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The perfect escape

Looking for a couple's getaway before your little bundle of joy arrives? Castle Leslie Estate in Co Monaghan could be the answer

NESTLED on 1,000 acres of undulating Irish countryside, dotted with ancient woodland and glittering lakes, Castle Leslie Estate is one of the last great Irish castle estates still in the hands of its founding family. The estate is home to some of the most unique and enchanting accommodation on one of Ireland's most breathtaking estates. Unlike most hotels, Castle Leslie boasts a variety of accommodation to suit all tastes, and is one of the most romantic destinations in Ireland.

The Castle, rich in unspoilt rural splendour and breathtaking artefacts, offers complete respite from the rest of the world. A haven of tranquility, you won't find televisions, radios or minibars within the bedrooms, however, there is Wifi. The Castle features 20 bedrooms designed with relaxation and privacy in mind.

The Lodge offers a totally different experience to that of the Castle, with 29 rooms, each of which remain true to the building's original structure. Buzzing with activity, there is plenty to keep you occupied at this boutique, country house style hotel. Castle Leslie Estate is the ideal destination for a

babymoon retreat for 'mum and dad to be'. It offers an unrivalled romantic destination within its estate walls like no other - allowing you to switch off from the outside world, a place to spend quality time just the two of you and to relax in sublime surroundings.

Couples can decide to do as much or as little as they wish when staying here. A host of couples' activities are on offer including secluded romantic picnics, fishing, parkland strolls, couples' treatments in the Victorian Spa, a private cinema, falconry, afternoon tea in the castle, lazy lunches in Conor's Bar and, of course, famous dinners in the 2 AA Rosette Snaffles Restaurant.

SUBLIME FOOD

Executive head chef Andrew Bradley and his team celebrate in season produce in abundance and have created wonderful seasonal menus for all to enjoy. Snaffles Restaurant is a fabulous treat for a romantic dinner. Conor's Bar is the perfect place to enjoy traditional style home cooking in a relaxed environment. As crackling log fires burn, the heartwarming menus are served by a friendly team who will ensure a perfect lunch or evening meal. No matter where you eat on the estate, you will

enjoy the best of classic Irish cooking. Castle Leslie Estate sources regional and artisan foods locally and prepares and presents them with imagination and flair.

SPA TIME

A visit to The Victorian Treatment Rooms, located at The Lodge, will leave you feeling refreshed and revitalised. With seven treatment rooms, a relaxation area and an outdoor hot tub, it's the perfect place to relax and unwind before baby arrives.

The highly trained therapists will pamper you with a range of traditional organic therapies from the Eminence Organics and Voya ranges. The choice of organic skincare treatments reflects its uniqueness and its unspoilt natural surroundings which are rich in wild plants and mineral springs. The spa offers a selection of five mother-to-be treatments, as well as couples treatments in the Cocoon Room.

After your stay at Castle Leslie Estate, you will emerge well rested, pampered and have taken in some of the most exquisite sights to be witnessed in Ireland. It is a mere 80 minutes from Dublin and a million miles from anywhere.



There are a host of packages on offer but three ideal babymoon breaks:

For him and her: The package includes two nights' accommodation in either The Castle or The Lodge, with a hearty Irish breakfast each morning, a candlelit dinner on one evening of choice, two hours of spa treatments for her and a day's fishing for him. Prices start from just €215pps.



Get flat out: This includes one night's accommodation at the Lodge and a full Irish breakfast for two the next morning in Snaffles Restaurant; a unique racing experience for dad to be where he can get "flat out" at Rally School Ireland, close to Castle Leslie Estate; and a choice of a half hour treatment for mum to be at The Victorian Treatment Rooms. Prices start from €250pps midweek.

Mum to be: This package is all about unwinding and relaxing with a few days of idyllic bliss. Included in your stay is two nights' accommodation, a welcome fruit basket, homemade Irish chocolates and a full Irish breakfast each morning. Retreat to The Victorian Treatment Rooms and mum to be can avail of one of the following treatments: pregnancy massage, reflexology, a luxury pedicure or the Castle Leslie

signature facial. Dad to be enjoys a 45 minute facial or massage. Delight with a sumptuous romantic dinner in Snaffles Restaurant on one evening of your choice. Prices start from €240pps.

For a full list of offers or to make a booking, visit www.castleleslie.com, call 047 881 00 E: info@castleleslie.com