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Racing to festive Dublin with The Merrion

October 2012 - The Merrion (www.merrionhotel.com), Dublin's best address, invites guests to Leopardstown Racecourse for wintry horse racing breaks between Christmas and New Year 2012. Combine the hotel's Irish Georgian heritage and charm with the craic of Ireland's most successful international sport.

Leopardstown Racecourse is just six miles south of Dublin and The Merrion, in superb surroundings, in the foothills of the Dublin Mountains. Its famous 4-day Christmas Festival from 26th to 29th December inclusive is one of the highlights of the Dublin winter season, with world-class jockeys, the finest horses and 65,000 race-goers gathering to mingle with mulled wine and the expertise of tipsters on hand to share their best bets.

A day at the races is the perfect antidote to the indulgence of Christmas, and with the promise of roaring peat fires at The Merrion to return to, this is festive Irish luxury at its best.

Post-Christmas Racing Breaks at The Merrion from €175 pp, based on two sharing an overnight stay. *Guests booking an overnight stay between 26 and 29 December 2012 will enjoy a hearty Irish breakfast in preparation for an exciting days racing, with two top level tickets to the [Leopardstown Christmas Festival](#). Private transfers to Leopardstown available on request.*

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About The Merrion

The Merrion stands directly opposite Government Buildings in the heart of Dublin city centre. On the doorstep is Upper Merrion Street, where Government Buildings, The National Gallery and The Natural History Museum are located. A short walk leads to the adjacent "golden mile" of lively pubs, shops and restaurants dotted around St. Stephen's Green. Grafton Street is a leisurely stroll away for all the latest designer shops. The Merrion is a member of *The Leading Hotels of the World*.

Leopardstown Race Course

Just six miles south of Dublin City Centre, Leopardstown Racecourse is Dublin's premier race track, with 22 race meetings held throughout the year, including the four day Christmas National Hunt Festival and the prestigious Irish Champion Stakes, part of the World Series Championships.