



## Explore Baltimore

Baltimore provides a brilliant and unique setting for family trips, activity weekends, midweek get-aways, weddings, parties & corporate events.

Create your own "à la carte" holiday break with a discount on accommodation, activity and evening meal.  
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## FESTIVALS

**Heritage Festival** (April)

**Fiddle Fair** (May)

**Seafood & Wooden Boat Festival** (May)

**O'Driscoll Clan Midsummer Festival** (June)

**Sherkin Island Regatta** (July)

**Baltimore Regatta** (August)

**Cape Clear Regatta** (August)

**Baltimore Angling Festival** (August)

**Storytelling Festival Cape Clear** (September)

For dates & details  
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### Approximate distances from Baltimore

Cork Airport & Ferry port	100km - 90mins
Killarney	100km - 90mins
Bantry	30km - 40mins
Skibbereen	12km - 15mins



# Explore Baltimore

Breathtaking scenery

Exciting coastline

Activities galore

Charming village

Off to the islands

Night-time pubs  
& restaurants

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# Welcome to Baltimore

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 !**

*Find what you're looking for.....*

*Explore Baltimore*

## 50 THINGS TO DO

### **WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES**

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

### **TRIPS & TOURS**

10. Sherkin Island
11. Cape Clear Island
12. Heir Island
13. Fastnet Lighthouse
14. Tours of Carbery 100 Isles
15. Lough Hyne Trips
16. River Trips
17. Twilight Tours

### **LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES**

18. Walking
19. Playground
20. Lifeboat Station
21. Prehistoric Sites
22. Beacon
23. Visit to Gardens
24. Visit Dún na Séad Castle
25. West Cork Art Centre, Skibbereen
26. Skibbereen Heritage Centre

### **LOUGH HYNE & BARLOGUE CREEK**

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

### **SHOPPING & PAMPER YOURSELF**

33. Local Craft & Knitwear
34. Skibbereen Town & Market
35. Beautician, Massage & Hairdresser
36. Grocery & Newsagent

### **ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD**

37. Traditional Music
38. Concerts & Gigs
39. Set Dancing
40. Bar Food
41. Family Restaurants
42. Traditional Irish Food
43. Gourmet Restaurants

### **DAY TRIPS**

44. Mizen Head - Visitor Centre
45. Ring of Beara
46. Bantry House and Gardens
47. Castletownshend, Union Hall and Glandore
48. Schull Planetarium
49. Drumbeg Stone Circle
50. Lissard Garden Skibbereen





## 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, swimming, snorkelling, kayaking and diving, with spectacular scenery, unpolluted waters and wrecks galore.

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.

Hire a self-drive boat and be independent for a pleasant cruise around the harbour or a picnic on a beautiful sandy beach or cove nearby.

The varied bird life includes some rare members of the shearwater, petrel, skua and gull families. Sometimes these can be seen from the shore, notably from Cape Clear, but the best view is from a boat where there is also the chance of seeing whales, dolphins, basking sharks, seals or even a leatherback turtle.

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## THE ISLANDS

### *Sherkin Island*

Only 10 minutes ferry crossing from Baltimore, the island offers tranquil beauty with breathtaking landscapes and stunning clean golden beaches. Leisurely walks past Franciscan Abbey, O'Driscoll Castle ruin, Old Light House and art displays.

### *Heir Island*

A little piece of heaven, tucked away in a corner of Roaringwater Bay. An idyllic location for a family picnic on a necklace of wonderful, sheltered sandy beaches. 20 minutes ferry from Baltimore

### *Cape Clear Island*

Ireland's most southerly Gaeltacht island lies a 45 minutes trip from Baltimore. 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. Many historic sites and a birdwatchers paradise.

## WALKS

There are many lovely walks in and around Baltimore. Whichever way you head, be it past the Dún na Séad Castle, the RNLI lifeboat station, the Beacon, Spain tower & deserted village, gardens, Ringarogy Island, Lough Hyne or the hills round and about, you'll have a great time.

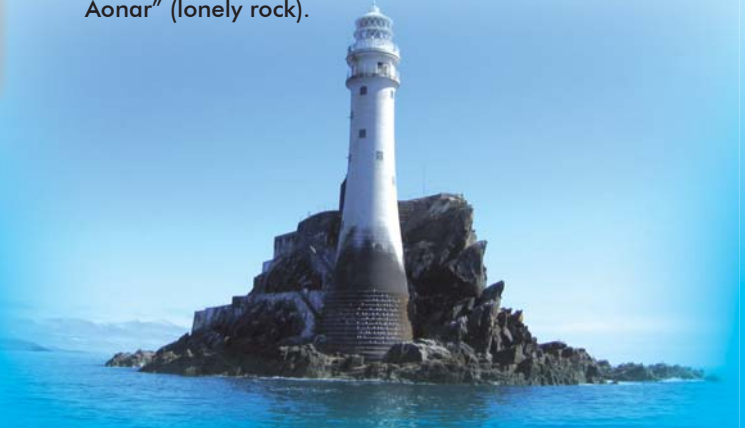


## LOUGH HYNE

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 eco system which sustains a huge variety of marine plants and animals. 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.

## 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 very famous "Carrig Aonar" (lonely rock).



## Water-Based Activities

Anna M Sailing Trips	028 20598
Aquaventures (diving, snorkel & whale-watch)	<b>31</b> 028 20511
Atlantic Boating (Boat Hire)	087 2351485
Atlantic Sea Kayaking	028 21058
Baltimore Diving Centre	<b>33</b> 028 20300
Baltimore Sailing Club	<b>24</b> 028 20426
Baltimore Sea Safari (coastal, seal & dolphin tours)	087 2409761
Baltimore Yacht Charters	(086) 087 2738368
Cailin Óir Twilight Tours (Lough Hyne & Fastnet)	086 3465110
Cape Clear Holiday Centre (whale-watch & Fastnet)	087 2680760
Glenans Sailing School	<b>35</b> 028 20154
Heir Island Sailing School	<b>45</b> 086 8192342
Irish Water Sports (Inish Beg Estate)	<b>1</b> 028 21745
Lady Reb Deep Sea Angling	086 3014971
Liscannor Star (whale & dolphin watching)	087 7417204
Mám an Óraigh (angling & coastal tours)	087 2447828
Rooster Deep Sea Angling	086 8240642
Ten Island Tours	087 2638470
The Algerine Deep Sea Angling	086 1551033
Whale Watch West Cork	086 1200027

## Places to visit

Dún na Séad Castle	<b>15</b> 028 20735
Glebe Gardens	<b>6</b> 028 20232

## Ferries

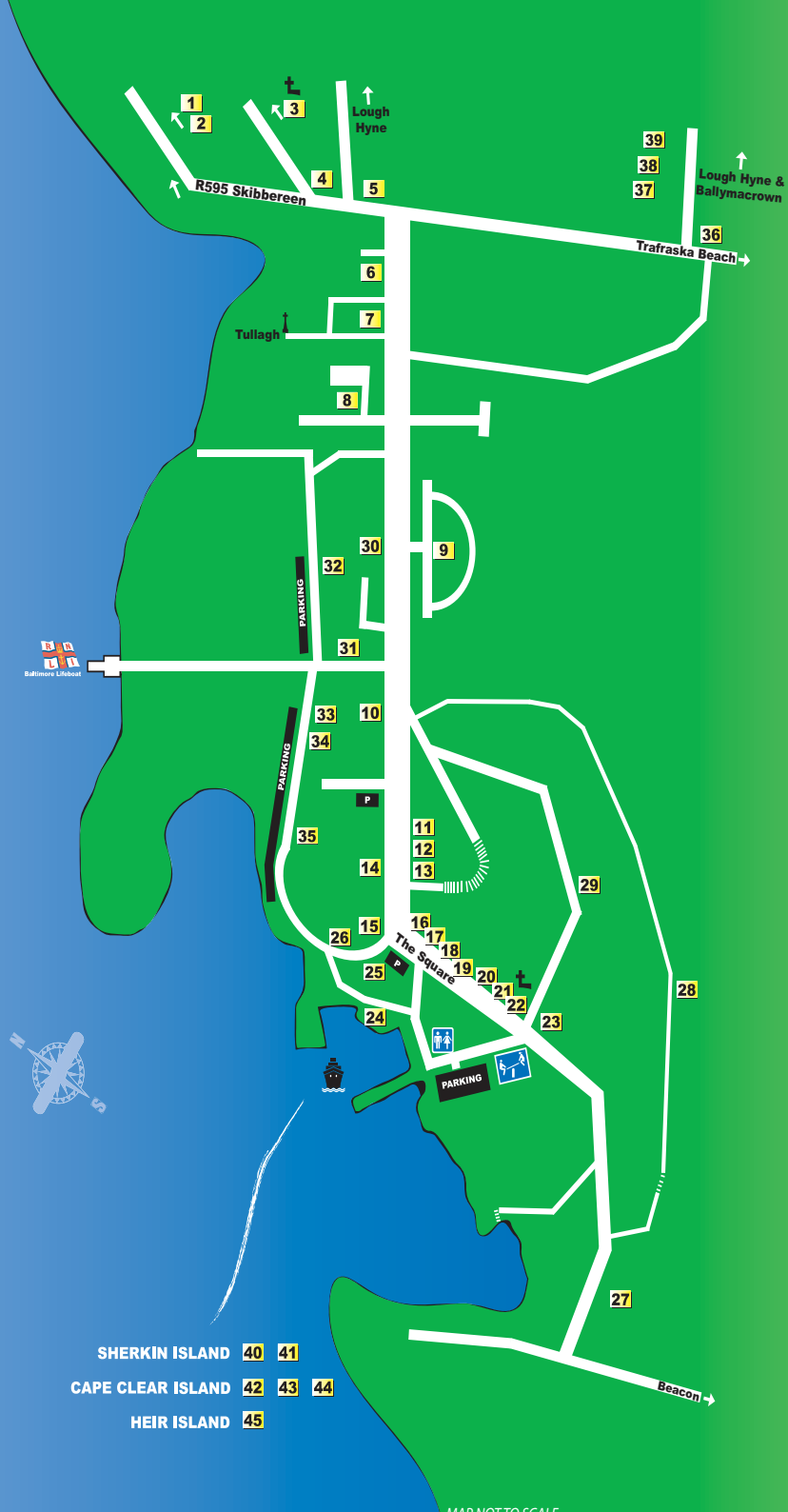
Cape Clear Ferry Cailin Óir	086 3465110
Cape Clear Ferry Naomh Ciarán II	087 2824008
Heir Island Ferry M.V. Thresher	086 8092447
Heir Island Ferry Miss Josephine	086 8887799
Baltimore-Sherkin Island Ferry	028 20218
Island Tripper (online ferry tickets)	www.islandtripper.com

## Shops

Aquaventures (dive & snorkel equipment)	<b>30</b> 028 20511
Atlantic Boating (Skibbereen)	028 22145
Bebhinn Marten Knitwear (at Beacon Design)	<b>2</b> 028 20245
Burke's Tea & Coffee Shop (Heir Island)	<b>45</b> 086 8192342
Cotters Gala (groceries & newsagent)	<b>21</b> 028 20106
Island Crafts & Information Centre	<b>25</b> 028 20022

## Services

Baltimore Taxi Services (Michael)	087 1317313
Boat Storage & Trailer parking facilities	087 1317313
Carol's Hairdressing	<b>36</b> 028 20584
Club Cleire (social & cultural centre)	www.clubcleire.com
CT Events / CT Weddings	028 20753
Fr. Cashman Community Centre	<b>30</b>
La Mystique Beauty & Massage Salon	<b>39</b> 086 1777470



SHERKIN ISLAND **40** **41**  
 CAPE CLEAR ISLAND **42** **43** **44**  
 HEIR ISLAND **45**

## Hotel

Casey's of Baltimore Hotel	<b>7</b>	028 20197
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## Guest House

Baltimore Townhouse	<b>29</b>	028 20197
Rolfs Country House	<b>28</b>	028 20289
The Corner House	<b>16</b>	028 20143
The Waterfront	<b>19</b>	028 20600

## Bed & Breakfast

Ard na Gaoithe (Cape Clear)	<b>44</b>	028 39160
Bushe's	<b>17</b>	028 20125
Channel View	<b>5</b>	028 20440
Fastnet House	<b>14</b>	028 20515
Horseshoe Cottage (Sherkin)	<b>41</b>	028 20598
The Old Post House	<b>12</b>	028 20155
Rathmore House	<b>4</b>	028 20362
Roaringwater Lodge (Heir Island)	<b>45</b>	028 38511
The Slipway	<b>27</b>	028 20134
The Stone House	<b>31</b>	028 20511

## Hostel

Top of the Hill	<b>10</b>	028 20094
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## Self-Catering

Ballymacrown Homestead	<b>37</b>	028 20527
Baltimore Self Catering	<b>9</b>	087 2576729
Baltimore Holiday Homes	<b>8</b>	086 8145537
Harbour View Apartments	<b>23</b>	028 20142
Castle End House	<b>26</b>	(087) 086 2738368
Inish Beg Estate	<b>1</b>	028 21745
Harbour Drive	<b>34</b>	028 20300
Lough Ine Cottages	<b>38</b>	028 20341
Mariner's Cove Holiday Village	<b>32</b>	028 20792
O'Mahony's Ardnagreena	<b>2</b>	028 20353
Rolf's Country House	<b>28</b>	028 20289
Sandy Island	<b>8</b>	028 20143
The Slipway	<b>27</b>	028 20134

## Pubs / Bars

Algiers Inn	<b>13</b>	028 20145
Bushe's Bar	<b>17</b>	028 20125
Ciaran Danny Mikes (Cape Clear)	<b>43</b>	028 39153
Casey's of Baltimore	<b>7</b>	028 20197
Jacob's Bar	<b>20</b>	028 20900
Jolly Roger (Sherkin)	<b>40</b>	028 20379
The Sibin	<b>3</b>	028 20383

## Restaurants

Casey's of Baltimore	<b>7</b>	028 20197
Chez Youen Seafood	<b>22</b>	028 20159
Custom's House	<b>11</b>	028 20200
The Glebe Café	<b>6</b>	028 20232
La Jolie Brise Pizza, Grill	<b>18</b>	028 20136
Rolfs Restaurant & Wine Bar	<b>28</b>	028 20289
Sibin Restaurant	<b>3</b>	028 20383
Sean Rua's (Cape Clear)	<b>42</b>	028 39099