

## CO CORK

Are you planning a trip around County Cork during the summer?

You'll be spoilt for choice with a range of 9 Partner Gardens to visit in the county with free or reduced entry for RHSI members.

Just 9km northwest of Cork city is Blarney, home of one of Ireland's finest horticultural gems-the extensive **Blarney Castle Gardens** surrounding the famous 600 year old castle. So much to be seen in these magnificent constantly changing and evolving gardens.

## EAST CORK

Just east from the city in the village of Glounthaune is **Hester Forde's Coosheen Garden** - with great design ideas for small gardens, containing an amazing collection of plants for its size. Quite close by is the **Victorian Working Garden at Fota House**. This is a wonderful European award winning restoration project- a beautiful garden with glasshouses, both buildings etc.

Further east from Fota there is a selection of gardens to visit within a small region. The beautiful old world gardens of the **Old Deanery** are near Cloyne with its walled garden, stream garden and large magnolia collection. The lovely seaside garden of **Seanabea** is at nearby Ballyshane with its winding paths, roses and herbaceous planting. And at **Ballymaloe Cookery School** in Shanagarry you'll find not only a wonderful kitchen garden, but also a fascinating series of different gardens. Something for everyone!

## WEST CORK

Well west of Skibereen, on the sea near the village of Durrus is **Kilravock Garden** - a beautifully situated lush 1.7acre garden of both native and exotic specialist plants and trees. On the Bantry side of Durrus is **Ballycommane House and Garden** with a wonderful variety of garden rooms, old ruins, exotic plants and mature trees. And finally, on to majestic Italianate **Bantry House and Gardens** with its formal gardens and stunning views out over Bantry Bay.