

GENERAL INFORMATION

(for visitors to Westcove House - and to The Stables and/or Garden Cottage when rented together)

You will find details of useful telephone numbers, brochures on local facilities and available activities etc. in the house on arrival – but don't hesitate to contact us if you would like any information in advance – about for example, golf, fishing etc.

The following is included in the rental of Westcove House – and The Stables and/or Garden Cottage when rented by the same group...

- 1 **All electricity, gas, bedding, towels** and fuel for open fires and wood-burning stoves.
- 2 **Basic culinary ingredients** (ie cooking oil, flour, sugar etc), household cleaning materials, hand-soap, 'hair and body' shower gel, lavatory paper, & detergents for laundry and dishwasher.
- 3 **Daily Housework:** Katherine and/or her helper will come in every morning for an average of 2 hours (more, if The Stables and/or Garden Cottage are occupied by the same group). They will empty all bins and dishwashers, and vacuum and dust where necessary, concentrating on the ground floor. The bedrooms and bathrooms will be cleaned at least twice a week.

Evening Meals

Katherine, and sometimes, Bernie – also an excellent cook – will happily cook dinner for you up to five times a week - if you really want a break from the kitchen sink! Please refer to our Catering Options. We think these compare favourably in value and quality to those offered locally, and I'm sure you'll agree that the magnificent view over the Kenmare Estuary, from the very comfortable dining room, is hard to beat. You also avoid 'drink-driving' problems – and baby-sitters can get very booked up in the summer!

Extra Help

The staff will be happy to help with the following:

(The hourly rate – ranging between €10 for teenage help and €14 for senior staff - can be confirmed with Katherine on arrival)

Lunch

Most of our visitors are 'out and about' during the day, but Katherine or one of the others will occasionally be able to help prepare a light lunch or indeed a picnic to take to the beach etc.

Barbecue

There is an old stone barbecue on the terrace – a fun option for lunch. Katherine will advise you how best to use it and will almost certainly have a stock of barbecue charcoal and locally made sausages and burgers in the freezer. You may like to pick up some spare ribs, chicken drumsticks etc locally – or ask K. to order some for you. She makes a tasty barbecue sauce, not too hot, - ask if she has some in the freezer. If you would like her to prepare some baked potatoes, garlic bread and a mixed salad, I'm sure she will. We always finish with ice cream and Mars Bar sauce!

Laundry

The laundry room has an industrial sized washing machine and tumble drier, a large press and, of course, a steam iron and ironing board. The staff will be happy to include any of your washing in their 'almost daily' load, as part of their morning housework. If you would like Katherine/Bernie to iron for you they will add the time taken to your final bill.

Katherine will keep daily records of any of the above 'optional extras' you have during your stay at Westcove. The final invoice is payable the evening before departure, either by Visa/Mastercard or cash – or a combination of both.