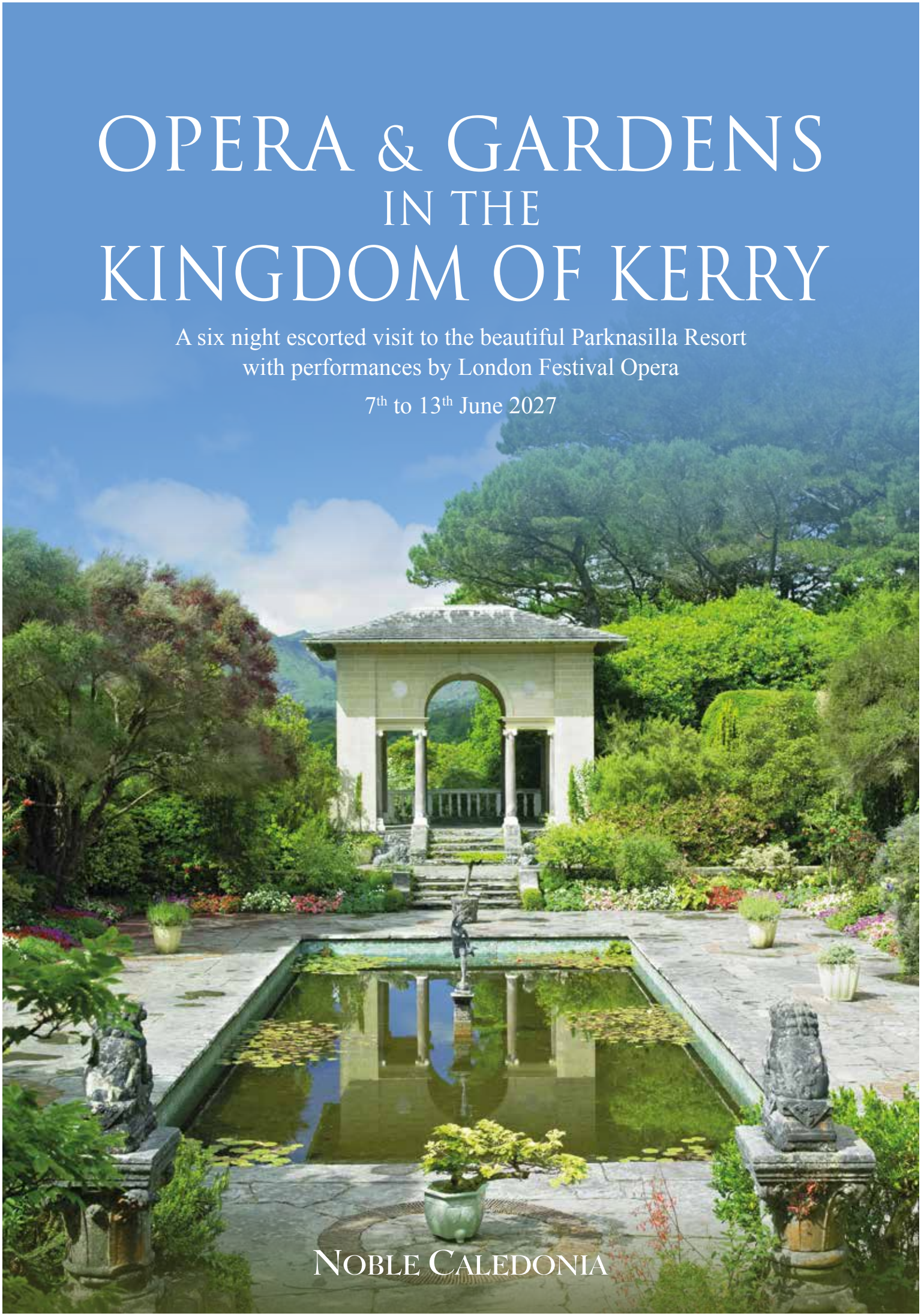
OPERA & GARDENS IN THE KINGDOM OF KERRY

A six night escorted visit to the beautiful Parknasilla Resort
with performances by London Festival Opera

7th to 13th June 2027



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Ireland's spectacular southwest offers dramatic uplands and seascapes that form one of the most stunning coastlines in the world and we are delighted to once again be returning to the region for six nights of marvellous scenery, splendid gardens and uplifting music. Our base for our exclusive escorted tour will be the beautiful Parknasilla Resort on the 'Ring of Kerry' and we have all the best ingredients for a relaxing and enjoyable summer break; magical scenery, gardens at their early summer best, opera performances in stunning settings and warm Irish hospitality in one of Ireland's most renowned hotels.

Together with our good friends at London Festival Opera we can offer seven days of absolute bliss. There will be time to relax and enjoy the hotel's excellent facilities as well as guided trips to some of Kerry's and West Cork's famous gardens. We will explore the 'Ring of Kerry' and drive over the mountains to Bantry House and Gardens. Here, after a guided tour of the gardens, we will enjoy a performance by London Festival Opera in the grand setting of Bantry House. Other highlights will include a visit to Garnish Island in West Cork, a spectacular garden of almost sub-tropical splendour and Muckross House by the Lakes of Killarney. In the main the tours will be limited to half days in order that you may enjoy the Parknasilla Resort and its breathtaking beautiful position.



Wild montbretia plant on Bantry Bay



Derreen Gardens



Bantry House interior



Muckross House and Gardens

OUR VIEW

“The impressive Parknasilla Resort is one of the most charming accommodations in the area offering a high quality of cuisine, excellent service and sumptuous afternoon teas. The large pool and first class wellness centre are perfect for those moments of relaxation and the many walkways overlooking the water offer stunning views close to the hotel. All this is combined with scenic excursions visiting a variety of gardens and guided tours of two heritage houses. Enjoy performances by London Festival Opera both at the hotel and an outstanding gala performance in the family library at ‘Bantry House’.”



View of the Caha Mountains near Garnish Island

LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA

For our stay in Kerry we are delighted that we will be joined by members of London Festival Opera who will perform both at the hotel and in some wonderful locations such as Bantry House in Ireland. Bringing together artists from the major Opera companies including the Royal Opera House, London Festival Opera have achieved a considerable reputation for presenting opera in some of the world’s leading venues.





Bantry House and Gardens.

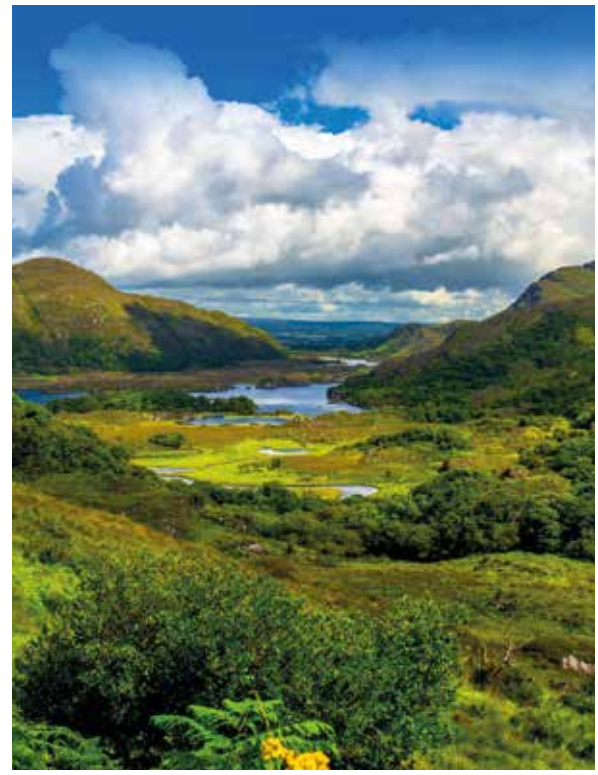




Beara Peninsula



Cottages in Kenmare



The Lakes of Killarney

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Cork, Ireland. Fly by scheduled flight and on arrival transfer to the Parknasilla Resort. Meet in the evening for welcome drinks and dinner. (D)

Day 2 Derreen Gardens & Beara Peninsula. After breakfast depart on a morning drive to Derreen Gardens. Designed and planted by the fifth Marquis of Lansdowne in the 1870s, it is now owned and managed by his great-grandson, David Bigham, and his wife Anthea. Derreen is famous for its tree ferns as well as azaleas and rhododendrons. Enjoy the magnificent views across Kilmackillogue Harbour to the Caha Mountains before we return to the hotel for a few hours of relaxation. In the late afternoon there will be a performance by London Festival Opera followed by afternoon tea. (B, T, D)

Day 3 Derrynane House & Kenmare. This morning visit Derrynane House, the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell. The house is a museum commemorating one of Ireland's leading historical figures. In the afternoon a bus transfer will be provided to the local town of Kenmare for time to explore and shop at leisure. (B, D)

Day 4 Lakes of Killarney & Muckross House. Morning excursion to the Killarney National Park and the house and gardens of Muckross House. Tour the gardens and house which was once owned by the Herbert family who entertained Queen Victoria here in 1861. After some time to relax at the hotel, London Festival Opera will perform for us in the late afternoon followed by afternoon tea. (B, T, D)



Bantry House Gardens

Day 5 Parknasilla Resort. It would be unforgivable to come to such a place as this and not have a complete day to enjoy the hotel and its extensive grounds. For the energetic there will be a choice of a guided short or long walk through the grounds and along the coast. Otherwise, relax with a good book in one of the many vantage points scattered throughout the grounds. (B, D)

Day 6 Garnish Island & Bantry House. Drive over the mountains to Bantry Bay on a full day excursion that will include a morning visit to Garnish Island and the beautiful Ilnacullin Gardens. These remarkable gardens owe their existence to the creative partnership, some seventy years ago of Anna Bryce, then owner of the island and Harold Peto, architect and garden designer. The sheltered position and Gulf Stream is favourable to the growth of ornamental plants, many normally only found in sub-tropical or Mediterranean climates. After a light lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Bantry House, overlooking Bantry Bay. We will explore the house, one of the finest historic houses in Ireland along with the gardens. London Festival Opera will perform their farewell concert in one of the grand rooms. Return to the Parknasilla Resort later this afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Cork to London. Transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Location	Room type	Price
West Wing	Standard Double/Twin	£3195
West Wing	Superior Double/Twin	£3295
Main House	Manor Sea View Double/Twin	£3495
Main House	Superior Manor Sea View Double	£3595
Main House	Manor Suite	£3795
West Wing	Balcony Suite	£3995
West Wing	Parknasilla Suite with Balcony	£3995
Main House	Princess Grace Suite	£4095
West Wing	Standard Single	£3595
West Wing	Small Parknasilla Superior Single	£3795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class return scheduled air travel • Six nights at the Parknasilla Resort • Meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, T - Afternoon Tea, D - Dinner) • Wine, beer and soft drinks with included lunch and dinner • Guided excursions • Performances by London Festival Opera • Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.



The hotel and gardens

PARKNASILLA RESORT

For generations this very special place has captured the imagination of many including such literary luminaries as George Bernard Shaw. Pictures can only do limited justice to its location where water, islands and mountains create something spellbinding. Being the West Coast of Ireland, we cannot promise you long sunny days for your entire stay. In fact you are likely to experience the full spectrum of weather in one day, but it is this maritime climate and warming Atlantic influences that create the almost sub-tropical landscape. Situated in 500 acres, Parknasilla Resort is situated in the middle of some of Kerry's finest scenery. Here you will find interesting walks and tiny sandy coves for those who wish to swim in the sea.

Your Space

Once a grand house, Parknasilla has grown gracefully into her life as a hotel. The ground floor of the original main house is where you will find a number of delightful sitting rooms, all offering wonderful views. Here also is the Pygmalion dining room where gourmet food is provided using many locally sourced fine meats and fish. The health spa with a magnificent swimming pool and the views from the pool across the sea have to be seen to be believed. Ultimately, what makes a great hotel is its staff. Here, you will find some of the best in the world all dedicated to making your stay in Kerry a most memorable and joyful experience.

Your Dining

Our stay at Parknasilla Resort & Spa includes breakfast and dinner daily in addition to two afternoon teas. The delightful Pygmalion Restaurant is decorated in an elegant Victorian style with high ceilings, impressive paintings and chandeliers and the bay windows provide a majestic view over Kenmare Bay. Begin your day with an Irish breakfast or continental style options. The dinner menu boasts imaginative cuisine highlighting the best of modern Irish cooking. Afternoon tea is served in the Doolittle Bar which has a casual atmosphere and offers Irish Beers and Stouts.



Indoor Pool



Pygmalion Restaurant



Doolittle Bar



Princess Grace Living Room - Main House



Manor Sea View - Main House



Balcony Suite - West Wing



Superior Double with Sea View - West Wing

Your Accommodation

All rooms offer crisp white sheets and duvet, en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, selection of soft fluffy towels, bathrobe and slippers, luxury bath products, multi-channel TV, tea & coffee making facilities, mineral water, direct dial telephones and Wi-Fi. *Please note that hotel rooms in the West Wing are only accessible by stairway.*

Standard Double/Twin – West Wing. Rooms are decorated in soft colours with a view of Kerry Mountains and feature a large double bed, spacious seating area, chaise longue, writing desk and en-suite with bath and shower.

Superior Double/Twin – West Wing. Spacious and bright these rooms have recently been refurbished. Some enjoy the lovely sea view which is synonymous with Parknasilla and others look on to the majestic Kerry Mountains. All have king beds, relaxing reading area and stunning new bathrooms with bath/shower or shower only.

Manor Sea View – Main House. Rooms are designed in keeping with the period when Parknasilla was built with restored mahogany and walnut furniture. With breathtaking views of the Kenmare Bay, Parknasilla's lush grounds and the Kerry Mountains beyond, each room has their own character and style. These rooms feature a king size bed and en-suite with shower only.

Superior Manor Sea View – Main House. Rooms are beautifully spacious and open plan in design with a large sleeping area and relaxation space with awe inspiring views of Kenmare Bay and Kerry Mountains. These rooms feature a king size bed and en-suite with shower only.

Manor Suite – Main House. This suite exudes the air of understated elegance of a bygone era. Individually designed with breathtaking views of the Kenmare Bay, Parknasilla's lush grounds and the Kerry Mountains beyond. Bathrooms with stucco lustro painted walls and elegant Thomas Crapper and Co Victorian/Edwardian fittings. Rooms feature a king size bed with bath and shower.

Balcony Suite – West Wing. Indulge your taste for contemporary luxury in the Balcony Suite with a large bedroom and separate sitting room. The Balcony Suite contains floor to ceiling windows leading on to a large balcony to ensure that the serene views of Kenmare Bay or the Kerry Mountains are truly memorable. Rooms feature a king size bed with bath and shower.

Parknasilla Suite with Balcony – West Wing. Situated in the newest part of the West Wing, the Parknasilla Suite with Balcony rooms are open plan with soft couches and lavish furnishings. They feature floor to ceiling windows leading on to a large balcony to ensure that the stunning views of Kenmare Bay or the Kerry Mountains are truly memorable.

Princess Grace Suite – Main House. Parknasilla's most famous suite is the Princess Grace Suite and is made up of a large living area, double bedroom, spacious bathroom and separate toilet. The wonderful sea views and large wrap around balcony make the suite extra special. This suite features a king size bed with bath and shower.

SINGLE ROOMS – WEST WING

Small Parknasilla Superior Single. These rooms are designed in a contemporary style and located in the newest part of the West Wing with a double bed, en-suite bathroom with shower.

Standard Single – West Wing. These rooms are smaller than the Superior Singles and offer a double bed with en-suite bathroom with bath and shower.

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