



# Proposed Itinerary

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## EXECUTIVE TOUR SUMMARY

North Ireland's Coast offers a chance to play some of the most immensely challenging Links Courses in Ireland. Fairness is not a trait of these courses where blind shots, slivers of fairways, dense rough and gorse prevail. On the island of Ireland North Ireland's courses have the unique prestige of being able to host the British Open Championship. For all its toughness Northern Ireland also has great natural beauty with the Causeway and Antrim Coastlines as well as the historic building dock of the Titanic. But don't let these fierce some courses lead you the way of the Titanic.

### Golf

Day 1 - County Louth (Baltray) GC - <http://countylouthgolfclub.com/gallery-videos.html>

Or Day 1 - Ardglass GC - <http://www.ardglassgolfclub.com/course-flyover-2/>

Day 2 - Royal County Down GC - [http://www.royalcountydown.org/Photos\\_Videos/Videos.aspx](http://www.royalcountydown.org/Photos_Videos/Videos.aspx)

Day 3 - Portrush GC Dunluce Course - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14w2ztJ4zI4>

Day 4 - Portrush GC Valley Course

Day 5 - Portstewart GC - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIf4a-ZiWwE>

Day 6 - Castlerock GC - <http://www.castlerockgc.co.uk>

### Accommodation

**2 x Nights @ Slieve Donard Resort & Spa Hotel**, Newcastle, Co. Down. Nestling at the foot of the Mountains of Mourne, the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa stands in six acres of immaculate private grounds. A golden strand of beach borders one side while the mighty Royal County Down golf links frames the other. This lovingly maintained Victorian Hotel is now home to one of Europe's finest resort Spas as well as the famous cuisine of the Oak Restaurant and The Percy French Inn, or enjoy Chaplin's Bar and the Spa's Lighthouse Lounge.

**3 x Nights @ Adelphi Inn Hotel**, Portrush, Co. Antrim. Adelphi Portrush is a Boutique Style Hotel, and offers unparalleled luxury coupled with a quality of service that is second to none. Situated in the heart of Portrush, the Adelphi Portrush is proudly owned and managed by the Holmes family. Guests can enjoy the culinary delights of the Award Winning Adelphi Bistro with its inspired menus made with fresh local ingredients.

**1 x Night @ Airport Hotel**, Dublin / Belfast. For your last night stay in one of the Airport chain hotels in Dublin / Belfast such as the Clayton or Radisson Blu. Enjoy the in house cuisine and bars and not have the hassle of an early rise and long distance commute to get to make your planes departure time.

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## COMPANY NAME: IRELAND TRAVEL LINKS

### 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.

### Touring Details

#### Day 1 - Sunday

Arrive at Dublin / Belfast Airport and be greeted by your chauffeured tour guide.

**If arriving at Dublin Airport** 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 lunch and refreshments in the clubhouse before travelling onwards to Newcastle to relax, unwind and regale the stories of the day's golf 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

**OR If arriving at Belfast Airport** travel to Ardglass to play Ardglass Golf Club and enter the oldest building used as a golf club house in the world. The present building started its existence as a fortified warehouse that operated as a safe haven for 15th century importers and exporters. Ardglass hugs the Irish Sea, which can be seen from all eighteen tees and greens, comes into play on no fewer than eight holes. This is just one of the memorable and unique features of the links at Ardglass Golf Club and you will enjoy a fulfilling round. After golf enjoy refreshments in the clubhouse before travelling onwards to Newcastle to relax, unwind and regale the stories of the day's golf over fine cuisine and a night cap.

**Golf:** Ardglass GC (Est. 1896) Par 70 Men's & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,266 yards / White Tees 5,814 yards / Ladies Tees 5,344 yards

**Accommodation:** 5 Star Slieve Donard Resort & Spa Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down

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## Day 2 - Monday

Travel to play the George L. Baillie and Old Tom Morris designed Championship course Royal County Down Golf Club. From 1900 to 1913, some very famous golfers of the time, including James Braid, J. H. Taylor, Harry Vardon and Ben Sayers visited the course and made recommendations, many of which were adopted. Royal County Down is located in one of the world's most naturally beautiful links settings in the Murlough Nature Reserve. Against the magnificent backdrop of the Mountains of Mourne, the links stretches along the shores of Dundrum Bay, zigzagging back and forth to provide a different vista from virtually every hole. The 'bearded' bunkers are world famous and feature overhanging lips of marram, red fescue and heather. The greens are fast and many are domed, rejecting any shot lacking conviction. This is a true test of any player's command of the traditional bump and run, the preferred way to play any links. After golf enjoy the views from the clubhouse and indulge in the International Cuisine and enjoy the Irish Craic at the many bars in Newcastle.

**Golf:** Royal County Down GC Championship Course (Est 1889) Par: Men's 71 / Ladies 76

Length: Blue Tees 7,186 yards / White Tees 6,878 yards / Ladies Tees 6,249 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Slieve Donard Resort & Spa Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down

## Day 3 - Tuesday

Travel north to to play the Harry Colt designed Portrush Dunluce Golf Course. Harry Colt, universally acknowledged as one of golf's greatest course architects, used the natural contours and dunes of the links land at Portrush to create a legacy which attracts golfers from all across the globe. As the writer Bernard Darwin stated 'Mr HS Colt...has thereby built himself a monument more enduring than brass'. Host of the 2019 British Open Championship, the Dunluce Links at Royal Portrush Golf Club ranks amongst the world's greatest courses. Make sure you bring your "A Game" to this challenging course that has made some of the best golfers look ordinary. After golf travel back to relax, unwind and regal the links stories thus far over fine cuisine and a night cap in Portrush.

**Golf:** Portrush GC Dunluce Course (Est. 1888) Par 72 Men's

Length: Blue Tees 7,317 yards / White Tees 6,705 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Adelphi Inn Hotel, Portrush

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## Day 4 - Wednesday

Play the Harry Colt designed Portrush Valley Golf Course. The Valley lies between the East Strand and the Dunluce golf course in Portrush. As its name suggests, the course is situated between the huge sand hills immediately along the Atlantic shore and the higher ground on which the Championship course is laid out. The Valley has more than its fair share of the humps, hollows and undulations to be found on any links worthy of the name. After golf travel to the Bushmills Distillery to take a tour and taste of the famous whiskey. Travel to relax, unwind and regale the links stories thus far over fine cuisine and a few fine whiskeys at the Bushmills Inn Restaurant. Travel back to Portrush and continue the revelry in the many pubs in Portrush.

**Golf:** Portrush GC Valley Course (Est. 1888) Par 71 Men's

Length: Blue Tees 6,336 yards / White Tees 6,097 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Adelphi Inn Hotel, Portrush

## Day 5 - Thursday

Travel to Portstewart Golf Club. Redesigned by Willie Park Jnr in the 1920's this championship links course received its greatest makeover with the purchase of land known as "Thistly Hollow" in 1986. This enabled the club to build a stunning new seven holes through towering dunes and fabulous and natural links land. Designed by Des Giffin the Strand Course is the jewel in the Portstewart portfolio. Host to the 2017 Irish Professional Open and 2018 British Boys Amateur follow in the footsteps of the greats while playing this fantastic links course. After golf indulge in International cuisine at Portstewart before travelling back to Portrush. Enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars close in Portrush.

**Golf:** Portstewart GC (Est. 1894) Par Men's 72 / Ladies 73

Length: Blue Tees 7,004 yards / White Tees 6,606 yards / Ladies Tees 5,853 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Adelphi Inn Hotel, Portrush

## Day 6 - Friday

Travel to play the Ben Sayers designed Castlerock Golf Club. Though not officially recorded, it is known that Harry Colt, while spending much time in Ireland with his work at Royal Portrush, was consulted regarding the redesign of the Castlerock links around 1930. Situated on the Causeway coast, Castlerock Golf Club, is a classic links course set amid towering dunes. Castlerock is rated as one of Ireland's finest links courses and its status in the game is reflected by the fact that it has hosted many National Championships both Amateur and

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Professional. After golf enjoy a few drinks and lunch in the clubhouse before departing for a Belfast / Dublin Airport Hotel.

**Golf:** Castlerock GC (Est. 1901) Par Men's 73 / Ladies 75

Length: Blue Tees 6,806 yards / White Tees 6,506 yards / Ladies Tees 5,904 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Airport Hotel, Dublin

## **Day 7 - Saturday**

Depart for Dublin Airport for your flight home.

## **Extend your stay**

Play one of the many other hidden Links gems on the North Coast like **Ballycastle, Castlerock, Portstewart Old Course or Royal County Down Annesley Course.**

**Combine your tour with East or North West 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.**

## **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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