



## Kildare and the National Stud

### 1 Day Coach Tour

Rich in heritage and history, **Kildare Town** dates from the 5th Century, when it was the site of the original '**Church of the Oak**' and monastery founded by St. Brigid.

This early monastic settlement became one of the three most important Christian foundations in Celtic/Gaelic Ireland.

Horseracing is one our favourite national pastimes. The **Irish National Stud** belongs to the people of Ireland but prides itself on being enjoyed and appreciated by visitors from all parts of the globe.

Nowhere better symbolises all that is great about County Kildare, than the stud, the beating heart of Ireland's thoroughbred industry, a unique attraction of outstanding natural beauty that is home to some of the most magnificent horses and sumptuous gardens to be found anywhere in the world.

The Irish National Stud's **Japanese Gardens**, renowned throughout the world and the finest of their kind in Europe, are far more than simply a treat for the eye. They also provide comfort to the soul, achieving exactly the objective that was set out when the gardens were created between 1906 and 1910.

**St Fiachra's Garden**, how can something so new transport us back to a time that none of us knew? Step into St. Fiachra's Garden and enter another world, one to which you will wish to return again and again.

**The Spiritual Haven** is inspired by the Irish Patron Saint of Gardeners.

In July 1903 the **Gordon Bennett Cup** ran through Kildare in the first international motor race to be held in Ireland. Kildare was chosen, partly on the grounds that the straightness of the roads would be a safety benefit.

The 528 km race was won by the famous Belgian racer, Camille Jenatzy driving a Mercedes in German colours.

For a great afternoon shopping, nestled within landscaped grounds and presented in an authentic village environment, **Kildare Village Outlet Shopping** has 60 outlets to choose from.

A relaxed evening meal in a recommended restaurant is a great way to bring the day to its fullest close



A great day out!