the hill, while getting up close and personal with flocks of sheep that roam the countryside.



Though Hill of Tara means Hill of the Kings in Irish, the location is thought to have been more of a spiritual capital during early times, although the hill did serve as seat to the kings until the 6th century.



The answers to the great mystery of the lifestyle of prehistoric Irish settlers can be found within the chambers of Bru na Boinne's great archaeological structures.



Historians have been searching for centuries, and perhaps it will be many centuries more before all the secrets of Ireland's early settlers are fully revealed. But for now, join us on a tour of Meath County and immerse yourself in the tombs

and chambers built by Neolithic farmers
some 5,000 years ago.

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