Ring of Cork ⚜ Heritage Trail

Built on a deep heritage, the Ring of Cork is the place to be for a unique & memorable holiday.
Come explore the Ring of Cork Heritage Trail, part of Ireland's Ancient East.
This map highlights some examples of the rich heritage to visit in East Cork, Cork Harbour & the greater Cork region. For more, visit www.ringofcork.ie/heritage and see overleaf

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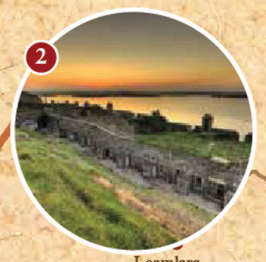

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Ballinacurra
Ladysbridge
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CORK
Fota
Little Island
Douglas
Ballymacoda
Garryvoe
Belvelly
Ballymore
Rochestown
Cloyne
Togher
Grange
Passage West
COBH
Shanagarry
Ballymaloe
BALLINCOLLIG
Waterfall
Monkstown
Rostellan
Cork Airport
Aghada
Ballycotton
Ringaskiddy
Whitegate
Churchtown
Ballygarvan
Trabolgan
Inch
CARRIGALINE
Ballinhassig
Crosshaven
Guileen
Roches Point
Myrtleville
Kinsale

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1 The Ballincollig Royal Gunpowder Mills. Opened in 1794 by Charles Henry Leslie. Eleven years later, the barracks were built to protect the supply of gunpowder from Napoleon. The Mills are now in ruins but there are over sixty visible buildings scattered within 130 acres of Ballincollig Regional Park to explore by looped trails, all year round.
www.ringofcork.ie/ballincollig

2 Camden Fort Meagher is internationally recognized as one of the finest remaining examples of a classical coastal Artillery fort in the world. Located in the scenic village of Crosshaven Cork harbour, the fort is steeped in history from its early fortifications in 1550.
Open May to October. Tel: 021-2298558
www.camdenfortmeagher.ie

3 Passage West Maritime Museum. The modern museum beautifully showcases the maritime history of Passage West with a particular focus on ship building, seamen and emigration. The town of Passage is known as the original port of Cork and is home to the first steamship built in Ireland, in 1815. For opening hours: www.passagemuseum.com/visit.
Email: hello@passagemuseum.com
www.passagemuseum.com

4 Spike Island Experience. Discover Ireland's historic prison island, where centuries of Irish history come to life. Set sail from Cobh and explore the former fortress and prison, hear captivating stories of its past, and enjoy breathtaking harbour views on an unforgettable journey through one of Cork's most fascinating visitor attractions.
Open February to November, full sailing schedule at **spikeislandcork.ie**

5 Barryscourt Castle. One of the finest example of an Irish tower-house, the Castle was built between 1392 and 1420 during the reign of 7th Lord Barry, John Ciotach Barry. It has been extensively restored. The Main Hall and Great Hall have been completed and fittings and furnishings reinstated. Open April to September.
Find out more at
https://heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/barryscourt-castle/

6 Cobh Heritage Centre. The story of Irish emigration; the journeys, hardship and individual stories of those who left from Cobh/Queenstown from the 17th to 20th century. An interesting, educational and emotional journey through History. "Walk in the footsteps of our emigrant ancestors". Tel: 021 4813591
www.cobhheritage.com

7 Titanic Experience Cobh is the departure point for the last 123 passengers who boarded Titanic on it's fateful maiden voyage. Experience an immersive and emotive journey that brings to life the stories of triumph and tragedy behind the Irish passengers on board the ship. Open seven days a week.
Visit **www.titanicexperiencecobh.ie** for more details. Tel: 021-4814412

8 Titanic Trial historical walking tour of Cobh. This internationally acclaimed tour takes visitors on a gentle 60 minute stroll through the town. Amazing insights into the stories of emigration, Titanic, Lusitania and much more are presented in an entertaining and enjoyable way. Operating every day at 11am since 1998. Book online at **www.titanic.ie** or call for private tours +353 87 276 7218. Meeting point: Commodore hotel.

9 Fota House, Arboretum and Gardens is an exclusive and historic property owned by the Smith-Barry family since 1183. Set on the green and leafy Fota Island, we offer a unique visitor experience with guided tours of both the House and Victorian Frameyard Garden delivered by local guides in a setting reminiscent of Downton Abbey. Open March to September, see **www.fotahouse.com** for details or call 021 481 5543

10 Midleton Distillery Experience. Discover where Jameson and our award-winning family of Irish whiskeys are crafted in Midleton, Co. Cork. Explore rich heritage, world-class craftsmanship and unforgettable stories through guided tours, tastings, cocktail classes, and behind-the-scenes experiences. Retail, bar and café spaces are free to enter, while pre-booking for all experiences is recommended via
www.jamesonwhiskey.com

11 Ballycotton Sea Adventures. Set sail from the fishing village of Ballycotton and discover an unspoiled wild and natural island, explore the Lighthouse with its unique black tower and enjoy stunning views from its lantern balcony. A memorable & magical experience. Seasonal Tours. For bookings and more info visit
www.ballycottonseaadventures.com

12 Raleigh Quarter. Discover one of Ireland's best-preserved medieval quarters, where every street has a story to tell. Experience Voices of St. Mary's, an immersive audio journey through the magnificent St. Mary's Collegiate Church, before exploring the 13th Century Town Walls, ancient graveyard and St. Mary's College Gardens, the beautiful setting for the annual award-winning Youghal Medieval Festival. Available year-round with guided and self-guided experiences.
www.livingyoughal.ie

13 Youghal Clock Gate Tower. Step inside one of Youghal's best-loved landmarks. A guided tour takes you through four floors of history, from the old prison cells to stories of merchants, prisoners, rebellion and daily life. Finish at the viewing platform, where you'll enjoy spectacular views over the town, the Blackwater Estuary and Youghal Bay. Find out more at
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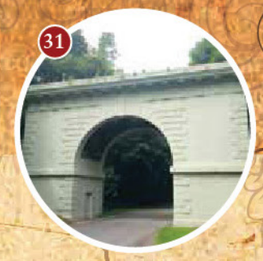
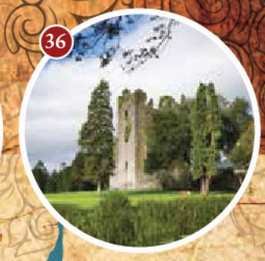

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Town History

BALLINCOLLIG & SURROUNDS

Ballincollig is steeped in military history. From 18th c to the start of the 20th c, gunpowder was manufactured in The Gunpowder Mills 1, now on the site that is Ballincollig Regional Park. It is Ireland's largest industrial archaeological site. For more details on heritage, activities, where to eat and where to stay
www.ringofcork.ie/ballincollig

CARRIGALINE & SURROUNDS

Despite appearances, Carrigaline is quite an old settlement dating to pre Anglo – Norman arrival in 1177. A thriving town with a family run hotel. Carrigaline is the gateway to Crosshaven. For more details on heritage, activities, where to eat and where to stay
www.ringofcork.ie/carrigaline

MIDLETON & SURROUNDS

"Mainistir na Corann" meaning "The Abbey of the Choir" Founded by Cistercian monks in the 12th century. It is full of historical buildings. For more heritage, activities, award winning restaurants and accommodation
www.ringofcork.ie/midleton

COBH & SURROUNDS

Cobh meaning "Cove" was formely known as Queestown and has become famous for its stories of emigration, famine and sea tragedy. For more details on heritage, activities, where to eat and where to stay
www.ringofcork.ie/cobh

YOUGHAL & SURROUNDS

Youghal comes from a Gaelic word meaning "yew wood" It has the best preserved wall town in Ireland. For more details on heritage, activities, where to eat and where to stay
www.ringofcork.ie/youghal

14 Cobh Museum. Built in 1854 in an early English Gothic style to serve the local Presbyterian congregation. It remained as a Church until 1963. Now displaying artefacts, images and models illustrating Cobh's history. For opening hours: Tel: 021 4814240
www.cobhmuseum.com

15 Crosshaven House. An 18th century home belonging to the Hayes family who lived on this site from 1656-1973. Now a historic house with accommodation.

16 Kennefick's Hotel, Crosshaven. Built by William Kennefick in 1892. The original glass door bearing the Kennefick name is still in use. Home to Cronin's Pub & 2 pointroad.
www.croninspub.ie

17 Maryborough House, Douglas. Richard Newenham, a Cork merchant built Maryborough House in the early 18th century. Now a luxury hotel.

18 Cork Golf Club, Little Island. Founded in 1888. At present location since 1897, a championship golf course built on limestone quarries.

19 Ditchley House, Little Island. A 19th century house, once resident to Albert Beamish. Now a luxury hotel.

20 Glanmire Heritage Walks. Explore the history of Glanmire by following heritage walks developed by Glanmire Heritage Society; the Sallybrook, the Glashaboy & the Rathcooney.

21 Cobh Railway Station. Built in 1862. It once served as Ireland's largest emigration port. Home to Cobh Heritage Centre. 6

22 St. Coleman's Cathedral, Carillon, Cobh. Constructed between 1868 and 1915. The Cathedral contains the only church carillon in the Republic of Ireland which with 49 bells is one of the largest in the British Isles.

23 Former Cunard Line Ticket Office, Cobh. This building was used as a temporary morgue for victims of the Lusitania which was torpedoed and sank in May, 1915.

24 Bennetts Court, Cobh. Built circa 1840, was the former residence of the Landlord of Ballymore.

25 Fota Island. Owned by the Barry (later Smith-Barry) family for nearly 800 years, it became their residence when their hunting lodge was transformed into Fota House 9 Today, it is also home to Fota Wildlife Park www.fotawildlife.ie and the Fota Island Resort including Golf Club.

26 Oriel House, Ballincollig. Built shortly after the Gun-Powder Mills in 1794. In 1935 Thomas Tobin built an Oriel within the house, thus giving it its name. Now a luxury hotel.

27 Dungourney 18th Century Farm Cottage. 300 year old cottage now home to Leahy's Open Farm activities and rural farm museum. **www.leahysopenfarm.ie**

28 Cistercian Abbey Site, Midleton. St John the Baptist's Church and Coach Horse Square stand on the site of the Cistercian abbey founded in 1180.

29 The Pugin Building. Designed by AWN Pugin for Lord Midleton in 1847-1851 as two adjoining townhouses with shops on the ground floor. Now a modern bar: **www.jjcoppingers.ie**

30 Rostellan Dolmen. The only megalithic tomb built on a tidal estuary in Ireland, it can only be seen, or visited, at low tide.

31 Trabolgan. The Roches, ancestors of Diana, Princess of Wales, built a house here about 1700. A gate lodge built as a triumphal arch remains. A burial tomb containing the remains of Princess Diana's maternal great-great-grandfather, Baron Edmond Roche, can be found in nearby Corkbeg graveyard.

32 Roches Point. The lighthouse was built in 1835 to replace an earlier tower employed as a lighthouse from 1817. The last stop of the RMS Titanic before its fatal voyage!

33 Cloyne Round Tower and Cathedral. Site of a 6th century monastery, the Round Tower stands opposite the 13th century St Colman's cathedral. The philosopher George Berkeley, was bishop here. Berkeley, California, is named after him.

34 Ballymaloe House. The much extended 15th century tower house of the Fizgeralds is now a famous guesthouse.

35 Shanagarry Medieval Tower. Late medieval tower house of the De la Poer family. Visible ruin adjacent to Shanagarry Design Centre.

36 Castlemartyr Castle. The majestic ruins of the 12th Century castle built by the Knights Templar, situated in Castlemartyr Resort. **www.castlemartyrresort.ie**

37 Youghal Heritage Centre & Town Walking Trail. The centre exhibits artefacts, images and models, illustrating the history of Youghal. Open all year round. Free entry. Located in the Tourist Office. Guided heritage walking tours. Tel: 024 92447