



Get the full details on our Dive Weekends to Quilty in Co Clare

Quilty is a small village on the coast of Clare, north of Kilkee and south of the Cliffs of Moher. It is part of the Limestone mass that makes up the Clare coastline and boasts some really spectacular diving. Quilty has its own large pier that is used by local fishermen and divers but otherwise its very quiet and peaceful. It has plenty of space for parking cars, vans and trailers, fresh water taps and plenty of open spaces and beaches around.

The Burren SAC and West Coast Diving have been using the Pier at Quilty to access some really stunning dive sites around Mutton Island. The island has some dramatic cliffs, blow holes, caverns, overhangs, gullies and drop offs.

Travel time from the pier is only a short run in the RIB, so less time getting there, more time to dive. As with all West coast sites, you need to be dived up and have your personal buoyancy fine tuned and carry a Surface Marker Buoy, sites are typically wall dives with the bottom starting around 30m. These walls are heavily shelved and festooned with life. Beautiful dives are to be had at 20m, cruising mid water along the wall.

It is only 270 Km from the M50 and with motorway almost all the way from Dublin to Ennis, it takes approximately three hours to get there. The Ocean Voyager will be on station from Friday lunchtime through to Sunday afternoon. You can drive down on Friday, Saturday or Sunday for the day or join us for the weekend.

Dive Times

The boat usually departs the pier at 09:30 on Saturday and again at 14:00. If there are double boat runs, ie numbers are greater than 12, the schedule will be 09:30, & 11:30 for the morning boats and 14:00 & 16:00hrs for the afternoon boats. These times are subject to tide and weather logistics.

Accommodation

There are plenty of B&Bs in and around Quilty. The Quilty Tavern is a cheerful three star B&B with good food and very helpful staff. We have an Oceandivers rate of €35 for B&B so when booking be sure to say you are with Oceandivers. If there are no rooms available in the Tavern, the manager, Brian Cooney will help you source a local B&B. If you are looking for something slightly more glamorous, the Bell Bridge Hotel in Spanish point or the Armada hotel are only 10 minutes from Quilty.

Camping is also a possibility, there should be no problem finding a spot close to the pier and there is a fresh water tap there as well.

Getting There

Getting there is easy, from the M50 at Junction 9 take the N7 to Limerick then the M18 on to Ennis, leave the M18 at J12 for N85, exit the N85 onto the R474 for Miltown Malbay then N67 to Quilty, or follow the N85 to Inagh and then take the R460 to Miltown and on to Quilty.

Seafield Pier

The dive boat departs from Seafield Pier which is five minutes from Quilty town. Arriving in Quilty from Miltown Malby turn right just past the Quilty Tavern following the sign post for Santa Maria Church, continue past the church on your left and follow the road for app 1.5 Km. You will see the pier at the end of the beach, take the first turn on the right to get to the pier. There is plenty of space for cars on the pier but please be mindful of other users and avoid blocking access.

Accommodation contact numbers

The Quilty Tavern 065 7087164 - Very close to the pier, great food and beer.

Contact Brian Cooney.

Hotel Armada: 065 707900

Bell Bridge Hotel 065 708 4038

Red Cliff Lodge B&B 065 7085756

Centre Hostel Quilty 3* 065 7084754

Quilty Holiday Cottages Very nice self catering 065 7087095, 086 2776424

Dive package prices

€40.00 for 1 boat dive

€80.00 for 2 boat dives including air fills

€110.00 for 3 boat dives including air fills

€140.00 for 4 boat dives including air fills

To book your Dive Package, call us or email – 01 2801083 – info@oceandivers.ie