

WELCOME TO

Baltimore & the Isles

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.

Hidden Treasure of West Cork

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 & Fastnet Tours

LOUGH HYNE & BARLOGUE CREEK

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

SHOPPING & CRAFTS

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



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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)

A Taste of West Cork Food Festival (September)

Sherkin RNLI BBQ Fundraiser (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

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

Sat Nav

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| LAT: | 51.48325 |
| LONG: | -9.37325 |
| EIRCODE: | P81 X968 |



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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.

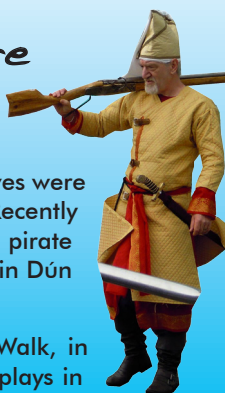
The varied bird life includes some rare members of the shearwater, petrel, skua and gull families.

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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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
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)
(ferry from Cunnamore - 4 mins)

Discover a little piece of heaven, tucked away in a corner of Roaring water 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 Island Summer Ferry (Charter Service) 087 1797600
Sherkin North Shore (accommodation & discovery) 087 6185368
The Jolly Roger Tavern 028 20662



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

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| Aquaventures (diving, snorkelling & whale-watching) | 23 | 028 20511 |
| Fastnet Sunset Tours | | 087 7961456 |
| 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 |
| Cailín Óir Fastnet Rock Tours | | 087 2661617 |
| Rooster (angling & shark fishing, pelagic birdwatching) | | 086 8240642 |
| Sherkin Island Summer Ferry (Charter Service) | | 087 1797600 |
| 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

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

Shops/Galleries/Crafts

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| 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 Taxi Services (Michael) | | 087 1317313 |
| CT Weddings & Events (planning & decor) | | 028 20753 |
| Fr. Cashman Community Centre | 25 | |
| GAA Sports Hall & Pitch | 35 | |
| Harbour Master's Office | 17 | 087 2351485 |
| Kate's Kitchen (home-made cakes & biscuits) | | 087 2906607 |
| Leisure Centre (gym) | 22 | 028 20622 |

Places to Visit

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| Beacon | | |
| Blue Flag Waterways | 21 | |
| Dún na Séad Castle | 14 | 028 20735 |
| Glebe Gardens | 30 | 028 20579 |
| Inish Beg Estate Gardens and Pirate & Fairy Trails | 36 | 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

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

Guest House/Other Accommodation

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

Bed & Breakfast

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| Bushe's | 2 | 028 20125 |
| Channel View | 32 | 028 20440 |
| Fastnet House | 16 | 028 20515 |
| Rathmore House | 33 | 028 20362 |
| The Old Post House | 12 | 028 20155 |
| The Slipway | 18 | 028 20134 |
| The Stone House | 23 | 028 20511 |

Self Catering

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| Adam Island (Baltimore holiday homes) | 28 | 086 8507332 |
| Ballymacrown Homestead | 37 | 028 20527 |
| Baltimore Self Catering | 27 | 087 2576729 |
| Castle End House | 15 | 086 2738368 |
| Channel View Cottage | 31 | 028 20440 |
| Harbour Court No. 1 | 26 | 086 8333393 |
| Harbour View Apartments | 7 | 028 20142 |
| Inish Beg Estate | 36 | 028 21745 |
| Rolf's Self Catering Cottages | 19 | 028 20289 |
| Sandy Island (Baltimore holiday homes) | 28 | 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 | 29 | 028 20197 |
| Jacob's Bar | 4 | 028 20900 |
| The Síbin | 34 | 028 20383 |

Restaurants

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| 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 | 34 | 028 20383 |