

## Lorraine O'Dwyer

### *Gallivanting Tours*



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Those who love hearing a great story while exploring new places are the perfect customers for Lorraine O'Dwyer's Gallivanting Tours in County Wexford.

Lorraine, who has loved stories ever since she was a child, grew up in the tourism sector. Her father was a successful hotelier and publican in Dublin and her grandmother ran a guesthouse in Wexford.

Based in Gorey, Lorraine bought her own mini bus, a Volkswagon Caravelle, and set up Gallivanting Tours in 2016. The business specialises in delivering tours around the cornerstone of Ireland's Ancient East focusing on food, culture and folklore.

Her aim is to create unique experiences for her visitors by injecting her passion for storytelling into the tours.

Lorraine's tours cover a wide range of activities and include a workshop, lunch, a spot for local food shopping and stops for taking photos.

She picks visitors up at their accommodation in the morning and drops them back in the evening. With her knowledge of the best places to stay, she can also help visitors arrange accommodation.

Lorraine enjoyed taking part in ACORNS and felt it was a positive outlet for networking and meeting other like-minded business women.

Lorraine designs and delivers the tours herself, but she works with an independent guide to deliver tours in different languages such as French, Italian and Spanish. To accommodate larger groups, she works with a local coach company.

While Wexford is full of history, stories, and plenty of places to explore, Lorraine hopes to expand someday and offer tours nationwide.

*Providing early stage female entrepreneurs, living in rural Ireland, with the knowledge, support and networking opportunities to meet and even exceed their current aspirations.*



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