

WELCOME TO KILKENNY CASTLE



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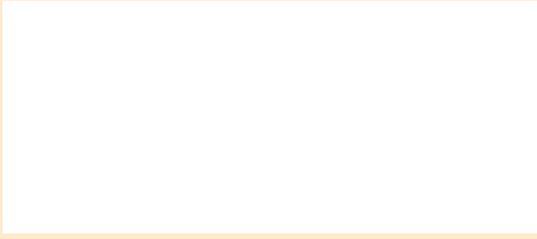
Kilkenny Castle is more than 800 years old. The Castle was built for defence by the Norman knight William Marshall. The Butler Family lived in the Castle for over 550 years. They were very rich and were great friends with the Kings and Queens of England. Today the Castle is looked after by the O.P.W and belongs to the Irish people.



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The Undercroft:

This is one of the oldest parts of the castle. Can you guess what the small windows called "arrow slits" were used for?



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The Withdrawing Room:

This was the ladies' sitting room. What part of the wallpaper is the oldest: the one with the colours or the black and white one?



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The Dining Room:

Friends of the family would be invited here for meals. How many guests are we expecting for dinner?

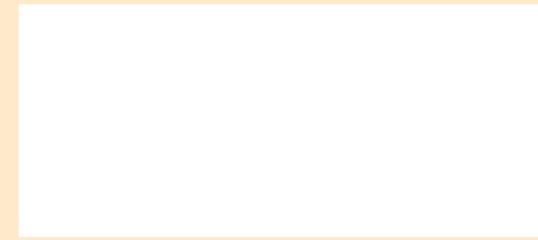


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Entrance hall:

This is the first room that visitors of the Butler family came through. How many paintings are in this room?



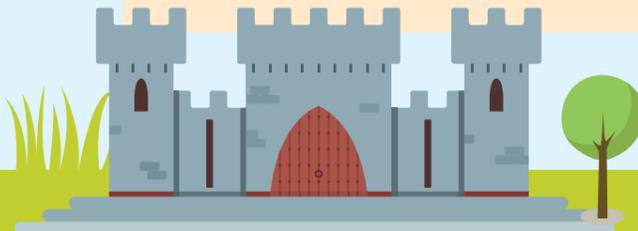
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The Tapestry Room: You are now in one of the 3 original medieval round towers. If you look up at the ceiling, can you see what shape the room is? Is it shaped like a star, like a keyhole or a triangle?



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The Library: This is where the Butler family came during the day for reading books and write letters. Can you name 2 things the family used in this room to create light before they had electricity?



THANK YOU FOR VISITING KILKENNY CASTLE WE HOPE YOU HAD FUN!!



The Drawing room: This was like a living room for the family but at the time they had no television and no computer. Can you name 2 activities the family did instead?

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The Blue corridor: This is where the family had bedrooms and bathrooms. Can you guess why this is called the Blue Corridor?

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The Nursery: This room was used by the young children who lived at the Castle. Can you see the musical instrument in the room?

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The Blue Bedroom: From this bedroom you can see the river Nore. Do you know why the Normans chose to build the castle near the river?

The Chinese bedroom: This bedroom is called the Chinese bedroom because of the design of the wallpaper and the type of furniture in the room. What did the family use to warm the room before they had radiators?

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The Moorish Staircase: This family staircase is almost 200 years old. Can you name 2 small animals carved in the stone?

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The Long Gallery: This was the Butler family's art gallery. When the Butler family lived in the castle they had over 200 paintings in this room. How many black marble plinths do you see in the room? (A plinth is a rectangular block of stone on which a statue usually stands)

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The Kitchen: In the kitchen the cook and servants would have prepared fantastic feasts for the Butler family. What are the pan made from: copper or iron?

