



# CASTLE DARGAN

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*Golf • Hotel • Wellness*





# The Call of the Wild

Castle Dargan rests in the heart of 'Yeats Country' - a sumptuous land of rugged beauty named after Ireland's most celebrated poet. A regular visitor to Castle Dargan a century or so ago, WB Yeats waxed lyrical over the mystical setting and the estate's crumbling castle teetering on the edge of a rocky outcrop above Lough Dargan.

For once it gave a great Irish writer solace and inspiration, Castle Dargan now gives golfers a privileged journey over the same crumpled countryside backed by a sweep of wild hills. Today a golfer can revel in the magnificence of the immaculate fairways and greens, and be challenged by the punishing bunkers, glimmering lakes and winding streams. But also the eye is seduced by majestic trees, and the encroaching wildness of the gnarled rough criss-crossed with stout stone walls.

The castle ruins up by the tee of the signature 3rd hole, can be spied from most other holes, and provides a calming but eerie presence on the horizon and adds to the soulful atmosphere of the resort that has everything. One hundred and seventy acres of peace and serenity mixed with the verve and panache of a bold and beautifully presented course gives all golfers a rare treat.



ABOVE: THE LINKS Y 10TH; LEFT: VIEW OVER THE 6TH. OVER: A GLIMPSE OF THE CASTLE RUINS ABOVE THE PAR THREE 3RD.

*"I liked the place for the romances of its two ruined castles facing one another across a little lake."* WB Yeats



## Creative Design

The richness of Castle Dargan's landscape demanded a sympathetic and imaginative mind to get the best out of her inimitable beauty – someone who has a creative eye drawn from the experiences of a life playing the world's finest fairways. Darren Clarke was that man.

A legend in the Emerald Isle, and known throughout the world for his genial sportsmanship and awesome shotmaking, Darren has fashioned a pedigree parkland with a linksy twist, and laid down a challenge for all. He used the natural ebb and flow of the setting and interwoven holes of daring and beauty.

In his own words he sets out his vision: "My objective in designing the course was to do justice to the scenic landscape of the estate and create a course that would offer a test for golfers of all abilities. The natural tumbling terrain we had to work with very much dictated the design and allowed us to create some truly special golf holes."

Thanks to Darren and his team, North West Ireland now has a cracking parkland to rival the region's more heralded links, and a course that will stand the test of time, just like the enduring grace of the estate.



*"I am delighted with what we have achieved at Castle Dargan. It really has exceeded my expectations and it is a club I am proud to be a part of."*

Darren Clarke







# Lifestyle Resort

The estate at Castle Dargan is more than just a memorable golf course, it is the North West's finest golfing resort experience. An elegant hotel centred on the original 18th century manor house is the heartbeat of the estate. Choose from a walled garden suite, a refined room within the old house or fashionable new accommodation. Its warm welcome, relaxing lounges and terraces, gracious style, and inspired cuisine at The Hall Door Restaurant soothe the soul and excite the senses.

The Icon Spa, a dedicated wellness centre, can both relax and rejuvenate. Along with the latest cosmetic treatments, it offers specialised massages for golfers to work out the stresses of the links. A hydrotherapy pool, O2 steam and herb sauna, meditation stations and an oxygen bar complete the experience unique outside of Dublin.

Castle Dargan is a golfer's paradise – an accomplished and stunning course partnered with fine living, famed Irish hospitality and an ambience of calm and class. It is a precious and exceptional gift to Ireland's already proclaimed golfing fraternity.



-  6,754 yards Par 72
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-  6,240 yards Par 72
-  5,540 yards Par 74



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