

NORTHERN IRELAND LINKS ITINERARIES

Northern Ireland Links of the Champions

The Magnificent Antrim Coast: The Giants Causeway: Royal Portrush Golf Club: Royal County Down Golf Club; The Irish Open and now the number one golfer in the world 'Rory McIlroy' equals the best of Northern Ireland.

We call it the Northern Ireland; 'Links of the Champions'..where you can play the courses that Darren Clarke (2011 British Open Champion) Graeme McDowell (better known as GMac) & Rory McIlroy, golf's new number one, grew up, practiced and competed on some of the most famous links you'll ever experience.

Itinerary

Day 1: Upon arrival in Dublin where a Sportstours Golf representative will greet you and assist with your luggage. Transfer to Bushmills Inn your accommodations for the next four nights.

Day 2: Golf Royal Portrush

Day 3: Golf Castlerock

Day 4: Golf Portstewart

Day 5: Golf Holywood Golf Club. Transfer to Slieve Donard Hotel your accommodations for the next three nights.

Day 6: Golf Royal County Down

Day 7: Golf Ardglass

Day 8: Depart Belfast

Tour Includes:

4 nights' accommodations at Bushmills Inn

3 nights' accommodations at Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, County Down

6 rounds of quality golf

Transport throughout by either self drive minivan or a coach and driver

Breakfast daily

Airport meet and greet

On site assistance of a Sportstours Golf representative

Document wallet, bag tags and information guide

All taxes

For more information and pricing please click on the link below or call SPORTSTOURS at 772-905-3538

The Courses

Royal Portrush: The only course in Ireland to have hosted the British Open, the Dunluce course of Royal Portrush provides an outstanding layout in a dramatic setting, surrounded by the Giant's Causeway, beautiful white sandy beaches and rolling green countryside. Redesigned by H.S. Colt in 1947, the course hosted the first British Open ever held in Ireland in July 1951. Many golfers have portrayed the Dunluce Course as one of the most challenging courses in the world, requiring skill and concentration.



Castlerock Golf Club: The course was laid out by Ben Sayers in 1901 and zigzags between soaring dunes, creating a memorable golfing experience. With a magnetic combination of beauty, challenge and sheer fun, this course lies on undulating and elevated land at the mouth of the River Bann. The spectacular scenery and views from the 17th tee are worth any detour.



Portstewart Golf Club: When the club was founded in 1894, it had a short nine-hole course at the start of the present day, which was called the Old Course. In 1908, the headquarters transferred to the Strand Course, which was laid out by Mr. Gow of Portrush. This remained largely unchanged until further land purchase in the 1960s permitted more expansion. The first nine holes skirt the sand dunes to provide classic links ground while the second nine have more of an inland character. In 1992, a further extension into the dunes made a second nine-hole course, The Riverside



Hollywood Golf Club: Hollywood is an 18 hole undulating parkland course neighbouring Redburn Country Park on the outskirts of Belfast City and is the home course to the # 1 golfer in the world Rory McIlroy. The course overlooks the city and Belfast Lough with views that are unrivalled in the area. To score well requires accurate driving as opposed to length and good approach shots are needed to find the greens. You will find the course enjoyable and be amazed by the scenery.



Royal County Down Golf Club: Molded into the existing terrain with minimum adjustments, this beautiful course is set against the background of the Mountains of Mourne. With fast and difficult to read greens, the course has five blind tee shots, and the greens are partially obscured on a number of approach shots. The course, in excellent condition, serves as an exceptional test of golfing skill. A second 65-par course is also available.



Ardglass Golf Club: This seaside course boasts superb views over St. Johns Point, Killough Harbor and, to the west, the Mourne Mountains. The 2nd hole is played over a gaping gorge to an elevated green. The course provides a challenge to the serious golfer yet offering lesser mortals opportunities to compile a respectable score.



The Accommodations

Bushmills Inn: Originally an old coaching inn, Bushmills is located at the home of the world's oldest distillery. Open peat fires, gaslights and stripped pine set the tone in the public rooms. From the hall, with its welcoming turf fire and the elegant Drawing Room take the grand staircase to the Gallery. Spacious and creatively designed bedrooms, discretely accommodating modern technology, all have their own sitting room area, small dressing room and, of course, private bathrooms. Enjoy the "craic" in the Gas Bar where its gaslights set the tone and inspired the name of this Victorian style bar. Make sure you enjoy the "Taste of Ulster" restaurant overlooking the garden courtyard; this award-winning restaurant takes in the original 17th century stables and wine cellar.

Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle: The tower of the Slieve Donard Hotel raises majestically above the sand dunes, rivaled only by its namesake, Northern Ireland's highest mountain, which creates a dramatic backdrop for a long sweep of golden sand. Nestling at the foot of the Mourne Mountains, the Slieve Donard Hotel is one of Northern Ireland's most popular holiday hotels and celebrated its Centenary in 1997. Lovingly maintained Victorian architecture at its most impressive, this very special hotel offers delights both inside and out. Take a walk through the six acres of private hotel grounds and you're on one of the world's top golf courses, Royal County Down. Or stroll along golden sands swept by bracing sea breezes.

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