

#### ASHFORD CASTLE

HOTEL & COUNTRY ESTATE Excellence Since 1928

# FAMILY EXPERIENCES FOR ALL AGES



### FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

With an abundance of activities to keep all ages entertained, Ashford Castle is a favourite destination for those who seek a carefree break with their children.

We really roll out the red carpet, whether you have little ones who see anything new as a big adventure or teenagers who like to explore, we know exactly how to show them all a great time.

Our services include a host of family friendly activities and facilities to make sure everyone has the time of their lives. Read on to discover the multigenerational experiences and services Ashford Castle can offer families of all ages.

#### 0 to 3 years old

Young children will feel at home at Ashford Castle, receiving VIP treatment from the moment they arrive. Expect a warm Irish welcome from our wonderful team, followed by a thoughtful welcome gift.

- Ashford Castle Sheep bath toy and NAIF toiletries
- Colouring book and pencils during mealtimes
- Daily matinee in the Cinema at 12pm: Bring the family along and settle in with fresh popcorn, snacks, and beverages to watch a variety of family favourites and all-time classics
- Babysitting services (advance booking required)\*
- Baby food menu







#### 4 to 10 years old

There are plenty of opportunities to play and explore at Ashford Castle. Children are well looked after and will receive robes, slippers and many other thoughtful extras including a special chocolate treat prepared in our kitchens on arrival. Your children will love...

- Estate quiz with a sprout pencil
- Badge book
- Junior bathrobe and slippers for children aged four and upwards
- Junior guest chocolate gift
- Morning Dog Walk on selected mornings at 8.15am for one hour: Enjoy a morning walk through the woodlands with the castle's resident Irish Wolfhounds
- Pony rides (4 years +)\*: A pony ride is a perfect introduction for little ones aged four and over. Starting in the arena then progressing out-side, ponies are led at all times by a guide on foot
- Horse riding (8 years +)\*

- Archery (10 years +)\*
- Falconry (7 years +)\*
- Tennis
- The Ant Hotel
- Lego butler (from €40 per set)\*
- Boardgames
- Daily matinee in the Cinema at 12pm
- Children's manicure and pedicure treatments (when accompanied by a parent)\*
- The Ashford Castle Tipi for Suites and Staterooms (5 to 10 years)
- Babysitting services (advance booking required)\*
- Children's food menu\*: Ashford Castle's world-class restaurants are excellently equipped to accommodate diners of all ages. From adaptable seating to thoughtfully considered children's menus, an enjoyable family meal is guaranteed





### LEGO<sup>®</sup> BUTLER

Our LEGO® butler service offers your children the chance to choose from a variety of LEGO® models, delivered directly to the comfort of your room or suite.

A specially selected, brand-new LEGO® set is sure to keep your family entertained for hours on end, with endless opportunities to build, create and play within new worlds. Prices start from €40 per set.

#### 11 to 18 years old

With 350 acres to explore, there are plenty of hidden adventures just waiting to be discovered for young adults. Our estate boasts many exhilarating activities, from Ireland's first and finest falconry school, to horse-riding.

- Estate quiz with a sprout pencil
- Badge book
- Junior bathrobe and slippers for children (4 years +)
- Junior guest chocolate gift
- Morning Dog Walk on selected mornings at 8.15am for one hour
- Private Cinema screening\*: For a unique experience, arrange a private Cinema screening and enjoy the facilities in total privacy
- Guided bike tour\*
- Hiking
- Horse riding\*
- Falconry\*: Meet our remarkable Harris' Hawks and fly your own with the help of an expert handler
- Fishing\*
- Golf
- Clay shooting (16 years +)\*





- Archery\*
- Tennis
- Boardgames
- Spa treatments (16 years +, by appointment)\*

"With a good eye, some patience and the correct technique, teenagers will be giving Robin Hood a run for his money in no time"





### SPA ESCAPES\*

Our award-winning Spa offers something for everyone; parents, grandparents and older children (aged 16+) can enjoy blissful pampering treatments.

Finally, our bespoke Salon offers hair washing and blow dry services, as well as treatment mask therapy and up-styling, providing a valuable opportunity to enjoy some me-time.

Subject to availability, terms and conditions apply.



#### As a family

Our dedicated Guest Services Team is on hand to help you with any requests you may have to make your stay with us even more memorable.

Their knowledge of our wonderful multigenerational experiences allows us to provide creative suggestions for activities and arrange special family experiences for you to each enjoy. No request is too large and no detail too small.

- Morning Dog Walk
- Private Cinema screening\*
- Guided bike tour\*: Guided bike tours offer an amazing opportunity to explore Cong and learn of its history and heritage
- Hiking
- Boat cruise\*: Explore the pristine surroundings and soak up the scenery at leisure on a scheduled boat cruise
- Private boat trip\*: Take a private guided trip by handcrafted wooden boat to Lough Corrib's many beautiful islands
- Horse riding\*
- Falconry\*

- Fishing\*: Suitable for beginners and competent fishermen alike, the majority of fishing trips take place from traditional wooden boats on Lough Corrib. Opt for a full day experience and enjoy a picnic lunch\* on one of the islands and the chance to cook your catch
- Golf\* (Subject to availability, green fees included, equipment available to hire)
- Sheep-herding experience (off-site experience, private transportation must be arranged)\*
- Spa treatments\*
- Full-day immersive Irish MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience\*
- LEGO® Butler\*
- History tour of the castle with local historian\*
- Tour the hidden Ashford\*
- Genealogist meeting to help trace Irish ancestry\*
- Family photographs with Elizabeth Toher\*
- Chauffeured sightseeing tour of the area\*
- Foraging\*
- Ice Cream Bicycle\*



## SQUIRE DANAGHER'S HOUSE

Well known as the filming location for 1950s blockbuster 'The Quiet Man', Squire Danagher's cottage now provides a characterful setting for memorable gatherings and family occasions.

Immerse yourself in the Irish culture of the time as you enjoy a traditional meal and Irish entertainment within the privacy of this historic cottage, lovingly restored to its former glory. A treat for all generations.

This experience will incur an additional charge and is subject to availability.

## MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Discover and immerse yourself in these unique, authentic, and intimate experiences of the West of Ireland, exclusively curated and especially hosted by Ashford Castle's Experience Ambassador.

We are proud to offer a diverse selection of authentically Irish activities, each certified as a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience for the positive impact they have on our guests and communities we inhabit. Alongside your families, you can learn to harvest and create Irish delicacies, visit the workshops of craft artisans, or share stories with skillful musicians as our talented local partners work to preserve the traditions of their ancestors.

Our passionate guide will lead you through a journey of cultural discovery as you study the art of beekeeping, try your hand at baking the perfect Irish soda bread, or learn how to forage for tasty seafood as you walk along the beautiful Irish seashore.

This experience will incur an additional charge and is subject to availability.





### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Our concierge team would be more than happy to recommend one of our trusted external babysitting partners who will come to the castle to look after the younger members of your family<sup>\*</sup>, allowing you to make the most of all that the Ashford Estate has to offer each generation.

Enjoy the ambiance in our welcoming Billiards Room and adjoining Cigar Terrace where you might enjoy a whiskey or wine tasting. Our exciting partnership with Midleton Whiskey and Waterford Crystal has resulted in a bespoke cask, created especially for Ashford Castle and presented in a beautifully crafted crystal whiskey carafe.

Experience private wine tastings in the original underground tunnel of the castle which has been beautifully restored into our unique Wine Cellar.

These experiences will incur an additional charge and are subject to availability.



### ROOM FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Night times are just as special as the day at Ashford Castle with fluffy bathrobes and slippers to envelop guests in cosy comfort, and a delicious homemade welcome children's amenity.

Our beautiful Deluxe Queen Family Rooms offer enough space for two adults and two junior guests under the age of 12. Our interconnecting room options allow extra comfort and space for all to enjoy.





### **CULINARY ADVENTURES**

At Ashford Castle we make meal times fun! We understand that sometimes eating in a restaurant with little ones can be a challenge, so we do our utmost to accommodate the needs of the whole family, from adaptable seating to thoughtfully designed children's menus.

If your children have a favourite dish that is not on the menu, please let us know and we will be glad to provide this wherever possible.

Cullen's at the Cottage

The Dungeon

Crowe





## TAKE SOME SPECIAL TIME TO RECONNECT WITH ALL THE FAMILY

Contact us for more information on +353 94 954 6003 or reservations@ashfordcastle.com

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