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The Mount Falcon Estate, lies between Foxford and Ballina, in County Mayo. It is comprised of the Mount Falcon Country House Hotel, Fisheries, and a small number of luxury self catering suites, located in lakeside, courtyard and woodland settings around the 100 acre Estate.

A warm welcome awaits visitors to Mount Falcon... lovingly restored and now dedicated to the pursuit of leisure and relaxation in this beautiful part of the countryside.

...A family-run destination offering a friendly and informal setting; relaxing areas to escape to throughout the house; roaring fires to take the chill off winter evenings; 100 acres of landscaped gardens and woodlands to explore; easy access to endless sporting, cultural and leisure opportunities in the increasingly popular North West of Ireland.

Mount Falcon - A History

The ‘castle’ was created from the love of one young man for his new bride - Miss Nina Knox-Gore of Belleek Manor. He agreed that she was so special that she deserved to live in a ‘castle’. In 1872 this young man - Ultred Knox - commissioned the finest architect of that time, James Franklin Fuller, who also designed Ashford Castle, Kylemore Abbey & Farmleigh House, to construct a palatial home at Mount Falcon, an estate of 2,200 acres on the west bank of the River Moy.
This stunning baronial structure looks as impressive today as it would have in 1876 when it was completed.

In 1932 it was purchased by Major and Constance Aldridge who ran it as one of the finest shooting and fishing lodges in Ireland. Major Aldridge had a great love for country pursuits and exploited fully the natural resources of the estate for his guests.

Connie Aldridge was one of the founders of the now famous “Blue Book” of country houses. Numerous guests from all over the world including Vivien Leigh, Peter Sellers, Dr. Patrick Hillery, Jack Lynch, and more recently, Tiger Woods, Mark O’Meara, John Cooke and Nick Faldo, have enjoyed all that Mount Falcon has to offer.

Mount Falcon’s current owners, amongst them the Maloney Family who hail from the area, bought the Estate in 2002 and have clearly demonstrated their pride and love of this property through their wonderful restoration and extension of the main house to its former glory.
At the heart of Mount Falcon Estate is a 4 star deluxe family-run Hotel. Guests enjoy luxurious accommodation with leisure and corporate facilities, access to the best golfing in the West of Ireland, and the Estate’s unique offering - access to the most prolific Salmon River in Ireland, the River Moy.

Mount Falcon is the perfect escape to unwind, relax and rejuvenate, away from the strains of a busy lifestyle.

**Accommodation:**
The Hotel comprises of 32 bedrooms which includes 2 suites and 4 deluxe rooms located on the upper floor of the original house. They are truly unique and enjoy all the original features of this historic home - including 15 foot high ceilings, original marble fireplaces, servant bell ringers, cornices, pitch-pine floor boards & shutters. Most of the en-suites provide free-standing cast iron baths and
luxurious marble top vanity units. These stately rooms have been carefully and lovingly restored to their original beauty and offer all the opulence and services one would expect staying in a deluxe country manor Estate.

An additional 26 superior rooms make up the full complement of 32 bedrooms in the Hotel. They are spacious, all with super king beds, custom-designed free standing furniture, generous en-suites – each of which include large showers & separate baths with double marble vanity units.

The timeless elegance of all our room types tastefully furnished with soft and tranquil colours, ensure a calming and relaxing West of Ireland atmosphere.

For guests who are looking for more flexibility during their visit to the West, the Hotel offers luxury 3 and 4 bedroomed self-catering and full service lodges, nestled around three idyllic locations on the Estate - The Woodlands, The Lakeside & The Courtyard. All bedrooms are doubles and the majority are en-suite. Guests have full use of the leisure facilities in the Hotel including the swimming pool and leisure centre.
Our luxury self-catering and full service lodges fitted to 4 star deluxe standard, are nestled around the Estate in idyllic locations. Designed to three individual styles, reflecting their surroundings - The Woodlands, The Courtyard and The Lakeside lodges, offer a selection of 3 and 4 bedroomed accommodation, the majority being en-suite.

Staying in our lodges allows guests to enjoy all the facilities of the hotel - including the Estate walks and trails, leisure centre with 17m heated indoor swimming pool. Breakfast for our full service lodges is served in the Hotel.

Ideal for groups interested in golfing the Championship Links courses of the region; fishing our private stretch of the River Moy and the surrounding rivers and lakes; exploring the many sites of cultural interest; or enjoying the pure relaxation of Mount Falcon. The perfect holiday for friends & families.
Mount Falcon Leisure
The Leisure centre hosts a spectacular 17m indoor heated swimming pool, designed to guarantee the ultimate in relaxation - with the pool extending out into the beautiful tree-filled woodlands. Tastefully complemented by a sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, fully equipped air conditioned gym and a 3km walking / jogging / cycling trail around the Estate, with bikes available to hire from our leisure centre.

Mount Falcon Spa
Our team of Elemis therapists are on hand to help you relax and unwind to leave the stress of daily life a distant memory. Every treatment is specifically designed to offer a unique and individual experience.

Full and half-day Spa packages are available, along with a wide selection of facials and body massages, all designed to ensure you feel revitalised and refreshed during your stay with us.
The 'Kitchen' Restaurant encompasses the original kitchen and pantry of the main house where guests enjoy first-class, fresh, locally produced, quality food in a friendly and relaxed environment.

The restaurant is located on the ground floor, easily accessed from the main hotel foyer. Designed for an intimate ambiance, with tables nestled around the nooks and crannies, with large windows offering striking views of the beautiful trees on the Estate - especially dramatic when lit up at night.

The restaurant caters for small groups, private parties, office outings, christenings, birthdays - whatever your occasion, the service team will ensure every element of your dining experience will be memorable. Private dining can also be catered for in the main restaurant or in the selection of Our Food Experience.
available lounges and function rooms. Bar and Bistro Menus are available, with food served in the 'Boathole' bar and lounge areas. An extensive wine list, accommodating all tastes, has been carefully compiled to match and complement our food offerings.

All the reception rooms at Mount Falcon Estate have a comfortable and welcoming feel, an ideal haven to relax and share afternoon tea with friends and family. The 'Boathole Bar', accessed off the main foyer, is located in one of the "entertaining rooms" in the house, restored to highlight all the original features, and perfect for enjoying a quiet drink while taking in the beautiful views across the lawns of the Estate.

The Bar, and the surrounding corridors, are adorned with memorabilia relating to the original construction and furnishing of the house, making them very interesting areas to peruse, and perfect for visitors to learn about the colourful history of the house over the years.

Our commitment to quality ingredients is evident with all our menus, as most of our produce is grown on the Estate in our very own Kitchen Garden.
Mount Falcon Estate - Angling Hub of Ireland’s North West
Mount Falcon has been inextricably linked with the River Moy and Salmon fishing throughout its history.

River Moy Beats
The Mount Falcon Fishery enjoys two miles of double bank fishing on the lower Moy, the most prolific salmon river in Ireland. The rod catch for the river is approximately 9000 salmon annually, the Mount Falcon Fishery 5 year average is an impressive 715 fish.

The fishery is split into two 6 rod beats, with includes the famous Wallpool. The lower beat is more suited to bait and spinning with slower deeper holding pools. This fishing is seasonal and reserved exclusively for the use of guests staying in the hotel or lodges.
Services Available
Guests are looked after by our fishery manager and residents ghillie with a rotation system to move rods around the fishery via one of our boats.

Guests can avail of a full range of fishing equipment including fly rods, spinning rods and waders from our rod room.

Mount Falcon Estate - Golfing Hub of Ireland’s North West
Providing access to 12 golf courses (4 Links and 8 Parkland) all within an hour’s drive. It is however the 3 championship links courses of: Enniscrone (20 minute drive), Carne Belmullet and Rosses Point all ranked in the top 20 championship links courses in Ireland, for which the region is reputed. Combining these with a selection of championship parkland courses uniquely enables us to customise golf packages for all budgets, preferences and competencies. Mount Falcon Estate also hosts a 9 bay golf driving range on site with golf equipment secure storage and drying room.

Mount Falcon Estate is a member of the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) and the Irish Golf Tour Operators Association (IGTOA).
Mount Falcon Estate offers a variety of activities to suit all levels of participation. Walking trails throughout our 100 acres of woodlands can be used for running and cycling, with bicycles available for hire. Explore our forest playground and discover the megalithic tomb. Experience the ancient art of Falconry with our resident Falconer and Birds of Prey, through Hawk Walks and displays. Practice or learn to fly fish on our Trout filled lake open all year round, suitable for all ages.

An on-site 9 bay golf driving range is an ideal golf practice ground. Supervised archery and clay (skeet) shooting are available on our ranges located adjacent to our private stretch of the River Moy where our resident ghillies ensure you get the best opportunity to catch wild Atlantic Salmon during our fishing season.
The ‘Kitchen Garden’ at Mount Falcon is an Estate treasure and the pride of our Chefs and Gardeners. Supplying the Estate with fresh herbs, vegetables, flowers, and fresh honey from its native Irish Bee’s, open for visits by residents at selected times with seasonal gardening classes held throughout the year.

Our Region
The Estate’s location on the Wild Atlantic Way in the heart of the Moy Valley, which spans North Mayo and West Sligo, offers an abundance of spectacular landscapes, rugged coastlines, and some of Ireland’s finest beaches; from Achill Island to Belmullet to Ballycastle and on to Enniscrone.

Rich in heritage the region is ideal for exploration and first-hand experience of our culture, people and landscape. From the Neolithic site of the Céide Fields which tells a 6000 year old story of a forgotten people; to the monasteries of the Moy from early Christian Ireland; to our more recent history in the Jackie Clarke Museum, Foxford Wollen Mills and the National Museum of Ireland Country Life.

Other activities in the region include Horse-riding on beautiful golden beaches, surfing world renowned waves, and hill-climbing in unspoilt and spectacular landscapes.
Celebrating your wedding in the Most Romantic House in Ireland is simply unique

Our fairytale 100 acre woodland Estate, is designed to exceed every couple’s expectations. We believe the heart of any wedding reception is Food. With this in mind our 2 AA Rosette Head Chef and his team are on hand to ensure that this tradition is maintained throughout your special day.

Whether it’s a sunny summer wedding with a champagne and strawberries reception on our manicured open lawn, a winter wedding with a mulled wine reception by roaring open turf fires, a Civil Ceremony, or a lavish marquee Mount Falcon has a proven record and reputation for all.

To see first-hand how Mount Falcon might fulfil your dream wedding, please contact us to arrange a suitable time to view this magical location.
Conferences

Off-site Meetings...
Management Meetings... Team bonding...
Training... Workshops... Executive Think Tanks.

Whatever the event, Mount Falcon is ideal for corporate clients looking for a venue where a team can follow a working event with the opportunity to break-away and get involved in some country pursuits.

The Hotel offers both privacy and seclusion, with modern high-tech conference facilities, along with:

- Conference Rooms for up to 120 guests classroom style or 200 theatre style to the more intimate Board Room ideal for 12 seated executives - or can be used as a relaxation area for informal time-outs & private dining.
- Projection screens and AV equipment.
- Both Day and Overnight delegate packages are available, at highly competitive corporate rates.

We would be delighted to work with you and devise a tailored package for your company and executives.
Getting to Mount Falcon is easy.

By road:
Located on the left side of the N26 Foxford/Ballina road (6 miles north of Foxford and 3 miles south of Ballina). From Dublin: 3 hour drive. From Sligo: 1 hour. From Galway: 1.5 hours.

By air:
Daily scheduled flights from the UK and Europe into Ireland West Airport Knock which is 30 minutes’ drive to Mount Falcon. Dublin, Shannon & Belfast are all a 3 hours’ drive.

By train:
Regular train services into Ballina Station. (Take Dublin to Westport train. Change at Manulla Junction for Ballina).

By helicopter/GPS:
Helicopter landing facilities are available on the Estate.