



The K Club

Experience the highest standards of luxury

LOCATION

From Dublin Airport:

30 minutes driving time on the M50 to N4/M4,
37kms.

From Dublin City Centre:

30 minutes driving on the N7 going south or
N4/M4, 27 kms.

GRADING

The winner of Ireland's AA Hotel of The Year,
The K Club was also Ireland's First AA 5 Red Star
property, opening in 1991. R.A.C 5 star Blue
Ribbon, Irish Tourist Board 5 star.

A proud member of the Preferred Hotels and
Resorts Legends & Residence Collections.
A member of Virtuoso, American Express
FINE HOTEL & RESORTS and the Signature
Travel Network.

The K Club was home to 13 European Opens,
the venue of the 2006 Ryder Cup and host to
2016 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open.



LEGEND

Preferred
HOTELS & RESORTS

Condé Nast European
Resort of the year 2006

AA



Winner of Ireland's AA
Hotel of the Year 2010/2011





Our History

The origins of The K Club go back to the year 1832 when Straffan House, the original house at The K Club, was built. The property was purchased by Hugh Barton in 1831, who had extensive vineyards in France. Barton, forced out of France during the infamous Reign of Terror, ploughed his fortune into this property.

Hugh Barton was a man with a taste for the finer things in life, he showed a real flair for the business of wine and managed to surpass his family's lofty achievements with the purchase of another pair of Chateaux in 1821 & 1826. Straffan House was modelled on these very Chateaux.

The design of Straffan House, which is now the east wing of the hotel, was based on that of a great chateau at Louveciennes, to the west of Paris. For Hugh Barton and his wife Ann, Straffan became a haven of peace and contentment after the turmoil's of France. Long after the house was built, Hugh Barton added a final touch, the Italian style campanile tower, still there today. Hugh Barton died on May 25th 1854 aged eighty-nine and is buried in the Church of Ireland graveyard in Straffan, where his wife is also buried. The House remained in the Barton family until 1949, since which time it has had five owners including Steven O'Flaherty, Kevin Mc Clory, an Iranian General, Patrick Gallagher and the Ferguson family.

In 1991, The K Club opened as a resort comprising of a 36-bedroom hotel, and one Arnold Palmer designed golf course. Since then an additional 104 bedrooms have been gradually added along with a second golf course, the Smurfit course, a state of the art clubhouse offering a ballroom & conference facilities and a luxurious 20,000 sq/ft spa.



Through Our Doors

From the moment you drive down the private lane to The K Club you are surrounded by beauty; ancient trees stretch their arms high above you, welcoming you to what truly is a very special place just 30 minutes from Ireland's capital, Dublin city and Dublin international airport. The atmosphere is opulent yet relaxed, classical surroundings reflect elements of Ireland's history and reveal the best of luxury accommodation in the country side of Kildare.

The K Club Hotel is an elegant and imposing building which retains its original stucco ceilings, chandeliers and architectural features.

There is something to catch the eye at every turn, a fine over mantle, an original tapestry, a beautiful oil painting or deep hand tufted Connemara rugs and carpets.





Accommodation

sleep, glorious sleep!

Is there anything more wonderful than a peaceful nights slumber? To awaken refreshed, relaxed and rejuvenated is surely one of life's most simple but wonderful pleasures.

Accommodation at The K Club is sumptuous and truly luxurious. Each of our bedrooms and suites have been individually designed and feature original paintings, antiques and hand painted murals.



Dining



*Join us on a
gastronomic journey.*

THE BYERLEY TURK

Enjoy a sumptuous evening dining experience in the Byerley Turk; our formal restaurant which offers a traditional menu using the highest quality Irish ingredients, many of which are grown on the estate.

THE RIVER ROOM

Indulge yourself with a Full Irish Breakfast in our elegant River Room Restaurant while overlooking our extensive landscaped gardens.

LEGENDS RESTAURANT

Offering a casual dining menu, Legends Restaurant is the perfect solution for those searching for a relaxed atmosphere and stunning views overlooking the 18th green of the Ryder Cup Course.

THE K THAI

An Asian inspired restaurant offering oriental dishes made with the freshest of spices and herbs, while guests enjoy stunning views across the Smurfit Golf Course.

THE MEDIA PUZZLE LOUNGE

Our newest food & beverage offering, the Media Puzzle Lounge provides a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy panoramic views of the gardens while indulging in a delectable treat from our lunch menu.

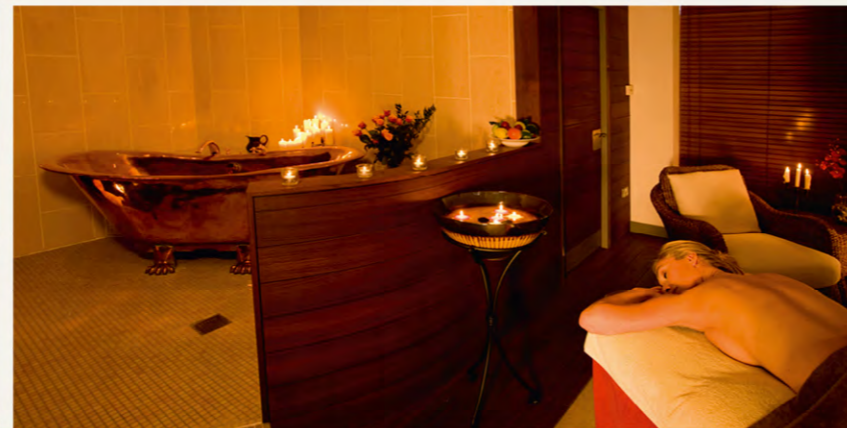




The K Spa

*an oasis of
calm and
tranquility*

The very first thing that you notice when you step inside the award winning K Spa, is the wonderful aroma of essential oils. The delicate smells of jasmine, lavender and exotic flowers fill the air, setting the tone for pure relaxation and physical and spiritual rejuvenation.



Golf

*walk in the footsteps
of champions...*

Experience two championship Arnold Palmer designed golf courses:

THE RYDER CUP COURSE

If ever a golf course reflected the personality of its architect, it is surely this Arnold Palmer designed course. As Ireland's first Ryder Cup Venue, this is not an ordinary course. This has been called one of Europe's most spectacular courses, charming, enticing and able to bring out the very best in one's game.

THE SMURFIT COURSE

Created in 2003, The Smurfit Course has been described as the greatest inland links golf course in Ireland. The philosophy in developing the course was to ensure that there is a distinct contrast in golfing difficulty and experience between the existing Ryder Cup Course and the Smurfit Course.



TOURNAMENTS HOSTED BY THE K CLUB

The K Club drew international acclaim in 2006 when it became the first and, to this date, only Irish venue to host the Ryder Cup. Already a well-known golfing destination having hosted 13 Smurfit European Opens from 1991 to 2007, the eyes of the world were drawn to this magnificent resort to see the who's who of the global golfing world take their place, centre stage on the Arnold Palmer designed Ryder Cup Course.

In 2016, The K Club once again opens its doors to some of golf's biggest players, 10 years after the 36th Ryder Cup, by becoming the official host venue to the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open Hosted by the Rory Foundation.





The great outdoors

Activities

While at The K Club, why not make the most of your stay and enjoy the wide range of activities we have on offer. From the sweet serenity of fishing on the River Liffey to the thrill of horse riding through the Kildare countryside, we have a whole host of family friendly activities to suit all of our guests.

Our Activities include:

- Fishing
- Falconry
- Horse Riding
- Archery
- Clay-Target Shooting
- Air Rifle Shooting
- Boating
- Kayaking
- Tennis
- Walking & Cycling
- Whiskey Tasting
- Wine Cellar Tour
- Art & History Tours



On Our Doorstep

The K Club is located at the heart of County Kildare, also known as 'The Thoroughbred County' due to the many horse racing and breeding operations around us. The world famous Irish National Stud in Tully and the adjoining Japanese Gardens are just under a half an hour's drive from us. So too is the Curragh Racecourse, home of the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby while Punchestown and Naas Racecourses feature some of Ireland's top jump racing action.

The K Club is perfectly located for guests who wish to discover Ireland's Ancient East, an off the beaten track journey to experience 5,000 years of Irish & European history.

An abundance of cultural amenities are within easy access including the world famous Guinness Storehouse, Glendalough, Castletown House and the historic Rock of Cashel. If you are interested in some serious retail therapy the designer outlet, Kildare Village is a wonderful place to shop as is Newbridge Silverware which is home to the Museum of Style Icons, a museum dedicated to the fashions of Hollywood icons and more.



The National Stud



Newbridge Silverware



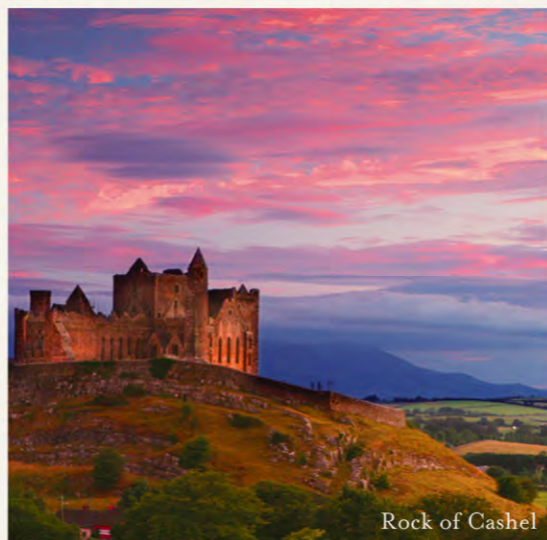
Guinness Storehouse



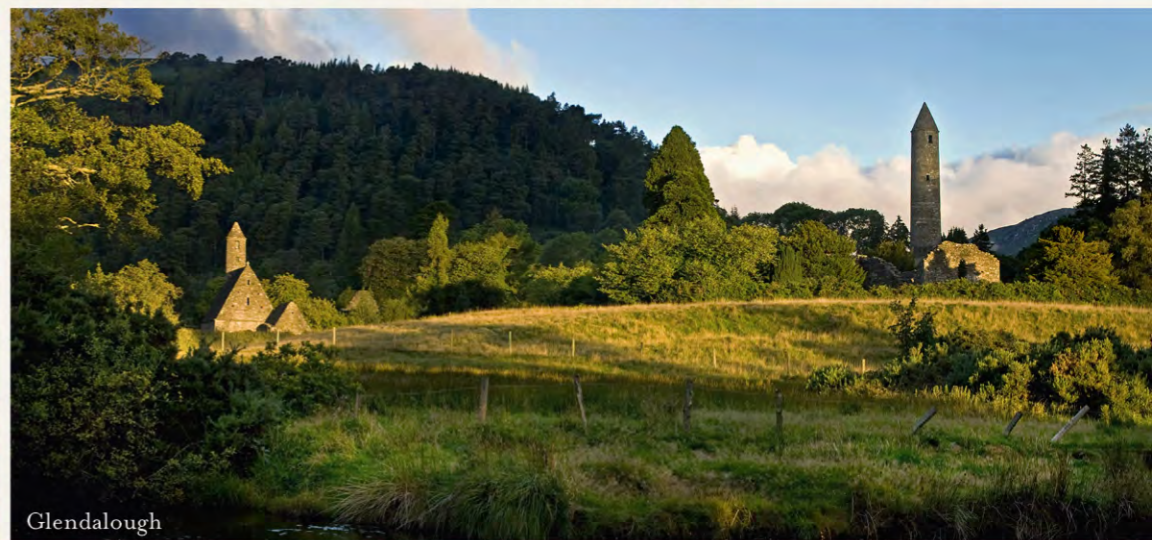
Newgrange



St. Fiachra's Garden



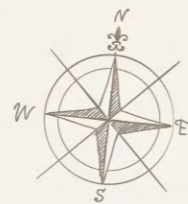
Rock of Cashel



Glendalough



Location



The K Club, now a luxurious country house hotel, is set in the village of Straffan which is close to the bigger Kildare towns of Celbridge and Maynooth.

While being only 30 minutes from Dublin City Centre, Straffan is beautifully situated in the rolling countryside of Kildare, giving all of our guests easy access to the array of attractions found in and around Kildare.



PLACES OF INTEREST

- The Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens
- Punchestown & Curragh Racecourses
- Kildare Village
- The Guinness Storehouse
- Trinity College
- Dublin Castle
- The Rock of Cashel
- Newgrange
- Glendalough
- Kilkenny Castle

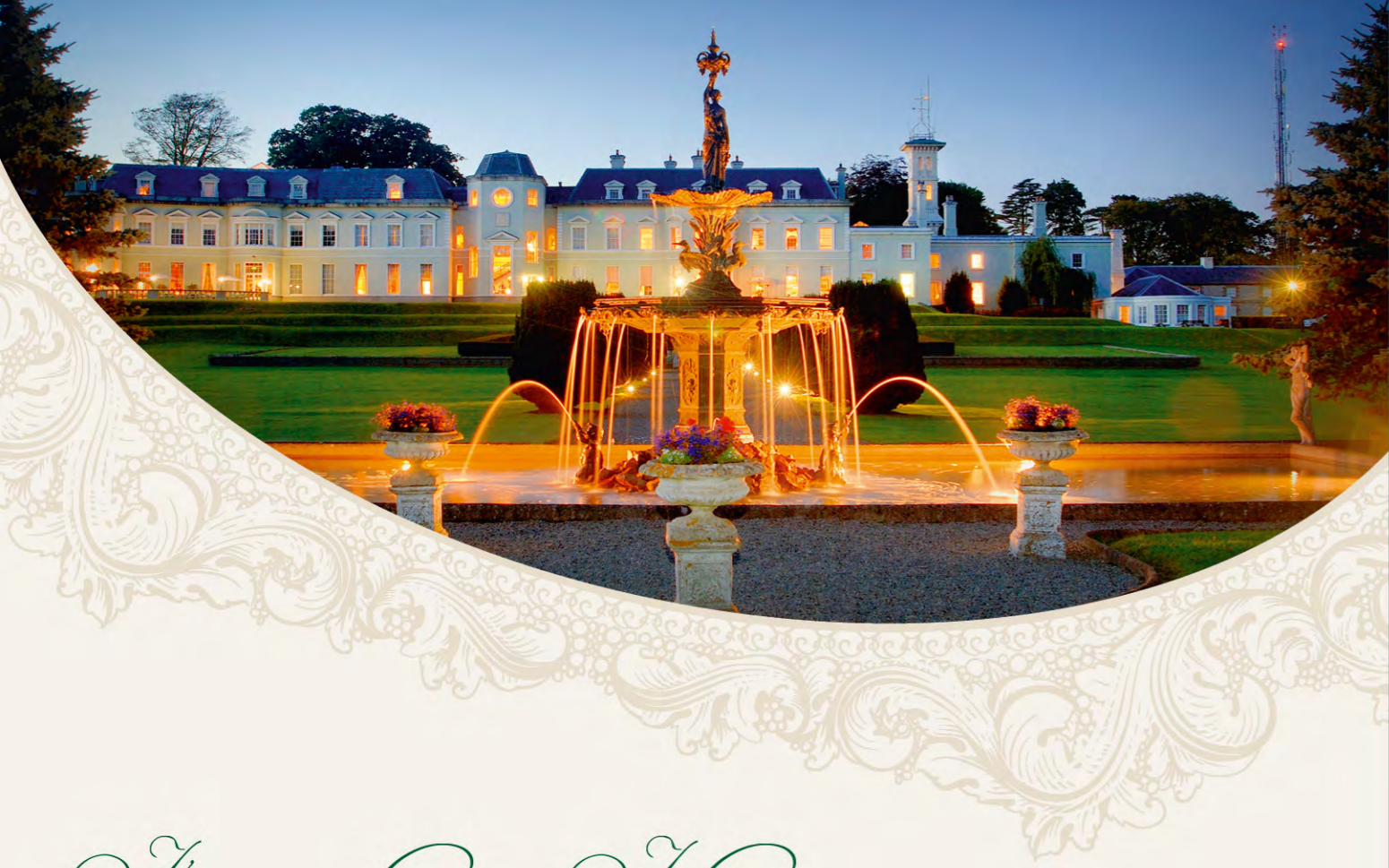


Straffan House

A Private House Hotel

Resort Map





*It's impossible to imagine Ireland
without horse racing,
golf & great times!*

An occasion in The K Club is a unique experience where magical moments create lifelong memories. We understand that your time is most precious, and we will do everything we possibly can to ensure that you have an extra special occasion with us. We look forward to meeting with you.

Sir Michael Smurfit, KBE, LL.D,
Owner



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