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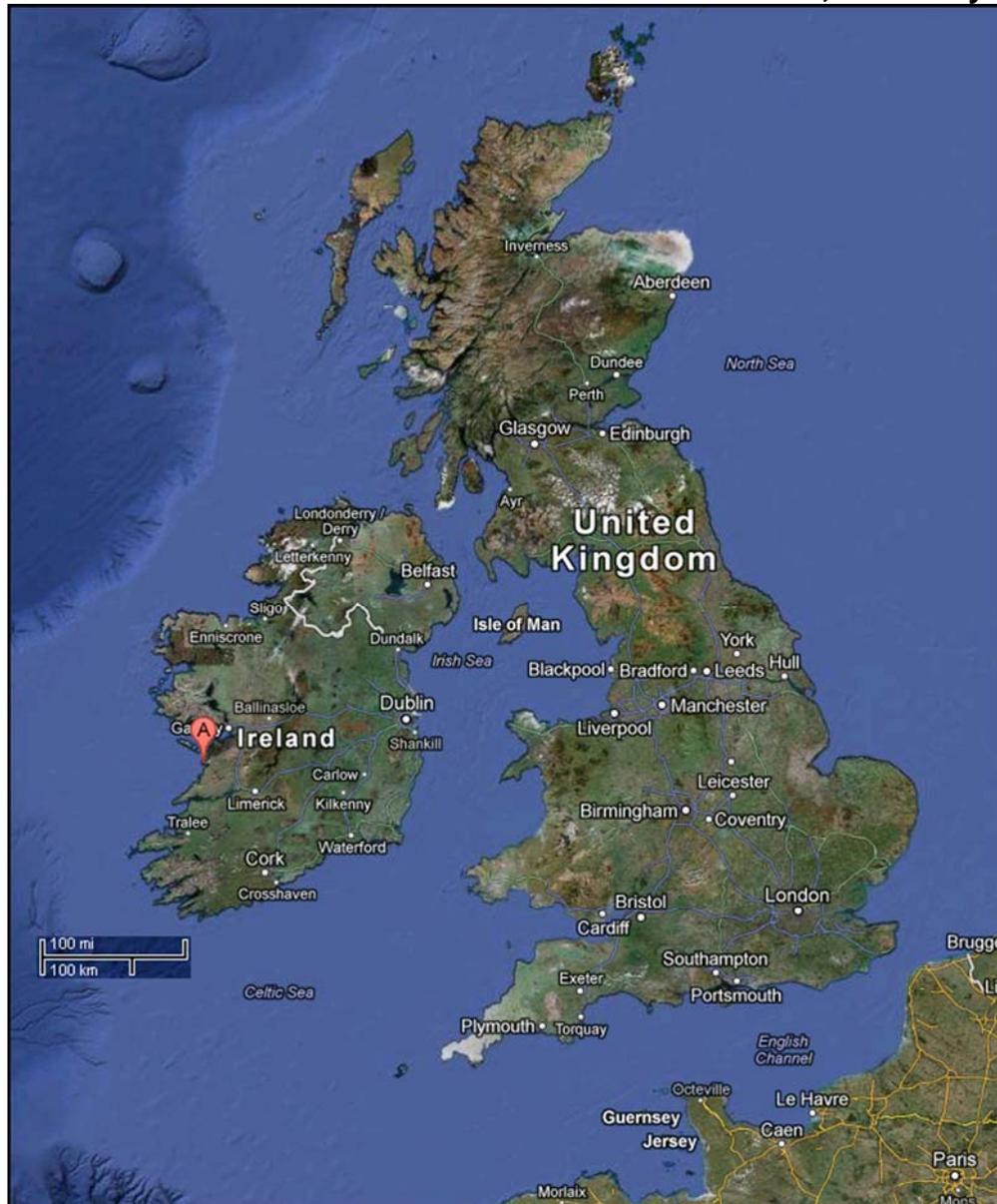
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## The *Half-Blood Prince* Locket Horcrux Cliffs

- 🙄 The *HbP* Film Sites in *IRELAND* Earn a Skip-It Rating Because:
- At least two days are required to visit the Cliffs of Moher from Great Britain.
  - No screenshot reproduction pix are available at the Cliffs of Moher.
  - Potterites who pay for a 1 hour boat tour will be able to snap pix of the cliffs from the sea, as seen by Harry and Professor Dumbledore in *Half-Blood Prince*.
  - In real-life, Lemon Rock looks very different from the image seen on screen. There is no reason to spend four extra hours (one-way) driving to Lemon Rock from the Cliffs of Moher.

The Cliffs of Moher are found on the West Coast of Ireland, in County Clare



[Google Maps UK segments (enhanced and combined) ©2009 Google]

## The Cliffs of Moher

<http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cliffs\\_of\\_Moher](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cliffs_of_Moher)

Google Maps UK: Cliffs of Moher, County Clare, Ireland

or 52.9714578, -9.4247540

**\*Please Note:** CD Miller was stung with a **Spasmocerebrum Jinx** while writing part of the **Site #68** chapter in *Harry Potter Places Book Five*, causing her to briefly suffer a *brain cramp*. She wrote **west** instead of **east**—and vice-versa—when describing where the **Cliffs of Moher** and **Irish Sea Ferry Ports** are located. Sadly, the error wasn't discovered until *after* the 2012 eBook was published. Below is the corrected text which will appear (sans yellow highlight) in all future editions!

From *any* [Great Britain] mainland Irish Sea ferry port it takes an average of **8 hours**—*one-way*—to reach the Cliffs of Moher on the **west** coast of Ireland. First, you must **travel across the Irish Sea via ferry**, then you must **drive** from the **eastern-Ireland** arrival port to the Irish **west** coast. A return trip on the same day simply isn't possible.

Traveling to the Cliffs of Moher via **public transportation** from the **eastern-Ireland** arrival port will take even longer. In fact, you may need to schedule **three days** for the trek.

## Harry Potter Filming at The Cliffs of Moher



[*Half-Blood Prince* screenshot (enhanced)]

In September of 2007, the **Doolin2Aran Ferries** company spent almost a week sailing a Warner Bros. film crew around the cliffs in one of their boats, the **Jack B**. Unfortunately, the Cliffs of Moher background plate footage they shot was **digitally altered** prior to **appearing on screen for only a few seconds**.

Those who take the time to Potter here, however, can book a 1-hour Doolin2Aran cruise that includes an opportunity to photograph the Cliffs of Moher from the same vantage point as the CGI-altered *HbP* scenes.

**The 2012 Doolin2Aran 1-hour cruise tariff:** €15 (£12, \$19).

<http://www.doolin2aranferries.com>

**Special Note:** Potterites who also are fans of the marvelous Rob Reiner film, *The Princess Bride*, will be thrilled to learn that the Cliffs of Moher are **the Cliffs of Insanity!** (“Inconceivable!”)



[A *Princess Bride* screenshot (enhanced), ©1987 MGM]

## The Princess Bride

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0093779/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Princess\\_Bride\\_%28film%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Princess_Bride_%28film%29)

## Journey to the Cliffs of Moher



First, you must travel to one of several ports on the **west coast of Great Britain**, where you can board a ferry to take you across the **Irish Sea** to the **east coast of Ireland**.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_seaports#Irish\\_Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_seaports#Irish_Sea)

## The Two Great Britain West Coast Seaports Closest to Fort William (Site #59):

- **Troon Ferry Port**

<http://www.directferries.co.uk/troon.htm>

**Google Maps UK:** Troon Ferry Terminal, United Kingdom

**SatNav/GPS:** 55.548932,-4.682579

Located 158 miles south of Fort William, Troon Ferry Port is a 3 hour and 35 minute drive. Ferries operate between this port and the **Larne Port** in Ireland only from the end of March to the beginning of October.

- **Cairnryan Port**

<http://www.directferries.co.uk/cairnryan.htm>

**Google Maps UK:** The Port, Cairnryan, Stranraer, Wigtownshire DG9 8RF

**SatNav/GPS:** 54.974165,-5.027547

Located 184 miles south of Fort William, Cairnryan Port is a 4 hour and 15 minute drive. Ferries from this port operate year-round between the **Larne** and **Belfast Ports** in Ireland.

**No matter which Great Britain seaport you use, you must check-in at least 1 hour before the ferry's departure time.** Unless you lodge in the port's area on the eve of a Cliffs of Moher journey, you'll have to hit the road anywhere from 2 to 5 hours before an early morning departure time.

### **Ferry Info**

Use the **Direct Ferries Website:**

<http://www.directferries.co.uk/poirishsea.htm>

 To book passage, Driving Potterites need to know the **make and model of the rental car** you'll be taking on the ferry.

 Passengers 17 years-old and younger must be accompanied by an adult (18+), whether or not you're traveling with a car.

Weekend ferry tariffs run approximately £10 more per person.

Fares are higher during the summer season.

In good weather—something more common in the summer, but *never* guaranteed!—ferry trips across the Irish Sea usually take **2 hours**.

**Below are some 2012 November tariffs for a Weekday Cairnryan-Larne Return (round-trip) ticket.**

In other words, these are examples of the least expensive Irish Sea ferry tickets.

One adult passenger without a car: £56 (\$90)

One accompanied child, aged 15 to 17 years-old: £56 (\$90)

One accompanied child, aged 4 to 14 years-old: £30 (\$48)

Accompanied children 3 years-old and younger ferry for free.

One adult passenger with a compact car £163 (\$262)

Four adult passengers with the same car: £307 (\$494)

### **Travel Across Ireland**

Once you arrive on the **east coast** of Ireland, you must travel to the **west coast**.

#### **Drive Times from Three Irish East Coast Ports:**

- From **Larne Harbor** to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre: 466 km, 5 hours 17 minutes  
—to the Doolin2Aran Pier: 463 km, 5 hours 13 minutes
- From **Belfast's Harbor** to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre: 436 km, 4 hours 54 minutes  
—to the Doolin2Aran Pier: 432 km, 4 hours 50 minutes
- From **Dublin's Harbor** to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre: 284 km, 3 hours 17 minutes  
—to the Doolin2Aran Pier: 281 km, 3 hours 15 minutes

 Using **Public Transport** to journey from port to west coast may take up to twice as much time, possibly more. And, we're not sure that you can **ride** from *any* port to the Doolin Pier.

The Doolin2Aran Pier is only 8.3 km (5.15 mi) north of the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre. Driving Potterites can cover this distance in about 10 minutes. Unfortunately, we've been unable to find a bus between the Visitor Centre and Doolin Pier. The walk between these two locations will take approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes.



[Google Maps UK Streetview segment (enhanced) ©2009 Google (Arriving from the South)]

**Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre SatNav/GPS:** Cliffs of Moher, Clare, Ireland,  
or 52.9714578, -9.4247540

 The Cliffs of Moher website offers a page with some driving directions:

<http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/GettingHere.aspx>

 A page with some Public Transportation and Tour options:

<http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/TransportProviders.aspx>

 And a page with **Airline info** for flying to Ireland:

<http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/DirectionsDetail.aspx?rowid=7998>



[Google Maps UK Streetview segment (enhanced) ©2009 Google (Arriving from the East, in April.)]

**Doolin Pier Car Park SatNav/GPS:** 53.01525, -9.40398

The Doolin2Aran Ferry website offers a page with some driving directions:

<http://www.doolin2aranferries.com/directions.html>