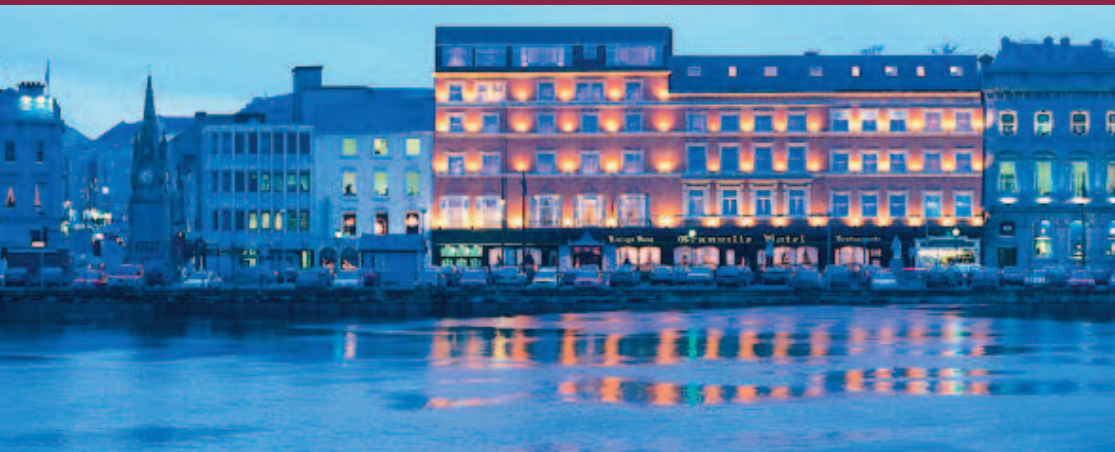


**“It’s immaculately maintained, full of pride in its history, its place in the local community and the genuine hospitality they offer their guests.”** - Georgina Campbell Award



## Granville Hotel



The Granville is a family run unique boutique manor style hotel overlooking the river Suir and marina. Built in the 1700s, this 4-star historic hotel exudes Irish hospitality in a gracious building.

### Restaurant and Bar

The Bianconi Restaurant and Thomas Francis Meagher Bar offer Irish and international cuisine. Our food is prepared using local produce and has won several awards over the years including AA Rosettes, Georgina Cambell and Blas na hEireann Irish Food awards. We have an extensive offering of craft beverages including gin, whiskey and beers along with a range of signature cocktails.

### Meetings and Private Events

Located centrally in Waterford city, the Granville offers a range of meeting rooms and facilities to suit your business events, conferences, banqueting, board meetings, product launches or training seminars and has access to ample parking. The Granville is a perfect location to celebrate a special occasion with those closest to you, be it a family celebration, a wedding, anniversary, communion, christening or a birthday. Choose from our private rooms the Parnell Room, the Library or Bells for more intimate occasions or the Tapestry Room with its Waterford Crystal chandeliers and grand historic tapestries for larger events. Our experienced team are on hand to help you plan any event.

### Bedrooms

The focus on attention to detail in our bedrooms makes for a relaxing and enjoyable stay and our penthouse suites have balconies overlooking the river and marina. Our signature breakfast is not to be missed - choose from local organic porridge drizzled with Muldoon Irish Whiskey Licquer or Highbank Organic Apple Syrup, followed by our take on local bread speciality the Blaa, Eggs Benedict Waterford style. You will feel at home in our hotel and experience something special.

**“I was very impressed at the level of comfort, class, service, and style the Granville offers its guests.”** - Guest

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# A step back in time....

*In the 1700s Waterford's quays were widened to open the city for more commerce. Many merchants settled in the city as trade and the ship building industry grew. And so, the story of the Granville Hotel begins along with its rich association with many national and international historical figures.*

The Granville Hotel was originally built as a residence by a local merchant and banking family, the Newports, on what was then called the New Quay. It was subsequently bought by the Quans' and then by Thomas Meagher, one of the city's most prominent merchants and the first post-reformation Roman Catholic mayor. Daniel O'Connell, the Irish political leader who devoted his life to the cause of Catholic emancipation, was a close friend of the Meaghers and often visited the family home.

Charles Bianconi, known as 'the King of the Irish Roads', purchased the Meagher home and it became known as Commin's Hotel. It was the most important staging post for Bianconi's mail coaches, so much so that it was from the hotel that all milestones and government distances were measured. Bianconi revolutionised public transport and his model was the first example of an integrated transport system in Ireland.



*The Car Arrival at Waterford Commin's Hotel - Bianconi's Establishment*

The Granville Hotel was purchased in 1979 and reopened in 1980 by locals Liam and Ann Cusack. They had been looking at hotels in Munster and saw the potential in this historic building. The hotel had become rundown, with a bar downstairs and a small dining room on the First floor with flats occupying the rest of the building.



*Liam and Ann Cusack*

Full restoration works were undertaken, including upgrading the bar, creating 50 ensuite bedrooms and turning a portion of Hearne's store into the Tapestry Dining Room and Bianconi Grill Room, returning the hotel to its former grandeur and combining modern comfort with olde worlde charm and elegance.

1779



*View of Waterford 1736 - Willem Van der Hagen.  
Courtesy of Waterford Treasures*

Brig. Gen. Thomas Francis Meagher, son of Thomas Meagher, was born in the Meagher family home. He was an Irish, and later American patriot, Brigadier General in the U.S. Army, founder of the Irish Brigade, and Governor of Montana. In 1848 as a Young Irelander revolutionary, he presented to the Irish nation a flag of Green, White and Orange to signify a lasting peace between all the peoples of Ireland. That flag is now the national flag of Ireland.



*Thomas Francis Meagher*

1832

The hotel had been purchased by Hearne & Co. Waterford's largest department store. The building suffered extensive fire and water damage and only the outer walls remained. Fortunately, everyone was evacuated due to the rescue efforts of the Fire Brigade and members of the Royal Engineers.



*1915 Fire to the Granville Hotel and Hearne & Co. buidlings*

1915



*Granville Hotel c1970.*

1980

Over the ensuing years Liam and Ann acquired adjoining buildings Bells, Tylers and Chapmans and added these into the fabric of the hotel. In 1998 they took on one of their more ambitious projects, building an additional 30 rooms onto the hotel, giving a total of 103 rooms. Today the Cusack family first, second and third generations continue to uphold the Granville traditions of comfort, service and hospitality. Supported by an excellent team of loyal staff, the hotel's ethos is to ensure a warm and caring welcome to local and international guests and patrons.



*First, second and third family generations*

2020

