



DISCOVER THE Skellig Ring



Rise and Shine

Afternoon

Into the Evening



Landscape

Views

This part of the coast has some of the most spectacular views in Kerry, with cliffs, islands, rugged beaches, broad seascapes, and views inland towards the highest mountains in Ireland, you'll want to get up early to take it all in!

Beaches

This part of Iveragh has beaches of all sorts – Ballinskelligs is perfect for swimming and family days out, Reenroe at low tide is great for stretching the legs (look for the stumps of ancient trees).

Dark Sky Reserve

The Skellig Ring is situated in the heart of the Kerry International Dark Sky Reserve. Ballinskelligs Bay and McCarthy's Castle are the perfect backdrop for some breath-taking star gazing and astrophotography skies.

Active

Surfing

There are a number of surf spots around Iveragh and the Skellig Ring boasts 2 of the best – Reenroe and the picturesque St Finian's Bay, where turquoise waves crash onto the beach with the Skellig Islands in the background.

Challenge

The climb up Cúm an Easpaig between Portmagee and the Glen is a challenge for most cars, and a real endurance test by bike.

Hike

Knockeenawaddra and The Skellig Way are just two of hikes in the area. The former traverses peatlands while the latter skirts the dramatic Bolus Head with views for miles!



Wildlife

Seals

The Portmagee Channel is a great place for some seal spotting! Iveragh is home to both common and grey seals. Look for them bobbing in the water or arched like a banana on a rock.

Birds

The dramatic cliffs and islands are great spots to spot diving and gliding sea birds. Ballinskelligs and the gentle cliff walk from Reenroe beach host flocks of wading birds who visit to feed from autumn to spring.

Whales and Dolphins

Ducalla and Cill Rialaig are great spots for land-based whale and dolphin watching. Get comfy and keep your eyes peeled for 'blows', 'splashes' & diving birds as hints of life beneath the waves.

Family

Boat Tours

There are all sorts of boat tours available from spring through to autumn. With the chance to see some spectacular wildlife, and a choice of places to leave from, there will surely be something to please all the family.

Walks

The colourful seafront of Portmagee (named after Captain Magee, an 18th century smuggler) and the nearby roads and bridge have footpaths suitable for a gentle stroll. The road around Ducalla is quiet but has spectacular views, and many of the local attractions are child friendly and accessible.

Playgrounds

Finian's Bay and Ballinskelligs have wonderful outdoor playgrounds which are also just a stone's throw from beaches.

Culture

Seine Boats

Once the basis of a flourishing fishing industry locally, seine boats are still used by coastal rowing clubs. There is fierce competition between local crews. Explore their history in Portmagee.

Monks and Pirates

The gentle dune path at Ballinskelligs will take you to the Augustinian Priory, which was built in the 12th century by the monks that had inhabited Skellig Michael. McCarthy's Castle is from the 16th century and was probably built as protection against pirates.

Gaeilge

The Irish language is still used in some Iveragh communities including Ballinskelligs and The Glen. Why not learn a 'cupla focal' to practice in the local pub?

DISCOVER Iveragh

The Skellig Ring takes in the islands, villages and panoramic views of the wild Atlantic coastline on the beautiful Iveragh peninsula, in south Kerry, Ireland. Visit us to Discover Iveragh!

