



1 DROMOLAND CASTLE - dromoland.ie

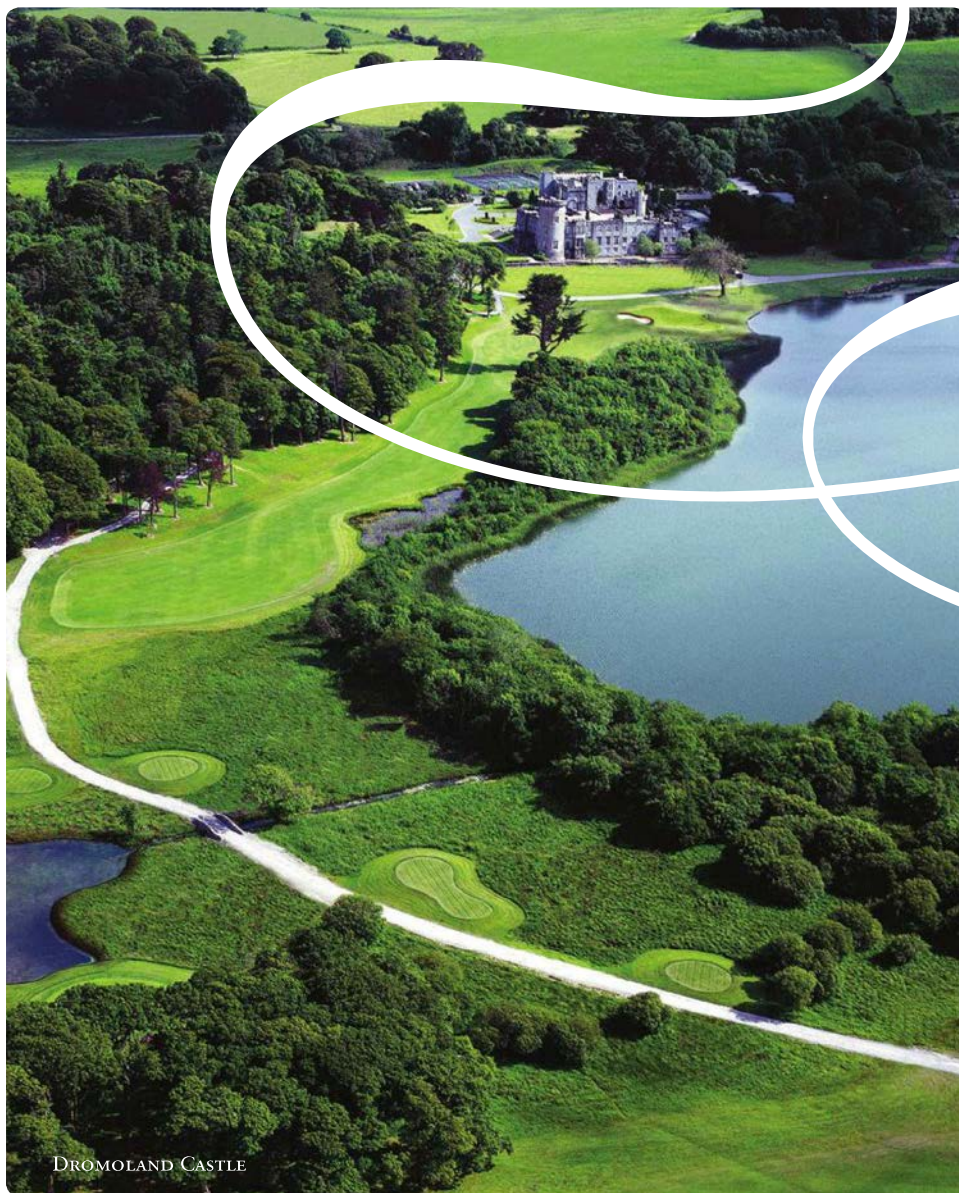
Feel like royalty when you stay at Dromoland Castle. Located down a winding pass outside Newmarket on Fergus in Co. Clare, The Dromoland Castle Hotel offers glorious five-star accommodations out of a 5th century castle. Once the home to Gaelic Royalty, this hotel has glorious architecture and furnishings throughout. It sits on beautifully manicured lawns with a lake right behind. In addition, there is the 18 hole championship golf course. Commissioned by J B Carr and designed by Ron Kirby, the course takes full advantage of the beautiful scenery and water features. To get the most out this place Dromoland Castle has a special offer for golfers. The Royal Golf Package features 1 nights' accommodation in either the Queen Anne's Bedroom or Deluxe Room for two, Irish breakfast, steak dinner, and greens fees for 1 round of golf all for €295/€325 respectively.

2 CASTLEMARTYR - castlemartyrresort.ie

Castlemartyr is overflowing with history. The castle portion of the resort dates back to the 13th Century in connection with the Knights Templar. While the Manor House was built in the 17th Century by non-other than the Duke of Cork, Richard Boyle. Both structures have been converted into what is a spectacular five-star hotel. The rooms are appointed in the finest materials and the staff are very helpful. But the best part is the golf. Designed by Ron Kirby, the inland links course at Castlemartyr is a great challenge. Tall grass fills in the gaps between holes and the fairways roll with the land the course is built on. The resort is currently offering a special for play and stay customers of 1 nights' accommodation, breakfast and dinner for two in the Club House, and a round of golf for each guest all starting at €315 for the Deluxe Room. If you want to stay longer, Castlemartyr also has a two-night stay and play program starting at €275 per night as well as a two-night, two-course package for €325 per night.

3 CARTON HOUSE - cartonhousegolf.com

So a castle is not good enough, how about a mansion? The Carton House is a resort destination perfect for any golfer. The hotel is an old mansion – it combines classic chic with modern appointments – and right outside sit two championship golf courses. The two courses are vastly different. The O'Meara Course, designed by Mark O'Meara, is



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parkland style, with holes snaking along the river Rye and through pastures and woodland. Then there is the Montgomerie Course, built by Colin Montgomerie of course. Here the holes are a tough links design that have played host to the Irish Open on numerous occasions. The Carton House has many special packages, including one- or two-night stays and one or two rounds of golf on either course. All packages include bed, breakfast and a three-course meal at the Linden Tree Restaurant. They start at €165 per person sharing for one-night, one round.

4 THE K CLUB - kclub.ie

If you want prestige, look no further than The K Club. 2011's AA Hotel of the Year and Ireland's first AA Five Red Star resort, the K Club hotel is modelled after a French chateau and is filled with ornate paintings, sculptures, and furnishings. The view from outside

the 'palace' is astonishing. It appears to rise up out of the trees and dominate the landscape. This is most apparent from the world famous Palmer Ryder Cup Course, one of two golf courses on the premises. This course, in particular, hosted the 2006 Ryder Cup where the European team took the dramatic win. The other course is the Smurfit Course which played host to the European Open from 1995 to 2007. Both courses were designed by Arnold Palmer and are a challenge for any golfer. The resort has packages ranging from a one- or two-night stay with rounds on both courses to a three, five, or seven night stay, breakfast, dinner and a round on each course.

5 MOUNT WOLSELEY - mountwolseley.ie

Don't leave the family behind, take them along to the Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa & Country Club. Situated in beautiful Carlow, the resort



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has amenities for all ages. While you're out hitting the fairways your kids can be cared for by Mount Wolseley's wonderful staff. The kids have a playground and many activities available. The hotel itself has gorgeous rooms and amenities a plenty. Plus there are available a wonderful spa, fitness facility as well as three tasty restaurants. So when you're done on the course you can come in and relax with a pint or a massage. The golf course itself was designed by Christy O'Connor Jnr and is a remarkable 18 hole parkland course. They are offering a great deal on one or two-night accommodation with a round of golf starting at €119 per person sharing.

6 ROSAPENNA – rosapenna.ie
Rosapenna combines the old with the new. The original hotel was destroyed in a fire back in 1962, but standing in

its place is a gorgeous building that blends with the classic scenery yet is filled with modern amenities. The resort features two courses each designed by legendary golf architects. The first course, built in 1891, was designed by Old Tom Morris of St. Andrews and received an update in the 1900s by Harry Vardon and James Braid. Talk about a being in good company. This course, aptly named the Old Tom Morris Links, remains the way it was when these three worked on it over a century ago. In 2003 a Pat Ruddy sculpted course was built called the Sandy Hills Links. In contrast to the Old Tom Morris Links, Sandy Hills is the ideal modern links. With narrow fairways, landing areas carved from the dunes and a length of 7,255 yards from the tips it will surely challenge even the most serious of golfers. You can stay two nights at Rosapenna with dinner and two rounds on the Old Tom Morris Links (reduced fee for Sandy Hills) for a special price of €250 per person sharing.

7 DRUIDS GLEN – druidsglenresort.com
With the fog hanging in the trees, Druids Glen emerges as a place of majesty and great play. Having held prestigious tournaments on both of its meticulously groomed courses, Druids Glen is definitely a must stop for any golfer. The resort sits amongst the trees of the Wicklow Mountains, making for some glorious views and a relaxing atmosphere. Unless, however, you find yourself stuck in one of the Glen course's pot bunkers. The famous Pat Ruddy and Tom Craddock designed course has tested the likes of Colin Montgomerie and more. If the golf proves too much you can always relax in the spa or at one of Druids Glen's restaurants. You can get a package for one or two nights, golf and accommodation beginning at €175.

8 FAITHLEGG – faithlegg.com
Faithlegg House Hotel in Waterford is built out of an amazing 18th century mansion that forms the centrepiece of the resort. The facilities at Faithlegg were expanded so the hotel now has 66 rooms, 2 suites, 14 master bedrooms and 65 self-catering holiday

homes. The area is perfect for a golf vacation. Right on site is an 18 hole championship course designed by Irishman Paddy Merrigan. You can gauge the calibre of play based on the fact that it has hosted two Ladies Irish Opens and three Euro Pro tournaments. The course is a sculpted parkland layout with challenging greens and well-placed bunkers. The signature holes of 16-18 will either leave you smiling with joy or kicking yourself for coming up short. Either way you can enjoy this lovely estate for two nights, with breakfast each morning, one dinner at the Roseville Rooms Restaurant and a complimentary round of golf for €99 per person sharing. Its a great deal from a great hotel.

9 **GLASSON –**
glassongolfhotel.ie
Many forget about a resort on a lake. Glasson is a spectacular hotel and golf course situated on the shores of Lough Ree in Co Athlone. Their emphasis is on spaciousness. Each room has high ceilings and plenty of floor space and the same is apparent in their common areas. The brand new bar and restaurant offers good food for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and panoramic views of the lake out massive windows. Also out those windows is the Christy O'Connor Jnr designed 18-hole championship course. The course is filled with great holes that are a good play for all players. From the heroic par 5s to tricky par 3s over water, you will be spoiled with fantastic views and a challenge round each corner. Glasson is currently offering packages starting from €125 per person sharing for one or two B&B, golf, and dinner.

10 **GALGORM CASTLE GOLF CLUB AND GALGORM RESORT & SPA –**
galgormcastle.com/galgorm.com
Nestled amongst two historic monuments, the Rory Oge MacQuillian Castle and a series of souterrains, Galgorm Castle is a beautifully designed parkland course. The 220-acre estate is bordered on two sides by the rivers Maine and Braid. The Resort, only minutes away, is a beautifully set against the rushing Maine. Rooms are wonderfully furnished with a mix of classic and modern styles. This theme flows perfectly with the Castle course. Galgorm is history meets future wrapped in a package for you to enjoy. Speaking of, Play & Stay packages start from €106 for 1 night's stay at Galgorm Resort & Spa and 1 round of golf, including access to the thermal spa and full Irish breakfast.

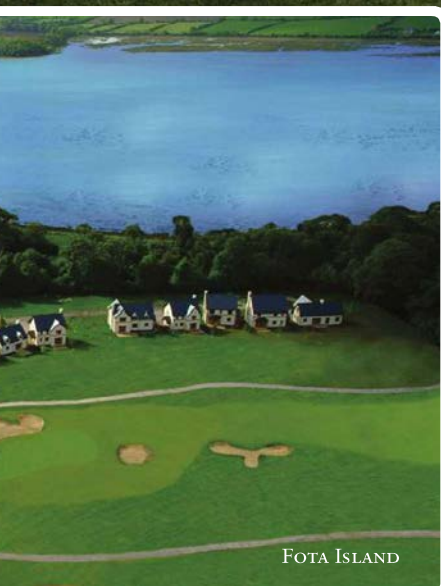
11 **FOTA ISLAND –**
fotaisland.ie
If living in the lap of luxury is what you're after, Fota Island has got it. This five-star resort has everything and more. With three championship golf courses on site, two gourmet restaurants and a spa you won't want to leave the premises. But you should cause only 15 minutes away is the thriving town of Cork. This area is great for a family holiday or a getaway with your mates. The Fota Island hotel is furnished impeccably with wood trims, fine leathers and modern appliances. There are plenty of guest rooms and suites available, but if you want to go all out you can rent a lodge. Stepping out the door of a lodge puts you right on the course. They are perfect for an extended-stay golf holiday. Special prices are available but depend on the number of nights and the season. A Stay, Play & Dine package is available from the hotel including two rounds of golf, a dinner in the Clubhouse and a one night stay starting at €249.

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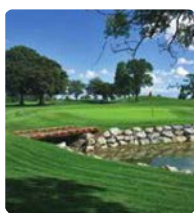


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KNIGHTSBROOK –
knightsbrook.com



Located in lovely Co. Meath, only a few miles from Dublin, the Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort is covered in luxury. As you walk through the lobby of this family-operated resort you are welcomed by large glass chandeliers, red velvet and marble floors. This place has a magnificence unlike many others. The rooms are appointed with the same class as the lobby and the rest of the hotel. After basking in the glory of the Knightsbrook hotel you can hit the fairways of their Christy O'Connor designed course. The course is excellently carved into the countryside of Trim, the town Knightsbrook is located in. You can play and stay here for only €115 per person sharing for a one night's B&B, dinner and a Thermal Spa Journey to help you relax away all those bogeys.

of the Mount Juliet hotel is absolutely exquisite. The main house is a white brick building covered in ivy, overlooking the magnificent Jack Nicklaus designed championship course. That's right, a Jack Nicklaus parkland course that has been heralded as one of the best parkland courses in Ireland sits on the Mount Juliet property just waiting for you to tee off. This same place held the WGC American Express Golf Championship in September of 2002 and 2004, with a line-up consisting of Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, Sergio Garcia and Pádraig Harrington. And how could you pass up an opportunity to play on the same fairways as them? With prices for a one night stay, breakfast, and round of golf starting at €119 you can't say no.

for panoramic views from all-around. Hotels and golf courses don't get much nicer than this. This amazing place is offering great deals like the '36 Hole at Lough Erne' or 'Play and Stay or Pamper' packages which start at €199 and €145 respectively.

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SLIEVE RUSSELL –
slieverussell.ie

Treat yourself to a golf holiday at Slieve Russell, the

course is definitely one not to miss. This course is filled with undulating fairways and crisp greens perfected by designer Paddy Merrigan. He set up the course to reward the adventurous player, not penalise them. The holes on the Slieve Russell course are an absolute joy for any player; you'll want to return for more. And don't forget, Slieve Russell has a great four-star hotel on the premises as well. The rooms are all about comfort, letting you unwind after a long day of golf. The hotel also features the Best Hotel Restaurant in Co Cavan, the Setana Restaurant, awarded by the Irish Restaurants Awards for 2012. But that's not the only one, there are three places to dine at Slieve Russell. The options are endless. If planning on playing and staying here there are two options, there is a one night B&B with one round for €85 per person or, for a limited time, there is the Irish Open special. This package includes two nights accommodation, breakfast, dinner, and a round of golf all from €165.

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LOUGH ERNE –
loughernesort.com



Lough Erne may not have the history that other Irish golf courses have but it does have the beauty. Located on the shores of Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough, the courses and hotel are a fantastic place to stay and play. The main course is expertly designed by the famous Nick Faldo. The holes are challenging but forgiving enough allowing even amateurs to pick up a few birdies. And then there is also the Castle Hume course. The entire resort is nestled in a lovely area of Enniskillen in Northern Ireland, allowing

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MOUNT JULIET
mountjuliet.ie
 Beautifully set in the countryside of Killarney, the Mount Juliet

estate is perfect for a little getaway. The place features 31 ultra luxurious rooms and two presidential suites in the Mount Juliet House, 16 rooms in the Clubhouse, numerous Rose Garden Lodges and the private Chauffeur's Lodge. Every facet

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THE HERITAGE theheritage.com

Modern meets classic at the Heritage Golf and Spa Resort. The hotel sits right off the fairways of the superb Seve Ballesteros designed championship course. Rooms available range from Deluxe and Standard rooms to lavish Penthouse suites and four bed golf homes. The décor of the Heritage evokes pure luxury and opulence while integrating in modern amenities flawlessly. If the rooms don't get you relaxed enough then head on over to the spa. The staff at the spa will ease away all your stress and you'll feel ready to attack the course. The course at The Heritage is utterly breathtaking. Every facet that Seve included in his design is perfect – from the sculpted bunkers to the rolling fairways. When you arrive you'll want to drop everything and pick up your clubs. You can find yourself walking these greens and staying in this luxurious hotel for one or two nights with breakfast and dinner starting at €139 per person sharing.

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PORTMARNOCK LINKS portmarnock.com

This is a place of legends. Having hosted the Irish Open an astounding 19 times, Portmarnock is in the upper echelon of Irish golf. The course has been graced by McIlroy, Harrington, Clarke, Palmer, Ballesteros...the list goes on. Why not add your name to this list by playing at, and staying at, this great course. The newly refurbished Portmarnock Hotel, only steps from the links, awaits your arrival. The rooms are located in the new hotel and the Old Jameson Building. The resort is perfectly placed right outside Dublin City Centre, so you're not too far away from a bustling city. Right now, Portmarnock has special play and stay deals from €99 per person sharing. This an amazing opportunity to take to one of golf's highly revered courses.



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TULFARRIS – tulfarrishotel.com

Take a break in the Wicklow Mountains at the Tulfarris Hotel and Golf Resort. The hotel offers amazing views of the mountains and the Blessington Lakes. There are rooms in the hotel as well as in the Manor House. These rooms are absolutely stunning. Each one is individually furnished to the highest level of luxury. The Tulfarris also features a gorgeous 18 hole golf course. The holes meander their way past water hazards, mature trees and thick grass. The course itself is situated on three peninsulas stretching out into the lake. What is even better are the offers they have to play and stay. The first package, the 'Play, Stay & Dine', includes a round of golf, a three-course meal at the LimeTree Restaurant, breakfast and a night's stay all for €49 a person. Their other package, the 'Dine Once, Dream Twice' features two nights bed and breakfast, dinner and two rounds of golf. Yep, two rounds for only €149 per person sharing.



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