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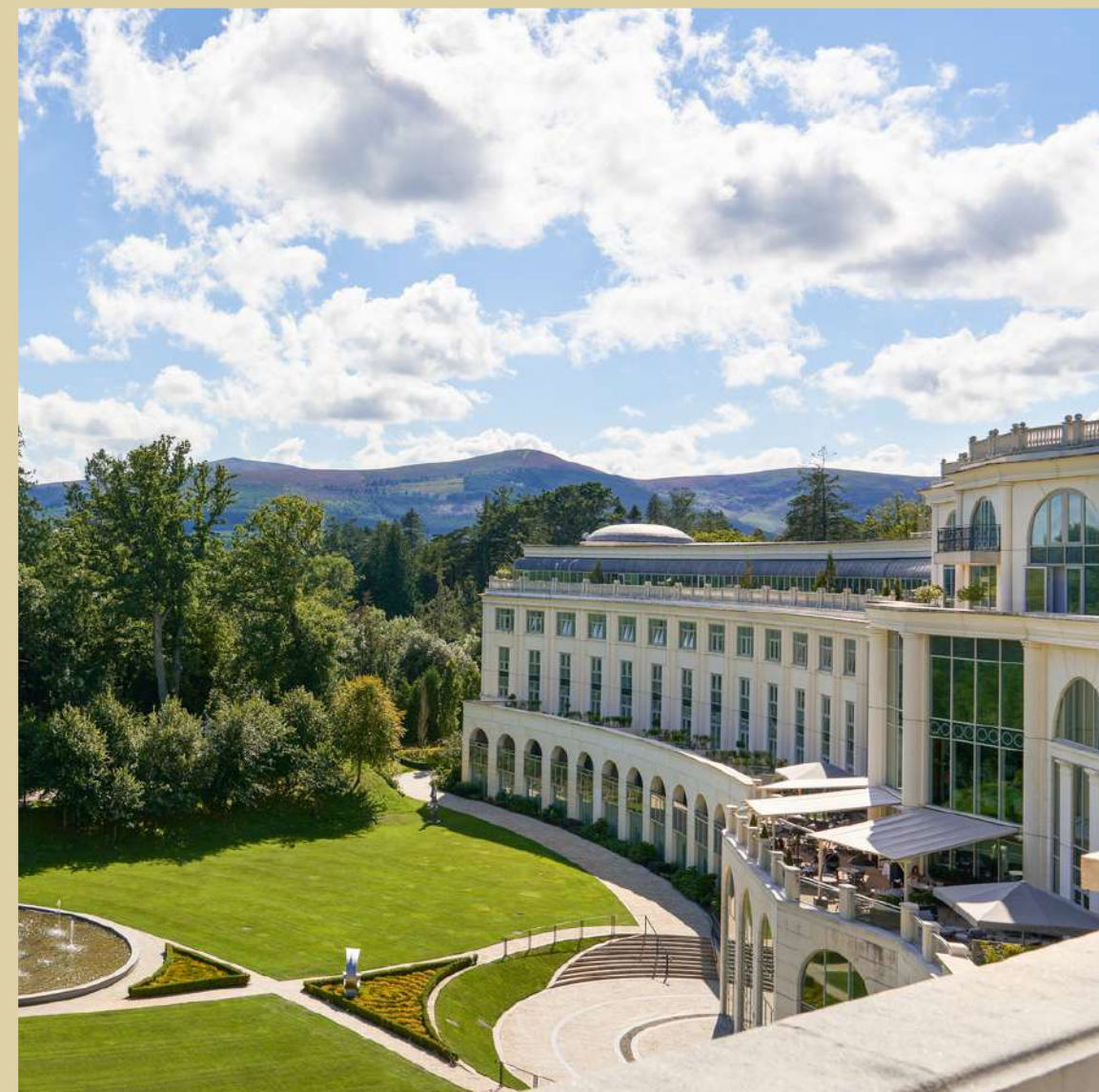
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# A GREENER PATH TO LUXURY



At Powerscourt Hotel Resort & Spa, we are deeply committed to creating a luxurious, world-class guest experience that is rooted in environmental responsibility and care. Nestled in the heart of County Wicklow's spectacular landscape, our hotel draws daily inspiration from the surrounding forests, mountains, and gardens. We honour this privilege with a dedication to sustainability that informs every aspect of how we operate, evolve, and welcome guests.

From the moment you arrive, you will notice thoughtful choices made with our planet in mind: seasonal menus crafted from locally sourced ingredients, eco-friendly amenities, energy-efficient systems, and meaningful connections with our local community. Sustainability is not simply a practice at Powerscourt; it is a promise to our guests, our team, and our environment.

# OUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

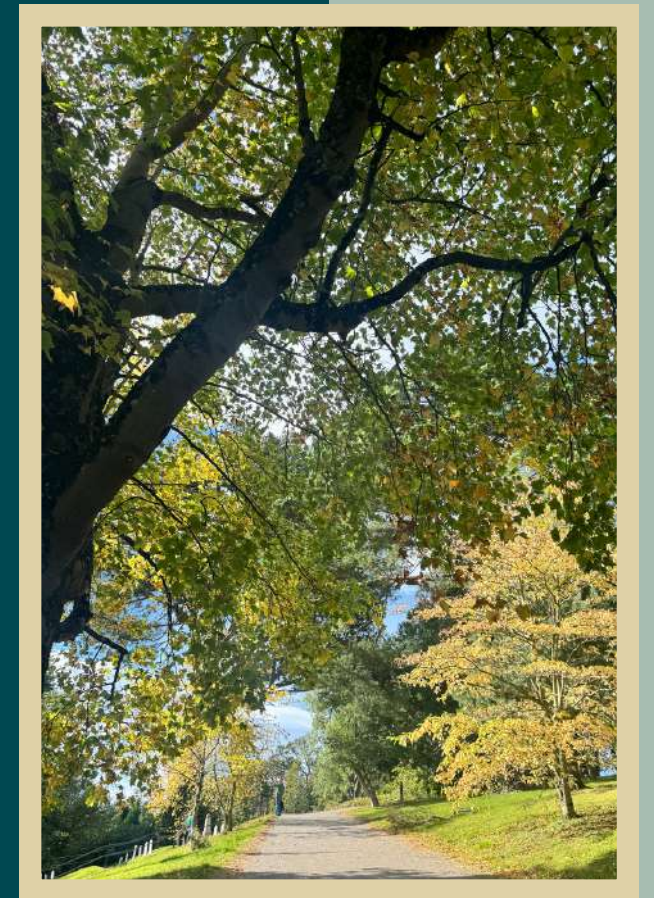
At Powerscourt Hotel Resort and Spa, sustainability has become a cornerstone of our operation, striving to help build a better tomorrow. We cannot take for granted being located on one of the most beautiful estates in the world, deep within Wicklow, the Garden of Ireland.

We are proud to have made great progress in our sustainability efforts, but it is a journey with so much more to do. Since beginning our green commitment, we have:

- Invested €2 million in plant upgrades, helping to reduce our energy consumption in CO2 by 30%.
- Committed to sustainable procurement, focusing on local sourcing and fair labour practices to reduce scope 3 emissions and support more equitable supply chains
- Initiated rooftop herb gardens that will support pollination and enhance our beehives, which contribute to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and produce honey used in our kitchen
- Introduced wildflower rewilding in parts of our gardens, creating welcoming habitats for butterflies and bees
- Replaced plastic bottles with water cartons and installed refillable amenities in guest bathrooms to eliminate single-use plastics
- Installed lighting sensors in back-of-house areas to reduce electricity usage
- Diverted 75% of waste from landfill in 2023, with an ambitious target of 85% for 2025
- Launched our "Powerscourt Forever" initiative—planting a tree for every couple married at Powerscourt, a symbolic gesture of love and lasting environmental impact

Powerscourt Hotel is proudly accredited with Gold status by Green Tourism, and recognised by Fifty Shades Greener, two leading bodies in sustainable hospitality. These accreditations reflect our proactive approach to reducing emissions, eliminating waste, supporting biodiversity, and investing in our people.

***Our sustainability journey is guided by a clear ethos: protect the past, nurture the present, and build a better future.***



# SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS

We have implemented a range of operational measures to ensure the hotel functions as efficiently and responsibly as possible:

## Energy Conservation

Our buildings are fitted with energy-efficient systems, including LED lighting, occupancy sensors, and a modern building management system that monitors and controls usage. Our recent €2 million investment in plant upgrades has led to a 30% reduction in CO2 energy consumption.

## Water Stewardship

Powerscourt Hotel has introduced low-flow taps and showers, dual flush toilets, and sustainable irrigation methods across our formal gardens and grounds. We also source our water from our own well.

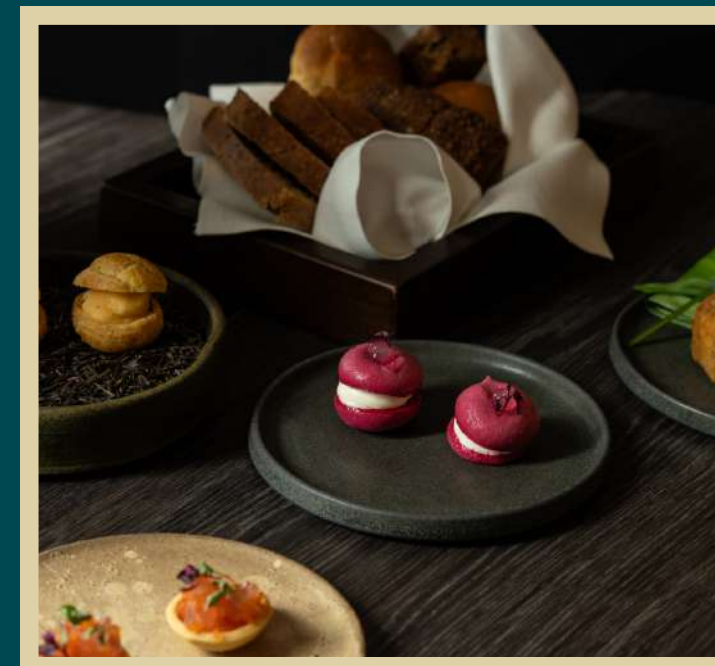
## Waste Reduction

We operate a comprehensive recycling and composting programme. Our kitchens track food waste, while guest rooms and public areas are carefully designed to minimise single-use items. In 2023, we successfully diverted 75% of our waste from landfill, with a goal to reach 85% in 2025.

## Sustainable Procurement

We prioritise working with local, ethical suppliers who share our environmental values, particularly within our food and beverage, spa, and housekeeping departments. We are actively working to shorten supply chains, reduce scope 3 emissions, and become more equitable and environmentally responsible buyers. For Example;

- *Fercullen Whiskey from Powerscourt Distillery*
- *Chocolate from The Chocolate Garden of Ireland*
- *Beef from Ridgeway Wagyu*





## GUEST ROOMS & AMENITIES

Your stay at Powerscourt combines indulgence with environmentally conscious luxury:

- Refillable bathroom amenities and reduced plastic packaging
- Linen and towel reuse programme
- Eco-conscious in-room compendiums
- Energy-efficient lighting and heating systems
- Complimentary water cartons to replace single-use plastic bottles





# FOOD & BEVERAGE: LOCAL, SEASONAL, SUSTAINABLE

Dining at Powerscourt celebrates the bounty of the Irish landscape. We are proud to offer seasonal menus in all our dining outlets, featuring the finest locally sourced ingredients:

- Irish meats, fish, cheeses and vegetables sourced from regional farmers and suppliers
  - For example, some of our local artisan suppliers include;
    - *Baily & Kish – Fish*
    - *Ballynerrin Farm – Eggs*
    - *Olly's Farm, Powerscourt Hotel Gardens – Honey*
    - *Dunnes of Wicklow – Pork*
- Herbs and garnishes grown in our rooftop herb garden, supporting pollinators
- Vegetarian and vegan options offered across all menus
- Coffee and tea sourced from ethical, sustainable producers
- Wines selected with sustainability in mind, including organic and biodynamic labels

We continuously work to reduce food waste and single-use plastics, and we have eliminated plastic straws and stirrers across the property.

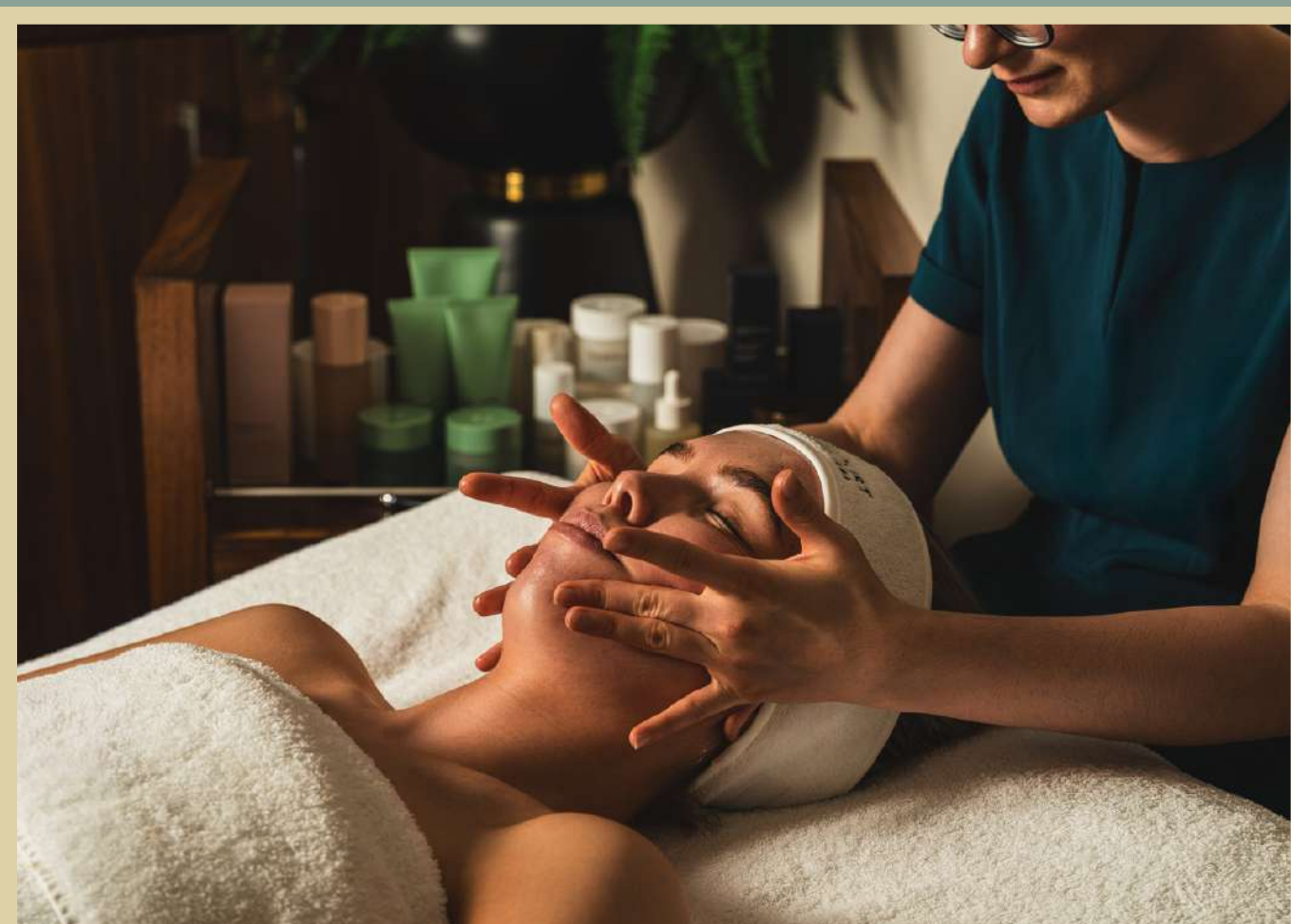


# SPA & WELLNESS

The award-winning spa at Powerscourt embodies a holistic approach to wellness that includes sustainability:

- Organic and cruelty-free spa products used in all treatments
- Sustainable linen and towel practices
- Water-efficient showers and pool systems
- Herbal teas and refreshments sourced from Irish producers

We invite our guests to enjoy restorative wellness in a way that honours both personal wellbeing and planetary health.

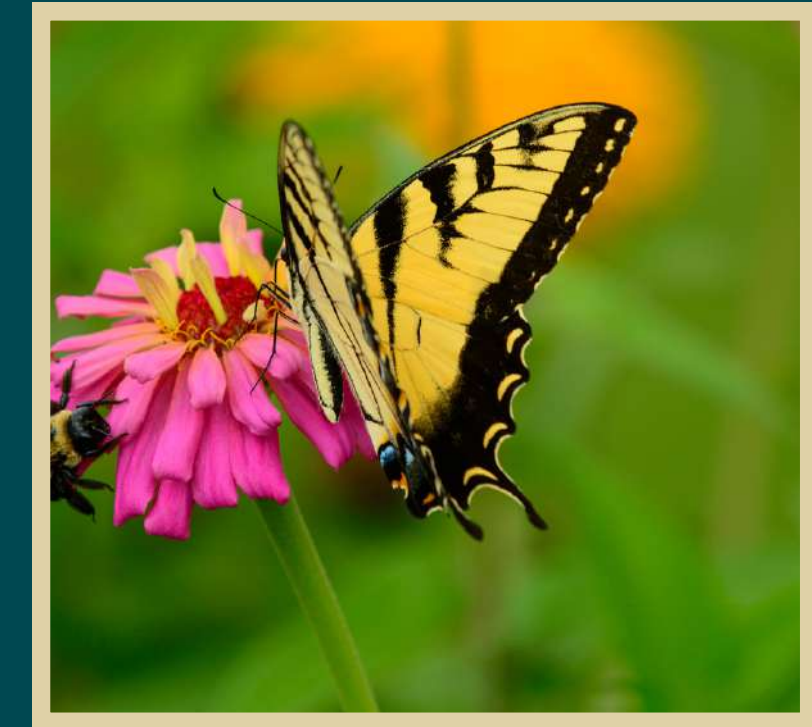


# ESTATE AND GARDENS

Our location on the historic Powerscourt Estate brings with it a duty to protect and enhance our natural surroundings:

- Organic gardening principles employed throughout the grounds
- Native planting schemes to support local biodiversity
- Pesticide-free horticulture
- Composting of garden waste
- Wildflower rewilding zones to support butterflies and bees
- Beehives producing fresh honey while supporting the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

The garden and grounds team works closely with our sustainability committee to maintain the estate in alignment with our environmental goals.



# COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS

Powerscourt Hotel is deeply connected to the local community and proudly supports a range of initiatives:

- Partnerships with local charities and environmental organisations
- Participation in local clean-up and biodiversity projects, including collaborations with other Marriott properties
- Sponsorship of community wellness and education programmes
- Hosting sustainability workshops and guest speaker events
- We are also active participants in the MHL Hotel Collection's wider sustainability strategy, contributing to shared learning and impact.
- Members of Enniskerry Business Association



## TEAM ENGAGEMENT & TRAINING



Our team is central to our sustainability journey. We foster a culture of education, accountability, and empowerment:

- All employees receive sustainability training as part of their induction
- Dedicated Green Team meets monthly to review progress and initiatives
- Sustainability Champions are nominated within each department
- Staff encouraged to propose and pilot green ideas

By nurturing awareness and ownership at every level, we embed sustainability in our daily practices.



# GUEST INVOLVEMENT

We believe the most meaningful experiences are those shared with purpose, and we invite guests to join us on this journey.

Our guests play a vital role in our efforts. We offer several ways to participate:

- Electric vehicle charging points available on site
- Complimentary bicycles onsite for guests to explore reducing carbon emissions, air pollution, and promoting sustainable transportation
- Options to reuse towels and linens
- Opportunities to learn about our green initiatives during your stay
- "Powerscourt Forever" tree planting programme for wedding couples, commemorating their love with a living legacy
- A Lasting Legacy – Retiring employees plant a tree in the Powerscourt Gardens
- Our hotel's garden is home to thriving beehives, producing delicious honey that adds a touch of natural sweetness to dishes across our restaurant menus.



# AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Recognised Excellence

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## LOOKING AHEAD

Our sustainability roadmap  
includes:

- Continued investment in renewable energy sources
- Further reductions in carbon emissions and waste
- Expansion of on-site food growing and composting
- Deeper partnerships with biodiversity groups
- Ongoing innovation in sustainable luxury guest experiences
- Promotion of Green Tourism encouraging our guests to explore sustainability

We are proud of the progress we have made, and we remain committed to doing more—for our guests, our community, and our planet.

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Thank you for supporting sustainable hospitality. Every choice matters. At Powerscourt Hotel, we are honoured to offer you an experience of world-class comfort, natural beauty, and environmental integrity.

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