

Blackstairs Mountain House

Region: Ireland Sleeps: 8

Overview

Blackstairs Mountain House offers a contemporary take on a traditional building; blending both ancient and new styles for a modern-rustic, independent home nestled within a spot of unparalleled tranquil seclusion.

Brimming with rural charm, set off the beaten track down a country lane, this striking home casts an impressive silhouette, with floor-to-ceiling glass fused with local timber in an atrium style, for a discreet and sympathetic blend of ancient stone, slate and local raw materials.

Set on a hilltop location within the ruins of a rustic farmhouse on the Kilkenny/ Carlow borders, there are views across Mount Leinster and the Castlecomer hills. On a clear day, visitors can look across to the Wicklow Mountains.

Imagine sitting back on the terrace overlooking the panoramic views illuminated with buttercup fields as the sun softens over the hills with a glass of wine; this home offers true restorative peace and beautiful isolation, ideal for creatives, writers and artists and those who wish to escape the madding crowds.

The interiors offer subtle luxury, a home-like atmosphere of comfort and warmth, along with quality and style. The open-plan ground floor is naturally divided into sub spaces, offering a farmhouse style kitchen with central breakfast bar, exposed timber beams and slate tile flooring, for a finish epitomised by understated taste.

The characterful living space offers an eclectic blend of oil paintings, polished antique timber furnishings as well as bottle green leather upholstery, accents of powder blue and vivid cobalt. The lavish, ornate candelabras and sleek marble accessories provide an exotic feel!



Abundant natural light pours in, with floor-to-ceiling glass and lofty ceiling height punctuated by the mezzanine level; there is a natural fusion of indoors and outdoors, with striking views from every angle.

Opulent style jostles alongside post-modern; a contemporary marble and chrome chimney breast contrasting with gilded-framed oil paintings and ornaments; fire logs piled into an oriental porcelain pot, salmon pink cushions scattered on soft cream sofas; ideal for curling up in front of the open fire at the end of the day.

This sumptuous home can comfortably sleep eight guests. The bedrooms are elegantly finished, with pretty floral wallpaper, crisp cotton bedlinen and charming side lamps for a restorative and tranquil space. Abundant with natural charm, the exposed natural timber, crisp cotton linen and fluffy towels provide a boutique hotel ambience and a sedate air of understated sophistication, whether it be the soft blue tones, or antique dressing table.

Blackstairs Mountain House offers additional services such as catering, all the modern appliances as well as twice weekly housekeeping. This unique home with its tone of understated luxury offers unparalleled seclusion, and the very best of a hotel experience along with flawless tranquillity!

Facilities

Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Washing Machine • Villa • Hairdryer • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Maid Service Available • DVD • Great Value • Rural Location • Catering Available • Ideal for Teens • Dishwasher • Microwave • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living and dining area with woodburning stove
- Fully equipped kitchen with Liscannor stone flooring (Co. Clare), microwave, dishwasher and fridge/freezer
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom bath and shower

First Floor

- Mezzanine seating area & library
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bathroom with shower

Second Floor (accessed via spiral staircase)

- Living area with excellent views of Mount Leinster & Carlow hills

Exterior Grounds

- Lawned area
- 4 acres of accessible grounds
- Terrace
- Dining facilities

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV & DVD
- Laundry facilities
- Plenty of parking



Location & Local Information

Blackstairs Mountain House is ideally placed for outdoors and nature lovers; from this stunning home, visitors can amble out for river or mountain walks (rivers Barrow and Nore, Mount Leinster, Brandon Hill and the Blackstairs Mountains) exploring the Counties of Kilkenny, Carlow, Wexford and Waterford.

Blackstairs Mountain House is an artist's, or writer's paradise. The area is known for its festivals: music, arts and cultural events such as the Festival of Writing and Ideas in Borris House, County Carlow. It is also within easy reach of craft centres, individual craft workshops, historic sites, the Wexford coast line and both the Mount Juliet and Borris golf courses. County Kilkenny is recognised for its arts and crafts population. Dublin is just an hour and a half away.

Keen equestrians will find there is ample opportunity for riding, golfers and those keen on fishing will also be spoilt for choice. This home offers access to country living at its finest!

Waterford is Ireland's oldest city, whilst Kilkenny is Ireland's medieval capital. South East Ireland offers sublime natural beauty, rich and intriguing history, diverse and creative culture and extremely hospitable and friendly locals!

Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | Dublin Airport (130km) |
| Nearest Town/City | Kilkenny (25km) |
| Nearest Town/City | Borris (6km) |
| Nearest Restaurant | Selection in Borris (6km) |
| Nearest Supermarket | Aldi Graiguenamanagh (5.7km) |



What we love

- Luscious green acres of grounds comprising lawns and un-manicured grasses bursting with wild flowers, far reaching views of rolling hills and open countryside - this is a secluded, rural idyll
- Interiors epitomise modern-rustic: original features and ancient stone, along with local raw materials blend with a fresh, contemporary open plan design and glass/ timber atrium building
- Ideal for escaping the bustle of crowds and strains of urban living; the family can reconnect in tranquillity and privacy

What you should know...

- Winter heating bills are surplus to the rental fees due to the size of this majestic home
- The owners live in an adjoining flat, albeit their presence is discreet
- Unfortunately, the home does not allow children under the age of 8 due to the open staircase, interior balconies and garden pond

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid to the owner and to be refunded at the end of your stay subject to a damage inspection on departure
- **Arrival time:** 4pm
- **Departure time:** 10am
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the daily rent is €4 of electricity. Please note that usage of more than €4 per day is charged at 23 cents per unit.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in rental price
- **Pets welcome?:** Sorry, no pets allowed
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that children under the age of 8 are not permitted at this property due to the open plan staircase, the two interior balconies and the pond.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Please note that there is an additional cleaning fee of €65 per stay. This should be paid in cash on arrival.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** No smoking
- **Minimum stay:** Please note that there is a 3-night minimum stay
- **Heating costs included?:** A charge is made for oil which heats the water and in Winter heats the house. There are also solar panels which provide some hot water in the warmer months. Wood for the stove is €10 per load as required. We require that people use this properly seasoned wood for the stove. In the colder months, depending on how hot people want the house to be, extra oil charges can come in at between €20 to €35 per day and electricity between €5 and €15 per day, again depending on how hot the house is kept.
- **Internet access?:** Yes, Wi-Fi is included in the rental price