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Capella Castlemartyr

STAR Classification: ★★★★★
Castlemartyr, Castlemartyr, Ireland



Situated on 220 idyllic acres of Irish countryside, this luxury hotel sits near the historic village of Castlemartyr. The extensive grounds—home to horses, ruins, a river and woods—are part of an estate that was built by the first Earl of Cork. Rich with history, the hotel occupies a 17th-century manor house that sits adjacent to the ruins of a millennium-old castle. The hotel opened its doors in late summer 2007 and immediately raised the bar for country charm and professionalism in Ireland.

At the sweeping entrance, guests are greeted with warm hospitality and whisked to reception for an efficient check-in. The rich burgundy carpets, ornately framed paintings and rococo moldings create an atmosphere of classic elegance that is still surprisingly homey.

Down a corridor from reception lies the Capella Living Room, a cozy meeting place where guests can pass the time playing board games, reading books or peering through the large telescope. This is also the home base of the hotel's personal assistants, who attend to guests' needs at any notice. Friendly and experienced, they encourage guests to get out and about in the local area, and arrange such excursions as an outing with a local fisherman and a walking date with the hotel's two Irish setters. (For Ireland's changing weather, the hotel provides guests with coats, walking sticks and Wellingtons.)

The luxurious Bell Tower restaurant offers a menu of dishes that use fresh, organic ingredients procured from the estate's gardens, local farmers and markets as well as fresh line-caught fish from the nearby fishing village. In fact, the chef's menu is driven by local availability. The restaurant offers a tasting menu as well as a la carte dining, with a good selection of wines and spirits. Breakfast and afternoon tea are served in the airy and bright Garden Room, with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the estate grounds and fountains. Here, the luxury is in the smaller details: homemade jams and marmalades, organic coffees and teas, and flaky pastries. In nice weather, guests can dine in a covered terrace overlooking the grounds. The grand Knights Bar is the resort's social hub, with a grand piano, a fireplace and a fully restored rococo ceiling.

There is no shortage of things to do here. The Auriga Spa is a first-rate wellness, spa and fitness center with 10 treatment rooms, a cafe and a yoga studio. Guests can hit the gym 24 hours a day, and a vitality pool, full-ozone swimming pool, steam room, sauna, hair salon and private VIP suites are also on hand. Spa treatments take their inspiration from Celtic tradition and the lunar phases, and the staff of therapists includes Sean Blake, the top-ranked masseuse in Ireland.

Golfers delight in the resort's 18-holes, a challenging and visually pleasing inland-links course designed by Ron Kirby.

Guests can wander around the extensive grounds on foot, or by horse-drawn carriage or bicycle. The private assistants organize activities ranging from hot-air ballooning to Irish dance and music performances.

A private dining room and each of three boardrooms accommodate small executive board meetings and gatherings of up to 14 people. The resort caters for weddings of up to 72 people, with larger affairs requiring a resort buy-out. Parking is on-site, and transportation can be arranged to and from the airport, and to other local destinations.

Of 109 spacious guest rooms and suites, 11 suites are located in the manor house and the rest are found in a



modern addition to the rear. The decor follows the classic country-manor theme, featuring dark-wood furniture with ornate upholstery, brass light fixtures, neutral color palettes and framed paintings. All rooms feature the same standard of classical elegance and comfort with king-sized beds, plush bedding, and desks and chairs.



Appointments run to large LCD TVs, wireless Internet access, bedside touch panels for lights and drapes, soft-drink refreshment centers, coffee- and tea-makers, irons and electronic safes. Double vanities and rain-forest showers are in the baths. Deluxe rooms can be interconnected, and some rooms feature private outdoor garden areas.

Capella Rooms are junior suites with sitting rooms that lead directly into bedrooms. All Grande Suites are located in the manor house and each has its own decor, layout and style (Number 8 is arguably the best). All feature opulent sitting rooms with great views of the sweeping grounds, luxurious bedrooms and large baths that include black marble floors, oversized tubs and separate rain-forest showers. The lavish Presidential Suite has two bedrooms, a sitting room, dining room, sauna and private elevator access.

Room service runs around the clock.

It's rare to find a resort so effortlessly steeped in local tradition, and those seeking a luxurious and enchanting Irish experience will not be disappointed. In terms of service, amenities and setting, no other hotel in Cork compares. For the relentless city mouse, the Hayfield Manor in Cork City is the best alternative.

## Images



## Hotel Profile

### Contact Information

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Castlemartyr, Ireland

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### Location

**Location:** In Rural  
**Nearest Major City:** 19 from Cork

### Nearest Airports:

- Cork International- West, 22 mi, 30 min drive
- Shannon- North, 160 mi, 2.5 hr drive

### Nearby Points of Interest:

- Cobh Heritage Centre (Visitors Centre)- West, 12 mi
- Ballymaloe Cookery School (Cookery School)- South, 10 mi
- Midleton Distillery (Whiskey Distillery)- West, 10 mi

### General Hotel Information

**Check in Time:** 2:00 PM  
**Check out Time:** 12:00 AM  
**Number of Floors:** 4  
**Total Number of Rooms:** 109

**Restaurants On-Site**  
**Dining:** 3 Restaurants & 1 Bar On Site

- Bell Tower (On Site Restaurant)- Regional gourmet cuisine
- Knights (On Site Bar)- Cocktail lounge with grand piano & Fireplace
- Spa Cafe (On Site Coffee Shop)- Casual dining

## *Amenities & Facilities*

### Room Amenities

*Amenities are in All rooms unless noted otherwise*

- Air Conditioning
- Balcony/ Terrace
- Coffeemaker
- Daily Maid Service
- Fitness Equipment
- Iron/ Ironing Board
- Mini-Bar
- Free Newspaper
- Rooms for Non-smokers
- Telephone
- Voicemail
- Refrigerator
- Safe (In Room)
- Cable/ Satellite Television
- Television

### Hotel Facilities

#### General Services

- Babysitting/ Child Care
- Barber/ Hair Stylist
- Currency Exchange
- Laundry/ Dry Cleaning Service
- Multi-lingual Staff
- Free Onsite Parking
- Room Service
- Wheelchair Access to Common/ Public Areas

#### Business Services

- Business Center
- Copier
- Fax
- Meeting Facilities

#### Security

- Electronic Key/ Lock
- Parking Area Well Lit
- Smoke Alarm in Rooms
- Sprinkler in Rooms
- Valet Parking Service

#### Pet Friendly

- Pets Allowed
- Pet Amenities Available,

#### Technology

- In Room Wireless Internet Access
- Common Area Wireless Internet Access
- Meeting Room Wireless Internet Access

### Recreation

#### Nearby

- Beach
- Boating/ Sailing
- Fishing
- Horseback Riding
- Scuba Diving
- Shopping Mall/ Area
- Snorkeling
- Tennis (Outdoor Tennis)

#### On-Site

- Bicycling
- Game Room
- Golf Course
- Health Club
- Health Spa/ Massage
- Hot Tub
- Jogging Trails
- Pool (Indoor Pool)