# VACATIONING AT KNOCKTOPHER ABBEY

There's something about Southern Ireland that makes you feel relaxed from the moment you arrive. The timeless peace and beauty of Knocktopher Abbey is sure to work its magic on even the most stressed visitor. Set in the green and pleasant countryside between the historic towns of Kilkenny and Waterford, on the main road from Dublin, the Abbey makes an ideal touring centre for the picturesque south east of Ireland, surrounded as it is by all the wild, unspoilt beauty of mountain ranges, coast and rolling countryside dotted with traditional cottages, farmhouses and pubs. From here you can enjoy the traditional Irish hospitality — not to mention the unique flavour of 'fresh' Guinness! – while you explore forest roads, nature trails, riverbanks, villages, harbours, beaches, castles, abbeys and country crafts galore. Dublin's fair city is only a one and a half hour's drive away.

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## CHECK IN/OUT

Check In Day: Saturday Check In: 4 pm Check Out: 10 am

A utility surcharge ranging from  $\in$  32 to  $\in$  46 is payable at time of check in for all unit types.

#### TRANSPORTATION

<u>Nearest Airport</u>: (approx. 80 miles) Dublin International

Although renting a car is highly recommended, a taxi service can be arranged.

From the airport, take the M50 and then the N7 towards Naas. Take N9 Carlow to Thomastown. 5 miles from Thomastown, you will reach Knocktopher.

#### **AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES**

Keep in mind that these are average temperatures- always be sure to check the weather forecast prior to your departure.

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Jan	5	41
Feb	5	41
Mar	6	43
Apr	8	46
May	11	51
Jun	13	56
Jul	15	59
Aug	15	59
Sep	13	55
Oct	10	50
Nov	7	44
Dec	6	42

# EXPLORING THE AREA

Kilkenny, just 20 minutes drive away, is a city boasting its own Cathedral - St. Canices, dating back to 870AD, as well as the ancient Kilkenny castle in its beautiful riverside location, the Black Abbey, and no less than 77 pubs - 6 of them side by side in one street!

There is also an interesting shopping area, a riding stable, and some excellent restaurants and entertaining bars, if you feel like sampling the local atmosphere. Just half an hour's drive away is Dunmore East, one of the many small picturesque fishing villages for which this coastline is famous, which has one of the finest small uncommercial harbours in Ireland, offering fine sailing and sea fishing.

You can also inquire at the reception desk for the rental of a motor cruiser to explore the local coastline, including the Barrow Navigation, the Nore and the River Suir, all renowned for their outstanding natural beauty.

# FISHING AND GOLF

Ireland is a fisherman's dream, with 9,000 miles of rivers, 600,000 acres of lakes and 3,000 miles of coastline. Irish golf clubs love visitors and within the vicinity of Knocktopher you could comfortably play a different course every day for a fortnight and still leave some unvisited. Indeed, just a few minutes drive from the Abbey is Mount Juliet, one of Ireland's finest 18 hole championship golf courses. At the other end of the scale, for the friendly family foursomes, there are also a number of 9hole courses.

## DINING

The nearby town of Kilkenny offers a good range of dining options, ranging from fast food eateries to fine dining establishments. Many of the local pubs also serve food.

The resort's restaurant, The Black Abbot's Bistro, is situated in an original 13th century vaulted room. Adding to your enjoyment of your evening meal will also be the historic fact that in this very room is located one of only three Holy Trinity Wells in Ireland. This onsite restaurant is only open once a week for dinner (Irish Night).

# THE UNITS AT KNOCKTOPHER ABBEY

The units at Knocktopher Abbey are outfitted with linens, towels, crockery, cutlery, cookware, fully equipped kitchens, televisions, and a VCR.

The **Studio units** can accommodate a maximum of 2 people with one double bed and one bathroom. Some Studio units have two twin beds.

The **One Bedroom units** can accommodate a maximum of 4 people with one double bed, one sofa bed, and one bathroom.

The **Two Bedroom units** can accommodate a maximum of 6 people with one double bed, two twin beds, one sofa bed, and one bathroom.

## SPECIAL NOTE

Please remember that you are NOT obligated to attend any timeshare presentation. If you do attend and decide to purchase another vacation plan with vour current Membership as a trade in please keep in mind that any transfer form you may sign is NOT a legitimate transfer. Please refer to your Membership Plan "Transfer of Membership". Often these companies do NOT complete the transfer and you will own two plans. Furthermore the rules state the transfer must be to another individual and must be approved and signed by the Club Manager. Until that process is completed a transfer is not deemed a legitimate transfer and you are still responsible for your Membership Fees (loan must be paid in full). If upgrading is of interest, call your Club when you get home.

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