

LOCAL AREA

SPANISH POINT

Known as the 'Banner County' is also the County of seascapes and landscapes. Clare plays host to two of the Country's natural attractions. Firstly, the Cliffs of Moher and secondly, The Burren, whose geology, flora, caves, archaeology and history set it apart as a place of great mystery and beauty. The River Shannon and Lough Derg form the eastern boundary of County Clare.

Spanish Point is located on the west coast of county Clare Ireland. Spanish Point takes it's name from the unfortunate Spanish who died here in 1588, when many ships of the Spanish Armada were wrecked during stormy weather. Those who survived the wrecking and sinking of their ships and made it to land were executed by Sir Turlough O'Brien of Liscannor and Boethius Clancy, High Sheriff of County Clare at the time.

Now days Spanish point is a lot more welcoming to it's visitors and is home to many holiday homes. People enjoy the beach and seaside activities that are available here during the summer however in winter the population falls dramatically.

In the early nineteenth century Thomas Moroney built the Atlantic Hotel and for a time it rejoiced in the title of the largest hotel in the British Isles. The seaside resort developed as a refuge for the aristocracy and some of the lodges can still be seen today although only a small portion of the hotel ruin remains.

Spanish Point is also one of the better surfing sites in [County Clare](#) and with [Lahinch](#) so close to the North surfing enthusiasts are certain to enjoy their stay.

The nine hole golf course is one of the oldest courses in the county being over 110 years old and affords fantastic views of the rugged coastline.

There are lots of opportunities to sample fantastic seafood and other fine fare in the area and if you want to try you hand at cooking Berry Lodge Cookery School is just the place.

There are many types of accommodation available in Spanish Point from hotels to bed and breakfasts. Self catering accommodation is also widely available however it is important to bear in mind that during the Willie Clancy Summer school in nearby Miltown accommodation will be very hard to find.

Cliffs of Moher - Lahinch

Located just north of Lahinch on the coast of West Clare, are the Cliffs of Moher. Natural ramparts against the might of the Atlantic, they rise in places to over 215m and stretch for almost 8km

