Our Top 10 FREE Favourite Things to Do in Kerry (Outside of Killarney)



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Renowned for its vibrant landscape of emerald green and its untouched beauty, Kerry is known as 'the Kingdom'. Kerry's charm, rugged landscape and hospitality knows no bounds. Here are our top 10 favourite things to do in the Kingdom of Kerry if you are looking to explore beyond beautiful Killarney.

Dingle Peninsula

Drive the Dingle Peninsula and experience a magnificent coastline consisting of steep sea-cliffs, spectacular headlands and stunning sandy coves. Don't forget the Slea Head Drive, one of Ireland's most scenic routes taking you on a journey through historic sites, colourful villages and breath-taking views of the Blasket Islands and distant views of the Skellig Islands.

Bray Head Loop Walk Portmagee

We highly recommend this stunning walking route along the coastline at the west end of Valentia Island. It is spectacular and a great vantage point for viewing the magical Skellig Islands. Enjoy a steady climb to the tower with stunning views from the outset including the Kerry Coast and the Wild Atlantic Way. When you reach the ruin of the tower, relax and enjoy the stunning panoramic views. You may get lucky and see some whales passing the headland in the water below.

Mount Brandon Dingle

Climb to the top of Mount Brandon and experience 360-degree dramatic views from the summit of lakes, islands and miles and miles of the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way coastline. If you're in the mood for a good hike, along with incredible views of coastal Ireland, it doesn't get much better than this.

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Rossbeigh Beach – Glenbeigh

Rossbeigh beach stretches for seven glorious kilometres and truly is one of Ireland's most stunning sandy beaches offering magnificent views across Inch beach and the Dingle Mountains. It is perfect for swimming, sailing, horse-trekking and many other activities. Right next to the beach is a kids playground offering the perfect family day out!

Skellig Ring Drive – Ballinskelligs

The Ring of Skellig is an extension of the famous Ring of Kerry and is a real hidden gem. The Skellig Ring coastal drive brings you along narrow winding roads with beautiful views of the Skelligs and Valentia Island. You can easily spend a day exploring this beautiful part of Kerry. A must see on your Skellig Ring tour is Ballinskelligs beach with the McCarthy Mór Castle ruin dating back to the 16th century.

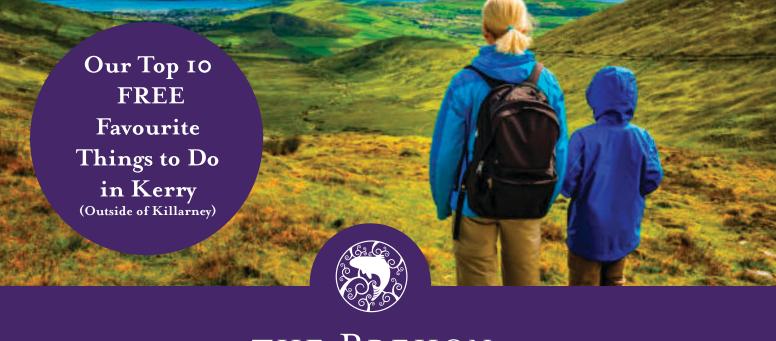
Derrynane Beach - Caherdaniel

Spend a day in paradise at the pristine Derrynane Beach featuring white sand and clear blue water. Derrynane Beach is located on the Ring of Kerry and has won many awards. This is one of the most beautiful beaches in Ireland and not to be missed!

Irish Fairy Trails – Derrynane

Explore the magical fairy trail in Derrynane. Such a beautiful & magical place, for both young and old! If you are looking for a great day out with your young family – this is for you!

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Ballaghbeama Gap – Kenmare

The Ballaghbeama gap is one of our favourite routes and is a route that travels far off the beaten track. It cuts across the mountains in the centre of the Iveragh Peninsula and offers an isolated but spectacular alternative route to the Ring of Kerry. This route is totally unspoiled and feels almost other-worldly.

Kilmalkedar Church – Dingle

Kilmalkedar Church is a spectacular early-Christian and medieval ecclesiastical site. It is magical, tucked away into a far corner, full of history and views that can only be found in Ireland. The ruined 12th-century Romanesque church displays fine carving, especially on the doorway and on the chancel arch.

Leacanabuaile Fort - Cahersiveen

Leacanabuaile Fort is one of the best examples of the interior of a round stone fort in Ireland. Inside are three stone beehive houses, a souterrain, originally an escape area and a place of refuge and storage, as well as the remains of a rotary quern for grinding corn. In comparison to Loher Fort and Staigue Forts near Waterville, both on the Ring of Kerry, these forts are relatively unknown but equally as impressive.

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