



SKELLIG BOAT TOURS

Cruise around the impressive Skellig Rocks. Take to the open sea and discover the magic and mystery of the rocks first hand.

Cruises to the Skelligs depart from the pontoon at "The Skellig Experience Visitor Centre"

We also offer a Skellig Michael Landing Tour which allows you to climb the 618 steps to the top of Skellig Michael.

All of our Boat tours can be booked online at www.skelligexperience.com.

Alternatively tickets can also be purchased at the admissions desk or by calling +353 (0) 669476306

Book your boat tour with us and you will receive entry to our Visitor Centre and Film Show at no extra cost!

Boat tours are subject to weather conditions.



LOCATION

The Skellig Experience Heritage Centre is located on Valentia Island, Co.Kerry just 11.5 kms (7 miles) off the famous Ring of Kerry. Situated where the road bridge meets the island, the centre is directly opposite the attractive fishing village of Portmagee.

You leave the Ring of Kerry touring route between Cahirciveen and Waterville.

On site free coach and free car parking is provided for customer use, and easy access to the building for disabled visitors is available.



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THE SKELLIG ROCKS

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The Skellig Islands are renowned for their scenery, sea bird colonies, long-lived lighthouse service, their Early Christian Monastic architecture and rich underwater life. In any era of the past 1400 years, the name of Skellig has travelled to the ends of the known world.

The two Skellig Islands - Skellig Michael and Small Skellig - stand like fairytale castles in the Atlantic ocean 12km (8miles) south west of Valentia.

At 714 feet (218 meters) above sea level, Skellig Michael towers the higher; it is also the larger in area - 44 acres (17 hectares)

The Visitor Centre has an 80 seat auditorium, where a 14 minute film presentation - "Island on the edge of the world" - takes visitors to the Skellig Michael Monastery. This show runs at regular intervals throughout the day.

The very strong visual images from Skellig Michael used in this film, means that the use of spoken words could be kept to a minimum. The music in the programme was specially composed.



EXHIBITION

The Heritage Centre tells four stories from the Skellig Rocks, which are:

- The history and archaeology of Skellig Michael's Early Christian monastery.
- The sea birds - their world-wide travels.
- The lighthouse which has given 161 years of service to mariners.
- The underwater Skellig - which has colour and magic equal to any sea in the world.

The Skelligs exhibition brings the magic and mystery of these rocks to you through graphics, film presentation, models, exhibition items, reconstruction and the sound of sea birds and lighthouse keeper ship-to-shore communication.



BUILDING

The building for the Skellig Experience was developed by Cork/Kerry Tourism in 1991-1992 to make the four treasures of the offshore Skellig islands more easily understood by all.

It is an unusual building in that the external roof finish is natural grass. The building has been designed to blend into the landscape, and the main external walls faced in Valentia stone.



Our large outdoor dining area is the perfect place to enjoy a relaxing meal overlooking the seafront!

FACILITIES

Fionán's Kitchen:

The fully licensed refreshment area looks out across the water to the fishing village of Portmagee. Hot and cold meals served all day.

Dedicated facilities for disabled visitors and a baby changing area is also available.



Gift Shop:

Our Visitor Centre has an exciting gift shop which has a broad range of literature, clothing, ornaments and other gift items. Here you can also purchase books about birds, history, fish and other aspects of Skelligs. We also offer a range of Star Wars products and local crafts.

A special full colour Guide Book has been produced on The Skellig Experience and a souvenir DVD of our film "Island on the edge of the World" is available in the retail area.

