

WILDE ISLAND TOWN – Home of the Happy Prince

Follow the Swallow...

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12 little Swallows
- 2A East Bridge Street
5 little Swallows
- 2B Belmore Street towards Old County Gaol
12 little Swallows
- 3 Townhall Street
8 little Swallows
- 4 The Little Diamond
14 little Swallows
- 5 The High Street
12 little Swallows
- 6 The Buttermarket and around
5 little Swallows
- 7 Church Street
21 little Swallows
- 8 Darling Street & Castle
16 little Swallows
- 9 11 Homeward Bound Swallows
- 10 24 Outlier little Swallows off the Island:
The *Dreaming* Swallows @ 12 Schools
The *Hospitable* little Swallows @ 5 Hotels
The *Flirting* little Swallows @ Devenish Island, Waterways Ireland and the Ardhoven Theatre
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Swallow with Ruby - South West Acute Hospital
Swallow with Sapphires - Enniskillen Royal Grammar and Lydia's.

WALK ON THE WILDE SIDE

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|  WILDE SCHOOL DAYS |  ST. MICHAEL'S RC CHURCH |  FALL FROM GRACE |  OSCAR WILDE BAR, ENNISKILLIN HOTEL |
|  BOAT TO DEVENISH ISLAND |  WILLIAM BLAKE'S OF THE SWALLOW |  GAOL C3.3 | |
|  WILDE AT HEART |  THE BUTTERMARKE |  THE GARDEN OF THE SELFISH GIANT | |
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"I am covered with fine gold," said the Prince, "you must take it off, leaf by leaf, and give it to my poor; the living always think that gold can make them happy." The Happy Prince, Oscar Wilde

Inspired by the fairy tale, Arts Over Borders has created *The Flight of the Little Golden Swallow* from Coles Monument down into the Island Town of Enniskillen, commissioning 150 swallows designed by artists Simon Carman and Helen Sharp to mark the 150th anniversary of Wilde's last year in Enniskillen.

Arts Over Borders invites you to *Follow The Swallow* through Wilde Island Town (WIT) and immerse yourself in the life of Oscar Wilde with a *Walk on the Wilde Side*.

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Oscar Wilde, the playwright, poet and wit spent seven years (1864-71) in Enniskillen at Portora Royal School (now Enniskillen Royal Grammar School). His most popular fairytale *The Happy Prince*, is directly inspired by Enniskillen's Cole's Monument that stands 'high above the town', which Wilde could see from his dormitory window at Portora. In the story the statue of the Happy Prince pleads with the little Swallow to stay and distribute his jewels and gold leaf to the people of the town to make them happy, so when you see a swallow think Kindness, Compassion, Love, and Empathy as these were the gifts the Happy Prince bestowed on the community embracing diversity and humanity.

Each of the little Golden Swallows have been given nicknames. Scan the QR code to discover them all. Can you spot Big Ears? The Free Kick Swallow? The Sacrifice and Peace Swallows? Which one is your favourite? Why not take a selfie and post it on Instagram / Facebook / Twitter
#followtheswallow #WIT



Take a *Walk on The Wilde Side* starting at Portora (Enniskillen Royal Grammar School), follow the purple dots and scan the QR code to find out about the life and times of Oscar Wilde. To finish your *Walk on The Wilde Side* climb the 108 steps within Cole's and you will arrive at the feet of the Happy Prince where lies the swallow who remained always. Here you can look down on the town, with the eyes of the Happy Prince and pause for a moment to contemplate how to help others.

THE WILDE ROMANTIC STAY

Indulge yourself by staying in one of the *Wilde Hotels* in Fermanagh: Soak in the Spa in the decadent 5* luxury of **The Lough Erne Resort**. Tease your tastebuds with fine dining at **Enniskillen Hotel** with its literary themed Wilde bar and Beckett restaurant. Stay closer to town at **Belmore Court Motel** and meander hand in hand through the streets of Enniskillen. Sip a cocktail at **The Westville Hotel**. Soak up the views at **The Killyhevlin Hotel** on the banks of Lough Erne. Live like a lord at the palatial **Manor House Country Hotel** surrounded by the Fermanagh Lakelands.
www.wilderomanticstay.com

THE WILDE ROMANTIC WAY

Explore the *Wildes* of Fermanagh: **Stroll through the Glorious Great Gardens of Fermanagh and Houses Beautiful.**

Did you know Fermanagh boasts three National Trust Properties:

■ Castle Coole ■ Florence Court House ■ Crom House and Estate

Circle the Island Town under your own steam by **Little Red Boats** or **Hydrobike**. Follow the footsteps of the young Oscar and take a riverside walk around **Portora Castle**, followed by cruise on **The Kestrel** at The Round O or **Erne Water Taxi** from Trory to the 6th century monastic site at **Devenish Island**. Take a spiritual journey to **The Graan Passionist Monastery**. Go down into the depths of the **Marble Arch Caves** to see the **De Profundis Swallow**.

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