



BACK TO SCHOOL 2026

**Enjoy a
last-minute,
or mid-term,
escape with
all the family...**

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SUITE DREAMS: A family suite at the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown; (below) the Eriu sanctuary



Making MEMORIES

The end of summer offers an invitation to pause before the start of the new school season brings all the usual chaos. However, the stress of coordinating a multi-generational family holiday can hamper pre-September rest and relaxation.

However, The 'Memory Makers' package at the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown is designed precisely with this balance in mind, transforming a staycation into a seamless stay where grandparents, parents and children can make joyful memories together.

The 'Memory Makers' package is tailored to allow everyone to enjoy quality time together.

On arrival guests are welcome to have their memory captured with an Instax polaroid while younger guests are greeted with a special welcome treat pack and a selection of in-room games.

The Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown also

offers family guests the option of memorable days out with tickets to some of Dublin's best family-friendly attractions such as Dublin Zoo or Aquazone.

For summer 2026 Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown also offers exclusive 48-hour tickets to Emerald Park.

While the 'Memory Makers' package ensures the younger generation is thoroughly entertained, it places equal emphasis on the relaxation of parents and grandparents.

The Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown boasts a dedicated sanctuary for adults called Eriu, a specially designed thermal sauna,

plunge pool and hot tub experience. Here, grown-ups can escape into a tranquil environment for some 'me' time, safe in the knowledge that the younger guests are tucked up with a movie in room.

Delicious dining is also available at Sundial Restaurant, which offers a clever children's menu and beautiful views overlooking the gardens. There's also a traditional Afternoon Tea offering, which can be made more indulgent with a glass of Prosecco for a refined experience.

And the best part? The multi-generational family stay package 'Memory Makers' at the Car-

lton Hotel Blanchardstown is available until November 1, 2026, meaning you can book this for the October mid-term break too.

Prices start at €639 per night based on four adults and two kids.

The package includes:

- Overnight stay in interconnecting rooms or interconnecting suites;

- Full Irish breakfast each morning;
- Dinner in Sundial Restaurant;
- An Instax camera photo
- A selection of in-room games for quality family fun and kids' welcome packs;
- Eriu Thermal access for adults;
- Tickets to a family-favourite attraction including Dublin Zoo or Aquazone, with exclusive 48-hour tickets for Emerald Park. ■

Book the 'Memory Makers' package at www.carltonhotelblanchardstown.com/memory-makers.html.



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