



BALTIMORE

AND THE ISLANDS



Baltimore Square
and Castle

Located 12 km southwest of Skibbereen, Baltimore today is a far cry from its turbulent past, which included piracy, slavery and frequent raids on the town highlighted the infamous Sack of Baltimore in 1631.

Nowadays, this prosperous, tranquil village has the warmest welcome for visitors – all year round. The village’s snug harbour location is complimented by a number of old world pubs and restaurants, a children’s pirate ship playground and a 13th century castle that dominates the village and harbour.

In particular for those who like the outdoor life, Baltimore is the spot for you. Sea and land based activities are abundant. Its clear water and rich sea life make it ideal for snorkelling, with the reefs around the Fastnet Rock, Kedges and Stags as well as enormous wrecks attracting divers from all over the world. Sailing is also a way of life in Baltimore and everyone can take part.

Sea angling is also popular with catches of shark, skate, cod, conger eels,

mackerel, tuna, pollack and herring. Powerboat and sea-kayaking courses are on offer as well as boat hire, island and river cruises. Whale and dolphin charter boats depart from the harbour and depending on the time of year there will be basking sharks, sunfish, minke whales, fin whales, humpbacks and orcas as well as the occasional leatherback turtle!

Baltimore is surrounded by beautiful walks. A trip to the Beacon at the harbour’s mouth provides a lovely spot for relaxing and taking in views of Sherkin Island, Cape Clear in the distance and Roaringwater Bay to the west.

A short boat trip will bring visitors to these islands of Sherkin, Heir (Hare) and Cape Clear. Apart from being able to visit these easily-accessible and inhabited islands, visitors can tour the “Carbery 100 isles” and Fastnet Rock, considered one of the most beautiful lighthouses in the world and still the tallest one in Ireland or Britain. It is often called the “Teardrop of Ireland” referring to famine times when millions emigrated to the United States and



Cape Clear

said a farewell when passing this last point of their homeland.

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www.oilean-chleire.ie

www.heirislandwestcork.com
www.sherkinisland.eu for more info.



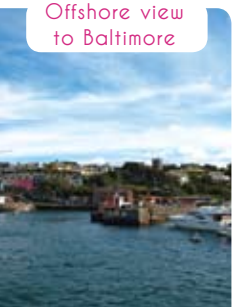
Fastnet Rock



Hills overlooking the village



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Offshore view to Baltimore

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

www.baltimore.ie

Aquaventures Dive Centre & Snorkelling Tours

Guided snorkelling trips, dive boat charter, courses, shop (air/nitrox) plus onsite B&B.

Tel: 028-20511

E-mail: info@aquaventures.ie

Website: www.aquaventures.ie

Bushé's Bar

Soup & sandwiches served all day, off licence, rooms en-suite, maritime artefacts, tide tables, admiralty charts and showers available.

Tel: 028-20125

E-mail: tombushé@eircom.net

Website: www.bushesbar.com

Cailin Óir

Year-round ferry services to Cape Clear, cruises and private charter for groups.

Tel: 028-39159

E-mail: info@cailioir.com

Website: www.cailinoir.com

Casey's of Baltimore Hotel, Pub & Restaurant

Traditional music, peat fire, excellent food and a warm Irish welcome.

Tel: 028-20197

E-mail: info@caseysofbaltimore.com

Website: www.caseysofbaltimore.com

Corner House Guesthouse

Fáilte Ireland approved, overlooking the harbour, all rooms en-suite.

Tel: 028- 20143

E-mail: info@odriscollscornerhouse.com

Website: www.odriscollscornerhouse.com

Dún na Séad Castle

Fáilte Ireland 'property of significant interest' and a State registered National Monument.

Tel: 028-20735

E-mail: bernadetteemccarthy_1@hotmail.com

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Glebe Gardens & Café

Award winning restaurant/cafe surrounded by a beautiful coastal, open garden.

Tel: 028-20232

E-mail: info@glebegardens.com

Website: www.glebegardens.com

Harbour View Apartments;

Luxury self catering apartments located in the village with magnificent view of harbour and islands.

Tel: 028-20142

E-mail: info@harbourapartments.com

Website: www.harbourapartments.com

Heir Island Sailing School & Ferry

ISA approved sailing school. Also year-round ferry service from Cunnamore to Heir (Hare) Island.

Tel: 028-38511

E-mail: info@heirislandsailingschool.com

Website: www.heirislandsailingschool.com

Horseshoe Cottage B&B and sailing

Beautiful location on Sherkin Island, home from home hospitality with option to sail on yacht.

Tel: 028-20598

E-mail: info@gannetsway.com

Website: www.gannetsway.com

Irish Water Sports

Ireland's premier centre for ISA powerboat courses, rib rental and accommodation packages at Inish Beg Estate.

Tel: 028-21745

E-mail: contact@irishwatersports.ie

Website: www.irishwatersports.ie

Mariners Cove Holiday Village

Luxury self-catering 3 & 4 bedrooms homes, accommodates 2-8 people.

Tel: 028-20792

E-mail: ann@marinerscove.ie

Website: www.marinerscove.ie

Siopa Beag & Seán Rua's Seafood Bistro (Cape Clear Island)

Home cooked local produce,

accommodation, shop & Internet.

Tel: 028-39099

E-mail: info@seanruas.com

Website: www.seanruas.com

Slipway B&B

Award winning B&B. All rooms en-suite and with sea views, only 10 minutes walk from village centre.

Tel: 028-20134

E-mail: theslipway@hotmail.com

Website: www.theslipway.com

Sherkin Ferry & Ten Island Tours

Regular sailings from Baltimore to Sherkin Island year-round and 2 hour island or river cruises in summer.

Tel: 028-20218

E-mail: vincent@sherkinferry.com

Website: www.tenislantours.com

The Waterfront Hotel

Jacob's Bar, La Jolie Brise Pizza & Grill, Look Out and Chez Youen (seafood) restaurants.

Tel: 028-20600

E-mail: kate@youenjacob.com

Website: www.youenjacob.com

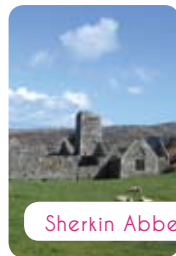
Whale Watch West Cork

Join zoologist Nic Slocum aboard Voyager looking for whales and dolphins around the islands of West Cork.

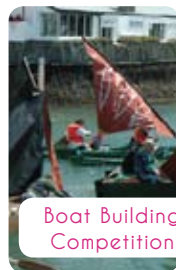
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Sherkin Abbey



Boat Building Competition

