

The Office of Public Works is seeking tenders for the Provision of Tearoom Services at Garinish Island, Glengarrif, County Cork.



Entrance to Tearooms



Tearooms and reception

Garinish Island is a small island paradise, situated in the sheltered harbour of Glengarriff in Bantry Bay, West Cork. It is accessed via private ferry from a number of points around the village of Glengarriff. The ferry trip takes approximately ten to fifteen minutes in each direction.

Approximately 60,000 people visit Garinish Island each year with a high proportion of visitors travelling from France, Germany, America, and other parts of Europe. Domestic visitors, and visitors from the UK, make up the highest proportion of visitors. Garnish Island is a very seasonal location.

International visitors are frequent all year round. Peak season is June-August inclusive. This period, coinciding with Irish school holidays, is the busiest time of the year, especially at weekends and on Bank Holidays. The colder seasons are generally quieter and weather dependent. The busy summer period generally subsidises the quieter seasons.

The tearooms comprise of a kitchen which is 15.2 square metres and a dining area of 45 square metres with a seating capacity of 40.

Visitors expect a varied menu based on fresh, nutritional, locally sourced food prepared on the premises (not pre-packaged). Many visitors expect ice-cream and a light lunch. A strong coffee/tea and home-baked offering is expected as well as a gluten-free, vegan and vegetarian option.

Garinish is a *Leave No Trace* coastal location. All businesses operating on site are required to demonstrate sustainable management, including the use of recyclable materials, compostable cups, and waste recycling procedures, with a zero waste approach and minimisation of plastic waste in particular.

Garinish Island Opening Hours:

17th March – 30th September: Daily 10am – 5.30pm.

1st October – 5th November (or end of school mid-term break): 10am – 4.30pm.

If this opportunity is of interest to you then the Office of Public Works invites you to tender. Full details of the Tender Request are available on eTenders at www.etenders.gov.ie Tender ID no. 2941594. Closing date for tenders is 12:00 noon 21/02/24.