



The K Club Fact Sheet

Overview:

A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts and Irelands 1st AA Red Star Property, The K Club boasts 69-room and 19 Garden Apartments, a grand Irish country retreat, set amid 550-acres of pristine parkland on a mile long private stretch of the River Liffey. An elegantly restored 19th Century Georgian mansion estate, the K Club is set on the former the site of Straffan House, which was originally modeled after a French chateau by Hugh Barton in 1832, the grandson of legendary winemaker Thomas Barton. Converted into a luxury hotel and country club in 1991, the opening of The K Club was a landmark moment in the Irish hospitality industry, creating new standards of Irish décor and service that have not been surpassed.

The K Club is home to 2 Championship Golf Courses - The Palmer Course, venue for the 2006 Ryder Cup, hailed among Europe's greatest courses, and The Smurfit Course, host to the European Open from 1995 to 2007, a challenging Links inspired course. In addition to two 18-hole championship golf courses. The K Club also hosts the luxurious - 20,000 sq-ft K Spa that is hailed among the finest spas in Europe and certainly the best in Ireland.

Located approximately 35 kilometers (22 miles) drive from Dublin City and just 38 Kilometers (24 miles) from Dublin Airport, The K Club pair's old-world charm, service and ambiance with modern comforts in a luxurious residential setting. Opulent, classical surroundings reflect elements of Ireland's history and reveal the best of luxury accommodation.

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Total Rooms & Suites: 69 Hotel rooms and suites & 19 (1 & 2 bedroomed) Garden apartments; each overlooking the golf course or gardens.

Room Rates: Rates range from €350.00 - €7,650.00 per room per night, depending on room category and season. Room rates are based on single or double occupancy. Room rate includes breakfast from January to April & October to December. Tax & VAT charges included in rate. A resort gratuity of 10% applies to all room rates, spa, food and beverage.

Guestroom Technology: Each bedroom and suite is individually appointed, with no two alike in terms of size and interior, making The K Club one of the only resorts in Ireland that can boast this unique characteristic. Although unique in style, each guestroom features a hand-painted bathroom; direct dial telephone; satellite TV; wireless Internet access; DVD/CD players; electronic safe; 24-hour Valet service; twice-daily maid service; welcome chocolates and seasonal fresh fruit on arrival; slippers, plush bathrobes; and a selection of luxurious bath and body products. All rooms offer views of either resort gardens and the River Liffey, or the golf course and driving range.

Room Categories:

Each guestroom welcomes guests with an inviting foyer, a grand introduction to the sumptuous style mix of Old World and classic European with an eye to modern comfort. Crown molding, quality art, imported silk and damask fabrics accessorize spacious accommodations. Exquisite furniture includes traditionally elegant beds and bedside tables, and a writing desk and sitting area. High thread count linen sheeting, sumptuous draperies, plush blankets, deluxe mattresses, and hand-painted bathrooms featuring separate glass-enclosed showers and soaking tubs, oversized mirrors, modern lighting, and host of pampering bath and body toiletries, all create luxurious, residential settings.

The 92 guestrooms comprise the following categories:

- **22 Superior** (38 m square)
- **34 Deluxe** (41 m square) – Deluxe rooms are slightly larger than Superior rooms and offer garden views
- **4 River Rooms** (57 m square) – River Rooms feature similar amenities as Deluxe rooms, however views of The River Liffey from every window and separate living rooms set this category apart.
- **7 Hotel Suites** - Each Suite consists of a Deluxe room with an interconnecting living room. Both rooms are elegantly decorated and enjoy stunning resort views.
- **The Imperial Suite** - The premier Imperial Suite boasts two bedrooms and a sauna and separate kitchen. The resort Chef can be hired to cater if required. This Suite is extremely spacious and enjoys glorious garden views.
- **The Viceroy Suite** – Ideal for honeymooners and those seeking to rekindle romance, the Viceroy Suite features a four-poster bed and Jacuzzi.
- **19 Garden & Courtyard Apartments** - Adjacent and linked to the main hotel are 19 luxurious Garden and Fountain Courtyard apartments. Each suite is individually appointed and consists of one or two bedrooms, master bedroom with king-sized bed and separate bathroom and twin room, living / dining room and its own separate kitchen. These suites are accessed via a covered walkway. There is an additional range of other one- and two-bedroom suites available with some including interconnecting bedrooms.

Dining Outlets:

The K Club and its two golf clubhouses offer a range of dining options from casual fare to cuisine on a grand scale, all served under the culinary direction of Executive Chef Finbarr Higgins. “Smart casual” is the recommended dress code at all of the restaurants, however, gentlemen are required to wear jacket and tie after 7:00 p.m. in the Byerley Turk.

The Byerley Turk

Hailed among the finest restaurants in Ireland and celebrated for its award-winning cuisine and extensive wine selections, The Byerley Turk is a modern gastronomic dining experience using classical undertones with the highest quality Irish ingredients, many of which are grown on the estate. The Byerley Turk is the passion of our Executive Finbarr Higgins. Rich brocade wall coverings; marble columns and lofty draped windows accent award-winning cuisine. Candlelit tables are laid with crisp monogrammed linens, Irish crystal and gleaming silverware. Award Winning Wine List Including the entire Top Bordeaux Chateaux's & Burgundy Vineyards. With Some Expertly chosen quality wines form around the world

The restaurant is named for Byerly Turk (also spelled *Byerley Turk*), one of three horses which were the founders of the modern thoroughbred horse racing brood stock.

The River Room Restaurant

The River Room is a stunning, open and bright dining locale, which features all of the beautiful attributes that the Byerley Turk offers in its own, enclosed private area. This elegant restaurant situated in the Hotel is one of The K Club's gems overlooking the extensive landscaped gardens and the River Liffey. The River Room has its own private entrance and powder rooms. A wonderful dining location for a family occasion or a casual evening.

The Oriental Restaurant (Opened Seasonally)

Situated in the Smurfit Clubhouse This memorable restaurant offers a blend of Asian Cuisine and finest of Irish produce to create authentic oriental dishes for the Western palate. Skillfully prepared by our specialized Chef Sunar Setiawan. This beautiful eatery is decorated with Eastern fabrics in opulent shades of reds and gold's. Authentic parchments adorn the walls.

Legends Bar & Restaurant

Located in the Palmer Clubhouse and recently refurbished, Legends offers a relaxed atmosphere with stunning views from the windows and glass doors that lead out to a large balcony overlooking manicured greens and lakes of the Palmer Course. This renowned restaurant is decorated with golf memorabilia and portraits, and is suitable for all tastes and palates with its traditional Irish dining and sumptuous five-course gourmet meals. A La Carte with a Mixture of Irish and European Cuisine with fresh local products. The Legends wine list brings the top quality of French, Italian, New World & Mediterranean choices with some old Favorite Grape Varieties

Vintage Crop Cocktail Bar

No evening would be complete however, without a nightcap at the Vintage Crop Bar, named after Dr. Michael Smurfit's Irish gelding that won the 1993 Melbourne Cup and the 1993 and '94 Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Legers. Purveyor of Rare Spirits, Fine Wines, Premium Champagnes & Cuban Cigars

We also offer a range of Private Dinning locations Suitable For intimate gatherings or Lavish Gala Dinners

Conferencing & Events:

The K Club offers a host of gracious and elegant spaces for social and business affairs. As style and presentation are vital for your event please don't hesitate to contact us to ensure you receive the right location and set up for you to get the best from for your event.

The Smurfit Clubhouse

The Legacy Suite

The K Club's largest conference and banqueting suite with its own fireplace, the Legacy Suite can accommodate more than 450 or be sectioned into three separate areas. Decorated in rich hues of raspberry, honey and gold, doors lead out to a beautiful wooden deck that looks over the Smurfit Course's signature hole. The Legacy Suites is the perfect venue for any event including conferences, weddings, product showcases, car launches and fashion shows. *(Capacity: 460 theatre style; 185 cabaret style, 320 Dining)*

The Deacon Suite

Located on the first floor in the relaxed atmosphere of The Smurfit Clubhouse, The Deacon Suite, dedicated to the memory of Arnold Palmer's father Deacon Palmer, is subtly decorated with photographic golf memorabilia. This spacious room is ideal for meetings, receptions and dinners. *(Capacity: 56 theatre style, 70 round tables, 26 block style)*

The Palmer Clubhouse

The Arnold Palmer Room

Replete with a terrace overlooking the 18th green and 10th fairway of the championship Palmer Course, this newly refurbished room is a strong favorite with repeat guests. Ideal for large business and social meetings, the Arnold Palmer Room is fully air conditioned, and has a dedicated bar and private entrance. *(Capacity: 130 round tables, 120 theatre style, 96 classrooms style, 70 cabaret style)*

The Hotel

The main hotel houses three meeting rooms, including the Tower Room, John Jefferson Smurfit Room, and Hotel Members Room, all of which combine traditional grace and style with modern technology. All are located on the ground floor of The K Club and within close proximity of each other. All meeting rooms feature wireless Internet access; close proximity to the Business Centre, as well as pre-function space, a podium and host of niceties to make every gathering comfortable. As style and presentation are vital for your event please don't hesitate to contact us to ensure you receive the right location for your event.

The Tower Room

This classic boardroom with U-shaped mahogany table features large Victorian windows overlooking the landscaped front gardens, which allow an abundance of natural daylight. The Tower Room provides an elegant setting for board meetings and presentations. (*Capacity: 19 guests*)

The John Jefferson Smurfit Room

This elegantly appointed room features a high ceiling and large marble fireplace, and offers views of the gardens and River Liffey, and an extensive collection of paintings by Jack B Yeats, Ireland's greatest Impressionist painter. The ideal location for small to mid-sized gatherings. (*Capacity: 50 Round tables, 60 theatre style, 32 classroom, 28 block style, 28 U-shaped*)

The Hotel Members Room

Once the library of the original Straffan House, with a large collection of books still remaining, the Hotel Members Room has a distinctively warm, traditional ambience complimented by an open fireplace and floor-to-ceiling windows. (*Capacity: 30 Round tables, 20 meeting block style and 30-theatre style*)

Leisure Activities:

Leisure activities include golf (The Palmer Course was the venue for the 2006 Ryder Cup while the Smurfit Course is home of the Smurfit European Open), fishing, clay target shooting and horseback riding. Whether a simple walk or cycle on estate grounds, The K Club offers sports to suit all tastes and skill levels.

The Arnold Palmer Course

If ever a golf course reflected the personality of its architect, it is surely this Arnold Palmer designed course. Described as charismatic and cavalier, from the instant one arrives at the first tee, golfers are enveloped by its unique atmosphere. As Ireland's first Ryder Cup Venue, this is not an ordinary course. It is widely acknowledged as the country's most challenging inland layout, with most unprepared for the ensuing drama. This has been called one of Europe's most spectacular courses, charming, enticing and able to bring out the very best in one's game. It is unlikely that one will be asked to tackle the course from the championship tees, but this should in no way diminish the excitement of pitting one's wits against Palmer, for, in a sense, this is precisely what guests do.

The Smurfit Course

Founded in 2003, The Smurfit Course has been described as the greatest inland Golf Course in Ireland. The construction has attracted attention throughout Europe due to its scale and construction. The philosophy in developing the course was to ensure that a comparison with the existing Palmer Course would be difficult and that the golfers experience would be completely different. When this brief was given to Palmer Course Design Company, they came up with a concept, which was radical with regards to golf course developments throughout the world. The Smurfit Course is that of an inland links, however the course has many dramatic landscapes with dune type mounding throughout. This assists in making the course into a true Championship Golf Course with many vantage points for spectators to view the golf professional at work. Coupled with this point, some 14 acres of water have been worked into the design especially through the final phase of Hole No's: 13 to 18. A watery grave awaits many a golfer on the home stretch. The Course is entirely different from the Palmer Course located just across the River Liffey. Golfers often state that it is almost impossible to make comparisons, as the two are such different experiences. Championship length: 7,277 yards; par 72.

Fishing

Fishing is available on a private and richly populated one-mile stretch of the River Liffey, which ambles lazily through the estate before reaching Dublin. The charge of €50 for a half-day (three hours) on the riverbank includes equipment, bait, tackle and clothing. For an extra €45, guests may hire a Ghillee to enhance the experience. The river boasts great hatches of fly throughout the season, resulting in superb

catches of fish, especially during the mayfly time of May through to July and afterwards on sedges. Occasionally, salmon are found – the best time to catch one is usually during autumn. Two of the lakes on the golf course are stocked with rainbow and brown trout (specimens up to 12lb and 8lb respectively have been hooked) and there are also three lakes stocked with coarse fish, consisting of carp, bream, tench, rudd, roach, perch and hybrids.

Horseback Riding

Riding is available daily at nearby Abbey field Farm, set on 200 acres of Kildare countryside. With 40 horses, routes are based on skill level. For novices, lessons are also available. The €65 charge includes the use of clothing and mandatory safety equipment.

Target Shooting

Clay target shooting, with instruction from expert trappers on how to handle the guns and improve shooting ability, is hugely enjoyable and very popular. The cost is €90 per session. Rough shoots are available throughout the year at locations around the country.

Archery

Archery is available for groups and the cost is dependent upon the numbers involved.

Falconry

One of the oldest of all pursuits, falconry is available on request for groups and offers an intriguing insight into the intuitive relationship forged between man and bird. Few activities better sum up the philosophy of the K Club, which is to protect and share the heritage of this magnificent estate while offering all the luxuries and comforts discerning guests expect.

The Garden Walk

There is no greater pleasure than to walk among trees in a mature and honest setting with rich texture of sound and Colour. The combination of trees with ancient sites, the Island "Inis Mor" the slow flowing river and the weir, the wild inhabitants and the birds. It is a constant journey of simple discovery and pleasure it tells a variety of stories, stories of history, nature legends and myths.

The K Spa

Hailed among the finest spas in Europe and certainly the best in Ireland, the 20,000-sq. foot K Spa offers a wide assortment of pampering treatments utilizing international as well as indigenous Celtic and Irish ingredients, all designed to refresh and renew. The tranquil space provides a sanctuary from the fast pace of daily life with its modern and inviting atmosphere, minimalist décor and comprehensive range of facilities and services. The K Spa features a secluded outdoor Hot tub and Herb garden; Pilates and Aerobics Studios; an oversized indoor Swimming pool; 7 luxurious treatment rooms, 2 private suites and 4 Wet Treatment rooms (incorporating a Hamam, Hydrobath, Vichy Shower & exotic Rasul Chamber); and, a Juice bar and Café.

Owners

Sir Michael Smurfit, KBE, LL.D* and Mr. Gerry Gannon