

# Golf in Northern Ireland

The essential guide





# Welcome

### From the dedicated golfer to the first timer, Northern Ireland offers new places, new stories and new experiences to last a lifetime.

Imagine adding world-renowned courses such as Royal Portrush or Royal County Down to your repertoire or our hidden links gems such as Ardglass, Portstewart or Castlerock. Such evocative names are your first clue that golf in Northern Ireland is something out of the ordinary - a real find for the avid golfer seeking the exceptional.

### As diverse as it gets...

Here you will find over 90 very diverse courses - every one a unique gem. Whether you're seeking a championship experience, dramatically scenic settings, a slice of history, links or parkland, or simply idyllic tranquillity, Northern Ireland has it all.

We also have 4 superb golf resorts for you to enjoy. Lough Erne Resort in the heart of the Fermanagh Lakelands, Roe Park Resort near Derry~Londonderry, the Hilton Templepatrick Resort in the heart of Co. Antrim close to Lough Neagh and golfing at Galgorm.

What's more, Northern Ireland is so compact and easy to get around; you'll be amazed just how much you can squeeze into one visit!

Northern Ireland Golf

Northern Ireland's soft climate, warmed by tropical gulf streams, makes it ideal for golf all year round. Dramatic landscapes, guality accommodation and the hearty warm welcome which awaits you, mean that your next golfing holiday could really be the best you'll ever experience.

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# Northern Ireland, Made for Golf

In geographic terms, Northern Ireland is not a huge country. But when it comes to golf, make no mistake: we're a giant, with over 90 courses – and champions like Rory McIlroy, Darren Clarke and Graeme McDowell to prove it. It's true what they say: major courses make major winners. And however good your game – from absolute beginner to pro – we've got you covered, from gentle links to the most challenging championship courses. You'll find the number one in the world here, as voted by the panellists of Golf Digest – Royal County Down – as well as Royal Portrush, home to the Open Championship in 2019. And in the splendid Royal Belfast, we also have the oldest course in Ireland. Our climate is soft and temperate, meaning it's good for golf pretty much all year round. (And a little rain now and then never hurt anyone, let alone got in the way of 18 holes.)

# Homegrown heroes

### **Rory McIIroy**

- Rory won the 2011 US Open at Congressional Country Club with the lowest score in history, 16 under par.
- He has 13 European Tour and 14 PGA Tour wins.
- Rory is a four-time Major champion, and is one of only four players to win three majors by the age of 25.

### Rory on Northern Ireland:

"I'm very proud to be from Northern Ireland and our little country has produced some great players over the years. We have some of the greatest courses in the world. There are great tests, great views, great hospitality, and all that you would want to get from a great day of golf."

### Darren Clarke

- In 2002, Darren became the first player to win the English Open three times.
- He was the first player other than Tiger Woods to capture a second World Golf Championship title.
- In 2011, Darren won The Open Championship at Royal St. George's and was appointed as Europe's team captain for the 2016 Ryder Cup.

### **Graeme McDowell**

- Graeme was the first Northern Ireland golfer to win the US Open Championship.
- He was also the first Northern Ireland man to win a major since Fred Daly won the 1947 Open Championship.
- He has 10 European Tour and 3 PGA Tour wins to his name.

### Graeme on NI golf fans:

"I believe the Northern Irish fans are some of the best in the world and it's always a special atmosphere that they create."

### **Fred Daly**

• Fred was a Portrush native who won The Open Championship in 1947 at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake.





# The 148th Open, Royal Portrush

The Open is one of the largest golf Championships in the world and returns to Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland for the first time since 1951.

On 14-21 July 2019, the eyes of the world will be on Northern Ireland's biggest ever sporting event, as The Open is contested outside Scotland and England for just the second time in the Championship's history.

Record crowds will arrive in the seaside town of Portrush on the world-famous Causeway Coastal Route to see some of the world's best golfers compete for the Claret Jug, the coveted trophy previously won by Northern Ireland heroes Rory McIlroy, Darren Clarke and Fred Daly.

### The Open, 1951

The Open was first staged outside of Britain for the first time in 1951, when the Championship was played at Royal Portrush. It was Max Faulkner who claimed his only Major Championship that year, with a two-shot victory during a wet weekend in County Antrim. The flamboyant Faulkner, often dressed in bright colours, found the course to his liking, having twice been a runner-up in the Irish Open at the same venue.

### **Royal Portrush Golf Club**

Royal Portrush is one of the world's top 10 courses (Golf Digest, 2017) and is still the only Irish course to host The Open.

It hosted The Senior Open between 1995 & 1999 and again in 2004. Then in 2012, it also hosted the Irish Open won by Jamie Donaldson. This was the first time a European Tour event had been played in Northern Ireland, the first time since 1953 that the Irish Open had been played in Northern Ireland, and the first time a European Tour event sold out.

Founded in 1888, the legendary Royal Portrush Golf Club has two Championship Courses - the renowned Dunluce Course - named after the 13th Century castle overlooking the course - and the Valley Course. Both share an

impressive North Atlantic backdrop with breathtaking views of Scotland and Donegal.

### **Course Icons**

The 'Old' Tom Morris course design, reworked by H.S. Colt in the 1930s, was The Open site back in 1951, and will be again in 2019.

During the entire Championship in 1951, only two golfers managed to break 70 and it's easy to see why. Portrush can challenge even the most experienced of golfers. Its most celebrated holes are 'White Rock' and 'Calamity'. The fifth hole, 'White Rock' is one of the most exhilarating two-shots in golf. Over hit the second shot, and your ball disappears into the Atlantic!

The aptly named 'Calamity' requires total precision to carry the ball over an enormous ravine. Mis-hit this one and you could be taking your next swing from at least fifty feet below the hole.

### Ready for 2019

In preparation for 2019's Championship, architect Martin Ebert added new sixth and seventh holes, fashioned from land on the club's Valley Course, to replace its 17th and 18th. That means Calamity will now be the 16th instead of the 14th as it was previously, and the old par-416th will now be the closing hole. However, Ebert did retain Colt's famous greens, considered some of the best putting surfaces in the world.

The overall length of the course has also increased by just under 200 yards to 7337 yards and the number of bunkers have increased by three to 62, still leaving Royal Portrush with the fewest bunkers of any of the courses which host The Open.

### For Priority Access...

To register your interest and priority access for tickets and hospitality packages visit -TheOpen.com/PortrushTickets

# On the return of The Open

It's not just the fans who are thrilled to see The Open heading to Royal Portrush again. The players can't wait to see it back on their home turf.

Darren Clarke, said, "This is going to be absolutely huge for Northern Ireland and, indeed, Ireland as a whole. To have the world's biggest and best golf Championship played at such a fantastic venue as Royal Portrush, with all the passion that the Irish fans will bring to the event, is going to be amazing.'

Graeme McDowell added: "It only means great things for the whole province of Northern Ireland, the whole country of Ireland, with visitors coming over, a huge boost to the economy. Just so many great things will fall out from the opportunity."

And **Rory McIlroy**, who lifted the Claret Jug at Royal Liverpool in 2014, is really looking forward to it too. He said, "Royal Portrush is one of my favourite golf courses in the world. I think it will be a fantastic Open venue. They are going to add a couple of new holes to the golf course and I think that will be a great addition and will make the course even stronger. '

"For me, Northern Ireland really is made for golf. I'd urge anyone who hasn't played on one of our many superb courses to give it a go. It really is one special place to play the game."





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# Meet our world-famous links and our stunning parkland tracks

### **Ardglass Golf Club**

Type of course: Seaside/Links Length of course in yards: 6268 Par: 70

### **Ballycastle Golf Club**

Type of course: Parkland/Links Length of course in yards: 5876 Par: 71

### **Castlerock Golf Club**

Type of course: Links Length of course in yards: Bann Course, 4892; Mussenden, 6780 - Blue Markers, 6481 - White Markers Par: Bann Course, 68; Mussenden, 73

### **Portstewart Golf Club**

Type of course: Links Length of course in yards: Strand, 7004; Riverside, 5725; Old, 4733 Par: Strand, 72; Riverside, 68; Old, 64

### **Royal County Down**

Type of course: Links Length of course in yards: Championship, 7186; Annesley, 4548 Par: Championship, 71; Annesley, 66

### **Royal Portrush Golf Club**

Type of course: Links Length of course in yards: Dunluce, Championship, 7317, Medal, 6705; Valley, Championship, 6346, Medal, 6107 Par: Dunluce, 72; Valley, 71

The dramatic layout of the course with several tees and greens overlooking the ocean gives it a really rugged feel. It is part links, part cliff-top in nature. The course meanders its way out to a headland, then winds its way back, offering some of the most thrilling views and play bar none.

Established in 1890, Ballycastle Golf Club is a founding member of the Golfing Union of Ireland. Despite some additions over the years, the course has remained largely unchanged since its final layout in 1926. It provides some outstanding views, from the ancient Bonamargy Abbey to the panoramic backdrop of Glenshesk and the Causeway Coastal Route.

Castlerock Golf Club sits on the scenic Causeway Coastal Route. Set among rolling sand dunes, it boasts eye-catching views of Donegal, Scotland and the Isle of Islay. There are 2 courses, the 18-hole Mussenden Course with firm fast greens, and the 9-hole Bann Course, which gets golfers closer to the sea again.

Home to three 18-hole courses, Portstewart Golf Club offers an abundance of challenges to golfers of all abilities. The indisputable jewel in Portstewart's crown is the Strand Course, which tested the players at 2017's Dubai Duty Free Irish Open.

Royal County Down is located in the naturally beautiful links setting of Murlough Nature Reserve, where the links stretch along the shores of Dundrum Bay. Narrow ribbons of fairways, dotted with the famous 'bearded' bunkers, thread their way through sand dunes surrounded by heather and gorse.

The Dunluce Course at Portrush hosted the first ever Open Championship held in Ireland in 1951, during which only two golfers managed to break 70. The course will be put to the test again in 2019, when The Open Championship returns.

**Belvoir Park Golf Club** 

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6685 **Par:**70

### **Hilton Templepatrick Golf Club**

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 7081 Par: 72

### Lough Erne Resort

Type of course: Lakeland Length of course in yards: 7167 Par: 72

### **Malone Golf Club**

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 9 Holes, 3160; 18 Holes, 6706 Par: 9 Holes, 36; 18 Holes, 71

### **Roe Park Resort**

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6283 **Par:**70

### **Royal Belfast Golf Club**

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6185 **Par:**70

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### **Galgorm Castle Golf Club** Type of course: Parkland

Par: 72

Length of course in yards: 6930



Designed by Harry Colt, Belvoir Park Golf Club sits just 3 miles from Belfast city centre, but is perfectly etched through a vast forest of trees. Natural walls either side of lush weaving fairways provide shelter from the city bustle and a challenge for players.

This 18-hole course, designed by David Jones and David Feherty, is acclaimed as one of Northern Ireland's finest. It features 7000 yards of testing fairways and greens, interspersed with lakes and mature parkland.

This unforgettable golf course, nestled on a private 600 acre peninsula between Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough, is the first in Ireland designed by six-time Major winner, Sir Nick Faldo. Given its unique location, it's no surprise that water comes into play a lot at Lough Erne, with 11 of the 18 holes providing

Located amidst 300 acres of wooded parkland, Malone Golf Club boasts 27 holes, made up of Ballydrain, Drumbridge and Edenderry nines. Plentiful mature trees shape many of the holes around the course, with a vast natural trout lake providing a fantastic centrepiece on the testing 13th.

Located near the beautiful Causeway Coastal Route, this popular 18-hole parkland course provides not only a testing round with a number of challenging water features in play, but stunning views as well, with Lough Foyle and the Sperrin Mountains providing a dramatic backdrop.

Situated on the shore of Belfast Lough, Royal Belfast is the oldest golf course in Ireland, and provides a true test of golfing skill as well as some of the most enjoyable scenic settings. The club became "Royal" in 1885 after the Prince of Wales was invited to become its patron during a visit to Ireland. The current patron is HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York.

Home of the Northern Ireland Open, Galgorm Castle Golf Course is set in 220 acres of mature parkland in the grounds of one of Ireland's historic demesnes.



# Home of great golf events

**Belfast Parkland International** 

May, Malone, Royal Belfast, Shandon Park & Belvoir Park Visit BelfastParklandInternational.com

**Causeway Coast Amateur Golf Tournament** 

June, Royal Portrush, Ballycastle, Castlerock & Ballyliffin Visit causewaycoastgolf.com

**Northern Ireland Open** August, Galgorm Castle Visit niopen.golf

Newry, Mourne & Down Summer Trophy August

Newry, Mourne & Down Junior Summer Trophy August

### **Great North Links Challenge**

October, Royal Portrush, Portstewart & Ballyliffin Visit greatnorthlinks.com

For more details on these great events and more, visit discovernorthernireland.com/golf







As if further proof was needed that our place is the best place to play golf... 35 of our courses have been accredited with a Golf Quality and Assurance award.

These awards set out to raise the bar when it comes to standards at golf clubs, with a particular focus on customer service.

Having these high standards for our golf industry means you can enjoy the

### car park, the welcome and reception you receive, clubhouse facilities and services as well as the golf course itself.

So we're not only delivering standards of excellence, we're working to exceed expectations.

The delivery of an excellent visitor experience at our golf clubs leads to an enhanced reputation and growing international success. With our world

# The ins and outs

### What to Wear

In Northern Ireland, the weather forecast can often be all four seasons in a single day, so it's always advisable to pack your waterproofs. Smart casual is the accepted uniform in the clubhouse so leave the jeans and trainers behind. More traditional clubs may request a jacket and tie when using the dining room so it's a good idea to check with the club in advance.

**Green Fees** 

and seniors. Make your green fee reservations directly with the golf club. **Trollies & Caddies** Trollies are commonly used on our courses and are inexpensive to hire from most clubs. You can also book a caddy at some of our more

### Soft Spikes & Handicap Certificates

Many golf clubs now have a soft spikes only policy, so please check ahead of time. With handicap certificates now the accepted norm, be sure to bring your club certificate or club card with you.

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experience at every step, from arrival at the

ranked players as well as our world class golf courses, Northern Ireland has much to be proud of.

The following pages highlight the clubs that have been recognised for their commitment to providing high quality visitor experiences – with a Golf Quality and Assurance award.

Browse through them, read all about them, then come and play them and experience them for yourself.

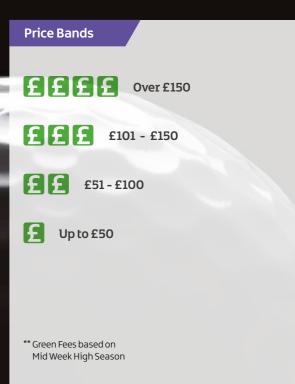
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Most clubs offer group rates which include green fees and club house catering. Clubs may offer concession rates for students, juveniles

popular championship courses. Simply make arrangements beforehand.

### **Currency & Credit Cards**

Sterling is the currency used in Northern Ireland. While most shops, hotels and restaurants will accept most major credit cards, not all small businesses do, so it's a good idea to carry some cash with you to cover these expenses. Euro is accepted in selected areas, generally border regions and larger cities.





# Royal County Down Golf Club



(Tom Coyne, "A Course called Ireland")

Royal County Down is located in the naturally beautiful links setting of the Murlough Nature Reserve, where the links stretch along the shores of Dundrum Bay.

Narrow ribbons of fairways thread their way through sand dunes surrounded by heather and gorse – so beautiful but also punishing!

The famous 'bearded' bunkers feature overhanging lips of red fescue and heather. The greens are fast and many are domed, rejecting any shot lacking conviction. The 9th hole is one of the most photographed holes in golf. A 486 yard par 4, it is played from one side of a huge mound to a fairway 60ft below and 260 yards from the tee. The second shot is played over two bunkers to a raised green.

Golf writer Bernard Darwin described the course as one of "big and glorious carries, nestling greens, entertainingly blind shots, local knowledge and beautiful turf – the kind of golf that people play in their most ecstatic dreams."

Royal County Down is was voted the no.1 in world (Golf Digest) for 2016 and 2017.

### Length of course in yards: Championship: 7186; Annesley: 4548 Par: Championship: 71; Annesley: 66

At a glance

Type of course: Links

Best days for visitors to play: Championship course Mon, Tues, Thurs am, Fri, Sun pm; Annesley: Any day except Sat am



Main Map Reference F5, 26 36 Golf Links Road, Newcastle,

County Down, BT33 OAN Tel: +44 (0) 28 4372 3314 Email: golf@royalcountydown.org

www.royalcountydown.org

### Did you know?

Royal County Down was originally laid out in 1889 by 'Old' Tom Morris from St. Andrew: The Club Council, in a mixture of enthusiasm and parsimony, commissioned Tom to travel from Scotland "for a sum not to exceed £4" to advise on a second nine holes.







# Royal Portrush Golf Club

Founded in 1888, the legendary Royal Portrush Golf Club has two Championship Courses – the renowned Dunluce Course, where Darren Clarke plays while at home, and the smaller but equally enjoyable Valley Course, where Graeme McDowell, former US Open Champion, learnt his golf at an early age.

The Dunluce Course, re-designed in 1947 by Mr. H.S. Colt and later in 1951, became host to the first ever Open Championship held in Ireland. During the entire tournament only two golfers managed to break 70. It's easy to see why; the greens are scattered among huge sand dunes gently raised above the Antrim Coast providing vistas of sea, cliffs and islands.

Portrush's most celebrated holes are the 5th hole and the 14th. The par 4 5th, White Rock is one of the

most exhilarating two-shots in golf. Over hit the second shot, and your ball disappears into the Atlantic! The aptly named 14th hole, 'Calamity' requires total precision to carry the ball over an enormous ravine. Mis-hit this one and you could be taking your next swing from at least fifty feet below the hole. Is it any wonder that Golf World magazine regularly rates Portrush in the world's top twenty golf courses?

Royal Portrush will host The 148th Open in 2019.

# At a glance

Type of course: Links Length of course in yards: Dunluce: 6658; Valley: 6054 Par: Dunluce: 72, Valley: 70

Best days for visitors to play: Dunluce: Mon from 2pm; Tues & Thurs 9.40-11.50am & from 2pm; Wed & Fri 9.40-11.50am only; Sat from 3pm; Sun 10.30-11.50 & from 2pm. Valley: All week. Sat & Sun from 2pm



Main Map Reference E2, 27

Dunluce Road, Portrush, County Antrim, BT56 8JQ Tel: **+44 (0) 28 7082 2311** Email: **info@royalportrushgolfclub.com** 

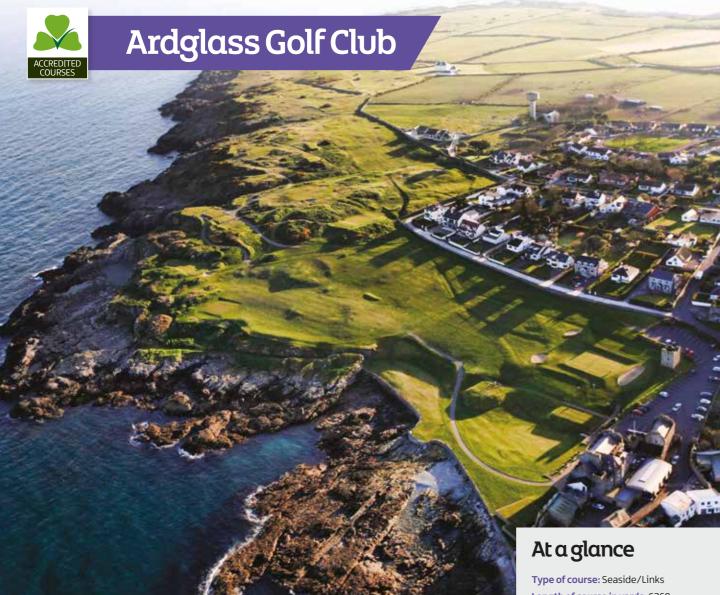
www.royalportrushgolfclub.com

### Did you know?

Rory McIlroy holds a course record at Royal Portrush from his amateur days. He was playing in the North of Ireland Championship in July 2005, playing off a +4 handicap and shot a 61. You can see his card displayed in the Club cabinet.







Situated on the south-east coast of County Down, Ardglass is unquestionably one of the most spectacular courses in Ireland, having won the Irish Golf Tour Operators Association Best Links Course of the Year Award Oct 2011.

The dramatic layout of the course with several tees and greens overlooking the ocean gives it a really rugged feel. It is part links, part cliff-top in nature. The course meanders its way out to a headland, then winds its way back, along the way offering some of the most thrilling play bar none. The first five holes are truly memorable and run right alongside the sea. The par 3 2nd (Howd's Hole) is many people's favourite and many people's undoing. With the tee shot needing to be fired across a rocky inlet, it is a real death-or-glory hole, somewhat reminiscent of the notorious 3rd at Tralee, County Kerry.

Did you know?

"At only 158 yards it may not be as damaging to the score card as 'Calamity' at Portrush but it nevertheless comes with a health warning" (Golf World). A second magnificent par 3 is the downhill 12th where the Irish Sea can provide a daunting diversion and when the wind is dead against you, it can be truly intimidating. The final hole however, offers a good chance of a closing birdie, and then it's off to the 19th – in true Ardqlass style, a restored castle. Bring plenty of spare golf balls!

Host of The 2018 Girls' British Open Amateur Championship.

Length of course in yards: 6268 Par: 70

Best days for visitors to play: Any day, visitors must pre book. Restrictions are in place Sat and Sun



Main Map Reference G4, 01 4 Castle Place, Ardglass, County Down, BT307TP Tel: +44 (0) 28 4484 1219 Email: info@ardglassgolfclub.com

www.ardglassgolfclub.com

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The seaside resort of Ballycastle is situated on the Causeway Coast which is a designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Founded in 1890, Ballycastle Golf Club is a founder member of the Golfing Union of Ireland. Despite modest beginnings, on a local area of sandy turf known as the Warren, the original nine holes opened in 1891. By 1926 the final layout was created and the current 18 hole course has remained largely unchanged to the present day.

The course 'clubhouse' prior to 1901 consisted of a wood and corrugated iron hut. Over the years a fully functioning clubhouse was developed up to 2003 when the clubhouse was rebuilt and extensively

modernised, providing excellent golfing facilities for both members and visitors.

The first five parkland holes are bounded by the rivers Margy and Carey and the ancient Bonamargy Abbey is situated alongside the second, 3rd and 4th holes. The outstanding panoramic views of Glenshesk and the North Antrim Coast may force you to take your eye off the ball more often than you would like.

### Did you know?

Bonamargy Friary, situated in the middle of Ballycastle's golf course, is the resting place of the reclusive 'Black Nun' Julia McQuillan. She requested to be laid to rest at the entrance of the Abbey so worshippers would forever tread on her grave.

Ardglass Golf Club has the oldest building in the world being used as a Clubhouse. It's built on the remains of fortified warehouses erected around 1400. Naturally, the Golf Club has its fair share of stories, ghostly and otherwise.



# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland / links Length of course in yards: 5876 Par: 71

Best days for visitors to play: Any day, restrictions Sat mornings



### Main Map Reference E2,02

Cushendall Road, Ballycastle, County Antrim, BT5460P Tel: +44 (0) 28 2076 2536 Email: info@ballycastlegolfclub.com

www.ballycastlegolfclub.com



# Ballyclare Golf Club

Founded in 1923 and set in the rolling green countryside of Ballyclare, this mature 18 hole parkland course makes good use of the natural features of its landscape, particularly the local river and tree-lined fairways which provide a fabulous setting and demanding challenge.

The course, woven through the Antrim countryside, presents an enjoyable test with lakes in play on three holes for a fabulous setting that all are sure to find accessible. The signature hole is the demanding par 4 third hole "Orpinsmill", where you are faced with a breathtaking tee shot. Out of bounds lies in wait on the left, opposite two lakes on the right, which lead to a tree-protected green, proving just how entertaining the tumbling parkland of Ballyclare can be. At 6,373 yards, there are plenty of longer holes for the power players to go for broke, while bunkers and avenues of woodland mean considered course management

and precision are rightly rewarded. After your round you'll find the clubhouse provides an inviting and friendly atmosphere with excellent dining facilities for enjoying an array of food and drink options with bar snacks, daily specials and a full A La Carte menu available and a friendly bar in which to settle after your round or even a place to rest your weary head after a day on the golf course.

WORLDHOST Recognition Award. Part of the Ballyclare Activity Trail - WORLDHOST Tourism Hotspot Award

### Did you know?

Home Course of European Tour Player GARETH MAYBIN

## At a glance

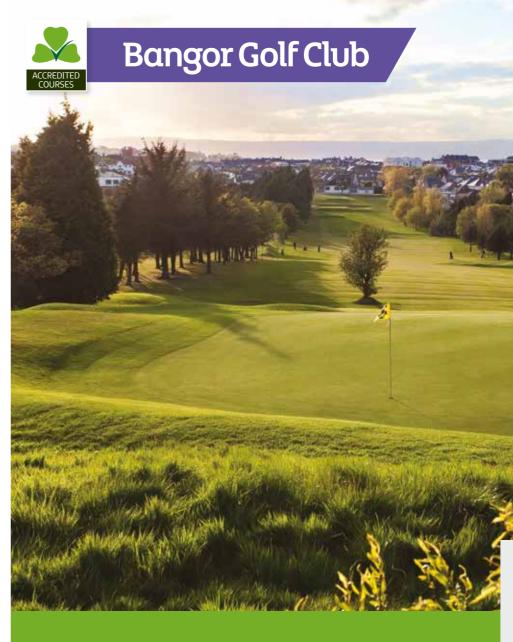
Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6373 Par: 71 Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri and Sun



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Bangor golf course was designed and laid out in 1935 by the pre-eminent golf course architect of the time, James Braid, the legendary golfer who won the Open championship five times.

Seventy years on, trees planted then can now be seen in their full beauty, and the fairways and greens would do justice to many a course. There are stunning views of Belfast Lough, the Antrim Hills, the Irish Sea and the coast of Scotland from the top of the 4th hill and the view from the Clubhouse windows can't be beat.

The course has attracted some major events, including the Ulster and Irish Professional Championships and Pro-Ams in which names such as Christy O'Connor Senior, Fred Daly, Peter Allis, Tony Jacklin and Roberto de Vincenzo featured.

The professional record was set on August 1962 by Christy O'Connor Senior who scored 62 with nine birdies, eight pars and an eagle at the 460 yard 5th hole.

The length of the course is 6410 yards from the medal tees, and although not an especially difficult course, it is enough of a challenge to entertain good players without discouraging the less skilled.

### Did you know?

Norman Drew had an outstanding amateur career, all the more remarkable in that it was achieved in only four years before he turned Professional in 1953. He was the first golfer to play in the Walker Cup, Ryder Cup and Canada Cup (now World Cup).

At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6410 Par: 71 Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri and Sun



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Northern Ireland golfers are very fortunate to enjoy several fine examples of the esteemed H.S. Colt's talents for course design, with Belvoir Park considered one of the best.

Belvoir Park Golf Club is just 3 miles from the city centre of Belfast, but you wouldn't know it once you are on the course.

Golfers are shielded from the noise and sights of the city by huge, mature trees which line every fairway, many of which were well established in 1927 when the course was first built using teams of horses and hand ploughs. Largely unaltered since its design, the only changes to the course have been brought about by thoughtful planting of 40,000 new trees in the late 1950s.

Did you know?

From the balcony of the imposing new clubhouse, the green fingers of the fairways fan out like avenues, giving panoramic views of the 9th green, 10th fairway, 13th tee and 18th green. To the right of the clubhouse can be seen Samson and Goliath, the twin cranes of the Harland and Wolff shipyard which built the famous RMS Titanic passenger ship.

Mr. Harry Colt, upon being employed as course architect, reported, "I consider that it will be possible to make a course affording an excellent test and, at the same time, one that will give maximum of pleasure to players".

# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6685 Par: 70 Best days for visitors to play: Mon. Tues or Thurs



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Cairndhu Golf Club is situated in 100 acres of parkland and surrounded by breath-taking views of the world famous Antrim Coast Road, the Glens of Antrim and the Scottish coastline.

The 6142 yard par 70 course is set upon a coastal headland and extensive mature parklands in what was once the historic Carnfunnock Estate.

From the first five holes there are extensive views of the Antrim coast, the Mull of Kintyre, and sea vistas extending to the Scottish Islands of Jura and Islay.

The signature hole is the 160 yard par 3 2nd "The Head" which is set upon the exposed headland. Depending on how the wind blows the tee shot to a narrow green can require an extensive variety of

shots and poses a club selection dilemma.

The remaining four holes on the front nine descend into mature parkland with a variety of trees providing the course's main defences.

The more challenging back nine commences with our version of "Amen Corner". The 10th hole is a challenging 410 yard par 4, which is followed by a daunting 215 yard par 3.

### Did you know?

Cairndhu Golf Club is situated on the historic Carnfunnock Estate along the famous causeway coastal route. The first four holes are situated on Ballygally Head, a volcanic plug which juts out into the Irish Sea.

By the mid 1930s, Belvoir Park was renowned as the best parkland course in Northern Ireland. However, during World War II, the 3rd, 4th and 5th fairways were used for cultivating potatoes and flax in the 'Dig for Victory' campaign.



# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland with extensive sea views Length of course in yards: 6142 Par: 70

Best days for visitors to play: Mon - Fri and Sun



### Main Map Reference F2, 05

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At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6269 Par: 70 Best days for visitors to play: Any day, advised to book in advance.

Situated on the edge of Castle Hume Lough and Lower Lough Erne, in the heart of the Fermanagh Lakelands, this championship course has a reputation for being one of the most testing golf courses in Ireland.

The course is famed for its curvaceous greens, rolling fairways and challenging water hazards. An eighteen hole parkland course with stunning views, manicured fairways and well contoured greens, the course has hosted the Ulster PGA Championships for over ten years and is enjoyed by members and visitors alike.

Golfers of all skill levels are in for a testing challenge with greens which are a real delight to putt on. Highly popular with societies, corporate days along with casual green fees, the reputation of the course is growing all the time through an intensive programme of improvements and conditioning.



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### Did you know?

Castle Hume boasts some seven thousand trees and over thirty bunkers. Manicured to the highest standards, it is a model of golfing elegance.



Castlerock Golf Club on the North Coast embodies all the essential charms of links golf. 'Miss this beauty and you are missing a treat!' David Brice, Golf International Inc.

Castlerock Golf Club, in the seaside village of Castlerock, lies approximately 5 miles due west of Coleraine on the North Coast. It's a fabulous links course set among rolling sand dunes. Its scenic gualities embrace the river Bann flowing, the eye-catching views of Donegal and, on a clear day, Scotland and the Isle of Islay.

The Championship Mussenden Course is a pure seaside routing with firm fast greens and an intimacy with the landscape. The best-known hole is the 4th, called the Leg o' Mutton, a 200 yard par 3 with a railway line out of bounds to the right, a stream which cuts across the fairway diagonally and a raised green. Most players look forward to reaching it, and

Even closer to the sea is the 9 hole Bann Course, which contains a par 5 described as, "one of the most scenic holes in Irish golf."

This superb 27 hole layout should be included in every golf itinerary, loosening up on the 9 hole Bann course, followed by a Clubhouse lunch, and putting your swing to the test of classic links golf.

on the course in 2018. The redesign of this part of the course was led by golf course architect Dr Martin Hawtree.

### Did you know?

Mussenden Golf Course is named after the Mussenden Temple, a small circular building perched on a clifftop. Built by Frederick Hervey, the Earl Bishop of Derry, the Temple was inspired by the Temple of Vista in Tivoli, Italy.

### even more feel relieved when it is behind them.

Castlerock Golf Club recently redesigned six holes

IGTOA Manager of the Year 2015 - Bert McKay

# At a glance

Type of course: Links Length of course in yards: Bann Course: 4892; Mussenden: 6780

Par: Bann Course: 68; Mussenden: 73

Best days for visitors to play: Any day on both courses. Restrictions apply on Sat and Sun

### Main Map Reference D2, 06

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This deservedly popular North Down club boasts two excellent courses, the Dufferin and the Ava. The vistas from the Dufferin Course over Belfast Lough and the Scottish Coast beyond, and Strangford Lough from the Ava Course create a perfect golfing ambience.

The Championship Dufferin Course, largely woodland/heathland in character, offers the golfer a genuine and demanding test. This highly rated course, renowned for its unforgiving opening holes, is exacting in its demands for skill, and memorable for its special features.

The signature hole is surely the 386 yard par 4 4th where the daunting tee shot into a narrow-necked fairway embraced on both sides by gorse heather and trees sends shivers through even the most hardened veteran.

The Ava Course is the perfect partner to its sister course, exemplified by 'Tower Gap', the 524 yard par 5 2nd hole, rated one of the best holes in Ireland. Narrow fairways, established trees, gorse, bracken, rock close to the surface and all the other hazards of an unspoilt landscape make it a tough and varied challenge. A more sheltered course, the Ava's user friendly fairways make it extremely popular with members and visitors alike.

Type of course: Parkland/heathland Length of course in yards: Dufferin: 6742; Ava: 5755 Par: Dufferin: 71; Ava: 70

Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri. Restrictions on Dufferin Course between 12 - 1pm



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### Did you know?

Clandeboye is derived from an anglicised form of the Gaelic "Clan-Aoo-Bwe" i.e. Clannaboy - coming from the name of a chieftain of the O'Neill clan.

Dungannon Golf Club

Formed in 1890, Dungannon Golf Club is a founding member of the Golfing Union of Ireland. This pleasant parkland course has been extended in recent years with the advice of its famous member Darren Clarke.

Like other clubs of its vintage, the clubhouse facilities were small but in 2000, the clubhouse was completely rebuilt on the original site to provide the best facilities for the new Millennium.

Dungannon is also home to Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, the 2011 Open Champion and it was Darren, now an Honorary Life Member, who officially opened the new Clubhouse in June 2000.

The course is located in typical drumlin countryside with Dungannon town as a backdrop. The course reflects the different acquisition dates of the

front and back holes, in that the front nine are reasonably flat whilst the back nine test the fitness and psyche of the average golfer. Fairways throughout are wide to let the ponds, bunkers and course structure challenge the player.

One of these new holes, the signature 9th par 3 "Darren Clarke", features a narrow, ribbon-like crescent shaped green protected from the tee by a pond.

### Did you know?

Local member, Barry Shields, recorded 2 consecutive holes-in-one on the 9th hole in 2005 on the same week, with the same ball, same club - and he had a Bishop to witness it!



# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6155 Par: 72 Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri

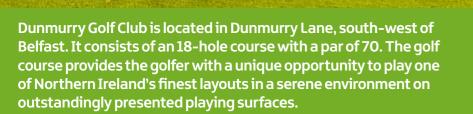


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Dunmurry Golf Club

In 1983, Dunmurry Golf Club moved from its original location north of Dunmurry village to a site overlooking the River Lagan and adjacent to Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park. With views up the Lagan valley to the south and north towards the Belfast hills, the course merges into the woodlands comprising the Lagan Valley Regional Park.

Dunmurry has matured quickly and now provides some of the best playing conditions in the Belfast area. The 18 holes offer a variety of challenges, none more so than the par 5 fourth, requiring three accurate shots to reach an elevated, doubletiered green, the approach to which is well protected by mature trees.



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At a glance

Type of course: Parkland

Par: 70

Length of course in yards: 6156

Best days for visitors to play:

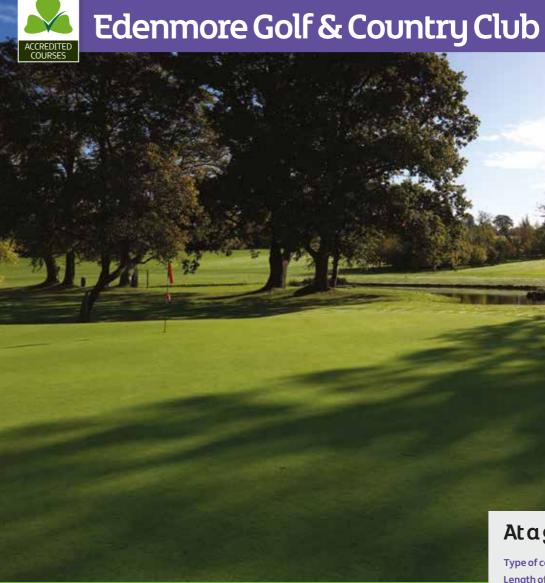
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### Did you know?

Max McCready really put Dunmurry on the golfing map. In 1949 he won the British Amateur Championship, held at Portmarnock GC. This led to selection for the Walker Cup, and the following year he made a valiant attempt to defend his title, losing in the Final. The Lounge Bar in the current Clubhouse is named in his honour.

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The Club has a range of facilities for all visitors, including an 18-hole championship Golf Course, Spa, Restaurant, Fitness Suite and onsite accommodation.

Set deep in the Lagan Valley, Edenmore Golf & Country Club is just 20 minutes from Belfast. The course, designed by Frank Ainsworth along with brothers Kenneth and James Logan, is a fine example of parkland golf. It features over 6000 yards of challenging tee shots, fairways and greens interspersed with ponds, streams and mature parkland.

Surrounded by mature trees, the 13th green has a small landing area just ahead of a daunting pond. Reachable in two by skilled golfers, the undulating green has several tough pin positions to protect

eagle putts. Many end up wondering why they took on the pond on this signature par 5. A true risk and reward hole.

The length of the course is 6278 yards from the medal tees. It has a good mix of holes to entertain the better players without discouraging the lesser skilled. The course has an array of practice facilities surrounding the magnificent club house making it very convenient to warm-up before or relax after vour round.

### Did you know?

Even though Edenmore Golf Club only opened in 1993, there have been 50 holes-in-one in the last five years!

# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6278 Par: 71

Best days for visitors to play: Mon - Sun. Visitors must pre-book. Restrictions are in place on Sat

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Foyle Golf Club

The Championship length Earhart Course measures 6,639 yards and provides a true test of golf, set against the stunning backdrop of the Donegal hills. Excellent drainage affords year round playability and visitors are most welcome every day.

The Woodlands Course is set over 9 holes ranging in distance from 114 to 182 yards. Kept to the same high standards as the Earhart and with tree lined fairways, greenside bunkers and a tricky water hazard, this par 3 course presents a fun and challenging game for all levels of golfer.

Foyle Driving Range offers 26 covered and floodlit bays with automatic tees. A locally renowned PGA Teaching Academy operates on site alongside the extensive Golf Store Europe, they are able to offer a full club custom fitting service.

Pitchers Wine Bar & Restaurant combines a warm welcome with a lively atmosphere, serving local food and beverages daily. Be sure to try the famous Seafood Chowder and a pint of Guinness.

# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6639 Par: Earhart Course: 71; Woodlands Course: 27 Best days for visitors to play: Any day



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### Did you know?

Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, made an emergency landing on what is now the 6th green on 21st May 1932. She overnighted at the Gallagher farmhouse, the present owners of the golf centre.





# Golfing at Galgorm:



Home of the Northern Ireland Open. This golf course is set in 220 acres of mature parkland in the grounds of one of Ireland's historic demesnes.

This is truly an exciting course and offers both the novice and low handicapped golfer a stimulating challenge and a memorable round. Within the area of the golf course are two historic features, Rory Og MacQuillan Castle which overlooks and dominates the 10th green and a network of souterrains at the 5th and 8th greens.

At the rear of the Clubhouse is the Golf Academy which incorporates a floodlit driving range with 24 covered bays. Within the Clubhouse is the Eagle Restaurant and for something a little

different, Galgorm Castle Estate is also home to a beautiful Garden Centre - Creative Gardens.

Galgorm features in John Redmond's top 30 Courses in Ireland.

"I would consider the course one of the best we will play on this year. It is nicely defined and the greens are outstanding. The whole set-up and conditioning is worthy of the European Tour." Nick Dougherty Northern Ireland Open Player 2013 & European Tour Winner.

### Did you know?

The site comprising of 220 acres includes remnants of the ancient Irish fort of the McQuillan clan and is recognised as one of the finest examples of early Jacobean architecture in Ireland.

# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6930 **Par:**72 Best days for visitors to play: Any day



### Main Map Reference E3, 11

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The four star luxury Hilton Templepatrick Hotel and Country Club is situated on 220 acres of beautiful park and woodland on the Castle Upton Estate.

This 18-hole course, designed by David Jones and David Feherty, is acclaimed as one of Northern Ireland's finest. It features 7000 yards of challenging fairways and greens interspersed with lakes and mature parkland. Probably the most daunting drive you will encounter is at the par 413th. To find the narrow fairway you need to avoid the Six Mile River on the right and two fairway bunkers on the left. To reach the green you must thread between the two bunkers hugging the left side of the green and stay out of the afore mentioned river. Just a few miles from Belfast

International Airport, it's perfectly situated for business or leisure visitors to make time for 18 holes.

Before you take on the course, you can warm up on our floodlit driving range incorporating 16 bays, 7 with an automated teeing system, a short-game zone and putting green.

The course has hosted major professional and amateur tournaments including the Ladies European Tour Northern Ireland Open and the Senior British Open Amateur Championships.

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 7081 **Par:**72

Best days for visitors to play: Any week day and after 1pm Sat & 10am Sun



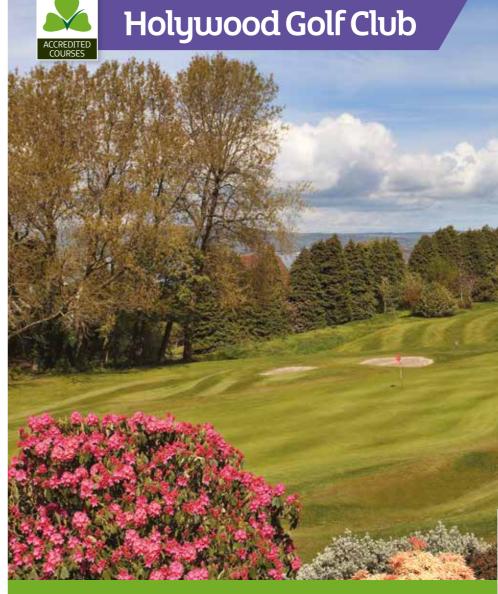
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### Did you know?

Tall poplar trees fill this course. Legend has it that Treffner, a gardener once employed by Adolf Hitler, planted them after World War II. Before Germany's defeat Treffner came here to start a market garden and planted the trees to protect his produce from harsh winds.





Set high in the Holywood Hills of County Down, Holywood Golf Club is just 7 miles outside of Belfast. The club is well known for its most famous member, world golf star Rory McIlroy, who joined at the tender age of 8 years old.

Holywood's front nine holes present an easy walk and plenty of room for the golfer to spray it a bit off the tee. The back nine, however, is laid out on different terrain with elevation changes and challenge all the way. It's here where the splendour of Belfast lough and the city can be viewed. When playing holes 10 through 14 you can enjoy the views of the Belfast docklands where Titanic was built. Indeed, many people gathered here to watch the famous ship sail.

The difficult 12th hole is said to be the toughest of them all. It requires a long accurate tee shot down the left side and a second shot over the rugged terrain to an elevated green.

Then at the par 414th, you will have to negotiate the quarry and fairway bunkers to make a par. Get through this difficult stretch and you'll have a score worth talking about!

Its length is not challenging but as Rory states, "it has all the traits that develop your game from playing it regularly".

### Did you know?

At 8 years of age, Rory McIlroy became the youngest full member of Holywood Golf Club. At 9, he won the Under 10 World Championship at Doral, Florida. At 11, he shot par around Holywood's par 69. Two years later, his handicap was down to scratch.

# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6078 Par: 71 Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sun

### Main Map Reference F3, 13

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A most attractive parkland course enclosed by the walls of the Kilmorey Estate at the foot of the Mourne Mountains. The par 72 championship course was designed by the famous Dublin golf architect Eddie Hackett.

Set in mature woodland and masses of rhododendron shrubs, Kilkeel has become one of the best inland stretches in Ireland. Located 3 miles from the town centre, the beautiful and historic Carlingford Lough flows alongside the town and frequent glimpses can be obtained through the many mature trees separating the fairways.

Only 12 miles from world famous Royal County Down, the club has played host to the Senior European Tour and through the Royal and Ancient, has been used as a qualifying course for the British Amateur and Senior British Open.

Expanded to 18 holes in 1993, the new layout provides a true test to players at all categories. A new clubhouse, built in 2000 on land overlooking the 18th green, provides a spacious restaurant and bar facilities.

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Par: 72

Best days for visitors to play:

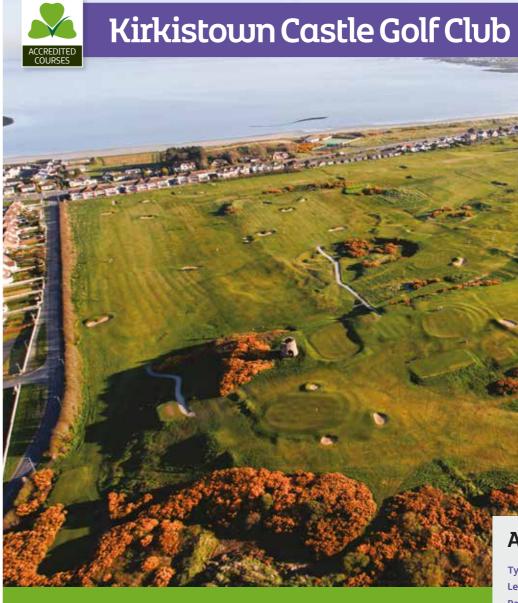
Any day except Tues and Sat

www.kilkeelgolfclub.com

### Did you know?

Mourne Park, in which the golf club is situated, has an exceptionally private country home. In the past, the estate had notable guests including King Edward VII, the late Queen Mother and movie star Errol Flynn.





Situated on the Ards Peninsula coastline, Kirkistown Castle is a real old-fashioned gem. It is the nearest links golf course to Belfast and is uniquely the most easterly 18-hole golf course on the island of Ireland.

Here you can play 'The Open' style links at very reasonable green fee rates. Kirkistown Castle Golf Club has a huge variety of holes and being at the seaside means that 'wind' is nearly always something to be mastered as well as the subtleties of the course.

The legendary golf course architect James Braid designed the layout in 1934 and little has changed since.

The signature hole is the par 4 10th, measuring 435 yards. With out of bounds all along the left side, some bunkering on the right and a small elevated green protected by gorse and links rough, this hole lives up to its ranking of 3rd hardest hole.

The layout makes perfect use of the two small hills at either end of the course. The 12th hole links the two hills with the tee box on one and an exposed green on top of the other.

This area has the lowest rainfall in Northern Ireland and, with the free draining sandy base, the course remains playable all year round.

### Did you know?

Rory McIlroy's coach, Michael Bannon, grew up and learned to play golf at Kirkistown Castle - it is still his favourite course after 40 years of playing.

# At a glance

Type of course: Links Length of course in yards: 6167 Par: 69 Best days for visitors to play: Mon to Fri and Sat after 2pm

### Main Map Reference G4, 15

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Length of course in yards: 6,428 Par: 70 Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sun

Knock Golf Club has been a private members Club since its establishment in 1895.

In 1920 Knock moved to its current location at 'Summerfield', close to the village of Dundonald. The top-ranked firm of golf course architects, 'Colt, MacKenzie and Allison', was hired to design the course you see today.

Knock contains design features that relate to all three of these great course architects, who in their respective careers left such an indelible mark on the world of golf.

Knock Golf Club is a great test of golf, suitable for all levels of golfer and accomplished players and has

developed into one of Ireland's finest inland courses - the par of 70 is reputed to rank among the toughest in the country. Tree-lined fairways, a proliferation of bunkers and well-manicured greens add up to an exceptional challenge. "The course gets off to a delightful start with a right hand dogleg which culminates to a deceptively sloping left to right downhill green. Another first nine favourite is the testing sixth, a par 4 of more than 450 yards."



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It is testament to Fred Hawtree's architectural skills that his original plan for the course remains virtually unaltered since he first walked around the farm at Blaris Lodge and sketched it on the back of an envelope!

Lisburn Golf Club started off as a compact 9 hole course in the heart of the town at the turn of the 20th century. It moved to its present site in the early 1970's and Hawtree achieved what most golfers would regard as an ideal layout with two loops of nine holes, each starting and finishing at the Clubhouse and each composed of two par 5s, two par 3s and five par 4s.

This layout has been further enhanced with the planting of azaleas, rhododendrons, cherry blossom trees and specimen conifers that make Lisburn the

"Augusta of the North" in the springtime.

As you progress round the course, you may need to exercise a variety of shots to manage your way around the water hazards and avenues of tree plantations. This is probably best exemplified by the signature hole, the 6th, measuring 158 yards, with a green surrounded by trees and guarded by water and bunkers. It demands an accurate tee shot and then a smooth putting stroke to cope with the gentle borrows on the two tier green.

### Did you know?

The course record of 64 is held by David Feherty, the golf commentator for American TV golf. David played in the Ulster Professional Championship in 1989, recording a four round aggregate of 262 (65, 64, 68 and 65). He won the Championship by 18 shots!

### Did you know?

The Club crest depicts a wood on a hill. It is thought this refers to the original Course at Cherryvalley with the mound at Shandon Park in the background.

## At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6604 Par: 72

Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Thurs, Fri or Sun. Visitors are not permitted to tee off before 5.30pm on Sat, and not permitted to commence play after 3.30 pm Mon to Fri unless playing with a member



### Main Map Reference F4, 16

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Lough Erne, voted 'Golf Resort of the Year' (Irish Golf Tour Operators Association 2010), is home to two Championship golf courses – The Faldo Course and Castle Hume Course.

Designed by six time Major winner Sir Nick Faldo, Lough Erne is his first golf course design in Ireland. Its spectacular setting, nestled on a private 600 acre peninsula between Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough, is a course you will remember.

It will be no surprise that water comes into play a lot at Lough Erne, no less than 11 holes, and this is best tested at the tricky par 4 10th. Whilst being the 2nd shortest par 4 on the card, it is fraught with trouble, both off the tee and on your approach shot to the green. It takes an extremely accurate second shot as you are hitting into an island green, surrounded by Lower Lough Erne on left, right and back of the green.

Situated behind the 9th green, you would be well advised to stop at the Halfway House for a light bite before tackling the 'Emerald Isle' 10th.

To add to its growing number of accolades, one of the USA's most respected golf publications, Golfweek voted Lough Erne Resort 7th in its category of Best of Great Britain and Ireland's Modern Classic Courses for 2011.



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www.lougherneresort.com

Length of course in yards: 7167

Best days for visitors to play: Any day

Par: 72



### Did you know?

Nearby Devenish Island, founded in the 6th Century by St. Molaise, is located in Lower Lough Erne and is one of the finest monastic sites in Ireland. It is home to a perfect 12th Century round tower, several Church ruins, two graveyards and an unusual cross. Malone Golf Club has been a part of the sporting and social life of Belfast for more than one hundred years. Its present site of Ballydrain Estate is 330 acres of wooded parkland just 5 miles from Belfast.

The site boasts 27 holes made up of Ballydrain, Drumbridge and Edenderry nines. The first two usually make up the main course but the Edenderry is great for young and new golfers to enjoy the game.

place to play golf.

The centrepiece of the course is the natural trout lake extending for some 27 acres. The plentiful mature trees shape many of the holes with the lake coming into play on the 13th. The 15th features a tee shot over water to a tricky green. The round finishes with a daunting drive and any ball to the right of the 18th green is water bound so beware!

Since 1895, Malone has become famous across Ireland with many excellent amateur golfers and successful teams winning multiple All-Ireland pennants. These are all proudly displayed in the comfortable and welcoming clubhouse, which features the Ballydrain Bar and breathtaking views over the final hole, the lake and surrounding countryside.

### Did you know?

The estate where the club now resides used to be a 'safe house' for both US and British soldiers during World War I. An upside down V, indicating a 'safe house', is still visible on the last post exiting the club.







# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 9 Holes: 3160; 18 Holes: 6706 Par: 9 holes: 36; 18 holes: 71 Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Wed am, Thurs, Fri and Sun



### Main Map Reference F4, 18

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# Massereene Golf Club



Established in 1895, Massereene Golf Club offers a challenging and picturesque 18 hole par 72 parkland course. With panoramic views over Lough Neagh, it creates a challenge for all levels of skill and experience.

Situated on the north shores of Lough Neagh, Massereene Golf Club enjoys panoramic views of the Lough as far as County Tyrone on the west side. Stretched over 140 acres, you can enjoy a stunning parkland course with an array of fairways outlined by mature trees.

The first hole is a good indication of what challenge lie ahead. The first nine are tree lined with well placed bunkers; the inward nine consists of more undulating fairways, reminiscent of a links course, finishing on the 18th green beside the clubhouse. Equally the narrow fairways and small greens place a priority on accuracy rather than distance, making it a rewarding test for even the lower handicap golfer.

With lush fairways, silky smooth greens and spectacular views of Lough Neagh, Massereene Golf Club offers a fantastic challenge and a wonderful day out.

# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6603 Par: 72 Best days for visitors to play: Sun - Fri

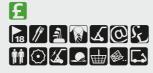


Main Map Reference E3, 19 51 Lough Road, County Antrim, BT41 4DQ Tel: +44 (0) 28 9442 8096 Email: info@massereene.com

www.massereene.com

### Did you know?

Massereene Golf Course sits on the shores of Lough Neagh, the largest freshwater lake in the British Isles. The mound on the 12th hole was built around 1560 to act as a beacon for boats returning across the lough from Tyrone to Antrim.





This delightful course lies at the foot of Bessie Bell mountain, two miles from the town of Newtownstewart. Mature trees and natural fairway undulations make this an interesting and enjoyable challenge for golfers of all standards.

Founded in 1914, Newtownstewart Golf Club forms part of the Baronscourt Estate, home of the Duke of Abercorn.

The club is easily accessible, just five minutes from the main A5 Omagh to Strabane road. This beautiful 18th hole parkland course commands panoramic views of the surrounding Sperrin mountains and being part of the historic Baronscourt Estate has specimen oak and beech trees that are in excess of two hundred years old. The emphasis at the club is on friendliness rather than formality and a warm welcome awaits all golfers, from their first contact with the well stocked Golf Shop, to their sojourn in the clubhouse where the professional bar and catering staff will ensure an enjoyable end to the day. The practice ground at the club is second to none, with separate areas for chipping, putting and bunker play complementing our new six bay driving range with expert tuition from our resident professional at our golf academy.

### Did you know?

The course is set in the rolling parkland of The Baronscourt Estate, the ancestral estate of the Duke of Abercorn. Golfers will frequently encounter deer, wild pheasant, red squirrels and buzzards during their round.

# Newtownstewart Golf Club

# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 5901 Par: 70 Best days for visitors to play: Mon – Sun, (Ladies' Day is Thurs)



### Main Map Reference C3, 20

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Situated in the heart of Tyrone's county town, Omagh Golf Club boasts a stunning 18 hole parkland course. Consisting of two contrasting nines situated either side of the Dublin Road, the par 71 offers a significant challenge to members and visitors alike.

Evolving from a testing 9-hole stretch in 1910, Omagh upgraded to an 18-hole course in 1983 under the expert design of Don Patterson, professional and golf architect. The new-look Omagh soon established itself as one of the province's finest parkland courses. Well publicised visits from Ireland golfing legend Christy O'Connor Jr, and multiple winner Nick Faldo (both of whom were complimentary about the test posed by the Omagh course) gave an indication of the club's progression in the 1980s.

Famed for its demanding par fours and fast paced greens, the 7th hole probably exemplifies this. Framing the mill on the hill, a real sight at twilight, this shot par 4 offers trouble all around. Bunkers and young trees on the right penalise those steeling away from The Drumvagh River, whilst a second shot over an almost magnetic stream to a false fronted green nestling the riverbank can cause several wasted strokes.

# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 5869 for green marker. 6168 for white marker. 5202 for ladies. Par: 71

Best days for visitors to play: Mon – Fri and Sun



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### Did you know?

Omagh Golf Club's recorded history dates back to 1891 when a heady 20 members listed it as one of ten clubs in existence in Ireland at that time. The Club then moved to its current site and affiliated in 1910, and in 2010 celebrated its centenary.







Portstewart Golf Club is proud to offer 54 holes of golf spectacularly set on Northern Ireland's famous Causeway Coast with something to offer every golfer.

The Strand Course is the indisputable jewel in Portstewart's crown for quality of game and scenery. The course is set in classic links country amid towering sand dunes and views of the Donegal hills, the Atlantic and the River Bann. The first hole with its elevated tee, dogleg to the green and sandy strip on the right, is considered the best opening hole in Ireland.

For something less challenging, the Riverside Course stretches from the clubhouse down to the River Bann. And if you like a little heritage in your game, the original Old Course has tested players since 1894.

The present clubhouse has come a long way from the corrugated iron and wooden frame of 1895. The present building, completed in 2009, makes it one of the most modern clubhouses in Ireland.

Without doubt, Portstewart has championship pedigree having hosted numerous important events and competitions including the qualifying rounds of The Open in 1951, the British Ladies Senior Championship in 2004 and the British Girls Amateur Championship in 2006.

### Did you know?

Maureen Madill was undoubtedly the most successful golfer that Portstewart ever produced. She was three times Ulster Ladies Champion, an Irish International champion from 1978 to 1985, British Amateur Stroke play champion 1980 and British Ladies match play Champion 1986.



# At a glance

Type of course: Links Length of course in yards: Strand: 7004; Riverside: 5725; Old: 4733

Par: Strand: 72; Riverside: 68; Old 64 Best days for visitors to play: Phone in advance for Strand course as booking is necessary. Any day suits for Riverside and Old courses



### Main Map Reference D2, 22

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With excellent greens and testing holes over the lake, ponds and stream, this course is a masterpiece for golfers of all standards.

Nestled into the drumlins of north County Down, the 18 holes at Rockmount Golf Club have matured into a challenging parkland course.

The course has been cleverly designed so that the natural terrain is incorporated throughout. Water plays its part with hazards around the 5th and 6th greens and a small pond in front of the 14th tee. Large trees strategically added through the course will cause some tricky approach shots to the 8th and 15th greens in particular.

The signature hole is the 11th. This par 4 has a touch of 'Pete Dye' about it, ample room for the drive, followed by a demanding second shot into a green fronted with water.

Rockmount Clubhouse is tastefully decorated in old brick and solid oak creating a warm homely atmosphere. From the dining room you can take in the panoramic view of the golf course and the famous Mourne Mountains. There is no doubt Rockmount is an excellent test of golf you are sure to enjoy.



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Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Tues,

Par: 72

Thurs, Fri am and Sun

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### Did you know?

Darren Clarke performed the honours of officially opening the course on 8 May 1995. In 2013, he returned to a mature golf course to celebrate the clubs 18th Birthday.





Roe Park Resort is set amidst the gorgeous surroundings of the Roe Valley Country Park, offering first-class amenities for every level of golfer.

This 18 hole course is a welcome and very popular course along the Causeway Coast even more so since 2017 having undergone a £1m upgrade. The layout includes a number of challenging water features and takes full advantage of this beautiful setting, with Lough Foyle and the Sperrin Mountains providing a dramatic backdrop.

The 265 yard, par 415th hole provides a real risk and reward opportunity with the long hitters being able to reach it from the elevated tee. The sympathetically restored 18th century Coach House contains the informal dining Brasserie, which immediately overlooks the 6th hole from tee to green, allowing diners to become "armchair golfers" for the day !

The Golf Academy is designed to provide the best facilities to help you improve your game, whether you're an absolute beginner or the next Rory McIlroy. An indoor studio uses state of the art systems to analyse and record your swing, while the outdoor driving range utilises the latest technology in synthetic grass to give you that realistic club to turf contact.

IGTOA Golf Resort of the Year 2017 and Golf Manager of the Year 2018 (Terry Kelly) (Golfers Guide to Ireland Awards)

### Did you know?

Recorded history in the area goes back to AD575 when AEDH (Hugh) the High King of Ireland called all his Earls, Chieftains and Scholars to a convention on Mullagh Hill - the hill in the centre of the golf course overlooking the Coach House.



# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6283 Par: 70 Best days for visitors to play: Availability everyday



### Main Map Reference D2, 24

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### Founded in 1881, Royal Belfast Golf Club lays claim to the title of the oldest golf course in Ireland.

In the summer of 1881 Thomas Sinclair spent a holiday in St. Andrews, Scotland. He was totally smitten by the game of golf and persuaded the Laird of Holywood to generously give his land free of rent at Kinnegar, Holywood for a golf course.

In 1885 the club became "Royal" after the Prince of Wales was invited to become its Patron during a visit to Ireland. The current Patron is HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York.

The present course dates back to 1925, when H.S. Colt, the eminent English course architect, assisted by Walker Cup player W.A. Murray, produced a

course of great charm which provides a true test of golfing skill and enjoys one of the most scenic settings with its unrivalled views of Belfast Lough.

The course remains much the same today as it was then, a tribute to the enduring excellence of its original design, always meticulously maintained with impeccable greens. Visiting players are always warmly welcomed to enjoy a real slice of history.



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Length of course in yards: 6185

Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Tues,

Thurs, Fri and Sun - Restrictions on Sat

Par: 70

www.royalbelfast.com



What are believed to be the first golfing trophies in Ireland, early Royal Belfast Golf Club Monthly Medals, are today on view in the clubhouse.



Shandon Park Golf Club

Shandon Park is a popular parkland course in East Belfast, boasting the best greens you'll find anywhere in Northern Ireland. It has superb clubhouse facilities and is only 15 minutes from the centre of Belfast.

The original name of the club which played on this course was Knock Golf Club, formed in 1895. It wasn't until 1925 that the idea of establishing Shandon Golf Club was conceived after Knock Golf Club moved to their present location on the outskirts of Belfast.

For seven decades the club has had a veritable production line of international players who have represented their country, and Walker Cup teams of distinction. The most recent of these is

Michael Hoey, 4 time winner on the European Tour and recent holder of The Dunhill Trophy.

It is an amazing course that is not excessively long, but provides a top class challenge due to the exceedingly high standards of its greens.

The club built a new clubhouse in 2000 and successfully hosted The All Ireland finals in 2007.

### Did you know?

European Tour player and recent winner of the Dunhill Trophy, Michael Hoey, started his early golf career at Shandon Park Golf Club.

# At a glance

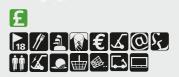
Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6336 **Par:** 70 Best days for visitors to play: Thurs and Fri



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St. Patrick's Golf Club

Established in 1930, the course has had nearly 85 years to mature and produce greens that rival any of the championship courses in Ireland. The layout and style of the course makes it an interesting challenge that plays very much like a links course. Look out for the testing par 47th, the stunning par 311th, and the par 414th.

One of Ireland's best kept golfing secrets St Patrick's Golf Club, Downpatrick is well known

for extending a warm welcome to its visitors who come from near and far. The course offers golfers of all abilities a breath-taking challenge on a natural stage and our clubhouse boasts fantastic facilities in which to dine and relax.



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### Did you know?

Downpatrick is derived from the Irish, Dún Pádraig, meaning "Patrick's stronghold". Once the ancient city of Down, the town's cathedral is also said to be the burial place of Saint Patrick.

At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 5969 Par: 69 Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri and Sun afternoon



club. In 1928, green fees were set at "two shillings per day with no reduction for visitors staying with members overnight".

Tandragee Golf Club is a formidable yet picturesque 18 hole parkland course, set in the scenic County Armagh countryside. Parts of the course overlook the ancient Tandragee Castle and on many holes

golfers can admire the mature woodlands astride the fast flowing River Cusher. The duck pond is an unusual attraction at Tandragee Golf Club, often visited by golfers and non-golfers alike.

'The Wall', par 411th, is regarded as the signature hole and commands respect. The original boundary wall of the Estate marks out of bounds on the right while the trees on the left guide you to a slightly hidden green.

### Did you know?

In 1911, during the creation of the course, the Duchess of Manchester, who was from Cincinnati, Ohio, designed some of the original bunkers, which were laid out in the shape of America's Great Lakes. These remain to this day.



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# Views from the 10th hole tee span three counties with the Slieve Donard mountain in County Down on the left and the Sperrin

# At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6310 Par: 71 Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sun



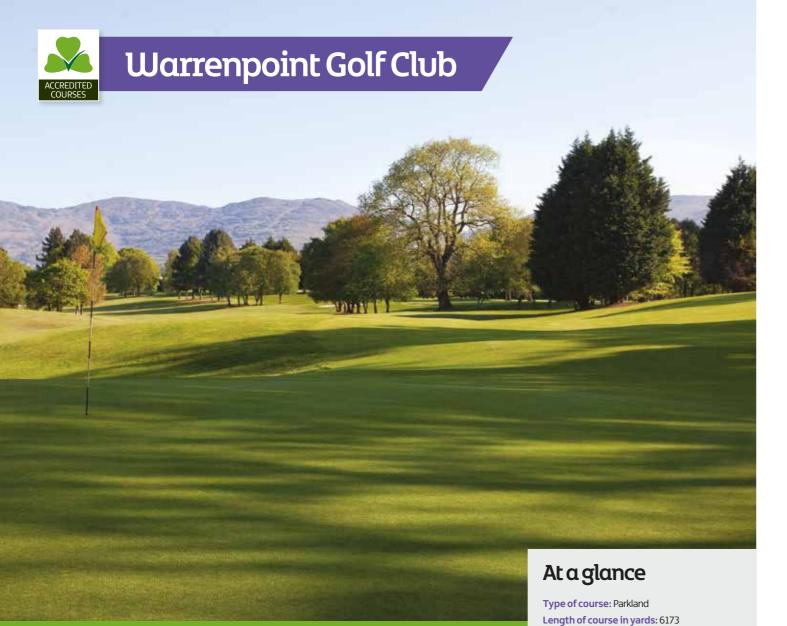


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The club is very proud of its record in producing great amateur golfers over the years as well as titles. 18 All-Ireland titles have been won by Warrenpoint Golf Club since 1981.

This attractive parkland course is set in part of the luxurious Hall Estate, home to Narrow Water Castle - the inspiration for the club badge. The clubhouse enjoys views of the Cooley Mountains of County Louth and the estuary of Carlingford Lough.

Over 6000 yards, this course demands a high degree of accuracy and will test the golfer's shot-making capabilities. The par 47th 'Slieve Foy' is regarded as the signature hole, requiring a long high tee shot to get over the fir plantation. Two mature beech trees guard the approach to the well protected green. Extremely tight driving down a corridor of trees on the 12th and a green with danger all round on the 13th are great tests for even the most skilled.

A number of club members have represented Ireland & Great Britain in the Walker Cup and Curtis Cup teams. Ronan Rafferty, who is now a golf commentator and analyst, was a Dunhill Cup winner and played in the Ryder Cup.



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Par: 70

Best days for visitors to play:

Mon, Thurs, Fri and Sun

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### Did you know?

Club member Jim Carvill, amongst having the honour of playing for Ireland at senior level, also has the world record for the fastest ever round of golf. He achieved it in 27 minutes and 30 seconds, playing to R&A rules and shot a respectable 83.



# The game isn't over until you've experienced the 19th!

Especially in Northern Ireland! In fact, the 19th hole is the best way to enjoy a well-earned break after putting your skills to the ultimate golfing challenge around one of our courses. A stopover at the 19th is also a great opportunity to sample our famous hospitality. Here, you can share your experiences, tips and tall tales and pick up useful suggestions from the local 'regulars' who know every bunker and tree – the insight could make all the difference on your next round!

Be sure to indulge in an excellent meal and sample the local tipples – like a



smooth single malt, distilled just a few miles up the road at the Bushmills Distillery or a refreshing pint of Guinness just hits the spot. As locals say "there's eating and drinking in it".

After an hour or two at the 19th hole you'll realise how the clubhouses, wherever you go, are the perfect way to end the perfect day!

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Main Map Reference F3, 79 54 Ferris Bay Road, Islandmagee, County Antrim, BT40 3RT T: +44 (0) 28 9338 2228 www.larnegolfclub.co.uk

### Loughgall Country Park

Main Map Reference E4,80 11-14 Main Street, Loughgall County Armagh, BT618HZ T: +44 (0) 28 3889 2900 www.loughgallcountrypark.co.uk

# Lurgan Golf Club

Main Map Reference E4, 81 The Demesne, Lurgan County Armagh, BT67 9BN T: +44 (0) 28 3832 2087 www.lurgangolfclub.com

### Mahee Island Golf Club

Main Map Reference G4, 82 Mahee Island, Comber County Down, BT23 6EP T: +44 (0) 28 9754 1234 www.maheegolf.com

### Manor Golf Club

Main Map Reference E2,83 County Londonderry, BT515RR www.manorhousekilrea.com

### Mayobridge Golf Club

Main Map Reference F5, 84 50 Crossan Road, Mayobridge, Newry, www.mayobridgegolf.com

### Mount Ober Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3,85 24 Ballymaconaghy Road, Belfast, BT86SB T: +44 (0) 28 9079 5666

www.mountober.com

### Moyola Park Golf Club

Main Map Reference E3,86 15 Curran Road, Castledawson, County Londonderry, BT458DG T: +44 (0) 28 7946 8468 www.moyolaparkgolfclub.com

### Newry Golf Club

Main Map Reference E5, 87 11 Forkhill Road, Newry, Co. Down BT35 8LZ T: +44 (0) 28 3026 3871

www.irishgolfcourses.co.uk/ northernireland/newry.php

### Ormeau Golf Club

Main Map Reference F4, 83 50 Park Road, Belfast, County Antrim, BT7 2FX T: +44 (0) 28 9064 0700 www.ormeaugolfclub.co.uk

# 69 Bridge Street, Kilrea T: +44 (0) 28 2954 1351

County Down, BT34 2HY T: +44 (0) 28 3085 0295

### Portadown Golf Club

Main Map Reference E4, 89 192 Gilford Road, Portadown, County Armagh, BT63 5LF

T: +44 (0) 28 3835 5356 www.portadowngolfclub.co.uk

### Rathmore Golf Club

Main Map Reference E2, 90 Bushmills Road, Portrush, BT568JG T: +44 (0) 28 7082 2996

www.irishgolfcourses.co.uk/ northernireland/lambeg.php

### Scrabo Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 91 233 Scrabo Road, Newtownards, County Down, BT23 4SL T: +44 (0) 28 9181 2355 www.scrabo-golf-club.org

### Silverwood Golf Centre

Main Map Reference E4, 92 Tormoyra Lane, Silverwood, Lurgan, Co. Armagh BT66 6NG

T: +44 (0) 28 3832 6606 www.spagolfclub.net

### Spa Golf Club

Main Map Reference F4, 93 20 Grove Road, Ballynahinch, County Down, BT248PN

T: +44 (0) 28 9756 2365 www.spagolfclub.net

### Strabane Golf Club

Main Map Reference C3, 94 33 Ballycolman Road, Strabane, County Tyrone, BT82 9PH

T: +44 (0) 28 7138 2007 www.strabanegolfclub.co.uk

### Temple Golf And Country Club

Main Map Reference F4, 95 60 Church Road, Boardmills, Lisburn County Antrim, BT276UP T: +44 (0) 28 9263 9213

www.templegolf.com

### Whitehead Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 96 Whitehead Golf Club, McCrae's Brae, Whitehead, County Antrim, BT38 9NZ

T: +44 (0) 28 9337 0820 www.whiteheadgolfclub.com

# Itineraries

A few ideas for your Northern Ireland adventure















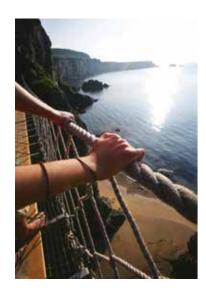






# Causeway Coast

# Some unmissables on the **Causeway Coastal Route**

















# **Golfing at Galgorm**

If you're playing Galgorm Castle Golf Club, you've got a real treat waiting for you off-course. Right next door, you'll find one of the region's most spectacular resorts, Galgorm Resort & Spa. Make sure you recharge post-game in one of the many restaurants, bars or riverside hot-tubs.

# **Causeway Coastal Route**

Time to hit the road. But not just any old road. The gorgeous Causeway Coastal Route is an iconic drive along a dramatic coastline with ocean vistas you can't help stopping to stare at. National Geographic even named it among the world's greatest road trips. Bring the good camera!

# Spots to stop

There are dozens of great places to visit along the Causeway Coastal Route. Among the absolute must-sees are the mind-boggling natural wonder of the Giant's Causeway, and the knuckle-whitening Carrick-a-Rede, a 350-year-old rope bridge that lets you cross the Atlantic on foot. Need to settle your nerves after that? Stop by the world's oldest working distillery for a wee sample or two at the nearby Bushmills Distillery.

# **Bushmills Inn**

Here's a very special hideaway on your trip. The Bushmills Inn is a former coaching inn dating back to the 1700s. Today, you get modern luxury, but it doesn't compromise its heritage. You can really feel the history when you wander under its low wood-beam ceilings, through narrow stone corridors, and find its rustic fireside snugs. It's a must for any visitor to the area.

# **Royal Portrush Golf Club**

You can't miss Royal Portrush while you're here. It's the only club on the island to have hosted The Open, and it hosts it again in 2019. Recently ranked in the world's top 10 courses, Royal Portrush has two championship links courses with jaw-dropping views as far as Scotland and Donegal. It also has some of the most dramatic and challenging holes in world (over-hit your second shot on the fifth and your ball will be lost to the roaring Atlantic Ocean!

# Explore more:

There are plenty more gems to find along the glorious Causeway Coastal Route, including Game of Thrones<sup>®</sup> filming locations, lunch with a view at Harry's Shack in Portstewart, and the much-loved Ramore restaurants in Portrush.

This is how you start a golf trip! Your adventure across Northern Ireland gets underway at Galgorm Castle Golf Club. This beautiful 18-hole, par-72 championship course covers 220 acres of lush parkland and hosts the NI Open.



# North Down /Ards

# Spots to look-up in **County Down**





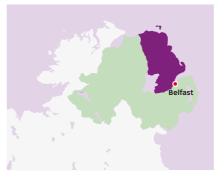












# **Holywood Golf Club**

Kick-off your trip by following in the footsteps of one of the world's greatest golfers. The fairways of Holywood Golf Club forged the skills of four-time Major winner Rory McIlroy. This 6118-yard, par-66 parkland course sits high in Northern Ireland's very own Holywood Hills, giving you stunning views of Belfast Lough and the eastern end of the Causeway Coastal Route.

# **Rayanne House**

# **Royal Belfast Golf Club**

This is a true taste of history. Royal Belfast is the oldest golf course in Ireland, and still retains so much of its original charm. That endurance is a testament to the skill of the course's designer, the famous H.S. Colt. You'll adore the challenge of this classic par-70 course and reliving your best shots in the Victorian clubhouse afterwards.

# **Culloden Estate and Spa**

By now you've put in plenty of yards on the course, and it's time to treat yourself in one of the finest hotels in Northern Ireland. The 5-star Culloden Estate and Spa will really spoil you. It was originally built on this beautiful 12-acre estate as the official palace of a prominent bishop. Today it's one of the most exclusive hotels on the island, offering fine local cuisine in its Mitre Restaurant and the perfect spot for a nightcap in The Cultra Inn.

# **Kirkistown Castle Golf Club**

You'll find the island's most easterly golf course in the tiny village of Cloughey, perched out there on the edge the Ards Peninsula. The legendary golf course architect James Braid designed its layout in 1934 and little has changed since. It's still a tough round for any golfer. With 6167 windswept yards to negotiate, you'll need a good strategy to even get close to the course par of 69.

# **Fiddlers Green**

In the seaside idyll of Portaferry, you'll find a traditional little pub full of surprises. Fiddlers Green is a family-run pub and hotel that's always overflowing with characters, live music and great Guinness. It's even home to one of the famous Game of Thrones<sup>®</sup> doors. One of only 10 such doors, it was handcarved from a fallen tree at The Dark Hedges, one of dozens of the filming locations here in Game of Thrones® Territory.

# **Explore more:**

Spending a little more time in the area? Play the beautiful course at Clandeboye Golf Club or test yourself at Scrabo Golf Club, voted the 7th toughest course in Ireland.

For a truly unforgettable dining experience, get to Rayanne House. You can sit down to the very menu served aboard the Titanic. It's a once-in-a lifetime chance for foodies and history enthusiasts to time-travel and get a taste of life aboard the world's most iconic ship, one of Northern Ireland's greatest exports.



# South Down

# A few high points among the Mournes



















# **Ardglass Golf Club**

Your toughest opponent at Ardglass is always the Irish Sea, as it comes into play in a total of 8 holes. These are among the most picturesque and challenging holes anywhere on the island. You'll play over rocky inlets and rugged coastlines with the sea and wind a regular hazard. Even the clubhouse is spectacular - the 15th century structure is the oldest building in the world that's being used as a clubhouse. This is an unforgettable visit for any golfer.

# **Royal County Down**

This course needs little introduction. Royal County Down in the world's number 1 golf course (Golf Digest, 2017). Originally laid out in 1889 by 'Old' Tom Morris from St. Andrews, the course is set in the beautiful setting of Murlough Nature Reserve. The 7187-yard championship course features narrow ribbons of zig-zagging fairways dotted with famous 'bearded' bunkers. This one is a must.

# **Slieve Donard Resort and Spa**

Right next to the world's greatest golf course is a world-class spa resort. Slieve Donard sits in the stunning seaside town of Newcastle, where the majestic Mourne mountains meet the Irish Sea. As soon as you get here you realise exactly why it won five prestigious awards at the 2017 Irish Hotels Awards – its original Victorian features, luxurious modern interiors and beautiful spa are an absolute treat.

# **Shortcross Gin Distillery Tour**

If you're a gin fan, you can't miss the Shortcross Gin Distillery Tour. Made on the Rademon Estate, this is Northern Ireland's first premium crafted gin, and the most-awarded gin on the island of Ireland. You'll soon see why, as the Shortcross experts teach you how they harvest local botanicals, distil with their copper pot still, and perfect the finished product.

# **Castle Ward**

Northern Ireland is Game of Thrones® Territory. This is where most of the world's biggest TV show is shot, and the filming locations are a magnet for the show's many millions of fans. That includes this immersive behind-the-scenes tour of Castle Ward, the location that served as 'Winterfell' in the HBO smash hit. For the uninitiated, it's a rare chance to see how TV's biggest show is made, for a Game of Thrones® fan it is simply heaven.

# Warrenpoint Golf Club

With the Mourne Mountains and Carlingford Lough as your backdrop, you'd be forgiven for not focusing on your swing at Warrenpoint Golf Club. It's a gorgeous 6173-yard parkland gem set in an official Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It's also home to a world record - club member Jim Carvill holds the global record for the fastest ever round of golf (27 minutes and 30 seconds).

# Explore more:

There are lots more golf clubs nearby, including Spa Golf Club in Ballynahinch and St Patrick's in Downpatrick, which is also home to great restaurants like Brunel's, Vanilla and Villa Vinci.



# Greater **Belfast**

# Some bright lights in our big city



















# **Malone Golf Club**

# Shandon Park

# **Grand Central Hotel**

Belfast's newest luxury hotel is the perfect place to see more of Belfast. In fact, The Observatory cocktail lounge is the highest bar on the island of Ireland and gives you panoramic views of the city and beyond.

# **Savour Belfast**

This city's culinary scene is booming. There have never been more world-class foodie options for visitors to enjoy. From the Michelin-starred hotspots like Deanes Eipic, to local institutions like Mourne Seafood Bar, there's something for every palate. And, of course, we know a thing or two about nightlife - just take a stroll through the bustling cobbled streets of the Cathedral Quarter and you're guaranteed to find a watering hole to suit the most diverse tastes.

# **Titanic Belfast**

This city is one of Europe's rising stars on the tourist scene. Visitor numbers are climbing year on year, and it's no surprise with attractions like Titanic Belfast. The centrepiece of the blossoming Titanic Quarter, this stunning venue was voted the World's Leading Tourist Attraction (World Travel Awards, 2016). It's an unmissable immersive experience that tells the story of the world's most iconic ship on the very spot it was built.

# **Belvoir Park**

Belvoir Park Golf Club boasts a distinguished history, having hosted The Irish Open, The Irish PGA, and The Irish Amateur Close. This stunning championship parkland course covers 163 acres of mature woodland, and is one of several Northern Irish courses designed by the master of the art, Harry S. Colt.

# **Explore more:**

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Start your Belfast golf break with a round at Malone Golf Club, a superb championship course with a beautiful trout lake as its centrepiece. While you're there, see if you can spot the upside down 'V' on the last post exiting the club. It means this estate was a 'safehouse' for both US and British soldiers during World War 1.

This is one of the toughest parkland courses around. The course record is just six under par despite the best efforts of some of the world's best golfers. The two-shot sixth hole is a 455-yard giant, so you'll need accuracy from the tee and a pinpoint second shot downhill to make it to the protected green.

If you have more time in the city, make sure you check out Knock, Rockmount, and Dunmurry Golf Clubs. Off the course, visit Crumlin Road Gaol for history, Victoria Square for shopping, and The Friend at Hand Whiskey Shop and Tour for a wee dram



# West of NI

# The best of the west

















# Lough Erne Resort & Spa

# Faldo & Castle Hume Courses

The Faldo Course at Lough Erne Resort & Spa is one of the finest on the island of Ireland. Designed by six-time Major winner Nick Faldo, the 7167-yard par-72 takes full advantage of its 600-acre peninsula setting. Water is an ever-present hazard and the green of the 10th hole is even surrounded on three sides by the lake. The Castle Hume course is another par-72 championship track that has hosted an unprecedented 10 Ulster PGA Championships.

# **Erne Water Taxi**

To really travel in style in these parts, you need a chauffeur-driven water taxi. It's the best way to tour the serene Fermanagh Lakelands and island-hop at will. You can even explore Ireland's only island town, Enniskillen, from the water.

# **Cuilcagh Boardwalk**

Every visitor should see this. The Cuilcagh Boardwalk gives you jaw-dropping views to rival any in Ireland. The 1.6km boardwalk across the bogland of Cuilcagh Mountain is an exhilarating experience, whether you're out for a stroll or a veteran hillwalker.

# **Omagh Golf Club**

of West Tyrone.

# **Marble Arch Caves**

Fermanagh is even beautiful when viewed from below. The Marble Arch Caves are a fascinating natural labyrinth of caves, rivers, winding passages, and tunnels deep beneath the earth's surface. It's a one-off experience that's not to be missed, and it might be the only chance you ever get to take a subterranean boat ride!

# **Explore more:**

got more time? Visit the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh for some immersive time-travel, and Blakes of the Hollow in Enniskillen for live traditional music in a beautifully preserved old pub.

This might just be the ultimate 'stay and play' destination for golfers. The Lough Erne Resort & Spa is a luxurious hideaway in the Fermanagh Lakelands. You'll find stunning lakeside bars, the 3 AA Rosette Catalina Restaurant, a multi-awardwinning Thai spa, and two beautiful golf courses.

This course is famous for tough par-fours and speedy greens, so you'll have to be on your game in Omagh. The Drumragh River is an ever-present hazard through the front 9, while the back nine takes you towards the forest and some spectacular views



Derry

# First-class spots in our second city

















# **Roe Park**

Deep in the stunning Roe Valley Country Park, you'll find one of Northern Ireland's best golf resorts. The Roe Park Resort gives you a beautiful parkland course with spectacular views across Lough Foyle, the Inishowen Peninsula and Binevenagh Mountain. Add that to facilities that include the driving range, practice holes, indoor interactive video coaching system and much more. This is golfing heaven.

# **Castlerock Golf Club**

Castlerock is another stunning links course - two courses, in fact - on the Causeway Coastal Route. You'll play a par-5 that's been described as one of the most scenic holes in Irish golf and take on the famous 'Leg O'Mutton', a 200-yard par-3 with a raised green, a railway line to the right, and a stream to the left.

Here's the perfect city hideaway, somewhere packed with history but with all the contemporary comforts you'll ever need. This former Victorian clubhouse has actually hosted Winston Churchill and W.B. Yeats. But today, it's a chic hotel blending classic and contemporary in its Wig Champagne Bar and The Gown Restaurant.

# **Flavours of the city**

# **City Walls**

A tour of Derry-Londonderry's 450-year-old city walls is an absolute must for every visitor. These 17th Century fortifications have a fascinating history and make this the last completely walled city in Ireland and one of the finest examples in Europe. Don't miss your chance to explore them and meet 'Roaring Meg', the ear-splitting cannon used during the 1641 Siege.

# **Foyle Golf Club**

Foyle International Golf Centre gives you access to a championship standard par-71 course on the outskirts of Northern Ireland's second city. And the course attracts some pretty famous visitors – on 21st May 1932, after a gruelling 15-hour flight, Amelia Earhart had an emergency landing on what is now the 6th green!

# Explore more:

hungry for more of Derry-Londonderry? Check out the Peace Bridge, Tower Museum, Museum of Free Derry, and the Guildhall.

# **Bishops Gate Hotel**

As you would expect from one of Europe's youngest cities, the social and culinary scenes here are lively, adventurous and cool. Some of the best new spots include the Walled City Brewery, which was named the Best Gastro Pub in Ireland (Irish Restaurant Awards 2017), The Shipquay Restaurant, another example of the 'classic with a contemporary twist' vibe that Derry-Londonderry has mastered, and Paedar O'Donnell's, the home of live traditional music in the city.



# Links golf tour

# Top tips for your own links tour





















# **Royal County Down**

# **Ardglass Golf Club**

water hazard.

# **Bushmills Inn**

one roof.

**Royal Portrush** 

by the Rory Foundation.

# Harry's Shack

Make sure to find this much-loved beachside restaurant for stunning ocean views and a menu to match.

# Game of Thrones®

# Explore more:

Simply unmissable - the world's number one course.

# Slieve Donard Resort & Spa

A world-class spa and hotel right next door to the world's best golf course.

Make sure you play this dramatic links course, where the Irish Sea is an omnipresent

# **Causeway Coastal Route**

Explore the area named the world's #1 region to visit in 2018 (Lonely Planet).

# **Bushmills Distillery**

Take a tour and sample the goods at the world's oldest working distillery.

Don't miss this 400-year-old historic treasure for legends and luxury all under

Test your skills on the course that will host the 148th Open in 2019.

# **Portstewart Golf Club**

Follow in famous footsteps at the home of 2017's Dubai Duty Free Irish Open hosted

Visit the filming locations and legacy attractions of the world's biggest TV show.

with more time on your hands, you could also visit Cairndhu Golf Club and Ballycastle Golf Club more of Northern Ireland's superb links courses.

# What to do & where to stay

# Our food so good

### **Audacious Activities**

Enjoy a relaxing round of golf and then unleash your adventurous side with amazing activities in beautiful locations. Take a surf lesson along the north coast and experience the spectacular North Atlantic waves. Or test your mettle on a tree top adventure in the Sperrin Mountains. Check out canoe trails on Strangford Lough or go mountainbiking in the awe inspiring Mourne Mountains. Relax with cruising or canoeing through the wonderful Fermanagh Lakelands. A world of adventure awaits!

Learn more: www.discovernorthernireland.com/adventure

### **Glorious Gardens & Houses**

We aren't afraid of a bit of rain here - it's what makes our gardens grow- and we have plenty of exciting locations for you to choose from. All kinds, for all garden lovers, greenfingers and afternoon outers. There are grand gardens, walled gardens, woodland gardens – even Japanese gardens. The Antrim Garden Trail is newly established and includes a mix of public gardens and private gardens open by appointment.

Learn more: www.discovernorthernireland.com/gardens

### Unmissable Music

Love music? Want to experience something unique? Check out a vibrant local scene. Head to the local pub for a traditional session or have a go yourself at a traditional music school. Attend a concert featuring the world renowned Ulster Orchestra. Or if rock and pop is more your thing, then you'll find a host of venues and events across NI with upcoming artists or established heroes. You could even time your golf trip around one of our many music festivals and experience great music in a wonderful setting.

Learn more: www.discovernorthernireland.com/music

### Stay

Northern Ireland isn't just awash with picturesque panoramas, exciting happenings and delectable places to eat – there are endless wonderful places to sleep over too.

Whether you love the seaside, cityscapes or rural countryside, there's a place to stay that will suit you. Countless venues, lodgings, rooms and crash-pads.

With spectacular views, charming owners and a real sense of Northern Irish hospitality.

The range is varied from bunkhouses and campus accommodation to hotels, bed and breakfasts and self-catering.

For property information and special offers visit www.discovernorthernireland.com

Book online or through our Tourist Information Centres.

### A clean, unspoiled environment. A mild climate and great growing conditions. Outstanding quality ingredients. And above all, passionate producers.

These are the key factors driving Northern Ireland's emergence as a premium foodie destination. Here you will find artisan dairy products, incredible seafood and meats, exceptional fruit and vegetables, innovative spirits and traditional craft beers – not forgetting one of the world's most famous whiskeys – and a whole lot more, including three Geographically Protected Foods: Lough Neagh Eels, Armagh Bramley Apples and Comber Early Potatoes.

Across the country new and established chefs are showcasing the best of what we produce here – in sea-front restaurants along the Causeway Coastal Route; in contemporary bistros and restaurants in Belfast and Derry~Londonderry; in cosy country pubs. Eating out is an excellent way to discover and experience the range and quality of our food. But there are many others too – for example, local food tours in Belfast and in the Ards Peninsula; and craft beer, gin and whiskey tours of both new and historic distilleries. You might even like to take a class in one of our excellent chef-run cookery schools.









# **Travel information**

### GETTING TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Northern Ireland is easy to get to and easy to get around. Excellent fast ferry links from England and Scotland to Belfast and Larne, three airports with frequent, low-cost flights from the UK and beyond, plus good roads, buses and trains to take you where you want to go.

You can fly to Northern Ireland directly from a number of European and International destinations. Check with the airports directly for details of carriers and the most up-to-date scheduled and chartered flights.

### **BELEAST** INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIA)

T: +44 (0) 28 9448 4848 W: belfastairport.com

### Services to/from Belfast (Bus) T:+44 (0) 28 9066 6630

W: translink.co.uk

Airport Express 300 24 hr bus service betweer the airport and Belfast (departing every 15 minutes at peak times). Departs: bus stop at terminal exit.

### From BIA to Belfast

Coaches travel via: Templepatrick, M2 Motorway, Royal Avenue, Donegall Square South and terminate at Belfast's Europa Buscentre. Journey time: approx 30-40 minutes. Single £7. return £10.

### Services to/from Derry~Londonderry (Bus)

T: +44 (0) 28 7126 9996 W: airporter.co.uk Airporter operate a frequent coach service between Derry~Londonderry and both Belfast airports

### Services to/from Belfast and Derry~Londonderry (Rail)

**T:** + 44 (0) 28 9066 6630 W: translink.co.uk Nearest rail service operates from Antrim, six miles from BIA.

Taxi fare to Belfast City centre is approximately £25 - £30.

### SCHEDULED DESTINATIONS - A SELECTION (UK & EUROPE)

GEORGE BEST **BELFAST CITY** AIRPORT

T:+44(0)2890939093 W: belfastcitvairport.com

### Services to/from Belfast (Bus) T: +44 (0) 28 9066 6630

W: translink.co.uk

### Airport Express 600 Operates every 20 minutes at peak times to the city centre and Europa Buscentre, between 06:00 and 22:05 on weekdays (less frequent service on weekends). Single £2.20, return £3.30 The "Airporter" -

Operates to Derry~Londonderry. T: +44 (0) 28 7126 9996 W: airporter.co.uk

### Services to/from Belfast (Rail)

Nearest rail service operates from Sydenham halt, reached from a free shuttle bus service from the airport terminal, to Belfast Central and Great Victoria Street Stations. Monday-Friday: Operates a

twice hourly service between 06:21 and 22:53: less frequent service on weekends. Cost: £1.80

Taxi fare to the city centre is approximately £10.

### Rail services operate from Derry~Londonderry train station and run to Coleraine and Belfast. Full details are available on the Translink website

**CITY OF DERRY** 

AIRPORT

T:+44 (0) 28 7181 0784

W: cityofderryairport.com

Services to/from

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W: translink.co.uk

Derry~Londonderry (Bus)

scheduled services to and from

Street Bus Station in the city. Bus

centre, Limavady and Coleraine

Derry~Londonderry (Rail)

the airport to the main Foyle

143 or the 234 into the city

Services to/from

Ulsterbus operates various

Taxi fare from the airport to city centre is about £10-£12. Services from the Republic

### (Bus) W: buseireann.ie

Please note:

### Prices quoted were correct at time of print. Taxi prices are estimates Car hire is available from all three airports.



### **GETTING AROUND NORTHERN IRELAND**

### **Translink Bus and Train Services** T:+44 (0) 28 9066 6630, W: translink.co.uk

Within Belfast, the Metro bus service offers unlimited travel for £3.00/£3.50 per day. Check website for good value Day Returns and iLink card (unlimited bus and rail travel in NI)

Goldline 200 Express coach – (2hrs 25 mins) travels between Dublin Airport/City centre and Belfast, and operates a frequent service, day and night, 7 days a week.

To/from Dublin Airport: single £13.50 (€14), return £19.50 (€20); to/from Dublin City centre single £14 15 (€15) return £20.85 (€22)

Enterprise Train Dublin- Belfast (2hrs 5 mins). Standard single £28, standard return £30 (day) / £40 (monthly).

Driving and Speed Limits: Drive on the left and overtake on the right is the rule of the road. Speed limits: 30 miles per hour (mph) in towns unless signs show otherwise; 60mph on single carriageways; 70mph on dual carriageways and motorways.

### Passport/Visa Requirements

### Passport Advice Line (UK) T: 0300 222 0000

w:ips.gov.uk

UK nationals can travel without a passport but will need photographic identification. Individual airline and ferry company requirements can vary. Passports are not required for travel between Northern Ireland and the Republic. For further information. contact the British Embassy in your country of oriain.

### Bringing a pet?

UK Pet Travel Scheme helpline: T:+44(0)8702411710 w:defra.gov.uk

### Medical Insurance

T: 08456050707(UK) +44 (0) 191 212 7500

w:ehic.ora.uk You need to obtain a European Health

Insurance card (EHIC) which will allow you to access state-provided healthcare in all European Economic Area (EEA) countries at a reduced cost or sometimes free of charge. You can apply online at their website or by telephone. Visitors are strongly advised to take out private travel insurance

### Money

Sterling currency. Most large stores accept Euro, although generally you will get a better rate if you bring Sterling. Main credit cards are in general use but bring cash too. In main towns, bank hours are 09:30-16:30. Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) dispense cash at hundreds of locations, banks, garages and shopping centres. Bureau de Change are in larger bank branches, travel agents, the Belfast Welcome Centre, some other tourist information centres big hotels and at a few visitor attractions.

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Telephone

### Left Luggage

T:+44(0)2890246609 closing.

### Tipping

Check your bill to see if a service charge has been made. If not and you're satisfied with the service add 10-15%

### Public Holidays

New Year's Day

St. Patrick's Day

Easter Monday May Bank Holida

Spring Bank Holi

Good Friday

July Holiday

to Belfast City centre Sailings: Larne to Cairnryan

**BELFAST HARBOUR** 

Taxi fare is about £5-£7 to city

Sailings: Belfast to Cairnryan

LARNE HARBOUR

Trains to Belfast: £6.50 single.

T: +44 (0) 28 2887 2100

W: portoflarne.co.uk

Bus: £4.80 single.

Taxi is about £30

T: +44 (0) 28 9055 4422

W: belfast-harbour.co.uk

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Stena Line

W: stenaline.com

and Liverpool.

Car rental available P&0 W: poirishsea.com & Troon

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Car Parking: Car parking is permitted where there is a blue P sign which indicates a car park in towns or a lay-by at the roadside outside towns. Drivers can park elsewhere on the street except when there are double vellow lines which prohibits all parking, or a single vellow line which permits parking at limited times only. Pay heed to restriction

### Blue Badge parking scheme:

The scheme offers an important service for people with severe mobility problems, enabling badge holders to park close to where

Visitnidirect.gov.uk for information on the scheme and restrictions. Please note: badge holders are not entitled to free parking in Department for Regional Development charged car parks.

Car Rental: Prices for car rentals start from about £100 per week, though you should shop around to get the best deal to suit your needs. Age restrictions vary according to rental company but you must have a valid driving licence for more than one year. For further information visit byrla.com

Taxis: All legal taxis should display taxi licence plates. Taxis are generally private hire taxis and contact numbers are available in Yellow Pages or the BT Telephone Directories. Taxis are generally meter reading fares; if not ask the fare to your destination before setting off. In Belfast, taxi ranks are also available these are generally in the city centre or at some points of entry, and are London-type black cabs

To call Northern Ireland from abroad, dial 00 44

+ local number. From the Republic of Ireland. dial 048 + area code (without 0) + local number. From elsewhere in UK or to make an internal call, dial area code (with 0) + local number. To call the Republic from Northern Ireland, dial 00 353 + the area code (without 0) + local number

Belfast Welcome Centre is the only place that provides this service. £3 per item for up to 4hrs. £4.50 4hrs+. Last pick up is 15 minutes before

Banks are closed and transport services are reduced on public holidays. See www.discovernorthernireland.con for up-to-date details. January

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Some pubs with an Entertainment Licence can Club opening times vary depending

### Shopping

Victoria Square, Castle Court and many Belfast City centre stores have extended opening hours from 09:00 until 19:00 each weekday evening. Thursday is late night shopping until 21:00 (Wednesday - Friday in Victoria Square). Late night shopping varies in other towns/cities and may only include shopping centres/larger stores. On Sundays shops are open from 13:00 and stay open until 17:00/18:00 in Belfast and in many other towns/cities.

### VAT

While you are in Northern Ireland you will pay Value Added Tax (VAT) on most goods that you purchase. If you wish to get a refund of VAT for larger purchases ask the retailer if they participate in the Retail Export Scheme

### **Emergency Services**

Dial 999 for emergency services. If your passport is lost or stolen, contact the local police station, embassy or consulate.

### Accessibility

There are many accessible attractions throughout Northern Ireland. Please contact the venue to check accessibility provisions prior to visitina

### All Ireland Information

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