

THE ICE HOUSE COUNTRY KITCHEN BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Ice House History

The Ice House (originally called Iceland Cottage or Iceland House) in Ballina, County Mayo, is located on the east bank of the River Moy on the townland of Quignalecka, in an area known as Crocketstown.

The ice store incorporated within the house is older than the rest of the building. A similar solution was employed in Maidenhead, Castle Hill, Berkshire, where two large ice pits were constructed in 1850 by a local fishmonger called William Hamblett. When he died c. 1890, the pits fell into disuse and his widow constructed a tall, two storeys building over them to utilize the ground. The Ice House in Ballina, however, retained function as an ice store subsequent to its incorporation into domestic residence. Even in its residential capacity, the building served a functional purpose: while the basement was used as a cold store for salmon exports, the rest of the house itself was used to accommodate the manager of the Moy Fishery Company. The house is in a strategic location on the Quay, at the edge of the river, into which the ice vaults probably drained, and at right angles to the adjoining road. The road-facing elevation contains a large central archway for easy access into the vaults for the delivery and collection of ice.

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Freshly Squeezed
Orange, Grapefruit, Apple
and Cranberry Juices

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Selection of Farm House
Breads, Pastries and
Scones

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Selection of Tasty Crunchy
Cereals

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Freshly Prepared Fruits
Melons, Pink Grapefruit
and Orange

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Poached Prunes, Orange
and Vanilla

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Selection of Irish Farm
House Cheeses

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This Month our Seasonal
Jams from
Foxford Mills are:
Orange Marmalade,
Strawberry,
Raspberry

AVAILABLE FROM OUR
KITCHEN

Full Traditional Irish
Breakfast

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Eggs Benedict
Poached Free Range Eggs
Served on Toasted
Brioche, Pancetta and
Hollandaise

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Smoked Salmon
With Scrambled Egg

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American Style
Buttermilk Pancakes
Served with Homemade
Blueberry or Maple Syrup

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Hot Oatmeal Served with
Honey and Brown Sugar

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Omelette of Your Choice