

# Turin Castle

Celtic Castles welcomes this renovated self catering castle in the North West of Ireland.

**T**urin Castle, in County Mayo, Ireland, is the latest castle to be featured within Celtic Castles. Its appearance follows an increasingly familiar tale of a building that was neglected by time, only to be turned once again into something that rivals the glories of years gone by.

Records don't indicate exactly when Turin was constructed, however, until 1997 it had stood empty for

over 250 years. The battering of time and nature had taken its toll and the building stood close to ruin. The remains of Turin Castle were purchased by a local man who set about recreating the structure, tearing away the ivy, which by now covered the walls, repairing the damaged stone work and rebuilding the Medieval style wooden roof.

With the renovation underway, the castle was purchased by Brendan and



Marnie Farrell. Brendan has a keen interest in history and antiques and Marnie enjoys interior design. They had already refurbished their home, Glancoe Castle in Co. Wicklow, and after deciding they would like to purchase another castle with a view to renting it to the public, they came across Turin and decided it to be exactly what they were looking for.

The castle sleeps upto 10 people and is sold on a self-catering basis. Whilst Turin incorporates modern appliances and comforts, including a fully fitted kitchen, the goal was always to retain the traditional feel of the building. Travel between floors means following a winding stone staircase; dinner in the Great Hall is enjoyed around a large 17th century oak table; the 5 individual bedrooms incorporate a king size Rococo bed and a large four poster room with silk embroidered

drapes, is complemented by a free standing bath. On the top floor of the castle is the Lord and Lady's apartment, a large room with a stunning hand carved trussed roof and decorated with antiques and tapestries. Venturing out onto the battlements offers awe inspiring views of the local area; on a clear day you can see for 40 miles across to the Maamturk mountains.

The castle is an excellent venue for gatherings with family and friends. Those travelling from outside the area can fly into Galway Airport, which is only around 30 miles away. Turin is now open for bookings and is available from 3100 euros per week. There is currently plenty of availability for 2010, but dates are beginning to sell, so don't delay!

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Prior to restoration

