

# DINGLE

My friend Martine spent a few days in Dingle, a village on Ireland's southwest coast. Helen and Brian run the Castlewood House hotel here, surrounded by beautiful countryside.



The Dingle Peninsula is well worth a visit. There are beautiful mountains, charming little villages and lovely beaches. And everywhere you go, you are met with Irish hospitality.



Helen and Brian Heaton opened their own hotel here in Dingle Bay eight years ago. "I had worked at a lot of hotels before I met Brian," says Helen. "He worked at a hotel too and shared my dream. We love welcoming guests here every day."



There is a wonderful view of the bay from all the stylish bedrooms at the hotel. The rooms are decorated with a combination of old and new. The beautiful antique furniture and striking art create an elegant atmosphere.



## CASTLEWOOD HOUSE

You will feel right at home straight away at Castlewood House. That's what Helen and Brian aim for. Nothing is too much effort to make sure their guests are happy. You can serve yourself coffee and tea all day and enjoy the view or sit by the open fire with a book from their library.



You can buy antiques and collectibles in the Collector's Corner.





You can relax in the comfortable bedrooms after a day out walking.

## THE BEDROOMS

Every bedroom at Castlewood House is different. Helen bought most of the furniture at auctions. She travelled all over Ireland to find the perfect pieces and give the rooms the right feel.





## A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST

In the mornings, Martine and her husband enjoyed a delicious breakfast. The choice is overwhelming. The Castlewood House breakfast is well known for miles around. There is a wide selection of fruit, freshly-baked scones and bread pudding as well as the traditional Irish breakfast with sausages, bacon and black pudding.



Brian serves a wonderful breakfast in the stylish breakfast room. He bakes bread, but also serves hot dishes, like sausages and eggs. "It's hard work," Helen explains, "but we love seeing the guests enjoying themselves. At the end of the day, after a long walk, we welcome them back with more delicious food. And we love hearing what they've been up to in the hotel's beautiful surroundings."

## WALKING

Martine and her husband walked over the Conor Pass. This is a seven-kilometre walk to the top of a mountain. It's a tough climb, but the amazing views from the top make it all worthwhile.



Dingle is a walker's paradise. The landscape is vast and mountainous, and County Kerry's beautiful wild flowers are everywhere you look.

THE VIEWS  
ARE FANTASTIC





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The Irish name for the town of Dingle means 'Fort of Hussey'. The Husseys where a Flemish family who came to live in the area in the 13th century. Dingle lies in a sheltered

harbour and there are mountains just inland. There's plenty to do in Dingle. There are lots of shops selling handicrafts, some beautiful brightly-coloured houses and more than fifty pubs.



A tame dolphin has been living in Dingle's scenic harbour for years. Unfortunately Martine didn't manage to get a picture.

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After their walk, Martine and her husband had a delicious ice cream from Murphy's.



## TEA

At Castlewood House, there is always tea ready for anyone who would like some. Helen and Brian's hospitality knows no bounds. They do everything they can to make sure every guest's stay is unforgettable. Martine and her husband had a wonderful time.