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**Visit to Fota House and Gardens
Thursday 20 March 2025 at 12.30**

FNCI have been invited by the Irish Heritage Trust for a private visit to Fota House and Gardens, one of Ireland's finest examples of regency period architecture and once the home of the Smith-Barry family.

The property is situated on Fota island and has its own railway station.

FNCI recently assisted the Irish Heritage Trust in the purchase of 10 Italian carved walnut chairs which came up for auction and were originally acquired for Fota house

Travel to and from Fota is under own arrangement

Train Dublin to Cork 09.00

Train Cork to Fota 12.00 (15m)

Train Fota to Cork 16.40

Train Cork to Dublin 17.25 Arrives Dublin 20.00

Free parking is available at Fota for FNCI guests

Fota House is about 800 m, a 10-minute walk, from the station but assistance if required can be arranged

The weather in March can be unpredictable so bring an umbrella

€ 60 per person. Lunch included (please advise dietary requirements)

Please post the booking form to arrive no later than 18 March 2025

If you have any queries, please contact:

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enclosing

A cheque for € 60 per person payable to FNCI or details of your credit / debit card

A stamped addressed envelope (not required if an email address is supplied)

Payment can also be made through our website fnci.ie

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Booking Form for Fota visit 20 March 2025 at 12.30

I/We enclose a cheque (made payable to FNCI) for €.....

Credit / Debit Card Booking: Amount €..... Card No..... Expiry Date...../.....

Security No...(3 digit number on the back of the card)

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Name(s).....

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I understand and agree that the Friends of the National Collections of Ireland, nor owners and occupiers of the properties visited, shall not have any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage or loss, howsoever occasioned by me or by any other person on whose behalf I am applying (which said person has authorised me to give such an undertaking on his/her behalf)

Signed..... Date.....