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## EXECUTIVE TOUR SUMMARY

**Ireland's East Coast is the perfect centre for visitors wanting a full range of experiences. With the vibrant city of Dublin offering all the delights and attractions one could want, the city itself and surrounding areas have an amazing array of golf courses from links to parkland. The East Coast offers refined Links splendour with pristine courses with deft subtly contoured links as well as also offering the discerning golfer a chance to play our big Professional Parkland courses. The East Coast offers a great variety of Championship courses with many hosting Irish and European Professional Opens as well as Ryder Cups.**

### **Golf**

Day 1 - European GC - <http://www.theeuropeanclub.com>

Day 2 - The Island GC - <http://www.theislandgolfclub.ie/features/media-gallery/>

Day 3 - Portmarnock GC - <http://www.portmarnockgolfclub.ie/gallery>

Day 4 - County Louth (Baltray) GC - <http://countylouthgolfclub.com/gallery-videos.html>

Day 5 - Royal Dublin GC - <http://www.theroyaldublingolfclub.com/currentgallery.htm>

Day 6 - Portmarnock Links GC - <https://www.portmarnock.com/3d-map.html>

### **Accommodation**

**6 x Nights @ O' Callaghan Hotels (Montclare / Davenport / Alexander / St. Stephens Green), Dublin.** O'Callaghan Hotels are all in excellent locations for both leisure and business travellers. Each hotel is distinctive and distinguished by excellence. Get the real Irish experience through staying in a family-owned business that has been running the hotel business in Dublin for 25 years.

### **Transport**

7 x Days Chauffeured Guided Tour & Transfers in Deluxe Mercedes Sprinter Bus with leather trim, wifi and air con. Fuel, Tolls, Ferry crossings and driver/guide expenses all included. Your knowledgeable chauffeur will guide you to the best restaurants and local bars as well as informing you on historical facts and fables.

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## Touring Details

### Day 1 - Sunday

Arrive at Dublin Airport and be greeted by your chauffeured tour guide. Travel to play the Pat Ruddy designed and owned European Club. A labour of love for celebrated links architect Pat Ruddy, who continues after thirty years to calibrate the links to meet the challenges of the modern game allowing the champions of today to express themselves while demanding a cerebral approach for true success. Golf design has been a part of Pat Ruddy's life since childhood and he has completed thirty-six projects. Along the way he has come to be regarded as the world's leading links designer. But the European Club is his masterpiece and it consistently challenges the best of them with Tiger Woods holding the course record of 67 and Rory McIlroy describing it as one of the best Links Courses that he has played. After golf return to Dublin to indulge in the International Cuisine and enjoy the Irish Craic at the many bars in Dublin.

**Golf:** European GC (Est 1987) Par: 71 Men & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,355 yards / White Tees 6,720 yards / Ladies Tees 5,569 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star O' Callaghan Hotels (Montclare / Davenport / Alexander / St. Stephens Green), Dublin

### Day 2 - Monday

Travel to play the Fred Hawtree and Eddie Hacket designed and Martin Hawtree remodelled Island Golf Club that was established by a local Syndicate of 10 who founded the club in 1890. Located on the middle of three estuary-barrier complexes that lie at the mouths of estuaries in North County Dublin, the Island Golf Club is exactly what it says on the tin, an island of magical links golf. It is renowned for the magnificent condition of its greens and course. As one of the oldest golf courses in Ireland, the Island GC hosts Regional Qualifying for The British Open Championship. After golf return to your hotel to indulge in Irish Cuisine and enjoy the Irish Craic at the many bars in Dublin.

**Golf:** Island GC (Est 1890) Par: Men's 71 / Ladies 75

Length: Blue Tees 6,826 yards / White Tees 6,271 yards / Ladies Tees 5,425 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star O' Callaghan Hotels (Montclare / Davenport / Alexander / St. Stephens Green), Dublin

### Day 3 - Tuesday

Travel to play the William Chalmers Pickeman and George Ross designed Portmarnock Golf Club. One of Ireland's top links courses, Portmarnock is the fairest links challenge in Ireland with everything laid out in front of you. This is where Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead successfully followed its serpentine route through classic links land on their way to victory in the 1960 Canada Cup. And it is where another generation of Americans, including Phil Mickelson and David Duval, secured a memorable

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Walker Cup triumph in 1991. These events, along with nineteen stagings of the European Tour's Irish Open Championship, reflect the quality of a searching examination. After golf enjoy a refreshment and lunch in the clubhouse before returning to your hotel to indulge in the International cuisine and enjoy the Irish Craic at the many bars in Dublin.

**Golf:** Portmarnock GC (Est. 1894) Par 72 Men's & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,466 yards / White Tees 6,926 yards / Ladies Tees 6,701 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star O' Callaghan Hotels (Montclare / Davenport / Alexander / St. Stephens Green), Dublin

#### **Day 4 - Wednesday**

Travel to Baltray in Co. Louth to play the Tom Simpson designed Championship Course at County Louth (Baltray) Golf Club. The course has two nine hole loops. A remarkable feature of the layout as it winds its way through the dunes is that the player seldom feels that any two holes play in exactly the same direction. The Club's flagship event, the 'East of Ireland', is a national championship set up by the Club and the Golfing Union of Ireland in 1941. The first event was won by the legendary Irish amateur Joe Carr who went on to win a further eleven times. Darren Clarke won the Championship in 1989 prior to turning professional. After golf enjoy a refreshment or two in the clubhouse before travelling back to relax, unwind and regale the links stories thus far over fine cuisine and a night cap.

**Golf:** Co. Louth (Baltray) GC (Est. 1892) Par 72 Men's / 75 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,031 yards / White Tees 6,716 yards / Ladies Tees 5,873 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star O' Callaghan Hotels (Montclare / Davenport / Alexander / St. Stephens Green), Dublin

#### **Day 5 - Thursday**

Travel to the Harry Colt designed and Martin Hawtree remodelled Royal Dublin Golf Club, a sand dune island formed when a shipping wall, the Bull Wall, was constructed in the early 1800's to form what is now known as Bull Island. The second oldest Golf Club in Ireland, the Club was instituted at a meeting held at No. 19 Grafton Street in May 1885, pioneered by a Scottish banker - John Lumsden and in 1891 received Royal status. Home of World Golf Hall of Fame, Christy O' Connor Senior who initially was Club Professional before going on to star in ten Ryder Cups in his professional career. Host of many Irish Amateur and Professional tournaments as well as the many tour players that have played here. After golf indulge in International Cuisine in a local restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars in Dublin.

**Golf:** Royal Dublin GC (Est. 1885) Par 72 Men's & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,269 yards / White Tees 6,907 yards / Ladies Tees 6,465 yards

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**Accommodation:** 4 Star O' Callaghan Hotels (Montclare / Davenport / Alexander / St. Stephens Green), Dublin

### **Day 6 - Friday**

Travel to play the Bernards Langer & Dan Eby designed Portmarnock Links, set in the grounds of the old Jameson Estate of St. Marnocks, the course has played host to professional and amateur events. Portmarnock Links makes full use of the dunes and natural terrain to provide a layout that will please the most ardent of links purists. The elevated tees and greens, blind approaches and doglegs – not to mention typical links sea breezes, will keep you thinking through every round. Gently undulating luxuriously sprung fairways leading to large fast greens must be negotiated through ninety-eight strategically placed bunkers, whilst hillocks, wild grasses and gorse await wayward shots. After golf indulge in International Cuisine in a local restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars in Dublin.

**Golf:** Portmarnock Links GC (Est. 1995) Par 71 Men's & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,444 yards / White Tees 6,020 yards / Ladies Tees 5,082 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star O' Callaghan Hotels (Montclare / Davenport / Alexander / St. Stephens Green), Dublin

### **Day 7 - Saturday**

Depart for Dublin Airport for your flight home.

### **Extend your stay**

Play the renowned **K Club Palmer Course** (Host of Ryder Cup 2006) or the **Smurfit Course**.

Play at the Garden of Ireland **Druids Glen Course** host to 4 Irish Professional Opens.

Travel South of Kilkenny to play the Jack Nichlaus designed **Mount Juliet Golf Course** host of many Irish Professional Opens and the European Championships. Or play another Jack Nichlaus designed course **Killeen Castle** which in recent times hosted the Solheim Cup.

Play one of the many other hidden Links gems on the East Course like St. Margarets, St. Annes or St Helens.

**Combine your tour with East, West, South or Northern Ireland Golf Tours**

**OR We can customise your tour to your preferences**

**OR Upgrade your tour to Premium Plus and cut out all the hassle with helicopter transfers.**

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**Terms & Conditions**

Costs may fluctuate upon the time of year and availability cannot be guaranteed on all courses.

Deposit required to secure the booking of accommodation and golf.

Full payment of tour required 1 month in advance of the tour date. Both are non refundable upon payment.

Please note Accommodation includes Bed & Breakfast only.

All lunch and evening meals are not included, but the finalised itinerary will have suggested local restaurants.

Golf green fees are included but any other activities are not included.

Tips are not included but encouraged.

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