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**MERRION**  
DUBLIN



### **The Merrion's Dublin – by bicycle**

*Seeing the city in a new light, on board The Merrion's bicycles*

*April 2013* – The Merrion, Dublin's best address, is redesigning the way its guests get to see the city, with a custom-made bicycle tour around Dublin's best-loved sights – as recommended by The Merrion's staff, and specially created by Dublin City Bike Tours.

From June 2013, The Merrion will tempt guests away from its blossoming courtyard gardens and elegant Georgian Drawing Rooms to while away a couple of hours with a leisurely cycle ride around this most welcoming and 'do-able' of cities.

The Merrion's charming bicycles will come complete with Merrion helmets, tote bags, rain macs – just in case – and an optional delicious home-made Merrion picnic tucked in the basket.

The private, tailor-made tours of Dublin will move from Upper Merrion Street through the Georgian streets of old Dublin. Along the way will be stops at Dublin Castle, and Trinity College, for a dose of Irish history – just as riders please.

Pedal power will whizz cyclists along the Grand Canal Cycleway, stopping to feed the ducks and share a bench with the statue of Patrick Kavanagh - Irish novelist, and one of the foremost poets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and a favourite spot recommended by Head Concierge Sean Lally.

After sharing the fruits of the picnic basket – perhaps on St Stephen's Green – there is St Patrick's Cathedral to see, and the narrow streets of Portobello, spotting the birthplace of George Bernard Shaw along the way.

Other sights can include Temple Bar, and the shops of Grafton Street, before returning to The Merrion to relax with a glass of wine in the Cellar Bar, or Irish supper in the Cellar restaurant.

Guests will fall into bed in a luxurious Garden Wing room, with full Irish breakfast the following morning.

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***The Merrion's Dublin, by bicycle** from €267 per person, based on two sharing an overnight stay on a B&B basis, and including use of both Merrion bicycles and a two hour private Dublin City Bike Tour. Or from €296.50 pps, inclusive of a picnic during the bike tour. Additional bicycles available, upon request.*

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**About The Merrion** – Dublin's finest five-star address, 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. Created from four magnificently restored grade I listed Georgian townhouses, The Merrion is a short walk from the "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.