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conference and business

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Chamber of Commerce and
Carlow Tourism



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On behalf of County Carlow Chamber of Commerce and Carlow Tourism, we would like to extend a very warm and friendly welcome to our beautiful county of Carlow for your business and conference requirements, no matter how big or small! This Carlow Conference and Business brochure has been designed to allow you the opportunity to see, at a glance, what wonderful facilities we have on offer here in County Carlow for your business meeting or conference needs. Our excellent facility partners will meet all your requests and look forward to welcoming you in the coming year.

The Carlow Business Gathering initiative has been designed to encourage businesses, unions, associations, sports groups and the entire Carlow diaspora to encourage people to choose Carlow for their meetings and conferences. In addition to the wonderful facilities on offer, Carlow has so much more for your delegates including exhilarating outdoor adventures, vibrant shopping, top class restaurants, rich cultural heritage and garden trails.

With the recent upgrade of the road network in Ireland, all of the venues listed in our brochure are only short drives from the M9 (Dublin to Waterford) motorway. Carlow town is well serviced by rail and bus networks, with several connections throughout the day.

While we know all our facility partners listed in this brochure will be only too happy to help you with any queries you may have, please feel free to contact us in either County Carlow Chamber Office or the Carlow Tourism Office if you feel we can be of any assistance with your preparations for your meeting, incentive or conference. We look forward to welcoming you.

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With easy access and excellent road infrastructure, County Carlow, known as the "Gateway to the South East" is an ideal location for conference, business and incentive requirements, being within one hour of Dublin City and most of the South East region. The county has successfully hosted a number of large scale national conferencing events and looks forward to the G.A.A. National Congress in February 2016, which will be held at Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort. A series of regional festivals including Carlow Arts Festival, the Carlow Garden Festival and the International Pan Celtic Festival attract large numbers of visitors and provide a special backdrop to business events taking place during these times. Additionally large scale once-off events have also been successfully hosted, including on numerous occasions, stages of the An Post Rás.



Access to County Carlow: Dublin, Dún Laoghaire and Rosslare ferryports and Dublin and Waterford Airports are all within easy reach of Carlow. Dublin City is 92km, Dublin Airport is 107km, Rosslare Europort is 92km and Waterford Airport is 96km from Carlow town centre.

Travelling to Carlow by road

From Dublin: Carlow town is approx. 1 hours drive from Dublin. Take the M7 to the west of Dublin City via the M50, and follow the signs for the M9 motorway as far as junction 4 for Carlow town and Tullow, and junction 6 for Leighlinbridge and south Carlow.

From Cork: Carlow town is approx. 2 hours drive from Cork City. When leaving Cork, take the N8 and at the Dunkettle Interchange follow the M8 before joining the M7. Leave the M7 at junction 17 and follow the R445 to Portlaoise and from there the N80 to Carlow town.

From Waterford: Waterford City is a 45-minute drive from Carlow town. Follow signs for the M9 (Dublin), leaving at junction 6 for south Carlow and Carlow town, or junction 4 for Tullow.

Travelling to Carlow by rail

Eight services operate to Carlow town from Dublin Heuston and Waterford (and nine return) on a daily basis Monday - Friday, eight services on Saturday and four services on Sunday. Some of these connections also serve Muine Bheag (Bagenalstown). For further information and ticket costs t: + 353 (0)59 913 1633 or visit www.irishrail.ie

Travelling to Carlow by bus

Bus Éireann operates nine services to Carlow town and Bagenalstown to/from Waterford and Dublin City/Dublin Airport, Monday - Saturday while an additional daily service is also available from Dublin to/from Tullow. Coach facilities include A/C, free wi-fi, power sockets and comfort seating. For further information t: + 353 (0)51 879 000 or visit www.buseireann.ie

JJ Kavanagh serves Carlow town, IT Carlow and Royal Oak, Bagenalstown twenty two times daily to/from Waterford and Dublin Airport (coach park)/Dublin City (outside Ulster Bank, Georges Quay). The company also provides an inter-county service (Monday to Friday only) between Carlow, Tullow, Rathvilly, Baltinglass and Hacketstown as well as a Carlow - Portlaoise route via Athy, and Carlow - Kilkenny twice daily. Coach hire also available with features including WC facilities, wi-fi and air conditioning. For further information t: + 353 (0)59 914 3081 or visit www.jjkavanagh.ie



facilities available

Parking	FOC
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	
Air conditioning	FOC
Technician on site	
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	

facilities available

Sound system	FOC
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	FOC
Screen	FOC
Stage	

Dining Restaurant Capacity: 200

conference facilities table

Meeting Space	Ceiling Height (Mts)	Length x Width (Mts)	Floor Area (Mts ²)	Board Room	Theatre	Class Room	Banquet	Reception	Natural Daylight	Blackout	Air Cond.
Conference Room	2.6	8 x 5	40	30	40	28	40	40	Yes	Partial	Yes

Based on a ten acre site in County Carlow, Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven offers dedicated conference facilities with an air conditioned meeting room at Rachel's Garden Café which incorporates a sound system, wi-fi, flip chart, wheelchair access, overhead projector, screen and an extensive car and coach park.

Selected as the National Store of the Year 2015 by **Retail Excellence Ireland**, the Arboretum provides an inspiring venue for small or medium conferences and business meetings with on-site facilities including the relaxing and tranquil Arboretum Inspirational Gardens, which provide an ideal break-out location for delegates.

Voted Best Casual Dining Experience in Carlow in the Restaurant Association of Ireland's annual awards 2015, Rachel's Garden Café serves delicious dishes using the very best Irish ingredients. Breakfast, morning coffee, lunch and evening meal options available.

An extensive shopping experience is also available to conference delegates across the kitchen store, outdoor and indoor furniture area, extensive gift and garden area and fashion store.



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facilities available

Parking	FOC
Coach parking	
Leisure facilities	
Air conditioning	
Technician on site	FOC
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	FOC

facilities available

Sound system	FOC
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	FOC
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	FOC
Screen	FOC
Stage	

conference facilities table

Meeting Space	Ceiling Height (Mts)	Length x Width (Mts)	Floor Area (Mts ²)	Board Room	Theatre	Class Room	Banquet	Reception	Natural Daylight	Blackout	Air Cond.
The Barn	15	12 X 10	-	25	60	35	40	70	Yes	Upstairs	-

The Barn at Blackstairs Eco Trails is located in a completely private and rural setting, surrounded by an idyllic water garden, woodland and Old Rose Garden. Awarded a Gold Standard by Eco Tourism Ireland, one of only eleven such premises in Ireland, Blackstairs Eco Trails host small conferences, meetings and board meetings with suitable break out rooms.

This 1831 building has been completely renovated to the highest eco standards and is warm and comfortable with easy access from the M9 and good train links. With bespoke hand crafted oak tables, excellent wi-fi and great acoustics, the Barn offers discerning companies a unique, small conference and meeting centre.

Blackstairs Eco Trails also provide eco walks, guided hikes, foraging workshops and wild herbal and mushroom workshops for conference and meeting delegates many of which take place on the beautiful slopes and forests of the nearby Blackstairs Mountains. All refreshments are organic with lunch options available on request. Privacy is guaranteed.



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facilities available

Parking	FOC
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	
Air conditioning	
Technician on site	
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	FOC

facilities available

Sound system	
TV & video	TV FOC
Broadband	FOC
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	FOC
Screen	FOC
Stage	

Dining Restaurant Capacity: 20

conference facilities table

Meeting Space	Ceiling Height (Mts)	Floor Area (Mts ²)	Board Room	Theatre	Class Room	Banquet	Reception	Natural Daylight	Blackout	Air Cond.
Richard Keenan Conference Room	3	74	20	40	20	-	50	Yes	Yes	-

Enterprise House located in Carlow town offers your business a unique facility which contains a variety of meeting rooms to suit your business needs. This modern building also offers a number of incubation and business development spaces which provide the perfect location for a start up, developing or a business locating themselves in County Carlow. Facilities offered are available on short term and long term rental. The centre is fully serviced with free wi-fi and parking available on-site.

The main meeting room is called the Richard Keenan Room and is designed to offer the user a professional business environment for your meeting, training programme or launch. Catering is provided on-site by Delta Centre in the Enterprise Café which is open from 8 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. each day. The Centre also hosts an ICT training suite which has 20 workstations to enable the user to provide professional ICT type courses in a purpose built facility with your needs in mind. Enterprise House is a social enterprise operated by Carlow Community Enterprise Centres Ltd.



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facilities available

Parking	FOC
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	
Air conditioning	FOC
Technician on site	FOC
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	FOC

facilities available

Sound system	FOC
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	FOC
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	FOC
Screen	FOC
Stage	FOC

Dining Restaurant Capacity: ground floor and first floor
250 served and 350 buffet style

Institute of Technology Carlow offers a high quality location for conferences and business meetings. Situated close to Carlow town centre with secure free parking on-site, the Institute can provide the facilities and IT infrastructure necessary to facilitate meetings of up to 250 attendees in a range of lecture theatres. All venues offer free wi-fi and have superb audio-visual facilities for high quality presentations with the support of on-site technical staff. Video conference facilities are available in some venues.

Conferences and meetings are supported by a dedicated conference and events team. The Dargan Centre for Research and Innovation contains suitable space for registration, buffet lunches, poster sessions and exhibitions. In addition the extensive grounds and sporting facilities are suitable for a variety of outdoor activities. A number of catering options are available. The Institute offers its facilities to businesses and voluntary organisations all year round with greatest availability during the Easter and Summer holidays. In addition as a top ranked Institute of Technology, access to researchers and business innovators can be facilitated during a business event.

We pride ourselves on delivering exceptional hospitality and service that allows the conference organisers focus on the programme and our staff to worry about the detail.



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facilities available

Parking	FOC
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	
Air conditioning	FOC
Technician on site	
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	

facilities available

Sound system	FOC
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	FOC
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	FOC
Screen	FOC
Stage	FOC

Number of bedrooms: 39

Bar Capacity: 120

Dining Restaurant Capacity: 180

conference facilities table

Meeting Space	Board Room	Theatre	Class Room	Banquet	Reception	Natural Daylight	Blackout	Air Cond.
Marina Room	-	450	80/100	280	400	Yes	-	Yes
Tony O' Malley	18	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paul Mosse	12	20	15	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paul Doran	10	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	Yes

The Lord Bagenal is situated in the picturesque village of Leighlinbridge, along the banks of the River Barrow, with its own private marina and mooring facilities. Located just off the M9 Dublin/Waterford motorway (junction six), the Lord Bagenal is an ideal conference and meeting venue in the South East region, situated 13km from Carlow town, 36km from Kilkenny City, 96km from Dublin City centre and just over 1 hour from Rosslare Harbour and Waterford Regional Airport.

At The Lord Bagenal, business always means business and the conference team are dedicated to ensuring that all requirements and individual needs are met with ease and efficiency. The hotel boasts conference, meeting and banqueting suites with state of the art technology suited for seminars, board meetings, conferences and incentives for up to 300 delegates, private interviews, training and exhibitions.

The award winning Lord Bagenal Bar and Restaurant offers a traditional and vibrant experience where delegates can relax and sample fine food with an extensive wine list. The Waterfront Restaurant offers elegance and classical dining and combined with its unique setting overlooking the River Barrow is ideal for those business meetings or conferences requiring a more private dining experience.



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facilities available	
Parking	FOC
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	FOC
Air conditioning	FOC
Technician on site	
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	FOC

facilities available	
Sound system	FOC
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	FOC
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	FOC
Screen	FOC
Stage	FOC

Number of bedrooms: 143
 Bar Capacity: 200
 Dining Restaurant Capacity: 200

conference facilities table

Meeting Space	Length x Width (Mts)	Board Room	Theatre	Class Room	Banquet	Reception	Natural Daylight	Blackout	Air Cond.
Healy 1	8 x 3.7	18	35	9	20	30	Yes	Yes	Yes
Healy 2	8.8 x 4.3	25	35	20	20	30	Yes	Yes	Yes
Healy 3	7.9 x 4.3	25	35	20	20	30	Yes	Yes	Yes
Healy 4	7.9 x 4.6	25	35	20	20	30	Yes	Yes	Yes
Riley 1	9.4 x 12.6	36	90	50	60	120	-	Yes	Yes
Riley 2	9.4 x 13.3	40	100	60	80	150	-	Yes	Yes
Austin 1	17 x 15.2	60	350	160	250	300	-	Yes	Yes
Austin 2	17 x 17.8	80	450	240	300	350	Yes	Yes	Yes
Austin Ballroom 1&2	17 x 35	-	800	400	550	850	Yes	Yes	Yes
Siddeley Boardroom	8.8 x 6.5	24	-	-	24	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Siddeley 1	8.8 x 6.5	30	60	30	40	60	Yes	Yes	Yes
Siddeley 2	7.4 x 8.9	20	45	30	40	50	Yes	Yes	Yes
Siddeley 3	7.4 x 8.9	20	45	30	40	50	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mount Wolsley Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort is perfectly located to offer a central venue for National Corporate and Association Conferences. Situated in Tullow, County Carlow, this four star deluxe resort property is just one hour from Dublin and is truly the jewel in the crown of conference venues in the South East.

Host to an array of prestigious conferences and events, Mount Wolsley Hotel Spa and Golf Resort offers 13 professionally appointed conference, meeting and dining rooms. The flexible portfolio of rooms can cater for a wide range of configurations, with a maximum capacity of 800 theatre style and 500 for dining. The self contained Conference and Banqueting Suite offers a private entrance and reception area, ideal for pre-registration and tea/coffee breaks. There is ample space for exhibition purposes and the layout ensures delegates pass through the exhibition area to ensure maximum exposure for exhibitors. The extensive meeting facilities are complemented by 143 deluxe bedrooms and 500 complimentary parking spaces on site.

With the extensive facilities on offer including an 18-hole championship golf course and the on-site Wolsley Spa and Leisure Club, Mount Wolsley certainly ticks a lot of boxes when looking for the ideal conference venue.



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facilities available

Parking	FOC
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	FOC
Air conditioning	FOC
Technician on site	€
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	

facilities available

Sound system	€
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	FOC
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	FOC
Screen	FOC
Stage	FOC

Number of bedrooms: 89

Bar Capacity: 80

Dining Restaurant Capacity: 180

conference facilities table

Meeting Space	Ceiling Height (Mts)	Length x Width (Mts)	Floor Area (Mts ²)	Board Room	Theatre	Class Room	Banquet	Reception	Natural Daylight	Blackout	Air Cond.
Pembroke	3	11.5 X 5.1	58.65	20/25	50	30/35	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rossmore	3	9.7 X 5.4	52.4	25	60	30/35	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Milford	3	13.8X10.8	149	30	200	110	120	150	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clonmore	3.2	10.6X6.7	71	20	50/60	40	70	100	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ballroom	6	24 X 12	288	-	500	150	300	400	No	Yes	Yes

The four star Seven Oaks Hotel and Leisure Club boasts a fully equipped corporate set up which is suitable for meetings, conferences, seminars and team building events. All conference rooms offer a flexible and effective working environment with each room having individual air-conditioning, blackout facilities, writing materials, screen and LCD projector. The hotel provides complimentary wi-fi throughout. Day delegate rates are also available to clients and packages can be tailored to suit the customer's specific needs and can include room hire, lunch, tea and coffee breaks, mineral water and meeting room equipment.

Along with standard meeting rooms, the Seven Oaks Hotel also has smaller meeting rooms that are suitable for interviews and meetings of a smaller number. The extensive lunch options include carvery lunch, private dining options or a light lunch served to the meeting room to suit the client's timetable. Free car parking is available to all clients with the option also of coach parking for larger groups. An experienced conference team will ensure that all meeting and menu requirements are met and that all timetables are strictly adhered to.

With a central location within a five minute walk of Carlow train and bus stations with extensive connections throughout the day and a two minute walk from Carlow town centre, the Seven Oaks Hotel is ideally situated for conference and business meetings. The hotel has a long and well-deserved reputation for looking after business and corporate guests.



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**facilities available**

Parking	FOC
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	
Air conditioning	FOC
Technician on site	
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	

facilities available

Sound system	FOC
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	
Screen	FOC
Stage	

Ballroom with theatre style seating capacity of 200
Back room of restaurant looking out to the gardens with
boardroom style seating capacity of 40-50.

Number of bedrooms: 20
Bar Capacity: 40
Dining Restaurant Capacity: 60



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The Step House Hotel is a four star family-run boutique hotel located in the picturesque village of Borris, County Carlow at the foot of Mount Leinster and The Blackstairs Mountains. The village of Borris is a one hour drive from Dublin and two hours from Cork. The warm and welcoming atmosphere of the hotel is designed to indulge, relax and unwind. From the original Gothic detailing of the entrance to the restrained opulence of the interior, this is a place to soothe and inspire. An eclectic collection of furniture and art, hand chosen over time, reflects the individual personality of the owners, C ait and James Coady, and will delight guests as they relax in the bar and lounges.

Traditional Irish country hospitality is always evident, from delicious home-cooked breakfasts to freshly baked pastries served with delightful afternoon tea. Food and wine are of course at the heart of the Step House experience. The Cellar Restaurant with its archways and vaulted ceilings is the perfect setting for classical French style cuisine and exclusively selected wines. The exquisitely crafted menus are designed to benefit from local produce emphasising a deep commitment to organic food.

Optimise the group dynamic in your business by creating shared experiences that cross the lateral and vertical divides in the workplace. Team building activities are stimulating problem-solving tasks designed to help group members develop their capacity to work effectively together. Team building activities are often used in meetings, presentations, workshops, training seminars, education programmes and corporate training. What better way to motivate, enhance team dynamics and reinforce relationships than in an out of office environment enjoying the purest, cleanest air in Ireland while participating in an exhilarating team building activity – white water canoeing.

Step House Hotel has partnered up with gowiththeflow.ie to provide guests staying with us a unique team building option on the River Barrow called Thrills and Skills. So whether you're organising a team event, a small conference, an away day, a fun day or team meeting - if you're bringing people together and want to include a team building or motivational element - then Thrills and Skills is just for you!

Staying and dining at the Step House Hotel is a truly unforgettable experience and the whole Step House family look forward to welcoming you.

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facilities available

Parking	FOC
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	€
Air conditioning	FOC
Technician on site	
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	

facilities available

Sound system	FOC
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	
Screen	FOC
Stage	

Number of bedrooms: 84

Bar Capacity: 116

Dining Restaurant Capacity: 127

conference facilities table

Meeting Space	Ceiling Height (Mts)	Length x Width (Mts)	Floor Area (Mts ²)	Board Room	Theatre	Class Room	Banquet	Natural Daylight	Blackout	Air Cond.
Leinster	2.67	27.7 X 15.8	437.66	50	400	180	220	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ashfield	2.67	10.65 X 11.3	120.34	30	120	50	70	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wexford	2.67	7.20 X 4.62	33.26	12	25	12	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rossmore	2.59	10.65 X 11.30	120.34	30	120	50	70	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stillorgan	2.51	5 X 4.70	252.95	12	20	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes

The four star Talbot Hotel Carlow offers a diverse selection of conference suites and meeting rooms suitable for everything from a major conference to a confidential board meeting and everything in between. Situated on the N80 and at just one hour from Dublin City centre our location is ideal for national and international events.

The diverse range of meeting rooms include:

Leinster Suite – suitable for conferences catering for up to 400 delegates

Ashfield and Rossmore Suites – suitable for meetings of up to 120 delegates

Wexford and Stillorgan Boardrooms - perfect for confidential meetings of up to 20 delegates

Mezzanine Area – the perfect location for networking events or for product launches

The hotel prides itself on its well-earned reputation for delivering excellent service, dining and accommodation. The venue also boasts some of the finest leisure facilities including Inspirit Health and Leisure Club which features a 20 metre swimming pool, an extensive gym with high specification fitness equipment, an on-site hair and beauty salon and immediately adjacent the DOME Family Entertainment Centre which includes a bowling alley and games arcade and Kidzmania play-zone.



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facilities available

Parking	€
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	
Air conditioning	FOC
Technician on site	Part of package
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	

facilities available

Sound system	FOC
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	FOC
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	FOC
Screen	FOC
Stage	Part of package

Bar Capacity: 100

Dining Restaurant Capacity: 70

conference facilities table

Meeting Space	Ceiling Height (Mts)	Length x Width (Mts)	Floor Area (Mts ²)	Board Room	Theatre	Class Room	Banquet	Reception	Natural Daylight	Blackout	Air Cond.
Theatre	12	26.6 X 13.07	348	-	330	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
Bar	3.2	11.75 X 8.7	102.2	35	80	40	40	70	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rehearsal	3.1	8 X 8	64	-	-	25	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
Digital	6.1	10.5 X 10.3	108	45	-	70	-	-	-	Yes	Yes
Studio	5.5	9.11 X 9.2	83.72	25	40	40	-	-	-	-	-

A state-of-the-art landmark building set in the beautiful grounds of Carlow College, VISUAL is a distinctive and unforgettable location for events. Alongside VISUAL's four stunning exhibition galleries, the space contains a 320 seat high-spec theatre and the award-winning restaurant, Lennon's @ VISUAL.

The centre offers a number of flexible hire spaces, including theatre, rehearsal rooms, bar, breakout and reception spaces, which can be used for conferences, ceremonies, lectures, photo-shoots, screenings and more. Professional sound and light technicians are available on-site and wi-fi is available throughout the building.

A dedicated conference team caters for all events from small conferences and workshops to large corporate events. We will work with your company to deliver a unique package to suit your needs. The state-of-the-art facilities, technical know-how and friendly staff will help you to create a comfortable, distinctive and memorable event.

"Thank you for a fantastic event; you really did pull out all the stops. All your staff went out of their way to be helpful before the event and during it. It paid off – reaction has been phenomenal".
Turlough O' Brien, County Carlow Chamber



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facilities available

Parking	FOC
Coach parking	FOC
Leisure facilities	
Air conditioning	FOC
Technician on site	FOC
Wheelchair accessible	✓
Business centre	

facilities available

Sound system	FOC
TV & video	FOC
Broadband	FOC
Wi-fi	FOC
Overhead projector	FOC
Screen	FOC
Stage	FOC

Number of bedrooms: 80

Bar Capacity: 80

Dining Restaurant Capacity: 85

conference facilities table

Meeting Space	Length x Width (Mts)	Floor Area (Mts ²)	Board Room	Theatre	Class Room	Banquet	U Shape	Natural Daylight	Blackout	Air Cond.
Barrow Suite	43.6 X 17.8	777	-	670	400	500	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Killeshin Suite	40.9 X 17.8	728	-	500	240	220	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Library Boardroom	10.6 X 6.7	71	24	40	20	36	28	Yes	Yes	Yes
Claddagh Boardroom	10 X 6.7	67	20	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Morrison Boardroom	16.3 X 6.9	113	50	80	36	60	30	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belmont Room	11.7 x 6.6	77	34	80	32	60	32	-	Yes	Yes

The quiet country style setting of Woodford Dolmen Hotel boasts the largest hotel conference facilities in Carlow. It's private location is the ideal events facility for everything from breakfast briefings and board meetings to conferences, exhibitions and everything in between. Conveniently located just off the M9 and only 5 minutes outside Carlow town.

Combining a diverse selection of modern conference, meeting and banqueting spaces with a dedicated team of experienced event professionals to tailor your event for success. Whether you are looking for an intimate one-to-one meeting in our library room, a full board meeting around the 23ft conference table in the Claddagh Boardroom, a presentation to 800 delegates or a gala dinner for 500 Woodford Dolmen Hotel can accommodate all requirements. Complimentary wi-fi and free on-site car parking for over 200 cars.

The modern and spacious Plum Tree Bistro with it's inviting atmosphere and stress free vibe is an ideal spot for casual chats, flexible lunches or offsite meetings, serving classical French inspired food combined with a modern twist. And once the business of the day is all over, kick back and relax in the cosy surrounds of the Dolmen Bar.

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Blackstairs Eco Trails can lead groups on an unhurried, relaxing eco walk - low hills to no hills - and also provide eco trails, guided hikes, foraging, wild herbal and mushroom workshops.

Go-With-The-Flow River Adventures

Delegates need look no further for adventure and fun for your team building day out. Aside from all the exciting yet safe spills and thrills, the nature is quite extraordinary - so expect to have all your senses soaking it up. Activities available at several locations along the River Barrow.

Pure Adventure is based in the heart of the Barrow valley in the picturesque town of Graigueenamanagh. They offer a range of activities that include exhilarating white water kayaking trips, scenic canoe tours and chilled out Stand Up Paddle Board adventures along with a range of team building activities and guided walks.

Special Ops Paintball is the perfect place for an action packed day out for business groups. Delegates will soon be practising their skills in military themed game zones, complete with buildings and vehicles.

Waterside Bike and Hike offers bike rental and bike tours in Graigueenamanagh in the beautiful Barrow River Valley. Perfect for delegates to explore the river towpath and discover wildlife, scenery and peace, hidden away along a traffic free greenway. Drop-off and pick-up service available at locations throughout the county.

Wildways Adventures

Come explore the real world with Úna Halpin of Wildways Adventures who runs outdoor nature trails, treasure hunts and themed events suitable for all delegates to enjoy.

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Photographs on this page (left to right) Fireworks at Carlow Arts Festival, Carlow Golf Club, Carlow County Museum, Duckett's Grove Historic House and Walled Gardens.