

Mykidstime Family Guide to Cork



Welcome to the Mykidstime Guide to Cork. We have put together some suggestions to make your family's visit to Cork as enjoyable as possible. As parents ourselves, we are delighted to share with you some of the family friendly spots round our favourite city in the South of Ireland!

The Mykidstime Team

Top Ten Things to do in Cork



1. Take a trip on Dursey Cable Car - Experience Ireland's only cable-car, stretching from Bullaghboy in West Cork to Dursey Island – not for the faint-hearted!!!
2. Hop on the 'Spirit of Kinsale' for a cool boat ride round Kinsale Harbour
3. Take a picnic out to Fota Wildlife Park, visit the giraffes, cheetah, monkeys and many more fascinating animals in this great setting



4. Visit the Donkey Sanctuary near Mallow, and take a stroll around the paddocks to see some of the lovely donkeys that are being cared for here
5. Visit Gougane Barra National Park - Irelands first National Park! There are walking and cycling trails and also a picnic area and is a beautiful destination in any season.
6. Spend the day in Blarney: visit the Castle and Gardens, the Rock Close and don't forget to kiss the 'Stone of Eloquence' before you go home!!!
7. Check out the amazing wax figures at Cork City Gaol -see what life was like in the 19th and early 20th century in Cork
8. Fly a kite at Inchydoney near Clonakilty and stop by the Model Railway Village to see the old West Cork Railway Line (miniaturised) as it was in the 1940's
9. Try your luck fishing for trout at Ballyhass Lakes and Adventure Centre – other activities include archery, abseiling and kayaking
10. Try one of the walks on the Sheep's Head Way

Indoor Things to Do in Cork



- Stop by the Lifetime Lab@ Old Cork Waterworks and experience the fantastic interactive exhibits
- Visit one of our great swimming pools- Trabolgan near Whitegate, Leisureworld- Bishopstown and Churchfield, Aura Youghal and Coral Leisure in Cobh
- Libraries throughout Cork city and county have wonderful children's book sections with toys and seats (**FREE**)
- Soft play areas including Go Safari in Carrigtwohill, Monkey Maze in Glanmire, Supernova in Ballincollig, Chuckies in Wilton
- Take in a matinee at a cinema- Gate cinemas in Cork city, Mallow and Midleton, Omniplex Cinema at Mahon Point S.C.

Outdoor Things To Do

- Go to one of our fab beaches - you really are spoilt for choice in Cork (**FREE**)
- Playgrounds – see our favourites list below (**FREE**)
- Feed the swans at The Lough (**FREE**)
- Visit Fota Wildlife Park and view the animals as they roam free. Watch them being fed and join the informative talks to learn more about each species. Fully buggy and wheelchair accessible
- Millstreet Country Park and Deer Farm is home to herds of beautiful deer which you can observe as they graze their pastures. Walk through the grounds and bring a picnic. Fully buggy and wheelchair accessible

Where to Stay



Please mention Mykidstime when Booking

The Celtic Ross Hotel

Rosscarbery,

West Cork

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The Celtic Ross Hotel is a superior 3* West Cork hotel near Clonakilty. Kids club "Cool Roo" is open during school holidays and is free of charge. Situated in beautiful West Cork and is the perfect base for exploring that part of the county while still being accessible to the city.

Ballyvolane Country House

Castlelyons, Fermoy, Co. Cork

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Web: www.ballyvolanehouse.ie

Winner of 'Georgina Campbell Family Friendly Hotel of the Year 2011'. Children get to feed the animals, go on tractor rides and have 'High Tea'. Truly memorable holidays guaranteed.

Quality Hotel Clonakilty

Clogheen Road,

Clonakilty, Co. Cork

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Winner of 'Georgina Campbell Family Friendly Hotel of the Year 2010'. You can stay in family bedrooms and family suites or self-catering accommodation while enjoying extensive leisure facilities including pools, childrens camp, teen zone and even an on-site 3-screen cinema.

Maryborough Hotel and Spa

Maryborough Hill, Douglas, Cork

Tel: +353 21 436 5555

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Located in the Cork city suburbs, the Maryborough has lots of great amenities for kids such as their on-site pet farm, kids pool and selection of childrens movies but also caters for mum and dad with spa treatments and a babysitting service

Where to Eat



- CaféBarDeli – winner of the Mykidstime Award 2010 for Best Family Friendly Restaurant. Enjoy a huge selection of pizzas, pasta dishes and salads. Coloring sheets provided for children while they wait.
- Wagamamas, North Main St
- Luigi Malones- Emmet Place
- Scoozi's- Winthrop Lane
- Café Mexicana- Carey's Lane
- Gino's- Winthrop St
- Eddie Rockets- North Main St., Airport Roundabout and Mahon Point S.C
- Nandos- Mahon Point S.C
- Captain Americas- North Main St.
- Milanos- Oliver Plunkett St
- Amicus- Douglas
- Sage- Middleton
- Barry's- Douglas
- Lantern House- Blarney
- Richy's- Clonakilty
- Cornstore- Cornmarket St
- The Plaza Bistro- Ballincollig

Playgrounds



Fitzgeralds Park and The Lough are personal favourites! And most if not all the larger towns/villages in Cork have playgrounds that are generally well maintained.

Shopping



- Cork City centre has lots to offer with large stores such as Debenhams, Marks and Spencer, Brown Thomas, TK Maxx, H&M, Pennies and Dunnes along with Next, Mothercare, Monsoon, Gap, Benetton, Du Pareil au Meme, the English Market
- Shopping Centres in Merchants Quay, North Main St., Paul St., Blackpool, Mahon Point, Wilton, Douglas, Bishopstown, Ballincollig, Ballyvolane

We hope you enjoy your visit to Cork and
be sure to visit www.mykidstime.ie for lots more suggestions
for things to do while you are here!