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The Best Room At... Straffan House Dublin

Take a peek inside a luxurious country estate in Ireland.



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Our column "The Best Room At" offers a glimpse inside some of the most charming, luxurious, and iconic properties around the world.

If you've ever wondered where royals, athletes, presidents, and rockstars stay when they find themselves in Dublin, the answer is **Straffan House**. At \$25,000-per-night, the private mansion—which is located on the grounds of **The K Club**, one of the country's top hotels—offers both discretion and luxurious amenities. There's a private indoor pool, for instance, as well as 10 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, an 18-seat cinema, a chef, a butler, and an expansive living room bedecked with rare art. (It should come as no surprise that the estate is owned by Dr. Michael Smurfit, an Irish business titan who is one of the country's richest men.)



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The enclave has hosted a laundry list of bold-faced names, including the Prince of Monaco, Justin Bieber, and a handful of U.S. presidents—but what makes it truly special is the Irish hospitality you'll find upon checking in. Below, the property's Chief Executive and General Manager Michael Davern tells us a bit about the famed estate—and which room he likes best.

DESCRIBE THE HOTEL IN A SENTENCE.

Straffan House is the most luxurious private villa in the British Isles which provides a genuine warmth of Irish hospitality.

WHICH ROOM IS THE BEST?

The Master Suite.

WHY?

The Master Suite is an equestrian themed room which offers wonderful views of the resort grounds and a fabulous view of the Dublin Mountains to the East of the

house. This room offers a luxurious ensuite bathroom which features hand stenciled wallpaper, his & hers sinks, a deep welcoming bath and separate walk-in shower. There is also an adjoining dressing room which is often used as a family room by our guests.



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WHAT'S THE AVERAGE NIGHTLY RATE?

\$25,000 per night for entire residence.

WHO IS YOUR TYPICAL GUEST?

Everybody from Prince of Pop to Prince of Royalty, but Straffan House is most utilized by multigenerational families.

ARE YOU ABLE TO MENTION ANY CELEBRITIES THE HOTEL HAS HOSTED?

It was reported that Justin Bieber and the Prince of Monaco have stayed in Straffan House in recent years.



WHAT'S ONE LOCAL RECOMMENDATION YOU ALWAYS GIVE FIRST-TIME VISITORS?

We always recommend our guests take a trip to Arthur Guinness' grave in Ardclough. It is only a short drive from the hotel, however it's best reached by bicycle. Once there you can view 7 different counties of Ireland from on top of the tower located at the cemetery. Arthur's grave is one of many things to see and do as part of Ireland's Ancient East.

CAN YOU SHARE AN INTERESTING TIDBIT ABOUT STRAFFAN HOUSE'S HISTORY?

While Straffan House was built as a modern house in 2005, it takes its architectural inspiration from the original Straffan House which is now The K Club hotel.



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