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**Visit to Trim Castle and Killua Castle, County Meath Saturday October 19th, 2019**

**The coach will leave Dublin from the rear of Donnybrook Church, Dublin at 9.30 am**

**Trim Castle**, the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland, was constructed over a thirty-year period by Hugh de Lacy and his son Walter. Hugh de Lacy was granted the Liberty of Meath by King Henry II in 1172 in an attempt to curb the expansionist policies of Richard de Clare, (Strongbow). Construction of the massive three storied Keep, the central stronghold of the castle, was begun c. 1176 on the site of an earlier wooden fortress. This massive twenty-sided tower, which is cruciform in shape, was protected by a ditch, curtain wall and moat. Trim Castle is one of the finest examples of Norman architecture still standing in Ireland today. Trim Castle was the location for King John's Castle in the film 'Braveheart' the 1995 historical drama directed by and starring Mel Gibson.

*Lunch in Trim Castle Hotel*

**Killua Castle** was built in the mid-1780s for the Chapman family, cousins of Sir Walter Raleigh. The seventh and final baronet, Sir Thomas Chapman, left his wife and daughters to live with another woman; one of the five sons from this union was T E Lawrence, otherwise known as Lawrence of Arabia. Killua has passed through several owners since the death of Sir Thomas in 1919. In 1944, its fixtures and fittings were sold, and not long after, the castle's roof was removed and its lead sold. Killua stood exposed to the elements until lovingly refurbished by Allen and Lorena Krause

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*As numbers are strictly limited early booking is advised.* Closing date for bookings Monday October 7th  
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