

Comments and Reviews

Please email enquiries@dunmanusview.com regarding comments and/or reviews with respect to your stopover at Dunmanus View.....

Meaklim – Ottawa Canada July 2014

Thank you so much for the opportunity to enjoy your beautiful home. The countryside views are fantastic, and the location was ideal for the local tourist attractions. We visited Skibbereen, Bantry, Kenmare, Toormore, Ballydehob, Glengarriff + Killarney and many tourist attractions including: Mizen Head, Sheeps Head, Ring of Beara, Ring of Kerry, Gap of Dunloe – don't miss it! And Mucross House. If you want the perfect beach, check out Barley Cove – and don't forget to bring a picnic along!! It was perfect from start to finish and the weather was perfect too! Such a beautiful country. As the Irish say, 'thanks a million!'

Owners' response – We are glad you had an enjoyable time and look forward to seeing you again.

Smith's – London UK August 2015

We have had the most wonderful time here in W. Cork. The location of the cottage is perfect for exploring all the fun things to do nearby. We will really miss the peace and quiet when we return home to London, it will be very hard to adjust. We will have very fond memories of this wonderful place as on top of all the wonderful things that we have seen and done here; our eight-month-old son learnt to crawl in the sun- room! We really hope to return sometime.

Owners' response - Thank you for your pleasant review. You are very welcome here again.

Rankins – Worthing UK January 2016

We had a great holiday post Xmas 2015. The cottage is very comfortable with plenty of space for family of four. We loved exploring the sheep's head, a dream for walking and cycling. We loved Bantry which we used for shopping and eating out. Went to Schull which had some lovely Pubs, a great Crepe Restaurant. We enjoyed a friendly reception from the Long Boat Bar in Durrus. Thanks very much for a great stay.

Owners' response – We are glad you had a pleasant time in West Cork.

Thorsten – Greatugstrou Germany May 2016

We enjoyed staying in this lovely and charming cottage. The weather was very sunny, and we had a wonderful time in Dunbeacon. It was a relaxing holiday in this house.

Kelly – Sidmouth UK June 2016

We have enjoyed a lovely holiday here, and the cottage is very comfortable and relaxing place to stay. Thanks goes to Anna for a very warm welcome and talking us through the whys and where-fors. It is a fabulous setting, with excellent privacy and lovely views. The WiFi is a bit hit and miss at

times due to the mobile signal here. The TV picture is good, just a shame there are no BBC and freeview channels that you can get on a Soar-view Box. The shower is okay but takes a while to rinse your hair as the pressure is not great. Also, an outside washing line would be a definite improvement. But none of these things detracted from our stay here, and we would recommend it to others. Barley Cove is stunning, and Mizen Head is amazing also. The food and drinks everywhere are very good. We hope that everyone else enjoys their stay as much as we have!!

Owner response – Thank you for your constructive review. As a result, we have now installed a Power Shower. There is now also a Soar-view Box and a washing line and dry rack. Pleased you enjoyed your stay, and we hope to welcome you back again soon.

Ursula Jadia - Switzerland September 2016

An oasis of peace and tranquillity with a wonderful situation and great views. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay with plenty to do and see on both peninsulas. The cottage was well equipped and very comfortable. Anna made us feel very welcome and it was home from home. Many thanks.

Owners' response – Thank you for your review and leaving the cottage clean and tidy.

Rob - London UK June 2017

We had a great time here. A great location, and the house has been very thoughtfully decorated and equipped. This is the wild and less touristy part of West Cork and that's a good thing. Take advantage of it and remember that Bantry is only 20 minutes away if you need 'proper' shops. Otherwise, the local shop in Durrus is open until 8pm and there is good coffee in The Long Boat Bar. Some things to do: Make sure to drive to the top of Mt Gabriel where the two 'golfball' radars are (this is part of the North Atlantic air traffic control network keeping people safe in the air). On the road to Schull about 2km after the right turn (signpost) to Schull at the foot of the road look for an unmarked turn on the right – it follows immediately from a turn marked 'Cul de sac'- AFTER the Cul de Sac sign turn right and take STEEP drive up the mountain to the top. On a good day the view is FABULOUS. Drive the GOAT'S PATH on the Sheep's Head, great views, more tiny roads. Drive the HEALY PASS for ultimate tiny roads up-a-mountain full of sheep experience. Take the ferry from Glengarriff to GARNISH ISLAND- great gardens and views. BANTRY market FRIDAYS. Nearest petrol station is Ballydehob. Also go to MIZEN HEAD and the BARLEY COVE- fantastic views (again). We loved it here- hope you will too.

Owners' response – Thank you Rob. What a brilliant review and I'm sure future guests will appreciate and duplicate your amazing journey in West Cork.

Silvia Rudiger - Germany August 2017

We enjoyed our holidays in this lovely, comfortable cottage so much. Thank you. We had a great time and we saw a lot of this beautiful countryside. Certainly, we will come back to this lovely cottage and this wonderful country. Greetings from the north of Germany.

Owners' response – Thank you. You are most welcome to come back again.

Ella - The Netherlands August 2017

Wonderful place, lovely house, beautiful country. I can only repeat former guests. We truly enjoyed our stay. If you want to improve the stay even more, you might want to have more seats outside away from the wind. Thank you for having us.

Owners' response – Thank you Ella for your suggestion. I have now purchased two sun loungers and four picnic chairs for future guest's usage outside. Pleased you enjoyed your stay. Best wishes.

Agatha & Fernando – UK April 2018

After 18 hours door to door journey from London, we arrived at Dunmanus View, and fell in love with it instantly. This beautiful house oversees the large area of stunning land and Dunmanus Bay, and one can sit (this is a very strong temptation) on the bench and admire the view, particularly for sunset and sunrise. But the strongest asset is the house itself. Its interior design and décor is so lovely and thoughtful with plenty of personal touches, and we just loved being there. It was also very comfortable and well equipped. Despite the temptation of staying in the house we made numerous trips to the wonderful countryside and attractions including Crookhaven, Mizen Head, fantastic beach Barley Cove and of course the Friday Market in Bantry. I was so attracted to the locally produced cheese, honey, crockery and other merchandise, so hadn't it been for my husband's intervention we would have had great difficulties in fitting it all in our luggage. We loved our short stay here, the house, the land, sounds, smells and a lot of fresh air. We certainly left our hearts here and hope others will enjoy their stay as much.

Owners' response – Thank you Agatha and Fernando for your review and we would always be delighted to welcome you back at some point in the future....

Cynthia - Quincy USA May 2018

Especially loved walking to the standing stones for a 'spiritual' experience. Shopping in Bantry and restaurants were great. Will be Back.

Owners' response - Thank you for your comments and look forward to having you back soon.

Rob, Jin, Meabh & Fiachra - London UK June 2019

We are back again – two years later but this time there's four of us instead of three. We love this place – the peace and quiet, the light and shade, the rain and shine. We have spent the best week of the last 12 months here and we don't want to leave. Our travel suggestions from June 17 still stand – this time we'd say don't miss Bantry House, the gardens and café alone are worth a visit, but the house and its history are amazing. Some nice new cafes and small shops in Schull. GO TO CLONAKILTY. Everywhere you go and everywhere you look there's something beautiful. We'll be back again.

Owners' response – Welcome back and congratulations...! There is now an additional larger sized cot in the property for your next visit. Best wishes.

Lauren - Texas USA July 2019

We had a wonderful time at this beautiful country cottage. The house is of generous proportion, and we had plenty of room for our family of four to spread out, and yet still spend most of our time all together. The location is fantastic- remote enough to feel out of the way, yet close enough to towns for convenient grocery shopping and sightseeing. Every room has beautiful views of the bay and

Sheep's Head peninsula. We filled our time with day trips throughout the area, but we were also very happy to sit in the cottage and relax in the peace, quiet and natural beauty of the area. We will try to be back.

Owners' response – Thank you Lauren for your review. I'm glad you and your family had an enjoyable time and look forward to welcoming you back.

Charlotte - Germany October 2019

Beautiful views. Wonderful location. Very comfortable home to spend our time in. Thank you so much.

Owners' response – Thank you for your kind review, Charlotte and we look forward to welcoming you back at some point in the future.

Anon - Birmingham UK November 2019

Just returned from a week in this cottage, it is in a stunning location and the cottage itself is lovely. However, the garden needed mowing and there were weeds on the patio. The inside of the cottage is very dated and the sun- room needs decluttering. Having said all this, we still had a lovely week.

*Owners' response – I'm sorry that the grass wasn't the length that you required, and you found weed on the patio. I spoke to the farmer who cuts the grass throughout the season, and he said that the grass was too wet to mow and weed killer wasn't used as it would have been poisonous for your dog. Your views are subjective regarding the décor, and you would surely have seen pictures of the inside of the cottage prior to booking, (a bit like ordering a steak at a restaurant, then when it's served saying you don't eat meat)! Anyway, I Hope you had a pleasant trip back to **BIRMINGHAM**.*

Sandra & Oliver - Dublin Ireland July 2020

*Best Staycation Ever! 5**

Without doubt the best holiday house we have ever stayed in – anywhere! Absolute 5-star experience from start to finish.

We arrived on a Saturday evening on a beautiful sunny day in July and what was to be a glorious week of weather in West Cork. The views on arrival were spectacular! We decamped and enjoyed a wonderful sea food platter which we had picked up in The Fish Kitchen in Bantry washed down with some nummy prosecco in the sunshine! Those views...those views.

The house is like a home away from home. Sparkling clean, in fact, double cleaned due to COVID, which gave much comfort. Anna the housekeeper is great, nothing a problem, not that anything was needed and a fountain of local knowledge.

Facilities are top class with everything high end from the Orla Kiely mugs to the Brita filtered Kettle. All utensils are there and all cleaning products dishwasher tabs, washing powder etc. Starter fire pack is there for your enjoyment too...no need for any oil heating!

All rooms are fantastic, living room, dining area with wonderful views of the bay and gorgeous sun-room to enjoy your coffee after a relaxing breakfast. Tea lights everywhere to enjoy in the evening

while cozying up to the multi burner stove, after watching those sunsets over the bay. If sunny, the house is flooded with sunlight. Divine!

Bedrooms are very spacious and mattresses very comfortable. Easily fit in additional camp beds for kiddies if needed.

Location is fantastic, all beaches, hikes, villages for pub grub and a creamy pint, all easily accessible. Quality of food in this area is well known!

Blairscove is a wonderful and special place for an evening meal and our taxi man Jack was gas craic! We found his number in the Dunmanus View comments book. This book also has any information you could possibly need.

In sum, I could not recommend Dunmanus View highly enough.

Owners' response - Thank you Ollie for your review. We are pleased you had a pleasant time in West Cork and look forward to welcoming you back.

Meg M - South West Ireland August 2020

Soul sanctuary!

If you need to find peace and tranquillity in a crazy world, then come here for a week, as my husband and I did. The cottage is beautifully restored, retaining character yet with modern touches, such as new multi-fuel stove, atmospheric lamps and top-quality furniture. The traditional plaster, old, tiled floors, stone fireplace and simple sea-themed ornaments all reminded us of our own remote house we had built (now sold) in front of the Skelligs. So, it was a privilege, as an artist, to spend time in a similarly crafted, creative environment-even a seahorse, a lighthouse and driftwood as sublime, yet subtle touches. Turning right at the gate leads you to a walking trail over an isolated bog road where you can truly experience peace and alone time, with vistas over the hills and sea below. Special thanks must go to Anna the caretaker, who fulfils the daunting challenge of preparing the house so perfectly and spotlessly for guests, and for answering any queries with kindness and patience. Highly recommended!

Owners' response – Thank you Meg for your appraisal. Anna is fastidious and is probably without doubt one of the most pre-eminent caretakers in the region. We're happy that you had a memorable time and hope you may be able to return at some point in the future.

Margaret Z - Dublin Ireland August 2020

Beautiful stone house against a backdrop of hulking mountains and blue sea awaits

Me and the Frenchie spent days of time scouring the internet to get a remote spot for our week's holiday and boy did we get it. The minute we rounded the driveway and set our sights on this magnificent stone house cuckolded into the mountains and the calmness of Dunmanus Bay in the distance, we were ecstatic. The sunroom was by far the best room in the house for us as we ensconced ourselves on the comfy sofa and watched the sunsets just happen in front of our eyes. By evenings, the Frenchie lit the stove in the very comfortable and well laid out sitting/dining room. The house had lots of wood, we loved the old black tiles on the floor and felt really content in this house. It was the perfect base to tour and see the beautiful towns in West Cork with their unusual names - Ballydehob, Castletownsend with the tree in the middle of the town, Skibereen, Union Hall and

Glandore. We enjoyed going to Mizen Head and we spent a very misty day in Cape Clear. Blairs Cove is well worth a visit for a meal, and they were very conscious about Covid-19. It was thrilling to go through "Goats Pass". The beauty of the region around where Durrus Cheese is made compensated for the fact that the place was closed due to the Covid. Everywhere we went, we were flanked on all sides by the reddy orange montbretia and flaming fuschia. We really enjoyed this holiday and the remoteness of the cottage and view made it very special for us. So, keep the fires burning in that stove because we will be back!

Owners' response – Thank you for your splendid comments. We're pleased that you had an enjoyable time, and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.

John O - Kilgarvan Ireland October 2020

Great Quiet Location

We absolutely loved the beautiful view overlooking the bay added with green fields and mountains this really is a lovely location, and what luck with the weather. The house was perfect and tastefully decorated and the lovely stove and excellent central heating made it so warm and cosy. The kitchen was well equipped and great facilities all round, especially after all that walking. Our doggy especially loved the sun- room. A perfect spot for touring this gorgeous coast and how lovely to come back to a quiet spot with just the sounds of nature and stunning sunsets. We will hopefully be back and thank you Richard for sharing your house with us.

Owners' response – You are very welcome and thank you for your positive feedback. We are always happy to hear when guests have had a good experience at Dunmanus View and have enjoyed the surrounding countryside in West Cork.