

The Garden Room Picnic at The Merrion

Al fresco dining in the heart of Dublin this summer



May 2018 – The long, lazy days of summer bring out the best of Dublin and its finest five-star address, The Merrion. Originally designed by Jim Reynolds, the noted Irish landscape artist, the private gardens at The Merrion mirror the Georgian history of the hotel – gently recalling the 18th century with box hedges, water features, pathways, statuary and obelisks.

New for 2018, The Garden Room Picnic can be enjoyed out on the terrace or in The Garden Room restaurant, a light and airy space which opens on to the garden - and becomes a part of it. Every detail has been considered, from the fabrics and interiors used in the restaurant to colours of uniforms, to bring the outdoors in and inspire an effortless elegance which runs throughout the hotel.

Served daily from 3 to 6pm, guests can sip on ice-cold house lemonade whilst tucking into The Garden Room Picnic, with menu by Executive Chef Ed Cooney. There will be a delectable selection of hot and cold bites, both savoury and sweet; think Burren Smokehouse salmon blinis with dill crème fraiche and charred green asparagus with whipped feta and Amalfi lemon. For dessert, guests can delight in a traditional English Eton mess or Mississippi mud pie, amongst other tempting treats.

As Dublin's only five-star hotel with its own private garden – tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the city – this idyllic picnic spot is as much a romantic hideaway, as a relaxed space, bringing families and friends together. A true feast for the eyes, the garden features a beautiful geometric arrangement of paths and flower beds in bloom – with lilac, orange blossom and philadelphus filling the air with the delicate scents of summer.

The Garden Room at The Merrion invites guests to indulge in an Irish summer tradition within the leafy haven of its private garden terrace. With all the grace and romance of its classical 18th century garden, The Garden Room and its adjoining terrace at The Merrion form the perfect backdrop for guests to enjoy an al fresco picnic in the sunshine, whiling away the afternoon with friends, family or colleagues...

The Garden Room Picnic will be served from June to September 2018, served 3-6pm every day either in The Garden Room or out on the Terrace. Priced at €29.50 per person.

The Garden Room Picnic Menu

Chilled house lemonade

Burren Smokehouse Salmon on Blinis with Dill Crème Fraiche

Charred Green Asparagus Crostini with whipped Feta cheese and Amalfi Lemon

Devilled Hens Egg with Mayonnaise

Toasted Brioche with Ham and Gruyere cheese

Eton Mess

Fruit Tartlets with Lemon Balm

Mississippi Mud Pie

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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's historic 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.

About The Garden Room – Having opened to its first guests in October 2017, The Garden Room is a new all-day restaurant for The Merrion set at the heart of its private garden. In a specially-designed building connected to the hotel by a chic glass walkway, floor-to-ceiling glass doors open out on to the terrace, ideal for al fresco dining in the warmer months. A warm and relaxed atmosphere is set by clever interiors by Alice Roden, supported by Consolata Boyle, responsible for beautiful tailored staff uniforms to match. From breakfast to dinner and everything in between, the menu focusses on Irish food and ingredients from land and sea.