The Ring of Beara is a scenic coastal driving route, encompassing picturesque villages and towns, enchanting islands and breathtaking scenery. The finger-like peninsula that projects into the Atlantic stretches from Kenmare and Glengarriff to Castletownbere and on to Dursey Island. The Ring of Beara is a must for any visitor in the area. 

One journey, many adventures…

Here are some things that we like to do. We are sure you will discover some hidden treasures of your own.

1. Kenmare Stone Circle
2. Reenagross wooded park
3. Seal, Dolphin and Whale watching – Kenmare, Glengarriff, Dursey Island and Bere Island
4. Bonane Heritage Park
5. Molly Gallivan’s Traditional Farm
6. Loop Walks can be enjoyed in Bonane, Glengarriff Woods Nature Reserve, Bere Island, Eyeries, Ardgroom and Gleninchaquin Park
7. Caha Pass and Tunnels
8. The Ewe Experience
10. The Bamboo Park
11. Garinish Island
12. Glengarriff Harbour Seal Colony
13. West Cork Sailing Centre
14. Healy Pass
15. Millcove Gallery & Sculpture Garden
16. Great Golf in Kenmare, Glengarriff and Castletownbere
17. Bere Island Heritage Centre
18. Martello Towers
19. Dunboy Castle
20. Dzogchen Beara Buddhist Centre
21. Lorge Chocolatier
22. Cable car to Dursey Island – Calf Rock Museum and Cafe
23. Reenagross wooded park
24. Allihies Award-winning Copper Mine Museum
25. Copper Trail Walks
26. Eyeries – Award-winning tidy town
27. Ardgroom – Village, lakes and Inward Ardgroom scenic drive
28. Diving at Allihies and Killmacilloge
29. Derreen Gardens
30. Gleninchaquin Park
31. Star Outdoor Adventure Centre
There are two regular ferries to Bere Island. There are numerous remains of the vast Victorian military fortification on the island, including two intact six-inch guns. The refurbished Martello Tower is also worth a visit.

Dunseverick Island is linked to the mainland by a cable car – the only one of its kind in Ireland. There is a large variety of sandflies and there are two sandy beaches on the approach road to the cable car.

There is a rugged tranquillity about the far reaches of the Bere Peninsula. And right at the heart, nestled between the dramatic shadows of the Caha Mountains, a patchwork of green fields and the expansive Atlantic Ocean, you will find the picturesque village of Allihies. Allihies was the site of an important 19th century copper mining enterprise and Allihies Copper Mine Museum at the bottom of the village brings this story alive. The museum also houses The Copper Cafe which commands views over the sandy beach at Ballydonegan. With its cozy pub, sheltered sandy beaches and endless list of local attractions and activities, no trip to Bere would be complete without the Allihies experience.

From Allihies, a short drive clockwise brings you to the charming village of Eyeries, overlooking the Atlantic. Known for its colourful streetscape this beautiful village is a regular national medal winner in the Tidy Towns Competition. Eyeries is the only one of its kind in Ireland. This area has a large variety of sandflies and there are two sandy beaches on the approach road to the cable car.

There are over 20 Shore Angling sites signposted on the Beara coastline. No permit is needed for sea fishing and rods and tackle can be purchased from most villages and towns.

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