





Discover Lismore Castle, the much-loved Irish Home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and their family available to rent in its entirety.

Rising from the banks of the Blackwater River in County Waterford, Lismore Castle is a place of extraordinary history, and one of the most sought-after castles in Ireland to rent as an exclusive use residence.

The castle is the perfect place for groups of family or friends to gather in one of Ireland's most evocative settings. On hand throughout is the family's personal team, with butlers, cooks and gardeners ensuring a warm Irish welcome and a memorable stay.

Step into a vast hideaway of grand staircases, tapestries and Old Masters, intertwined with modern luxuries, ensuite bathrooms, a cinema room, wifi and much more. Smaller groups can stay in an intimate setting, or up to 27 guests can be accommodated comfortably.

Every detail at Lismore has been carefully considered and overseen by Lord and Lady Burlington of the Devonshire Family, for whom this special sanctuary remains a private home.









## LISMORE AND COUNTY WATERFORD

Lush woodland, celebrated gardens, a languid river... this is the setting for the turrets and dove-grey stone of Lismore Castle.

Lismore Castle's history is everywhere you look, from the stained glass windows and the spectacular Pugin Hall, to the centuries-old gardens and exceptional artworks by Old Masters and leading contemporary artists.

Our team provides the ultimate concierge service. Leave it all to us, from bespoke menus to immersive experiences, while you explore this family home – from the vast, wood-panelled medieval banqueting hall to Ireland's oldest continually-cultivated garden, where magnolia and rhododendron bloom.

Just beyond the castle you'll find our famous gardens, as well as one of Ireland's most renowned fisheries and our award-winning contemporary art gallery.

Take in panoramic views on a trek through the Knockmealdown Mountains, kayak along the River Blackwater and explore the wild coastline of Ardmore.



## LISMORE CASTLE AND ITS HISTORY

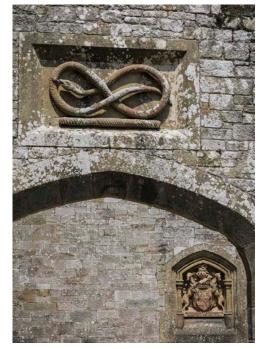
The Irish home of the Dukes of Devonshire for almost three centuries, Lismore Castle dates back to 1185 and has welcomed guests from Fred Astaire and Lucian Freud to John F. Kennedy.

Built on the site of a 7th century Abbey, the castle was once the Palace of the Bishops of Ireland, before being fortified by Prince John (future King of England), passing briefly through the hands of Sir Walter Raleigh and surviving Cromwellian cannon fire.

More recently, Lismore was the retreat of Adele Astaire, also known as Lady Charles Cavendish, daughter-in-law to the 9th Duke of Devonshire. An array of high profile visitors stayed at the castle during the 20th century, including members of the British royal family, film stars, artists and poets.

Today, Lismore Castle is under the stewardship of the 12th Duke's son and daughter-in-law, Lord and Lady Burlington. Guests will be looked after by their private staff and enjoy the same experience as the family do during their visits.













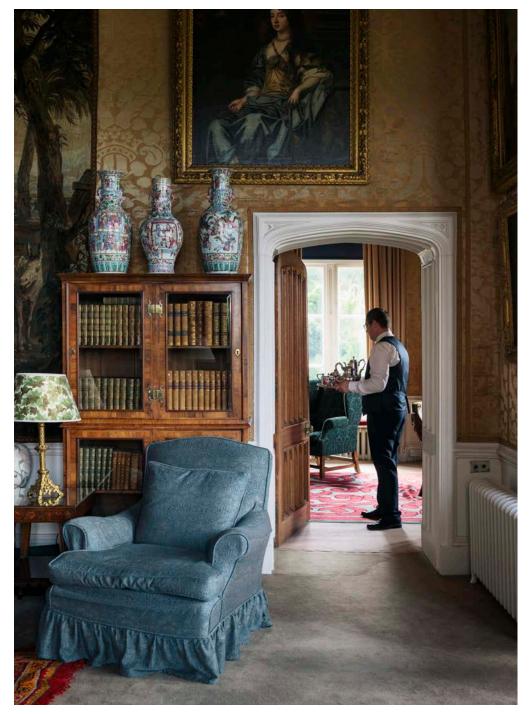
## STAY AT LISMORE

Accessed via a long, walled drive, the property unfolds through a series of enveloping spaces to reveal a breathtaking view from a forested cliff.

The castle is exclusively yours for the duration of your visit, and all guests are attended by the family's private staff, led by the castle's Butler, Denis, who has been serving Lismore's guests for over 45 years.

Our 15 bedrooms allow space to relax. Sleeping up to 27 people, no two rooms are alike. Some feature roll-top baths and tapestries, others open fires and forest views. Personal touches such as family photos and portraits are throughout, a reflection of the family's long history of visiting this special home.





















### DINING

Food at Lismore is lovingly prepared using local produce and ingredients from the castle gardens.

Breakfast, afternoon tea and dinner are meticulously planned by our head chef, who makes everything from scratch – including jams and chutneys made with produce from the kitchen garden.

Wines are chosen by our experienced team from the extensive wine cellar, or order your preferred wines and refreshments to enjoy during your stay with us.

Dine in the banqueting hall or relax next to the firepit for supper under the stars.







# LISMORE CASTLE GARDENS

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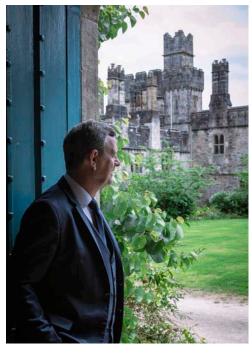
Described by American Vogue magazine as 'ultra-romantic', Lismore Castle's seven acres of gardens are open to the public by day, but exclusively yours from early evening.

Among the meadows and orchards you'll find a greenhouse designed by Sir Joseph Paxton, and sculpture by Eilís O'Connell, David Nash and Franz West.













# EXPERIENCES AT LISMORE CASTLE

Our team provides the ultimate concierge service. Leave it all to us, from bespoke menus to immersive experiences, while you explore this family home and its surrounds.

From relaxing with a movie in the home cinema to learning to carve with the resident stonemason, the team are on hand to organise a wealth of activities in the grounds, the gardens and the local area.

Delve into the horticultural history of our gardens with our Head Gardener, who also fronts one of Irelands most loved TV gardening shows. Enjoy an entertaining and informative castle tour with the Head Butler, book a curator talk at Lismore Castle Arts or arrange a fly-fishing lesson on the River Blackwater with the resident Riverkeeper.

Exclusive evening activities can also be arranged for guests, including outdoor dinner parties, children's table tennis tournaments and evenings of traditional Irish music and dance.



### PLACES TO VISIT

County Waterford is the perfect base from which to explore, with a wide range of stunning sites and notable monuments right on the doorstep.

Take in panoramic views on a trek through the Knockmealdown Mountains, explore the wild coastline of Ardmore, kiss the legendary Blarney Stone, or visit the county of Cork, where you'll find the famous Jameson distillery and many of the region's awardwinning artisan producers and restaurants.

Visit Muckross House and Gardens to see traditional spinning and weaving methods in the craft workshops, or enjoy refreshments with the owners of local historic houses, such as Salterbridge, Cappoquin and Dromana.

The picturesque and historic fishing town of Cobh (pronounced Cove), with its pastel-coloured houses, is within easy reach. Or take a trip to the thriving city of Cork with its vibrant art galleries, offbeat museums and traditional pubs. Explore an eerie 19th century gaol and experience traditional tastes at the food mecca of the English Market.

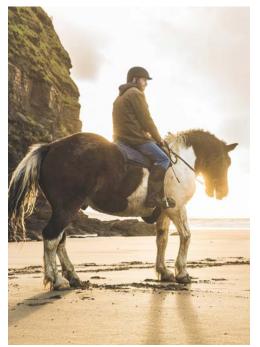














### **ACTIVITIES**

Our team can arrange an almost unlimited range of countryside and waterborne pursuits in Ireland's most stunning landscapes.

Make the most of the surrounding countryside with a pony trek along a windswept Atlantic beach, a spectacular coastal hike, or spend a day clay pigeon shooting, hiking or abseiling.

For those who prefer to be on the water, we can arrange fly fishing for salmon on the River Blackwater, coastal boat trips and sea fishing, kayaking and paddle boarding.

Ireland is famous for its Links and Championship golf courses, and Lismore is well placed for two coastline courses, including The Old Head Links Golf Course - one of the most scenic in Ireland.



### REASONS TO VISIT

This exceptional private-rental estate is one of fine interiors, extraordinary history, and a warm Irish welcome – all yours to enjoy exclusively.

#### **Family Gatherings**

Lismore has a rich history as a place for celebrations and reunions. Magical, wonderful, spectacular - just some of the words repeated over the years in our guest book.

#### **Business Retreats**

With the utmost attention to detail and security for your prestigious guests from the family's team, you can be assured your event will run smoothly. The beautiful grounds, impressive gardens and dramatic castle are the perfect canvas for organisers to arrange events that will inspire and motivate.

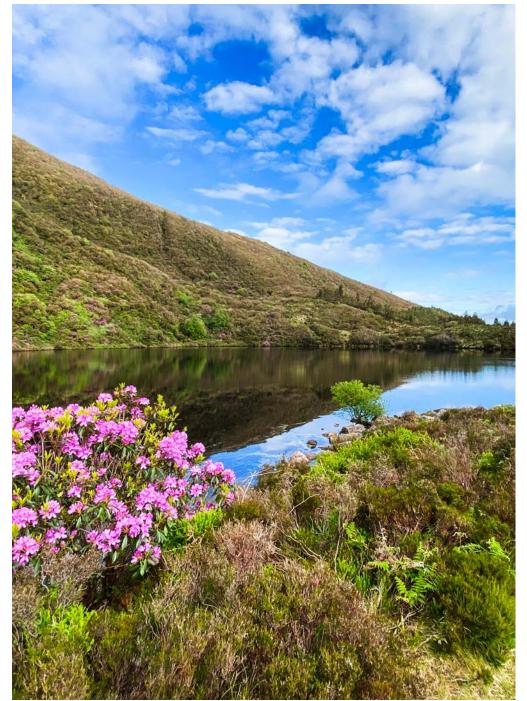
#### **Filming Locations**

Lismore Castle and Estate offers a dramatic setting for film and television shoots, whether as a location itself or as a base for talent to enjoy the best of Irish hospitality. Wild woodlands, grassy fields, flood plains and extraordinary buildings are just some of the features in this secluded yet accessible estate.













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# LOCATION AND CONTACT

Lismore Castle and Estate Lismore, Co. Waterford, Ireland

**Cork International Airport (34 miles / 1 hour away)** – serving the UK and Continental Europe with scheduled daily flights. International connections from London and Amsterdam.

**Shannon Airport (78 miles / 2 hours away)** – really well served directly from the US by United Airlines and Aer Lingus, with direct flights from the UK and Europe also.

**Dublin Airport (125 miles / 3 hours away)** – offering a wealth of flights to the US, Canada, Europe and beyond, including American Airlines, United and Aer Lingus. The three hour drive is beautiful and scenic through wide open Irish countryside.

Car hire and airport transfers (including by helicopter) can be arranged by our concierge.

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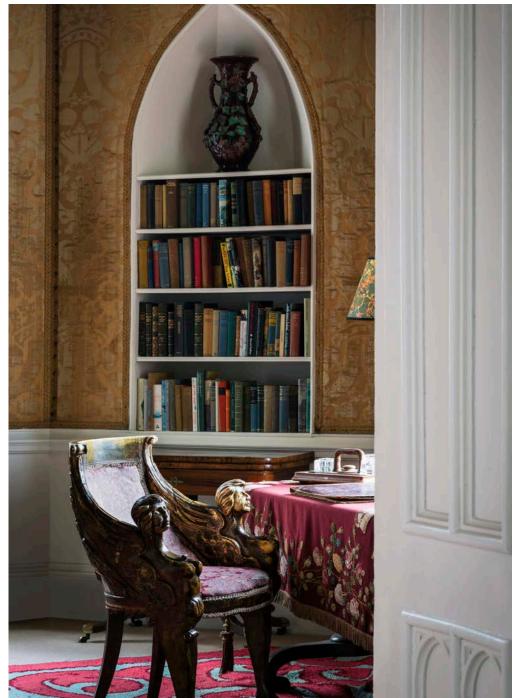
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