

# Embrace a Giant Spirit

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Belfast, Co. Tyrone and Derry~Londonderry  
3 day itinerary

# cityscapes stars & seas



**This is the tour that has everything: not one city but two.**  
Plus the skies above us and the sea that surrounds us.

In Belfast and Derry~Londonderry you'll get as much art, culture, history, traditional music and good old-fashioned fun as you can handle, and it won't be long before you're planning a return trip. Only an hour apart, each city has its own unique style and character. First-time visitors to either one will be struck by how different they are to each other, yet how both manage to capture your heart. On the way between them stop off in Co. Tyrone where you'll get the chance to explore some of the darkest skies in Europe at OM Dark Sky and Observatory. And on your last day you'll be taking to the water!





# Day 1



## If Buildings Could Talk Tour - Barney Gribben

Discover the secrets behind some of the buildings of Belfast - with a man who used to build them. Join ex-construction worker Barney on this leisurely two-hour walk. You're guaranteed to discover things about Belfast that most visitors will never be aware of. Even to people born and bred here, many of Barney's stories come as a revelation. You'll learn about the famous sites: the Crown Bar, The Royal Opera House and the Europa Hotel - all from Barney's very individual perspective. Best of all, though, are the hidden gems. The stories that only Barney, with his eagle eye for the odd, the unusual and the hidden, could spot. Fountains, water pipes, clocks - they all tell Barney their secrets. Then he passes them onto you.



## The Gaol Experience - Crumlin Road Gaol

The Crumlin Road Gaol dates back to 1845 and only closed its doors as a working prison as recently as 1996. After extensive renovations the gaol has re-opened as a visitor attraction and conference centre. Today you can take a guided tour of the prison and hear about the history of the site from a time when women and children were once held within its walls, through to the political segregation of Republican and Loyalist prisoners, and learn why the decision was eventually taken to close the prison. During the tour of the gaol you'll visit the underground tunnel that once connected the gaol to the Crumlin Road Courthouse, as well as the chance to sit in the Governor's chair, see all the wings from the circle, and of course pay a visit to the condemned man's cell, before seeing the execution cell where the majority of the 17 men were hanged.



## Discover Beaghmore - Embrace Tours

Enjoy a guided tour of Beaghmore Stone Circles complete with an energy walk and onsite picnic.

The seven stone circles of Beaghmore, near Cookstown, Co. Tyrone – an area of outstanding natural beauty – were re-discovered in the 1930s by a peat cutter, and an archaeological excavation followed. These ancient, intriguing and atmospheric low rocks lure you back thousands of years, deep into the past, when people marked their time by the sun, stars and planets. After your tour we visit the Shepherds Rest Pub for more storytelling and refreshments.



## Stars & Stones - OM Dark Sky Park and Observatory

From the Bronze-Age Beaghmore Stone Circles at the foot of the Sperrin Mountains, to the twinkling blanket of night sky above you, the brand-new Stars and Stones experience is a unique and unforgettable opportunity to connect with land and sky, past and present, long-held facts and eternal mysteries. Boasting the darkest sky in the heart of ancient Ulster, the OM Dark Sky and Observatory lies in the centre of Northern Ireland, located at the foothills of the Sperrin Mountains. The link between Beaghmore's Neolithic observatory and the modern-day one at Davagh is full of wonder. The Interactive Visitor Centre/Observatory is the first of its kind, featuring an immersive experience based around the richness of the astronomy and the archaeological heritage of the area. The centre includes a Grab and Go Cafe, an outdoor lighting experience/digital visual show and viewing platform with AV technology. The new Solar Walk opens links Beaghmore Stone Circles with the new modern-day observatory.





## Day 2



### Ulster American Folk Park

Enter a world to excite your inner explorer. Immerse yourself in the story of the brave emigrants who made the journey across the Atlantic to America hundreds of years ago. Wander through the thatched cottages and log cabins and meet costumed characters who will show you traditional crafts, tell you a few stories and maybe even share a bit of their excellent food.

Board a full-scale emigrant ship to experience the conditions faced by many as they set sail for a new life in America. With 30 buildings and exhibits to explore and masses of things for the kids to do, the Ulster American Folk Park is a wonderfully unique experience.



### Unlocking the Walled City - Visit Derry

The great walls of Derry-Londonderry, Ireland's only fully intact walled city, have witnessed centuries of drama. Today this vibrant, friendly and diverse place is full of storytellers with unforgettable tales to tell.

They'll help you see the place from many perspectives. As you walk along and beside the walls your guides highlight key points and unlock stories going back hundreds of years. They talk about the important events that affected the city and changed Irish, British and European history.

You'll learn what the Plantation, the Siege, Emigration and the Troubles have meant for Derry-Londonderry's people. And everywhere you'll find that visitors are welcomed with open arms.



### Wild Atlantic Distillery Tours, Cocktail, Gin & Vodka School - Wild Atlantic Distillery

Discover a unique distillery, just 15 miles from the Wild Atlantic Way. Your tour begins with a Wild Atlantic Irish gin and tonic and a short talk from your guide. You'll hear our distillery's story and learn about the traditional production methods that we use. Then we'll take you behind the scenes to see how we craft our spirits, before a neat tasting of our full range and a Wild Atlantic Distillery cocktail in our stylish tasting bar. For the ultimate gin enthusiast's experience, enrol at our gin school. After a distillery tour, you'll get expert tuition from our distillers. Then it's time to create your own gin, using an authentic miniature copper pot still. Fill your bottle, name your gin and apply your own personalised label!

## Day 3



### Wonders of Land and Sea - National Trust & Ballycastle Sea Tours

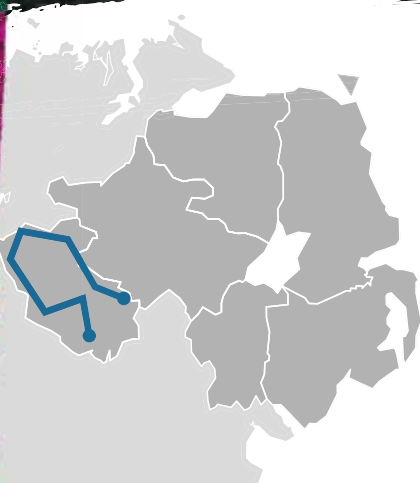
Out on Brian's 11 metre rib, you'll get a whole different experience of the Causeway Coast. This is an exhilarating boat trip from the lovely town of Ballycastle. From your fast boat you'll get fantastic up-close views of famous landmarks like the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and the Giant's Causeway. See the dramatic Causeway columns as they rise up from the sea to meet the cliff paths around the five-mile World Heritage Site. Discover castle ruins, mysterious caves, hidden bays and secret waterfalls. And be sure to keep your eyes peeled for basking sharks, dolphins, seals, porpoises, cormorants and guillemots during your voyage. With the help of our expert National Trust guide, this rugged coastline is brought to life with tales of bravery, love and loss. You are guaranteed to disembark with a renewed sense of adventure!



Co. Fermanagh

## 3 day itinerary

# Luxury in the Lakelands



**Head west to Co. Fermanagh where adventure awaits.**  
Welcome to a lush playground formed from drumlins and lakelands with unexpected experiences around every corner.

Its stunning scenery is dotted with stately homes and castles, with waterways and landscapes providing a stunning backdrop for diverse experiences and historical landmarks. Get out on the waterways and explore the islands and ancient ruins. Have a hands-on experience at the world-famous Belleek Pottery. Visiting Fermanagh, discover all that is unique and special about this part of Northern Ireland!



# Day 1



## Blessingbourne

Enjoy a visit to the Lowry family home, award-winning Blessingbourne Estate. This is a beautiful historic 550-acre country estate, nestled in the heart of woodlands, lakes and wildlife on the edge of the Clogher Valley. Blessingbourne is within walking distance of Fivemiletown village and close to the Fermanagh Lakelands. The estate is one of North West Ireland's most tranquil and unique destinations.



## Enniskillen Taste Experience - Enniskillen Food Tours

On this gourmet tasting tour you'll sample over 20 food and drink specialities unique to County Fermanagh. Your local guide will introduce you to award-winning producers and family-run businesses who are passionate about what they do. Beginning at the iconic Enniskillen Castle, you'll explore hidden alleyways. You'll seek out the resident baker, discover the heritage of the 19th century butter market and taste locally produced artisanal gin and craft beers. Try Joe the Baker's sour dough, Pat O'Doherty's famous black bacon, Tickety Moo Ice cream, Boatyard Gin, Sharon's mouth-watering scones, Innishmacsaint beer and much more! And get to meet the local legends who can tell stories of Enniskillen like no one else! You'll finish on a high with the brilliant chef and business owner Glen Wheeler, producer of some of the finest food in Fermanagh.



## Island Discovery - Erne Water Taxis

The best way to really see the Fermanagh Lakelands is from the water, and if your boat is captained by Barry Flanagan, you'll see and hear so much more – from tales of island life, to the distinctive call of a moorhen. There is no set itinerary and countless possibilities. Starting from Enniskillen, Ireland's only island town, Barry will choose your route, based on his knowledge of Lough Erne's changing currents, seasons and the movements of wildlife. As you travel, he will show you secretive creatures such as kingfishers, and intrigue you with poignant stories of the now largely uninhabited islands, from the Bronze Age to the 1980s.



For centuries, these islands were home to thriving communities making a living through farming and fishing; at the turn of the 20th century, there were around 500 residents.



## Boatyard Distillery Tours - Boatyard Distillery

Discover the true spirit of Fermanagh by the shores of beautiful and majestic Lough Erne. Lough Erne owes its name to the goddess Érainn, a powerful spirit once worshipped by the local tribe. Now its shores harbour spirits of a different kind. Four varieties of gin and one vodka, in fact. They're made here on the premises. So naturally your tour will start with a gin and tonic. On your visit you'll discover how founder Joe McGirr uses traditional techniques in contemporary ways to make his Boatyard Double gin. And you'll hear how his recipe uses a native botanical that Joe's brother Brian grows on the family farm. How's that for local provenance? Your expert guide will reveal the history and origins of the boatyard distillery. You'll hear about Joe's dream of starting a distillery in his beloved Fermanagh. And you'll see how he made it happen.



## Day 2



### Delve into the Deep - Marble Arch Caves

Explore an underworld labyrinth of caves, sinkholes and subterranean rivers deep below the green fields of Fermanagh. These are the Marble Arch Caves, a world 340 million years in the making. In the heart of the UNESCO Global Geopark, they form a natural network of rivers, waterfalls, winding passages and beautiful lofty chambers. The Guided Cave Tour takes you far into their depths. Our enthusiastic guides will lead you through awe-inspiring passages and help you to understand the extraordinary geological processes at work here. The Virtual Reality Experience takes you even deeper on a journey of the imagination. Feel your senses awoken. See areas of the cave rarely viewed by human eyes. Immerse yourself in the serene ambience deep, deep underground. The secrets of the cave are waiting to be unearthed.



### Florence Court

A beautiful 18th century home set on a sustainable estate and gardens. Surrounded by lush parkland and thick woodland with Benaughlin Mountain rising in the background, Florence Court enjoys a majestic countryside setting in West Fermanagh. There is something for everyone to enjoy at this extensive and welcoming place. On a guided tour of the Georgian mansion you can hear stories about the Cole family and their staff, who lived here for over 250 years. The gardens are home to the mother of all Irish yew trees, as well as the kitchen garden which is being restored to its 1930s character.



### Hands-on Belleek - Belleek Pottery

On a tour of Ireland's oldest working pottery, the phrase 'look but don't touch' doesn't always apply. Each piece of Belleek Pottery passes through 16 different artisans' hands, and yours are set to become the 17th pair, as the highly skilled staff guide you through every step of their process. Arriving at the pottery on the tranquil banks of the River Erne in Co. Fermanagh, visitors are invited to ring the bell which first called people to work in 1857. Generation after generation of locals have learned a trade here, keeping heritage alive and creating Belleek's distinctive and often intricate Parian china. None more detailed than the International Centerpiece in the foyer, a true labor of love which won the Paris Exhibition in 1900. Today, around 100,000 pieces are produced every year and shipped off around the world.



### Finn Lough

Come back to nature at Finn Lough, your forest refuge from all the stresses and strains of modern life. 'Finn' means fair in Irish and Finn Lough is Fermanagh's fair lake. Truly a place apart, this luxury hideaway lies deep among the ancient woodlands of Fermanagh, protected by the fair waters of the lough. It's a wonderful place to slow down, relax and rediscover the joy in the simplicity of nature. From lakeside yoga to pedal kayaks, your experiences here are curated to bring you laidback bliss. So slow down, ditch the maps and explore - because around every corner are little pockets of pleasure just waiting to be savoured.



## Day 3



### Lough Navar Forest

Make sure your camera is charged for this one. Lough Navar View Point astounds visitors. A winding forest drive leads you to the peak of the Magho cliffs. There you get jaw-dropping views over Lower Lough Erne, Donegal Bay, and the Blue Stack and Sperrin Mountains. Simply breathtaking.



### Castle Coole

Now for a taste of the finer things in life. Castle Coole serves up acres of 18th century grandeur. You'll get a guided tour of this stunning stately home and one of the most beautiful neo-classical country houses in Ireland. Built by the Earl of Benmore in 1789, it's now yours to explore inside and out, with plenty of walking trails winding through manicured parkland.



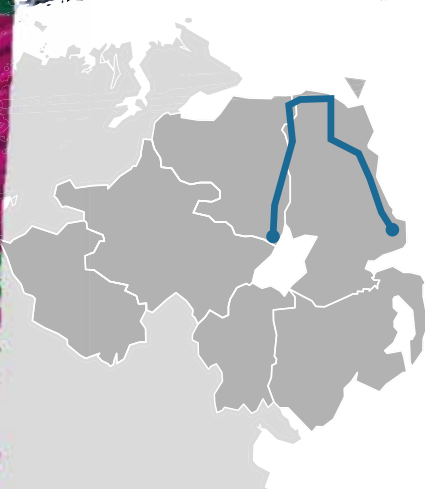
### Crom Castle

Lying on the beautiful shores of tranquil Upper Lough Erne, amongst an archipelago of wooded islands and woodlands, Crom Castle is a romantic nineteenth century Victorian castle set in a 1900 acre estate, one of Northern Ireland's most important conservation areas. You get two castles for the price of one at this magnificent estate: a handsome 19th century neo-Tudor mansion and the original plantation ruins. The outstanding beauty and tranquillity of this setting with its wonderful wildlife and nature makes it a perfect retreat for all. The estate is meticulously kept and looked after by the National Trust, making it a wonderful place to discover and explore. Enjoy long woodland walks or hire a rowing boat to get up close with the wonderfully picturesque Gad Island. Crom Castle is privately owned by the Crichton family, Earls of Erne. The west wing radiates a warm and welcoming atmosphere, where guests can feel that they are staying in someone's home rather than an impersonal hotel or guest house.



Causeway Coastal Route,  
Co. Londonderry and Lough Neagh  
**3 day itinerary**

# castles, cliffs & canterers



**Explore the Causeway Coastal Route, Co. Londonderry and Lough Neagh and experience some of the best outdoor adventures in Northern Ireland.**

Enjoy breath-taking scenery on one of the world's best coastal driving routes.

Along the way you'll encounter magical volcanic landscapes, soaring cliffs and pristine beaches. You'll board a boat and ride a horse. A butler will serve you tea. You may even hear a banshee. Stepping off the beaten track, you'll meet locals with a lifetime of stories to tell - and a wealth of skills to share.





## Day 1



### Walking the Edge - The Gobbins Cliff Path

Bring suitable activity wear.

Step out and find yourself between earth, sea and sky.

The Gobbins, a spectacular coastal walk, offers a unique tour along the cliffs of Northern Ireland. Enjoy dramatic views across the sea to Scotland or watch waves roll in from the Irish Sea while seabirds fly overhead. Wearing boots and hard hats supplied to you, you'll weave your way along basalt cliffs, through the tunnels and hidden caves where the smugglers of days gone by hid their loot, and the wildlife of today calls home. Discover the triumph of Victorian engineering and experience one of the most enthralling coastal walks along the Causeway Coastal Route. "The Gobbins seems to awaken many emotions in our visitors... feel the sea wind against your face and taste the sea salt on your lips."



### Afternoon Tea at Glenarm Castle - Glenarm Castle

As the distinguished guests of Lord and Lady Dunluce's butler, you'll enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Glenarm Castle and Garden. With George the castle butler as your guide, you'll hear the story of the family who live in this beautiful and historic place. You'll discover unique art and artefacts. You'll even see a treasure chest from the Spanish Armada. Your tour includes a peaceful stroll through the walled garden, bursting with colour throughout the summer season. And then, it's time for a most civilised afternoon tea. Relax in the family dining room as George serves up Champagne, a delicious cream tea – and some of his best stories.



### Coastal Canters - Sheans Horse Farm

Bring suitable activity wear.

Trekking at Shean's is the perfect introduction for novice riders. Shean's Horse Farm will offer you a range of unique experiences - from the freedom and fun of horse riding to getting stuck into some essential farming activities. You also get to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the North Antrim hills. From their top you can enjoy panoramic views over five counties. First-time riders love the challenge of getting to grips with the basics of trotting in a fun and carefully supervised environment. This is always very popular with our visitors – and the sense of personal achievement is real!

## Day 2



### Catch & Sea - Causeway Coast Foodie Tours

The early morning skies at Portrush Harbour are a rich and inky blue as you climb aboard a fishing boat bound for the Atlantic Ocean. The sight of the sun rising as you set off along the rugged waters of the Causeway Coastal Route is nothing short of breath-taking. Bold orange and yellow brushstrokes light up the sky. Those bracing sea winds are sure to wake you up no matter how early a start. En route to catch your breakfast, you'll spot some of the wildlife that inhabit the area: seals, cormorants, black rabbits, herring gulls and perhaps even a pod of dolphins – or, if you're really lucky, a minke whale.





## Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge

Carrick-a-Rede is one of Northern Ireland's most-loved attractions. It's cared for by the National Trust, a registered conservation charity founded to protect beautiful and special places for ever, for everyone.

Connected to the cliffs by a rope bridge across the Atlantic Ocean, Carrick-a-Rede Island (home to a single building - a fisherman's cottage) is the final destination. Suspended almost 100ft (30m) above sea level, the rope bridge was first erected by salmon fishermen 350 years ago. The bridge is high above the water and open to the elements. So crossing it is always an exhilarating experience! Thousands of people come every year to blow away the cobwebs, see beautiful coastal scenery, and spot rare wildlife. Pre-booking is essential.



## Giants Causeway

Giant's Causeway, renowned for its polygonal columns of layered basalt, is the only World Heritage Site in Northern Ireland. Resulting from a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago, this is the focal point for a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has attracted visitors for centuries.

From the visitor centre, follow the tarred roadway and footpath which descends a steep slope. This will take you to 'The Stookans' - or Windy Gap, as locals call it. Here the walker is often exposed to the wild Atlantic elements. Continue along the tarred roadway and quickly the first signs of the hexagonal causeway stones will appear.



## Dunluce Castle

Dunluce is one of the most picturesque and romantic of Irish Castles. With evidence of settlement from the first millennium, the present castle ruins date mainly from the 16th and 17th centuries. It was home at different times to both the feuding McQuillan and MacDonnell clans. Visitors can explore the findings of archaeological digs within the cobbled streets and stone merchants' houses of the long-abandoned Dunluce Town. The dramatic history of the place includes tales of a banshee - and of a stormy night in 1693 when the castle kitchens fell into the sea.

# Day 3



## Digging for Bread & Gin - Bakehouse NI

Join the warm and welcoming Bakehouse cookery school for a bread- and gin-making masterclass in this charming foodie experience. On arrival, Bronagh Duffin will have refreshments ready for you to enjoy, before bringing you through the basics of bread-making, from stirring and kneading to choosing what goes into your one-of-a-kind loaf.

As your dough rises in the oven, Bronagh will lead you into the surrounding area to forage for seasonal berries, sloes, and other botanicals to make your gin come to life. Back in the Bakehouse, you'll feed gin and sugar to your little harvest in sterilised glass jars for a taste that's perfect for your palate, before tucking into your warm loaf spread with local butter and a delicious bowl of homemade soup while Bronagh makes you feel like a member of the family.



## Lough Neagh Fishing Experience - Lough Neagh Tours

Experience the biggest lake in Ireland and Britain in the company of real fisherman who have lived on and fished the lough for 5 generations.

Discover some of the secrets of Lough Neagh with seventh-generation fisherman Gary on board his own passenger boat. You'll learn about the fish that live here, like the Lough Neagh Eel and the Lough Neagh Pollan... who knows, you might encounter a fishing boat on the hunt for them.

But Lough Neagh can put you in touch with your spiritual side too. Hear from Gary about the ancient pilgrimage site of Cranfield church and holy well. There's even a chance that Lough Neagh will inspire you to write a poem or two. Well, it certainly had that effect on Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney.





# A taste of Northern Ireland

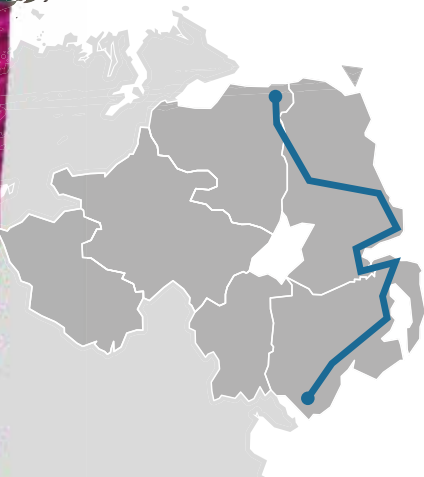
Belfast, Causeway Coastal Route and Co. Down  
3 day itinerary



From award-winning restaurants and local delicacies to picnics and gin-tastings, Northern Ireland is a place to **delight your taste buds**. On this tour you'll discover new foodie experiences and hidden gems in Belfast, the Causeway Coast and Co. Down.

And while the focus is on Northern Ireland's world-renowned food and drink scene, there's a generous sprinkling of culture and activity too. Plus a few surprises along the way. It's all here to sip, savour and enjoy.

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## Day 1



### Belfast Food Tour - Taste & Tour

Discover the real Belfast, one bite at a time, with Caroline. She's passionate about Northern Irish food, about Belfast and about introducing visitors to both of them. Her tours take you into quiet streets and behind closed doors. Here you'll meet the people who are using fantastic local ingredients in innovative ways to create world-class products. These are producers with an infectious love for their food and drink. They want to share it, talk about it and help you enjoy it. It's a great way to encounter the real spirit of the people of Belfast – and enjoy some fabulous food. As Caroline says, "The Northern Irish welcome is legendary, so with the locals we meet along the way, guests get to experience the true spirit of hospitality here."



### SUP-nic (SUP & Picnic) - SUP Hub NI

Bring suitable activity wear.

Whet your appetite for some delicious local grub with an unforgettable paddleboarding experience. Astride your paddleboard, you'll have the best seat in the house to enjoy a succulent gourmet lunch.



The folks at SUP Hub have been leading paddleboarding groups for years, and decided to mix things up with an experiential dining experience suitable for all levels of paddlers, with the focus firmly on enjoying the experience, the scenery, and the food! Expert guides are at hand to show you the ropes of paddleboarding and point out areas of interest along the beautiful coastline.

It's an inspired way of showcasing the local sites as well as the local food, providing you with a stunning backdrop for your picnic courtesy of the Guillemot kitchen!



### Old Bushmills Distillery

Bushmills Irish Whiskey is made at the world's oldest licenced working distillery in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, on the beautiful North Coast. Our original grant to distil was signed in 1608 by King James 1st and there has been distillation on this site since then.

Using the unique water from our own stream and Irish barley we have been making whiskey here for more than four centuries. During your tour you will see the copper potstills used to distil this special spirit. The triple-distillation is at the heart of all Bushmills whiskeys and creates a unique combination of smoothness and richness.

## Day 2



### Toast the Coast NI - Toast the Coast NI

If you are delighted by the finest food and drink, your guide Portia Woods will endear the Causeway Coast to you. Her intimate knowledge of the region's food and her personal relationships with its exceptional bakers, chefs, brewers, and distillers make this coastal journey very special.

Stunning views of cliffs, sea and rolling glens and visits to castles, harbours and fishing villages along this dramatic edge of Northern Ireland sets the scene for an unforgettable day of food tasting.

The food and drink - all of it made from local ingredients - is marvellous, but it is the enthusiasm, pride and friendliness of the people who create it that will fix the day in your memory.







## Day 3



### A History of Terror - DC Tours

Learn about Northern Ireland's recent history from those who lived through it.

This walking tour is a fascinating, objective exploration of the most turbulent period in Belfast's recent past -and what it was like to grow up during 'the Troubles'. Covering seven different locations, it help visitors to make an emotional connection with Belfast and to understand a dark chapter of its history. During the tour's two and a quarter hours our local expert guides explain why the Troubles started, where some of its most important events occurred, how the two communities achieved peace and how the early 1990s ceasefire led to the city's regeneration. 'A History of Terror' is suitable for all visitors, regardless of how much or little you already know of our troubled past.

### Belfast Traditional Music Trail - An Droichead

Belfast is one of the best cities in the world for traditional Irish music. Join us on the trail to gain unique access to the magic of "the session". You'll walk through Belfast's cobbled alleyways with two professional musicians as your guides. And you'll discover a living tradition of Irish music thriving throughout the city.

At each stop you are treated to a performance of traditional tunes, songs and stories, all of which make up your own personal 'session'. Enjoy a local beer, cider, whiskey or Guinness while learning about the instruments, language, customs and history that make up Ireland's vibrant musical tradition. Sessions are convivial, intimate and animated. Everyone can join in, sharing the stories and enthusiasm of the players, and learning a new song or a dance.

### Canoe & Cake

#### - Mobile Team Adventure & Tracey's Farmhouse Kitchen

Bring suitable activity wear.

Earn your treat in this unique collaboration between Tracey's Farmhouse Kitchen and Mobile Team Adventure. This wellness experience combines two experiences in one. John from Mobile Team Adventure will be ready and waiting with his canoes when you join him on beautiful Ballymorran Bay, on the shores of Strangford Lough.

Paddle around the little Islands on the Lough and immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquillity of your surroundings, meeting some amazing sea life on the way. It's a great way to work up an appetite.

So on your return, Tracey will be at the shoreline as you disembark. Join her for a two-minute walk to her home. There she'll have warm bread fresh from the griddle waiting for you – along with her homemade jams and butter. Time to tuck in!

### Killowen Distillery Tour and Tasting - Killowen Distillery

Discover a contemporary take on a timeless tradition in the heart of the beautiful Mourne Mountains. Inside our traditional small batch distillery, we'll explain how we make our pot still Irish whiskey and gin. Which, naturally, we'll be inviting you to taste - in an appropriately comfortable setting.

Fancy some poitín? Killowen Poitín uses a recipe from a local Mourne family that has been handed down from generation to generation. On your tour we'll also be sharing so the ingredients that go into the making of an Irish whiskey that is true to tradition: oats, wheat, unmalted & malted rye and green malt.

Also true to tradition is the live music you'll enjoy at the end of your tour. That's the way we like to do things in Killowen. We think you'll like it that way too.



Co. Down, Co. Armagh and Derry~Londonderry

3 day itinerary

# A Giant outdoor Adventure

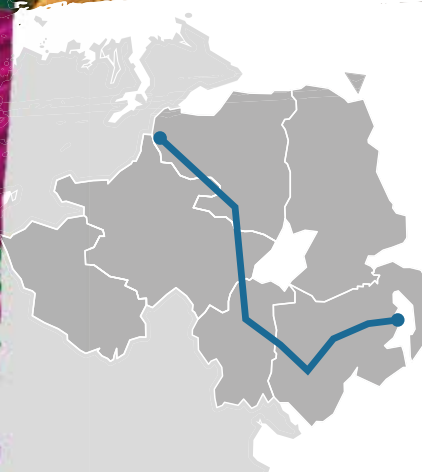


**Strap yourself in for a breath-taking tour through Counties Down, Armagh and Derry~Londonderry.**

This is one for the adventurous and the culturally curious.

You'll be climbing, riding and floating your way around this beautiful part of the world. Explore the scenic surroundings of the picturesque Strangford Lough from a sea kayak – and drop into a traditional country kitchen. See where the stunning Mourne Mountains sweep down to the sea. Explore the famous Orchard County. Discover Ireland's only fully-walled town. And meet a real shepherd on his farm.

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## Day 1



### Glide with the Tide - Mobile Team Adventure

Bring suitable activity wear.

Strangford Lough is a unique marine environment. Taking a kayak out is a uniquely beautiful way to explore it. Gliding softly along brings you closer to the lough's wildlife, including seals, wild geese, and otters. Beginners are in safe hands with guide John Hubbucks, a kayak expert who knows Strangford Lough intimately and can help you explore its crystal-clear water, islands and inlets. To top it all, he is a trained chef - don't miss out on the amazing Irish smorgasbord we will create with you, including some of the finest foods from local Strangford producers. "Visitors get up close and personal with Strangford Lough", says John. "You'll see, smell, taste and feel the Lough, its beauty and wildlife in a truly immersive way."

### Tracey's Farmhouse Kitchen Experience

- Tracey's Farmhouse Kitchen

It's a shared moment that visitors can only experience in Tracey's home: they arrive as strangers and leave as friends. When Tracey welcomes people into her thatched cottage, they step right into the warm, generous spirit of Northern Ireland. They roll up their sleeves, put on an apron, and before long are mixing and kneading dough for soda and wheaten breads in the traditional way.

The day is full of chat, banter and local stories, mostly about the farming community of this beautiful landscape on the western shores of Strangford Lough. In Tracey's Kitchen, people make friends as well as bread. No one leaves empty-handed. Guests take away the bread they griddled, a pack of ingredients and recipes and, if there are any left, some of Tracey's cakes and scones. This is true Northern Irish hospitality.

### Men of the Mournes - Walk the Mournes

Bring suitable activity wear.

Playing an important role in the legends of both Finn MacCool and Cú Chulainn, the Mourne Mountains are a place to take in wide views of summits and spectacular valleys, to breathe deeply and to relax in the mountain air. Peter Rafferty, your expert mountain guide, shows you all this and more. He stretches your imagination and your horizons as well as your legs. He'll take you back to the times when the mountains echoed with the sound of handpicks. You'll hear stories and legends of hermits, fugitives and smugglers in their secret caves. Peter fills the quiet, empty mountains with his stories.

## Day 2



### Mourne Trails & Ales - Life Adventure

Bring suitable activity wear.

Nourish mind, body and soul as you explore the majestic Mourne Mountains on an electric bike. Bike Mourne's Trails & Ales of Mourne Tour is an adventure through one of Northern Ireland's most beautiful regions, with the added buzz of electric bikes.

This tour takes you along Forest Park's established, exciting and sustainable forest bike trails. With the help of your guide, you will also explore the fascinating early history of the Annesley Estate and its influences on some of the world's most celebrated food and drink. The tour concludes with a visit to the Whitewater Brewery, where you can sample a selection of local craft beers and food specialities. Take your exploring up a gear, and saddle-up for the Mourne Trails and Ales Tour!





## Day 3



### Blossom to Bottle - Armagh Cider Co.

The Troughton family are all about apples – but not just any old apples. They have grown the unique and internationally recognised Armagh Bramley apple for over 100 years and five generations, and recently recreated the craft of making them into a range of award-winning ciders. Their farm is located in the 'Orchard County' of Armagh, where even St Patrick is said to have planted an apple tree, in an ancient settlement east of the city.

A tour at the Armagh Cider Company begins exactly as you'd hope, with a welcome drink of apple juice or hot spiced apple, and some traditional shortbread. You will learn about everything "from blossom to bottle". The 80 acres of beautiful orchards here change season by season, from soft pink blossom in spring, to bountiful harvest in autumn, when they are carefully picked by hand (one rotten apple spoils the barrel, as they say).

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### Foodie Cycle Tour - Far & Wild

Bring suitable activity wear.

Tuck into some foodie delights on your guided spin with Far and Wild. If you've got an appetite for discovering great food and learning about local culture too, this is the tour for you. With a focus on quality local produce, Far and Wild's culinary partners vary with the seasons, ensuring only the freshest, in-season dishes are waiting for you at each stop.

You'll be guided through the city's vibrant streets at a leisurely pace, allowing you to let your curiosity wander as you learn about local culture.

Far and Wild are always happy to tailor the tour to your personal interests and comfort levels. If you love urban exploration and are looking for an opportunity to see the city from a new perspective, the Far & Wild Foodie Cycle tour is it!

### Sheepdogs at Work - Glenshane Farm

From the moment you arrive at James McCloy's farm you'll feel the fresh, clean mountain air and the spectacular views working their magic. James is a fourth-generation shepherd who wants to show people sheep farming in the beautiful landscape of the Sperrin Mountains.

He points out Slemish Mountain in the distance, and tells the story about Saint Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, who was a shepherd there. It's a good tale well told and a reminder that 1,500 years later farmers are still herding sheep here. But the main stories here are about the animals and the farming life. It's James's relationship with his dogs that's most striking. Seeing them up-close, working together, communicating using body language, whispers and whistles, is amazing.



Northern Ireland  
**3 day itinerary**

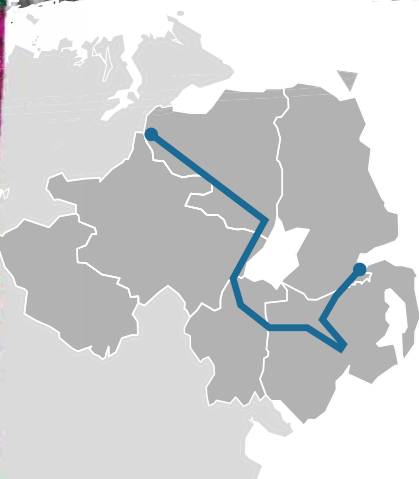
# Stepping through time



**See, hear, taste and touch history coming to life as you step from the present into the past.**

Ever wondered what it was like to fight in a great naval battle? To preside over affairs of estate? To wield power? Own a magnificent estate? Build a mighty ship? Defend a city? You're about to find out! Traditional flavours are waiting to be re-discovered too, with delicious opportunities to enjoy food and drink the way it used to taste. Opportunities too to have your imagination fired by modern poetry - and by ancient ritual.

**Northern  
Ireland**  
**Embrace  
a Giant  
Spirit**





# Day 1



## Lagan Legends Walking Tour - Belfast MIC Tours

The story of how Belfast was transformed from a small settlement in the 1600s to one of the UK's most important ports just a few centuries later is one you won't soon forget. You'll hear a truly authentic account of what it was like to work in the world-famous shipyard at the time of Titanic's construction, and get up close to some of the existing infrastructure along the historic Maritime including Titanic's Slipway and Dry Dock.

Donal himself worked for 17 years in a nearby Aerospace Company and has been offering tours as a Blue Badge Level 4 Guide in Belfast since 2016, he has also witnessed the many changes and development to what is now known as the Titanic Quarter, a vibrant new area within the city.

Better still, his very own great grandfather worked as a joiner at Harland & Wolff during the construction of Titanic and the Olympic Class of ships.

Donal will lead you on a captivating tour along the Maritime Mile, taking in the Dry Docks, the Administration Building and Drawing Offices of Harland & Wolff, as well as historic vessels like the SS Nomadic and HMS Caroline.

You'll even get a chance to try your hand at 'Pitch and Toss', a popular game of chance played by the Harland & Wolff workers, out of the prying eyes of the 'Hats' (Managers), Donal recreates the experience using real pennies from the era.

## Hillsborough Castle & Gardens - Hillsborough Castle & Gardens

Explore the state rooms and stunning gardens of Northern Ireland's only royal residence. Hillsborough Castle has seen a lot of eminent visitors over the years. Some of them have presided over affairs of state. Others have thrown big parties. Others still have negotiated peace. Today Hillsborough is the official Northern Ireland residence of HM The Queen. But it's also a nice place to have a wander, enjoy a meal or snack in the castle's cafe and soak up a bit of history. Expert guides welcome you into the elegant State Rooms used for official events: the magnificent Throne room, the relaxing State Drawing Room, Lady Grey's Study, the State Dining Room and the Red Room. And don't miss the fabulous gardens – there's over a 100 acres of manicured grounds to explore.

## Lord Rawdons's Montalto - Montalto Estate

Step inside Montalto Estate and, as you breathe in the scents of its beautiful gardens, and hear the satisfying crunch of gravel underfoot, you're transported back to the 1760s. Centuries meltaway as Lord Rawdon, Earl of Moira (a very convincing costumed guide) welcomes you to his newly built home.



## Day 2



### Long Meadow Cider Farm Tour & Tasting Experience - Longmeadow Cider

Sample hand-crafted ciders, apple juices & cider vinegars created by three generations of the McKeever family. Your tour begins among the trees of the orchard of the McKeever's 28-acre farm near Loughgall village. Here the family have been growing apples for over 50 years. Since 2014 they've been making the cider from these apples – cider which has won many prestigious awards. From the orchard you'll follow the apples' journey all the way from branch to bottle. See how the famous Bramley apple is grown and harvested. Then make your way to the cider premises. Here you'll see how the apples are hand-pressed to make artisan ciders, apple juice and apple cider vinegar. You'll discover how the fermentation process works too. Plus you'll get a bottle of one of the McKeever's lovely ciders to take home!



### Wee Buns Cookery School - Wee Buns Cookery School

Nestled in the beautiful countryside of Co. Tyrone, on the edge of the village Moy, Wee Buns Cookery School offer a range of inspiring cooking and baking classes in a homely purpose-built kitchen for both adults and kids.

You'll join life-long local foodie, Mary Anne Mackle, at her Drumgrannon Road home where, after a warm welcome, she'll inspire you with a mix of contemporary and traditional ideas on homemade baking and cooking. Whether you are an absolute beginner wanting to learn some cooking and baking classics or a more seasoned cook, there's classes to suit. Under Mary Anne's expert guidance, you'll sharpen your culinary skills and techniques in a fun, friendly and relaxed environment, that will allow you to cook and bake with confidence.



The cookery classes, which she runs on Saturdays, range from traditional Irish baking to creative cake making and decorating, as well as the ever-popular kids' classes. The classes are a combination of demonstration and hands-on experience, and everyone is encouraged to get stuck in. The small numbers in each group also ensures you'll get personal attention and tuition. All ingredients, recipes and refreshments are already there waiting for you, so you can arrive empty handed. You certainly won't be leaving empty handed however, as whatever you make is yours to keep, and you'll have a selection of great, tried and tested recipes to take home and try for yourself too.



You'll also enjoy a welcome break mid-morning for tea and scones, with a bit of 'craic' thrown in for good measure. So, whether you're a first-time baker, or are looking to brush up on some advanced techniques, Wee Buns is tons of fun!



### Seamus Heaney HomePlace

Step into Seamus Heaney HomePlace, and discover the world-renowned poet in his beloved hometown. Journey through the life and works of this literary giant, greatly valued locally for his decency and humility, and experience the place, the people and the landscape that so inspired his work. Here, you'll see Heaney's leather school satchel and his wooden desk from Anahorish Primary School, handwritten transcripts from the poet, and books donated by the Heaney family. You'll learn about the people who were integral to his life and poetry: his family, Barney Devlin at The Forge, and countless others from the area.





## Day 3

### Explore the Historic Hill of the O'Neill - Hill of the O'Neill

At its top there are breath-taking panoramic views from our glass observation tower. Seven of the nine counties of Ulster are clearly visible. See the drumlins of Tyrone, Lough Neagh, the Sperrin mountains, the Mourne. Imagine that, like the O'Neill, you were lord of all you survey. Then, holding that thought, join us next door in Ranfurly House where the whole story of this remarkable place is waiting to be told in our multi-media exhibition.

It's a story in which Hugh O'Neill, earl of Tyrone and the last inaugurated chief of the O'Neills, has a big part to play. A romantic figure, he was a military genius who repeatedly got the better of Queen Elizabeth's generals in Ulster. After defeat at the battle of Kinsale, however, he said goodbye to the Hill of the O'Neill and that magnificent view.

O'Neill's departure for Spain, with the earl of Tyrconnell and 90 followers, became known as the Flight of the Earls. There's no better place to find out about it than right here and our friendly guides can answer all your questions. You'll find out about what happened next too – because the old O'Neill base of Dungannon was soon to become a crucial location in the plantation of Ulster with Scottish and English settlers.



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### Lunch Suggestion - Walled City Brewery

Multi award winning restaurant and craft brewery at the end of the Peace Bridge. Walled City Brewery should be on everyone's bucket list to finish off a great day spend exploring Derry~Londonderry. Located at the end of the Peace Bridge, in Ebrington Square this award-winning brewhouse and restaurant is housed in an historic military barracks. The Walled City brewery offers signature brews created on site, some inspired by the hit show Derry Girls are a firm favourite! Try a Sexy Priest, Wee English Fella or Craic Killer. From the food menu, flavours of the North West are at the forefront – from Greencastle Fish of the Day and fish croquettes to McAtamney's succulent Ribeye on the bone.





## Folkways & Ritual Landscapes - Foyle Trails

Bring suitable activity wear.

Fairy trees, for instance. Usually whitethorns, their blossom heralds the arrival of summer.

Were celebrated at the Celtic festival of 'Bealtaine' or May Day. These trees were imbued with sacred significance and performed a central role in various rituals. Pilgrims would leave small offerings - a strip of cloth tied to a branch was a typical one - and make a wish. If you see a piece of ribbon on the tree Martin shows you, you'll know that local people are still putting their faith in it.

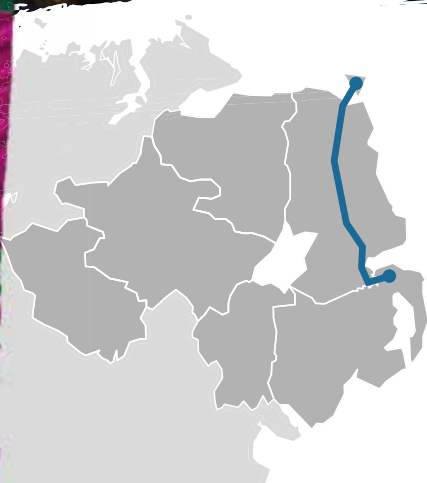
You'll visit sacred wells with Martin too. It was believed that drinking from them would protect you from harm and ill health. Some had the power to bestow wisdom and poetic inspiration. Such beliefs about Northern Ireland's sacred wells have survived to the present day. They are places where the veil between our world and the otherworld is at its thinnest. You will learn, in fact, that at certain times of the Celtic year, the division between the two worlds disappears...3

Martin will also tell you about bog bodies. These are human bodies which have been mummified by the habitats that they have lain in - sometimes for thousands of years. The ecology and chemistry found in Northern Ireland's peat bogs provide a perfect medium for preservation, in effect pickling human remains and other organic material for hundreds of generations.



Belfast & Causeway Coastal Route  
3 day itinerary

# Centuries Past



**Wild, beautiful, and 100% Northern Ireland.** This alternative tour of Belfast and the Causeway Coastal Route gets straight to the heart of this place.

It's two-and-a-bit days of spine-chilling history, jaw-dropping scenes, gripping stories and irresistible treats. It's your introduction to who we are and what shaped us. It's not for the faint-hearted, but it's worth every unforgettable moment. Ready for a real adventure?





# Day 1



## Titanic Belfast

This will astound you – Titanic Belfast is the world's largest Titanic visitor experience and must-see attraction in Northern Ireland. After a few hours immersed in sights, sounds and stories from the world's most famous ship, you'll know why this won World's Leading Tourist Attraction 2016 (World Travel Awards). Titanic Belfast features nine interactive galleries that explore the stories of the Titanic, as well as the city and people which made her – this whole area has been restored and developed.



## CS Lewis Beyond The Wardrobe - Hidden Ulster Tours

The route you take with Lolly will vary according to time available and fitness levels - but it will usually include, among other stops, several of the ones we mention below.

Let's start with the square named for the man himself. On C.S. Lewis Square Lolly will introduce you to a series of sculptures representing characters from The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, including Aslan, the White Witch, Mr Tumnus and the Beavers. In the adjacent park you'll also find a statue called "The Searcher". It portrays Lewis himself entering that famous portal to Narnia. As Lolly will point out, the author is also remembered in Belfast today with murals, street names and an impressive Reading Room at Queen's University. You enter it by passing through a wardrobe door!



St Mark's, Dundela, is the church in which the baby Lewis was baptised in 1899 and was to attend as a boy. In his book The Screwtape Letters he wrote about the fight between the God he would have prayed to here - and the Devil. Lolly will bring you to see the rectory next door where Lewis's grandfather used to live. Imagine you are a small boy standing in front of its door - then look up at the doorknob: it has a lion on it - you can almost feel the magic.



## Sailing in the Wake of Giants - Following Seas

Travel as your ancestors once did, harnessing the power of the wind to speed across the Lough's glass-like waters, pushing the yacht to its limits – and you outside your comfort zone!

Perfect for families or as a thrilling team-building experience, by pulling together and working as a team you can help the yacht reach faster and faster speeds.

Sailing around the Lough, your guide will point out different historic points and areas of interest, like the towering cranes Samson and Goliath located at the Harland & Wolff shipyard in Belfast, or the Royal Belfast Golf Club, the oldest golf club on the island.

Being carried along by the wind like generations before you is a serene and mindful experience, not to mention sustainable – even down to the bamboo plates and bowls your lunch on-board is served in.

Once you get back on dry land, the Marina at Carrickfergus is a hive of activity, with bars, restaurants, playgrounds, even a 12th century Norman Castle, all within a short walk of each other.





## Day 2



### Off the Beaten Track Game of Thrones Private Tours - Giant Tours Ireland

Bring suitable activity wear.

Flip appeared in the series as a stand-in actor and body double for House Stark's much loved gentle giant Hodor. He was also a double for House Lannister's feared enforcer, the towering Ser Gregor Clegane. You can see Flip in three iconic episodes in Season 6, 'The Winds Of Winter', 'Oathbreaker' and 'The Door' - in which the origins of Hodor's name are revealed to amazing effect.

Make no mistake then - this is a man who knows what he's talking about. The locations are a thrill to experience in their own right. But if you're a seasoned Thronie, each one is alive with drama and excitement: the site of a daring escape; the castle where heroes took refuge, the cave where darkness was born...A lot of them are off-the-beaten track. But with his insider knowledge, Flip knows exactly where they are. He'll make sure you can get up close and personal with every one.

Between locations you'll be travelling in Flip's van. (Worthy of a film star, Flip's van is an air-conditioned long wheel-base VW Transporter Shuttle.) It's a good time to hear his behind-the-scenes stories of life on set and in the studio during the making of Game of Thrones®. He's a mine of information on the logistics of creating the biggest TV show worldwide right here in Northern Ireland.

Flip is a local man - another key ingredient in his expertise. In fact many of the filming locations are in his own backyard. As he talks to you, you'll find his great love of the area is contagious. He'll also be delighted to pass on his knowledge of the geological processes that created the beautiful coastal landscape. So even if you don't know your Dragonstone from your Dothraki, there's plenty to discover in Flip's company.

### Rathlin Island

Amid the rugged landscape of this beautiful island rich with history and wildlife let your mind wander and discover a tranquillity and beauty that is so unexpected. The ferry to Rathlin Island travels just six miles across the Sea of Moyle. This island is six miles long, one mile wide, "L" shaped and home to a slowly increasing population of around 140 people. You'll see iconic lighthouses (and one that's upsidedown) and a list of previous visitors that includes Vikings, Sir Francis Drake and Sir Richard Branson.

## Day 3



### Ulster Folk and Transport Museum

Step back in time and experience what life was like in Ulster over 100 years ago in the early 1900s. Wander Ulster Folk Museum's rolling countryside and bustling town filled with authentic period buildings. It's a chance to explore thatched cottages, farms, schools and shops exactly as they would have been. Travel back in time in the Transport Museum, and explore one of the most comprehensive collections in Europe. You can board classic locomotives, carriages, trams, boats, motorbikes, fire-engines and vintage cars.





### Belfast Street Art Walking Tour - Seedhead Arts

Street artists from across the globe have joined a new breed of Belfast based street artists to leave their mark on the city, and paint walls that bring people together, not keep them apart. Much of this art is emerging in Cathedral Quarter, where the annual festival Hit the North takes place.

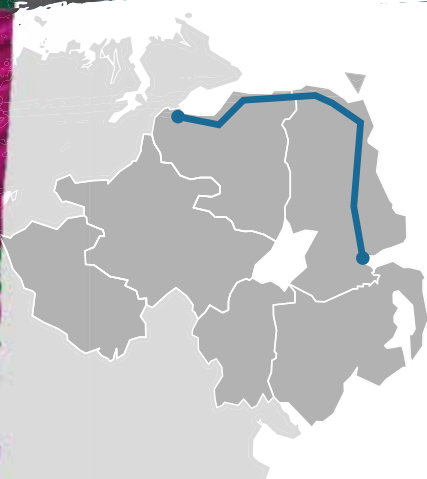
Seedhead Arts, curators of this festival, know the artists, the stories, and understand the importance of highlighting this changing narrative. Their Street Art Walking Tour, devised and led by local artists who have driven the scene in the last few years, showcases just that.

On this gently paced, two-hour guided street art walking tour, you'll see the incredible street art currently adding to the atmosphere of Belfast city centre. The tour will help you understand Belfast's relationship with street art and will show you how the narrative of the city is changing. As you stroll the city streets, you'll stumble across world-class masterpieces in the most unexpected nooks and crannies around the city, so keep your eyes peeled! You'll see first-hand that the vibrancy of Belfast no longer speaks of past divisions, but of the place that Belfast is becoming.



## Belfast and Causeway Coastal Route 3 day itinerary

# Small in size, Big in Spirit



**When you tour Belfast and the Causeway Coastal Route, you're exploring the world's #1 visitor region. Seriously, just ask Lonely planet.**

They named this the top region in their 'Best in Travel 2018'. So you literally couldn't pick a better region to explore. And you're about to find out why: there are famous big-hitters, secret little must-sees, and those views! So what are you waiting for? Let's go...





# Day 1



## Hidden Huntley - Walk it off NI

Get a taste of the beautiful landscapes on Belfast's periphery and a flavour of the Lagan Valley Regional Park, with this small group, walking and artisan food experience, led by locally lived guide Nikki Elliott.

In Hidden Huntley, Nikki takes you on a trip back through time, weaving a story of food and family around the beautiful natural landscapes and forests, helping you to understand the heritage and provenance of the special, seasonal lunch that awaits you later on.

After a morning taking-in the forest air and immersing yourself in nature, you'll arrive at the Hidden Huntley Estate. There, in the 200 years old walled private garden – an oasis of peace and tranquillity - you'll enjoy a delicious, al-fresco lunch designed to showcase the organically-grown, seasonal produce from the surrounding area.

After lunch and a little time to relax, you'll be invited to explore the Hidden Huntley Estate with the owner Antonia, a great storyteller and font of local history, who'll happily recount some of the stories from her family's past. Finally, we then wind our way through beautiful parkland, back to where it all started, arriving a little richer for the experience.

Hidden Huntley gives you so much to digest, you'll wonder why you've never done it before and dream of when you can do it again.



## Titanic Belfast - The Discovery Tour

First your guide will tell you a little about the Titanic Belfast building. Home to the Titanic Experience, you'll discover that every detail of this amazing edifice has a story to tell. Its architecture is full of symbols and signs. Even its roof, seen from the air, bears a message: it's in the shape of a star. This a reference to the White Star Line whose ships, like RMS Titanic, were built here on the slipways you're just about to visit.

But first you'll see the famous Harland & Wolff drawing offices. This is where Thomas Andrews worked. He was chief draughtsman and designer of RMS Titanic and the Olympic class liners. In this magnificent barrel-vaulted building, plans for these great ships were drawn-up.

On the next stop of your tour, your guide will point out a series of lamp posts. These mark the positions of the giant stanchions of the Arrol Gantry, named for its designer Sir William Arrol. Tower Bridge in London was another of his designs. But that bridge would have fitted comfortably underneath this massive construction. It provided the scaffolding which spanned the slipways where the RMS Titanic and the Olympic were built.

And now here you are, on the very spot from which RMS Titanic was launched. One of the slipways has a plan of RMS Titanic's promenade deck inlaid into it in white stone. The locations of the liner's lifeboats and funnels are marked. And if you take a seat on one of the benches, just think: these benches are positioned exactly as they would have been on RMS Titanic. On either side are oval shapes. These indicate the position of the lifeboats.

Goosebumps are regularly reported at this point. The tour is an emotional experience. You will feel something of what it was like to have worked in this shipyard. You might gain a sense of what it was like to be on board RMS Titanic on that fateful night in April 14th, 1912. That was a night to remember. This tour will stay with you for a long time too.







## Day 2



### Black Cab Tour of Belfast

The Black Cab tour takes you around areas of North and West Belfast synonymous with years of conflict. Here you will see murals, described by Simon Calder of The Independent as “The world’s greatest open air art gallery” that relate to events from an historical perspective. You can follow the example of Bill Clinton and the Dalai Lama and write your own message on the Peace Wall that separates the Loyalist Shankill and Republican Falls.

### Giant’s Eye View - Cutting Edge Helicopters

Leave the world behind with the clouds beneath your feet on Cutting Edge Helicopters’ enthralling tour of the North Coast. As Northern Ireland’s premier helicopter charter company, Cutting Edge Helicopters and their highly experienced pilots and personnel provide a professional and reliable service allowing you sit back and enjoy every second of your unique experience.

On this 60-minute flight experience, you’ll enjoy stunning aerial views and the picturesque scenery of the North coast. Including the spectacular Downhill beach, Mussenden’s Temple, the Giant’s Causeway and Carrick-a-Rode rope bridge, as well as various filming locations from the iconic series, Game of Thrones®. As you pass by Portstewart and Portrush, be sure to keep an eye out for the Scottish giant, Benandoner. Legend has it that you can catch a glimpse of him on a clear day...

Tours depart from City of Derry Airport, where you’ll get to meet the ground crew and the pilot before taking to the skies. Then, from a ‘Giant’s Eye’ view, you’ll gaze down from the heavens on the breath-taking scenery of the North coast – so take plenty of photographs! Their pilots will fill you in on the local tales all along the way too, and don’t be afraid to ask questions, they love a wee chat!

### Beyond the Bridge

#### - Dalriada Kingdom Tours and The National Trust

Warming your hands by a turf fire in an 18th century fisherman’s hut, you learn of the men who once earned their living here, on this deserted island beside the precarious Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. Experiences don’t get more authentic, or more memorable, than this.

### Whiskey on the Rocks

#### - The National Trust & Bushmills Distillery

Sitting on basalt rocks in a quiet spot on the Giant’s Causeway, you take a sip of Bushmills 12-Year-Old Distillery Reserve whiskey and let the salty sea wind envelop you. This is a truly unique, and intimate, way to experience the world-famous Giant’s Causeway, and to savour the world-famous whiskey distilled just a few miles away.



## Day 3



### Ancestral Adventure - Roots Revealed

This is a tour with a difference. For one thing, the itinerary doesn't exist yet. That's because every tour is completely bespoke. Your tour, just like your genealogy, is unique. Your guide is one of a kind too. Natalie is a native of Northern Ireland, a qualified genealogist - and a qualified tour guide. She will arrange an itinerary and accompany you on your visit to the places that are important to you - and were important to your ancestors.

Natalie is an expert on tracing the roots of members of the Irish, Scotch-Irish and Ulster-Scots diaspora. If you're planning a return visit to Ireland, she will ensure that your visit is utterly individual for you. And that it will stay in your memory.

Here's how it works. Perhaps you already have some knowledge about your family history in Ireland. In this case Natalie can build an itinerary of places to visit based on what you know. Alternatively, with the help of some information supplied by you, Natalie will research your family history before you arrive. Then she can base a tour on her findings, your budget and the time available.

Then again you might prefer to visit the archives yourself. Natalie knows her way around all the most likely sources of useful information, the archives and the record repositories. She'll point you in the right direction, accompany you on your visit and guide you in your search when you arrive. Armed with your findings, Natalie will help you do that amazing, spine-tingling, once-in-a-lifetime thing: to walk in the footsteps of your ancestors.



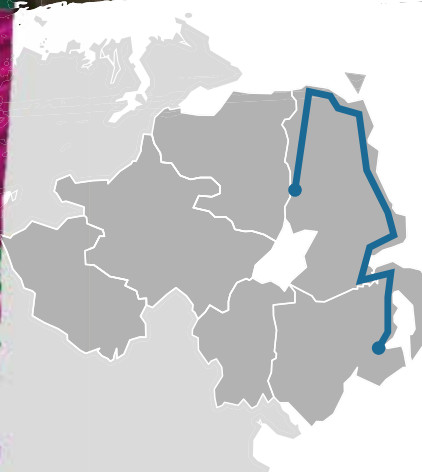
Co. Down and Causeway Coastal Route  
**3 day itinerary**

# Embracing Wellness



## Relax. Breathe. Say goodbye to stress.

And enjoy this fantastic series of slow adventures. This is wellness the way we do it in Northern Ireland. From state-of-the art spa experiences to, well, just hanging out with some friendly donkeys. And everything in between. The great outdoors is truly great in Northern Ireland and we've got lots of new, exciting - but always relaxing - ways for you to experience it. If you'd like to revive your spirits, reconnect with nature and chill, you've come to the right place. And while the emphasis is on food for the soul, the actual food is pretty amazing too.





# Day 1



## Sunrise SUP & Yoga - Strangford Lough Activity Centre

Bring suitable activity wear.

You will learn the basics of stand up paddle boarding (SUP), then coast across to a remote island for a chance to reconnect with yourself and the world around us.

Some swear that starting your day with a sun salutation will leave you more energized than the strongest cup of espresso you can imagine. Sunrise SUP and Island Yoga at Strangford Lough, Co. Down, is all the proof of this you need.

SUP is a form of slow adventure. Feel your body and mind become as still as the gentle waters below, as your thoughts drift and the stresses of everyday life float away. It's a great way to help your balance, agility, and general fitness. Don't worry if you've never tried this before, beginners are more than welcome and you'll be shown the basics of SUP before setting off.

As the waves and sounds of nature guide you, you might catch the crescendo of the dawn chorus or if you're lucky see the cheeky bob of a local seal. Connecting with nature has a way of grounding us, the physical and mental benefits of island yoga can help with just that. Breathe in... breathe out and let the serenity of this moment on a remote island wash over you. After stretching out any tensions, you will enjoy a locally sourced light breakfast before returning to shore.

Paired with SUP, you'll face the day feeling invigorated and refreshed. All you need to bring is your yoga gear, swimwear for under the wetsuit, a towel, and something warm just in case. Your guide will provide the rest!



## Finnebrogue Woods Bushcraft - Finnebrogue Woods

Welcome to beautiful Finnebrogue wood, the perfect habitat for learning the basics of bushcraft. Here you'll meet Rob, our bushcraft expert, at his camp. He'll be your guide for the day.

Rob grew up in the Black Forest. A qualified mountain leader, he has led and taken part in expeditions all over the world - from the Antarctic and the Canadian wilderness to the peaks of the Andes. As a teenager he spent long periods off-grid in Central America, learning from indigenous communities and living off the land.

Rob loves to pass on his knowledge of the great outdoors. From him you'll learn essential survival skills and campcraft - like how to build a shelter and how to make a fire. Then gather round that fire and maybe Rob will share a few tales of his adventures. You'll be cooking your lunch on a campfire too. Your full-day experience includes a tasty lunch pack with our very own Finnebrogue Dexter burgers & sausages. Plus a brownie to keep up your strength, all provided by Fodder, our onsite tipi café and farm shop.

Like something a little different with your brownie? Then foraging is for you. Foraging - gathering food that grows in the wild - is a hot topic these days. Of course, our distant ancestors didn't have any choice. They foraged to survive. Rob knows exactly how they did it - join him at Finnebrogue and he'll share his secrets.

Learn the rules, principles and background of foraging. Find out about the sort of kit you need and how to stay safe. Discover how to identify what's good to eat and what's not.

Naturally the menu changes depending on what's in season. But whatever you forage, it's guaranteed to be very, very fresh. And if you don't find quite enough to satisfy your appetite? Well, your lunch pack of Finnebrogue Dexter burgers & sausages, cooked on an open campfire, will certainly fill the gap.







## Day 2



### Ballygraffan Farm

Ballygraffan is just outside Comber and only 20 minutes from Belfast, it is easily accessible but feels like a different world. Learn more about yourself, how others perceive you and improve your skills through a series of interactions with horses. Ireland has always had a great affinity for horses and for generations we have been working and learning from them but Ballygraffan takes this to a new level. Guests will arrive at the private 50 acre horse farm situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty on the banks of Strangford Lough. You will be invited into their home for coffee and introductions and then the rest of the time will be spent outdoors with the horses. Guests will perform a series of ground-based exercises with the horses which will enable you to gain insights into your own behaviour so that you can communicate more effectively and improve relationships in the workplace and outside.

### Hotel Overnight Stay - Galgorm Spa and Golf Resort

Set within 163 acres of lush parkland, with the spectacular River Maine flowing through the estate, Galgorm Resort has a truly unique setting. This Resort is home to 125 luxurious guestrooms as well as Lodge accommodation, Red Oaks Residence, Charles Lanyon Lodge, Linen Merchants Residence and the unique Thermal Spa Village, the first of its kind in Ireland.

Guests will enjoy the tranquillity of nature and experience pure relaxation with an extensive selection of riverside hot tubs, indoor and outdoor heated pools, steam rooms and saunas.

### Clifftop Experience

#### - Away a Wee Walk and the National Trust

Bring suitable activity wear.

The best way to avoid the crowds and get under the skin of a place is to explore it with a local friend. That's what walking the Causeway Coast with Eimear Flanagan or one of her team is like.

They describe these as 'their' cliffs and delight in sharing them with visitors. Your guide takes you along quiet routes to the best views of the famous National Trust Giant's Causeway, the ones that most visitors do not see because they don't know they exist. The five-mile walk through the heart of Northern Ireland's only World Heritage Site is a personal discovery of a spectacular coastline.

"3.5 hours of breath-taking views taking in the land, sea, flowers; views to Rathlin, Islay, Scotland and Donegal... it's an onslaught of beauty from the beginning to the end!"

### Hotel Overnight Stay and Spa Experience - The Culloden

After your morning trek along the Causeway Coast enjoy the Spa at the Culloden. Standing high on the slopes of the Hollywood Hills, overlooking Belfast Lough and the County Antrim Coastline, is the magnificent Culloden Estate and Spa, the most prestigious luxury five star hotel in Northern Ireland. Originally built as an official palace for the Bishops of Down, the Culloden stands in 12 acres of beautiful secluded gardens and woodland. Palatial surroundings, exquisite decor, fine antiques and exceptional service combine to give the Culloden Estate and Spa a unique air of elegance.



## Day 3



### Canoe & Cake

#### - Mobile Team Adventure & Tracey's Farmhouse Kitchen

Suggestion-Take the Strangford Lough Ferry from Portaferry to Strangford. Bring suitable activity wear.

This is a Wellness experience and combines two experiences in one. John from Mobile Team Adventure will be ready and waiting with his canoes where you'll join him on beautiful Ballymorran Bay, on the shores of Strangford Lough.

You'll paddle around the little Islands on the Lough – and there are in excess of 300! You'll immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquility of your surroundings. Strangford Lough is also a marine Nature Reserve, so you'll probably meet some amazing sea life as you paddle around.

You'll have worked up an appetite and upon your return Tracey will be at the Shoreline as you disembark. You'll take a 2-minute walk to her home where she will have warm breads as they come off the Griddle and her homemade jams, butters on the table waiting for you to tuck into. There will of course be Tracey's delicious homemade Cake on the table! A word of advice – bring an appetite! Tracey will demonstrate how to make Northern Ireland's local bread – Soda bread. Have you ever wondered how to make your own Soda Bread? Now is your chance! You'll take home your freshly Soda bread and you'll be proud of your achievements.

### Awakening Your Senses - Xhale

Bring suitable activity wear.

Playing an important role in the legends of both Finn MacCool and Cú Chulainn, it's easy to see how you'll feel a deep connection to the mythological sleeping giant of Slieve Gullion. Meditation Coach Ann Ward, your Forest Bathing Guide on this unique experience, knows this better than anyone, inheriting her love of Slieve Gullion from her mother who was born on the volcanic mountain itself.

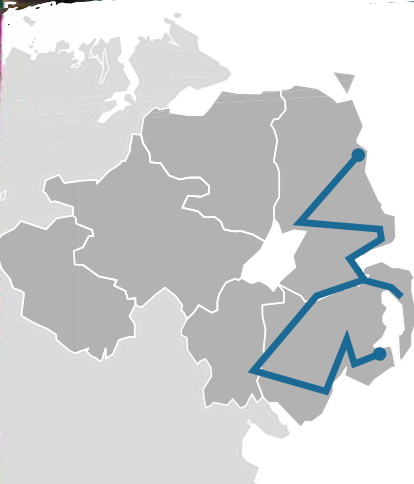
Xhale creates immersive experience using the gifts of nature and meditation. You'll feel rested and re-energised during this restorative experience. With more than 20 years' meditation experience, Ann is the perfect guide to support you in awakening your senses and in deepening your reconnection with nature.

Forest Bathing is just one of the experiences Ann offers, and a proven way to relieve stress and boost your immunity. Bathe your senses in the forest environment, breathe in the rich smells of bark, and allow sun-dappled leaves above wash over you. Originating from Japan, each session of "Shinrin-yoku" as it's also known ends with a customary Japanese tea ceremony made with foraged elderberry cordial and home-made shortbread for you to enjoy.

Ann's creative healing space in nearby Meigh village is as cosy as it is unconventional, a quirky, Second World War hut. Relax and continue to awaken your senses over a locally produced seasonal three-course lunch. Recipes for the spring green soup and wheaten bread are available to take home. After lunch you'll explore how you can bring the practice of forest bathing and nature connection into your everyday life. Then you'll gently end the day with a guided meditation, taking the gift of mindfulness home with you.



# Castle and Gardens



In Northern Ireland you can indulge a taste for castles and grand houses like nowhere else. From fairy-tale romantic to imposing and defensive, these magnificent buildings – and the treasures they contain – are a delight to visit. And now that they no longer have to repel invaders, the welcome you'll receive within is always a warm one.

You'll often find a beautiful garden on the premises too. Thanks to Northern Ireland's famous gardening heritage, some of the world's loveliest green spaces are to be found here. From Victorian-era show-stoppers to peaceful gardens now in their fifth century, if it's green, we've got it!





# Day 1



## Killeavy Castle

Killeavy Castle is a Grade A listed historical building in County Armagh. The Castle was designed in 1836 by architect George Papworth of Dublin. Formally Killeavy Lodge, the Foxall family had their home rebuilt in the style of the pre-Victorian Gosford Castle with Towers, Tudoresque windows and a medieval style door transforming the modest farmhouse into a home fit for a king. Situated on the eastern base of Slieve Gullion, the castle and surrounding grounds brought a new element to the beautiful landscape.

## Gardens Reawakened - Montalto Estate

Situated in the idyllic County Down countryside, this privately-owned estate has a range of seasonal walks and gardens to ensure the grounds are always looking their best no matter the time of year.

With countless gardens to choose from – Alpine Garden, Winter Garden, Cutting Garden, the list goes on! – all coming into bloom at different stages throughout the year, there's never a bad time to see the natural beauty on display here.

Wander through the large variety of Rhododendron and Hydrangeas, get lost in the bucolic beauty of the wildflower meadow, or take in the impressive natural rock formation containing over 250 varieties of plants in the Alpine Garden.

The brainchild of "The Father of Irish Gardening" Sir Arthur Rawdon, the grounds are also home to an impressive collection of exotic plants, as well as a range of captivating walks and trails.

You can also get a behind-the-scenes look at the grounds from one of the friendly gardeners who lives and breathes it each day, and what's involved in maintaining a garden recently shortlisted for the UK Garden of the Year.

In addition to the splendid gardens there's also a play area for kids, as well as the elegantly decorated (not to mention delicious!) café. We also have it on good authority that Afternoon Tea in the Chinese Room is to die for too!

## Castle Ward

Castle Ward, the unusual double sided mansion house stands amongst gentle parkland looking over Strangford Lough. The working estate once included a water-powered sawmill, cornmill and farmyard. Visitors to the estate today can explore cultivated gardens, sheltered woodland and the shoreline of Strangford Lough. Step into a fantasy world of as you explore the Georgian farmyard and the Lough shore, film locations for the television series Game of Thrones®. Castle Ward's historic farmyard was featured as the location of Winterfell for much of Season 1. It's where you'll find the Whispering Wood and key scenes including Robb Stark's Camp, the Baelor battle and when Brienne confronts the Stark men.

## Hotel Overnight Stay - Slieve Donard

Nestling at the foot of the Mountains of Mourne, the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa stands in 6 acres of immaculate private grounds. The hotel has been providing the best of Irish hospitality for over 100 years. A golden strand of beach borders one side while the mighty Royal County Down Golf Links frames the other. This lovingly maintained Victorian hotel is now home to one of Europe's finest resort Spas.



## Day 2



### Mount Stewart

Located on the shores of Strangford Lough in Co. Down Mount Stewart House and Gardens is one of Northern Ireland's much-loved family homes. Following a three year £8 million restoration programme, this 19th-century house has been significantly transformed, making it a must-see attraction on the island of Ireland. The house's Italian-inspired formal gardens and beautiful wooded areas were recently voted one of the top ten gardens in the world. Amazing photo ops abound.



### Hillsborough Castle & Gardens - Hillsborough Castle & Gardens

To understand Northern Ireland, Hillsborough Castle is a good place to start. This is the Queen's official Northern Ireland residence, and the site of some of the region's biggest discussions and decisions: past, present and future. At Hillsborough, you are experiencing history in the making. On a 45-minute tour of the elegant Georgian castle, in the charming village of Hillsborough, Co. Down, you follow in the footsteps of world leaders, through plush and lovingly restored State Rooms including the Throne Room, State Drawing Room, Lady Grey's Study, State Dining Room, Red Room and Stair Hall. There are many layers of stories here, and your guide will share hundreds of years worth of tales, about celebrations, entertainment, diplomacy and negotiations. Standing in these rooms, where pivotal decisions have been made, you get a true sense of Hillsborough Castle's importance.



### Botanic Gardens

Botanic Gardens was established in 1828 by the Belfast Botanic and Horticultural Society, in response to public interest in horticulture and botany.

Originally known as the Belfast Botanic Garden, the site contained exotic tree species and impressive plant collections from the southern hemisphere, many of which can still be seen in the park.

Today, the park is popular with residents, students and visitors and is an important venue for concerts, festivals and other events. It is home to the Palm House and the Tropical Ravine.



### Hotel Overnight Stay - The Merchant

The five Red Star Merchant Hotel is a harmonious blend of Victorian grandeur and Art Deco inspired sleek modernity. The Merchant is also home to the multi award winning Cocktail Bar, public bar the Cloth Ear and their premium nightclub venue, Ollie's. The Merchant Hotel features an exclusive fashion boutique, Harper. As Northern Ireland's only stockist of Valentino, Celine and Christian Louboutin of Paris, Harper at The Merchant Hotel is a must visit for every fashionista.



## Day 3



### Belfast Castle

Belfast Castle is a magnificent sandstone building offering a wealth of history and grandeur for a range of functions. Its sense of history, the superb setting and first-rate facilities makes Belfast Castle an ideal venue for that special occasion and offers a unique experience for all who visit. It occupies a prominent position on the slopes of Cave Hill, some 120 metres (400 feet) above sea level.



### Carrickfergus Castle

Carrickfergus Castle is a Norman castle in Northern Ireland, situated in the town of Carrickfergus in County Antrim, on the northern shore of Belfast Lough. Besieged in turn by the Scots, Irish, English and French, the castle played an important military role until 1928 and remains one of the best-preserved medieval structures in Ireland. For more than 800 years, Carrickfergus Castle has been an imposing monument on the Northern Ireland landscape whether approached by land, sea or air. The castle now houses historical displays as well as cannons. A visit will give you the opportunity to see how the Great Hall at the top of the Great Tower has been transformed by the new roof which has greatly improved the visitor's experience.



### Afternoon tea at Glenarm Castle - Glenarm Castle

Immerse yourself in the history of Glenarm Castle and its renowned Walled Garden as George, the Castle Butler, takes you on a guided tour.

Nestled in the natural beauty of the Glens of Antrim, you'll find the ancestral home of the McDonnell family, Earls of Antrim, and one of Northern Ireland's most historic family houses. With over 500 years of history and heritage, the McDonnells are also descended from the ancient Kings of Dalriada, while Glenarm Castle itself was built by Randal McDonnell, 1st Earl of Antrim in 1636. From unique artefacts to tantalising secrets, you'll hear the intricate living history behind the family who live here; all brought to life by George, your guide and the Castle Butler.



The tour of Glenarm Castle and Garden gives you an exclusive opportunity to peek behind-the-scenes, see real treasures from the Girona shipwreck off Dunluce Castle in 1588, and hear about George's own account working as the family butler. George has held this prestigious position for nearly 20 years, so you know he's got some stories to tell!



Your tour also includes a peaceful stroll through the Walled Garden, bursting with colour throughout the summer season. If you've got a keen eye and green fingers, your interest will be piqued by the exciting flowers and specimen plants that flourish around you.



And then, it's time for a most civilised afternoon tea. Relax in the family dining room as George serves you Champagne and a delicious cream tea. To cap this wonderful day off, George saves some of his best stories for last, but we won't spoil the ending here.



### Hotel Overnight Stay - Ballygally Castle

Ideally located on the scenic Antrim coast, only 26 miles from Belfast and close to Larne, the Ballygally Castle faces the soft, sandy beaches of Ballygally Bay. The Castle dates back to 1625 and is unique in that it is the only 17th Century building still used as a residence in Northern Ireland today. The hotel is reputedly haunted by a friendly ghost and brave guests can visit the 'ghost room' in one of the towers to see for themselves.



## Day 4



### Antrim Castle Gardens

Antrim Castle Gardens is a historical gem, nowhere else in Northern Ireland can you experience these 400 year old gardens. The gardens are a complex living museum containing over four centuries of culture and heritage. Within the heart of the 60 acre gardens is a unique visitor experience, Clotworthy House. Visit the Garden Heritage Exhibition where you can read about the history of the gardens or the Oriel Gallery art exhibitions.



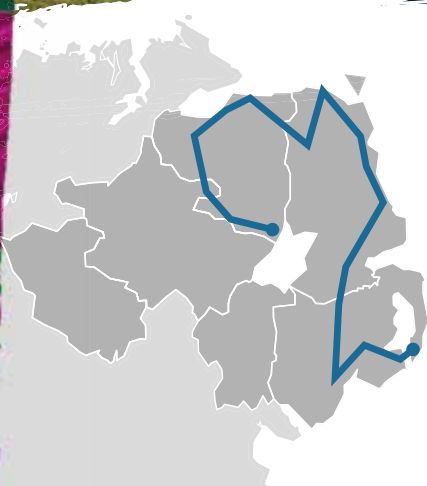
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# Day 1



## Door No. 2: Fiddler's Green

Experience some excellent Guinness as you visit Door No. 2 at traditional Portaferry bar Fiddlers Green.



## Portaferry to Strangford by Ferry

Travel to Winterfell by ferry from Portaferry to Strangford, across the mouth of Strangford Lough. The name Strangford is derived from Old Norse Strangr-fjörðr, meaning 'strong fjord', describing the fast-flowing narrows at its mouth.



## Audley's Field | Robb Stark's Camp, Oxcross

Situated in the magnificent Castle Ward estate, Audley's Field and castle overlook the tranquil waters of Strangford Lough. After his victory at the Battle of Oxcross, Rob meets Talisa who is tending wounded soldiers on the battlefield. Take time to explore the beautiful surrounding rolling landscape.



## Castle Ward | Winterfell

You're now entering the stronghold of House Stark. You'll be robed in Stark regalia and handed a longbow and axe to test your battlefield skills. You'll get a tour of Winterfell, meet the Direwolves, and even uncover some of the show's special-effect secrets. It's a rare chance to immerse yourself in the world's biggest show.



## Lunch Idea: Under the Teepee at Castle Ward | Winterfell

## Inch Abbey | Rob Stark's Camp, Riverrun

Grab your Northerner's cloak and weaponry and pledge your allegiance to Robb Stark. You'll be recreating the moment Robb's bannermen pledge fealty to him as the 'King in the North'. You'll also find the ruins of a real-life 12th century abbey here. And on a clear day, you should be able to spot Down Cathedral and the burial place of St Patrick in the distance.



## Tollymore Forest | Lands Around Winterfell

Explore this beautiful 1,600-acre forest park at the foothills of the majestic Mourne Mountains, the backdrop for dark and dastardly deeds including when Wills finds the dismembered bodies in the snow, Tyrion and Jon's campfire on their journey north to the wall, and the bridge where the Starks discover a dead direwolf and her pups.



## Door No. 1: The Cuan

This cosy family-run guest inn and restaurant is home to Door No. 1 which reflects the opening sequence of the show.



## Day 2



### Cairncastle | The Neck & North of Winterfell

In the show, Cairncastle serves as the dramatic backdrop for Ned's beheading of the Night's Watch deserter and for Sansa when she learns of her marriage to Ramsay Bolton. This windswept plateau is located above a Bronze Age promontory fort and settlement.



### Door No. 9: Ballygally Castle

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### Carnlough | Braavos Canal

Arrive at the pretty village and harbour of Carnlough and see the harbour steps where Arya crawls up to the streets of Braavos after being attacked by the Waif. The picturesque town of Carnlough is on the Causeway Coastal Route so photo opportunities abound.



### Cushendun Caves | A Cove in the Stormlands

Step into the dark stony cave where a demon was born. This is where Davos watches as Melisandre, the Red Priestess, gives birth to the shadow creature. You'll find the caves in Cushendun on the Causeway Coastal Route, a coastal drive that Lonely Planet named the world's top region to visit in 2018.



### Door No. 8: Mary McBride's Bar

See Door No. 8 at Mary McBride's. While here, try their 'Pull-a-pint experience' and homemade Irish wheaten bread.



### Larrybane | The Stormlands & Nagga's Hill, Old Wyk

Larrybane is the spot where Renly Baratheon and his Queen Margaery Tyrell watch a tourney where her brother Ser Loras Tyrell is bested by an unknown knight, later revealed as Brienne of Tarth. Larrybane is a former chalk quarry close to Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, so you absolutely must cross the exhilarating rope bridge while you're there.



### Door No. 6: Fullerton Arms

Door No. 6, dominated by Daenerys' most fearsome dragon, takes pride of place in this picturesque guesthouse.



### Ballintoy | Lordsport Harbour and Pyke

Follow a narrow twisting road to discover this quaint fishing harbour. Ballintoy beach and harbour were used for several scenes including Theon's return to Lordsport harbour to his family home and his baptism as well as Euron's drowning and rebirth. Scenic Ballintoy is now synonymous with Pyke and the Iron Islands.



## Day 3



### Door No. 7: Dark Hedges Estate

Visit door no. 7 at the Dark Hedges Estate, a short distance from the Dark Hedges, also known as the Kingsroad.



### The Dark Hedges | The Kingsroad

Simply iconic. Fans can't come to Northern Ireland without visiting The Kingsroad. Here's your chance to walk down the haunting avenue of beech trees, which was Arya and Gendry's escape route from King's Landing. Known locally as the Dark Hedges, you'll find the intertwining trees and ever-changing light create a special atmosphere.



### Portstewart Strand | Coast of Dorne

Visit this spectacular two-mile stretch of beach at Portstewart to walk the coast of Dorne and climb the sand dunes where Jaime Lannister and Ser Bronn are attacked by Dornish soldiers, and where the 'Sand Snakes' discuss their plan to start a war against the Lannisters.



### Lunch Idea: On location at Harry's Shack

### Downhill Beach | Dragonstone

Located along the spectacular Causeway Coastal Route, Downhill Beach is part of an 11km stretch of sand and surf. Here Stannis Baratheon rejects the Seven Gods of Westeros and allows Melisandre to burn their effigies as an offering to the Lord of Light. Look out for Mussenden Temple perched dramatically on the cliff top.



### Binevenagh | Dothraki Grasslands

This distinctive headland has dramatic cliffs and stunning views across Lough Foyle to Donegal. It can be easily viewed as you travel along the Causeway Coastal Route. Here the Dothraki horde surround Daenerys after her escape from the Meereen fighting pits on the back of Drogon and again when Dario and Jorah discover Daenerys' ring while searching for her.



### Door No. 5: Owens

Apart from the addition of Door No. 5 featuring the Night King, this traditional pub has remained virtually unchanged since 1852.



### Toome Canal | Old Valyrian Canal

Toome Canal is easily reached from the small village of Toome, located where the River Bann flows from Lough Neagh to the Atlantic Ocean. As Jorah and Tyrion sail across The Summer Sea bound for Meereen they see Drogon flying overhead and at the same time are attacked by Stone Men. If time permits learn more about the history of the canal at the Lock Keeper's Cottage.



# Doors of Thrones

In 2016 a storm swept the island bringing down some of the iconic beech trees at the Dark Hedges. The wood from the fallen trees was salvaged and transformed into unique works of art in the form of 10 intricately crafted doors. Using iconic symbols and key scenes from the show, the doors work together to tell the tale of Season 6.



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## Door No. 3: Percy French, Newcastle

Spot the lone direwolf on Door No. 3, in this restaurant next to Murlough Bay at the foot of the magnificent Mourne Mountains.



## Door No. 4: Blakes of the Hollow, Enniskillen

This Victorian pub, famous for its warm hospitality and now for Door No. 4, with its fierce House of Targaryen dragons.



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## Door No. 10: The Dark Horse, Belfast

Step into this European-style coffee house in Belfast's Cathedral Quarter and see Door No. 10, representing key events as Season 6 draws to a close.



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