

This summer, Bray invites you to dive into a whirlwind of family fun as the town kick starts the season with festivals, events and activities galore throughout June, July, and August, there's something for everyone in the family to enjoy.

In this pocket guide you will learn all about the #SummerInBray 2024 fantastic line-up which promises an unforgettable experience, packed with entertainment, culture, and community spirit.

From the enchanting 'Movies by the Bandstand' to the serene 'Yoga Summer Workshop', the sizzling 'Beach BBQ Festival' to the awe-inspiring 'Bray Air Display', and everything in between, #SummerInBray promises non-stop excitement.

Feel the rhythm with live music on Sunday afternoons, experience the thrill of the 'Seafront Funfair', admire the classic beauties at the 'Chrome Classic Car and Bike Festival', and join the town in welcoming Bray's newest festival, the 'Brave Maeve Family Festival', where a legend comes to life.

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Bray and District Chamber of Commerce, Bray Municipal District, Wicklow County Council and bray.ie. Its goal is to promote tourism products and strengthen the local economy.

So, get ready to immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of Bray this summer. Whether you're a resident or a visitor, there's no better place to be for family fun, relaxation, and adventure.

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SUMMER SOUNDS

Free Sunday Summer Sounds returns to Bray's iconic Victorian bandstand and will run over selected Sundays throughout the summer and will feature big band performances from the Airport Police and Fire Service Band, the Bray Concert Band, and many others.

Sunday Summer Sounds schedule:

June 16th - Bray Concert Band
June 23rd - Harbour Ukuleles
June 30th - Bray Concert Band
July 7th - Belly Dancing Buzz
July 14th - Airport Police and Fire Service Band
August 18th - Blanchardstown Brass Band
August 25th - Airport Police and Fire Service Band
September 1st - St. George's Brass Band

Performances starts at 2.30 pm. For updates be sure to follow **bray.ie's** socials.

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YOGA SUMMER WORKSHOP

Bray will mark International Day of Yoga by hosting a **Yoga Summer Workshop on Saturday, July 13th**, at 10 am on the seafront, where people who want to connect to their body, mind and soul will be able to join in on the celebrations.

The session aims to raise awareness about the importance and impact of yoga on people's well-being.

All you need to bring is your yoga mat, towel, water and an open mind. The event is open to individuals aged 16 and over, and no registration is required.







Free Movies by the Bandstand are back on Thursday, July 4th, Thursday, July 18th and Sunday, August 4th.

Movie titles will be revealed on social media, so keep an eye on **bray.ie's** socials.

Best of all, this is a FREE event with NO tickets required! You just need to bring a deckchair or blanket and some popcorn... Please remember to #ShopLocalFirst.

The screen will be located by Bray's iconic bandstand on the seafront.

All movies will start at 6 pm and or 8:30 pm except for Sunday, August 4 as screenings will take place at 3 pm and 5 pm.

Screenings are subject to change without notice and are weather permitting.



The Seafront Funfair is coming to town from Saturday, July 20th to Bank Holiday Monday, August 5th* (closed on Monday, July 29th and Tuesday, July 30th).

Enjoy bumper cars, games, stalls, and more daily from 12 pm to 10 pm. Special discounted tickets are available on weekdays from the onsite box office.



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Bray's sizzling **Beach BBQ Festival** is returning this July, ready to ignite the summer party vibe once again!

This family-friendly scorcher takes place along the spectacular seafront. Bringing you an incredible selection of activities including a funfair, demos, games, DJ sets, mouthwatering BBQ and food trucks over the weekend of July 20th and 21st.

Join the vibrant outdoor party vibe from 11 am to 7 pm daily.

Get the festival lowdown at beachbbqfestival.com.







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BRAVE MAEVE FAMILY FESTIVAL

Where a legend comes to life
Bray seafront | Saturday, July 27th &
Sunday, July 28th | 11 am to 7 pm

Brave Maeve Family Festival debuts this year, celebrating family, folklore, and fun, inspired by the mythical tale of Brave Maeve.

Festivalgoers will witness the magical moment when Brave Maeve awakens from her long slumber at a scheduled short animation.

Other festival highlights include daily storytelling sessions, a funfair, a petting farm, art workshops, performances from local dance groups and more.

About Brave Maeve Story Trail

Along Bray's seafront, this kids' walking trail links up five brightly coloured murals created by children's author and illustrator Chris Judge in collaboration with 50 local children. Together, the murals tell the story of Maeve, a young giant who is searching for a home for her family, encountering monsters and mythical figures along the way. The trail is 1.5km long.

Read more at bravemaevefestival.com.









THE CIASSIC CAR & BIKE FESTIVAL

Chrome Classic Car & Bike Festival roars into Bray seafront on Sunday, July 28th from 11 am to 7 pm.

This year's festival promises a day packed with entertainment, food, and family fun, making it the ultimate destination for enthusiasts and families alike.

From 11 am to 4 pm, festivalgoers will be treated to a dazzling display of iconic vintage machines, from beautifully restored classics to rare and unique models.

Read more at chrometheclassiccarshow.com.





BRAYAIR

The Bray Air Display takes off on Saturday, August 3rd.

Marvel at the breathtaking flying skills of talented pilots as they paint the skies with mesmerising aerobatics.

There's vintage aviation-style from the Mustang 'Miss Helen' to picture-perfect formation display from Team Raven, so prepare to be amazed as these talented pilots defy gravity and push the limits of precision and skill.

As well as the entertainment in the sky there is plenty of action on the ground; where you can enjoy the thrills and spills of the Seafront Funfair, explore the static display by the Irish Defence Forces, and dine alfresco at our Food and Craft Village.

You can even experience a breathtaking helicopter ride over Bray Head.

All starting at noon, with the spectacular #BrayAirDisplay kicking off at 3 pm.

Opt for greener transport options like public transport, carsharing, walking, or cycling to reduce the event's carbon footprint.

Please arrive before 2 pm, regardless of your mode of transport.

Check out the event's comprehensive website at **brayairdisplay.com** for everything you need to know, including practical advice on how to get to Bray, pre-booking parking, shuttle bus arrangements, accessibility details and more.

















FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Get ready for a night of enchantment with a breathtaking fireworks display on Bank Holiday Monday, August 5th!

Crafted by Rocket
Pyrotechnics Ireland, this
dazzling show features around
193 fireworks, launching 1728
spectacular projectiles, 9
flame units, and 2.5 tonnes
of thrilling effects right from
the seafront opposite the
Bandstand.

This year's fantastic fireworks are proudly sponsored by The Martello Hotel, Bray. Join East Coast FM's Rob & Laura at 9:30 pm for the exciting event build-up, with the explosive display lighting up the night sky after 10 pm to a specially curated soundtrack.



MORE INFO...

Visit the award-winning **bray.ie/summer2024** for more information. Be sure to stay up to date by following bray.ie on **X**, **Facebook** or on **Instagram**.

There's plenty to keep you busy between events too as Bray is packed full of incredible experiences that you can't get anywhere else.

You can explore things to see and do, eat and drink, places to stay and more, simply head over to **bray.ie** and start to plan your visit.

The **#SummerinBray** campaign is a collaborative effort involving the Bray and District Chamber of Commerce, Bray Municipal District, Wicklow County Council and bray. ie. Its goal is to promote tourism products, strengthen the local economy, and create lasting memories for visitors and residents.

Join the conversation by sharing your own images or videos of your best holiday moments in Bray using the hashtags #SummerInBray, #LoveBray and #Bray some of which may be featured on **bray.ie socials**.



All information stated in this pocket guide is correct at the time of publication. All events and activities are subject to change without notice and may be dependent on weather.

By attending any bray, ie event or events, all participants agree to the following: photos, audio, and video recordings will be taken throughout the event, which will be used on organisers' social media channels, websites, external/partners sites, print media and television.









