

## Culture, Heritage & Music

The nearby village of Cloyne is home to one of the few surviving round towers in Cork. This particular Round Tower is thought to have been a place of refuge for Christian monks at times of attack and plunder. Cloyne is also steeped in GAA and the statue of perhaps the most popularly celebrated son of GAA Christy Ring can be seen in Chapel Street. Local Ballycotton pub, the Blackbird, is a regular spot for live music at the weekends, often featuring national & local talent.

Visit the **Heritage Centre** in Youghal which displays artefacts, images and models that illustrate the history of Youghal and then take the **Heritage Trail** which will take you to see important landmarks in this seaside town. **Fox's Lane Museum** provides a fascinating display of some 600 restored gadgets that were used during the 1850s up to the 1950s. The **Nook Bar** holds a Trad & Folk Night every Wednesday during the summer months.

The award winning **Jameson Heritage Centre** is a lovingly restored 18th century distillery, located just fifteen minutes from the hotel. A guided tour details the story of Irish whiskey with an audio-visual presentation and a sampling of the renowned Jameson Whiskey in the bar. On a Tuesday night **Wallis Bar** in Midleton is a good spot to enjoy traditional Irish music, while Wednesday night is their 'Open Mike' night and on a Sunday night you will find popular bands playing such as J90 or Arcadia.

The colourful town of Cobh, which is about 30 minutes drive from Garryvoe Hotel, is a harbour town steeped in maritime history. Visit the restored Victorian Railway Station to discover the **Queenstown Story**, a multimedia exhibition detailing the story of emigration from Cobh during the great famine as well as the era of the great Liners in the 1950s.

The Titanic, 'the safest liner in the world', made its last port of call to Cobh on its fateful maiden voyage. The **Titanic Trail** brings visitors to see the original buildings, streets and piers that the Titanic's last passengers used. Nowadays, many cruise liners visit Cobh during the summer period, some of which invite visitors onboard. The liners are welcomed to Cobh with fun & festivities including free concerts, children's activities and local arts & crafts.

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[www.cobhheritage.com/index2.html](http://www.cobhheritage.com/index2.html)  
[www.titanic-trail.com](http://www.titanic-trail.com)

Other annual events in Cork to enjoy in 2010 and 2011

[www.corkmidsummer.com](http://www.corkmidsummer.com)  
[www.corkfilmfest.org](http://www.corkfilmfest.org)  
[www.corkchoral.ie](http://www.corkchoral.ie)  
[www.damhsafest.ie](http://www.damhsafest.ie)  
[www.corkjazzfestival.com](http://www.corkjazzfestival.com)

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