

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

# From a castle in Ireland to a snow helmet for communicating

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Ashford Castle, Ireland

**here**

## **CRAFTY BEER AND CHEESE PACKAGE IN WESTERN MASS.**

Treat your taste buds to the New England Beer and Cheese package at the Old Inn on the Green. Built as a stagecoach relay in New Marlborough circa 1760, the inn has 11 authentically restored rooms outfitted with modern amenities. Add \$50 to any stay and enjoy five premium local cheeses accompanied by a trio of 22-ounce bottled beers, such as Oktoberfest Beer (Berkshire Mountain Brewers); Steel Rail Pale Ale (Berkshire Brewing Co.); OktoBok Lager (Big Elm Brewing); and a \$20 gift card to Rubiner's Cheesemongers in nearby

Great Barrington. Includes complimentary tour and tasting (Saturdays only) at Big Elm Brewing. Rates \$250 (midweek) to \$400. 413-229-7924, [www.OLDINN.com](http://www.OLDINN.com)

## **VIRTUAL TASTE TRAILS**

Wonder how to find the best local eats and drinks in the Berkshires? Learn about regional food, artisan farmers, and restaurateurs with three virtual Taste Trails created by Berkshire Farm and Table. Good for any season, the Cheese Trail and Charcuterie Trail are now joined by the new Beer and Cider Trail. Go online for maps, links, and descriptions of small, independently owned places to sip, snack, and dine.

[www.berkshirefarmandtable.com/taste-trails](http://www.berkshirefarmandtable.com/taste-trails)

## **there**

## **UNLIMITED GOLF IN TUCSON**

Perfect your swing with the Unlimited Golf package offered at the Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa, located on 250 acres in the high Sonoran Desert foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. With double occupancy rates starting at \$174 nightly (from \$144 single occupancy), take advantage of unlimited play each day (for one guest) on the property's 27-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature designed course. Package also includes a 20 percent discount on food and nonalcoholic drinks at Azul Restaurant & Lounge or Sabinos Pool Bar & Grill. Through Dec. 31. Promo code: LBPKG1. 888-627-7201, [www.westinlapalomaresort.com](http://www.westinlapalomaresort.com)

## **IRISH HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Celebrate the holiday season in style this year at Ashford Castle, Ireland's historic five-star hotel set on 350 acres in County Mayo. Reserve festive package deals, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's celebrations and feasts that highlight authentic Irish cuisine and international wines, and musical performances and events for the entire family. From Thanksgiving through Jan. 4, enjoy activities every day such as tree lighting with mulled wine, golf competition, treasure hunt, movies, afternoon tea, wine tasting, and more. Rates from \$255 per night double occupancy. 800-346-7007, [www.ashford.ie](http://www.ashford.ie)

## **E-GUIDE TO FRANCE'S SOUTHERN ALSACE**

"The Expat's Guide to Southern Alsace" is a new dining, shopping, and recreation guide for Eastern France — concentrating mostly on the southern edge of the region near the Basel, Switzerland, and Lörrach, Germany, borders — where expat authors Susie Woodhams and Amanda Vo Park work and live. In addition to a history, you'll find in-depth reviews on restaurants, advice from local cheesemakers and sommeliers, lists of where to go rafting, bike paths, hikes to castle ruins, and more. Available as an e-book for Kindle or iPad. No Kindle?

No problem. Simply download Kindle's reader app for free, and read on a PC or Mac. \$9.99  
[www.xpatsguide.com](http://www.xpatsguide.com)

## **everywhere**

### **COMBO BABY-DIAPER CARRIER**

Simplify traveling with your baby with Sidekick, a full-size diaper bag with a built-in child carrier. Designed for infants and toddlers up to 35 pounds, the bag has multiple pockets and compartments to hold things such as cellphones, keys, snacks, sippy cups, and more. Includes removable changing pad and insulated bottle pouch. An adjustable strap allows you to carry baby at either hip, and the fabric easily wipes clean. Available in multiple colors and models. From \$115. 888-686-2552, [www.gogobabyz.com/products-c40-sidekick.aspx](http://www.gogobabyz.com/products-c40-sidekick.aspx)

### **SNOWSPORT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

Skiers, snowboarders, and snowmobile fans can stay connected on the trails and slopes with UCLEAR's HBC220 Force Snow Helmet Communications System, a boomless Bluetooth system for snow sports. Make phone calls, listen to music, and intercom with up to 10 users, including non-line-of-sight connections with people nearly four miles away. Embedded microphones eliminate the need for boom mics, isolating the user's voice while minimizing wind and environmental noise. Voice-activated pickup allows you to keep your gloves on for hands-free operation. Installs in most snow-sports helmets. \$249.95. 855-BIT-WAVE, [www.uclear-digital.com/us/](http://www.uclear-digital.com/us/)