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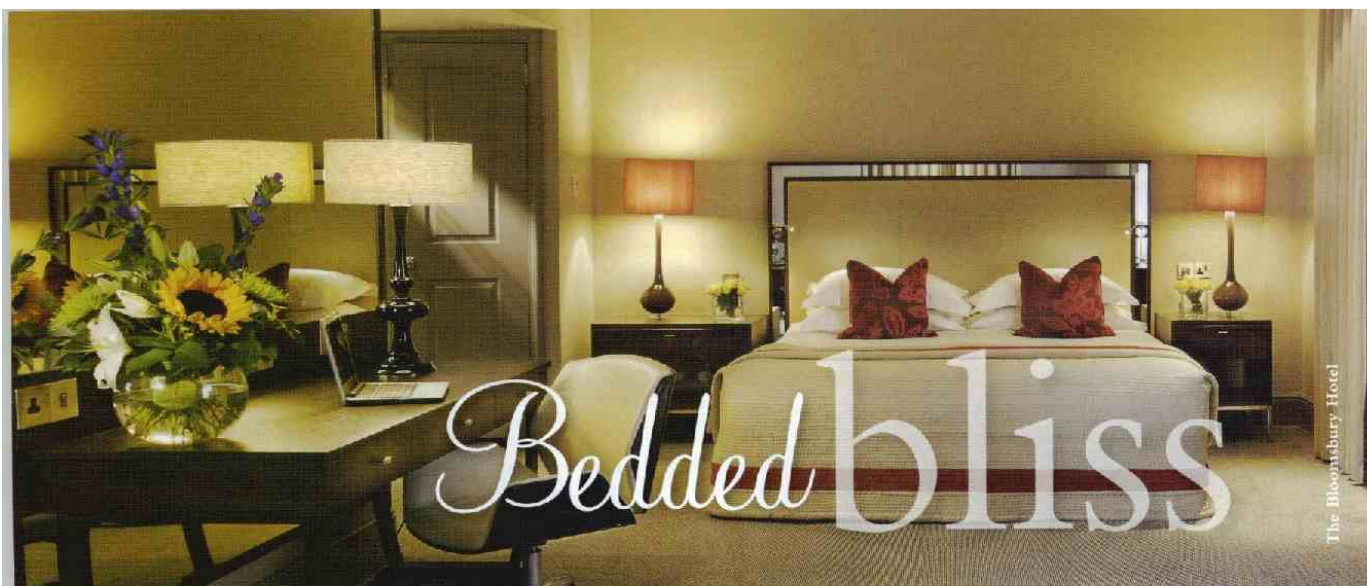
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A new simulated driven shoot has opened in one of the country's finest estates at **Ballynatray** in Co. Cork (through to September). Ballynatray is a privately-owned estate, steeped in history and set in glorious parkland on the Cork and Waterford borders. Open day package is €295 per person per day, or €195 per person for a morning/afternoon package including lunch and refreshments.



Looking for somewhere utterly romantic to bed down on your first night as Mr & Mrs? Deirdre O'Brien explores suites in the city – and beyond

SUITES IN THE CITY

1 The Bloomsbury Hotel, 16-22 Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3NN, T: +44 (0) 207 347 1000, E: bloomsbury@doylecollection.com
Located in the heart of Bloomsbury and just a stone's throw away from stylish Covent Garden, bustling Oxford Street and the British Museum, the Bloomsbury Hotel offers honeymooning couples the lap of luxury at

one of London's most exclusive addresses. This magnificent neo-Georgian building was recently restored to its former glory, and now has twelve suites, all containing a king-size bed with a spacious lounge. If you feel like relaxing and taking some quiet time on your honeymoon, facilities in the suites include freestanding baths, aromatherapy bath products and Nespresso machines, which you can enjoy while enjoying the wonderful surroundings of the heart of London from your window.

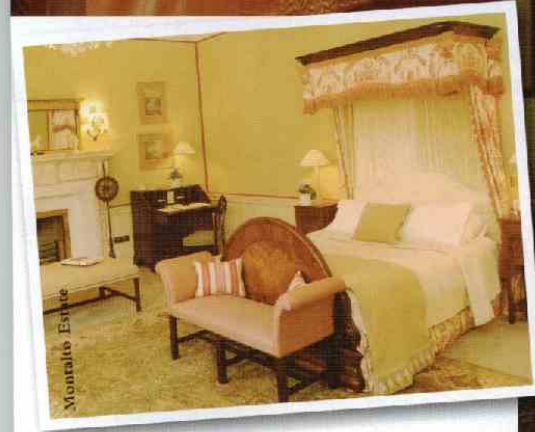
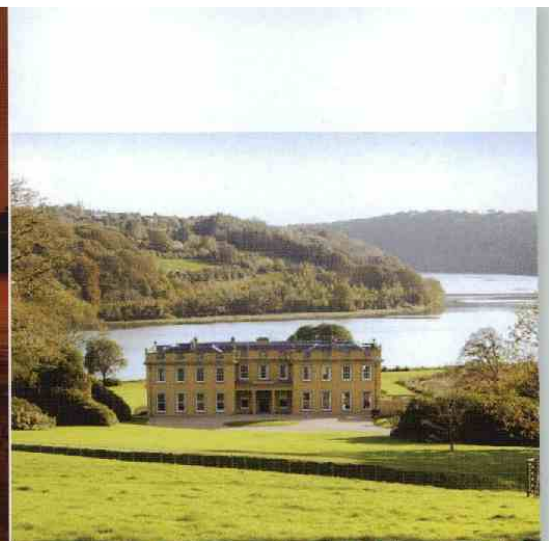
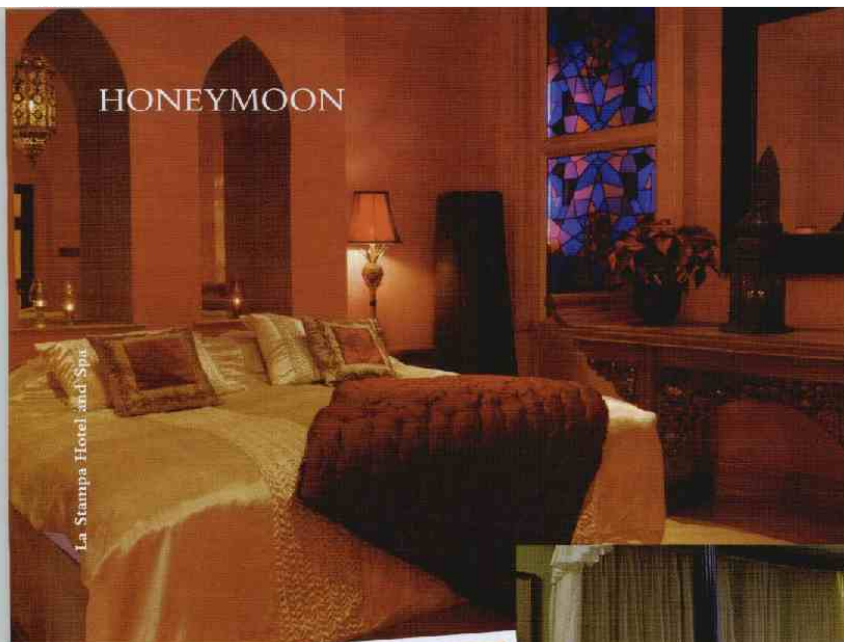
2 La Stampa Hotel and Spa, 35 Dawson Street, Dublin 2, T: 01 677 4444, www.lastampa.ie

One of Ireland's hippest boutique hotels, La Stampa Hotel and Spa offers opulence in a convenient city centre location. Overlooking the historic Mansion House, the hotel's Moroccan Suite is the essence of luxury. Designed by the world famous Miguel Cancio Martins, the Moroccan themed suite contains a magnificent bedroom and a separate living area with its own bar, visitors' bathroom and walk-in wardrobe. With a spa in the building itself, the hotel is a perfect location for honeymooners who either want to stay put or take in all the sights and sounds of the city centre right on their doorstep.



3 The Westbury Hotel, Grafton Street, Dublin 2, T: 01 679 1122,

E: westbury@doylecollection.com
Based just off one of Ireland's most famous streets and right at the heart of Dublin's city centre, the Westbury Hotel offers visitors a five star hotel experience. For newly wed couples the Westbury offers a choice of four suites including the 'Luxury Suites' which are the epitome of style and grandeur and ideal for a honeymooning couple. The four poster bed adds romance to the occasion and the suite is styled with silk curtains, exquisite furniture and state-of-the-art technology.



AND THREE MORE BEYOND...

4 Ballynatray House, Ballynatray, Youghal, Co. Cork, T: 024 97460, www.ballynatray.com

Set in the scenic Cork countryside, the majestic Ballynatray Estate offers luxury accommodation and a picturesque getaway for newlyweds. With the house at the heart of the estate, couples have several options. The 'Love Nest' is a private cottage on the grounds for those who want to hide away and spend as much time together without interruptions. The estate also offers opulent rooms in the 18th century house, where you can enjoy the romance of four poster beds, log fires, an indoor pool and views across the River Blackwater. There are also a host of activities for couples, and the location is just a stone's throw away from the renowned Ballymaloe cookery school and restaurant.

5 Montalto Estate, Ballynahinch, Co. Down, BT24 8PX, T: +44 (0)28 9756 6100, E info@montaltoestate.com

For a complete break from the norm, and a total blow to any budget, if you can afford it why not plan a great escape for your honeymoon by renting out an entire estate for you and your groom? Set in the picturesque countryside of County Down, this house and grounds is privately owned and set out over 400 acres. The service on the estate is second to none, you will invariably become Lord and Lady of the manor and will be waited on by a butler with meals prepared for you by renowned chefs. Every need is catered for. Montalto Estate is an ideal honeymoon location for couples who want to do something a little different and also want to spend their honeymoon in privacy and luxury.

6 Belle Isle Castle, Lisbellaw, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, BT94 5HG, T: +44 (0)28 6638 7231, E: info@belle-isle.com

If grandeur, opulence and good food are what you're looking for, you won't go wrong with a stay at Fermanagh's breathtaking Belle Isle Castle. The castle was stylishly renovated to maintain all of the majesty of the original building while also offering modern conveniences. The bedrooms are decorated in keeping with the design of the rest of the castle and, with only twelve bedrooms to choose from, the castle offers newlyweds quiet and privacy with a range of activities, including cookery lessons at the Belle Isle cookery school, tennis, croquet, fishing, walking trails and even the opportunity to hire out a cruise boat.



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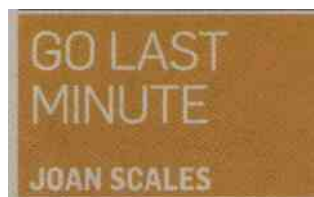
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■ **ROMANTICS WILL** love the seclusion of Ballynatray Estate, 10 minutes from Youghal, and in particular the Boat House overlooking the Blackwater River. Newly refurbished self-catering accommodation on the estate is now available for hire from €130 per night. Details from 024-97460, ballynatray.com.