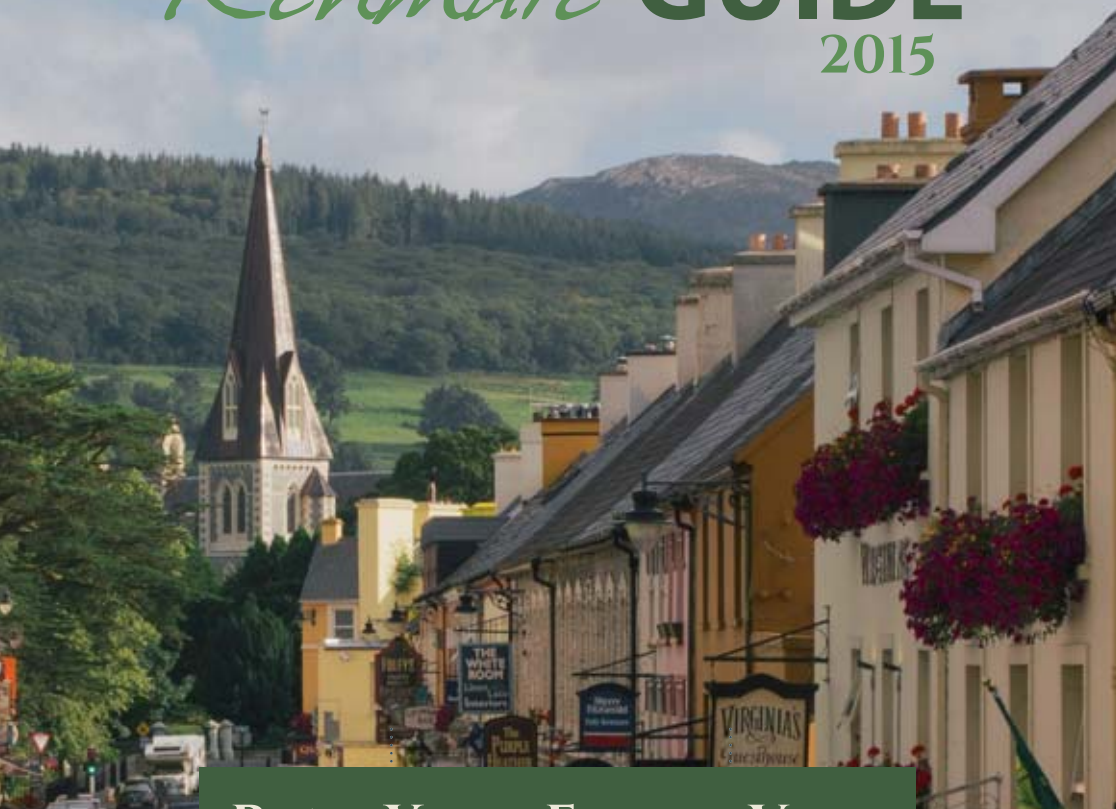


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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the sixth year of the Kenmare Guide. This year we've expanded our listings to cover even more of the local businesses in and around our town, and we've added a few new maps and articles to showcase all the area has to offer.

We've worked hard to find interesting articles to expose readers to new places and stories, and to encourage locals to branch out and explore. Thank you for the chance to share our love of Kenmare!

Evan Payne

Evan Payne, Editor
April, 2015



WELCOME TO KENMARE, CO KERRY, IRELAND

The greater Kenmare area, around the Kenmare Bay, is the perfect base for your exploration of the southwest of Ireland.

Kenmare (also known by its Irish name of Neidín) is a colorful heritage town that lays on two noted Irish scenic routes, the Ring of Kerry and the Ring of Beara.

But it's so much more than that. Kenmare is the sum of the people who live and work here, and nowhere in the world will you find as diverse and friendly a population.

This guide should give you an overview and a brief introduction to the wonderful place we call home, so you can plan your trip, find your way, and enjoy your stay in the Kenmare area.

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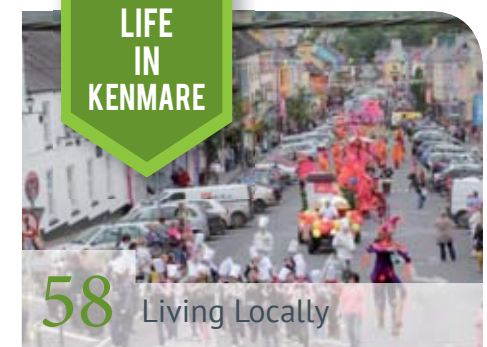
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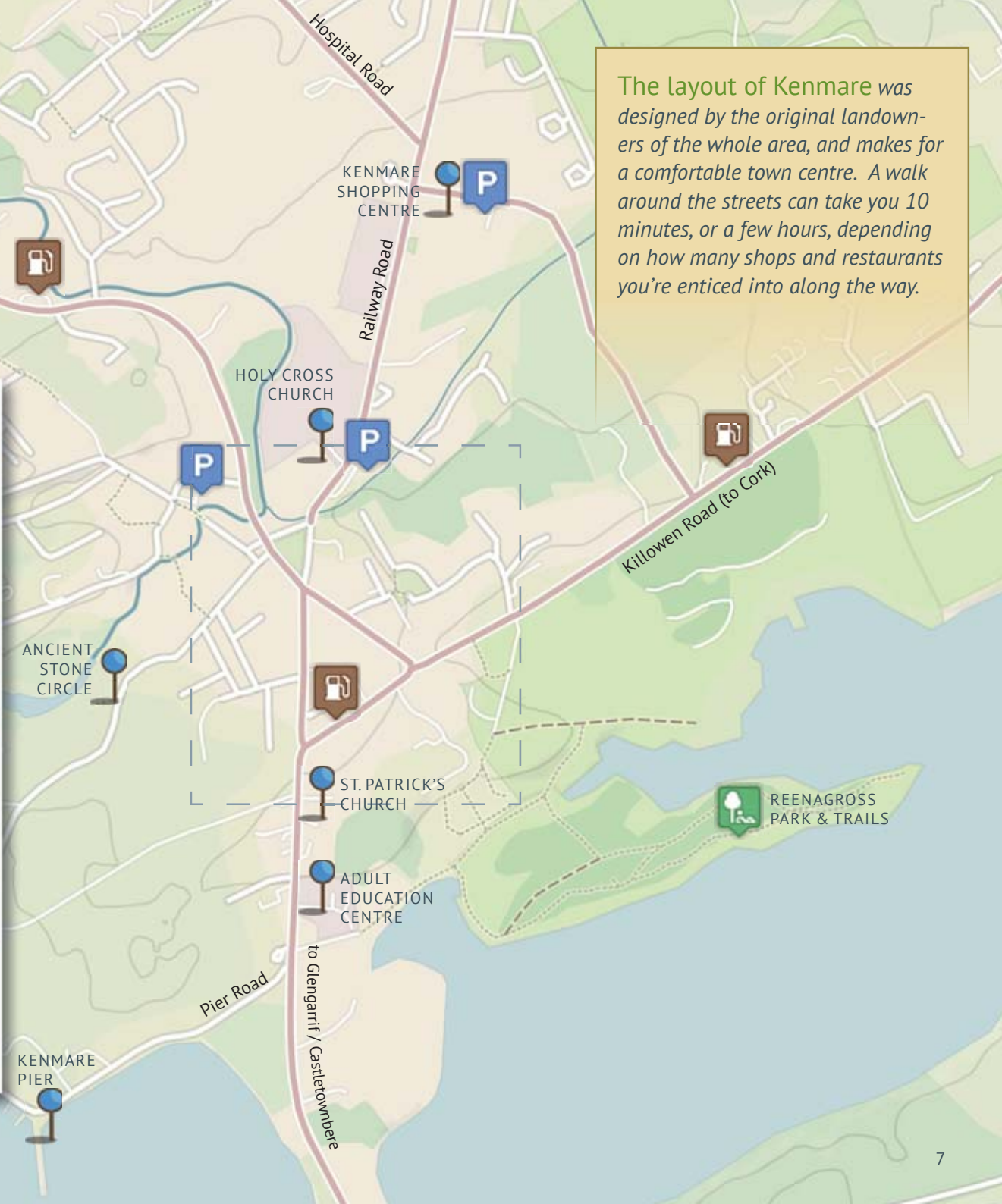
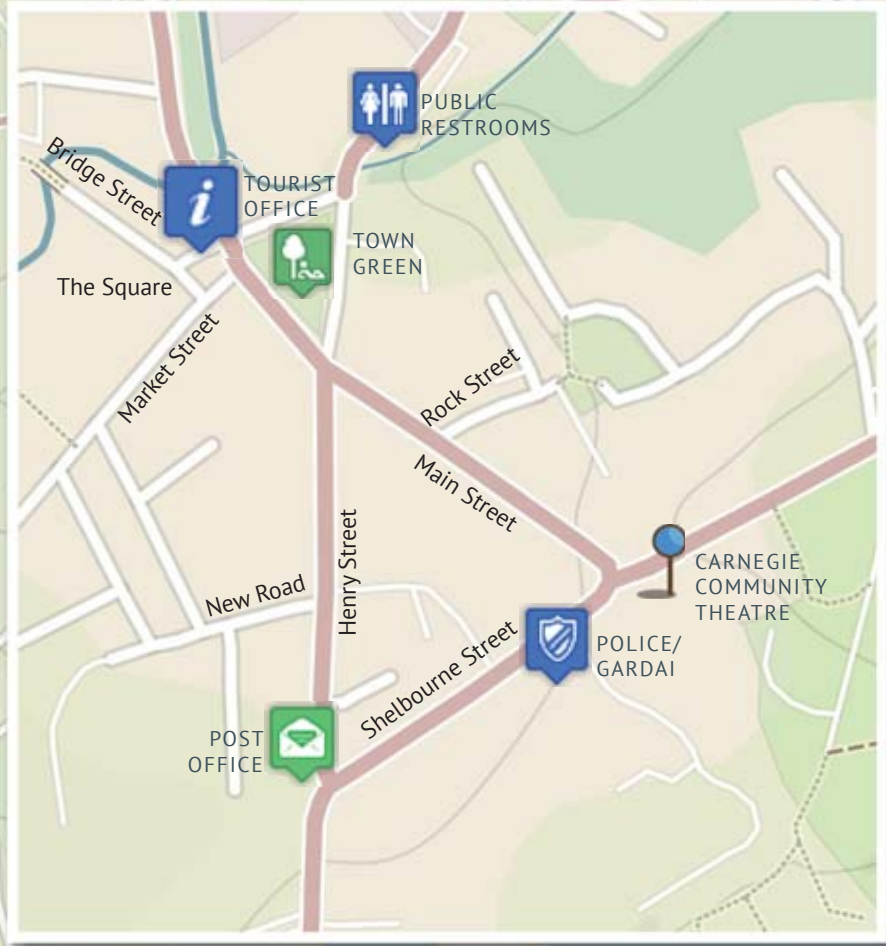
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KENMARE

Town Map



The layout of Kenmare was designed by the original landowners of the whole area, and makes for a comfortable town centre. A walk around the streets can take you 10 minutes, or a few hours, depending on how many shops and restaurants you're enticed into along the way.



KENMARE TOWN

Among the peaks of Ireland's highest mountains, where the rivers and streams empty into a bay off the Atlantic, is the town of Kenmare.

Here you'll find all sorts of people, bustling about their business in the streets of the market town.

The place is a delightful mixture of contrasts: Ancient monuments alongside modern hotels, forested shorelines alongside vaulted mountains, farmers and shop keeps alongside musicians and artists.

Its an often used phrase, but one especially true for Kenmare, that one day is simply not enough time to experience everything on offer. Here are just a few activities to whet your appetite:

Kenmare Lace & Design Centre

In 1864 the Poor Clare nuns in Kenmare set up a lace production centre, which is still going strong today.

Reenagross Park

Often called Kenmare's best kept secret, this park has 3.2 km of walkways through woods and along the coast of the Bay.

Golfing

Breathtaking views and excellent facilities will be found at any golf course you visit. See our listings on page 48.



The award-winning town



was laid out in 1670, by British scientist Sir William Petty. Throughout the years

Kenmare has preserved

much of its original identity, and grown to offer visitors an authentic flavor of Irish culture, cuisine, music, shopping, scenery and leisure.

Walking through town, you can still see buildings from centuries ago, and the Stone

Circle is a reminder that the area has been settled for many years more than that. Recently, Kenmare has put an emphasis on itself as a cultural centre, with Food, Music and Art Festivals throughout the year. This means that any time is a good time to visit Kenmare.



The Stone Circle

Within the town is an ancient druid circle of stones, steeped in mystery.

Cycling

A range of bicycles can be found for hire right in town at Finnegan's Bicycle Hire.

Swimming

For the brave, there's the Bay, but for the rest of us, the Kenmare Bay Hotel has an excellent pool & spa.

Fishing

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Go Back in Time

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Dereen Gardens

Located at Lauragh is this magnificent water-side es-

tate is full of exotic vegetation and walks to inspire.

Gleninchiquin

This idyllic valley is perfectly suited for day outings with the entire family, with walks and waterfalls.

The Rings of Kerry & Beara

See more on page 11.

Guided Tours

There are a number of services available in Kenmare to guide you through what's on offer. See more on page 53.

Art & Photo Galleries

There are many artists and photographers in the area, and the galleries reflect the diversity.

THE RINGS OF KERRY & BEARA

Take your pick, or choose both, there's lots to explore.



» Irish weather is fickle, but the clouds that roll across the sky shouldn't stop you from having a great day. There's a saying about Ireland that goes, "If you don't like the weather, just wait."

The span of water that is the Kenmare Bay separates two very different peninsulas. To the north is the sprawling majesty of the Iveragh Peninsula, and to the south is the wilderness of the Beara Peninsula. Circling both of these landmasses are the driving routes known as the Ring of Kerry and the Ring of Beara.

THE RING OF KERRY

The Ring of Kerry is a 179km tourist trail that introduces travelers to the natural beauty of one of Ireland's most picturesque counties. Stops along the

route include Killarney, Ross Castle, Sneem, Derrynane house, The Skellig Islands, Killorglin, the Gap of Dunloe, Rossbeigh beach, and lots of other spots. When taken with a good guide, Irish meals and music, the tour becomes absolutely unforgettable.

THE RING OF BEARA

The Ring Of Beara, though less well known than the Ring Of Kerry, is no less beautiful. If anything the landscape it displays is more wild and unruly in its nature. Bounded by the Kenmare River and Bantry

Bay the tourist trail is about 195km long. Check out our detailed feature on page 46, where we walk through an average day tour of this not-to-be-missed Peninsula. The country is wild and the roads are winding, but the views are spectacular.

KENMARE, THE JEWEL

Kenmare is often referred to as the Jewel in the Ring, and its up for debate whether that means Kerry or Beara. From town, you can pick either Ring, and set off for a day's exploration, be back in time for dinner, and try another road again tomorrow.

WILD ATLANTIC WAY: THE KENMARE BAY

Beauty and adventure in every direction



ABOVE

Killmackalogue Harbour with the Iveragh Peninsula behind it. The Kenmare Bay fills the space between two vastly different landscapes.

RIGHT IMAGES

Looking north from Kenmare to Killarney, the mountains grow in the distance. Southwards, along the Beara Peninsula, you can see the mussel farming in the Bay.

In the southwest of Ireland, all roads lead to Kenmare.

It is a serene little town, snug-gled up against mountains, sea and river, concise in its layout and boundless in its personality.

The Irish name of Neidin, or Little Nest, is certainly apt, given not only how the town itself is nestled amongst some of Ireland's tallest mountains, but also given the nurturing nature of the townspeople that run the shops, restaurants, and

accommodation.

Using Kenmare as your base for an exploration of the southwest of Ireland is an excellent choice, as you'll find so many wildly different scenes less than an hour's drive away.

North

To the north of town is the road to Killarney. The steep drive brings you through Moll's Gap, a pass in the MacGillicuddy Reeks aka the Black Stacks, and through Killarney National Park, with its storied Lakes.



North west

Heading out of town along the Sneem road puts you onto the Ring of Kerry. Here you'll find the sprawling beauty of the Iveragh Peninsula, and lovely towns like Sneem, Caherdaniel, Ballinskelligs, and Valentia Island.

South

Due south from Kenmare is the Sheen Valley, where you'll find Bonane and the tunnels of the Caha Pass. Barley Lake

lies this way, on the road to Glengarriff, Co. Cork, and onwards to Bantry.

Southwest

The Ring of Beara, along the Beara Peninsula, begins as you head southwest from town. Along this road you'll find some of the wildest and varied landscapes Ireland

**“As I leave behind Néidín
It's like purple splashed on green
My soul is strangely fed
Through the winding hills ahead”**

MARY BLACK



has to offer, and quiet villages full of beauty, like Tuosist, Lauragh, Allihies, Castletownbere & Dursey Island.

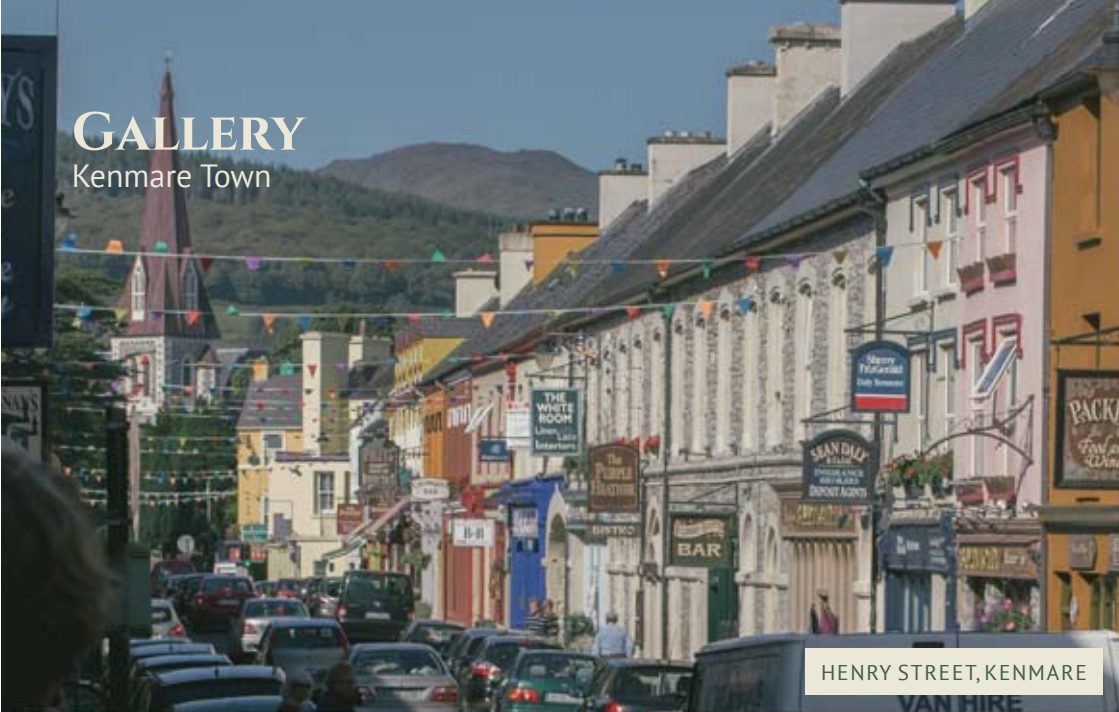
East

Kenmare is most often approached from the east, so you might think you've already found all there is

that direction. But take time to visit Kilgarvan village and the views as you enter Kerry for the first time.

GALLERY

Kenmare Town



HENRY STREET, KENMARE



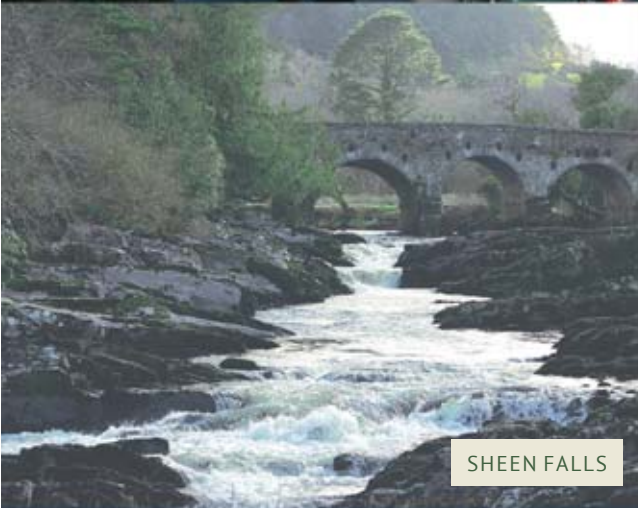
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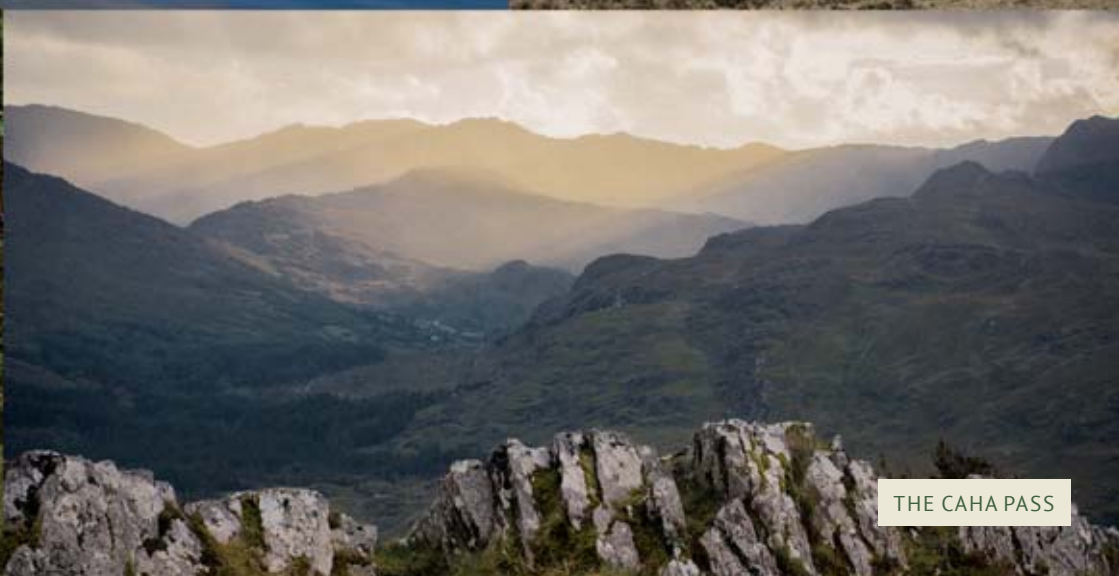
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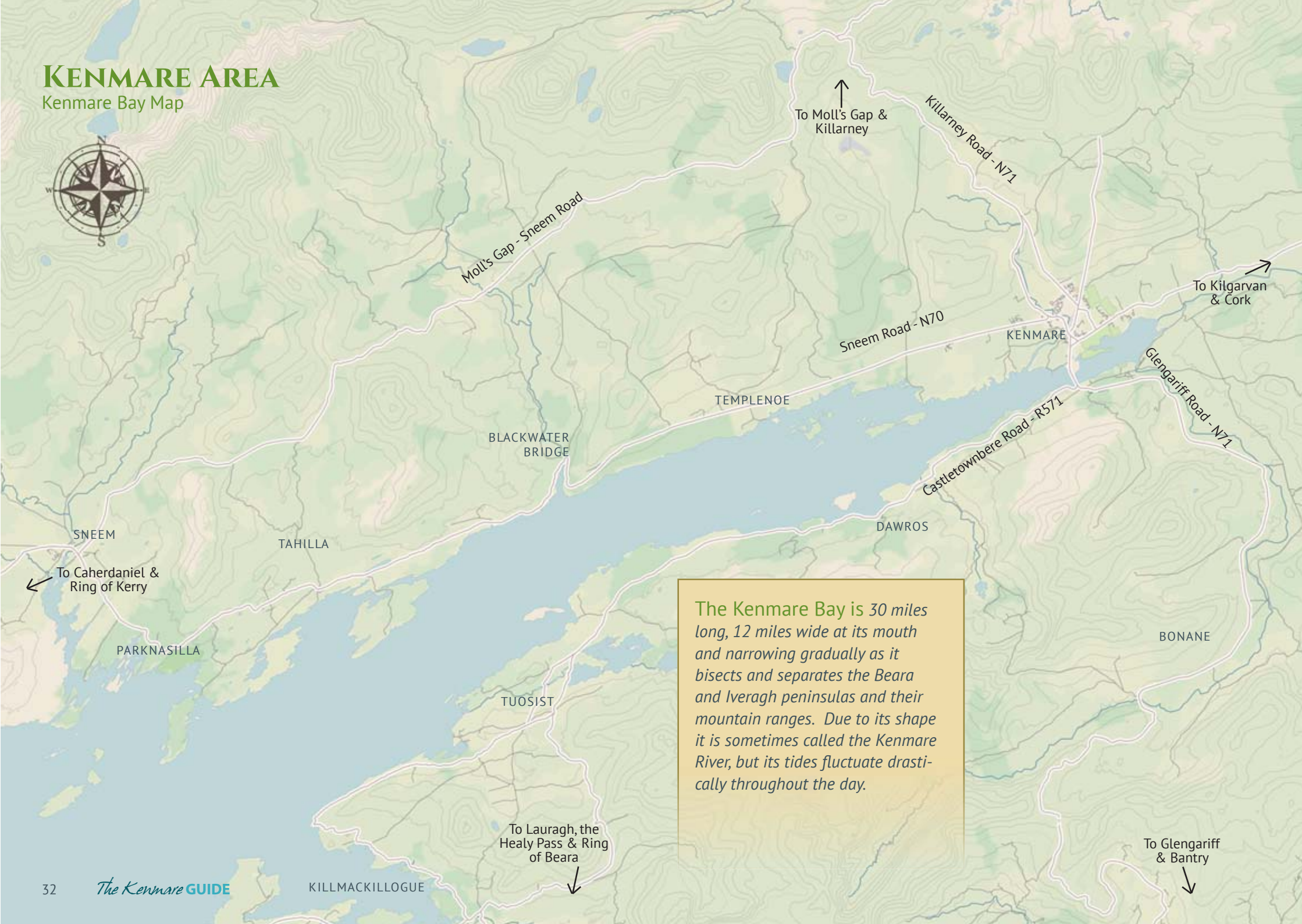


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KENMARE AREA

Kenmare Bay Map



The Kenmare Bay is 30 miles long, 12 miles wide at its mouth and narrowing gradually as it bisects and separates the Bera and Iveragh peninsulas and their mountain ranges. Due to its shape it is sometimes called the Kenmare River, but its tides fluctuate drastically throughout the day.



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For the food enthusiast, Kenmare is a dream come true, with Michelin star chefs, a weekly farmer's market, and even a world-famous somolier's wine shop. If you're hungry, you're in the right place!



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Good food is something to celebrate, as the citizens of Kenmare do each year with a stunning parade.

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HARRIET VAN HORNE

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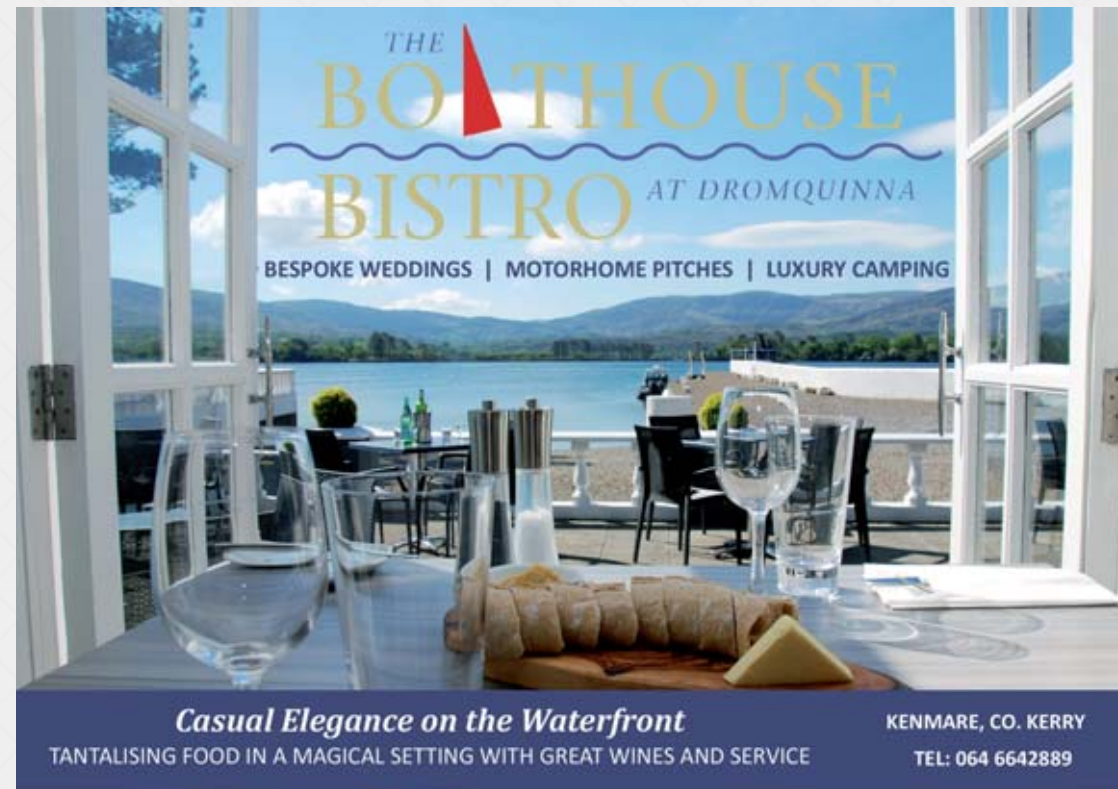
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Knowing your food is that fresh reminds you that life is to be appreciated, and that mindset sets the standard for the whole town. A day spent walking through Ken-



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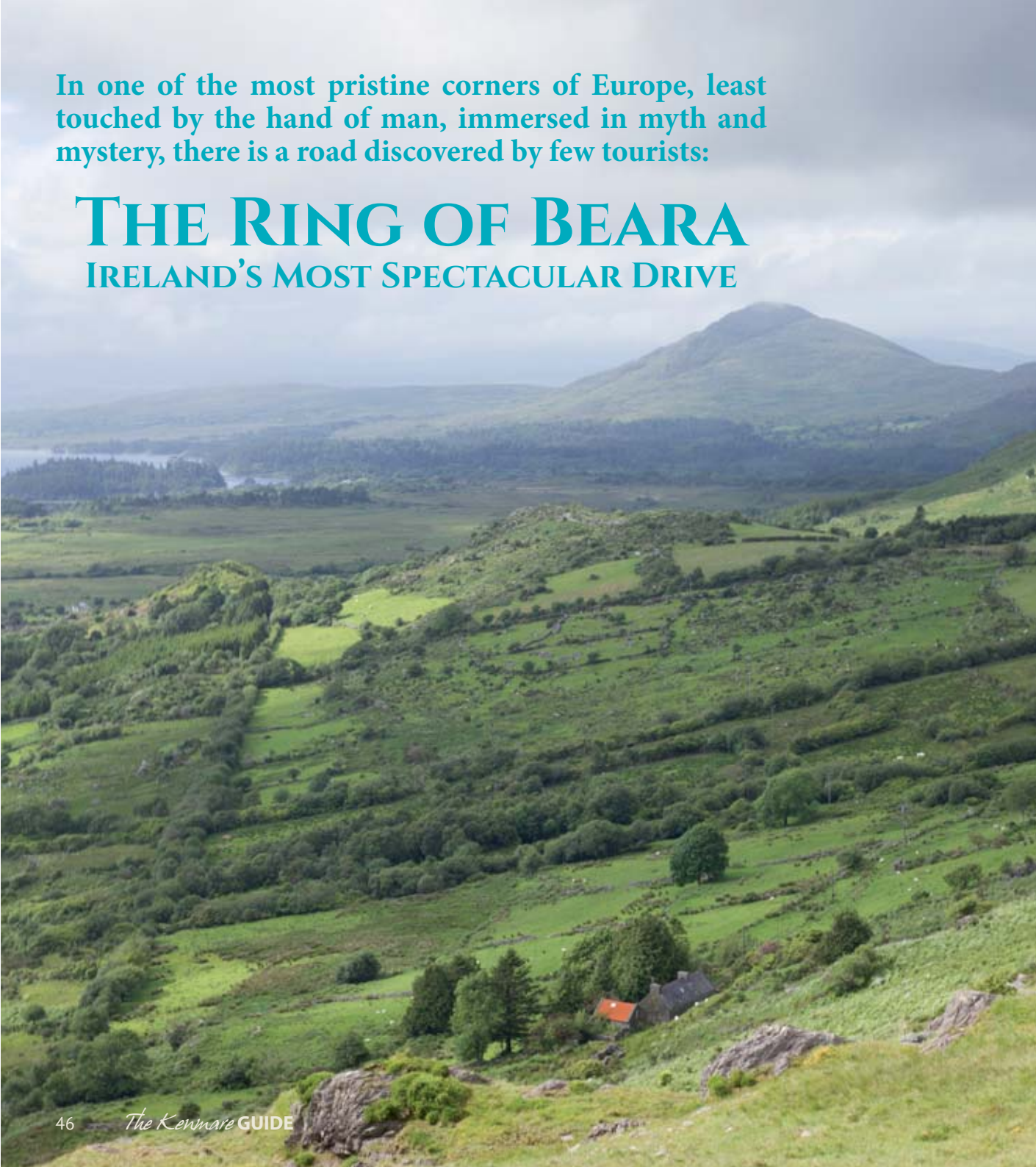


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Tuosist

There's a lot to see in this small area. Stop off at the Uragh Stone Circle, see the horsetail waterfalls at Gleninchaquin, or do some fishing out on the Cloonee Lakes (requires a license, available in Kenmare). After that, you can take the coast road to Kilmacalogue Harbour, and stop for a bowl of seafood chowder and maybe a pint.

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THE RING OF BEARA

Beara Peninsula Map

WHAT
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ATTRACTIONS

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RIDDLES

- Q: WHAT HAS EYES, BUT CAN'T SEE?
A: A POTATO!
- Q: WHAT TYPE OF BOW CAN'T BE TIED?
A: A RAIN-BOW!
- Q: WHAT IS TALLER THAN TREES, BUT NEVER GROWS?
A: A MOUNTAIN!
- Q: WHAT DO YOU CALL A FAKE STONE IN IRELAND?
A: A SHAM-ROCK!



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