

Kissing the Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle – Cork, Ireland



Climb the 127 steps up the spiral staircase to the top of the six-story castle, lie down, hold onto the handrails and lean way back upside down over the edge.... That's the ground you see 90 feet below, beneath the crossbars under you!

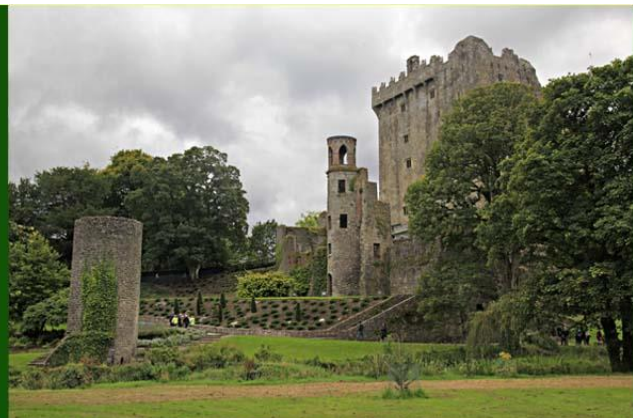
Pucker up and kiss the Blarney Stone to gain the “gift of eloquent speech.” Even non-Irish eyes are smiling! Over 300,000 visitors come to kiss the “magical stone” each year.



See the red arrows? That's where you are when you kiss the Blarney Stone 90 feet up! The castle was built as a medieval fortress in the 15th century, and the stone itself was given to Cormac McCarthy by Robert the Bruce in 1314 in return for his support in the Battle of Bannockburn... *and that's no blarney!*



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