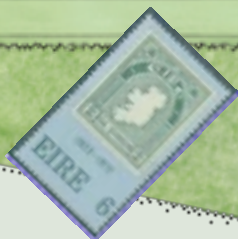


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Sheep's Head & Beara

TWO PENINSULAS

We drove around two peninsulas today. We were glad that we ran out of time to do this yesterday. The first, Sheep's Head, is reasonably flat and relatively small so we were able to complete the drive in a couple of hours. The coastal scenery with all the brilliant white crashing water was fabulous. The second, Beara, is generally adjudged as the third most beautiful in Ireland, and, at 200kms, was a considerably longer drive than Sheep's Head. Beara is also more mountainous and the northern part of the drive is considered to be the most scenic. We agree with all these observations.

SHEEPS HEAD

Everything seemed more pleasant today because the sun shone for long periods. We were particularly impressed with the number of new buildings and rock fences we came across (and the lack of high hedges).

Beara

The drive along the southern coast was particularly agreeable because of the brightly colored buildings dotted all over the countryside. We decided to drive to the end of the peninsula to view the cable car that connects the mainland to Dursey Island. Animals have precedence over people here! Amazing. The photos tell it like it was. The drive along the northern coast was absolutely fantastic.





Mother and calf checking out the photographer



Sheep taking the cable car to better pastures



Typical peninsula village view



Ruined tower

