19 FAST FACTS

Golf Ireland

1.

440 golf clubs

2.

1 Royal County Down tops Golf Digest's World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses

3.

7,300+ golf holes on the island of Ireland

4.

5 Ryder Cup appearances by European Ryder Cup captain 2016, Darren Clarke

5.

4 Majors Rory McIlroy won by age 25

6.

58 real links courses on the island of Ireland; ¼ of the world's total

7.

8 courses in the Top 100 between Golf Digest and Planet Golf

8.

1959 the first time Charlie Chaplin took his family to visit Waterville

9.

2006 The K Club in Kildare hosted the Ryder Cup

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2010 when 2014 Ryder Cup Team Europe member, Graeme McDowell, became the first player from Northern Ireland to win the US Open

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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

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2018 Ballyliffin, County Donegal, 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 (unoffical 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

Sources: Golf Digest, GUI.ie, Theirishgolfblog.com, Irishgolfdesk.com, planetgolf.com, top100golfcourses.co.uk