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Allihies Beach At Sunset Web — Beara P

The Beara Way Walking Holiday — 6 Days (Moderate)

Glengarriff to Eyeries — Bere Island, Allihies and the Copper Coast

DURATION

6 days

WALKING DAYS

3

TOTAL DISTANCE

45.8 km

GRADE

Moderate

From

€615

per person

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About This Tour

Four walking days from Glengarriff to the painted village of Eyeries — 70km along the Beara peninsula with a ferry to Bere Island, copper-mine trails and wild Atlantic coast. The classic Beara week.

Tour Highlights

● Hungry Hill and the Mare's Tail

Day 2 passes under Hungry Hill (685m), Beara's highest peak. The Mare's Tail waterfall drops 200m down its north face — one of Ireland's tallest single-drop falls, visible from the path below.

● Castletownbere fishing port

Ireland's second-largest whitefish port, still working. Trawlers at the quay, MacCarthy's Bar for dinner, and the ruins of Dunboy Castle on the headland above the harbour.

● Bere Island military heritage

A short ferry from Castletownbere brings you to Bere Island — a quiet, car-free island with a remarkable military past.

● Allihies Copper Mine Museum

The village of Allihies was the centre of Beara's 19th-century copper-mining industry. The restored museum tells the story of Cornish engineers and Atlantic isolation.

● The painted village of Eyeries

One of Ireland's most photographed villages — a row of pastel houses facing the northern shore of Beara, home to Milleens Cheese and Caureen's Bar, with the wild coast path to Ardgroom beyond.

Who Is It For?

Your fitness level

This tour suits regular walkers comfortable with 12–21km on rough coastal paths and rural roads over four consecutive days. Two significant climbs (up to ~350m of ascent). You should be steady on uneven ground and happy in open country.

The right kind of traveller

You want Ireland's wildest peninsula on a longer loop — woodland, mountain, copper-mine coast and painted villages in one week. Evenings in Beara pubs, mornings with sea fog burning off the Caha Mountains.

Solo walkers, couples and small groups

The fully supported self-guided format works for all three. Maximum eight walkers per group.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Glengarriff

Overnight: Glengarriff

The Beara Way begins tomorrow.

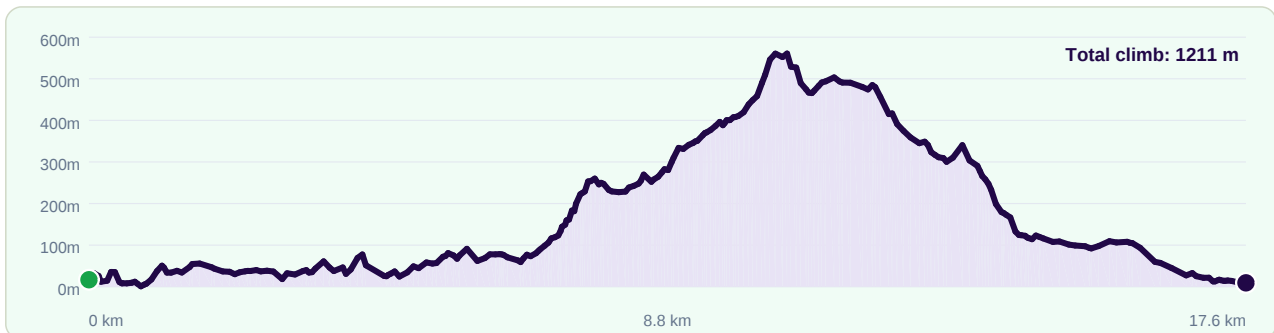
Arrive in Glengarriff, gateway to Beara. The village sits in a sheltered harbour ringed by native oak woodland and the Caha Mountains. Collect your route notes and waterproof maps from your B&B. A walk to the Blue Pool or the Bamboo Park makes for a pleasant first evening — Glengarriff is subtropical by Irish standards, sheltered and lush.

DAY
2

Glengarriff to Castletownbere

Walk: Beara - Glengarriff to Adrigole (17.8 km) · Overnight: Castletownbere

ROUTE 17.8 km · 1329 m ascent · Challenging · Glengarriff to Adrigole



A long combined day covering the best of the southern Beara coast — from the oak woods of Glengarriff Nature Reserve all the way to the fishing port of Castletownbere. Up onto the Caha mountain flank with Bantry Bay below, under Hungry Hill (685m) and past the Mare's Tail waterfall on its north face. Down through Adrigole, then west along the coast past the ruins of Dunboy Castle and the harbour views to Bere Island. Dinner at MacCarthy's Bar.

Distance: 21km. Ascent: ~500m.

DAY

3

Bere Island day trip

Overnight: Castletownbere

A short morning ferry from Castletownbere crosses to Bere Island — a quiet, car-free island in the mouth of Berehaven harbour with a remarkable military history. The loop walk takes in Martello towers from the Napoleonic era, First World War gun batteries (when this was a Royal Navy base), and Second World War observation posts that watched the Atlantic convoys. All now silent in the grass, with views across to the Beara mainland.

Lunch at the island pub; evening ferry back to Castletownbere.

Distance: 12km. Ascent: ~150m.

DAY

4

Castletownbere to Allihies

Walk: Beara - Castletownbere to Allihies (14.7 km) · Overnight: Allihies

ROUTE 14.7 km · 820 m ascent · Moderate · Castletownbere to Allihies


West from Castletownbere on the copper-mine heritage trail over Miskish Mountain. Engine-house ruins, old tramway cuttings and drystone walls from the 19th-century mining settlements appear as you climb. The descent into Allihies is dramatic — the village appears below you between Ballydonegan Beach's red sand and the green hillside. Visit the Copper Mine Museum; walk to the beach at dusk.

Distance: 18km. Ascent: ~250m.

DAY

5

Allihies to Eyeries

Walk: Beara - Allihies to Eyeries (13.3 km) · Overnight: Eyeries

ROUTE 13.3 km · 718 m ascent · Moderate · Allihies to Eyeries



The most beautiful stage of the Beara Way — the northern coastal path above the Atlantic. The trail climbs out of Allihies with Cod's Head panoramas opening wide: ocean to the west, the Skellig Islands on the horizon to the north, old copper workings and long-abandoned stone farmsteads below. The descent into Eyeries follows the famous row of pastel-painted houses — pink, blue, mustard, green — strung along the northern shore.

Home to Milleens Cheese and Caureen's Bar. A short day that deserves a long evening.

Distance: 19km. Ascent: ~300m.

DAY

6

Departure from Eyeries

Last Beara breakfast, then your scheduled transfer back to Glengarriff (around 90 minutes by road via Castletownbere) or direct to Cork for onward travel. Most walkers are already thinking about the 7-day version, which continues from Eyeries to Ardroom and the Bronze Age stone circles. We will keep a bed for you.

What Our Walkers Say

Rated 5.0/5 by 12 walkers

The Beara Way is a hidden gem. Cliff provided excellent support before and during the trip. Everything ran smoothly.

- Peter Sørensen - 2025

A beautiful journey along the Beara Way with seamless luggage transfers.

- Thomas Becker - 2025

Our trip on the Beara Way was peaceful and scenic. Cliff provided fast communication and clear planning from the start. The route was quiet and offered excellent coastal views. Accommodation was comfortable and well located. Luggage transfers worked without any issues. The app made each day easy to follow. We highly recommend this tour.

- Lars Nielsen - 2025

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- ✓ Pre-Departure Pack: Information pack sent before you travel, so you know exactly what to expect

Not Included

- ✗ Flights: Travel to Ireland is not included
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