



# Killarney

## “The Town in the Park”

The vibrant “little” town in the heart of County Kerry  
Incredibly beautiful surrounding countryside makes Killarney a very special place  
Full of history, heritage, activities, and world class hospitality.  
Populated with enthusiastic and welcoming people.  
Enthusiasm reflected in many national and international awards.



- 1. Muckross House** 19th century home
- 2. Ross Castle** 15th Century stronghold
- 3. St Mary's Cathedral** 19th Century
- 4. Torc Waterfall** and scenic viewpoint
- 5. Dingle Peninsula** half day, scenic drive from Killarney
- 6. Gap of Dunloe** a narrow pass through Killarney National Park
- 7. Great Blasket Island** most westerly point in Europe
- 8. Kenmare** the jewel in the Ring of Kerry
- 9. Killarney National Park** scenic mountains, woodlands rivers & waterfalls
- 10. Ring of Kerry** or Iveragh Peninsula, part of the “Wild Atlantic Way”
- 11. Skellig Michael** named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1996.
- 12. Tralee** northern gateway to the Dingle Peninsula

**Killarney** is an ideal base from which to explore the whole of County Kerry, but do not overlook the attractions of the city itself. Take a traditional Irish Jaunting Car ride through the city and into the Killarney National Park.

- 1. Muckross House, Gardens and Traditional Farms** in the Killarney National Park, a traditionally furnished home with landscaped gardens, then step back in time to farm houses as they were in the early 20th century, when a trip to the well was still a daily chore.
- 2. Ross Castle** on the shores of Lough Leane, this 15th century stronghold of an Irish chieftain is furnished with 16th and 17th century original furniture.
- 3. St Mary's Cathedral** a 19th Century church, with several unique architectural features, raised over 15 years from 1840 at a cost of £20,000 and renovated in the 1970s, at a cost of £278,000!
- 4. Torc Waterfall** approximately 65 feet high, forms part of the Kerry Way long distance walking route and a starting point for circular walking routes through Killarney National Park, which are indicated by a map down at the start of the trail beside the car park.

**Dingle Peninsula** a 30 mile drive, both ways , from either Castlemaine or Tralee to Slea Head (closest European point to America). Stunning scenery , wildlife, including **Fun-gie the Dingle Dolphin** and home to the Dingle Crystal Factory.



**Great Blasket Island** accessible only by passenger ferry. Soak in the breathtaking views of the most westerly lands in Europe while listening to the calls of the huge number of breeding seabirds such as Puffins, Fulmars, Guillemots, Storm petrels and Shearwaters, with a glimpse of Dolphins, Whales, Orcas and Porpoises.



**Killarney National Park** includes the McGillicuddy's Reeks, the highest mountain range in Ireland which rise to a height of over 3000 feet, soaring over the lakes of Killarney. The 26,000 acre park combines mountains, lakes, woods and waterfalls under ever changing skies gives the area a special scenic beauty.



**Skellig Michael** accessible only by passenger ferry from Portmagee, these towering sea crags 7 miles west of the Iveragh Peninsula are one of Ireland's most important sites for breeding seabirds both in terms of size of colonies and diversity of species. Visit the ruins of a 6th century monastery and a Star Wars film site.



**Gap of Dunloe** is a narrow mountain pass forged between the MacGillycuddy Reeks and Purple Mountain by glacial flows. Approximately 7 miles from north to south. You can hire a jaunting car (horse drawn wagon) to travel through the Pass and take a boat back to Killarney from Lord Brandon's cottage at the other end.



**Kenmare** is a haven of tranquility, gourmet food, superb accommodation and breathtaking scenery in one of the most natural, unspoilt environments in Europe. Cradled in the heart of Kenmare Bay, Kenmare is the perfect location from which to discover the internationally famous Ring of Kerry with the rugged Ring of Beara in County Cork.



**Ring of Kerry** is the Kerry tourist trail and part of the mystical & unspoilt region of Ireland that has attracted visitors for hundreds of years. It is a photographers paradise - wildlife river, coastal and forest - stunning scenery that changes as the light dances to the tune of the incoming Atlantic weather.



**Tralee** the largest town in Kerry, known for the Rose of Tralee International Festival. A glass wall in Tralee Town Park bears the names of all the contestants in that festival's beauty pageant. The Kerry County Museum has galleries on local history and a re-creation of medieval Tralee. Golfers, should play the Arnold Palmer designed course.

