

WEST CORK'S HIDDEN GEM ON THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

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

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Fiddle Fair (May) Seafood & Wooden Boat Festival (May) Walking Talking on Cape Clear (May) O'Driscoll Clan Midsummer Festival (June) Sherkin Island Regatta (August) Baltimore Regatta (August) Cape Clear Regatta (August) Heir (Hare) Island Regatta (August) Baltimore Deep Sea Angling Festival (August) Storytelling Festival Cape Clear (September) Sherkin RNLI BBQ Fundraiser (September) Skibbereen & Baltimore Walking Weekend (October) The Wet Weekend (October)

For dates & information log on to: WWW.baltimore.ie



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
 95km - 1.5hrs

 Dublin
 350km - 4.5hrs

 Rosslare
 290km - 4hrs

 Skibbereen
 12km - 15mins

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Baltimore & the Isles

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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. Come 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

- Sailing
- Divina
- Deep Sea Angling
- Snorkelling
- Beaches & Swimming
- Boat Hire
- Whale, Dolphin,Seal & Bird Watching
- Kayaking
- High speed boat rides

- LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES
- Playground Cycling
 - Indoor Pool &
 - **Fitness Centre**
 - Looped Walks & Walking Tours
 - Open Gardens
 - Baltimore Castle
 - Prehistoric Sites
 - Lifeboat Station
 - Heritage Centres

Art Centres

TRIPS & TOURS

- Sherkin Island
- Cape Clear Island
- Heir (Hare) Island
- Fastnet Lighthouse
- Tours of Carbery 100 Isles
- Lough Hyne Trips
- River Trips & Sunset Tours

LOUGH HYNE & BARLOGUE CREEK

- Walking
- Climbing Knockomagh Hill
- Swimming
- Bird Watching
- Kayaking
- Snorkelling

SHOPPING & CRAFTS

- Local Art, Craft & Knitwear
- Galleries
- Grocery & Newsagent
- Skibbereen Town
- Farmer's Market

ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD

- Traditional Music
- Concerts & Festivals
- Old-Time & Set Dancing
- Bar Food & Family Restaurants
- Cafés & Delí
- Traditional Irish Food
- & Gourmet Restaurants
- Michelin Star Restaurant

DAY TRIPS

- Mizen Head Visitor Centre
- Ring of Beara & Sheep's Head
- Bantry House and Gardens
- Castletownshend, Union Hall and Glandore
- Schull Planetarium
- Drombeg Stone Circle



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; minkes, 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.

Beaches

There are lovely swimming spots and beaches around Baltimore and the Islands. On Sherkin the beautiful Silver Strand or Cow Strand, on Cape the rocky South Harbour and beauty spots on Heir Island plus several stoney beaches or strands in Baltimore (see village map).

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. You can visit pirate exhibits in the Castle, The Algiers Inn for a truly North African ambiance, a guided heritage walk through the village or a pirate and fairies trail for children on Inishbeg. Local pubs have plenty of old photographs of the local maritime history too.



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.

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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.

Heir Island Sailing School & Kayak Hire087 14	488127
PizzHeiria & Cafe (outdoor pizzeria) 086 80	070715
Roaringwater Lodge B&B	070715

Sherkin Island

(ferry from Baltimore - 10 mins)

Enjoy tranquil beauty with breathtaking landscapes and stunning clean golden beaches, leisurely walking trails past Franciscan Abbey, O'Driscoll Castle ruin and the old lighthouse. Today the island's beauty inspires numerous artists, with open house studios and art exhibitions throughout the summer.

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Sherkin North Shore (accommodation & discovery)	087	6185368
The Jolly Roger Pub	085	1412503

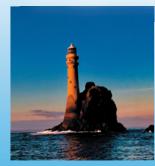
LOUGH HYNE

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 Knockomagh 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, birdsongfilled 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 (Whale/Dolphin Tours & Snorkel Rental) 28	087 796
Atlantic Boating Services (boat hire/ pontoon)	087 235
Atlantic Sea Kayaking	028 2
Baltimore Angling & Wildlife Tours (whale watching)	086 301
Baltimore Yacht Charters	086 241
Baltimore Sailing Club	028 2
Baltimore Sea Safari (coastal & whale-watch tours)	087 240
Cape Clear Ferries (Fastnet Tours)	087 389
Fastnet Sunset Tours Aquaventures 28	087 796
Ten Island Tours & Ilen River Cruise	087 263
Whale Watch West Cork (whale & dolphin watching)	086 120
Wild Atlantic Pool (indoor heated) 22	028 2
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Ferries 👮

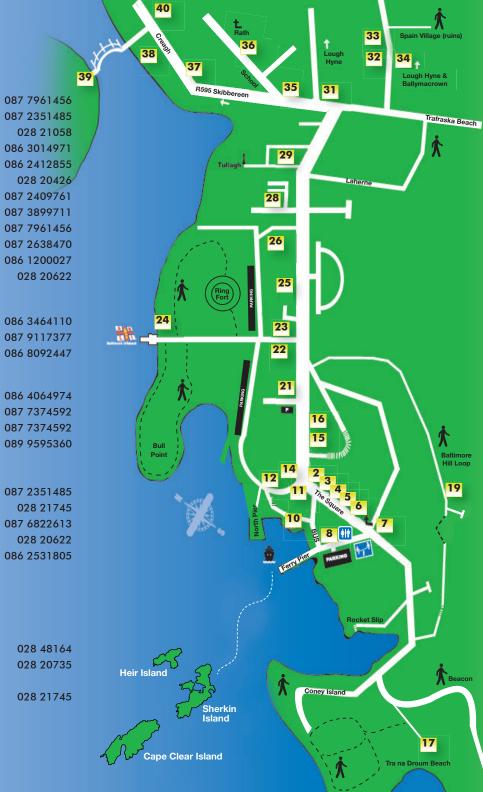
Baltimore - Cape Clear Island Ferry	
Baltimore - Sherkin Island Ferry	
Heir (Hare) Island Ferry M.V. Thresher	

Shops/Galleries/Other

Ballymacrown Cottage Gallery	32
Baltimore Castle & Wedding Venue	14
Baltimore Castle - Heritage Walking Tours	14
Camiers Gala (Deli, Coffee & Groceries)	5
Fr. Cashman Community Centre	2 5
GAA Sports Hall & Pitch	37
Harbour Master's Office	8
Inish Beg Estate - Weddings	3 9
Island Crafts & Information Centre	บบ
Leisure Centre (gym)	22
The Yellow Door Gallery & Gifts	6

Places to Visit

Beacon	
Blue Flag Waterways	
De Lacey Rose Garden (Art, Silk & Perfumes)	33
Baltimore Castle	143
Inish Beg Estate - Gardens and	
Pirate, Fairy & Animal Trails	3 9
Lough Hyne Nature Reserve	
Ring Fort Heritage Site	
RNLI Lifeboat Station	24
Sundial (in the Square)	



Bed & Breakfast

Channel View	3 1	028 20440
athmore House	35	028 20362
he Stone House	28	028 20511

Hotel/Other Accommodation

Casey's of Baltimore	29	028 20197
Rolfs Country House	19	028 20289
The Waterfront	4	028 20600

Self Catering

Beacon Road Bungalow	17	087 9260285
Castle End House	12	086 2738368
Cedar Boathouse	34	086 2531805
Channel View Cottage	3 1	028 20440
Clear Island (Baltimore Holiday Homes)	28	086 8139970
Harbour Court No. 1	23	086 8333393
Harbour View Apartments	7	028 20142
Honey Farm Cottage	40	086 0723893
Inish Beg Estate	39	028 21745
Killeena House & Holiday Cottages	33	028 21029
Rolf's Self Catering Cottages	19	028 20289
Sandy Island (Baltimore Holiday Homes)	23	087 2687044
Sea Cottage (Baltimore Holiday Homes)	23	+32477808058

Pubs / Bars

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ushe's Bar	2	028 20125
asey's of Baltimore	29	028 20197
acob's Bar	4	028 20900
he Síbín	3 3	028 20383

Restaurants / Cafes

Algiers Inn Gastro Pub	15	028 20145
Casey's of Baltimore	29	028 20197
Customs House & Dédé Restaurant	10	028 48248
La Jolie Brise Pizza & Grill	8	028 20441
Rolfs Restaurant & Wine Bar 🦷	19	028 20289
The Lookout	4	028 20600
The Síbín	3 3	028 20383