

Belleek

POTTERY VISITOR CENTRE



CELEBRATING 169 YEARS

unique in every way



HERITAGE

Belleek Pottery is the oldest working pottery in Ireland and holds a very special place in the cultural and commercial heritage of the island of Ireland.



ARCHITECTURE

Established in 1857 the pottery building is a fine example of the Neo Georgian architecture of the mid 19th century.



LOCATION

Situated on the idyllic banks of Lough Erne, Belleek Pottery is a perfect stop whilst touring the Wild Atlantic Way.



ARTS & CRAFTS

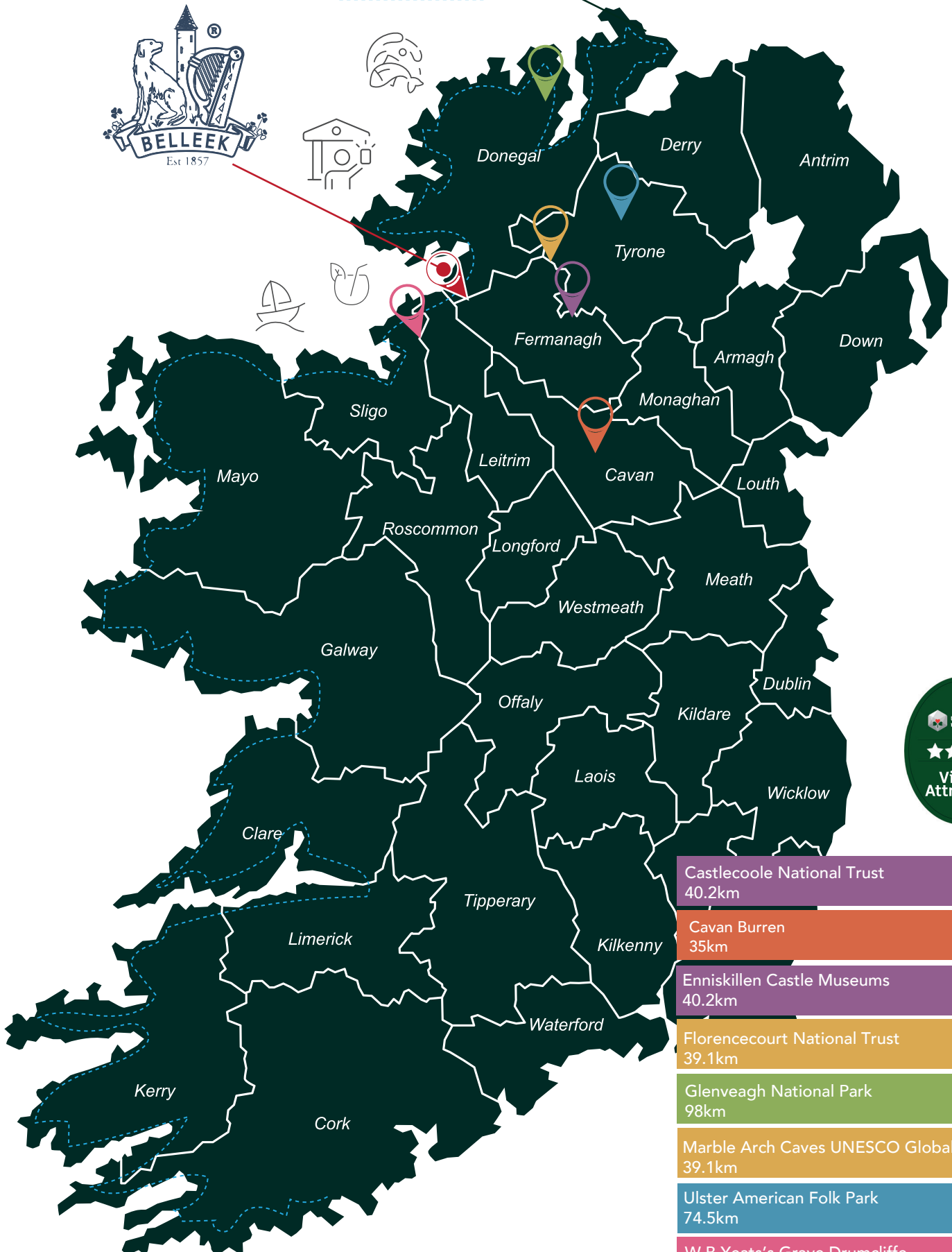
Celebrating 169 years of craftsmanship. Sixteen individual artisans, hand craft each piece of Belleek Pottery, a process that has changed very little since 1857



BESPOKE TOURS

Belleek Pottery presents visitors with a range of living history tours of industrial heritage, design and craftsmanship.

close to wild atlantic way



Castlecoole National Trust
40.2km

Cavan Burren
35km

Enniskillen Castle Museums
40.2km

Florencecourt National Trust
39.1km

Glenveagh National Park
98km

Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark
39.1km

Ulster American Folk Park
74.5km

W.B Yeats's Grave Drumcliffe
41.6km

visitor experiences

1 Visitor Centre

On arrival visitors are welcomed into our large, spacious visitor centre, where the original bell rings when it is time for the tour.

2 Guided Tours

Visitors are led through the factory by our specially trained tour guides. Here visitors will learn, see and talk with our craftspeople during the tour. Tours last 30 minutes.

3 Visitor Participation

Visitors are invited to participate in the glazing and breaking of pieces of Belleek that have not passed our quality control stage.

4 Belleek Showroom

The Belleek showroom is a modern retail outlet, displaying the complete product range of Belleek products for sale. From tableware collections to basketware, giftware and exclusive pieces. Goods can be packed and posted for convenience. Tax free.

5 Museum & Exhibitions

The Belleek Museum houses one of the oldest and finest collections of pottery in Ireland. More than 100 pieces are displayed dating back to 1857. 'ONE SIXTY', is a photographic exhibition of images reflecting 168 years of Belleek.

6 Lilly Annes Restaurant

Our self-service restaurant offers a selection of hot and cold food, all served on Belleek tableware.

7 Audio Visual Presentation

A 20 minute AV presentation in our 50 seater theatre informs you of the rich history of the pottery from its beginnings in the mid 1800's right the way through to the present day. The audiovisual presentation is available in English, French, German, Italian, Chinese, Dutch and Japanese.

8 Tour Group Facilities

Special car park adjacent to Visitor Centre for less abled guests. 8 space coach park with valeting facilities. 100 space car park.



bespoke tours

BEHIND THE SCENES

A private tour delivered by our curator **Fergus Cleary**, fourth generation potter and archivist. Your host will guide you through the museum collections with exclusive access to restricted collections in our **Collectors Room**. Take part in a Masterclass workshop with one of our Master Crafts people. During this workshop you will get the opportunity to personalise your own piece of Belleek and have it shipped home to you. Prepared by our in house chef, lunch will be served in our restaurant overlooking Lough Erne on Belleek tableware.



DURATION: 3 hours



DURATION: 1.5 hours

HANDS-ON BELLEEK

This exclusive tour programme focuses on giving visitors a truly **'hands on'** understanding of Ireland's oldest pottery. The focal point of the tour will be a practical demonstration of 'the art of Belleek' by a Master Crafter followed by the opportunity for tour members to try their hand at creating their own unique piece of Belleek. Participation includes modelling of parian china flowers to putting the finishing touches to the painting of a plate or the fixing of a handle to a Belleek tea cup. This exclusive tour gives visitors a unique insight into the art of Belleek and a forever keepsake that will become a family heirloom.

AFTERNOON TEA & TOUR

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at our Visitor Centre. Your experience begins with our 30 minute guided tour with full access behind the scenes of the manufacturing and creative process. After the tour relax in our Visitor Centre. Explore the museum of artefacts, a collection of Belleek pieces from the very beginning in 1857. Enjoy afternoon tea in the restaurant, overlooking the banks of Lough Erne. Your afternoon tea consists of a selection of sandwiches, scones and sweet treats, accompanied with tea or coffee.



DURATION: 1.5 hours

belleek product selection

At Belleek Pottery we craft a range ornaments as well as gift and homeware. The delicately intricate work that is involved in our handmade baskets is world-famous. Below is just a selection of what we offer. You will find a much more comprehensive display of products in our Pottery Showroom, you can easily pick up a gift or two in our Showroom and after your trip, you will have a beautiful piece to remind you of your visit to Belleek Pottery. Have your goods/gifts shipped home Tax Free.



Shamrock Collection



Thatched Cottage Luminaire



Claddagh Bowl Set



Classic Recipe Spoon



Claddagh Wall Plaque



Set of 4 mini vases



Wild Irish Hedgerow Spring Basket



Belleek Irish Blessing Box



Exclusive Visitor Centre Cottage

visitor centre admission fees

	Adults	Seniors
F.I.T	£9.00	£7.00
Group Rate per person	£5.00	
Hands on Belleek Experience	£65.00pp	
Behind the Scenes Experience	£180.00 pp	
Afternoon Tea & Tour	£25.00pp	
U12 Years	FREE	

Restaurant Tariff (Group Rates Only)

Tea / coffee with scone	£6.50	
Soup, Sandwiches, Traybakes, Tea, Coffee	£12.50 pp	
2 Course Lunch with Tea/Coffee	£22.00 pp	(Euro prices available on request)

tour information

Tours: Monday-Friday 10.30am - 12.15pm and 1.45pm - 3.00pm.

Tours available every half hour.

Children under 12 years old, tour free.

Parties of 10 or more, please telephone prior to visiting.

There are no tours on St Patricks Day, Good Friday & Easter Monday.

Please Note: Last tour 3pm.

There are no tours at weekends.

Closed Christmas and New Year.

opening times

	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January-March	10.00 - 15.00	Closed	Closed
April-September	09.00 - 16.00	10.00 - 15.00	13.00 - 16.00
October-December	10.00 - 15.00	10.00- 15.00	Closed

sustainability statement

At Belleek Pottery, we are deeply committed to sustainability and community development. Our innovative practices in waste management and solar energy reflect our dedication to preserving the environment, while our contributions to the local economy continue to support families and celebrate the vibrant spirit of Belleek village.

Whether you're here to learn, create, or simply relax, Belleek Pottery promises an unforgettable journey through history, artistry and innovation. We invite you to explore, participate and celebrate 169 years of excellence with us.

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