

Press Information

DINING AT THE MERRION

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The Merrion, Dublin's most luxurious 5-Star hotel which opened in October 1997, offers its guests a choice of two restaurants and two bars. The hotel was created from four Georgian townhouses, dating from the 1760's. It is situated on Upper Merrion Street, opposite Government Buildings.

THE CELLAR RESTAURANT

The Cellar Restaurant is a refuge from the over complicated food that is a slave to fashion and fad. Beneath its vaulted roof and within its many nooks and comfortable corners you will find a simple pleasure of the best ingredients expertly prepared.

Executive Chef Ed Cooney's menu features the finest season Irish ingredients – impeccably executed – and dedicated to people who want comfort, atmosphere, superb service reasonable prices, and most of all, good, simple pleasure. Dishes featured will include homemade pies, pan-fried liver and perfect Dover sole.

The Cellar Restaurant offers diners a variety of options; two and three course table d'hote menus at lunchtime, pre and post theatre suppers and an A la Carte choice in the evening.

RESTAURANT PATRICK GUILBAUD

The celebrated Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud moved from its former Dublin location, to striking new premises in The Merrion, overlooking the hotel's private garden.

Seventeen years ago, following a successful career with his own restaurant in Cheshire, Patrick Guilbaud opened Europe's first purpose built restaurant in St James's Place, Dublin. From the outset, the restaurant, designed by Arthur Gibney & Partners, set the standards by which others are judged, and won every major food award in the world.

In 1997 Patrick Guilbaud again joined forces with Arthur Gibney & Partners to create the spectacular new home for his restaurant at The Merrion. The 2 Michelin Star Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud occupies the ground floor of the former 21 Upper Merrion Street, built in the 1760's by Lord Monck. The original entrance to the house is used as the entrance to the restaurant, which overlooks the elegant 18th Century style landscaped garden, designed by Ireland's most respected garden designer, Jim Reynolds.

As before, the Restaurant has a separate room for private parties, and continues to provide outside catering for weddings, private house parties or business occasions.

No. 23

No. 23, The Merrion's small residents' cocktail bar, is on the ground floor of the former No. 23 Upper Merrion Street. Dark green walls and stunning works of art, lend a peaceful and intimate atmosphere. An excellent bar for guests wishing to unwind or meet friends and colleagues for a drink.

THE CELLAR BAR

The Cellar Bar, also designed by David Crowley, is set within the vaulted rooms under No. 24 Upper Merrion Street. The original 18th century bricks can still be seen in the ceiling, these have been reconditioned and left exposed. Native Irish oak was used to build the long bar, as well as the floor in the bar area. Subtle lighting, a variety of old furniture covered with rich fabrics and terracotta flagstones all blend to make the Cellar Bar a great venue for a relaxed drink - a fact which can be witnessed any evening of the week, but especially on Friday and Saturday.

The Merrion's Executive Chef, Ed Cooney has created an informal menu for The Cellar Bar using the best Irish ingredients. The menu, which includes oysters, smoked salmon and Irish stew as well as old favourites such as homemade pasta, club sandwiches and Caesar Salad, is a vital ingredient of the Cellar Bar's winning recipe.

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