



Summer
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Welcome to Castle Leslie Estate

On behalf of the Leslie family, my team and I, we wish to extend a very warm greeting to you. *Céad míle fáilte* and welcome to Castle Leslie Estate, home to the Leslie family for over 300 years. We are delighted to welcome you to our hidden corner of Ireland.

‘Summertime and the living is easy’ at Castle Leslie Estate. Summer is our favourite season here as the Estate is all abloom and at its very best aesthetically. The mornings start early and are alive and bright and the evenings heavenly and balmy! It’s blue skies and sun kissed afternoons all the way and you have our 1,000 acres in which to enjoy it all within.

We hope that you thoroughly enjoy your time with us as you explore our part of Ireland. To truly get the most out of your stay with us, we bring you a flavour of some of the highlights at Castle Leslie Estate and things that you can do in our local area this summertime. We look forward to being of service and if we can be of any assistance to you during your visit, please do not hesitate to ask any of the team who are always genuinely delighted to help.

Brian Baldwin
CEO

Things To Do

In our local area

Bike Hire

Drumlin Trails offer a variety of interesting trails in the north of Monaghan and surrounding counties. Visitors can rent bikes which also include 10 top of the range e-bikes. These electric bikes give gentle assistance on some of the many drumlin hills in the area. Located at McQuaid's Fuel Station between the villages of Glaslough & Emyvale. Drumlin Trails Bike Hire are delighted to provide all residents of Castle Leslie Estate with the following special discount;

Regular Bikes – €15 per person per day. If booking 4 or more at a time, a discounted price of €12.50 per person per day will be applied.

Electric bikes(10 in total) – €35 per day.

To make a booking, please contact us on

+ 353 47 88100 or email:

reservations@castleleslie.com

Long Meadow Cider Farm Tour and Tasting Experience

Long Meadow Cider is a third generation family owned apple orchard and cidery based in rural County Armagh also known as the orchard of Ireland. Enjoy a guided through their 30 acre orchard and see how the famous PGI status Bramley Apple is grown, processed, harvested and hand pressed to be transformed into brands of award winning apple juice and artisan ciders. They make up to six varieties of cider and two varieties of apple juice on site.

For further details, please visit

<https://www.longmeadowcider.com/>

Golf

There is an abundance of golf courses situated close to Castle Leslie Estate.

Concra Wood Golf and Country Club is a mere 20-minute drive from Castle Leslie Estate and is an 18 hole Championship Golf Course. The golf course was designed by two of Ireland's golfing legends: Christy O'Connor Junior and Senior. Their names are already embedded in Irish golfing history with Christy O'Connor Junior's famous Ryder Cup victory over Fred Couples. Concrowood is a remarkable landscape located in Castleblayney, which is surrounded by Lough Muckno and an overview of the Monaghan drumlins, it is a jewel not only in the northern part of the country, but Ireland as a whole. It will challenge and thrill golfers of all types.

Rossmore Golf Club is located just 15 minutes from Castle Leslie Estate and is a very challenging drumlin style golf course. With its undulating fairways, its numerous streams and lakes, this parkland course offers the ideal golfing combination of challenging yet enjoyable golf over its 18 holes. The course is playable all year round and visitors are assured the warmest of welcomes.

We are delighted to offer our guests special Green Fees for these courses. Please contact our Reservations Team directly on + 353 47 88100 or email: reservations@castleleslie.com for further details.

Things To Do

In our local area

Glaslough Village Heritage Trail

Explore the picturesque village of Glaslough by downloading the Glaslough Village Heritage Trail App which is a free self-guided visitor experience, starting in the heart of Glaslough village at The Diamond, following a 2 kilometre trail around ten fascinating points of interest before ending the tour at Saint Salvator's church in Castle Leslie Estate.

To download;

Android: *Open the Google Play Store app on your device.*

Apple: *Open the App Store app on your device. Search or browse for "Glaslough Village Heritage Trail". Select it. Tap Install.*

Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the download.

The Market Place Theatre & Arts Centre

This Armagh's 'Home Of Entertainment'. Whatever the time of year you choose to visit The Market Place Theatre and Arts Centre, you'll always find a plethora of activities and events to keep you busy and entertained. From top quality new, original theatre to comedy nights, from children's shows to opera, from world-class ballet to professional pantomime, their performances are ready to satisfy even the most discerning culture vulture.

For further details and to view event listings, please visit www.visitarmagh.com/places-to-explore/the-market-place-theatre-arts-centre/

Walking

Sliabh Beagh is an area of upland heathland, blanket bog and outstanding natural beauty that transcends counties Monaghan, Fermanagh and Tyrone. There are several walking routes in the Sliabh Beagh area. These include the Sliabh Beagh Way, a 46km long distance walk, marked from St. Patrick's Chair & Well in Co. Tyrone, entering Co. Monaghan at Lough More, going over Bragan Mountain, carrying on through the lower moorland behind Knockatallon and into Fermanagh via Mullaghfad, Jenkin Carnmore/Carnrock, winding its way through Tully Forest and aptly ending at Donagh.

There are additional walks throughout the Sliabh Beagh region, all of which are way-marked and vary in length from 6.5km – 10km.

For further useful resources on walking the Sliabh Beagh Way, visit

<https://sliabhbeaghadventures.ie/walking>

Things To Do

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Armagh Observatory and Planetarium

Armagh Planetarium is the longest running planetarium in the British Isles and was opened in 1968. An icon of the space age when inaugurated, the 12m diameter Dome has witnessed the development of planetarium technology over the past half century. Initially equipped with a starball Goto projector, Armagh then pioneered the introduction of the video revolution into planetaria in the 1970's. Today, Armagh Planetarium is equipped with a state-of-the-art digital projector system providing an immersive experience under the full dome. The Observatory opened in 1790 and inside it there are four generations of historic telescopes that remain in their original settings, as well as one modern telescope still used today. There are a number of exhibitions that take place throughout the year and the Legendary Telescopes Tour is the special guided tour of the Observatory and its Grubb 10 and Calver 18 telescopes.

For further details, please visit

www.armagh.space

Navan Centre and Fort

Navan Centre & Fort is one of Ireland's most famous and important archaeological sites, the legendary Emain Macha. Legends say that Macha, the ancient goddess of war and fertility, scored the earth with her brooch pin and traced the famous outline of this sacred stronghold of the hero Cu Chulainn, home of the famous Red Branch Knights and Ulster Cycle of tales.

Experience life over 2000 years ago, as you walk in the footsteps of warriors to the ancient Navan Fort, site of the great temple of 95BC. Your guide will explain how and why this impressive ceremonial structure was built, as well as highlighting the importance of the surrounding sites in the Navan complex. Immerse yourself in Iron Age life, as you meet the resident Celtic clan & view their period dwelling! During your visit, you may find the Celts regaling you with stories of their past triumphs, cooking, weaving or even preparing their weaponry for battle.

For further details, please visit

www.visitarmagh.com/places-to-explore/navan-centre-fort/

Things To Do

In our local area

MK Woodcrafts

In his workshop near the lovely village of Glaslough, Mark's beautifully designed range includes wooden framed mirrors, clocks and solid timber coffee tables as well as bespoke pieces. MK Woodcrafts use only native burr timbers and their striking natural appearance helps to produce remarkable and unique furniture. Mark can customise pieces to your requirements and is always happy to try new ideas regarding furniture concepts and designs. MK Woodcrafts use only the finest raw materials to produce the highest possible quality finished products.

For further details, please visit

www.mkwoodcrafts.com

Armagh Cider Company

Armagh Cider Company is owned by Philip and Helen Troughton of Ballinteggart House, outside Portadown. The Troughton family have been growing apples there for four generations since 1898 and all their products are made 'from blossom to bottle' on the home farm. The family welcome individuals and groups to the farm to experience the entire process of cider making, giving visitors the opportunity to taste and compare all their products. A tour of their cidery provides a wonderful insight into the orchards as well as an opportunity to see first-hand how the apples are pressed, fermented, filtered and blended into their award-winning products.

For further details, please visit

www.armaghcider.com

Armagh Palace Demesne

Situated within walking distance of the City Centre, for over two hundred years, the undulating parkland of the Palace Demesne has been one of the glories of Armagh. The Demesne, comprising some 300 acres, is the creation of Archbishop Richard Robinson. The Palace was the residence of the Archbishops of the Church of Ireland from 1770 to 1975.

The walks around the Demesne vary in distance and effort, taking you into the back meadows and around the more formal gardens. There is also a chance to relax in the 'Garden of the Senses', created to provide a sensory experience that will appeal to both able-bodied and disabled visitors.

The garden is made up of five distinct areas linked by a winding path. The park includes a modern accessible Play Park and Green Gym. The Palace Building and Chapel are also open to the public periodically and the Palace Gardens are extremely popular for wedding photography. Internationally renowned Armagh artist J.B. Vallely has a collection of works housed in the refurbished Archbishops Palace and visitors are invited to browse this exciting gallery.

For further details, please visit

www.visitarmagh.com/places-to-explore/palace-demesne-public-park

Things To Do

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Game of Thrones Studio Tour

Located at the authentic filming location of Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, Northern Ireland, Game of Thrones Studio Tour invites you to step behind the scenes of The Seven Kingdoms and beyond.

Prepare to experience the world of Game of Thrones like never before and explore how one of the world's greatest ever TV series was created and brought to life on screen.

For further details, please visit

www.gameofthronesstudiotour.com

Patrick Kavanagh Centre

The Kavanagh Centre tells the story of Inniskeen's most famous son – the poet, Patrick Kavanagh using immersive and interactive techniques to inspire visitors.

There are 6 key zones in the exhibition and these focus on different times/aspects of Kavanagh's life. A multi-media experience provides the emotional core of the exhibition with its visuals and sound effects and this is also used as a performance space for concerts and dramas. Very few writers have rooted their work so physically in recognisable fields and buildings as Kavanagh did and many of these places still exist. Visitors are encouraged to follow the Kavanagh Trail which takes in a number of these sites.

For further details, please visit

www.patrickkavanaghcountry.com

Rally School Ireland

Rally School Ireland has grown to become Ireland's premier motorsport facility. They have a fleet of over 20 and their purpose-built track is designed not only to test the driver, but the car too. RSI has branched out into drifting, supercar experiences and winter driver training and have built long standing relationships with respected brands such as Pirelli, Subaru and Total. Rally School Ireland is situated in Scotstown, Co. Monaghan, just a 15 minute drive from Castle Leslie Estate. The multi-million-euro facility can accommodate children 10+, individuals, couples, groups, and corporate clientele. Whatever your reason to visit Rally School Ireland provide a fast moving, adrenaline packed and exciting day!

For further details or to make a booking, visit

www.rallyschoolireland.ie

For details of all our Summer events or to arrange a booking please visit our website www.castleleslie.com or call us on +353 47 88100



Moments of equestrian adventure...

SUMMER IS A WONDERFUL TIME to get back 'in the saddle' and the Estate is particularly beautiful at this time of year and an ideal time to explore on horseback.

Come riding with us and enjoy a gripping hack or cross-country ride and breathe in that sweet fragrant summer air and experience the adventure of riding on our 1,000 acres.

However, if the saddle is not for you, why not enjoy a one-hour enchanting horse drawn carriage ride and journey back in time through the tree-lined avenues and bridleways. This is a wonderful way to experience the beauty of Castle Leslie Estate.

Carriage rides may be booked through reception or directly with the Equestrian Centre. They are subject to availability and advance booking is essential at €110 per carriage ride (seats 4 adults, or 2 adults and up to 2 children).

For a complete list of activities visit www.castleleslie.com or call reception.

Bookings can be made within 24 hours notice or sooner depending on availability and weather conditions.

We advise early booking where possible to avoid disappointment.



Moments of lasting bliss...

OUR SKIN GOES THROUGH its own unique transition in response to the changing seasons. To ease that transition guests can enjoy several wonderful facials at the Victorian Treatment Rooms. Some examples of these are below:

EMINENCE FIRE AND ICE HOUSE FACIAL – €130 (75 mins) A fantastic exfoliation with a warming spicy kick of paprika, sage and the horsetail plant. The tingling hot sensation is cooled with an application of chilled rosehip menthol masque followed by a lightly whipped moisturiser. It increases circulation, plumps the skin and refines it to smooth out fine facial lines.

EMINENCE GREEN LAKE FACIAL – €105 (60 mins) A phyto facial of rich organic garden nutrient greens, this treatment also includes oxygenated parsley, red clover, yucca and agnus castus blended with mineral rich thermal lake waters. See and feel extraordinary results of fresh oxygenation on fatigued skin leaving you revived and refreshed.

VOYA RADIANCE FACIAL – €105 (60 mins) This organic facial is deeply detoxifying. It helps to revitalise, even skin tone and increases clarity. It incorporates a relaxing facial massage that releases any build-up of toxins which helps improve radiance and restore a glowing complexion. Suitable for oily, sensitive and dry skin.

In addition to our facials and our seasonal offers, our highly-trained therapists will pamper you with a range of traditional organic therapies from the 'Eminence Organics' & 'Voya' ranges.

For a full menu list please visit please visit our Victorian Treatment Rooms brochure here.

To contact the Victorian Treatment Rooms directly dial extension 405 or email victorianspa@castleleslie.com to make an appointment. T&C's apply.





Moments of indulgence to savour...

AN AGE OLD IRISH HOSPITALITY DECREES that you get out the best linen, pick the finest food and treat your guests to the best. This tradition continues at Castle Leslie Estate. There is little chance of anyone going hungry this summer—from lazy lunches in Conor’s Bar & Lounge at The Lodge, to delightful Afternoon Teas until finally dinner at the 2 AA Rosette award winning Snaffles Restaurant. Our Executive Head Chef, Aaron Duffy and his team celebrate summer in abundance this season and have created some wonderful menus for you to enjoy.

Conor’s Bar & Lounge is the perfect place to enjoy traditional style home cooking in a relaxed environment. Choose between the bar, lobby or conservatory or on a hot summer day we sometimes offer alfresco dining in the garden. Snaffles Restaurant serves hearty morning breakfasts to put a ‘pep in your step’ these summer mornings, and wonderful sophisticated summer fare each evening.

All of our dining options must be booked in advance of arrival. Bookings can be made via Reception on 04788100 / info@castleleslie.com



Moments of outdoor adventure...

OUR ACRES OF WOODLANDS, lakes and grasslands make it the perfect location for a wide variety of outdoor activities.

During your stay, wander through our undulating Irish countryside, there are many attractions to see; from the Equestrian Centre and working farm, to the unique flora and fauna and historical sites. These include building ruins, a Gothic Lodge, Walled Garden originating from 1850, the Pinetum, St. Salvator's Church and an Integrated Wetlands project.

There is a host of outdoor activities to avail of at Castle Leslie Estate including:

Walking

There are a variety of exceptional walks, from short jaunts to long leisurely strolls. Wander throughout the Estate grounds and around the village of Glaslough. Breathe in the fresh country air and stunning scenery as you walk throughout the beautiful landscape of our estate. With several walks mapped out, all of which containing stunning scenery, Castle Leslie Estate has something for everyone.

Falconry

Experience a unique insight into the noble and ancient art of Falconry which offers a stimulating, unique, and memorable experience. The majestic, beautiful birds are captive bred both in Ireland and abroad. They include different species of falcons, hawks, owls, and the magnificent golden eagle. We have four different packages which you can choose from, and bookings can be made 72 hours in advance.



Clay Target Shooting

Experience the thrill of Clay Target Shooting at Clontibret Shooting Centre, Clontibret, Co Monaghan (only a 15-minute drive from Castle Leslie Estate). Glenn Ross is an ICPSA accredited Safety Officer and Coach and recognized by An Garda Síochána to carry out gun competency training. He has represented Ireland 11 times at Home International level and once at the World Cup in Rome 2005. He has won the Ulster Open twice and Irish Grand Prix twice in recent years and has 11 Ulster Inter-Provincial badges, 10 of which are winning badges.

Archery

Test your strength and accuracy to the full in a versatile and competitive sport. Archery will not disappoint in the entertainment, satisfaction and fun that it offers. Archery is extremely competitive and really gets a group energized quickly. Your qualified instructor will always accompany you. All necessary equipment is included.

Fishing

The Leslie family have been the custodians of the stunning 'Glaslough' or Green Lake for generations. The lake is brimming with monster pike, and fishermen widely consider it to be one of Ireland's best-preserved loughs. In fact, in 1991 a fisherman reeled in a catch weighing 38lb 9oz (17.5kg) and broke Ireland's 18 year record. Fishing is charged per rod (person) per day and includes the use of a boat.

Boating

Enjoy a morning or afternoon boating on our glistening Glaslough Lake or 'Green Lake'. While away the hours by relaxing on one of our boats and admire the stunning scenery all around you including our ancient woodlands, gardens and of course our beautiful Castle.

Please contact us at reception for information, prices and to make a booking for any of our onsite activities.

TEAM MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



Team Portugal

WE ARE SO LUCKY to have an amazing team of 200 talented hospitality professionals from around the globe!

For this edition of our newsletter we are celebrating our wonderful friendly team members hailing from sunny Portugal.

Ireland and Portugal are both modern, forward-looking nations with rich and distinctive cultural identities

and vibrant economies. These ties have been built on a foundation of cultural, business, education and other exchanges stretching back centuries. So, it's no wonder so many Portuguese people make Ireland their home, and also why there are so many Irish visitors and residents in Portugal. It is a testament to the warmth and closeness of these connections.

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Team Portugal



We are delighted to have 11 wonderful Portuguese people working at Castle Leslie Estate. In this edition we'd like to introduce you to six of Castle Leslie Estate's 'Team Portugal'. They are Joao, Vera, Maria, Iryna, Marcia and João.

Joao Paulo Alves Bras, is from Serra da Estrela, which is in the north centre of Portugal. He has been working in Castle Leslie Estate for 15 months. Joao is part of our front of house team and is based at Reception, welcoming our guests to the Estate and helping make their stay a magical one. He chose Glaslough as his home for professional reasons, but also to experience a new way of life and to meet new people.

We asked Joao ...

What is Portugal best known for?

Good weather, good food & great wine!

What is your favourite Portuguese food?

Portuguese Cook (a mixture of different meats and sausages with cooked potatoes, carrots, cabbage, and white rice).

What do you think is one of the most unusual things Irish people eat?

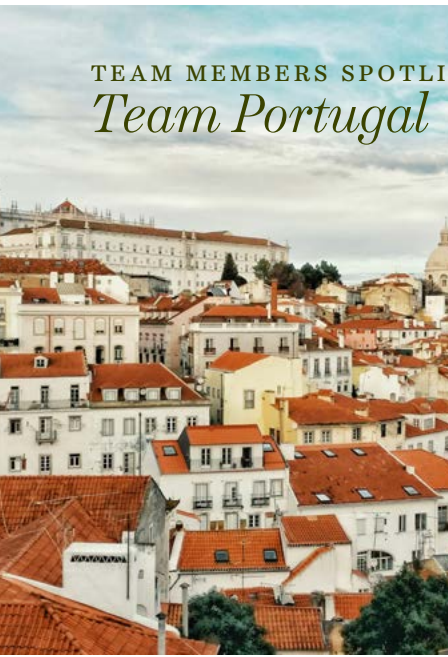
Curry Chips.

What do you think is the funniest thing Irish people say?

"What's the craic?" (I love this phrase!)

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Vera Vieira is from the beautiful city of Porto. She has been working with us for one year and works in Conor's Bar serving our guests lunch, dinner and drinks with a big smile! She chose Glaslough as her home, as she believes it to be a quiet and safe place to live.

We asked Vera ...

What is the biggest difference between Portugal and Ireland?

The weather, the food and the beer measures! (We don't do pints in Portugal)

What is the biggest cultural similarity between Ireland and Portugal?

Friendship and the great warm hospitality!

What do you think is one of the most unusual things Irish people eat?

Eating any meal in the day having tea with milk.

Do you know how to pull a pint of Guinness?

I do know how to pull a pint. I also know all the rules about how to pull a good pint of Guinness, as I have been learning from all the guests that I have served in Conor's Bar.

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Maria Manuela Fernandes has been working at Castle Leslie Estate for one year. She is also from the great city of Porto. Maria works in Snaffles Restaurant delivering a memorable fine dining experience to our guests. She has chosen Glaslough as her home because of its calm environment and picturesque location.

We asked Maria...

What is the biggest difference between Portugal and Ireland?

Besides the obvious answer, the weather, the other big difference for me is that the life/work balance is healthier in Ireland than in Portugal.

Who do you think is the most famous Portuguese person known to Irish people?

Cristiano Ronaldo

What's your favourite food in Ireland?

I consider the meat to be of great quality, so any kind of steak.

Who is your favourite Irish musician?

Hozier

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Iryna Lelinchuk has been working with us at Castle Leslie Estate for 8 months. She is from the glamorous city of Lisbon. Iryna works in Conor's Bar and also takes great care of our wedding guests on the Estate. She has chosen Glaslough as her home to gain a new rural experience in a beautiful location.

We asked Iryna...

What do you think is the funniest thing Irish people say?

It's not my cup of tea!

What is the biggest cultural similarity between Ireland and Portugal?

The nice people for sure!

What is your favourite food from Portugal?

Cod fish and cream (fried potato and cod fish in a cream sauce)

What do you think is one of the most unusual things Irish people eat?

Fried potatoes with vinegar!

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Team Portugal



João Pedro Vieira Ferreira has been working here at Castle Leslie Estate for 7 months. He is also from the magical city of Lisbon. João works on reception as part of our front of house team. He has chosen Glaslough as his home for personal and professional growth.

We asked João...

What is Portugal best known for?
Food, beaches and sun.

Who do you think is the most famous Portuguese person known to Irish people?
Jorge Jesus.

What's your favourite food in Ireland?
Bangers and Mash.

What do you think is one of the most unusual things Irish people eat?
A crisp sandwich!

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Marcia Isabel Oliveira Marques has been working at Castle Leslie Estate for a year. She is from the breathtaking region of Serra da Estrela. Marcia works in The Victorian Treatment Rooms spoiling our guests with relaxing spa treatments.

We asked Marcia...

Who is your favourite Irish musician?
Cian Ducrot.

What's your favourite food in Ireland?
Any type of steak! Ireland has the best meat.

What is your favourite food from Portugal?
Bacalhau à Brás. It is a dish made from shreds of salted cod, onions and thinly chopped (matchstick-sized) fried potatoes, all bound with eggs. It is usually garnished with black olives and sprinkled with fresh flat-leaf parsley.

Do you know how to pull a pint of Guinness?

I do! Fill the glass $\frac{3}{4}$ way full with the glass tilted. Let it rest for 2 minutes and then top it off to get a creamy head!



So, it sounds like Team Portugal have really settled in Glaslough and are enjoying making Monaghan their home. And you never know, they might even enjoy the odd crisp sandwich with a cuppa milky tea in time!

Thank you to Joao, Vera, Maria, Iryna, Marcia and João for sharing your stories with our readers.



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