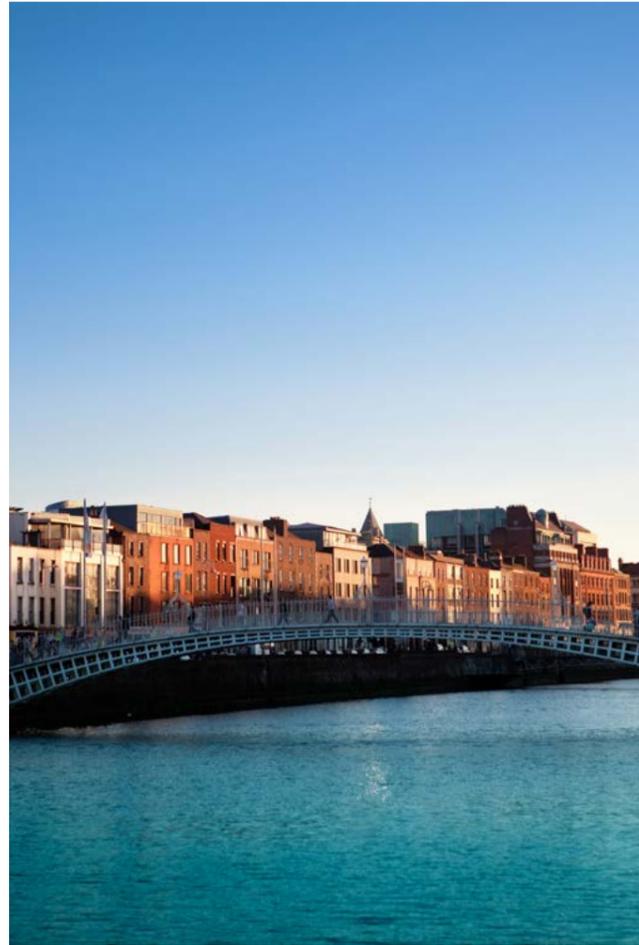




ULTIMATE IRISH HOMES

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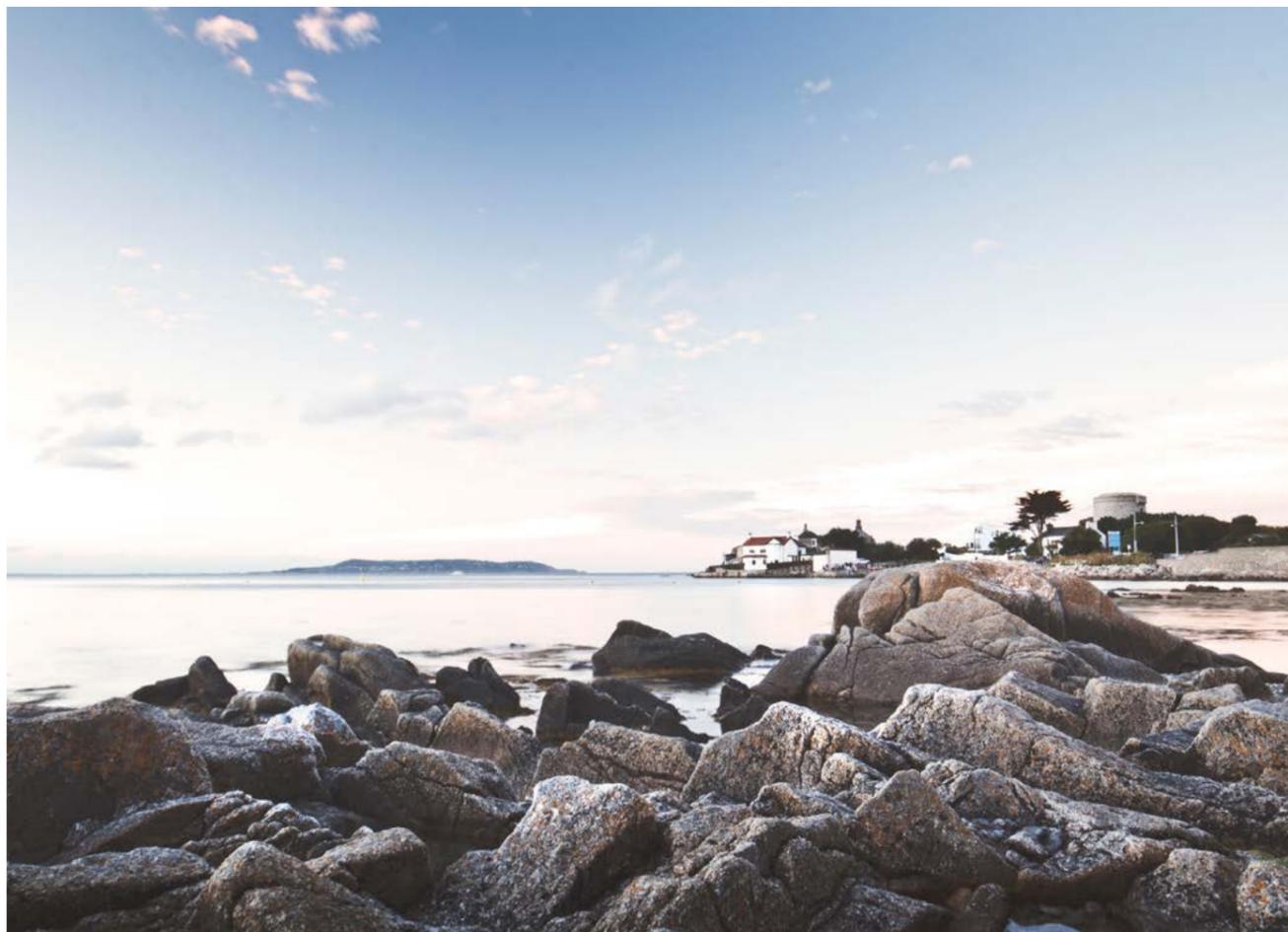




Ireland is a desirable place to live, with huge stars such as Sarah Jessica Parker, Angela Lansbury and Daniel Day-Lewis owning rural homes there. Ireland has a deep history, plenty of musical and artistic culture, and a wonderful array of architecture.

From modern day to olden times, this eBook is full of information about Ireland's most iconic homes, where Ireland has featured on television, and some unique information from property experts about what makes Irish property so great.

We conducted a survey of 1,000 Irish inhabitants asking them about their ideal Irish home and where it would be.

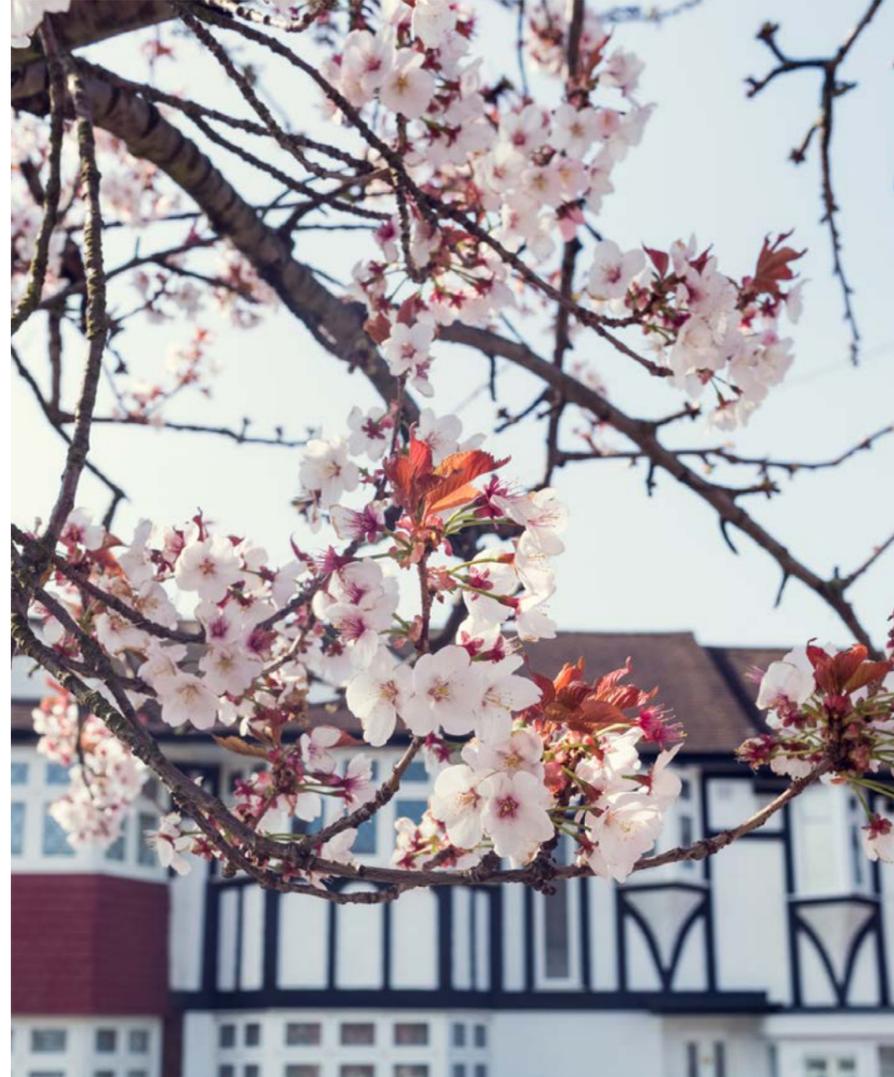


IRELAND'S MOST ICONIC HOMES



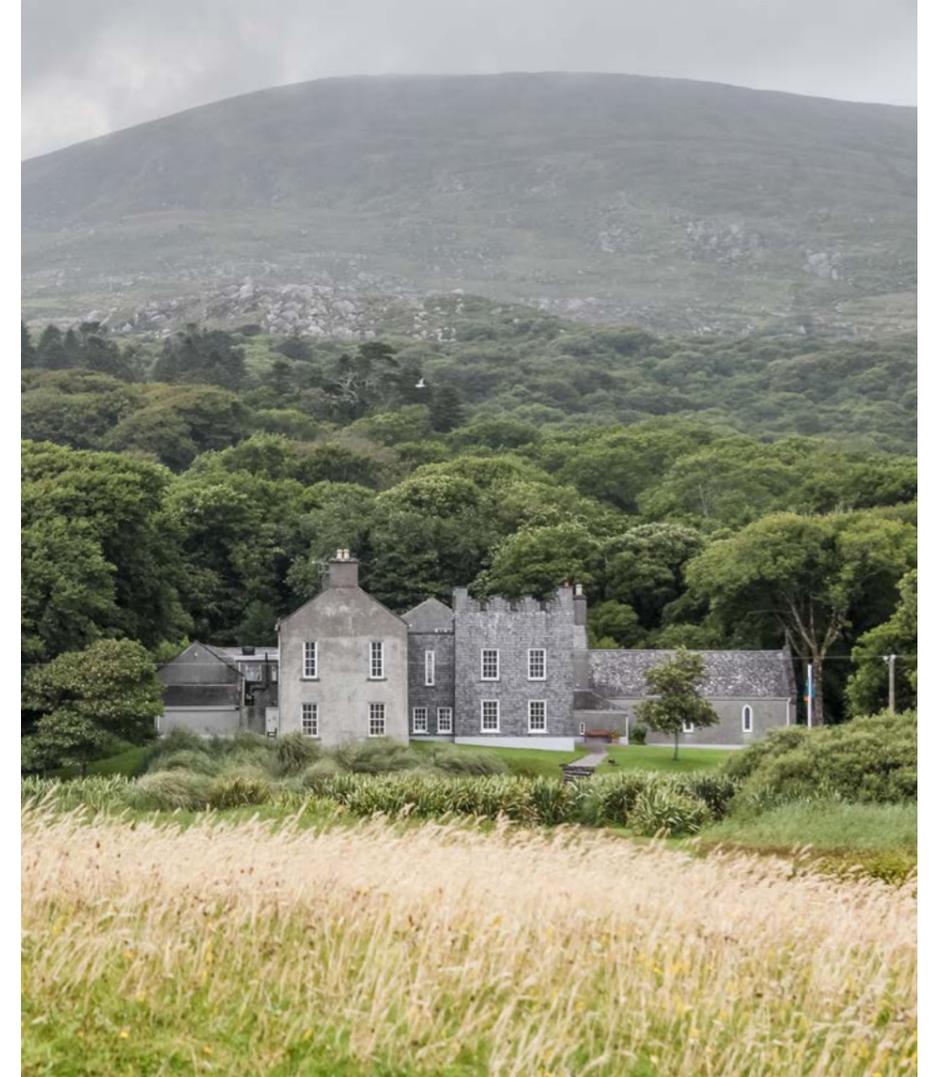
KILCOE CASTLE, CO. CORK

This castle is owned by Jeremy Irons, known for his role as Scar in Disney's *The Lion King* (1994), as well as his performances on stage and television. He bought it in 1998 and famously caused plenty of uproar during his restoration project when he decided to lime wash the castle a light pink colour.



10 CEDARWOOD ROAD, CO. DUBLIN

This house in Dublin is where Bono lived throughout his childhood. He wrote a song, entitled 'Cedarwood Road', in which he sings of 'that cherry blossom tree' which is still outside the house today.



DERRYNANE HOUSE, CO. KERRY

Derrynane was the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell, an influential politician and lawyer from the mid-18th to 19th Century. He inherited Derrynane House in 1825. The house is now a museum and holds lots of O'Connell's possessions.

IRISH HOMES IN FILMS

FATHER TED'S HOUSE, CO. CLARE

Father Ted's House can be found in Burren National Park. Father Ted is a 1995 sitcom produced by Irish writers. The show received multiple BAFTA awards and was hugely popular across Britain and Ireland. Fans of the show will visit the famous Father Ted's House where the show was set.



KILMAINHAM GAOL

CASTLE WARD, CO. DOWN

The farmyard of Castle Ward might be recognisable to you as Winterfell from the popular Game of Thrones TV series which began in 2011. The old structure of the castle and the stunning surrounding scenery work perfectly as the backdrop for the home of the Stark family.

KILMAINHAM GAOL, CO. DUBLIN

This famous jail in Dublin featured in The Italian Job as Noel Coward's "home away from home" in the 1969 original movie.



FATHER TED'S HOUSE



CASTLE WARD

IRELAND'S MOST SHOCKING HOUSE SALES

The average house price in Ireland is around €230,000 (£205,000). But how does this compare to these shocking house sales below?

SHREWSBURY ROAD



SHREWSBURY ROAD, CO. DUBLIN

In 2005, a seven-bedroom Edwardian house sold on the sixth most expensive street in the world for a whopping £58m. It set a new record for the world's most expensive house per square foot.

Unfortunately, the house was bought in 2016 for only £14.2m after it remained derelict for six years, requiring an entire refit.

CO, ROSCOMMON



COTTAGE, CO. ROSCOMMON

In 2014, a one-bedroom Irish cottage went for auction at only €15,000 (around £13,200). The property was located about 90 miles outside Dublin. It's thought to be the cheapest house sale in Ireland, despite the cottage having around 500 square feet, a parking space and a back garden.

IRISH HOME INTERIORS

Home interiors are a completely personal preference, but there are some styles and trends that are loved by many.

We surveyed 600 Irish people to find out about their home interiors. **28%** marked their style as Traditional, while **15%** chose Contemporary. The least popular answers were Minimalist (**12%**), Retro (**10.5%**) and Shabby Chic (**6.5%**).

It also seems that people love to spend money on their homes too. Whether this is to keep them up to date, or merely because people get bored, our survey showed that **33%** of people would spend between **11%** and **20%** of their annual salary on their home.



MOST DESIRABLE PLACES TO LIVE

Out of the following locations, which one would be most desirable to you?

- 1/ Dublin, 43.03%
- 2/ Galway, 14.42%
- 3/ Cork, 12.99%
- 4/ Limerick, 7.39%
- 5/ Westport, 4.89%
- 6/ Wexford, 3.69%
- 7/ Longford, 3.69%
- 8/ Killarney, 2.86%
- 9/ Tralee, 2.74%
- 10/ Birr, 2.5%
- 11/ Carrignavar, 1.07%
- 12/ Kilmallock, 0.72%



IRELAND'S MOST POPULAR HOUSE STYLE

In our survey, we asked 1000 Irish respondents what their ideal home would look like.

Over half said they would prefer to live in a rural setting, choosing a life of rivers and mountains over busy pubs and roads of commuters.

The most popular houses, our survey revealed, are 2 or 3 bed houses, with people preferring detached or townhouses to semi-detached or flats.

Nearly 7 out of 10 people would prefer either a new build or a house that is younger than 10 years old, as opposed to an older house. In fact, only 1% want a home from the early 1900s.



WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

We've been in touch with a local property expert to find out their views on the Ultimate Irish Homes.

"It is not just the age and profile of home buyers that has changed in recent years; their demands, expectations and priorities have shifted significantly. Outside of the cities, areas of natural beauty that have recently become more accessible with our improved motorway system, like rural Wicklow and North Wexford, are attracting first-time buyers and families looking to trade-up from starter homes and apartments. Elsewhere around the country, the Wild Atlantic Way has opened the gateway to parts of Ireland that had been forgotten in recent decades."

"In particular, villages in County Clare and rural Galway are seeing a revival. In the Northwest, Sligo has established itself as a robust innovation hub, offering families a very real way to create a work-life balance that they could only dream of previously."

"Spreading out from there, we are starting to see the true potential of beautiful, affordable Donegal being unlocked for home buyers, investors and those chasing a music, surfing and foodie utopia."

- *BuyersBroker.ie - The Independent Research Agency for Property Buyers*





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