

YOUR WEEKEND



Some Sunday inspiration for things to do today and in the week ahead

SHOP

The jewellery designer Bláithín Ennis's new collection is a colourful departure from her distinctive shimmering pieces. Entitled Sea of Stars and inspired by the Maldives, in the Indian Ocean, the designs combine vibrant coloured glass crystals and intricate metalware detailing. The collection features oversized studs, *pictured*, as well as drop earrings, chain and torc necklaces and rings, all handmade in her studio in Wexford. There are two colourways, combining the enchanting shades of coral reefs, sea life, turquoise waters and white sands. Prices start from €100. blaithinennis.com

TASTE

Carton House is a historic Irish property and the new "iconic afternoon tea" celebrates famous guests who've stepped over the threshold. Queen Victoria stayed in the specially decorated Chinese Boudoir during her visits and so there's a Victoria sponge; Julie Andrews stayed there while filming *Darling Lili* in 1968.

1969, so the menu features a carrot cake inspired by her own recipe; and to mark the singer Lana Del Rey's stay there is an apple sweet with a cinnamon infusion, inspired by the lyrics to *Radio*. The showpiece is a peanut butter ganache chocolate replica of the Hermès Kelly handbag, inspired by Princess Grace of Monaco, who holidayed in Carton House with her husband, Prince Rainier III, in 1963. Available Thursday to Sunday, the tea costs €65 per person, with reservations essential. There's also the option of adding a history tour of the resort before or afterwards. cartonhouse.com





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Athlone Viking River Fest will bring thrilling re-enactments of Viking battles to the shores of the River Shannon. A Viking settlement established along the Shannon banks will be the centrepiece of the event, and visitors of all ages are invited to immerse themselves in the culture. The tented village will feature Vikings in full character and costume, showcasing blacksmithing techniques and forging weapons; woodworkers will craft intricate designs; and there will be falconry displays. For more information follow Viking River Fest Athlone on Facebook.



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This August bank holiday weekend the Athlone Viking River Fest will feature





LISTEN

The Irish indie-folk act Kingfishr have launched their latest album, *Live from Dublin*, recorded on the first of two sold-out shows at the Olympia Theatre. The band members Eddie (vocals, guitar), McGoo (banjo) and Fitz (bass) formed the band while studying engineering at university in Limerick. They have amassed more than 30 million streams to date globally. The trio will be touring across Ireland and the UK for the rest of the year, including All Together Now in Waterford next weekend. kingfishr.ie/live

