



BALLYFIN

Estate Activities

During your stay enjoy an array of activities within the Demesne. Open to residents only, it is very easy to get away from everything as you explore the Demesne and in just a short distance from the house you can truly feel “lost in nature”.

Within the Demesne there are several miles of hard surfaced paths as well as several miles of mown grass paths so whether you prefer a gentle stroll or the exhilaration of biking or exploring by golf cart there is something for you.

#### **Garden Walks**

Exploring the Demesne is a delight – from the walled gardens; the fernery and the restored Edwardian rock garden; a stroll around the lake; discovering quiet bluebell glades and special areas of conservation; foraging for mushrooms and Autumn berries, or simply marveling at century-old trees and climbing the path to the tower, which is located at the highest point of the estate to enjoy stunning views.

Please pick up a map from the Butlers desk and enjoy your journey. Around the Demesne you will meet our gardeners who will be delighted to chat with you if you have any questions.

Garden Tour €100 per hour for guide (subject to availability) – groups of six or more €150 per hour.

The following cancellation fee applies:

Within 24 hours – 50% of charge applies

Within 12 hours or failure to show – Full charge applies







### **Nature Walk – from 7 km**

Take a walk with our guide and explore deep into the ancient woodlands of the Demesne passing the Winter waterfall, visiting the gate lodges, the church and graveyard. This guided tour explores the history and development of the Demesne. Ballyfin Hike €75 per hour for guide (subject to availability) – groups of six or more €100 per hour.

### **Gaelic Games**

Our Butlers would be delighted to give you an introduction to two of our Gaelic Games – Football and Hurling and teach you some of the basic skills and rules of these very exciting and uniquely Irish sports.

Bookings can be made in advance of arrival or during your stay and Butler is subject to availability. A charge of €70 per hour applies.

### **Tennis**

Located to the rear of the house, surrounded by beautiful trees, you will discover our tennis court. Please ask our Butler for equipment.



### **Falconry**

An exhilarating experience with amazing birds of prey. We offer you a private and personal Falconry demonstration and hands-on experience using trained Harris Hawks, Peregrines, Eagle Owls and other birds of prey. Enjoy the up-close and intimate relationship between man and bird which has existed for centuries.

Bookings must be made in advance of arrival as the Falconer is not based at Ballyfin.

Session with 2 guests - €560  
Session up to 8 guests - €900  
Session up to 12 guests - €1050  
(maximum 12 per session)

### **Bird Watching**

Ballyfin is home to a wide variety of birds including peregrine falcons, buzzards, jays, pheasants, ospreys. Binoculars and guide books are available from the Butler.



The following cancellation fee applies for Falconry:  
Within 72 hours – 50% of activity booked  
Within 24 hours or failure to show – Full charge of activity booked  
If late for an appointment the time will be deducted from the length of the scheduled activity



### **Boating on the lake**

Enjoy a leisurely row on the 28 acre lake or why not let our Butler take you out while you relax and enjoy the scenery (advance notice required for Butler).

Boats are available on a first come basis if you would like to take a boat out no charge applies. €70 per hour (bookings for a ghillie be made in advance of arrival and are subject to availability).

### **Coarse Fishing**

Enjoy a few hours of fishing on the lake which has a large stock of roach and pike. We would be happy to arrange a ghillie for you.

Boats are available on a first-come basis if you would like to enjoy fishing alone and no charge applies. Our Butlers will arrange the fishing rods for you.

Bookings for a ghillie are required in advance of arrival. Bookings can be made during your stay but ghillie is subject to availability. Fishing with ghillie €70 per hour.



### **Guided Kayaking / Paddle Boarding**

Enjoy a leisurely guided Kayak or Paddle Board on our beautiful 28 acre lake in view of Ballyfin House. Water has a calming effect on the mind, avail of our tranquil waters surrounded by countryside as you paddle and relax in the beautiful scenery. All equipment is provided. Paddle Boarding is available for children of 12+ years. Must be booked in advance of arrival.

1-2 persons €400 1 hour

3-4 persons €550 1 hour

Larger groups upon request



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Within 72 hours – 50% of activity booked

Within 24 hours or failure to show – full charge of activity booked.

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### **Clay Pigeon Shooting**

Clay Pigeon shooting is a thrilling experience. Whether you are a beginner or expert, you will enjoy this sport. Perfect your aim, time your shots and let the competitive streak in you shine.

### **Air Rifle Target Shooting**

Using the most advanced pre-charged air rifles on our 50m range, your instructor will guide you in the skill of precision shooting.

### **Archery**

Despite its medieval origins, archery has now been developed into a high-tech and highly competitive sport. Using the very latest equipment guests are taught the skills required to strike gold on the competition shoot.

Clay Pigeon Shooting €140 per 50 clays,  
additional clays €45 for 25 clays.

Air Rifle Shooting €100 for 60 shots,  
additional shots €30 euro for 20.

Archery €55 per person for a half-hour session.



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Within 24 hours – 50% of charge applies  
Within 12 hours or failure to show – Full charge applies







### **Horse Riding & Riding Lessons**

With 614 acres to explore, horse riding around the Demesne is a wonderful experience. Our experienced riders will guide you around the Demesne, trekking by the tower and lake, deep into the grounds.

Horse riding lessons in the paddock can also be arranged with our experienced instructors (maximum four riders at one time).

Bookings must be made in advance of arrival as the riding instructor is not based at Ballyfin.

Horse Trekking €170 per person per hour  
Horse Riding Lesson €170 per person per hour.

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Within 24 hours or failure to show – Full charge of activity booked  
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### **Horse & Carriage**

Step back in time and take a guided tour on a horse & carriage which awaits you at the front door. The tour will take you around the pathways of the Demesne with your guide highlighting the history of the Demesne.

One Hour Estate Tour €180 up to four guests.

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### Ballyfin Picnic Experience

Arrange a Ballyfin picnic in a place of your choice on the Demesne. Order your picnic in advance and a wonderful picnic basket will be ready for you to take with you to enjoy in a location of your choice. You are spoilt for choice with some excellent locations to choose from including the grotto, temple, by the water cascade or by the lake.

Reserve our picnic house with stunning views, seclusion and privacy and we will have a picnic lunch set up for you and ready on your arrival to the picnic house. (Booking is required and a charge applies).

Picnic house is required to be booked in advance:

- €80 for up to 4 people
- €130 for up to 8 people
- €250 for up to 12 people
- €350 over 13 guests.

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## House Activities

Modelled on the tradition of the Irish country house, Ballyfin is designed for guests who want to enjoy a few days of absolute tranquility and to experience the noble tradition of Irish hospitality. Guests are encouraged to enjoy Ballyfin after their own fashion, it is a place of urbane leisure and refined relaxation.



### Wine & Whiskey Tasting

A highlight for many guests is a trip to Ballyfin's well-stocked Cellar. Guided by our expert sommelier, enjoy an evening of wine or whiskey tasting and you can personally select your wine so that it is perfectly decanted and ready for you at dinner. (Pre-booking in advance is required).

#### Wine tasting

Classic	€100
Premium	€170
Wine Geese	€210

#### Whiskey Tasting

Classic	€100
New Distillery	€130
Premium	€160
Rare	€210

All prices are per person.

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### History Tour

Ballyfin house has long been admired as the most lavish Regency mansion in Ireland, and after eight years of restoration, Ballyfin re-opened in May 2011 as a 5 star country house hotel like no other. Take a guided tour of the house and learn of the history of the families that lived at Ballyfin, the restoration period and enjoy hearing about the history of each room and the antiques and art.





### Costume Department

Have you dreamed of starring in your own period drama? With the backdrop of Ballyfin (long admired as one of the most lavish regency mansions in Ireland) and a stunning collection of period costumes (from the Lyric Opera Company in Chicago - one of the best opera companies in the World) - you now have the opportunity. This is especially suitable for groups where guests can visit the specially designed costume room to try on and choose their costumes. With all guests dressed up, the group is now ready to enjoy a splendid evening with a fine banquet and entertainment to make the most of the occasion.

Our trained dressers will ensure you look the part for the evening and your selected costume will be delivered to your room.

During pre-dinner drinks, Ballyfin's photographer will photograph all participants individually and in group shots using the spectacular settings of Ballyfin as a backdrop (optional - pre-booking essential).

Costume hire €65 per person.

Photographer €350 - includes all photos on a usb delivered to Ballyfin the following morning.

Entertainment - price on request.

Ladies need to provide their own shoes and jewellery.

Gentlemen need to provide their own shoes, trousers and shirts (we suggest a white shirt and black trousers).

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### Leisure Facilities

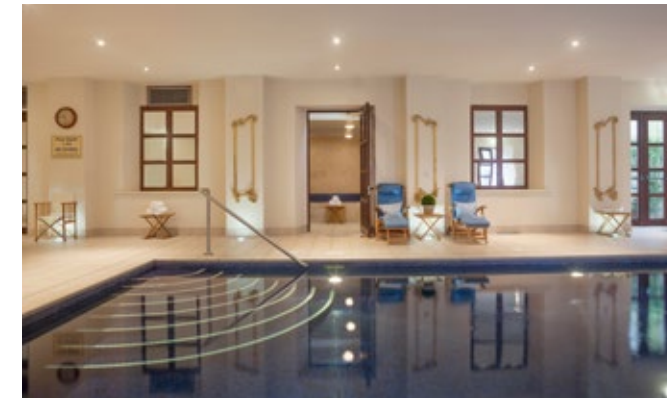
#### Swimming Pool, Vitality Pool and Sauna

Whether you feel like swimming some laps, enjoying some water exercises or simply relaxing, our 14m heated indoor pool, overlooking the courtyard garden, is a beautiful space for invigoration and wellbeing or relax in our vitality pool and sauna.

The vitality pool is equipped with a mixture of air and water based features.

It includes a large feature seat with a combination of fine air bubbles and powerful water jets. The air pad in the centre of the pool floor offers an invigorating air massage while wall mounted hydro jets add vigorous leg and back massage to your experience. All features are available on demand and the water is kept at 40°C for your comfort, while the low level lighting adds to the ambience.

Swimwear is available to purchase from our boutique if you have forgotten to pack yours.



### **Fitness Gym**

The gym is fully equipped with cardio vascular machines, audiovisual equipment and free weights. A personal training service is available on request, please ask our Reservations Department for further details.

Please note that the pool and gym area are open daily from 8.00am until 8.00pm.



### **Spa Treatments**

The treatment rooms provide an ideal place to unwind, restore and to invigorate the body and mind. Our highly trained therapists will ensure you leave feeling revitalised and refreshed.

For full details of Treatments available please see our separate Spa brochure.



### **Booking Policy**

Please see individual activities for pricing. It is recommended that bookings are made prior to arrival to avoid any disappointment.

### **Late arrival**

If you are late for your appointment the time will be deducted from the length of the scheduled activity and full charge applies.

### **Medical Conditions**

If you have a medical condition and are unsure whether a proposed activity is suitable for you please do ask for further guidance.





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