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Travel

Your **VIP** guide to Ireland's top staycations - for when life actually gets back to normal - with Niamh Devereux

A new chapter begins in the centuries-old story of Carton House this summer, when the extensive two-year, multimillion-euro, complete refurbishment will be unveiled. The renewed splendour of the great estate will be uncovered following a magnificent refresh of the original house, surrounding hotel and stunning grounds in Co. Kildare. Guests will also notice a number of brand new elements; from the cosy book-lined setting of The Whiskey Library with its encyclopedic selection of the world's finest 'uisce beatha' to The Courtyard Bar, serving light bites alongside an impressive wine and cocktail list, with an accompanying

outdoor terrace area that is perfect for long overdue catch-ups with family and friends this summer. A particularly special addition, however, is The Morrison Room, which has been transformed into the resort's fine dining evening restaurant and morning breakfast room and is set to be one of this country's grandest dining rooms. The hotel offers plenty of bespoke experience packages to choose from, the most appealing being 'Curate your Stay' at Carton House. Whether you're looking to indulge in spa treatments, wine tasting, afternoon tea, or an afternoon of golf, your stay will be on your terms, with prices available from €250 based on two people sharing. Click to cartonhouse.com.

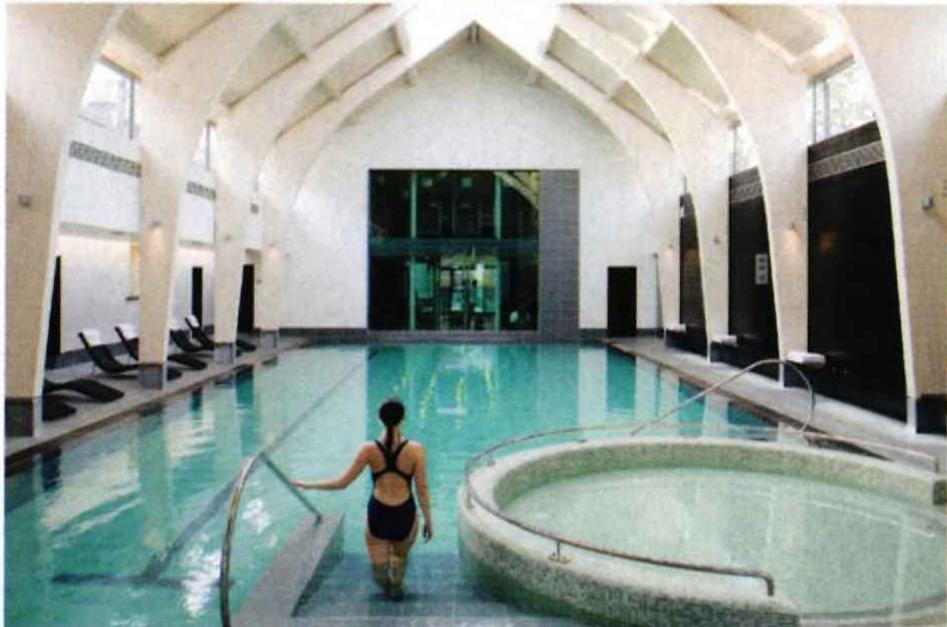
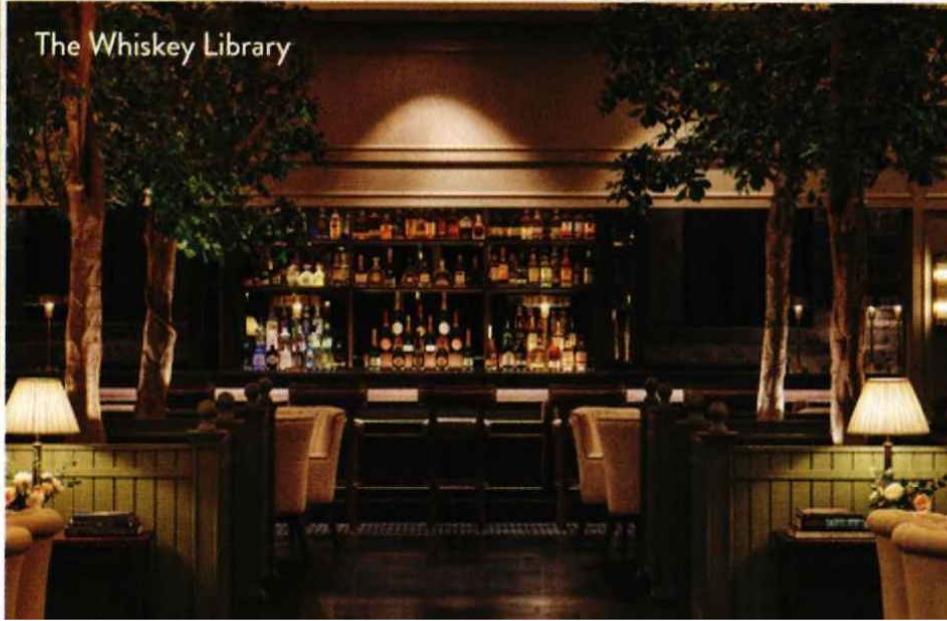


A new look for
Carton House



The new Kathleen's
Kitchen dining spot

The Whiskey Library



THE K CLUB PICNIC

How does a luxury picnic and a two night stay at the five-star The K Club sound? Pretty heavenly, right? The Kildare resort's Picnic Concierge will lay out your picnic in your chosen setting on the estate, with your picnic basket including a delectable selection of chef's homemade sandwiches, sweet pastries and fresh raisin scones with cream, as well as your choice of tea and coffee. Follow it up by exploring the stunning resort on bicycles (there are 550 acres of natural beauty on the grounds) or settle in and relax in one of the luxe drawing rooms. Prices start from €304 per person, kclub.ie

BRING THE PUP!

Galway's The Twelve hotel takes pet-friendly to a new level. Not only can your four-legged friend stay with you in four-star boutique luxury, but their needs are catered to in every way – they receive a welcome bag with a toy, treat and clean up bags, there is a food and water bowl with fresh mineral water in the room, and pet concierge is available. What is pet concierge you ask? Well, it involves dog sitting, walking and grooming services, snacks, toys, food menus, towels, birthday celebrations and more! Plus you are provided with a map of nearby parks and walks, and the hotel is on the doorstep of an ocean to swim in. Paww-fect. Rates start from €195 per night including accommodation and breakfast in a pet friendly Luxury

Suite; The Twelve also has a Marvellous Suite suitable for families and their pooch.thetwelvehotel.ie

WANDER THROUGH WATERFORD

The wonderful Faithlegg Hotel wants to show guests what its county has to offer with its new Wander Through Waterford getaway. Start off with a stroll along the Minuan walks close to the hotel, then make the short drive to nearby Cheekpoint, a pretty fishing village where you can watch the boats come and go as you sample some of the finest seafood on offer. The next day take in the Copper Coast, and pick a perfect spot for a picnic that the team at Faithlegg will provide. You can even decide to go a little further on the ferry from Passage East to neighbouring Wexford where you can visit the impressive Hook Lighthouse. The package is available from €385 and includes your picnic, a two-night stay in luxurious accommodation, breakfast on both mornings and dinner on the night of your choice in the award-winning 2AA Roseville Rooms Restaurant.
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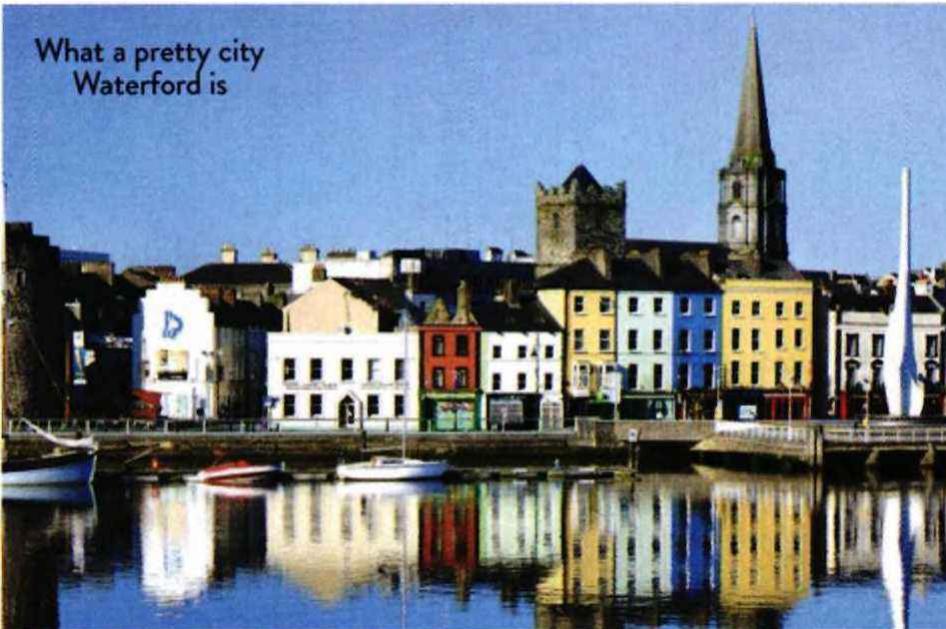


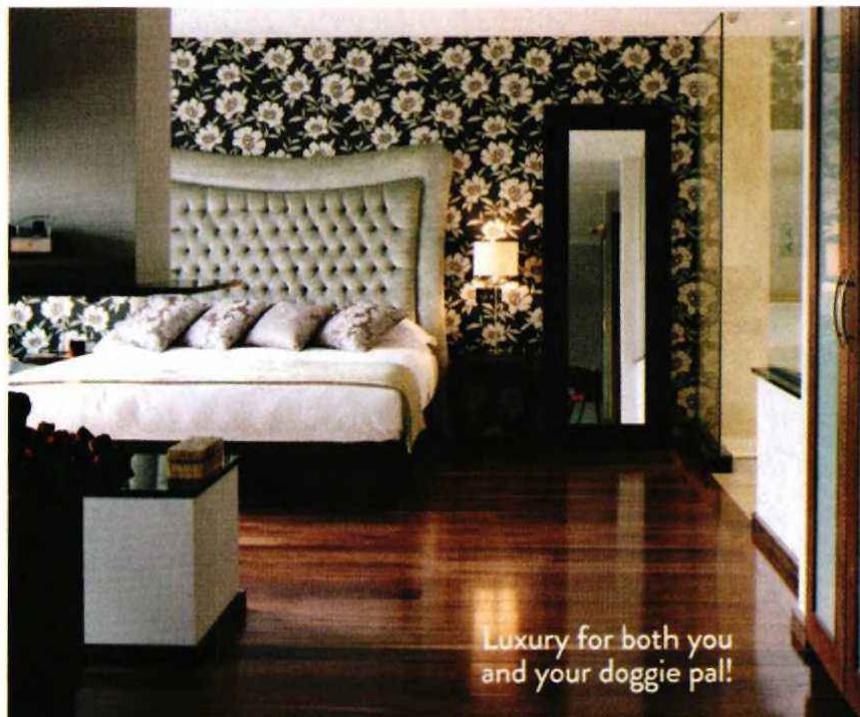
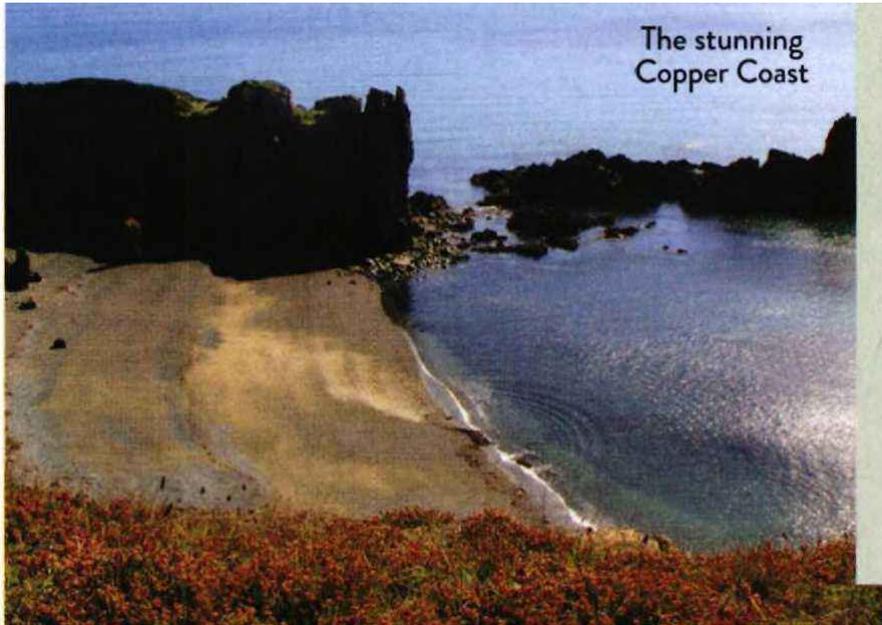
Fairytale vibes at
The K Club

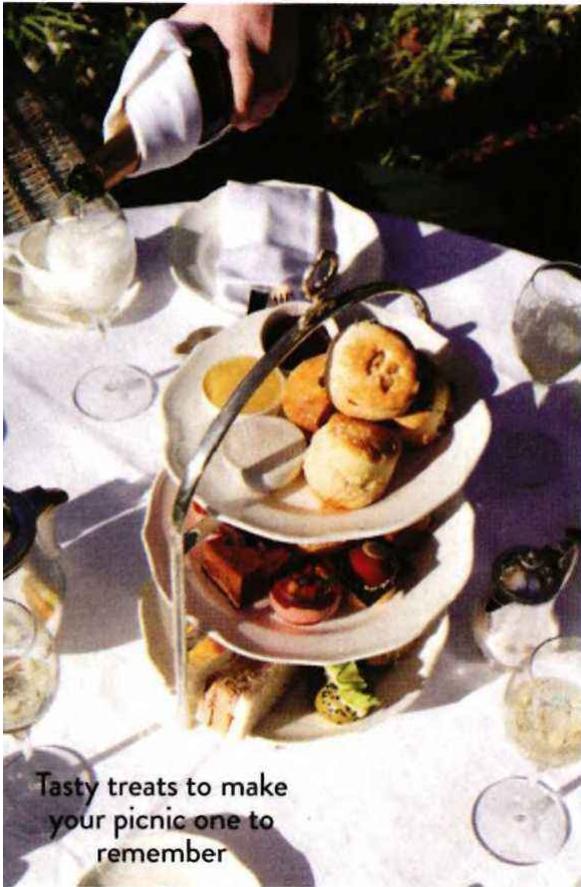
Faithlegg - isn't she majestic!



What a pretty city
Waterford is







Tasty treats to make
your picnic one to
remember

