



Welcome, Park Hotel Kenmare

Dear Friends,

How does one take perfection and turn it into sublime? Bryan and Tara Meehan, the proud new owners of [Park Hotel Kenmare](#) have risen to the challenge.

Once owned by the Brennan Brothers, the famous five-star hotel is kicking off a new era. The Meehan's are committed to retaining all that is wonderful about this beloved property, and their significant investment to enhance several key areas of the guest experience has already begun. An added bonus: the couple's museum-class modern art collection is now being installed and will feature prominently throughout the hotel.

Allow us to (re)introduce you to Park Hotel Kenmare, a jewel on Kenmare Bay.

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Heritage and Luxury



Welcome to Park Hotel Kenmare

Tucked amidst established gardens that tumble down the hillside to Kenmare Bay, Park Hotel Kenmare is a 19th-century Victorian property just minutes from the stunning Ring of Kerry, the Ring of Beara and the Wild Atlantic Way. Guests are welcomed as friends in Kenmare, a Heritage Town just a two-minute walk from the front door, with boutiques, art galleries, eateries, and more. In fact, the town is unique in Ireland in that it has more restaurants than pubs - 40 places to eat, in all, with 6 or 7 excellent restaurants (the hotel staff is happy to provide recommendations).



An interior view at Park Hotel Kenmare

Brian O'Sullivan, the interior designer responsible for the hotel's new look, returned to his hometown of Kenmare to oversee the renovation of this iconic hotel. Over the past three years, Bryan and a team of local craftspeople introduced his signature use of curves to feature in the dining room that now leads to a beautiful new addition, the Champagne Bar. Bryan has previously worked with some of London's most iconic hotels.



A Deluxe Room at Park Hotel Kenmare

No two bedrooms are the same at Park Hotel Kenmare - each is individually decorated and styled with original antiques, which will be retained during the refurbishment. The new color palette incorporates landscape-inspired hues of heathers, light purples, and greens. Most rooms are sea-facing, providing a dreamy sense of place.



A Suite at Park Hotel Kenmare

The excellent Park Hotel Kenmare team is notably dedicated to their craft and welcomes leisure travelers with aplomb - the service focused team flings wide its doors for families and friends traveling together. They love hosting multigenerational gatherings and aim to cater to every age, travel style, and interest within the group. They have no trouble putting together five or six rooms for a family, with three sets of interconnecting rooms and suites available. A Superior Family Room comes with bunk beds, always a hit with the kids.

Artful Ambiance



The Drawing Room at Park Hotel Kenmare

The Meehan's private art collection is slowly being introduced to adorn the walls of the hotel, including in the lobby, restaurant and lounge. Irish-American artist Sean Scully, American artists Andy Warhol and Theaster Gates and Irish painters Louis le Brocquy and Dorothy Cross will be prominently featured. Bryan owns one of the largest collections of Scully paintings outside of The Guggenheim/Metropolitan Museum of Art.



A small part of the Bar at Park Hotel Kenmare

The hotel as a whole will now have a strong artistic focus. The staff will be trained on the art and guides and art books will be available for guests to read. Art tours will be available at least once a day.

Special Touches



Sunny Day Spa at Park Hotel Kenmare

From the Lego room and special pool hours for children to the Blue Bottle Coffee in all guest rooms (Bryan Meehan was one of the founders), Park Hotel Kenmare has considered every detail. Whiskey connoisseurs may meet in the Cocktail Bar for private whiskey-tasting experiences. Tours of the kitchen and herb gardens, palm trees, rhododendrons, fuchsias, semi-tropical and rare plants, and botanicals are available with the head gardener. Preferred tee times are available at the adjacent, 18-hole Kenmare Golf Club. In whatever way the team can make a guest feel at home and well cared for, they’ve put it into practice.



The Lego Room at Park Hotel Kenmare



Kenmare Golf Club. Photo credit - Kenmare Golf Club

Daily lifestyle programs are offered, which are complimentary and switch out weekly. A list of the next day’s choices, typically about four or five, is left on guest beds in the evening. The spa team greets guests in the lobby in the morning to gently encourage them to participate in something new for the day. Options may include a botanical walk, yoga, breathing sessions, and hiking along the “Kerry Way,” a perfect way to encapsulate the true history of the county.



The Male Relaxation Room at Park Hotel Kenmare

In the evenings, guests love to cozy up in the private cinema room, where parents can sip on a chilled martini while children treat themselves to popcorn. Better yet, parents may slip away for a delightful dinner while their children revel in movie magic.



A view of the Restaurant at Park Hotel Kenmare



A view from the Terrace at Park Hotel Kenmare

Exploring Kenmare and Beyond



A view of Kenmare

One could check in to Park Hotel Kenmare, never leave the grounds, and have the stay of a lifetime ... but one must be encouraged to venture out to gorgeous Kenmare, the Ring of Kerry, and the Ring of Beara (with locations featured in the Star Wars films).

This is the ideal jumping-off point for some of Ireland's most epically beautiful road trips. Guests may trace the Wild Atlantic Way, a tourism trail on the country's west coast, as well as parts of the north and south coasts. The 2,500-kilometer driving route passes through nine counties and three provinces, from County Donegal's Inishowen Peninsula in Ulster to Kinsale, County Cork, in Munster on the Celtic Sea coast.



Ring of Beara. Photo credit - Flickr

The Ring of Beara is a 140-kilometer scenic coastal drive that circles the Beara Peninsula in the southwest of Ireland. If one is following the Wild Atlantic Way, they will follow much of the Beara route, with the exception of the Caha Mountain stretch between Kenmare and Glengariff. This is where those who seek the wildest Ireland will find it - a truly remote region with very few tourists and many unspoiled landscapes.



Killarney National Park, Ring of Kerry. Photo credit - Wikimedia Commons

The Ring of Kerry also beckons, a 179-kilometer circular route that takes in rugged and verdant coastal landscapes and rural seaside villages around the Iveragh Peninsula in southwest Ireland. Sehillig Michael, a rocky island with an abandoned 7th-century Christian monastery, is a major destination here - travelers may boat from Portmagee across to the island during the warmer months.

The Details

A quick glance at Park Hotel Kenmare:

- 46 rooms and suites
- 3 room categories (Deluxe, Superior, Suites)
- Family and adjoining rooms, including interconnected suites, and a Superior Family Room with bunk beds

- Michelin-starred restaurant
- 16 chefs who focus on local and fresh menus that change four times a year
- The Terrace, with views of the gardens and Kenmare Bay, for breakfast and afternoon tea
- Cocktail bar, with one of Europe’s largest whiskey collections (more than 400 in total)
- Drawing Room for morning coffee, afternoon tea, drinks before or after dinner and piano music in the evenings
- SAMAS deluxe destination spa and pool, with fitness classes, a 25-meter, stainless steel, heated lap pool, private sauna, a yoga pavilion and more
- Tennis, croquet, complimentary bicycles, horseback riding
- Member of Relais & Châteaux, Virtuoso, Signature and Internova



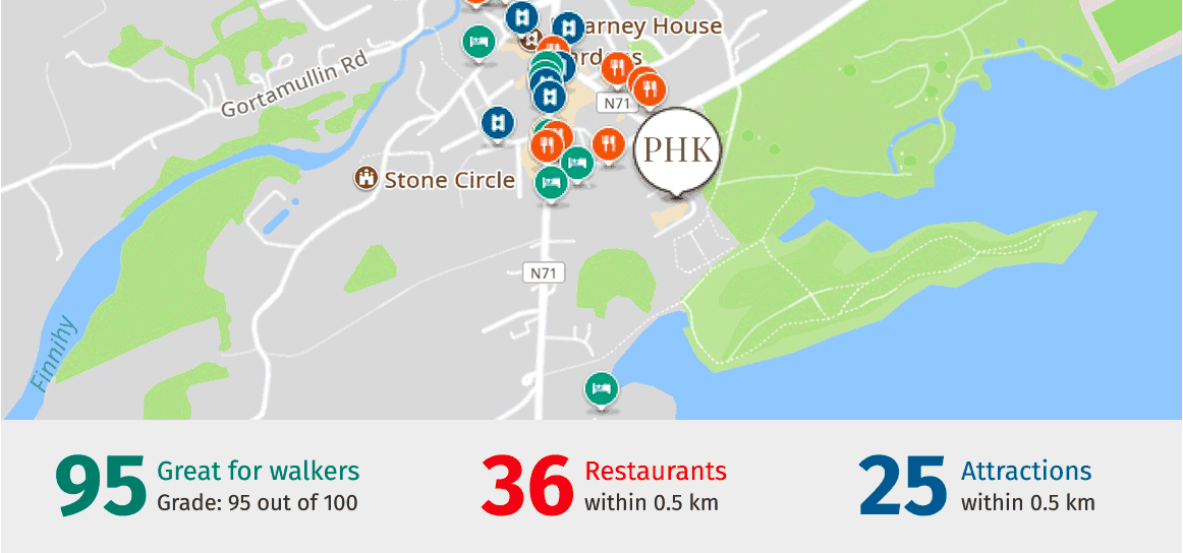
A view from the Sunny Day Terrace



Afternoon Tea at Park Hotel Kenmare

Getting Here

Guests coming in from the United States can easily access Park Hotel Kenmare thanks to numerous transatlantic gateways into Ireland. The hotel sits just 32 miles from Kerry Airport, 60 miles and just over 1 hour drive from Cork Airport, 2.5 hours from Shannon Airport, and 4 hours from Dublin Airport. The Killarney Train Station is just under 20 miles away from the property.



With its award-winning front of house team and fine dining restaurant, Park Hotel Kenmare has long been on the radar of the world’s elite travelers. Reintroduce those guests, or those who have yet to experience its luxuries, to this heavenly hotel in the heart of Ireland’s most scenic countryside.

For more information and an introduction to the Park Hotel Kenmare team, please reach out to us at vip@r-recommends.com and we’ll connect you.

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