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Race & Stay Package Information
Darley Irish Oaks Weekend 2017

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Thank you for booking your Curragh Race and Stay package with us, we look forward to welcoming you and your guests to the 2017 Darley Irish Oaks. Over the next few pages we have included information that we hope will make your trip as enjoyable and stress free as possible.

This two-day racing festival promises a spectacle of fashion, entertainment, music and the finest racing on the 15th & 16th July. The Oaks Weekend is the ultimate destination to be enthralled and get swept up in the magic of an unmissable summer celebration with friends. Held across two days in the height of summer, it is unrivalled in its prestige and tradition and Oaks Day is *most definitely* the Ladies Day of the year.

Please Bring With You

- Your Passport (if applicable)
- Your Airline Tickets and Boarding passes
- Credit Cards & Euro Currency
- Your Curragh Hospitality Booking Confirmation

Arriving at Dublin Airport

When you arrive at Dublin Airport (if you have booked airport transfers with us) our driver will meet you at the **Meeting Point** in the **Arrivals hall**.

If you have not booked our airport transfer service you can obtain taxis from outside the airport terminal building. The journey to The **Marker Hotel** is about 20kms and should take about 20 minutes and will cost approximately €30.

Information

The following pages will provide all the information you need for your trip, and some useful information about our services and the races over the weekend. **Please note** that we have provided information on both days and for all services of the weekend even though only some items may apply directly to you.

Questions

If you have any questions about this document or your trip please do contact us before you depart at: info@curraghhospitality.com or by telephone to **+353 87 708 9685**.

Your Hotel

The Hotel you have booked is **THE MARKER HOTEL**, a deluxe 5* Hotel and one of the hotels our clients request year after year. Ideally located in Docklands, Dublin City, 60 minutes journey time from the Curragh and the fabulous Kildare Shopping Village, and The Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens.

We have placed many guests in this fine hotel over the years and have received nothing but glowing reports from previous clients. We are sure you will enjoy your stay there. The Hotel allows check in from 3pm onwards on your arrival date. If you expect to arrive earlier than this, please let us know we will try, but cannot guarantee, to arrange an early check in or changing facilities for your party.

You are welcome to browse their website here: www.themarkerhoteldublin.com for Hotel facilities, guest information and directions to the Hotel location.

You will be spoilt for choice staying in one of Europe's favourite capital cities, a wide choice of bars, restaurants and nightlife are on your doorstep.



Guest Transport

We pride ourselves in only using the most professional transport operators available who will provide you with a safe and enjoyable journey to and from the Curragh Racecourse, only a maximum of 60 minutes journey time from your Hotel. Our luxury coaches have air conditioning, fitted seatbelts, and on board wi-fi, and are very comfortable to travel in. Your group transport is planned on each race day as follows:

Saturday 15th July:

Departs outside the front of the Hotel at **1pm**

Departs Curragh Main Entrance at **8pm**

Sunday 16th July:

Departs outside the front of the Hotel at **12noon**

Departs Curragh Main Entrance at **7pm**

Please help us and reduce delays for other guests by ensuring that you are ready to travel at these times, we will do our best to get you to the racecourse in plenty of time for the day's events and home safely.

Arriving at The Curragh

When you arrive at The Curragh our coaches will drop you at the Entrance. In inclement weather please do bring an umbrella with you.

Entry to the Racecourse

When you arrive please make your way to the Main Admission Building and go directly to the **Hospitality Desk**, our staff will check you in and if you have booked a restaurant package with us, escort you to your hospitality area. If you have purchased tickets only you will be admitted and are then free to wander around and explore the course at your leisure.

Hospitality Guests

Some hospitality guests will need to have a wristband to enter and re-enter the hospitality area booked throughout the day. These will be provided on arrival for you. Our staff will escort you to the hospitality area you have booked for the day. Race cards are always provided by us and will be on your tables for you.

When you arrive in your hospitality area or restaurant the Maître D will escort you to your table.



Curragh Restaurants and Hospitality

Your package includes all of the items noted in your booking confirmation. If you have any food allergies or are in any way uncertain about any menu item please do make this known to your server on the day. The food and service at the Curragh is excellent, however, Classic race days in particular will be extremely busy so your patience is appreciated as the staff do their very best to look after all of our guests. The seats you have been allocated are yours for the day so please do go explore the course and many events that surround this weekend.

*Please note: For the safety and comfort of all guests you will **not** be able to invite guests to join you at your table if they have not booked a place in that area.*

Your co-operation is appreciated.

What to wear

There is no formal dress code at the Curragh but Oaks day **is Ladies Day** and guests do dress for the occasion. Ladies wear dresses and hats, gentlemen suits or slacks with a collared shirt and jacket. Ties and hats are not by any means compulsory and the choice is yours how you dress for the day, and of course the weather. *Our advice is to have a glam day out and go for it !!!*

Saturday 15th July

Saturday is a Classic race day featuring the Darley Irish Oaks, while it is also one of the popular Ladies Days with spectacular prizes for the Most Stylish from Boodles and the 5 Star Westbury Hotel. Other races include the Boodles Ladies Derby, one of the top races in Europe for lady riders and Jebel Ali Racecourse and Stables Silver Jubilee Anglesey Stakes (Group 3).

Stay on for the après racing party with live music until late from the fabulous Electric Celli.

Provisional schedule

- 2.55 Darley 2yo EBF Maiden
- 3.30 K Club Handicap
- 4.05 Kilfrush Stud/Qatar Airways Sapphire Stakes
- 4.40 Jebel Ali Racecourse & Stables Silver Jubilee
- 5.10 Tote Scurry (premier handicap)
- 5.45 Darley Irish Oaks (Group 1)
- 6.20 Boodles Ladies Derby
- 6.50 Heffernan Tyres Maiden

Racing concludes and we welcome the fabulous Electric Celli in the garden enclosure stage to entertain you until close.

Sunday 16th July

Another top quality race day featuring the Group 2 Kilboy Estate Stakes and Group 2 Minstrel Stakes. 1st race is due off at 2.15pm, Last race at approximately 6pm.



Currency Exchange and Banking

There are ATM machines at the Curragh but they are always busy on Classic Race Days, we do also operate a currency exchange at the main arrivals desk.

Restaurants and Bars do take Cash, Visa, MasterCard and Visa Debit cards for any transaction if required.

We **do not** accept American Express or Diners Cards in any area. *Our advice is to ensure that you have enough Euro's before you arrive and to only use the ATM's if you have to.*

Betting On Course

There are two betting options in Ireland, The Tote and Bookmakers. The Tote is pool betting similar to the USA and other EU countries. Tote staff will come around your tables throughout the afternoon to take your bets and hopefully pay out as well !! Bookmakers offer bets according to the price shown at the time of the bet. The betting ring (as its called) is a lively and fun place and bookmakers often vary in the odds they offer so shop around for the best value.

Enjoy

Finally, enjoy your day If you need any assistance at any stage please do contact **us on 087 708 9685 or (International) +353 87 708 9685**

Thank You

Thank you once again for booking your Race & Stay package with Curragh Hospitality, it has been our pleasure to serve you and we are delighted you are coming.

We look forward to meeting you at the Curragh in July, our expert team will do all they can to help you enjoy what promises to be a wonderful **Darley Irish Oaks Weekend.**



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