
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://countylothgolfclub.com/gallery-videos.html>

Day 2 - Royal County Down GC - 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 - Portmarnock GC - <http://www.portmarnockgolfclub.ie/gallery>

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.

2 x Nights @ Bushmills Inn Hotel, Portrush, Co. Antrim. Set against the backdrop of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland, The Bushmills Inn is the perfect retreat for those who crave the unconventional, yet still expect exceptional service. Originally a Coaching Inn in the 1600s, this 4 star boutique Hotel and Restaurant is steeped in Irish history with a myriad of places to hide from the world from inglenook turf fires to hayloft snugs.

2 x Nights @ Merrion Hotel, Dublin. The Merrion, located in the heart of Dublin city centre, is the capital's most luxurious five star hotel, and a proud member of The Leading Hotels of the World. The Merrion is home to the 2-star Michelin Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud, The Cellar Bar, The Garden Room, and the intimate No. 23 Cocktail Bar.

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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 Airport and be greeted by your chauffeured tour guide. 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 lunch and a refreshment or two in the clubhouse before travelling onwards to Newcastle 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 Slieve Donard Resort & Spa Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down

Day 2 - Monday

Travel to play the George L. Baillie and Old Tom Morris designed 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 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 enjoy lunch and a refreshment or two in the clubhouse before heading out again to better your score on this beast of a course. After golf travel back to relax, unwind and regal the links stories thus far over fine cuisine and a night cap at Bushmills.

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 Bushmills Inn Hotel, Portrush

Day 4 - Wednesday

Travel to 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 take a Whiskey Distillery Tour of the famous nearby Bushmills Distillery. Travel back to relax, unwind and regal the links stories thus far over fine cuisine and a night cap at the Bushmills Inn.

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 Bushmills 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 departing for Dublin's Merrion Hotel. Enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars close to the Merrion Hotel.

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: 5 Star Merrion Hotel, Dublin

Day 6 - Friday

Travel to play the William Chalmers Pickeman and George Ross designed Portmarnock Golf Club. One of Ireland's top links course 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 Walker Cup triumph in 1991. These events, along with 19 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. In the afternoon enjoy another round at Portmarnock before travelling to the luxurious Merrion Hotel in Dublin to relax and unwind after your tour or indulge in its Michelin Star dining.

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: 5 Star Merrion 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, Royal County Down Annesley Course etc.**

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.
