



## Make the most of Mizen Head



Looking for the perfect day-trip? Mizen Head is Ireland's most southwesterly signature discovery point on the Wild Atlantic Way.

At the end of the Mizen Peninsula, the cliffs rise high above the Atlantic Ocean, where the currents meet from the west and south coasts and waves from the mid-Atlantic crash into the land.

Dare to cross the iconic bridge high above the gorge and don't forget to

watch for seals and their pups in the swell below! Perfect for a day out with friends, your other half, or you could take the whole family and experience the solitude of the keepers' lives - while taking in some much-needed fresh salty sea air.

The best part about Mizen Head? Simply said, the views are absolutely breathtaking and don't forget to scan the ocean for whales and dolphins which

are often dotted along the Atlantic coast. In wind, rain, gale, as well as hot summer sun, the Mizen is exciting while in fog and mist, it is mysterious - there is no day unsuitable to visit Mizen Head.

A visit will take one-two hours or as long as you like. The Mizen Cafe and gift shop will allow for a break from the fresh air and for convenience, there is free parking, free wifi and an information and

e-Centre at Main Street, Goleen. Phone 028-35000 email [Info@mizenhead.ie](mailto:Info@mizenhead.ie) or visit the website [mizenhead.ie](http://mizenhead.ie).

### Opening Hours:

• 1 July - 31 August, daily 10am-7pm.

• 1 September - 31 October, daily 10.30am-5pm.

Prices: Adult, €7.50; senior/student, €6; child under 14, €4.50; child under 5, free; family pass, €25.

# Old and new mix perfectly at the top of Military Hill

**Deftly combining the old with the new, the updated and upgraded Ambassador Hotel is an excellent choice for a city break.**

Perched at the top of Military Hill in Cork, the elegant red brick Victorian building gazes across the city, with quite extraordinary views in every direction.

Presiding with an air of grandness in the historic area of St Luke's, the hotel is within walking distance of the city centre but well away from the hustle and bustle. This is the perfect location for business or leisure, a romantic getaway, sports weekend, or time with the girls.

Since joining the McGettigan group of hotels, every part of the Ambassador has been refurbished in cool tones of grey and cream, while retaining original features such as the grand staircase, portholes and stunning stained glass windows.

There are 70 bedrooms and no bland, minimalist, mass production here! Modern conveniences such as coffee machines sit on retro original furnishings; feature wallpapered walls make the most of high ceilings and the view from balconies is just incredible.

Function rooms upstairs I really liked the electric blinds in the large function room that allow you enjoy



**McGettigan's Cookhouse & Bar at the Ambassador Hotel.**



**One of the revamped bedrooms with balcony.**

large sky windows pouring in daylight one minute; night-time party atmosphere the next.

As well as a fully equipped gym and Scandinavian saunas, guests can enjoy the newly-launched McGettigan's Cookhouse & Bar which boasts a varied menu and excellent food - we tried three courses just to be sure and left beyond satisfied.

I particularly love the reclaimed wooden floor, the comfortable furnishings, the open kitchen and the vast BBQ deck off - this is

a lively and smart place for lunch or an evening gathering. Or, just maybe a cocktail after some shopping!

It is wonderful to see fresh light and energy breathed into one of Cork's most beautiful buildings and every member of staff had a smile on their face during our visit, which makes all the difference. It's somewhere a little bit special and full of character for a romantic weekend away; or a shopping trip with the girls.

Call 021-4539000 or see [ambassadorhotel.ie](http://ambassadorhotel.ie) for more.

## Idyllic Italy!

Summer is motoring along nicely but it's still not too late to book an Italian beach holiday!

Topflight has plenty of Italian beach resorts for you to choose from, including the Venetian Riviera, Sicily and the Adriatic Riviera.

With prices from €599 per person, get the buckets and spades ready for holidays!

### Topflight's top three Italian beach destinations:

1. The Venetian Riviera has superb beaches, bustling resorts and enjoys a close proximity to the cities of Venice and Verona.

Topflight features the resorts of Lido di Jesolo and Caorle and you can fly direct from Cork.

Lido di Jesolo has miles and miles of sandy beaches, great hotels, a pedestrian stretch full of piazzas, shops, bars, restaurants and within easy access to Venice. The well-serviced Blue Flag beach stretches to over 15km of golden sand and nearby is a waterpark called Aqualandia - fun for all the family.

15 July: 3\* Hotel Eddy, bed & breakfast, was €752, now €599pps

22 July: 4\* Hotel Principe Palace, half board, was €1184, now €969pps

Caorle is a charming city on the Venetian Riviera with winding streets, colourful houses and a historic old town. It is bordered on both sides by miles and miles of sandy beaches.

### Topflight's family special:

15 July, 4\* Villaggio San Francesco, self catering, was €902, now €699pps (based on two adults and two children sharing).

2. Whether you are looking for family fun, great nightlife or a sophisticated Italian experience, the Adriatic Riviera has it all. Topflight features the resorts of Rimini and Cattolica and flights are from Dublin.

Rimini offers 15km of beaches, bathing clubs, sports, culture, history, shopping, friendly locals and gorgeous food!

### Topflight's family special:

22 July, 4\* Hotel de France, bed & breakfast, was €764, now €684pps (based on two adults and two children sharing).

Cattolica offers a 3km stretch of golden sandy beach where you can soak up the sun during the day, stroll through quaint piazzas and enjoy the fantastic



**Taormina.**

range of restaurants and lively nightlife.

15 July, 3\* Hotel Ninfea, half board, was €808, now €669pps

5 August, 4\* Hotel Madison, half board, was €1029, now €869pps

3. Sicily is the largest of the Mediterranean islands and is separated from the mainland by the Straits of Messina.

Topflight features the resorts of Giardini Naxos and Taormina.

Just a few kilometres from Taormina is Giardini Naxos, a charming corner of Sicily that has grown from a sleepy fishing village to a thriving seaside resort.

While it is a popular holiday destination with Italians and tourists, it has lost none of its traditional, laid-back lifestyle and culture.

15 July, 5\* Hotel Diamond, bed & breakfast, was €1133, now €899pps

### Topflight's family special:

5 August, 4\* ATAHotel Naxos Beach, half board, was €1219, now €1020 (based on two adults and two children sharing).

Hailed as one of the most beautiful places in Sicily, Taormina, which perches on the slopes of Monte Tauro, has fantastic views that surround the town.

15 July, 3\* Hotel Vello d'Oro, Taormina, bed and breakfast, was €872, now €649pps

All prices are per person sharing unless otherwise stated. Prices include return flights from Cork for the Venetian Riviera and return flights from Dublin to the Adriatic Riviera and Sicily. Accommodation for seven nights on board basis as stated, transfers, taxes and services of a Topflight representative in resort.

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**The extensive barbecue and deck area overlooking the city.**