



The Golf Course at **ADARE MANOR**



Information Pack



ADARE MANOR
LIMERICK, IRELAND



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THE GOLF COURSE



12,055 sq. m

*Pure Distinction
bentgrass putting
surfaces*



1,915

Sprinkler heads



50+

Greenkeepers



17,003 sq. m

*A4 bentgrass
approach surface*



12

*Hand-cut
stone bridges*



7,019

*Square metres of
bunkers*



20

*Greens with
SubAir System
(including Putting Green
and Chipping Green)*



72

Par



7,509

Yards



Home to the **2027 RYDER CUP**

13th - 19th September 2027

Adare Manor's Tom Fazio-designed championship course will host the competition's centenary edition and its return to Ireland after 20 years.

Fully reconstructed between 2016 and 2018, the course was designed with major tournament hosting in mind. Each hole offers distinct strategic character, while the closing stretch, framed by the Manor House, is expected to deliver one of the most atmospheric settings in Ryder Cup history.

The course features 18 SubAir-equipped greens planted with Pure Distinction bentgrass, with A4 bentgrass used on approach surfaces. A dedicated team of more than 50 greenkeepers maintains playing conditions to championship standards year-round.

The Ryder Cup at Adare Manor represents more than a sporting milestone. It is a return of the event to Ireland after two decades, and the centenary staging of a competition that has defined international team golf since 1927.

*Justin Rose, US Open Champion 2013,
7-time Ryder Cup player*

*"2027 will certainly be a special Ryder Cup.
We all know what a special place Adare Manor is."*

*"It's second to none. A fantastic design,
fantastic development, with the hotel and
club house. There's nothing better."*

*Pádraig Harrington
3-time Major Champion, 2020 Ryder Cup Captain*

*"The golf course is absolutely incredible.
To have a course presented like this is
phenomenal...it's parkland perfection."*

*Rory McIlroy
6-time Major Champion, 8-time Ryder Cup player*

*"Best course in the country, one of the
best in Europe. The whole venue is just
incredible, nothing like we have in Ireland."*

*Shane Lowry
2019 Open Champion, 3-time Ryder Cup player*



The Golf Course at Adare Manor

Adare Manor has long welcomed stars of world golf since first opening for play in 1995 and going on to host the Irish Open in 2007 and 2008.

After a 24-month reconstruction project that started in March 2016, under the watchful eye of Tom Fazio and his team of design experts, The Golf Course at Adare Manor reopened in April 2018 setting a new standard for Irish championship golf.

During the reconstruction, 220,000 tonnes of sand were used throughout the site ensuring every inch of the course has adequate drainage to cope with even the most severe of Irish winters.

Over 7,000 square metres of bunkers were created to frame the manicured fairways and pristine greens. Despite the significant use of sand throughout the property, Adare Manor features fewer bunkers than any other Tom Fazio design, numbering 41.

The Golf Course at Adare Manor has no rough in play but rather 170 acres of low-cut, sand-capped grass. As such, it is a challenging but fair test, which allows for a brisk pace of play.

It is one of a select number of golf courses in the UK & Ireland where all 18 greens benefit from a SubAir Aeration System, removing moisture through vacuum pumps and guaranteeing firm play each day. In addition, 77,000 linear metres of gravel trenches and perforated pipes were installed during construction to aid drainage.

Each green has been laid with super-fine Pure Distinction bentgrass, the first layout in Europe to incorporate such a feature.



Whilst the course also boasts 17,003 square metres of A4 bentgrass approach surfaces, commonly used upon the greens of some of the world's finest championship layouts.

Another unique feature is that each hole incorporates the capability and infrastructure - through the incorporation of fibre optic conduit (for telecoms and power) and the installation of an advanced road network - to host the world's most high-profile events.

Under the guidance of Golf Course Superintendent Alan MacDonnell, a 27-year stalwart of Adare Manor who is well-tuned to the nuances of the climate along the stunning West Coast of Ireland, the course boasts an over 50-strong greenkeeping team to ensure players are presented with the finest playing surfaces every day, whatever the weather.

Facts & Figures

PAR-72, 7,509 YARDS

Designer:	Tom Fazio
Opened:	April 2018
Approaches:	17,003sq m of A4 bentgrass approaches
Greens:	12,055sq m of USGA Pure Distinction bentgrass putting surfaces
Area:	842 acres
Bunkers:	41





Resort Overview

Set on an 842-acre estate surrounded by medieval ruins, walled gardens and winding woodland paths, Adare Manor in Co. Limerick is one of Ireland's leading five-star properties.

Dating back to 1832, the construction of Adare Manor was a labour of love for the Earls of Dunraven, and was cherished as their family home for generations. Initially commissioned by the 2nd Earl of Dunraven, its Neo-Gothic architectural style was heavily influenced by the castles, churches and manor houses of the 13th century medieval period. An example of a rare 'Calendar House,' Adare Manor is adorned with 365 leaded windows, 52 ornate chimneys, 7 stone pillars and 4 towers to mark the annual tally of days, weeks and seasons.

In 2016, the largest restoration project of its kind in Ireland was undertaken, honouring the building's architectural heritage while incorporating the latest in contemporary luxury. The riverside demesne is now home to 103 guestrooms, a grand ballroom, 111SKIN spa, cinema and boardroom.

The resort offers a diverse dining collection, from Michelin-starred The Oak Room and Japanese restaurant Oku to the all-day dining destination The Carriage House, The Gallery's Afternoon Tea, The Tack Room bar and chocolatier Harry Lowes.

Adare Manor's beautiful estate includes diverse woodlands and pristine parklands, where over 22,000 additional trees have been planted. Enhanced

through loving restoration and landscaping, they create a magical backdrop for a wide range of exciting on-site activities both indoors and out, including padel, falconry, archery, clay pigeon shooting, cycling and walking trails, fishing, axe-throwing, gun dog experience, audio-guided history tours, horse and carriage tours, yoga, personal training, golf simulation, swimming, and wine and whiskey tasting.

Adare Manor is at the heart of beautiful Adare village, with traditional thatched cottages, Desmond Castle and historic churches. Wandering down the main street you will find antique and craft shops, boutiques, cafes, pubs and restaurants. Neatly situated on the gateway to southwest Ireland; Adare Manor is a 25-minute drive from Shannon International Airport, 1.5 hours from Cork Airport and 2.5 hours from Dublin Airport.

Nearby day trips include Limerick city, Lough Gur, The Cliffs of Moher, The Burren, Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Galway City, Dingle, Killarney, The Ring of Kerry, Cork City, Blarney Castle, and golf courses such as Lahinch, Ballybunion, Doonbeg, Tralee, Waterville and Hog's Head.

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THE ROAD TO THE 2027 RYDER CUP

Lessons from Rome



In 2027, the Ryder Cup will come to Adare Manor. The biennial clash between the USA and Europe has grown exponentially since it last came to Ireland in 2006, and as the clock ticks down, we wanted a closer look at what it really takes to put on one of golf's most legendary events.

So, when Rome hosted the Ryder Cup in 2023, we were there. The Adare Manor team who travelled to the Eternal City on a vital fact-finding mission included three of our greenkeepers, who worked on the greens and fairways, and two golf services team members based in the US locker room. Their experiences provided compelling insight.

"Some of the challenges that happened in Rome are the same challenges we'll have when it comes to Adare Manor," said Fraser Thomson, Director of Golf Operations. "The size of the event absolutely blew me away, the back of house areas, the number of grandstands, the number of television screens, the number of hospitality units, it is just by far the biggest golf event I've ever been to." In Rome, there were 12,000 accredited staff and approximately 45,000 spectators on site each day. The logistics required to manage such a massive crowd are eye watering. While safety is the primary concern, the comfort and enjoyment of each participant and spectator are also at the forefront of planning: "The success of the Ryder Cup is about the fans. Everyone will talk about the experience the fan has when they're on site."

Brendan O'Connor, Adare Manor's General Manager, says that while the logistical



requirements of the Ryder Cup may be immense, the recent redesign of our golf course by Tom Fazio has taken that into account: "It was designed to host a major tournament, so positions for grandstands and hospitality are already factored in. There will be some subtle changes, some improvements on perfection - it's what we continually strive to do."

O'Connor also says that the Adare Manor's authentic heritage will be central to delivering a fan experience worthy of this historic event: "It's having that sense of place and having that Irish feeling throughout the entire experience that is going to make the Ryder Cup at Adare Manor very special."

The team returned from Rome with a wealth of practical insight, but according to O'Connor, the emotional impact of their Italian Ryder Cup

experience was equally profound: "Having witnessed it, and knowing what is coming to Ireland in 2027, it's electric. Getting closer to '27, that sense of excitement is growing day by day."

Nothing brings the sheer scale of the thing into sharp focus like experiencing it for yourself. Adare Manor's Golf Course Superintendent Alan MacDonnell relishes the challenge ahead: "It's going to be daunting, but that's good. That keeps you on your toes to provide the most memorable Ryder Cup in European history, and that's what we're trying to do."

While MacDonnell has no illusions about the enormity of the task ahead of his team, neither does he have any doubt of their ability to deliver. "It's sensational. It's the biggest show in golf, it's coming to Adare, and we'll be ready for it."





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