

Bere Island Easter Retreat

The Easter Retreat will start on Monday 29 March with the first session at 6.00 pm at The Heritage Centre. It will finish on Easter Sunday, 4 April at noon. Participants are of course welcome to come before or stay after the retreat and enjoy the island.



The retreat is open to all but some sessions will be particularly addressed to young adults.

The retreat will take place on Bere Island in Co. Cork, Ireland. All participants are required to make their own travel, accommodation and meal arrangements.

There is no registration fee but a donation according to your means towards the costs of organising the retreat and rental for The Heritage Centre would be appreciated.

Please book with Andrea
on +44 (0)208 449 1319 or email wccmlists@gmail.com
Visit: www.wccmretreatcentre.org.uk/calendar.html



Bere Island EASTER RETREAT 29 March – 4 April 2010



Easter Sunday on Bere Island 2009

*Join us for a meditation retreat with Fr Laurence Freeman OSB
and explore the mysteries of Easter.*

The Bere Island Easter Retreat will be an interior pilgrimage of the Easter mysteries as they unfold in Holy Week. The retreat programme includes regular meditation periods, talks by Fr Laurence, the Easter liturgies with the island people with time for reading, walks and solitude.

With its deep pre-history and great natural beauty, Bere Island is an ideal space to open to the spiritual meaning of the season.

Organised by The World Community for Christian Meditation



ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

On Bere Island, there is a restaurant and a pub that provides evening meals and a small convenience store if you are self-catering. It is recommended, though, that you buy your groceries in Castletownbere where the main store is located before arriving on the island. For all accommodation, please book direct.

1. The Lawrence Cove Lodge – double and multi-occupancy rooms with optional B&B. Contact **Edel Murphy** on **+353 (0)27 75988** or email **edel@bereislandlodge.com** or visit **www.bereislandlodge.com**
2. Bed & Breakfast - contact **Theresa Hall-Green** on **+353 (0)27 75052**
3. Self-catering houses to rent - contact **Barry Hanley** on **+353 (0)86 884 5709**
4. Young adult meditators staying at Admiral House – Book with **Andrea** on **+44 (0)208 449 1319** or email **wccm.lists@gmail.com**

TRAVEL

Bere Island is reached by ferry from Castletownbere. It is easiest to come to Castletownbere by flying into Cork and taking a bus or taxi from there or hiring a car and driving to Castletownbere.

BY TAXI

There is a taxi rank located outside the main airport terminal building.
Approximate cost: €130
Journey time: 2.5 hours

BY HARRINGTONS BUS

Privately-run minibus that travels once a day. Seats must be booked in advance.
Tel: **+353 (0)27 74003**

BY BUS EIREANN

National bus service that runs once a day, 4 days a week
Tel: **+353 (0)21 450 8188**
Website: **www.buseireann.ie**

*Ensure your travel to Cork coincides with bus times, as there is no other public transport between Cork and Castletownbere. There are seasonal adjustments to Bus Eireann timetables. It is advisable to double check the schedule on their website.

BY CAR HIRE

Advisable to book this in advance.
Tel numbers for the various cab companies can be found on the Cork Airport website: **www.corkairport.com/to_from/car_hire.html**

BY CAR

DRIVING FROM CORK AIRPORT

Take the N27 towards Cork until you meet the N25 Southern Ring Road and turn left heading for the N71 to Bandon. **
Journey time: 2.5 hours

DRIVING FROM ROSSIARE

Take the N25 the whole way through New Ross, Waterford, Dungarvan (a good stopping off point), Youghal and Cork.
As you come into Cork you will turn left onto the Southern Ring Road (N25) and follow the signs all the way round it for the N71 to Bandon. **
Journey time: 3 hours.

DRIVING FROM RINGASKIDDY (The Swansea Cork Ferry Terminal)

Ringaskiddy is at the end of the N28. Follow this until you meet the N25 Southern Ring Road and turn left heading for the N71 to Bandon. **

** Take the N71 to the outskirts of Bandon. At a roundabout with a large Texaco garage ahead leave the N71, taking the next exit to the town centre with the garage immediately to your left.

At the T-junction, with a Methodist Church facing, you turn right. Go over the river bridge and turn left at the next T-junction. This is the R586 to Enniskean, Dunmanway and Bantry rejoining the N71 a few miles before Bantry. The road then enters Bantry at the corner of the large town square. Your exit is from the diametrically opposite corner of the square staying on the N71 which takes you to Glengarriff.

At Glengarriff you turn off to the left leaving the main tourist route and taking the road signed the Ring of Beara and Castletownbere.

CAR FERRY FROM CASTLETOWNBERE TO BERE ISLAND

Journey time: 15 minutes. Last ferry crossing to Bere Island is at 6.30 pm.
Ferry timings are available at **www.bereislandferries.com**
Tel: **+353 (0)27 75009**

Please note that no credit or bank cards are accepted on the island and there are no ATMs available for cash.

For more information on travel and accommodation in Bere Island
please visit
www.bereisland.net
www.castletownbere.ie

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