

ATTRACTIONS IN CORK

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Cork is the main gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way.. Explore this winding route from Kinsale to Kenmare, expect culinary treats and plenty of coastal surprises. Hear tales of shipwrecks, dangle over oceans and explore an underground world of historic hardships. Make Cork either your starting or end point to ensure that your anchor destination is not one to disappoint.



IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

Ireland's Ancient East covers the area outside of Dublin and east of the River Shannon, extending from Carlingford to Cavan and south to Cork City, including East County Cork and East County Limerick. Explore the stories and history of this region and discover a place full of culture, legends, festivals and fun. Cork is the gateway between the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland's Ancient East so it's the perfect place to discover a bit of both.



MITCHELSTOWN

Mitchelstown is set at the foothills of the Galtee Mountains for any nature lovers it is a fantastic hike with great views. The town is in the middle of the beautiful Cork countryside of Ireland's Blackwater Valley. Take some time to explore the 18th century town and its fine example of Georgian Houses. Enjoy its many attractions such as St. Fanahan's Well, the Mitchelstown Caves, Trail Riding and Pony Trekking, marked walks and nature treks.



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MIDDLETON

The historic town of Middleton in East Cork is a waterside town bustling with award winning restaurants, intimate cafes and quaint old Irish pubs. It is famous for its regular Saturday morning Farmer's Market. Experience the legend of Irish Whiskey at the Jameson Distillery and Heritage centre, one of Cork's top attractions. The Jameson Distillery has an hour-long guided tour of the old-Middleton distillery where you'll learn about the distilling process, visit a restored 19th century warehouse where Jameson is aged in oak casks and even have an opportunity to sample some of the finished products.



KINSALE

Kinsale is one of the most picturesque, popular and fashionable towns in the south-west coast of Ireland. Kinsale is most known for its gourmet restaurants, art galleries and harbour, making it an ideal spot for yachting, sea angling, dolphin and whale watching trips, and an amble around the cobbled streets and discover the history of Charles Fort. Visit the medieval fishing port of Kinsale where two 17th century fortresses overlook the River Bandon: Charles Fort and James Fort. It is rich in history and beauty.



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COBH

Queenstown, as the East Cork Town of Cobh was earlier called, is a pleasant waterside town where its streets climb the steep hill slope, the top of which is crowned by the imposing Cobh Cathedral. Cobh is most famous for being the last docking point of the Titanic Ship before it sank. The Titanic Centre and Queenstown Story are definitely worth a visit, it is a permanent visitor centre, located in the original White Star Line Ticket Office in the centre of Cobh town in what was the departure point for all 123 passengers who boarded the Titanic, the last point of departure.



BLARNEY

Blarney is set in beautiful wooded countryside and is steeped in history and magical charm. For many visitors to Blarney, their priority is to kiss the famous Blarney Stone high up on the Blarney Castle battlements. Tradition holds that those who kiss the Blarney Stone will be endowed with the gift of eloquence - "the gift of the gab", as the locals call it. Blarney Castle is a world landmark and one of Ireland's greatest treasures. Enjoy its breath-taking views and experience the beautiful natural walkways surrounding the grounds while stopping off to kiss the most famous stone in Ireland. The Blarney Woollen Mills is another must when visiting Blarney Town.





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LOCAL BEACHES

The Cork coast is renowned for its many beaches. We have selected our personal favourites to share with you during your stay with us: Garretstown Beach, Garryvoe Beach and Inchydoney Beach.

GARRETSTWON BEACH

This is a popular surfing destination. It offers restrooms and seasonal lifeguard service. Garretstown Beach is located within a short distance of Ballinspittle village by car. There is also a pitch and putt course nearby. During the summer season there is a surf school set up at the beach providing lessons and equipment hire for surfing, body boarding and stand up paddle boarding. There is also a ramp and steps for accessibility. It was awarded Blue Flag in 2018.

GARRYVOE BEACH

Garryvoe Beach is located just off the road from Ladysbridge to Shanagarry. It is a mixed pebble beach and a great family destination. This is also a Blue Flag Beach. There is accessibility for wheelchairs and a children's play area. It lies in the bay of the Ballycotton Cliffs which has walkways spiralling from cliff to beach with excellent views and an opportunity to spot some of the local wildlife. On clear summer days its possible to see Ballycotton Island from Garryvoe Beach with the picturesque lighthouse.

INCHYDONEY BEACH

Inchydoney Beach is just outside from the town of Clonakilty and is accessible by car and surrounded by large sand dunes. The beach has brilliant surfing conditions and has a surf school at the beach during the summer season where you can hire wetsuits, boards as well as purchase lessons for the day. The beach is life guarded during the summer and the beach has received the Blue Flag Award in 2018.

