Part 2  Cork-Cobh  Ireland Port Guide  

Drombeg Stone Circle

Includes:
Photos and descriptions of tourist sites, walking tour maps, driving routes, and GPS coordinates for
Kinsale,
Charles Fort,
Timoleague Friary (Abbey),
Clonakilty,
Blue Flag Beaches,
Gallery Head Lighthouse, and
Drombeg Stone Circle.
Tourist Sites Outside Cobh and Cork City: Walking tour maps for Charles Fort, Kinsale, Timoleague Friary (Abbey), Clonakilty, Blue Flag Beaches, Gallery Head Lighthouse, Drombeg Stone Circle, and rental car driving routes with GPS coordinates. Buses cannot travel the very narrow roads through the farm country to Drombeg Stone Circle, you'll need a car or van. If you are touring on a bus, skip the rental car information on pages 2-9 and begin reading on page 10 for tips on what to do to explore the tourist sites when your bus stops for free time.

The city of Cork and the town of Cobh (pronounced “Cove”) are in County Cork at the southern tip of Ireland. Cork harbor is one of the largest natural harbors in the world. Large cruise ships dock in Cobh or Ringaskiddy. If your ship docks in Ringaskiddy, there is usually a ferry service across the harbor to Cobh. Small, low draft cruise ships can dock in Cork City. Trains connect the cruise ship docks in Cobh and Cork City.

Cork is the largest county in Ireland. It's a scenic wonder with rolling hills, forests, mountains, lakes, rivers, beaches, a rugged coastline, etc. The cities, towns, and seaside villages are colorful with many shops, historic sites, churches, and castles. Irish pubs serve some of the best beers and whiskeys on planet earth. Ireland is a beautiful country with wonderful, friendly people. Be sure to visit the bookstores; the Irish are great writers. Take home some Irish music CD's; Christy Moore is my favorite.

Bring a lightweight rain jacket or umbrella. There is frequently a light rain during the day.

GPS Coordinates

Cruise ship ports and terminals are often difficult to find on a map. That's why I use GPS Coordinates for locations. The coordinates can be used with any Google or Microsoft Bing map format such as “road”, “satellite”, “birdseye”, “earth”, and “terrain” to see detailed views of the location at any map scale.

The coordinates can also be used in hand-held or vehicle GPS devices. Set your device to input data in the format of Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds shown as N ddd° mm' ss.ss", W ddd° mm' ss.ss"

You can copy and paste GPS coordinates from this guide into Google or Bing maps. You can also type the coordinates into the map. You don't need to type the symbols for degrees, minutes, and seconds. Replace these symbols with “spaces” and type the letters, numbers, comma, and decimal points into the map.

Example: Cobh Town Cruise Ship Dock has GPS = N 51°50'55.0", W 08°17'57.6"

Type n 51 50 55.0, W 08 17 57.6 into the Google Map search box. The map will find the location.

For details, see my map user guide at https://www.tomsportguides.com/map-user-guide.html

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Tom Sheridan

I would like to thank Larry and Sue Lottier and Scott and Robyn Thomas and for their help on this guide.
How much time do you have for self-guided touring?
Our ship's itinerary listed Cobh as 9 am to 8 pm = 11 hours. There is always a delay disembarking and you have to be on board 30 minutes before sailing. Our ship was late docking in Cobh. We got off the ship at 10:30 am and had to be back on board before 7:30 pm = 9 hours maximum for self-guided touring.

Car Rental Tips for Ireland

Maximum age limits for car rental in Ireland are set by law and may be further restricted by the insurance carrier for the rental car company. Check the details with the company you plan to use. In 2015, Avis and Hertz will rent to people up to 75 yrs old and have additional criteria for renting to people older than 75 yrs old. Great Island Motors in Cobh will rent to people up to 70 yrs old.

Reserving vs. pre-paying for the car: You can reserve a car with many rental companies by phone or email. If you pre-pay online, it may be non-refundable. Check the details on the rental company website.

Renting a car is not for everyone, especially when you have to drive on the left side of the road.

Share the rental with a person who is a great driver. I was delighted that Scott and Robyn Thomas were on our ship. Scott has a unique ability to look at a map once, memorize it, and drive everywhere without getting lost.

We rented a 4-door, full size car (about the size of a VW Jetta) with automatic transmission, full insurance, and a Garmin GPS. Cost was 115 euros and 5 euros for the ferry. With gas, cost was 44 euros/person. We had a great time and would do it again for the freedom to go where we want and spend time as we choose. Great Island Motors is located next to the cruise ship dock in Cobh. They have a large inventory of vehicles. We had not reserved a car so we spent 20 minutes in line. See http://greatislandmotors.com/?id=9/Car_&_Van_Hire

Pre-plan your route with GPS coordinates: I determined GPS coordinates for the parking lots at the tourist sites so we could park and explore the area on foot. This port guide includes descriptions of the tourist sites with GPS coordinates for the parking lots and places we stopped along the road for photos.

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It's a 3 minute, 1.6 km drive from A) the parking lot next to the ship to B) the Great Gas station. The map below shows you turn right where Lower Rd comes to a “T”, then turn left at the first cross street onto R 624.

Check the gas level when you pick up the car and return it with at least that level of gas. Our gauge read empty. I bought 40 liters (about 10 gallons) of gas thinking we would drive 200 miles or more. We had two hours less time than I had planned for our driving tour. Also, we spent so much time exploring the tourist sites and stopping along the route for photos that we only drove about 130 miles and used only half the gas I bought.

Return the car to the gas station and blow your horn. An attendant will join you in the car for the ride back to the ship. He takes your rental car back to the gas station area. Renting a car in Cobh is convenient with no wasted time picking up the car. Step off your ship into your rental car and return back to the gangway. WOW!
The two most important sets of GPS coordinates in your device are the location of the parking lot next to the ship and the Great Gas Station where you return the rental car. I name them as 1-Ship and 2-Car Rental.

It's obvious that you want to set your GPS to take you back to 2-Car Rental when you are done touring. I use the 1-Ship coordinates to estimate our arrival time back at the ship by selecting this as my destination. The GPS is pretty accurate estimating time of arrival. I found it to be within 15 minutes of the time we actually arrived back at the ship. During our driving tour, I frequently entered 1-Ship as the destination and looked at the time of arrival to determine when we needed to turn around and head back to the port.
The GPS Viewing Screen Can Be Confusing When Multiple Road Lanes Are Merging

If I am changing lanes at a simple intersection of two roads, the GPS is perfect. It announces the direction to drive and the screen shows an accurate map of all the lanes and which one I should be in.

Complex, multiple lane intersections can be confusing. My Garmin GPS does not normally show the road route names or numbers at complex intersections. Instead, it shows a purple color line thru many different road lanes. I was unable to determine which lane I should be in when driving expressways in Florida where 6 lanes on one road merge with 5 lanes on another road. I've had the same problem at New York airports where there are many lanes, ramps, roads, and entrances merging at the same point. I also had this problem driving in the mountains of Corfu Greece where 5 roads intersect at a point. There were no road names or signs, and it was not clear which of the roads shown on the GPS screen that I was supposed to turn on.

In these situations, I have to read the street signs which may or may not be adequate to determine which lane to be in and where to turn. When I make the wrong choice, the GPS instantly recalculates and shows a new route.

To compensate for this problem and to supplement information available on the GPS screen, I have prepared detailed maps for the three complex route intersections between Cobh and R600 which is the main road south to Kinsale, Clonakilty, and Southwest Cork County.

Driving to Kinsale and the Southwest requires that you get to road R600 near the Cork Airport. There are three potential routes from Cobh to Cork Airport to connect with R600 south:

1. **Passage West Ferry across River Lee** north of Monkstown connecting Highways R624 and R610,
2. The **Jack Lynch Tunnel under River Lee** on Highway N40, or
3. **Cross a bridge in Cork City** heading south to the airport.
Three Driving Routes from Cobh to R 600 near the Cork Airport to Drive to Kinsale and the Southwest

Use the tunnel on N 40. It's the fastest route from the parking lot in Cobh to the Airport to connect to R600 south.

Driving Routes from A) Parking Lot to R 600
- Via Ferry: 21 km, 50 minutes
- Via Tunnel: 38 km, 41 minutes
- Via Cork-City: 57 km, 71 minutes

Take R 600 to Kinsale, Clonakilty, and the Southwest

For more guides, see www.TomsPortGuides.com
Driving Routes - Cobh to the Airport via the Ferry, Tunnel, or a Bridge in Cork City

1) Passage West Ferry crosses River Lee between R624 and R610.

The ferry runs from 7 am to 10 pm. Cost one way is 5 euros. Average crossing time is 5 minutes. If the ferry leaves just when you arrive, it will take 15 minutes for you to get to the other side. We crossed it in less than 10 minutes on our way back to Cobh from Kinsale because the ferry was coming to our dock as we parked the car.

The ferry has a capacity of 28 vehicles, so there might be times when you have to wait for the second crossing.

To be on the safe side, plan on 15-20 minutes if you are taking the ferry.

The **East Dock** on R624 has GPS coordinates of **N 51°51′43″, W 08°19′32″**

The **West Dock** on R610 has GPS coordinates of **N 51°51′36.4″, W 08°19′57.4″**

To get to the ferry, program your GPS with the appropriate coordinates depending on whether you are approaching it from the East or West. The area on the west side is very pretty farmland.

**Driving directions from the Passage Ferry West Dock to Cork Airport** to connect with R600 going south:

Take R610 north and west along the harbor as shown by the yellow dashed line on the map on page 19

Then take N40 west to N27 south following signs to the Cork Airport.

A much longer route in time, but more scenic is to drive the very narrow roads through the farmland from Passage Ferry West Dock. **I do not recommend this route because it takes a long time!**

- Go north on R610 a short distance to Carrigahowan Hill Road.
- Mark a hard left, U-turn onto Carrigahowan Hill and head south.
- Turn right on Lackaroe and then turn right on L2474
- Turn left (west) on R610
- Then take N40 west to N27 south following signs to the Cork Airport.
2) Jack Lynch Tunnel on N40 is the fastest and best route from Cobh to Cork Airport

There's a huge intersection with a very large roundabout under the overhead E30/N25 and N8 motorway where the M8, E30/N25, N8, and N40 converge. From Cobh, exit westbound E30/N25 to the ramp on the left side of the road to get to the roundabout to turn left on N40 to go south through the tunnel. Watch for, and follow the signs for N40 westbound to the tunnel and airport. This is the sign you will see as you approach the intersection.

The North Entrance to the tunnel from E30/N25 has GPS coordinates of N 51°54'13.8", W 08°23'14.0"
The South End of the tunnel has GPS coordinates of N 51°53'49.6", W 08°23'36.9"

3) Driving from Cobh to a Bridge in Cork City to the Airport to connect with R600 to the Southwest

There are many bridges across the River Lee in Cork City that lead south to the Airport. The closest bridge across the River Lee in Cork City is N27.

The driving route is to continue on westbound E30/N25 past the Jack Lynch Tunnel to N8 and continue into Cork City (see the blue dashed line on the map on page 5). As you enter Cork, N8 divides from a two-way road to two on-way roads that run parallel in the city. Turn left (south) where N8 divides and drive west along the River Lee, past the Cork-Kent Train Station and past ships docked on Horgan's Quay. Turn left (south) on N27, cross the bridge and continue south on N27 to the airport where it connects with R600 to the southwest. See the map on the next page.
The map below shows the driving route across the bridge in Cork City.

Horgan's Quay has GPS coordinates of N 51°54'01.6", W 08°27'28.5"

Albert Street on N27 south of the River Lee has GPS coordinates of N 51°53'51.7", W 08°27'46.8"

Driving Tour Cobh to Charles Fort, Kinsale, Timoleague, Clonakilty, Lighthouse, Drombeg Stone Circle

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This round trip driving route from the Cobh cruise ship dock is 132 miles, 4 hrs with no stops. The lighthouse and Drombeg Stone Circle are in rural areas with multiple small, narrow roads.
Charles Fort

http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/charlesfort/

November - Mid March: Daily 10 – 17.00  Mid March - October: 10– 18.00.

Adult admission 4 euros

Charles Fort is a classic example of a late 17th century star-shaped fort. William Robinson, architect of the Royal Hospital in Kilmainham, Dublin, and Superintendent of Fortifications, is credited with designing the fort. As one of the largest military installations in the country, Charles Fort has been associated with some of the most momentous events in Irish history. The most significant of these are the Williamite War 1689-91 and the Civil War 1922-23. Charles Fort was declared a National Monument in 1973. Across the estuary is James Fort designed by Paul Ive in 1602

The cruise ship buses stop at the fort for 45 minutes.

Some of the area has a covered roof, but most of the fort is open to the sky. We didn't want to walk the fort in the rain, so we drove on to Kinsale. It's 3 km from the fort.

Route R605 begins at Emmet Place and continues north as the main road thru the village. Google photo below.

Kinsale has many colorful buildings and “perfect” settings for photos. This photo is the main road. The pedestrian tourist area is next to the Tourist Information Office. The tourist area has many coffee shops, restaurants, pubs, art galleries, and shops selling books, candy, chocolate, clothing, souvenirs, etc. I have described it with maps and photos on the following pages.
We parked at the “pay and display” parking lot next to the Tourist Office. People in the tourist office told us to:

- Walk the square bounded by Market Quay, Main Street and to be sure to walk on Began’s Lane and Hayden’s Lane.
- Walk to St Mulrose Church and Cemetery then walk east to Market Street.
- Another suggestion was to walk up the stoney steps to a higher elevation for great views of the harbor.

The map below shows some of the best spots to take photos.

The photos below were taken in the area of the yellow circle on the map above.
The photo above is Stoney Steps leading to a higher elevation road for great views of the harbor.
You could spend a lot of time exploring this colorful village and you don't have to walk very far.
Kinsale must have been decorated by artists very skillful at arranging colorful scenes. It's a photographer's paradise.
It was raining, so we spent most of our time in the shops. I did not walk to the photo opportunity on Market Street near Market Lane. However, if you enter the coordinates of N 51°42'22.7", W 08°31'25.5" into Google maps, and drag the little “yellow man icon” onto the map, you'll see the street-level photo on the next page.

This Brochure Describes Kinsale Walking Tours:

A Walking Guide - For a detailed guide, see the publication “Highways & Byways of Kinsale” and “A History of Kinsale” by John Thuillier. Town tours start from the Tourist Office daily.

For a vivid account of the strategic importance of Kinsale and its extraordinary fortifications, join Don and Barry’s Kinsale Historic Stroll, departing at 11.15am daily from the Tourist Office May-Sept 9.15am Mon-Fri, rain or shine!

Dermot Ryan’s Kinsale Heritage Town Walks are rated as the Top Attraction and “The ideal way to see Kinsale and learn its history”. Daily from the Tourist Office, 10.30am & 3pm (by appointment), lasting an Irish hour, Hail, Rain or Snow! Adults, €5, Children free, special group rates. www.kinsaleheritage.com

For an alternative, check out the Kinsale Ghost Tours, Sundays to Fridays throughout the summer at 9pm from the Tap Tavern Bar. Brian, your tour guide, will charm and delight you with his stories and knowledge about the French Prison, The Curse of St. Multose, Body Snatchers, Smugglers Haven, The Battle of Kinsale 1601 and the legend of The White Lady. If you are lucky, you might meet some locals like good old Seáno Barry along the way. For more information call 087 9480910.
It's a 31 minute, 24.4 km drive from Kinsale to Timoleague. As you leave Kinsale you'll drive along the harbor with views of James Fort and Charles Fort. It was raining, so we did not stop for photos.

The first part of the route is through scenic farmland with horses, sheep, and crops in the fields. There are also many scenic views along the water as you approach Timoleague.
You will be on R600 approaching Timoleague. As you cross a bridge, turn left on R601 and park in front of the Friary (Abbey).

It's a huge stone structure open to the sky in a gorgeous setting. Park near the signs and take a moment to read the history of the site.

It's the main point of interest in Timoleague. It was founded in 1240 by Franciscan's as one of the largest and most important monasteries in Ireland.

The site was associated with St. Molaga. The name Timoleague, comes from “Tigh Molaga” or the “House of Saint Molaga”.

For more guides, see www.TomsPortGuides.com
The Friary (Abbey) is an impressive structure. We spent a long time walking the site and taking photos. You can walk the long church, see the tower, arches for the windows, etc. There’s also a bullaun stone.

The Friary was burned by English soldiers in 1642. The day we were at the Friary, stone masons were resetting some stones. It's safe to walk around the area, but avoid the roped off areas where the masons are working.

There is no admission charge to visit this site.

For an explanation of the structure see [http://irishantiquities.bravehost.com/cork/timoleague/timoleague.html](http://irishantiquities.bravehost.com/cork/timoleague/timoleague.html)
Photo from the parking lot

Photo from the side, walking to the entrance
Celtic Cross

Part of the cemetery
When you leave the Friary (Abbey), go north, back to R600, turn left (west) and turn left a second time (south) on R600. We stopped to take this photo of the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady.

It's a 14 minute, 10 km drive on R600 from this church to the Community College parking lot in Clonakilty.
Church of the Immaculate Conception (view from the front looking to the back of the church)

Michael Collins Statue near the Church of the Immaculate Conception
After the 1916 uprising, Michael Collins emerged as a leader in the fight for Irish independence. He directed a daring strategy of guerrilla warfare and became the first Sinn Fein Minister of Home Affairs. Michael was killed at an ambush in Cork in 1922.

He is remembered as a hero of Ireland. Many Irish say, “May he and the freedom he gave us never be forgotten.”
Blue Flag Beaches are gorgeous. Whether or not you have time for swimming or water activities, you may want to visit one of the beaches for photos or to walk along the shore.

We drove from Clonakilty, past some of the beaches to Gallery Head Lighthouse.

**Inchydoney  N 51°35'47.9", W 08°52'09.5"**
One of the most beautiful beaches with vast expanses of sand, dunes and excellent surfing conditions. (Car parking, toilets and access via ramps and steps. Lifeguards on duty in the summer season).

**The Warren  N 51°34'00.2", W 09°00'53.7"**
A sheltered family beach with safe bathing and numerous rock pools. Pitch & Putt golf is on the adjacent dunes. (Car parking, toilets – closed in winter – and access via ramps. Lifeguard on duty in the summer season).

**Owenahincha  N 51°33'56.5", W 08°59'26.8"**
It's backed by sand dunes. Take a short walk over the cliffs with incredible sea views to The Warren. (Car parking and toilet facilities. Lifeguards on duty in summer season).

**Long Strand  N 51°33'39.2", W 08°58'33.3"**
The perfect place for a walk along 1.5 miles of sand dunes. The top end is a haven for surfers but the rest of the beach is unsafe for bathing due to a dangerous undertow. (Car parking facilities are available at the southern end of the beach).

**Red Strand  N 51°32'53.9", W 08°55'31.7"**
Dotted with rock pools, the Red Strand is only minutes from the Long Strand and offers a wonderful tranquil spot for the whole family. (Toilets and access off road).

For details and photos, see [http://www.clonakilty.ie/beaches/](http://www.clonakilty.ie/beaches/)
Gallery Head Lighthouse has “No Trespassing” signs. You can't drive through the gate and can't see the lighthouse from the gate because it's on a hill.

I didn't want to view the lighthouse from a distance, I wanted to stand next to it. Unfortunately, you can only photograph the lighthouse from a distance. See the photo above.

We spent about an hour driving from Clonakilty to the Lighthouse to Drombeg Stone Circle as shown by the blue line on the map at right.

A faster route would have been to drive directly from Clonakilty to Drombeg. That route takes 21 minutes. It's shown as dashed red lines along a major highway N71, on the map above.

Unless you want to visit the beaches and have the time to do it, I would recommend that you drive directly from Clonakilty to Drombeg Stone Circle.
The last part of the drive to Dromberg is on very narrow roads in farm country. For a while, we were behind a very slow moving tractor on a narrow road where we could not pass. Fortunately, our GPS kept us on the right route which the GPS described as “unnamed roads” and driving “off roads”.

As you approach, you'll see a sign on a post at the parking lot.

Walk the path shown as red dashed lines on the map below. The walking path is between a hedgerow and a stone wall. The walk is not very far and the area is very scenic. Be aware that there are springs near the stone circle with some surface water. You may get your shoes wet.

There is one prominent stone circle and a few other, smaller circles with stones.

I photographed the sign that describes the stone circle. See the next page.
Stone circles were places of ritual and ceremony, usually associated with human burial. Drombeg is a fine example of a recumbent stone circle where the 17 freestanding stones are symmetrically arranged so that one stone (the axial or recumbent stone) is set directly opposite a pair of tall stones (the portal stones) which form the ‘entrance’ to the circle. The stones reduce in height from the portals to the recumbent which has two shallow cup marks, one surrounded by an oval carving, on its upper surface.

Excavations in 1957 revealed a compact gravel surface within the circle and a central pit which contained an inverted pottery vessel covering the cremated remains of a youth. More recently, radiocarbon dating has placed the burial in the period c.1100 – 800 BC, i.e. the later Bronze Age.

In common with most of the other stone circles in the Cork / Kerry region, the main axis of the circle (the line extending from the middle of the ‘entrance’ across the centre of the recumbent stone) is north-east / south-west. At the winter solstice (21st December) the sun sets at a point on the horizon aligned with this axis.
Returning to the Cruise Ship

It's a 1.5 hour 94 km drive from Drombeg Stone Circle to the Cruise Ship in Cobh.

The GPS does NOT show road numbers, it just shows a purple line through a maze of a dozen lanes when you approach Cork. I missed the lane to N40 and our GPS immediately recalculated the route to take the Ferry Boat which added 10 minutes to our travel time. From Dromberg, take the small roads to N71 to N40 through the tunnel under to River Lee to eastbound E30/N25 to R624. Watch for the road signs for N40 to the tunnel.
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