



CORK

This maritime county marks either the beginning – or the end – of the Wild Atlantic Way. It's also the Maritime Gateway in Ireland's Ancient East, as Cork has always been a 'safe harbour for ships' filled with stories and legends, as well as tragedies such as the Titanic.

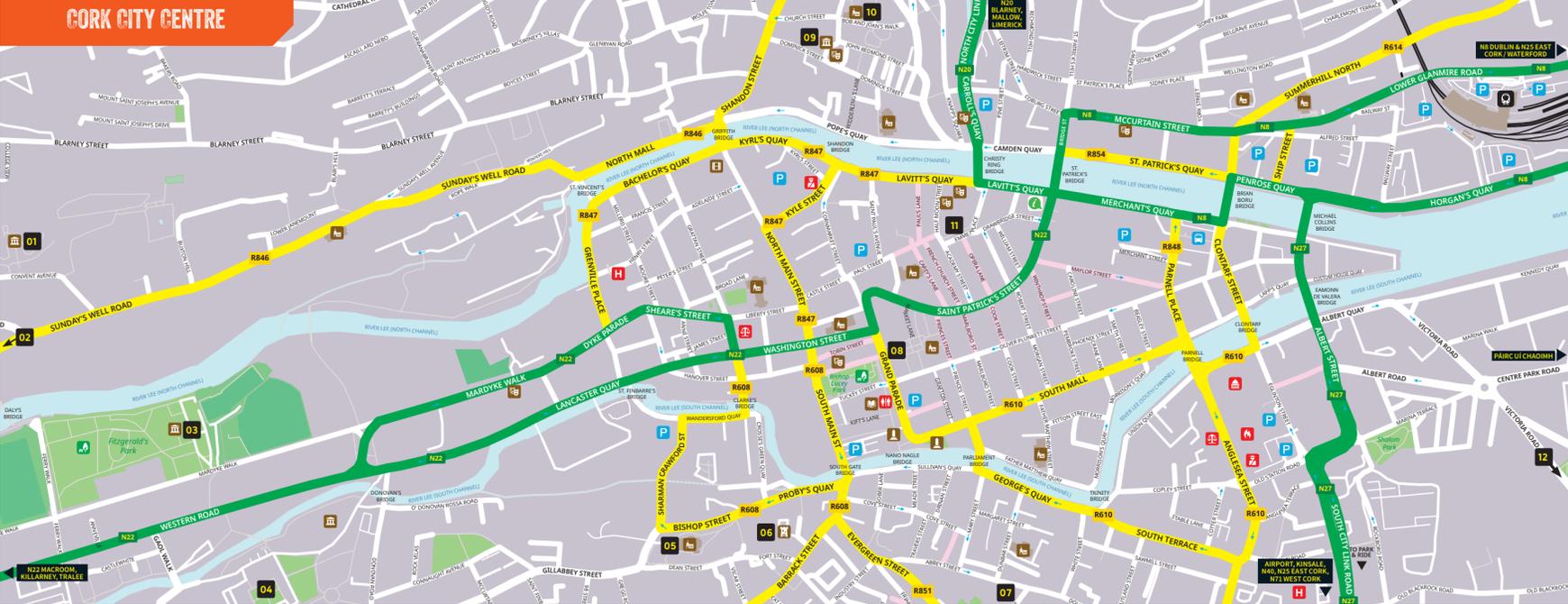
At its heart is 'the real capital of Ireland,' as locals call **Cork City**, their tongues only partially in their cheeks. Ireland's second city is a trove of grand Georgian streets and cramped 17th-century alleys, inviting you to uncover a pub humming to the sound of traditional music, an artisanal crafts shop or even Ireland's best covered emporium, the Victorian **English Market**, brimming with the very best produce from all over the county and beyond.

East of the city, there is a truly unique variety of attractions to offer the visitor; **Cobb**, as the last port of call before the Irish Sea and the treacherous Atlantic Expanse, has witnessed many a poignant farewell. There's the **Jameson Experience** at Midleton and one of the best cookery schools in Europe is at **Ballymaloe** in Shanagary. **Youghal**, an impressive medieval town and one of the last walled towns of Ireland, is at the mouth of the **River Blackwater**, which flows 167km from its source through lush, green valleys to the Atlantic.

West of the City one joins the longest defined coastal touring route in the world in **Kinsale**. As you follow the **Wild Atlantic Way** route along the **West Cork** coastline you discover breath-taking vistas at every turn, with ancient sites, coastal forts and colourful villages set against a backdrop of perfect beaches and fuchsia-rich hedgerows. **West Cork** is known throughout Ireland for the quality of its local produce, superb restaurants and wonderful food festivals and for the horticultural miracle of **Garrinish Island** in the sheltered harbour of beautiful **Bantry Bay**, ablaze in the colours of subtropical plants like camellias, magnolias and rhododendrons.

Bantry is the gateway to the **Sheep's Head** peninsula, one of three – along with **Mizen Head** to the south and **Beara** to the north – westerly fingers of land that stretch into the wild Atlantic. Discover this spectacular landscape with a cycle or walk on the **Sheep's Head** or **Beara** peninsulas while cliff-bound **Mizen** is equally fascinating and rewards your effort to get to the tip with the delights of **Crookhaven** and **Barley Cove** beach.

Inland the tranquil setting of the beautiful, unspoilt **Gougane Barra**, **Blackwater** and **Lee Valleys** are the perfect place for some downtime. Enjoy the picturesque scenery as you marvel at delightful houses, castles and parks - **Mallow Castle** and **Doneraile Park** to mention just a few. Or experience the thrills of the hills mountain biking on the **Ballyhours**.



- 01 Cork City Gaol**
www.corkcitygaol.com
A magnificent castle-like building which once housed 19th century prisoners. Life-size wax figures, furnished cells and sound effects. Also original 6CK Radio Studio now restored.
- 02 Old Cork Waterworks Experience**
www.lifetimelab.ie
Reveals over 300 years of Cork's industrial past with interactive exhibition, themed playground and beautifully restored buildings and equipment.
- 03 Cork Public Museum**
www.corkcity.ie
Exhibits highlight and examine the city's rich civic, political, military,

- social and cultural histories. Marvel at archaeological exhibits that trace over 7,000 years of human settlement in Cork.
- 04 University College Cork**
www.ucc.ie/en/discover/visit/centre/
UCC's campus is full of many interesting buildings and features from The Gluckman Gallery in the Lower Grounds to the Stone Corridor of the Main Quadrangle.
- 05 St. Fin Barre's Cathedral**
www.corkcathedral.webs.com
A neo gothic gem designed by William Burges and consecrated in 1870, the Cathedral lies on a site where Christian worship has been offered since the 7th century.

- 06 Elizabeth Fort**
www.elizabethfort.ie
The imposing 17th century fort perches on a limestone outcrop overlooking the city and affords excellent views of the town below. The walls of the fort are open to the public.
- 07 Nano Nagle Place**
www.nanonagleplace.ie
Discover 18th century Cork and be inspired by the story of Nano Nagle and her educational mission. Relax and find spiritual renewal in the beautiful gardens.
- 08 The English Market**
www.englishmarket.ie
The origins of the English Market trace back to the time of King James I in 1610, trading since 1788.

- 09 Cork Butter Museum**
www.thebuttermuseum.com
Tells the story of Ireland's butter, the country's signature food. From 1,000 year old bog butter to modern Kerrygold, the Butter Museum engages the visitor with this unique heritage.
- 10 Shandon Bells and Tower - St. Anne's Church**
www.shandonbells.ie
Ring the famous Shandon Bells and climb 132 steps of the tower to experience a spectacular view of the city.
- 11 Crawford Art Gallery**
www.crawfordartgallery.ie
A major public art museum, it is home to an extensive collection featuring works from the 18th century to the present.

- 12 CIT Blackrock Castle Observatory**
www.bo.ie
A 16th century fort turned robotic observatory and visitor centre with exciting exhibits and activities from exploring space and alien life forms to the Castle's battlements, gunnery and rich maritime history.
- 13 Youghal Clock Gate Tower**
www.youghalclockgate.ie
Travel through 600 years of "Time" with costumed storytellers journeying with you and engaging you in life as lived in the Tower in a bygone era.
- 14 Youghal Heritage Centre**
www.youghal.ie
Discover Youghal's rich and varied history from the Viking raids of the

- 8th century, to the arrival of Sir Walter Raleigh, and through Victorian Youghal up to the present day.
- 15 St. Mary's Collegiate Church**
www.youghal.ie
Protected as a national monument. The extensive graveyard is surrounded by the original medieval town walls, complete with walkways, canons and viewing points.
- 16 Jameson Distillery Midleton**
www.jamesonwhiskey.com
Midleton town has a rich history in whiskey distillation. There are a range of guided experiences to enjoy, taking in both the interior and exterior features of the distillery grounds.

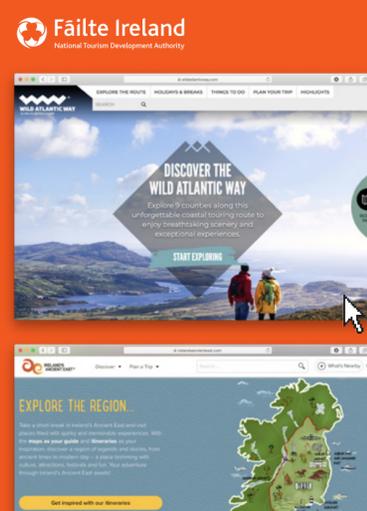
- 17 Fota House, Arboretum and Gardens**
www.fotahouse.com
See what life was like for those who lived and worked in the "big house". The stunning gardens and arboretum make a visit to Fota a great day out.
- 18 Fota Wildlife Park**
www.fotawildlife.ie
Come face to face with free roaming animals and birds from all parts of the world. Leap over to the Tropical House and Conservation centre or visit the Asian Sanctuary.
- 19 Cobh Heritage Centre**
www.cobheritagecentre.com
Cobb, "The Queenstown Story", an informative and emotive story of Irish emigration. Trace your ancestors, hear about the ill-fated Titanic and Lusitania.

- 20 Titanic Experience Cobb**
www.titanicexperiencecobh.ie
Experience what life would have been like on board for these passengers and discover the facts surrounding the tragic sinking of Titanic.
- 21 Cobh Museum**
www.cobhmuseum.com
Located in the former Scots Presbyterian Church, Cobh Museum showcases the unique history surrounding the Great Island.
- 22 Spike Island**
www.spikeislandcork.ie
Spike Island has 1300 years of history, from a 6th century monastery, 18th century Fortress, the world's largest Victorian prison and centuries of island homes.

- 23 Camden Fort Meagher**
www.camdenfortmeagher.ie
One of a network of forts built to defend Cork harbour in the 19th century. Explore the buildings and tunnels to discover exhibitions, artillery, living history displays with great views of the harbour.
- 24 Charles Fort**
www.heritageireland.ie
A classic example of a 17th century star shaped fort, it is one of the largest and best-preserved forts in the country.
- 25 Old Head Signal Tower and Lusitania Museum**
www.oldheadofkinsale.com
Restored Napoleonic era Signal Tower with flag and ball signalling system. Lusitania museum, artefacts, information, memorial garden and monument. Rooftop walkway with wonderful all-round vistas.
- 26 Michael Collins Centre**
www.michaelcollinscentre.com
The Centre explores the life of the famous leader, the War of Independence and his death at Béal na Bláth with audio visuals, live talks and lifesize replica vehicles.
- 27 West Cork Model Railway Village**
www.modelvillage.ie
A world of handmade miniature towns, depicting Market Days when the trains still ran in West Cork. Tour Clonakilty on the Cho Choo Road Train, a fun day out for all the family.
- 28 Michael Collins House**
www.michaelcollinshouse.ie
A museum dedicated to the "Big Fella", Michael Collins. Bringing the history of Irish independence to life for all the family.
- 29 Skibberen Heritage Centre**
www.skibberheritage.com
Tells the story of the Great Famine of the 1840's. Also features exhibition on Lough Hyne Marine Nature Reserve as well as offering full genealogical service for West Cork.

- 30 Dún na Séad Castle**
www.baltimorecastle.ie
A tour of this thirteenth century castle includes a private exhibition, which details the piratical history of Baltimore including the famous "Sack of Baltimore".
- 31 Mizen Head**
www.mizenhead.ie
A dramatic place at Ireland's most south-westerly point. The path from the Visitor Centre at the Car Park goes down to the cliffs and over the famous Bridge, and out to the former Irish Lights Signal Station.
- 32 Bantry House and Garden**
www.bantryhouse.com
Beautiful private House and Garden, overlooking Bantry Bay on the Wild Atlantic Way with its stunning Garden, Tearoom and the House with its eclectic family treasures on display.
- 33 Garrinish Island (Innacullin)**
www.heritageireland.ie
An Island garden of rare beauty situated in the sheltered harbour of Glengarriff in Bantry Bay, known to horticulturalists throughout the world.
- 34 Allihies Copper Mine Museum**
www.acmm.ie
Tells the captivating story of 19th century mining in Allihies. Artefacts, models and pictures feature in the exhibition as well as the original account books for the mines.
- 35 Blarney Castle and Gardens**
www.blarneycastle.ie
Situated 8km from Cork City, this historic castle is most famous for its stone, which has the traditional power of conferring eloquence on all who kiss it.
- 36 Doneraile Wildlife Park**
www.heritageireland.ie
The Park comprises approximately 166 hectares and is an outstanding example of an 18th century landscaped park in the 'Capability Brown' style.

For further information please visit: www.WildAtlanticWay.com and www.irelandsancienteast.com



Cork's Food Scene



ACTIVITIES & ADVENTURE

- BOAT TRIPS**
- Aquaventures**
www.aquaventures.ie
Eco marine tours, diving. Baltimore, County Cork.
- Atlantic Whale and Wildlife Tours**
www.atlanticwhaleandwildlifetours.com
Courtmacsherry, County Cork.
- Baltimore Sea Safari Boat Trips**
www.baltimoresasafari.ie
Baltimore, County Cork.
- Blackwater Cruises**
www.blackwatercruises.com
Cruise on the River Blackwater. Youghal, County Cork.
- Cork Sea Safari**
www.safari.ie
Rigid inflatable boat tours. Cork Harbour, County Cork.
- Cork Whale Watch**
www.corkwhalewatch.com
Reen Pier, Union Hall, County Cork.
- Kinsale Harbour Cruises**
www.kinsaleharbourcruises.com
Kinsale, County Cork.
- Kinsale RIB Tours**
www.kinsaleribtours.com
Rigid inflatable boat tours. Kinsale, County Cork.
- Ocean Addicts**
www.oceanaddicts.ie
Diving, snorkelling, boat trips. Kinsale, County Cork.
- Ocean Escapes**
www.oceanescapesireland.com
Guided boat tour, rigid inflatable boat tours, Cobh and Cork City.
- The Fastnet Tour**
www.fastnettour.com
Tour to Fastnet Rock from Baltimore via Cape Clear Island, County Cork.
- Whale of a Time**
www.whaleofatime.ie
Whale watching tours. Cloyne, County Cork.
- Whale Watch West Cork**
www.whalewatchwestcork.com
Baltimore, County Cork.
- BUS TOURS**
- Cork City Tours**
www.corkcitytours.com
Hop-on hop-off city bus tour, day tours. Cork City.
- Paddywagon Tours**
www.paddywagonstours.com
Day Tours from Cork City.
- LAND & WATER BASED ACTIVITIES**
- Activity Days**
www.activitydays.ie
Guided activities, food tours. Blarney, County Cork.
- Atlantic Charters**
www.atlanticcharters.ie
Boat charter. Kinsale, County Cork.
- Atlantic Offshore Adventures**
www.atlanticoffshoreadventures.com
Kayaking, coasteering, stand up paddle, archery tag. Kinsale, County Cork.
- Ocean Addicts**
www.oceanaddicts.ie
Diving, snorkelling, boat trips. Kinsale, County Cork.
- Atlantic Sea Kayaking**
www.atlanticseakayaking.com
Reen Pier, Lough Hyne and Cork City.

- Ballyhass Lakes Activity Centre**
www.ballyhasslakes.ie
Activity centre, wake park. Mallow, County Cork.
- Baltimore Yacht Charters**
www.baltimoneyachtcharters.com
Baltimore, County Cork.
- Barleycove Surf Camp**
Barleycove Beach, County Cork. Find us on Facebook
- Carrig Water Ski and Wakeboard**
Carrigadrohilly, County Cork. Find us on Facebook.
- Atlantic Charters**
www.atlanticcharters.ie
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www.oceanaddicts.ie
Diving, snorkelling, boat trips. Kinsale, County Cork.
- Ocean Escapes**
www.oceanescapesireland.com
Guided boat tour, rigid inflatable boat tours, Cobh and Cork City.
- Cork Harbour Boat Hire**
www.corkharbourboathire.com
Self-drive boats. Cork City and Cobh, County Cork.
- Cork Powerboat and Waterski Club**
www.waterskiireland.com
Lower Dripsey, County Cork.
- Eco Adventures**
www.eastcorkoutdooradventures.org
Outdoor adventure. Aghda, County Cork.
- The Ewe Experience**
www.theewe.com
Interactive sculpture garden activities. Glengarriff, County Cork.
- Farmhands Experience, Top of the Rock**
www.topoftherock.ie/farmhands
Land and sea activities. Kinsale, County Cork.
- Fastnet Marine and Outdoor Education Centre**
www.schullsailling.ie
Sailing, Schull, County Cork.
- Fota Island Adventure**
www.fotaadventure.com
Outdoor adventure. Fota Island, County Cork.
- Funkytown Adventure Centre**
www.funkytown.ie
Outdoor adventure. Fountinstown, County Cork.
- Funmanway**
www.funmanway.ie
Zorbing, paintballing, kayaking. Dunmanway, County Cork.
- Goleen Harbour Adventures**
www.goleenharbour.ie
Adventure activities. Goleen, County Cork.
- G Town Surf School**
www.surftown.com
Surf lessons, coasteering. Garretstown, County Cork.
- H2O Sea Kayaking**
www.h2oseakayaking.com
Garretstown, County Cork.
- Heir Island Sailing School**
www.heirislandsailingschool.com
Heir Island, County Cork.
- Inchydoney Surf School**
www.inchydoneyurfschool.com
Inchydoney, County Cork.
- Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre**
www.kinsaleoec.com
Land and sea activities. Kinsale, County Cork.
- Kinsale Surf Adventures**
www.kinsalesurfschool.com
Kinsale, County Cork.
- Leahy's Open Farm**
www.leahysopenfarm.ie
Family activities, farm activities. Dungourney, County Cork.
- Lee Valley Taste Trails**
www.leevalleytaste.ie
Farm tour and taste trails. Macroom, County Cork.
- Ocean Crew**
www.oceancrew.ie
Stand up paddle tours. Blackrock, County Cork.
- Rumley's Open Farm**
www.rumleysfarm.ie
Family activities, farm activities. Liberty Hill, Waterfall, County Cork.

- Sail Cork**
www.sailcork.com
Cobh, County Cork.
- Smugglers Cove**
www.smugglerscove.ie
Adventure golf, maze. Rosscarbery, County Cork.
- Sovereign Sailing**
www.sovereignsailing.com
Kinsale, County Cork.
- Summer SUP School Cork**
<https://summersup.ie/>
Stand up paddle. Crookhaven, County Cork.
- Swell Surf School**
www.swellsurfschool.ie
Inch Beach, Whitegate, County Cork.
- The Lagoon Activity Centre**
www.lagoonactivitycentre.ie
Pedal boats, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding. Rosscarbery, County Cork.
- The Farm Grenagh**
www.visitthefarm.ie
Family activity, farm activities. Grenagh, County Cork.
- The Oysterhaven Centre**
www.oysterhaven.com
Activity Centre. Oysterhaven, Kinsale, County Cork.
- Team Build**
www.teambuild.ie
Team building adventure. Bandon, County Cork.
- Tir na Sí**
www.tirnasi.com
Eco-friendly family farm. Watergrasshill, County Cork.
- Toy Soldier Factory**
www.toysoldierfactory.ie
Real working factory. Make and paint workshops. Kilnamartyra, County Cork.
- Trabogan**
www.trabogan.com/day-visits
Indoor pool paradise. Whitegate, County Cork.
- West Cork Farm Tours**
www.westcorkfarmtours.com
County Cork.

- The Farm Grenagh**
www.visitthefarm.ie
Family activity, farm activities. Grenagh, County Cork.
- The Oysterhaven Centre**
www.oysterhaven.com
Activity Centre. Oysterhaven, Kinsale, County Cork.
- Team Build**
www.teambuild.ie
Team building adventure. Bandon, County Cork.
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www.westcorkfarmtours.com
County Cork.
- West Cork Garden Trail**
www.westcorkgardentrail.com
County Cork.
- Wild Atlantic Wildlife**
www.wildatlanticwildlife.ie
Kayaking, sailing, powerboating. Adrigole, County Cork.
- Youghal Dive Charters**
www.seahunter.ie
Youghal, County Cork.
- Zipit Forest Adventures**
www.zipit.ie
Treetop rope adventure. Farran Wood, County Cork.
- WALKING TOURS**
- Beara Baoi Tours**
www.bearabaoitours.com
Historical walking tours. Beara Peninsula, County Cork.
- Clonakilty Food Tours**
www.flavour.ie/clonakilty-food-tour
Walking food tour. Clonakilty, County Cork.
- Cobh Rebel Walking Tours**
www.cobhrebelwalkingtours.ie
Cobh, County Cork

- Cobh Town History and Tours Guided Walk**
Cobh, County Cork. Find us on Facebook
- Cork City Walks**
www.corkcitywalktours.com
Cork City.
- Cork Ghost Tour**
Cork City. Find us on Facebook
- Cork Historic Spine Walking Tours**
www.stpeterscork.ie
Cork City.
- Dermot Ryan's Heritage Town Walks**
www.kinsaleheritage.com
Kinsale, County Cork.
- Don and Barry's Historic Stroll**
www.historicstrollkinsale.com
Kinsale, County Cork.
- Fab Food Trails**
www.fabfoodtrails.ie
Cork City.
- Kinsale Food Tours**
www.kinsalefoodtours.com
Kinsale, County Cork.
- Kinsale Ghost Tours**
www.kinsale.ie
Kinsale, County Cork.
- Olde Youghal Walking Tour**
www.youghal.ie
Youghal, County Cork.
- Titanic Trail Guided Walking Tour**
www.titanic.ie
Cobh, County Cork.
- University College Cork**
www.ucc.ie/en/discover/visit/centre/
Guided walking tour at UCC. Cork City.

For a full listing of all there is to see and do in the area: including angling, cycling, equestrian, gardens, golf, festivals and events, suggested itineraries, walking and more – please visit: www.WildAtlanticWay.com www.irelandsancienteast.com

For personalised advice and information visit our Tourist Information Centres

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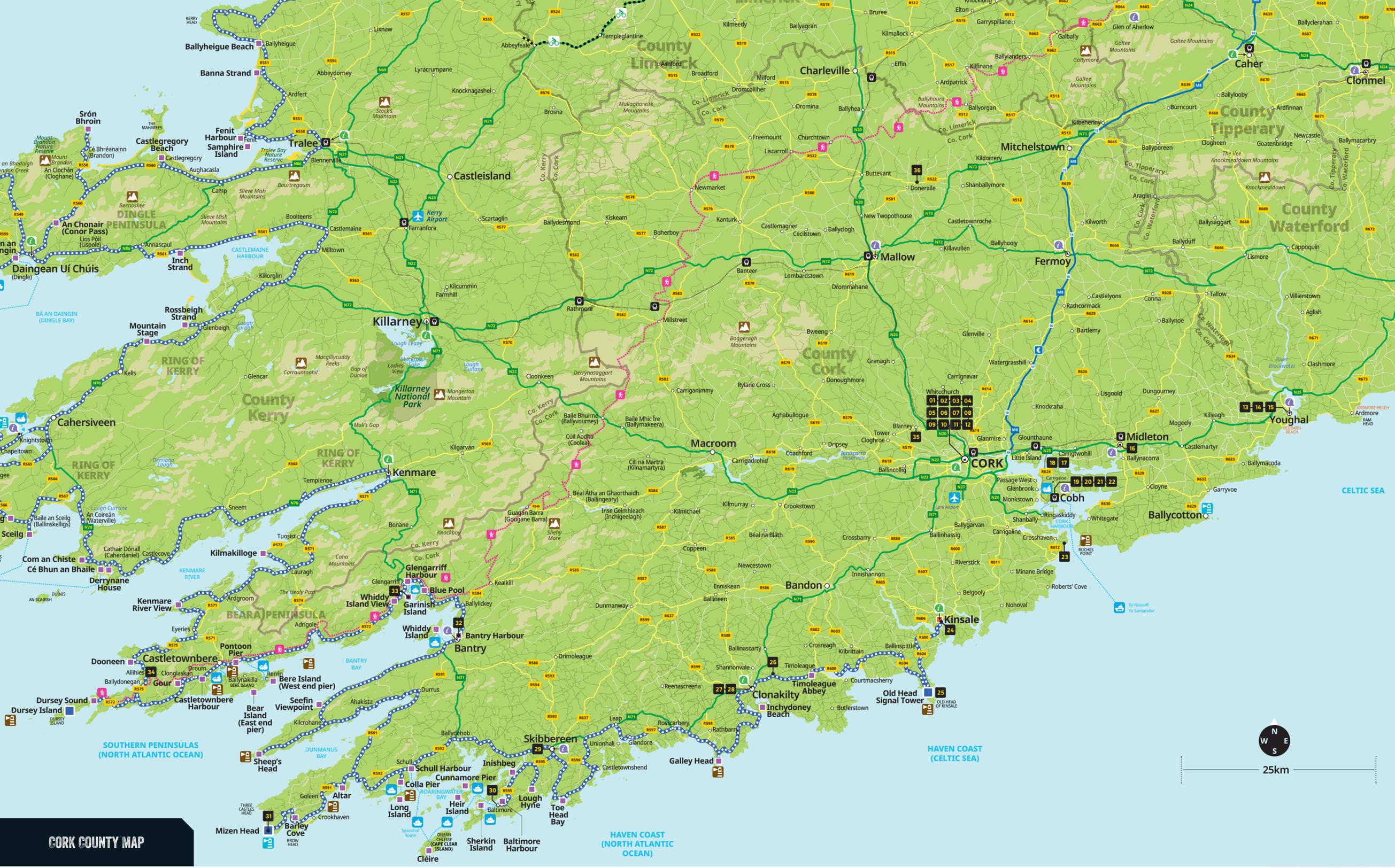
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KEY FOR TOWN/CITY CENTRE AND COUNTY REGIONAL MAPS

- Wild Atlantic Way**
- Wild Atlantic Way Route
 - Wild Atlantic Way Signature Discovery Point
 - Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point
 - Wild Atlantic Way Start/Finish Point
- Points of Interest**
- Fáilte Ireland Tourist Information Centre
 - Community Tourist Information Office
 - Museum
 - Theatre
 - Cinema
 - Historic Monument
 - Library Services
 - Church/Cathedral
 - Heritage Site
 - Mountain
 - Historic Ruins
 - Lighthouse
 - Lighthouse with visitor facilities
 - Park
- Transport**
- Airport
 - Ferry - Foot Passengers
 - Ferry - Vehicles on Deck
 - Ferry - Vehicles below Deck
 - Bus/Coach
 - Car Parking
 - Taxi Rank
 - Pier
 - Greenway Cycling and Walking Route
 - Beara Breifne Way Cycling and Walking Route
 - Railway Station
 - Railway Line
 - Toll Road
 - Motorway Junction Number
 - Motorways
 - National Roads
 - Regional Roads
 - Local Roads
 - Minor Roads
 - Pedestrian Streets
- Services**
- Hospital
 - Fire Station
 - Garage Station
 - Court House
 - Cemetery
 - Town/City Hall
 - Public Toilets

Don't forget to pick up your Wild Atlantic Way Passport and collect your Discovery Point Stamps along the route!

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CORK COUNTY MAP

EXPLORE COUNTY CORK

- Ballyhoura Country**
Stretches from the north east of Limerick to the north east of Cork, bordering Tipperary and is flanked by the Ballyhoura Mountains. Get your adrenaline fix in the beautiful undulating hillsides of the Ballyhoura Mountains.
www.visitballyhoura.com
- Bantry Blueway**
Offers a variety of water based leisure trails giving kayakers, canoeists and paddlers the opportunity to explore the coastline in a fun way.
www.bantryblueway.com
- Blackwater Valley**
To visit North and East Cork is to follow the path of the majestic River Blackwater. Along its banks is a region with a strong and rich heritage with many centuries old castles, round towers and other historic structures.
- Bridgetown Augustinian Priory**
Near the village of Castletownroche, just 15km east of Mallow, discover the remains of a 13th century Augustinian Priory including cloister, kitchen, refectory, chapter house and church.
- Cloyne**
A small town southeast of Midleton with a beautiful old round tower that was once part of a medieval monastic settlement, thought to have been established by St. Colman in 560.
- Cork Lough**
A natural lake south west of Cork city's centre. It is a designated bird sanctuary.
- Fitzgerald's Park**
Cork City's main park, featuring the award winning Sky Garden, riverside walk, ornamental pond area and playground.
www.corkcity.ie

- Glandore - Druid's Altar**
The Drombeg Stone Circle, or as it is locally known as the Druid's Altar, is located just east of Glandore on the edge of a rocky terrace overlooking the sea about a kilometre away. A 127AD circle of 17 standing stones which on excavation showed there had been an urn burial in the centre. It has been dated to between 1538BC and 127AD.
- Glengarriff Woods Nature Reserve**
Situating in a deep rough glacial valley, there are a range of woodland trails through the reserve. The woods form one of the best examples of oceanic sessile oak woodland in Ireland.
www.glengarriffnaturereserve.ie
- Gougane Barra Forest Park**
Located 25km west of Macroom, facilities include a motor trail, hill walks, vista points and nature trail. There is a tiny island in the lake at Gougane Barra connected to the shore by a causeway. St. Finbar, patron saint of Cork founded his early monastery here in the 6th century.
www.coillte.ie
- Lough Hyne**
Lough Hyne is Ireland's first Marine Nature Reserve and nestles in a fold of hills just 5km southwest of Skibbereen.
- The Gearagh**
The Gearagh located at Macroom gets its name from "An Gaoire", the wooden river. It is the remains of the only ancient post glacial alluvial forest in Western Europe.
- Timoleague**
Situating on the bank of the River Aigeen, Timoleague Abbey is a defining feature of Timoleague Village on the south coast of County Cork. Founded by the Franciscan order in 1240 and was built on the site of a monastic settlement founded by St. Molaga in the 6th century.
www.timoleague.ie/abbey

- River Ilen Blueway**
River Ilen Blueway is a water activity trail from Baltimore to Skibbereen and is divided into three sections.
www.skibbereen.ie
- The Gaeltacht**
Cork is fortunate to have two Gaeltacht areas, where Irish is the primary spoken language and where Ireland's social, cultural and linguistic traditions are passionately maintained - Gaeltacht Mhúscraí along the banks of the River Lee and Oileán Chléire, the lovely island of Cape Clear in West Cork.
- ISLANDS**
- Bere Island**
Rich in archaeological sites dating from the Bronze Age through to medieval times, including ring forts, standing stones, wedge tombs and burial sites. With its friendly people and delightful walks, Bere Island's greatest asset is its unspoiled environment.
- Whiddy Island**
Lies in beautiful Bantry Bay. The island's climate is influenced by the Gulf Stream creating a unique ecology and wealth of wildlife. It is easy to spend a quiet afternoon rambling Whiddy's fields of bird-watching at the island's two lakes.

- Getting there:**
Bere Island Ferries
www.bereislandferries.com
Murphy's Ferry Service
www.murphysferry.com
- Getting there:**
Whiddy Island Ferry
www.whiddyferry.com
- Long Island**
Only ten minutes by small boat from Colla Pier and offers a gentle escape from the buzz and pace of cosmopolitan Skibbereen, with shingle beaches, wild flora and fauna, beautiful nature and scenery.
- Getting there:**
Long Island Ferry Service
www.longislandferry.org
- Heir Island**
One of Carbery's Hundred Isles that lie scattered throughout Roaringwater Bay. The island is beautifully located, surrounded by a panorama of Sherkin Island, Cape Clear, the Call Islands, the East and West Smeams, and Mount Gabriel to the north.
- Getting there:**
Heir Island Ferry, M.V. Thresher
www.heirislandferry.com
- Heir Island Ferries**
www.heirislandferries.com
- Inishbeg Island**
A private island estate and is the most northerly of Carbery's Hundred Isles with beautiful woodlands, parkland, farmland, gardens, foreshore, pirate and fairy trail and will enchant all who visit.
- Getting there:**
Linked to the mainland by a bridge off the Skibbereen to Baltimore road.
www.inishbeg.com
- Sherkin Island**
Another of Carbery's Hundred Isles in Roaringwater Bay and is the ancestral home of the O'Driscoll clan. Sherkin's three sandy beaches make great secluded swimming areas and walking along the shore you may see seals, otters, or porpoises which gave the island its name.
- Getting there:**
Sherkin Island Ferry
www.sherkinisland.ie

- Oileán Chléire / Cape Clear Island**
Ireland's southernmost inhabited island and offers relaxation, nature and peace. The islanders are a friendly bilingual community, whether you come to Cape Clear to get close to nature, learn a bit of "An Ghaeilge" or enjoy the island's famous hospitality.
- Getting there:**
Cape Clear Ferries
www.capeclearferries.com
- Ballycotton Island Lighthouse**
Make a magical visit to a black lighthouse in Ireland. Walk the original light-keepers path to the island's summit. See the unspoilt flora and fauna, explore the lighthouse and enjoy stunning views from the bright red lantern balcony.
- Getting there:**
Ballycotton Island Lighthouse Tours
www.ballycottonseaadventures.com

- Mizen Head**
When you can go no further to the south and west in the whole of Ireland, you're at dramatic Mizen Head. Located just 8km from Goleen, Mizen Head is not to be missed with stunning views and fascinating heritage.
- Durseley Island**
Situating at the western tip of the Beara Peninsula. Lying across a narrow sound, it is a great getaway from the fray of modern living. This rugged island is accessed via Ireland's only cable car, which runs about 250m above the sea and takes six people at a time.
www.durseleyisland.ie

Heritage
www.heritageireland.ie
www.heritageisland.com
www.irishheritagetowns.com

Driving
Driving is on the left hand side of the road and safety belts must be worn at all times. The M50 motorway around Dublin is a barrier-free toll road, tolls can be paid on www.eFlow.ie, or at any outlet with a Payzone sign.

Rail
Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann)
www.irishrail.ie
National Rail Service

Bus
Bus Éireann
www.buseireann.ie
National Bus Service

Local Link Cork
www.localink.ie
Rural community bus services

Private Bus Operators
Please ask in your Local Tourist Information Centre for details on numerous private bus services nationwide.

Air
Cork Airport
www.corkairport.com
International Airport

Boat
Cross River Ferries
www.crossriverferries.ie
Vehicle and passenger ferry across Cork Harbour between Glenbrook and Carrigalee.

Brittany Ferries
www.brittanyferries.ie
Cork Ferry Port, Ringaskiddy, County Cork

Cork Tourist Information Centre
125 St. Patrick's Street, Cork City T12 AE81

Kinsale Tourist Information Centre
Pier Road, Kinsale, County Cork, P17 C973

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Practical Information

- Irish Tourist Assistance Service**
www.itas.ie
Safety and assistance service for Tourists
- Emergency Services**
In an emergency the "blue light" services - An Garda Síochána, Ambulance, Fire and Irish Coast Guard - can be contacted by dialling 112 or 999.
- Tourist Information Centres**
Clonakilty Tourist Information Centre
25 Ashe Street, Clonakilty, County Cork, P85 X340
- Cork Tourist Information Centre**
125 St. Patrick's Street, Cork City T12 AE81
- Kinsale Tourist Information Centre**
Pier Road, Kinsale, County Cork, P17 C973