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ASHFORD CASTLE- IRELAND'S VERY OWN HISTORIC LANDMARK-TURNED LUXURY HOTEL IS THE PERFECT HOLIDAY DESTINATION FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

GALWAY, IRELAND- Ashford Castle, Ireland's very own historic landmark- turned luxury hotel is a magical destination for people young and old. Overlooking the waters of Lough Corrib on 350 acres of land, the beautiful hotel occupies a 13th century castle, is minutes from Headford town center and a short drive from central Galway. The best part? The castle is offering 40% this holiday season to all of their guest's when booking their get-away.

Inside the castle is just as glorious as the outside.; rooms come with antique rosewood furniture, and all have free WIFI, minibars, and cable TV. The suites have their own separate dining rooms. There is an impressive restaurant serving upscale Irish cuisine, as well as a low-key bistro. This holiday season, guests can have access to all of this and more for a fraction of the usual price.

As one of Ireland's oldest castles, Ashford flaunts elegant designs and recently reopened to the public after undergoing an over 7 million dollar renovation. In addition to an indoor pool, other amenities include a full-service spa, a movie theater, and a 9-hole golf course, plus a falconry school. With all of these luxurious offers and services, it comes as no surprise that Ashford Castle was named the world's best hotel at an annual awards event held by Virtuoso, a network of international travel agents. " On behalf of Ashford Castle and Red Carnation Hotels, we are happy to have been rewarded one of the luxury travel industry's top awards; Virtuoso Hotel of the Year." - Niall Rochford, Ashford Castle's general manager.

The hotel- once owned by the Guinness family- has a rich historic background. The original property was founded by the Anglo-Norman de Burgo family in 1228. The estate was purchased in 1852 by Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness from the Encumbered Estates' Court. Guinness made many changes to the castle including two large Victorian style extensions, making the estate 26,000 acres. He also built new roads and planted thousands of trees. The castle was eventually purchased by the Irish government, who turned it into a hotel in 1939. Today, the hotel is owned by Red Carnation Hotels.

Ashford Castle also boasts an impressive guest list, with names of celebrities and dignitaries alike. Stars such as John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara have stayed in the castle's only turret rooms. Other guests have included King George V, President Ronald Reagan, John Lennon, and Brad Pitt, just to name a few. So if you are looking for a luxurious getaway at a sale-price, Ashford castle should make the top of your wish list.

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