Clonakilty

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Clonakilty is located on the spectacular south west coast and has so much to offer, from the bustling streets flush with colour, the quirky traditional shops to the delectable cuisine served in the selection of cafés, restaurants and bars. ‘Gael’ as locals like to call it, is well known for its distinctive local produce with Clonakilty Black Pudding being a must to taste when visiting the town! Famous as the birthplace of General Michael Collins, Clonakilty is where you can delve deeper into the history of this Irish Revolutionary. Why not visit the Michael Collins statue in the town centre and the Michael Collins Centre just a short walk away on Emmet Square. A 10km drive west from the town centre to Bantry is the Michael Collins Centre and a scenic countryside area steeped in Irish history.

Coast

The Wild Atlantic Way coastline is home to many jaw dropping viewpoints, golden beaches and rugged coastal trails. Just 15km from Clonakilty is Inchydoney Beach, where you can walk along its expansive golden sand and swim in the shimmering blue water. Further west along the coast is the stunning Galley Head, elevated over 100m above the sea. Continue west along the spectacular coastline to enjoy mesmerising views of the Atlantic Ocean, spotting whales and dolphins along the way. Take a day trip to Cape Clear, Dursey Island at the tip is accessible only via its iconic cable car, suspended 250 metres above the sea an experience you will not forget, from the beautiful peninsulas, cliffs. The Beara Breifne Way, a 206km route combines stunning coastal scenery and rugged mountain landscapes with village life dotted in between all the way to Ballyhoura Country in North Cork.

North Cork

North Cork is rich in heritage with many centres - old castle, round towers and other historic sites. Beyond the town of Macroom 40km from Clonakilty is Glengarriff. A 35km drive from Clonakilty is Kinsale. Stroll the charming narrow streets and be amazed by the panoramic harbour views from Charles Fort. Trek into the wilderness and roam scenic walking trails or take a spin on a rugged mountain bike trail such as the Greenwood Loop. Explore the ancient passageways of Mitchelstown Cave.

Beara Peninsula

The Beara Peninsula stretches for a distance of 48km from Glengarriff, to Dursey Island. One of the most beautiful stretches of coastline to enjoy mesmerising views of the Atlantic Ocean, spotting whales and dolphins along the way. Take a boat trip to Cape Clear, Dursey Island at the tip is accessible only via its iconic cable car, suspended 250 metres above the sea an experience you will not forget, from the beautiful peninsulas, cliffs. The Beara Breifne Way, a 206km route combines stunning coastal scenery and rugged mountain landscapes with village life dotted in between all the way to Ballyhoura Country in North Cork.

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West Cork

West 10km from Clonakilty is the vibrant town of Skibbereen, rich in history and culture. Check out the Skibbereen Heritage Centre in the restored Old Workhouse building or the banks of cottage town. Visit memories with a magical moonlight kayak trip on the Lough with the chance to see a few dolphins frolicking in the bay! Take a spin on the beautiful mountain bike trail such as the Greenwood Loop. Explore the ancient passageways of Mitchelstown Cave.

Bantry

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