



GREAT SOUTHERN
KILLARNEY

Co. Kerry
Attractions
& Activities



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ROSS CASTLE

www.ross-castle.com

Ross Castle is located on the edge of Killarney's Lower Lake. It is a typical example of the stronghold of an Irish Chieftain during the middle ages. It was built by O'Donoghue Mor in the 15th century. It then came into the hands of the Browne family who became the Earls of Kenmare and owned an extensive portion of the lands that are now part of The Killarney National Park. The castle is now run by the Office of Public works and it was refurbished in the style of the 17th Century. The Castle is open for tours seasonally.



Around Killarney

MUCKROSS HOUSE,
GARDENS &
TRADITIONAL FARMS

www.muckross-house.ie

Located in the heart of Killarney National Park, Muckross House is one of the main attractions within Killarney. Muckross House dates back to 1843, once a private residence by the Herbert and Bourn-Vincent families, it is now run by The Muckross House Trust. It is located close to the shores of Muckross Lake and is set against some of the most beautiful scenery in Killarney. Visitors to Muckross House can experience a tour that takes in all of the history and traditions of such a majestic house. Queen Victoria stayed in Muckross House during her visit to Killarney in 1861 and the room where she stayed can be viewed.



Also located at Muckross House is the Muckross Traditional Farms. Here you can step back in time and visit Ireland during the 1930's and 1940's. This includes a visit to the three types of working farms that were common during this time – Small, Medium and Large. For our junior visitors there is also a small farm petting area complete with bouncing castle and visitors can avail of the Muckross Vintage Coach.



TORC WATERFALL & MOUNTAIN

Torc Waterfall is located 7km from Killarney town. You can access the Waterfall from the carpark and take a short walk up to the Waterfall. There is another viewing point located up the steps to the left of the waterfall.

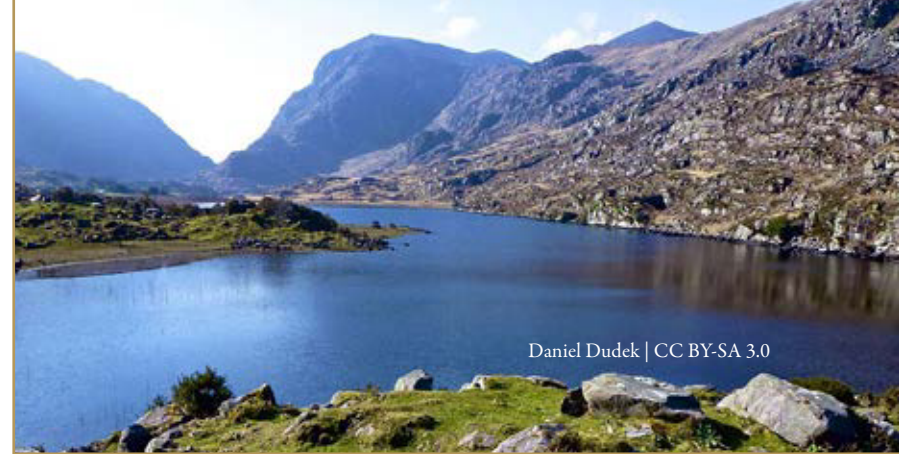
There is 100 steps in total. This viewing point gives you a better view of the Middle Lake. Torc Waterfall is approximately 20 metres high and the best time to view it is after heavy rainfall. Directly from the car park jaunting cars can be hired for a trip to Muckross House.



KILLARNEY HOUSE

What we now call Killarney House is actually a converted stable block of Kenmare House, built in the style of a French chateau by Valentine Browne, the third Viscount Kenmare in 1726. Killarney House, on the other hand, was an extravagant mansion built by the fourth Earl of Kenmare on a site apparently chosen by Queen Victoria during her visit in 1861. The original Killarney House cost an estimated £100,000 to build. An imposing red-brick Elizabethan Revival manor bristling with chimneys, bay windows, and gables of different shapes and heights, and its interior was said to resemble that of a luxury ocean liner.

The house suffered two fires, in 1879 and again in the 1890s and was not rebuilt the second time but abandoned and instead they remodelled the stables as their home. Confusingly, this is what we now call Killarney House. The estate was sold in the 1950s, John McShain and his wife extensively renovated the building and later donated it to the Irish government.



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GAP OF DUNLOE

The Gap of Dunloe is a very unique and iconic Killarney day trip. Your departure point is from Kate Kearney's Cottage™ a charming country pub where you can begin your adventure with an Irish coffee while choosing your mount to start your trek through this rugged glacial mountain pass. The more leisurely choice would be jaunting car, where the local guide will regale you with the legends and tall tales of the area. Or, choose to ride your own pony over the gap! As you venture into this beautiful valley, you'll be surrounded by geological evidence of the battle between the great forces of glaciers from the north as they clashed with these immovable mountains. From the top of the pass you are treated to your first glimpse of the Black Valley. At Lord Brandon's Cottage, a light lunch is served before you continue your adventure by boat. Prepare for awe-inspiring views of exhilarating beauty over the three famous Killarney Lakes. The encircling mountain slopes and woodlands are home to a fascinating array of wildlife, including Red deer, Sika deer, otters, badgers, foxes and hares, whilst hawks and majestic eagles hover overhead. The Old Weir Bridge links the middle and lower lakes and here the boats "shoot the rapids", stopping at the romantic Dinis Cottage for afternoon tea. Lough Leane is the last of the lakes and here your journey becomes more serene before your final stop at the towering Ross Castle, where swans paddle peacefully.



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LAKES OF KILLARNEY

At the foot of the MacGillycuddy Reeks you will find the world famous Lakes of Killarney, part of the amazing Killarney National Park, 25,000 acres that wraps itself around the town. There are three lakes: Lough Leane, also known as The Lower Lake Muckross Lake, also known as The Middle Lake and Upper Lake.

You can take a leisurely waterbus tour of the Lough Leane, an energetic kayak on the lakes or go to one of many vantage points such as Aghadoe and take stunning pictures where many iconic pictures have been taken and shared around the world.

CARRAUNTOOHIL & THE MACGUILLYCUDDY REEKS

MacGillycuddy's Reeks (Irish: Na Cruacha Dubha, meaning "the black stacks") is a mountain range in County Kerry, Republic of Ireland. Stretching slightly over 19 km (12 mi), it includes the highest peaks in Ireland and the only peaks on the island that are over 1,000 metres (3,300 ft). The highest of these is Carrauntoohil (1,038 m), followed by Beenkeragh (1,010 m) and Caher (1,001 m).

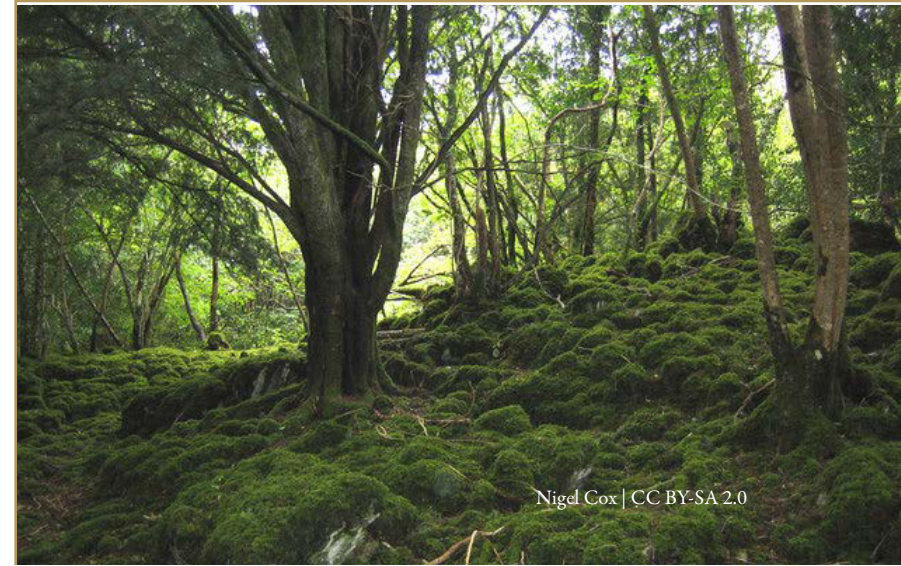
MANGERTON MOUNTAIN

Mangerton or Mangerton Mountain (Irish: an Mhangarta) is a mountain in County Kerry, Republic of Ireland. At a height of 839 m (2,753 ft) it is the tallest of the Mangerton range and 25th tallest in Ireland. Its western slope lies within Killarney National Park.

KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK

Killarney National Park has over 25,000 acres of lake and mountain scenery. It is famous for its native natural habitats and species including Oakholly woods, Yew Woods and Red Deer. Killarney National Park is home to the most extensive areas of natural woodland remaining in Ireland. The Park can be accessed by walking or cycling. There is a network of surfaced tracks in the Muckross, Knockreer and Ross Ireland which are ideal for both cyclists and walkers.

Bicycles can be easily rented around the Killarney area. There are walks of all levels of difficulty available all around the park, ranging from leisurely strolls to hikes for the more experienced walkers. The park is also home to the three world famous Lakes of Killarney. It consists of three lakes – Lough Léin, Muckross Lake (Middle Lake) and Upper Lake. Boat trips are available throughout the three lakes.



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DINGLE PENINSULA

Dingle Peninsula is located an hour outside of Killarney town. Dingle is a major fishing port. It is home to a dolphin named Fungie who has been living in the Dingle harbour since 1984. The peninsula, on Ireland's southwest Atlantic coast is bursting with activities during the summer months with many restaurants and pubs. There is abundance of activities to choose from. Guided tours are available on the island for leisurely hikes or challenging hikes. You can explore the island for several hours taking in its natural beauty and more than 2000 archaeological sites. Take a short ferry ride to the Basket Islands the most westerly place in Europe. The population of the island were Irish speaking until 1953 but is since inhabited. The island has over seventeen species of sea creatures some of them are international importance.



WILD ATLANTIC WAY

www.wildatlanticway.com

Killarney is the perfect base for you to discover Kerry's Wild Atlantic Way, which covers 350km in length of this magnificent driving route.



Wild Atlantic Way, is the world's longest driving route, 2500km which stretches from Donegal in the north to Cork in the south. With spectacular scenery and rugged coastline there is no denying the Kerry section of the Wild Atlantic Way is one of the most scenic and beautiful in Ireland. World famous tourism attractions such as Skellig Michael, (a UNESCO world heritage site), the Blasket Islands and off the beaten track fishing villages, beaches, walking trails all part of Kerry's Wild Atlantic Way are within a short distance from the Great Southern Killarney and lots more waiting to be discovered.

Killarney itself has an abundance of attractions to offer participants of the Wild Atlantic Way. Killarney is home to the beautiful Ross Castle, Killarney National Park, Muckross House and Abbey, the Lakes of Killarney, the Gap of Dunloe, Torc Waterfall and also Killarney Golf & Fishing Club. Killarney, one of Ireland's top travel destinations, is a vibrant town full of history, heritage and activities

RING OF KERRY

The famous Ring of Kerry renowned for its amazing scenic beauty is one of Ireland's most recognised and travelled tourist attractions. Escape for a whole day through Mountains, Lakes and majestic Sea views stopping along the way in picturesque villages.

It's no wonder this journey is adored and remembered by all who complete this dramatic circle along Ireland's coastline.



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SKELLIG ISLANDS

Immerse yourself in Irish history with a visit to Skellig Island. The island lies 8 miles off the coast of South West Kerry. Skellig Michael is the larger of the two Islands and is now UNESCO World Heritage Site. The island is known worldwide for its archaeology sites. Monastery remains were found on the island, it contains six beehive cells, two oratories as well as a number of stone crosses and slabs. Boat tours are available to explore the historic island.

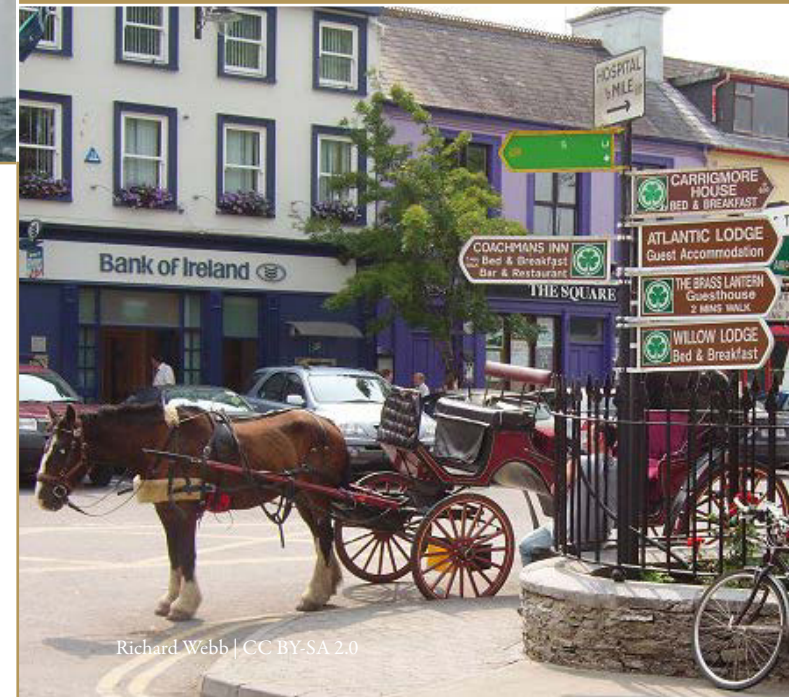


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KENMARE

Explore the winding streets of Kenmare just south of Killarney town. The town is filled with pubs, shops and gourmet restaurants. Gleninchaquin is a hidden gem, just a short trip from the town. Experience the natural beauty in its many fields full of livestock and beautiful mountain views with the lake as the centrepiece.

The riding stables are located in Kenmare. It is the perfect kid's activity. The riding tour is set along Kenmare bay taking in the fresh air all families and children are welcome. Guided pony and horse riding are available for younger children.



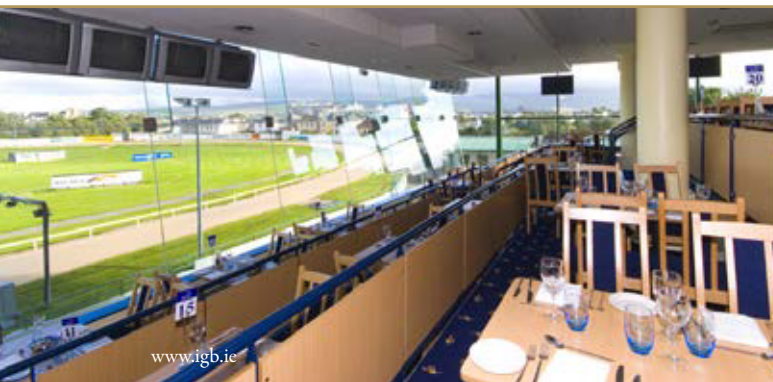
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KILLARNEY RACES

www.killarneyraces.ie

Killarney Racing Festivals occur over the space of three or four days every May, July & August. This offers an exciting day out to all the family and competitions take place for “Best Dressed Lady”.



KINGDOM GREYHOUND STADIUM

This offers an exciting night out a short distance from the Great Southern Killarney. Let yourself go as you get caught up in the excitement of the races, and afterwards enjoy the live music. Make the night extra special by booking dinner, with tables overlooking the track. Tralee Races occur every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Entertain & Socialise



RESTAURANTS

Killarney offers a wide range of dining options, with something to suit all tastes. Numerous award winning restaurants line the streets, with a good mix of traditional Irish, European, and world cuisine on offer.

ENTERTAINMENT

Killarney is a town rich in culture, appealing to anyone interested in art or music. A range of art galleries throughout the town showcase the works of both local and international talents. Ireland's National Events Centre (INEC) is also located nearby which regularly hosts concerts, festivals and family events.



Killarney Art Gallery by Keith Dixon | www.killarneyartgallery.com

PUBS & NIGHTLIFE

Killarney town centre is a bustling hive of activity and offers a wide range of traditional Irish Pubs, Cosmopolitan Cocktail Bars and Nightclubs. Lively traditional music is not hard to find in Killarney with almost every Traditional Irish Pub offering nightly music especially from April – October. Killarney is also home to the world's only “Lord of the Rings” themed pub, The Shire, located in Killarney Town Centre.

WHISKEY TASTING AT THE GREAT SOUTHERN KILLARNEY

Brownes at the Great Southern Killarney is home to a well established and ample Whiskey Corner which sits comfortably in its own majestic “corner” of the hotel’s signature bar. An impressive elaborate mahogany cabinet with glass mirrors etched with “uisce beata” houses a collection of over 190 of the world’s finest whiskies hailing from Ireland, Scotland, America, Canada, Wales and Japan. You can choose from the extensive menu of whiskies and the bar staff are only too happy to help you choose the perfect tippie. Our menu features some of the old time favourites and also some very distinguished brands and tastes. We house an extensive collection of Irish Whiskies which was one of the earliest distilled drinks in Europe, emerging from around the 12th century and since the early 1990’s Irish Whiskey has been the fastest growing spirit in the World for over 20 years.



THE WINE ROOM AT THE GREAT SOUTHERN

The Wine Room at the Great Southern Killarney is a casual and relaxed setting combining a unique wine cellar experience and restaurant where friends & family can enjoy delicious food & appreciate wines from some of the best vineyards around the world. Guests can choose either a bottle or glass of wine from the extensive Wine List or try premium wines by the glass from the world leading Enomatic® wine serving system, only one of its kind in Co.Kerry.

The Wine Room also serves champagnes, ports, speciality whiskeys, sherries and dessert wines to further develop your palette and perhaps to mark a special occasion.

KILLARNEY BREWING COMPANY

www.killarneybrewing.com

Killarney Brewing Company is one of Ireland’s most exciting new independent craft breweries and tap rooms and all of their beers are named after local myths and legends, evoking emotions of all things Killarney. All beers are brewed using the purest natural water originating from atop Mangerton Mountain – the home of the legendary Devil’s Punch Bowl. This spring flows over thousands of feet of Killarney mountain rock before emptying into the glacial lake, Lough Guitane, allowing our artisan brews to embrace the finest elements nature can provide.

Tours of the brewery take place daily.



JAUNTING CARS

www.killarneyjauntingcars.ie

No trip to Killarney would be complete without experiencing the renowned Jaunting Car trip – A type of horse drawn carriage famous in the Killarney Valley for over two hundred years. Trips can be organised to and from the stunning Muckross House and Gardens including the majestic Torc Waterfall. Or to Ross Castle which is perched on the edge of the famous Lakes of Killarney complete with Swans, ducks and Deer roaming through the forests.

Sit back and soak in the stunning scenery and enjoy the tales from your local Jarvey, (which is the name of your driver). These Jaunting Cars operate all year round and a trip on one is a must for all visitors to Killarney. They are approximately one hour long.



Outdoor Activities

MOR ACTIVE TOURS
KILLARNEY

www.moractivetours.com

Mor Active Tours allows you to experience the unparalleled beauty, vibrant people and ancient traditions of Killarney through their specially designed activity, culture and eco tours. The operate tours around Killarney, Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry and the Wild Atlantic Way. These tours include Kayaking Tours around the lakes of Killarney, Guided Hike's up Irelands Highest Mountain, Carrauntoohil, and Coasteering along the Wild Atlantic Way.



www.killarneyoutletcentre.com

SHOPPING

Killarney offers an abundance of beautiful boutiques, jewellery shops, art & photography galleries where you can purchase memorable gems. Downtown Killarney offers late night shopping May to October with many stores open 7 days a week. There is also a number of traditional Irish stores stocking everything from Aran Sweaters to Irish Crystal.

There are also numerous stores and plenty of home-made ice cream parlours that deserve a visit. The Killarney Outlet Centre is located directly across from the Great Southern Killarney. It features a wide selection of stores including Irelands first Nike Factory Store.



KILLARNEY HIGH ROPES ADVENTURE CENTRE www.killarneyhighropes.com

Nestled in the forests of the gorgeous Killarney International Youth Hostel, “Play At Height: Killarney” offers a number of great activities for individuals and groups of all sizes and ages. Their huge high ropes course climbs from a 4 meter starting platform to over 10 meters high above the forest floor! The course has over 30 different challenges from huge ziplines, to wobbly planks, rope swings and more. The course is brilliant for families, individuals, groups and teambuilding.

BOAT TOURS

Relax and enjoy a traditional boat trip around Killarney’s beautiful lakes. Tours take place daily from Ross Castle and Muckross Boat House and take you around many of the picturesque locations around Killarney including Dinis Cottage, Innisfallen Island, Gap of Dunloe, Lord Brandon’s Cottage, Meeting of the Waters, O’Sullivan’s Cascade and Muckross House.





www.killarneywalkingfestival.ie

WALKING & MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

Walkers & Hikers are in for a real treat with a great variety of wonderful paths and trails through the Killarney National Park which offers 25,000 acres of lakeside, mountain & ambling walks to suit all tastes. Our resident's library is full of books on the area for any history buffs that maybe staying with us.

Killarney boasts many magnificent features for hill walking enthusiasts including hiking through the Gap of Dunloe and climbing to the highest peak in Ireland, Carrauntoohil.

SURFING

The coastline around Kerry experiences some of the best waves suitable for surfers, and it is therefore no surprise that this sport is growing in popularity. On some of the more well known beaches, Surf Schools provide tuition and equipment for hire.



www.vacationkillarney.com/surfing



www.horsevacationireland.com/park-rides

HORSEBACK RIDING

A number of Stables in Killarney offer visitors the opportunity to enjoy a trek in the beautiful countryside, or gallop along the sea front. Catering to both the experienced and amateur rider, this is one activity sure to please.



Golfing

Golf in Kerry is the stuff of legends with historic links courses like Ballybunion and Waterville rated among the top in the world. For the avid golfer half a dozen championship courses on our doorstep means you'll never be short of a challenge whatever you are looking for in golf. There are 43 golf courses within a 2 hour drive of the Great Southern Killarney - Killarney & South West Ireland are truly a golfer's haven.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB

The inspiring two championship parkland courses of Killarney Golf & Fishing Club are located a mere 5 minutes' drive from the hotel. Killarney Golf & Fishing Clubs courses have hosted some prestigious competitions including both the ladies and gents Irish Open. Kerry's rugged coastline provides an exciting and challenging setting for some of Ireland's best known links courses, all within easy access from the Great Southern Killarney.

TRALEE GOLF CLUB

Designed and built by Arnold Palmer, this stunning setting represents a true paradise for those willing to challenge what is widely acclaimed as one of the finest links courses in the world & listed as one of the Top Ten Ocean Courses in the world.

WATERVILLE GOLF CLUB

Waterville Golf Links is ranked #1 of True Links golf courses in Ireland, an accolade that speaks volumes as less than 1% of all the golf courses in the world are True Links.

BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Located on the north west coast of Kerry, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, Ballybunion Golf Club has two wonderfully challenging and unique links golf courses - The Old Course and The Trent Jones Cashen Course.

DOOKS GOLF CLUB

One of Ireland's Oldest Links Courses, Dooks, is located just outside Glenbeigh town. With its backdrop of mountains, beaches and ocean Dooks is an idyllic golfing location.





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HAYFIELD
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Location

KILLARNEY TOWN CENTRE
Adjacent to Killarney Train Station

5 MINUTES WALK
From Killarney National Park

134 KM / 84 MI
From Shannon International Airport

90 KM / 56 MI
From Cork International Airport

17 KM / 10.5 MI
From Kerry Airport

Accommodation

CLASSIC ROOMS
DELUXE ROOMS
VICTORIAN JUNIOR SUITES
VICTORIAN GRAND SUITES
SELF-CATERING HOUSES

Health & Leisure

Innisfallen
HEALTH & BEAUTY ROOMS

Entertaining & Dining

THE *Garden* ROOM

BROWNES

The Grand Foyer

THE *WINE*
ROOM

THE *Picture* ROOM

Afternoon *Tea*

THE *Lake* ROOM

THE
Whiskey
CORNER

THE *Great* ROOM

Meeting Space

- 950 The Great Room (*Full Room*)
- 350 The Great Room A
- 220 The Great Room B
- 170 The Great Room C
- 225 The Auditorium
- 100 The Lake Room
- 35 The Press Room
- 12 The Writers Room
- 10 The Victorian Room

Wi-Fi

Complimentary delegate WiFi
throughout the hotel (100mb).

Management

Owned and Operated by
THE SCALLY FAMILY

HAYFIELD FAMILY COLLECTION



The Hayfield Family Collection is a proudly independent collection of unique properties owned and managed by the Scally family. Hoteliers for 3 generations, the Scally family are the proprietors of the Great Southern Killarney, Killarney Royal and Hayfield Manor in Cork. Each property in the Hayfield Family Collection is distinctive, classically styled and renowned for the finest service.



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