



Explore Baltimore & The Islands

Baltimore provides 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



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Approx distances to Baltimore

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

Sat Nav
LAT: 51°, 29.0' N
LONG: 9°, 22.4' W



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Breathtaking scenery

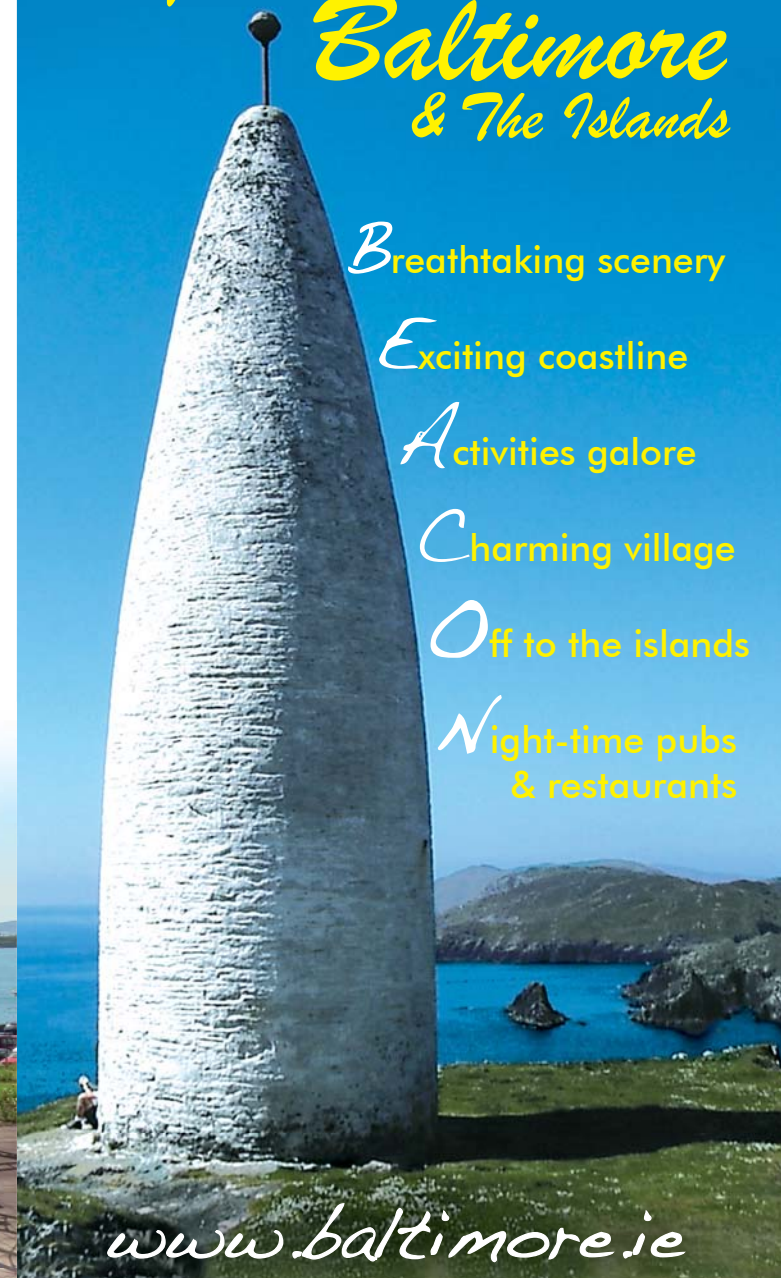
Exciting coastline

Activities galore

Charming village

Off to the islands

Night-time pubs & restaurants



FESTIVALS

Heritage Festival (April)

Fiddle Fair (May)

Seafood & Wooden Boat Festival (May)

Walking Festivals (May, June & Oct)

O'Driscoll Clan Midsummer Festival (June)

Baltimore Regatta (August)

Cape Clear Regatta (August)

Heir Island Regatta (August)

Sherkin Island Regatta (August)

Baltimore Deep Sea Angling Festival (August)

Storytelling Festival Cape Clear (September)

For dates & details
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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 !

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

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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

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 & Cycling
19. Playground
20. Lifeboat Station
21. Prehistoric Sites
22. Boat Restoration
23. Gardens
24. Dún na Séad Castle
25. West Cork Art Centre, Skibbereen
26. Skibbereen Heritage Centre

LOUGH HYNE & BARLOGUE CREEK ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD

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

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

SHOPPING & PAMPER YOURSELF

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

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.



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 Siopa Beag (groceries & Wi Fi access)	028 39099
Ard na Gaoithe B&B	028 39160
Cape Clear Holiday Apartments	028 39099
Cape Clear Holiday Centre	087 2680760
Cape Clear Island Hostel	028 41968
Ciarán Danny Mikes Bar	028 39153
Cleire-Haven Yurt Village & Campsite	086 1971956
Naomh Ciarán II (Fastnet tours & whale watch)	087 2824008
Sean Rua's Restaurant	028 39099
Self-catering Apartments	028 39199

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 Tea, Coffee & Shop	086 8502886
Heir Island Sailing School	086 8192342
Roaringwater Lodge B&B/Self Catering	028 38511

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.

Anna M Sailing Trips	028 20598
Horseshoe Cottage B&B	028 20598
Jolly Roger Pub & Restaurant	028 20379
Murphy's Bar & Restaurant	028 20116
Sherkin Island Marina & Rib Rides	028 20116
The Islander's Rest Accommodation	028 20116



LOUGH HYNE

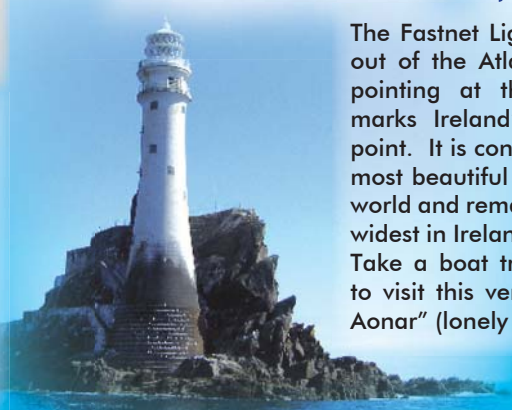
Nestling within a fold of hills 5 km away from Baltimore, Lough Hyne (lne) is a place of peaceful serenity, steeped in local folklore and home to a unique eco system which sustains a huge variety of marine plants and animals. It's connected to the sea via a narrow tidal channel, known as *the Rapids*. 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



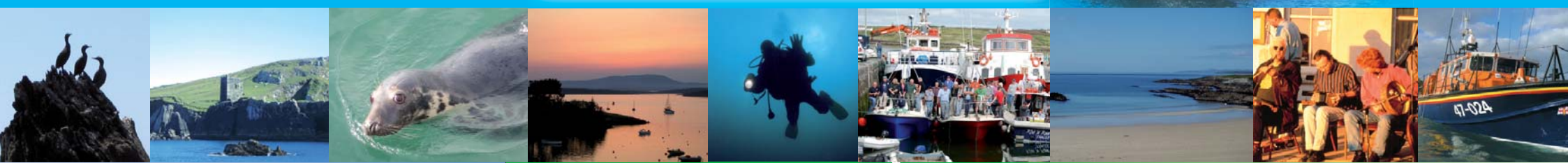
There are many lovely walks in and around Baltimore. Whichever way you head, be it past the Dún na Séad Castle, the RNLI lifeboat station, the Beacon, Spain tower & deserted village, gardens, Ringarogy Island, Lough Hyne or the hills round and about, you'll have a great time.

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 Anonar" (lonely rock).

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Water-Based Activities

An tOileánach (angling & coastal tours)		087 2447828
Aquaventures (diving, snorkelling & whale watch)	31	028 20511
Atlantic Boating Services (boat hire)	43	087 2351485
Atlantic Sea Kayaking		028 21058
Baltimore Angling Lady Reb		086 3014971
Baltimore Diving Centre	33	028 20300
Baltimore Sailing Club	24	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
Glenans Irish Sailing Club (School)	35	028 20630
Irish Water Sports (Powerboat Courses & Rib Hire)	1	028 21745
Liscannor Star (whale & dolphin-watching)		086 8547912
Rooster (Angling & shark fishing, pelagic birdwatching)		086 8240642
Sail Baltimore (Day charter & lessons)		086 0230703
Ten Island Tours & Ilan River Cruise		087 2638470
The Algerine Deep Sea Angling		086 1551033
Whale Watch West Cork		086 1200027

Places to Visit

Dún na Séad Castle	14	028 20735
Glebe Gardens	6	028 20232
Hegarty's Boat Yard (Ilan Restoration)	42	www.bigboatbuild.com
She Shells Studio (Art gallery)	26	086 8257589

Ferries

Baltimore - Heir Island Ferry		086 8887799
Baltimore - Sherkin Island Ferry		087 9117377
Cape Clear Ferry Cailin Óir/Dún Aengus		086 3465110
Heir Island Ferry M.V. Thresher		086 8092447
Island Tripper (online ferry tickets)		www.islandtripper.com

Shops

Aquaventures (dive & snorkel equipment)	31	028 20511
Atlantic Boating (water sports equipment)	43	028 22145
Bebhinn Marten Knitwear (at Beacon Design)	2	028 20245
Cotters Gala (groceries & newsagent)	21	028 20106
Island Crafts & Information Centre	25	028 20022

Others Businesses/Services

Baltimore Community Leisure Centre	30	028 20622
Baltimore Taxi Services (Michael)		087 1317313
Carol's Hairdressing	36	028 20584
CT Weddings & Events (planning & decor)		028 20753
Fr. Cashman Community Centre	44	
Kate's Kitchen (home-made cakes & biscuits)		087 2906607
La Mystique (Beauty & Massage Salon)	37	086 1777470
Nosey Rosie & Friends (Children's Book & Clothing)	45	086 8825785
The Wildlife Film School (Digital Photography Tours)		086 1531663



Hotel

Casey's of Baltimore	7	028 20197
The Waterfront	19	028 20600

Guest House

Rolfs Country House	28	028 20289
The Corner House	16	028 20143

Bed & Breakfast

Bushe's	17	028 20125
Channel View	5	028 20440
Fastnet House	11	028 20515
Rathmore House	4	028 20362
The Old Post House	12	028 20155
The Slipway	27	028 20134
The Stone House	31	028 20511

Other Accommodation

Baltimore Townhouse (suites)	29	028 20197
Top of the Hill Hostel	10	087 7431585

Self Catering

Ballymacrown Homestead	40	028 20527
Baltimore Holiday Homes	8	086 8145537
Baltimore Self Catering	9	087 2576729
Castle End House	15	086 2738368
Harbour View Apartments	23	028 20142
Harbour Drive Apartments	34	028 20300
Inish Beg Estate	1	028 21745
Lough Ine Cottages	39	028 20341
Mariner's Cove Holiday Village	32	028 20792
Mountain View	38	086 8342126
Rolf's Self Catering Cottages	28	028 20289
Sandy Island	8	028 20143
The Slipway	27	028 20134

Pubs / Bars

Algiers Inn	13	028 20145
Bushe's Bar	17	028 20125
Casey's of Baltimore	7	028 20197
Jacob's Bar	20	028 20900
Old Court Inn	41	028 21050
The Sibin	3	028 20383

Restaurants

Cape Cod	33	028 20300
Casey's of Baltimore	7	028 20197
Chez Youen Seafood	22	028 20600
La Jolie Brise Pizza & Grill	19	028 20441
Lifeboat Café & Wine Bar	18	028 20143
Rolfs Restaurant & Wine Bar	28	028 20289
The Glebe Café	6	028 20232
The Lookout	20	028 20600
The Sibin	3	028 20383