

MAKE THE MOST OF IT

DAY PLANNERS

Whether you are visiting Antrim and Newtownabbey to explore its cultural heritage, enjoy a fun day out with your family, or take part in some high-octane sports, the following three action-packed day planners will help you make the most of your time.

Please note: opening hours of some visitor attractions may vary according to the seasons.

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DAY 1: CULTURALLY CURIOUS

10.00 am

Spend an hour or so browsing through the displays in the Museum at The Mill. You'll gain a fascinating insight to the textile industry and the effect it had on the lives of those who worked in it. Enjoy refreshments in the café while you're there.

11.00 am

Why not visit Sentry Hill, a perfectly-preserved 19th century farm house that gives us a glimpse into a rural way of life that has long disappeared. It's also the ancestral home of a remarkable family of writers, collectors and radical thinkers... the McKinnies.

Or, call into Patterson's Spade Mill, a National Trust property. It's the last water-driven spade mill still working in the British Isles. You can take part in a tour and watch as a spade is made... it's a bit like stepping back into the Industrial Revolution.

1.00 pm

Head to Antrim Castle Gardens and Clotworthy House. The 400-year old gardens have been sensitively restored, including the beautiful Anglo Dutch style canals and ponds that are unique in Northern Ireland. The Gardens have a lovely café for lunch.

3.30 pm

Explore Pogue's Entry Historical Cottage to find out about the lives of ordinary Irish country folk in the mid to late 1800s.

4.30 pm

Visit the 10th-century Antrim Round Tower, built as part of a monastic settlement.

5.30 pm

Make your way back to your accommodation and finish the day by going to a show at one of the theatres in the Borough.

DAY 2: FAMILY FUN

9.30 am

Visit World of Owls at Randalstown Forest, Northern Ireland's only Owl conservation centre, which houses owls from all around the world.

11.30 am

Whether it's wet or dry, children will find lots to do at Clementsmount Fun Farm. They'll get the chance to see, meet and hold some of the animals that live on the farm.

Afterwards, everyone can enjoy lunch in the tearoom for some fresh, home cooked treats.

2.00 pm

Take a trip across Lough Neagh on board the Island Warrior, and disembark to explore Ram's Island for a few hours. Just don't get lost!

4.30 pm

Time for mum and dad to enjoy an hour's shopping at The Junction Retail and Leisure Park. With top brands at discount prices, there's something for every member of the family.

5.30 pm

Make your way back to your accommodation, then enjoy a family night out at the cinema.

DAY 3: OUTBOUND & ACTIVE

9.00 am

Start the day off with a round of golf at Allen Park Golf Course, or practise your swing on the driving range.

11.00 am

Get an adrenalin high at Escarmouche Paintball. You'll soon find out who your friends really are!

1.00 pm

Grab a bite of pub grub in Ballyclare town centre.

2.00 pm

Join the Ballyclare Activity Trail, and shift up a gear with high speed thrills on the track at Need 4 Speed Karting.

4.00 pm

Try your hand at target practice with archery at Breckenhill.

5.30 pm

Relax in the luxurious spa at Dunamoy Cottages.

6.30 pm

Make your way back to your accommodation, dress up in your glad rags and head out for dinner and a night's craic at Antrim and Newtownabbey's lively pubs.

