



DROMOLAND COLLECTION

SOUND THE TRUMPETS! THE DROMOLAND COLLECTION ANNOUNCES 10 WAYS FOR CHILDREN TO REGALLY ENJOY IRELAND



Kids rule at the castles of The Dromoland Collection!

Newmarket-on-Fergus, IRE -- At Dromoland Castle and Castlemartyr Resort, unique accommodations, impeccable service, fine dining, and a plethora of family-friendly activities are just a few of the pleasures awaiting the discerning traveler.

Here are 10 reasons to visit The Dromoland Collection:

1. **Stay in a real Irish castle.** How often does one get to stay in a real castle! The Dromoland Collection consists of not one, but two, truly unique properties: Dromoland Castle and Castlemartyr Resort.
2. **Dine in style.** Guests enjoy the five-star Earl of Thomond Restaurant at Dromoland Castle, and the AA Rosette-rated Bell Tower Restaurant at Castlemartyr Resort. Both resorts also offer several casual dining options, afternoon tea, traditional Irish breakfasts, and picnic lunches, and each resort offers unique children's menus designed to delight even the pickiest eaters.
3. **VIKs: Very Important Kids.** Children are treated like royalty. They receive their own check-in with an arrival treat, and can choose from a list of activities designed just for young folks.
4. **Good nights for all.** At the end of the day, adults and children alike luxuriate in their own-sized fluffy bathrobes and slippers and little ones get tucked in with warm milk and cookies and their very own teddy bear, compliments of the house.
5. **Unique on-site activities.** Children as young as four family can learn how to handle and fly one of the School of Falconry's Harris Hawks on a Hawk Walk, and everyone can enjoy a pony and trap ride drawn by Kerry Bog ponies, spotting native red deer, pheasant and partridge on a nature walk, learning to fly fish from a

resident Gillie, or taking go-karts and bicycles for a spin.

6. **Kid's Club.** During school holidays and Halloween, Castlemartyr opens its Kid's Club, offering supervised fun including high tea, painting, puzzles, games, DVDs, Wii, sports, and nature walks, and teens can enjoy "cool stuff" like golf, archery, angling, tennis and clay shooting.
7. **Walk on the wild side.** The Fota Wildlife Park, set on scenic Fota Island in the heart of Cork Harbor, is not an ordinary zoo; here, guests come face to face with free-roaming animals and birds from around the world.
8. **Feast like royalty.** At the Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, families enjoy a rollicking four-course Medieval Banquet, complete with costumed Irish entertainers. Many families make it a day, and tour the living folk park, an Irish Victorian village of restored homes, streets and farms.
9. **Go leprechaun hunting.** At Leahy's Open Farm in Cork, families experience rural Irish life while interacting with a variety of animals and birds. Children enjoy a kid's maze leading to an underground tunnel and leprechaun cave, a huge adult maze, go-karts, indoor and outdoor play areas, and crazy golf.
10. **Family-friendly packages.** Both resorts offer family-oriented packages at remarkably affordable pricing, and in some, children under 12 can stay for free. Holiday packages offer Halloween pumpkin carving with the chef, Easter egg hunting, and children's activities on New Year's Eve. The Irish love children and the exceptional staff at Dromoland Castle and Castlemartyr Resort truly go out of their way to make sure every vacation is a crowning success.

You don't have to be royal to live like a royal at the castles of The Dromoland Collection.

About The Dromoland Collection:

The Dromoland Collection comprises Dromoland Castle and Castlemartyr Resort. The hotels in this collection embody the legendary Dromoland tradition of incomparable hospitality complemented by exquisite surroundings, yet each possessing a distinctive style, character and charm all its own.

About Dromoland Castle:

Dromoland Castle was built in the 16th century. Majestically set on the shores of Lough Dromoland, it is surrounded by over 410 acres of breathtaking scenery, including a championship parkland golf course. Lavish interiors, fine food and superb wines complement the deluxe accommodations of the castle's 99 guest rooms, while Dromoland Castle Golf and Country Club, an intimate spa and traditional outdoor recreational opportunities ensure a unique guest experience.

Dromoland Castle is located at Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare, Ireland. The hotel can be contacted at 011.353.61.368144 or 1.800.346.7007; web site: www.dromoland.ie.

Reservations can be made through the hotel (sales@dromoland.ie) or through The Dromoland Collection at: www.dromolandcollection.ie.

About Castlemartyr Resort:

Nestled in the unspoiled rolling countryside of East Cork near the ruins of an 800-year-old castle, Castlemartyr Resort's crowning jewel is a classic 18th-century manor house. The Manor has been magnificently restored and elegantly enhanced to offer 103 deluxe guest rooms, gourmet dining, an expansive world-class spa and welcoming, impeccably-styled interiors. Opportunities for outdoor pursuits abound both on the estate, which includes an inland links-style golf course designed by the renowned Ron Kirby, and in the surrounding region.

Castlemartyr Resort is located in Castlemartyr, County Cork, Ireland. The hotel can be contacted at 011.353.21.4219000; website: www.castlemartyrresort.ie. Reservations can be made through the hotel (reception@castlemartyrresort.ie) or through The Dromoland Collection at www.dromolandcollection.ie.

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