



BRENDAN
VACATIONS
LUXURY

IRELAND ✿ SCOTLAND

EXQUISITE • EXCLUSIVE • EXTRAORDINARY

HANDCRAFTED VACATIONS



Ashford Castle, perfectly positioned on the edge of Lough Corrib, Co. Mayo.

1 HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES

Few places inspire wonder, a sense of peace and freedom quite like Ireland and Scotland. The Celtic lands are the perfect destination to physically, spiritually and emotionally be in the moment. We cannot wait to share our homelands by crafting every part of your exclusive trip. We know your time is valuable, your moments away precious and your minutes to spare often already spoken for. We can take it from here. We'll handle each mile, every stay and all the details for you. All you need to do is simply arrive. *Fáilte.*

Coltaine Nilly
MANAGING DIRECTOR

LUXURY TRAVEL, ILLUMINATED

THE MAGIC OF IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

There is something mystical here that calls and welcomes guests to our shores. There's an immediate sense of belonging in places newly discovered, a feeling of connection with locals you've only just met. There are intangible luxuries such as the peace in our incredible landscapes, the dramatic energy of our coastlines and the depth in our rich culture. We take great pride in sharing all that our homelands have to offer. When you travel to Ireland and Scotland with us, you are home.

Before you have even set foot on Celtic soil, your journey begins with our unrelenting dedication to discovering the finest stays, the tastiest plates and sips, and the most exceptional experiences in every corner of our homelands.

We are your exclusive access to reserve stays in elegant, iconic and up-and-coming properties, legendary castles and boutique hotels. We offer authentic engagement with iconic locals who are the heartbeat of our culture and legendary service where everything is possible.

We craft your trip to perfection, so that when you arrive, you'll enter a world of grand moments filled with wonder, where you'll fall in love with our countryside, uncover the rich tapestry of our history and lose yourself in the enchanting stories of the people you'll meet. This is the magic of Ireland and Scotland, as only Brendan Vacations can deliver.



© TourismIreland

WHEN YOU TRAVEL TO IRELAND AND SCOTLAND WITH US, YOU ARE HOME



TOP
The exquisite Adare Manor, one of the finest stays in all of Ireland, Co. Limerick.

ABOVE
Delving into Scottish history at the home of Walter Scott, Abbotsford House, Melrose, Scotland.

LEFT
Tales of Rob Roy, Ledard Farm, Near Loch Lomond, Scotland.

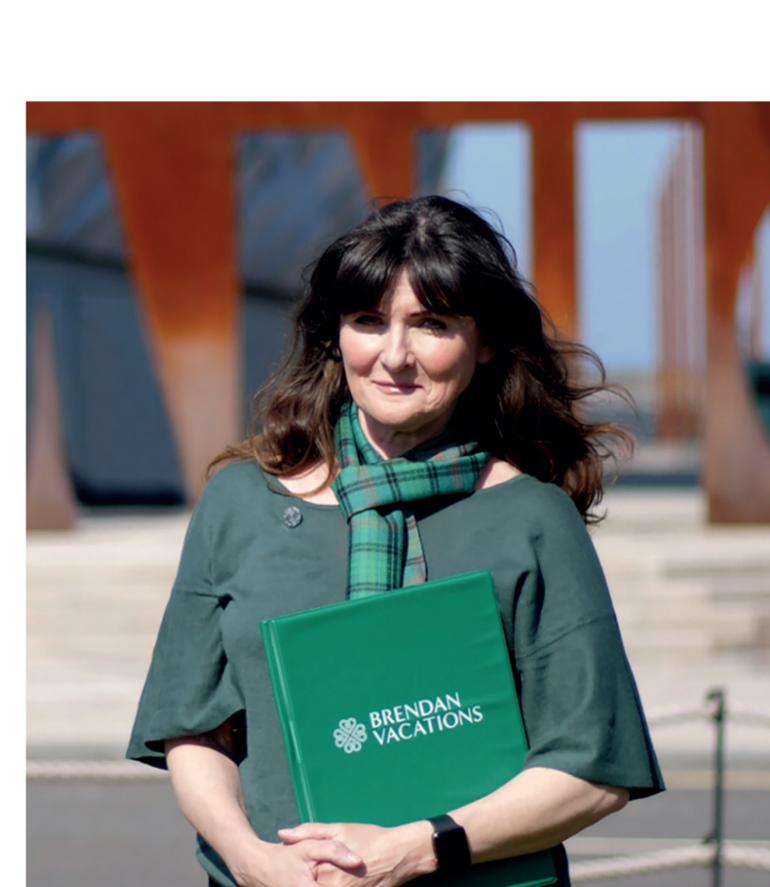
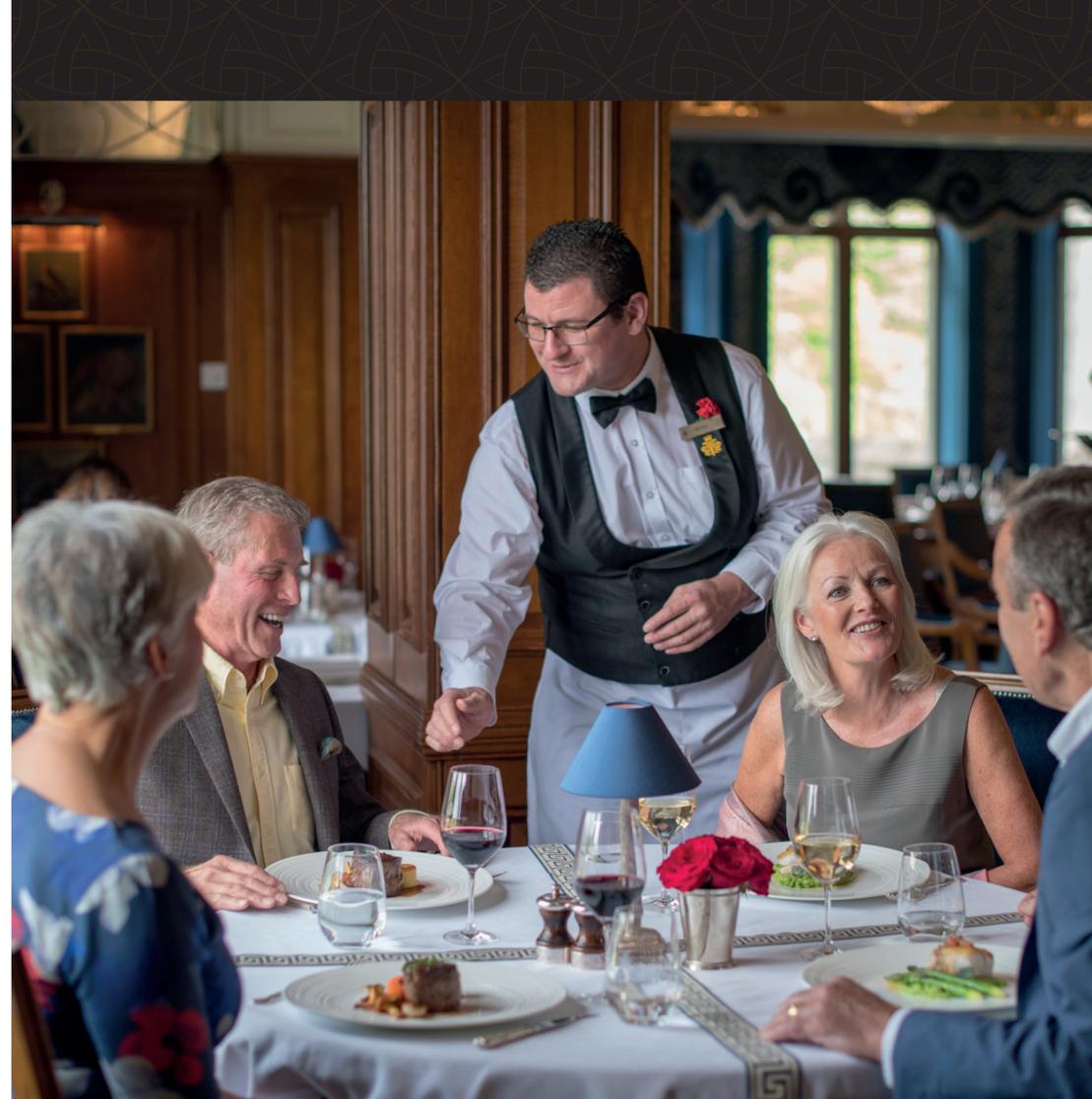
OPPOSITE
The Giant's Causeway, illuminated. Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland

TAKING YOU PERSONALLY

THROUGH ELEVATED EXCELLENCE

We believe that if expectations are met, that's the baseline. If they are exceeded, the bar is raised. We build from there. Your time is valuable, so we apply our mantra of 'Taking you personally', which means we anticipate your needs before you realize you have them. We are dedicated to exceptional, caring and attentive service, infused with sincere and personal connection to our Celtic homelands. This is attention to detail, well attended.

Being The Celtic Experts is a distinct point of pride, built over more than five decades of fostering lasting connections. We can confidently say we have earned our revered reputation, but do not rest our laurels on it. With us, doors open a bit differently, because we choose to nurture relationships with our suppliers and together, continually enhance our offerings.



WITH US, DOORS
OPEN A BIT
DIFFERENTLY



TOP
Middle: Impeccable dinner service at the George V Dining Room, Ashford Castle, Co. Mayo.

Right: Local Host and Specialist Dee Morgan, ready to welcome you to 'the center of the universe', her beloved Belfast.

ABOVE
The official (in our minds) Queen of Ireland, Catherine Reilly.

LEFT
Pat Keogh, the legend behind Pat Keogh Chauffeur Services - our choice for Private Chauffeur partner services in Ireland, with a guest at Dromoland Castle, Co. Clare.

OUR LEADER, CATHERINE REILLY...

The Celtic nations are famed for telling amazing stories - If you know the right people to speak with, you'll craft a legend all of your own.

Catherine Reilly is that person. She has dedicated her lifelong career to personally finding, vetting and nurturing every one of our far-reaching connections. We are the Celtic Experts because of her commitment to showcasing the best representations of our Celtic hospitality, culture and traditions.

We call the result of her hard work *Catherine's Collection*, where partners and locations are chosen for their dedication to what they do, so that when you return home, you bring the most incredible tales of a journey well-traveled with you.

TO OUR PRIDE-OF-PLACE CHAUFFEURS AND LOCAL SPECIALISTS...

Our Local Specialists and Chauffeurs are chosen for their care, knowledge and passion for extending the excellent reputation of Celtic personality and hospitality. As proud as they are of their self and place, we're equally proud to bring these connections to you.

This isn't just getting directions, this is connecting with someone who knows where they are and knows where you wish to be. This level of personal engagement goes beyond being a touchpoint, your time spent together means you will have met and made a friend who is truly committed to your journey.

TO EVERY HOTELIER, CHEF, ARTISAN, MUSICIAN AND EXPERT GUIDE...

We seek specific experiences for our guests that offer something extra, while remaining deeply personal. From the horse-drawn carriage driver who knows the factual and natural history of the land to the award-winning private guide ready to take you on a walking tour, our local hosts each bare talents, skills, expert knowledge or unique distinctions that place them beyond competition.

They share deep, rooted ties to their professions, to traditions and to where they live and we are proud to extend these personal partnerships to you.

YOUR CELTIC STORY...

CURATED. CRAFTED. CUSTOM.

Your travel experiences should tell a story that is as unique as you are, filled with rare qualities that make it truly special. Brendan Vacations can deliver travel experiences layered with exceptional moments, impeccable service and cannot-find-elsewhere access.



TRAVEL FOR ANY STYLE, INTEREST OR OCCASION

Whether it's elite and flying solo, a chauffeured romantic getaway for two, a self-driven family adventure or a group of friends celebrating in style, we know where you should go and who to connect you with to make your travel something deeply different.

We find a balance of singular moments, bold experiences, thoughtful settings and perfect timing to bring it all together. No matter the calendar date, the place or the need, we are passionate about making travel planning and execution seamless, so you maintain your flow throughout.



© TourismIreland



OPPOSITE

Capping a romantic trip with a sunset Sionnan Luxury Cruise, Co. Clare.

ABOVE

A family stroll along the Dark Hedges, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

LEFT

Sláinte (cheers) to a group celebration, Johnnie Walker Princes Street, Edinburgh.

BELOW

Timing your trip perfectly to catch the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Edinburgh.

YOU DREAM IT. WE DESIGN IT

Our diverse itinerary portfolio is your starting point, where based on your interests we begin with a private consultation with our experts to discuss your preferred travel style, the perfect properties from our hand-picked selection of 5-star stays and to fine-tune the details of each day to your specific desires.

Luxuriant, rugged, serene, adventurous, cuisine-centric, history-focused or tee-time minded... We build on what you love and infuse it with our expert knowledge and exclusive access. Your Celtic story starts here, with Brendan.

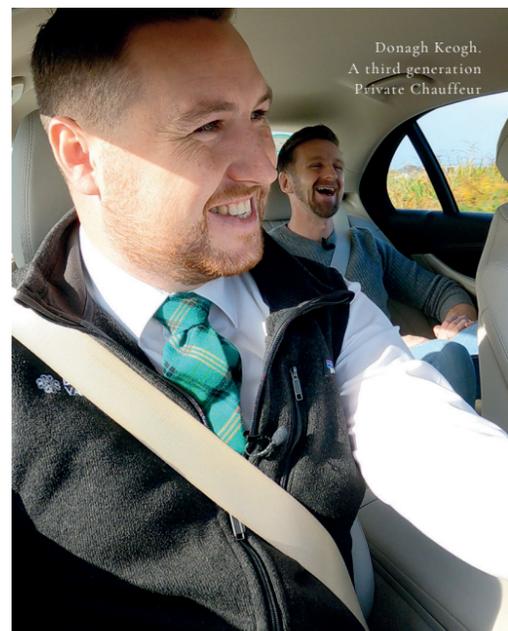


PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL JOURNEYS

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS, THE FINEST OF THEIR CRAFT

Our trusted partners for Private Chauffeur services all share a love of navigation. They know the way, even beyond the road. They understand the history, legends and special locations that define every stretch, bend and turn on the way. Connected to their communities, engaged in our culture and events, they fulfill a role that goes above and beyond.

This is so much more than driving. Our chauffeurs are your personal storytellers -savvy locals and someone who takes care of knowing the road and its legends as you relax and ride in style. The scenic route, iconic sites and local experiences are conveniently unavoidable along the way.



“
When you take a Private
Chauffeur vacation, you’re
going to experience, in my
opinion, the most personal form
of travel. Your chauffeur is with
you from the minute you land
at the airport until the day you
depart. We’re here to take care
of all the details. You’re here
on vacation. Sit back and relax.”

DONAGH KEOGH
Private Chauffeur, Ireland.

With a Private Chauffeur, there's new meaning to taking the scenic route, sit back and relax on incredible drives, such as the spectacular Causeway Coastal Route, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.



FOR THOSE WITH DRIVE

TOP NOTCH, TOP GEAR OPTIONS
FOR LUXURY SELF-DRIVEN TRAVEL

With the wheel in your hand and the way laid out ahead, the road will rise up to meet you. You're in complete control of the pace and place of travel, driving a luxury vehicle along coastal roads and through rolling green landscapes.

Select your ideal vehicle from a fleet of elite options and steer the journey built from your specifications. What's ahead is a trip filled with stops in iconic destinations to peruse at your own pace, local connections and experiences waiting for your arrival and the comfort of the highest level stays for rest and revitalizing when you retire from the roads. This is the beauty of an elite, self-driven trip - you choose how you shift your travel and should you need us, we offer communication for every mile of the way should you wish to change your direction or find your way onto a new adventure.



Returning to the hotel after another day's adventure, Killarney, Co. Kerry.



Wildlife spotting on the hill during a 4x4 highland safari, near Pitlochry, Scotland.

OPPOSITE

Near: Traversing the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge 100ft above the Atlantic Ocean, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Far: Fly-fishing with Eoin Fairgrieve in the grounds of the Schloss Roxburghe, Kelso, Scotland.



THE GREATEST OUTDOORS

FOR ACTIVE ADVENTURERS

The beauty of the Irish and Scottish outdoors soothes the heart and calms the mind. Venturing into it lifts the spirits and rejuvenates the soul. That's why when we plan your active experiences, we ensure your time outside is personalized, invigorating, away from the crowds, into the wilds and expertly guided.

150

Mark Rodgers of Beyond the Bridge is a rare true *Seanchai*, a Gaelic storyteller. His family's connection to the Giant's Causeway and Carrick-a-Rede bridge dates back 150 years. As he guides you on a hike through nature and history on this kinetic stretch of coast, his words reveal the magic in the tradition of Celtic storytelling. Tales of land and legend merge into a unique oral history that defines our ancient culture.

4 x 4

Going inland from the coasts, we can hire a private 4x4 that will take you on a Highland Safari through rugged hinterlands, kilted guide in the lead. Spot eagles and wild deer and be surrounded by beautiful forests and craggy peaks while you take in the refreshing energy that crackles from this storied place. Relax at your adventure's end in a charming, rustic bothy hut for tea, a dram and something sweet.

96.90

One point of the 96.90 mile-long River Tweed intersects the exquisite grounds of the Schloss Roxburghe estate in southern Scotland. This is your destination for a private fly-fishing expedition led by former World Team Spey Casting Champion Eoin Fairgrieve. In addition to teaching technique and mastery, he provides a comprehensive education on entomology and habitat conservation.

RARE FINDS

GOING OFF THE BEATEN PATH FOR SOMETHING MORE PERSONAL

The best way to understand Celtic culture is to make a connection with it yourself. Whether it's our beloved traditions, our beautiful environments or our heartfelt heritage, we have the connections to bring you to the unique places and people you didn't know you were waiting to discover, but you're never going to forget.



COUNTRY AND CULTURE

Surround yourself in Connemara's wide-open landscapes and crashing coasts. From getting into the brisk air, history and how-to of seaweed horticulture, to cozying up and watching Aran Island knitters carefully craft intricate, iconic sweaters by hand, getting a feel for Celtic life comes from living it up close.

WALK THE CITY STREETS

Get closer to history with the most special stroll about town possible: A private Walking Tour of Dublin with Pat Liddy. Award-winning for his knowledge, he was chosen as walking tour leader to the late Queen Elizabeth II. See the city through the eyes of a famed artist, writer, broadcaster and its favorite historian. There's nothing he cannot tell you about the Dublin's treasures and mysteries.



TOP
The tranquility of Pine Island, Derryclare Lough, Connemara, Co. Galway.

RIGHT
The legendary Pat Liddy, photographed in the Long Room at Trinity College Library, Dublin.

OPPOSITE
Near: The historic Clonalis House, Co. Roscommon.
Far: EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, Dublin.



GIVE FAMILY DINING A NEW MEANING

Visit the historic, rural and charming Clonalis House and connect with its lineage over a private meal with the O'Connor family, direct descendants of Ireland's last High King and traditional Kings of Connacht.



LIVING HISTORY

Travel in your present can connect you to your past. Explore your ancestry through a private genealogy tracing experience at the Irish Family History Centre, located at the incredible, immersive EPIC - The Irish Emigration museum in Dublin.



AMUSE-BOUCHES TO GASTRONOMY ADVENTURES

REINVENTING THE NARRATIVE OF CELTIC CUISINE

Ireland and Scotland offer rich harvests in each season to appeal to discerning palettes. The culinary experiences of the Celtic Isles have shifted their menus to define elevated places on tastemaker rosters that cannot be overlooked, are highlighted for creativity, sustainability and of course, recognized for their quality.

A SEAT AT THOSE TABLES

Michelin-star awarded excellence, up-and-coming elevated dining experiences, lauded institutions with their storied kitchens and chefs... All are properly picked, perfectly presented and ready to be reserved for your discerning eye and palette.

When we seek the best, we search for celebrated experiences in dining, such as Aimsir Restaurant at the Cliff at Lyons. The 18-serving single set menu of land and sea offerings, pays homage to Ireland's most powerful resource, its ever-changing weather. The Bishop's Buttery at the newly unveiled Cashel Palace Hotel is a blend of natural light, careful craftsmanship, classic tastes blended with a contemporary flare. Focused on hyperlocal and often rare ingredients accompanied by Irish produce, this is deeply noteworthy dining in the heart of medieval Ireland.



UNIQUE TAKES ON FRESH FARE

Natural. Locally-sourced. Conscious. Experiencing the subtle, uncomplicated flavors of Ireland and Scotland's coasts and countryside recalls the traditions of Celtic hospitality, imbued with warmth, charm and regard for where the ingredients are gathered.

Enjoy Tapas-style meals in motion on one of our walking food tours in Galway, Dublin or Edinburgh. Your maître d' will be one of our select partners, passionate about produce and ready to craft a menu that will engage your taste buds at every location. Each stop highlights the best examples of traditional and contemporary offerings, fusion flavors and to expose truly niche markets, producers, shops and distilleries.

Bake aromatic and traditional offerings with Tracey at her Farmhouse Kitchen. Find wild and rare flavors on a Coastal Seaweed Walk and Abalone Farm Tasting in Connemara. Sample the bold flavors produced at the Burren Smokehouse, pair sea-salty freshness with adventure on an Isle of Rona Seafood Picnic Cruise or taste the intensity of field-to-fork dining at Wilson's Farm and Kitchen. Whatever flavors you seek, our relationships mean we have all the ingredients to turn any meal into a cherished experience.



OPPOSITE

Precision plating at Aimsir restaurant, Cliff at Lyons, Co. Kildare.

TOP

Seafood Picnic aboard the Seaflower Skye, Isle of Rona, Scotland.

LEFT

Middle: Passionate foodie, Sheena Dignam detailing local treats on a Galway Food Tour, Co. Galway

Bottom: Afternoon Tea, Cashel Palace, Co. Tipperary.

RAIN, WATER AND LIFE

THE SPIRITS OF THE CELTIC ISLES

What is it that makes the Celtic spirits, well, so spirited? It's what goes into it - the grains and botanicals, the woods and barrels, the smoke and peats, the passions of purveyors, producers and pioneers and above all, the element that connects us all, water.

Our Celtic lands are surrounded by it, inundated with it. Its power makes its mark on whatever we do. It's found in the pints poured at the Guinness Storehouse Connoisseur Private Tasting Experience, the aromatic floral sips found in The Shed Distillery's Drumshambo gins and the shakes, stirs and pours of the Whiskey Cocktail Making Experience at Jameson Distillery Bow Street.

As the Irish proverb goes, 'Today's rain is tomorrow's whiskey' and there's much and in some areas, very few degrees of difference between the most well-known drink of the Celts. Even the addition or omission of the 'e' when spelling *Whisky* or *Whiskey*, gives a perspective into the personality of the drink.



A DIGNIFIED DRINK DESERVES AN EXCLUSIVE SETTING

We offer elevated experiences at the most iconic, premiere and up-and-coming distilleries, as well as tasting experiences in places that stand alone.

There's rare whiskey tastings, then there's reserving your own private cask. The Midleton Very Rare Cask Circle sets aside a select few casks of whiskey chosen for their quality and maturity earmarked for distinct patrons. Cask owners will have the services of a Midleton master distiller for consultation, may visit and of course - have tastings of their personal whiskey while it matures. If it's ready for bottling, the personalized label will show your inclusion into the Midleton family heritage of whiskey.

TODAY'S RAIN IS TOMORROW'S WHISKEY



WATER OF LIFE

Or *Uisge Beatha* in Scots Gaelic, is the apt term for whisky in Scotland. Fueling industry and celebrated worldwide, the flavors born from the heralded Highlands and vales are noted for bold moods and stylings, never afraid to show a little leg - just like the Scots themselves. From experiencing rare taste and craft at the Lagavulin Distillery Exclusive Experience, to below ground vault access at the Johnnie Walker Princes Street Whisky Makers Cellar, the character of this drink needs to be met by the discerning palette, yours, by our reservation.

MASTERCLASSES AHEAD OF THE CURVE

Explore, expound and understand the nature of whisky through master classes at Dalwhinnie and Macallan distilleries. An exclusive education can be arranged for our most dedicated guests. If refinement and further cultivation of knowledge is wanted, we have connections to exemplary teachers.



TOP
The Whisky Maker's Cellar at Johnnie Walker Princes Street, Edinburgh.

ABOVE
Cask Circle Tasting, Jameson Distillery, Midleton, Co. Cork.

OPPOSITE
The Lagavulin Distillery, positioned perfectly on the Isle of Islay, Scotland.

ASHFORD CASTLE

WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU

There's an innate sense of belonging once you pass through Ashford's iconic stone gates. It's a distinct feeling that goes beyond being expected – you've truly arrived in this place and its 800 years of history. You are welcomed as family, returned from an expedition. However, your adventure is only just beginning.



THIS IS LIFE, IN A CASTLE

There is a quality of service infused in each day spent at Ashford from the moment you wake to the time you retire.

The estate offers a range of retreats such as classic countryside activities like archery, clay shooting and golf, on a premiere course designed by Eddie Hackett no less. From relaxing in the award-winning spa to ziplining, horse riding, kayaking, cycling, a boat charter on Lough Corrib or the deeply beloved Hawk Walk, you are spoiled for options.

The menus across the castle's many dining locations profile seasonal produce and feature estate-grown and artisan supplier ingredients. The graceful George V Dining room combines other-era elegance with Ashford's modern Celtic hospitality and flourish, reflected in Chef Liam Finnegan's perfectly executed plates.

After dinner, retreat to the Billiards Room, watch a movie in the cinema, peruse the 60 Irish whiskies in The Prince of Wales Bar or take in a music performance in the drawing room with a history inspired craft cocktail.

A REPUTATION, WELL DESERVED

Widely lauded as Ireland's top castle destination, this sprawling estate is a sparkling gem of the Red Carnation Hotel Collection. Nestled in 350 acres of County Mayo woodland on the shores of Lough Corrib, the castle was once the historic home of the Guinness family and has been lovingly restored to rise from history and be voted Best Hotel in the World. It isn't hard to see why.

The attention to your particular details goes far beyond the service customary in an elite destination. Here, there is an inherent passion for problem solving. Nothing is overlooked and nothing is too small to avoid being attended to.

It's the longest serving members of the staff regaling you with stories of decades past by the fire. It's sampling artfully crafted sweets dreamt up by the on-site chocolatier and team. It's taking to the woods with handlers from Ireland's first School of Falconry or strolling with the castle's Irish wolfhounds on their morning walk. It's realizing that individually, these experiences are remarkable, but combined in one setting, are just some of the reasons why this Castle hotel is truly extraordinary.



ELEGANT EXECUTION

Filled with oak panelled walls, beaming Donegal crystal chandeliers and hand-carved fireplaces, every twist and turn in this magnificent place holds a presence as distinct as its staff are diligent.

Retiring to your chambers has never been so rewarding. Each of the 83 suites are examples of what it is to explore style and taste, blended with sumptuous comfort. Silk and velvet wallpapering, ironed daily, set the tone for rooms each designed with individual character.

For those seeking some tranquil privacy, there's the elegant Hideaway Cottage. Standing apart, yet in no way separate, it's perfect for couples in search of castle quality service combined with a romantic retreat.

TOP
A one-of-a-kind reception.

OPPOSITE
Middle: Turndown service with a smile... and some castle-made chocolates.

Bottom: A family meeting Ashford's resident wolfhounds.

LEFT
An expert handler with a majestic Harris Hawk, ready for a walk through the grounds.

5 STARS, HAND- SELECTED AND CITY CENTRIC

UPSCALE FOR TURNDOWN

The passion, personality and creativity of our cities exudes from each corner and in every borough. So too does this same presence and character inspire each of our preferred city-centric stays. Chosen for iconic style, exceptional service, Michelin-star dining, luxuriant comfort and individual charisma, each one of our select hotel choices stands above, set apart in categories uniquely theirs by distinction, linked by dedication to excellence.

DUBLIN: THE HEART

THE MERRION
Georgian-era refinement married with modern and accomplished quality. Located in the city center, this 5-star stay is a proud member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

THE WESTBURY
In contrast, here's modern with informal yet innovative luxury settings. Sleek and inviting, its atmosphere is care and chic touches at every turn.



TOP
The Great Room, Merchant Hotel, Belfast.

OPPOSITE
The Commons Club Bar, Virgin Hotel, Edinburgh.

BELOW
View over bustling Grafton Street. The Westbury, Dublin.



EDINBURGH: THE BOLD

VIRGIN HOTEL
An edgy take on what Scottish luxury can look like. Residing inside the historic India Buildings, Virgin Hotels Edinburgh has blended romantic Victorian architecture and clear contemporary design.



A NEW FACE AT A ROYAL PLACE

The latest addition to the family-run Red Carnation Hotel Collection, 100 Princes Street has been transformed into an ultraluxe stay. Edinburgh's historic Overseas League, already an icon, has been reimagined as a new kind of stay for this era's bold adventurers. Its legend has been embellished into a style informed by Alexander McQueen, accented with bespoke pieces and original artwork, directed by the same design team behind Ashford Castle. Beyond its coveted castle views, it has a 2:1 staff-guest ratio, an anything, anytime approach to service excellence, plus carefully presented menus for exceptional dining experiences and libations, all to give a sense of place to explorers who will call it their home away from home.

BELFAST: THE CONTRASTS

THE MERCHANT HOTEL
To enter the Merchant Hotel in Belfast is to step through time and into opulence. From rooftop hot tub to an award-winning cocktail bar and the largest chandelier in the Isle of Ireland, each space is a nod to elegance all its own.

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL
Trading depth of time for height of place, the contemporary and light-filled Grand Central Hotel in Belfast offers a quiet, elevated stay in the heart of Belfast. With its unique perspective – the highest one in the city to be exact, The Observatory lounge offers an iconic retreat from the city center, as high above the crowd as you can achieve.





DROMOLAND CASTLE

This majestic castle, immaculately placed in a 450-acre estate has welcomed guests since the 16th century. A marriage of authentic baronial structures and an inspired, chicly modern stay, abounding with the comforts of traditional Irish hospitality, crackling fires, outdoor activities and fine dining.

© TourismIreland

“
 For more than 30 years we have been working with Brendan Vacations and we are very honored to be included in Catherine’s Collection. I know many years of relationship building and traveling to every corner of our country has resulted into designing this unique and very special collection. For decades, Catherine has developed incredible friendships with her hotel partners such as us, and with local guides and organizers of unique experiences, and in the end it is her guests who reap these incredible relationship benefits. We are delighted to work with Catherine and her incredible team to help make travel dreams come true at our castle.”

MARK NOLAN
 Managing Director, Dromoland Castle.

BUTLER HOUSE

This plushly-appointed stay first housed a Dowager Queen and offers beautiful castle-adjacent and central yet secluded stay within the medieval city of Kilkenny.

MOUNT JULIET

A Georgian Manor House where Irish ancestral history is combined with contemporary comforts, state-of-the-art facilities and a Jack Nicklaus signature-designed golf course.

BALLYFIN DEMESNE

Considered one of the greatest country houses in Ireland, this sprawling Regency-era estate is a tranquil place steeped in history, nature and romance, plucked from a novel.

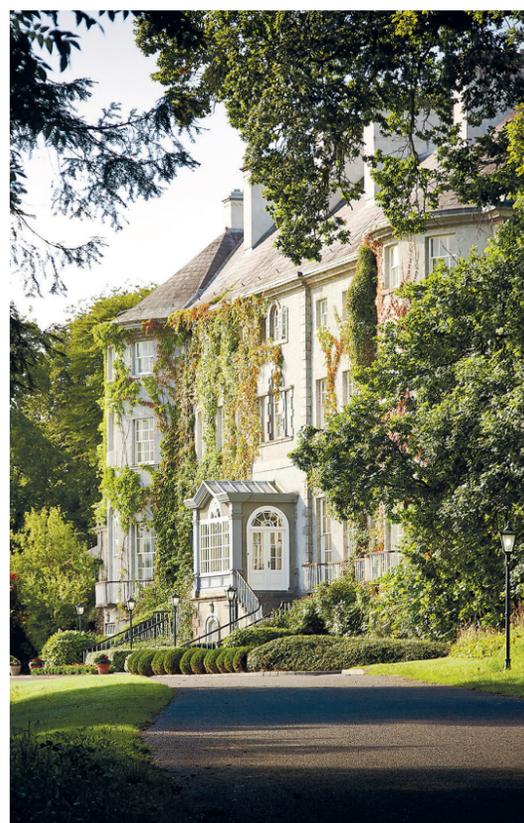
OPPOSITE
 Top: The stunning Dromoland Castle, Co. Clare.
 Bottom: Charming Mount Juliet, Co. Kilkenny.

BELOW
 The iconic view from the Cashel Palace Hotel, Co. Tipperary.

ELEGANT IRISH RETREATS

AWAY FROM THE CITY

We have access to the most desired and singular manor homes, castles and estates across Ireland, now transformed into stays that envelope guests in the history and beauty of their locations, attending to every need with the kind of service that simply stands out.



LOUGH ESKE CASTLE

Boasting a list of modern accolades, this history-steeped seat has transformed through the ages into an elegant 5-star castle stay filled with the softness of luxury and touches of the past shining through.

CASHEL PALACE HOTEL

This remarkable property has been recently restored beyond its former glories and is now relaunched as a blissful luxury hideaway tucked into the Tipperary’s Golden Vale. There are few places in the world that boast a better view than here, with the iconic Rock of Cashel framed perfectly by the opulent gardens.

BALLYNAHINCH CASTLE HOTEL

Amongst the forests, hills and waterways of Connemara is the home of Food & Wine magazine’s 2021 Best Hotel Restaurant, an expansive estate that offers stunning natural interests and activities for leisure.



SERENE SCOTTISH SECLUSION

LOCHS, LANDS AND LOCATION

Crisp Highland air, delectable fine dining, stately homes steeped in history. Stunning scenery, exemplary service and a warm welcome are yours at any of our selected stays in Scotland.



CAMERON HOUSE

On the banks of Loch Lomond you'll find a beautiful treasure of a property offering exceptional golfing, spa amenities, fine dining and – seaplanes.

CROSSBASKET CASTLE HOTEL

Restored with exceptional attention to detail, this 17th century castle in Glasgow radiates Scottish warmth and stellar service at its heart.

SCHLOSS ROXBURGHE

A historic estate hotel connected to the Jacobite Rebellion, here, you can opt for exceptional suites or private, luxurious Scottish Cottages.

MARINE TROON

A haven for golfers pursuing the greens of Royal Troon, this great hotel is a respite for any guest seeking connection to coastal nature and relaxation.

SKEABOST COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL

Evolved from an Isle of Skye Victorian era hunting lodge, this remarkable mansion is historic and elegant, with rooms here spanning modernity to traditional grandeur.



ISLE OF ERISKA LUXURY HOTEL

Peak seclusion. Tucked away on an island, this haven in a deeply unique place offers immersion in nature as well as a warm, traditional and stately stay.

INVERLOCHY CASTLE

Set among some of the most beautiful scenes in the Scottish Highlands you'll find, it is centrally located to some of the most iconic castles, lochs, battlegrounds and locations of Scotland's bold history.

NESS WALK

This former 19th century house has been lovingly restored into an idyllic 5-star Inverness hotel, retaining period features, and accented by remarkable Highland hospitality.

GREYWALLS

Order and elegance are the word at this Edwardian icon of hospitality, which has served as a respite for generations seeking tranquility in its halls or out in the quiet of its classic gardens.

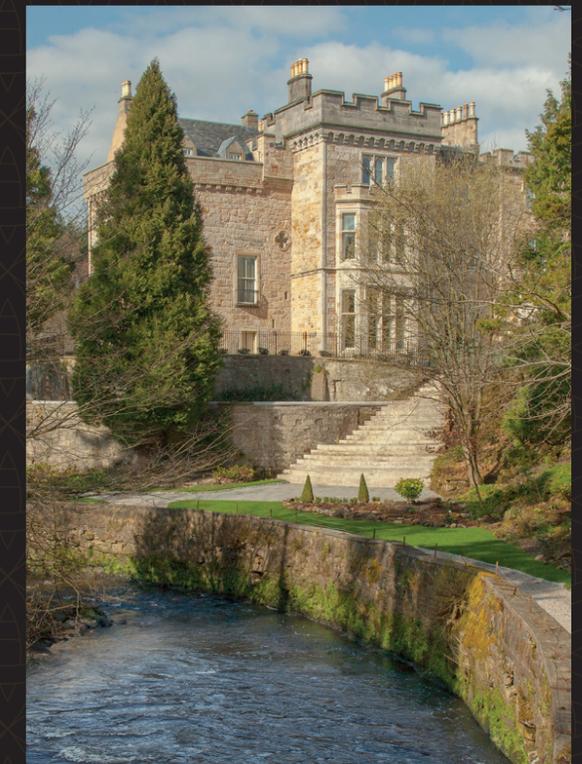


TOP
Cameron House overlooking the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond.

ABOVE
Couple enjoying a meal, Ness Walk Hotel, Inverness.

RIGHT
The enchanting location of the Crossbasket Castle Hotel, Glasgow.

OPPOSITE
Outdoor Relaxation, Isle of Eriska Luxury Hotel.



A GOLFER'S PARADISE

TEE OFF WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

It's the dream, to get the fullest experience of the greatest game played in the lands where the game was invented. Take in the rolling countryside, then watch it give way to sculptured course, land and seascapes designed by the finest creative minds the sport has to offer. We'll make it happen.



Adare Manor Golf Course, Co. Limerick

IRELAND: THE GREENEST GREENS

COURSES

Ireland's courses glow from every aspect. The far-ranging landscapes of the land of one hundred thousand welcomes boast the classic links of Old Head Kinsale, the seaside hillocks of Lahinch's Castle Course and the grand and historic Ballyunion. There's the famous Royal Portrush, the modernity of St. Patrick's links, the challenges of Dunluce and the historic fairways of Royal County Dublin, which has been testing great golfers since 1885.

STAY AND PLAY

Many properties come with courses (of course) or unique access to the legendary greats. The idyllic Dromoland Castle and Adare Manor are complimented by distinct Eddie Hackett and Tom Fazio designed courses, respectively, with Adare playing host to the Ryder Cup in 2027. There's elegant Mount Juliet's Jack Nicklaus signature-designed parkland, The K Club's two Arnold Palmer designed courses and in Northern Ireland, The testing Royal County Down, loved by legends Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy and right next door, the challenging Slieve Donard.



Royal Portrush, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

SCOTLAND: THE CREATOR OF THE GAME

COURSES

Scotland – synonymous for golf. Of the many courses you'll find, you'll consistently be offered rich history and bold challenges. You can seek the beauty of the challenging Royal Troon, the testing grounds of Carnoustie's Championship Course and, for the devout, there's Muirfield, home of The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, whose earliest written club records date back to 1744 and whose course was designed by Old Tom Morris himself in 1891.

STAY AND PLAY

Seaside and peaceful, Marine North Berwick's acclaimed 'Grand Old Lady' is back to her former glory as a luxury landmark on Scotland's golf coast. The North Berwick Golf Club is home to a Championship course dating from 1832 and has hosted the Final Qualifying for The Open Championships on six occasions. The elegant Schloss Roxburghe estate's Championship Golf Course can suit all standards of player and is in the top ten of courses in Scotland. Marine Troon, the birthplace of the Open, holds a host of historic courses to challenge yourself with some of the most infamous traps in the sport.

THE HOME OF GOLF, ST ANDREWS

Experience the game the way it was meant to be played on the Championship courses at St Andrews, where the greats have gone before. You could tour the whole of Scotland and Ireland and never get the same sense of the game as a stay at the Old Course Hotel provides.



The hallowed fairways of the Old Course, St Andrews, Scotland.

PLAY WITH, OR ALONGSIDE THE PROS

With a simple call from our black book of connections, we arrange PGA professional coaching and sessions, or give you the personalized experience of your golfing tour, timed with tournaments such as The Open or even the Ryder Cup when hosted in Ireland or Scotland.

BOUTIQUE SHOPPING

MEET COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

Connecting with Celtic heritage through crafted foods, drinks, goods and wares is just one part of how we share our culture, specifically in a way you can take home and treasure. Rare items, beautiful, hard-to-find, crafted and Celtic can be found across our homelands.



©TourismIreland



©The Burren Perfumery

HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL

The crystal workshops of Waterford have for generations been the home of master crafters designing inventive and special sparkling treasures. And here, you can not only watch and learn, but perhaps find a perfect piece to come with or be shipped home with you.

TOP
Wrapping soap, at the Burren Perfumery, Co. Clare.

LEFT
Master craftsman at work at the House of Waterford Crystal, Co. Waterford.

OPPOSITE
Browsing the Estate Tweeds at Lovat's, Hawick, Scotland.

THE BURREN PERFUMERY

The Burren Perfumery's scents are inspired by the deeply unique terrain of Ireland's Burren, a place where a rocky moonscape gives way to the Atlantic Ocean, hiding exceptionally rare flora in its cracks and crevices. The perfumery's lines of scent reflect the airs of Ireland, or you can book an experience to create one that reflects yourself and your visit.

FAMOUSLY HAWICK

Travel during the cozy season means brisk weather – best to visit Hawick in Scotland's South and add a coveted cashmere from Hawico or Johnstons of Elgin to your wardrobe. If you want a bold new look to take home, head down the road and visit the 'Home of Tweed' at Lovat's, where makers can craft you your own personalized weave or, help you discover your estate's pattern if you have ancestral links to Scotland.



COMMUNITY, TRADITION AND FAMILY

YOUR TRAVEL MATTERS

We are the Celtic Experts, but we wouldn't be able to share this love of our land without you. Bolstering our passion for our places is The Travel Corporation, our parent company, who's century of experience engaging people globally to seek and share each other's cultures has created the Treadright Foundation and MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences supporting socially conscious and planetary health minded travel.

When you visit our isles with Brendan Vacations, meet our people, tour our castles and engage with our crafters, guides, chauffeurs – everyone, you're contributing to the preservation of traditions that have upheld our communities for generations, and the conservation of lands we've called home for centuries.

To travel is to learn and to support the people we meet along the way. That is precisely what MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences do. Brendan Vacations offers a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on nearly 100% of our tours.

These conscious travel experiences are chosen with great care based on the positive social or environmental impact they have on their communities and are identifiable with a seal across our trips. We recognize our responsibility to ensure our impact is a positive one, and we address it in two ways; through our five-year sustainability strategy, 'How We Tread Right' and through the TreadRight Foundation, a not-for-profit founded by Brendan Vacations and our sister brands under The Travel Corporation. Through TreadRight, Brendan Vacations has helped fund more than 60 projects worldwide.

All of our efforts focus on:

Planet – Sustainability and conservation

People – Cultural preservation

Wildlife – Protection of our world's wildlife

LEARN MORE AT TREADRIGHT.ORG

Local Specialist Mark Rodgers leading a group to the Giant's Causeway. Their visit will help to preserve the legendary location.



©TourismIreland



YOU DREAM IT. WE DESIGN IT.

To plan and book your customized vacation, contact your Travel Advisor or one of our Celtic Experts.

FOR RESERVATIONS | 1-800-687-1002

FOR TRAVEL ADVISORS | 1-800-298-8417

BRENDANVACATIONS.COM/LUXURY

BRENDAN VACATIONS IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE TRAVEL CORPORATION (TTC).

A family-owned, family-run company renowned and trusted for its outstanding quality and service for over 100 years.



Please consider the environment - recycle or pass this brochure to a friend when finished with it.

Brendan Vacations, 5551 Katella Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630

CST No: 2084503-20

1st Edition US, 44331, JAN 2023