# **EXECUTIVE TOUR SUMMARY**

Irelands 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 x 2 rounds 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 Druids Glen GC https://www.druidsglenresort.com/golf\_gallery.html

#### **Accommodation**

**6 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.

#### **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 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:** 5 Star Merrion Hotel, 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 ten 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 Dublin to indulge in the International cuisine in the Merrion or surrounds 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: 5 Star Merrion Hotel, Dublin

#### Day 3 - Tuesday

Travel to play the William Chalmers Pickeman and George Ross designed Portmarnock Golf Club. One of Irelands top links course Portmarnock is the fairest links challenge in Ireland with everything laid out in front 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 nineteen stagings of the European Tour's Irish Open Championship, reflect on 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 4 - Wednesday

Travel to Baltray in Co. Louth to play the Tom Simpson designed Championship Course of 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 regal 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: 5 Star Merrion Hotel, 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

Accommodation: 5 Star Merrion Hotel, Dublin

#### Day 6 - Friday

Travel to Dublin to play the Pat Ruddy & Tom Craddock designed Druids Glen. Just a year after opening in 1995, Druids Glen hosted the Irish Open for four years in a row. Colin Montgomerie won two years running, followed by David Carter and Sergio Garcia, shooting a 64 in the final round. Enjoy the tranquillity of the mystical Druids Glen, with manicured tree-lined fairways, historical landmarks, spectacular water features and vibrant floral displays in what is considered by many to be the Augusta of Ireland. After golf enjoy a refreshment or two in the clubhouse before travelling to the luxurious Merrion Hotel in Dublin to relax and unwind after your tour and indulge in its Michelin Star dining.

Golf: Druids Glen GC (Est. 1995) Par Men's 71 / Ladies 72

Length: Blue Tees 7,434 yards / White Tees 6,629 yards / Ladies Tees 5,423 yards

**Accommodation:** 5 Star Merrion Hotel, 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**.

Travel South of Kilkenny to play the Jack Nichlaus designed **Mount Juliet Golf Course** host of many Irish Professional Opens and European Professional Opens. 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 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.

#### **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.

