



Asking price: €275 to 375 per week

Holiday Let

With sea view



KILCROHANE, Sheepshead Retreat

Sheepshead Retreat is a charming self-catering rental cottage on the beautiful, wild, unspoilt Sheep's Head Peninsula - Ireland's best kept secret. It has a colourful, attractively furnished sunny open plan room; a new, easy-to-use and very comfortable double sofa bed and a single sofa bed; TV, radio/CD/cassette player, and WiFi internet. The cottage is fully equipped and has a kitchen and a spacious shower room with wash basin and WC. There are two electric radiators (economical to run), which can be set to your own requirements and keeps the place warm even in winter. Non smokers only.

The property is an old converted farmbuilding overlooking Dunmanus Bay and the Mizen Head Peninsula. The retreat has a sense of remoteness, hidden from the road - a few steps away - but on the grounds of the owner's house and just under two miles from the village of Kilcrohane, with its church, pubs, restaurant and post office/shop. The retreat is situated on the Sheep's Head Way, an award winning network of walks all over the Peninsula and one of the most spectacular coastal paths, it has been featured on TV and was the winner of the EDEN award in 2009. The Sheep's Head has a great reputation for sustainable tourism thanks to this award

LOCATION:

Sheepshead Retreat, as part of the townland of Caher, is in the "Special Protection Area for Birds in Ireland" - in this case for the Chough. The garden is left in its natural state in order to encourage wildlife: foxes, otters and badgers are often seen in the area, as well as whales, dolphins and seals in Dunmanus Bay. Enjoy nature, the constantly changing light, inspirational especially during the winter months, experience the seasons, discover the tiny

coves, swim from the piers, fish for mackerel, enjoy the magic of this very special place including its history and ancient monuments.

The property is located within a short distance of two piers (swimming and fishing) and is in the heart of the renowned Sheepshead Way walking and hiking route. It is 2 miles from the village of Kilcrohane (shops, bars, restaurants) and a 30 minute drive from the town of Bantry (shops, supermarket, restaurants, bars, leisure centres, golf course, Friday market, Bantry House, cinema, etc.). Cork city and airport are a 2 hour drive from the property.

THE ACCOMMODATION:

The detached stone property comprises:

- kitchen with sink, refrigerator, microwave, electric hob and electric oven
- dining/living area with sofa bed - sea view, TV, radio/CD player
- shower room with wash basin and WC

There is a patio area (with panoramic sea view) and a small shed (suitable for bicycle storage) Electric heating, electric shower, TV and wifi

RATES:

July and August - Euro 375 per week (plus electricity)

Rest of year - Euro 275 per week (plus electricity)

TERMS:

- minimum booking is one week/7 days
- open all year

GUEST REVIEWS:

"A perfect spot to relax and energise. A very cosy nest to return to from the wilds. Perfect! Thank you."

KC & AV Somerset, U.K

"We loved the walks, it was great to come back to the cosy 'tig'. Thank you."

JD & SD, Cork, Ireland

"Just the break I wanted."

TR, Germany

"A very beautiful & special place - both the landscape & the sea and a lovely warm home to return to each night. Thank you for the hospitality & all the welcoming touches. We hope to return".

UF & TL, Cork, Ireland

"What a beautiful place! our time was too short. Till next time. Thank you xx"

PQ & AC

"It was a beautiful peaceful stay at the Retreat. Wonderful view & even better friendly people. Thank you".

N & K, NY, USA

"I had a lovely time on my first ever visit to the Sheep's Head. Thanks for your very friendly welcome! I'm sure I'll be back".

C O'G, Cork, Ireland

"Lovely cottage & great location. Thanks Carolyn. I'll be back".

TB, Dublin, Ireland

"The Sheep's Head Retreat full of splendor & replete with breathtaking views of remarkable hues, adventurous walks, friendly talks. Thanks for your hospitality & your kind-hearted generosity".

DK & RH, Ireland

"Very charming cottage - wonderfully atmospheric location which is perfect to escape to".

SG & PG, Ireland

"A magical house - its much bigger inside than out & contains everything for a comfortable visit, including a very warm welcome. So thank you Carolyn I had a lovely week here & thank you to Bran for his cheerful company on our walks"

CG, Dublin, Ireland

"A wonderful week. We had a glorious time revisiting Sheeps' Head. Thank you Carolyn for your most valued help and support. With love"

DT & NT, Poland

"A life changing experience"

SR, Limerick, Ireland

"Had a really wonderful restful retreat here, with some great walking & lots of relaxing. Thanks very much Carolyn & hope to visit again"

JB & AB, Ireland

CAHER, KILCROHANE:

Dwellings are situated in a townland, therefore do not have individual names, these are usually small and sparsely populated. Originally properties were named after their owners. Caher (Cathair) means a circular stone fort but in the South West it may mean a homestead with basic fortification or "monastic enclosure", which is possible as it has two burial grounds and it would have been preferable to have a graveyard on consecrated ground.

Caher is situated on the Sheep's Head (Muintir Bhaire - the people of Bhaire) has a strong community spirit and is known as the caring peninsula. There is a child's burial ground, The CÃ-ll on the Sheep's Head path to the cove at Tra Ruiam, one of the walks from the Sheep's Head Retreat. The burial ground may have been for babies who died before they were baptised or children who died of the famine and were not able to be buried in the village for fear of contamination.

There is a Fulacht Fiadh - a circa 2000 BC Bronze Age cooking place on the side of the Sheep's Head Road opposite the bohereen to the Sheep's Head Retreat. A Fulacht Fiadh was always situated next to a stream to provide water for boiling the meat - usually deer. A stone or wood-lined trough was made and filled with clean water. Stones were heated on a fire beside the trough, then were pushed into the trough until the water began to boil. A joint of meat wrapped in straw or rushes was placed in the boiling water, more hot stones being added until the meat was cooked.









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