



Ireland

Edition 7



Off to Ireland? Perhaps you like the idea of staying in one of those grand Georgian mansions set in parkland with a crystal-bound dining table and sparkling conversation to match. Or how about a simple cottage, right by the sea surrounded by wild roses and gentian, with a hearty Irish supper and a trip to the nearest pub in the evening? In fact, you'd better get hold of the latest edition of Special Places to Stay Ireland.

- Over 200 special places – fishing lodges, keeps and castles, self-catering cottages, city hotels, farms and seaside houses
- 34 new entries and 219 entries in total.
- Good value with over 70 Special Places with rooms for €100 or less per night.

New to this Edition

The Ethical Collection

Special places that are going that extra mile to source food locally and/or organically, reducing the dreaded carbon footprint or playing a particularly positive role in their community should be recognised for their efforts. Each deserving entry is clearly marked and there's more detail at the back of the book.

Sawday's Travel Club

Becoming a member of the Sawday's Travel Club opens up hundreds of discounts and offers at many of our Special Places to Stay. There are 71 participating places in this edition offering diverse treats such as, for example, a picnic lunch packed for a boating trip, a natural horsemanship lesson, or 20% off stays of two or more nights.

Travel Club membership costs £25 per year is available from our website www.sawdays.co.uk.

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Things we can do for you: suggest ideas for features and compile them

Coming soon:

- French Bed & Breakfast, edition 11 – February 2009
- Ireland, edition 7 – February 2009

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Sample book entry (75% of actual size)

Herefordshire



Homestead Farm

The garden: Lake, boathouse and island – enchanting. A sunken garden, too, vegetable garden that is a delight, a field with a folly, moon paths, windbreak trees and fabulous long views. All this has been created by Iain and Joanna, who arrived clutching some pots from their old home in Scotland. It began with the flagstone and fountain'd terrace. Along paths and across the garden are mounded metal arches laced with roses and clematis, a rope swag (once the Mallag ferry's rope) smothered in 'Prince Charles' clematis and bushes of white *spinossima* roses. There's a honeysuckle hedge, two greenhouse with a famed nectarine and peach, abundant vines, a fruit cage with 'Autumn Bliss' raspberries and wild strawberries grown from seed. The field is mown with paths, cut for hay in the autumn, and contains hundreds of trees planted for the millennium; some as a shelter belt, some in avenues. Iain's 'folly' is a circle of pleached rowans with a stockade of 20 young oaks donated by the architect to replace those felled for the house. Views are created everywhere and across the length of the field towards the lake there's an avenue of *Malus coronaria* 'Charlottae' alternating with bird cherries. And 2,000 snowdrops have been planted with wild daffodils and a carpet of bluebells.

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The house: A stunning mixture of old and new. The new oak-framed barn is joined to a 16th-century keeper's cottage and all is light, airy and timbered. Joanna is creative in her use of colour, there are prints, paintings, books, an open fireplace and a gorgeous drawing room. Bedrooms have pale green carpeting, crisp white linen and dazzling light; one bathroom is in the bedroom. A veranda outside and balcony above cunningly melt a 500-year age difference into nothing at all, views reach over cider orchards and hops and Lulu the Tibetan spaniel's welcome is as genuine as your hostess's.

Tenagers & babes in arms welcome.

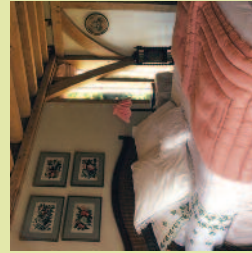


Price From £80. Singles £45.
 Rooms 2: 1 double, 1 twin.
 Meals Pubs/restaurants 3 miles.
 Closed Christmas, New Year & occasionally.
 Directions A438 towards Hereford from Ledbury, north on A417 for 2 miles. At UK garage right to Canon Frome. After 0.75 miles, right in front of red brick gates of Rochester House; house 0.5 miles at end of track.

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