

# Ireland 2017

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Now sweetly lies old Ireland  
Emerald green beyond the foam,  
Awakening sweet memories,  
Calling the heart back home.

Driving route

Red = route to towns  
where we stayed

Blue = day trips





Rock of Cashel. Tower, Chapel and Cathedral.  
Construction dates from 1100 - 1270



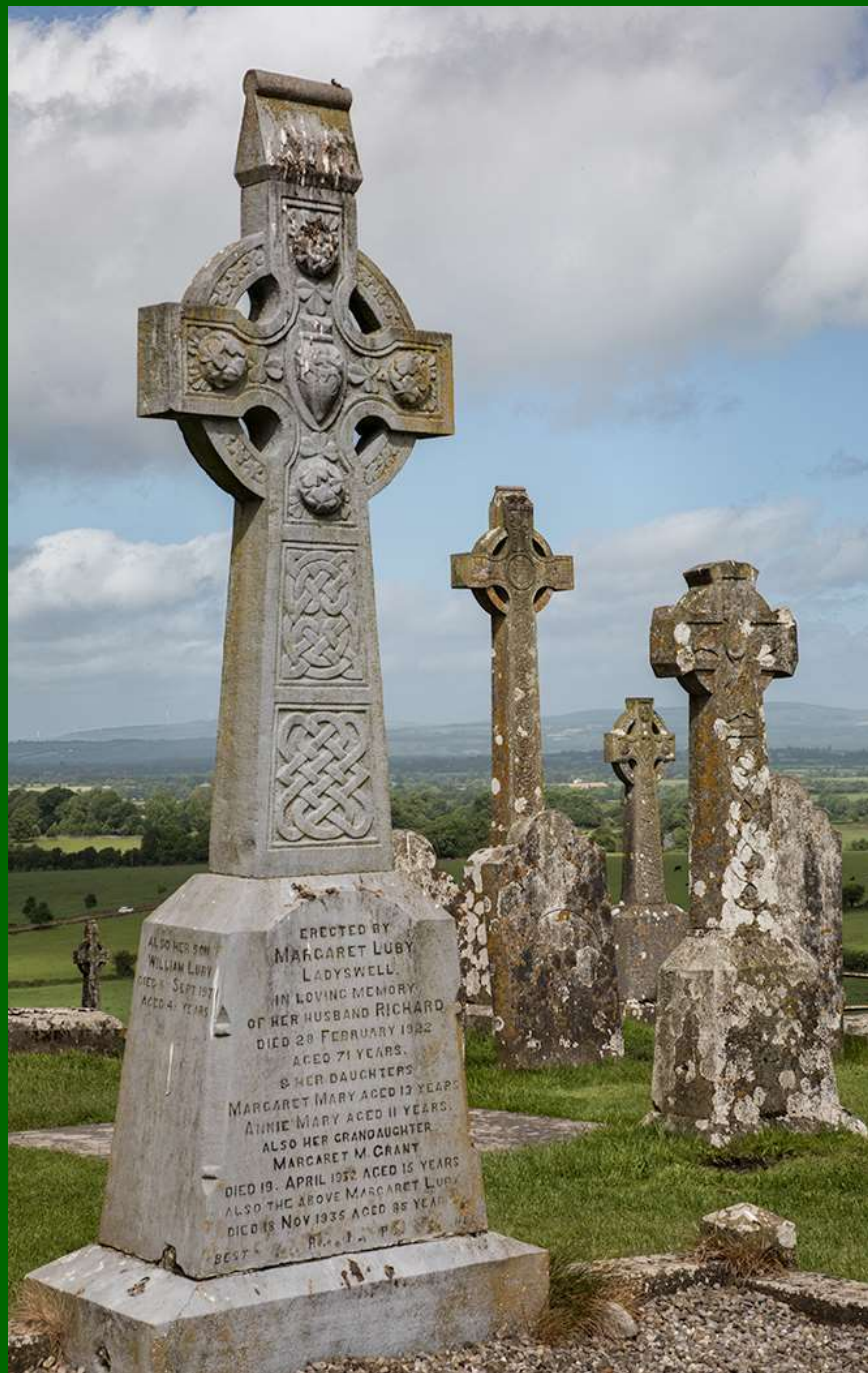




Graves around the cathedral



## Celtic crosses at the Rock of Cashel





Interior detail





Cathedral













Hore Abbey, as seen from the Rock of Cashel





Rental house in Kenmare, with friends Mike and Mary Erickson





View from the porch  
to Kenmare Bay – 40  
shades of green







Chaffinch



Kenmare





Kenmare





Cromwell's bridge. Perhaps dates from the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Not named for the genocidal Oliver Cromwell.







The Kenmare  
Stone Circle



Live music at the  
Coachmans in Kenmare

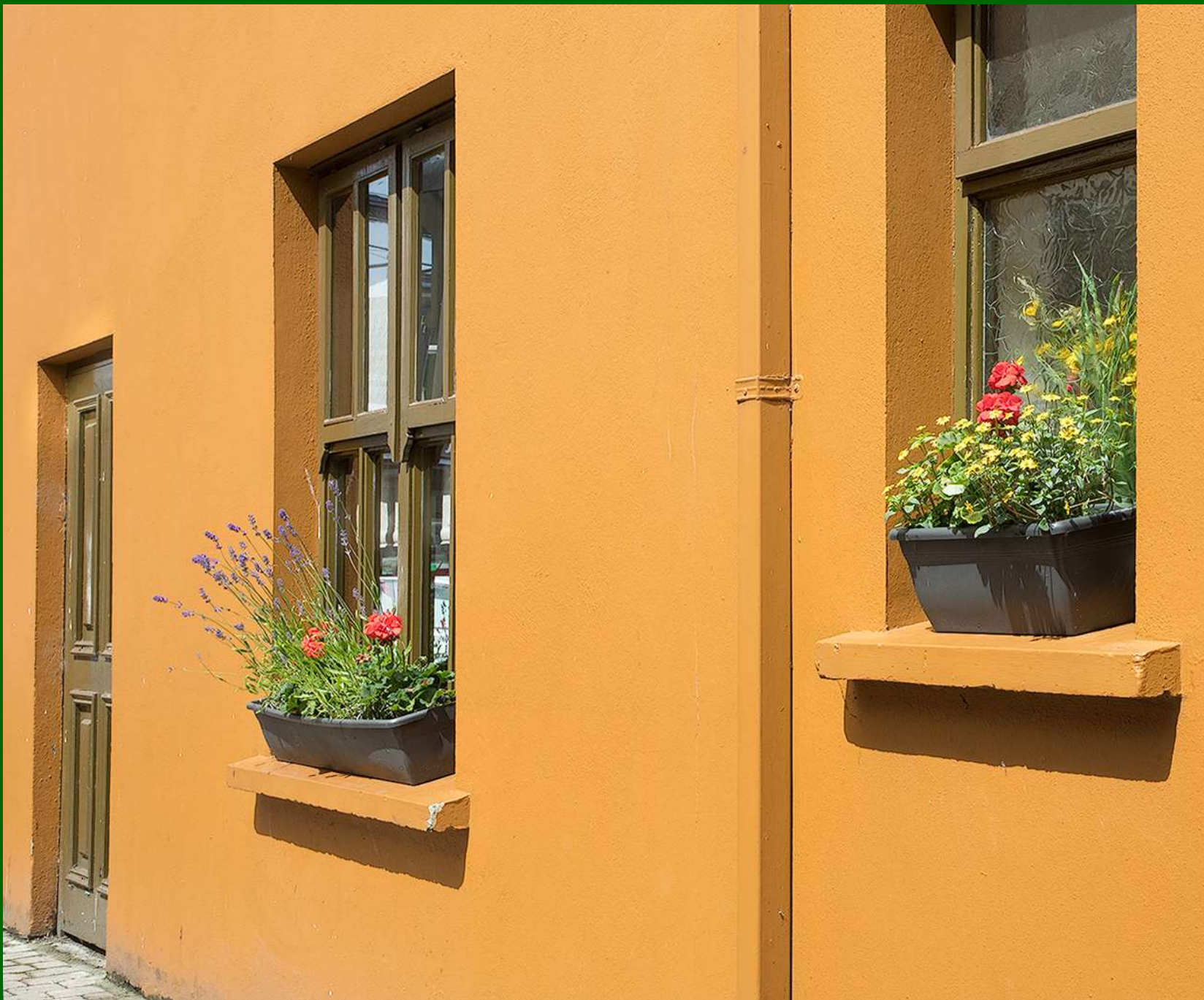




Tea and scones at the  
lovely Park Hotel







Kenmare







Live music at Molly Gallivan's  
Cottage in Kenmare.









Foxglove grows  
prolifically in  
Ireland





Sunrise from the house rental





Kenmare Bay





European Robin







In Gortgarriff, on the Ring of Beara. Interesting that after the church fell into disrepair, people were buried inside the walls.





Gortgarriff



Eyeries, on the  
Ring of Beara





## Eyeries





# Eyeries





Bronze age stone circle at Bonane Heritage Park near Kenmare





Overgrown remains of a Famine Ruin, a farmhouse from which tenants were evicted because the potato crop failed due to the potato blight of the late 1840s. The owner would have destroyed the house to prevent the tenants from moving back in. Bonane Heritage Park.





A fairy house at Bonane Heritage  
Park. Of course it's real.





## Countryside on the Ring of Kerry





Kerry Cliffs,  
Portmagee, on the  
Ring of Kerry





Kerry Cliffs







Kestrel hovering in high winds at the Kerry Cliffs





The Glanleam Standing Stone and the  
Valentia Island Lighthouse.



View from the  
Valentia Island  
lighthouse







View west to the  
Atlantic from the  
Skellig Ring



Karen on Staigue Fort  
which is remarkably  
intact after 1700  
years or so.





Fuchsia grows wild in  
Ireland







Killarney  
National Park



Torc Falls  
Killarney National Park







Dingle





Dingle



## Concert of Celtic music in Dingle





At the western edge of the Dingle Peninsula





## Dingle Harbor









## Cliffs of Moher





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Galway





Galway





## The Galway Street Band





Galway





Galway





Rossaveal harbor





Jackdaw on a thatch roof

Inishmore Island





Typical geology of the area called the Burren, which includes Inishmore







Inishmore



Dun Angus fort on  
Inishmore, initial  
construction 1100 BC









## Seven Churches on Inishmore





Actually this was Mike's Guinness. Karen just wanted to make her kids jealous.





## Derryclare Lough









## Roundstone





Roundstone





## Roundstone





Peat, cut and stacked for drying





Connamara Pony colt





Kylemore Abbey







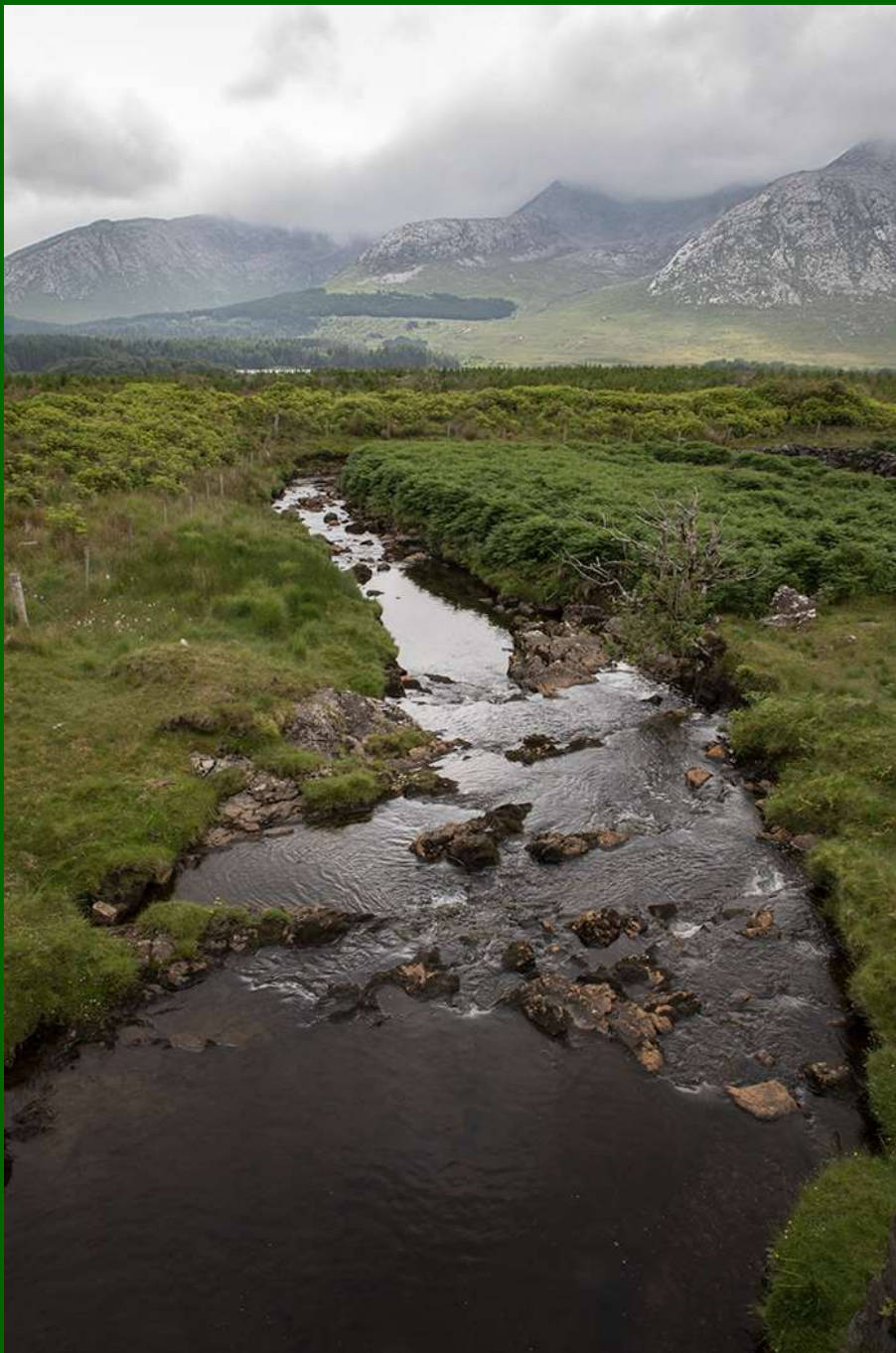
Connnamara Landscape



Derelict homes are a  
common sight.







Connamara Landscape

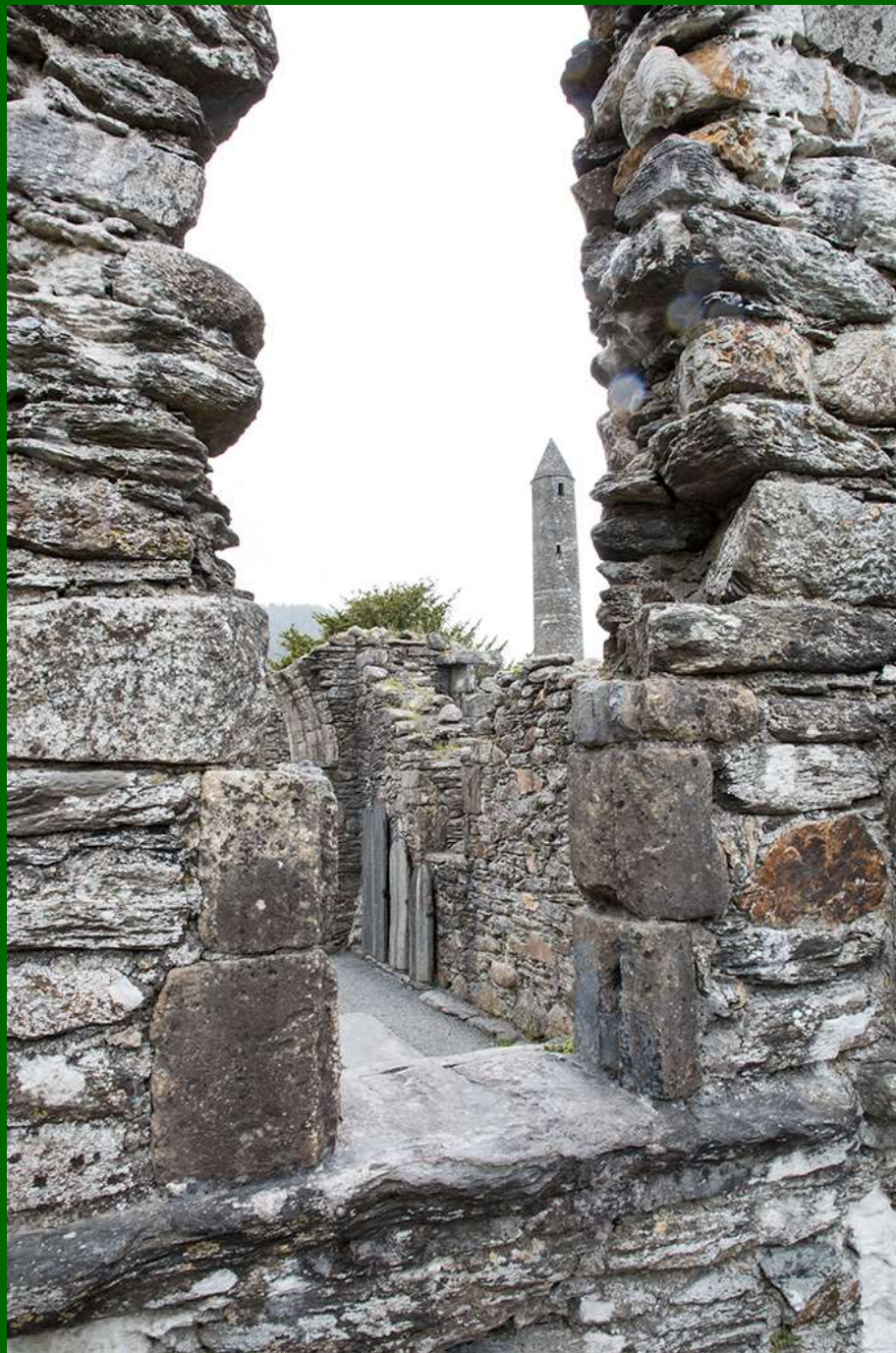


Glendalough monastery





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Scenery at Glendalough





Lower Lake at Glendalough





I'm pretty sure faeries live here.





# Clonmacnoise Monastery







Clonmacnoise Monastery, on the river  
Shannon



Dublin, Trinity College





Library, Trinity  
College







Library, Trinity College



Dublin  
Ha'penny Bridge

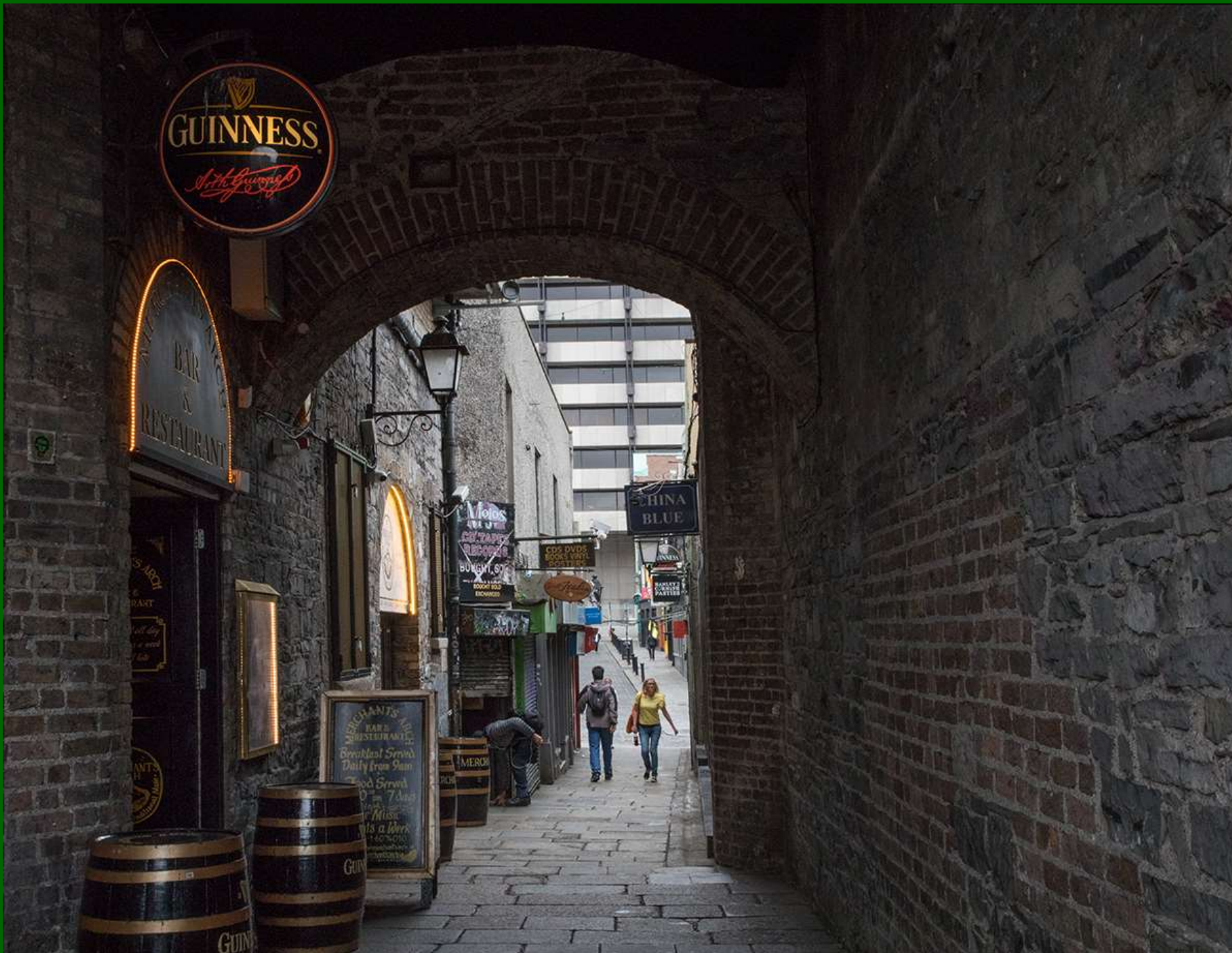




You know you're in a wet  
climate when you see  
Jupiter's Beard growing  
out of walls. A common  
sight.







Dublin



Dublin

*“Always do sober what you  
said you’d do drunk.  
That will teach you to keep  
your mouth shut.”*

Ernest Hemingway









Dublin





## Dublin – cheap gallery space







Dublin



“Famine”

sculpture in St. Stephen's Green





## Powerscourt Estate and Gardens in the Wicklow Mountains





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## Powerscourt Gardens







Powerscourt Gardens







Howth, northeast  
of Dublin. Our final  
lodging rental.





Howth



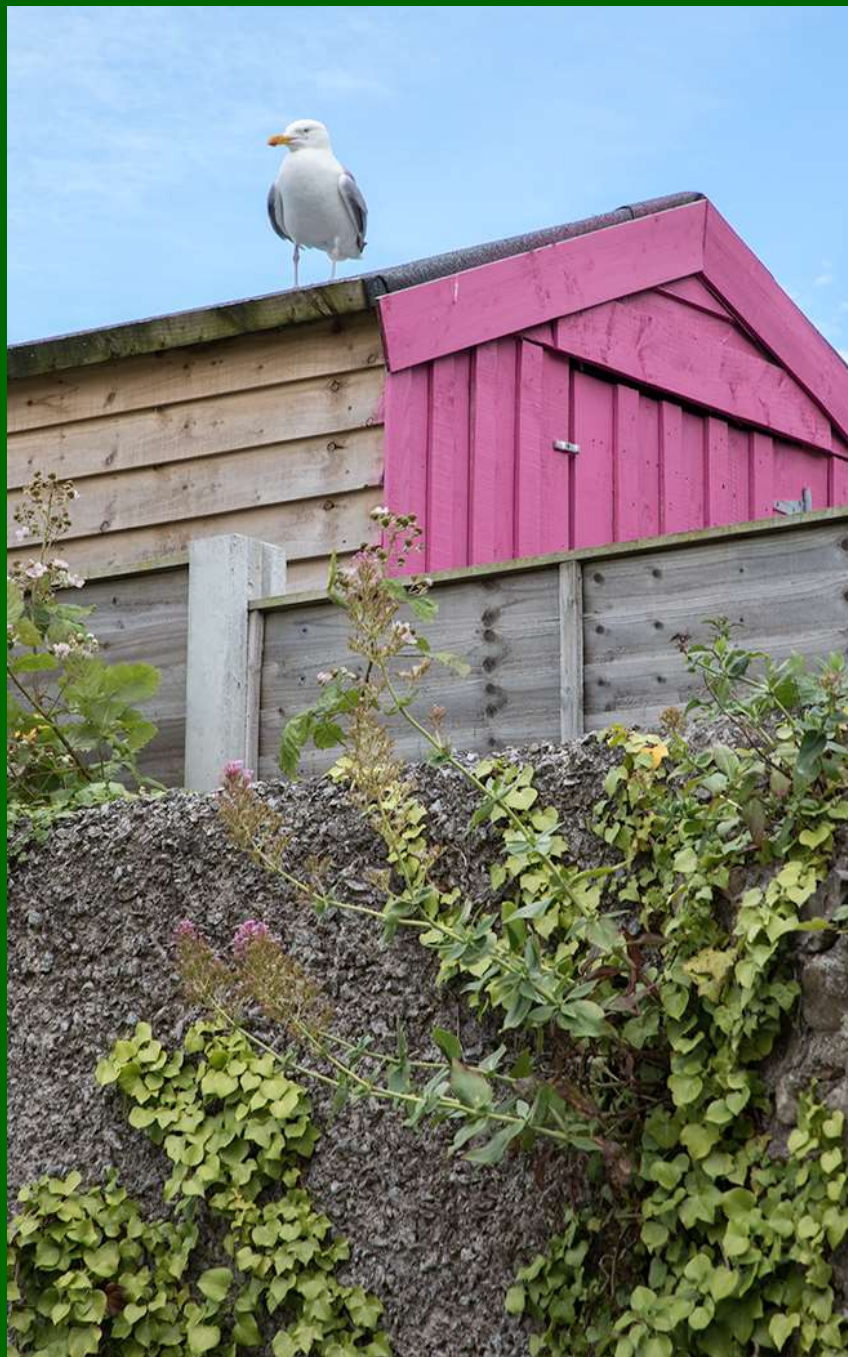


Howth Abbey





Herring Gull







by the Irish Sea