

Skibbereen Heritage Centre



FESTIVALS:	DATES	FURTHER INFORMATION
The Jack Lynch Memorial Open Week	7th-15th July	www.skibbgolf.com
Carbery Agricultural Show	19th July 2018	www.facebook.com/CarberyShowSociety
Coming Home: Art and the Great Hunger	20th July -1st October 2018	www.facebook.com/ComingHomeIGHM
Skibbereen Arts Festival	27th July-5th August 2018	www.skibbereenartsfestival.com
Sherkin Island Do Run Run	11th August 2018	www.facebook.com/The-Do-Run-Run-609012815862106
West Cork History Festival	17th-19th August 2018	www.westcorkhistoryfestival.org
Soul Festival	17th-19th August 2018	www.facebook.com/Soul-Train-1915594198752880
National Heritage Week	18th-26th August 2018	www.heritageweek.ie
A Taste of West Cork Food Festival	7th-16th September 2018	www.atasteofwestcork.com
Skibbereen Walking Festival Weekend	29th-30th September 2018	www.facebook.com/Skibbereen-Walking-Festival-352441978531551
SCAR Challenge Race	20th October 2018	www.thescar.ie
Skibbereen Down and Dirty Adventure Challenge	24th November 2018	www.skibbereendownanddirty.com

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Skibbereen is the capital of the Carberies and is a most progressive town. The town developed on the banks of the river Ilen just where the river turns to flow in a westerly direction towards the sea. This town was one of many in Ireland, which suffered very badly during the period of the Irish Famine in the 1840's. The Famine plot survives today in the Abbey Cemetery west of town and Skibbereen Heritage Centre has a full exhibit on this important era.

Places to Visit in Skibbereen

Skibbereen Heritage Centre, located in the riverside Old Gasworks Building, tells the tragic story of Ireland's Great Famine of the 1840s through one of the worst affected areas in all of Ireland. Also offers an in-person genealogy service for the greater West Cork area (by appointment) as well as an exhibition on nearby Lough Hyne. Gift shop, adjacent parking, full wheelchair access and a great welcome!

Canon Goodman Statue - Located in the grounds of the Church of Ireland. A life sized statue of Canon James Goodman. Canon Goodman (1828-1896) was a collector of Irish music, a Professor of the Irish language and was Rector of Abbeystrewry Parish over a 29 year period.

Lough Hyne - Off the road to Baltimore, Lough Hyne, Ireland's first Marine Nature Reserve, is a salt water lake fed by the sea by a narrow tidal channel known as The Rapids. It nestles in fold of hills 5km south west of Skibbereen, just off the Baltimore road. An area rich in plants and animals, there is a hill walk with magnificent views, as well as lake side roads for easier strolls. Rich in history and heritage, the Lough Hyne Visitor Centre at Skibbereen Heritage is recommended prior to a visit to the lake for an informed experience of this unique area.

Uillinn - West Cork Arts Centre is a hub of arts activity right in the heart of Skibbereen. This summer Uillinn hosts Coming Home: Art and the Great Hunger (20 July to 13 October), a world class exhibition from Ireland's Great Hunger Museum, USA, which has the largest collection of Great Hunger-related art in the world. The exhibition is accompanied by a rich and diverse programme of tours, talks, lectures and events at Uillinn, and throughout West Cork. See www.westcorkartscentre.com for details.

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The Islands of West Cork



Sherkin Island

Bere Island is the largest of the West Cork islands. The island was a former British military base and a number of forts survive from those times.



Heir Island

Cape Clear Island - Ireland's southernmost island and is one of the surviving Irish language speaking areas in the south west of Ireland.



Galley Head Island

Sherkin Island is located in the beautiful Roaringwater Bay and is the second largest of Carbery's Hundred Isles.

Heir Island is one of Carbery's Hundred Isles that lie scattered throughout Roaring Water Bay and beyond. It has an incredible diversity of landscape for such a small island.

Dursey Island is located at the extreme south -westerly tip of the Beara Peninsula. Access is by the only cable car in Ireland, a dramatic experience as it carries you across the spectacular Dursey sound.

Whiddy Island is located in Bantry Bay, which is one of the world's finest deep water harbours.

Long Island close to the seaside town of Schull.

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