



Bay View Hotel

O'Connell Street, Kilkee, Co. Clare



IN THE HEART OF THE LOOP HEAD PENINSULA



Dear Guest,

You are welcome to Bay View Hotel, in the heart of the Loop Head Peninsula, on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Our aim is to ensure that you enjoy your time with us and have a relaxing stay. Our dedicated team will endeavour to answer any questions you may have on either the facilities of the Hotel or what's going on the local area.

On the ground floor you will find our reception area and directly across from it **The Pier Restaurant**, where Mary and her team will welcome you for breakfast which is served daily from 8.30-10.00am. After Breakfast, The Pier reopens at 12.30 when lunch is served in both the Bar & Restaurant until 5.00pm, with dinner being served from 5.30 to 8.30pm every day. If you wish to reserve a table, you can do so at Reception.



Beside the door to our restaurant, you will find the residents' entrance to our busy pub, **Hickie's Bar**. Hickie's is a popular meeting point for locals and residents alike as the place to go to enjoy a tea or coffee, or something stronger, while planning the day ahead! The Bar offers live music every Saturday night, and five nights a week in season! Hickie's Bar opens its doors at 12.30pm daily.



Bay View Hotel offers complimentary Wi-Fi in all locations. The password for the Wi-Fi will be given to you at reception on check in.

We are the proud recipient of many awards and a member of the TripAdvisor World Hall of Fame for service excellence, so if you have any questions throughout your stay every member of our Front of House staff will be more than willing to help.

We sincerely wish to thank you once again for choosing to stay with us. We hope that you will enjoy your stay. C ad M ile F ailte.

Kind Regards,

John Hickie

John Hickie
GENERAL MANAGER

Mary Hickie

Mary Hickie
PROPRIETOR





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And some time make the time to drive out west
Into County Clare, along the Flaggy Shore,
In September or October, when the wind
And the light are working off each other
So that the ocean on one side is wild
With foam and glitter, and inland among stones
The surface of a slate-grey lake is lit
By the earthed lightening of flock of swans,
Their feathers roughed and ruffling, white on white,
Their fully-grown headstrong-looking heads
Tucked or cresting or busy underwater.
Useless to think you'll park or capture it
More thoroughly. You are neither here nor there,
A hurry through which known and strange things pass
As big soft buffetings come at the car sideways
And catch the heart off guard and blow it open

Seamus Heaney

Established in 1883 and now with the fifth generation of the Hickie family in business here, Bay View Hotel has a long tradition of welcoming guests from all over the world for over 100 years.

What to do in Kilkee and its Environs

- **Fishing** – Carrigaholt Sea Angling +353 (0)87 636 7544
- **Scuba Diving** – Kilkee Sub Aqua Club +353 (0)86 829 8857
- **Water Sports** – Nevsail +353 (0)86 330 8236
- **Golfing** – Kilkee Golf Club +353 (0)65 905 6977.
- Kilrush golf Club +353 (0)86 411 8983
- Trump International Doonbeg +353 (0)65 905 5601.
- **Local History & Lectures** – Kilkee Civic Trust +353 (0)65 905 6371.
- **Horse Riding** – West Clare Equestrian +353 (0)65 905 9115
- **Bike Rental** – Paul Williams +353 (0)65 905 6041
- **Rock Climbing & Abseiling** – Nevsail +353 (0)86 330 8236
- **Dolphin Watching** – Carrigaholt Dolphin Watch +353 (0)65 905 8156
- **Sightseeing Tours** – Doolin2Aran Ferry +353 (0)65 707 5949
- **Spa** – Thalassotherapy Centre +353 (0)65 905 6742
- **Walking Tours** – The Long Way Around +353 (0)86 409 9624

Kilkee | A Short History of West Clare's Tourist Gem

Kilkee (Irish: Cill Chaoi, meaning "Church of Chaoineadh Ita - lamentation for Ita") is a small coastal town in County Clare, Ireland.

It is located midway between Kilrush and Doonbeg on the N67 road. The town is particularly popular as a seaside resort with people from Limerick City.

The horseshoe bay is protected from the Atlantic Ocean weather by the Duggerna Reef. Kilkee has regularly been awarded the Blue Flag by the European Commission. In 2006, a statue of Richard Harris was unveiled in Kilkee by actor Russell Crowe who spoke very highly of the town saying it had some of the best public walks in the world.

During the early part of the 19th century, Kilkee was just a small fishing village but in the 1820s when a paddle steamer service from Limerick to Kilrush was launched, it began to attract visitors.

It has been a resort since then and was featured on the front page of the Illustrated London News as the premier bathing spot in what was then the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. As the town was more accessible to people from Limerick rather than Clare, holidaying in Kilkee became more of a Limerick custom, due to steamboats travelling daily up and down the River Shannon.

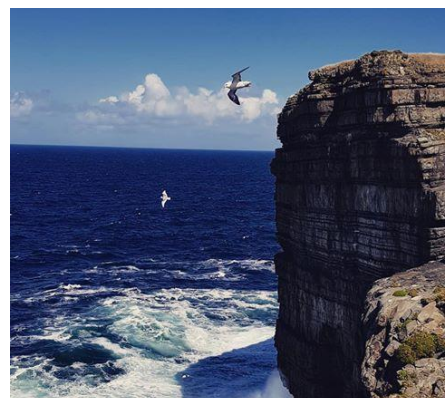
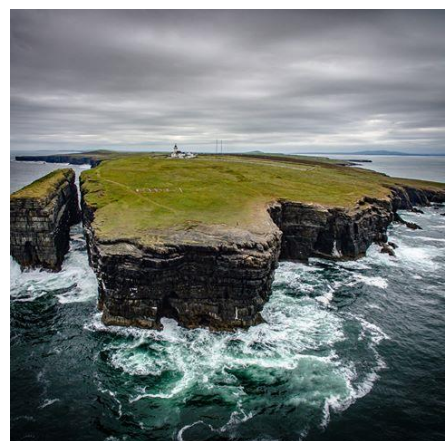
Gradually the town grew as wealthy merchants from Limerick wanted holiday homes by the sea, resulting in a building boom in the 1830s. As demand for lodgings in Kilkee grew, several hotels were built. Along with these, three churches were built, a Roman Catholic church in 1831, a Protestant church in 1843 and a Methodist church in 1900, reflecting the cosmopolitan feel of the town in that era.

In the 1890s, Kilkee had yet again another boom, when the West Clare Railway opened up to goods transport, improving commercial life in the area, as well as providing a relatively fast means of travel to and from the town. As Kilkee was famous for its bathing spots and natural beauty, many prominent people in society travelled to Kilkee including Sir Aubrey de Vere, Charlotte Bronte (who spent her honeymoon here), Lord Alfred Tennyson, Sir Henry Rider Haggard and in 1896, the Crown Princess of Austria visited the town.

The entertainer Percy French was a regular performer in the town and an incident on the West Clare Railway on the way back from Kilkee prompted him to write the song Are Ye Right There Michael. Although it has become more developed and modern in recent years, the town retains some of its 19th-century Victorian feel.

Maritime History

Due to Kilkee being located beside the sea, a lot of the town's history involves the ocean. One contributing factor to the growth of Kilkee was the fact that the beach is one of the safest in Ireland, being protected by the force of the Atlantic Ocean by the Duggerna Reef, better known today as the Pollack Holes. In the Illustrated London News in 1849, the resort was described as 'Western Brighton'.



Bay View Hotel

Bay View Hotel is a Boutique Victorian Hotel situated at the top of Kilkee's main street, just a stone's throw from Kilkee Beach. Owned and operated by the Hickie Family, the business is currently in the 5th generation of the family, under the management of mother & son team, John & Mary Hickie. A warm welcome is guaranteed here.

All our rooms are tastefully decorated and have private bathrooms. All rooms come with their own mobile phone for guests to use throughout their stay. Breakfast is included in all our rates and is cooked to order for every customer. We have single rooms, double rooms, twin rooms, triple rooms, and family rooms. Some rooms carry spectacular views of the bay. We are open all year round, and have special offers regularly on bed, breakfast evening meals.

The Pier Restaurant

Opened in 2013, our in-house dining experience, The Pier Restaurant, has gone from strength to strength under the watchful eye of Head Chef, Aidan Feeney.

Our restaurant looks out on Kilkee Bay in two verandas perfect for private bookings, family get-togethers, and intimate candlelit dinners, and a 20-seater dining room, tastefully decorated with original parquet wooden floor. Using all locally sourced ingredients, freshness & traceability is at the heart of our operation. Our motto is Farm Fresh, Ocean Fresh, Market Fresh.

We serve lunch from 12.30pm to 5.00pm daily, and dinner from 5.00pm to 8.30pm every evening. We also have Daily Specials and a special menu for Sunday Lunch.

Hickie's Bar

The real life and soul of our Business is Hickie's Bar. A blend of traditional and contemporary design, you can't come to Kilkee and not stop by Hickie's for one!

Live Music every Saturday and 5 nights a week during summer, live sports played across 5 large screens, and a seemingly never-ending list of gins, whiskeys, and cocktails to sample, you may never wish to leave once you step inside. We also serve food in the Bar from 12.30-8.30pm daily.

We pride ourselves on our award-winning customer service here at Bay View Hotel, and we are delighted to announce that we have recently been awarded a place in the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame. We would greatly appreciate if you took the time to leave us a review.

