



DISCOVER A HIDDEN GEM ON
IRELAND'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY

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Step into the Heart of the Earth

Doolin Cave is home to one of the greatest natural wonders of the world – the Great Stalactite.

Located just outside the village of Doolin in County Clare, on the Wild Atlantic Way, the cave offers visitors the chance to witness **Europe's largest free-hanging stalactite**, suspended **over 7 metres** from the ceiling of a vast limestone chamber deep underground.

Discovered in 1952 by two young cavers, the Great Stalactite is believed to be **over 70,000 years old** and remains a true geological marvel. **Opened to the public in 2006** following years of careful conservation-led development, Doolin Cave has become one of Ireland's most distinctive and sustainably managed visitor attractions.

Today, guided cave tours offer an immersive, educational, and awe-inspiring experience for visitors of all ages. Above ground, guests can enjoy a full day out, including a delightful café, artisan gift shop, and a farmland nature trail with animals and native biodiversity.

Doolin Cave is a proudly family-owned and locally operated business, deeply committed to sustainability and community. **The site holds Gold Certification from Ecotourism Ireland** and has won multiple awards for responsible tourism and environmental stewardship.

Located just 15 minutes from the Cliffs of Moher and at the edge of the **Burren UNESCO Global Geopark**, Doolin Cave is a must-see stop on any journey through the west of Ireland.



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Fast Facts

Location: Craggycorrada East, Doolin, Co. Clare, Ireland V95 CC79

Feature Attraction: Great Stalactite – 7.3m long

Seasonality: Daily tours all year around - Check website for tour times

Eco-Certified: Ecotourism Ireland Gold Standard

Suitable for: Small groups & FIT travellers, schools & educational groups and families (not suitable for under 3's)



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Into the Depths: The Doolin Cave Experience

The Great Stalactite – Awe-Inspiring Natural Drama

Descend 200 feet below the surface to witness the breath-taking Great Stalactite – at 7.3 metres, it's one of the longest of its kind in the world. Lit to dramatic effect after a moment of complete darkness, it's a spine-tingling experience that stays with visitors long after they return above ground.

Part of a UNESCO Global Geopark

Doolin Cave is an accredited member of the Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, recognised for sustainable practices and exceptional geological significance. Your guests will experience not only a natural wonder, but also a destination rooted in responsible tourism and environmental stewardship.

A Real Adventure – Exclusive or Public Tours

Guests follow the footsteps of the cave's first explorers on a guided tour through a cave system shaped entirely by water and time. For luxury groups, bespoke private tours offer exclusive access with expert interpretation.

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Eco Nature Trail & Burren Biodiversity

Back at ground level, guests can enjoy a scenic self-guided 1km walk through native woodland, wildflower meadows, and take time to meet our friendly pygmy goats, Ginger and Oreo, our donkeys, Bert and Ernie, and our happy chickens – a tranquil addition to the adventure underground.

Local Heritage Through Pottery

The on-site gift shop showcases work created using 12,000-year-old glacial clay discovered within the cave. This artisan range, crafted by Caireann Browne, tells a story of Ireland's natural and cultural heritage – a perfect memento available in the gift shop or online.

On-Site Café & Visitor Centre

Featuring homemade local produce and welcoming hospitality, the café and gift shop provide a pleasant space to relax before or after the cave experience.



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Quotes & Testimonials

Visitor Reviews:

"A fantastic experience ... the descent and the tour itself are breathtaking and absolutely worth the effort!"

– Philip A., Google Review

"Spectacular! Cian our guide did a SUPER job ... we were awe struck."

– Rita C, Google Review

"Unique Stalactite and Tour; Well Worth It! ... Our tour guide was excellent from start to finish."

– eaglelake20, TripAdvisor

Media Coverage:

RTE highlighted Doolin Cave in its 2024 summer feature on Ireland's best caves to visit, referencing historical coverage of the cave's public opening and the significance of the Great Stalactite, describing it as a "fantastic" and easily accessible show cave for visitors.

Link to article [here](#).



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"Doolin Cave is more than just a cave – it's a natural monument to time, patience and wonder. We're proud to share it in a sustainable way."

– Helen & John Browne, proud & dedicated caretakers of Doolin Cave



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