

Rural retreat

If you want a staycation with myriad possibilities, **Castle Leslie Estate** has plenty to offer

Nestling on 1,000 acres of undulating Irish countryside, dotted with ancient woodland and glittering lakes, Castle Leslie Estate in County Monaghan, 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, full of character and personality. Following significant investment and a major restoration programme over the last decade, it's the ultimate Irish rural escape.

SPOILED FOR CHOICE

Unlike most hotels, Castle Leslie Estate boasts a variety of accommodation to suit all tastes and holidaying needs.

The Castle, rich in unspoilt rural splendour and breathtaking artifacts, offers complete respite from the rest of the world. A haven of tranquility, you won't find televisions, radios or minibars within the bedrooms. The Castle features 20 unique bedrooms so whether your idea of heaven is a romantic boudoir designed with relaxation and privacy in mind or something more flamboyant decorated with rich deep colours, there's a room to suit your tastes.

The Lodge meanwhile offers a completely different experience to that of The Castle. Complete with 29 rooms – each of which remain true to the building's original structure – and buzzing with activity, there is plenty to keep yourself occupied at the boutique, country house style Lodge.

LUXURIOUS HOME RENTAL

You can also opt for luxury home rental packages and self-catering breaks at the two-bedroomed Old Stable Mews and the four- and five-bedroomed Village Cottages. These home holiday package breaks are based on a bed and breakfast basis for between two and five nights' accommodation and many of these packages include evening meals and home treats such as a welcome family basket, beer and wine, sweets, popcorn and snacks. Some packages even include spa treatments and equestrian activities.

However, if you want the freedom to cater for yourself, these self-catering breaks are the ideal choice as they offer

guests independence with the option to avail of all the Estate has to offer.

A WEALTH OF ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY

A host of activities are on offer at Castle Leslie Estate including pike fishing for the nature enthusiast, a private cinema for movie buffs, exceptional walking trails for those who want to breathe in fresh country air, kayaking and clay pigeon shooting for the more adventurous, hot air balloon rides for those looking for exhilaration, falconry for those to experience nature up close, a fabulous spa for rejuvenation and of course the famous world-class equestrian centre.

In fact there is no better way to explore Castle Leslie's idyllic estate than on horseback. With 21 miles of meandering bridleways, mile-long all-weather gallop and a 50 x 30 meter indoor arena with indoor cross-country fences, this certainly is the perfect place to get in the saddle. All ages and all abilities, from beginners to those looking to expand on their riding skills, are catered for. There is even a virtual horse for beginners. Castle Leslie's equestrian centre offers a family holiday experience to remember and your little ones are sure to enjoy the Saddle Club, which runs every morning during the school holidays and costs just €25 per child for two hours. While the kids are enjoying the wealth of activities to be found at Castle Leslie Estate, you can indulge yourself at the Victorian Treatment Rooms.

A visit to the Victorian Treatment Rooms is the ultimate escape and will leave you feeling refreshed and revitalised. The spa offers a wide range of treatments including the chocolate truffle wrap, LaStone back massage and the Castle's relish facial. And because everyone deserves a little pampering, there is an abundance of treatments available for men too. 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 just a mere 60 minutes from Belfast, 80 minutes from Dublin and a million miles from anywhere.



Tempting offers from Castle Leslie Estate

Five Night Family Break at The Village Cottages:

Get away from it all with the family and enjoy the perfect five nights' family break in the luxurious Village Cottages. Arrive at the luxurious Village Cottage and once everyone has fought over who gets what amazing bedroom, take a peek inside your fridge. Here you'll find home treats such as a welcome basket, which includes beer and wine for the adults and ice cream and chocolate for the kids, and that's not all... proceed to the living room where all the ingredients for the perfect 'Family Night In' awaits, with an open fire and a box of treats to include sweets, popcorn, snacks and a variety of legendary family fun movie flicks. Included in this break is breakfast each morning in Snaffles restaurant at the Lodge and a casual three-course family dinner at Conor's Bar at the Lodge on a night of your choice. Directly across from your Village Cottage is a fantastic children's playground, a tennis court and a basketball court. The Village Cottages now also include complimentary WiFi for guests. **Offer is based on a maximum of two adults and four children. From €1150**

Old Stable Mews Two Night Family Break

Escape from it all with the family for a two-night break in the fabulous Old Stable Mews. Set within a picturesque cut-stone courtyard in a quiet corner of Castle Leslie Estate, and a fifteen minute walk to the Castle, surrounded by ancient woodlands, The Old Stable Mews is a rare blend of contemporary elegance and Victorian craftsmanship.

The Old Stable Mews now include complimentary WiFi and a choice of 20 television channels.

Arrive at your luxurious Old Stable Mews and delight at the home treats which await you, such as beer and wine for the adults and ice cream and chocolates for the kids, with a box of treats to include sweets, popcorn, snacks and a variety of legendary family fun movie flicks. Included in the break is breakfast each morning in Snaffles restaurant at the Lodge and a casual three-course family dinner at Conor's Bar at the Lodge on a night of your choice. **This package is based on two adults and two children only. From €650**