



BALLYFIN

Estate Activities

During your stay enjoy an array of activities within the Demesne. Open to residents only, it is very easy to get away from everything as you explore the Demesne and in just a short distance from the house you can truly feel “lost in nature”.

Within the Demesne there are several miles of hard surfaced paths as well as several miles of mown grass paths so whether you prefer a gentle stroll or the exhilaration of biking or exploring by golf cart there is something for you.

Garden Walks

Exploring the Demesne is a delight – from the walled gardens; the fernery and the restored Edwardian rock garden; a stroll around the lake; discovering quiet bluebell glades and special areas of conservation; foraging for mushrooms and Autumn berries, or simply marveling at century-old trees and climbing the path to the tower, which is located at the highest point of the estate to enjoy stunning views.

Please pick up a map from the Butlers desk and enjoy your journey. Around the Demesne you will meet our gardeners who will be delighted to chat with you if you have any questions.

Garden Tour €50 euro per hour for guide (subject to availability) – groups of six or more €80 per hour

The following cancellation fee applies:
Within 24 hours – 50% of charge applies
Within 12 hours or failure to show – Full charge applies





Nature Walk – from 7 km

Take a walk with our guide and explore deep into the ancient woodlands of the Demesne passing the Winter waterfall, visiting the gate lodges, the church and graveyard. This guided tour explores the history and development of the Demesne.

Ballyfin Hike €50 euro per hour for guide (subject to availability) – groups of six or more €80 per hour

Coarse Fishing

Enjoy a few hours of fishing on the lake which has a large stock of roach and pike. We would be happy to arrange a ghillie for you.

Boats are available on a first-come basis if you would like to enjoy fishing alone and no charge applies. Our Butlers will arrange the fishing rods for you.

Bookings for a ghillie are required in advance of arrival. Bookings can be made during your stay but ghillie is subject to availability. Fishing with ghillie €50 per hour



Boating on the lake

Enjoy a leisurely boat trip on the 28 acre lake or why not let our Butler take you out while you relax and enjoy the scenery (advance notice required for Butler). Arrange a Ballyfin picnic and this will be ready for you at a beautiful private location close to the lake.

Bookings can be made in advance of arrival or during your stay and Butler is subject to availability. Boats are available on a first come basis if you would like to take a boat out on the lake and no charge applies. Book our Butler to take you out on the lake €50 per hour



Tennis

Located to the rear of the house, surrounded by beautiful trees, you will discover our tennis court. Please ask our Butler for tennis balls and rackets.

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Within 24 hours – 50% of charge applies
Within 12 hours or failure to show – Full charge applies



Gaelic Games

Our Butlers would be delighted to give you an introduction to two of our Gaelic Games – Football and Hurling and teach you some of the basic skills and rules of these very exciting and uniquely Irish sports.

The Gaelic Athletic Association / Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is a 32 county sporting and cultural organisation that has a presence on all five continents. It is Ireland's largest sporting organisation and is celebrated as one of the great amateur sporting associations in the World today. There are a range of sports among the Gaelic Games family including Football, Hurling, Ladies Football, Camogie, Handball and Rounders.

Hurling is believed to be the world's oldest field game. It features in Irish folklore to illustrate the deeds of heroic mystical figures and it is chronicled as a distinct Irish pastime for at least 2,000 years. The stick, or "hurley" (called camán in Irish) is curved outwards at the end, to provide the striking surface. The ball or "sliotar" is similar in size to a hockey ball but has raised ridges.



Gaelic Football is a field game which has developed as a distinct game similar to the progression of Australian Rules.

Bookings can be made in advance of arrival or during your stay and Butler is subject to availability. A charge of €50 per hour applies.

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Falconry

An exhilarating experience with amazing birds of prey. We offer you a private and personal Falconry demonstration and hands-on experience using trained Harris Hawks, Peregrines, Eagle Owls and other birds of prey. Enjoy the up-close and intimate relationship between man and bird which has existed for centuries.

Bookings must be made in advance of arrival as the Falconer is not based at Ballyfin.

Session with 2 guests - €500
Session up to 8 guests - €800
Session up to 12 guests - €950
(maximum 12 per session)

The following cancellation fee applies:
Within 72 hours – 50% of activity booked
Within 24 hours or failure to show – Full charge of activity booked
If late for an appointment the time will be deducted from the length of the scheduled activity



Bird Watching

Ballyfin is home to a wide variety of birds including peregrine falcons, buzzards, jays, pheasants, ospreys. Binoculars and guide books are available from the Butler.



Clay Pigeon Shooting

Clay Pigeon shooting is a thrilling experience. Whether you are a beginner or expert, you will enjoy this sport. Perfect your aim, time your shots and let the competitive streak in you shine.

Air Rifle Target Shooting

Using the most advanced pre-charged air rifles on our 50m range, your instructor will guide you in the skill of precision shooting.

Archery

Despite its medieval origins, archery has now been developed into a high-tech and highly competitive sport. Using the very latest equipment guests are taught the skills required to strike gold on the competition shoot.

Clay Pigeon Shooting €100 per 50 clays,
additional clays €25 for 25 clays

Air Rifle Shooting €80 for 60 shots,
additional shots €20 euro for 20

Archery €40 per person for a half-hour session



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Within 24 hours – 50% of charge applies
Within 12 hours or failure to show – Full charge applies





Horse Riding & Riding Lessons

With 614 acres to explore, horse riding around the Demesne is a wonderful experience. Our experienced riders will guide you around the Demesne, trekking by the tower and lake, deep into the grounds.

Horse riding lessons in the paddock can also be arranged with our experienced instructors. (maximum four riders at one time)

Bookings must be made in advance of arrival as the riding instructor is not based at Ballyfin

Horse Trekking €130 per person per hour
Horse Riding Lesson €140 per person per hour

The following cancellation fee applies:
Within 72 hours – 50% of activity booked
Within 24 hours or failure to show – Full charge of activity booked
If late for an appointment the time will be deducted from the length of the scheduled activity

Horse & Carriage

Step back in time and take a guided tour on a horse & carriage which awaits you at the front door. The tour will take you around the pathways of the Demesne with your guide highlighting the history of the Demesne.

One Hour Estate Tour €130 up to four guests

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Ballyfin Picnic Experience

Arrange a Ballyfin picnic in a place of your choice on the Demesne. Order your picnic in advance and a wonderful picnic basket will be ready for you to take with you to enjoy in a location of your choice. You are spoilt for choice with some excellent locations to choose from including the grotto, temple, by the water cascade, top of the tower or by the lake.

Reserve our picnic house with stunning views, seclusion and privacy and we will have a picnic lunch set up for you and ready on your arrival to the picnic house. (booking is required and a charge applies)

Picnic house is required to be booked in advance

€50 for up to 4 people

€100 for up to 8 people

€200 for up to 12 people

€300 over 13 guests

The following cancellation fee applies:

Within 24 hours – 50% of charge applies

Within 12 hours or failure to show – Full charge applies

House Activities

Modelled on the tradition of the Irish country house, Ballyfin is designed for guests who want to enjoy a few days of absolute tranquility and to experience the noble tradition of Irish hospitality. Guests are encouraged to enjoy Ballyfin after their own fashion, it is a place of urbane leisure and refined relaxation.

There are six reception rooms including an 80-foot library with roaring log fires and collections of rare books. Wine and whiskey tastings, Spa treatments and history tours of the house are among the activities offered, but we can also provide tailor-made activities to suit our guests' requirements.

Wine & Whiskey Tasting

A highlight for many guests is a trip to Ballyfin's well-stocked Cellar. Guided by our expert sommelier, enjoy an evening of wine or whiskey tasting and you can personally select your wine so that it is perfectly decanted and ready for you at dinner. (Pre-booking in advance is required).

From €75 per person, further details upon request

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History Tour

Ballyfin house has long been admired as the most lavish Regency mansion in Ireland, and after eight years of restoration, Ballyfin re-opened in May 2011 as a 5 star country house hotel like no other. Take a guided tour of the house and learn of the history of the families that lived at Ballyfin, the restoration period and enjoy hearing about the history of each room and the antiques and art.



Costume Department

Have you dreamed of starring in your own period drama? With the backdrop of Ballyfin (long admired as one of the most lavish regency mansions in Ireland) and a stunning collection of period costumes (from the Lyric Opera Company in Chicago - one of the best opera companies in the World) - you now have the opportunity. This is especially suitable for groups where guests can visit the specially designed costume room to try on and choose their costumes. With all guests dressed up, the group is now ready to enjoy a splendid evening with a fine banquet and entertainment to make the most of the occasion.

Our trained dressers will ensure you look the part for the evening and your selected costume will be delivered to your room.

During pre-dinner drinks, Ballyfin's photographer will photograph all participants individually and in group shots using the spectacular settings of Ballyfin as a backdrop (optional – pre-booking essential).

Ladies €50

Gentlemen €35

Photographer €250 – includes all photos on a disk delivered to Ballyfin the following morning
Entertainment – price on request

Ladies need to provide their own shoes and jewellery

Gentlemen need to provide their own shoes, trousers and shirts (we suggest a white shirt and black trousers)

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Leisure Facilities

Swimming Pool, Vitality Pool and Sauna

Whether you feel like swimming some laps, enjoying some water exercises or simply relaxing, our 14m heated indoor pool, overlooking the courtyard garden, is a beautiful space for invigoration and wellbeing or relax in our vitality pool and sauna.

The vitality pool is equipped with a mixture of air and water based features.

It includes a large feature seat with a combination of fine air bubbles and powerful water jets. The air pad in the centre of the pool floor offers an invigorating air massage while wall mounted hydro jets add vigorous leg and back massage to your experience. All features are available on demand and the water is kept at 40°C for your comfort, while the low level lighting adds to the ambience.

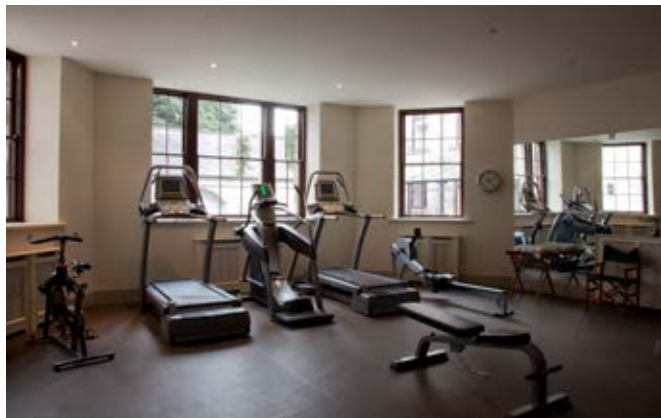
Swimwear is available to purchase from our boutique if you have forgotten to pack yours.



Fitness Gym

The gym is fully equipped with cardio vascular machines, audiovisual equipment and free weights. A personal training service is available on request, please ask our Reservations Department for further details.

Please note that the pool and gym area are open daily from 8.00am until 8.00pm.



Spa Treatments

The treatment rooms provide an ideal place to unwind, restore and to invigorate the body and mind. Our highly trained therapists will ensure you leave feeling revitalised and refreshed.

For full details of Treatments available please see our separate Spa brochure.



Booking Policy

Please see individual activities for pricing. It is recommended that bookings are made prior to arrival to avoid any disappointment.

Late arrival

If you are late for your appointment the time will be deducted from the length of the scheduled activity and full charge applies.

Medical Conditions

If you have a medical condition and are unsure whether a proposed activity is suitable for you please do ask for further guidance.



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