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A growing part of the holiday market is the over-55s. Whether you're retired or not, there are some incredible deals that allow you to make the most of your spare time.

The Westport Plaza & Castlecourt Hotel Resort in Co Mayo has a specific Golden Years programme which has proved incredibly popular with customers.

We sent two 60-somethings along to check out what's on offer and when they got chatting to fellow guests, the first thing they noticed was how many had stayed there before, often several times.

Not surprisingly, the friendly staff appear to be a key part of the experience. There are also loads of activities on offer, whether you're into bridge, golf or dancing, and the resort takes the hassle out of travel by offering free transport to and from the bus

or train.

For anyone with a travel pass, this means your journey there won't cost you a cent!

There is free tea and coffee on arrival, and throughout your stay. You can avail of special offers in the Sula Spa and discounted swimming lessons in the leisure centre, or just laze about in the jacuzzi and sauna.

Our 60-somethings stayed at the Castlecourt in a deluxe room complete with a four-poster bed. They said it made them feel like royalty! They also really enjoyed the live music every night. The Golden Breaks

package includes four nights accommodation with full Irish breakfast and a table d'Hote dinner in the Orchard restaurant each evening. We are informed that the food was "outstanding".

The Westport Plaza & Castlecourt Hotel Resort host Golden Breaks throughout the year, from just €240pps in April or €269pps in May.

Their next Golden Years Festival starts on May 13, and includes five nights B&B and four evening meals, dance nights, indoor bowls, guided walks, Gold factor talent show (great fun, we are told), cookery demonstrations and much more.

The total price for all of this is a bargain-friendly €289pps (if staying at the Castlecourt) or €330pps for the slightly more luxurious Westport Plaza. Now that's amazing value.

See www.westportplazahotel.ie or www.castlecourthotel.ie, or call 098 55088 to find out more.





PURE LUXURY — A four-poster room at the Castlecourt Hotel and (below) the hotel's excellent Orchard restaurant