



Waterford Museum of Treasures (Art / Museum)



Waterford
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The Waterford Museum of Treasures (Irish: Maoin Phort Láirge) is a museum for historical artifacts associated with the city of Waterford. There are three museums in the Viking Triangle collectively known as Waterford Museum of Treasures. Its collection includes the 14th Century Waterford Charter Roll.

Constituent museums
Viking Museum The Viking Museum is housed in Reginald's Tower. Reginald's Tower is the oldest building in civic use in Ireland and is said to date from 1003 A.D. The Viking Museum contains a volume of artifacts, and a video screening on the top floor.

Medieval Museum The Medieval Museum includes two medieval chambers, the 13th century Choristers' Hall and the 15th century Mayor's Wine Vault. It also contains the only surviving piece of clothing worn by Henry VIII, a cap of maintenance. This was awarded to the Mayor of Waterford, along with a bearing sword, in 1536.

Bishop's Palace Museum The Bishop's Palace Museum is a 250-year-old Georgian structure and contains artifacts dating from 17th century Waterford to the present day. The Anglo-German architect Richard Castles designed the Bishop's Palace, which was constructed in 1741. Richard Castles also designed Leinster House in Dublin, the city residence of the Fitzgerald family, Dukes of Leinster. This building now houses Dáil Éireann, the Irish parliament.

The Museum was originally the residence of the Church of Ireland Bishop of Waterford, and was built with its front facing the city wall which became part of the terraced garden of the Palace. It now faces the Mall in Waterford city and the new site of the Waterford Crystal factory.

The Museum tells the story of Waterford from 1700 to the 1970s and contains the only surviving Bonaparte's mourning cross, which was one of 12 produced upon Napoleon Bonaparte's death in 1821.

The oldest surviving piece of Waterford Crystal, a Penrose decanter is also on exhibition which dates back to 1789.

The top floor of the building is dedicated to stories specific to Waterford's history, such as Ballybricken's pig markets, Waterford's Home Rule

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