



# THE LODGE

AT ASHFORD CASTLE



## ACTIVITIES 2024



# FISHING



**The Ashford Estate is ideally situated on the banks of the Cong River and Lough Corrib, one of the most famous fisheries for wild brown trout and Atlantic salmon in Ireland.**

A day on Lough Corrib can be a memorable experience, especially at about midday when you can beach your boat on one of the many beautiful islands. Your guide may light a fire to make a cup of tea to enjoy with your delicious hotel packed lunch (to be booked in advance.)

The fishing season on Lough Corrib opens on the 15th of February with the first hatch of duck fly in mid-March. In April the Olive hatch starts and leads into the famous Mayfly. June and July can provide some exciting dry fly fishing. Cong River has one of the best Atlantic salmon runs in Ireland. The season for trout and salmon continues until the end of September. Pike fishing is open all year. Fly fishing lessons are also available from March to September.

Our Ghillie, Frank Costello, is an Orvis endorsed guide and is recognised as one of the most knowledgeable on Lough Corrib. The Costello family have lived and worked on the Ashford estate for three generations. Frank's grandfather started as farm manager with the Guinness family in 1917. Frank's father Jim Costello began as a fishing guide at Ashford Castle in 1939.

## THE FISHING SEASON

- Trout fishing on Lough Corrib opens February 15th to September 30th
- Pike fishing is available all year round
- River opens mid-March for salmon & trout
- The best time for trout fishing is from mid-March

### Prices:

- €290 for three hours. (Up to three participants plus guide, either 10am to 1pm or 2pm to 5pm)
- €500 for seven hours. (Up to three participants plus guide, 10am to 5pm, with a one hour stop on an island for packed lunch.

Additional charge for packed lunch and must be ordered in advance)

- €130 Fly Fishing lesson per person per hour and €100 per person for more than two participants

Booking is essential for this activity.

**For bookings and information please contact Frank on T:+353 87 2524253 or E: [ashfordbay@hotmail.com](mailto:ashfordbay@hotmail.com)**

*All cancellations must be made at least 24 hours before time of activity or it will incur a 50% charge. No show for activity will be 100% charge.*

## BOAT TRIPS



### **Frank is also a marine and countryside guide approved by the Irish Tourist Board.**

He offers guided boat trips on Lough Corrib and to its many beautiful islands. The boat, made by Frank himself, is of traditional Irish design and is fully licensed by the Irish Department of Transport. He can collect passengers and trips can be tailored to guests' preferences.

### **TRADITIONAL GUIDED BOAT TRIPS**

#### **Prices:**

€140 forty minute trip for up to three passengers. Longer trips can be arranged on request.

Booking is essential for this activity.

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# CHIEF'S ISLAND PICNIC



The Chief's Island picnic is a guided 2.5hr adventure with a third generation professional ghillie and marine & countryside guide, Frank Costello, who escorts guests on an exploration of Lough Corrib with a pitstop at some of the more unique islands on the lake. Experience Lough Corrib at its finest where history, folklore and beautiful scenery create an experience like no other.

## This Experience Includes:

An excursion on a traditional hand-crafted wooden Clinker boat while Frank regales guests with the history and folklore of the local islands and Lough Corrib with his extensive knowledge of the history of the castle itself.

A stop at one of Ashford Castle's Islands - Chief's Island - named after the late Mr Stanley Tollman, Chairman of The Travel Company (TTC) and owner of Ashford Castle. This island is also known locally as Inis Cunga (weather permitting, there is the opportunity to visit other islands).

Guests will enjoy a packed luxurious picnic hamper while moored at Chief's Island, while Frank tends to a crackling fire built in a stone pit, and boils water for a warming cup of Irish tea.



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

This boat experience at Ashford Castle is available 12 months of the year, weather permitting.

Prices start from €535 for up to three people and includes a freshly prepared picnic and bottle of wine.

Larger parties can also be accommodated on request. We look forward to welcoming you aboard.

Advanced bookings required

**For bookings and information please contact  
T: +353 94 95 46003**

*All cancellations must be made 24 hours before the date of booking to avoid a 100% cancellation charge. Terms & Conditions apply.*

# KAYAKING



## Experience the breath-taking Lough Corrib through Ashford Castle's private Kayaking tour with a professional local guide.

Take the lake's beauty and its abundant wildlife from a different perspective of Connemara. This unique experience offers an unforgettable journey and an opportunity to escape city life's hustle and bustle. Don't miss this chance to connect with nature and create unforgettable memories.

With extensive knowledge of the local area and its history, the tour guide will ensure that you have a safe and satisfying experience and an unforgettable adventure. We welcome individuals and groups of up to 8 people every day. For larger groups, please let us know in advance.

The cost for adults to partake in the activity is €100 per person.

For children aged 16 and under, the fee is €85 per child. (Minimum age is 8 years)

Available from May – September

*Cancellation policy is 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid a cancellation charge.*





**Ireland's award-winning School of Falconry is the oldest established Falconry School in the country and offers you the chance to fly hawks around the beautiful castle grounds and woodlands during a one hour private hawk walk.**

Established in 1999 the Falconry School is home to the largest and most diverse collection of Harris hawks in Ireland, all of whom have been specially trained by the Falconry School themselves.

On arrival, you are greeted by your Falconry Instructor and introduced to your hawks, before setting off to fly your hawks. As you fly the hawks, your falconer will explain all about the hawks' eyesight, their speed and agility and also about the character and history of the individual hawks that you are flying.

As you walk through the beautiful woodlands, your hawks will closely follow you, flying from tree to tree, before swooping down to land back on your gloved fist... a moment you will never forget!

**Uneven Terrain:** *The Hawk Walk is a very hands-on & interactive experience which entails a moderate walk along woodland paths over uneven terrain.*

**No Wheels or Stroller:** *The hawks are not wheelchair friendly unfortunately, they are mistrustful of anything with wheels so it is not possible to bring a wheelchair or a mobility aid to the Falconry School.*

## FLYING A HAWK IS AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

### Private one-hour Hawk Walk

- €130 for one participant
- €200 for two participants
- €240 for three participants
- €280 for four participants

### Private extended Hawk Walk (90 minutes)

- €190 for one participant
- €260 for two participants
- €315 for three participants
- €360 for four participants

Further reductions apply for more participants and there is no cost for a small number of spectators who are accompanying participants.

Booking is essential for this activity.  
(Minimum age is seven years)

**For bookings and information please contact  
The Falconry School on T: +353 (0) 94 954 6820  
or E: [info@falconry.ie](mailto:info@falconry.ie)**

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# CRUISING



**The Ashford Estate is located on the shores of Lough Corrib, the largest, cleanest and most scenic lake in the Republic of Ireland.**

We invite you to join local brothers Patrick and David Luskin on a voyage of discovery to enjoy the beauty of this wonderful lake. Corrib Cruises was founded in 1976 by Patrick and David's father John and today the brothers, both of whom have a vast wealth of local knowledge, run the business. In 2003, Patrick wrote a history book about the castle and the lake entitled 'A Voyage of Discovery'. A signed copy of the book can be purchased on board.

#### **The Boat:**

The Isle of Inisfree is an 80 passenger, all-weather craft, licensed by the Irish Department of Transport. There is a full bar service and toilet facilities on board. Enjoy the outdoor upper deck and the lower enclosed deck which is centrally heated during the winter months. All cruises depart Ashford Castle Pier, 100 yards from the front door of the castle.

## THE HISTORY CRUISE

**(365 days a year)**

An informative scenic cruise through the myriad of beautiful islands of Lough Corrib.

**Departs:** Ashford Castle Pier at 11am (boarding from 10.30am)

**Duration:** 1 hour 15 minutes

**Cost:** Adults €25, children five to 15 years €12.50, children five years or under are free.

**Note:** **Guests who take this cruise will be back in time to check out that morning.**

#### **Points of interest along the way include:**

- A visit to The Old Steamers Quay to view the local fleet of yachts and cruisers
- Excellent views of Ashford Castle, the Connemara Mountains and the surrounding 365 islands
- Views of Lord Ardilaun's Obelisk and the 3,000 year old pagan burial mounds
- At the end we stop in front of the castle to give a detailed history and photo shoot

## THE ISLAND CRUISE

**(1st June - 30th September)**

There will be detailed commentary throughout this cruise. The Luskin brothers have met some very interesting and famous people over the years and are always keen to meet new people and to share their vast wealth of local knowledge with them.

**Departs:** Ashford Castle Pier at 2.45pm (boarding from 2.30pm)

**Duration:** 2 hours (including a 40 minute guided tour of St Patrick's site on Inchagoill island)

**Cost:** Adults €30, children five to 15 years €15, children five years or under are free.

**Note:** **It is advisable to wear flat walking shoes for your walk on the island.**

#### **Points of interest on this holy and famous island include:**

- A leisurely stroll along the ancient trail through 100 acres of native Irish woodland
- St Patrick's Church, founded by St Patrick in 450 AD
- The inscribed burial stone of St Patrick's navigator nephew, buried here in 470 AD
- The Church Of The Saints, built by the Augustinian monks of Cong in 1180 AD
- The tomb of Archbishop Muirgeas O'Nioc, buried here in 1128 AD

We look forward to welcoming you aboard. Advanced bookings required.

**To book your tickets in advance, or for more information please visit [www.corribcruises.com](http://www.corribcruises.com)**

**Contact: Patrick on T: +353 (0) 87 994 6380**

**or David on +353 (0) 87 283 0799**

**E: [info@corribcruises.com](mailto:info@corribcruises.com)**

*Cancellation policy is 12 hours prior to departure. Terms & Conditions apply.*



**The award-winning Spa at Ashford Castle has been given the accolade of Forbes Five Star - the only Spa in Ireland to receive this accolade, and exceling to achieve Best Hotel Spa Ireland for the 8th consecutive year for the World Spa Awards.**

The Spa is dedicated to restoring beauty and balance through individual treatments and spa journeys, personalised for each of our guests by exceptionally skilled therapists.

Our commitment to wellbeing focuses on essential holistic principles, combining ancient wisdom and modern expertise. Our Spa menu offers an extensive variety of health and beauty enhancing treatments to ensure that our guests are nurtured, purified, pampered and relaxed.

The Spa services are delivered using specially chosen spa brands iconic to Ashford and Ireland in their own special way. The ethos for The Spa is connectivity, environment, and fulfilment. We are proud to work with the leaders in spa treatments to deliver powerful and unique experiences for all our guests.

# THE SPA

## B | AFRICA

A unique range of exclusive body products and professional spa treatments, prepared by blending native African plant extracts, the natural goodness of the sea and eco-friendly production technologies. The B | Africa product line has been created in honour of Bea Tollman, Founder and President of The Red Carnation Hotel Collection, who says "The unique natural locations of the Red Carnation properties are encapsulated in our B | Africa products and treatments, which harness the essential life-giving properties of Mother Nature's rich bounty to calm, detoxify, nourish and energise body, mind and spirit."

## NATURA BISSÉ

An official brand for Forbes Travel Guide. A family-owned luxury skincare company from Barcelona, Spain, founded by Ricardo Fisas in 1979. Since that time, NATURA BISSÉ has become one of the most prestigious and respected brands in the luxury skincare market. Dedicated to extensive research and development, NATURA BISSÉ has an array of skincare collections, which include anti-aging products for the face and body, sun care products and special treatments for both men and women.

## AUGUSTINUS BADER

Inspired by over three decades of science and innovation, Augustinus Bader's award-winning approach to professional skincare is rooted in groundbreaking stem cell research and trusted by the world's most discerning experts. Professor Bader's clean, efficient formulas are powered by TFC8®, a proprietary cellular renewing technology clinically proven to help support the body's natural regenerative processes, for a fresh, healthy glow from the inside out. The Augustinus Bader protocols have been designed to support skin's innate wisdom at the highest level, to address individual needs and reveal the best version of yourself.

## VOYA

Based on wonderful hand-harvested seaweed, certified organic and their knowledge of the local traditions of seaweed baths and seaweed treatments, VOYA strives to bring you the full power of nature in its purest forms through its range of body therapies. VOYA originates from Sligo, Ireland - a family affair.

## OPI

OPI as the world leader in the professional nail care industry, OPI is committed to providing high-quality products and services with a focus on industry safety and innovation.





## SPA FACILITIES:

- Five Treatment Rooms - superbly equipped for dual and single treatments.
- Chambers - Hamman and essence infused Steam Room for traditional cleansing rituals through the use of gentle steam, exfoliation and masks.
- Finishing Touches Suite - manicures and pedicures. For a special treat, relax in our spa thrones.
- Riverview Relaxation Suite - to relax in-between and after spa treatments with our lounge chairs, cashmere blankets, magazines and books or to meditate.
- Health Bar - with homemade healthy snacks, fresh infusion waters and still mineral water.
- Relaxation pool - incorporating water resistance jets, optimal ozone/temperature for rebalancing your body's metabolism.
- The Salon - blow dry bar and up styles using brands Moroccanoil and Color Wow.
- Use of the relaxation room, relaxation pool and essence infused Steam Room is available for Spa Treatment guests only.

## OUR TOP SPA SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Ashford Castle Ritual by Natura Bisse (60 minutes)
- B Together Massage by B | Africa using Rose quartz crystals. (60 or 90 minutes each)
- Natura Bisse Diamond Life Infusion Ritual (90 minutes)

### Opening hours:

Monday to Sunday 8am - 7pm

**For further information about The Spa Treatments and Services contact The Spa at Ashford**

**Email: [thespa@ashfordcastle.com](mailto:thespa@ashfordcastle.com)**

**T: +353 (0) 94 954 6003**

*Cancellation policy is 24 hours prior to treatment time.*

# THE SALON

Perfect to book after your spa experience, The Salon's services include wash and blow-drys and up-styling, as well as treatment mask therapy for conditioning the scalp and hair. All hair services can be personalised to suit your needs and can be included with any service.

## ASHFORD CASTLE'S SALON BRANDS:

### Moroccanoil

Thanks to its high levels of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, Moroccanoil's argan oil-based formula is able to help increase your hair's elasticity and consistently restore shine to dull, lifeless hair.

### Color Wow

Color Wow's professionally-formulated products are all designed to target and perfect the look of colour-treated hair. Moisturise, protect and enhance your hair with formulas tailored to all hair types.

*Products are available to purchase at reception to continue your luxurious haircare routine at home.*

## RESERVATIONS & OPENING HOURS

### Opening hours:

Wednesday: 9.30am to 6pm

Thursday: 9.30am to 6pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 6pm

### For further information about The Salon

contact The Spa at Ashford

Email: [thespa@ashfordcastle.com](mailto:thespa@ashfordcastle.com)

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*A minimum of 48 hours notice is required to change or cancel your appointment without charge. You will be charged the full amount if you fail to show or cancel within 24 hours of your appointment.*

# ENERGISE AT ÉALÚ



## A new energy on the Ashford Castle country estate following the launch of Éalú, a new vibrant state-of-the-art health & fitness centre for guests of both Ashford Castle and The Lodge at Ashford Castle.

Éalú, meaning 'escape', features a pavilion style building with expansive floor-to-ceiling windows, a fifteen-metre swimming pool with a gym, functional fitness studio, and therapy room. The new dynamic space has been created to offer guests a place where they can feel energised, rejuvenated and invigorated, while also providing plenty of opportunities for lively family fun time in the pool.

The new Biophilic design of the building, created to nurture the relationship between people and nature, seamlessly brings the outside in, combining natural light with views of the stunning west of Ireland landscape.

Filled with light, the pool area is complemented by relaxation loungers, a jacuzzi, an essence-infused steam room, and a Klafs sauna in bespoke Swiss stone pine wood, as well as a separate children's splash pool.

Experienced trainers are available in the gym, functional fitness studio and therapy suite to help tailor activity to personal goals to help you sweat, stretch or simply be still.

Within the gym, state-of-the-art fitness equipment from the renowned 'Life Fitness' brand includes treadmills, cross trainers, upright and recumbent bikes and rowing machines, all with premium entertainment and performance consoles to help you elevate your performance.

### OPENING HOURS

Guests at Ashford Castle and The Lodge at Ashford Castle will receive exclusive access to Éalú during their stay.

#### Opening hours:

Monday to Sunday: 8am to 8pm

Junior guests under 16 years: 9am to 6pm

Email: [ealu@ashfordcastle.com](mailto:ealu@ashfordcastle.com)

*Seasonal hours are subject to change.*

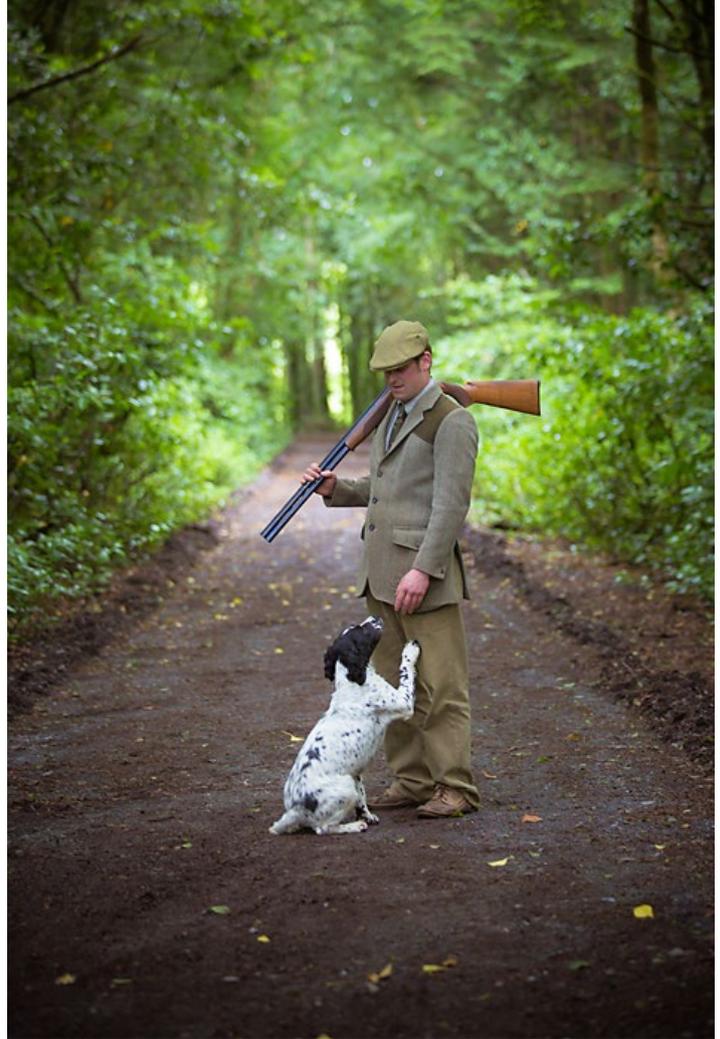
# CLAY SHOOTING

**The Shooting School is set on the spectacular Ashford Estate and boasts an enviable shooting history and heritage.**

This heritage dating from the Browne's and on to the Guinness families involvement in the World record 'Woodcock' shoots of the early 1900's makes it a unique and special environment. We have an excellent Sporting Clays layout with a vast array of clay targets to shoot. In addition, we have covered shooting stands making it comfortable for shooting in all weather conditions. Our excellent team of experienced and knowledgeable instructors cater well for all abilities and experience levels.

We offer a number of packages for individual leisure guests through to corporate groups and large family events. Our 'Sporting 25 Clays' session is popular for beginners and experienced shooters alike. For the competitive folks we have our in house 50 target sporting competition called the 'Ardilaun Challenge' which is hotly contested every year!

Participants do not need any prior experience at all. Tuition and an experienced host are always on hand to facilitate the experience along with world class equipment that you will be required to wear. We also have the Gun Rooms for guests who are interested.



## **Sporting 25-clay shooting experience - 25 shots**

Fully supervised by an instructor, you will be provided with the necessary instruction and safety briefing. You will shoot a variety of different targets, each representing a different challenge. This experience includes gun, ammunition (25 clay targets), tuition and insurance. All the necessary equipment is provided. You just wear something warm and comfortable and be prepared to enjoy the experience.

**€100 per person with a supplement of €40 per box of 25 cartridges thereafter - subject to availability**

## **Sporting 50-clay shooting experience - 50 shots**

If you like our 25-clay shooting experience but feel like 25 shots simply isn't enough, then our 50-clay shooting experience is perfect for you.

**€140 per person with a supplement of €40 per box of 25 cartridges thereafter - subject to availability**

## **Private clay shooting lesson - 100 shots**

We provide tailored tuition designed to match your individual ability and help you develop your own style. Our knowledgeable, experienced instructors draw on the latest sports instruction techniques to suit every shot, whether your interest is in game or clays. Includes 1 to 1 tuition, clays and cartridges.

**€250 per person**

## **'Guinness Shooting Experience' - 75 shots**

The Guinness Shooting experience involves shooting approximately 75 shots over a wide variety of sporting clay targets, in addition to a comprehensive historical element which details the game shooting of past years on the Estate.

**€195 per person; minimum of two participants**

## **The Ardilaun Challenge - 50 shots**

The Ardilaun Challenge is a 50-bird competition. Whether you are counting on your beginner's luck or you are confident in your shooting ability – then this is your chance to shine! The session begins with a masterclass in sporting clays led by one of our expert instructors. This will be followed by a scored 50-shot competition over five stands on our sporting clays range.

**€195 per person, with a supplement of €40 per box of 25 cartridges thereafter - subject to availability**

Booking is essential for this activity.  
(Minimum age is 16 years)

**For bookings and information please contact**

**T: +353 (0) 94 954 6507**

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*Cancellation policy is 24 hours prior to arrival. Terms & Conditions apply.*



**On your private horse ride, your guide will take you through the beautiful wooded countryside on the Ashford Estate, between the shores of Lough Corrib and Lough Mask.**

The centre has an unrivalled range of equestrian experiences in a stunning location that are suitable for complete beginners as well as experienced riders.

For coaching and lessons we recommend booking in advance. Choose from one on one coaching or a shared lesson with other members of your group in the disciplines of dressage or show jumping. We can even organise arena based cross country coaching when booked in advance.

Established in 1992, The Ashford Equestrian Centre offers a dedicated team of passionate experienced professionals providing high standards of horse riding for adults and children alike. The facilities include indoor and outdoor riding arenas and 20 stables housing a selection of horses from our homebred Traditional Irish Sport Horses, Irish Draught's and Connemara ponies to the loveable Irish Cobs. Our team are here to facilitate your enjoyment and safety as well as the achievement of your riding ambitions. The Ashford Estate is the perfect place to explore and discover the beautiful Irish countryside on horseback.

**PRICES:**

**30-minute children pony ride (Lead Rein):**  
€80 per child (minimum age of four years)

**One-hour private horse ride:**  
€150 per adult; €120 per child under 16

**Two-hour private horse ride:**  
€255 per adult; €220 per child under 16

**Three-hour private horse ride:**  
€365 per adult

**One-hour private riding lesson:**  
€150 per adult; €120 per child under 16

Advanced bookings are essential. Subject to availability.

**Possible weight restrictions:**

If any of your party weighs over 225lbs or 102kg please contact us to discuss your equestrian activity to ensure we have a suitable horse available.

Advanced bookings required. Subject to availability.

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# MRS TEA'S



## Mrs Tea's Boutique & Bakery, Ashford Castle's exclusive boutique shop, is just a short stroll from the castle.

Browse a wonderful range of gifts from local artisan suppliers; enjoy freshly baked treats on site and purchase luxury Irish products from brands including Avoca, Newbridge Silverware, Tipperary Crystal, Foxford and Voya.

The range of sports clothing and equipment is perfect for the abundance of estate activities, and Irish knitwear and blankets are as stylish as they are cosy.

Purchase in store or view a selection of items to buy online at our online store: [shop.ashfordcastle.com](http://shop.ashfordcastle.com)  
E: [mrsteasboutique@ashfordcastle.com](mailto:mrsteasboutique@ashfordcastle.com)



## CHAUFFEUR TOURS

**Ashford Castle's own Fáilte Ireland National tour guide is delighted to offer our private chauffeur driven tours in luxury SUV vehicles.**

Tailor made tours are available for both full and half day excursions. Visit Connemara National Park, featuring 2,957 hectares of mountains, bogs, heaths, grasslands and forests, or Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Walled Gardens, one of Ireland's best loved and most iconic tourist attractions and home to the Benedictine nuns since 1920.

The lunar landscape of the Burren and breath-taking heights of the Cliffs of Moher will leave you in no doubt as to the dramatic splendour of the West Coast of Ireland and The Wild Atlantic Way.

In car facilities include:

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Heated seats



**Prices are tailored for each requirement and number of people, please contact the hotel for further information and pricing.**

**Please visit [www.acsashford.com](http://www.acsashford.com) for further details.**

## PAULAPASTRY

**Ashford Castle Estate has launched a chocolate and patisserie concept, PaulaPastry, which promises to be current, creative, and full of flavour. Developed by award-winning Pastry Chef Paula Stakelum, Global Director of Chocolate and Pâtisserie at The Red Carnation Hotel Collection, this venture is set to tantalise your taste buds.**

Located at Mrs Tea's Boutique & Bakery on the Ashford Estate grounds, PaulaPastry is a pâtissier and chocolate counter that features signature pastries and chocolates, with flavours reflecting both the seasons and the estate. Each delectable treat is crafted in small batches by Paula and her team, ensuring meticulous attention to detail and the finest flavours possible. Guests can purchase their favourites from Ashford Castle.

Paula and her team have a vision to build on the deep-rooted relationship between Ashford Castle and chocolate. They aim to bring the essence of the estate to life through their chocolate and pastry creations, producing something that visitors can only ever experience from the Ashford Estate.

*For more information, follow PaulaPastry on Instagram @paula\_pastry.*



## BIKE HIRE

Explore the Ashford Estate and surrounding village of Cong on one of our fleet of bicycles, with its ancient landscape including Neolithic Stone Circles and Cairns, an ancient Abbey and a 3,000-acre forest with off-road paths and relatively quiet roads. We have a range of hybrid, mountain and road bikes suitable for adults and children.

**Full day:** €50 per adult; €40 per child

**Half day:** €35 per adult; €30 per child

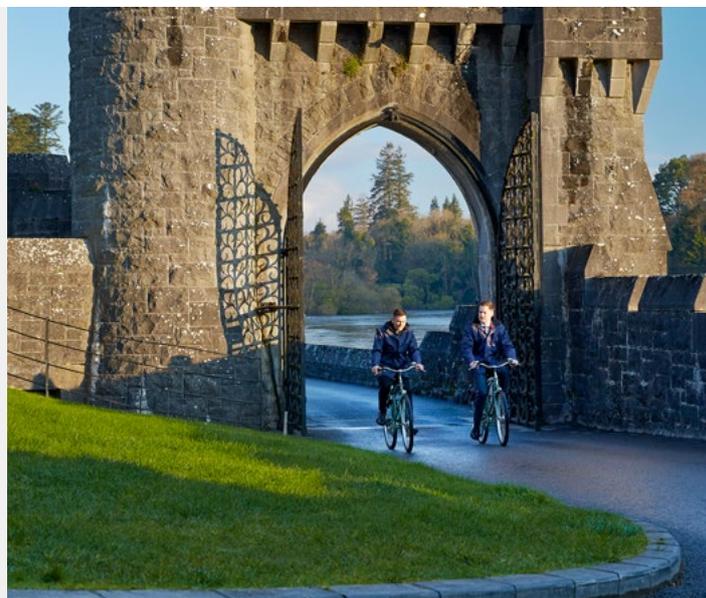
### Guided Tours

The majestic Ashford guided bike tour is an amazing opportunity to see Cong and its history, heritage and breath-taking landscape. The tour caters for all levels of ability.

Cycle along the quiet leafy lanes that open into huge expanses of mountain and valley, travel along the river bank and take in the breath-taking views of Ashford and Lough Corrib.

**90-minute Ashford guided cycle tour:** €100 per adult; €75 per child under 16. Minimum age 10 years. (Minimum of two participants)

**Three-hour Joyce Country guided cycle tour:** €250 per adult. Minimum of two participants.



### Connemara cycle tour - custom:

7 hours guided private experience, has vehicle support €500 per adult (minimum of two participants, food and beverage is additional)

**Custom road or mountain bike tours available upon request.**

Booking is essential for this activity

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## ARCHERY

Set in the magnificent woodland of the Ashford Castle Estate, the Archery range provides a magical location to experience the ancient sport played by Kings, Lords and Ladies for centuries.

Using a modern recurve bow, Archery encourages concentration, poise, technique and determination, but does not require great strength. Suitable for all the family as long as you can hold the bow. All of our sessions are tailored to individual participants, from the complete novice through to the competent archer.)

**€125 based on one or two people**  
**Additional participants €30 per person**

Booking is advised for this activity  
(Minimum age is 10 years)



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## GOLF

**This beautiful nine-hole, 2996-yard, par-35 parkland course provides the perfect environment for golfers of all ages to hone their skills.**

This Geo Certified Golf course was designed by the renowned Irish golf architect Eddie Hackett and was created with imaginative integration of natural features and hazards, ensuring a marvellous contribution to the tough par 3's, exciting par 4's and formidable par 5.

What better way to complement a stay at the five-star Ashford Castle.

Green fees are complimentary to hotel residents.

- Club hire (includes golf balls, tees, pull trolley): €60 per person
- Golf buggy hire: €50
- Shoe hire: €10
- Pull trolley: €5
- Green fees: €60

*Prices apply to residents of the Castle and The Lodge.*



## TENNIS

**We offer guests two all-weather courts for complimentary play.**

Whether you're a regular player or have never held a racket in your life, you're sure to enjoy the experience in the magnificent setting of the Ashford Estate. Please ask at Reception, where rackets and balls are available for complimentary hire.

**Private coaching tuition is available, advanced reservations required and additional costs apply.**

*Please note - all of the above mentioned activities are provided and organised by independent companies and booked at your own risk.*

*Safety information - there are uneven footpaths, low walls, and sharp inclines and declines around the garden and grounds.*

*Children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times.*

*No diving, paddling or swimming is permitted in the lake, river or fountain at any time. Please note, the waters in the river and lake are deep and hazardous.*

*Safety information for ramblers - please be aware, the terrain is uneven.*

*All guests must be suitably attired and activities are undertaken at your own risk.*

# WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS



## KITCHEN GARDEN WALK

Explore the Ashford Estate's gardens with our estate gardeners, Alex and Niamh. Starting at the historic Kitchen Garden once owned by the Guinness family, you'll delve into sustainable gardening practices and discover the fresh produce featured in our seasonal menus.

Additionally, you'll learn about our dedication to sustainability on the Estate, including our organic, no-dig, no-chemicals approach, as well as composting, crop health, and local biodiversity.

**This exclusive one-hour guided tour, offered every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from June to mid-October, welcomes guests staying at either Ashford Castle or The Lodge at Ashford Castle.**

**Time: 10am**

# WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS



## HERITAGE WALK

Join Vincent Campbell, a Cong native with a deep-rooted passion for the history and natural wonders of the Castle's surroundings, as he guides you through the estate, woods, and Cong village. This morning walk reveals the historical and natural treasures within Ashford Castle's grounds and its vicinity.

**This walk departs from the castle front steps on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

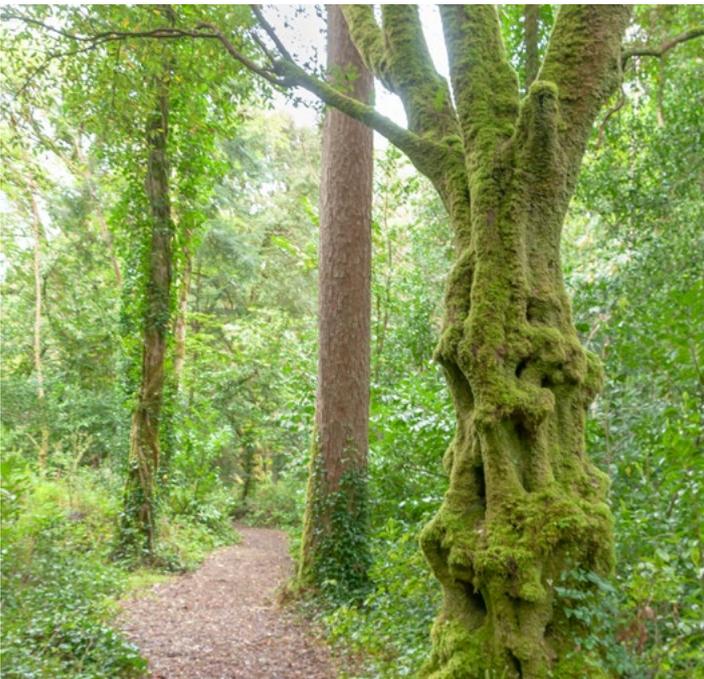
**Time: 8.30am**



## THE GARDEN

The magical setting of the gardens on the edge of Lough Corrib, with the Castle as the central feature, is truly unique. Combining a wonderful balance of formal and informal areas, you can explore the main Parterre, the beautiful Walled Garden filled with perennial borders, fruit, and vegetables, as well as the long Terraced Walk and Broad Walk that offer breathtaking vistas across the gardens.

Additionally, the great woods are home to exceptional ancient trees, providing the perfect opportunity to leisurely wander through and enjoy the wildlife and natural environment.



## DAWN CHORUS WALK

Ashford castle celebrates the Dawn Chorus and woodland biodiversity. These woodlands support a rich diversity of flora and fauna in this complex ecosystem. In a time of worldwide biodiversity collapse, this is a special opportunity to join local conservationists, Lynda Huxley and/or Michael Kingdon, for a relaxing early morning amble, listening to nature's most beautiful choir. You will experience the sound of Ashford, the dawn chorus and identify some of the birdlife and rich biodiversity of the Ashford Castle estate.

**From 2nd May - 30th May (Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday) starting at 7am (please meet Michael and Lynda at the Reception area of the Castle at 6.50am) No pre-booking is necessary. Appropriate footwear is recommended as the terrain is uneven on the woodland paths.**

## WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS



### OUR MORNING DOG WALK

Take in the magnificent grounds of the Ashford Estate amidst the bounding company of our resident dogs and their handler, James, with a morning dog walk at Ashford Castle.

As you meander through the sumptuous woodlands and rolling hills of Kinloch Woods our three Irish Wolfhounds, Mulligan, Molly and Dougal, our Labrador, Dubh, and Irish red & white setter, Shay will guide you with affectionate enthusiasm. Their playful nature, the exquisite views back onto the Castle, and the wealth of tales offered by James will ensure the perfect start to your day.

**Our morning dog walk takes place every Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We encourage appropriate footwear for the walk. If required, wellington boots can be borrowed at reception.**

**Time: Please meet at reception at 8:15am.**





# THE LODGE

AT ASHFORD CASTLE



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