



THE
HAWTHORN
BY GALWAY BAY

A Rainy Day
BY THE BAY

A BESPOKE ITINERARY FOR RAINY WEATHER

on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way

Fáilte

A LETTER TO OUR GUESTS

There is no such thing as bad Irish weather, only the wrong kind of welcome. The Atlantic, when it weeps, has a particular generosity about it: it slows the day, draws the conversation closer, and gives the firelight permission to be the brightest thing in the room.

This itinerary is for the soft days, when the sky comes down low and stays a while. Three days of warmth-seeking, of pots on the boil and glasses in good company, of stories told slowly because there is, at last, nowhere else to be. Bring a book if you like; you may not open it.

with warmest regards

THE TEAM AT THE HAWTHORN

YOUR ITINERARY

THREE DAYS

in from the rain

I

ARRIVAL
RELAXATION
& DINING

II

FLAVOUR
WELLNESS &
DISCOVERY

III

IRISH
TRADITIONS
& FAREWELL

day one

3:00 pm

A WELCOME AT THE DOOR

The rain has been kind enough to arrive ahead of you. You are greeted by name at The Hawthorn by Galway Bay; your room waits with a curated welcome amenity, the lamp already lit, the kettle ready.

4:30 pm

A TEA BY THE WINDOW

An elegant afternoon tea, taken slowly, against the soft percussion of rain on tall glass. Tiered linen, warm scones, cream and preserves; the bay beyond, a shifting watercolour of greys and silvers.

5:00 pm

A STORM WATCHED FROM WARMTH

Time to be held by heat. Drift between the infrared sauna, the sensory shower and the vitality pool, all gazing out over a Galway Bay turned theatrical by the weather. There is nothing quite like watching the Atlantic carry on its old business while you, contentedly, do none at all



day one

8:00 pm

A TASTING

Settle in to a tasting experience built for the long evening: premium Irish whiskeys and curated wines, paired with artisanal charcuterie and handcrafted chocolates. A guided flight, but in the most generous sense. The pace is yours, the conversation more important than the schedule.

9:00 pm

CELTIC FOLKLORE

A native Irish seanchaí gathers you fireside for an evening of Celtic folklore, with tales of the Tuatha Dé Danann, of selkies and saints, of the place names that thread the bay. An oral tradition older than the language it's told in, offered to you as it was always meant to be: voice to ear, fire between.



day two

at leisure

A BREAKFAST WITHOUT HURRY

Begin the day slowly, with a luxurious breakfast served in the comfort of your room at your own pace. The rain, if it has stayed, makes it especially easy not to be anywhere by any particular time.

10:00 am

WILD IRELAND WITH BRIAN GANNON

A local forager Brian Gannon meets you in reception, oilskin and good humour at the ready, to lead a guided foraging journey through the hedgerows and shoreline of Galway. Wild garlic, sea buckthorn, dillisk, sorrel - the rain releases the aromatics of the land.

1:00 pm

AN HOUR WITH THE HEAD CHOCOLATIER

An immersive chocolate experience, guided by our Head Chocolatier. Temper, taste, and learn the long, slow conversation between cocoa and craft – an afternoon of quiet, deeply sensory pleasure.



day three

10:00 am

A LONG BREAKFAST IN THE SKYLARK

Begin the day with a slow, luxurious breakfast served in the comfort of your suite – taken at your own pace, in dressing gowns, by the window.

shortly after

RELISH IN THE LAST OF YOUR JOURNEY

A serene final moment of relaxation before departure in the Spa at The Hawthorn. Unwind through mineral steam, Finnish and infrared heat, warm and cold immersion, and relax in the lounge before we bid you adieu.

afterward

A WARM GOODBYE, AND AN INVITATION

We send you off as we welcomed you – by name, with warmth, and with the quiet certainty that the bay will draw you back before too long. The rain, if it stays, will be waiting; the fire, always, will be lit.



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WE HOPE TO WELCOME YOU BACK SOON

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
Until we meet again.*



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