

Discover and protect

The European Atlantic Geotourism Route guides you through diverse territories, countries, habitats, languages and cultures. These stunning destinations are linked together by one powerful mission – to provide the highest quality visitor experiences; helping to power vibrant local economies and cultural activities, and; in so doing, protecting these breathtaking and unique natural landscapes.

An ancient and contemporary story

Each destination tells a distinctive, dramatic and enthralling chapter of the story of life on the Atlantic frontier. The tale of how, from time's dawn to present day – natural forces, landscape, people, culture and ways of life continue to interweave to give physical shape, meaning and mystery to these memorable regions. To illuminate and animate these geologically-rich and bio-diverse destinations for the curious, careful and discerning visitor.

It's waiting for you

Today, in these wonder-filled places, rare and outstanding sustainable tourism offerings live in harmony with local farmers, craft workers, entrepreneurs, artists and artisan food producers, each strengthening the other. And now this European Atlantic Geotourism Route is yours to explore, to experience – and to never, ever forget.

The European Atlantic Geotourism Route

The European Atlantic Geotourism Route has been created to support the development of Geotourism in a number of destinations in the European Atlantic Area. With funding provided by the EU Interreg Atlantic Area programme and support from the Global Geopark Network, nine European Geoparks along with two aspiring Geoparks and the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, Portugal are working together on this transnational economic, cultural and sustainable tourism development project.

For more on the EU Interreg Atlantic Area programme see www.atlanticarea.eu



European Atlantic Geotourism Route



A new, awe-inspiring trail of magnificent destinations awaits you right along the epic expanse of the Atlantic frontier. It winds an intriguing transnational path from Ireland and the UK, to France, Portugal and Spain over to the Atlantic Islands of Lanzarote and down to the Azores. It links 12 dramatic landscapes that host vibrant communities, rich local cultures and unforgettable visitor experiences.

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The Destinations

Arouca UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal

Walk the old postal paths to discover traditional villages, archaeological monuments and old mines; along the way see clear water streams and beautiful wild flowers

Azores UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal

Dive into the Azores archipelago and discover the rich flavours, smells and experiences of this volcanic paradise. There is so much on offer; explore the local food through the tea plantations, regional wines and the islands famous "Furnas stews". Witness nature at its best on bird or whale watching tours.

Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark, UK

Through the rich archaeology of the region discover how a landscape shaped by ice was transformed by man

Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland / Northern Ireland

Take a guided tour and explore the subterranean world of the underlying limestone and sandstone of the Marble Arch Caves and how this has helped to create a patchwork of rare and natural habitats over ground

Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Explore the dramatic coast from the land and from the sea through trails, driving routes and boat tours

Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

These volcanic islands on the Atlantic frontier are steeped in history and culture. Explore the islands from the

sea and the land. Discover the geology and ecology of this dramatic landscape through its thriving art scene and dive into the pristine waters to witness the stunning underwater biodiversity.

Sustainable Municipalities Community of Cantabria, Spain

On a visit to this stunning natural landscape where birds thrive, take in the beautiful beaches, tour the protected wetlands and Natura 2000 sites

Regional Natural Park of Armorique, France

Take in the mysterious atmosphere of rural Brittany and explore the soaring sea cliffs, the rocky peaks and the Crozon Peninsula

North Pennines AONB Partnership, UK

Walk, cycle and ride through an upland landscape of meadows, moorlands and tumbling rivers, with a world-class heritage of mines and minerals

The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland

Be guided through an ancient landscape, both intimate and wild, explore the dramatic Atlantic sea cliffs, walk the old farming roads and connect with local people in the vibrant towns and villages

Copper Coast UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland

Explore the mining heritage of a secluded coastal community through walking trails and a visitor experience centre.

University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Portugal

Explore the Alto Douro Wine Region and its rich archaeological landscape through the regional museums, river cruises, walking and cycling trails.

