

# Kerry Manor House

Region: County Kerry Sleeps: 8 - 30

## Overview

The property is an attractive mid-Georgian house situated just off the Ring of Kerry, five miles west of Killarney. Set in forty acres of woodland overlooking the River Laune, it is ideally placed for exploring the many attractions of Kerry.

The original building on the site was a short castle, so called because it was only two stories high. It was built by Captain O'Sullivan in 1641 and attacked by Cromwell's forces in 1654. In about 1760, the present house was built including having the remaining three walls of the castle forming the hallway. The interior was altered in 1830 and the chimney pieces and plaster work date from this time.

The Manor House is approved by the Irish Tourist Board. It is listed in the current editions of the Fodor's and Karen Brown's Guide. Between the main house and the four cottages, the owners can accommodate any number from one to thirty people. This is ideal for families or groups of friends who wish to travel together but retain their independence.

## Facilities

Manor • Great Value • Heritage Collection • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • TV • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • DVD • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Waterfront • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites



# Interior & Grounds

## **Kerry Manor House | 4 Bedrooms | Sleeps 8**

Totally refurbished in recent years it is now available for holiday rentals. It offers four large double bedrooms, each with king-size bed (convertible to twin beds) and en-suite bathroom. The reception rooms include a drawing room, library and formal dining room. Whilst offering peace and privacy, it should be noted that the house is a family home with two children and two dogs.

In 1998 the 18th century stone courtyard was converted to provide additional accommodation in four superbly appointed cottages. These are four-star rated for self-catering by the Irish Tourist Board.

## **Cottages**

The Courtyard Cottages were converted from the 18th ct stone courtyard buildings. They have been decorated and furnished to a very high standard. All the bedrooms have Egyptian Cotton bed linen and can be kingsize double or twin bedded and all have en suite bathrooms. All the cottages have fully equipped kitchens with double ovens, microwaves and dishwashers and utility rooms with washing machines. A gas clothes drier is shared by the cottages.

The sitting rooms are equipped with flat screen satellite televisions, DVD and CD players and an open fire. Each cottage has a patio with teak garden furniture and barbecue. All the cottages have wireless internet access.

## **Laune Cottage | 4 Bedrooms | Sleeps 8**

The largest of the four cottages is south facing and has four ensuite bedrooms, one of them on the ground floor. It has a very large kitchen and drawing room with double doors that fold back to create a large entertainment area.

## **Flesk Cottage | 3 Bedrooms | Sleeps 6**

Has three en suite bedrooms and a double aspect sitting room facing south and west and a spacious kitchen

## **Keal and Torc Cottages | 2 Bedrooms | Sleeps 4**

Both have two en suite bedrooms and are west facing and have comfortable sitting rooms and well equipped kitchens and are ideal for singles, couples and small families.

All bedrooms offer Egyptian cotton bed linen and bath towels but beach towels are not provided. There is also good, free wifi available, and several BBQ's.



## Location & Local Information

Kerry airport is only 20 minutes from the house. It has direct flights from Stanstead, north of London, and Dublin. To get to Cork from Ringaskiddy Ferry Terminal, take the road to Cork and then the N22 to Killarney. Journey time is about 90 minutes. Dublin journey time is about 5 hours.

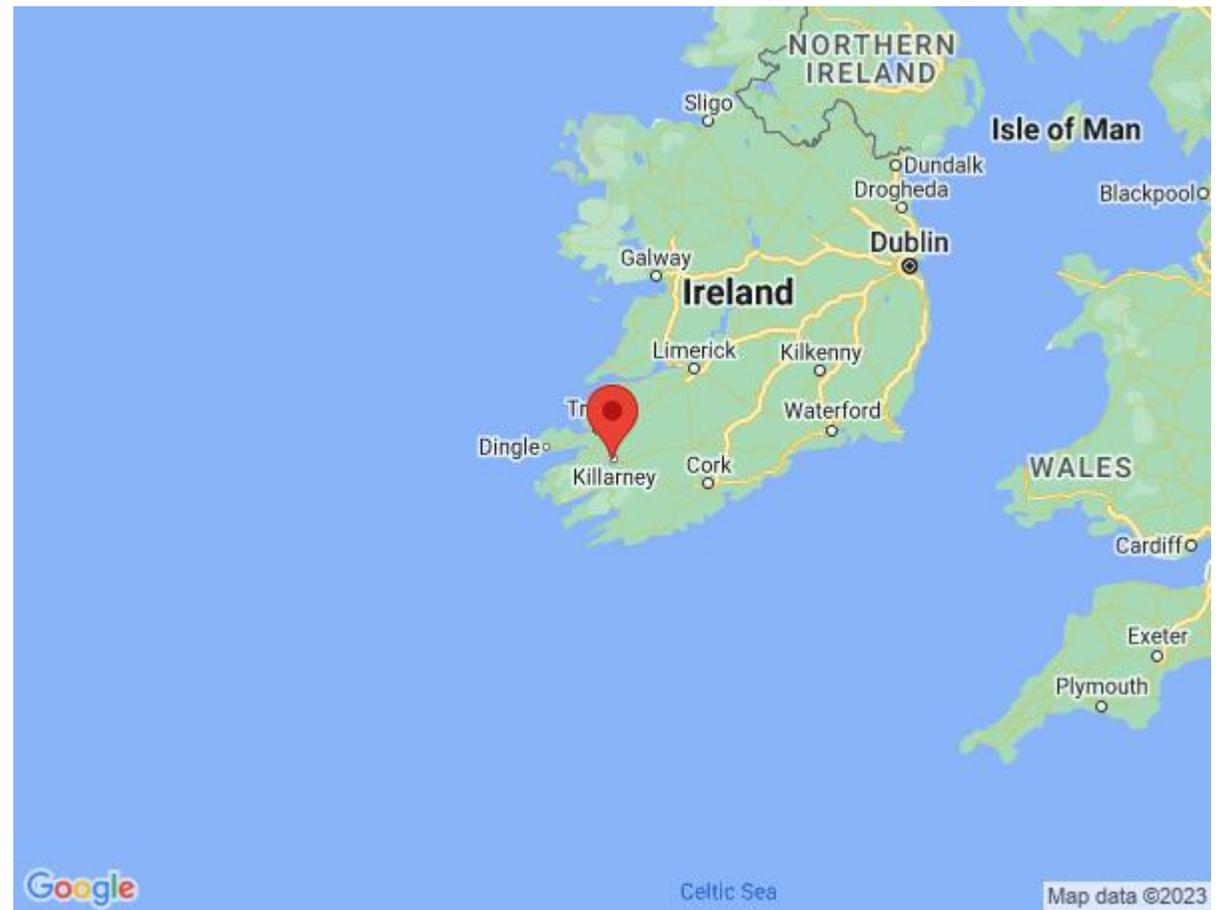
the property is fortunate to have a number of excellent restaurants nearby, including two within a five minute walk. These are: The Beaufort Bar, the next door neighbour which was established in 1840 and reputedly serves the best pint of Guinness in Kerry. Pat Sheahan's Bar is a popular pub in the village that serves very good bar food and is ideal for casual dining.

The estate has nearly two miles of single bank salmon and trout fishing on the River Laune which flows through the grounds. The Laune is a short river, running only fourteen miles from the Lakes of Killarney to the sea below Killorglin.

As the waters have only been lightly fished over the past few years, they have some of the best pools on the river and average 60 fish a year. There is also excellent sea trout and brown trout fishing. Writing in "Trout & Salmon" magazine, David Barr described the fishing as " ...the nearest thing to paradise I have ever seen". Further afield, salmon fishing is available on the Lakes of Killarney and there are a number of lochs stocked with brown trout. Deep Sea fishing trips can also be arranged.

County Kerry is heaven for golfers. Six of Golf World's Top 100 British and Irish Courses are in Kerry, and the house is ideally situated to enjoy them all. Just on the other side of the village is Beaufort Golf Club, a recently developed 18 hole parkland course with the back nine dominated by the ruins of the 15th century Castle Core and wonderful views of McGillicuddy's Reeks. Five minutes away is Killarney Golf Club, offering two superb 18-Hole courses. Situated beside the Lower Lake and with views up to the Purple Mountain and the Gap of Dunloe, Killarney is one of the most beautifully situated courses in the world. Slightly further afield is the admirable and comparatively undiscovered Dooks, an 18-Hole links course. Tralee is the first course in Europe to be designed by Arnold Palmer. Waterville, where Tiger Woods and Mark O'Meara practised for the 1999 British Open, and the two legendary links courses at Ballybunion are all within 90 minutes drive.

The traditional riding experience in Kerry is the trek through the Gap of Dunloe. This can be undertaken either as part of an all day trip coming back to Killarney by boat or alternatively as a one or two hour ride. The Killarney Riding Stables and the Muckcross Stables both offer rides through the National Park. Burke's Horse Trekking in Glenbeigh offers spectacular seaside riding along Rossbeigh Strand. All the Stables cater for all types of riders, from children to adults, the beginner, to the experienced and provide suitable safety



equipment. Pony trekking in Kerry can take guests to places otherwise accessible only on foot and is highly recommended.

Two of Ireland's most famous beauty spots, the Gap of Dunloe and the Lakes of Killarney are only minutes away. Day trips can be arranged going through the Gap of Dunloe by pony and trap or on horseback to the Black Valley and coming through the Upper, Middle and Lower Lakes by boat.

The famous Ring of Kerry is a 104 mile drive around the coastline of the Iveragh peninsula, and includes Derrynane, birthplace of the Liberator, Daniel O'Connell, Valentia Island, terminus for the first Trans Atlantic telegraph and the beautiful market town of Kenmare. These are about 5 hours away.

A wild and beautiful drive which skirts the foothills of McGillicuddy's Reeks and Lough Acoose and traverses the Ballaghbeama Pass, one of the most remote and spectacular landscapes in Ireland, before joining the Ring of Kerry road at Moll's Gap and returning to Killarney takes about 2 1/2 hours.

The Dingle Peninsula is less than forty miles away and was the setting for the films Ryan's Daughter and Far And Away. The Slea Head drive around the western most tip of the Dingle Peninsula brings one to Dunquin, the most westerly village in Europe, and the splendid Kruger Kavanagh's bar where visitors can drink the most westerly pint of Guinness in Europe, before visiting the 7th century Gallarus Oratory, a drystone chapel still waterproof after a thousand years. These are all about 4 - 5 hours away.

If the weather is fine a trip to Skelligs, a spectacular pair of Rocks rising vertiginously from the sea 10 miles off the coast, is a must. Taking a boat from Valentia or Portmagee, the trip passes Little Skellig, a bare rock which contains the largest gannet colony in Europe, and lands on Skellig Michael, which has the amazingly well preserved ruins of a seventh century monastic settlement on one of its two peaks. The climb of six hundred steps is not recommended to the very young or very old. Day trip.

The Beara is a wild and beautiful drive starting in Kenmare and ending in Glengarrif. At the southwestern tip is Dursey Island, accessible only by Cable Car, and there are the attractive villages of Allihies and Castletown Bearhaven. It is much less frequented than the Ring of Kerry and equally as attractive. It takes about 4 - 5 hours.

For guests exhausted by driving, a visit to Muckross House, just the other side of Killarney, is recommended. Apart from the walks mentioned on the Walking Page, there is the Victorian Mansion, built in 1840 by the Herbert family and given to the nation in 1932 by the Bourne and Vincent families. The house contains fine examples of Irish furniture, craft shops and a restaurant. The estate includes beautiful gardens, the ruins of Muckross Abbey and a fascinating re creation of three Kerry farms showing how life was lived in rural Ireland fifty years ago. Nearby is Ross Castle, the last castle in Ireland to

resist Oliver Cromwell.

### Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Kerry (21-25 km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Cork (71-80 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Beaufort (Under 1 km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Killarney (10 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Beaufort Bar (Under 1 km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Beaufort Bar (Under 1 km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Rossbeigh (16-20 km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Beaufort (5 km)</b>

## What we love

- A lovely restaurant called The Beaufort Bar is located right next door and a great pub is about a 1/2 mile walk.
- If staying over the festive period the manor is beautifully decorated for Christmas.
- Another great place to eat is Bricin (pronounced Brick-een) in Killarney. Famous for its "boxty", a sort of hearty potato pancake.

## What you should know...

- The bedrooms are split between the main house and additional cottages. This does however offer additional privacy for larger groups.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: None.
- Arrival time: 16.00
- Departure time: 10.30
- Energy costs included?: No.
- > If not included, what are they?: Are metered and charged at cost.
- Linen & towels included?: All linen and bath towels are included in the rental price.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Pets welcome?: Please enquire.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Included. Please leave the property in the state that you found it.
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking in the property.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.