



WATERFORD & EAST CORK

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COUNTY WATERFORD AND EAST CORK

As you make your way west along the Waterford coastline, across the mouth of the Blackwater and into East Cork, you begin to get a taste of the sights to be seen in this stunning bit of Irish countryside.

History and hedonism combine to great effect here. The castle at **Lismore**, the Cistercian abbey at Mount Mellary, the early Christian ruins at **Ardmore**, Sir Walter Raleigh's house in **Youghal** – just a flavour of the region's historical significance, which gets its full expression in Waterford City, Ireland's oldest, whose own history dates back to Viking times. Its fine collection of museums lets visitors step back in time and explore the Middle Ages better than anywhere else in Ireland.

The Copper Coast that stretches west of **Waterford City** is so named because of the copper mines that once populated this glorious bit of coastline. Few vestiges remain of an industry that once employed tens of thousands in less than salubrious conditions: instead you'll find imposing cliffs and beautiful coves, like the one at Stradbally, and some pristine beaches, including Cliona Strand near Ballynacourty.

The Deise – as Waterford is colloquially known – is blessed with beautiful beaches. There are wonderful stretches of sand at Ardmore and at Dunmore East, on the Ring Peninsula and especially at **Tramore**, one of Ireland's premier seaside resorts. Its huge beach – or *Trá Mór* in Irish – lined with amusements and shops that come alive in summer.

Youghal in **East Cork** is the mouth of the Blackwater River, which flows 167 kilometres from its source in north County Cork, an "Irish Rhine... of unequalled charm," according to early 20th-century writer Kate Douglas Higgins. It meanders its way through much of County Waterford, and a journey along its bracken waters is one of the most enjoyable ways to see the county.

And then there's food. This is a region with an almost unmatched gourmet reputation. In Waterford, bustling **Dungarvan** has some excellent restaurants, a top-rated cookery school and hosts one of the country's top foodie festivals, the West Waterford Festival of Food, in mid-April. But across the border in East Cork you'll find the unofficial home of haute cuisine in Ireland, at Ballymaloe in Shanagarry, headquarters of the Allen family, who run one of the best cookery schools in Europe.



LISMORE CASTLE, COUNTY WATERFORD



HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL, WATERFORD CITY

VISITOR ATTRACTIONS, COUNTY WATERFORD

- HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL**
www.waterfordvisitorscentre.com
A highlight of any visit to Waterford is the Waterford Crystal tour which is an up and close personal insight into the centuries old traditional glass making process.
- BISHOP'S PALACE**
www.waterfordtreasures.com
Step back in time and experience all this Georgian building has to offer, with its 18th century features and the oldest piece of Waterford Crystal in existence.
- THE MEDIEVAL MUSEUM**
www.waterfordtreasures.com
Based in the Viking Triangle area of the city, view the unique Cloth of Gold Vestments and its 13th Century Choristers.
- KING OF THE VIKINGS VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE**
www.kingofthevikings.com
Housed in an exact copy of a Viking house found in Waterford city. An exciting and dynamic virtual reality experience awaits you.
- CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**
www.christchurchwaterford.com
Christ Church has been marked out as the finest 18th century Cathedral in Ireland. The famous marriage of Princess Aoife to Lord Strongbow took place here.
- REGINALD'S TOWER**
www.heritageireland.ie
Named after the Viking that founded the city in 914, Reginald's Tower is now home to a stunning exhibition of Viking treasures.
- WATERFORD AND SUIR VALLEY RAILWAY**
www.wsvrailway.ie
Board the train at the Kilmeehan Station and embark on a magical journey taking in the panoramic views of the river Suir and Waterford Greenway.
- MOUNT CONGREVE GARDENS**
www.mountcongreve.com
The Estate is famous for being the home of one of the great gardens of the world. A tranquil 70 acres of woodland gardens, including a 4 acre walled garden. Over 16kms of paths with something to see in all seasons.
- CURRAGHMORE HOUSE AND GARDENS**
www.curraghmorehouse.ie
The Estate has been the home of the Marquis of Waterford and his ancestors since 1170. The garden includes an arboretum, some beautiful terraces and a unique shell grotto.
- LAFACADIO HEARN JAPANESE GARDENS**
www.lafacadiohearngardens.com
A haven of beauty and tranquility for all who visit. Children are introduced to these magical gardens through a special children's discovery trail, secret pathways, woodlands and Lafacadio Hearn's fairytales and folklore.
- COPPER COAST UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK VISITOR CENTRE**
www.coppercoastgeopark.com
Explore rugged coastlines, hidden coves and stunning golden beaches. Visit the Copper Coast Visitor Centre and experience the history of copper mining around the area.
- KING JOHN'S CASTLE**
www.heritageireland.ie
A 12th century castle consisting of a polygonal shell keep with an enclosing curtain wall, a corner tower and a gate tower.
- WATERFORD COUNTY MUSEUM**
www.waterfordcountymuseum.org
Depicts the history of Dungarvan and County Waterford including key events, genealogy, maritime history and more.
- LISMORE HERITAGE CENTRE**
www.discoverlismore.com
The centre offers an insight into

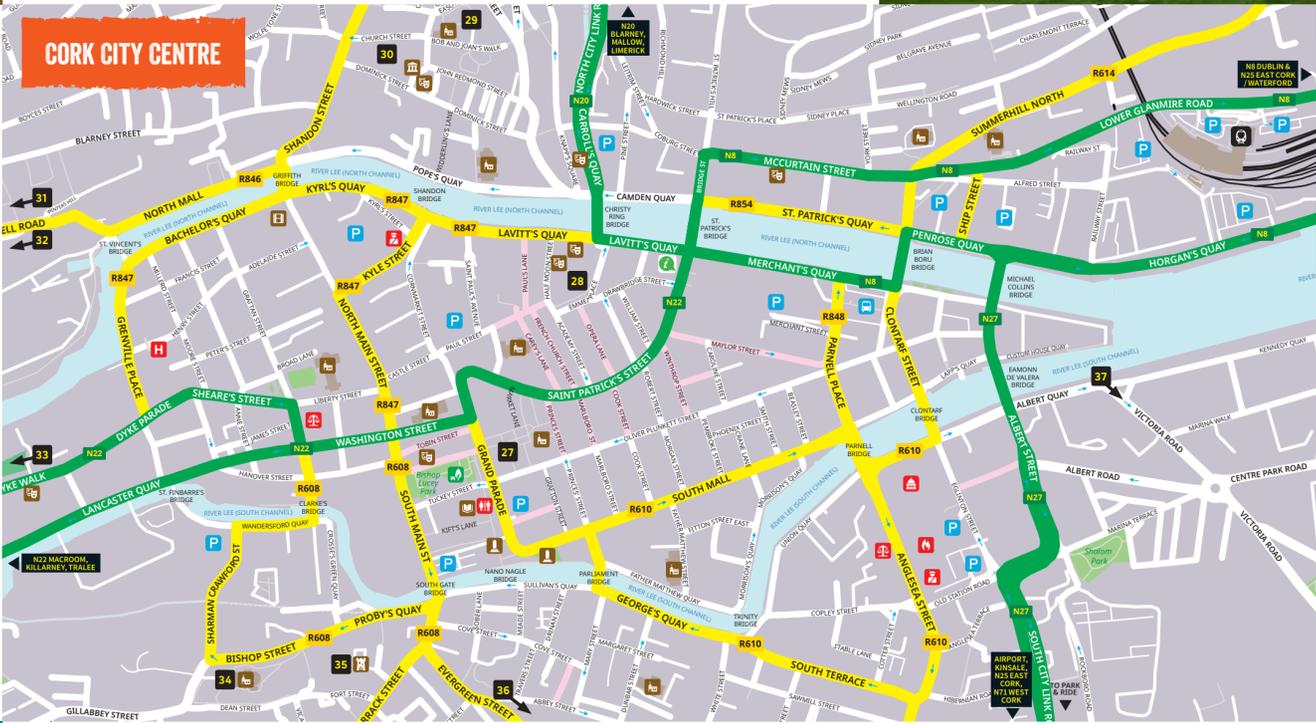
Lismore's rich history and the Lismore Experience audio visual brings it to life. Learn more in the Robert Boyle Science Room.

LISMORE CASTLE GARDENS
www.lismorecastlegardens.com
Seven acres of gardens all set within the historic Lismore Castle walls. From majestic trees to flowering meadows, ornamental displays to fruit and vegetables.

For further information, please visit:
www.irelandsancienteast.com



ARDMORE ROUND TOWER, COUNTY WATERFORD



VISITOR ATTRACTIONS, EAST CORK

- YOUGHAL CLOCK GATE TOWER**
www.youghalclockgate.ie
Historic Youghal lives on in this beautiful clock tower, built in the 1770's and once a castled gateway to the town.
- YOUGHAL HERITAGE CENTRE**
www.youghal.ie
The heritage centre tells the story of Youghal from the Viking raids of the 8th century up to the present day.
- ST. MARY'S COLLEGIATE CHURCH**
www.youghal.ie
A protected national monument, surrounded by the original medieval town walls, complete with walkways, canons and viewing points.
- JAMESON DISTILLERY**
www.jamesonwhiskey.com
Tour the grounds and taste the history and dedication that goes into each bottle of this famous Irish whiskey.
- FOTA HOUSE ARBORETUM AND GARDENS**
www.fotahouse.com
See what life was like for those who lived and worked in the big house and a Victorian working garden. Relax in its tranquil gardens and arboretum.
- FOTA WILDLIFE PARK**
www.fotawildlife.ie
Come face to face with free roaming animals and birds from all parts of the world. Visit the Tropical House and Conservation Centre.
- COBH HERITAGE CENTRE**
www.cobheritage.com
This beautiful, informative and sometimes emotive cultural centre is situated within Cobh's beautifully restored Victorian railway station, a building with its own historic story.
- COBH MUSEUM**
www.cobmuseum.com
The exhibitions reflect the cultural, social and maritime history of Cobh and the Great Island.
- TITANIC EXPERIENCE COBH**
www.titanicexperiencecobh.ie
A visitor experience in the original White Star Line offices tracing the departure of the final 123 passengers who boarded the Titanic, the Ship of Dreams.
- 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.
- CAMDEN FORT MEAGHER**
www.camdenfortmeagher.ie
Built in the 19th century to defend Cork harbour, explore the fort's buildings and tunnels while the café has great views of the harbour.
- THE ENGLISH MARKET**
www.englishmarket.ie
Cork's beloved English Market is a gourmet hub, selling fresh produce such as quality meats, fish, spices, fruit, vegetables, baked delicacies, cheeses and much more.



SPIKE ISLAND, COUNTY CORK

ACTIVITIES & ADVENTURE, COUNTY WATERFORD

- ACTIVATE**
www.activatewaterford.ie
Bowling, climbing, roller skating, laser tag, soft play. Williamstown, Waterford City.
- ARDMORE ADVENTURES**
www.ardmoreadventures.ie
Sea kayaking, surfing, rock climbing. Ardmore, County Waterford.
- ARDMORE DIVING**
Scuba diving. Ardmore, County Waterford.
- ARDMORE OPEN FARM AND MINI ZOO**
www.ardmoreopenfarm.ie
Open farm, mini zoo. Ardmore, County Waterford.
- BLACKWATER BOATING**
www.blackwaterboating.ie
Surf school and kids surfing. Bunnahon, County Waterford.
- BUNMAHON SURF SCHOOL**
www.bunmahonsurfschool.com
Surf lessons, private lessons, kids surfing. Bunmahon, County Waterford.
- COPPERCOAST MINI FARM**
www.familyfun.ie
Pet farm. Fenor, County Waterford.
- DEEP SEA CHARTERS**
www.deepseachartersdunmore.com
Deep Sea angling, dolphin watching. Dunmore East, County Waterford.
- DUNMORE EAST ADVENTURE**
www.dunmoreadventure.com
Windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing, indoor wall. Dunmore East, County Waterford.
- EPIC TOUR OF THE VIKING TRIANGLE**
www.waterfordtreasures.com
Family friendly walking tour. Waterford City.
- FREEDOM SURF SCHOOL**
www.freedomsurfscchool.com
Surf school. Tramore, County Waterford.
- GREAT ESCAPE WATERFORD**
www.greatescapewaterford.ie
Fictional games room. Waterford City.
- HAWKEYE FALCONRY**
www.hawkeyefalconry.ie
Birds of Prey. Waterford City.
- MAYFIELD BIRDS OF PREY**
www.falconryireland.com
Birds of Prey. Kilmacthomas, County Waterford.
- OCEANICS**
www.oceanics.ie
Surf school. Tramore, County Waterford.
- PIRATES ADVENTURE**
www.piratesadventure.ie
In-door fun centre for children. Tramore, County Waterford.
- PURE ADVENTURE**
www.pureadventure.ie
Kayaking, canoeing. Dunmore East. County Waterford.
- RALLY CONNECTION**
www.rallyconnection.com
Rally driving school. Cappagh, Dungarvan, County Waterford.
- RUN AMUCK**
www.runamuck.ie
Children's activity centre. Tramore, County Waterford.
- SEA PADDLING**
www.seapaddling.com
Sea kayaking tours. Tramore, County Waterford.
- SPLASHWORLD**
www.splashworld.ie
Indoor water park and swimming pool. Tramore, County Waterford.
- SUIR RIVER CRUISES**
www.suirrivercruises.ie
River cruises. Waterford City.
- T BAY SURF AND ECO CENTRE**
www.tbaysurf.com
Surf lessons. Tramore, County Waterford.
- TIME OUTSIDE NATURE WALKS**
Nature walking tour. Waterford City. Find us on Facebook.
- TRAMORE SURF SCHOOL**
www.tramoresurfschool.com
Surf lessons. Tramore, County Waterford.
- WATERFORD CITY WALKING TOURS**
www.jackswalkingtours.com
Walking tour. Waterford City.
- WATERFORD ESTUARY CRUISES**
www.traditional-boatcharters.com
Traditional sailing ship. Waterford City.
- For a full listing of all there is to see and do in the area including angling, cycling, equestrian, gardens, golf, walking and more – please visit www.irelandsancienteast.com



WATERFORD'S VIKING TRIANGLE

This is Waterford's Cultural and Heritage quarter. A tranquil place characterised by narrow streets, atmospheric public spaces and an array of cultural and heritage attractions it is so called because of the 1000-year-old Viking walls which once surrounded it. The Viking Triangle is home to Waterford Treasures – three museums telling the story of Viking, Medieval, Georgian Waterford and The House of Waterford Crystal.
www.waterfordtreasures.com



ACTIVITIES & ADVENTURE, EAST CORK

- BALLYCOTTON ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE**
www.ballycottonislandlighthouse.com
Bus tour. Ballycotton, County Cork.
- BLACKWATER CRUISES**
www.blackwatercruises.com
River cruise trips. Youghal, County Cork.
- COBH ROAD TRAIN**
www.cobhroadtrain.ie
Train tours. Cobh, County Cork.
- COBH TOWN HISTORY AND TOURS**
Walking tours. Find us on Facebook.
- CORK HARBOUR BOAT HIRE**
www.corkharbourboatshire.com
Self drive boats. Cobh, County Cork.
- LEAHY'S OPEN FARM**
www.leahysopenfarm.ie
Quad barrel train, maze, crazy golf. Dungunneery, Midleton, County Cork.
- OCEAN ESCAPES**
www.oceanescapesireland.com
Guided boat tour. Cork Harbour, County Cork.
- THE TITANIC TRAIL**
www.titanic.ie
Guided walking tours. Cobh, County Cork.
- YOUGHAL WALKING TOURS**
www.youghal.ie
Walking tours. Youghal, County Cork.
- SWELL SURF SCHOOL**
www.swellsurfschool.ie
Surf schools. Whitegate, County Cork.
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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.irelandsancienteast.com

For personalised advice and information visit our Tourist Information Centres



CORK CITY

exciting exhibits and activities from exploring space and alien life forms to the castle's battlements, gunnery and rich maritime history.

Please see the dedicated Cork Visitor Map for additional information.
For further information visit - www.irelandsancienteast.com

28 CRAWFORD ART GALLERY
www.crawfordartgallery.ie
A major public art museum, it is home to an expansive collection featuring works from the 18th century to the present day.

29 SHANDON BELLS AND TOWER - SAINT 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.

30 CORK BUTTER MUSEUM
www.thebuttermuseum.com
This museum tells the story of Ireland's butter, the country's signature food, from 1,000 year old bog butter to modern Kerrygold.

31 OLD CORK WATERWORKS EXPERIENCE
www.lifetimetable.ie
Reveals over 300 years of Cork's industrial past with an interactive exhibition, themed playground, beautifully restored buildings and equipment.

32 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.

33 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.

34 SAINT FIN BARRE'S CATHEDRAL
www.saintfinbarres.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.

35 ELIZABETH FORT
www.elizabethfort.ie
Walk the walls of the imposing 17th century fort perched on a limestone outcrop overlooking the city.

36 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.

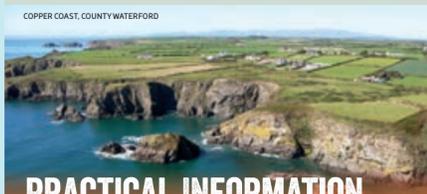
37 CIT BLACKROCK CASTLE OBSERVATORY
www.bco.ie
A 16th century fort turned robotic observatory and visitor centre with

KEY FOR CITY CENTRE AND COUNTY REGIONAL MAPS

- Points of interest**
- Failte 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
 - Railway Station
 - Railway Line
 - Toll Road
 - 01 Motorway Junction Number
 - Motorways
 - National Roads
 - Regional Roads
 - Local Roads
 - Minor Roads
 - Pedestrian Streets
- Services**
- Hospital
 - Fire Station
 - Garda Station
 - Court House
 - Cemetery
 - Town/City Hall
 - Public Toilets



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Rail**
Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann)
www.irishrail.ie
 National Rail Service
- Bus**
Bus Éireann
www.buseireann.ie
 National Bus Service
- Local Link**
www.locallink.ie
 Rural community bus service
- Private Bus Operators**
 Please ask in your local Tourist Office for details on numerous private bus services operating in the region.
- National Activity Organisations**
 Cycling: www.cyclingireland.ie
 Equestrian: www.aire.ie
 Fishing: www.fishinginireland.info
 Golf: www.golf.discoverireland.ie
 Walking: www.irishtrails.ie
- Irish Tourist Assistance Service**
www.itas.ie
 Safety and assistance service for Tourists
- Emergency Services**
 In an emergency the "blue light" services - Garda Síochána, Ambulance, Fire and Irish Coast Guard - can be contacted by dialling 112 or 999.
- Air**
Waterford Airport
www.flywaterford.com
 European flights. Killowen, County Waterford.
- Boat**
Passage East Car Ferry
www.passageferry.ie
 Local car ferry. Passage East, County Waterford.
- Brittany Ferries**
www.brittanyferries.ie
 Ferry from Cork to Roscoff (France) and Santander (Spain)
- Tourist Information Centres**
Waterford Tourist Information Centre
 120 Parade Quay, Waterford City, County Waterford X91 KC3V
Cork Tourist Information Centre
 125 Patrick Street, Cork City, County Cork T12 AE81
 Visit us at:
www.irelandsancienteast.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.
- National Transport**
 Driving: www.rsa.ie
 Transport:
www.transportforireland.ie

WATERFORD AND EAST CORK COUNTY MAP

WATERFORD GREENWAY

TRAVEL ON FOOT OR BY BIKE ALONG THE SPECTACULAR 46 KILOMETRE OFF-ROAD TRAIL BETWEEN WATERFORD CITY AND DUNGARVAN.

Follow the old railway line along the river Suir, through the countryside to the sea, a unique journey crossing eleven bridges, three viaducts and through a 400m tunnel.

For information on bike hire, maps, things to see and do visit www.visitwaterfordgreenway.com



EXPLORE COUNTY WATERFORD

- ARDMORE**
 This picturesque seaside village was originally a 5th century monastic settlement. Ardmore is famous for its 12th century Round Tower, one of the finest examples of this type of structure in Ireland. Ardmore also offers a scenic 5km cliff walk.
www.irishtrails.ie
- CAPPOQUIN**
 A quiet market town in West Waterford at the head of the Blackwater River Estuary. The area offers scenic walks and angling.
- COMERAGH MOUNTAIN DRIVES**
 Embrace the scenery and splendour of the mountains.
www.dungarvantourism.com
- DUNGARVAN**
 A thriving market town, medieval port and part of the Waterford Greenway. There is lots to do from water sports and deep-sea fishing to fine dining and shopping.
www.dungarvantourism.com
- DUNMORE EAST**
 A charming fishing port and seaside resort set into rugged coastline at the mouth of Waterford estuary.
www.discoverdunmore.com
- FENOR BOG NATURE RESERVE**
 Woodland and marsh habitats which support diverse animal and birdlife. Fenor bog is part of the Copper Coast heritage trail. www.ipcc.ie
- LISMORE**
 This beautiful town was once home to a 6th century monastery sacked by the Vikings and was later developed as an estate town. Enjoy the forest walk at Ballysaggartmore Towers. www.visitwaterford.com
- TRAMORE**
 Trá Mhór, meaning "big strand or beach" is a popular holiday resort in Irelands South East with activities from surfing, sailing and kayaking to cliff walking and golf.
www.tramore.ie
- THE COPPER COAST.**
 A spectacular scenic drive through the Knockmealdown Mountains from Tramore and Dungarvan.
- RING/AN RINN**
 A scenic Gaeltacht area south of Dungarvan where Irish is the first language of the people, beautiful scenery, seascape and above all its cultural vitality makes Ring a unique place to visit.
- SAINT DECLAN'S WAY**
 A pilgrimage that follows a path from Cashel in County Tipperary to Ardmore in Waterford. The walk is 104 kilometres in length.
www.knockmealdownactive.com
- THE WATERFORD NATURE PARK**
 The nature park, which covers approximately 50 acres, is an oasis within the city environment.
www.waterfordnaturepark.ie
- WATERFORD GARDEN TRAILS**
 There is a wide variety of gardens open for viewing, ranging from the gardens of old houses to smaller gardens and garden centres.
www.visitwaterford.com

EXPLORE EAST CORK

- YOUGHAL**
 With miles of beaches, Youghal is a focal point for water sport enthusiasts with activities such as whale watching and wreck diving. A designated Irish Heritage Town surrounded by medieval town walls.
www.youghal.ie
- MILLENNIUM GARDEN OF TIME**
 This garden, in Youghal is based on the Chi-Rho page from the Book of Kells and features a number of ponds. Each one contains a fountain clock and tells a different aspect of time.
- BALLYCOTTON**
 A small picturesque fishing village surrounded by scenic cliff walks and fabulous beaches. It is also a superb location for deep-sea angling just off the coast. www.ballycotton.ie
- BALLYMALOE HOUSE AND GARDENS**
 For over 50 years, Ballymaloe has served fresh seasonal produce. There is also a cookery school, farm and gardens. The extensive gardens are a mixture of formal and production gardens and include a 1 acre greenhouse. www.ballymaloe.com
- MIDLETON**
 This vibrant town with a fine food culture is home to the largest pot still in the world.
- COBH**
 This brightly coloured town was the last port of call for the ill-fated Titanic. Saint Colman's Cathedral overlooking the town and inner islands is of neo-Gothic architecture by the architects Pugin and Ashlin. The Cobh Carillon

