

WELCOME TO BALTIMORE & THE ISLANDS

The charming coastal village of Baltimore is situated on one of the most south-westerly points of Ireland, renowned for its attractive landscapes, unspoiled coast lines and Carbery's One Hundred Isles.

The unique location of "our Square" is where locals and visitors meet for a chat and a drink, to unwind and relax, while enjoying most beautiful views over the peaceful harbour.

There's no place like it !

Baltimore and the Islands are the Wild Atlantic Way's golden spur with Dún an Óir (castle of gold), Dún na Séad (castle of jewels) the Cailín Óir (golden girl - a ferry boat), not to mention golden sunsets, pirate treasures and sunken wrecks. Go and experience the wild, unspoilt, raw beauty of rugged coastlines, cliffs, seascapes, beaches, food, music, festivals, maritime history and adventure.

Why not start your adventure in Baltimore & The Islands and let us take your breath away!

50 THINGS TO DO

WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES

1. Sailing
2. Diving
3. Deep Sea Angling
4. Snorkelling
5. Beaches & Swimming
6. Boat Hire
7. Whale, Dolphin & Seal Watching
8. Kayaking
9. High speed boat rides

LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES

10. Playground
11. Cycling
12. Indoor Pool & Fitness Centre
13. Looped Walks
14. Open Gardens
15. Dún na Séad Castle
16. Prehistoric Sites
17. Lifeboat Station
18. Heritage Centres
19. Art Centres

TRIPS & TOURS

20. Sherkin Island
21. Cape Clear Island
22. Heir (Hare) Island
23. Fastnet Lighthouse
24. Tours of Carbery 100 Isles
25. Lough Hyne Trips
26. River Trips & Twilight Tours

LOUGH HYNE & BARLOGUE CREEK

27. Walking
28. Climbing Knockomagh Hill
29. Swimming
30. Bird Watching
31. Kayaking
32. Snorkelling

SHOPPING, CRAFTS & BEAUTY

33. Local Art, Craft & Knitwear
34. Galleries
35. Grocery & Newsagent
36. Skibbereen Town
37. Farmer's Market

ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD

38. Traditional Music
39. Concerts & Festivals
40. Old-Time & Set Dancing
41. Bar Food
42. Family Restaurants
43. Traditional Irish Food
44. Gourmet Restaurants

DAY TRIPS

45. Mizen Head - Visitor Centre
46. Ring of Beara & Sheep's Head
47. Bantry House and Gardens
48. Castletownshend, Union Hall and Glandore
49. Schull Planetarium
50. Drombeg Stone Circle



Explore Baltimore & The Islands

Baltimore and the Islands provide a brilliant and unique setting for family trips, activity weekends, midweek get-aways, weddings, parties & corporate events. For all information and special offers visit: www.baltimore.ie

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

- Fiddle Fair** (May)
- Seafood & Wooden Boat Festival** (May)
- Walking Talking on Cape Clear** (May)
- Baltimore Pirate Festival** (June)
- O'Driscoll Clan Midsummer Festival** (June)
- Sherkin Island Regatta** (July)
- Baltimore Regatta** (August)
- Cape Clear Regatta** (August)
- Heir (Hare) Island Regatta** (August)
- Baltimore Deep Sea Angling Festival** (August)
- Storytelling Festival Cape Clear** (September)
- Baltimore Wildlife Festival** (September)
- Baltimore Walking Weekend** (October)

For dates & information
log on to:

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The Wild Atlantic Way - The longest defined coastal touring route in the world - 2500km of unspoiled coastlines from West Cork to Donegal where land and sea collide. Beautiful scenery, wildlife habitats, heritage and traditional culture...a journey that will stay with you forever.

Approx distances to Baltimore

Cork	100km - 90mins
Dublin	350km - 4hrs
Rosslare	290km - 3.5hrs
Skibbereen	12km - 15mins

Sat Nav

LAT: 51.48325
LONG: -9.37325
EIRCODE: P81 X968



Explore Baltimore & The Islands

Breathtaking scenery

Exciting coastline

Activities galore

Charming village

Off to the islands

Night-time pubs & restaurants





ON THE WATER

Because of its maritime tradition, Baltimore is well known as the **Water Activities Capital of Ireland**.

Sub-tropical flora and fauna flourish under the influence of the warm Gulf Stream. Activities to be enjoyed by the whole family include sailing, boating, swimming, snorkelling, kayaking and diving, with spectacular scenery, unpolluted waters and wrecks galore.

The southwest is the feeding ground for a number of whale & dolphin species; minke, fins & humpbacks, common & bottlenose dolphins. Seals, basking sharks and harbour porpoises are also seen along with sunfish and the occasional leatherback turtle.

There's sea angling for everything from mackerel to tuna. Baltimore is especially well known for its shark and common skate fishing, both of which can produce a fish of well over 100 lbs (50 kg) in weight.

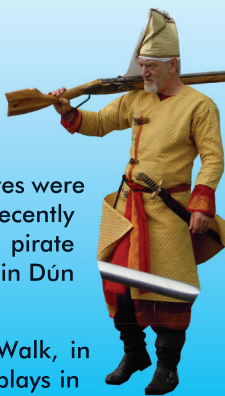
The varied bird life includes some rare members of the shearwater, petrel, skua and gull families.

Pirates of Baltimore

The attack in June 1631 by Barbary corsairs was the worst-ever attack on the mainland of Ireland or Britain, also known as 'the Sack of Baltimore' - 107 slaves were taken and sold on the markets in Algiers. Recently an archaeological team discovered a pirate shipwreck. You can visit the pirate exhibits in Dún na Séad Castle.

Follow the history through the Heritage Walk, in books by local authors and artefacts & displays in local bars. Fun for children at the Inish Beg Pirate & Fairy Trails interactive walk through the woods.

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THE ISLANDS

Cape Clear Island (ferry from Baltimore - 45 mins)
Ireland's most southerly Gaeltacht Island, offering wild romantic scenery with heather, gorse and wild flowers covering steep rugged hills, sparkling harbours and spectacular cliffs, all contributing to the island's unspoilt charm. There are many historic sites and it's a birdwatcher's paradise.

An Gaisceanan (Angling, Birdwatching & Eco Tours) 086 8123779
An Siopa Beag (groceries & Wi Fi access) 028 39099
Ard na Gaoithe B&B 028 39160
Cape Clear Holiday Hostel 028 41968
Chleire Haven Yurt Village & Campsite 086 1971956
Cotters Bar 028 39153
Sean Rua's Restaurant 028 39099

Heir (Hare) Island (ferry from Baltimore - 20 mins)
(" Cunnamore - 4 mins)

Discover a little piece of heaven, tucked away in a corner of Roaringwater Bay, it's an idyllic location for a family picnic on a necklace of wonderful sheltered sandy beaches.

Burke's Shop, Tea/Coffee & Outdoor Pizza Oven .. 089 9653459
Heir Island Sailing School & Kayak Hire ... 087 1488127
Roaringwater Lodge B&B 087 1488127

Sherkin Island (ferry from Baltimore - 10 mins)
Enjoy tranquil beauty with breathtaking landscapes and stunning clean golden beaches, leisurely walks past Franciscan Abbey, O'Driscoll Castle ruin, old lighthouse and art displays.
Islander's Rest Guesthouse 028 20116
Murphy's Pub 028 20116
Murphy's Restaurant 028 20116
Sherkin Island Marina 028 20116
Sherkin North Shore (accommodation & discovery) 087 6185368
The Jolly Roger Tavern 028 20662



LOUGH HYNE

Nestling within a fold of hills 5 km away from Baltimore, Lough Hyne (Ine) is a place of peaceful serenity, steeped in local folklore and home to a unique ecosystem which sustains a huge variety of marine plants and animals. It's connected to the sea via a narrow tidal channel, known as *the Rapids*. A climb up Mount Knockamagh Hill rewards with stunning panoramic views. It's a great place to go for a swim, bird & seal watching or a leisurely wander along the western shore towards Barlogue Creek.

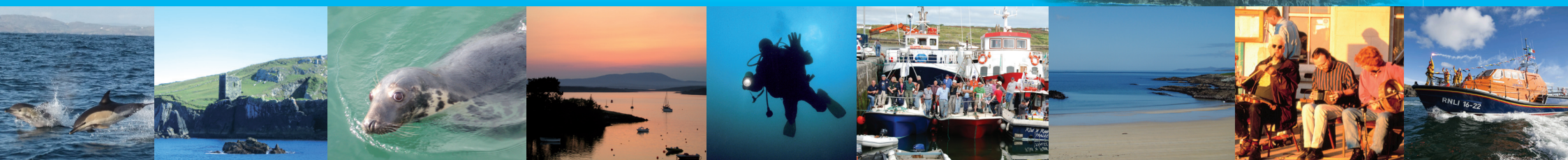
WALKS & GARDENS

There are many lovely scenic walks, ranging from a simple 30 minute stroll to a 3-4 hour hill-walk. These include the Baltimore heritage trail, looped walks in and around the village, the iconic Beacon, Coney Island, the Hill, Trafraska Beach, Reengaroga or Lough Hyne nature reserve & woodland hill top walk as well as marked trails on the islands. For garden enthusiasts there are formal flower gardens, rockeries, meadows, stone-walled herb gardens, birdsong-filled woodlands, fruit cages, bird hides, sunken gardens with ponds and fountains, orchards and carriage drives.

FASTNET ROCK



The Fastnet Lighthouse sticks up out of the Atlantic like a finger pointing at the heavens, and marks Ireland's most southerly point. It is considered one of the most beautiful lighthouses in the world and remains the tallest and widest in Ireland or Great Britain. Take a boat trip or guided tour to visit this famous "Carrig Aonar" (lonely rock).



Water-Based Activities

Aquaventures (diving, snorkelling & whale-watching)	23	028 20511
Atlantic Boating Services (boat hire/ pontoon)	8	087 2351485
Atlantic Sea Kayaking		028 21058
Baltimore Angling (angling, shark fishing & wildlife trips)		086 3014971
Baltimore Sailing Club	9	028 20426
Baltimore Sea Safari (coastal & whale-watch tours)		087 2409761
Baltimore Yacht Charters		087 2738368
Cailin Óir Twilight Tours (Lough Hyne & Fastnet)		086 3465110
Glenua Sailing Centre		086 8589708
Rooster (angling & shark fishing, pelagic birdwatching)		086 8240642
Ten Island Tours & Ilan River Cruise		087 2638470
Whale Watch West Cork (whale & dolphin watching)		086 1200027
Wild Atlantic Pool (indoor heated)	22	028 20622

Ferries

Baltimore - Sherkin Island Ferry	087 9117377
Cape Clear Ferry	086 3465110
Heir (Hare) Island Ferry M.V. Thresher	086 8092447

Shops/Galleries/Crafts

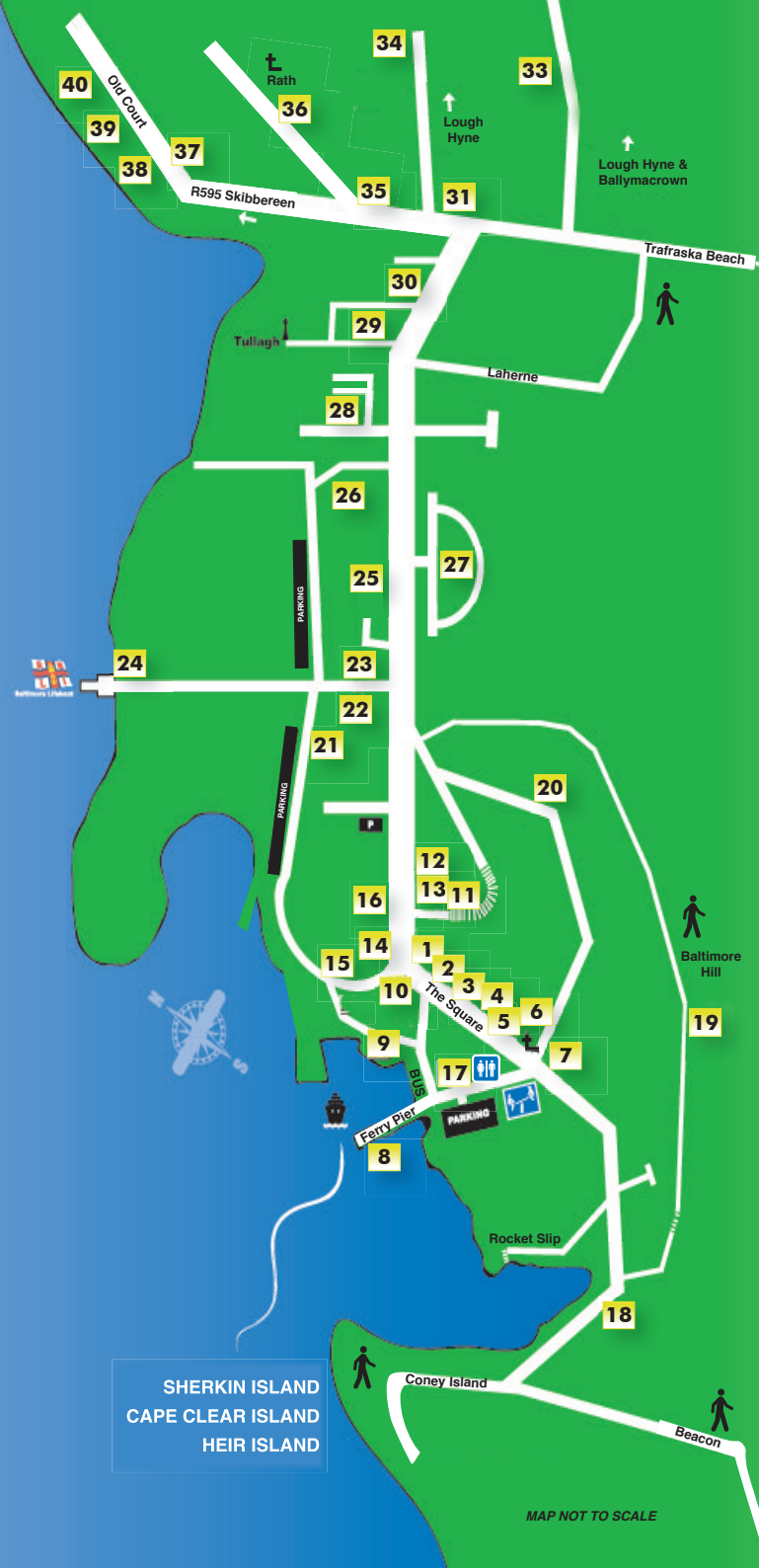
Aquaventures (dive & snorkel equipment)	23	028 20511
Bebhinn Marten Knitwear (at Beacon Design)	38	028 20148
Cotters Gala (groceries & newsagent)	5	028 20106
Gallery Chez Youen	6	028 20600
Island Crafts & Information Centre	10	028 20022

Others Businesses/Services

Baltimore Taxi Services (Michael)		087 1317313
CT Weddings & Events (planning & decor)		028 20753
Fr. Cashman Community Centre	25	
GAA Sports Hall & Pitch	37	
Harbour Master's Office	17	087 2351485
Kate's Kitchen (home-made cakes & biscuits)		087 2906607
Kay Newman (hairdresser)		087 2793518
Leisure Centre (gym)	22	028 20622

Places to Visit

Beacon		
Dún na Séad Castle	14	028 20735
Glebe Gardens	30	028 20579
Inish Beg Estate Gardens and Pirate & Fairy Trails	40	028 21745
Lough Hyne Nature Reserve		
Marked Walking Loops		
Baltimore Hill Loop, Coney Island, the Beacon, Laherne & Trafraska Beach		
RNLI Lifeboat Station	24	
Sundial (in the Square)		



Hotel

Casey's of Baltimore	29	028 20197
The Waterfront	4	028 20600

Guest House/Other Accommodation

Baltimore Townhouse (suites)	20	028 20197
Beacon Shore Guesthouse	1	028 20143
Rolfs Country House	19	028 20289

Bed & Breakfast

Bushe's	2	028 20125
Channel View	31	028 20440
Fastnet House	16	028 20515
Rathmore House	35	028 20362
The Old Post House	12	028 20155
The Slipway	18	028 20134
The Stone House	23	028 20511

Self Catering

Adam Island (Baltimore holiday homes)	28	086 8507332
Ballymacrown Homestead	33	028 20527
Baltimore Self Catering	27	087 2576729
Castle End House	15	086 2738368
Harbour Court No. 1	26	086 8333393
Harbour Drive Apartment No. 5	21	089 4540326
Clear Island (Baltimore holiday homes)	28	086 8139970
Harbour View Apartments	7	028 20142
Inish Beg Estate	40	028 21745
Inner Nature Yurt	34	087 6680281
Killeena House Apartments	39	028 21029
Rolf's Self Catering Cottages	19	028 20289
Sandy Island (Baltimore holiday homes)	28	028 20143
The Slipway	18	028 20134

Pubs / Bars

Algiers Inn	13	028 20145
Bushe's Bar	2	028 20125
Casey's of Baltimore	29	028 20197
Jacob's Bar	4	028 20900
The Síbin	36	028 20383

Restaurants

Casey's of Baltimore	29	028 20197
La Jolie Brise Pizza & Grill	3	028 20441
Rolfs Restaurant & Wine Bar	19	028 20289
The Glebe Café	30	028 20579
The Lookout	4	028 20600
The Mews	11	028 20572
The Síbin	36	028 20383