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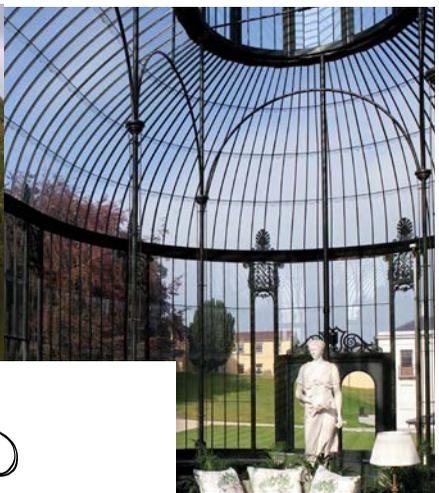
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BALLYFIN DEMENSE, IRELAND

A luxurious Irish country escape—can you think of anything more romantic? The moment you enter the gates of **Ballyfin Demense**, you are swept away from the modern world and ensconced in a bygone era rich in tradition and romance. Located in **County Laois**, 90 minutes from **Dublin**, Ballyfin is a grand Irish Regency mansion built as a private residence in 1820. It was restored to its original grandeur in 2011, opening as a 20-bedroom five-star country house hotel.

Stepping through the doors of the house, it's hard to know where to look first. Details are rich, historic and jaw-dropping at every turn. The **State Rooms** are glimmering and grand, brimming with ancestral portraits and magnificent furnishings, but are still wonderfully comfortable and intimate, perfect places to relax. Every guest room is unique, all decorated and designed in the spirit of the original house. Each is spacious, but for a splurge we recommend booking a suite or junior suite—we love the front-of-house rooms with lake views!

Food is a particular passion at Ballyfin

and everything served is grown in-house and locally sourced. Dinner hour is a delight—we strongly recommend Ballyfin's tasting menus, which deliver the best of everything in a five- or eight-course meal.

The grounds of Ballyfin are as beautiful as the house itself. There are 614 acres to explore, which you can do on foot, by horse, bicycle or horse-and-carriage ride. On the property you will find acres of wildflowers, hidden waterfalls, a grotto, a medieval-style tower and walled gardens. For additional adventures, you can try archery, clay-pigeon shooting, falconry and fishing. A picnic lunch on-property is also a must and there are many stunning locations to choose from, including a cozy picnic house built expressly for those days when the Irish weather is a little temperamental.

Many incredible things make Ballyfin magical, but perhaps the biggest is the delightful staff that makes you feel like the house is your home, who go the distance to make your stay the most memorable holiday of your life. Isn't that exactly what you want your honeymoon to be?

—Alison McGill

Clockwise from top left:

Ballyfin's centrepiece staircase leads to upstairs guestrooms; a boat ride on the lake is most romantic; the conservatory is an incredible wedding spot; fresh-pressed apple juice from the Ballyfin orchard is a morning must; Ballyfin has 614 acres to explore; the dramatic front entrance; the property is brimming with bluebells.

