

Ethan House Holidays Suites

Church Road

Gortahoonig

Muckross

Killarney

Co Kerry

Eircode: V93 YRN3

GPS Coordinates 52.030411 -9.474743

[A very warm welcome to Ethan House Holiday Suites](#)

The information in this folder is designed to help you make the most out of your stay.

You will find a copy of this information on our website www.ethanhousekillarney.com

The Wi-Fi is free and accessible throughout.

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I hope you have a pleasant and enjoyable stay.

Your next visit!

Book direct on our website and avoid commission charges. www.ethanhousekillarney.com

Finally, your feedback & comments are much appreciated for our website testimonial page.

Please take time to fill out the Guest Feedback Form.

Alternatively, WhatsApp your review to 085 7767610. I kindly ask you also to write your reviews about Ethan House Holiday Suites on www.tripadvisor.com and www.google.com .

Warm wishes,

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GUEST INFORMATION

Check-In Information

Check in time is generally after 3pm and by mutual arrangement. Please get in touch on or before the morning of your arrival to let us know what time you plan to arrive. We will be there at that time to meet you with the keys. If you are running late please let us know.

Please note that in the event we cannot meet you in person, the key will be left out and we will provide instructions regarding it's location.

If you require an earlier check-in please ask the Manager in advance.

Check-Out Information

Check out time is before 11am. If you require a late check-out please ask the Manager in advance. In the event that you need to store luggage this can be facilitated.

Please leave the keys on the outside of the door to your apartment when departing. If you accidentally take them home please put them in a post box so they find their way back.

Parking at Ethan House

Parking is free subject to availability. Please park considerately.

Gardens

Please enjoy shared use of the gardens.

Servicing Rooms

For weekly bookings you can request a complimentary service mid-way. Just message the property manager to let them know a convenient time. For shorter stays there is no service provided. However, if you require a service this is available at a €30 additional charge. We provide complimentary toilet paper, washing up liquid, tea, coffee, bin liners and toiletries.

Other Guests

Please respect other guests by closing doors quietly, particularly at night and early morning. We would kindly ask you to be quiet if coming in late. Please do not operate washing machines between the hours of 9pm and 9am.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted indoors. Smoke detectors are located in each suite.

Pets

Sorry, pets are not allowed.

Iron and Board

These are provided.

Hairdryer

A hairdryer is provided.

Water

Hot water is automatic. However, it may need a minute or two to warm up so please be patient.

Room temperature

Temperature is centrally controlled. If you require extra heat please ask.

Rubbish Bins

Please recycle rubbish. Located in each suite is a green sack, clear container and a rubbish bin.

Green sack = Glass, metal, plastic (excl cellopane) cardboard & paper.

Clear Container = Food leftovers, incl teabags and tissues

All other rubbish to be placed in the rubbish bin

Accidental Damage to Property

Accidents happen but please do tell us. A damage charge will apply to guests for deliberate damage or negligence.

Extra Guests

The booking agreement is based on the number of guests at the time of booking. Generally no extra guests are allowed. If there are extra guests in the suites, this needs to be agreed in advance with Management and a supplement will be payable for these additional guests.

Local Tourist Office

The Killarney Discover Ireland Centre is located at Beech Road, Killarney.

Tel: 064 6631633. GPS Co-ordinates 52.0331264 -9.4101504

Supermarket

A small supermarket, SPAR is situated on the Muckcross Road on the right as you head towards Killarney town.

Directions: Upon exiting Ethan House take a left
At the junction take a right toward Killarney town.
Drive for approx. 1.4km. You will see Spar on your right.



Larger supermarkets such as Aldi, Tesco and Marks & Spencer are located at Deerpark Retail Park

Directions: Upon exiting Ethan House take a left
At the junction take a right toward Killarney town. Drive for approx. 3.4km
Take a right at the first roundabout onto Countess Road.
Drive 1.2km. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit.
You will see Aldi and Tesco and other stores on your left

Taxis

It is simplest to tell the driver that you are staying at 3rd house on the right after Muckcross Church. Transfers to Killarney town centre typically cost €10.

Here is a list of some taxi numbers

0876607700	064 6635624
064 6631331	064 6637676
087 2694646	064 6631251
087 2892020	087 2383592
087 6798899	085 280 3333

ATM

There is an ATM machine at SPAR supermarket located on the Muckcross Road N71. There are many more in Killarney town centre.

Postal Box

The nearest post box is located at SPAR supermarket located on the Muckcross Road N71.

Dentist

In the unfortunate event that you need a dentist here is a list of practices

Dr Brendan Coffey	www.killarneydental.ie	Tel: 064 6632022
Clancy Dental	Park Road, Killarney	Tel: 064 6626999
Silverton Dental Surgery	St.Anne's Road, Killarney	Tel: 064 6632955

Nearest Pharmacy

The nearest pharmacy is:

Killarney Pharmacy www.killarneypharmacy.ie Tel: 064 6638603

Doctor

In the unfortunate event that you need a doctor here is a list of practices

Killarney GP www.killarneygp.ie Tel: 064 6632656

Killarney Medical Centre www.killarneymedicalcentre.ie Tel: 064 6620628

Cahernane Medical Ctr www.cahernanemedical.com Tel: 064 6631716

Outside of practice hours please contact SOUTHDQC on 1850 335999. SOUTHDQC operates Monday-Friday 6pm – 8am and weekends. www.southdoc.ie



Killarney

Park Shopping Village,
Upper Park Road,
Killarney,
County Kerry,
Ireland.
V93 CVF9

Directions

Just off the roundabout on the Cork Road (Ryans/Quality Hotel, Supervalu ect)

As you face supervalu leave the roundabout on the road to left of supervalu. Just after you left you see a car park to your left. The centre is in this car park beside the cleaners (right hand side).

Latitude: 52.0609923
Longitude: -9.48220432

Accident or Emergency

In case of an emergency dial 999 for an ambulance.

Nearest Hospital: University Hospital Kerry
Tralee,
Co Kerry

Eircode V92 NX94
Phone (066) 7184000

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/kerryhealthservices/uhk/patients/ed/>

EATING OUT

Breakfast and Light Lunches

Petit Delice Bakery, 41-42 High Street, Killarney	Tel: 064 6626723
Noelle's Café, Old Market Lane, Killarney	Tel: 087 4486653
Jam, Old Market Lane	Tel: 064 6637716
Desire Kitchen, 58 New Street, Killarney	Tel: 064 6638601
Caragh Restaurant, 106 New Street, Killarney	Tel: 064 6631645
Café Du Parc, 6 Kenmare Place, Killarney	Tel: 064 6621100
Heather Restaurant, Gap of Dunloe	Tel: 064 6644144
Piccolo Pizza, 5 Beech Road, Killarney	Tel: 064 6638626

Lunch and Dinner Recommendations

Macs Restaurant, 6 Main Street, Killarney	www.macsofmainstreet.com
Genting Thai, Beech Road, Killarney	www.gentingthai.ie
Cellar One , East Avenue, Killarney	www.theross.ie
Foleys Restaurant, 24 High Street, Killarney	
Caragh Restaurant, 106 New Street, Killarney	Tel: 064 6631645
No.52 Restaurant, 52 High Street, Killarney	Tel: 064 6627497
Killarney Oaks Hotel, Muckcross Road N71	
Killarney Brewery & Pizzas, Muckcross Road	www.killarneybrewing.com

Other Recommendations:

The Lake Hotel, Muckcross Road N71	(nice location for an evening drink)
Muckcross House Café & Restaurant	(very good Lunch menu!!!)
Outdoor Drinks & Light bites	New Market Lane, Killarney (great ambience)

ENTERTAINMENT

To see what events are taking place all around Kerry, please view “What to Do” “events diary”, on this link www.kerrygems.com

Major Colgan’s Irish Night Show - Guests enjoy a tasty 3 course Irish themed dinner with live Irish dancers and music from the famous Onora in the heart of the National Park just 5 minutes from Ethan House. For further details see www.colgans.ie

Kate Kearney’s Cottage is located just at the entrance of the Gap of Dunloe. Kate Kearney’s Cottage has Traditional Irish Night which consists of Traditional Music, Dinner, and Irish Dancers. Booking is required. Contact number: 0646644146. For further details www.katekearneycastle.com

The **Gaelic Roots Live Show** can be enjoyed at the Killarney Avenue Hotel (right beside the cinema). Tickets can be purchased by calling 087 250 0933 or 087 462 9929 or by contacting the Killarney Avenue Hotel at 064 663 2522.

The show features some of the most popular and loved Irish songs and appeals especially to visitors to Ireland. Songs include the most well-known favourites such as Danny boy, Irish eyes, The Blarney Roses and many more.

Gaelic Roots thrills with an array of world class Irish Dancers.

Throughout the show the dancers showcase flawless footwork and incredible rhythm in professionally choreographed segments, specially created to wow the audience. Gaelic Roots is unrivalled in its phenomenal dance energy. For further details see www.gaelicroots.ie

Celtic Steps The Show, brings together the raw talent of popular Irish dance with the authenticity of traditional Irish music. The show aims to provide a magical evening for its guests, taking them on a journey through the nation’s colourful past and history to present day Ireland through the language of music, song and of course, dance. For further details see www.celticsteps.ie

O’Connors Traditional Pub locally known as ‘**Teddy’s Pub**’ is the perfect spot to enjoy traditional Irish music and is packed with locals and tourists alike. See <https://oconnorstraditionalpub.ie/> . The pub is located at No7 High Street, Killarney

The Grand is a traditional Music and Live Gigs venue. There is no cover charge and you can be assured of great music and craic,. starting most nights at 9pm. For further details see www.killarneygrand.com

Check out the **INEC** located on the Muckcross Road N71 for shows www.inec.ie . The INEC Killarney is the largest music and multi purpose venue in Ireland outside Dublin where a variety of shows and events take place.

WALKS , CYCLES, TRAILS AND BOAT TRIPS

Killarney, with its rugged and mountainous National Park – and being the base to the famous Ring of Kerry – is a fantastic spot to put your hiking boots on. **Killarney National Park** has a distinctive and dramatic terrain of big variety – mountains, lakes, forests and waterfalls. **The McGillicuddy's Reeks mountain range** is situated in the national park, which is the highest mountain range in Ireland with a height of more than 1000 metres. At the foot of the mountains, there is 10, 236 hectares of pure nature to explore.

Here are our 5 favourite things to do in Killarney.

1. Knockreer Estate, Ross Castle & Inisfallen Island, Killarney House

The Knockreer area of Killarney National Park is packed full of wonderful trails offering a variety of routes to observe and enjoy some of the wildlife up close, without having to venture too far from town. The trail loops around some of the most accessible parts of the Park and has a smooth paved path throughout. The paths can become busy during the summer months so be prepared to share the paths with walkers, runners, buggies and horse-drawn jaunting cars.

If you are visiting in late September or October, this is one of the best places to observe the **Red Deer rutting season** in close proximity. Be very careful during rutting season and make sure to give the deer a wide berth if they come near the path. The experience can be enhanced even more by setting off at dusk. The sounds of the stags in full voice is well worth braving the Park after dark!

You have the choice of starting at Ross castle or at The Deenagh Lodge (which is located at the edge of town directly opposite St. Mary's Cathedral, where parking is free).

I would recommend starting from **Ross Castle** and if you are visiting the Cathedral on a different occasion pop in to Knockreer via The Deenagh Lodge entrance. If you have young children there is a well-equipped playground about 300 meters from the Lodge as well as public toilets. Killarney House and Formal Gardens is also worth a visit and admission is free.

Directions Ross Castle: Upon exiting Ethan House take a left
 At the junction take a right toward Killarney town.
 Drive for approx. 3.3km
 Take a left onto Ross Road after Amber petrol station.
 Drive for 2.3km.

Ross Castle is justifiably one of the most popular areas in Killarney. The impressive ruins of the 15th century castle are perched on the lakeshore keeping watch over Lough Leane and the McGillicuddy Reeks. The Castle and its grounds are a great place to explore and there are also guided tours of the Castle from March to October. Ross Castle is also a great place to embark on a trip on the famed Lakes of Killarney.

There is ample parking at Ross Castle and plenty of places to securely lock your bicycle around the castle grounds. During the summer months a coffee shop serves refreshments at the house adjacent to the castle, Public toilets are located to the rear of the castle.

The adjacent **Ross Island** is packed with beautiful tracks and trails, viewing points, secluded bays and historical points of interest. Ross Island is separated from the 'mainland' by a small man-made channel that passes under the bridge that you cross to get to Ross Castle.

The paths on the island do not allow motor vehicles so it is an ideal place for a stroll, hike or jog. Bicycles and buggies are well suited to most of the paved paths. There are some minor hilly sections but none are too taxing.

There are three main options for exploring Ross Island:

- Copper Mines loop
- Governor's Rock circuit
- Library Point

Each of these has a number of extensions and variations if you wish to explore a bit further. It is possible to combine all three as well. All trails are well signposted with distance markers and information panels at key points along the trails. An accompanying guide booklet is available at Ross Castle but the booklet is not essential so don't worry if you don't have a copy with you

It's also possible to take **boat rides** from the castle. There are a number of options;

- Waterbuses operate from Ross Castle and they'll bring you on a tour of Lough Léin, accompanied by a guided commentary on the history, folklore, flora and fauna of the Killarney lakes www.killarneydaytour.com www.killarneylaketours.ie
- If you prefer to travel by open boat you could take a short trip to **Inisfallen Island**, also from Ross Castle. You will see the boatmen on the pier at the front of the castle. Inisfallen has the remains of a medieval monastery and it's also where one of the most important books on Irish history was written, The Annals of Inisfallen. During the middle ages the island was a great centre of learning and among it's students was said to be Brian Boru, High King of Ireland.
- For an adventure not to be missed, try a kayak adventure on the Killarney lakes <https://moractivetours.com/tours/killarney-kayaking-tour-innisfallen-island/>
- If you wanted to travel to the **Gap of Dunloe** and Kate Kearneys Cottage, you can hop on a boat (with your bike if you wish) at Ross Castle to go to Lord Brandon's cottage on the Upper Lake. It's a beautiful journey that takes about an hour and costs about 15 euros. It is approximately 11km from Brandon's Cottage through the Gap of Dunloe to get to Kate Kearney's Cottage or about 2 hours on foot. It is then a further 13km to Killarney town centre – see www.killarneyshuttlebus.com for cheap transfers by bus to Killarney town.

Please note that day tour packages are available www.killarneydaytour.com which is well worth checking out.

2. Muckross House, Dinis Cottage, Torc Waterfall, Muckross Abbey

Muckross House, Gardens, and Traditional Farms represent the focal point and nucleus of Killarney National Park. This is Ireland's oldest National Park, and it includes the world famous Lakes of Killarney, as well as the mountains and woodlands that surround them. Muckross and Killarney National Park are open daily all year round (except the Christmas period). Please refer to website for more details on opening times & prices www.muckross-house.ie

Directions: Upon exiting Ethan House take a left
At the junction take a left towards Muckross N71
Drive for approx. 1.5km and see an entrance to Muckross House on the right.
Note: Stay on N71 for a further 600 meters to arrive at Torc Waterfall
Note Stay on N71 for a further 800 meters to arrive at Dinis Cottage carpark

A very nice walk to **Muckross Abbey** from Ethan House is as follows: Upon exiting Ethan House take a left and walk to junction of N71. Cross the road and barrier, enter the wood and follow the woodland path for 15 minutes to Muckross Abbey and the National Park.

There are several walks in the Killarney National Park that start from Muckross House but the the **Dinis Walk** is definitely one of our favourites. At 15km long it will take you about 3-4 hours to complete. If you feel like a coffee, drop by **Dinis Cottage**. It's located at the Western side of Muckross Lake.

From the Cottage, the **Old Weir Bridge** is only a few hundred metres via a trail that meanders through the woods and streams that surround the cottage. The Old Weir Bridge is an ancient twin arch bridge made of stone. The bridge is situated at the spot known as the "Meeting of the Waters", where the three Killarney lakes meet. Despite its long history and tradition of visitors, it still retains a sense of remoteness.

The start of the trail is marked by a grey sign a few hundred metres east of Dinis Cottage (on the path from the N71 car park). Beware that the start of the trail can often be flooded during the winter or after some heavy rain when the lake is high.

If you decide to cycle from Muckross House to Dinis Cottage, be aware that the Dinis road is a one-way system. Rather than complete the circuit using the narrow and busy N71, take the boat, with your bicycles, from Dinis Cottage back to Dundag – see below for details

Another walk, start at Muckross House and walk in the Direction of **Torc Waterfall**. This takes about an hour. Just after passing the **Dundag Pier** and boathouse you will see a sandy stretch of lakeshore know locally as **Dundag or The Lakeshore**. This is very popular with the locals for sunbathing and swimming in the summer months.

Boat Trips to Dinis Cottage and other destinations are available from Dundag pier. From here you can take a boat across Muckross Lake to and from Dinis Cottage - timetable at Dinis Cottage

Or ring John or Gerry directly

Tel: [+353 \(0\)87 278 9335](tel:+3530872789335) / [+353 \(0\)87 120 0420](tel:+3530871200420)

Tip! The food at Muckross House Café is very good

3. Old Kenmare Road, Torc Mountain Summit

If you fancy a longer walk we highly recommend the **Old Kenmare Road walk**. However, there are a few additional logistics involved as it's a one-way route. You have to make arrangements to get from Kenmare back to Killarney. Please also note that there is no mobile/cell reception in parts of this journey.

This Old Kenmare Road walk is 16 km long and part of a long distance route called the Kerry Way which twists its way around the Iveragh Peninsula. It will take you through woodland, over hills and across part of exposed uplands. It's the perfect walk if you fancy a close to nature experience with total peace and quiet. You will be rewarded with views of the Mountains, Lakes, Atlantic views and Famine settlements

We recommend you start at the upper car park of **Torc Mountain**. To find the upper car park at Torc, take a left turn off the N71 immediately after you pass the main entrance to Muckross House and Traditional Farms. Follow this narrow road for about 1 km until you reach a small car park where your journey begins.

Upon leaving the carpark walk to your left and follow the Old Kenmare Road, through the barrier. Cross the wooden bridge over the Owengarrif River and take an immediate left.

After approximately 15 minutes of a hilly climb you come to flat terrain. Walk for another 5 minutes and then there are two options.

Either take a right off the Old Kenmare Road (you will see a small track on the right) to climb to the **summit of Torc Mountain** for spectacular views over the parkland or continue straight on the Old Kenmare Road...or do both!

Note: to climb to the summit and back takes about 2-3 hours.

After walking about 2 hours on the Old Kenmare Road, you will meet a small public road. Once again you have two options:

From here, you can either turn left and continue to follow the Old Kenmare Road all the way to Kenmare (10 km), or turn right to **Derrycunihy Church** on the N71 (600 m).

To extend the Derrycunihy walk, follow the path (Signposted) across the road from Derrycunihy Church, known as the Mass Path, to **Lord Brandon's Cottage** (Where refreshments are available during the summer months) and travel back to Ross Castle by boat or incorporate a further 2 hour walk through the Gap of Dunloe to Kate Kearney's Cottage and get a shuttle bus back to Killarney www.killarneyshuttlebus.com

Assuming you decide to continue on the Old Kenmare Road all the way to **Kenmare**, the return journey needs consideration. Assuming that you are not going to retrace your steps, there are a few options to consider when deciding how to get back again.

However, if you have time, stopping off for an hour or two in Kenmare town is well worth it. There's a wonderful selection of shops, pubs and restaurants.

You can **get a bus** from Kenmare to Killarney and then a taxi from Killarney to collect your car at Torc carpark - check the timetable to make sure. www.buseireann.ie

If you don't fancy the bus option, you could splash out on a taxi direct from Kenmare but that could be quite costly unless perhaps you are in a large group.

4. Gap of Dunloe 55km Round Trip

The **Gap of Dunloe** is a narrow mountain pass forged between the MacGillycuddy Reeks and Purple Mountain by glacial flows. The river running through the gap is the river Loe from where the Gap gets its name. The Gap begins at Kate Kearney's Cottage. The road, narrow in many places, winds through the pass and descends into The Black Valley passing five lakes, Coosaun Lough, Black Lake, Cushnavally Lake, Auger Lake and Black Lough. Within easy walking distance from Kate Kearney's cottage is a picturesque old bridge known as the 'Wishing Bridge'. It is said that wishes made here really do come true!

Most people walk, cycle or take a horse and cart.

However, it is possible to drive. **Please note that it is inadvisable to drive through the Gap before 7pm in the summer season.** During the day the narrow road is filled with horses and carts, walkers, cyclists etc. You will not be popular if you attempt to drive through the Gap during the busy periods.

Directions from Killarney

You leave Killarney on route (N72), travelling towards Killorglin. At approx 7 km take road on the left sign-posted Gap of Dunloe, following the signs until you reach Kate Kearney's . On leaving the cafes and souvenir shops of Kate Kearneys you start a gradual climb. Absorb and enjoy the stunning Black, Cushvalley and Augher lakes, as you reach the top of the Gap of Dunloe. Don't forget to look over your shoulder when you approach the head of the Gap, as the views back down are quite magical.

From here is a downhill descent into the Black Valley, bringing you past an old country church and hostel. Do not take the road to Lord Brandon's Cottage (Cul De Sac) unless you want a detour for lunch and refreshments or you want to take a Lake Boat Trip to Ross Castle (you can take your bike on the boat if you are cycling).

Take the road to the right and continue into the Valley on the peaceful narrow roads, soaking up the wild nature of the hidden valleys beneath the MacGillyCuddy's Reek Mountains which surround you. From here, continue for a further 7km. Then turn left and head towards Molls Gap.

Once at Molls Gap you are on the N 71 (Ring of Kerry route) to Killarney with scenic viewing of the Lakes of Killarney along the way, at Ladies View and other spots along the way including Torc Waterfall and Muckross House and Gardens. From Muckross the centre of Killarney is less than 6 km away.

5. Tomies Wood Walk – O’Sullivan’s Cascade

Without question one of the finest walks in Kerry, Tomies Wood is a very enjoyable loop walk of 10km through beautiful oak woodlands along the slopes of Tomies Mountain. Set on the shores of Lough Leane, the Wood is home to the enchanting O’Sullivan’s Cascade – a hidden gem! The route is mainly all forest track.

The ruins of Glena Cottage can be accessed via the halfway point on the Southern Point of the loop. The rhododendron forest opens out to the Shehy Mountains where you can descend to see the ruins on the shore of Lough Leane. The cottage is steeped in history dating back as early as 1822; Queen Victoria was the most notable visitor when she attended the cottage for lunch in 1831.

This walk is currently accessible via boat from Ross Castle; the private lands in the Gap of Dunloe are not open to the public until further notice.

Please enquire with the boatmen at Ross Castle or the boatmen at Dundag Pier in front of Muckross House.

An alternative is to hike to Glena Cottage. Be warned as the terrain is rough and full hiking gear is essential. For further details see <https://killarneyguide.ie/glena/>

DAY TRIPS - Ring of Kerry



Which way to drive around the Ring of Kerry?

DRIVERS Please travel anti-clockwise round the Ring of Kerry to minimise traffic problems on the narrower sections of road. **Careful** some sat nav systems have been directing traffic in a clockwise direction.



BUS TOURS: The Ring of Kerry tours leave Killarney at 10 am and return at approximately 17:00 hrs (5pm). This tour includes the towns of Glenbeigh, Waterville & Sneem, returning via "Ladies View" and Killarney National Park & Lakes.

<https://moractivetours.com>

<http://www.wildkerry-daytours.ie/>

<http://derostours.com/new/>



IRELAND'S MOST SCENIC DRIVES

-  Wild Atlantic Way Signature Discovery Point
-  Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point
-  Scenic Viewpoint
-  Ferry and Boat Trips
-  Mountains & Walking Areas
-  Popular Beaches and Watersports
-  Kerry International Dark-Sky Reserve
-  Set Locations for recent Star Wars Movies

DRIVING DISTANCES

- Tralee to Dublin = 300km = 3.5 hrs
- Killarney to Cork City = 85km = 1.5 hrs
- Killarney to Rosslare = 260km = 4.0 hrs
- Tralee to Shannon = 125km = 2.0 hrs
- Tralee to Dingle = 50km = 45mins
- Killarney to Valentia Island = 80km = 1.5hrs

SCENIC DRIVES

-  The Wild Atlantic Way – 800km (Cork/Kerry)
-  Ring of Kerry – 220km (137 miles)
-  Dingle Peninsula Loop – 190km (118 miles) incl. Sleat Head
-  Beara Peninsula Loop – 170km (106 miles)
-  Mizen Head Loop – 100km (62 miles)
-  Sheep's Head Loop – 70km (44 miles)
-  Other Scenic Drives and Mountain Passes



ACTIVEME.IE



The world-famous Ring of Kerry is a 'must do' scenic tourist drive or cycle in County Kerry, in the south west of Ireland. The Ring of Kerry is a 180 to 200 km driving and cycling loop with follows the coastline along the Wild Atlantic Way.

The official Ring of Kerry sign-posts the route from Cahersiveen to Waterville, but DO NOT 'miss' the 'unmissable' the **Skellig Ring Scenic Drive** which takes in the wonderful Valentia Island. The island can be accessed by ferry just outside Cahersiveen and exited via a bridge near the picturesque village of Portmagee. From there visit the Glen and Ballinskelligs with its great Blue Flag beach and all things these places offer. Valentia Island is a holiday in itself with all the things to see and do, so don't miss it.

More details can be found on

<https://www.activeme.ie/guides/ring-of-kerry-scenic-tourist-drive-kerry/>

<https://www.ringofkerrytourism.com/>

Here are just some some popular attractions and points of interest you can visit anti- clockwise around the Ring of Kerry from Killarney.

1. Gap of Dunloe – Kate Kearney's cottage, McGillicuddy Reeks
2. Killorglin Town – Puck fair on 10-12th August www.puckfair.ie , fishing on Caragh Lake
3. Glenbeigh - , Rossbeigh Beach and Drung Hill. Glenbeigh Festival takes place on last weekend of August with Horse racing on the beach www.glenbeighfestival.com
4. Cahersiveen - White Strand Beach, Cuas Crom Harbour and Ballycarbery Castle
5. Cahersiveen - Cahergal and Leacanabuaile Ancient Stone Forts
6. Take ferry from Cahersiveen to Valentia Island -visit the nearby uninhabited Beginish Island. Get a Ferry or Kayak here. <http://www.valentiaharbourtours.com> <http://www.shearwaterseakayaking.ie>
7. Valentia Island – 385 million year old Tetrapod footprints fossil
8. Valentia Island – Knocknadober Mountain, Valentia Slate Quarry, Glanleam House,Gardens and Beach
9. Valentia Island – Lighthouse and Geokaun Mountain and Fogher Cliffs (600ft)
10. Valentia Island – Bray Head walk, Natural Swimming Pool and Culoo Fishing Cliffs
11. Valentia Island – Skellig Experience Heritage Centre and Knightstown Village
12. Take bridge to Portmagee from Valentia Island - Boat trip to the Skellig Islands www.skelligislands.com www.skelligrock.com www.moorings.ie
13. Coomanaspig Mountain scenic viewing spot and the colourful Portmagee Village
14. Ballinskelligs Blue Flag Beach and Castle and Skellig's Chocolate factory
15. Bolus Head and Hogs Head Loop Walks
16. Derrynane House home of Daniel O'Connell and Derrynane Blue Flag beach
17. Staigue and Loher Ancient Stone forts
18. O'Carrolls Cove – Beach Bar and Restaurant
19. The friendly Sneem Village - Geopark, Walking, Storytelling Festival and ancient Church
20. The wonderful Kenmare Town - Music, Watersports and 4,000 year- old stone circle
21. Enjoy Ladies View and Molls Gap (scenic viewpoints) and mouth-watering Pancakes @ The Strawberry Field Pancake Cottage <http://strawberryfield-ireland.com/>
22. Torc Waterfall and climb Torc Mountain
23. Muckross House and Lakes, Muckross Traditional Farms , Muckross Abbey www.muckross-house.ie
24. Ross Castle – fish, boat or kayak

DAY TOUR – DINGLE, SLEA HEAD AND THE CONOR PASS



The 46km **Slea Head Drive (Slí Cheann Sléibhe)** is one of the best and most spectacular driving routes in Ireland if not the world, forming part of the **Wild Atlantic Way**, beginning and ending in Dingle. The circular route takes in a large number of attractions and stunning views on the western end of the peninsula.

The Drive has one of Ireland's biggest concentrations of heritage including ancient monuments and forts, standing stones, megalithic tombs, early Christian sites, ancient neolithic paths, ancient pilgrim paths and the famous Gallarus Oratory built between the 6th and 9th century.

Useful Links:

<https://www.activeme.ie/guides/slea-head-drive-and-cycle-route-map-dingle-co-kerry-wild-atlantic-way-ireland/>

<https://www.dingle-peninsula.ie/attractions-on-the-dingle-peninsula-co-kerry/outdoor-attractions/the-slea-head-drive-sli-cheann-sleibhe/14-attractions-on-the-dingle-peninsula.html>

Driving Guide to the Dingle Peninsula: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1dSrfEsy--uHWGU8jdKGE_OiM9NUGCHcD

To properly enjoy the Drive and soak in the stunning views, at least a half-day should be set aside for the journey. Travellers usually travel clockwise in order to avoid the large tour buses that frequent the route during the summer. The route is clearly labelled by road signs throughout its length.

On leaving Dingle, the Drive passes over Milltown Bridge, past the woodlands at Burnham to the seaside village of Ventry. The long, curved strand is a blue flag beach and offers a safe venue for bathing and water sports.

On leaving Ventry the Drive continues westward, past Dunbeg Fort, and continuing with a sheer cliff on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other. At Fahan the road crosses a ford. The Drive now reaches Sleah Head itself, marked by a stone crucifixion scene, with dramatic views to South Kerry and the Blasket Islands. The Drive now follows the coast north, past Coumenole Strand, where some of the filming of Ryan's Daughter took place, to Dún Chaoin. It is possible to board a passenger ferry to the Great Blasket / An Blascaod Mór from Dún Chaoin pier.

<http://www.blasketisland.com/> <https://www.marinetours.ie/blasket-islands.html>

The Drive continues north and east from Dún Chaoin through wild open countryside, moving inland to the village of Baile an Fheirtéaraigh / Ballyferriter. The village has a number of bars, a shop and is the site of the Corca Dhuibhne Regional Museum <http://www.westkerrymuseum.com/>

The Drive now moves eastward, passing close to a number of ancient monuments, such as the excavated early Christian site at Reasc, and Gallarus Oratory.

The traveller will next arrive at the fishing village of Baile na nGall/Ballydavid. On leaving the village the drive again follows a cliff-top route, with a dramatic seascape of crashing waves, rocks and seabirds below.

At An Fheothanach/Feohanagh a bridge is crossed and the route brings you to Cuas an Bhodaigh or Brandon Creek overlooked by the Brandon Mountain Range, the second highest in Ireland. This inlet was the legendary starting point of the voyage of St Brendan to America, centuries before Columbus. The Drive now turns south and runs along the base of Mount Brandon, the second highest mountain in Ireland. A pilgrimage route to the mountain's summit begins near here.

The Drive now rejoins the main road south to Dingle, passing over a hill's crest at Ballinlochaigh and arriving back at the entrance to Dingle town.

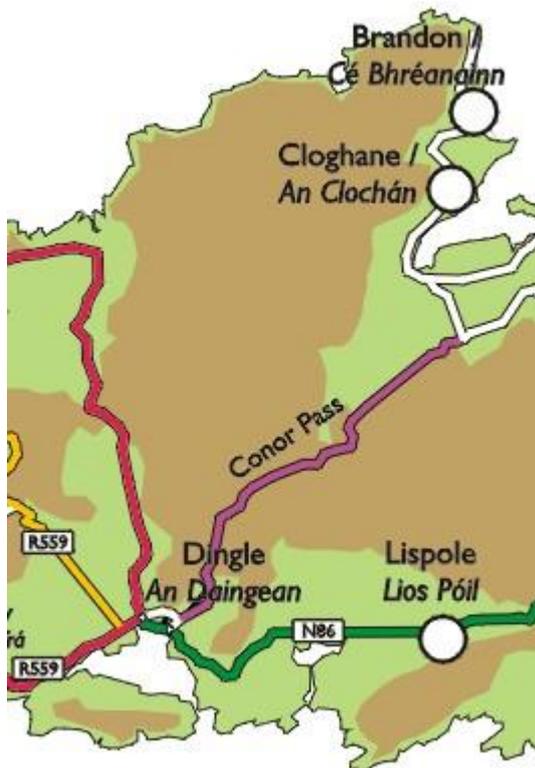
Best Places to Visit and See on Sleah Head Drive:

1. Dingle Oceanworld Aquarium <https://www.dingle-oceanworld.ie/>
2. Play at Height Climbing Wall <https://explorersworld.ie/index.php/rock-climbing/>
3. Ventry Blue Flag Beach
4. Dunbeg Fort
5. Coumenole Beach where they filmed Ryan's Daughter
6. Dún Chaoin harbour - famous picture perfect pier road
7. Visit the Great Blasket Island by Ferry <http://www.blasketisland.com/>
<https://www.marinetours.ie/blasket-islands.html>
8. Blasket Heritage Centre
9. Gallarus Oratory
10. Star Wars film location on Ceann Sibéal, Dingle - recreated the Skellig Island, bee hive huts
11. Corca Dhuibhne Regional Museum <http://www.westkerrymuseum.com/>
12. Dingle Whiskey Distillery <http://www.dingledistillery.ie/tours/>
13. Fungi Dolphin Boat Tour <https://dingleboattours.com/>

The **Conor Pass** is the highest mountain pass in Ireland, and provides the most dramatic and scenic way of entering or leaving Dingle. This narrow, twisting road runs between the town of Dingle and Kilmore Cross on the north side of the peninsula, where roads fork to Cloghane/Brandon or Castlegregory.

The views from the road are breathtaking, as the glaciated landscape of mountains and corrie lakes comes into view. From the scenic carpark at the summit there are views as far as the Aran Islands off County Galway.

Due to the nature of the road, there are length and weight restrictions, and vehicles such as caravans, camper vans and trucks cannot use the pass.



If you have more time the famous Dingle Way Walking Trail also roughly follows the **Slea Head Drive** and it too is one of the best walks in Ireland. A hike on the eastern side to the summit of **Mount Brandon** 952m/3123 ft, the 9th highest mountain in Ireland is considered one of the top 10 walking routes in Ireland and on a good day you will have probably the best 360 degree scenic views in all of Ireland. Another option is **Cosán Na Naomha** sacred **Pilgrim Trail** from near Ventry to the summit of **Mount Brandon**.