



Why the Wild Atlantic Way?

Significant decline in international bednights & revenue (50% decrease 2007-2010)

Short season

Declining communities

Disparate marketing & messaging

No coherent brand



Visitor Flow Analysis (Summer 2015)





Fáilte Ireland Response

The Wild Atlantic Way

The world's longest defined coastal touring route stretching 2,500km from Malin Head in Donegal to Kinsale in West Cork.

A new "experience" and "destination" developed by Fáilte Ireland to present the West Coast of Ireland as a compelling international tourism product of scale and singularity.





Route Identification Process

- Collaborative & consultative process
- 4 Regional Steering Groups (2012)
- Independent Traveller Route
- Coach Route
- Route Identification Report (2013)



Project Consultation Agency Group



Cork

County Council
Comhairle Contae Chorcaí











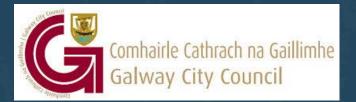
















Route Identification & Signage

3,850 signs along 2,500km









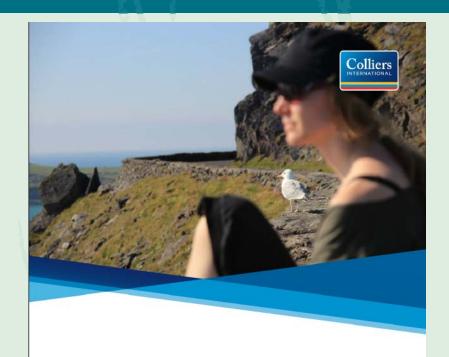




Brand Proposition Development



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"Where Land Meets Sea"

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSITION AND BRAND MAIN REPORT FEBRUARY 2013

COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL
DESTINATION CONSULTING
WITH:
PLACE MATTERS
ARKENFORD
BOB MONTGOMERY

BRADY SHIPMAN MARTIN RED & GREY DESIGN FÁILTE IRELAND



Wild Atlantic Way Vision

To create a world class, sustainable and un-missable experience brand that engages and energises the visitor so that they become powerful advocates and leave them wanting to return for more.

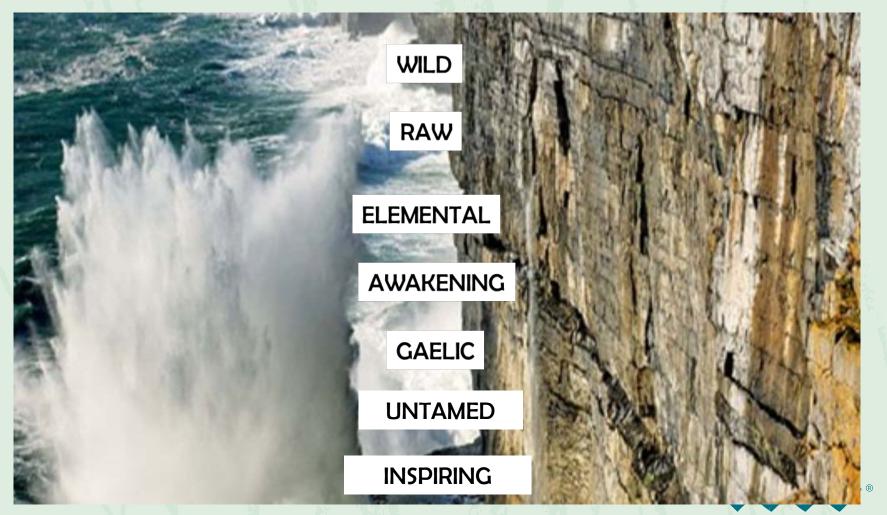


The Wild Atlantic Way Brand Proposition

The Wild Atlantic Way on Ireland's Western Coast off the Western Edge of Europe, captivates you with its wild landscape that continuously shapes its living history; and engages you with its vibrant & creative communities, whose stories and culture stimulates you, so you are freed up to relax, enjoy and leave feeling refreshed, renewed and uplifted.



Wild Atlantic Way Essence



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Wild Atlantic Way Experience Brand

Help move Ireland from 'a place to come some day to I must come now'







Priority Markets & Segments 2016

GREAT ESCAPER - GER



Conny Soddemann

Art Gallery Owner

When researching holidays, she generally uses Google search and sites like Booking.com, Tripadvisor, Homelidays and the Air Barlin website.

GREAT ESCAPER - USA





NAME Jen Nilson

Together, they've already explored the Redwood Forests of the Youemite National Parks, driven La Tahlor's spectacular Western Shoreline and got lost on the West Coast of France. Seek locks for opportunities to leave behind the trappings of dity livings, turn off her livince and get dose to nat to help her related her relationship with her equally busy insurance rep hesband and her kids.

Interests/Hobbies

Barriers to Visiting

Digital Interest Touch Points

Digital Travel Touch Points

GREAT ESCAPER - UK





John Gills

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Interests/Hobbies

Barriers to Visiting

- usual escapes are within close proximity to home. Unaware of diverse outdo activities on offer.

Digital Interest

Digital Travel **Touch Points**

CULTURALLY CURIOUS - USA



Social Media Manager

Kevin, a social media manger for a mid-size corporation enjoys keeping fit and follows Nike & new Balance to find out about the latest equipment. He also frequently checks into Pilates studios as well as letting his followers and colleagues with current digital trends and reading up on entrepreneurship.

He is a keen traveller who has been to Europe a number of times. He considers Rome, Budapest, Prague and Greece some the best places he has visited due to their mix of ancient and modern. He likes to travel with his partner and both enjoy checking our local, authentic venues and tasting local foods. He is also guite active in his exploration of new places – always bringing his running/filking boots so he can explore new locations by foot. When searching for new places to explore, Kevin relies heavily on peer to peer recommendation sites as well as visiting trusted blogs.

Interest/Hobbies

- Social Media
- Health and Fitness
- series, Mad Men)

Implications

Barriers to visiting

offering the depth of history as other European countries.

Doesn't fully appreciate the depth of diversity -landscape, culture and

Digital Interest

- Touch Points
 TedX & Wired Globallezer
- The Cultural
- Simply Measured
- Huffington Post
- KickStarter

Digital Travel

Touch Points Virgin Atlantic

Trip Advisor

Getaway Magazine

Yelo Porter Airlines

Business Travel About.com travel

The type of content to appeal to Kevin is that which brings to life the background history to a place - merging old with the new. As a Social Media Manager, he responds well to peer to peer referrats, and is highly engaged on social platforms such as Twitter and YouTube. He is attracted to high quality video and photo content, and 'snackable' content such as Top 10 Lists.. Social listening is critical to identifying and engaging with Kevin when he is online discussing possible travel plans.

CULTURALLY CURIOUS - GER



Alexander Gorny

45, Married

Engineer, BMW

For nearly thirty years, Alex has been an engineer at BMWs primary production plant in Milbertshofen, Munich, heading up a vehicle testing team.

His logical and curious mind-set translates into his holiday research habits. He engages in meticulous research pre-trip, talking with friends to get specific recommendations and researching official tourist sites to really discover the must-dos of an area and plan every detail of his trip in advance. In addition to reading the Sunday travel newspaper supplemen he tends to access his information via his IPad, mostly searching in the evenings and at the

Recent trips of note with his wife Doris have included a two week coastal trip of Crostia, involving trips to word herslage sites of Dubrovnik, Spiti and the Pithice Lakes National Park, and a Danish adventure covering off the secrif beauty of the North Autiand along with more historical epicentres surrounding Kronborg Castle and Roskilde Catherdraf. He always travels with his IPad and IPhone by his side, and Frommers & Lonely Planet Guidebooks.

Interest/Hobbies

- Looks for warmer Technology/Engineering
- Hillwalking/Treking
- Iconic scenery
- climates Not aware of what

Barriers to visiting

- Ireland has to offer
 - Distance from

Digital Interest Touch Points

- Der Spiegel Re-publica
- Wuv.de
- Wallpaper.com

Digital Travel Touch Points

- AirBerlin & German
- Wings Travel Made Simple

Content should seek to educate i.e. long-form informative articles that give Alexander a clear sense of what a destination has to offer. Content should be distributed to a mix of OTA's, third party interest sites and travel sections within media publications are key. illineraries and Regional Brochures play a key role is helping Alexander plan and enjoy his trip, so having e-brochures and ilineraries easily accessible as PDFs is key. Likewise, all content needs to be mobile friendly, which some packaged up within apps which he can use within market.





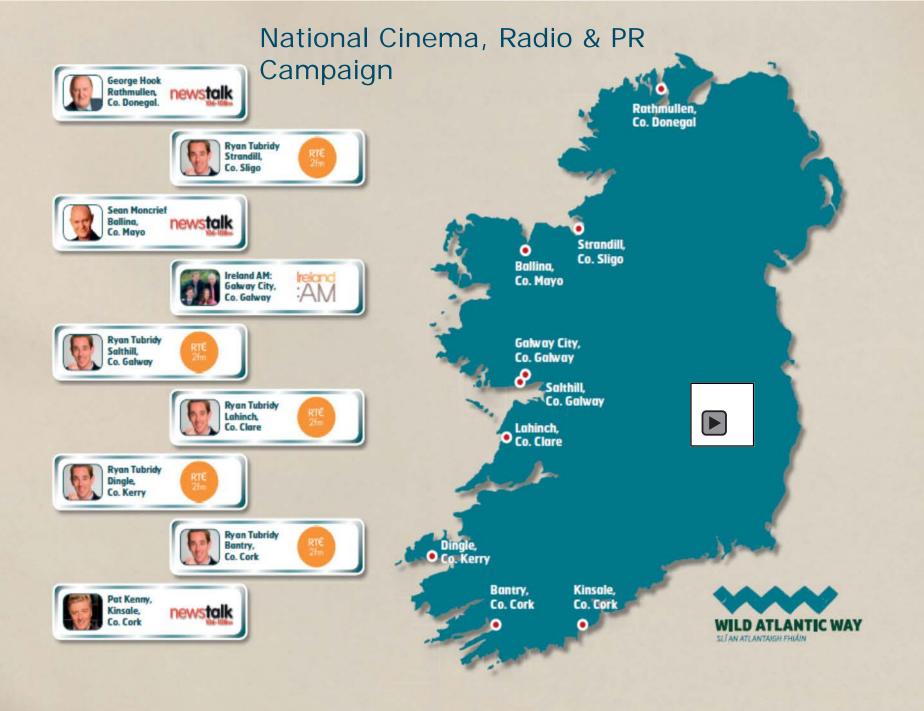
Community Engagement Process



Community Engagement Phase

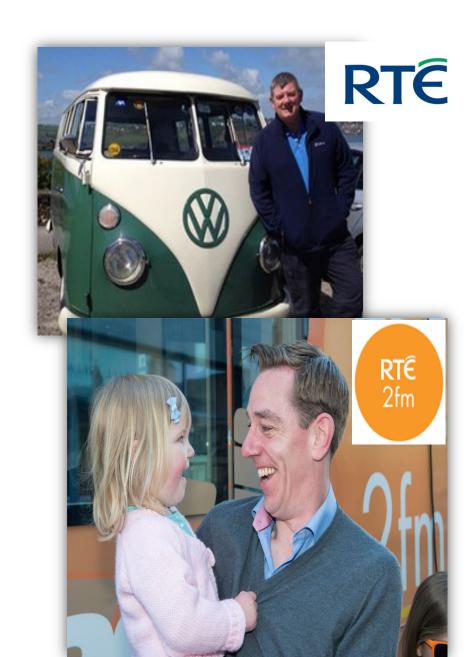
- 15 Community Meetings (February 2014)
- Over 1,000 attendees
- Excellent local insights and contributions used to inform the stories for the Interpretation Programme & Hidden Gems of the Wild Atlantic Way
- Identified key community players





Wild Atlantic Way well established in Ireland





Home Holiday Campaign – Digital Campaigns



WIN a holiday with Discover Ireland and Independent ie and embark on an epic journey of your Wild Atlantic Way!



Walking, surfing, kayaking, horse-riding, climbing, foraging, winkle picking, crab catching, and sandcastle building can all be found en-route. You'll also find delightful

moments of magic, history, adventure and beauty along the way.

nightlife all along the coastline.

cafes, restaurants, tempting food producers and of course, craft breweries and buzzing

And remember - you don't have to do the whole of the Wild Atlantic Way in one go - it

is broken down into five routes, with 159 'Discovery Points' and 15 'Signature Discovery Points'. So dip in and be part of it! Wherever you go, you're sure to encounter





WIN A
HOLIDAY

DISCOVERIRELAND.IE

IN ASSOCIATION WITH Independent.ie♡

Home Holidays - Press Activity



Growing International Awareness







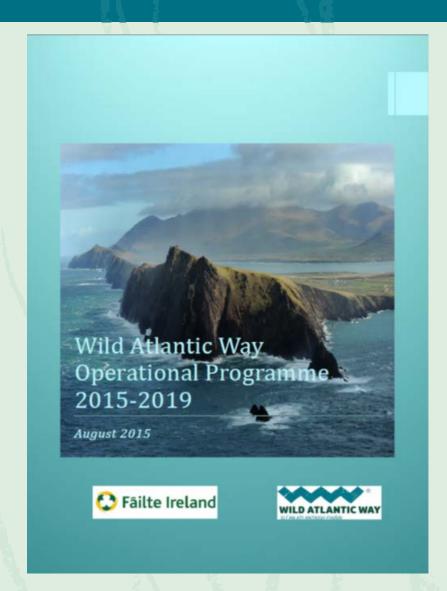




Wild Atlantic Way Operational Programme



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Strategy and Implementation Framework for the sustainable implementation of the Wild Atlantic Way 2015-2019.

Strategic Environmental Assessment





Signature Discovery Points

The Crossing at Downpatrick Head



Signature Discovery Points

Old Head of Kinsale Signal Tower



Signature Discovery Points

Derrygimlagh, Connemara



Connemara Cultural Centre @ Pearse's Cottage Discovery Point



Discovery Points Programme

- 188 Discovery Points
- 15 Signature Discovery Points
- Develop plans for each of the Signature sites and prioritise for implementation

(subject to funding & environmental considerations)





Interpretation & Branding Programme

- To engage visitors & tell the stories of the place
- "Get under the skin" of a place
- Encourage exploration of the local area
- Increase the dwell time
- Encourage "sharing" of photos & videos on social platforms



Interpretation & Branding Programme





Photo Points







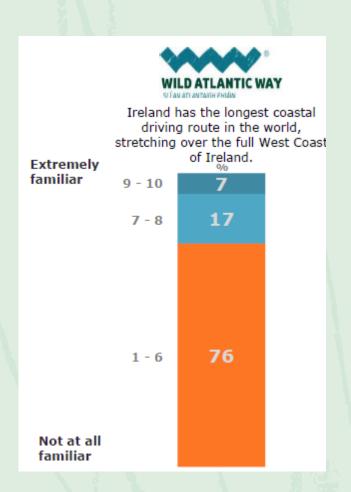


Wild Atlantic Way arrives on the islands





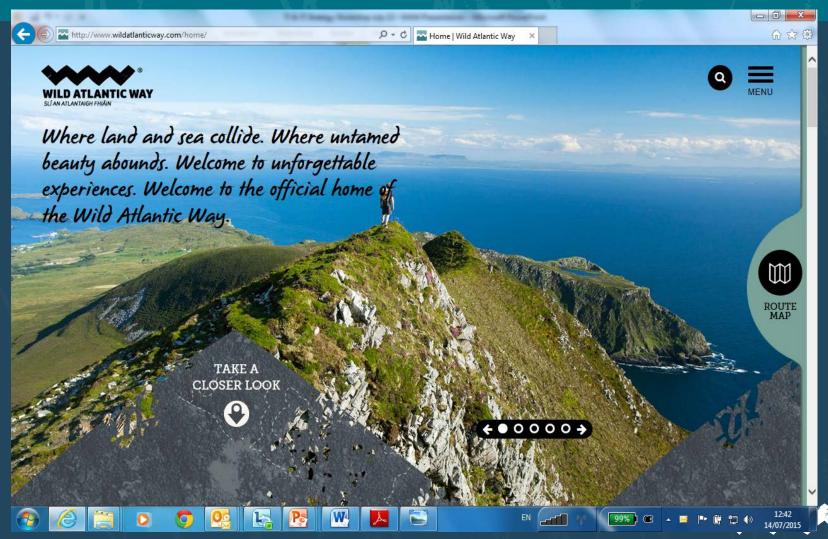
Wild Atlantic Way Proposition Awareness







Growing International Awareness



2015 Digital Achievements



WildAtlanticWay.com launched end Q1.

329,000 unique visits

62% International

2015 Digital Achievements





55,000 Fans

137,000 Downloads



29,000 Followers



4,500 Followers

Wild Atlantic Way Marketing Alliance



Public / Private Fund

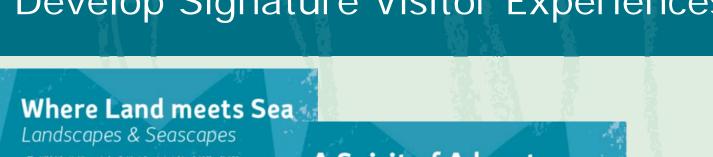
International Marketing

Great Escaper Segment

Key Markets



Develop Signature Visitor Experiences



The Wild Atlantic Way on Ireland's West Coast stretching 2,500km (1,500 miles) along Ireland's Western seaboard, leads you through one of the world's most dramatic coastal landscapes.

Here, on the very edge of Europe, the ocean's force has carved a coast of wild, raw beauty. Huge Atlantic rollers crash & churn, shaping Jagged ocean crags. islands and inlets, sea loughs, surfing strands and the sheer granite walls of

> Wild, rugged and liberating .. there is nowhere else in the world quite like it!



A Spirit of Adventure Activity & Adventure

Where the landscape of the breath taking Wild Atlantic Way collides with the rich fabric of history and culture and provides a breath taking backdrop for active exploration of untamed land and seascapes. Enjoy up close encounters with the elements. You can "dive in" for an adrenaline filled adventure from kite surfing Atlantic waves to scaling the heights of the mountains along the coast ...or you can simply breathe in the salt air while dipping your toes in the Atlantic surf along miles

Walking Trails, Cycleways. Waterways (Blueways). Greenways; Trekking cliffs: Surfing in Enniscrone or Mullaghmore; Galloping on beaches; climbing a seastack; kayaking by moonlight; diving the Maharees; sea angling; beach combing, islandhopping, whale-watching, learning to sall, kayaking in the moonlight or passively taking in the stunning views whilst walking or cycling or enjoying a spectacular

Life Shaped by the Atlantic

Traditional Culture & Heritage

The Wild Atlantic Way, a frontier on the very edge of Europe, has shaped the lives and imaginations of the people, communities and settlements, past & present along the Wild Atlantic Way. Here, you can get up close and personal with traditional & spiritual Gaelic Ireland. Here you can immerse yourself in the real Ireland where the traditions of the past are very much alive on the mainland as well as the many. inhabited offshore islands. Join in these traditions and immerse yourself in the music, song, dance, storytelling and Gaelic language of the Wild Atlantic Way.







"Life Shaped by the Atlantic"



Develop Signature Visitor Experiences





Visitor Experiences for 2016 Selling Season

NORTHERN HEADLANDS ZONE EXPERIENCES

Catch your Dinner - Duanaí Mara Charaters

Full or helf-day boat trips during which guests can fails while employing Donegal's epic countal assamp. Tips non-May to September, with the catch cooked up in Nety Kelly's restaurant with tank fires and traditional must extense of the service.

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Miliphage, Co Donagal
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Seasonal: May September
Subject to weather; Yes
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Fin McCool Surf School

Two-hour auxiliazions for all agestiavels on the Skin-long Blue Flag beach at Rossnowlagh.

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Seasonal: March to Decembe
Subject to weather: No

Contact Ned Britton
Tel +353 85 8040909
Email franccools@gmail.com

Web www.finnecoolsurfschool.com FIT: 625 - 635 Groupe 620 - 625 (preferred trace) trade rates on request)

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Groups: Yes Max Nois: 12

(preferred travel trade rates

on request)

GPS SASSSET -8.200353 Dining Facilities No.

Step Back in Time - Glencolmcille Folk Village

Genominosille Folk Village is a that ched -coof replice of a rural trab village. Vistam can explore there asked or take a two-hour quided tour, exploring cottages from different periods in triab history. A ten your and conflict shop are on site. The Village operation contains statuties to obtain a

Location Gencolmolie Folk Willage, Gencolmolie, Co. Donagel Duration Length: Minimum 2 hours Seasonal: Easter to October Subject to weather: No Contact Margaret Conningham

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Email folkyflaget-eiccon.net

Web www.glamfolkyflaget.com

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rates: depends on size
Groups: Yes (preferred travel
trade rates on request)
Parking Car & Couch parking
GPS SAUSTIES. - 8.738368
Disting Facilities Yes (Price range from
C2.50 — to (2.00), Traditional
Tenroom capacity 60 people with
from bulken, Bolt lunches, home

made source etc.



Treasures of Coast and History - Ireland by Bike

Breather in the fresh shi and salty apray of the Mild Allientic May on a cycle tour around the northwest coast – with parameter wises and lost of exceed attent of soccess. There alone ago to tests and through age observations to California, coalies, beacher, lifers and mountains.

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Co Donegal
Duration Length: 8 days / 7 nights
Seasons March to October
Subject to weather. Yes
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info@portusionkarurycamping.com

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GPS 54.857438, -8.634787 Dining Facilities No.

Rebuilding the Past - Portsalon Luxury Camping

A three-day dry stone well workshop with master craftsman Fergus Packman, with accommodation in a yert or traditional ferminouse at Portusion Luxury Camping.

Location Portusion Lumary Camping, Carbelpresignan, Portusion, Go Consigni Dametros Langth: J days (one full and two helf) Seasonal: 15 - 18 September 2015 Subject to weether: Yes Contact: Helm Henorth

+353 74 9159957 / BT 6016654

Groups: Yes Man Nois: 5 - 10 (preferred travel trade rates on request) Purking Car Packing only Car Section - 7.055200 During Facilities No

Irish Music Tours

Tours of Indiand's musical heritage range from weekend breaks to specific feativels and a severnight total along the Wild Atlantic Way, Guest's are accompanied by traditional musicians, with status to instrument - select and local cartifactures and severame included on the titerary.

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depending on tour chosen
Seasonal: No
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Contact: Sean Assens
Tell ... 223 86 2024005

Email Neuros.sentilijegmal.com
Web www.intshmaatcouru.ie
Ratas FTC depends on package
Groups: Yes (preferred travel)
Tracking NA
Dining Facilities No

North and West Coast Links

A ten-day golf tour along the Wild Adjantic Way, brokeding rounds on six of its finnet courses including Belyldfin Golf Clab. County Danagal, Emilacrone in County Sigo and Connemers Golf Links in County Galway, with accommodation in four and five-star holds.

Location North & West Coast Links.
Clare to Donagal

Duration Langth: 10 Deys
Sessional: March to October
Contact John McLaughtin

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Fit: From £1,500
Groups: Yes (preferred travel trade rates on request)

Parking N/A

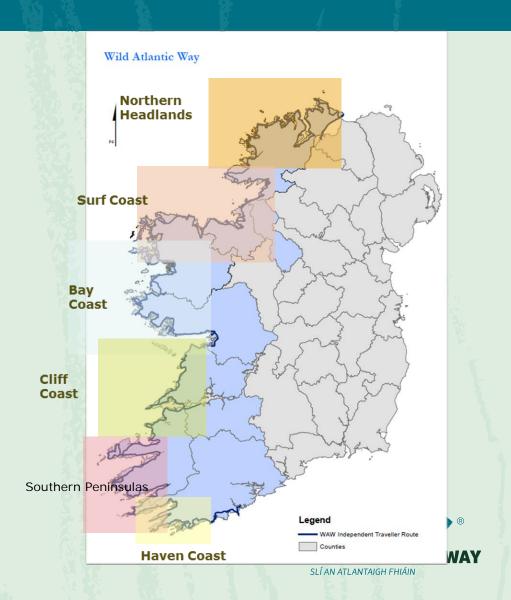
Dining Facilities No.



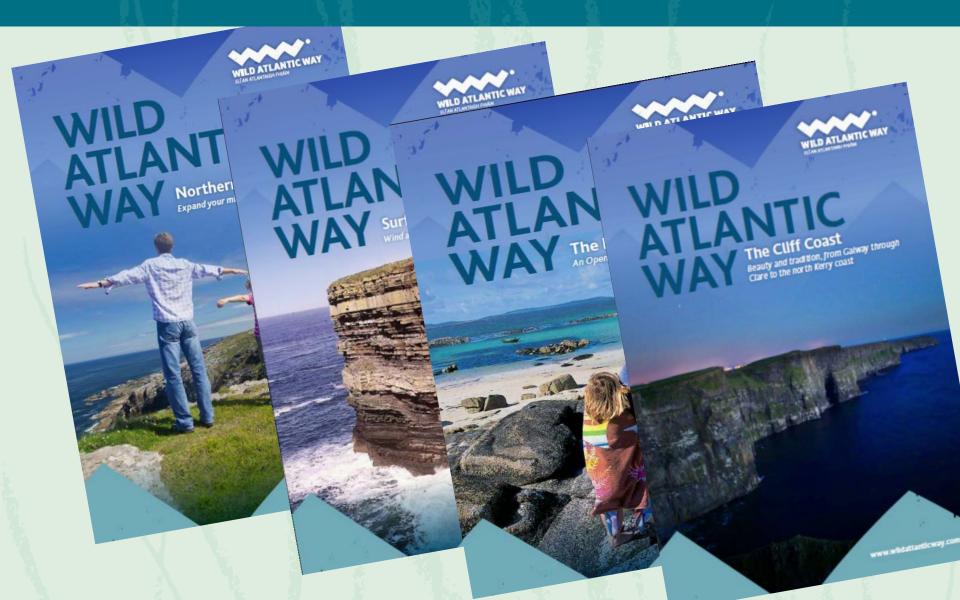


Zones of the Wild Atlantic Way

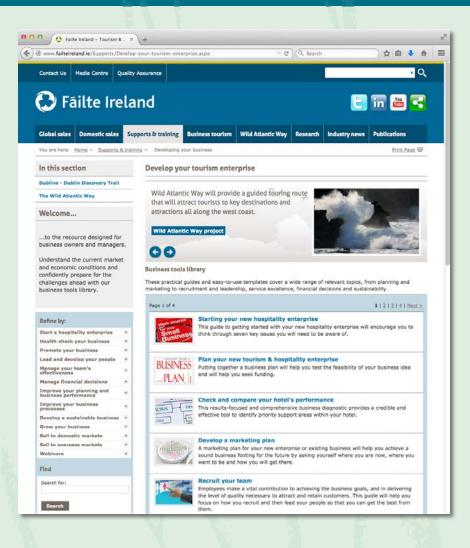
- Northern Headlands
- Surf Coast
- Bay Coast
- Cliff Coast
- Southern Peninsulas
- Haven Coast



Zones of the Wild Atlantic Way



Industry Capability Building



Digital Supports

- Content Development
- Mobile Readiness
- Social Media
- LinkedIn

Selling Skills

- On & Off Line Sales
- Revenue & Distribution
 Management
- Channel Management
- Networking

Experience Development

Segmentation



