# EXECUTIVE TOUR SUMMARY

Golf in the North West of Ireland allows you to experience some of the most remote and scenically beautiful courses to be found anywhere in the world. Here, you can enjoy the pleasures of a secluded round of golf and quite breathtaking panorama. With a warm welcome that is tradition for the locals, golfers will relish every moment of their stay. Many of the courses have been created by Irelands most celebrated links architects, Eddie Hackett and Pat Ruddy. Be enthralled by the hidden gems of the North West of Ireland.

## Golf

- Day 1 Donegal (Murvagh) GC https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmMHXKZZHCs
- Day 2 Portsalon GC https://www.youtube.com/embed/QjKqfqn61-c?autoplay=1
- Day 3 Rosapenna's GC Sandy Hills Course https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_gq44NqbNdE
- Day 4 Ballyliffin GC Old Links Course http://www.ballyliffingolfclub.com/guide/
- Day 5 Ballyliffin GC Glashedy Course http://www.ballyliffingolfclub.com/guide/
- Day 6 Slieve Russell GC http://www.slieverussell.ie/golf-hole-by-hole.php?1

## Accommodation

**1 x Nights @ Mill Park Hotel,** Donegal, Co. Donegal. 4 star Set amidst vivid green plains and rolling hillsides in the charming town of Donegal, guests of Mill Park Hotel have outstanding accessibility to lively pubs, seasonal events, and alluring sites.

**2 x Nights @ McGettigan's / Station House / Radisson Blu Hotels,** Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Enjoy your stay at one of these luxurious boutique style hotels that are truly unique for quality, location, service and elegance. All centrally located in Letterkenny makes its many traditional pubs and international cuisine restaurants easily accessible

**1 x Night @ Ballyliffin Lodge & Spa Hotel,** Ballyliffin, Co. Donegal. The award winning Ballyliffin Lodge and Spa is one of the best known family run hotels in Inishowen. This stunning Donegal hotel caters for all occasions including weddings, golf breaks, walking breaks, family breaks, concerts, conferences and much more in Donegal.

**1 x Night @ Slieve Russell Resort,** Cavan. The Slieve Russell Hotel provides luxury hotel accommodation in a tranquil setting. Set in 300 acres, including 50 acres of lakes, the Slieve Russell Hotel Golf & Country Club with Ciúin Spa & Wellness Centre offers a unique experience in relaxation and leisure to guests.

**1 x Night @ Clayton Dublin Airport Hotel,** Dublin. Conveniently located near Dublin Airports Terminal 1 & 2 and on the periphery of Dublin city, Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport is the ideal stopover choice for visitors flying into or out of Dublin.

## 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 Airport and be greeted by your chauffeured tour guide. Travel to play the Eddie Hackett designed Donegal (Murvagh Links) Golf Club often called the Muirfield of Ireland. Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, Donegal Bay and a designated Special Area of Conservation, it is one of the longest golf courses in Europe, measuring a massive 7,453 yards from the championship tees. Engage with the golfing spirits of the past, while you enjoy a truly memorable golfing experience on one of Darren Clarke's "favourite courses in the world". Indulge in the traditional Irish cuisine in a local restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars in Donegal town.

Golf: Donegal (Murvagh Links) GC (Est 1892) Par: 73 Men & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,453 yards / White Tees 7,017 yards / Ladies Tees 5,835 yards

Accommodation: 4 Star Mill Park Hotel, Donegal

## Day 2 - Monday

Depart Donegal and travel North to the Charles Thompson designed and Pat Ruddy remodelled, Portsalon Golf Club. Nestled under the Knockalla mountains and stretching along the magnificent Ballymastocker beach, a true test of links golf presents itself. In conjunction with Royal Portrush, Royal County Down, Royal Belfast, Killymoon, Dungannon, Aughnacloy, Ballycastle and Buncrana, Portsalon was one of the founder members of the Golfing Union of Ireland, the oldest golfing union in the world. After golf travel to Letterkenny and indulge in International cuisine in a local restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars in Letterkenny.

Golf: Portsalon GC (Est 1891) Par: 72 Men & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,119 yards / White Tees 6,803 yards / Ladies Tees 6,064 yards

Accommodation: 4 Star McGettigans / Station House / Radisson Blu, Letterkenny

Day 3 - Tuesday

Travel to Rosapenna Golf Club to play the Pat Ruddy designed Sandy Hills Course. In its relatively short lifetime the Sandy Hills Links has been met with rave reviews and has steadily climbed the rankings as it matures into one of the world's finest modern links courses, so much so that we recommend you play it instead of its sister course the Old Tom Morris designed Old Course. After golf enjoy the views from the clubhouse before travelling back to Letterkenny. Indulge in traditional Irish cuisine in a local restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars in Letterkenny.

Golf: Rosapenna GC Sandy Hills Course (Est. 2003) Par: 72 Men & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,957 yards / White Tees 6,322 yards / Ladies Tees 5,304 yards

Accommodation: 4 Star McGettigans / Station House / Radisson Blu, Letterkenny

# Day 4 - Wednesday

Travel to Ballyliffin Golf Club, widely regarded as the finest links complex in Ireland boasting two championship links courses – the Old Links and the Glashedy Links. Today travel back in time to play the Eddie Hacket designed Old Links. Two English architects, Lawrie and Pennick, visited the course as well and gave their views on how it should be laid out and the course which emerged, perhaps took something from each of them. The Old Links undulates in the glory of its natural terrain, presenting an immensely enjoyable challenge to every golfer. Work recently undertaken by Nick Faldo has strengthened The Old Links and brought much acclaim from members and visitors. After golf check into your accommodation at Ballyliffin and indulge in International cuisine at the Linx Restaurant in Clubhouse and enjoy the Irish Craic at the bar.

Golf: Ballyliffin GC Old Links Course (Est. 1947) Par 71 Men's & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,937 yards / White Tees 6,450 yards / Ladies Tees 5,414 yards

Accommodation: 4 Star Ballyliffin Lodge & Spa Hotel, Co. Donegal

Day 5 - Thursday

Travel to lay the new Glashedy Links which is a Pat Ruddy and Tom Craddock masterpiece fashioned around the incredible dunes, and is rated amongst the best links tracks in the world. Ruddy cherishes Glashedy as his own and has returned in recent years to fine tune the stunning bunkering of this magnificient links. Glashedy has hosted many prestigious Amateur events and played host to the 2018 Irish Professional Open. Walk in the footsteps of the games best players and be enchanted by the golfing test that awaits. After golf indulge in International cuisine at the Linx Restaurant in Clubhouse and enjoy the Irish Craic at the bar. Depart Ballyliffin and travel to Cavan for a night in the magnificent Slieve Russell Resort. Indulge in International cuisine in the restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic at the bar.

Golf: Ballyliffin GC Glashedy Course (Est. 1995) Par 72 Men's & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,210 yards / White Tees 6,726 yards / Ladies Tees 5,640 yards

Accommodation: 4 Star Slieve Russell Resort, Cavan

# Day 6 - Friday

Enjoy a round at the Paddy Merrigan designed Slieve Russell Golf Club. The natural drumlin valley landscape of West Cavan provided the course architect with a blank canvas on which to create a masterpiece. The course has been designed with a certain boldness and sureness of instinct, which has resulted in the development of a truly fine parkland course. The crucial quality of the course lies in the fact that its design is strategic rather than punitive. The intention is not to penalise the golfer who strays off the straight and narrow but to encourage attacking shots by rewarding their success and punishing failure. After golf enjoy a refreshment or two in the clubhouse before travelling to the Dublin Airport Clayton Hotel to relax and unwind after your tour.

Golf: Slieve Russell GC (Est. 1992) Par 72 Men's & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,053 yards / White Tees 6,530 yards / Ladies Tees 5,533 yards

Accommodation: 4 Star Clayton Dublin Airport Hotel, Dublin

## Day 7 - Saturday

Depart for Dublin Airport for your flight home. It is more convenient and will be less travel to and from the North West to fly into Belfast International Airport if that is possible.

Extend your stay

Play **Rosapena's Old Tom Morris designed Old Course**. In the late 19th century the Old Tom Morris Links was ranked 3rd in the British Isles behind only The Old Course at St.Andrews and The Royal County Down Golf Club.

#### Combine your tour with courses from the East, West and Northern Ireland.

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

#### **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.