



## **The Links Cottages at Doonbeg County Clare, Ireland**

Considered an ideal setting for links golf by the Scottish Black Watch Regiment as early as 1892, Doonbeg's coastal site was thought to be too remote and inaccessible, so other areas were favored for development. Fortunately, a century later the local community committed to bringing more tourism to the area, and it was two men from South Carolina – Buddy Darby and Leonard Long – who recognized the site's singular magnificence and set about realizing their vision on the site so many had left behind.

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## **Area Overview**

Set between the hills and the sea in a majestic clearing of County Clare, The Links Cottages at Doonbeg are one of the most dramatic and coveted destinations in all of Ireland. Doonbeg is one of the most striking and exclusive golf resorts, home to an acclaimed seaside links course designed by two-time British Open Champion Greg Norman. This sheltered retreat is also an ideal seaside location for surfing, sailing, fishing and dolphin watching, and through the countryside... hiking, biking, picnicking, antiques and horseback riding.

From your perch on the Atlantic, all kinds of adventures await. Whether you're simply looking for a day away from the links, a romantic getaway for two, or something to keep the entire family busy, the area around Doonbeg is diverse, expansive and awaiting exploration, making it easy and fun to get out and enjoy everything that County Clare has to offer.

## **Property Features, Services & Amenities**

While in residence, Owners at The Links Cottages at Doonbeg have unlimited access to five-star amenities and services, including:

- Access to Greg Norman's acclaimed links course, ranked the "Best New International Course, 2002" by *Golf Digest*, at special rates.
- Dining options offered by award-winning chef Tom Colicchio, the force behind the huge success of New York City's Gramercy Tavern and Craft. He has applied his culinary style and influence to the dining experience at Doonbeg – from gastronomic favorites at the informal Darby's Pub to more creative international dishes in The Long Room.
- The lounge area is located right before The Long Room and is the ideal location for an afternoon tea or a glass of whiskey by the fireplace. Dinner can also be served in The Tea Room if desired.
- A breakfast buffet is served daily in The Long Room and a breakfast menu is available at Darby's.
- Preferred pricing for golf, food and beverages, spa treatments and Pro Shop purchases.
- White Horses Spa is nestled within Doonbeg Lodge, and is an underground sanctuary of wellness, vitality, and rejuvenation. The extensive menu of regenerative treatments is inspired by the natural environment of County Clare,

and features the use of local natural salts, seaweeds, algae, and herbal extracts that recall the ancient wisdom of ritual healing.

- White Horses Spa offers a range of fitness options to satisfy any taste. The fitness centre features Techno Gym cardio, resistance, and strength training equipment. All cardio machines are equipped with integrated cable TV for your viewing pleasure.
- Personal concierges who will provide assistance with tee times at Doonbeg and will gladly arrange transportation, lodging and restaurant reservations, and activities in the southwest of Ireland.
- Room service to each Cottage for you and your guests.
- Daily maid service (with light evening turn-down upon request).
- Laundry and dry-cleaning services.
- Morning newspapers and weather forecasts delivered to each Cottage daily on request.
- Shuttle service to and from the Lodge available upon request.
- Private dining or cocktail parties can be arranged for your convenience.

### **Residence Features**

Perfectly situated near the golf course and amenity-rich Lodge, The Links Cottages at Doonbeg have been designed for luxury and convenience. Each of the 8 Links Cottages has four bedrooms, panoramic views and more than 3,000 square feet of living space. At Doonbeg, experts from the fields of architecture, interior design, dining, and hospitality have come together to create an exquisite retreat.

- Fully equipped state-of-the-art gourmet kitchens custom-designed by SieMatic, with German-manufactured Neff/Liebherr appliances
- Warm wooded sitting room with a fireplace, expansive space, and rich furnishings and fabrics
- Entertainment systems including Wi-Fi, plasma screens, and a vast selection of in-room movies, satellite channels, and music
- Goose-down quilts, smooth linens, and a selection of pillows for a sound night's sleep
- Spacious stone and Italian Venatino marble bathrooms with wide walk-in mosaic rain showers
- A private bathroom in every bedroom, with stone appointments, heated towel racks, generous stone-topped vanities, and elegant English fixtures
- Oversize artisan soaps, gels, and shampoos from the nearby Burren Perfumery
- Luxury loofahs, soft slippers, and fluffy white towelling robes
- Heating and air-conditioning

## **Local Dining**

Doonbeg offers a variety of dining options right on the property. Award-winning chef Tom Colicchio, has applied his culinary style and influence to the dining experience at Doonbeg – from gastronomic favorites at the informal Darby's Pub to more creative international dishes in The Long Room.

A breakfast buffet is served daily in The Long Room and a breakfast menu is available at Darby's. Guests can enjoy sweeping panoramic views of the morning ocean landscape while being served an eclectic choice of maple syrup pancakes, fresh fruit, cereals, French toast, coffees, freshly squeezed juices, teas, continental pastries, and of course, the Doonbeg full Irish breakfast.

## **Things To Do**

Doonbeg's location ensures that there is never a shortage of things to do from cultural excursions to outdoor adventures to one of the most acclaimed golf courses in Great Britain or Ireland. The Concierge can assist with coordinating any activities during your stay. Here are some of our favorites.

### **Golf**

Spanning 380 acres, the Doonbeg estate is home to what may be the last true links course built in either Ireland or Great Britain. When Doonbeg Golf Club officially opened in 2002, it was immediately designated as *Golf Digest's* "Best New International Course."

Two-time British Open champion Greg Norman is the course architect, selected for his incomparable design skill and his "least disturbance" philosophy of routing courses to fit existing terrains. Norman's layout follows a course designed by nature – 14 of Doonbeg's greens and 12 of its fairways required no changes but a simple mowing of the grass. The fairways and greens consist of native grasses, including fine fescues, bentgrass, and ryegrass.

### **Tee Times and Rates**

7:24 am – 8:48 am

10:12 am – 11:48 am

2:12 pm – 7:00 pm

Rate per person, playing one round of golf: €60

Caddy Service €40 plus tip

Concierge can make all golf arrangements for you.

### **Local Lore**

From the charming village of Doonbeg to the stunning natural sights to historic castles nearby, there's plenty to do within a short distance of The Links Cottages at Doonbeg. Some of the favorite places that the concierge can prepare an itinerary

include, The Cliffs of Moher, The Aran Islands, The Burren, Doolin Cave, Castles Cathedrals & Gardens and Scenic Drives.

### **On The Trail**

Whether you prefer exploring on foot, on two wheels, or in the saddle, there are plenty of local trails to enjoy as you take the fine Irish air.

### **On The Water**

Doonbeg's coastal position makes it an ideal group destination for all water sports, including fishing, sailing, swimming, dolphin watching and especially surfing, as there are a huge number of popular surfing spots nearby and Ireland's "surfing mecca," Lahinch, is within close range.

### **Gaelic Games & Arts**

When it comes to Gaelic Games, the County of Clare is split in two over its sporting preferences, with hurling belonging to the people of the East and Gaelic football belonging to the people of the West. During the summer months in Doonbeg and many other small towns and villages along the West Clare coast, players young and old can be seen practicing their Gaelic football and hurling skills – either for fun or in local club competition matches.

Sundays tend to be competition days, both locally and at a national level. Ennis, County Clare, hosts club and inter-county hurling and football games in its stadium at Cusack Park (the website to visit for local and county match fixtures is [www.ClareGAA.ie](http://www.ClareGAA.ie)). If you're looking to go further afield, neighboring Co. Limerick plays host to inter-county hurling and football matches at Pairc na nGael. Of course, for the All Ireland semi finals and finals in both sports, the venue is the newly revamped 80,000 seat stadium at Croke Park in Dublin.

### **Food & Drink**

Whether you'd like to learn to cook, enjoy a family picnic, or simply relax with a pint in an authentic Irish pub, there's no dearth of places to unwind when it comes to food and drink.

### **Festivals & Events**

A vast number of festivals and events take place throughout the year in and around Doonbeg. The most famous of these are the Willie Keane Festival (traditional music and Irish set dancing), the Doonbeg Jazz Festival, and the Doonbeg Family Festival. Be sure to ask the Doonbeg concierges for current information about local events that are happening during your stay.

### **Transportation**

Doonbeg is a mere 40 miles from Shannon International Airport which is served by several airlines including Aer Lingus, Air Transat, Cityjet, Continental, Delta,

Ryanair, and US Airways. Please contact the Concierge with your flight information and they will be happy to arrange transportation to Doonbeg for you. Cost varies between €100 and €180 each direction, depending on the number of people in your party.

### **General Info**

- Currency: The Euro is the official currency in Ireland. The U.S. dollar is not accepted in the majority of places. Currency exchange is available at reception in the main Lodge building.
- Banks & ATM's: There is an ATM near the Pro Shop at the Golf Club and there are few located throughout the towns and in the airport.
- Credit Cards: All major credit cards are accepted at the resort. In the smaller towns, if you don't see the familiar logos, ask before ordering.
- Cell Phone Service: All major carriers have towers for international phones.
- Check-in & Check-out time: Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; check-out time is at 12:00p.m. If you plan to arrive before check-in time, please let the Concierge know so they can accommodate your needs. In the rare event that a late check-out is not available, we will happily store your luggage until you are ready to depart for the airport.
- Electricity: 120V and 220V sockets are available in all Cottages. If additional converters are needed, please contact the Concierge.
- Tipping: As in the rest of Europe, tips are normally included in the price and are not obligatory, but appreciated for above and beyond service.
- Weather: One thing you can be sure of about Irish weather is how little you can be sure of. The Irish weather works on the 'four seasons in a day' principle, which basically means that you can't predict a thing when it comes to the behavior of the sky.
- Wireless Internet: Wireless Internet, and ethernet plug-ins are provided in each bedroom in the Cottage residences.

### **Notes of Distinction**

- Light daily housekeeping, turn down service and a full clean are included in your stay. Additional services are available upon request. A €200/week fee will be charged upon departure.
- Airport transportation is not included in your stay. You will want to rent a vehicle or use a car service while in residence. You can either pick up your car at the airport, or have the car delivered to your cottage. The concierge will be happy to arrange this for you.
- You will have access to a fitness facility and full-service spa.
- Pre-arrival grocery shopping available for €10.00 service fee plus the cost of groceries.

## **Links**

- The Links Cottages at Doonbeg: [www.doonbeglodge.com](http://www.doonbeglodge.com)
- Doonbeg: [www.doonbeggolfclub.com](http://www.doonbeggolfclub.com)
- Kiawah Development Partners: [www.kiawahisland.com](http://www.kiawahisland.com)
- Ireland Visitor Information: [www.discoverireland.com](http://www.discoverireland.com)
- County Clare Visitor Information: [www.clareierland.net](http://www.clareierland.net)
- Doonbeg Visitor Information: [www.doonbeg-ireland.com](http://www.doonbeg-ireland.com)

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