



DUNADRY

HOTEL AND GARDENS



OUR HISTORY



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impart characteristic lustre to high quality linens, these can still be seen in our Copper Bar today, which give the bar its iconic look and design.

Fast forward to 2017 and the opportunity arose to the McKeever Hotel Group to purchase the hotel, and with that the Dunadry Hotel And Gardens was born.

Let's delve into all the iconic features which can be found through the hotel and its grounds even to this day.

FROM ROYALTY TO ROCKSTARS, AND SPORTING GREATS TO SUPERSTARS

Over the years Dunadry Hotel And Gardens has welcomed many greats through its doors. Including Prince Edward, Rod Stewart, Garth Brooks, Billy Connolly, Christy Moore, Adrian Dunbar, Alex Ferguson, Brian O'Driscoll, Alex Higgins, Mark Allen, Liverpool Football Club, England Football Team, West Germany Football Team and New Zealand Rugby Team, The All Blacks!

Plus many more familiar faces.

THE ROTUNDA

Step through the front door of Dunadry Hotel And Gardens and experience the striking design and content of the Rotunda.

Lined with the Ancient Shields of the 32 counties of the Island of Ireland and flag poles which represented the 4 provinces of Ulster, Munster, Leinster and Connaught, as Dunadry (The Middle Fort) once was the seat of Ireland's High Kings.

THE FIREPLACE

The famous fireplace which sits proudly in the middle of the hotel is quite the talking point.

But, how did it really become part of our historic interior?

There is quite a few theories, most people (and us) are lead to believe that the fireplace was taken directly out of Antrim Castle.

The Ulster Architectural Heritage Society however, in their Antrim Society have noted that it is fact that it was built from decorative stones used in the entrance of the Botanical Gardens in Belfast.

Have you heard something different? We would love to hear your story!



THE COPPER BAR

Known as the 'Famous' Copper Bar, this distinct area oozes character and charm.

Its name derives from the model of the Bushmills Distillery process which adorns its wall.

Fun Fact: In the 70s, pieces of the model were removed at the request of the local police to prevent ne'er-do-wells from building their own still at home.

Ever wonder what gives the Copper Bar its iconic look and design?

As stated the hotel was built on the grounds of an old linen mill, which has seen the incorporation of some of the linen mill's unique features such as The Wooden 'Beetle's'.

But what are wooden beetle's? Traditional Wooden Faller Beetles were used to impart characteristic lustre to high quality linens.



THE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND SIX-MILE RIVER

Our grounds are just as rich with stories and historic significance as the hotel itself. Our main garden is the proud home to the region's Peace Tree, and the Six Mile River which flows through the grounds along with our century-old mill race creating a peaceful river walk.



THE TREE OF PEACE AND UNITY

In our beautifully landscape gardens proudly sits two giant lime trees who have grown together for over 100 years until they have become inseparable.

Peace - in May 1998 the two inseparable lime trees became an iconic picture of 'peace' in Northern Ireland, as then Prime Minister Tony Blair was pictured sitting beneath it with Lord Trimble & Mr John Hume after the signing of the Good Friday Agreement.

Unity - In the gardens stand two trees joined in holy matrimony. With love, kindness and hope, they grow together in bright light, protecting each other with peace and perfect unity.





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