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THE HISTORIC HOUSE IN IRELAND

This intensive nine-day Study Programme will examine the Irish country house and its wider estate, in the context of its changing ownership and presentation. Some visits will focus on houses with original decorative schemes and collections, allowing members to study the unique features of Irish design, while others will look at houses as the setting for outdoor and leisure pursuits.

The Programme's first base will be the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates at the University of Maynooth, from where it is planned to visit CARTON HOUSE and CASTLETOWN HOUSE, both significant Palladian villas, whose interior decoration was conceived by the Lennox sisters; the latter complemented by a series of rare estate buildings and monuments. We will also explore the CASINO at MARINO, NEWBRIDGE HOUSE and LEIXLIP CASTLE, Co. Kildare, bought by the Hon. Desmond Guinness in 1958, and from where the Irish Georgian Society was founded.

The Course will travel south to Cork through Waterford via MONKSGRANGE HOUSE in Co. Wexford, where Irish Arts & Crafts furniture was made in the 1920s and which has a delightful "Lutyenesque" garden. There will also be a short visit to the DUNBRODY FAMINE SHIP at New Ross which carried thousands of emigrants to North America in the 1840s. From Cork the Neo-Classical interiors at FOTA HOUSE will be explored, as well as the romantic waterside retreat of BANTRY HOUSE on the south-west coast. We also plan to visit CURRAGHMORE, home of the Marquess of Waterford, whose ancestors arrived in 1170, and LISMORE CASTLE, the seat of the Devonshire's in Ireland.

The Study Programme will be directed by Elizabeth Jamieson and will include visits to other privately-owned houses as well those listed. It will be supported by a series of lectures and seminars delivered by expert speakers. The Course will start and finish in the historic city of Dublin. Applications will be open in October 2019 (see www.attinghamtrust.org).