

## Gallop to the Races with The Merrion hotel

Fillies, furlongs, fences, form and fixtures are all words that are certain to roll off the tongue as Ireland's most notable race course, The Curragh, Co. Kildare plays host to a sophisticated selection of race days this summer.

To celebrate, the five star Merrion hotel, Dublin's best address, and only a 50 minute drive from The Curragh Racecourse, has exclusively created an 'Off to The Races' package which can be tailored to suit every discerning race goer's needs.

With the 'Off to the Races' package, guests can enjoy an overnight stay in one of the hotel's luxurious contemporary Garden Wing rooms, complete with a chilled bottle of champagne on arrival. After checking in, guests can study the form in style in the hotel's elegant Drawing Rooms, appreciate the impressive art collection, relax and unwind in the hotel's boutique Tethra Spa, dine in the fabulous award winning Cellar restaurant, or relax in the refined atmosphere of bar No. 23. A full Irish breakfast the following morning will put a pep in all guests' steps as they head off to the races with two Day Member admission tickets per couple. (*\*A day member ticket provides access to the premier level of the grandstand with unreserved seating.*)

From €295 per room, The Merrion hotel's 'Off to the Races' package is sure to be an odds on favourite this racing season!

This bespoke package is available on the following 2011 Race days:

- Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Tetrarch, Athasi & Mooresbridge Stakes
- Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Summer Evening Meet
- Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June - Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Day
- Sat & Sun, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July – Minstrel Stakes and Darley Irish Oaks
- Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August – Keeneland Phoenix Stakes
- Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August – Moyglare Stud Stakes
- Sat & Sun, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – The Irish Field St Leger, National Stakes & Blandford Stakes
- Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September – Juddmonte Beresford Stakes
- Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October – Lanwades & Staffordstown Stud Stakes.

\*€100 supplement charge applies to Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby

\*Transfers to The Curragh Racecourse can be arranged at an additional charge.

All programmes are inclusive of value added tax at 13.5% and are subject to availability. Ranges of other packages are also available at The Merrion hotel. For further information and reservations please contact The Merrion hotel directly on +353 1 603 0600, facsimile +353 1 603 0700, email [reservations@merrionhotel.com](mailto:reservations@merrionhotel.com) or alternatively via the website: [www.merrionhotel.com](http://www.merrionhotel.com).

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