

Accommodation Types

http://www.ayrshire-arran.com/accommodation/accom_type/

Accommodation to suit every budget and every taste, all graded by a unique quality assurance scheme.

Guest House

A guest house normally has at least 4 letting bedrooms, some with ensuite or private facilities. It is usually run as a commercial business. Breakfast is available and evening meals may be provided.

B&B

Accommodation offering bed and breakfast, usually in a private house. B&Bs normally accommodate no more than 6 guests, and may or may not serve an evening meal.

Small Hotel

A small hotel normally has a minimum of 6 letting bedrooms and a maximum of 20. Most bedrooms have ensuite or private facilities. Small hotels serve breakfast, dinner and, normally, lunch, and they have a drinks licence (though it may be a restricted licence). They are normally run by the owner(s) and reflect their own personal style.

Hotel

A hotel normally has at least 20 letting bedrooms, of which most have ensuite or private facilities. They serve breakfast, dinner and, normally, lunch, and they usually have a drinks licence (it may be a restricted one).

International Resort Hotel

A hotel with a 5-star quality award that has a range of leisure and sporting facilities. These include an 18-hole golf course, swimming pool and leisure centre, and country pursuits.

Self-catering

A house, cottage, apartment, chalet or similar accommodation, with self-catering facilities, which is let normally on a weekly basis to individuals, although shorter breaks may be available.

Serviced Apartment

Essentially self-catering apartments where services such as cleaning are available. Meals and drinks may also be available, either to each apartment or in a restaurant and/or bar on site.

Lodge

Overnight accommodation, usually purpose-built and situated close to a major road or city centre. Reception hours may be restricted and payment may be required on check-in. There may be associated restaurant facilities.

Inn

Bed and breakfast accommodation within a traditional inn or pub. The bar and restaurant is open to non-residents, and provides food at lunchtime and in the evening.

Restaurant with Rooms

The restaurant is the most significant part of the business, and is usually open to non-residents as well as those staying there. Breakfast is usually provided.

Campus Accommodation

The accommodation provided by colleges and universities for their students is often made available - with meals - to individuals or groups at certain times of year, typically the summer, Easter and Christmas holiday periods.

Hostel

A building run by a private operator or non-profit membership organization, where beds and sometimes meals and other services and facilities are provided.

Holiday Park

A park that offers holiday homes and, most likely, touring and camping pitches.

Touring Park

A park that offers touring pitches, and may offer camping pitches as well.

Camping Park

A park for camping only.

Five-Diamond Award System

<http://www.aaa.biz/Approved/files/evaluation/diamondguidelinesDec08.pdf>

The overall evaluation process will include the review of six key areas:

- _ CLEANLINESS AND CONDITION
- _ MANAGEMENT AND STAFF
- _ EXTERIOR, GROUNDS, AND PUBLIC AREAS
- _ GUESTROOM DÉCOR, AMBIANCE, AND AMENITIES
- _ BATHROOMS
- _ GUEST SERVICES (if applicable)

AAA DIAMOND RATINGS REPRESENT A COMBINATION OF THE OVERALL QUALITY, THE RANGE OF FACILITIES, AND THE LEVEL OF HOSPITALITY OFFERED BY A PROPERTY. These widely recognized and trusted symbols help AAA members choose lodgings that will meet their needs and expectations.

What the Diamond Ratings Mean

One Diamond

These establishments typically appeal to the budget-minded traveler. They provide essential, no-frills accommodations. They meet the basic requirements pertaining to comfort, cleanliness, and hospitality.

Two Diamond

These establishments appeal to the traveler seeking more than the basic accommodations. There are modest enhancements to the overall physical attributes, design elements, and amenities of the facility - typically at a moderate price.

Three Diamond

These establishments appeal to the traveler with comprehensive needs. Properties are multifaceted with a distinguished style, including marked upgrades in the quality of physical attributes, amenities, and level of comfort provided.

Four Diamond

These establishments are upscale in all areas. Accommodations are progressively more refined and stylish. The physical attributes reflect an obvious enhanced level of quality throughout. The fundamental hallmarks at this level include an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service, and attention to detail.

Five Diamond

These establishments reflect the characteristics of the ultimate in luxury and sophistication. Accommodations are first class. The physical attributes are extraordinary in every manner. The fundamental hallmarks at this level are to meticulously serve and exceed all guest expectations while maintaining an impeccable standard of excellence. Many personalized services and amenities enhance an unmatched level of comfort.

Three-Star Michelin Rating System

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/November2007/10/c6800.html>

To ensure a consistent selection, the same five criteria are used for awarding stars in all countries: product quality, preparation and flavors, the cuisine's personality, value for money and consistency.

One star (*) means a very good restaurant in its category.

Two stars (*)(*) mean excellent cooking, worth a detour.

Three stars (*)(*)(*) mean exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey.