



Killeavy

Castle Estate

Get closer to what's important



Welcome to Killeavy Castle Estate

It takes a very special place to join luxury and sustainability in perfect harmony. This is it; set in 365 idyllic acres of forest, farm and gardens in County Armagh's stunning Ring of Gullion.

Every element, to the last detail, expresses our ethos of authenticity, wellbeing and connection with our environment. Experience the difference: superb fresh food straight from our Farm; natural pampering in our Spa; exploring our woodland trails; and incredible views throughout.



Comprising a 4-star boutique Hotel, two luxury self-catering Lodges and a magnificent fairy-tale Castle for hire, Killeavy Castle Estate suits every style and makes every visit special.

Far from the fast-paced world, yet only an hour from Dublin and Belfast, it's the perfect retreat for relaxing, recharging and special occasions. Above all, for allowing us to get closer to what's important.



Steeped in heritage

Originally a farmhouse, Killeavy Lodge was redesigned into a castellated grand residence for the Foxall family by Dublin architect George Papworth in the 1830's. Taking ownership in 1881 the Bell Family resided for several generations, until it gradually fell into disrepair.

Current owner Mick Boyle, born locally and raised in Australia has restored the Estate to strengthen his strong family ties to the region. Together with his wife Robin and their 4 children, their aim has been to create a special place for the community to gather and celebrate the beauty of South Armagh.



Guided by a conservation architect, the Grade A listed heritage building was meticulously restored to revive all the grandeur of the 1830's Gothic design.

The Estate too has been returned to former glory and is now a working farm with native woodlands beneath Slieve Gullion, once an immense volcano which created this unique Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

For millennia, the mountain has been an important place. Site of Stone Age monuments and of key events in Irish mythology featuring legendary heroes Finn McCool and Cuchulainn.



At one with nature

The environment around us inspires all that we do at Killeavy Castle Estate. Everything has a purpose. We put much thought into what we grow, buy, use and reuse.

We're restocking our woodland with native oak to restore habitat diversity. And creating forest trails to bring you closer to nature. We farm sustainably too. Traditional local breeds of Longhorn cattle and Cheviot sheep graze in our pastures.

Wherever possible, we use fresh ingredients foraged, grown or raised right here, in our fields, forests and extensive Walled and Estate Gardens.

We make our own jams, preserves, and dried foods. We smoke, age and cure our own meat, so that the bounty can be savoured year-round in our Restaurants and Estate Farm Store. Supporting our community, 90% of everything we serve and sell is sourced from within twenty miles.

Even the seaweed adorning those Carlingford oysters ends up fertilising our strawberry plants. And slates have a second life as plates. We're always finding inventive ways to meet our sustainable target goal to be carbon neutral by 2027.





We're very accommodating

We think of everything and everyone. Whichever option you choose, you're in for a comfortable, most welcoming stay and can enjoy all our Estate amenities.

Boutique Hotel: The Estate's coach house and mill were the starting points for designing a modern hotel rich in contemporary sophistication that cleverly integrates historic character.

Bright natural shades echo the seasonal colours on the Estate. The expansive windows throughout are the most impressive feature, bringing nature indoors.

All 45 guestrooms are beautifully appointed, with décor and thoughtful touches reflecting our landscape. Only four colours have been used in our décor that reflect the seasons – lemon for Spring, sage for Summer, pumpkin for Autumn and teal for Winter.

Charming Lodges: Enchanting vintage exterior. Modern bright interior. And a most unique base for hiking, cycling or activity holidays in this beautiful corner of Ireland. Everything you could want in a self-catering experience. Our Gatelodge accommodates up to 6 guests and Woodlodge accommodates up to 10 guests. Both lodges are dog friendly.





Your own private Castle

Imagine it. Killeavy Castle, splendid jewel of the Estate, commanding an impressive vista across the Ring of Gullion. And all yours for exclusive hire. This is an unforgettable opportunity to step back in time for that exceptional gathering.

This Castle is grand, yet inviting, sumptuous and warm. Beautifully decorated in the Victorian manner with William Morris wallpaper, rich colours and antiques. The reception spaces are the ultimate in manor house elegance: private dining room, circular library, glamorous lounges and relaxation areas.

All four double guestrooms boast four-poster super king beds.

Best of all, the unique nooks and winding stairs, one leading to a bathtub at the top of a tower to soak up the panoramic views.



Fantastic food, fresh from our Estate

From our extensive Walled and Estate Gardens, forests and lush green fields right onto your plate. Grown with love, prepared with care and wonderfully delicious.

Our focus is always on sustainable, seasonal and delectable. Those edible flowers adorning your meal will have come from our gardens, as do the fresh salads, herbs and fruit.



Our rich soil provides perfect growing conditions for crops like carrots, cabbages and potatoes. And extra-nutritious grass for our free-range sheep and cattle. Woodlands offer a feast for foraging.

What we can't nurture, preserve and pickle ourselves, we seek out. To give you quality local ingredients from suppliers who share our values and whose food compliments our produce.

You can also bring home the flavour of Killeavy Castle Estate. Our Estate Farm Store is brimming with our homegrown foods together with locally sourced favourites.

The heart of our hospitality

Creating unforgettable food and sharing it with you is our great passion. Every meal we serve is the essence of farm to fork.

Hotel Bistro Bar: Casual dining and lunches served all day.

Hotel Restaurant: A celebration of exceptional food and panoramic views in our 2 AA rosette award-winning Restaurant. Take a journey of culinary discovery with our Taste of the Estate menus.

Walled Garden Studio: Bask in the sun-drenched micro-climate of the Walled Garden. Enjoy a family and friends get-together with a barbeque offering as you watch our gardeners harvest today's fresh ingredients.

Castle Cellar Bar: A secret tunnel takes you to this authentic, rustic hostelry beneath the Castle.

Castle Dining Room: Private fine dining or business lunches for up to 16 guests.

Bring the flavours of Killeavy home: Our Estate Farm Store is brimming with the best of our produce plus locally sourced



Immerse yourself

Our thermal spa has been inspired by our beautiful setting together with a focus on natural wellbeing.

On arrival, you will receive a pre-treatment consultation from one of our highly skilled therapists to find the perfect therapy for you, followed by homecare recommendations.



We use Elemis products, selected for their natural benefits. Afterwards, slip into the mountain view hydro pool, exercise pool or outdoor hot tub. Or you might prefer an invigorating aroma mist or drench shower after a detox in the laconicum.

Finish off with a blissful laze in the sun-drenched relaxation room, savouring the view and sipping tea infused with heather from the slopes of Slieve Gullion. Now you're ready for anything – business meeting, mountain hike, dinner for two, or even "I do".





Live in the moment

Our Estate, Slieve Gullion Forest Park next door and the surrounding area offer amazing experiences. Explore the best of counties Armagh and Down.

Cyclists: Hire a bike and the gear you need here and hit the trail on an extensive network of accessible paths.

Hikers: Follow our Estate trail to the summit of Slieve Gullion and be back in time for lunch. And the views... all the way to Dublin.

Historians: If the story of this Estate gives you an appetite for history, visit the old Killeavy churches, the Cathedral city of Armagh, the neolithic sites on Slieve Gullion. And that's only the start.

Geologists: The unique volcanic features of The Ring of Gullion are a magnet for professionals and amateurs.

Whiskey buffs: Tour and taste at local distilleries.

Sightseers: The Mourne Mountains, historic Carlingford, Navan Fort, seat of the ancient kings of Ulster and Armagh Planetarium - all within easy driving distance.



Extraordinary events

We've got events down to a fine art, with an array of dining and socialising spaces for functions of all sizes. Afternoon teas in the Garden Lounge, finger foods in the Castle Cellar Bar, business lunches in the Castle Dining Room, board meetings, or whatever suits your gathering.

For weddings, conferences and other large events, our spacious Pavilion hosts up to 180 guests in style. Our walled Garden Studio allows for smaller get-together and celebration days.



Unique experiences

It's all about bringing you closer to the great outdoors. Hundreds of acres of wonderful woodlands provide plenty of scope for activities with a difference.

Book a session of forest bathing, foraging forays, or stargazing with a telescope from Armagh Observatory. Engaging, surprising, shared experiences for guests, groups and business visitors.



Find us

Killeavy Castle Estate is one hour from both Belfast and Dublin Airport, ten minutes from the motorway.

From Belfast: Take the A1 south. Just past Newry, take the exit for Slieve Gullion Forest Park and follow signs for Killeavy Castle along the Forkhill Road.

From Dublin: Take the M1 motorway towards Belfast, take the exit for Slieve Gullion Forest Park and follow signs for Killeavy Castle along the Forkhill Road.

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Gift cards

A luxurious Killeavy experience makes the perfect gift. Gift cards are welcome throughout the Estate and, with no expiry date, can be used long after receiving, for:

- Overnight accommodation
- A fine dining experience
- Drinks and a casual meal
- Deluxe spa treatment
- Afternoon tea



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