



■ Clare Island Lighthouse offers a boutique sanctuary for travellers, and dogs are welcome in the Tower House and Cliff Corner – both have direct access to the lighthouse compound where dogs can run free; below: menu from The Barbers' Doggy Brunch

two-night stay, including dinners: the Cliff Corner is €450pps and the Tower House is €500pps, plus an extra €25 for your dog.

A sign on the gate of the large enclosed garden at **Glebe Country House** (glebecountryhouse.ie) in Ballinadee, Cork, reminds visitors to keep it closed because dogs are playing inside. At reception, there is a basket of doggie essentials – towels to wipe your dog down, doggy treats and doggy bags. Dogs are welcome, with their owners, and will be sure to meet resident miniature schnauzer Shadow and Charlie the ca-



vachon. Single rooms start at €60 and doubles at €110.

If your mutt is your usual *Game of Thrones* viewing companion, head for **The Inn on the Coast** (in-nontheoastportrush.com) in Co Antrim. It is situated on the Northern Ireland Causeway Coastal Route between Portrush and Portstewart, so you are situated on numerous coastal walking routes and in easy striking distance of *GoT* filming sites. The pet-friendly rooms are spacious and on the ground floor. Pets are welcome in

the seating area in the foyer and reception and an added welcome touch is the “pet friendly” section of the bar and restaurant. Owners are asked to bring their dog’s own bed and bowls. There is a one-off charge of £15 for one dog and £20 for two, which is added to the rate at the time of booking. Rooms start at £60 for one person and £70 for two.

Gregans Castle (gregans.ie) in Ballyvaughan, Co Clare, offers easy access to the walker’s paradise that is the Burren. Simon and Freddie Haden say they appreciate the need to treat one’s pooch to the occasional night away, so the Gregans Castle welcome is extended “to particularly loved four-legged friends”. Dogs are not allowed to roam

Restaurants

If you do splash out and bring your pooch to Dublin – or if you are local – check out **The Barbers** (thebarbers.ie) on Grangegorman Road, near Stonebatter. They ran their first doggie brunch in October which included a feast of Orijen dog food, made from Angus beef, wild boar, plains bison, romney lamb and Yorkshire pork.

Pupp (pupp.ie), on Clanbrassil Street, markets itself as Dublin’s “first truly dog-friendly cafe”.

At the **Wildfowler Inn**, Greyabbey, Newtownards, Co Down (wildfowlerinn.co.uk) dogs are welcome inside and outside, dog bowls are supplied and well-behaved dogs do not have to be on a lead.

After exploring the Mourne Mountains, stop off at **Paws4Tea**, Dundrum, Co Down (facebook.com/Paws4tea) which caters for you and, not surprisingly, your dog.

Covered outdoor seating means the **Wicklow Heather**, Laragh, Co Wicklow (wicklowheather.ie) is the perfect place to refuel after hiking in Glendalough with your pooch.

the public areas of the luxury country house, but they always have supervised access to the 15-acre grounds. Ground-floor rooms and suites with garden doors are available. On arrival, dogs are greeted with a homemade dog cookie and a walking map of the area. Guests are asked to bring their own doggie bedding. Two nights B&B with one evening meal is €259pps midweek and €295pps at weekends.

If you prefer the bright lights and want to bring your pooch on a city break to the capital, it will cost you. The five-star boutique **Dylan Hotel** (dylan.ie) offers dog beds, water and food bowls and treats, as well as gift box, created by UK healthy dog food company Bob & Lush.

However, bringing your pooch will cost almost as much as bringing your human partner. Luxury queen rooms start at €220 midweek. The overnight supplement per dog is €100, though a reduced rate of €70 per night is on offer during the autumn. The rate includes a deep clean of the bedroom after check out.

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