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5 charming Irish castles for afternoon tea

Whispers of Ireland's much-storied past seep from the very stones of its castles. Inside these walls, however, luxury prevails as you indulge in delicious afternoon tea. Here are 5 we love...

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Waterford Castle Hotel, County Waterford

Founded and governed by the powerful Fitzgerald family for over 800 years, Waterford Castle Hotel maintains its Gothic-style charm just outside Ireland's oldest Viking metropolis – Waterford city. The legacy of its former family is proudly displayed in the form of the Fitzgerald family crest above the fireplace in the Great Hall, while afternoon tea is best enjoyed in the castle's conservatory overlooking its formal gardens. Make sure to try the local speciality, the Waterford blaa (floury bread roll), accompanied by ham hock terrine and piccalilli.