



Tale as old as time . . .

Dating back to 1813, a young Cork architect named Thomas Deane was jumping for joy. A group of merchants set about expanding their meeting rooms on South Mall and asked him to design a brand new hotel which was destined to become a central thread in the life of the city.

Not any run of the mill accommodation, but the finest hotel that Cork City had ever seen. Complete with a large coach yard so that it could be used for the visiting business people and traders alike.

Young Thomas Deane worked tirelessly for many years and the hotel continued to evolve. It was a very exciting time in Europe with numerous major events taking place. Napoleon was also in exile in St Helena after his defeat by the Duke of Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo. The 19th century saw many prominent figures stay at the hotel including the Irish painter Daniel Maclise as well as novelists, Maria Edgeworth, Sir Walter Scott and Charles Dickens. Also, the writer William Makepeace Thackeray took tea at the hotel with the Apostle of Temperance, Fr Theobald Mathew.

The Imperial Hotel opened its doors over 200 years ago and has since become a home away from home for many a tired traveller, all who have witnessed the hotel change and grow quite dramatically over time. On a rainy August evening in 1922, Michael Collins sat sipping a glass of whiskey in room 115, whilst penning some of his renowned tributes. It was here on this fateful evening that he wrote what was to be his very final piece. The rain had cleared the following morning and Michael set out shortly after 6am to visit West Cork. It was on his way back that he was killed in an ambush at Béal na Bláth. He was 31 years old.

A veil of grief lay over Ireland as one of its greatest ever leaders perished. It was also known that Daniel O'Connell addressed a meeting here in 1858 and Maureen O'Hara frequented the bar and restaurant over many years. Her final visit was in 2012. Over time the Imperial Hotel took on the role of esteemed author to the never-ending tales behind these ornate walls.

THE IMPERIAL HOTEL
CORK





Once Upon a Tea Time Afternoon Tea

SELECTION OF HOMEMADE PASTRIES

THE PRINCESS GRACE

Pistachio Crust choux, Raspberry Gel, Pistachio Disk

THE MICHAEL COLLINS

Cocoa Berry Chocolate Mousse, Espresso
& Midleton Rare Irish Whiskey

THE MAUREEN O'HARA

Strawberry Macaroon Ruby
Whipped Chocolate Ganache

THE CHARLES DICKENS

Banana Loaf



A SELECTION OF FINGER SANDWICHES

Hereford Beef, Rocket, Horseradish, Brioche Bun

Cold Smoked Irish Salmon, Fresh Dill, Doty's Brown Bread

Poached Egg & Chive, Light Mayo

Cucumber & Yoghurt on O'Keeffe's Loaf

Ardsallagh Goats Cheese Tartlet

THE SCONES

Raisin scones served with Irish butter
& Selection of Jams

A selection of Hot Beverages

