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You must complete the online survey no later than Friday, October 9, 2020.

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Visitor Information Providers
Great Lighthouse of Ireland

10 posters to be won
Every entry will be entered in a draw to win one of 10 fabulous posters by award-winning author and illustrator, Roger O’Reilly. The collection of almost 90 lighthouses of Ireland is available on www.IrelandPosters.ie As shown here the posters capture the uniqueness of each lighthouse setting. They are great for framing and bring wild and natural Ireland into any room where they hang.

Winners of the posters will also be selected on Friday, October 16, and they can select which lighthouse poster they wish to receive as their prize from IrelandPosters.ie.

Terms and Conditions
• You must be aged 18 or over to participate.
• The survey must be completed online no later than Friday, October 9, 2020.
• The survey may only be completed once. Entering more than once will disqualify from the opportunity to win the prize.
• One lucky winner will be selected from the survey returns and will be selected on Friday, October 16, 2020.
• The ‘3-night Lighthouse Holiday Break’ must be availed of within 12 months of winning the prize (dates subject to availability at the selected lighthouse).
Opening Dates and Times
Opening Dates and Times are subject to change and may vary throughout the seasons and by day of week. Establishments indicating ‘open year-round’ may still close, for instance, on Christmas Day. We recommend you verify dates and times directly with each featured establishment, particularly if travelling distances.

Entertainments operate subject to demand and pre-booking is normally required.

Admission Rates
The admission rates quoted in this publication are the normal rates for individual adult admissions, children and families. Many of the featured attractions and entertainments do offer special rates for groups, students and seniors. The rates quoted are the 2020 rates.

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Ireland’s North has an enormous energy about it and offers the visitor truly authentic and rewarding experiences. You will find that whatever you seek for a great day out is always close by.

This free publication aims to enhance your visitor experience by providing you with information on just some of the managed visitor attractions and places of interest open to the public for you to enjoy during your visit.

From nature’s great coastal attractions, like the Giant’s Causeway, to more relaxing country parks. Industrial heritage, social history, architectural splendour, superb beaches, and intriguing museums are all available for exploration.

**Plenty of choice**

Variety is the essence of a good holiday and Ireland’s North certainly provides a wide range of attractions and visitor experiences to choose from.

Detailed information is included on each attraction and visitor experience including eircodes and sat nav co-ordinates, opening times and admission rates.

**Enjoy!**

Finally, we do hope that you take the time to explore the rich heritage and delights of this wonderful region of Ireland and that your ‘Daily Adventure’ is a rewarding and enjoyable one.

Guides for other regions in Ireland are widely available.

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Titanic Belfast
Titanic Quarter, Belfast City

The birthplace of Titanic
Titanic Belfast, a World Leading Tourist Attraction, is only 90 minutes away from Dublin and a must-see for visitors to Ireland. Located on the spot where the famous ship was designed and launched, it’s nine interpretive and interactive galleries tell the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. Take the Discovery Tour and explore hidden treasures and walk in the footsteps of the men that built Titanic. The award-winning walking tour showcases the recently revamped Harland & Wolff Drawing Offices, where the ships were designed, the slipways where the ship was launched and Titanic Belfast’s iconic structure. Guests can delve deeper and jump on board the SS Nomadic, the last remaining White Star Line vessel and the biggest Titanic artefact in the world. Famous as a tender for Titanic, and a quarter of her size in every dimension, guests can marvel at the original ornate doors, panels, plasterwork and staircases that greeted first and second class passengers on board, as well as see what life was like for the crew. It is now integrated in Titanic Belfast’s ticket price. To book, visit www.titanicbelfast.com

Want to know more Titanic facts than you could ever have imagined? There’s no more authentic place—and no better place—to experience the Titanic story than at Titanic Belfast.

The nine-gallery interactive attraction which is housed inside one of the world’s most revered architectural wonders, appeals to visitors of all ages. It’s interactive galleries, telling the story of Titanic from her birth to her tragic demise more than 100 years ago, overlooks the very slipway on which the great liner was built. For more information check out www.titanicbelfast.com

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HMS Caroline

Titanic Quarter, Belfast City

A unique Survivor

Based in Belfast’s famous Titanic Quarter, HMS Caroline is a First World War-era naval ship now restored as a must-see floating museum with an amazing story to tell.

Be immersed in life aboard this unique vessel—one survivor of history’s greatest naval engagement... the Battle of Jutland!

Enjoy the new quayside visitor centre dedicated to telling the personal stories of those who served on the ‘Carry’. Then step aboard to see a powerful film on the drama of Jutland and experience impressively restored cabins and deck areas as well as an array of state-of-the-art interactive exhibits.

Soak up the atmosphere as you find out about communication at sea in the Signal School, and continue to the Torpedo School before finishing your visit at the authentic galley café.

Belfast City Hall

Located in the heart of Belfast City

This iconic Portland stone and copper-domed building completed in 1906, was built as a symbol of Belfast’s new city status. The interior has a number of notable features including The Porte-Cochère and Grand Entrance, The Grand Staircase, The Reception Room and The Great Hall.

In the grounds of City Hall visit the Titanic Memorial Gardens which host the Titanic Monument. The Memorial Garden was officially opened in 2012, the 100th anniversary of the Titanic sinking. The garden’s memorial plinth supports 15 bronze plaques which list, in alphabetical order, the names of 1,512 people who perished on RMS Titanic.

The City Hall’s east wing on the ground floor has been completely renovated to facilitate a visitor exhibition stretching over 16 separate rooms, offering a journey from the city’s past to present.

It is always recommended to check Admission Rates and Opening Times before travelling
Don’t miss a thing with a Hop-on Hop-off tour

Providing you with a comprehensive look at Belfast city and allowing you to explore every area and district of this unique place. Tours operate seven days per week and tickets are valid for 24 hours for one day pass holders or 48 hours if you purchase the two day ticket option.

If you do not Hop-on / Hop-off the tour lasts approx 1 hour 30 minutes.

Tours depart from Castle Place in Belfast city centre but you can join the tour from any stop along the route. The tour offers a multi-lingual service available in six languages including English, French, Spanish, Italian, German and Mandarin.

Day tours available from Belfast to Giant’s Causeway and Game of Thrones Tour visit www.irishourtickets.com for further information.

Belfast City Sightseeing

Explore over 150 years of history

Crumlin Road Gaol first opened its gates to prisoners in 1846 and was a fully operational prison, only closing its doors in 1996. During that time the Gaol housed murderers, suffragettes, loyalist and republican prisoners. It has witnessed births, deaths and marriages, as well as executions, escapes, hunger-strikes and riots.

On your 75 minute guided tour you will be taken through the years and experience what life was like for those imprisoned in ‘The Crum’. Step into the Circle and see each of the 4 wings radiate out. Explore C-Wing and see what prison conditions were like throughout the Gaol’s history, you will also make the journey through the Tunnel that connects the Gaol and the Courthouse. Visit the Condemned Man’s Cell and Execution Chamber, and finally, visit the Grave Site where many of the executed men still remain to this very day.

Crumlin Road Gaol

Location

From M1 & M2 motorways follow directions to Clifton street and follow signs for Crumlin Road Gaol.

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

54.6089, -5.9422

Opening Times

Open 7 days a week

Guided tours from 10:00–16:30h

Admission Rates

Adult £12, Child (5–15yrs) £7.50 (U5) Free, Senior/Student £10 Family (2+2) £30

Pre-book online for discount!

Information

Gift shop stocking full range of locally sourced gifts and memorabilia. Coffee Shop open daily Licensed restaurant Cuffs Bar & Grill Regular jail themed live music events—all listings online

Parking

On-site car parking available
St. Anne’s Cathedral

Belfast City

Hope in the City

In the heart of the city of Belfast, St. Anne’s Cathedral has stood for over 100 years as a place of Christian worship. There are beautiful works of art to be seen: mosaics, textiles, carvings and many historical artifacts. It possesses an uncluttered spaciousness that draws us into the awe and wonder of the greatness of God. The Cathedral welcomes tourists, pilgrims, regular worshippers, or merely those seeking a quiet place to ponder alone. The ticket price includes a guide book and volunteer stewards are on hand to offer information and guided tours on request.

St. George’s Market

Belfast City

One of Belfast’s oldest attractions

Built between 1890 and 1896 this is one of the best markets in the UK and Ireland. It has been selected for numerous local and national titles and awards for its fresh, local produce and great atmosphere. It holds a weekly market on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. It also hosts a range of events throughout the year.

Variety Market on Friday offers over 240 stalls selling a variety of products including: fruit, vegetables, antiques, books, clothes and fish.

City Food and Craft Market on Saturday offers a huge range of local, continental and specialty foods as well as handmade crafts, flowers, plants and local photography, pottery, glass and metal work.

Sunday Market is a mixture of the Friday and Saturday markets with a special emphasis on local arts and crafts. You can also expect live music from local bands.
was modernised and converted to solar power. Prepare to be fascinated by this unique sight as the Great Light is over 130 years old, weighs 10 tonnes and stands at seven metres tall! It hosts huge Fresnel Hyper-Radical lenses meaning it has one of the strongest lighthouse beams ever to shine! While the Great Light is no longer aiding mariners, it has taken on a new role, that of bringing to life the story of lighthouses, their technological developments, and their lightkeepers and allowing visitors to immerse themselves in a little bit of maritime history.

For more information on Ireland’s lighthouses experiences visit www.greatlighthouses.com

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Ulster Museum

Belfast City

Come face to face with dinosaurs, meet an Egyptian Mummy and see modern masterpieces with a visit to the Ulster Museum. As Northern Ireland’s treasure house of the past and present, the museum is home to a rich collection of art history and natural sciences, impressive galleries, interactive discovery zones and is free to all visitors. Museum Highlights: Troubles and Beyond Exhibition, Changing Views Exhibition and Elements Exhibition.

Antrim Castle Gardens

Antrim, Co. Antrim

A restored late 17th century Anglo-Dutch water garden with ponds, long canals, a large Parterre, Wilderness, an ancient Norman motte and buildings, including a Barbican Gate Lodge and Clotworthy House—a coach yard and stable block in a Dutch style built in the 1840’s. New visitor facilities include a Garden Coffee Shop, Gift Shop, and Oriel Gallery.

Flame Gasworks

Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim

Flame Gasworks is Ireland’s sole surviving gasworks and the largest in Western Europe. It opened in 1855 and supplied Carrickfergus with coal gas until 1967. It closed in 1987 but was restored by Carrickfergus Gasworks Preservation Society as a visitor attraction in 2002. View the 36 retorts, ascend the gasholder, and browse the collection of appliances. A fascinating visit – guaranteed!
A traditional thatched cottage built in the 1750s by the Donaldson family and lived in by them until 1979. It has been restored to its original state including an open fireplace with a daub and wattle canopy and hanging crane. The interior includes a dresser, sponge wear crockery and iron pots and griddles. The centre has an impressive exhibition on the life and career of Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) 7th President of the United States of America whose parents emigrated from here in 1765. The US Rangers Centre is located on-site, a museum dedicated to the men of the first battalions of the elite American Army Unit the "US Rangers" that was first ‘activated’ in Carrickfergus in 1942. The display includes documents, uniforms and photographs and other material detailing this famous combat unit.

The Ulster American and Ulster Scots connection

With such an extensive coastline around Ireland’s North, you would expect to find quality beaches... and you won’t be disappointed. The naturally stunning formations of the coastline provide long stretches of golden sand and impressive sand dunes. With several beaches meeting the Blue Flag standard you are certain to never be far away from a great day out at the beach. The miles of beaches are great for swimming, exploring rock pools and all sorts of beach fun. There are plenty of water activities to be enjoyed from sub-aqua, sailing, diving, water skiing, rowing, canoeing, land yachting and surfing. Go dolphin or whale watching or relax with the many boat experiences and cruises available. If you enjoy the great outdoors, there’s no better place for a holiday or a day out. There’s so much to see and do!
Glenoe Waterfall
Gleno, Co. Antrim

A beautiful waterfall nestling in the glens of Antrim. Located only a short stroll (100m) from the charming village of Gleno, steps and paths wind around a small glen with one of the most picturesque waterfalls in Northern Ireland. Don't miss this favourite photographic location.

Mid & East Antrim
Shaped by Sea & Stone

Discover a region that has been Shaped by Sea & Stone located on the famous Causeway Coastal Route and home to The Gobbins Cliff Path and many Game of Thrones filming locations. The region offers great attractions and a range of experiences from Whiskey Tasting to blacksmithing. For food lovers try the award-winning beef & salmon at Glenarm Castle, locally produced craft beer at Hillstown Brewery or why not try the local delicacy, Lough Neagh eels?

Carnfunnock Country Park
Larne, Co. Antrim

Whether it’s adventure or escape you’re looking for, there’s something for everyone at Carnfunnock! Packed full of exciting attractions, the park offers panoramic views of the Antrim Coast thanks to its stunning location. You’ll find over 191 hectares of mixed woodland, colourful gardens, walking trails, children’s play park and weekend events. Bookings welcome for the touring caravan park and campground.
The Causeway Coastal Route
from Belfast Lough to Lough Foyle is a kaleidoscope journey of natural wonders, a unique blend of majesty and outstanding beauty.
To travel along the Causeway Coastal Route is to experience one of the most dramatic drives in the world. It is now rated as one of the World's Great Road Journeys. Some 120 miles of stunning coastline will transport you past rugged and windswept cliffs, spectacular scenery and fabulous unspoilt beaches. It's a coastline sprinkled with historic castles, churches and forts. Many are now just ruins but each holds the memories of a mysterious and heroic past.
The Causeway Coastal Route provides a journey of exploration, where imagination meets reality and where every village and town, castle and rocky shore are waiting to be discovered.

Gracehill Village
Gracehill Village, Co. Antrim

In 1765 Gracehill was founded by the Moravians, it is a village in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. It is Northern Ireland's First Conservation area.
Today the village is very reminiscent of what it was like in the 18th century with the layout of buildings and the unique Georgian style of architecture remaining the same.
In the centre of the village the Moravian Church can be found, facing the square and flanked by the Manse and the Warden's House. The burial ground, also known as "Gods Acre" can be reached from the Brothers and Sisters Walks, on either side of the Church. These burial grounds are still in use today.
In 1975 Gracehill was designated a Conservation Area, it has also won many awards including the Europa Nostra Award.

One of the World's Great Road Journeys

Visiting

Contact
Gracehill Village
Ballymena, Co. Antrim
www.gracehillvillage.org

Location
It lies about 2 miles from Ballymena and is in the townland of Ballykennedy. It is part of the Borough of Ballymena.

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54.8545, -6.2763

Information
Restaurants & Shop
Parking
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Rathlin West Light Seabird Centre
Co. Antrim
A Great Lighthouse of Ireland

Located on Rathlin Island, off the coast of Northern Ireland, Rathlin boasts three lighthouses including the unique Rathlin West Light, which is home to one of the largest seabird colonies in the UK. Every year thousands of seabirds return to breed here including guillemots, razorbills, kittiwakes, fulmars and puffins. The sights and sounds of so many seabirds at such close quarters is an experience you’ll never forget.

Known as Ireland’s only ‘upside down’ lighthouse, be sure to take a tour of it and embrace the views from its cliff-face vantage point to get a real insight into light keeping life.

Whether you’re interested in wildlife, curious about engineering or history, or simply want to experience the wonder of this island—the RSPB team will help you get the most out of your visit.

To plan more visits to Great Lighthouses of Ireland see www.greatlighthouses.com

Giant’s Causeway Visitor Experience
Bushmills, Co. Antrim
Unlock the mystery and stories of the landscape

The Giant’s Causeway, Northern Ireland’s UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a geological wonder - composed of over 40,000 interlocking basalt columns resulting from intense volcanic activity 60 million years ago. State of the art interpretation within the award winning Visitor Centre unlocks the mystery and stories of this amazing landscape and offers a glimpse into the wonder that is the Giant’s Causeway. Visitors can explore way-marked trails and enjoy spectacular coastal scenery accompanied by an innovative outdoor audio-guide and orientation information available in a range of languages including English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Polish, Mandarin and Japanese.

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Location
On B147, 2mls from Bushmills village
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 55.2408, -6.5116

Opening Times
Open year round
Daily Jan to Mar 09:00–17:00h
Apr, May & Oct 09:00–18:00h
Jun to Sept 09:00–19:00h
Nov & Dec 09:00–16:00h
Visitor Centre closes Dec 24/25/26
Last entry to visitor centre 1hr before closing

Admission Rates
Adult/Senior £13.50
Child/Student (U18) £6.75
Child (U5) Free, Family £33.75

Information
Guided Tours, Café, Gift shop
Interactive Exhibition

Parking
Parking included in admission rates

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Intl: +44 28 2076 0062
www.greatlighthouses.com
www.rspb.org.uk/rathlinisland

Location
Located on Rathlin Island
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 55.3004, -6.2797

Opening Times
Open Apr 01 to Sept 13
Apr & Sept 11:00–16:00h
May to Aug 10:00–17:00h
Last admission is one hour before closing time

Admission Rates
Adult £5
Child £2.50
RSPB Members Free

Information
Ferry: Ballycastle to Rathlin. Private bus from the harbour to the West Light or a hilly 4.5mile walk
It’s officially summer when the Foyle Ferry is back on the water! Travelling from Magilligan Point, across Lough Foyle, to Greencastle in County Donegal, the Foyle Ferry connects the Wild Atlantic Way and the Causeway Coastal Route. The crossing is spectacularly beautiful from the shadows of Binevenagh Mountain to the Inishowen Peninsula.

From the Wild Atlantic Way to the Causeway Coastal Route

The franchise returned to film again for “The Last Jedi”. The Foyle Ferry connects a plethora of new (and long established) brewing establishments and a multitude of terrific places to eat, drink and enjoy local hospitality. Surfers, golfers, cyclists, hill walkers, heritage fans and families looking for fun and adventure - all travel on the Foyle Ferry, which runs from June through to mid September. All your summer relaxation and fun is catered for either side of Lough Foyle and beyond. Visit loughfoyleferry.com

Thanks to a 20-minute trip on the Foyle Ferry you have more time to visit the beaches along the North Antrim and North West coasts, each waiting to have sand castles built on them. There are also lots of real castles and scenery to admire including; Malin Head (the stunning most northerly point in Ireland); Horn Head (a Special Area of Conservation); Torr Head and of course Northbur, Glenveigh, Dunluce; Derry’s City Walls and Mussenden Temple. The Causeway Coast and Glens are home to several Game of Thrones filming including the Caves of Cushendun, Ballintoy Harbour and the Dark Hedges. Along the coast in Donegal, Malin Head is so breathtaking, Star Wars filmed the final sequence of “The Force Awakens” with the re-appearance of Luke Skywalker in the final scene.

From the Wild Atlantic Way to the Causeway Coastal Route

Spectacular scenery

Visiting

Contact
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Location
Greencastle: Follow signs for Moville then Greencastle. Once you come into Greencastle village turn right onto the Pier. Eircode F93 AH34
Magilligan Point: From Coleraine, follow the A2 to point road, take the B202 to Magilligan Point BT49 0LR

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
Greencastle: 55.2033, -6.9875
Magilligan Point: 55.1871, -6.9577

Sailing Times
June to Sept
09:00-20:15h
Please check website for up to date sailings

Fares
Car single: €17 / £15
Car return: €22 / £19
For all ticket types please check www.loughfoyleferry.com
(Tickets can be purchased on board the ferry)

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5

All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees
17th Century Walls
Derry-Londonderry

A Step Back In Time

Take a step back in time and visit Derry-Londonderry where you will find a city crammed full of heritage and history.

This is the only remaining completely walled city in Ireland. The walls were built in 1613-1618 as a defence for the early seventeenth century settlers from England and Scotland.

The walls provide a walkway around the inner city, are between 12 and 35 feet and are one of the greatest examples in Europe of Walled Cities. This is truly a walled town that has preserved its Renaissance style street plan. The four original gates to the city were called Bishop’s Gate, Ferryquay Gate, Butcher Gate and Shipquay Gate.

Ness Country Park
Derry-Londonderry

Nature at its best

With over 7km of stunning woodland and riverside walks all you need are walking shoes and a picnic! Be captivated by the stunning waterfall, observe the wildlife in their natural habitat or simply take time out to enjoy the views, whatever your passion this park offers the perfect haven to relax and unwind.

Visiting

Derry / Londonderry

Location
Derry-Londonderry

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
55.0067,-7.3816

Opening Times
All Year

Admission Rates
Free of Charge

Information
Tours available from the Tourist Information Centre

Visiting

Derry / Londonderry

Location
Derry-Londonderry

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.9518,-7.1810

Opening Times
All Year

Admission Rates
Free of Charge

Information
Visitor Centre onsite

Parking
Free onsite parking available

It is always recommended to check Admission Rates and Opening Times before travelling.
Fanad Lighthouse
Fanad, Co. Donegal

A Great Lighthouse of Ireland

Standing between idyllic Lough Swilly and Mulroy Bay, Fanad Lighthouse has been voted one of the most beautiful lighthouses in the world.

With its location in the Donegal Gaeltacht (an Irish speaking area) on the eastern shore of the windswept Fanad Peninsula, its little wonder that this lighthouse is a Wild Atlantic Way highlight.

Give yourself plenty of time to take in this coastal corner—time to take in the sensational, rugged scenery and to really explore the wild and wonderful natural world around you. Lough Swilly, a glacial fjord, is regularly visited by whales, porpoises and dolphins. Learn more about Fanad Lighthouse by taking a guided tour, during which you can climb to the top of the tower for spectacular 360 views of land and sea. There’s a craft shop with a range of unique and local gifts and a café with a view that’s hard to beat. Or to truly get away from it all, enjoy a relaxing stay at one of the characterful lightkeepers’ houses.

To plan more visits to Great Lighthouses of Ireland see www.greatlighthouses.com

Glenveagh National Park
Pairc Náisiúnta Ghleann Bheatha
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Conserving plants, animals and landscapes

Glenveagh National Park lies in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains in the North-West of County Donegal. It is a remote and hauntingly beautiful wilderness of rugged mountains and pristine lakes. The Park, over 16,000 hectares is the former Glenveagh Estate, including most of the Derryveagh Mountains. The wild setting around Lough Veagh hosts the largest herd of Red Deer in Europe and since 2001 is home to Ireland’s only Golden Eagles.

The Castle is surrounded by extensive, ornate and renowned gardens, with a rich variety of trees, shrubs and flowers from around the world. There is a beautifully located tearoom in the castle courtyard open all year round, where one can enjoy delicious home baking freshly made in the castle kitchen.
Glebe House & Gallery
(The Derek Hill Collection)
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

A Regency House dated 1828, set in woodland gardens, decorated with William Morris textiles, as well as Islamic and Japanese art. The collection includes 300 works by leading 20th century artists; Picasso, Kokoshka and also Irish and Italian artists. Exhibitions are shown in the adjoining gallery. Access to ground floor of the Gallery for people with disabilities.

Newmills Corn & Flax Mills
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

With the oldest surviving building said to be 400 years old this whole complex is an interesting reminder of a stage in the industrial development of Ireland, which has given way to a more sophisticated, but far less fascinating technology. Experience the pleasure of seeing one of the largest waterwheels in Ireland in action as it drives the machinery of the corn mill.

Donegal Castle
Donegal Town, Co. Donegal

Built by the O’Donnell chieftain in the 15th century this Castle has extensive 17th century additions. It is furnished throughout and includes Persian rugs and French tapestries. Information panels chronicle the history of the Castle owners from the O’Donnell chieftains to the Brooke family. Limited access for people with disabilities.
Slieve League Cliffs
Teelin, Co. Donegal

One of the highest and finest marine cliffs in Europe

Slieve League Cliffs, situated on the south west coast of Donegal, are one of the highest and finest sea cliffs in Europe. At 601 metres (1,972 ft) views from here include Donegal Bay and surrounding counties Leitrim, Sligo and Mayo. To the west is the Atlantic Ocean, and North west is Rathlin O’Byrne Island and Glencolmcille. Nearby is Benbulbin with its megalithic tombs and mythical links to Finn McCool and the Fiona of old, and Knoch na Rí at Carrowmore where one of the largest and oldest known Neolithic cemeteries in Europe lies.

The area is full of history, Inishmurry—home to early Celtic Christian monks, and the port of Killala in Mayo—scene of the French landings in 1798, the remains of Ade McBric’s chapel—an early Christian monastic site, and ruins of the monks stone dwellings.

This is a sacred mountain, for over a thousand years there was a Christian pilgrimage, no doubt Slieve League was a sacred mountain before the Christians arrived here.

Please remember when visiting, not to disturb the monuments of Irish cultural heritage. There are no fences, so please respect the area.

If you wish to learn more, visit the Slieve League Cliffs centre.
It is recommended to check Admission Rates and Opening Times before travelling.

Waterworld

Ireland’s premier indoor aqua playground

Waterworld is Ireland’s premier indoor aqua adventure playground. Enjoy the waves without the sand and the heat without the sunscreen! Recipients of the Ireland Active “National Quality Standard” Award—ensuring your family experience will be of the highest standard!

“Fantastic Family Fun” Facilities:
- Four great Flumes—Whizzer, Tornado, Twister, and Gravity!
- Wave Pool & Slide Pool
- Rapids
- Multi-Lane Slide
- Pirate Ship
- Toddler Pool
- Aqua Slide
- And many more great Child friendly features!

Bundoran Seaweed Baths

“A Natural, Healthy and Organic experience”

Nestled in the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way with stunning views of Donegal Bay. Enjoy a tranquil environment where you can soak away your aches and energise your body. Unwind in an individual or dual room with complimentary seaweed facemask. Complete your experience with a saltwater drench shower and post bath seaweed serum!

Blue Flag Beaches of Donegal

Enjoy a day at the beach

With such an extensive coastline around Donegal, you would expect to find quality beaches... and you won’t be disappointed. The naturally stunning formations of the coastline provide long stretches of golden sand and impressive sand dunes.

With several beaches meeting the Blue Flag standard you are certain to never be far away from a great day out at the beach. The miles of beaches are great for swimming, exploring rock pools and all sorts of beach fun. There are plenty of water activities to be enjoyed from sub-aqua, sailing, diving, water skiing, rowing, canoeing, land yachting and surfing. Go dolphin or whale watching or relax with the many boat experiences and cruises available. If you enjoy the great outdoors, there’s no better place for a holiday or a day out. There’s so much to see and do!

Visiting

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Location
Sea Front Atlantic Way Bundoran
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 5.44807, -8.2788

Opening Times
- Easter Daily From Good Friday 12:00–18:00h. April, May, Bank Hols (ROI) and first 2 weekends Sept
- June Mon to Fri 11:00–17:00h
- Sat to Sun 12:00–18:00h
- July & Aug Daily 10:00–18:00h
- Last entry 1 hour before closing

Admission Rates
- Adult €13.50, Child(8–17yrs) €12.50
- Child (3–7yrs) €11, Child (U3) Free
- Family Passes available.
- Groups €9.50
- Senior €8. Additional needs €8
- Carers go free. Parent/carer (8–12yrs) must sign consent form and leave contact details

Information
- Vending, Café facility Jul/Aug only
- Parking
- Seasonal paid parking on-site
- Free parking at West End Car Park

Contact
For up-to-date listings of current Blue Flag Beaches please drop into any visitor information centre
www.blueflag.org

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
- Carrickfinn: 55.0438, -8.3401
- Claduff: 55.2859, -7.1651
- Dowings: 55.1945, -8.3400
- Fintre: 54.6523, -8.4951
- Killohey: 55.1885, -7.9553
- Mogeeradon: 55.1824, -7.6057
- Marble Hill: 55.1771, -7.9024
- Murvagh: 54.5945, -8.1646
- Portnoo/Naran: 54.8400, -8.4631
- Rathmullan: 55.1267, -7.5310
- Rossnowlagh: 54.5510, -8.2111
- Shroove: 55.2295, 6.9318

Enjoy a day at the beach
Belleek Pottery Visitor Centre is a memorable experience, like no other. An award-winning visitor attraction, it is Ireland’s oldest working pottery. Visitors enjoy the combined presentation of industrial heritage, design and craftsmanship. Visitor Centre Guides will take you on a 30-minute pottery tour where you will see the 16 steps of how this world famous product has been created since 1857. Visitor participation is encouraged throughout the tour, glazing product and breaking imperfect pieces. Children visiting Belleek enjoy following Bloomfields Trail. Called after John Caldwell Bloomfield, founder of Belleek Pottery, the trail has been developed to accommodate younger visitors to the pottery visitor centre telling the story of how the pottery is made using the character of Mr Bloomfield. On-site facilities include:

- Belleek Retail Showroom
- Belleek Self Service Restaurant (Seats 90)
- Pottery Museum of Belleek Artefacts
- Rose Isle Garden and Picnic Area
- Audio Visual Presentation available in 8 languages
- Bloomfields trail animated Children’s Tour
- ONE SIXTY photographic exhibition

Once your tour is complete you may have time to enjoy some refreshments in the restaurant where all food is served on Belleek Tableware. The restaurant overlooks the banks of Lough Erne. Finally, indulge in a little shopping from the vast range of specially designed products, many of which are handmade in Belleek.

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board have awarded the Belleek Pottery Visitor Centre a 4 star grading.

NITB’s Quality Grading Scheme for Visitor Attractions is designed to provide visitors with quality grading information on Northern Ireland’s tourist attractions, whilst assisting operators to maintain and continually improve the quality of their offering.
Visitors can enjoy walks in the park that will take you past the lough shore, the deer park enclosure, wildfowl ponds, wildflower meadow and butterfly garden.

Throughout the park evidence of the 1939-45 War can be found. During the war Lough Erne played an important role as the most westerly flying-boat station. Today visitors can explore ammunition dumps, flying-boat docks, slit trenches etc. Families may also enjoy a cycle trail waymarked around the park.

A must see for all visitors is the Archdale Centre, which contains various exhibitions including ‘Castle Archdale at War’. The exhibition highlights Castle Archdale’s important role in WW2 as the most westerly flying-boat station, from which aircraft protected the allied convoys from the U-boat threat in the North Atlantic.

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Location
Located off B82 Enniskillen to Kesh Road, 10 miles from Enniskillen, 5 miles from both Kesh & Irvinestown

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.4777, -7.7283

Opening Times
Country Park open year round
Facilities available 10:00–17:00h

Admission Rates
Free

Information
Tea Rooms & Shop (seasonal opening)

Parking
Car & coach parking (in Courtyard)
Enniskillen, Ireland’s only island town, is the county town of Fermanagh. Enniskillen Castle, which was built 600 years ago by the Gaelic Maguires, was strategically important throughout its history, and now houses Fermanagh Visitor Information Centre, Fermanagh County Museum and the Inniskillings Museum. The site re-launched in August 2016. 7 new galleries interpret Fermanagh’s rich heritage and a genealogy service is available 3 afternoons/week. Café and Shop on-site.

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SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.3461, -7.6444

Opening Times
Year Round: Mon to Fri & B/H NI & ROI
09:30–17:00h, Sat 11:00–17:00h
Jun to Sept, Sun 11:00–17:00h
*09:30h Visitor Centre open
10.00h for museum galleries

Admission Rates
Adult £5, Child £3.50, Child U5 Free
Senior/Student £3.50
Family (2+2) £13.50

Parking
Free parking available

Craft & Design Centre

Housed in the restored early 19th century dairy market, Buttermarket Craft & Design Courtyard comprises of seventeen art and craft units, a coffee shop and a gift shop. The buildings have been tastefully renovated and add to the shopping experience.

Buttermarket is the central focus for the thriving craft industry in Fermanagh as it is situated in the heart of Enniskillen. A number of crafts such as pottery, fly-tying, ceramics, handmade jewellery, textiles, picture framing and original art can be found in the beautifully renovated buildings.

Visitors can enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Buttermarket, while being surrounded by a feast of contemporary and inspirational gifts from the shops, studios and galleries of some of Ireland’s top crafts people and artists. While at the centre enjoy tasty and delicious homemade fayre from Rebecca’s Coffee Shop.

Contact
The Buttermarket Craft & Design Courtyard, Down Street, Enniskillen Co. Fermanagh, BT74 7DU
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 Intl: +44 28 6632 3177

Location
The Buttermarket Craft & Design Courtyard is located in the heart of Enniskillen. The town is located almost exactly in the Centre of the County on the natural island which separates the Upper and Lower sections of Lough Erne.

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.3463, -7.6381

Opening Times
Open 10:00–17:30h, Monday to Saturday all year round

Admission Rates
Free

Information
Rebecca’s Coffee Shop & Boston Quay treasure house

Parking
Free Parking

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Drumlane Abbey & Round Tower
Milltown, Co. Cavan

An ancient monastic site

Overlooking Garfinny Lough, the Abbey, Church and Round Tower believed to have been founded by St. Colmcille, date back to 555 AD. Originally wooden buildings, these were replaced by stone in the 12th Century, and later added to in the 15th Century. Different types of stone were used in each century, which can clearly be seen when viewing the Round Tower. Towers were erected between the 5th and 13th centuries and are of Christian and ecclesiastical origin. They served as belfries and security for secret utensils, books, relics and other valuables in case of sudden attack. The entrance to the tower is about 9 feet from the ground. Breath-taking views over the lake, along with the peaceful countryside, make this site a wonderful natural retreat.

The Cathedral of Saint Patrick and Saint Felim
Farnham Street, Cavan

An historic and spectacular Cathedral

Also known as Cavan Cathedral, this Roman Catholic cathedral is located in Cavan town. With its 68m spire and flanking domes, this is one of the most impressive and eye-catching buildings in the town. Completed in 1942 the vast interior is shaped like a basilica and extensive use is made of different colours of marble. The cathedral houses many fine examples of ecclesiastical art and is neo-classical in style with a single spire. The portico consists of a tympanum supported by four massive columns of Portland stone with Corinthian caps. The tympanum figures of Christ, St Patrick and St Felim were created by the Dublin sculptor, Edward Smith. The twenty eight columns in the Cathedral, the pulpit on the south side and all the statues are of Pavinazetto marble and came from the firm of Dinelli Figli of Pietrasanta in Italy.
Rossmore Forest Park
Monaghan Town, Co. Monaghan

The park covers over 320 hectares with many forest and lakeside walks, a wonderful play park for children, a giant sculpture trail and remnants of its past life as an estate. The walks range in length from two to four miles and are well posted. The most scenic walk, only 3 miles long, is the Priestfield, with a colonnade of yews and leads past the Rossmore family crypt. Fine specimens of oak, ash, spruce, beech, larch and giant redwood are on show, with extensive plantings of rhododendron in full bloom early summer.

Clones Heritage Town
Clones, Co. Monaghan

Home to Clones lace, this heritage town is an old Monastic settlement dating from the 6th century with interesting, easily accessible, historic sites all located within the town centre. Journey back in time with local guides on a Walking Tour of the town. Unique attractions include the Clones Lace Museum in the Ulster Canal Stores and the Cassandra Hand Folk & Famine Centre.

Carrickmacross Heritage Town
Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan

A bustling market town with a range of heritage sites to be explored, offering you a glimpse into the past. Visit the Carrickmacross Workhouse for an evocative experience of times past; browse through the wonderful Collective at Market Square; hear the story of the famous Carrickmacross Lace or take a guided walking tour.
Ulster American Folk Park
Omagh, Co. Tyrone

Immerse yourself in the story of Irish emigration at the museum that brings it to life. Experience the adventure that takes you from the thatched cottages of Ulster, on board a full-scale emigrant sailing ship, to the log cabins of the American Frontier. Meet an array of costumed characters along the way with traditional crafts to show, tales to tell and food to share. Museum Highlights: A Step in Time: the Story of Irish Dance at home and away.

An Creagán
Creggan, Co. Tyrone

An Creagán is located between the historic town of Omagh and the market town of Cookstown at the foothills of the majestic Sperrin Mountains. The site offers a range of facilities and activities for families, couples, individuals and groups.

Amongst this area of stunning natural beauty visitors will find stunning landscapes, wonderful wildlife, exciting outdoor activities and family fun. There are many walks and cycle trails on the grounds or enjoy a picnic by the community garden and duck pond.

Visit the interpretative exhibition on site before going on a journey of exploration of the wider region. The exhibition interprets the prehistoric monuments, natural environment, heritage and culture of the Creggan region. The exhibition is presented with wall mounted illustrations and information, selection of artefacts, short films and touch screen information.

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Armagh City

The First Place

A majestic landscape, rich in cultural heritage and mythical legends. Set amidst the splendour of rolling drumlins, parks, open spaces & legendary orchards. Visit Armagh’s places and people. Immerse yourself in their world.

There are many special things to experience in Armagh, ranging from the historically unique Navan Fort, two Saint Patrick’s Cathedrals, Ireland’s only Planetarium, Irish Fusiliers Museum, Armagh County Museum, No 5 Vicars’ Hill, the Cardinal O’Fiaich Memorial Library and Archive, the Milford House Collection, Armagh Public Library, unmatched Georgian architecture, the amazing green space of the Mall and the chance to indulge in all manner of activities in a beautiful natural environment.

Key events in Armagh include Saint Patrick’s Festival (March), Food & Cider Festival (September), and Georgian Festival (November).

The collections at Armagh County Museum capture centuries of stories relating to the people who lived, worked and had connections with this famous city and historic county. With collections ranging from local history and fine art, to archaeology and natural history, this is the ideal place to experience a flavour of the famous ‘Orchard County’.

Some of the most intriguing stories of local lives are interwoven amid the diverse displays. From splendid wedding dresses and rural crafts to fine military uniforms, each object conveys its own human story.

Working with the local community the museum provides a venue for a wide variety of exhibitions. The Museum is an ideal place to begin and explore the fair county of Armagh.
Saint Patrick’s Cathedral Armagh

Armagh City

Armagh’s Anglican Cathedral

Saint Patrick’s Church of Ireland Cathedral stands on the hill from which the City of Armagh derives its name—Ard Macha; the hill of Macha. Less than half a mile away on the adjoining hill is Saint Patrick’s Roman Catholic Cathedral. Both Cathedrals are part of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board’s Saint Patrick’s Trail. Visitors to the cathedral are welcome to join any of the Sunday or daily services, or just spend time either in quiet reflection or looking at the beautiful architecture. Guided tours are available, please contact the Cathedral for further details.

Navan Centre & Fort – Emain Macha

From where the ancient Kings of Ulster ruled...

Where myth and reality meet—the ancient seat of Kings and the earliest capital of Ulster. Immerse yourself in life 2,000 years with a visit to the Iron Age dwelling (Apr to Sept), where you will be welcomed into the clan with a cleansing ceremony & traditional purification involving smoke and fire! Taste traditional homemade herb bread & mead and enjoy storytelling by the fire, including the tales of Ulster’s greatest heroes and warriors. With archaeological evidence dating back to 95BC, experienced tour guides will accompany you to what is undoubtedly one of Ireland’s most famous sites, Emain Macha (Navan Fort). For children, the indoor and outdoor Archaeology Discovery space is a must-see, along with the Ecology trail to truly appreciate the diversity of wildlife in the area.

It is always recommended to check Admission Rates and Opening Times before travelling.
Discover Boyne Valley

County Meath and County Louth

Birthplace of Ireland’s Ancient East

Journey through time in the Boyne Valley. 5,000 years ago the first farmers in Ireland built the famous tombs at Newgrange and Knowth (accessible via the newly refurbished Bru na Bóinne visitor centre). Early Christian high crosses and round towers may be seen at Kells and Monasterboice while the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland is situated in Trim. Oldbridge House offers a visitor centre for the monumental Battle of the Boyne which took place in 1690. Heritage and cuisine combine in Navan and Slane with gourmet restaurants and artisan food producers; while nearby Drogheda boasts a buzzing arts scene as well as museums and galleries. The Boyne Valley is also the home of the ancient Samhain tradition, now showcased with the annual Spirits of Meath and Púca Halloween festivals.

Old Mellifont Abbey

Drogheda, Co. Louth

The first Cistercian Monastery in Ireland

Little of the original Abbey now remains, although visitors can see one of its most unusual features; an octagonal lavabo c.1200. This lavabo was used by the monks to wash their hands before eating. The Visitor Centre houses an interesting exhibition on the work of masons in the Middle Ages with fine examples of their craft on display. Access to site by stone stairway.

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An unforgettable voyage of discovery

Whether you’re taking a day trip or enjoying a holiday break, the new Carlingford Lough Ferry is an unforgettable experience and a great adventure for the family. Located midway between Belfast and Dublin, Carlingford Lough Ferry connects the majestic Mountains of Mourne in Northern Ireland with the dramatic Cooley Peninsula at the beginning of Ireland’s Ancient East in the Republic of Ireland. Surrounded by epic scenery and shrouded in mystery, with a rich tapestry of legend and folklore hidden in its hills. This largely undiscovered region is an area of outstanding natural beauty which can be enjoyed from the upper viewing deck of the car ferry. Enjoy the medieval town of Carlingford with its wonderful range of craft and curiosity shops, exquisite boutiques and delicious cuisine or for the more active, enjoy camping, cycling and mountain bike trails. Explore a much greater playground with outdoor adventure, beaches, golf, nature, heritage and stunning scenery.

The Carlingford Lough Ferry connects a range of fantastic holiday activities on both sides of the Lough. Relax on Port Beach located a few short miles north of the fishing village of Clogherhead in Co. Louth or embrace the high-octane energy at the Funtasia Water Park in Drogheda and Tayto Theme Park in Co. Meath. Carlingford Lough ferry is your route to enjoy the best experiences during your vacation in Ireland.

To plan your trip visit www.carlingfordferry.com and enjoy a 10% online booking discount.
**Mourne Mountains**

Co. Down

“Where the Mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea”

The Mourne Mountains are the highest and most dramatic mountain range in Northern Ireland, its summits crowned by granite tors. The mountains are criss-crossed by a network of paths and tracks and walking route cards are available from the visitor information centre in Newcastle. The routes provide enthusiastic walkers with incredible opportunities for exploration across the distinctive summits of 12 mountains spanning 15 miles in length. The Mournes are divided into 2 distinctive areas —the Eastern or ‘High’ Mournes and the Western or ‘Low’ Mournes. Any newcomer to the Mournes will be amazed at the variety of landscapes that can be encountered within such a confined geographical area. Percy French’s song, ‘Where the Mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea’ make them the best known mountains in Ireland.

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**Tyrella Beach**

Downpatrick, Co. Down

Stunning Blue Flag Beach

Tyrella beach can be found within Dundrum Bay, Downpatrick, County Down. It is an award-winning beach stretching for two kilometres and backed by 25 hectares of mature dunes. Visitors can enjoy beautiful scenic walks and enjoy the habitat of local flora and fauna. Facilities on the beach include: safe bathing, dog free area, walks and tourist information. The clean waters invite water sport enthusiasts and the beach provides a safe haven for families and groups who wish to picnic in a clean environment. The Beach is owned and managed by Down District Council. Lifeguards patrol the beach daily during July and August.
It is always recommended to check Admission Rates and Opening Times before travelling.

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Location
From Belfast take the A20 through Newtownards and on to Portaferry
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 54.3817, -5.5494

Opening Times
Open 7 days a week, 10:00–17:00h (last admission 16:00h)

Admission Rates
Adult £10.50, Child £9, Senior/Student £8.50, Family (2+2) £31.50
Book online for discount!

Information
Multi-tiered soft play zone from 0–8 yrs. Café and restaurant overlooking the seal sanctuary. Gift shop on-site

Parking
Public carpark adjacent to Exploris offers limited free parking

An extraordinarily beautiful dune landscape

On the coast of County Down lies the Murlough National Nature Reserve. The reserve offers a spectacular view of Slieve Donard, the highest peak in the Mourne Mountains and Dundrum Bay.

Since 1967 Murlough has been Ireland’s first Nature Reserve, owned by the National Trust. The 6,000 year old sand dune system provides an excellent area for walking and bird watching due to its spectacular location at the edge of Dundrum Bay and the Mourne Mountains.

Visitors will come across a network of paths and boardwalks through the dunes, woodland and heath. Along here they can enjoy an array of butterflies and wild flowers.

These walks will provide you with access to one of the finest beaches in Co. Down.

From the magnificent beach, sea watchers can observe more sea birds and in the summer and autumn both common and grey seals. The rich wildlife of this area changes with the seasons but there is always something of interest.

Family & children

The main car park has a number of BBQ friendly picnic tables and a safe area for a football kick around. Feel free to spread a blanket on the beach too, but please take your litter home. Family fun events held over the summer. Children’s nature trail quiz and activity packs.

Murlough National
Nature Reserve

Dundrum, Co. Down

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murlough@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/murlough

Location
Murlough lies just off the A2, the main Belfast to Newcastle road near Dundrum village. Look out for the signs

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 54.2243, -5.8761

Opening Times
Access all year
Facilities open weekends & Bank/Public Holidays
Facilities open all week Easter and June to October

Admission Rates
Free

Information
Beach Café

Parking
The car park is open all year round with admission charged when facilities such as the Beach Café are open.
**Exploris Aquarium**

**Portaferry, Co. Down**

**Northern Ireland’s only aquarium**

A sunken galleon, friendly sharks, super cute seals and an Asian otter family all showcase in Northern Ireland’s only aquarium.

Located in Portaferry on the shores of Strangford Lough, your journey will begin with a focus on the lough and Irish Sea where you will get a ‘hands on’ experience as you tickle the belly of a small shark and feel the spikes on a sea urchin.

Continue to the colourful coral reefs of the Tropical Ocean and see if you can find ‘Nemo’ and ‘Dory’ before entering the smugglers cove where sharks circle above you. Return to the shores to see the endangered but playful otters and witness conservation in action in the nursery seal pens and outdoor pools. Don’t forget to explore the dark depths of the Reptile filled Rainforest where a snappy crocodile and green geckos hide.

**Visiting**

- **Contact**
  - Exploris Aquarium
  - The Rope Walk, Castle Street
  - Portaferry, Co. Down BT22 1NZ
  - Tel: 028 4272 8060
  - Int: +44 28 4272 8060
  - info@explorisni.com
  - www.explorisni.com

- **Location**
  - From Belfast take the A20 through Newtownards and on to Portaferry

- **SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**
  - 54.3817, -5.5494

- **Opening Times**
  - Open 7 days a week, 10:00–17:00h
  - (last admission 16:00h)

- **Admission Rates**
  - Adult £10.50, Child £9, Senior/Student £8.50, Family (2+2) £31.50
  - Book online for discount!

- **Information**
  - Multi-tiered soft play zone from 0–8 yrs. Café and restaurant overlooking the seal sanctuary. Gift shop on-site

- **Parking**
  - Public carpark adjacent to Exploris offers limited free parking

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**Hillsborough Castle & Gardens**

**Hillsborough, Co. Down**

Enjoy a majestic day out at Northern Ireland’s Royal Residence. Hillsborough Castle showcases beautiful State Rooms and gives an intimate glimpse behind the scenes into the personal living quarters of a working royal household.

100 acres of wonder await in the castle’s gardens to delight the senses. The gardens are bursting with colour and features including a Walled Garden and enchanting pinetum.

**Visiting**

- **Contact**
  - Hillsborough Castle & Gardens
  - The Square, Hillsborough
  - Co. Down, BT26 6AG
  - Tel: 033-3320 6000
  - Int: +44 33 3320 6000
  - hillsboroughcastle@hrp.org.uk
  - www.hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle

- **SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**
  - 54.4630, -6.0891

- **Opening Times**
  - Opening times and days may vary
  - Check website for further details

- **Admission Rates**
  - See website

- **Parking**
  - Free on-site parking. Main car park accessible from A1

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**Belshaw’s Quarry Sculpture Park**

**Lisburn, Co. Down**

Comprising of 8 stunning and thought-provoking sculptures, the reserve has recently been designated as an Area of Special Scientific Interest due to the uniquely accessible series of geological features.
Mount Stewart

Voted one of the world’s top ten gardens, reflecting a rich tapestry of design and planting artistry bearing the hallmark of its creator, Edith, Lady Londonderry’s passion for bold planting schemes, coupled with the mild climate of Strangford Lough, means rare and tender plants from across the globe thrive in this celebrated garden. Explore the exquisite house, a world-class collection of paintings and many other internationally significant items.

Ulster Transport Museum

Ulster Transport Museum tells the story of transport and social change in Ulster since the start of the modern era. It is a well of inspiration for the designers, engineers and adventurers of the future, creatively displaying one of Europe’s largest and most comprehensive transport collections. Come and experience this incredible story for yourself.

Ulster Folk Museum

Ulster Folk Museum has rolling countryside and a bustling town filled with authentic period buildings. Step back in time and experience what life was like in rural Ulster over 100 years ago. Explore thatched cottages, farms, schools and shops. Chat to costumed visitor guides as they demonstrate traditional crafts and offer you freshly-baked treats in the Folk Museum.
Pickie Funpark

Bangor, Co. Down

Great family fun

Pickie Funpark is one of Northern Ireland’s most popular visitor attractions providing a fun day out for all. Children can play in the adventure playground, enjoy the watery fun of the splash pads, enjoy a ride on the disco ducks or climb aboard the Pickie Puffer for a narrow-gauge railway journey around the colourful landscape. All the family can pedal a giant Swan around the shallow waters of the lovely Lagoon, compete with each other on the mini golf course or take a break in the café.

The park also features brightly coloured Victorian-style beach huts offering comfortable changing facilities whilst capturing the spirit of times past. The fresh, modern café has a fantastic family friendly menu and boasts superb views over Bangor Marina and Belfast Lough.

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