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EXPLORING EXQUISITE IRELAND

EXQUISITE IRELAND OVERVIEW



DAY ONE
Travel from Dublin Airport to Crom Castle
Late lunch on arrival
Relaxed tour of the house & grounds
Stay at Crom Castle

DAY TWO
Breakfast in Crom Castle
Boat trip on Lough Erne
Lunch at Crom Castle
Magees Tailors
Stay at Crom Castle

DAY THREE
Travel from Crom to Ballyfin via Tullynally Castle
Tour of Tullynally Castle with tea, coffee & pastries
Stay at Ballyfin

DAY FOUR
Horse riding experience
Afternoon in the spa
Afternoon tea
Stay at Ballyfin

DAY FIVE
Tour of the castle and grounds
Stay at Ballyfin

DAY SIX
Leave Ballyfin and go to Punchestown Races
Day at the races
Stay at Cashel Palace

DAY SEVEN
Ebikes in the morning
Spa day in the afternoon
Stay at Cashel Palace

DAY EIGHT
Coolmore Stud
Stay at Cashel Palace

DAY NINE
Leave Cashel Palace
Head to Kenmare via Cork
Stay at The Park Hotel, Kenmare

DAY TEN
Ring of Beara driving tour
Stay at The Park Hotel, Kenmare

DAY ELEVEN
Leave The Park Hotel, Kenmare
The Sleahed Peninsular drive on the way to Adare Manor
Stay at Adare Manor

DAY TWELVE
Cliffs of Moher by bike in the morning
Stop off at a café for lunch
Spa in the afternoon
Stay at Adare Manor

DAY THIRTEEN
Cliffs of Moher by boat
Picnic lunch on the boat
Stay at Adare Manor

DAY FOURTEEN
Leave Adare Manor and drive to Ashford Castle via Galway & Limerick
Walking tour of the towns and shops
Lunch in the town
Stay at Ashford Castle

DAY FIFTEEN
A morning of country pursuits
Lunch at the hotel
River cruise in the afternoon
Stay at Ashford Castle

DAY SIXTEEN
Driving tour of Connemara National Park
Stay at Ashford Castle



HUMPHREYS OF HENLEY OUR PROMISE

The Humphreys Promise drives all that we do: “We love the British and Irish countryside and always seek to protect, preserve and prolong its precious traditions and way of life”.



YOUR PERFECT ITINERARY

We're here to make it simple for you

If you want to spend 2 weeks experiencing the history, lifestyle and traditions of the beautiful island of Ireland, then this is the perfect itinerary for you.

It is the Irish people who bring the traditions and history alive, and you'll meet some wonderful individuals along the way.

From one of the most successful horse trainers to an award-winning Irish musician, they will help you to immerse yourselves into the Irish way of life and develop a real understanding of the people and culture.

The spectacular scenery and historic castles play an important part in your 2 weeks, and you'll hear from those who live in the castles and work in the countryside just what the Irish countryside means to them.

YOUR CHAUFFEUR

You will have an incredible chauffeur who will be with you throughout the two weeks you are staying in Ireland.

They are passionate about showing guests around the beautiful scenery of Ireland, whilst giving them a taste of the Irish culture and traditions.

Your driver also loves exploring historic houses and gardens on the way, they will happily tell you that Downtown Abbey has nothing on the gems on offer here in Ireland.

They look forward to sharing their love for the Irish countryside with you.

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Day One

CROM CASTLE

Indulge in the ultimate luxury as your personal chauffeur awaits your arrival at Dublin airport. From there, be whisked away to the grandeur of Crom Castle where Lord John and Lady Harriet Erne will give you a wonderfully warm welcome.

Their hospitality knows no bounds, offering a glimpse into the rich history and lifestyle of castle living. You are free to spend as much time with them as you wish, as they are devoted to ensuring your utmost comfort throughout your stay.

Upon arrival, you will be shown to your room and then to a light lunch. Enjoy a tour of the lush gardens that surround the castle after lunch, and you're then free to relax in your room or explore a little of the opulent Crom Castle grounds.

When you're ready, drinks will be served before your exquisite dinner.

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Accommodation at Com Castle



Day Two

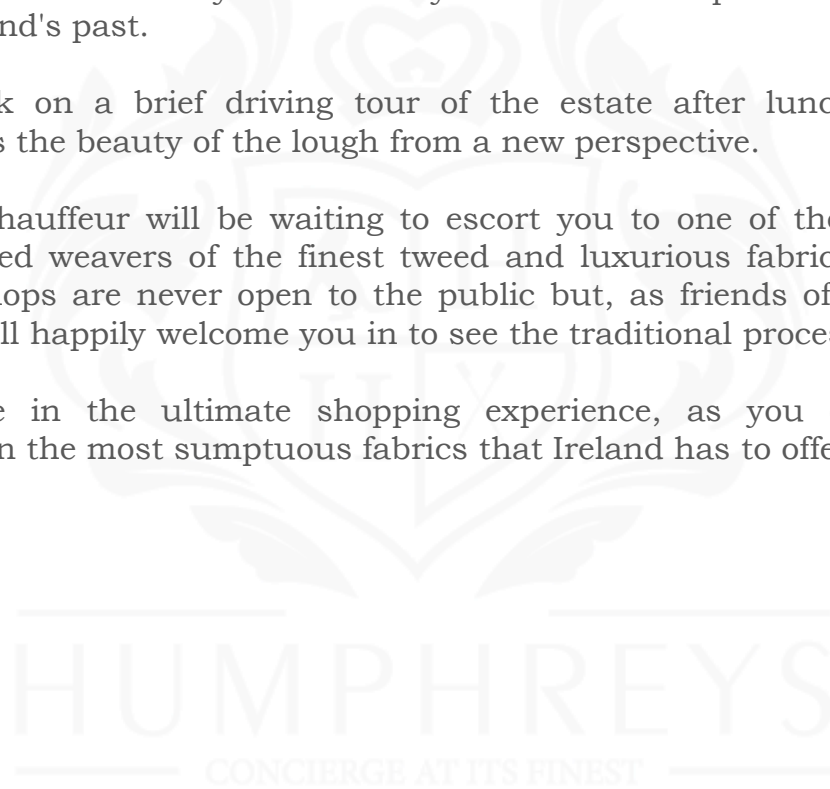
CROM CASTLE

Experience the epitome of relaxation with a boat trip on the tranquil waters of Lough Erne. John will be there, highlighting key points and sharing the illustrious family history of the estate. Relax in comfort as you immerse yourself in the captivating tales of Ireland's past.

Embark on a brief driving tour of the estate after lunch and witness the beauty of the lough from a new perspective.

Your chauffeur will be waiting to escort you to one of the most esteemed weavers of the finest tweed and luxurious fabrics. The workshops are never open to the public but, as friends of John, they will happily welcome you in to see the traditional processes.

Indulge in the ultimate shopping experience, as you choose between the most sumptuous fabrics that Ireland has to offer.



Accommodation at Com Castle



Day Three

TULLYNALLY

Say farewell to Lord and Lady Erne and head to Ballyfin, your hotel for the next few nights.

On your way, visit the wonderful Tullynally Castle, the country house and family home cherished by the Pakenham's. The castle is not usually open to the public, making it an amazing opportunity for you both to be able to go and visit.

This authentic Gothic-style building has over 120 rooms and has been home to the Pakenham family (now the Earls of Longford) for over 350 years. The house is currently owned by Thomas Pakenham and his wife Valerie, who inherited the estate from his uncle, 6th Earl of Longford in 1961.

The house is surrounded by twelve acres of parkland and gardens, laid out in the early 19th century with a limestone grotto and ornamental lakes.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by Eliza, Thomas' daughter, who has written a number of books about the family history.

Enjoy a two-hour tour from Eliza, who will share the history of the house and family uncovering secrets of this majestic home.

Your driver will then escort you to Ballyfin, where you can have a relaxing afternoon wandering around the grounds.

Accommodation at Ballyfin



Day Four

HORSE RIDING & SPA

Spend your morning in the saddle with a majestic two-hour horse trekking experience. With 614 sprawling acres to explore, horse riding around the Demesne is a wonderful experience. Soak in the stunning natural beauty as the seasoned Ballyfin riders guide you around the Demesne, trekking by the tower and lake, deep into the grounds.

After your morning in the saddle, delve into a gourmet picnic hamper for lunch. Choose between dining in the comfort of your own room or immerse yourself in the panoramic views from the picnic house.

In the afternoon, your therapist will collect you from your room and take you to the lavish treatment rooms that provide an ideal place to unwind, restore and to invigorate the body and mind. Their expertly trained therapists will skilfully ensure you leave feeling revitalised and refreshed.

They will rhythmically apply time-tested, effective massage techniques combined with a custom blend of aromatherapy to help you to de-stress, unwind, and achieve a deep, relaxing experience.

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Accommodation at Ballyfin



Day Five

BIRR CASTLE & IRISH MUSICIAN

You will be driven to Birr Castle and upon arrival, receive a warm welcome with drinks in the tapestried hall where you will be treated to a brief history of the Castle. A family member will take you on a tour of the Libraries, yellow Drawing Room, and great Gothic Music Saloon, highlighting each of the historical treasures and history in each room.

Enjoy a sumptuous cooked lunch at the Castle before your tour continues. Your knowledgeable guide will take you into the magnificent gardens to see the Great Telescope, as well as to explore the galleries of Ireland's Historic Science Centre. You will also be shown as much of the Demesne's sprawling gardens as you wish before you head back to Ballyfin.

We suggest spending around five hours at Birr Castle so you can see the extensive Demesne as well as a tour of the main rooms in the Castle and the Gardens. This timeframe will provide ample opportunity to enjoy a drinks reception and lunch without a rush.

Once back at Ballyfin, before dinner, immerse yourself in the country's heritage as an incredible Irish pianist and composer who has performed and recorded with some of the world's leading artists plays for you. Accompanied by one of his band musicians, they will talk and play some music, giving you a wonderfully intimate insight into what makes Irish music so special and melodic.

Accommodation at Ballyfin



Day Six SUMMER RACE DAY AT PUNCHESTOWN RACECOURSE*

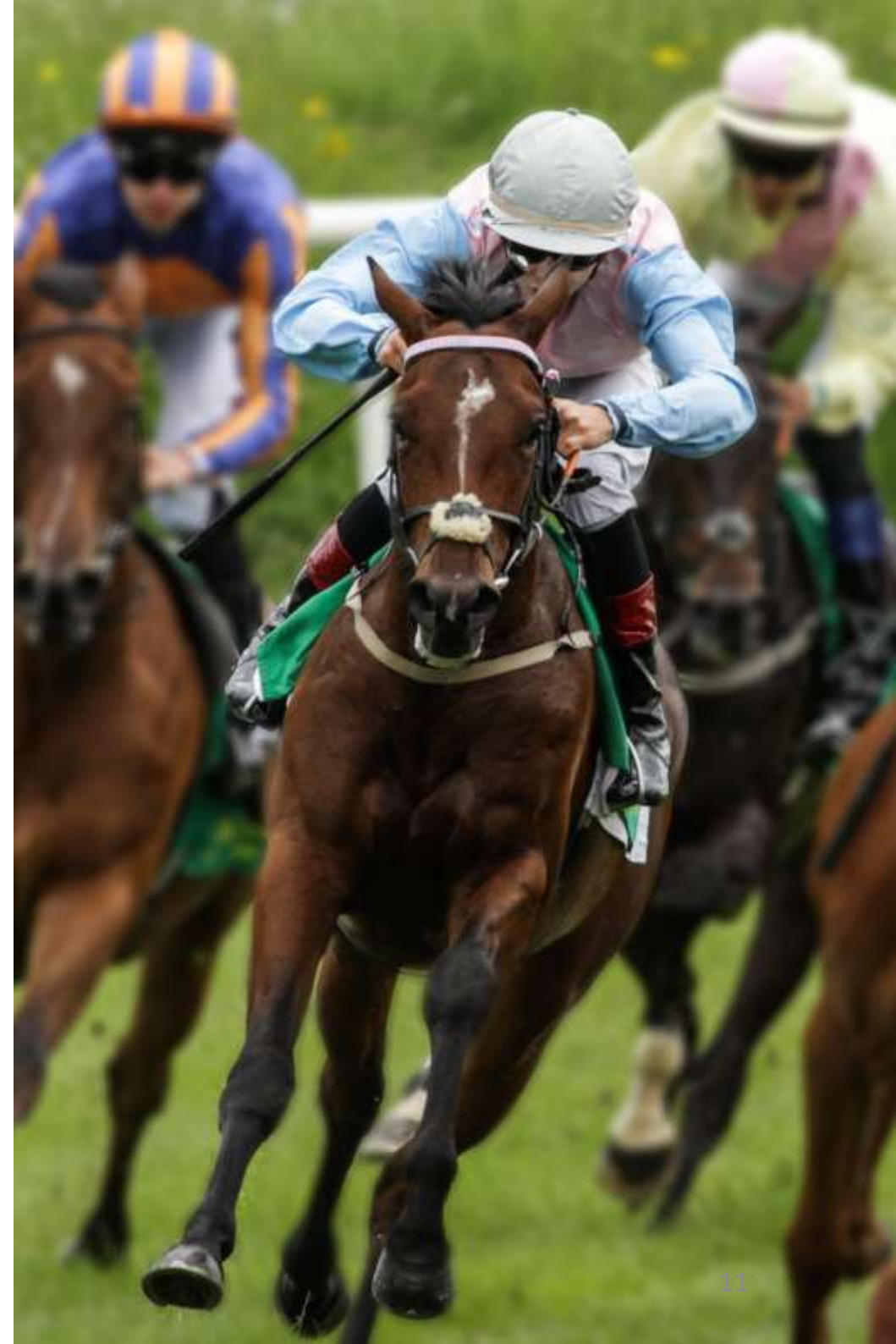
Your chauffeur will collect you from Ballyfin and will take you to Punchestown Racecourse. Horse breeding and racing are at the heart of Irish life in the country. Their passion for horses and the sport knows no bounds, so a day at the races is an essential part of your visit to Ireland.

Begin your day exploring the prestigious National Stud, en route to Punchestown. Experience an all-inclusive day at the home of jump racing with a delicious-four course lunch to be enjoyed alongside the on-course action.

As you arrive at Punchestown you will be greeted by your dedicated host for the day. Head to your hospitality suite for a delicious lunch at 13:00 and soak up the electric atmosphere. Once you have finished lunch, enjoy the racing. The first race will commence at 14:30.

**This experience is dependent on the time of year you would like to visit, please confirm your preferences upon your enquiry*

Accommodation at Cashel Palace



Day Seven

E-BIKES & AFTERNOON TEA

Begin your day with an e-bike tour revealing Tipperary in all its rustic splendour. Your driver will collect and drive you to Clonmel, where your expert guide will be waiting to lead you on a wondrous journey.

Experience the rich history and culture as your guide leads you on a carefully crafted route designed to showcase the area's most remarkable landmarks and picturesque locations. Delight in the majestic castles and stunning villages, where you can pause for a coffee and a bite to eat.

Cycle along the old towpath next to the Suir River passing through Kilsheelan, Deerpark and Carrick on Suir. The terrain is a paved pathway and is relatively flat, so ride with ease, while your guide ensures you soak up every moment.

Once the loop is complete, your driver will be ready to collect you and take you back to Cashel Palace where you can enjoy a delicious afternoon tea served in the opulent Queen Anne Room.

Spend your afternoon relaxing in the spa at Cashel Palace. Nurture your mind, body and spirit through targeted holistic methods; working physically on the body as well as calming the mind to balance your overall wellbeing. Choose a treatment that suits you, and leave feeling mellow and relaxed.

Accommodation at Cashel Palace



Day Eight

COOLMORE STUD

Continue your equestrian adventure as you are chauffeur driven from Cashel Palace to Ballydoyle Racing.

Begin your day meeting your dedicated Equine Experiences Manager. Upon arrival, enjoy a private guided driving tour of the racing facilities, including the gallops and equine therapy centre. Witness the new generation of thoroughbred racehorses as they are put through their paces in pursuit of excellence.

Following your Ballydoyle experience, savour a delicious lunch at a local independent restaurant before you are driven to Coolmore Stud for the afternoon.

The tour here commences with a guided stroll through the farm to facilitate an up-close visit with the world-renowned stallions followed by an exclusive visit to the restricted-access Legacy Museum where you will learn the treasured history of Coolmore Stud.

You will have the enviable opportunity to go behind the scenes and learn about the incredible history of these much-loved thoroughbreds, guided by their incredible trainers.

Accommodation at Cashel Palace



Day Nine

CORK

Cork is the second largest city in Ireland and is located in the Southern Region and the province of Munster.

The city centre is an island positioned between two channels of the River Lee which meet downstream at the eastern end of the city centre, where the quays and docks along the river lead outwards towards Lough Mahon and Cork Harbour, one of the largest natural harbours in the world.

Spend the day learning about Cork's immense history dating back to the 6th century. Visit St Fin Barre's Cathedral, an Anglican Cathedral situated in the centre of the and designed by William Burges and consecrated in 1870.

Your guide will then take you to The English Market, which was a food market that started in 1788. It has been described as a “food lover’s delight” and “one of the best-covered markets in the U.K. and Ireland.” It’s brim-full of tasty delicacies including the freshest of seafood. You can buy everything from cakes to spices to wine, so definitely make a stop before you eat lunch! Even the late Queen loved it when she visited during her royal visit to Ireland in 2011.

Accommodation at The Park Hotel, Kenmare



Day Ten

THE RING OF BEARA

Begin your day in awe with a tranquil 60–90-minute walking tour of Kenmare's town heritage.

After your immersive stroll, your chauffeur will whisk you away to embark on an unforgettable driving tour of the Ring of Beara - a breath-taking 140km-long coastal drive that winds its way through the stunning Beara Peninsula, spanning two of Ireland's most picturesque counties, Cork and Kerry.

Whilst the Ring of Kerry may be more well-known, the Ring of Beara's unbridled natural beauty, rugged landscape, and unique charm are arguably even more breath-taking. Traverse a world of unspoiled magnificence as you bask in the wondrous sights of this mesmerizing landscape.

The stunning Beara Peninsula is home to raw, unspoiled scenery and the type of landscape that will delight you for the entirety of your visit; as well as being home to a number of delightful towns and villages that offer an abundance of enchanting stops to explore.

Take in the awe-inspiring scenery and indulge in the local charm as you savour a sumptuous lunch in a traditional pub.

Accommodation at The Park Hotel, Kenmare



Day Eleven

THE SLEA HEAD DRIVE AT THE DINGLE PENINSULA

The Slea Head Drive, one of Ireland's most scenic routes, is a circular route, forming part of the Wild Atlantic Way, beginning and ending in Dingle, that takes in a large number of attractions and stunning views on the western end of the Dingle Peninsula.

The Slea Head Route is most enjoyable when done slowly over a number of hours, allowing time to shop at the many interesting stops and detours along the way, and of course, stopping for a wonderful lunch in an Irish restaurant or pub.

En route, you will stop off at a fabulous sheep farm and enjoy a private sheepdog demonstration at the West Kerry Farm. It is located in a beautiful setting nestled between the Slieve Mish mountains and the picturesque Tralee Bay.

You will see how their purebred border collies, Jess and Sam, respond to both voice and whistle commands. You will also be able to see their two miniature donkeys; Alfie and Sooty.

Accommodation at Adare Manor



Day Twelve

CLIFFS OF MOHER BY EBIKE

One of Ireland's most famous locations, the Cliffs of Moher tower over the rugged West Clare Coast. Spend the day exploring the Cliffs of Moher with a wonderful e-bike and car tour.

Enjoy an e-bike tour of the Burren, which is around 22km. You will be able to see the beautiful Irish countryside. Stop off for a lovely lunch en route at an Irish pub, restaurant or café.

Your route will also include the Burren landscape, historical sites including Dolmen from 3500BC, the ring fort from 900AD, high crosses and churches from the 1100s, as well as the wildflowers and folklore of the area.

Your e-bike tour will finish at an arranged location where your car tour guide will pick you up. Enjoy the spectacular views from the top of the cliffs and see over the Atlantic Ocean and the Aran Islands.

Seeing the cliffs in the afternoon will allow you to see them at a quieter time. The views are spectacular with the sun in the west.

Accommodation at Adare Manor



Day Thirteen

CLIFFS OF MOHER BY BOAT

Immerse yourself in a world of striking coastline, as you embark on your private luxury cruise, offering unparalleled access you can absorb the magnificent heights of the cliffs from sea level. See O'Brien's Tower at the cliffs' highest point, and views of the Aran Islands, the Burren and Galway Bay.

Take a moment to appreciate the rich abundance of wildlife, nature, and history that grace the resplendent coastline of Ireland. Bask in the awe-inspiring sight of Ireland's largest seabird colony, nestled atop the magnificent Branán Mór (Sea Stack). With favourable weather, you may even spot some puffins, dolphins, seals or basking sharks.

Tuck into a gourmet picnic lunch on board your cruise and enjoy many delicious treats all washed down with a glass of champagne, or two.

Revel in the luxury of freedom to choose to stay on the tranquil waters for as long or as little as your heart desires.

Accommodation at Adare Manor



Day Fourteen

GALWAY & LIMERICK

After breakfast, your chauffeur will collect you and your luggage from Adare Manor and will drive you to Galway where you will enjoy a gentle walking tour with an expert guide.

Galway is a harbour city on Ireland's west coast, where the River Corrib meets the Atlantic Ocean. The city's hub is 18th-century Eyre Square, a popular meeting spot surrounded by shops and traditional pubs that often offer live Irish folk music.

Remnants of the medieval town walls lie between shops selling handcrafted Claddagh rings, books and musical instruments, bridges arch over the salmon-stuffed River Corrib, and a long promenade leads to the seaside suburb of Salthill, on Galway Bay, the source of the area's famous oysters.

Known for its fantastic food, take to one of Galway's independent restaurants or cafes for lunch before you head to Limerick.

Spend a few hours with a guide who will show you around Limerick. Experience one of the leading contemporary art galleries in Ireland, and tour around King Johns Castle; a restored medieval fortress.

When you are ready, your chauffeur will take you to Ashford Castle.

Accommodation at Ashford Castle



Day Fifteen

COUNTRY PURSUITS & RIVER CRUISE

For hundreds of years, the grounds of Ashford Castle have provided space for thrilling estate activities for its owners and their friends.

The expansive 350-acre Ashford Estate lends itself perfectly to a range of activities, from country classic pastimes such as horse riding, fishing, falconry and shooting, to more modern activities such as golf and cycling. So whether you are the active type or prefer to relax and soak up the scenery, you are spoilt for choice at Ashford Castle.

Spend the afternoon cruising on Ashford Castles magnificent lake, explore the pristine surroundings and soak up the scenery at leisure. With 365 islands and surrounding Connemara Mountains, you will have a great opportunity to photograph Ashford Castle from the water.

Join local historian and boat captain as they take you on a fascinating journey through time. Enjoy breath-taking scenery on Lough Corrib, with its 365 islands and surrounding Connemara Mountains. See highlights such as The Old Steamers Quay and views of Lord Ardilaun's Obelisk.

Accommodation at Ashford Castle



Day Sixteen

CONNEMARA NATIONAL PARK E-BIKE & WILDE'S RESTAURANT

Spend your final full day in Ireland in the beautiful countryside. Your chauffeur will escort you from Ashford Castle to the awe-inspiring Connemara National Park. Spend your day exploring the park's natural splendour, as you cycle around the hills on an e-bike, expertly guided by your knowledgeable guide. Traverse the best routes, take in the unparalleled beauty of the park, and revel in the freedom of a new and exciting adventure.

Indulge in a delicious coffee shop lunch, where you can find mouth-watering toasties, cakes, pastries, and the finest tea and coffee.

Say goodbye to your e-bike guide, and venture to the enchanting village of Cong, where you can amble along at your leisure. Allow your chauffeur to regale you with captivating stories and intriguing history as you continue your journey.

For your final dinner in Ireland, experience an intimate culinary experience at Wilde's Restaurant, located in the opulent setting of The Lodge at Ashford Castle. This exceptional restaurant offers the finest contemporary Irish cuisine, expertly crafted to perfection. Treat your taste buds to an array of exquisite dishes, showcasing succulent Irish beef and lamb, as well as the freshest fish and seafood, harvested from the pristine waters of Galway Bay and the stunning Connemara coastline.

Accommodation at Ashford Castle



Day Seventeen

TRAVEL HOME

Wake up for a delicious breakfast in Ireland before your chauffeur collects you from your hotel and drives you to the airport.

Along the way, look out at the beautiful Irish countryside and savour the views for the final time.

Depending on your flight schedule, your chauffeur will happily stop in Dublin so you can explore the vibrant city and indulge in a delicious lunch at one of the independent restaurants.





BALLYFIN HOTEL RECOMMENDATION

Set at the foot of the Slieve Bloom Mountains in the centre of Ireland, Ballyfin is a place of history and romance, tranquillity and great natural beauty.

The house has long been admired as the most lavish Regency mansion in Ireland, and after nine years of restoration, Ballyfin re-opened in May 2011 as a 5-star country house hotel like no other. It offers the very best of Irish hospitality in the most beautiful surroundings imaginable.

Steeped in Irish history, the site of Ballyfin has been settled from ancient times and was the ancestral home in succession to the O'Mores, the Crosbys, the Poles, the Wellesley-Poles (the family of the Duke of Wellington) and later the Cootes.

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CASHEL PALACE HOTEL RECOMMENDATION

Set within a magnificent regal manor dating back to 1732, and with views of the iconic Rock of Cashel, this landmark address has been meticulously restored to create a truly desirable destination hotel in the heart of Ireland.

Optimally located between town and countryside, Cashel Palace offers elegant bedrooms, suites and public areas, complemented by expansive gardens, a world class Spa and the convivial Guinness Bar.

A proud Relais & Chateaux member, the dining offering is exceptional. With a deep connection to our bountiful Golden Vale pastures, much produce is sourced from this natural larder with which Executive Chef Stephen Hayes creates an exciting culinary experience.

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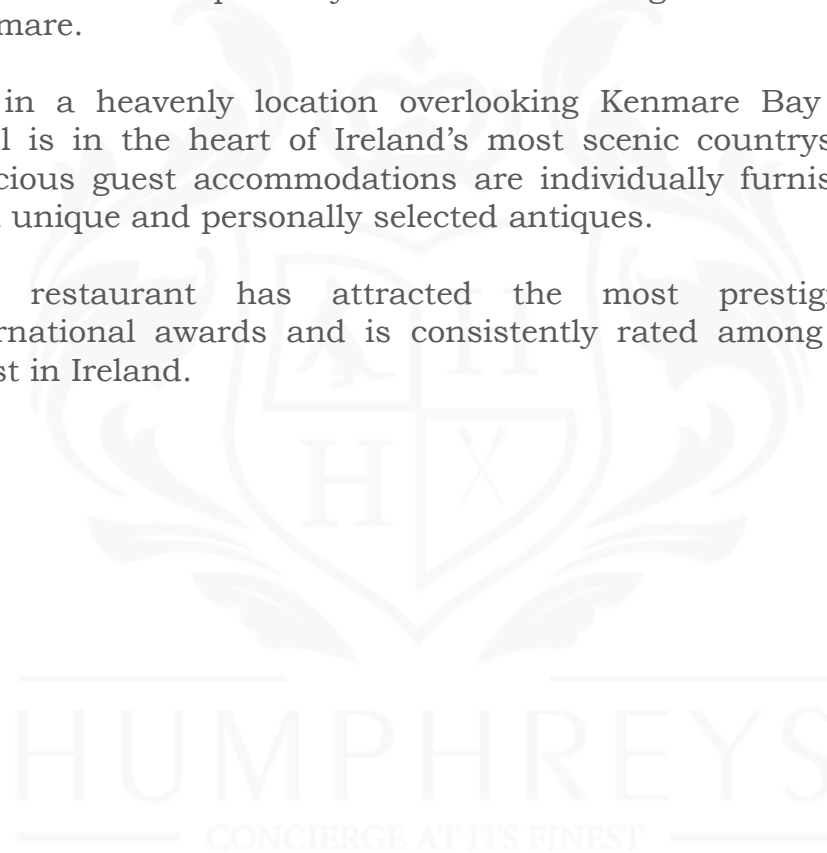


THE PARK HOTEL HOTEL RECOMMENDATION

Since 1897 many world travellers have enjoyed the pleasures of the privately owned and managed Park Hotel Kenmare.

Set in a heavenly location overlooking Kenmare Bay the hotel is in the heart of Ireland's most scenic countryside. Spacious guest accommodations are individually furnished with unique and personally selected antiques.

The restaurant has attracted the most prestigious international awards and is consistently rated among the finest in Ireland.





ADARE MANOR HOTEL RECOMMENDATION

Overlooking beautifully manicured rear gardens, and with views of the iconic Rock of Cashel.

Formerly one of Ireland's most magnificent stately homes, neo-gothic Adare Manor has emerged from a glorious renovation with the aim of being Ireland's most impressive luxury hotel. Creative dining concepts, magnificent interiors and a myriad of outdoor pursuits are among the attributes set to distinguish it.

Limerick has the advantage of being lesser known than many areas on the west coast, and yet Adare Manor's 842-acre estate provides a resort feel. Beside the grounds, Adare is a pretty village with a terrace of photogenic thatched cottages and smattering of pubs.

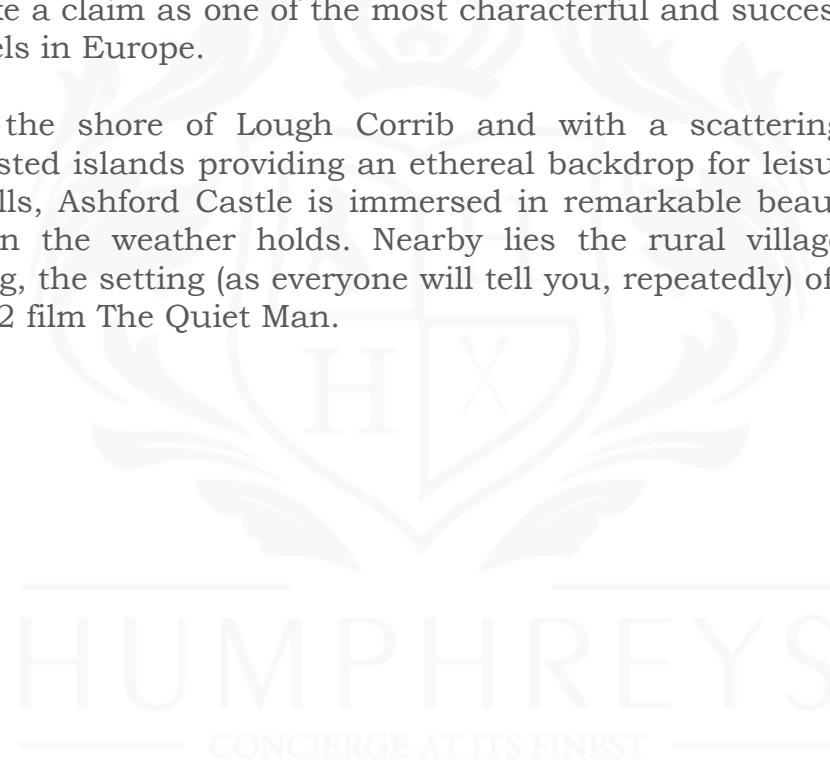
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ASHFORD CASTLE HOTEL RECOMMENDATION

With a peerless Lough Corrib setting and innate grandeur, centuries-old Ashford Castle has long been known as one of Ireland's best hotels. Extensive renovations have imbued the property with sufficient modern comforts to ensure it can stake a claim as one of the most characterful and successful hotels in Europe.

On the shore of Lough Corrib and with a scattering of forested islands providing an ethereal backdrop for leisurely strolls, Ashford Castle is immersed in remarkable beauty – when the weather holds. Nearby lies the rural village of Cong, the setting (as everyone will tell you, repeatedly) of the 1952 film *The Quiet Man*.



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