



ASHFORD CASTLE

HOTEL & COUNTRY ESTATE
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ACTIVITIES 2026

FISHING



Ashford Castle is ideally situated on the banks of the Cong River and Lough Corrib, one of the most famous fisheries for wild brown trout and Atlantic salmon in Ireland.

A day on Lough Corrib can be a memorable experience, especially at about midday when you can beach your boat on one of the many beautiful islands. Your guide may light a fire to make a cup of tea to enjoy with your delicious hotel packed lunch (to be booked in advance.)

The fishing season on Lough Corrib opens on the 15th of February with the first hatch of duck fly in mid-March. In April the Olive hatch starts and leads into the famous Mayfly. June and July can provide some exciting dry fly fishing. Cong River has one of the best Atlantic salmon runs in Ireland. The season for trout and salmon continues until the end of September. Pike fishing is open all year. Fly fishing lessons are also available from March to September.

Our Ghillie, Frank Costello, is an Orvis endorsed guide and is recognised as one of the most knowledgeable on Lough Corrib. The Costello family have lived and worked on the Ashford estate for three generations. Frank's grandfather started as farm manager with the Guinness family in 1917. Frank's father Jim Costello began as a fishing guide at Ashford Castle in 1939.

THE FISHING SEASON

- Trout fishing on Lough Corrib opens February 15th to September 30th
- Pike fishing is available all year round
- River opens mid-March for salmon & trout
- The best time for trout fishing is from mid-March

Prices:

- €320 for three hours. (Up to three participants plus guide, either 10am to 1pm or 2pm to 5pm)
- €550 for seven hours. (Up to three participants plus guide, 10am to 5pm, with a one hour stop on an island for packed lunch.

Additional charge for packed lunch and must be ordered in advance)

- €130 Fly Fishing lesson per person per hour and €100 per person for more than two participants

Booking is essential for this activity.

For bookings and information please contact T:+353 94 95 46003

All cancellations must be made at least 48 hours before time of activity or it will incur a 50% charge. No show for activity will be 100% charge.



BOAT TRIPS



Frank is also a marine and countryside guide approved by the Irish Tourist Board.

He offers guided boat trips on Lough Corrib and to its many beautiful islands. The boat, made by Frank himself, is of traditional Irish design and is fully licensed by the Irish Department of Transport. He can collect passengers and trips can be tailored to guests' preferences.

TRADITIONAL GUIDED BOAT TRIPS

Prices:

€160 forty minute trip for up to three passengers. Longer trips can be arranged on request.

Booking is essential for this activity.

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CHIEF'S ISLAND PICNIC



The Chief's Island picnic is a guided 2.5hr adventure with a third generation professional ghillie and marine & countryside guide, Frank Costello, who escorts guests on an exploration of Lough Corrib with a pitstop at some of the more unique islands on the lake. Experience Lough Corrib at its finest where history, folklore and beautiful scenery create an experience like no other.

This Experience Includes:

An excursion on a traditional hand-crafted wooden Clinker boat while Frank regales guests with the history and folklore of the local islands and Lough Corrib with his extensive knowledge of the history of the castle itself.

A stop at one of Ashford Castle's Islands - Chief's Island - named after the late Mr Stanley Tollman, Chairman of The Travel Company (TTC) and owner of Ashford Castle. This island is also known locally as Inis Cunga (weather permitting, there is the opportunity to visit other islands).

Guests will enjoy a packed luxurious picnic hamper while moored at Chief's Island, while Frank tends to a crackling fire built in a stone pit, and boils water for a warming cup of Irish tea.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

This boat experience at Ashford Castle is available 12 months of the year, weather permitting.

Prices start from €565 for up to three people and includes a freshly prepared picnic and bottle of wine.

Larger parties can also be accommodated on request. We look forward to welcoming you aboard.

Advanced bookings required

**For bookings and information please contact
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All cancellations must be made 48 hours before the date of booking to avoid a 100% cancellation charge. Terms & Conditions apply.



Experience the breath-taking Lough Corrib through Ashford Castle's private Kayaking tour with a professional local guide.

Take the lake's beauty and its abundant wildlife from a different perspective of Connemara. This unique experience offers an unforgettable journey and an opportunity to escape city life's hustle and bustle. Don't miss this chance to connect with nature and create unforgettable memories.

With extensive knowledge of the local area and its history, the tour guide will ensure that you have a safe and satisfying experience and an unforgettable adventure. We welcome individuals and groups of up to 8 people every day. For larger groups, please let us know in advance.

The cost for adults to partake in the activity is €110 per person.

For children aged 16 and under, the fee is €85 per child. (Minimum age is 8 years)

Available from May – September

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FALCONRY



Ireland's award-winning School of Falconry is the oldest established Falconry School in the country and offers you the chance to fly hawks around the beautiful castle grounds and woodlands during a one hour private hawk walk.

Established in 1999 the Falconry School is home to the largest and most diverse collection of Harris hawks in Ireland, all of whom have been specially trained by the Falconry School themselves.

On arrival, you are greeted by your Falconry Instructor and introduced to your hawks, before setting off to fly your hawks. As you fly the hawks, your falconer will explain all about the hawks' eyesight, their speed and agility and also about the character and history of the individual hawks that you are flying.

As you walk through the beautiful woodlands, your hawks will closely follow you, flying from tree to tree, before swooping down to land back on your gloved fist... a moment you will never forget!

Uneven Terrain: *The Hawk Walk is a very hands-on & interactive experience which entails a moderate walk along woodland paths over uneven terrain.*

No Wheels or Stroller: *The hawks are not wheelchair friendly unfortunately, they are mistrustful of anything with wheels so it is not possible to bring a wheelchair or a mobility aid to the Falconry School.*

FLYING A HAWK IS AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

Private one-hour Hawk Walk

- €140 for one participant
- €210 for two participants
- €255 for three participants
- €300 for four participants

Further reductions apply for more participants.

Spectators

There is a charge of €25 per spectator and a maximum allowance of two spectators per Hawk Walk booking.

Booking is essential for this activity.
(Minimum age is seven years)

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Ashford Castle is located on the shores of Lough Corrib, the largest, cleanest and most scenic lake in the Republic of Ireland.

We invite you to join local brothers Patrick and David Luskin on a voyage of discovery to enjoy the beauty of this wonderful lake. Corrib Cruises was founded in 1976 by Patrick and David's father John and today the brothers, both of whom have a vast wealth of local knowledge, run the business. In 2003, Patrick wrote a history book about the castle and the lake entitled 'A Voyage of Discovery'. A signed copy of the book can be purchased on board.

The Boat:

The Isle of Inisfree is an 80 passenger, all-weather craft, licensed by the Irish Department of Transport. There is a full bar service and toilet facilities on board. Enjoy the outdoor upper deck and the lower enclosed deck which is centrally heated during the winter months. All cruises depart Ashford Castle Pier, 100 yards from the front door of the castle.

THE HISTORY CRUISE (365 days a year)

An informative scenic cruise through the myriad of beautiful islands of Lough Corrib.

Departs: Ashford Castle Pier at 11am (boarding from 10.30am)

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Cost: Adults €30, children five to 15 years €15, children five years or under are free.

Note: **Guests who take this cruise will be back in time to check out that morning.**

Points of interest along the way include:

- A visit to The Old Steamers Quay to view the local fleet of yachts and cruisers
- Excellent views of Ashford Castle, the Connemara Mountains and the surrounding 365 islands
- Views of Lord Ardilaun's Obelisk and the 3,000 year old pagan burial mounds
- At the end we stop in front of the castle to give a detailed history and photo shoot

THE ISLAND CRUISE (1st June to 30th September)

There will be detailed commentary throughout this cruise. The Luskin brothers have met some very interesting and famous people over the years and are always keen to meet new people and to share their vast wealth of local knowledge with them.

Departs: Ashford Castle Pier at 2.45pm (boarding from 2.30pm)

Duration: 2 hours (including a 40 minute guided tour of St Patrick's site on Inchagoill island)

Cost: Adults €40, children five to 15 years €20, children five years or under are free.

Note: **It is advisable to wear flat walking shoes for your walk on the island.**

Points of interest on this holy and famous island include:

- A leisurely stroll along the ancient trail through 100 acres of native Irish woodland
- St Patrick's Church, founded by St Patrick in 450 AD
- The inscribed burial stone of St Patrick's navigator nephew, buried here in 470 AD
- The Church Of The Saints, built by the Augustinian monks of Cong in 1180 AD
- The tomb of Archbishop Muirgeas O'Nioc, buried here in 1128 AD

We look forward to welcoming you aboard. Advanced bookings required.

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THE SPA



The Award-winning spa at Ashford Castle has been given the accolade for Forbes Five Star - the first Spa in Ireland to receive this accolade and excelling to achieve Best Hotel Spa in Ireland for the 10th consecutive year at the World Spa Awards.

The Spa is dedicated to restoring harmony and balance through individual treatments and curated spa journeys, personalised for each of our guests by exceptionally skilled therapists.

Our commitment to wellbeing focuses on holistic principles, combining ancient wisdom and modern expertise. Our spa menu offers an extensive variety of health and beauty enhancing treatments to ensure that our guests are nurtured, pampered and relaxed.

The Spa services are delivered using specially chosen brands iconic to Ashford and Ireland in their own special way. The ethos of the spa is one of connectivity, environment and fulfilment. Working with leaders in the spa industry we are proud to deliver powerful and unique experiences for all our guests.

THE SPA

AUGUSTINUS BADER

Inspired by over three decades of science and innovation, Augustinus Bader's award-winning approach to professional skincare is rooted in groundbreaking stem cell research and trusted by the world's most discerning experts. Professor Bader's clean, efficient formulas are powered by TFC8®, a proprietary cellular renewing technology clinically proven to help support the body's natural regenerative processes, for a fresh, healthy glow from the inside out. The Augustinus Bader protocols have been designed to support skin's innate wisdom at the highest level, to address individual needs and reveal the best version of yourself.

NATURA BISSÉ

An official brand for Forbes Travel Guide. A family-owned luxury skincare company from Barcelona, Spain, founded by Ricardo Fisas in 1979. Since that time, NATURA BISSÉ has become one of the most prestigious and respected brands in the luxury skincare market. Dedicated to extensive research and development, NATURA BISSÉ has an array of skincare collections, which include anti-aging products for the face and body, sun care products and special treatments for both men and women.

B | AFRICA

A unique range of exclusive body products and professional spa treatments, prepared by blending native African plant extracts, the natural goodness of the sea and eco-friendly production technologies. The B | Africa product line has been created in honour of Bea Tollman, Founder and President of The Red Carnation Hotel Collection, who says "The unique natural locations of the Red Carnation properties are encapsulated in our B | Africa products and treatments, which harness the essential life-giving properties of Mother Nature's rich bounty to calm, detoxify, nourish and energise body, mind and spirit."

VOYA

Based on wonderful hand-harvested seaweed, certified organic and their knowledge of the local traditions of seaweed baths and seaweed treatments, VOYA strives to bring you the full power of nature in its purest forms through its range of body therapies. VOYA originates from Sligo, Ireland.

OPI

OPI as the world leader in the professional nail care industry, OPI is committed to providing high-quality products and services with a focus on industry safety and innovation.



THE SPA



SPA FACILITIES:

- Five Treatment Rooms - beautifully appointed for your utmost comfort and relaxation. This includes a stunning couples suite with lake views.
- Finishing Touches Suite - manicures and pedicures. For a special treat, relax in our spa thrones.
- Essence Infused Steam Room with a river view - to warm the body and relax the muscles.
- Relaxation pool - incorporating water resistance jets, optimal ozone/temperature for rebalancing your body's metabolism.
- Riverview Relaxation Suite - to relax in-between and after spa treatments with our lounge chairs, cashmere blankets, magazines and books or to meditate.
- Health Bar - with homemade healthy snacks, fresh infusion waters and still mineral water.
- Fitness Studio - with a range of Life Fitness cardio and resistance training machines.
- Use of the relaxation room, relaxation pool and essence infused Steam Room is available for Spa Treatment guests only.

OUR TOP SPA SERVICES INCLUDE:

- The Ashford Castle Ritual: 60 minutes
- The Augustinus Bader Full Body Ritual: 75 minutes
- Natura Bisse Diamond Life Infusion Ritual: 90 minutes
- B|Africa B-Together Massage using rose quartz crystals: 60/90 minutes

Opening hours:

Monday to Sunday 8am - 7pm

For further information about The Spa Treatments and Services contact The Spa at Ashford

Email: thespa@ashfordcastle.com

T: +353 (0) 94 954 6003

Cancellation policy is 48 hours prior to treatment time.

ENERGISE AT ÉALÚ



A vibrant state-of-the-art health & fitness centre for guests of both Ashford Castle and The Lodge at Ashford Castle.

Éalú, meaning 'escape', features a pavilion style building with expansive floor-to-ceiling windows, a fifteen-metre swimming pool with a gym, functional fitness studio, and therapy room. The dynamic space has been created to offer guests a place where they can feel energised, rejuvenated and invigorated, while also providing plenty of opportunities for lively family fun time in the pool.

The Biophilic design of the building, created to nurture the relationship between people and nature, seamlessly brings the outside in, combining natural light with views of the stunning west of Ireland landscape.

Filled with light, the pool area is complemented by relaxation loungers, a jacuzzi, an essence-infused steam room, and a Klafs sauna in bespoke Swiss stone pine wood, as well as a separate children's splash pool.

Experienced trainers are available in the gym, functional fitness studio and therapy suite to help tailor activity to personal goals to help you sweat, stretch or simply be still.

Within the gym, state-of-the-art fitness equipment from the renowned 'Life Fitness' brand includes treadmills, cross trainers, upright and recumbent bikes and rowing machines, all with premium entertainment and performance consoles to help you elevate your performance.

OPENING HOURS

Guests at Ashford Castle and The Lodge at Ashford Castle will receive exclusive access to Éalú during their stay.

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 7am to 8pm

Saturday, Sunday & Public/Bank Holidays: 8am to 8pm

Junior guests under 16 years: 9am to 6pm daily

For further information about Ealu please email:
ealu@ashfordcastle.com

Seasonal hours are subject to change.



At Ashford Equestrian we specialise in small private horse rides in magnificent surroundings.

Immerse yourself in an exclusive private equestrian experience just your party and our guide.

Each rider starts out with a little induction to the horse they are riding in either our indoor or outdoor arena. We then head out on the beautiful trails, through forest, lake shore and passing the formal gardens surrounding the Castle. We go at a speed that is comfortable and safe for the level of the riders. We offer 1 hour and 2 hour trails.

We also have a half or full day horse ride that is suitable for advanced riders where we ride into the foothills of the Connemara mountains before coming back through the forest planted by the Guinness family passing the shores of Lough Mask and Lough Corrib. There is an option for a pub or picnic lunch.

We also offer pony rides for small children as well as private lessons for both adults and children.

Our selection of horses includes the native Connemara Pony, sturdy Irish cobs, Irish draughts and the traditional Irish sport horse. We also have competitive show jumpers. Please note we do ride English saddle, helmets and footwear are provided.

Weight Restrictions:

To protect the welfare of our horses we have a weight limit of 220lbs, 100kg or 15.7 stone. We do ask for heights and weights as well as previous horse-riding experience at the point of booking. A certain level of agility is recommended to horse ride.

PRICES:

30-minute children pony ride (Lead Rein):

€110 per child

(minimum age of four years to max 12 years)

One-hour private horse ride:

€200 per adult

Two-hour private horse ride:

€360 per adult (some experience required)

Three-hour private horse ride:

€610 per adult

(Must be confident and proficient in riding)

Private horse riding - full day:

€3500 for up to six people

Subject to availability. 7-day cancellation policy. Experienced riders only.

45-minute Private introductory riding lesson:

€200 per adult

We offer a full day horse ride that is suitable for advanced riders where we ride into the foothills of the Connemara mountains before coming back through the forest planted by the Guinness family passing the shores of Lough Mask and Lough Corrib. There is an option for a pub or picnic lunch.

Advanced bookings required. Subject to availability.

For booking and information please contact

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CLAY SHOOTING

The Shooting School is set on the spectacular Ashford Estate and boasts an enviable shooting history and heritage.

This heritage dating from the Browne's and on to the Guinness families involvement in the World record 'Woodcock' shoots of the early 1900's makes it a unique and special environment. We have an excellent Sporting Clays layout with a vast array of clay targets to shoot. In addition, we have covered shooting stands making it comfortable for shooting in all weather conditions. Our excellent team of experienced and knowledgeable instructors cater well for all abilities and experience levels.

We offer a number of packages for individual leisure guests through to corporate groups and large family events. Our 'Sporting 25 Clays' session is popular for beginners and experienced shooters alike. For the competitive folks we have our in house 50 target sporting competition called the 'Ardilaun Challenge' which is hotly contested every year!

Participants do not need any prior experience at all. Tuition and an experienced host are always on hand to facilitate the experience along with world class equipment that you will be required to wear. We also have the Gun Rooms for guests who are interested.



Sporting 25-clay shooting experience - up to 50 shots

Fully supervised by an instructor, you will be provided with the necessary instruction and safety briefing. You will shoot a variety of different targets, each representing a different challenge. This experience includes gun, ammunition (25 clay targets), tuition and insurance. All the necessary equipment is provided. You just wear something warm and comfortable and be prepared to enjoy the experience.

€175 per person with a supplement of €50 per box of 25 cartridges thereafter - subject to availability

'Guinness Shooting Experience' - 75 shots

The Guinness Shooting experience involves shooting approximately 75 shots over a wide variety of sporting clay targets, in addition to a comprehensive historical element which details the game shooting of past years on the Estate.

€250 per person

The Ardilaun Challenge - up to 75 shots

The Ardilaun Challenge is a 50-bird competition. Whether you are counting on your beginner's luck or you are confident in your shooting ability – then this is your chance to shine! The session begins with a masterclass in sporting clays led by one of our expert instructors. This will be followed by a scored 50-shot competition over five stands on our sporting clays range.

€250 per person, with a supplement of €50 per box of 25 cartridges thereafter - subject to availability

Private clay shooting lesson - up to 100 shots

We provide tailored tuition designed to match your individual ability and help you develop your own style. Our knowledgeable, experienced instructors draw on the latest sports instruction techniques to suit every shot, whether your interest is in game or clays. Includes 1-to-1 tuition, clays and cartridges.

€300 per person

Booking is essential for this activity.
(Minimum age is 16 years)

**For booking and information please contact
T: +353 94 95 46003**

Cancellation policy is 48 hours prior to arrival. Terms & Conditions apply.

ARCHERY



Set in the magnificent woodland of the Ashford Castle Estate, the Archery range provides a magical location to experience the ancient sport played by Kings, Lords and Ladies for centuries.

Using a modern recurve bow, Archery encourages concentration, poise, technique and determination, but does not require great strength.

Suitable for all the family as long as you can hold the bow. All of our sessions are tailored to individual participants, from the complete novice through to the competent archer.)

€170 for 60 minutes, based on one or two people
Additional participants €40 per person

Booking is advised for this activity (Minimum age 10 years)
For booking and information please contact
T: +353 94 95 46003

Cancellation policy is 48 hours prior to arrival. Terms and Conditions apply.





GOLF

Step into a world where relaxation and exceptional golf come together seamlessly.

Our 9-hole golf course, crafted by the ingenious Eddy Hackett in 1972 and refined under the expert eye of John A. Mulachy, offers a straightforward yet delightful golfing experience.

Adding to the allure, the legendary Christy O'Connor Senior once honed his skills as the club professional here from 1949 to 1952. This rich heritage, combined with our recent accolade as the Best 9-Hole Course in Connacht for 2025 by 'The Golfers Guide to Ireland,' underscores our commitment to providing an outstanding experience.

Embrace the opportunity to play a round in an environment where the natural beauty enhances every swing. Our course invites golfers of all levels to enjoy a perfect balance of challenge and relaxation, making each visit truly memorable.

- Club hire (includes golf balls, tees, pull trolley): €60
- Golf buggy hire: €60
- Shoe hire: €10
- Pull trolley hire: €5
- Green fees: €60

Prices apply to residents of the Castle and The Lodge.



TENNIS

We offer guests two all-weather courts for complimentary play.

Whether you're a regular player or have never held a racket in your life, you're sure to enjoy the experience in the magnificent setting of the Ashford Estate. Please ask at Reception, where rackets and balls are available for complimentary hire.

Private coaching tuition is available, advanced reservations required and additional costs apply.

Please note - all of the above mentioned activities are provided and organised by independent companies and booked at your own risk.

Safety information - there are uneven footpaths, low walls, and sharp inclines and declines around the garden and grounds.

Children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

No diving, paddling or swimming is permitted in the lake, river or fountain at any time. Please note, the waters in the river and lake are deep and hazardous.

Safety information for ramblers - please be aware, the terrain is uneven.

All guests must be suitably attired and activities are undertaken at your own risk.



Ashford Castle's own Fáilte Ireland National tour guide is delighted to offer our private chauffeur driven tours in luxury SUV vehicles. Chauffeur transfers to and from airports also available.

Tailor made tours are available for both full and half day excursions. Visit Connemara National Park, featuring 2,957 hectares of mountains, bogs, heaths, grasslands and forests, or Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Walled Gardens, one of Ireland's best loved and most iconic tourist attractions and home to the Benedictine nuns since 1920.

The lunar landscape of the Burren and breath-taking heights of the Cliffs of Moher will leave you in no doubt as to the dramatic splendour of the West Coast of Ireland and The Wild Atlantic Way.

In car facilities include:

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Heated seats

Prices are tailored for each requirement and number of people, please contact the hotel for further information.

**For pricing and booking please contact
T: +353 94 95 46003**



MRS TEA'S



Just a short, scenic stroll from the hotel, Mrs Tea's on the Ashford Estate awaits, offering an enticing selection of treasures from Ireland's finest artisans. Indulge in luxury Irish products like Magee and Dubarry and beautifully crafted candles from Rathborne, Max Benjamin and La Bougie.

Explore an array of stylish golf apparel from Peter Millar and Footjoy and cozy Blankets from Foxford Woollen Mills.

After exploring the boutique treat yourself to a selection of teas, coffees freshly baked goods and handmade chocolates. Don't miss our stunning pieces of Jewellery from NJO, SOLVAR Kabillion and Scribble & Stone.

Experience warm, personalized service and an enjoyable shopping experience, perfect for indulging in a taste of Ireland.

Shop instore or online at www.shop.ashfordcastle.com





PaulaPastry is a chocolate and pâtisserie concept developed by award-winning Pastry Chef Paula Stakelum, Global Director of Chocolate and Pâtisserie at The Red Carnation Hotel Collection.

Located at Mrs Tea's on the Ashford Estate, PaulaPastry is a pâtissier and chocolate counter that features signature pastries and chocolates, with flavours reflecting both the seasons and the estate. Each delectable treat is crafted in small batches by Paula and her team, ensuring meticulous attention to detail and the finest flavours possible. Guests can purchase their favourites from Mrs Tea's online shop.

Paula and her team have a vision to build on the deep-rooted relationship between Ashford Castle and chocolate. They aim to bring the essence of the estate to life through their chocolate and pastry creations, producing something that visitors can only ever experience from the Ashford Estate.

For more information, follow PaulaPastry on Instagram @paula_pastry.



CHOCOLATE EXPERIENCE

Guests can enjoy a 60-minute dessert experience with Paula Pastry in Stanley's after their dining in their chosen outlet or pre dinner, subject to availability.

Paula will take the guests on a journey through chocolate, where they will taste and learn about our signature chocolate blends, the ethos behind the chocolate and why we have chosen to partner exclusively with Valrhona Chocolate.

She will then take the guest through the journey of a pre-dessert and dessert plated live in front of the guest. Each dessert will be in season, off the Estate and made with our signature Legend Chocolate.

Very often the ingredients for the desserts will be harvested on the estate or from our kitchen garden on the morning of the experience.

The pre-dessert will be a pallet cleanser for the guest, in the form of a sorbet or an acid-based ice cream.

Foraged ingredients from the estate include - wood sorell, crab apples, woodruff, pine tips, blackberries, wild strawberries, wild raspberries. All of the season.

Note: Subject to availability and season
Cost: €250 per person and maximum six people

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS



KITCHEN GARDEN WALK

Explore the Ashford Estate's gardens with our estate gardeners, Alex and Niamh. Starting at the historic Kitchen Garden once owned by the Guinness family, you'll delve into sustainable gardening practices and discover the fresh produce featured in our seasonal menus.

Additionally, you'll learn about our dedication to sustainability on the Estate, including our organic, no-dig, no-chemicals approach, as well as composting, crop health, and local biodiversity.

This exclusive one-hour guided tour, offered every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from June to mid-October, welcomes guests staying at either Ashford Castle or The Lodge at Ashford Castle.

Time: 12.15pm

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS



HERITAGE WALK

Join Vincent Campbell, a Cong native with a deep-rooted passion for the history and natural wonders of the Castle's surroundings, as he guides you through the estate, woods, and Cong village. This morning walk reveals the historical and natural treasures within Ashford Castle's grounds and its vicinity.

This walk departs from the castle front steps on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

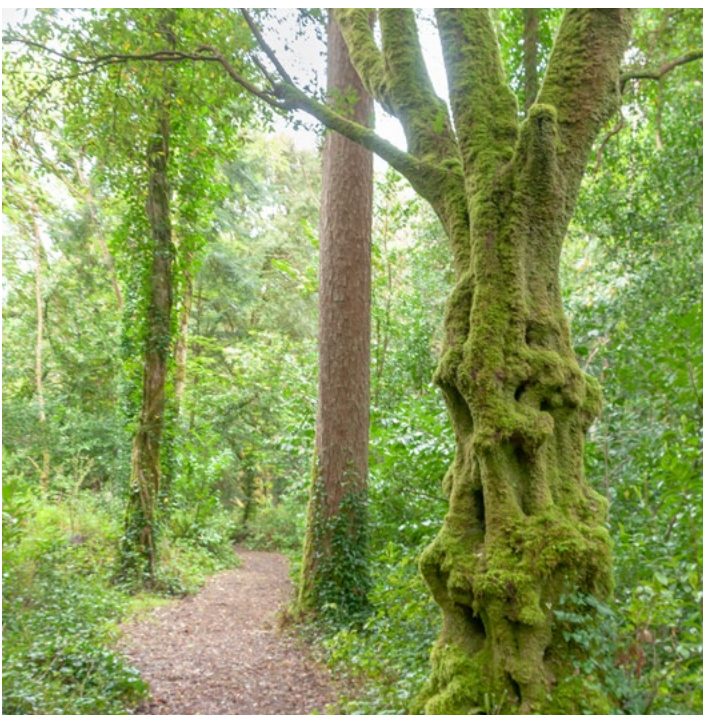
Time: 8.30am



THE GARDEN

The magical setting of the gardens on the edge of Lough Corrib, with the Castle as the central feature, is truly unique. Combining a wonderful balance of formal and informal areas, you can explore the main Parterre, the beautiful Walled Garden filled with perennial borders, fruit, and vegetables, as well as the long Terraced Walk and Broad Walk that offer breathtaking vistas across the gardens.

Additionally, the great woods are home to exceptional ancient trees, providing the perfect opportunity to leisurely wander through and enjoy the wildlife and natural environment.



DAWN CHORUS WALK

Ashford castle celebrates the Dawn Chorus and woodland biodiversity. These woodlands support a rich diversity of flora and fauna in this complex ecosystem. In a time of worldwide biodiversity collapse, this is a special opportunity to join local conservationists, Lynda Huxley and/or Michael Kingdon, for a relaxing early morning amble, listening to nature's most beautiful choir. You will experience the sound of Ashford, the dawn chorus and identify some of the birdlife and rich biodiversity of the Ashford Castle estate.

From 1st May - 30th May (Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday) starting at 7am (please meet Michael and Lynda at the Reception area of the Castle at 6.50am) No pre-booking is necessary. Appropriate footwear is recommended as the terrain is uneven on the woodland paths.

Terms and conditions apply.

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS



MORNING DOG WALK AND MEET & GREET

Morning Dog Walk

Take in the magnificent grounds of the Ashford Estate amidst the bounding company of our resident dogs and their handler, James, with a morning dog walk at Ashford Castle.

As you meander through the sumptuous woodlands and rolling hills of Kinloch Woods our resident dogs will guide you with affectionate enthusiasm. Their playful nature, the exquisite views back onto the Castle, and the wealth of tales offered by James will ensure the perfect start to your day.

Our morning dog walk takes place every Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We encourage appropriate footwear for the walk. If required, wellington boots can be borrowed at reception.

Time: Please meet at reception at 8:15am.

Meet & Greet

Begin your morning in the charming surroundings of Squire Danagher's with our meet & greet with the Estate Dogs, including our majestic Irish Wolfhounds.

Designed as a leisurely and intimate experience, this gathering offers unhurried time for photographs, gentle cuddles and meaningful moments with our beloved resident dogs. Their handler James will share stories about the heritage and character of each dog, and happily answer any questions, creating a warm and memorable start to your day.

The meet & greet takes place every Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Time: Please meet at reception at 9.45am

BICYCLE HIRE

Discover the estate at your own pace with our complimentary bicycle hire. Available to guests on a first-come, first-served basis, bicycles can be arranged through our Concierge - an effortless way to enjoy the scenery and explore your surroundings.





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