# Dear Guest,

A very warm welcome to Dunbrody Country House Hotel. Both Kevin and I are delighted to welcome you. Thank you for choosing Dunbrody for your break away. Your comments and suggestions would be very welcome and we look forward to meeting you during your time at Dunbrody Country House.

We hope you will enjoy your stay, please do not hesitate to ask any of our staff for assistance.

# **Catherine & Kevin Dundon**

Information on Dunbrody House, the Cookery School that be of use during your stay. Also some suggestions on what to do and see in the surrounding area. More detailed information and brochures are available from the Front Desk.



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# **Telephone & Reception**

To make an outside call please dial 9 for an outside line. Your call will be added to your bill on check-out. To dial Reception please dial 0 between 7.30am and 10.00pm. After 10.00pm Reception is closed. **In case of emergency please dial 0.** 

# Dining at Dunbrody

The Harvest Room Restaurant is open for dinner with two sittings available to choose from. Times are 7pm and 8pm If you have any special dietary requirements please give us as much notice as possible so we can meet your requirements.

Dundons' Champagne Seafood Bar is open from 11.30 every morning with a light Tea & Coffee service and our Main menu is served from 2.30pm daily. There are also two dinner sittings to choose from here. Afternoon Tea is also served from 3.00pm – 5.30pm and pre-booking is essential as everything is prepared to order.

# Breakfast

From 8am 'til Noon daily, breakfast is served in The Harvest Room with four dining times available to book – 8am, 9am, 10am and 11am. Should you prefer your breakfast in bed, please complete the order form and leave outside your door by mid-night. All Room Service deliveries are subject to an additional charge of €5.00.

# Kevin's Cook Books – Modern Irish Food, Back to Basics, and Full on Irish

Signed copies of all Kevin's cookbook are available from Reception €20 - €25 and make a lovely gift particularly when combined with a Gift Voucher for the cookery school or restaurant.

# **Dunbrody Gift Vouchers**

Dunbrody Gift Vouchers are available specifically for accommodation, the restaurant, the cookery school or simply as a Gift Cheque. Please ask at Reception if you would like to purchase a voucher.

# Porterage

We do not have a full-time porter in the hotel. If you would like your bags collected from your room on the morning of your departure please inform staff the night before and we will be delighted to arrange it for you.

# **Returning Late at Night**

For security all doors are locked from midnight until 7.00am. Please let us know if you plan to be out later than midnight so that our Night Porter can expect you.

# Housekeeping

Our rooms are serviced twice daily. If you do not wish to be disturbed please hang the red ribbon on your door. If you would like your room serviced please hang the green ribbon on your door.

If you would like your towels changed please leave the used ones in the bath. Nonallergenic duvets and pillows are available on request.

Dunbrody is a smoke-free environment. Please refrain from smoking in the house – there is a House-Keeping Charge of €100 for additional cleaning required to rooms where there has been smoking or excess soilage. An additional charge will also apply if we are unable to sell the rooms for a period of time due to lingering strong odours.

# Laundry

Please contact reception if you require our laundry service. Personal laundry will take 24 hours. Dial 0 for iron and ironing board. Please check with reception with regard to costs. **Dry Cleaning** – takes 3 days.

Iron and ironing board are available on request - ironing service also available.

# Children Policy

Baby-sitting facilities are available – this must be arranged with reception at least 24 hours in advance. Please settle directly with the baby-sitter. The rate is €15.00 per hour, minimum 4 hour charge.

Cots and fold-out beds are available on request.

Children under 12 are welcome in the restaurant until 8.30pm at the latest. We do not have a dedicated Children's Menu but half-portions and plainer options are always available.

# **Beach Towels**

There is a gorgeous estuary beach along the Dunbrody Coastal walk and when the tide is full makes for a wonderful wild swimming experience. Please do not take towels from your room, we have beach towels available in the main lobby.

# What to see and do when staying at Dunbrody Country House

# The Dunbrody Gardens

Feel free to wander our gardens and ask our gardeners Emmet and Seamus any questions. To the right of the bar you will find our chickens and Herb Garden. Over by the pond you can visit with Delago, Kevin's Vietnamese pot-bellied pig and sit and relax while you watch the gardeners and chefs hard at it in the kitchen garden and orchard. We also have a lovely short woodland walk through our small wood at the front of the house.

#### Walking or Jogging from Dunbrody

We have some wonderful walks and trails to choose from here on the grounds and also on the Hook Peninsula. On the estate we have the Estate Loop Walk through the Vegetable Gardens, Orchard and woodland which is perfect for a short stroll.

For a longer walk which trails around the perimeter of the estate and offers fabulous views up and down the river you should choose the Coastal Walk. Some up and down hills for about 4.5km. The estuary villages of Arthurstown and Ballyhack are both an easy stroll from Dunbrody as well.

#### The Hook Peninsula (Dunbrody is located at the start of the Ring of Hook)

"By Hook or by Crook" was how Oliver Cromwell vowed to conquer Ireland hundreds of years ago and the expression is now widely used although few people realise its origins. The Hook Peninsula looks across the estuary to Crook and is the main entrance for ships to Waterford harbour. Visit the wild Hook Peninsula which offers a wealth of heritage sites such as Tintern Abbey with its wonderful trails and recently restored Walled Garden (this is the sister abbey to the one in Wales) and the haunted Loftus Hall.

You can start the drive from the back gate of Dunbrody House and This sign-posted drive looping off the South East Coastal Drive takes visitors along a wealth of historic sites and coastal roads culminating in the arrival at Hook Head. At Hook you can visit the famous Norman lighthouse, believed to be one of the oldest in Europe and voted the flashiest lighthouse in the world by the Lonely Planet Guide.

#### **Duncannon Fort**

Your first point of interest in the next village of Duncannon is the Duncannon Fort occupying a rocky promontory on the east side of Waterford Harbour. The primary purpose of the fort was to defend the estuary. Work started late in 1587, incorporating an earlier castle on the site and continued into 1588, the year of the Spanish Armada. By 1590 the fort was almost complete. An impressive example of military architecture, the fort was built to protect the area against an expected attack by the Spanish Armada. This star-shaped fort is being gradually restored to its former glory. Of particular interest are the dry moat, croppy boy jail, and the expansive exterior walls. The fort's situation affords glorious views of Waterford Estuary. Seasonal Café & Tourist Information on site. The fort was recently used to file the Count of Monte Cristo. The tour is excellent and suitable for all ages.

The beach in Duncannon is a great one for walking as its hard sand and one kilometre long.

# Hook Head Lighthouse (at the tip of Hook Peninsula)

This is an exciting development centred at Hook Lighthouse that allows visitors to experience the unique atmosphere of the Tower of Hook and to relax and enjoy the new visitor facilities situated in the house keeper's houses.

Hook Lighthouse was built in the thirteenth century as a navigation aid by William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke as part of the development of his lordship of Leinster. The massive structure has three stone vaulted chambers with a spiral stairway ascending through the thickness of the wall. According to tradition, a warning beacon was established at Hook Head in the sixth century by a Welsh monk named Dubhad whose church still exists at nearby Churchtown. His successors were appointed custodians of Marshall's Tower and continued to keep the light for several centuries.

Visitors to the oldest operational lighthouse in both Ireland and Great Britain will experience a journey through time from the story of the sixth century beacon up to present day light keeping. A café, craft shop, reception and toilets will be accommodated in the former keeper's houses. Tel/Fax: 051 389454 There's also a wonderful viewing point where you will often see seals, dolphins and even whales.

Continuing on your drive around the Hook heading towards Fethard on Sea you will reach

**Tintern Abbey & Trails** where you can visit the Abbey, the Colclough Walled Gardens and choose from a number of forest trails. From here you can also discover Bannow and the site of the first Norman landings on Baginbun Beach.

# **Dunbrody Abbey & Visitors Centre**

A Cistercian abbey founded in 1210AD. One of the largest such abbeys in Ireland. It is also the site for the ruins of Dunbrody Castle whose construction was never completed and Dunbrody House became the Chichester Family main residence. There is a small museum consisting of information on the family and a very large dolls house-which is a scale replica of the castle and its rooms. There is also a full size maize (one of only two in Ireland) which was designed in the shape of the castle.

# Summer at the Saltee Islands

The Saltee Islands - just 5 km from Kilmore Quay and are home to an array of seabirds such as their famous puffins, gannets, guillemots, razorbills, fulmars, manx shearwater, gulls as well as many other species of wildlife.

**Tickets can be booked online at <u>www.salteeferry.com</u> Open April 1st to September 30th. The ferry does not run during the winter months** 

The Saltee Ferry operates daily, shuttling visitors from Kilmore Quay to the Saltee Islands. This scenic journey provides a chance to witness diverse wildlife, with puffins being a highlight for photography enthusiasts. The islands are a haven for seabirds like puffins, gannets, and seals, offering a unique and captivating experience for nature lovers.

# The Kennedy Connections

# The Kennedy Homestead

Birthplace of President John F. Kennedy's great-grandfather Patrick Kennedy, the homestead project celebrates the story of five generations of the Kennedy dynasty and is still farmed by his descendants today.

Joining the multitudes of Irish fleeing the Great Famine, Patrick Kennedy departed from the homestead for the port of New Ross in 1848 to set sail for the US where his descendants would become one of the world's most famous families.

# John F. Kennedy Arboretum

The Arboretum was set up by J.F Kennedy Trust. At the Arboretum, there is something for everyone. Covering an expansive 252 hectares, it contains a Visitors' Centre with audiovisual show, 4500 types of labelled trees and shrubs, 200 forest plots, sign-posted walks, picnic area and lake. There is a motor road to the panoramic viewing point on Slieve Coillte. The arboretum is open all year round from 10a.m. daily. Tel: 051 388171

# The Dunbrody Famine Ship.

The Dunbrody is the largest and most spectacular tall ship ever built in the Republic of Ireland - 176 feet long and weighing 458 tonnes with towering masts of 130 feet. The original Dunbrody would have had 14 crew and carried 176 passengers. The Dunbrody houses an educational exhibition re-enacting life on board the ship as she carried her passengers from New Ross to the US and Canada in the middle of the last century. It tells the history and explores what they did and how they contributed to the growth of their new country. Also located at the Famineship is the Kennedy Eternal Flame, the Irish-American Hall of Fame and a lovely cafe to relax and enjoy the views over the river.

# Waterford (10 Miles via the Passage East Car Ferry or via the Rose Kennedy Bridge)

Look for remnants of Viking and Norman city walls and examine artefacts at the Heritage Centre. Here you will learn about the city's wild history – such as how the defenders cut off the noses of their enemies. Reginald's Tower, dating from 1003, houses a city museum and the charter roll of Richard II. The French church is a medieval ruin with stone carvings. Look for the clock Tower on the Quays, which guided early ship captains. Don't forget to visit the Bishops Palace next door to the Museum and opposite the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre

# Kilkenny

# The Castle & Kilkenny Design Centre

Magnificent Kilkenny Castle is situated in the heart of the historic and picturesque city of Kilkenny. Dating from 1172 it lies in a beautiful 50-acre park. A Knight in shining armour would not see out of place. Directly opposite is wonderful shopping in the acclaimed Kilkenny Design Centre.

The drive up to Kilkenny is also really scenic, meandering through the Nore Valley and passing through the villages of Inistioge, Thomastown and Bennetsbridge – where you can pop into the world-renowned Nicholas Mosse pottery mill to shop or enjoy a coffee en route.

# The Harvest Room Restaurant

# Sample Seasonal Summer Menu €75 (Or any 2 Courses €65)

BBQ Smoked Sea Trout with Confit Potato Salad, Killowen Yoghurt, Chive Emulsion & Pickled Shallots

Garden Pea Velouté with Scallop and Monkfish Terrine, Chorizo and Vinaigrette & Fennel

Dunbrody Hen Scotch Egg with Black Pudding, Asparagus Salad & Charred Leak

Toulouse Sausage & Chicken Presse with Mushroom & Truffe Relish & Herb Salad

Meadowfield Farm Goat Cheese Mousse with an Orange and Grapefruit Salad, Spiced Walnuts & Charred Citrus Vinaigrette

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Oven Roasted Skeaghanore Duck duo; Rosemary Smoked Duck Breast, Confit leg with Beluga Lentil Fricassee, Braised Dunbrody Garden Greens & Port Jus

Slow cooked Irish Pork Belly with Potato Pave, creamed Black Kale, Bacon & Apple Relish & Madeira Jus

Roasted Irish Hake with Herb & Garlic Crust, Mussel & Prawn Fricassee with Melted Leeks

Treacle Marinated Irish Beef Cheek with Pomme Purée, Grilled Scallion, Blue Cheese Cream & red wine demi-glace **€5 Supplement** 

Wild Mushroom Pie with Foraged Mushroom Ragout, Smoked Cheddar Pomme Purée & Truffle

# Suggested Wines of the Month

Kaiken Torrontes Terroir 2020 White €58 Torrontes/Argentinian Peach and Pear aromas with medium body, dry and tangy acidity

# Tahbilk 2018 Red €88

Cabernet Sauvignon/Australian Light bodied, low acidity and pairs great with beef, duck and cheese

Head Chef Rory Higdon

# Restaurant Manager Debbie Feitosa

All gratuities are distributed equally amongst our staff, thank you. Groups of 6 or more will incur a 12.5% Service Charge

All our dishes are cooked to order 1 All our beef is of 100% Irish origin 1 Food Allergens Menu if required

# Desserts

Lemon Bavarois with Poppy Seed Shortbread, Créme Fraiche Ice Cream & torched Meringue

Salted Caramel Soufflé with Rum Raisin Ice Cream (Please allow 15min)

Guinness Chocolate Mousse, Blueberry Compote, Chocolate Oat Tuile & Caramelized White Chocolate

Selection of Irish Cheeses; Cashel Blue, Gubbeen & Knockanore Smoked Cheddar with Dunbrody Onion Relish, Membrillo & Assorted Crackers

# Don't fancy dessert? Why not enjoy a Classic Irish Coffee or Espresso Martini instead?

Part of our philosophy at Dunbrody Country House Hotel has always revolved around utilising the best of all things local. From our own estate kitchen garden, herbs and honey, to free-range eggs from our hens and locally-foraged plants and seaweeds, nature shares with us a perpetually changing, bountiful harvest.

We are proud to showcase numerous Irish artisan producers, both from Wexford and further afield.

- Dunbrody Kitchen & Herb Gardens Fresh Produce Grown Right Here on the Estate & our Flavoured Butter
- The Walled Garden at Tintern Abbey, Co Wexford Seasonal Herbs, Fruits & Vegetables
- Duncannon Smokehouse Smoked Salmon & Trout
- Crowes Farm, Co Tipperary Free-Range Outdoor Reared Rashers & Pork
- Tinnock Farm, Campile, Co Wexford Free-Range Eggs
- Killowen Farm, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford Artisan Natural Yoghurts
- Gerry Walsh Vegetables, Cork Road, Waterford Seasonal Fruit & Vegetables
- Duncannon Fish, Co Wexford Fresh Fish from the Hook Peninsula & Kilmore Quay
- Ballymackenny Farm, Co Louth Pink Fir Apple Potatoes
- Rosscarbery, Co Cork Angus Striploin Steaks
- Meadowfield Farm, Co Wexford Goats Cheese

Wine List can be viewed HERE

# KEVIN DUNDON

# Dundon's Seafood Bar

A warm welcome to Dundon's Champagne & Seafood Bar where we are delighted to offer a selection of locallysourced fish dishes and other Wexford ingredients. The menu has been specially planned using only the best of ingredients, many from our own gardens and from the wonderful Hook Peninsula & Waterford estuary.

Please advise us of any dietary requests prior to ordering.

All our dishes are cooked to order

All our beef is of 100% Irish origin

#### Dear guests, please note that for groups of 6 or more a service charge of 12,5% will apply.

All service and gratuities are distributed equally among our staff

Head Chef Rory Higdon

# Dundons Champagne Seafood Bar Menu

# starters

 ${\in}15\,$  Duncannon Seafood Chowder with Homemade Brown Bread

€12 Cream of Leek & Potato Soup, Croutons, Crème Fraiche

 ${\in}10\,$  Seasonal Green Leaf Salad with Fermented Black Garlic Dressing

€16 Wexford Mussels, Preserved Elderflower & White Wine with Homemade Brown Bread

€16 Prawn Cocktail with Marie Rose Sauce & Baby Gem

 ${\in}16\,$  Arthurstown Smoked Salmon with Pickled Cucumber & Soda Bread

€18 Mixed Platter of Irish Artisan Charcuterie

# main courses

€16 Hook Head Haddock Smokies with Garden Leaves & Bread Crisps

€20 Fisherman's Seafood Pie with Seasonal Side Salad

€24 House Salted Cod Brandade, Pan Fried Cod with Garlic Cream

€16 Caramelised Red Onion & Meadowfield Farm Goat's Cheese Tart

€28 Prime Irish 10oz Striploin with Chips, Crispy Onions, Peppercorn Sauce

€24 Handmade Pasta with Gubbeen Chorizo & Tomato Sauce

- €30 Large Mixed Platter of Artisan Irish Charcuterie
- €16 Dunbrody Salad of Dressed Leaves, Pickled Vegetables, Sourdough Croutons & Parmesan Shavings

# DESSERTS

- €12 Dunbrody Blackcurrant & Pistachio Parfait with Pistachio Sponge & Dark chocolate Sauce
- $\in$ 12 Garden Apple Tart with Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream
- €16 Selection of Irish Cheeses; Cashel Blue, Gubbeen & Knockanore Smoked Cheddar with Dunbrody Onion Relish, Membrillo & Assorted Crackers

# THE LOCAL AT DUNBRODY MENU

# Prime Irish Beef Smash Burger €16

On toasted Home-Made Brioche Bun with House Special Sauce, Pickles, Cheddar & Fresh Tomato served with Mixed Leaves and Hand-cut Chips

Contains wheat, milk, eggs, mustard, egg

Make it a double if you're extra hungry for €3

# Caesar Salad €12

Mixed Crunchy Salad Leaves with Caesar Dressing, Parmesan Shavings, Anchovies & Crunchy Croutons

# Contains wheat, milk, mustard, fish, egg

Add Pan-Roasted Premium Irish Chicken Breast €3

# Traditional Fish & Chips €19.95

Battered Haddock with Cold Minted Peas, Home-made Tartare Sauce & Lemon Wedge Contains wheat, egg, fish, milk, mustard

# Classic Margherita Pizza €15

With Home-Made Tomato Sauce & Three Cheese Mix (Parmesan, Cheddar & Mozzarella) Contains wheat, Milk, sulphites

# Wild Atlantic Prawn Roll €25

Dunbrody Milk Bun stuffed with Lobster & Prawn Salad and dressed with Mayo, Gherkins & Celery served with Dressed Leaves and Hand-cut Chips Contains wheat, shellfish, milk, mustard, egg, celery

# ~~~~ Classic Eton Mess €8

Wexford Strawberries, Wexford Cream & Meringue Contains, eggs, milk

Selection of Scúp Gelatos from Wexford €8

Ireland's Most Luxurious Gelatos Contains milk

# **OPENING HOURS 4PM – 8.30PM** (LAST FOOD ORDERS)

# WINES

White – "Signature Chef" by Kevin Dundon Sauvignon Blanc Languedoc-Roussillon, France €35

Red – "Signature Chef" by Kevin Dundon Corbières Languedoc-Roussillon, France €35

Rosé – Les Fumées Blanches Rosé Gris de Sauvignon Gascogne, France €30

Sparkling - Valdo Bio Organic Prosecco Brut Veneto, Italy €50