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The Royal Treatment

It would be a sizable challenge to find a country or a people that are more friendly and welcoming than the people you will find on the Emerald Isle. Here, everyone is treated like royalty. So if you want to travel like a king or a queen, the estates, castles, and manors found throughout Ireland are primed to pamper you. Here are some of our favorites. — Michael Woody

Ballyfin Demesne

Set in the heart of Ireland in the lovely County Laois, this unique five-star property over-delivers at every turn. From the moment you pull through the gates, you are transported back in time to this glorious 600-acre estate established in 1820. Reserved for guests only, the estate includes a magnificent lake, walled gardens, ancient grottoes, and the famed Stone Tower, complete with bicycles and golf carts to explore it all. You will also find a spa, archery, boating, croquet, and more to entertain your royals. And with only 15 guest rooms, Ballyfin offers plenty of space to relax and unwind. Long admired as one of the most lavish Regency mansions in Ireland, Ballyfin, over the last decade, has been restored and decorated to its former early 19th-century glory. The all-inclusive experience at Ballyfin promotes the relaxed feeling of being a guest in this absolutely exquisite home. ballyfin.com