



# SPIKE ISLAND

## CORK HARBOUR



**Reached by Ferry Only from Kennedy Pier, Cobh.**

**TO REACH KENNEDY PIER COBH:**  
**Car:** Exit N25 at junction 3, signposted Cobh.  
**Parking:** Cobh Cathedral, Eircode P24Y319.  
 Or 5 foot way car park past Cobh Heritage Centre.  
**Train:** Depart Kent station Cork on the hour.  
**Ferry:** Departs Kennedy Pier, Cobh.  
**Online booking:** Highly recommended.

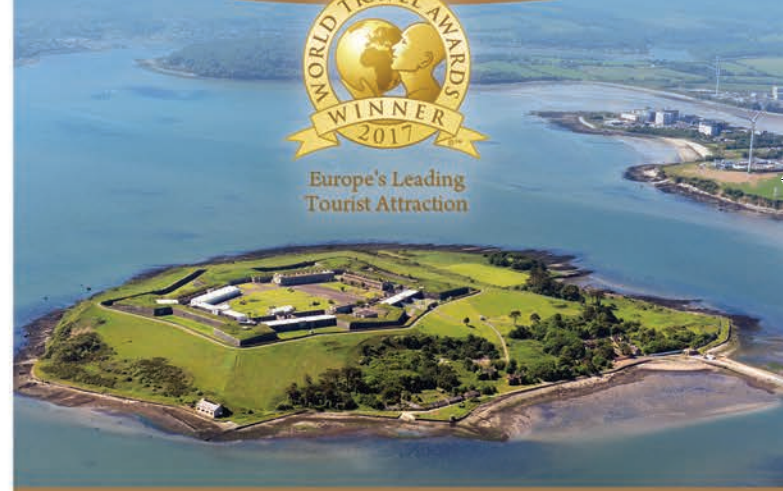
**2018 OPENING**  
 (APPROX, SEE WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFO)  
**St. Patrick's Weekend to end April -**  
 Weekends only, boats 12 and 2pm minimum  
**May - 7 days, boats 12 and 2pm minimum**  
**June / July / August - 7 days, boats**  
 hourly from 10am to 3pm minimum  
**September - 7 days, boats 12 and 2pm**  
**October - Weekends only, 12 and 2pm**  
**Nov to Feb - Open to pre-booked groups of 15+ only**  
**ADVANCE BOOKING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**



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[www.spikeislandcork.ie](http://www.spikeislandcork.ie)



"THE ISLAND FORTRESS BUILT TO DEFEND AN EMPIRE THAT BECAME THE LARGEST PRISON IN THE WORLD"...

**Explore 1300 years of Irish History and Heritage**  
 Reached by ferry from Heritage Town Cobh

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## MONASTERY, FORTRESS, PRISON, HOME

From a 6th century monastery to a British army Fortress, from the largest ever prison in Britain or Ireland to its island homes, the story of Spike Island is the story of Ireland.

Over 2300 prisoners once crammed the Victorian prison cells, and thousands were transported from Spike to Australia and the Americas.

Today visitors can explore deep tunnels, scale high walls & walk abandoned prisons as you join Ireland's best storytellers for an unrivalled 1300 year journey through Ireland's religious, social, military & penal history.

### WILL YOU ESCAPE FROM FORTRESS SPIKE?



- Ferry ride from Kennedy Pier Cobh.
- Fully guided tours, audioguide or self exploration.
- Cafe and picnic facilities.
- Less than 25 minutes from Cork City by car or by train.
- Group tours welcome with tailored tours, such as Spike/UK, Spike/America. Spike/Australia.
- Activities for children, suitable for all ages.
- Incredible views of Cobh & Cork harbour.
- After Dark tours, cinema club, concerts and events, see [www.spikeislandcork.ie](http://www.spikeislandcork.ie) for info.



### URIVALLED HISTORY

- 6TH CENTURY MONASTERY
- 200 YEAR OLD FORTRESS
- THE WORLDS LARGEST PRISON IN THE 1850'S WITH OVER 2300 INMATES.
- 1980'S PRISON CELLS AND RIOT EXHIBITION
- THOUSANDS TRANSPORTED TO AUSTRALIA / AMERICAS.
- HOME TO BRITISH AND IRISH ARMY & NAVY.
- CENTURIES OF ISLAND HOMES.
- GENEALOGY SERVICE AVAILABLE, ASK YOUR GUIDE FOR QUERIES

**ONLINE BOOKING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
**Email: [admin@spikeislandcork.ie](mailto:admin@spikeislandcork.ie)**  
**[www.spikeislandcork.ie](http://www.spikeislandcork.ie)**



## ACTIVITIES

- FULLY GUIDED TOURS
- AUDIOGUIDE French, German, Irish, English
- SCENIC ISLAND WALKS
- CAFE ON SITE
- CHILDREN'S FAIRY HOUSE HUNT
- ARCHAEOLOGY DIG
- AFTER DARK TOURS, CINEMA CLUB, CONCERTS AND EVENTS.
- PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS.
- MEETING ROOM HIRE AVAILABLE.



Europe's Leading  
Tourist Attraction



## ATTRACTIONS

- FULLY GUIDED TOURS (OPTIONAL)
- 1850'S PUNISHMENT BLOCK
- 1980'S PRISON CELLS
- IRELAND'S LARGEST ARTILLERY GUN PARK
- TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM
- GERMAN SHIP 'AUD', NATIONALIST JOHN MITCHEL, LITTLE NELLIE, MILITARY, NAVAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY EXHIBITIONS.
- 104 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL ISLAND SCENERY