

19 FAST FACTS

Golf Ireland

- 1.** 7,119 golf holes on the island of Ireland
- 2.** 428 golf clubs
- 3.** 1 Royal County Down tops Golf Digest's World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses
- 4.** 4 Majors Rory McIlroy won by age 25
- 5.** 5 Ryder Cup appearances by European Ryder Cup captain 2016, Darren Clarke
- 6.** 50 real links courses on the island of Ireland; $\frac{1}{4}$ of the world's total
- 7.** 7 courses in the Top 100 Golf Courses in the World
- 8.** 1959 the first time Charlie Chaplin took his family to visit Waterville
- 9.** 2006 The K Club in Kildare hosted the Ryder Cup
- 10.** 2010 when 2014 Ryder Cup Team Europe member, Graeme McDowell, became the first player from Northern Ireland to win the US Open
- 11.** 2014 Paul McGinley is first Irishman to captain Ryder Cup Europe Team
- 12.** 2015 the year Royal County Down, Northern Ireland, hosted The Irish Open
- 13.** 2017 Lough Erne, Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, hosts The Irish Open
- 14.** 2019 year Royal Portrush hosts The Open
- 15.** 2018 Carton House, Kildare, hosts the World Amateur Team Championships
- 16.** 1 resident herd of goats at Lahinch (unofficial guides to the weather)
- 17.** 10 number of times The Irish Open has played Portmarnock, Dublin
- 18.** 2 times the Walker Cup has played on the island of Ireland (Royal County Down and Portmarnock)
- 19.** 19TH the hole where golfers go to experience real local hospitality