



Maggie Jackson's Special  
Retreat in Bellingham Castle  
and Dublin  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020.



Due to GREAT success we are repeating our Castle Retreat in 2020. Enjoy a RELAXING EXCLUSIVE week with International, award winning Irish Designer Maggie Jackson and fellow knitters. Have fun and relaxation with new or old friends who have mainly enjoyed Maggie's Ireland touring Retreat with her and now want more!! **The Castle is ALL OURS!!** Just get there and we will take care of you for the rest of the week!



**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept** – You will fly into DUBLIN. (Remember it is an OVERNIGHT flight from the USA so you will leave the 26<sup>th</sup>). Bellingham Castle is approx 45 mins away. We have a bus to pick everyone up at **10.30am**. If flying in before 26<sup>th</sup> I will help with some suggestions of places to stay and things to do as I know with time change some of you might prefer to be rested and ready to enjoy Sun onwards. After pick up a short stop at the historic ruins of **Monasterboice** is followed by lunch in **the award winning Glyde Inn** with sea view in nearby Annagassan.



**Sun afternoon** – Welcome - **Summer Punch reception with canapes**- Introduction with tour and history of Bellingham Castle by the owner.

Collection of **Exclusive Project and Special Project Bag**.

I have designed a project, **unique only** to this Retreat, inspired by Ireland and Bellingham Castle. It is located in the heart of the medieval village of Castlebellingham in Co. Louth. The original castle was built around 1660 by Sir Henry Bellingham who was a cornet in the Army during the Civil War.

**7pm** - Evening Dinner in the Castle.



**Mon 28th Sept** – Rise and shine for Breakfast!! Relax in the beautiful lounges as Knitting begins.

Bring your project, needles, scissors and a darning needle.

**9.30 - 1pm** - Knitting

**1 - 2 pm** – Lunch

**2 - 5pm** – Knitting and exclusive **Cooking Demo** from the Castle Chef.



7pm – Buffet Dinner. Followed by **Show 'n Tell** (wear your **Maggiknits** and you could win a **free kit!!!**). Let's enjoy **an Irish Coffee** and memories of the **Aran Isles** for those on previous trips!!



**Tues 29th Sept** – Breakfast. Relax in the beautiful lounges for Knitting or if weather permits – outside relaxing by the waterfall at the weir!!!

9.30 - 1pm - Knitting

1 - 2 pm – Lunch



2 - 5pm – Knitting and talk from Sarah of '**Colours of Northern Ireland**'. Yarn hand spun from Northern Ireland sheep and dyed for you to purchase.

7pm – Barbeque Dinner (weather permitting)

**Wed 30th Sept** - Breakfast. Relax in the beautiful lounges for Knitting or if weather permits – outside relaxing by the waterfall at the weir!!!

9.30 - 1pm – Knitting and **Hand Massage** for those tired knitting hands..... you never know .....**Mum** might just call in for a cuppa!!!

1 - 2 pm – **Afternoon High Tea** with sandwiches/canapes/cake/homemade scones with cream and jam.

2 - 4pm – Knitting.

4 - 6.00pm – **Fashion Show with Nuala**, model from Maggie's Books.

7pm – **Murder Mystery Dinner with prizes**...time to dress up!!!





**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Breakfast. Relax in the beautiful lounges for Knitting or if weather permits – outside relaxing by the waterfall at the weir!!!

9.30 - 1pm – Knitting.

1 - 2pm – Lunch

2 – 4.30pm – Knitting.

6.00pm – **Gala Dinner**. Followed by **Irish Dancers** (MUCH LOVED) and maybe they will teach us a few steps!!



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** – Last Breakfast at the Castle. Off for an exciting day...will we see Irish sheep??? Sit back and relax (bring your knitting) - first a scenic tour through the **Wicklow Mountains**, the 'Garden of Ireland', then some coastal scenery. We also visit the ancient monastic settlement in Glenalough and then travel to the tiny town of Avoca, location of the TV series '**Ballykissangel**'. Check out the show!! See some famous **Avoca** weavers at work.



Check in **The Morgan Hotel** | 10 Fleet Street | Dublin 2 |

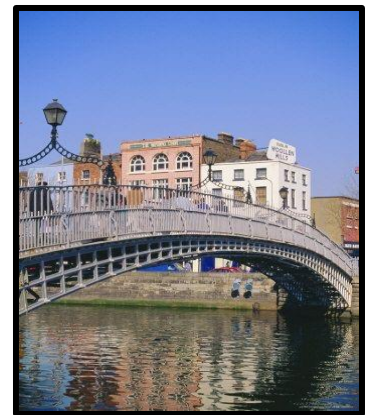
Tel: (00353) (0) 1 643 7000 [www.themorgan.com](http://www.themorgan.com) Temple Bar area has cobbled streets and laneways, many of which have retained their original architecture and are lined with boutiques,

galleries, restaurants and bars. **The hotel is just minutes' walk** from many of Dublin's famous landmarks, including **Trinity College, Grafton Street, O'Connell Street, Christ Church Cathedral, Guinness Storehouse, Dublin Castle, Temple Bar** and many more.



**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Breakfast.**

Time to enjoy some Irish shopping or exploring Dublin with suggestions from Maggie. -- Lunch on own. **Maybe some extra suitcases might need to be bought!!!!**



**Our Final Evening -**

**The Irish House Party, Lansdowne Hotel, 27 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4**

Consistently voted as one of the best Irish music shows in Dublin, *The Irish House Party* is Dublin's



unmissable music and dance experience. Dinner and entertainment with Irish dancers, singers and musicians in an elegant Georgian setting.

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Breakfast and tears....our wee holiday is over!!! There will be reasonable timing transport to Dublin Airport to be arranged once I have your flight times. Those staying on extra days will have to organize their own transport. Sorry!!

## Your Retreat includes:-

- Private bus transport on Sun 27<sup>th</sup> from Dublin airport to Bellingham Castle if arrived before 10.30am.
- Return to Dublin airport suitable to **majority of flight times.**
- **5 nights** Bellingham Castle and **2 nights** The Morgan Hotel, Dublin
- Includes **7 breakfasts, 4 lunches including Afternoon Tea, 7 dinners including a Castle Barbeque, Castle Gala Dinner, Morgan Hotel dinner in their 10 Fleet Street AA Rosette awarded restaurant plus Irish House Party dinner.**
- **Knitting** with award winning designer Maggie Jackson. **Materials and Pattern.**
- **Workshop Knitting Bag**
- **A glass of Punch with canapes** for introduction on Sun 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Transport** to Dublin from the Castle Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.
- **Avoca and Wicklow Mountain Tour.**
- **Fashion Show** with Nuala. Free shipping within USA (special rate Canada) of Maggiknit orders.
- **Personal Hand massage.**
- **Entertainment - Irish Dancers at Castle and Irish House Party with dinner, Dublin.**
- **Transport to 'The Irish House Party'.**
- Meeting and snacks with local Dublin knitters. Prize for winner of Show 'n Tell.
- **Cooking demo by Castle Chef.**
- Talk on dyeing yarns by designer of 'Colours of Northern Ireland', plus some to purchase.
- **Tea/Coffee with cake/pastry supplied all day in Castle FREE to you.**
- **Castle Bar open to suit us and for evening knitting....not sure that's good!!!! LOL.**
- **Plus some other wee surprises with PRIZES every day!!!**

**COST - \$3989 per person LIMITED PLACES (smaller group makes it more personal)**

**SPECIAL – IF BOOKED BEFORE SEPT 30<sup>th</sup> SAVE \$100 so \$3889**

**Single Supplement \$455**

**First instalment to book a place \$500.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment \$900 due beg Aug, fully refundable up to end of 2019;**

**3rd Instalment \$1000 due Dec 2019;**

**4<sup>th</sup> and Final Instalment due March 2020;**

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