

1625

PRIVATE DINING



Historical Venue

STEEPED IN HISTORY, INTRIGUE, AND LOCAL LEGEND, BALLYGALLY CASTLE OFFERS A TRULY UNIQUE SETTING FOR PRIVATE DINING. COMPLETED IN 1625 DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF THE PLANTATION OF ULSTER, THE CASTLE WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT BY JAMES SHAW AS A FORTIFIED RESIDENCE OVERLOOKING THE STUNNING ANTRIM COAST.

Designed with defence in mind, its historic stone walls have witnessed centuries of fascinating stories, making every celebration part of its enduring legacy.

Whether you're celebrating a milestone, hosting a corporate event or gathering with family and friends, Ballygally Castle offers an unforgettable setting. Choose from elegant private dining spaces, including the atmospheric 1625 Room or spacious Kintyre Ballroom, with bespoke menus, locally sourced ingredients and warm, attentive service.



A DOORWAY TO THE PAST

The castle's original entrance still stands today, proudly displaying the date 1625 above the doorway. Nearby, the inscription "God's providence is my inheritance" reflects the faith of its founder, James Shaw. The initials JS and IB represent James Shaw and his wife, Isabella Brisbane, while their family coat of arms remains carved into the stone as a lasting reminder of the castle's origins.

GHOSTLY LEGENDS

No visit to Ballygally Castle would be complete without hearing about its famous ghostly residents. Among its best-known spirits is the mysterious Lady in Silk, believed by many to be Madam Nixon, the widowed sister-in-law of owner John Shaw. Guests have long reported hearing gentle knocks on bedroom doors late at night, accompanied by the soft rustle of a silk dress echoing through the castle's corridors. These enduring tales add another layer of charm and mystery to one of Northern Ireland's most iconic historic castles.

The Space

1625 SUITE

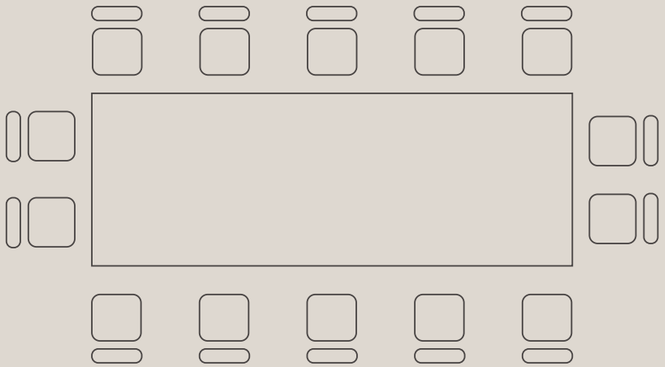
Nestled within the original walls of the historic 17th-century castle, the 1625 Room flawlessly blends captivating period charm with modern sophistication. Refurbished with plush lounge seating, rich emerald accents, and a stately open fireplace, this atmospheric space offers an unforgettable backdrop for intimate private dining, boutique celebrations, and high-profile board meetings.



Room Hire From £300

TABLE LAYOUT

1x long table of 14





Signature Dinner Packages

OUR DINNER PACKAGE PROVIDES EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR A SEAMLESS, MEMORABLE EVENT, TAILORED TO YOUR OCCASION.

Whether you're planning a corporate dinner, a special celebration or a gathering with family and friends, our team will help bring your event together with thoughtful details and attentive service.

What's Included in the Package:

- ELEGANT TABLE DÉCOR, INCLUDING MIR-RORED CENTREPIECES, CANDELABRAS AND LINEN TABLEWARE
- FOUR-COURSE GOURMET DINNER
- DEDICATED EVENTS COORDINATOR
- PERSONALISED MENU CARDS
- LATE BAR









Sample Menus

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Menu 1

Traditional Seafood Cocktail Trout Caviar
Pickled Cucumber, Guinness and Treacle Bread

Roasted Lisdergan Sirloin of Beef Claret and Thyme Jus (Carved at the Table)

Lemon Meringue Tartlet Irish Raspberries
Prosecco Sorbet

Selection of Irish Cheeses
Fig Chutney, Ditty's Oatcakes

Thompson's Tea and S.D Bell's Coffee

£65 PER PERSON

Minimum numbers of 12 apply

Menu 2

Ham Hock Terrine Celeriac Remoulade
Date Ketchup, Toasted Sourdough

Roasted Lisdergan Rump Fillet
Black Pepper and Brandy Cream (Served Pink)

Warm Armagh Apple Crumble Tartlet
Crème Anglaise, Muine Glas Vanilla Ice Cream

Thompson's Tea and S.D Bell's Coffee

£55 PER PERSON

Menu 3

Roasted Tomato and Red Pepper Soup
Pesto and Mozzarella

Roast Rockvale Farm Chicken
Wild Mushroom Cream, Croquette Potato, Glazed Iona Carrots

White Chocolate Cheesecake
Lemon Curd

Thompson's Tea and S.D Bell's Coffee

£45 PER PERSON

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN OPTION:

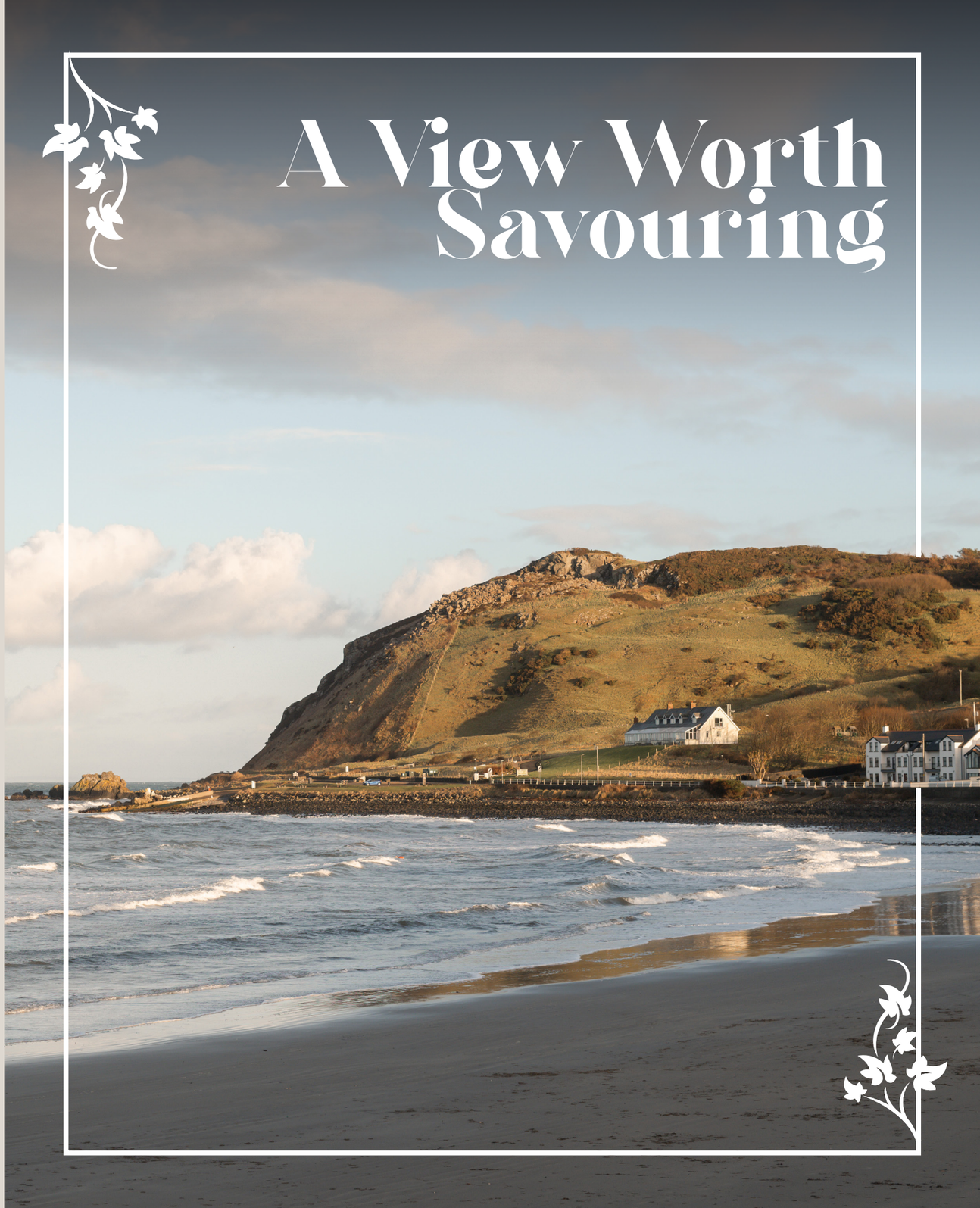
Confit Tomato Bruschetta
Pickled Vegetable Salad

Pea and Mint Ravioli
Tomato and Basil Reduction

Chocolate Torte
Biscoff Muine Glas

CANAPES ADD ON £12PP:
- **Duck Pancake Roulade**
- **Pulled Pork Arancini**
- **Chicken Liver Pâté with Apple Chutney**
- **Smoked Salmon and Dill Cream Sauce**
- **Prawn Cocktail Tartlets**

We can amend our menus and cater for your parties' dietary requirements, please confirm these details at least 2 weeks prior to your event, we offer gluten-sensitive options but are not a gluten-free kitchen.



Our Services

OUR EXPERIENCED EVENTS TEAM WILL WORK WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, ENSURING EVERY DETAIL IS PERFECTLY PLANNED AND FLAWLESSLY DELIVERED.

Ready to start planning your event?
Contact our Events Team on **028 2858 1066**
or email **conf1@bcg.hastingshotels.com**
to enquire or book a showround.



Tower Bedrooms at Ballygally Castle

Why not extend your celebration into an unforgettable overnight escape? Host your exclusive gathering or intimate banquet in the historic 1625 Room, and follow it with a magical night in our ancient keep.

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