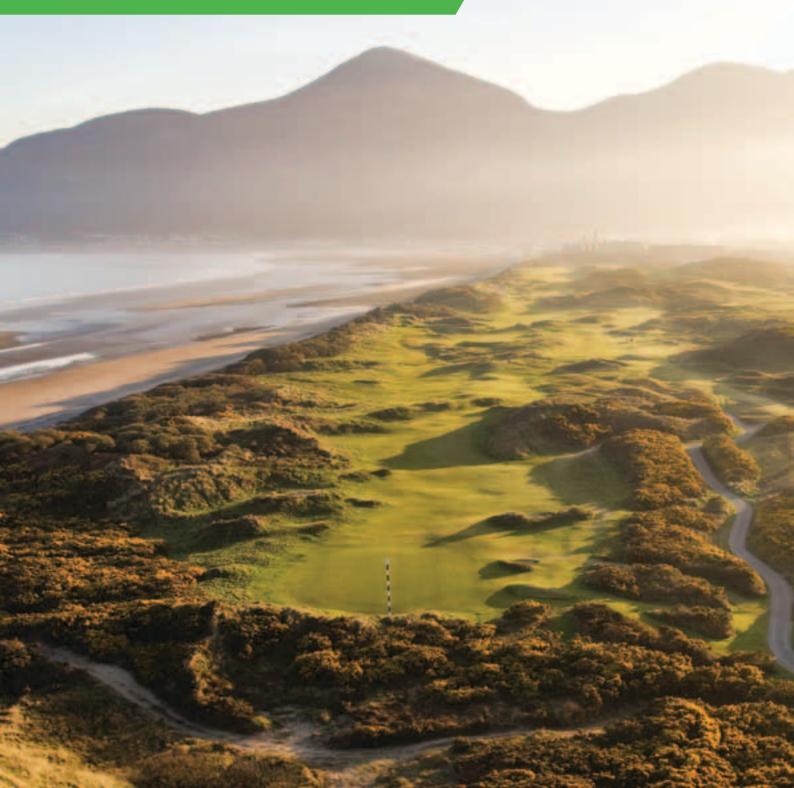


Northern Ireland Made for Golf



Could this be the best golf you'll ever experience?

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 more unusual still, Ardglass, Holywood, Kirkistown and Tandragee. 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 championship A, dramatically scenic settings, a slice of history, links or parkland, or simply idyllic tranquillity, Northern Ireland has it all.

We also have 3 superb golf resorts for you to enjoy. Lough Erne Resort in the heart of the Fermanagh Lakelands, Roe Park Resort near Derry~Londonderry and the Hilton Templepatrick Resort in the heart of Co. Antrim close to Lough Neagh.

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's soft climate, warmed by tropical gulf streams, makes it ideal for golf all year round. Dramatic landscapes, quality 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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Our reputation is growing...

We want to tell you all about golf in Northern Ireland: about our worldclass courses and our major champion golfers. About our pride at hosting the Irish Open. About the diversity of our courses: championship links, premium parklands and superb seaside layouts. We want to talk about the friendliness of the people, the outstanding scenery, the warmth of welcome and the fact that, wherever you are in Northern Ireland, it's easy to get a round.

However, we thought it best, that you heard it from the experts...

"We have fantastic golf courses, fantastic facilities, but to have three Major champions from a small place in a short period of time, it's just incredible.

It's brilliant for home."

Darren Clarke, Open Champion 2011

"I love being from Northern Ireland, and I never get tired of telling people how great it is. I'm delighted to support our golfing heritage wherever I am in the world."

Rory McIIroy, US Open Champion 2011

"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."

Graeme McDowell, US Open Champion 2010



"It's an enchanting little country that has become a giant as far as golf is concerned." David Brice, Golf International Inc.

Northern Ireland seems to have found a new, super-star status in the world of golf during the past couple of years, aided in no small part by the trio of golf champions this small country has produced. Rory, Graeme and Darren have become not only ambassadors for the game of golf, but ambassadors for their homeland, where golf is King.

Not only does this delightful country produce golf champions, it also boasts an enviable collection of some of the world's very best golf courses. Friendly and informal, challenging and invigorating, Northern Ireland's golf courses are increasingly being 'talked up' as a superb destination for both the serious and casual golfer.

The passion began when Royal Belfast laid down a golf course in 1881, reputed to be the oldest in Ireland. The game quickly caught on and today Northern Ireland can boast over 90 courses in what is a very small and compact area. All the courses are easily accessible within a short drive of each other. Even playing a pair of different layouts each day, there would barely be enough time to include every course that calls out to be played and still there would be gems left out.

Northern Ireland's 'jewels in the crown' are Royal County Down and Royal Portrush, both regularly ranked in the world's top 20 courses. If you reflect on the marvellous collection of green sites, you will appreciate that Mother Nature was the principal architect at these courses. Many of our most respected courses were designed by the leading and most innovative course architects of the day such as Harry S. Colt, Old Tom Morris and Alister MacKenzie - who designed the Augusta National Golf Club.

In Northern Ireland, you have found the right place to fulfil your golfing dreams.

Darren Clarke became the first player to win the English Open three times in 2002 and in 2003 became the first player other than Tiger Woods to capture more than one World Golf Championship title. In 2011 Darren won The Open Championship at Royal St. George's.

Graeme McDowell is the first Northern Ireland golfer to win the US Open Championship. He is also the first Northern Ireland man to win a major since Fred Daly won the 1947 Open Championship.

Rory McIlroy won the 2011 US Open at Congressional Country Club with the lowest score in history, 16 under par. Turning professional in September 2007, Rory had soared up the World Rankings to number one by May 2012.

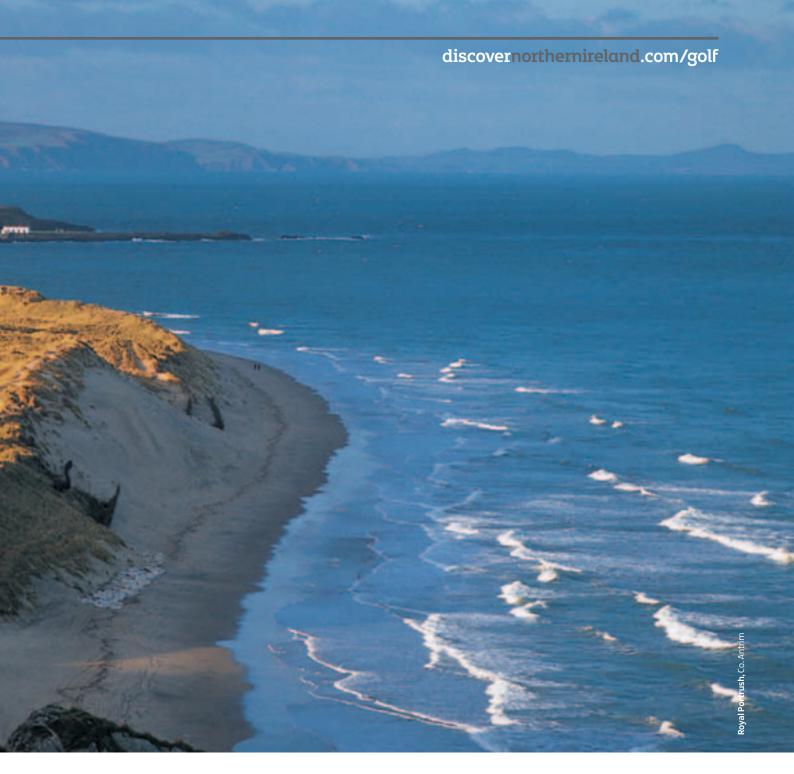


Northern Ireland links courses are an experience you will remember forever.

There are links courses in the world that have a truly unique effect on golfers. They arouse the feeling that you've experienced something extraordinary courses that inspire and put your skills to the ultimate test. Imagine bracing winds that can turn from ally to adversary in a second, and immense sand dunes hiding all manner of pitfalls and possibilities.

A third of the world's links courses are in Ireland, and in Northern Ireland you will find links courses like no other including two of the world's top ranked courses, Royal Portrush and Royal County Down.

But one would be wise not to forget such hidden gems as Ardglass, Kirkistown Castle, Portstewart and Castlerock. In fact all of our accredited links courses have something special to offer golfers. Links play in Northern Ireland is the closest to an extreme sport golf can get.



No wonder some of our courses regularly feature in top 20 world golf rankings and have been hosts to international events such as the British Seniors Open, British Open and now the Irish Open.

You can be guaranteed visual drama at all our links courses, with stunning scenery, constant sea views, towering dunes and twisting terrain. Majestic, world-renowned, ruthlessly challenging, deviously exhilarating.

"True links is tumultuous topography that can't be built by blueprint, only by centuries of sea-blown sands."

Tom Coyne, A Course called Ireland



When it comes to superb parkland courses in Northern Ireland, you'll be spoiled for choice.

In fact, you can barely step out the door without stumbling upon a new parkland challenge full of lush rolling hills, fiendishly tricky greens and outstanding views. Temptation abounds!

But don't be fooled by the gentle slopes. Our accredited parkland courses can be just as challenging as our infamous links courses, full of twists and turns designed to deceive with lake and river shots demanding pin-point accuracy. Some of the world's finest

players and designers have had a hand in laying out our parkland courses, among them Harry S. Colt, James Braid and Eddie Hackett.

Many of our parkland courses are conveniently close, even within our cities. Royal Belfast, winner of the Parkland of the Year Award in 2013, and one of the founder clubs of the Golfing Union of Ireland, is mere minutes outside the city and is just one of over a dozen superb Belfast courses. Stunning clubs such as Malone and Belvoir Park are ideal for combining 18 holes with shopping, theatre, museums and other city attractions.

For rural breaks, check out Clandeboye near the lively, attractive seaside resort of Bangor, the mature parkland of Foyle Golf Club - still buzzing from the UK City of Culture 2013 celebrations in Derry~Londonderry - and Roe Park, set in a beautiful valley opening onto the magnificent Causeway Coast—gateway to some of our most spectacular natural attractions including the Giant's Causeway.

City-scapes, country breaks and more challenges than you can shake a stick at, we'll spoil you in the best possible way.

Make your golf event-ful

April

Down Links Spring Trophy

Venues: Royal County Down, Ardglass & Kirkistown Castle www.countydowngolf.com

June

Causeway Coast Amateur Golf Tournament

Venues: Royal Portrush, Ballycastle, Castlerock & Ballyliffin

Tel: **+44 (0) 28 7086 8140 www.causewaycoastgolf.com**

The British Amateur Championship

Venue: Royal Portrush Golf Club

Tel: +44 (0) 28 7082 2311 www.royalportrushgolfclub.com

July

British Blind Golf Open

Venue: Hilton Templepatrick Golf Club

Tel: **+44 (0) 28 9443 5542**

www.hiltontemplepatrickgolf.com

August

Girls' British Open Amateur Championship

Venue: Massereene Golf Club Tel: +44 (0) 28 9442 8096 www.massereene.com

NI Open

Venue: Galgorm Castle Golf Club

Tel: **+44 (0) 28 2564 6161** www.niopen.co.uk

Down Links Summer Trophy

Venues: Royal County Down, Ardglass & St Patrick's Golf Club. www.countydowngolf.com

October

Great North Links Challenge

Venues: Royal Portrush, Portstewart & Ballyliffin

www.ballyliffingolfclub.com

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Northern Ireland Made for Golf



Quality to a tee

As if further proof was needed that our place is the best place to play golf... 31 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.

Alan Clarke, Northern Ireland Tourist Board Chief Executive commented "Seeing some of our best clubs sign up to this scheme is surely a sign of the golf industry's commitment to providing the best experience for all visitors.

Having these high standards for our golf industry means you can enjoy the experience at every step, from arrival at 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 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.





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.

Soft Spikes & Handicap

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.

Most clubs offer group rates which include green fees and club house catering. Clubs may offer concesson rates for students, juveniles 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 popular championship courses. Simply make arrangements beforehand.

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.

Key Symbols



9 hole course



Caddies available



Driving range









Euro accepted



Golf buggies for hire



Bar and restaurant Dress code







Indoor video academy



trolley hire

Mandatory

soft spikes





Online booking





Society discount



Putting green

Price Bands

BEBBB Over £100









** Green Fees based on Mid Week High Season



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.

"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 Ardglass style, a restored castle. Bring plenty of spare golf balls!

Did you know?

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



Main Map Reference G4, 01

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www.ardglassgolfclub.com





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.



Main Map Reference E2,02

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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).



Main Map Reference F3, 03

Bangor Golf Club, Broadway, Bangor, County Down, BT20 4RH Tel: **+44 (0) 28 9127 0922**

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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.

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".

Did you know?

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. **Best days for visitors to play:** Mon, Tues or Thurs



Main Map Reference F3, 04

73-75 Church Road, Newtownbreda, Belfast, County Antrim, BT8 7AN Tel: +44 (0) 28 9049 1693 Email: info@belvoirparkgolfclub.com

www.belvoirparkgolfclub.com





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.

Par: 70

Best days for visitors to play:

Mon - Fri and Sun



Main Map Reference F2, 05

192 Coast Road, Ballygally, County Antrim, BT40 2QG Tel: +44 (0) 28 2858 3324 Email: cairndhugc@btconnect.com

www.cairndhugolfclub.co.uk





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 qualities 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 more feel relieved when it is behind them.

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.

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.

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



Main Map Reference D2, 06

65 Circular Road, Castlerock, County Londonderry, BT51 4TJ Tel: +44 (0) 28 7084 8314 Email: info@castlerockgc.co.uk

www.castlerockgc.co.uk





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 52nd 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.

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.

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



Main Map Reference F3, 07

51 Tower Road, Conlig, Newtownards, County Down, BT23 3PN Tel: +44 (0) 28 9127 1767 Email: office@cgc-ni.com

www.cgc-ni.com





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-inone on the 9th hole in 2005 on the same week, with the same ball, same club – and he had a Bishop to witness it!



Main Map Reference D4, 08

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www.dungannongolfclub.com





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 your 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!

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



Main Map Reference E4, 09

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Foyle boasts a superb golf complex with two courses, an impressive modern driving range with teaching academy, retail superstore, and a lively bar and restaurant. Set on the outskirts of the historic Walled City of Derry and overlooking the famous Donegal hills, it is a must for any visitor to the North West.

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.

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.

Best days for visitors to play: Any day



Main Map Reference C2, 10

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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.

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 4 13th. 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.

Did you know?

Tall poplar trees fill this course. Legend has it that Treffner, a gardner 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.

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



Main Map Reference F3, 12

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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.

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.

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.



Main Map Reference F5, 14

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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.

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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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!

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.

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.



Main Map Reference C4, 17

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The layout of its 27 holes, the lake, the tree lined drive and the seasonal splendour of flowers and trees make Malone a special place to play golf.

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.

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.

Best days for visitors to play:

Mon, Wedam, Thurs, Fri and Sun



Main Map Reference F4, 18

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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.

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.

Length of course in yards: 6603

Par: 72

Best days for visitors to play: Sun - Fri



Main Map Reference E3, 19

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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

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.

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.

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.

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Best days for visitors to play:

Mon – Fri and Sun



Main Map Reference D3, 21

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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.

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.

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.

Par: 72

Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri am and Sun



Main Map Reference F4, 23

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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. 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.

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. **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.

Did you know?

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. **Best days for visitors to play:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sun - Restrictions on Sat



Main Map Reference F3, 25

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Through all the changes of the years, Royal County Down has retained its essential character. "It is one of those rare courses where you could feel a perfect handshake between the hand that created the land and the hand that shaped it into a golf course." (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."

Did you know?

Royal County Down was originally laid out in 1889 by 'Old' Tom Morris from St. Andrews. 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.

Par: Championship: 71; Annesley: 66

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

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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 45th, 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?

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.

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

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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.

Best days for visitors to play:

Thurs and Fri



Main Map Reference F3, 28

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Naturally crafted out of the historic drumlins of Down, St. Patrick's is a classic and challenging parkland course, boasting spectacular views of the County, including the Mountains of Mourne, Strangford Lough and as far as the Isle of Man.

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 31th, 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.

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.

Par: 69

Best days for visitors to play:Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri and Sun afternoon



Main Map Reference G4, 29

43 Saul Road, Downpatrick, County Down, BT30 6PA Tel: +44 (0) 28 4461 5947 Email: info@downpatrickgolfclub.org.uk

www.stpatricksgolfclub.com





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

The course was developed in 1911 on the Duke of Manchester's Estate and green fees were collected at the Gate Lodge, which is still the entrance to the 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.

Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sun



Main Map Reference E4, 30

Markethill Road, Tandragee, County Armagh, BT62 2ER Tel: +44 (0) 28 3884 1272 Email: office@tandragee.co.uk

www.tandragee.co.uk





Warrenpoint Golf Club

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.

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.

At a glance

Type of course: Parkland Length of course in yards: 6173 **Par:** 70

Best days for visitors to play: Mon, Thurs, Fri and Sun



Main Map Reference E5, 31

Lower Dromore Road, Warrenpoint, County Down, BT343LN Tel: +44 (0) 28 4175 3695 Email: office@warrenpointgolf.com

www.warrenpointgolf.com



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!





Aberdelghy Golf Course

Main Map Reference F4, 32 Bells Lane, Lambeg, County Antrim, BT27 4QH

T: +44 (0) 28 9266 2738

www.aberdelghygolfcourse.co.uk

Ashfield Golf Club

Main Map Reference E5,35

Cregganduff Road, Newry, County Down, BT35 ONA

T: +44 (0) 28 3086 8180

www.ashfieldgolfcourse.com

Balmoral Golf Club

Main Map Reference F4, 38

518 Lisburn Road, Belfast, County Antrim, BT9 6GX

T: +44 (0) 28 9038 1514

www.balmoralgolf.com

Blackwood Golf Centre

Main Map Reference F3, 41

150 Crawfordsburn Road, Clandeboye, Bangor, County Down, BT191GB

T: +44 (0) 28 9185 2706

www.blackwoodgolfcentre.com

Allen Park Golf Centre

Main Map Reference F3,33

45 Castle Road, Antrim, County Antrim, BT41 4NA

T: +44 (0) 28 9442 9001

www.antrim.gov.uk

Ballyclare Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 36

25 Springvale Road, Ballyclare, County Antrim, BT39 9JW

T: **+44 (0) 28 9332 2696**

www.ballyclaregolfclub.com

Banbridge Golf Club

Main Map Reference E4, 39

116 Huntly Road, Banbridge, County Down, BT32 3UR

T: +44 (0) 28 4066 2211

www.banbridgegolfclub.com

Brown Trout Golf Club

Main Map Reference E2, 42

209 Agivey Road, Coleraine, County Londonderry, BT51 4AD

T: +44 (0) 28 7086 8209

www.browntroutinn.com

Ardminnan Golf Club

Main Map Reference G4, 34

15 Ardminnan Road, Portaferry, County Down, BT22 1QJ

T: +44 (0) 28 4277 1321

E: sales@ardminnan.com

www.ardminnan.com

Ballymena Golf Club

Main Map Reference E3, 37

128 Raceview Road, Ballymena, County Antrim, BT42 4HY

T: +44 (0) 28 2586 1487

www.ballymenagolfclub.com

Bentra Golf Course

Main Map Reference F3, 40

Slaughterford Road, Whitehead, County Antrim, BT38 9TG

T: +44 (0) 28 9337 8996

www.bentragolf.co.uk

Burnfield House Golf Course

Main Map Reference F3, 43

10 Cullyburn Road, Newtownabbey, County Antrim, BT36 5BN

T: +44 (0) 28 9083 8448

www.burnfieldhouse.co.uk



Bushfoot Golf Club

Main Map Reference E1, 44
50 Bushfoot Road, Portballintrae,
County Antrim, BT57 8RR

T: +44 (0) 28 2073 1317

www.bushfootgolfclub.co.uk

Castlereagh Hills Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 47

Upper Braniel Road, Belfast, County Down, BT57TX

T: +44 (0) 28 9044 8477

www.castlereaghhills.com

Cliftonville Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 50

44 Westland Road, Belfast, BT14 6NH

T: +44 (0) 28 9074 6595

www.cliftonvillegolfclub.com

Colin Valley Golf Club

Main Map Reference E4, 53

115 Blacks Rd, Dunmurry, Belfast, BT10 ONF

T: +44 (0) 28 9060 1133

www.colinpark.net

Carnalea Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 45

Station Road, Bangor, County Down, BT191EZ

T: +44 (0) 28 9127 0368

www.carnaleagolfclub.co.uk

City of Belfast Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 48

610 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, County Antrim, BT36 4RF

T: +44 (0) 28 9084 3799

www.cityofbelfastgolfclub.com

Clogher Valley Golf Club

Main Map Reference C4, 51

476 Belfast Road, Fivemiletown, Co. Fermanagh, BT75 OSE

T: +44 (0) 28 8952 1739 E: info@cloghervalleygc.co.uk

www.cloghervalleygc.co.uk

County Armagh Golf Club

Main Map Reference E4, 54

The Palace Demesne, Armagh, County Armagh, BT601EN

T: +44 (0) 28 3752 5861

www.golfarmagh.co.uk

Carrickfergus Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 46

35 North Road, Carrickfergus, County Antrim, BT38 8LP

T: +44 (0) 28 9336 3713

www.carrickfergusgolfclub.co.uk

City of Derry Golf Club

Main Map Reference C2, 49

49 Victoria Road, Londonderry County Londonderry, BT47 2PU

T: +44 (0) 28 7134 6369

www.cityofderrygolfclub.com

Cloverhill Golf Club

Main Map Reference E5, 52

Lough Road, Mullaghbawn, Newry, BT35 9XP

T: +44 (0) 28 3088 9374

www.cloverhillgolfclub.co.uk

Craigavon Golf Club

Main Map Reference E4, 65

Craigavon Golf/Ski Centre, Turmoyra Lane, Silverwood, Lurgan, County Armagh, BT66 6NG

T: +44 (0) 28 3832 6606

www.craigavonactivity.org



Crossgar Golf Club

Main Map Reference F4, 56

231 Derryboye Road, Crossgar, Downpatrick, County Down, BT30 9DL

T: +44 (0) 28 4483 1523 www.crossgargolfclub.com

Cushendall Golf Club

Main Map Reference F2, 57 21 Shore Road, Cushendall, County Antrim, BT44 ONG

T: +44 (0) 28 2177 1318 www.cushendallgolfclub.com

Dunmurry Golf Club

Main Map Reference F4, 60

91 Dunmurry Lane, Belfast,

County Antrim, BT179JS

T: +44 (0) 28 9061 0834

www.dunmurrygolfclub.com

Main Map Reference C4, 61 Castle Coole Road, Enniskillen,

T: +44 (0) 28 6632 5250

www.enniskillengolfclub.com

Fortwilliam Golf Club

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County Antrim, BT15 4EZ T: +44 (0) 28 9037 0770 www.fortwilliamgc.co.uk

Helen's Bay Golf Club

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Enniskillen Golf Club

County Fermanagh, BT74 6HZ

Gracehill Golf Club

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Ballymoney, County Antrim, BT538PX

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Killymoon Golf Club

Main Map Reference E3, 69

200 Killymoon Road, Cookstown, County Tyrone, BT80 8TW

T: +44 (0) 28 8676 3762 www.killymoongolfclub.com

Donaghadee Golf Club

Main Map Reference G3, 58

84 Warren Road, Donaghadee, County Down, BT21 OPQ

T: +44 (0) 28 9188 3624

www.donaghadeegolfclub.com

Faughan Valley Golf Club

Main Map Reference D2, 62

8a Carmoney Road, Eglinton, County Londonderry, BT473JH

T: +44 (0) 28 7186 0707

www.faughanvalleygolfclub.co.uk

Greenacres Golf Centre

Main Map Reference F3, 66

155 Ballyrobert Road, Ballyclare, County Antrim, BT39 9RT

T: +44 (0) 28 9335 4111

www.greenacresgolfcentre.co.uk

Kilrea Golf Club

Main Map Reference E2, 70

47a Lisnagrot Road, Kilrea, Coleraine, County Antrim, BT515SF

T: +44 (0) 28 2954 0044 www.kilreagolfclub.net

Down Royal Park **Golf Course**

Main Map Reference F4, 59

Down Royal Golf Club, 6 Dunygarton Rd, Maze, Lisburn, County Antrim, BT27 5RT

T: +44 (0) 28 9262 1339 www.downroyalgolf.com

Fintona Golf Club

Main Map Reference C4, 63

Eccleville Demesne, 1 Kiln Street, Fintona, County Tyrone, BT78 2BL

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Greenisland Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 67

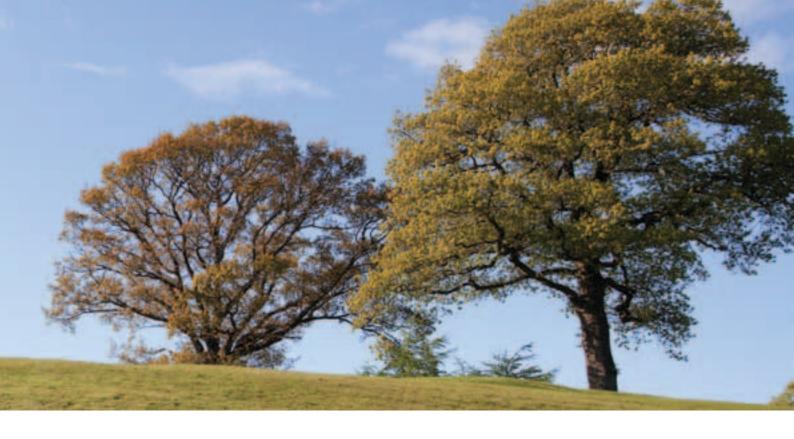
156 Upper Road, Greenisland, County Antrim, BT38 8RW

T: +44 (0) 28 9086 2236 www.greenislandgolfclub.co.uk

Knock Golf Club

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Larne Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 72

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T: +44 (0) 28 9338 2228

www.larnegolfclub.co.uk

Manor Golf Club

Main Map Reference E2, 76

69 Bridge Street, Kilrea County Londonderry, BT51 5RR

T: +44 (0) 28 2954 1351

www.manorhousekilrea.com

Ormeau Golf Club

Main Map Reference F4, 80

50 Park Road, Belfast, County Antrim, BT7 2FX

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www.ormeaugolfclub.co.uk

Strabane Golf Club

Main Map Reference C3, 84

33 Ballycolman Road, Strabane, County Tyrone, BT82 9PH

T: +44 (0) 28 7138 2007

www.strabanegolfclub.co.uk

Loughgall Country Park

Main Map Reference E4, 73

11-14 Main Street, Loughgall County Armagh, BT618HZ

T: +44 (0) 28 3889 2900

www.loughgallcountrypark.co.uk

Mayobridge Golf Club

Main Map Reference F5, 77

50 Crossan Road, Mayobridge, Newry, County Down, BT342HY

T: +44 (0) 28 3085 0295

www.mayobridgegolf.com

Portadown Golf Club

Main Map Reference E4, 81

192 Gilford Road, Portadown, County Armagh, BT635LF

T: +44 (0) 28 3835 5356

www.portadowngolfclub.co.uk

Temple Golf And Country Club

Main Map Reference F4, 85

60 Church Road. Boardmills, Lisburn County Antrim, BT276UP

T: +44 (0) 28 9263 9213

www.templegolf.com

Lurgan Golf Club

Main Map Reference E4, 74

The Demesne, Lurgan County Armagh, BT67 9BN

T: +44 (0) 28 3832 2087

www.lurgangolfclub.com

Mount Ober Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 78

24 Ballymaconaghy Road, Belfast, BT8 6SB

T: +44 (0) 28 9079 5666

www.mountober.com

Scrabo Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 82

233 Scrabo Road, Newtownards, County Down, BT23 4SL

T: +44 (0) 28 9181 2355

www.scrabo-golf-club.org

Whitehead Golf Club

Main Map Reference F3, 86

Whitehead Golf Club, McCrae's

Brae, Whitehead, County Antrim,

BT38 9NZ

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

Mahee Island Golf Club

Main Map Reference G4, 75

Mahee Island, Comber County Down, BT236EP

T: +44 (0) 28 9754 1234

www.maheegolf.com

Moyola Park Golf Club

Main Map Reference E3, 79

15 Curran Road, Castledawson, County Londonderry, BT458DG

T: +44 (0) 28 7946 8468 www.moyolaparkgolfclub.com

Spa Golf Club

Main Map Reference F4, 83

20 Grove Road, Ballynahinch, County Down, BT248PN

T: +44 (0) 28 9756 2365

www.spagolfclub.net





Play Castlerock Golf Club

Visit the nearby Mussenden Temple and Downhill Demesne. The iconic Mussenden Temple was inspired by the Temple of Vesta in Tivoli, near Rome. Built by the Earl Bishop of Derry as a summer library it occupies a dramatic clifftop setting overlooking the picturesque seven mile Benone Strand.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ni

Day 2

Play Portstewart Golf Club

Take a tour of **The Old Bushmills' Distillery**, the oldest whiskey distillery in Ireland. Discover the craft of whiskey making honed over 400 years using the same traditional methods to create the finest Irish whiskeys. www.bushmills.com

Day 3

Play Royal Portrush Golf Club

Visit Ireland's number one tourist attraction, the **Giant's Causeway**, a World Heritage Site. The extraordinary geometric columns were formed as a result of volcanic activity over 60 million years ago. The exciting new Giant's Causeway Visitor Experience interpretive centre tells the stories both factual and mythical about the causeway stones.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giantscauseway

Day 4

Play Ballycastle Golf Club

Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge is an exhilarating rope bridge challenge over a 20 metre wide chasm. Originally erected by salmon fishermen it is open all year (weather permitting) for a truly breathtaking experience.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ni





Play Clandeboye Golf Club or Bangor Golf Club

Visit Mount Stewart, an 18th Century mansion with exceptional gardens; from a flamboyant Italian garden to a Celtic shamrock garden and exuberant sunken garden.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ni

Day 2

Play Kilkeel Golf Club or Kirkistown Castle Golf Club

The story of Ireland's patron saint is told at the Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, culminating in a fantastic IMAX presentation and virtual flight. Or visit Oxford Island National Nature Reserve, where nature lovers can wonder through woodland and wildflower meadows or observer birds from watching hides in the reserve.

www.discovercraigavon.com www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Day 3

Play Royal County Down Golf Course or Ardglass Golf Club

Visit Exploris, Northern Ireland's only aquarium and seal rescue centre or nearby Castle Ward, an 820 acre walled demesne, with extensive walking, cycling and horse riding trails.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ni www.exploris.org.uk

Day 4

Play Tandragee Golf Club or Warrenpoint Golf Club

Visit Navan Centre and Fort, which uncovers myths and legends around some of our mystical characters such as Cu Chulainn and an appreciation of the history of the area.

www.navan.com

Day 5

Play St. Patrick's Golf Club or Edenmore Golf Club

Visit Down Cathedral and St. Patrick's Grave.
See the memorial stone placed in 1911 which marks the supposed grave of St. Patrick.
www.downcathedral.org





Play Belvoir Park Golf Club

Titanic Belfast is the world's largest Titanic visitor experience. Housed in an iconic sixfloor building, this state-of-the-art visitor experience will tell you the story of the Titanic. Or alternatively experience the Titanic story by boat, luxury car and bus tours.

www.discovernorthernireland.com/titanic www.titanicbelfast.com

Day 2

Play Malone Golf Club

Visit **Belfast Zoological Gardens**, adjacent to Cave Hill Country Park, giving panoramic views over Belfast Lough. Call into **Belfast Castle Visitor Centre** for the history of **Cave Hill** and the story of how the castle was built.

www.belfastcastle.co.uk www.belfastzoo.co.uk

Day 3

Play Royal Belfast Golf Club

Visit the **Ulster Folk and Transport Museum** and step back in time to early 20th century Ireland with guides in period costume uncovering 100 years of living history. Discover horse-drawn carriages, steam locomotives, motorbikes and vintage cars in the transport section of the Museum.

www.nmni.com/uftm

Day 4

Play Rockmount Golf Club or Lisburn Golf Club

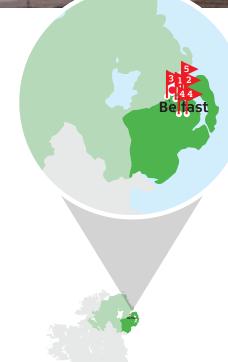
See a different view of **Belfast** from an opentop bus, black taxi, walking, bike or boat tour. Themed tours include Belfast Bred Food Tour, C.S. Lewis Tour and Belfast Music Tour.

www.discovernorthernireland.com/touring

Day 5

Play Shandon Park Golf Club

Visit St George's Market, home to some of the finest produce in the city. There has been a market on the St George's site since 1604. It won 'best large indoor market' in the UK in 2014.





Play Faldo Championship at Lough Erne Resort

Visit Florence Court, a beautiful Georgian house nestled against the backdrop of the Cuileagh Mountains, or Castle Coole a neoclassical masterpiece capturing the elegance and opulence of its era.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ni

Day 2

Play Newtownstewart Golf Club or Omagh Golf Club

Immerse yourself in the story of Irish emigration at the museum that brings it to life. At the **Ulster American Folk Park**, you'll experience an adventure that takes you from the thatched cottages of Ulster to the log cabins of the American frontier.

www.nmni.com/uafp

Day 3

Play Foyle Golf Club

Learn about Derry~Londonderry's past and present by going on a guided walking tour. Stroll along the historic walkway of Derry's City Walls, built over 400 years ago. This is Ireland's only remaining walled city and 24 of the original cannons continue to hold pride of place.

www.derryvisitor.com

Day 4

Play Roe Park Golf Club

The Tower Museum immerses you in Londonderry's potent history with two engrossing exhibitions: The Story of Derry Exhibition narrates the city's development from monastic times to present day and An Armada Shipwreck, the story of a Spanish galleon that sank off the Donegal coast in 1588.

www.derrycity.gov.uk/museums

Day 5

Play Dungannon Golf Club

Visit **The Argory**, built in 1820s on a hillside location with splendid views over the gardens and 320 acre wooded estate. Stroll the delightful gardens or walk the woodland and riverside way marked trails. Visit the tea rooms and book shop.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/argory





Play Galgorm Castle Golf Club

Glenarm Castle has been the family home of the Earls of Antrim for over 400 years.
The Walled Garden is one of Ireland's oldest gardens filled with flowers and specimen plants from May to September. Visit the Tea Room now located in the old Mushroom House.

www.glenarmcastle.com

Day 2

Play Hilton Templepatrick Golf Club

Carrickfergus Castle is one of Northern
Ireland's most striking monuments. The 800
year old castle, built by the Normans, was the
first building of its kind in the North of Ireland.
Learn about the castle's transformation over
time from family home to centre of royal power,
through to today's modern visitor experience.

www.doeni.gov.uk/niea

Day 3

Play Cairndhu Golf Club

Discover Carnfunnock Country Park on the Causeway Coastal Route. The park covers 191 hectares of mixed woodland, colourful gardens, walking trails and spectacular coastline with panoramic views. Explore the walled garden with its unique sundials and wooden sculptures, the maritime themed outdoor adventure playground, stroll the way-marked walks or picnic in one of the purpose built picnic sites.

www.carnfunnock.co.uk

Day 4

Play Holywood Golf Club

For a family fun day out, **W5** is a full day of exploration and discovery. With nearly 200 interactive exhibits and a changing programme of events and exhibitions, there is lots to see and do for everyone.

www.w5online.co.uk

Day 5

Play Massereene Golf Club

Massereene Golf Club is on the shores of Lough Neagh, the largest freshwater lake in the British Isles. Visit Lough Shore Park, feed the swans, enjoy a picnic or walk the many pathways.

www.antrim.gov.uk



What to do & where to stay

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 mountain-biking 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. discover norther nireland. com/gardens

Fabulous Food

Northern Ireland is a great destination for lovers of good food and drink. Atmospheric restaurants, cosy bars and informal cafés serving the very best seasonal dishes.

From sea-front restaurants along the Causeway Coastal Route to seafood bars at the foot of the Mourne Mountains, contemporary city restaurants in Belfast and Londonderry, and hearty pub grub in beautiful rural spots. The quality and authenticity of our local produce is undeniable too—with many producers shining with a number of recent world-wide accolades.

Learn more:

www.discovernorthernireland.com/food

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**.



travel information

GETTING TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Northern Ireland is easy to get to, 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.

BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIA)

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

Services to/from Belfast (Bus)

T: +44 (0) 28 9066 6630

www.translink.co.uk

Airport Express 300

24 hr bus service between 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 Londonderry (Bus)

T: +44 (0) 28 7126 9996

www.airporter.co.uk

Airporter operate a frequent coach service between Londonderry and both Belfast airports.

Services to/from Belfast and Londonderry (Rail)

T: + 44 (0) 28 9066 6630 www.translink.co.uk

Nearest rail service operates from Antrim, six miles from BIA.

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

GEORGE BEST BELFAST CITY AIRPORT

T: +44 (0) 28 9093 9093 www.belfastcityairport.com

Services to/from Belfast (Bus)

T: +44 (0) 28 9066 6630 www.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 Londonderry.

T: +44 (0) 28 7126 9996 www.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.

CITY OF DERRY AIRPORT

T: +44 (0) 28 7181 0784 www.cityofderryairport.com

Services to/from Londonderry (Bus)

T: +44 (0) 28 9066 6630 www.translink.co.uk

Ulsterbus operates various scheduled services to and from the airport to the main Foyle Street Bus Station in the city. Bus 143 or the 234 into the city centre, Limavady and Coleraine.

Services to/from Londonderry (Rail)

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

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

Services from the Republic of Ireland to Londonderry (Bus)

www.buseireann.ie

BELFAST HARBOUR

T: +44 (0) 28 9055 4422 www.belfast-harbour.co.uk

Taxi fare is about £5-£7 to city centre.

Stena Line

www.stenaline.com

Sailings: Belfast to Cairnryan and Liverpool.

Seacat

www.steam-packet.com Sailings: Belfast to Isle of Man (Douglas) - seasonal.

LARNE HARBOUR

T: +44 (0) 28 2887 2100 www.portoflarne.co.uk

Trains to Belfast: £6.50 single. Bus: £4.80 single. Taxi is about £30 to Belfast City centre. Car rental available.

P&0

www.poirishsea.com

Sailings: Larne to Cairnryan & Troon.

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

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GETTING AROUND NORTHERN IRELAND

Translink Bus and Train Services

T: +44 (0) 28 9066 6630, W: www.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; 60 mph on single carriageways; 70 mph on dual carriageways and

motorways.

Seat belts are mandatory for drivers and all passengers and motorcyclists must wear crash helmets.

Visit www.nidirect.gov.uk/motoring for the Highway Code online

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 yellow lines which prohibits all parking, or a single yellow line which permits parking at limited times only. Pay heed to restriction notices.

Blue Badge parking scheme:

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

Visit www.nidirect.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 www.bvrla.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.

Passport/Visa Requirements

Passport Advice Line (UK) T: 0300 222 0000

www.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 origin.

Bringing a pet?

UK Pet Travel Scheme helpline: T: +44 (0) 870 241 1710

www.defra.gov.uk

Medical Insurance

T: 0845 605 0707 (UK) +44 (0) 191 212 7500

www.ehic.org.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.

Telephone

To call Northern Ireland from abroad, dial 00 44 + area code (without 0) + 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.

Left Luggage

T: +44 (0) 28 9024 6609

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 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

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

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New Year's Day
St. Patrick's Day
Good Friday
Easter Monday
May Bank Holiday
Spring Bank Holiday

(early June 2012)

July Holiday mid July
August Bank Holiday end August
Christmas Day December
Boxing Day December

Pub Licensing Hours

Monday-Saturday: 11:30 – 23:00. Sunday: 12:30 – 22:00. Some pubs with an Entertainment Licence can serve alcohol until 01:00. Club opening times vary depending on the club.

Shopping

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 visiting.

www.adaptni.org

All Ireland Information

For details on the rest of Ireland visit: www.discoverireland.com

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