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DUNMORE HOUSE

CLONAKILTY BAY

SUGGESTED DAY TRIPS

Rosscarbery – Drombeg Stone Circle – Glandore – Union Hall – Castletownshend - Skibbereen

Drive along the N71 to Rosscarbery a picturesque village with a large square and a few nice pubs and eateries- the Church of Ireland Cathedral is well worth a visit if open. Continue back on to the N71 and take the turn to the left after the Celtic Ross Hotel towards Glandore - along the road stop off and visit Drombeg Stone Circle (a National Monument of Ireland) have a stop in Glandore for a drink or a snack overlooking the harbour and the sailing boats and then drive across the bridge to Union Hall from where the Hotel sources most of its fish and shellfish. Take the road to the right past Dinty's Pub up out of Union Hall to Castletownshend. This is a very interesting Village steeped in history and literature (Edith Somerville) – St. Barrahanes Church at the bottom of the Hill close to the seafront is well worth a visit if open. Continue on to Skibbereen a busy market town and home of the Skibbereen Heritage Centre (skibbheritage.com) and the West Cork Arts Centre (westcorkartcentre.com). Return to Dunmore House via the N71 and Clonakilty.

Baltimore - The Beacon - Sherkin Island - Cape Clear

Take the N71 to Skibbereen and from there take the signposted road to Baltimore a well known sailing centre – there are a good selection of eateries and pubs here and Dun na Sead Castle in the middle of the village is usually open for tours. If you have a head for heights and are surefooted the Beacon outside the village is well worth the walk and will reward you with a spectacular view. Ferries depart daily from Baltimore to Sherkin and Cape Clear and the Fastnet Rock (capeclearferries.com)

Sheep's Head Way

The Sheep's Head Way on the beautiful unspoilt Sheep's Head Peninsula is a must for any visitor to West Cork. A drive around the peninsula will reward you with spectacular views and there are a large number of marked walks of varying levels - the walk at the end of the peninsula to the lighthouse is really worth the trip particularly on a clear day. The peninsula can be accessed via Durrus and Ahakista and all information maps etc. can be found on thesheepsheadway.ie