

Press Release

ALASTAIR SAWDAY'S SPECIAL PLACES TO STAY IRELAND

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- Help with news stories
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- **Portugal**
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Off to Ireland? Perhaps you like the idea of staying in one of those grand Georgian mansions set in parkland with a crystal-bound dining table and sparkling conversation to match. Or how about a simple cottage, right by the sea surrounded by wild roses and gentian, with a hearty Irish supper and a trip to the nearest smoke-free pub in the evening? And don't forget Dublin for a weekend of culture – you'll want to steer clear of those stag parties. In fact, you'd better get hold of the latest edition of Special Places to Stay Ireland.

- Georgian piles with four-posters, cantilevered staircases, lakes, views, fishing and fine food
- Devastatingly beautiful views at a sleek, architect-designed house on the shores of Kenmare Bay in Co. Kerry
- A cottage hideaway just for two with a bathroom of unimagined luxury – freestanding roll-top bath, woodburner and a velvet sofa for a drying companion
- Crackling fires, polished wood floors, leather benches, Gaelic music in the oak-panelled bar and great food at a Killarney hotel

About Alastair Sawday Publishing

Our first guide, French B&B, was published in 1994 and celebrated homes owned and run by 'people' rather than corporations. The notion of 'special' is at the heart of what we do, and highly subjective. We take huge pleasure from finding people and places that do their own thing; places that are unusual and follow no trends; places of peace and beauty; people who are kind and interesting – and genuine. We now have 20 titles recommending around 5,000 special places.

Environmental policies are a priority at ASP and we are always looking at ways of improving our 'green' credentials.

Facts and Figures

Quick reference indices highlight, for example, properties within 10 miles of a coach/bus/train station or that have double rooms for £70/€100 or less.

245 entries including hotels, B&Bs, inns, restaurants with rooms and self-catering properties.

Plan your route with the clear and informative maps.

Read the back of the book and find a brief history of Ireland and a piece on their Slow Food movement.

Every entry has been inspected and written about by us.

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- Maps: 8

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Co. Clare



Ballyportry Castle

Corofin, Co. Clare

Walk into this Gaelic tower house and step back in time. It was built in the late 15th century, occupied for 200 years, left to decline, saved at last in the 1960s by an American; its history vibrates beneath your feet. The present owners, architect and archaeologist, let the original dynamic of Ballyportry guide them in their brilliant conservation project: its ancient fabric demands deep respect (hence the damages deposit). Four floors pile room upon room – vaulted ceilings, massive fireplaces – up to the roof where hammocks are slung between battlements for sunbathing, stargazing, Burren poetry; come at full moon. First you encounter the kitchen: giant fireplace, of course, range and pans, Liscannor stone coffee table – and mod cons neatly hidden away, plus a bathroom. Next, two great bedrooms, one with a huge waterbed and a stone bath in an alcove, the other a four-poster. The much smaller twins and their bathroom are off the tall winding stone stairs and the top floor explodes in atmosphere with its double-height living room and another smaller kitchen. Ballyportry is a unique experience.



rooms	Castle for 8-10 (2 doubles, 2 twins, 2 singles, 2 bathrooms, extra wc).
price	€2,300-€2,900 per week. 2-4 day break €1,900. Prices for 4-8 people. Electricity & heating extra.
meals	Dinner & breakfast can be arranged in advance. Otherwise self-catering.
closed	Never.
directions	Directions given on booking.

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