



Explore Baltimore & The Islands

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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

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| 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

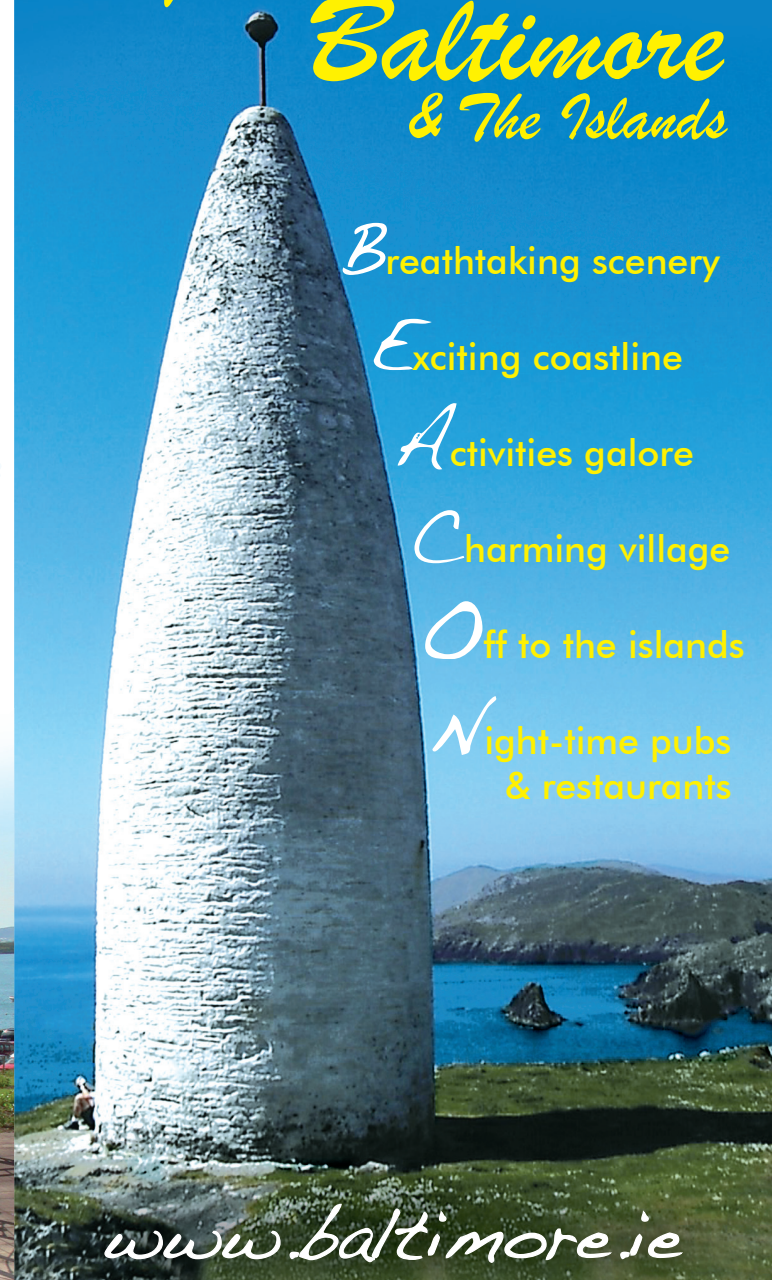
Exciting coastline

Activities galore

Charming village

Off to the islands

Night-time pubs & restaurants



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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 !

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. Pony & Horse Riding
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 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. Skibbereen Town & Market
35. Galleries
36. Grocery & Newsagent
37. Shiatsu, Yoga & Tai Chi

ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD

38. Traditional Music
39. Concerts & Gigs
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. Drumbeg Stone Circle



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 species, in particular minke, fins, humpbacks & orcas - you might also spot seals, basking sharks, harbour porpoises, dolphins, 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.

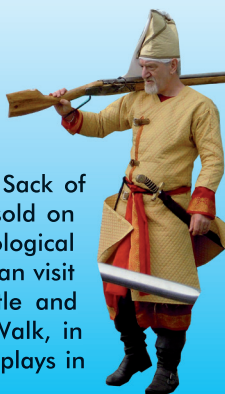
The varied bird life includes some rare members of the shearwater, petrel, skua and gull families.

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 and follow the history through the Heritage Walk, in books by local authors and artefacts & displays in local bars.

The village hosts an annual pirate festival in June.

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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 Centre 087 2680760
Chleire Haven Yurt Village & Campsite 086 1971956
Ciarán Danny Mikes 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 ... 086 8502886
Firehouse Bakery & Bread School 086 8030714
Heir Island Sailing School 086 8192342
Roaringwater Lodge B&B 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.

Islander's Rest Guesthouse 028 20116
Murphy's Pub 028 20116
Murphy's Restaurant 028 20116
Sherkin Island Marina 028 20116
Sherkin Island Rib Scenic Tours 028 20116



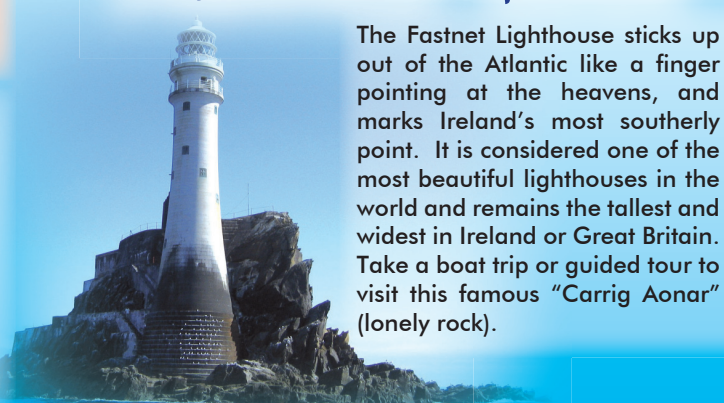
LOUGH HYNE

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 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 walks, ranging from a simple 30 minute stroll to a 3-4 hour hill-walk. These include the village Heritage Trail, a walk up to and around the beacon, Reengarogy, Lough Hyne and looped walks 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

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| Aquaventures (diving, snorkelling & whale-watching) | 26 | 028 20511 |
| Atlantic Boating Services (boat hire) | 8 | 087 2351485 |
| Atlantic Sea Kayaking | | 028 21058 |
| Baltimore Angling Lady Reb | | 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 | | 01 8350179 |
| Irish Water Sports (powerboat courses & rib hire) | 41 | 028 21745 |
| Liscannor Star (whale-watching & Fastnet trips) | | 086 8547912 |
| Rooster (angling & shark fishing, pelagic birdwatching) | | 086 8240642 |
| Ten Island Tours & Ilan River Cruise | | 087 2638470 |
| The Algerine Deep Sea Angling | | 086 1551033 |
| Whale Watch West Cork | | 086 1200027 |

Ferries

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

Shops/Galleries/Crafts

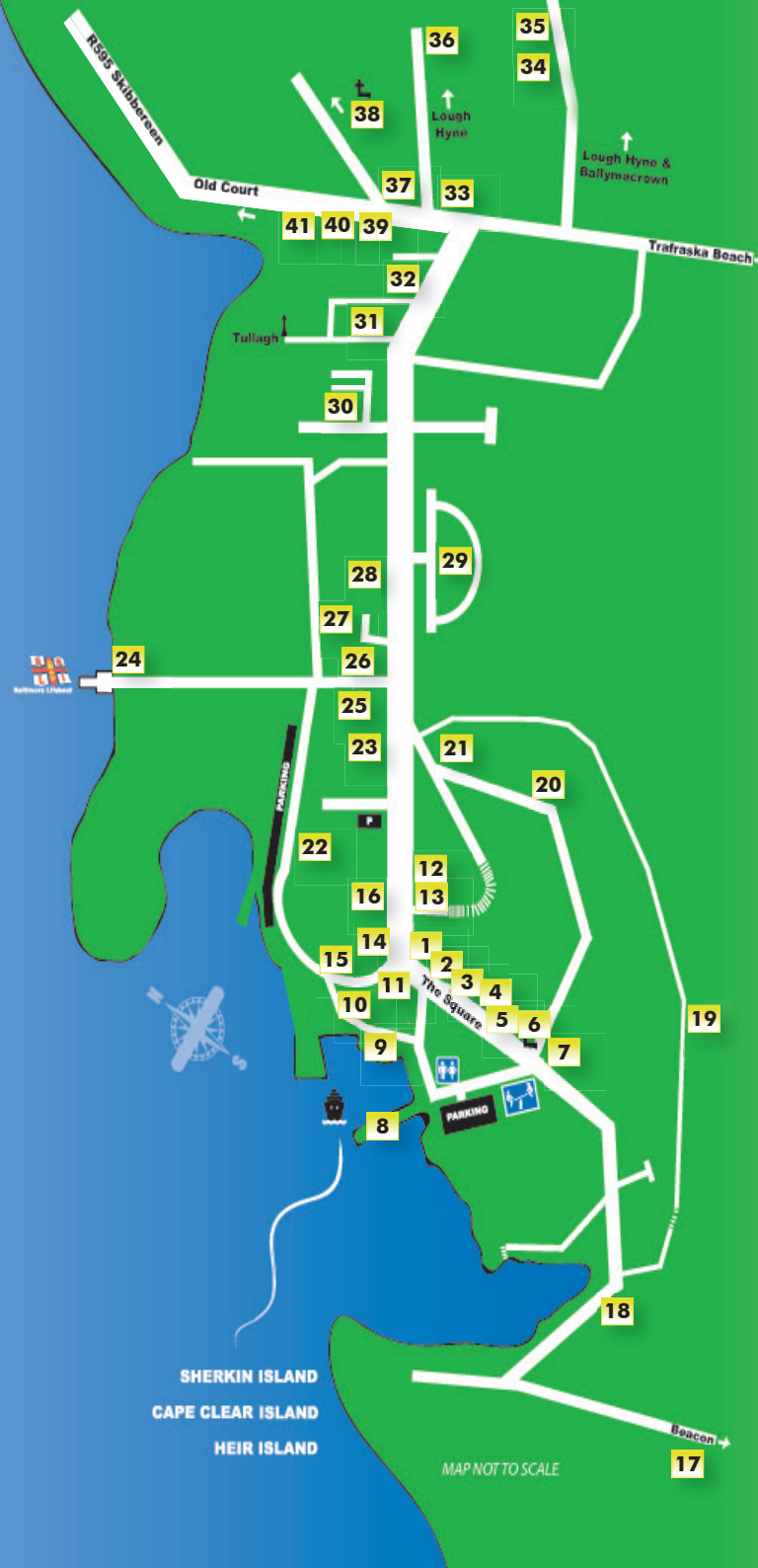
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| Aquaventures (dive & snorkel equipment) | 26 | 028 20511 |
| Atlantic Boating (water sports equipment) | 8 | 028 22145 |
| Bebhinn Marten Knitwear (at Beacon Design) | 39 | 028 20148 |
| Cotters Gala (groceries & newsagent) | 5 | 028 20106 |
| Gallery Chez Youen | 6 | 028 20600 |
| Island Crafts & Information Centre | 10 | 028 20022 |

Others Businesses/Services

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| Baltimore Pool & Leisure Centre | 25 | 028 20622 |
| Baltimore Taxi Services (Michael) | | 087 1317313 |
| CT Weddings & Events (planning & decor) | | 028 20753 |
| Fr. Cashman Community Centre | 28 | |
| Inner Nature (holistic therapies, yoga, tai chi) | | 087 3398377 |
| Kate's Kitchen (home-made cakes & biscuits) | | 087 2906607 |
| Lough Hyne Pony Farm (horse riding) | 36 | 087 3293360 |

Places to Visit

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| Beacon | 17 | |
| Dún na Séad Castle | 14 | 028 20735 |
| Glebe Gardens | 32 | 028 20232 |
| Inish Beg Estate Gardens | 41 | 028 21745 |
| Lough Hyne | | |
| Old Railway Station | 22 | |
| RNLI Lifeboat Station | 24 | |



Hotel

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| Casey's of Baltimore | 31 | 028 20197 |
| The Waterfront | 4 | 028 20600 |

Guest House/Other Accommodation

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| Baltimore Townhouse (suites) | 20 | 028 20197 |
| Rolfs Country House | 19 | 028 20289 |
| The Corner House (guesthouse) | 1 | 028 20143 |
| Top of the Hill Hostel | 23 | 087 7431585 |

Bed & Breakfast

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| Bushe's | 2 | 028 20125 |
| Channel View | 33 | 028 20440 |
| Fastnet House | 16 | 028 20515 |
| Rathmore House | 37 | 028 20362 |
| The Old Post House | 12 | 028 20155 |
| The Slipway | 18 | 028 20134 |
| The Stone House | 26 | 028 20511 |

Self Catering

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| Adam Island (Baltimore holiday homes) | 30 | 086 8507332 |
| Ballymacrann Homestead | 35 | 028 20527 |
| Baltimore Self Catering | 29 | 087 2576729 |
| Castle End House | 15 | 086 2738368 |
| Clear Island (Baltimore holiday homes) | 30 | 086 8139970 |
| Harbour View Apartments | 7 | 028 20142 |
| Inish Beg Estate | 41 | 028 21745 |
| Killeena House Apartments | 40 | 028 21029 |
| Lough Ine Cottages | 34 | 028 20341 |
| Mariner's Cove Holiday Village | 27 | 028 20792 |
| No. 2 Rock Well Field | 21 | 087 0519248 |
| Rolf's Self Catering Cottages | 19 | 028 20289 |
| Sandy Island (Baltimore holiday homes) | 30 | 028 20143 |
| The Slipway | 18 | 028 20134 |

Pubs / Bars

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| Algiers Inn | 13 | 028 20145 |
| Bushe's Bar | 2 | 028 20125 |
| Casey's of Baltimore | 31 | 028 20197 |
| Jacob's Bar | 4 | 028 20900 |
| The Sibir | 38 | 028 20383 |

Restaurants

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| Casey's of Baltimore | 31 | 028 20197 |
| La Jolie Brise Pizza & Grill | 3 | 028 20441 |
| Lifeboat Café & Gallery | 11 | 028 20143 |
| Rolfs Restaurant & Wine Bar | 19 | 028 20289 |
| The Glebe Café | 32 | 028 20232 |
| The Lookout | 4 | 028 20600 |
| The Sibir | 38 | 028 20383 |