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## Plan your big day in Kinsale

**Are you celebrating a recent engagement? Or perhaps you're just getting around to organising the big day, and if so, The Kinsale Hotel and Spa could be the perfect venue for you and your other half.**

Set in 90 acres with panoramic views over Oysterhaven Bay, this luxury hotel offers couples the perfect location for their big day.

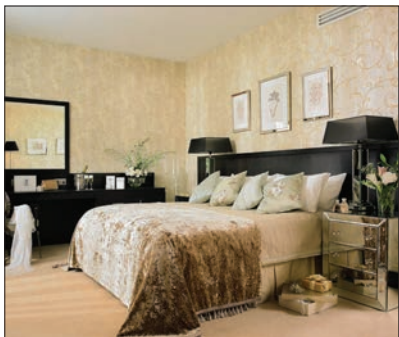
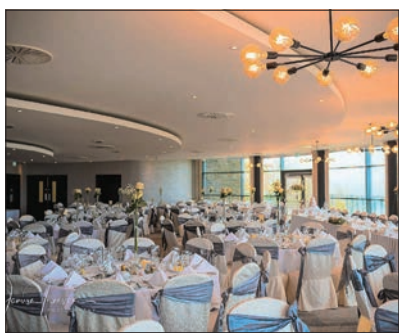
Kinsale Hotel and Spa boasts 70 beautifully appointed bedrooms, including two suites and 19 modern three-bedroom garden lodges. The newly refurbished bar and restaurant offers guests the ideal venue for a relaxed morning breakfast, formal pre-wedding dinner or casual barbeque on the terrace.

The leisure centre is available to all hotel guests and the spa is available on booking for all pre and post-wedding needs. The treatment rooms offers guests on-site makeup, nails, tan and massage, to name but a few options.

The team at Kinsale Hotel and Spa is happy to cater for weddings of any size, from 40 to 240, while the Rathmore Banqueting Suite has unspoiled views over the bay and countryside making it the ideal wedding venue location for your special day.

The hotel is set to host a spectacular afternoon at its wedding fair on 30 June from 2-5pm where you can view the fabulous facilities, speak to the experienced wedding manager and suppliers about how to make your day the one you have dreamed of, from €59.

For more information on weddings, visit [kinsalehotelandspa.ie](http://kinsalehotelandspa.ie) or call 021-4706000.



## SO LAST SEASON... @natashacrowley

### High summer looks for hot days ahead

Well I'm back from holidays and back to the daily grind. That first day back at work after the hols really is torturous but once it's done, it's great to get home and relax for the rest of the evening.

While it was hard to come back to chilly temperatures and lashing rain, I feel like I may have brought a bit of sunshine back with me as we have a heatwave is predicted for this week.

I'm certainly not getting too optimistic for the time being but I have been thinking to myself 'what's a girl to wear when it's all high temperatures one minute and grey skies the next?' While it's hard to visualise and imagine yourself wearing high summer looks at the moment, having been in the sunshine for the last week, I'm feeling a bit more optimistic and inspired.

While I'm essentially a dress wearer at heart, there's no denying that a top and trouser combination can be the perfect mix of style and functionality. I recently purchased a pair of light, wide leg, leopard print culottes from H&M which I've seen on many a fashionista's Instagram account styled in so many different ways to offer endless style inspo.

I've already clashed mine with a leopard print shirt that gives the impression I'm wearing a jumpsuit, especially when belted at the waist and worn with a low

block heel and denim jacket, it makes the perfect airport friendly look. I also wore it on holidays with a plain white v neck t-shirt and flat white sandals for a look that was easy to wear when the temperatures rose.

I've said it before and I'll say it again but when it comes to Irish style you really can't ever forego a jacket from your look.

This is especially true if you want a look to take you seamlessly from day to night with little fuss. There has probably been about two weeks every year where I venture out without a light weight jacket packed in my bag.

Denim jackets are always a summer failsafe but if they just aren't your thing, then go a little bit western with a richly textured suede jacket.

My favourite shades are rich tan or green and they look great worn with jeans in autumn but add it over a linen dress for the summer with either trainers or some sandals.

While we're on the subject of dresses, I've been mostly attracted to either light linen dresses which surprisingly have not become a ball of wrinkles after one wear or gingham numbers which is fast become my print obsession. Pair with basket or straw bags and a barely there heel and you have the perfect look for a low key summer wedding or party.

I mean is it even the summer if you haven't worn at least one gingham item?

Another failsafe summer item that I will be rocking once the sun gets shining is a jumpsuit. They take so little effort to look like a super styled outfit. I personally love a brightly coloured jumpsuit and to keep it tonal, just add shoes in the same colour and a statement drop earring.

It's an outfit you can easily wear during the day but looks equally good for after work dinner or a night out.

Plus you'll be looking and feeling cool in lightweight fabrics. Now fingers crossed it's all blue skies for the next few weeks!



**Natasha Crowley**

## PICKS OF THE WEEK



**HIM: Bumbag, €8, Penneys**

Whether travelling or at a festival, wear your rainbow flag with pride.

**HER: Shirt, €15, Penneys**

Wear with shorts, jeans or a skirt for a fun, floral summer look.

