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ideas to spark interest this week



FASHION

Pack a punch

Considering a new handbag investment? Dublin-based luxury handbag label **Landa**, founded by Irish-Argentinian designer Silvana Landa McAdam, has a new autumn-winter collection of five styles, each as meticulously crafted and timelessly finished as the next.

From the croc print Moye phone bag (€115) and the Baobab bucket bag (€225), to the Panamá hobo bag (€415) and the neat Palto shoulder bag in two sizes, the new edit marries luxury and sustainability without compromise. You can shop the new collection exclusively at Brown Thomas until August 11 as part of its Create initiative which champions Irish design.



VENUE

Use your senses

Conrad Dublin, the five-star city centre hotel, has launched a new package that lets guests enjoy a tailored experience of Ireland through all five senses. It includes a tour of Wicklow in a Land Rover and a private helicopter tour over the Cliffs of Moher for sight, a trip to the Luxury Celtic Tweed Company for touch, and a tasting menu from head chef Marek Sulg for taste.

You'll enjoy a trip through the aromas of Irish whiskey for smell, then finish the experience with a private tour of the National Concert Hall and intimate performance by renowned violinist Zoë Conway to tick sound off the list. Contact the hotel for a quote.

FOOD

A taste for success

Georgia Quealy and Daniel Linehan from Bon Chocolatiers in Athlone are among the Irish food producers vying for the Golden Fork award at this year's **Great Taste Awards**. Organised by the British Guild of Fine Food, the awards recognise the best food and drink products in Britain and Ireland.

Overall winners will be announced in September. Other Irish producers in the mix include the Grubb family of Tipperary for Cashel Blue cheese, and Birgitta Curtin of the Burren Smokehouse in Clare for her smoked eel. See the full list of winners at gff.co.uk/directory.



ACCESSORIES

Sea the stars

Irish jewellery designer **Bláithín Ennis** has taken inspiration from a recent trip to the Maldives for her new Sea of Stars collection, which features pieces made by hand in her studio in Wexford. There are studs, drop earrings, chains, torc necklaces, bracelets and rings in two colourways, at prices from €100. The large angel stripe studs pictured here are €140. Shop online at blaithinennis.com.



EVENT

Good for the soul

Ireland's biggest art and sculpture event is set to arrive at Kildare's K Club next weekend featuring over 300 works by artists such as Salvador Dali, Andy Warhol and Damien Hirst. Hosted by contemporary art gallery Gormleys, the event will showcase €8 million worth of works which will be displayed throughout hotel's grounds and inside its luxurious interiors.

Work by leading Irish sculptors Patrick O'Reilly, Ian Pollock, Eamonn Ceannt and Bob Quinn will also be on display, alongside a special unveiling of 12 new pieces by Martin Mooney, one of Ireland's most accomplished fine art painters. **Art and Soul** will be open for free to the public from August 11 to September 8, see kclub.ie for more information.



DRINK

House of whiskey

House on Leeson Street in Dublin will host a five-course tasting menu that will highlight the flavours of Ireland and Scotland through their respective whiskeys on August 21.

A Tale of Two Whiskeys: An Evening with Roe & Co and Johnnie Walker will see ingredients like smoked king scallop paired with Johnnie Walker Black, and a chocolate hazelnut tart with Roe & Co cold brew coffee. There'll be in-depth discussions on each whiskey too. Tickets are available on Eventbrite now for €110 per person.



FASHION

Sustainable strides

New to Irish footwear designer **Nicki Hoyne's** collection is her first ever line of trainers. Adding to her existing sandals, mules and bow-adorned styles are two trainer options, the Classic (€220) and the Sporty (€225), which offer a chic, wearable answer to the 'work and play' footwear conundrum.

Available in leopard and cow prints and white leather with trims in neon pink, black and beige, the collection offers versatile, comfort-first styles while remaining true to Hoyne's colour-driven collections. See nickihoyne.com.