

From a telescope that was once the world's largest at Birr Castle, to the scenic Slieve Bloom Mountains, to the historic Emo Court Demesne, you'll find hundreds of stories in Ireland's Ancient East.

GREAT STORIES STAY WITH YOU FOREVER Find yours at IrelandsAncientEast.com



Welcome • Brendan Griffin T.D.

A message from the Minister of State for Tourism and Sport





elcome to the 'Ireland Golf Guide 2018' that has been specially designed to provide you with all the information you need to plan your golf visit in Ireland - world-renowned for its high quality and great choice of golf courses.

Spread throughout every part of Ireland are more than 400 courses lying within our scenic landscape. From championship links courses, to parkland courses and numerous hidden gems, there's a course to please everyone!

Our passion for golf, combined with our renowned tradition of hospitality, makes us want to share our courses and our companionship with visitors and so we extend a 'Céad Míle Fáilte' or 'One Hundred Thousand Welcomes' to golfers from all over the world. It is of course, the people that really make Ireland stand out amongst other golf destinations - the friendly welcome and warm hospitality will

make any golfer want to return.

We also hope you will join us for the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open from the 4-8th July in Ballyliffin Golf Club, County Donegal, a spectacular setting and home to two of Ireland's best links courses, where the Glashedy course will take centre stage.

I hope that this 'Ireland Golf Guide 2018' will enable you to choose the golfing holiday in Ireland that is just right for you and your companions.

Enjoy your visit to Ireland, our landscape, our heritage, our food and our people- but most of all- enjoy our golf.

Branda frithin T.D.

Brendan Griffin T.D.Minister of State for Tourism and Sport





CONTENTS 2018



CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE





Irish Crystal

When it comes to marking a special occasion, nothing beats Irish crystal

DUBLIN REGION

Encounters of the Great Kind Many of the modern game's greatest international golfers have enjoyed golf on the superb shores of Ireland. By David Gorman

A Rich History

Ireland is one of the nations with the most golf courses per capita in the world, and that all began in the nineteenth century, when many of the world's greatest courses were created. By David Gorman

Golf in Dublin

Hundreds of thousands of visitors flock to the capital each year to stay and play golf in Ireland's capital city

Dublin Experiences and Attractions Cultural activities to do when in Dublin

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST Golf in Ireland's Ancient East

With 5,000 years of history in lush green landscapes, this region includes some of the best places to play golf in Ireland

Ireland's Ancient East Experiences and Attractions

Cultural activities to do when in Ireland's Ancient East

Irish Horse Racing

There is no better way to see and touch the real Ireland than spending a day at the races

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Not To Be Forgotten

The Dubai Duty Free Irish Open takes place at Ballyliffin Golf Club this year, as Jon Rahm looks to defend his title

Golf on the Wild Atlantic Way 102 A sensational journey of hidden beaches and epic bays, and some of the

108

146

150

world's highest rated golf courses Wild Atlantic Way Experiences

and Attractions Cultural activities to do when on the Wild Atlantic Way

The Great North West

No trip to Ireland would be complete without a visit to the North West, with its warm hospitality, stunning landscapes and effortless charm

NORTHERN IRELAND

Ireland - Land of Champions Find out more about some of the courses that made our major

champions, including Rory McIlroy

Northern Ireland Experiences and Attractions

Cultural activities to do when in Northern Ireland

Front cover images: Waterville (main)

L-R: Macreddin, The European, O'Meara, Carton House Portmarnock

Published by:

Walton Media E7 Calmount Office Park, Ballymount, Dublin 12. Tel: 01 419 9604

Contributors:

Brian Keogh, David Gorman

Tony Monaghan

Photography: Getty Images, Inpho

Publisher: Walton Media

Printers: Walsh Colour Print



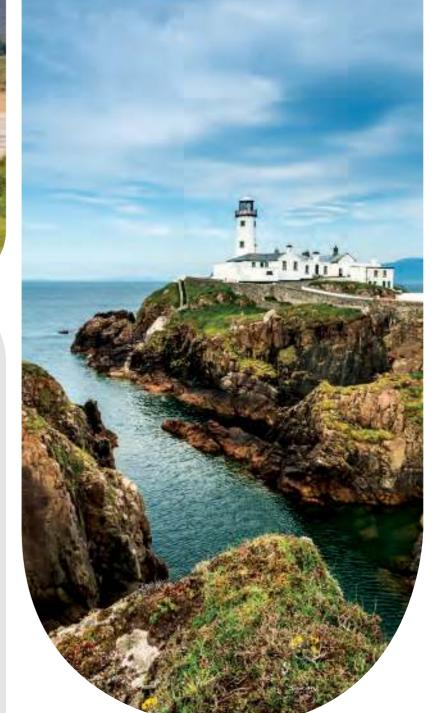


publisher does not accept responsibility with any of the views expressed, statements or claims made in any articles, news items, or advertisements published

in or with this magazine.

Copyright: No part of this magazine may be used or reproduced without written permission of Walton Media If such permission is granted, the source must be acknowledged at time and place of use.

Disclaimer: The for, nor necessarily agree











Welcome • Using the guide

Ireland is a country full of friends you haven't met yet

and memories just waiting to be made, and this guide is your key to unlocking the holiday of a lifetime



The 2018 Ireland Golf Guide is designed to provide all you need to know about playing golf and travelling around the beautiful Emerald Isle. We hope that it's user friendly, and that it helps you discover the many ways in which you can get the most out of your trip to Ireland.

Golf clubs and courses

Ireland has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to golf courses. The island might be small, but it is jam packed with many of the most illustrious, historic and talked-about courses, including one third of the world's links. With over 400 courses to choose from, deciding where to play is never easy – but it is always fun.

Green fees

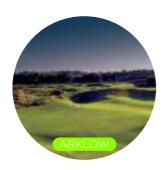
Special golf passes, early birds, group discounts – there are many ways to get a bargain at Irish golf courses. Contacting the club, or speaking with your tour operator, is always a good idea, but we'd like to be the first to dispel the myth about golf in Ireland being expensive – it's not. For the calibre of the courses, the service and welcome you'll receive, once you play here we think you'll agree: golfing in Ireland is great value and a priceless experience.

Caddies, clubs, buggies and carts

Because of the unique environmental character and history of many of Ireland's golf clubs, the experience might be a little different to what you're used to. It is not always possible to use a buggy, but if you speak with the club about your special needs you'll find them to be always friendly and accommodating. Caddies are almost always available, but should be booked in advance, and many courses these days now offer club hire also.

Dress code, soft spikes and handicaps

Golfing in Ireland is always a relaxed, friendly affair – but clubs do like to keep their traditions alive. Jeans and sneakers are best avoided, while if you dress smart casual you'll be perfectly attired for most tastes. Occasionally, some clubs will require a jacket and tie for the dining room. Soft spikes are advised, as some clubs will not allow traditional spikes any longer. Handicap certificates should be brought where possible.









Whenever you see this symbol these golf clubs have been assessed to Failte Ireland's golf standards. For more information visit our website: www.ireland.com/golf

Dublin

Dublin is the vibrant capital city of Ireland bursting with a variety of surprising experiences where city living thrives side by side with the natural outdoors

Ireland's Ancient East

Enjoy some of the world's best golf courses in Ireland's Ancient East – from breath-taking links and championship parklands to magnificent golfing resorts

Wild Atlantic Way

The magnificent links courses along the Wild Atlantic Way exploit the spectacular coastal scenery and beaches to the full and provide some of the most challenging and exhilarating golf in the world

Northern Ireland

Home to Rory McIlroy, Graeme McDowell, Darren Clarke – and some of the world's best golf courses

ICONS The facility icons listed for hotels and golf clubs have not been independently verified by the Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide. The icons shown are based on information supplied directly by the venues themselves. Errors and omissions excepted.



Every effort has been made to make this guide as comprehensive as possible. If we have overlooked any detail or club in any of the seven regions, please contact our office for inclusion in the 2019 guide. Walton Media Tel: 01 419 9604.









8 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide
The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide 9



Golf

18 HOLE COURSES

Ballybofey / Stranorlar Golf Club

Stranorlar, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 1093 www.ballybofeyandstranorlargolfclub.ie

Ballyliffin Golf Club

Glashedy, Inishowen, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 937 6119 www.ballyliffingolfclub.com

Bundoran Golf Club

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1302 www.bundorangolfclub.com

Donegal Golf Club

Murvagh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 4054 www.donegalgolfclub.ie

Dunfanaghy Golf Club

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 6335 www.dunfanaghygolfclub.com

Greencastle Golf Club

Inishowen, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 938 1013 www.greencastlegolfclub.com

Letterkenny Golf Club

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 912 1150 www.letterkennygolfclub.com

Narin / Portnoo Golf Club

Portnoo, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 954 5107 www.narinportnoogolfclub.ie

North West Golf Club

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 936 1715 www.northwestgolfclub.com

Portsalon Golf Club

Fanad, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 915 9459 www.portsalongolfclub.com

Rosapenna Golf Club

Downings, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 915 5000 www.rosapenna.ie

9 HOLE COURSES

Buncrana Golf Club

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 936 2279 www.buncranagolfclub.com

Cruit Island Golf Club

Kincasslagh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 954 3296 www.cruitislandgolfclub.com

Cloughaneely Golf Club

Falcarragh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 916 5416 www.falcarraghgolfclub.ie

Gweedore Golf Club

Derrybeg, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 953 1140 www.gweedoregolfclub.com

Otway Golf Club

Rathmullan, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 915 8319 www.rathmullan.net/otway-golf-club

Redcastle Golf Club

Inishowen, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 338 5555 www.redcastlehotel.com

DONEGAL IS A GOLFER'S PARADISE.

In 2018 the Ballyliffin Golf Course in Donegal is host to the Irish Open

And There Is A Good Reason Why......

Tee-off at one of the numerous Championship Links and Parkland Courses

Comhairle Contae

Donegal County Council

Dhùn na nGall

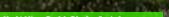
all over the County from Ballyliffin to Bundoran.

The challenging terrain makes playing golf in Donegal memorable.

Not only is the golf great, but this part of northwest Ireland has the best scenery to go with its greenery.

www.govisitdonegal.com













Useful Info • Making the most of your break



Ireland generally has a temperate climate and tends not to suffer extremes of heat or cold. The average annual temperature is about 9-10 °C. Drops in temperature below freezing occur infrequently during winter and snow is rare. January and February are the coldest, with the average around 7°C. In summer, daytimes are a comfortable 15° to 20°C. There are about 18 hours of daylight daily during July and August. However, the Irish weather is certainly going to offer the visitor rain at some point, with wet weather common throughout the year Pack accordingly!



Car Hire Companies:

Most of the major international car hire companies, as well as a number of indigenous Irish car hire companies, have desks conveniently located at all the major airports as well as at ferry terminals and in the city centres. Car hire can be pre-booked prior to travel. The Car Hire Council (www.carrentalcouncil. le) offers a full list of their member companies, all with contact details and links directly to an individual car hire company's website and reservations.

Airports in Ireland

The three main airports serving the Republic of Ireland are:

- Dublin Airport: 00 353 (0)1 814 1111 www.dublinairport.com
- Cork Airport: 00 353 (0)21 431 3131 www.corkairport.com
- Shannon Airport: 00 353 (0)61 712000 www.shannonairport.ie

Ireland is also served by the following regional airports:

- Donegal: 00 353 (0) 74 954 8284 www.donegalairport.ie
- www.donegalairport.ie • Kerry: 00 353 (0) 66 976 4644
- www.kerryairport.ie
 Ireland West Knock: 00 353 (0) 94
 936 8100
- www.irelandwestairport.com
 Waterford; 00 353 (0) 51 846 600
- In Northern Ireland, the main airports are:
 Belfast City Airport:
- www.belfastcityairport.com
- Belfast International: 00 44 (0) 28 9448 4848
- www.belfastairport.com
 City of Derry:
- City of Derry:
 00 44 (0) 28 7181 0784
 www.cityofderryairport.com



Airline operators

Ireland is well served by a number of the major international carriers, many of which offer non-stop connections from major gateways in the US and Europe. Contact details for most of the airlines are readily available on the website of your destination airport in Ireland.

Ireland by car

Travelling by car in Ireland is a great way to see the country at your own pace and time. Some tips when driving in Ireland:

- Always drive on the left.
- All speed limits and distances are designated in kilometers. The maximum speed on motorways is 120 km/h. In urban areas, speed is restricted to between 30 and 50 km/h.
- Tourists require a driving licence issued by their country of origin.
- Drink driving is a very serious offence in Ireland and the best advice is not to drink and drive.
- The wearing of seat belts is compulsory in front and rear seats for all passengers.

Ireland by coach

The national bus company, Bus Eireann, operates a wide variety of services available to tourists. These include connections to and from all the main airports as well as Expressway services linking Ireland's main cities and towns. For more information go to their website: www.buseireann.ie.

In addition, there are quite a number of private coach companies dedicated to serving the needs of tourists. These coach operators offer individualised service to groups, as well as regular sightseeing tours.

Ireland by rail

Irish Rail is the national rail company, with a comprehensive list of Intercity services across the country. For full details on destinations, routes, timetables and fares, visit their website: www.irishrail.ie.

In addition to the national rail links, there are two commuter rail lines serving the Greater Dublin Area: – the Luas Lines (www.luas.ie) and DART Lines (www.irishrail.ie). Both of these offer tourists a reliable and inexpensive method of seeing the capital city.

Tipping in Ireland

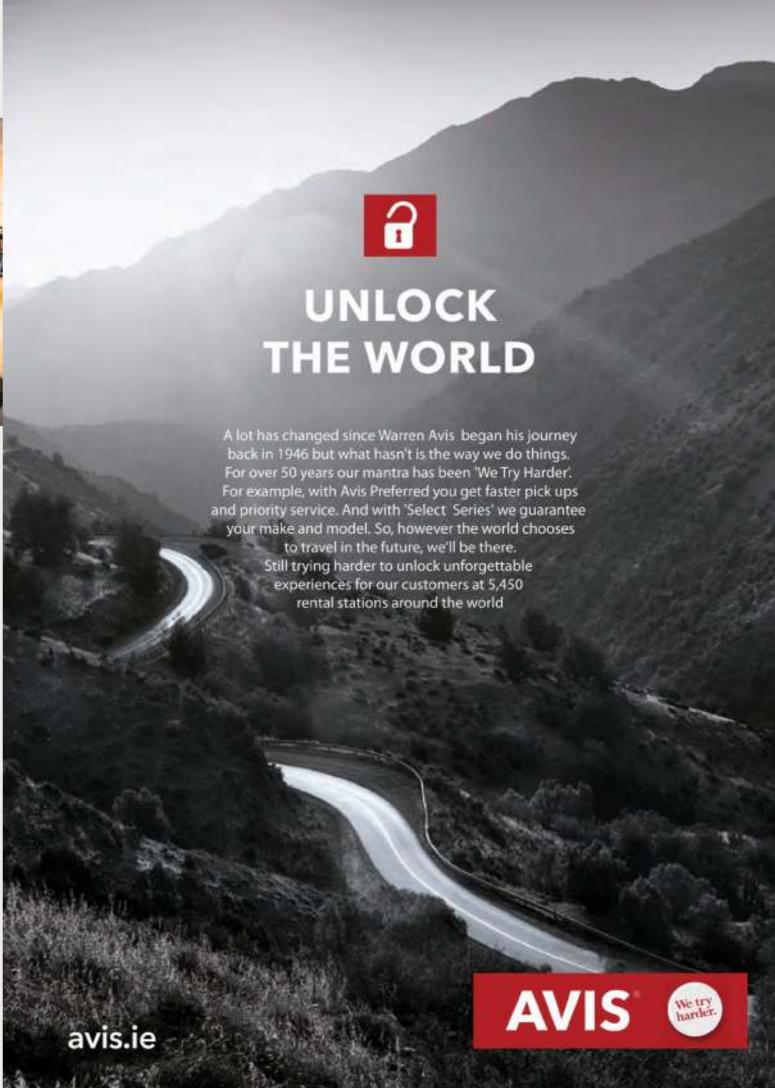
Ireland does not have as strong a tipping culture as exists in other countries. However, locals and visitors tend to tip for restaurants and taxi services. A rough general rule is around 10% and all tips are at your own personal discretion, based on the quality of service delivered. In restaurants with table service, if you have received exceptional service you can tip slightly higher.

Currency/Credit cards

In common with most of the European Continent, the Republic of Ireland uses the Euro. The Euro has denominations of €500. €100, €50, €20, €10 and €5 in paper notes. Coinage consists of €1 and €2 coins, plus smaller denominations of 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c. (Note: the "c" refers to cent). Banking hours are generally 10.00am to 4.30pm Monday through Friday, with some banks open on Saturday. ATM (cash) machines are located at most banks and Irish ATMS accept cards that have the CIRRUS, ACCESS or PLUS symbol. The ATMs may also issue cash on major credit cards. Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards are widely accepted in Ireland.

The Irish language

In the Republic of Ireland, both English and Irish (Gaelic) are the official languages, but most residents will use English as their primary language. Street name signs and directional road signage are all bilingual. In Gaeltacht areas of the country (typically found in the west around Galway, north in Donegal and south around Kerry), Irish is spoken daily. However, even in these regions, people will also speak English.



Festival Times • Cultural events in 2018

Golf is just one of the many great activities on offer in Ireland. From worldclass horse racing to the biggest and best cultural festivals and concerts, there is never a shortage of great events to attend in Ireland

TEMPLE BAR TRADFEST DUBLIN

24-28 Jan 2018

Temple Bar TradFest is an annual music and culture festival that takes place in late January in Dublin. Taking place over five days and five nights, the festival features over 200 free events, and it showcases the cream of both Irish and international trad and folk artists, providing a stage to promote the next generation of Irish musicianship. www.tradfest.ie



St Patrick's Day Festival
16-19 March 2018

ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL DUBLIN / VARIOUS

16-19 March 2018

St Patrick's Day, Ireland's national day, is a festival celebrating Ireland's identity, arts and cultures. It will showcase the very best of Irish and international talent. The legendary parade in Dublin will travel across the city and will amaze with its myriad of colourful performers and floats.

www.stpatricksfestival.ie



LISTOWEL WRITERS' WEEK LISTOWEL, CO. KERRY

Listowel Writers' Week is an international acclaimed 5-day literary festival devoted to bringing together writers and audiences at unique and innovative events in the historic and intimate surroundings of Listowel. It includes writing competitions, writing workshops, book launches, readings, lectures and seminars, showcasing the best of Irish literature from across the world.

RORY GALLAGHER FESTIVAL

BALLYSHANNON, CO. DONEGAL

31 May - 3 June 2018

Guitar legend Rory Gallagher has sold over 30 million albums worldwide and the Rory Gallagher International Tribute Festival takes place in the town where he was born – Ballyshannon. With over 10,000 fans now attending the festival annually from all over the world, it features some top-quality rock-and-roll music from the big top concerts, as well as 25 hours of Free Open Air Concerts and Pub Gigs.

www.rorygallagherfestival.com

VHI WOMEN'S MINI MARATHON DUBLIN

3 June 2018

The biggest all-women's event of its kind in the world, the VHI Women's Mini Marathon has grown steadily in numbers since it began in 1983. Women of all ages, representing every county and every walk of life, take part in this great festival of women. No pressure is put on anyone, all you have to do is walk, jog or run the 10k, it is up to each individual to set her own target.



BODY & SOUL FESTIVAL

KILRUSH UPPER, CO. WESTMEATH

22-24 June 2018

A bizarre and beautiful banquet of music, art, food, theatre and more, Body & Soul festival takes place over the Summer Solstice Weekend at Ballinlough Castle, where the grounds and woods are transformed to create a mystical atmosphere. You never know what you might stumble upon, with installations of all sorts around every corner.

BLOOMSDAY FESTIVAL

DUBLIN

11-16 June 2018

Bloomsday is a celebration that takes place in Dublin and around the world. It celebrates Thursday 16 June 1904, which is the day depicted in James Joyce's novel Ulysses. The day is named after the central character in the book, Leopold Bloom. A lively celebration of all things Joyce, join avid Joyceans from all over the world as they descend on Dublin. www.bloomsdayfestival.ie

IRISH DERBY FESTIVAL

THE CURRAGH

29 June-1 July 2018

One of the highlights of the horse racing calendar, this three-day event promises to be a spectacle of fashion, entertainment, music and the finest racing. Some of the world's best horses and jockeys will be present for the magic of this enthralling summer celebration at the iconic Curragh venue.

www.curragh.ie/visiting-the-curragh/derby-festival/



Bloomsday Festival 11-16 June 2018

MONAGHAN COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

MONAGHAN, CO. MONAGHAN
19-22 July 2018

Monaghan Town Country Music festival is a charity-funded, open air, four-day country music and jiving festival, featuring some of the best Irish acts in country music. Beginning in 2013, the festival has taken over the entire town, and it also features a jiving dance competition with a prize of 1,000 up for grabs, so get practising!

NORTHERN IRELAND OPEN

BALLYMENA, CO. ANTRIM

July/August 2018

The Northern Ireland Open is a golf tournament at Galgorm Castle on the European Challenge Tour and a stepping stone to the 'big time' of world golf. It continues to grow every year thanks its family-orientated nature, with the NI Open Food Festival, exhibitors, live music, golf art exhibition and Fun Golf Area all included in the NI Open Village. www.niopen.golf



DUBAI DUTY FREE IRISH OPEN

BALLYLIFFIN, CO. DONEGAL

4-8 July 2018

Ballyliffin Golf Club will host the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, Spanish star Jon Rahm will defend his title on the Glashedy Links at Ballyliffin. An old favourite of Rory McIlroy, this Donegal club should be a fantastic venue for a European Tour event that continues to grow, with its status as a Rolex Series event ensuring a \$7m prize fund and a worldclass field.

www.dubaidutyfreeirishopen.com

GALWAY ARTS FESTIVAL GALWAY

16-29 July 2018

Every July, the Galway Arts Festival turns the City of Tribes into a festival party with literature, drama, theatrics and popup surprises. Right on the Wild Atlantic Way, the festival is packed with history. The festival packs in over 200 shows in 25+ locations over 14 days. www.giaf.ie

ELECTRIC PICNIC

STRADBALLY, LAOIS

31 August-2 September 2018

Electric Picnic is an annual music and arts festival, which since its inception has consistently attracted some of the biggest names in music, previous acts have included OutKast, Arcade Fire, The Killers and the Arctic Monkeys. Along with the world-class music, the festival also showcases art, theatre, comedy, food and holistic health. www.electricpicnic.ie



FLEADH CHEOIL NA HEIREANN

DROGHEDA

12-19 August 2018

The world's largest annual celebration of Irish music, language, song and dance, an estimated 400,000 visitors are expected to visit Drogheda for the Fleadh Cheoil. There will be competitions for instruments such as violin, tin whistle, harp and banjo, as well as singing and dancing. It is a unique and welcoming festival of the best of traditional arts that provides a week of 'great craic' for all visitors. www.fleadhcheoil.ie



TRALEE

60th year in 2018. It brings young women of Irish descent from around the world to County Kerry and connects the

www.roseoftralee.ie

FESTIVAL

LISDOONVARNA, CLARE

If you're looking for an Irish mate, this may be the festival for you. Europe's largest matchmaking festival draws throngs of people to Lisdoonvarna every year. Age is no barrier, those attending range from 18 to 80. People don't necessarily come to look for a spouse - they come in their thousands in search of a good time.



Electric Picnic

Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann 12-19 August 2018

ROSE OF TRALEE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

17-21 August 2018

The Rose of Tralee International Festival is going into its global Irish community in a carnival atmosphere of street entertainment, live music, culminating in the selection of the Rose of Tralee for 2018

LISDOONVARNA MATCHMAKING

1 September - 1 October 2018

www.matchmakerireland.com

GALWAY INTERNATIONAL OYSTER AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

GALWAY

28-30 September 2018

First celebrated in 1954, each year Galway City celebrates the 'bold man that first ate an oyster' (Jonathan Swift) at the Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival, the world's largest running Oyster festival. It has been described by the Sunday Times as 'one of the 12 greatest shows on earth' and is not to be missed. www.galwayoysterfestival.com

NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

TULLAMORE, CO. OFFALY

18-20 September 2018

An outdoor agricultural show incorporating a ploughing contest, the National Ploughing Championships are a celebration of Irish rural life. Hosted since 1931, it draws over 1500 exhibitors and achieves attendances of over 200,000 each year. More than just farming, it features attractions such as live entertainment, fashion shows, crafts, live cooking demonstrations, sheep dog trials, pony games and welly throwing. www.npa.ie



Leopardstown Festival 26-29 December 2018

THREE BROTHERS CLASSIC 2018

KENMARE, CO. KERRY September 2018

Fifty-four teams of three brothers will take part in a two-day golf competition at Kenmare Golf Club. Teams will be travelling for the event from the US, France, the UK and all around Ireland for this event. As well as the competitive side to the Classic, this event is an annual chance for brothers and their families to get together and experience all that Kenmare has to offer. Songs will be sung and stories told until late at night. www.kenmaregolfclub.com/3-brothers/



BANKS OF THE FOYLE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

28-31 October 2018

Nowhere quite does Halloween like Derry-Londonderry! Every year, the city goes above and beyond to wow the festival goers with its spooktacular events. There's something for every age group to enjoy, with a jam-packed carnival calendar extravaganza. www.derryhalloween.com

LEOPARDSTOWN FESTIVAL LEOPARDSTOWN, CO DUBLIN 26-29 December 2018

The Leopardstown Christmas Festival is one of the highlights of the Irish racing and social calendar, featuring seven Grade 1 races over four days. The Racing Post day kicks off high quality racing, while Ladies day at the Lexus Chase is one of the most anticipated fashion events on the Irish calendar. It is a chance to showcase your winter gems, enjoys a day out with friends, fine dining and entertainment. www.leopardstown.com



Banks of the Foyle Halloween Carnival 28-31 October 2018

Irish **Theatre Putting On A Show**

Ireland is the home of many world renowned playwrights and has a rich history of literary genius

By David Gorman

reland is known internationally as the land of saints and scholars and many scholarly literary giants came from these shores. From acclaimed poets to world-famous novelists, we have had four Irish Nobel Prize Winners for Literature - William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett and Seamus Heaney.

Bernard Shaw and Beckett were particularly well known for their flair in writing plays, as were the brilliant Oscar Wilde, Sean O'Casey and JM Synge to name just a few of our best playwrights.

Plays like Waiting for Godot, the Playboy of the Western World, the Plough and the Stars and The Importance of Being Earnest are Ireland's gift to the literary world. These plays and many others are often shown in what is a strong theatrical Irish scene, with a host of festivals and events to

Venues like The Abbey Theatre are still thriving today in the heart of Dublin. The Abbey first opened its doors to the public in 1904, founded by Lady Gregory, Edward Martyn and WB Yeats. It features heavily in the history of the Irish nationalist struggle, with the riots culminating from Synge's Playboy of the Western World resulting in civil disturbance. When rioters returned for Ó'Casey's The Plough and the Stars, Yeats famously said, "You have disgraced yourselves again; is this to be the recurring celebration of the arrival of Irish genius?"

The Plough and the Stars will be in Dublin, check out the 2,111-capacity

performed at the historic Gaiety Theatre from 24 April-5 May this year, which was opened in 1871. Today, it features old classics and some internationally-acclaimed plays. While Bord Gáis Energy Theatre also, with great family shows like Beauty and the Beast and Matilda in 2018.

Head to Belfast, and you have the award-winning Lyric Theatre, which makes a unique and vital

contribution to the community as the only full-time producing theatre in Northern Ireland. In Cork, vou will find the 650-seat Victorian theatre, the Everyman Theatre, the oldest purpose-built theatre building in Cork, which features an eclectic mix of plays, operas, musicals and concerts, but specialises in drama.

In Galway, An Taibhdhearc are Irish plays as Gaelige, the national Irish language theatre in Ireland.

The theatre is particularly busy

Bernard Shaw and Beckett were particularly well known for their flair in writing plays, as were the brilliant Oscar Wilde, Sean Ó'Casey and JM Synge to name just a few of our best playwrights.



during the two weeks of the Galway Arts Festival in July, one of many great literary festivals over the course of the year. Founded in 1976, the Galway Arts Festival has over 200,000 attendees at 200 performances, talks and exhibitions across 26 venues. The BBC has described the Galway Arts festival as " one of Europe's most important cultural events". Elsewhere in Connacht, the Boyle Arts Festival in Co Roscommon is highly regarded for its group exhibition of contemporary Irish art, classical music, drama and literature, while the

Westport Arts Festival is a mix of evening musical and theatrical programmes from some of the best global acts in the world.

The Fit-up Theatre Festival in West Cork is a twice yearly running festival in February and July and August, which bring touring shows to small towns and villages where there is a lack of accessibility to areas where theatre is only occasionally aired and promotes new Irish writing.



18 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide 19

Irish Whiskey Tours

"Too much of anything is bad, but too much good whiskey is barely enough," wrote Mark Twain. Ireland is credited with having invented whiskey, known as 'uisce beatha' in Irish, or the 'water of life'. Experience the drink with Irish Whiskey Tours, which include the whiskey distilleries of Ireland – past and present – but also the best whiskey pubs and bars in the country, the finest whiskey shops and some top class hotels and golf courses, where whiskey is as much at home as is excellence and hospitality.

WHISKEY DISTILLERIES

Learn how world-famous whiskey is prepared by going on a distillery tour. Jameson Whiskey was distilled at the Old Jameson Distillery in Dublin until 1971, which is a popular tourist attraction, as is the current location in Midleton in Cork. One can't miss the popular Old Bushmills Distillery in Antrim which produces the smooth tasting Bushmills

Elsewhere, try the Connacht Distillery Company in Ballina, Mayo. Along the banks of the River Moy in a unique western Irish setting, the distillery's barrel room houses casks full of whiskey, where it slowly matures. The Tullamore Distillery is a new distillery in County Offaly, where you can taste the famous Tullamore Dew. Visitors on a tour can explore the production process from still house to warehouse and even create their own unique blend of whiskey in the blending room.

IRISH WHISKEY MUSEUM

Teeling Whiskey Distillery is located in the historic Liberties of Dublin City Centre, and each tour concludes with a taste of awardwinning Teeling Whiskeys, with a selection of tasting options to suit the novice and aficionado alike.

Also in Dublin City Centre is the Irish Whiskey Museum at College Green, telling history and tales of the rise and fall of Irish whiskey, through interactive exhibits, plus a tasting at the end.

IRISH WHISKEY TRAILS

Irish Whiskey Trails are available not just for whiskey-lovers but also for anyone who wants to enjoy some of the very best Irish traditional pubs or who is simply interested in Irish history and culture. Visit pubs from McCaul's in Cavan in the north to the Brian Boru Pub in Dublin in the east, from Folk House Bar in Cork in the south to Lowry's Pub in Galway in the west.

WHISKEY SHOPS

Buying the best whiskey comes sometimes from specialised whiskey shops, others are offlicences attached to pubs, but each offers you an exceptional choice of Irish whiskeys. Many of the whiskeys available in these shops cannot be found in airport duty free shops or on ferries, so they are well worth checking out if you are looking for the fullest possible choice of Irish whiskeys.





Celebrating a century in car hire

Faster, Easier and more rewarding Join Gold Plus Rewards for free.

Hertz.com/goldenrol



Irish Retail • Shop 'Til You Drop

Take home Ireland's top fashions, and the best of Irish design



ike any other European nation,
Ireland has a complete spectrum of
shops and stores, from corner stalls
to multi-national department stores.
Dublin is a modern European
city and the very best brands are available in

stores throughout the capital. It was recently voted fifth best shopping city in the world, with praise for the city's 'eclectic mix of shops, cafés, galleries and restaurants'.

Ireland's elegant flagship clothing

department store, Brown Thomas, is located in Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Galway, it is a popular haunt of Northern Irish star Rory

McIlroy around Christmas time.
In Dublin, shopping centres (malls) are common. The largest of which is Dundrum Shopping Centre, which is one of the biggest in Europe, spanning more than 125,000 square metres, with over 170 shops and eateries. Blanchardstown Shopping Centre has over 180 stores (including four Starbucks), with a nine-screen inema and Leisureplex. Others

four Starbucks), with a nine-screen cinema and Leisureplex. Others include Liffey Valley, Stephen's Green, Jevis, Ilac and Omni Park Shopping Centre, which include all your favourite shops. Just outside Dublin, Kildare Village is home to all your designer brand needs. Luxury goods on sale include Louise Kennedy, Gucci and Armani, which offer up to 60% off all year round. Whitewater Shopping Centre in Newbridge, Co Kildare is Ireland's largest regional shopping centre. A whole host of retailers are awaiting your needs, from Debenhams to M&S, from Zara to H&M.

In Cork City, the newly added Opera Lane outdoor shopping mall and street has become a haven for shoppers. It offers the best shopping mix in Munster, and is home to premium fashion stores. The prestigious Apple computer dealership, Compu B is in Cork, the home city of Apple's European Headquarters.

In Belfast, Victoria Square Shopping Centre is home to over 70 stores, cafés and restaurants including House of Fraser, Apple, Topshop and Cruise. It is beautifully designed with a massive glass dome measuring 35m (115ft) in diameter. One of the most expensive property developments ever undertaken in Northern Ireland, there is a wonderful 80 ft viewing area for families to enjoy.

Elsewhere in Northern Ireland, watch out for Sprucefield Shopping Centre, Northern Ireland's most spacious shopping centre, just outside Lisburn, and Rushmere Shopping Centre in the heart of Craigavon, featuring over 65 big named stores.



YOUR HOME FOR GOLF IN THE NORTH WEST...

- IDEAL LOCATION TO ACCESS 8 CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES WITHIN A 2 HOUR DRIVE
- TAILOR MADE PACKAGES WITH TRANSFERS FROM AIRPORT AND GOLF COURSES
- 9 BAY GOLFING RANGE
- ESTATE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING WORLD FAMOUS SALMON FISHING ON THE RIVER MOY & TROUT FISHING AT OUR LAKE
- LEISURE CENTRE WITH GYM, 17M SWIMMING POOL & AWARD WINNING ELEMIS SPA

MOUNT FALCON ESTATE, FOXFORD ROAD, BALLINA, CO. MAYO. [el: 00353 (0) 96 74472, Email: info@mountfalcon.com, Web: www.mountfalcon.com















Where timeless elegance, warmth and hospitality awaits you at the heart of Killarney Town • Hannigans Bar & Restaurant with Delicious All-Day Dining & Live Music • Within 90 Minutes of 12 Championship Standard Golf Courses • Golf Club Storage & Drying Room Facilities • Complimentary Goodie Bags for all Golfers

Kenmare Place, Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland • T: +353 (0)64 6631816 • E: info@killarneyinternational.com

www.killarneyinternational.com **f v a a a**













Irish Food • Savoury cuisine

Feast on the best meals that Ireland has to offer, from Irish stew to oysters



ith 26 Irish establishments noted in the 2018 Michelin Guide, and local delicacies to try, Ireland has an abundance of great food for visitors to feast on. Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud was the first restaurant in Ireland to receive a two-star Michelin rating and the Dublin restaurant has been described as a 'centre of fine dining excellence'. Michelin star restaurants are not confined to Dublin, however, and a Co Clare pub, The Wild Honey Inn, became the first pub to be awarded a star this year. Run by chef Aidan McGrath and his wife, Kate, it has been described as having 'a classical French base that delivers on flavour'. When you think of Irish eating habits, you may think of the potato, which has been the staple dish for the vast majority of Irish families for centuries and the overreliance on the vegetable led to the Great Irish Famine in the 19th century.

Irish food may have evolved from that point thanks to European influences, but potatoes are involved still involved in a lot of traditional Irish meals, including the famous Irish stew. The exact recipe is not consistent from place to place but common ingredients include lamb or mutton as well as potatoes, carrots, onions and parsley. Other traditional dishes include: bacon and cabbage (which consists of unsliced back bacon boiled with cabbage and potatoes), boxty (an Irish potato pancake) and colcannon (mashed potatoes with kale or cabbage). It would not be a trip to Ireland without enjoying a traditional Irish breakfast, a common offering at Irish hotels before a round of golf or a day of sightseeing. The Irish breakfast includes bacon rashers, pork sausages, fried eggs, white pudding, black pudding, toast and fried tomatoes. Black pudding is made from blood, grain (usually barley) and seasoning. Tea or coffee is usually included also. In Northern Ireland, the Ulster Fry will see a slight variation, most notably soda bread and potato bread, with an omission of white pudding. Ireland is surrounded by the sea and has a fine seafood industry to be enjoyed by tourists. Oysters from the West Coast are popular, and

the European Flat Oyster

is native to Irish shores, and Gigas Oysters, Wild Mussels and Wild Surf Clams are harvested within Galway Bay. Top-class fish and chip restaurants can be enjoyed across the country, from Howth to Kinsale to Dingle, while trout, salmon, mackerel, cod and shellfish are also common seafood meals. Irish people may complain about all the rain we get all year, but it does ensure, at least, that we have some of the best dairy produce in the world, as the climate guarantees a healthy grow of grass through spring, summer and early autumn. All cows graze outdoors on fresh green grass, which makes the milk so rich and full of flavour, while the grass also helps produce top-quality meat. Irish Beef and Irish Steak are second to none on the world's stage. ertified Irish Angus is exported around the world, and superb steak options can be enjoyed in world-class restaurants.



Finding Us For special offers go to www.ireland.com/golf

Fáilte Ireland



Dublin

88-95 Amiens Street, Dublin 1, D01 WR86 Tel: 1890525525 / 01 884 7700 Fax: 01 855 6821 Email: info@failteireland.ie www.failteireland.ie

Mullingar

Second Floor, Fair Green House, Green Bridge, Mullingar, Co Westmeath, N91 V5WC Tel: 044 9344000 Fax: 044 9340413 Email: eastmidlandsinfo@failteireland.ie www.discoverireland.ie

Waterford

4th floor Wallace House, Maritana Gate, Canada Street, Waterford, X91 KC3V Tel: 051 312700 Fax: 051 312710 Email: southeastinfo@failteireland.ie www.discoverireland.ie

Cork

Unit 2 Nessan House, River View Business Park, Bessboro Road, T12 R8HE Blackrock, Co Cork Tel: 021 4233200 Email: Corktio@failteireland.ie www.discoverireland.ie

Galway

Unit 20F Liosbaun Business Park, Tuam Road, Galway Tel: 091 537700 Fax: 091 537733 Email: irelandwestinfo@failteireland.ie www.discoverireland.ie

Sligo

Áras Reddan, Temple Street, Sligo, F91 RX45 Tel: (071) 9159676 Fax: (071) 9160360 Email: northwestinfo@failteireland.ie www.discoverireland.ie







Tourism Ireland Offices

Asia Hub

Email: info.asia@tourismireland.com Address: JAFZA 18, 1st Floor, PO Box 5001101, Free Zone South -Jebel Ali Free Zone, Dubai, UAE

Telephone: + 971 4813 7819 Website:www.ireland.com

Australia

Email: corporate.australia@ tourismireland.com Address: Level 5, 36 Carrington Street, Sydney, Australia, NSW 2000

Telephone: +61 29964 6900 FAX: +61 292996323 Website: www.ireland.com

Belgium

Email: corporate.belgium@ tourismireland.com Address: Louizalaan 66, Avenue Louise, 1050 Brussels, Brussels, Belgium

Telephone: +32 2 643 21 21 FAX: + 32 2 642 98 51 Website: www.ireland.com

Canada

Email: corporate.canada@ tourismireland.com Address: 2 Bloor Street West, Suite 3403, Toronto M4W 3E2, Canada

Telephone: +1 416 925 6368 FAX: +1 416 925 6033 Website: www.ireland.com

France

Email: corporate.france@ tourismireland.com Address: 33 rue de Miromesnil, 75008 Paris, France

Telephone: +33 1 53 43 12 35 FAX: +33 1 47 42 01 64 Website: www.irlande-tourisme.fr

Germany

Email: corporate.germany@ tourismireland.com Address: Gutleutstrasse 32, 60329 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Telephone: +49 69-92 31 85 0 FAX: +49 69 92318588 Website: www.ireland.com

Great Britain - Glasgow

Email: corporate.glasgow@ tourismireland.com
Address: James Millar House, 7th
Floor, 98 West George Street,
Glasgow G2 1PJ,
Great Britain
Telephone: +44 141 572 4030
FAX: +44 1415724033
Website: www.ireland.com

Great Britain - London

Email: corporate.london@ tourismireland.com Address: 103 Wigmore St, London W1U 1QS, Great Britain

Telephone: +44 207 518 0800 FAX: +44 207 493 9065 Website: www.ireland.com

Italy

Email: corporate.italy@ tourismireland.com Address: Turismo Irlandese, Piazza Cantore, 4, 20123 Milano, Italy

Telephone: +39 02 58 17 73 11 FAX: +39 02 58 17 73 09 Website: www.irlanda.com

Netherlands

Email: corporate.netherlands@ tourismireland.com Address: Spuistraat 104, 1012 VA, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Telephone: +31205306050 Fax: +31206208089 Website: www.ierland.nl

Nordic Region - Copenhagen Email: info.nordic@tourismireland.

com Address: Store Kongensgade 3,1 , 1264 Copenhagen K, Denmark

Telephone: +45 33 15 80 45 Website: www.ireland.com

Spain

Email: corporate.spain@ tourismireland.com Address: Paseo de la Castellana, 46 -2ª Planta, 28046 Madrid, Madrid, Spain

Telephone: +34 91 5775458 FAX: +34 91 5776934 Website:www.turismodeirlanda.com

USA

Email: corporate.usa@ tourismireland.com Address: 345 Park Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10154, USA

Telephone: +1 212 418 0800 FAX: +212 371 9052 Website: www.ireland.com

Austria

Email: sbopp@tourismireland.com Address:Tourism Ireland, Argentinierstr. 2/4, 1040 Wien, Austria

Telephone: +43 1 581 8922 70 FAX: +43 1 585 36 30 88 Website: www.ireland.com

China

Email: info.cn@tourismireland.com Address:Tourism Ireland, Suite 1512, Shui On Plaza, 333 Huaihai Road, Shanghai 200021, P.R China

Telephone: +86 21 63858530 FAX: +86 21 63859200 Website: www.ireland.com

India

Email:

hfraser@tourismirelandindia.com Address: Tourism Ireland, Beautiful Planet, Grants Building Annexure, Office No. 46, 1st Floor, Opposite Strand Cinema, Colaba, Mumbai, India 400 005

Telephone: + 91 22 32961624 FAX: + 91 22 22180489 Website:www.ireland.com

UAE

Email:

tourismireland@fourcommunications.com Address: Tourism Ireland Account Manager, Four Communications, PO Box 77782, 1st Floor, Room 101, Lime Building, TwoFour54, Al Salam Street, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Telephone:+ 971 244 72774 Fax:+ 971 4 813 7814 Website:www.ireland.com

New Zealand

Email:

corporate.newzealand@tourismireland.com Address:Office 3H, Canterbury Arcade Building, 170 Queen St, Auckland, New Zealand

Telephone: +649 977 2255 FAX: +649 977 2256 Website: www.ireland.com

South Africa

Email: tourismireland@dpgsa.co.za Address: Development Promotions, P.O. Box 41983, Craighall, Johannesberg 2024, South Africa.

Telephone: + 27 11 463 1132 FAX: +27 11 463 1172 Website: www.ireland.com

Switzerland

Email: iromero@tourismireland.com Address: Irland Information -Tourism Ireland Badenerstrasse 15, CH-8004 Zürich.

Telephone: +41 44 286 99 14 FAX: +41 44 286 99 37 Website: www.ireland.com

Irish Cottage Industry • Authentic Wool

From Aran Sweaters to Donegal Tweed, take home the best materials from Irish cottage industries



n Ireland, everything was home produced in our grandparent's time and some of those traditions still thrive today.

The skills of spinning and weaving in early Ireland were so important that the Brehon Laws, written about 600-800 A.D., included a part of

a wife's entitlement in case of divorce that she keep her spindles, wool bags, weaver's reeds and a share of the yarn she had spun.

The earliest known evidence in Ireland of woven material dates from 1600 B.C., as pottery from that period shows signs of woven material in which the clay was placed before firing. A fragment of cloth in the National Museum, found in a bog in County Antrim, is dated from at least 700 B.C.

Historically, weaving in Ireland took two forms. Firstly, the rural handweaver working in his own home, supplying his own and his neighbours' needs. Secondly, from the thirteenth century onwards, the more organised urban craftsman weaved for a larger domestic and export market. This letter was largely destroyed by restrictive laws imposed on the export of Irish woollen cloth at the end of the seventeenth century and did not revive again until the late nineteenth century.

By the twentieth century, there were power mills, handweaving mills and individual weavers operating. The handweavers were also encouraged by the Irish Homespun Society, which was founded in 1936.

Kerry Woollen Mills is one of the last surviving traditional woollen mills still manufacturing in the wonderful Kerry countryside. The mill is set in a rural location with many of the three hundred-year-old buildings still standing and functional.

The company produces natural fibres in classic and traditional styles and colours.

Perhaps the most famous product of the Irish Cottage industry is the Aran Sweater. Often known as a Fisherman

Sweater, they are distinguished by their use of complex textured stitch patterns, several of which are combined in the creation of a single garment. Aran Sweaters were knitted using unscoured wool that retained natural oils, which made garments water-resistant and meant they remained wearable even when wet.

Famous for its warmth and durability throughout the world, the hand-weaving skills of Donegal Tweed have been passed down through many generations. Today, most Donegal Tweed comes from the Magee, Molloy & McNutt factory power looms which yield 600 or more yards a day, but there are still some 25 local craftsmen working at

home, turning out the all-wool, handwoven fabric that is treasured throughout the world.

Cushendale Woollen Mills in Graiguenamangh, Co Kilkenny dates back to Cistercian monks in the early 13th century and Flemish weaves in the 17th century. In the 19th century, a man called Patrick Cushen began making wool there and the business is still run by relatives of that family.

You can visit the various mill shops to view the full range of Irish wool and tweed available.



COASTAL VILLAGES

STUNNING CLIFF WALKS, FRESH SEAFOOD AND BEAUTIFUL SCENERY, MINUTES FROM THE CITY.

Dublin A Breath of Fresh Air



Irish traditional • Folk Music and Dance

Irish dance and Irish traditional music is loved all over the world



f music is the language of the soul, then Ireland has a healthy offering to give you when you come here with Irish traditional music.

"There are no notes on a banjo. You just play it," said Pete Seeger, and that kind of joie de vivre is present in all types of traditional music from the banjo to the fiddle to the tin whistle, which provides the music for dancing and singing.

Irish traditional music has endured more strongly against the forces of cinema, radio and the mass media than the indigenous folk music of other countries. Comaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (an Irish traditional music association) and the popularity of the Fleadh Cheoil music festival have helped the music to endure to present day.

Irish traditional music began as an oral tradition, passed on from generation to generation by listening, learning by ear and without formally writing the tunes on paper. It originated with the Celts 2,000 years ago, who were influenced by music of the East. It is believed that the traditional Irish harp may have originated from Ancient Egypt.

It was not until the 18th century that music was officially written down for the first time. The collecting of music continues today and the Irish Traditional music has travelled much further than Ireland thanks to our long history of emigration, especially during the Great Famine, where vast numbers of Irish moved to the United States and brought their music with them.

Today, Irish music can be found in bars and ceilis throughout the country. A gathering of people that play Irish traditional music is known as a 'session'. The general session scheme is that someone starts a tune, and those who know it join in. The session is an experience that is shared, not a performance that is bought and sold, and often goes on into the early hours of the morning.

Common instruments used to play traditional music include the fiddle, tin whistle, flute and Uilleann pipes. Instruments such as the accordion made their appearances in Irish traditional music in the late 19th century. The 4-string banjo and guitar are also regularly used.

The bódhran drum is famous in Irish traditional music, measuring from 35 to 45 cm. A goatskin head is tacked to one side, with the other side open-ended for one hand to be placed against the inside of the drum head to control pitch and timbre. The harp is one of the chief symbols of Ireland and the Celtic Harp is a beautiful wire-strung instrument requiring great skill and practice to play.

Irish traditional songs are written in English and Irish. Vocals unaccompanied by music are called sean nós and are considered the ultimate expression of traditional singing. Songs called caoineadh are also sang, which are typified by lyrics stressing sorrow and pain. They are often sang for the departed at funerals.

But most of Irish traditional music is upbeat and very much suits lively Irish dancing. Jigs, reels and polkas are all danced.

The Irish dance was, of course, made famous by the Riverdance show, which took off as an interval performance act during the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest, featuring Irish dancing champions Michael Flatley and Jean Butler. It has since visited over 450 venues worldwide and has been watched by over 25 million people, making it one of the most successful dance productions in the world.

"Ireland is rich in literature that understands a soul's yearnings, and dancing that understands a happy heart," said Margaret Jackson.

Experience the true Ireland by enjoying Irish traditional music.





See more clubs with less hassle. Plus see the world famous beauty of the Irish scenery by air. Not only are Executive Helicopters the most competitive budget wise but also one of the most experienced operators in Europe.

TRAVEL TIMES BY AIR

Maria Variety

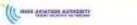
0.000 (1.000 http://doi.org/10.0001)

AVELTIMES BY ROAD









executive_/ helicopters

ops@executive-helicopters.com

TELEPHONE: +353(0)90 9749764

LOUGHREA, CO. GALWAY, IRELAND.

Irish Pubs • Take the Edge Off

One of Ireland's main exports to the rest

of the world, a hearty welcome is given to all visitors of Irish pubs



ood puzzle would be cross
Dublin without passing a pub,
mused Leopold Bloom in James
Joyce's classic novel Ulysses. In
Dublin and all across Ireland,
traditional Irish pubs are plentiful and are
the social hub of much activity in towns and
villages across the country.

The words 'Irish pub' sparks thoughts of a unique culture of a casual and friendly atmosphere, hearty food and drink, Irish sports, and traditional Irish music, wherever you are in the world.

For many years, the local pub was considered as a cornerstone of the community in the same way the local church would be. It functioned as both a place to consume alcohol at leisure as well as a place in which to meet and greet people of the locality. The congenial atmosphere still exists today, where a warm and friendly atmosphere is extended to outsiders.

While not all Irish pubs will feature live Irish music, it is an important part of the culture, along with food, drink and sports.

Drinks include a variety of spirits and beers on tap, including Guinness and Irish whiskeys such as Bushmills or Jameson. As the home of the 'Black Stuff', the quality of the Guinness in Ireland is unmatched elsewhere, and a pint is an essential experience for all visitors in the country.

The main cities on the island have a vibrant nightlife. In Temple Bar in Dublin and the Cathedral Quarter in Belfast, experience the cultural hub of both major cities, with great pubs and great grub. In truth, every urban area, no matter how small in Ireland, has its fair share of interesting pubs. And some of the most authentic Irish drinking experiences will come in rural areas, where you will be transported back to a simpler time of 'craic and ceol'.





GHOSTBUSTING Grace Neill's, County Down

Smugglers, pirates and all kinds of shady individuals have enjoyed a tipple in Grace Neill's over its 400-year history, so no wonder there's a ghost or two rattling around. In fact, the pub is so haunted it has been visited by paranormal TV crews and ghost hunters. Careful where you sit...



Johnnie Fox's, Co Dublin

Situated in Glencullen on top of the Dublin mountains, Johnnie Fox's is one of Ireland's oldest and most famous traditional Irish pubs, and also famed as the highest pub in the country. There is traditional Irish music every night, while a 'Hooley Night' sees the top Irish dancing and music perform, while savouring award-winning dishes.



MALAHIDE GOLF CLUB









Experience "The magic of Malahide"

- Situated close to Dublin Airport, with easy access to the M50, N1 and Dublin City Centre
- Malahide Golf Club assures you of a warm welcome, excellent cuisine and bar facilities, the combination of which sees many returning year after year.
- Recent redevelopments in 2007 and 2009/10 by the renowned Golf Architect Jeff Howes have taken this magnificent 27 hole Championship Golf Course to an even higher level.
- Individual and Golf Societies are warmly welcomed.
- For bookings please contact Mark Gannon, General Manager. Ref – FIGG18

 $Beechwood, The Grange, Malahide, Co.\ Dublin \bullet E\ manager@malahidegolfclub.ie \bullet T\ 353\ (1)\ 846\ 1611\ \bullet F\ 353\ (1)\ 846\ 1270\ \bullet W\ www.malahidegolfclub.ie$

JOIN US AT SOME OF THE GREATEST GOLF COURSE IN THE WORLD IN 2018.



SOCIAL MEDIA OPEN

24 - 27 APRIL 2018 - from €335 per person Ballybunion Old, Ballybunion Cashen Course Dooks Golf Links, Tralee Golf Links

SOCIAL MEDIA OPEN PARKLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

14 - 16 JUNE 2018 - from €149 per person

Woodbrook Golf Club. Powerscourt East. Powerscourt West

SOCIAL MEDIA OPEN NORTH

19 - 21 JULY 2018 - FROM €169 PER PERSON Narin & Portnoo Golf Club, Donegal golf Club Portsalon Golf Club

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS CHALLENGE

23 - 25 AUGUST 2018 - from €165 per person

Golf only or Play & Stay packages available



Visit: www.experienceirelandgolfandtravel.com/events/
Tel: +353-64-6622830 | Email: info@experienceirelandgolfandtravel.com

DOOKS GOLF CLUB



Dooks Golf Club is one of the premier courses in the South West of Ireland.

Situated only 30 mins from Killarney, it offers breath taking views of Dingle Bay and a unique golfing challenge.

Visit www.dooks.com to book a tee time or one of our Open Days.

TRAIL MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

Societies welcome all year round

Glenbeigh, Co. Kem

Tel: + 353 (0) 66 976 8205 Email: office@dooks.com | Web: www.dooks.com Find us on



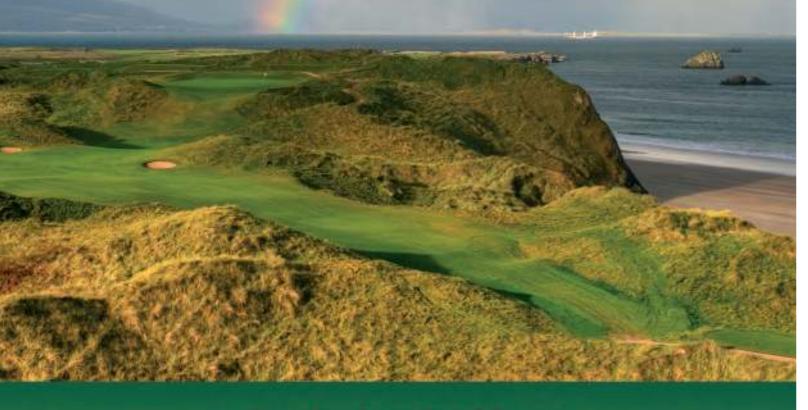
Professionals in Irish Golf Travel

IRELAND'S PREMIER GOLF TOUR OPERATOR



CLOGHERBRIEN · TRALEE · COUNTY KERRY · IRELAND

Telephone: +353 66 718 1708 Email: travel@irelandgolf.com



www.irelandgolf.com

Irish Cottages • Quaint Homes

Recently revived thatched cottages are becoming

increasingly popular options as holiday homes



or many international visitors, when they think of rural Ireland, they think of cottages, and for second or third generation emigrants, it is where their grandparents and great grandparents would have lived.

Cottages date back to the 1700s, where it is believed that cottages evolved as advancing building techniques employed for larger estate houses trickled down through the labourers dwellings.

Stone would predominantly be used in coastal and rocky areas, muddy clay in the midlands and even turf in boggy areas.

Early cottages did not have any foundations, floors were often constructed of compacted mud or clay, although flag stones were frequently used where available. The fireplace or hearth usually formed of stone and located at the centre of the house with bedroom behind it to further absorb heat. The importance of the hearth in cottage life is illustrated by the famous Gaelic phrase "níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin', which translates as "there's no fireplace like your own fireplace" or more commonly used today "there's no place like home".

One of the defining features of a cottage is the roof, where traditional roofs were usually constructed of coupled rafters, then they were stuffed with turf for insulation and the exterior was usually thatched.

The materials used for thatching varied according to the region's produce, in areas with good arable land, it was oaten or wheaten straw, other materials included heather, rushes, marram grass and flax where there was linen

industry

A notable characteristic of the cottage was the half door, a device which kept the children in and the animals out, while allowing in light and air. The window size was often small and the number of windows in a house was curtailed by practicality and window taxes, but small windows also retained heat in the winter and kept cool in the summer.

As cottages progressed, new features were added such as the parlour room, behind the hearth with another fireplace opened up into it, as families became wealthier. It was rarely used by the family but rather for a visiting dignitary such as a priest, doctor or teacher. Range fireplaces began to replace the open hearth from the 1800s, giving more efficient heat and cooking conditions. Old Stanley solid fuel ranges are still popular in Ireland, providing that same old, moist heat that our ancestors lived by decades ago.

Today, revitalised cottages have become popular holiday homes from Killarney and Connemara. There are luxury holiday accommodation options, which can offer peaceful, tranquil surroundings and an authentic Irish experience for the international visitor.

lnere are
luxury holiday
accommodation
options, which can
offer peaceful, tranquil
surroundings and an
authentic Irish experience
for the international
visitor

Irish Crystal • A Touch of Glass

True quality remains very much in demand,

and nothing matches the beauty of Irish crystal

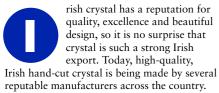


Year's Eve in New York City. The House of Waterford Crystal welcomes over 190,000 people each year, around 80 percent are international travellers to the Southeast.

Aside from Waterford Crystal, there are a dozen or more glass factories, producing crystal in a similar style. Galway Crystal can be found in some of the world's most prestigious homes, from our own Aras an Uachtarain to

the White House to the Vatican. Tipperary Crystal is an official sponsor of the Rose of Tralee Festival every summer and focuses on high-end design and quality. It collaborated with fashion icon Sybil Connolly on an exclusive collection for Tiffany's in the early

Other well-known crystals in Ireland include Dublin Crystal, Cavan Crystal, Kinsale Crystal and Dingle Crystal.



Irish Crystal only became possible after the discovery of lead glass in the late 1600s, created by adding lead oxide to the silica mixture used to make glass.

Most Irish Crystal is still made entirely by hand. The process starts with molten glass, which is blown into various shapes by Master Blowers using traditional wooden tools to shape and mould the hot glass as they blow it. The plain glass shapes are then cooled in special cooling ovens, which drop the temperature very slowly, before they are sent to be cut. Craftsmen outline the pattern of the cuts on the surface of the glass in ink and then using diamond tipped wheels cut the intricate shapes into the surface of the glass by hand.

The most famous crystal manufacturer in Ireland is the iconic Waterford Crystal brand, which has become the largest crystal manufacturer in the world. Golf fans may recognise the brand as a prolific creator of golf trophies. They produce the likes of the Players Championship trophy, the Tour Championship trophy and, of course, the Irish Open trophy.

"A player will look at his or her achievements and trophies play an important part in that," says David McCoy, Sales & Marketing Director of House of Waterford Crystal. "There is a lot of expertise in designing and making it - it's the reason why we are world renowned for manufacturing these trophies."

The company also design pieces for the Peoples' Choice Awards, the Snooker Masters, as well as the Times Square Ball for New



Great National Ballykisteen Golf Hotel



Designed By Ryder Cup Star Des Smyth 18 Holes - Par 72 - 7,144 Yards

Fully Stocked Pro Shop + Driving Range Short Game Area and Putting Green Golf Buggies, Electric and Pull Trollies



Stunning Bar and Exquisite Restaurant Amazing Stay and Play Packages

40 Deluxe Rooms and 10 Luxury Lodges Swimming Pool, Sauna and Gym Luxury Spa and Therapy Rooms

p: +353 62 33333 e: golfevents@ballykisteenhotel.com w: www.ballykisteenhotel.com GN Ballykisteen Golf Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co Tipperary, E34 VK12, Ireland

irish golf breaks.com



Superb greens, stunning views, and exquisite dining. Holidays for golfers by golfers since 1987.

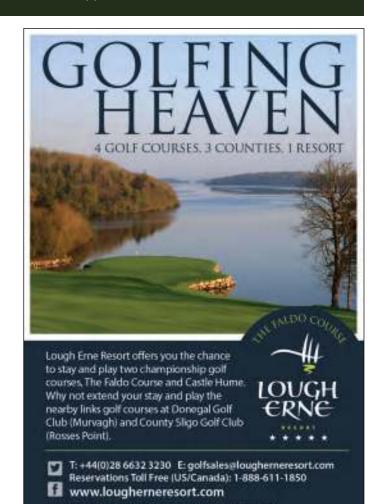
Contact us to plan your next golf trip. Call **Jonathan** on **+44 (0)28 9751 1232** or email jonathan@bryansomers.co.uk

6 www.bryansomers.co.uk









Encounters of the **Great Kind**

Many of the modern game's greatest international golfers have enjoyed golf on the superb courses of Ireland

By **David Gorman**

ne of golf's most colourful characters and one of the greatest players of his time, Payne Stewart left a mark everywhere he went. A larger-than-life figure, this fan favourite wore a flamboyant attire of ivy caps and patterned pants, which were a cross between plus fours and knickerbockers.

The three-time major winner also had a special connection with Ireland, where he struck up a particularly close relationship with Waterville in Co Kerry.

In 1998, Stewart, Tiger Woods, David Duval, Lee Janzen and Stuart Appleby accepted an invitation to stay at Waterville and play the nearby courses. As well as playing Waterville, Stewart and company also tackled the Old Head of Kinsale and Ballybunion, a favourite of fivetime Open champion Tom Watson.

"It was his first visit to Ballybunion and he had a hole in one at the third," Noel Cronin, the secretary of Waterville, said. "He had a memorable day - when he came back, he caught a salmon."

Once the golf is over, it's straight to the pub for some 'craic and ceol', and Stewart is belting out a tune on his harmonica, as fellow major winner Janzen, world number one Duval and Aussie star The pub is heaving, so

Appleby shake their heads, laugh and sing along.

Stewart jumps behind the counter for a 30-minute shift as guest barman. He isn't taking any cash, his caddy reminds him. "Drinks are on me!" Stewart yells back.

He comes back the following year before the Open Championship. "We get into the pub and get around a piano. I bring out my harmonica and the next thing you know it's about 4am."

By the time he leaves Kerry, Stewart is telling people he

wants to be the mayor. There is no mayor of Waterville, but captain of the golf club is a pretty big honour. They tell him he will be captain for the 2000 season.

Tragically, that never happens. Stewart dies in a plane crash in October 1999, one month after winning the Ryder Cup, when flying from his home in Orlando, Florida. He was only 42 years old. But his memory lives on in Waterville. A bronze statue has been erected in his memory by the many friends he made on those short trips.

Stewart is one of many

golfing greats that have touched golf on these shores, where the magnificent landscape and terrific courses have made a lasting impact. His travel companion at the time, Tiger Woods, has been here many times to practice ahead of the Open Championship on our finest links courses, from Portmarnock to Ballybunion, and the 14-time major champion holds the course record at the European Club in Co Wicklow.

Woods arrived at the course by helicopter, along with Duval, O'Meara, and

Woods played there in was heading for the Grand Slam, before apocalyptic weather on Saturday at the Open at Muirfield derailed his chances. Woods did return later that year to win an event in Ireland, the 2002 WGC-American Express Championship at the wonderful parkland at Mount Juliet in Kilkenny, beating Retief Goosen by a shot.

"The greens are perfect and the fairways are immaculate," said Woods. "This course is as well conditioned as any we play on the PGA Tour."

Two years later, the World Golf Championship would return to Mount Juliet,

the match 70 to a 71 from Golden Bear. By entering into the spirit of things with obvious enthusiasm, both players made it a thoroughly memorable occasion.

"Your weight must be behind the ball," Seve told the crowd in a session about bunker play, executing a perfect shot - only to end up covered in the best Bull Island sand, to the amusement of everyone else.

After the Irish players, the iconic Ballesteros was very much every Irish person's next favourite player for his swashbuckling style, and he did so much to popularise the



Irish Open in the 1980s, winning twice at Royal Dublin and once at Portmarnock. In 1985, he holed a putt the whole length of the 18th green to win the tournament, and started spontaneously boxing the air, while a crazy crowd started invading the green.

Seve had that kind of impact, and he later designed the Heritage course at Killenard in County Laois, one of the finest parkland courses in Ireland.

Another legend to have great affinity for Ireland and design courses here was Arnold Palmer. From his visit to Ireland for the 1960 Canada Cup in Portmarnock, which he won alongside Sam Snead, The King was always a welcome guest on these shores.

Palmer would later design Tralee Golf Club, one of the finest links courses in the world on a spectacular piece of land overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. It was the first European golf course designed by the great man.

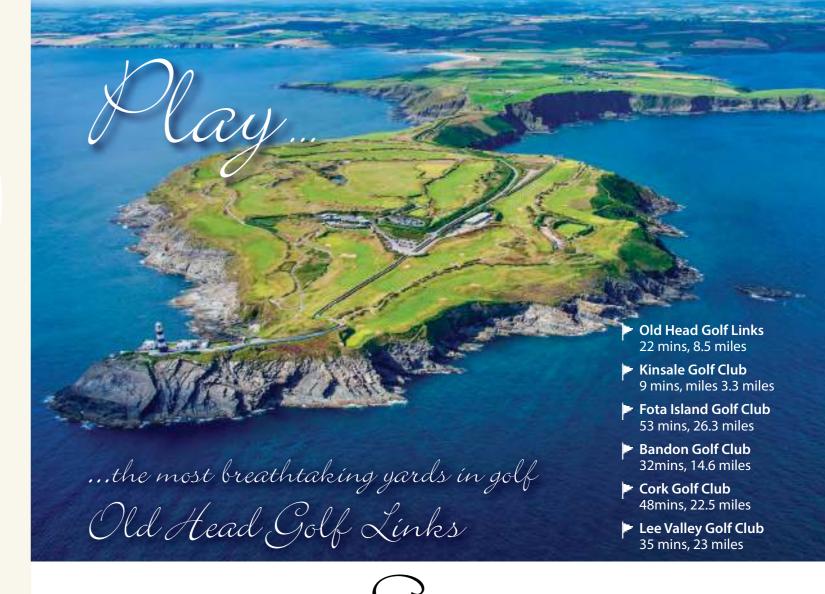
Later, he would design the golf courses at The K Club, which would welcome the world's best golfers to Ireland for the greatest showpiece event of them all, the Ryder Cup 2006. Europe beat the USA by a record margin, 18 ½ to 9 ½, in what was a celebration of Ireland's contribution to the world of golf.

From Greg Norman at Doonbeg to Nick Faldo at Lough Erne, from Bernhard Langer at Portmarnock Links to O'Meara and Montgomerie at Carton House, many of Ireland's courses have been blessed to have been designed by the biggest names in golf. And it is no wonder they are so keen to come here, given the entrancing land that we possess.

Many of Ireland's courses have been blessed to have been designed by the biggest names in golf.
And it is no wonder they are so keen to come here, given the entrancing land that we possess.













For group rates call Amy on +353 21 4779300 or email aoregan@tridenthotel.com

For information on all golf packages, please visit our website www.kinsalehotels.ie

40 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide





A Rich **History**

Ireland is one of the nations with the most golf courses per capita in the world, and that all began in the nineteenth century, when many of the world's greatest courses were created.

By David Gorman

een as a 'gift from Scotland', golf in Ireland has a rich history that is surpassed by few other nations. With a similar topography to Scotland, many of our oldest courses have a similarity to the oldest links in the 'Home of Golf', characterised by dunes, and an undulating surface, which readily supports various indigenous browntop bents and red fescue grasses.

Today, there are up to 430 affiliated clubs, North and South, offering a captivating variety of links, parkland, and heathland terrain, many of them set in beautiful and often stunning scenery for which the island is famous. The Golfing Union of Ireland, established in 1891, is the oldest national golf union in the world.

The first sign of golf in Ireland dates back to 1762. That was when 'Falkner's Dublin Journal' carried the notice: "The Goff Club meet to dine at the house of Mr Charles Moran at Bray on Thursday, the 28th October, at half an hour after three o'clock. Elias De Butts, Esq. in the chair."

Golf was played by the British officers stationed at the Curragh from the 1850s, which was laid out by David Ritchie, a member of the Musselburgh Golf Club in Scotland, beside the Curragh Military Camp that was constructed in 1855.

It was not until 1881 that there was an official club in Ireland, when Royal Belfast Club was established by George Baillie, a Scottish teacher working in Belfast. It is unsurprising that a number of the first Irish golf clubs were founded Scotland since Ulster Plantation times.

In the early 1880s, a few holes were laid out in Phoenix Park in Dublin for keen golfer Arthur Balfour, who was Chief Secretary for Ireland. An unpopular figure with locals, the Scot suppressed agrarian unrest whilst taking measures against absentee landlords and opposed Irish Home

As a result of Balfour's game, the course was dug up by Land League supporters, but Royal Dublin was founded not long afterwards in 1885, whose founding father was a Scottish banker. Just three years later, Cork Golf Club became the first club to be set up in Munster.

Golf in Ireland was beginning to take shape, and it still maintained a distinctly Scottish influence. Many early clubs imported Scottish

With golf beginning to take off the Golfing Union of Ireland was established in 1891, where it is suggested that the origins of the Union lay in the desire by a number of golf clubs to create an Irish Championship. The Union was established at a meeting in Belfast on 13 November 1891, which was attended by representatives of nine clubs, all of which were located in the province of Ulster. The founding clubs were The County Down, The County Club at Portrush, Royal Belfast, Killymoon, Dungannon, Aughnacloy, Ballycastle, Portsalon and Buncrana.

Within a year, there was the first Irish Amateur Open Championship, held at Royal Portrush, won by Scot Alexander Stuart. The tournament is the blue riband event of the Golfing

roll call of winners include Open champions Padraig Harrington and Louis Oosthuizen.

Sport in Ireland must be understood within the context of GAA, the nationalist game. The 1890s were a difficult time for the GAA in the wake of the Charles Stewart Parnell split, and as W.B. Yeats wrote at the time "a disillusioned and embittered Ireland turned from parliamentary politics after the fall of Parnell in 1891, quite a number of Irish men and women all over the country, especially from the professional classes, seem to have become obsessed with golf."

This was a big reason for the golf boom in the early 1890s, as by 1901, there were 103 golf clubs in existence across the island, with an estimated 12,000 golfers.

Golf also benefitted from not being

politics after the fall of Parnell in 1891, quite a number of Irish

W.B. Yeats

considered a 'foreign game' by the GAA, as members of the GAA at the time were forbade from playing games such as tennis, cricket, polo and croquet. The game's origins in a fellow Celtic country, Scotland, may have helped it to avoid the stigma attached to other imported sports.

Land in those days was readily available and cheap, and every 'links' proudly boasted its own 'sporting characters', while caddies were in

plentiful supply.

World-famous links that became established in that decade included Lahinch, Co Louth, Co Sligo and Ballybunion.

Another example of a great links created from that era was Portmarnock Golf Club. W.C. Pickeman, a native of Edinburgh, spotted Portmarnock's golfing potential when he visited the peninsula on Christmas Eve 1893. By the following October, he and some associates had secured a 25-year lease from the local landlord, John Jameson, owner of the famous distillery, who became the club's first president. The Portmarnock course would be laid out by the club's first professional, Mungo Park of Musselburgh in Scotland, who had won the Open Championship at his home course in 1874.

Mungo Park was one of many Open champions to visit Ireland and develop



42 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide

the game here pre-WWI. Old Tom Morris is responsible for Lahinch, Royal County Down and Rosapenna, where two thirds of the 'Great Triumvirate of Golf', Harry Vardon and James Braid, later made some changes to Old Tom's design, James Braid, a five-time winner of the Open, would design courses such as Kirkistown, Howth, and Tullamore.

Like in Scotland, the proliferation of railways led to the explosion of the game. Many members from Limerick Golf Club would head for the seaside course of Lahinch in the summer when they found the grass of the inland courses was too long. The Lartigue railway in North Kerry paid part of the cost of the development of Ballybunion Golf Club.

The Northern Counties' Railway was instrumental in the development of golf at Portrush, where the stationmaster would often hold back the Belfast train to accommodate returning golfers. Meanwhile, the Great Northern Railway styled itself as 'the line for the golf links'.

twentieth century. By 1914, Ireland had 190 clubs, and had become a 'great boon to many neighbourhoods, which were once devoid of amusements.'

The First World War brought a disruption to golf, where up to 20% of members in Greystones Golf Club, for example, would serve. Many clubs would temporarily close down, with Royal Dublin briefly becoming a rifle range.

But, Ireland had caught the golfing bug and it became embedded in our culture. The island is proud of its golfing heritage, which has come

a long way since the early steps were taken on this island hundreds of years ago.

The Northern was instrumental in the development of golf at Portrush, where the hold back the Belfast train to accommodate





Why use an IGTOA Golf Travel Specialist?

STUNNING LINKS AND PARKLAND GOLF COURSES

WORLD CLASS ACCOMMODATION AND HOSPITALITY

IRELAND'S LEADING GOLF TOUR OPERATORS CAN CREATE YOUR PERFECT GOLFING TRIP TO IRELAND!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TODAY - www.IGTOA.com

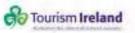
The IGTOA - Ireland Golf Tour Operators Association is the recognised Irish Golf Tourism industry representative body.

Our organisation represents the various companies who form the wider Irish Golf Tourism sector. The IGTOA represents leading Golf Tour Operators who actively promote Ireland as a primary golfing destination. We also represent Ireland's many golf courses, golf resorts, accommodation and transportation providers operating within the Irish Golf Tourism industry. These companies offer a vital service to our sector and they are represented through our annual IGTOA Partnership Program.

The IGTOA is actively engaged with Failte Ireland, the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Tourism Ireland.



























but Dublin has treasured links to match anywhere in the world. If you're based in the city when travelling, all are within a short driving distance.

The jewel of the lot is, of course, the legendary Portmarnock Golf Club, which will host the Amateur Championship in 2019. Just 12 miles from the city centre, it is regularly voted among the best golf courses in the world.

It has a long history of hosting golf tournaments, including the 1960 Canada Cup, when an American team of Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead won the trophy. Portmarnock was Palmer's first ever experience of links golf and Palmer fell in love with the course and that type of game. Upon returning home to America, he said: "I recall saying to Sam that every aspect of our games was examined that week. It's the first time I've played a course like this one, and I've learnt a lot of shots - shots I've never played before in my life."

The King would go on to win the 1961 and 1962 Open Championships, and his love of links would later inspire him to design Tralee Golf Links in Kerry, a magnificent course almost the equal of the great Dublin course.

Portmarnock has been played by the best in golf, from Tom Watson to Phil

Mickelson to Seve Ballesteros, who won the Carroll's Irish Open there in 1986.

The course has not held an Irish Open since 2003, but has been used by the best golfers in world to tune up for The Open, including World Number 1 Dustin Johnson. Tiger Woods used to play at Portmarnock en route to his record-breaking displays at golf's oldest championship.

"Coming here has been instrumental in preparing for the British Open, not only for getting me adjusted to the time difference but also for getting used to playing links golf," Woods said. "We've played Portmarnock just about every year. It's one of the most enjoyable links courses I have had the opportunity to play."

Bernhard Langer won the Irish Open at Portmarnock in 1987 and he liked the area so much that he came back less than a decade later to create the wonderful Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links beside the famous links. The Hotel course is more accessible than its older brother and combines the charm of a traditional style layout with the challenges of the modern game.

Langer and Seve both won Irish Opens at Portmarnock and Royal Dublin in the glory days of the 1980s and the iconic links course on Bull Island is also known as the 'Old Lady' of Dollymount. The historic Royal Dublin once hosted the greatest pioneer in the history of the game, Old Tom Morris, who played two matches there in 1894

Some of the world's best golfers from Jack Nicklaus to Lee Trevino to Greg Norman to Ernie Els have played at Royal Dublin, while it was also a favourite of former US President Bill Clinton and showbiz stars Bob Hope and Sean Connery. Renovated by the golf architect Martin Hawtree in recent years, Royal Dublin would not exist at all had it not been for a distinguished survivor of mutiny on the Bounty in 1789, Captain William Bligh,

who suggested that a breakwater be built to provide shipping with a safe, deep and straight passage into the heart of Dublin.

The Bull Wall was built and the silting up which followed became the Bull Island, a nature reserve and home of a fabled club where the Irish Amateur Open was played in 2016.

Bull Island is also home to another classic links in St Anne's Golf Club, a tight course with holes nearby and parallel to each other, where the final three holes will send you to the clubhouse with a smile. The club is forever linked with Dr David Sheahen, who upstaged the professionals by winning the first Jeyes Tournament in 1962 when still a medical student.

While he was brought up near Mullingar, Sheahan was a member of Grange in the south Dublin golfing enclave of Rathfarnham until his death in 2016.

It was there that 2014 Ryder Cup captain Paul McGinley learnt the game and Eamon Darcy, another Ryder Cup star, was an assistant professional. Situated in the foothills of the Dublin mountains, just 15 minutes from the city centre, it has been voted the best parkland course in Dublin by Golf Digest. Grange adjoins Marlay Park and is beside St Enda's Park, which provide wonderful natural boundaries. The tree-lined

course might boast six par-threes but it is far from an easy test.

McGinley won the World Cup with good friend Padraig Harrington in 1997. Harrington is another proud Dubliner, and he would go on to become the first Irishman for 60 years to lift the Claret Jug after winning the Open Championship at Carnoustie in 2007, before adding another Open title and US PGA to his cabinet the following year.

Harrington's club, Stackstown, sits high above the city in the Dublin mountains, offering panoramic views of the metropolis and its golfing delights. Visitors can bask in the history of Harrington's major wins at Stackstown with the 'Harrington Room', where one can see the trophies and memorabilia of the Irishman's great achievements.

Harrington says that tourists sometimes forget how great Dublin is as a golfing destination.

"Go to Dublin and you have all the nightlife and all the restaurants and yet you have fantastic golf courses that are accessible if you are staying right in the centre of the city.

"One of the underestimated tourist destinations is staying in the centre of Dublin city and travelling from there. You

probably have half a dozen great links courses within 30-40 minutes of where you are staying. It's a great golfing destination." One of those great links courses is The Island, near Donabate in the north of Dublin. Bordered on three sides by water, its massive dunes are its only protection from the winds that appear to blow almost incessantly. The Island was once only accessible by boat - golfers rowed across the estuary from Malahide from its founding in 1890 until 1973 when the burgeoning membership opted for the car as its preferred mode of access.

The Island will host the qualifying rounds of the Amateur Championship in 2019, and this par-71 challenge is far from easy. Darren Clarke has fond memories of The Island, and shot an eight-under-par, course record 63 there, in the second round of the Irish PGA Championship.

The Island is one of many fine clubs on the north side of the city. Right beside it is Balcarrick Golf Club, Donabate Golf Club and Corballis Links Golf Club, a relatively new links offering some breathtaking sea views. Outside of the world-famous links, this part of Dublin has a number of fine courses that offer decent value, from Malahide to Rush, from Skerries to Beaverstown.

There's also Balbriggan Golf Club, just 15 minutes from Dublin Airport, which has been newly developed by Eddie Connaughton with USGA standard sand-based greens and tee boxes along mature tree-lined fairways and well-placed hazards.

One of the more scenic locations to play golf in Dublin is Howth Golf Club. Meandering across the Hill of Howth, this challenging heathland course features panoramic views of Dublin Bay and the north Dublin coast.

Along with the golf at Howth Golf Club, vistors can enjoy a day at the picturesque fishing town of Howth. With its selection

of world-class seafood restaurants, a tasty traditional fish and chip meal can be enjoyed after a long day on the golf course.

North of the city, there are also newer additions likes St Margaret's, Roganstown, Hollywood Lakes and Hollystown that ensure a fun day out.

If staying in the city centre and looking for a budget option, there are some public courses accessible by Dublin's expansive public transport system of rail, tram and bus. Access the 4 bus to arrive at Silloge Park Golf Club, access Elm Park Golf Club and Deer Park Golf Club from the Dart line.

If staying in the leafy southern suburbs of Dublin city, there are many courses to choose from Milltown to Foxrock to Castle Golf Club, which is one of the oldest courses in the Dublin area.

Follow the Liffey upstream and you will meet Castleknock, Hermitage and Lucan. Hermitage Golf Club, a quality parkland course, continues to improve. Blessed with a verdant, rolling setting, it is within the part of the beautiful Liffey Valley known as the Strawberry Beds.

Not far from Castleknock and Hermitage is Luttrellstown Castle, another parkland gem. Cast by the same design team that created the likes of Turnberry and Royal St George's, Luttrellstown is an impressive venue with a great course in excellent condition. The clubhouse facilities further complement the wonderful on-course

It is beautifully maintained all year around and run with precision by former European Tour player and former Spanish Open winner Peter Lawrie.

superb access point to visit the many fantastic courses across the island. But it sometimes easy to forget how great golf is in the county itself.

And with the capital attracting the majority of tourists who come to





Ш





THE GUINNESS STOREHOUSE ST. JAMES' GATE, DUBLIN

The Guinness Storehouse is Ireland's number one tourist attraction where visitors are taken on a magical journey into the world famous Guinness brand. Pints of Guinness can be pulled by guests, with tastings and a rooftop. www.guinness-storehouse.com

THE BOOK OF KELLS TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

The Old Library and the Book of Kells exhibition are a 'must see' on the itinerary of all visitors to Dublin. This magnificent 9th century manuscript of the four gospels, is on display in the 18th century Old Library.



THE AVIVA STADIUM

BALLSBRIDGE, DUBLIN

The Aviva Stadium is home to Ireland's international football and rugby games. It is the oldest test rugby ground in the world still in use, and holds over 50,000 people. www.avivastadium.ie



TEELING WHISKEY DISTILLERY

MERCHANT'S QUAY, DUBLIN

Located in the heart of Dublin City Centre, in the historic Liberties, the Teeling Whiskey Distillery is the first new Dublin Distillery in over 125 years. It brings the choice and breadth back to the Irish whiskey category. www.teelingwhiskey.com



Covering three floors of a beautiful Georgian townhouse the museum covers the social and political history of Dublin in the 20th Century, from the visit of Queen Victoria to the global success of U2.

www.littlemuseum.ie



MALAHIDE CASTLE & GARDENS

MALAHIDE, DUBLIN

Set on 250 acres of beautiful parkland, Malahide Castle is an ideal escape from the bustling city. Dating back to the 12th century, it is a marvellous place to walk in peaceful surroundings.

www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie



EPIC THE IRISH EMIGRATION MUSEUM

CUSTOM HOUSE QUAY

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum is an interactive experience. Step through 20 themed galleries on a journey to discover the stories of Irish emigration around the world. Find out why people left, see how they influenced the world they found, and experience the connection between their descendants and Ireland today. www.epicchq.com



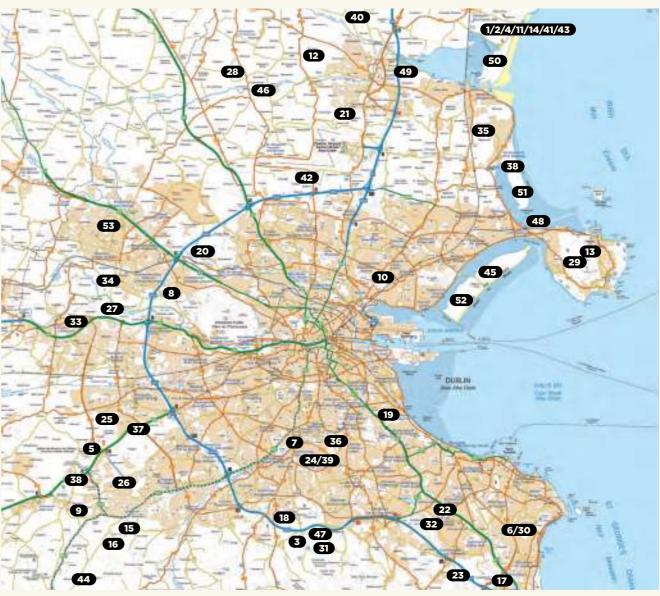
DELICIOUS DUBLIN TOURS

DUBLIN CITY

A personable, 'off the beaten track' walking food tour of Dublin. Learn the history of Irish food as well as the contemporary food scene, led by an awardwinning food blogger, offered in English and French. www.deliciousdublintours.com







A-Z GOLF COURSES IN DUBLIN

- 1. Balbriggan
- 2. Balcarrick
- 3. Ballinascorney 4. Beaverstown
- 5. Beech Park
- 6. Carrickmines 7. Castle
- 8. Castleknock
- 9. Citywest Hotel & Golf
- 10. Clontarf
- 11. Corballis Links
- 12. Corrstown
- 13. Deer Park
- 14. Donabate

- 15. Dublin City
- 16. Dublin Mountain
- 17. Dun Laoghaire 18. Edmondstown
- 19. Elm Park
- 20. Elmgreen 21. Forrest Little
- 22. Foxrock
- 23. Glencullen
- 24. Grange
- 25. Grange Castle
- 26. Hazel Grove
- 27. Hermitage
- 28. Hollystown

More information on Dublin courses at www.ireland.com/golf

- 29. Howth
- 30. Killiney 31. Kilmashogue
- 32. Leopardstown
- 33. Lucan
- 34. Luttrellstown Castle
- 35. Malahide
- 36. Milltown
- 37. Newlands
- 38. Portmarnock Hotel
- & Golf Links 39. Rathfarnham
- 40. Roganstown
- 41. Rush

- 42. Silloge Park
- 43. Skerries 44. South County
- 45. St. Anne's
- 46. St. Margarets
- 47. Stackstown
- 48 Sutton
- 49. Swords
- 50. The Island
- 51. Portmarnock Golf Club 52. The Royal Dublin
- 53. Westmanstown



52 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide 53





DUBLIN



Balbriggan Golf Club

353 (0) 1 8412229 balbriggangolfclub@eircom.net Web www.balbriggangolfclub.com Course Parkland

Length 6,077 metres 72

Balbriggan is ranked in the Top 100 Courses in Ireland following a superbcourse re-development. Located 15 minutes from Dublin Airport, this exciting course with many water features is surrounded by rolling parkland with views of the Mourne Mountains. All visitors will find a warm welcome, a fully stocked pro-shop and excellent clubhouse. catering. Green fees: midweek 630-35, midweek early bird special €20.

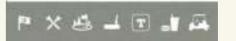




353 (0) 1843 6583 Email info@corballisgolflinks.com Web www.corballislinks.com Course Links Length 4,682 metres

Par 66

Corballis Links offers the unrivalled experience of playing on an I8 hole top quality links course at affordable prices. The quality of Corballis Links matched with its rugged beauty, cannot be overstated and has drawn high praise from various golfing luminaries. Corballs attracts top golfers and has been used for practice by top European players.





Email contactus@digc.ie Web www.dlgc.ie Course Parkland Length 6,533 Metres 72

The course, which was the venue for the Curtis Cup in 2016, sits nestled at the foot of the majestic Sugarloaf Mountain in the picturesque Ballyman Glen, on the border of counties Dublin and Wicklow. Set out on 330 south facing acres it is widely acknowledged as on of Ireland's most spectacular. and challenging courses.





















& Golf Links

353 (0) 1866 6592 info@portmarnock.com www.portmarnock.com

Course Links Length 6,444 metres Par

Bernhard Langer Championship designed links. Only links golf resort in a capital city. Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links is an oasis for golfers looking for a true links experience near the

buzzing metropolis of Dublin.





The Island Golf Club

353 (0)18436205 info@theislandgolfclub.com www.theislandgolfclub.com Course Links

Length 6,479 Metres Par 71

Located only 20 minutes from Dublin Airport and 30 minutes from Dublin City Centre, this traditional links course is nestled among towering dunes and provides breath-taking vistas. Venue for The Open Championship Qualifying and British Amateur Open Qualifying it offers golfers of all levels a wonderful challenge in serene surroundings.





353 (0) 1833 6346 Email info@theroyaldublingolfclub.com Web www.theroyaldublingolfclub.com Course Links

Length 7,297 yards 72

The Royal Dublin Golf Club is: home to one of Ireland's finest links courses with a proud history of hosting championship golf since the Club was founded in 1885. The course will put your golfing skills to the test as you try to avoid the well placed bunkers and wispy fescue rough. Green fees: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday €150, Friday to Sunday €175.







Ireland's leading tour operator

"Garreth and his team have amazing contacts and destination knowledge to make all the arrangements you need for a great trip."

Des Smyth, Ryder Cup Vice Captain 2014 and leading PGA Professional.

"People often ask me why we are different from other tour operators? It's simple, we meet all our clients during their trip and offer an attention to detail personalized service throughout their stay.

- Garreth Cooke - Founder

Offices in Dublin, Shannon & Edinburgh

International +353-1-883-1940 | USA Toll Free 1800-550-4162 | gar@linksgolf-ireland.com

LinksGolf-Ireland.com

Club listings in Dublin

Balbriggan Blackhall, Balbriggan, Co Dublin www.balbriggangolfclub.com balbriggangolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 1841 2229

Balcarrick

Corballis, Donabate, Co Dublin www.balcarrickgolfclub.com halcarr@iol ie 00 353 (0) 1843 6957

Ballinascorney

Oldfield, Kilmashogue Lane, Rathfarnham Dublin 16 www.ballinascorneygc.com info@ballinascorneygc.com 00 353 (0) 1 493 7755

Beaverstown

Beaverstown, Donabate, Co Dublin www.beaverstown.com office@beaverstown.com 00 353 (0) 1843 6439

Beech Park

Johnstown, Rathcoole, Co Dublin www.beechpark.ie info@beechpark.ie 00 353 (0) 1 458 0522

Carrickmines

Golf Lane, Carrickmines, Dublin 18 www.carrickminesgolfclub.ie info@carrickminesgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 295 5972

Castle

Woodside Drive, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 www.castlegc.ie info@castlegcie 00 353 (0) 1 490 4207

Castleknock

Porterstown Road, Dublin 15 www.castleknockgolfclub.ie info@castleknockgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 640 8736

Citywest

Citywest Hotel, Saggart, Co Dublin www.citvwesthotel.com proshop@citywesthotel.com 00 353 (0) 1 401 0878

Clontarf

Donnycarney House, Malahide Road, Dublin 3 www.clontarfgolfclub.ie info@clontarfgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 833 1892

Corballis Links

Corballis Road, Donabate, Co Dublin www.corballislinks.com info@corballislinks.com 00 353 (0) 1843 6583

Corrstown

Corrstown, Kilsallaghan, Co Dublin www.corrstowngolfclub.com info@corrstowngolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 18640533

Deer Park

Deer Park Hotel, Howth Demesne, Howth, Co Dublin www.deerparkgolfclub.com sales@deerparkgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1832 2624

Donabate

Balcarrick, Donabate, Co Dublin www.donabategolfclub.com info@donabategolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1843 6346

Dublin City

Ballinascorney, Tallaght, Dublin 24 www.dublincitygolf.net info@dublincitygolf.com 00 353 (0) 1 451 6430

Dun Laoghaire

www.dunlaoghairegolfclub.ie golf@dlgc.ie 00 353 (0) 1 2721866

Dublin 16 www.edmondstowngolfclub.ie info@edmondstowngolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 493 1082

Elm Park

Nutley House, Nutley Lane, Donnybrook www.elmparkgolfclub.ie office@elmparkgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 269 3438

Castleknock, Dublin 15 www.elmgreengolfclub.ie admin@elmgreengolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 823 4671

Cloghran, Swords, Co Dublin margaret@forrestlittle.ie 00 353 (0) 1 840 1763

Foxrock

Torquay Rd, Foxrock, Dublin 18 www.foxrockgolfclub.com fac@indiao.ie

Glencullen, Co Dublin www.glencullengolfclub.com info@glencullengolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1 2940898

Grange

Dublin 14 www.grangegolfclub.ie info@grangegc.com 00 353 (0) 1 493 2889

Grange Castle

www.grangecastlegc.com grangecastle@targetgolf.ie 00 353 (0) 1 464 1043

Dublin 24 www.hazelgrove.ie info@hazelgrove.ie 00 353 (0) 1 452 0911

Hermitage

www.hermitagegolf.ie hermitagegolf@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 1 626 8491

Hollystown, Dublin 15 www.hollystown.com

Ballyboughal, Co Dublin www.hollywoodlakesgolfclub.com secretary@hollywoodlakesgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1 843 3406

Howth

Carrickbrack Road, Sutton, Dublin 13 www.howthgolfclub.ie secretary@howthgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1832 3055

Killiney

Ballinclea Road, Killiney, Co Dublin www.killineygolfclub.ie killinevaolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 1 285 1983

Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow

Edmondstown

Elmgreen

Forrest Little

00 353 (0) 1 289 3992 Glencullen

Whitechurch Road, Rathfarmhan,

Nangor Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

Hazel Grove

Mount Seskin Road, Jobstown, Tallaght,

Ballydowd, Lucan, Co Dublin

Hollystown

00 353 (0) 1820 7444

Hollywood Lakes

Lucan Celbridge Road, Lucan, Co Dublin www.lucangolfclub.ie admin@lucangolf.ie 00 353 (0) 1 628 2106

Luttrellstown Castle

Kilmashogue

www.kilmashoguegc.ie

00 353 (0) 1 495 2237

Leopardstown

00 353 (0) 1 2895341

Dublin 18

kilmashoguegc@eircom.net

www.golf.leopardstown.com

St Columba's College, Whitechurch,

Leopardstown Race Course, Foxrock,

info@leopardstowngolfcentre.com

Porterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15 www.luttrellstowncastlegolf.com info@luttrellstown.ie 00 353 (0) 18609600

Malahide

Beechwood, The Grange, Malahide www.malahidegolfclub.ie manager@malahidegolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 8461611

Milltown

Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin 14 www.milltowngolfclub.ie info@milltowngolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 497 6090

Newlands

Newlands Cross, Dublin 22 www.newlandsgolfclub.com info@newlandsgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1 459 3157

Portmarnock

Golf Links Road, Portmarnock, Co Dublin www.portmarnockgolfclub.ie info@portmarnockgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 18462968

Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links

Strand Road, Portmarnock, Co Dublin www.portmarnock.com 00 353 (0) 1 846 0611

Rathfarnham

Newtown, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 www.rathfarnhamgolfclub.ie rgc@oceanfree.net 00 353 (0) 1 493 1201

Roganstown

Swords, Co Dublin www.roganstown.com 00 353 (0) 1 843 3118

Rush

Sandvhills, Rush, Co Dublin www.rushgolfclub.com info@rushgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1843 8177

Silloge Park

Silloge Park, Ballymun Road, Swords, Co Dublin www.sillogeparkgolfclub.com info@sillogeparkgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1842 9956

Skerries

Hacketstown, Skerries, Co Dublin www.skerriesgolfclub.ie admin@skerriesgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 849 1567

Slade Valley

Lynch Park, Brittas, Co Dublin www.sladevalleygolfclub.ie info@sladevalleygolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 458 2183

St. Anne's

Bull Island Nature Reserve, Dollymount Dublin 5 www.stanneslinksgolf.com info@stanneslinksgolf.com 00 353 (0) 1 833 6471

St. Margarets

St. Margarets, Co Dublin www.stmargaretsgolf.com reservations@stmargaretsgolf.com 00 353 (0) 1 864 0400

Stackstown

Kellystown Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 www.stackstowngolfclub.ie manager@stackstowngolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 4941993

Sutton

Cush Point, Sutton, Dublin 13 www.suttongolfclub.org info@suttongolfclub.org 00 353 (0) 1 832 3013

Swords Open

Balheary Ave., Swords, Co Dublin www.swordsopengolfcourse.com info@swordsopengolfcourse.com 00 353 (0) 1 840 9819

The Island

The Part of the Pa

Corballis, Donabate, Co Dublin www.theislandgolfclub.com info@theislandgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1 843 6205

The Royal Dublin

North Bull Island Nature Reserve, Dollymount, Dublin 3 www.theroyaldublingolfclub.com info@theroyaldublingolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1833 6346

Westmanstown

Clonsilla, Dublin 15 www.westmanstowngolfclub.ie info@westmanstowngolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1 820 5817

58 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide

 \mathbf{F}_{0}



Camden Court Hotel

Tel 353 (0) 4759666 sales@camdencourthotel.ie Email www.camdencourthotel.ie

The 4* Camden Court Hotel is: located in Dublin's City Centre. Boasting 251 spacious bedrooms that include; high standard amenities, Smart TV's, safety deposit boxes and Orla Kiely toiletries. Complimentary extras include access to Camden Court Fitness and high speed Wi-Fi. Whatever your requirement, Camden Court Hotel is ideal for both business and pleasure.

Nearby Golf Courses: Portmarnock. Royal Dublin, Powerscourt





Grand Hotel

353 1845000 Email booking@thegrandie www.thegrand.ie

Grand Hotel Malahide offers stunning coastal views in many of the 203 bedrooms including 2 Penthouse Suites. Facilities include 2 bars, Coast. Restaurant, Conference Suites & the Arena Fitness Centre & Pool. Malahide, a fabulous coastal village with interesting shops, restaurants & pubs, is only 9km from Dublin airport. and close to the city centre. There are many great links and parkland courses in the area.

Nearby Golf Courses: Portmarriock GC. Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links. The Island, The Royal Dublin GC





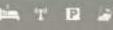
HE STATE Fish Restaurant & Accommodation

Email

353 (0)1 832 5235 info@kingsitric.ie www.kingsitric.ie

Established in 1971 Alden and Joan MacManus have earned an international reputation for fresh seafood and hospitality in their harbour-side restaurant in the picturesque fishing village of Howth. Eight guest rooms, all with sea views. Lots to do - stay a few days! Dublin City is 25 min by DART. Airport is 25 mins drive.

Nearby Golf Courses: Portmarnock, Royal Dublin, Howth, The Island, The K Club, St. Margaret's, Luttrelistown











The Shelbourne Hotel

353 (0) 1663 4500 rhi.dubbr.reservations@ renaissancehotels.com www.theshelbourne.ie

The world famous Sheloourne Hotel located in the heart of Dublin City is a timeless landmark just seconds away from the city's sights and shops and offers a superb selection of golfing opportunities with world class championship courses nearby. Founded in 1824. The Shelbourne is a place where history has been made. Awarded AA S Red Stars.

Nearby Golf Courses: Portmarnock, Royal Dublin, The Island, Powerscourt. K Club, Druids Glen

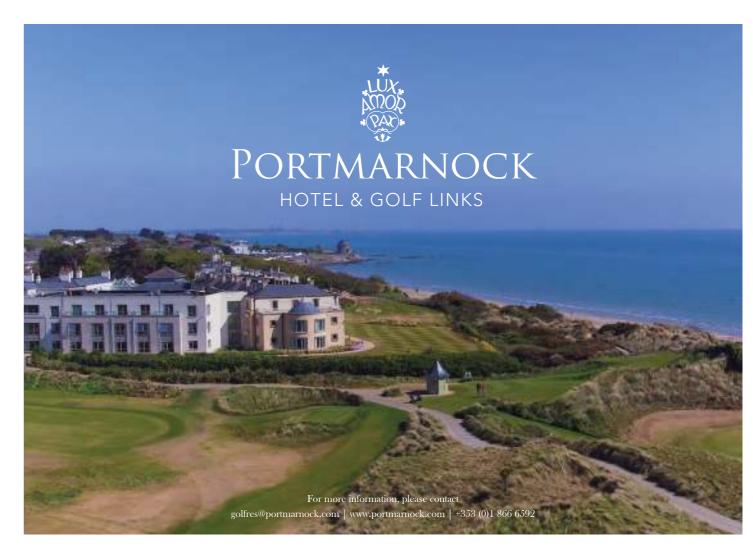
















The Royal Dublin Golf Club, Ireland's second oldest golf club, was founded in 1885 and is home to one of the finest links courses in the country. Designed by the legendary Harry Colt and host to numerous championships it is a must visit for any golfer looking for a true links experience. Visit Royal Dublin and follow in the footsteps of Seve Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, and Louis Oosthuizen who have all been crowned Champions on this classic links. We look forward to giving all our visitors a warm Royal Dublin welcome. Ideally located just 15 minutes from Dublin City Centre and 20 minutes from Dublin airport.

Green fees: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday €150. Friday to Sunday €175











also features one of the toughest and Aughrim highest-rated courses rivers throughout. in Ireland. The European Other Club benefits from the parkland classics constant inputs of one to play in Wicklow of the most astute Tulfarris Hotel, designers the game Delgany Golf Club, Woodbrook, has seen.

test," Pádraig Harrington says.. "I can find a lot of golf shots similar to those I would encounter on tournament courses." include The magnificent Druids Glen Hotel & Golf Resort in Wicklow is where Sergio Garcia won his first professional event at the 1999 Irish Open, and features two fine Charlesland and Greystones Golf Club, courses - Druids Glen and Druids Heath. Druids Heath features golden fescues and where golf star Paul Dunne gorse protecting the course in a heathland fashion, while the pristine Druids Glen is a fine test of golf, with views over the Irish Sea

seaside town of Dun Laoghaire, it moved

to the picturesque Ballyman Glen in 2007,

at the foot of the spectacular Sugarloaf

Mountain. It is a course where a three-

time major winner regularly frequents.

"Excellent, strategic design makes it a real

Druids Glen is a great place to stay when in Ireland, as is Powerscourt Estate, a five-star hotel, which is noted for its house and landscaped gardens. It features two Championship courses in spectacular surroundings, East and West, with fast greens and hilly fairways.

coupled with the surrounding woods.

The Paul McGinley-designed Macreddin Golf Club is one of the best new parklands in Ireland, incorporating statuesque pines, well protected greens, elevated landing areas and a free flowing brook to a course with wonderful definition. Another picturesque wooded challenge is Woodenbridge, which has been described as 'Ireland's Augusta', and makes wonderful use of the Avoca and

grew up.

Wicklow also features one of the toughest and highest-rated courses in Ireland. The European Club benefits from the constant inputs of one of the most astute designers the game has seen, Pat Ruddy, who developed a links admired by the best to play the game.

The course record is held by none other than Tiger Woods at 67, who said "What wonderful optical illusions. I thought some of those par-4s were par-5s. A great links." Padraig Harrington credits winning the Irish PGA Championship there in in 2007 and 2008 for giving him the perfect preparation for winning the Open a few weeks later, while Rory McIlroy said that he considered The European Club to be the best links he had played, "including Royal St. George's, Royal Portrush and Royal County Down."

A must-play, but make sure to pack plenty of golf balls!

Just 20 minutes down the road is another links classic, Arklow Golf Links, where Eddie Connaughton's green

designs are a marvellous collection, rolling raucously and undulating violently in some places.

Bordering Wicklow to the south is Carlow and Wexford, where another links test, Rosslare Golf Club, is an original Hawtree design and a great example of a traditional links.

Head to Wexford town and you will find Wexford Golf Club in the heart of the town, which has reaped the rewards of recent upgrades to the course. Meanwhile, Bunclody is a beautiful open parkland course which features mixed terrain that will challenge golfers, especially the string of quality ending holes that culminate with the tree-lined par 5 18th.

Head to Carlow and you will find Mount Wolseley, host of the Irish Challenge on the European Challenge Tour, and a great parkland played through mature woodland on one of the best maintained courses in the country.

Carlow Golf Club is regarded as one of the finest of the older parkland courses in Ireland, and hosts the annual Midland Scratch Cup that's been captured by many of the game's greats.

To the west of Carlow is Kilkenny. Golf in Kilkenny is dominated by the superb Mount Juliet Estate, which has twice hosted the World Golf Championship, won by Tiger Woods and Ernie Els. One of Ireland's most luxurious parkland enclaves has seen constant investment, including a new academy recently designed by Paul McGinley. This Jack Nicklaus design is a delight and is famous for attracting repeat business from its loyal customers. Playing Mount Juliet will leave happy memories of some great holes, some delightful countryside and perhaps even a glimpse of the wandering pheasants.

Head south of Kilkenny to Waterford, with great courses like Waterford Castle, which is Ireland's only true island golf course, accessed by complimentary car ferry, West Waterford, Tramore and Faithlegg House Hotel and Golf Resort.

A thriving resort that's popular with golfers and families alike, Faithlegg is an enticing parkland challenge designed by the great Patrick Merrigan, and features undulating greens, water hazards and perfectly placed sand traps, which complete and heighten the challenge.

There are few greener counties than
Tipperary and it is no surprise that it is also
home to some wonderful parkland courses
from Clonmel and Cahir Park to the Philip
Walton-designed Tipperary Golf Club,
Ballykisteen Golf and Country Club or
Thurles Golf Club.

The county is brimming with wonderful attractions such as the Rock of Cashel - a spectacular collection of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale

Cork City is the third biggest on the island and a treat for the visitor with a host of attractions for lovers of music, the arts and sport

Not only are you within a short drive of the Blarney Stone, it is also a great place to golf with up to a dozen clubs within easy reach from the city, including Douglas, Mahon, Lee Valley and Muskerry.

One of Irish golf's historic clubs, Cork Golf Club was formed in 1888 by prominent Cork businessmen, before undergoing a major redesign by Dr Alister MacKenzie - the future designer of the likes of Augusta National,

Cypress Point and Royal Melbourne - in 1926.

The good doctor proposed three entirely new holes, created new greens and, radically, installed sand filled bunkers.

Near Cork City is Fota Island Hotel & Golf Resort, a three-time host of the Irish Open, most recently in 2014. Also host to Ireland's only wildlife park and the historical Fota House, it is a tremendous golfing facility with a course that features tricky bunkering and engaging greens.

Head up to the midlands and you have got another stunning Championship course in Laois, the Heritage Resort and Spa, created by the great Seve Ballesteros in partnership with Jeff Howes. Set in the beautiful rolling countryside, the course wanders its way through this picturesque setting, featuring some tricky water hazards and a plethora of bunkers. The course hosted the 2007 Seve Trophy. It is a special place that is so well built that it is playable all through the winter and spring, no matter how much rain might fall.

Offaly is famous for its bogs, which have gifted Ireland a treasure trove of Bronze Age artefacts that date from between 6,800 - 6,000 BCE. It features Tullamore Golf Club, which is an excellent parkland challenge thanks to massive clusters of century old oak, beech and chesnut trees. Offaly is also the home to European Tour star Shane Lowry, who grew up at Esker Hills.

Shane Lowry won the Mullingar Scratch Trophy as an amateur, as did Rory McIlroy and Darren Clarke, and this famous competition on the Irish amateur scene is held at Mullingar Golf Club in County Westmeath, a James Braid classic that winds its way through this wooded parkland setting. Nearby New Forest is an undulating parkland gem with some of the finest putting surfaces in Ireland.

The town of Athlone is noted for its 12th century castle, housing eight chronologically themed interactive exhibition rooms, and just outside the town is Glasson Country House Hotel & Golf Club, a superb venue with lakeside scenery and tour quality conditions, designed by Christy O'Connor Inr.

Longford, Leitrim and Roscommon

may be sparse in terms of population, but features some nice courses. including Longford Golf Club, which is ideally located in the heart of the 'Lakelands and Inland Waterways' region, making it a perfect place for those with a love of water sports. There is great golf on offer at tracks such as Strokestown, Castlerea, Boyle and Ballaghaderreen or more demanding 18-hole tests such as Carrick-on-Shannon, Roscommon or Athlone on the shores of Lough

Head up to Cavan and you will meet 'The Lakeland County' with its 365 lakes, one for each day of the year. Lakes provide a prominent feature on one of the best parklands in Ireland, Slieve Russell. Set in 300 acres, this fantastic venue has been designed with a certain boldness and sureness of instinct, which has resulted in the development of a truly strategic test. Home to amateur star Leona Maguire, the country resort hotel is popular with golf groups.

Excellent parklands dot the Cavan and neighbouring Monaghan area, including County Cavan Golf Club, Radisson Blu Farnham Estate, Nuremore Hotel and Rossmore Golf Club, and County Monaghan is now hugely popular with golfers with the creation of Concra Wood Golf Club in Castleblayney by uncle and nephew, Christy O'Connor Jnr and Christy O'Connor Snr. This strikingly beautiful course features a brilliant landscape that has been carefully sculpted around Lough Muckno.

That leaves us with the counties neighbouring Dublin to the north and east, where some of the best golf courses in the land are to be played from County Louth to The K Club to Killeen Castle.

The peaceful links at County Louth Golf Club, Baltray, for example, is a snapshot of the way golf should be. The serene atmosphere gives way to towering dunes, treacherous rough and long holes that will make use of every club in the bag. Host of the East of Ireland Championship, it was the course where Shane Lowry famously won the Irish Open an amateur. It regularly features in lists of the top 10 courses in Ireland.

Nearby Seapoint Golf Club is another cleverly designed links course that will test every golf. Host of the 2010 and 2011 Irish PGA Championships, it includes one of the best finishing stretches in links golf.

Elsewhere in Louth there is good golf to be had at Greenore, Ardee and Dundalk Golf Club, which offers views of the Cooley and Mourne Mountains, the Irish Sea and Dundalk Bay.

Neighbouring Meath includes another quality links test in Laytown & Bettystown, as well as parkland classics like Royal Tara, County Meath Golf Club and two courses at Headfort Golf Club, the Old and the New Course. It also includes Killeen Castle.

One of Irish
golf's historic
clubs, Cork Golf Club
was formed in 1888 by
prominent Cork businessmen undergoing a major redesign by Dr Alister MacKenzie - the future designer of
Augusta National, Cypress
Point, Royal Melbourne
and Pasatiempo - in
1926.



home to a magnificent Jack Nicklaus designed golf course, which hosted the 2011 Solheim Cup. With beautiful views of the Co Meath countryside throughout the 600-acre estate, players will never come bored of the golfing test that is provided.

test that is provided.

From one top parkland to another, from one castle demesne to another, Carton House is well worth a visit, where you tee off the first in County Meath and, with any luck, your drive should land in County Kildare on the other side of the River Rye. It is home to the Golfing Union of Ireland and features two great courses, the Montgomerie and the O'Meara.

Kildare is a treasure trove of golf courses from Dunmurry Springs to Moyvalley to Palmerstown to Royal Curragh Golf Club, which is believed to be the oldest golf club in the country.

Then there is the most famous club of them all in the county, the prestigious Kildare Club, otherwise known as The K Club, a five-star hotel and venue that has hosted many great tournaments, from the Irish Open to the European Open to the 2006 Ryder Cup. It features the Smurfit Course, designed with dunetype mounding, and the Palmer Course, which displays all the daring risk-and-reward shot selection of its late designer, Arnold Palmer. Rory McIlroy's heroic shots to win the 2016 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open showcased the finish at the Palmer course to the world, which is one of the most dramatic parkland finishes that you will play anywhere on the planet.





66 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide

The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide





NEWGRANGE BRÚ NA BÓINNE CO. MEATH

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre interprets the Neolithic monuments of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. Being built in the Neolithic period, Newgrange itself is older than both Stonehenge and the Egyptian Pyramids.

ww.newgrange.com

ROCK OF CASHEL CO. TIPPERARY

The Rock of Cashel is one of Ireland's most spectacular historic sites. Spectacular historic sites with an enclosure containing a complete round tower, a 13th-century Gothic cathedral and the finest 12th-century Romanesque chapel in Ireland.

www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/rockofcashel





THE HILL OF UISNEACH

CO. WESTMEATH

The Hill of Uisneach is Ireland's 'mythological and sacred' centre where the festival of fires, Bealtaine, is celebrated every year to welcome the summer season. It is located, geographically, right in the centre of Ireland.



THE SMITHWICK'S EXPERIENCE

CO. KILKENNY

Discover the brew that took 300 years to perfect. An interactive journey through over 300 years of history behind Ireland's most popular ale and find out it is made.

www.smithwicksexperience.

HOOK LIGHTHOUSE

CO. WEXFORD

Situated on the tip of the Hook Peninsula in Wexford, experience 800 years of lighthouse keeping at Hook Lighthouse. It is one of the oldest working and fully operational lighthouse in the world!

www.hookheritage.ie



WICKLOW GAOL

CO. WICKLOW

Wicklow's Historic Gaol is one of Ireland's most interactive experiences. Be transported back in time and meet some of the most notorious characters to have walked the floors of this dramatic and historic building.

www.wicklowshistoricgaol.com



FETHARD HORSE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

CO. TIPPERARY

An interactive exhibition which aims to showcase the link between the people, the land and horse in the surrounding area. Discover the rich culture and heritage in this high-spec museum.

www.fhcexperience.ie







TULLAMORE D.E.W. - IRISH WHISKEY EXPERIENCE

CO. OFFALY

Set in the heart of Ireland, the Old Bonded Warehouse sits on the banks of Tullamore's Grand Canal. For whiskey explorers eager to learn about the history and craft of the world-renowned Tullamore D.E.W. www.tullamoredew.com



IRELAND'S RYDER CUP VENUE

Featuring Two Arnold Palmer designed Championship Golf Courses

Walk in the Footsteps of Champions at The K Club, the Home of the 2006 Ryder Cup, 2016 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open & 13 European Opens.

Book your next golf experience now by contacting Reservations on Tel: +353 1 6017 200

email: sales@kclub.ie web: www.kclub.ie









143. St. Helen's Bay

144. Strokestown

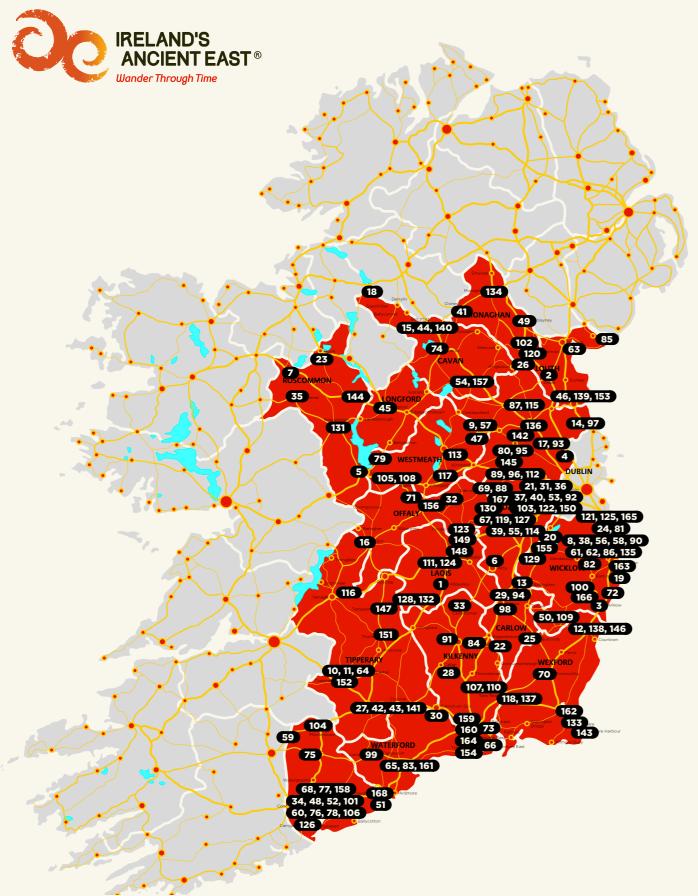
147. Templemore

149. The Heritage

145. Summerhill

146. Tara Glen

148. The Heath





More information on Ireland's Ancient East courses at www.ireland.com/golf

A-Z GOLF COURSES IN IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

- 1. Abbeyleix
- 2. Ardee
- 3. Arklow
- 4. Ashbourne
- 5. Athlone 6. Athy
- 7. Ballaghaderreen
- 8. Ballinastoe
- 9. Ballinlough Castle
- 10. Ballykisteen
- 11. Ballykisteen Hotel
- & Golf Resort
- 12. Ballymoney
- 13. Baltinglass
- 14. Bellewstown
- 15. Belturbet
- 16. Birr
- 17. Black Bush
- 18. Blacklion
- 19. Blainroe
- 20. Blessington Lakes
- 21. Bodenstown
- 22. Borris
- 23. Boyle
- 24. Bray
- 25. Bunclody
- 26. Cabra Castle
- 27. Cahir Park
- 28. Callan
- 29. Carlow
- 30. Carrick-on-suir
- 31. Carton House
- 32. Castle Barna 33. Castlecomer
- 34. Castlemartyr
- 35. Castlerea
- 36. Castlewarden
- 37. Celbridge Elmhall
- 38. Charlesland
- 39. Cill Dara
- 40. Clane
- 41. Clones 42. Clonmel
- 43. Clonmel Golf Club
- 44. Co Cavan
- 45. Co Longford
- 46. Co Louth
- 47. Co Meath
- 49. Concra Wood
- 50. Coollattin
- 51. Cork

48. Cobh

- 52. Courtown
- 53. Craddockstown
- 54. Crover House
- 55. Curragh
- 56. Delgany
- 57. Delvin Castle

- 58. Djouce
- 59. Doneraile
- 60. Douglas
- 61. Druid's Glen
- 62. Druid's Heath
- 63. Dundalk
- 64. Dundrum House 65. Dungarvan
- 66. Dunmore East
- 67. Dunmurry Springs
- 68. East Cork
- 69. Edenderry
- 70. Enniscorthy
- 71. Esker Hills
- 72. European
- 73. Faithlegg
- 74. Farnham Estate
- 75. Fermoy
- 76. Fernhill
- 77. Fota Island 78. Frankfield
- 79. Glasson
- 80. Glebe
- 81. Glen of the Downs
- 82. Glenmalure
- 83. Goldcoast
- 84. Gowran Park 85. Greenore
- 86. Greystones
- 87. Headfort
- 88. Highfield
- 89. Kilcock
- 90. Kilcoole
- 91. Kilkenny
- 92. Killeen
- 93. Killeen Castle
- 94. Killerig
- 95. Knightsbrook
- 96. Knockanally
- 97. Laytown &
- Bettystown 98. Leinster Hills
- 99. Lismore
- 100. Macreddin
- 101. Mahon
- 102. Mannan Castle
- 103. Millicent
- 104. Mitchelstown 105. Moate
- 106. Monkstown
- 107. Mount Juliet
- 108. Mount Temple
- 109. Mount Wolseley 110. Mountain View
- 111. Mountrath
- 112. Moyvalley
- 113. Mullingar
- 114. Naas

- 115. Navan
- 116. Nenagh
- 117. New Forest
- 118. New Ross
- 119. Newbridge
- 120. Nuremore 121. Old Conna

125. Powerscourt

126. Raffeen Creek

128. Rathdowney

129. Rathsallagh

131. Roscommon

130. Ringenane

132. Roscrea

133. Rosslare

134. Rossmore

136. Royal Tara

137. Scarke

138. Seafield

139. Seapoint

140. Slieve Russell

141. Slievenamon

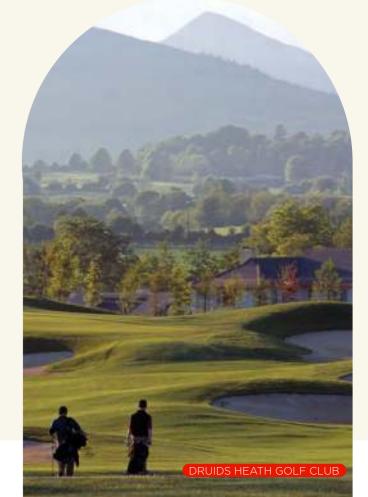
142. South Meath

135. Roundwood

127. Rathcore

- 122. Palmerstown Stud
- 150. The K Club 123. Portarlington 124. Portlaoise
 - 151. Thurles
 - 152. Tipperary
 - 153. Townley Hall

 - 154. Tramore
 - 155. Tulfarris
 - 156. Tullamore
 - 157. Virginia
 - 158. Water Rock
 - 159. Waterford
 - 160. Waterford Castle 161. West Waterford
 - 162. Wexford
 - 163. Wicklow
 - 164. Williamstown
 - 165. Woodbrook 166. Woodenbridge
 - 167. Woodlands 168. Youghal







Tel 353 (0)404 68168 Email info@blainroe.com Web www.blainroe.com Course Parkland Length 6,800 yards

72

Par

With sea views from all 18 holes, this enjoyable and challenging USGA spec course carries the prestigious Hawtree & Son design signature. Host of the Irish Seniors and manyother championship events. Golf. buggies available, visitors welcome everyday. Book online for best available rates. A Failte Ireland quality assured course. Green fees: from €25-€50.





Clonmel Golf Club

+353 52 6124050 Tel cgc@indigo.ie Email www.clonmelgolfclub.com Course Parkland Length 5,821 metres

Par

Located two miles from bustling Clanmel town, this wonderfully. elevated course offers unparalleled views of the valley of Slievenamon and the Comeragh mountains: Providing meet & greet and full catering facilities to all Society and Open Day visitors, Clonmel Golf Club offers a unique challenge to golfers. of all ages and abilities, 2018 Full & Distance membership available.





Tel 01 276 3200 info@braygolfclub.com Email www.braygolfclub.com Course Parkland Length 5.652 metres

Par

Bray Golf Club, the first stop for galf in Wicklow, is a magnificent USGA-standard parkland course. situated between Bray Head and the Sugar Loaf Mountain with magnificent views of Killiney Bay and the Wicklow Mountains. Described as "spectacular in every aspect". Bray combines stunning scenery with a classic layout. A "MUST PLAY" golf course.





Concra Wood Golf & Country Club Castleblayney, Co Monaghan

353 (0) 42 974 9485 Email info@concrawood.ie Web www.concrawood.ie Course Parkland Length 6,048 Metres

Concre Wood Golf and Country Club was designed by Christy O'Connor Junior and Christy O'Connor Senior. We have now hosted three PGA Europro Tour Events: Eleven holes lure you to the water's edge, promising danger and excitement time and again. It is a stern and beautiful test of golf, whatever your ability. Green fees available on request.

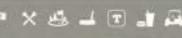




353 (0) 53 9374444 Email proshop@bunclodygfc.ie www.bunclodygfc.ie Course Parkland Length 7,164 yards

72

Buriclody Golf & Fishing Club. is situated on 300 acres of breathtaking parkland on the banks of the River Slaney. The all weather course ensures the opportunity to enjoy golf at anytime of year. followed by the comfort of the traditionally thatched clubhouse for a relaxing drink or meal in the panoramic bar, PGA Pro: Gary McLean, Pro Shop Manager, Caroline Dunne. Green fees: from €25-€55.



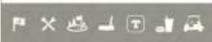


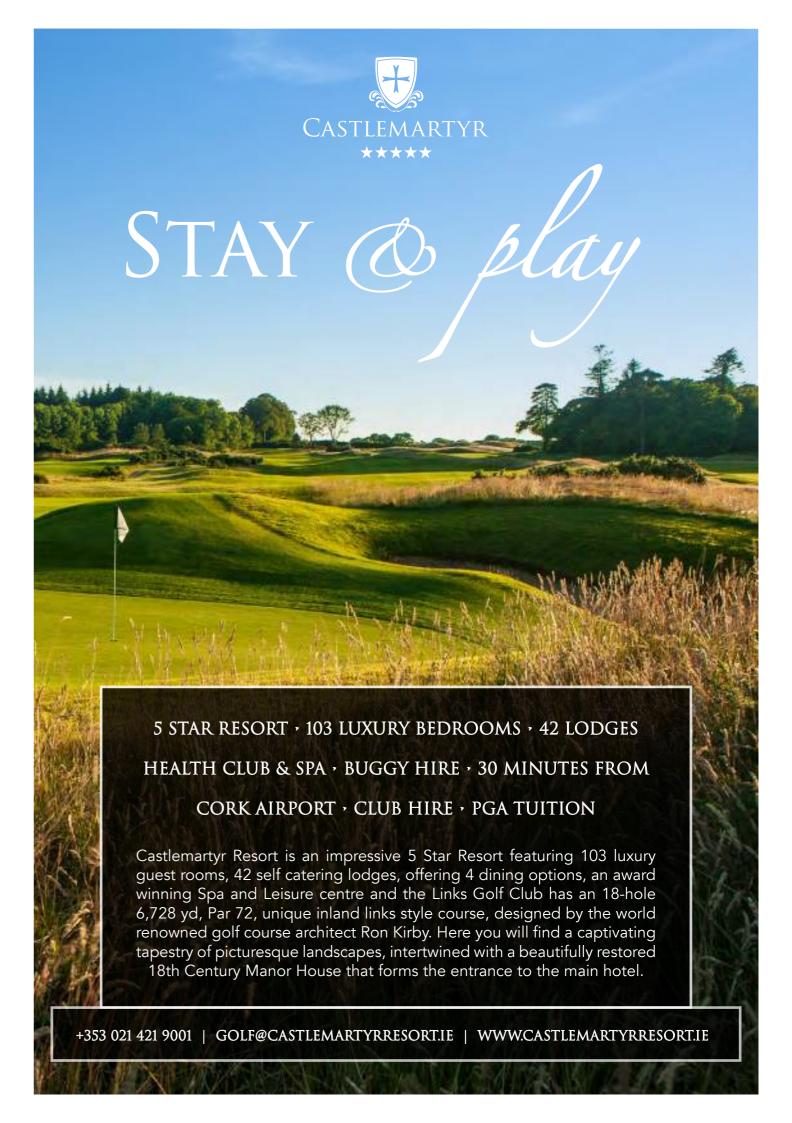
353 (0) 21 4353451 info@corkgolfclub.ie www.corkgolfclub.ie

Course Parkland Length 6,192 metres Par 72

Little Island, Co Cork

Founded in 1888 and redesigned in 1924 by Alister MacKenzie, Cork Golf Club has matured to become one of the finest inland courses in Ireland. It has a unique location, situated as it is in a disused limestone quarry. Green fees €60/€65 and early bird €48.





IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST















County Cavan Golf Club

Tel 00353494331388 Email info@cavangolf.ie Web www.cavangolf.ie Course Parkland Length 5,627 metres

Enjoy a unique golfing experience in the Lakeland Region. Many of our fairways are lined with mature trees, in particular the last 4 holes. This is sure to provide you with an enjoyable and unforgettable experience. Visitors and societies welcome. Open singles Thursdays £15. Green Fees €20 - €25. Visit website for special offers.





Tel 00 353 41 9881530
Email lam@countylouthgolfclub.com
Web www.countylouthgolfclub.com
Course Links

Length 6,328 metres

Par 7

Classic traditional Links course located on Ireland's East coast, one hour north of Dublin. Host to many Championships over it's 125 years, including the Irish Open in 2004 and 2009. A member owned club that offers a warm welcome to visitors from all over the world.





Tel 353 (0)45 897610
Email enquiries@craddockstown.com
Web www.craddockstown.com
Course Parkland
Length 6,133 metres

Craddockstown Golf Club is a top class golfing experience that is greatly complemented by a friendly and efficient service from the administrative, bar and catering staff. Society groups are guaranteed a memorable and enjoyable visit. Green fees: Mon − Thurs €25, Fri − Sun €30.















Knightsbrook Golf Resort Course designed by the Late Christy O' Connor Jnr

- Located in the heart of the Boyne Valley, 40 minutes from Dublin Airport
- 131 Contemporary Executive Style Bedrooms
- 28 Self Catering Courtyard Homes
- Fully Equipped Health Club
- Award Winning River Spa

Our 2018 & 2019 Society Residential Packages start from €145 per person sharing for Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & a Round of Golf

Green Fees start from €35

Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort, Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath T: +353 46 9482100 E: golf@knightsbrook.com W: www.knightsbrook.com





Douglas Golf Club

Tel 353 (0)21 489 5297 douglasgolf@eircom.net www.douglasgolfclub.ie Course Parkland Length 5,825 metres

Par

72

Awarded 'Golf Club of the Year 2016' by the Cork Business Awards, the course is maintained in immaculate condition and is renowned for having some of the best greens in Ireland, Spectacular views of Cork City and Harbour. Situated just Sminutes from both Cork City-centre and Cork Airport. A must play course in Cork.





Golf & Leisure Resort

Tel 353 (0)62 71116 golfshop@dundrumhouse.ie www.dundrumhousehotel.com Web Course Parkland

Length 5,922 m Par 72

This magnificent 18 Hole Championship Course has been woven into the fabric of a mature Georgian Estate and is a real challenge to goffers of all levels: The Resort offers golf lodge accommodation adjacent to an excellent clubhouse and leisure club. Renowned for its warm, friendly welcome and great food. Green Fees from €20-€39.





353 (0)21 488 3700 reservations@fotaisland.ie www.fotaisland.ie Course Parkland Length 7043/7183/7416 Yards 71/72/73

Fota Island Resort, host to the Irish Open 2001, 2002 and 2014, has three championship courses set amongst beautiful scenery and maintained to the highest standards. Fota Island Resort is the ideal venue for any golfing break with a five-star hotel, self-catering lodges and an exceptional golf academy facility available on site. Green fees: €80 to €100. Group and residential rates available.







'Discover the Glasson Experience'

TREAT YOURSELVES TO A GAME/STAY AT ONE OF IRELAND'S MOST SCENIC & ENJOYABLE GOLF RESORTS

Superb Golf Academy including Short Game area & 12 Bay Driving Range

Just over 1 Hour from both Dublin and Galway The 1st Tee is just one minute walk from the Hotel Reception









T: (090) 6485120 E: info@glassoncountryhouse.ie W: www.glassoncountryhouse.ie





Greenore Galf Club Co. Louth

Tel 353 429 373212 linda@greenoregolfclub.com Email Web www.greenoregolfclub.com

Course Links Length 6100 yards Par 71

Greenore Golf Club is a magnificent course with a good mix of traditional links and heathland holes with breathtaking views of Carlingford Lough and The Mourne Mountains, Ideal for all year round golf. Equidistant between Dublin and Belfast. Conveniently located beside historic and vibrant village of Carlingford, Practice area. Full Bar and Restaurant facilities.















Mount Juliet Golf Club

353 (0) 56 777 3071

Email golfreservations@mountjuliet.ie

www.mountjuliet.ie

Web

Par

Course Parkland

72

golfing venue.

Length 6,600 metres

Set on 500 acres of rolling

pastures in Ireland's sunny

captivating and memorable.

Mount Juliet is consistently

regarded as Ireland's leading.

parkland golf course. Mount Juliet

Golf Course has improved on an

already outstanding layout and

facilities, in its ongoing pursuit

of golfing excellence - a perfect

South East, the course is both







New Forest Golf Club

353 (0)44 9221100 Email info@newforest.ie Web www.newforest.ie Course Parkland

Length 6363m Par 72

The course was designed by Peter McEvoy and he has described it as the best course he has designed. The undulating natural forested surroundings bring an outstanding quality to the course, with some of the finest putting surfaces, tees and fairways in Ireland. There are few sites more beautiful than New

















Open Competition every Tuesday Book on line or contact the Pro Shop on 041 9881066



00 353 41 9822333 bbrown@seapoint.ie



WWW.SEAPOINTGOLFLINKS.COM







With sea views from at 18 holes, this enjoyable and challenging USGA spec course carries the prestigious Hawtree & Son design signature. Host of the Irish Seniors and many other championship events. Golf buggles available, visitors welcome everytlay. Book online for best available rates. A Failte Ireland quality assured course. Green fees: from €25-€50.



Blainroe Golf Club Blainroe, Co. Wicklow

'A Hawtree Design

Book tee-times online at www.blainroe.com

0404 68168 info@blainroe.com









ESPIRITO SANTO TROPHY (WOMEN 29th AUGUST - 1st SEPTEMBER 2018

EISENHOWER TROPHY (MEN) 5th - 8th SEPTEMBER 2018

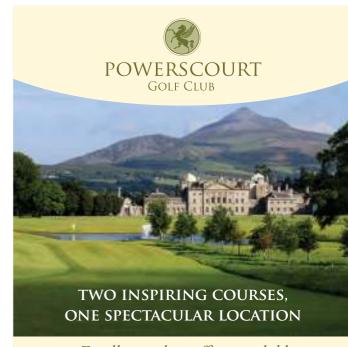
> W: www.watc2018.ie E: info@watc2018.ie

HOSTED BY THE IRISH LADIES GOLF UNION AND THE GOLFING UNION OF IRELAND



Tullamore Golf Club is an 18 hole championship course ranked one of the top 30 Parkland courses, the course has been the venue for many championships including the GUI Cups & Shields finals. Boasting manicured fairways, well contoured greens and several doglegs encompassed with lakes and very mature trees which come into play throughout the course. It is a challenging course that demands concentration and will provide a memorable experience for golfers of all handicaps, making it a perfect venue for any society outing.

Tullamore Golf Club, Brookfield, Tullamore Co. Offaly T: +353 (0)57 932 1439 E: tullamoregolfclub@eircom.ie W: www.tullamoregolfclub.ie



Excellent online offers available

At Powerscourt Golf Club, we welcome groups and societies 7 days a week catering from 8 - 180. With two championship courses and outstanding clubhouse facilities Powerscourt is an exceptional venue for any society or corporate event.

Phone: 01 204 6033 Email: golf@powerscourt.net www.powerscourtgolfclub.com













Portsalon. Set along the scenic and beautiful Donegal coastline, it is simply a great place to play golf."

Paul McGinley

Membership applications available in all ategories for 2018

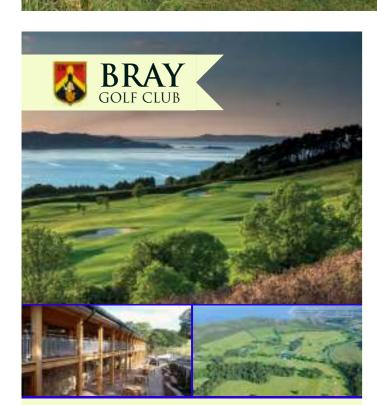
Paul McGinley

Ongoing course improvements with Paul McGinley Golf Course Design

One of the oldest links courses in the world and a founder member of the GUI



Fanad, Co.Donegal T: 074 - 915 9459 www.portsalongolfclub.com



Bray Golf Club, the first stop for golf in Wicklow, is a magnificent USGAstandard parkland course, situated between Bray Head and the Sugar Loaf Mountain with magnificent views of Killiney Bay and the Wicklow Mountains. Described as "spectacular in every aspect", Bray combines stunning scenery with a classic layout. A "Must Play" golf course.

> Greystones Road, Bray Co Wicklow T: 01-276-3200 | E: info@braygolfclub.com www.braygolfclub.com



DOUGLAS GOLF CLUB

Awarded 'Solf Club of the Year 2016' by the Cork Susiness Awards

Original design by Harry Vandon A redesion in 1924 by Alister MacKerzisclesigner of Augusta National)

Spectacular views of Cork City & Harbour

Destablishy maintained. mature parkland course A must play course in Cork Stuated a more 5 minute drive from both Cork City Centre & Cork Airport Open for Green fees throughout the year (pre-booking required) Practice tacilities, club time. & boggy hire avallable Full Bar, Restaurant and Meeting Room facilities

Maryborough Hill, Douglas, Cork. T. 353(0)214895297 E. douglasgott@eircom.net WWW.DOUGLASGOLF.IE



Powerscourt Golf Club

353 (0) 1 204 6033 Email golf@powerscourt.net powerscourtgotfclub.com Course Parkland

Length 6416 metres Par 72

Nestled in the footbills of the Wicklow Mountains and surrounded by breath-taking views. The East & West Courses at Powerscourt Golf Club are a magnet for both novice and experienced galfers. With its spectacular vista, delectable food from a varied menu and friendly staff. Powerscourt has all the makings of a great day out!





The K Club Ryder Cup Course

353 (0) 1 601 7200 Tel Email sales@kclub.ie www.kclub.ie Course Parkland Length 6,720 metres Par

Ranked regularly in the top 3 parkland golf courses in Ireland. this Palmer designed golf haven is a must play 'badge of honour' that has hosted the top golf players in the world. Recognised as one of Europe's most spectacular courses, the Ryder Cup Course features a dramatic layout with numerous water hazards.













Royal Tara Golf Club

353 (0)46 902 5508 Email info@royaltaragolfclub.com www.royaltaragolfclub.com Course Parkland

Length 5,980 metres

Par 72

Nestling at the base of the historic Hill of Tara in County Meath, Royal Tara Golf Club is among Ireland's most enjoyable and conveniently located golfing complexes with 27 holes set in mature parkland. All visitors are assured of a warm welcome to a royal golfing gem with terrific facilities. Venue for the All Ireland GUI Clubs Cups & Shields Finals 2013. Green fees: contact the club or see website for offers.

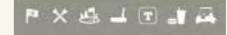




The K Club Smurfit Course itraffan, Co. Kildare

Tel 353 (0) 1601 7200 Email sales@kclub.ie www.kclub.ie Course Links Length 6,654 metres Par 72

Described as the greatest inland golf course in Ireland, the Arnold Palmer designed Smurfit Course. features a dramatic landscape with dune type mounding throughout and some 14 acres of water worked into the course design.





353 (0)41 9822333 golflinks@seapoint.ie www.seapointgolflinks.com Course Links

Length 7,150 yards Par 72

Seapoint is one of the most beautiful links courses in the world. Playing this course means you are becoming part of an exclusive club. Experience this impressive course on a stunning stretch of coastal land, with breathtaking views of the Mountains of Mourne alongside a sweeping Irish Sea. Green fees £45-6750.





Tramore Golf Club

353 (0)51 386170 info@tramoregolfclub.com www.tramoregolfclub.com Web Course Parkland Length Old Course: 5,823 metres

Newtown 9: 2,762 metres 72 Old course, 35 Newtown

Trampre Golf Club is a superb parkland course redesigned by Jeff Howes. The Old Course, has hosted many championships and is a challenging test for golfers of all. standards. An additional nine holes are quickly becoming established as a stern test in their own right and with our noted hospitality and welcome. Tramore is a must visit on any itinerary. Societies, club autings and individuals welcome. Green Fees: £35-£50



IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST















Tullamore Golf Club

Tel 353 (0)57 932 1439 Email tullamoregolfclub@eircom.net Web www.tullamoregolfclub.ie Course Parkland Length 6,472 yards

Par 70

Founded in 1896 and at its present venue since 1926, the course which was designed by James Braid was upgraded by Patrick Merrigan in the 1990s making it a memorable experience for golfers in all categories to enjoy. The course has been the venue for many championships included the GUI Cups & Shields finals. Green fees are from €30 to €38 with a Tuesday fourball 6000. (Winter Deal Nov & Mar £25 and Dec to Feb. €201. Check our website for opens.





Waterford Golf Club

Tel 353 (0)51 87674 info@waterfordgolfclub.com Email www.waterfordgolfclub.com Web Course Parkland

Length 5,765 metres

Par 71

Founded in 1912, the front 9 was designed by Willie Park, twice Open Champion and the back 9 was designed by James Braid, five times Open champion. With its magnificent views, this parkland course is a hidden gemon the outskirts of Waterford. Green fees: €30 weekdays, €35 weekends and bank holidays.





353 (0)404 67379 info@wicklowgolfclub.ie www.wicklowgotfclub.ie Course Seaside

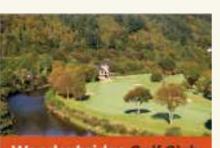
Length 6,035 yards Par

71

Set between the scenic splendour of the Irish Sea and the Wicklow Mountains, you will find 18 holes of unbeatable golfing. pleasure. Wicklow Golf Club is a picturesque seaside course which follows the coastline of Wickow Bay and is situated just outside the historic town of Wicklow. Please view our website for open days. Green fees: from €20-€35. Go to our website to book online.







Woodenbridge Golf Club

353 (0) 402 35202 reception@woodenbridge.ie www.woodenbridge.ie Course Parkland Length 6,341 Yards 71 Par

Surrounded by rivers and mature forests, Woodenbridge Golf Club is situated just south of the village of Avoca in Wicklow, where the Avoca and Aughrim rivers meet some 45 minutes from Dublin. Woodenbridge was described by the legendary Joe Carr as "Ireland's Augusta" and "the most scenic golf course in Ireland, a hidden gem".







The shape and flow of the golf course are perfectly complemented by the drumlins that roll across the countryside. This easy rhythm adds to the beauty and challenge of the course; and with 11 holes luring you to the waters edge, it promises a stern and beautiful test of golf whatever your ability.



Call: 042 9749485 Email: Info@concrawood.ie Web: www.concrawood.ie

ss: Dundalk Road, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan. Just 15 minutes off Jct. 17 on the M1 at Dundalk, and 1 hour from Dublin and Belfast





"One of the most Unique parkland courses in Ireland"

- Largest fleet of buggies in Ireland
- Open for societies & green fee bookings 7 days
- Excellent society rates
- Resident Pro Paul Masterson
- Full size driving range
- Dedicated short game practice area including putting green



Top 10 Sunday Times • 94 Golf Digest • 42 Golf World UK

Meandering fairways, free flowing brooks, yellow blooms of Gorse and statuesque Pines are synonymous with Macreddin Golf Club. Designed by Ryder Cup winning Captain Paul McGinley. Paul has created a challenge for all golfers. Rated 9th best course in Ireland by the Sunday Times. Situated adjacent to the four star Brooklodge Hotel and Wells Spa in an area of outstanding natural beauty in the heart of the Wicklow countryside. Green Fees from €40 - €50.

Macreddin Village, Aughrim, Co Wicklow | Phone: 0402 36999 | Email: info@macreddingolfclub.com www.macreddingolfclub.com

Club listings in Ireland's Ancient East

Abbeyleix

Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix, Co Laois www.abbeyleixgolfclub.ie abbeyleixgolfclub_shirley@hotmail.com 00 353 (0) 57 873 1450

Townparks, Ardee, Co Louth www.ardeegolfclub.com ardeegolfclub@eircom.net

Arklow

Abbeylands, Arklow, Co Wicklow www.arklowgolflinks.com 00 353 (0) 40 232492

Ashbourne

Archerstown, Ashbourne, Co Meath www.ashbournegolfclub.ie info@ashbournegolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 1835 2005

Hodson Bay, Athlone, Co Roscommon www.athlonegolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 90 649 2073

Athy

www.athygolfclub.com nfo@athygolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 59 863 1729

Ballaghaderreen

www.ballaghaderreengolfclub.com info@ballaghaderreengolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 94 986 0295

Ballinastoe

Ballinastoe, Roundwood, Co Wicklow www.ballinastoegolfclub.com fergal.mulligan@comreg.ie

Clonmellon, Co Westmeath www.ballinloughcastle.com 00 353 (0) 46 943 3760

Ballykisteen

Ballykisteen, Co Tipperary golf@ballvkisteenhotel.com 00 353 (0) 62 32117

Ballykisteen Hotel & Golf Resort

info@ballvkisteenhotel.com

Ballymoney

Ballymoney, Gorey, Co Wexford www.ballymoneygolfclub.ie

Baltinglass

Baltinglass, Co Wicklow www.baltinglassgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 59 648 1350

Bellewstown

Bellewstown, Drogheda, Co Meath www.bellewstowngolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 41 988 2757

Belturbet

Erne Hill, Belturbet, Co Cavan belturbet@golfnet.ie 00 353 (0) 49 952 2287

Birr

The Glenns, Birr, Co Offalv www.birrgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 57 912 0082



Athlone

Geraldine, Athy, Co Kildare

Ballaghaderreen, Co Roscommon

00 353 (0) 1 281 8480

Ballinlough Castle

www.ballykisteengolfclub.com

Limerick Junction, Co Tipperary 00 353 (0) 62 33333

00 353 (0) 53 942 1976

00 353 (0) 45 867146

Bodenstown Sallins, Co Kildare www.bodenstown.com bodenstown@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 45 897096

Black Bush

Blacklion

Blainroe

Thomastown, Dunshaughlin, Co Meath

www.blackbushgolfclub.ie

info@blackbushgolfclub.ie

Toam, Blacklion, Co Cavan

www.blackliongolf.com

blackliongc@gmail.com

00 353 (0) 71 985 3024

Blainroe, Co Wicklow

www.blainroe.com

info@blainroe.com

00 353 (0) 404 68168

Blessington Lakes

Baltyboys, Blessington, Co Wicklow

www.blessingtonlakesgolfclub.com

info@blessingtonlakesgolfclub.com

00 353 (0) 1 825 0021

Borris

Deerpark, Borris, Co Carlow www.borrisgolfclub.ie info@borrisgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 59 977 3310

Boyle

Knockadoobrusna, Boyle, Co Roscommon 00 353 (0) 71 966 2594

Bray

Greystones Road, Bray, Co Wicklow www.braygolfclub.com info@braygolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1 276 3200

Bunclody

Carrigduff, Bunclody, Co Wexford www.bunclodygfc.ie info@bunclodygfc.ie 00 353 (0) 53 937 4444

Cabra Castle

Kingscourt, Co Cavan www.cabracastle.com sales@cabracastle.com 00 353 (0) 42 966 7030

Cahir Park

Kilcommon, Cahir, Co Tipperary www.cahirparkgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 52 7441474

Callan

Geraldine, Callan, Co Kilkenny www.callangolfclub.com info@callangolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 56 7725136

Carlow

Deerpark, Carlow, Co Carlow www.carlowgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 59 9131695

Carrick-on-suir

Garravoone, Carrick-on-Suir, Co Tipperary www.carrickgolfclub.com info@carrickgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 51 640047

Carton House

Maynooth, Co Kildare www.cartonhouse.com reservations@cartonhouse.com 00 353 (0) 15052000

Castle Barna

Castlebarnagh, Daingean, Co Offaly www.castlebarna.ie info@castlebarna.ie 00 353 (0) 57 9353384

Castlecomer

Drumgoole, Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny www.castlecomergolf.ie 00 353 (0) 56 444 1139

Castlemartyr

Castlemartyr, Co Cork www.castlemartyrresort.ie golf@castlemartyrresort.ie 00 353 (0) 21 421 9001

Castlerea

Clonalis, Castlerea, Co Roscommon www.castlereagolfclub.com castlereagolf@oceanfree.net 00 353 (0) 94 962 0068

Castlewarden

00 353 (0) 1 458 9254

Celbridge Elmhall

Hazelhatch, Celbridge, Co Kildare celbridgeelmhall@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 1 628 8208

Charlesland

Charlesland, Greystones, Co Wicklow www.charlesland.com 00 353 (0) 1 2878200

Cill Dara

Little Curragh, Kildare, Co Kildare www.cilldaragolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 45 521295

1 College Road, Clane, Co Kildare www.clanegolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 87 829 4299

Hilton Park, Clones, Co Monaghan www.clonesgolfclub.com info@clonesgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 47 56017

www.clonmelgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 52 612 4050

Dundalk Road, Concra, Castleblayney, Co Monaghan www.concrawood.ie 00 353 (0) 42 974 9485

Concra Wood

Coollattin

Coollattin, Shillelagh, Co Wicklow www.coollattingolfclub.com coollattingolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 53 942 9125

Cork

Little Island, Co Cork www.corkgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 21 435 3451

Courtown

Kiltennel, Gorey, Co Wexford www.courtowngolfclub.com00 353 (0) 53 942 5166

Craddockstown

Blessington Road, Naas, Co Kildare www.craddockstown.com 00 353 (0) 45 897610

Crover House

Lough Sheelin, Mountnugent, Co Cavan www.croverhousehotel.ie 00 353 (0) 49 854 0356

Curragh

The Curragh, Co Kildare www.curraghgolf.com 00 353 (0) 45 441 238

Delgany

Delgany, Co Wicklow www.delganygolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1 2874536

Delvin Castle

Clonyn, Delvin, Co Westmeath www.delvincastlegolf.com 00 353 (0) 44 966 4315

Djouce

Roundwood, Co Wicklow www.djoucegolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 1 281 8585

Doneraile

Horseclose, Doneraile, Co Cork www.donerailegolfclub.com info@donerailegolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 22 24137

Douglas

Maryborough Hill, Douglas, Cork www.douglasgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 21 489 5297

Druid's Glen

Newtownmountkennedy Co Wicklow www.druidsglenresort.com 00 353 (0) 1 287 0800

Druid's Heath

Newtownmountkennedy, Co Wicklow www.druidsglenresort.com 00 353 (0) 1 287 0800

Dundalk

Blackrock, Dundalk, Co Louth www.dundalkgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0)42 932 1731

Dundrum House

Cashel, Co Tipperary aolfshop@dundrumhouse.ie 00 353 (0) 62 71116

Dungarvan

Co Waterford www.dungarvangolfclub.com dungarvangc@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 58 41605

Dunmore East

Dunmore East, Co Waterford www.dunmoreeastgolfclub.ie info@dunmoreeastgolfclub.ie

Dunmurry Springs

Dunmurry Hill, Kildare Town, Co Kildare www.dunmurrysprings.ie 00 353 (0) 45 531 400

East Cork

www.eastcorkgolfclub.ie eastcorkgolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 21 463 1687

Edenderry www.edenderrygolfclub.ie

Enniscorthy Knockmarshall, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford www.enniscorthygc.ie

Esker Hills Ballykilmurray, Tullamore, Co Offaly www.eskerhillsgolf.com info@eskerhillsgolf.com

Brittas Bav. Co Wicklow www.theeuropeanclub.com info@theeuropeanclub.com 00 353 (0) 404 47415

Farnham Estate Farnham Estate, Cavan, Co Cavan www.farnhamestategolf.com info.farnham@radissonblu.com 00 353 (0) 49 432 6482

00 353 (0) 25 32694 Fernhill

Fota Island Fota Island, Co Cork www.fotaisland.ie reservations@fotaisland ie

Frankfield

Frankfield, Douglas, Co Cork www.frankfieldgolfclub.com frankfieldgc@gmail.com



Castlewarden, Straffan, Co Kildare www.castlewardengolfclub.ie

Clane

Clones

Clonmel Lyreanearla, Clonmel, Co Tipperary

Clonmel Golf Club

Mountain Rd, Clonmel, Co Tipperary 00 353 (0)52 6124050

Co Cavan Arnmore House, Drumelis, Cavan www.cavangolf.ie info@cavangolf.ie

Co Longford Glack, Dublin Road, Longford colonggolf@eircom.net

00 353 (0) 43 334 6310

countylouthgolfclub.com

00 353 (0) 41 988 1530

00 353 (0) 49 433 1541

Co Louth Baltray, Drogheda, Co Louth www.countylouthgolfclub.com reservations@

www.countylonafordaolfclub.com

Co Meath

Newtownmoynagh, Trim, Co Meath www.countymeathgolfclubtrim.ie info@countymeathgolfclubtrim.ie 00 353 (0) 46 943 1463

Cobh

Marino, Carrigaloe, Cobh, Co Cork www.cobhgolfclub.ie info@cobhqolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 21 481 2399

Knocknagranagh, Dungarvan

00 353 (0) 51 383151

Gortacrue, Midleton, Co Cork

Kishawanny, Edenderry, Co Offaly

info@edenderrygolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 46 973 1072

info@enniscorthyac.ie 00 353 (0) 53 923 3191

00 353 (0) 57 935 5999 European

Faithlegg Faithlegg, Co Waterford www.faithlegggolfclub.com

00 353 (0) 51 380587

Fermoy Corrin Hill, Fermoy, Co Cork www.fermoygolfclub.ie fermoygolfclub@eircom.net

Carrigaline, Cork www.fernhillcountryclub.com info@fernhillgolfhotel.com 00 353 (0) 21 437 2226

00 353 (0) 21 4883700

00 353 (0) 21 4363124

Club listings in Ireland's Ancient East

Glasson

Glasson, Athlone, Co Westmeath www.glassongolfhotel.ie 00 353 (0) 90 648 5120

Glebe

Dunlever, Trim, Co Meath www.glebegolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 46 943 1926

Glen of the Downs

Coolnaskeagh, Delgany, Co Wicklow www.glenofthedowns.com 00 353 (0) 1 287 6240

Glenmalure

Greenane, Rathdrum, Co Wicklow 00 353 (0) 404 46679

Goldcoast

Ballinacourty, Dungarvan, Co Waterford www.goldcoastgolfclub.com info@goldcoastgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 58 44055

Gowran Park

Gowran, Co Kilkenny www.gowranpark.ie 00 353 (0) 56 772 6699

Greenore

Greenore, Co Louth www.greenoregolfclub.com Greenoregolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 42 937 3212

Greystones

Whitshed Road, Grevstones, Co Wicklow www.greystonesgc.com 00 353 (0) 1 287 4136

Headfort

Navan Road, Kells, Co Meath www.headfortgolfclub.ie info@headfortgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 46 924 0146

Highfield

Carbury, Co Kildare www.highfield-golf.ie 00 353 (0) 46 973 1021

Kilcock

Gallow, Kilcock, Co Meath www.kilcockgolfclub.ie info@kilcockgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0)1 628 7592

Kilcoole

Newcastle Road, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow www.kilcoolegolfclub.com info@kilcoolegolfclub.com 00 353 (0)1 287 2066

Kilkenny

Glendine, Kilkenny, Co Kilkenny www.kilkennygolfclub.com enguiries@kilkennygolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 56 776 5400

Killeen

Kill, Naas, Co Kildare www.killeengolf.com admin@killeengc.ie 00 353 (0) 45 866 003

Killeen Castle

Dunsany, Co Meath www.killeencastle.com 00 353 (0) 1689 3000

Killerig

Killerig, Co Carlow www.killerig-golf.ie 00 353 (0) 59 916 3000

Knightsbrook

Trim. Co Meath www.knightsbrook.com olf@knightsbrook.com 00 353 (0) 46 948 2100

Knockanally

Ovidstown, Donadea, Naas, Co Kildare www.knockanally.com 00 353 (0) 45 869671

Laytown & Bettystown

www.landb.ie links@landb.ie 00 353 (0) 41 982 7170

Leinster Hills

Graiguealug, Nurney, Co Carlow www.leinsterhillsgolf.com info@leinsterhillsgolf.com 00 353 (0) 59 914 8974

Lismore

Ballyin, Lismore, Co Waterford www.lismoregolf.org lismoreaolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 58 54026

Macreddin

Macreddin Village, Aughrim, Co Wicklow www.macreddingolfclub.com info@macreddingolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 402 36999

Mahon

Cloverhill, Blackrock, Co Cork www.mahongolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 21 429 2212

Mannan Castle Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan www.mannancastlegolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 42 966 3308

Millicent

Millicent Road, Clane, Co Kildare www.millicentgolfclub.com info@millicentgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 45 893279

Mitchelstown

Gurrane, Co Cork www.mitchelstown-golf.com info@mitchelstown-golf.com 00 353 (0) 25 24072

Moate

Aghanargit, Moate, Co Westmeath www.moategolfclub.ie moategolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 90 648 1271

Monkstown

Parkgarriff, Monkstown, Co Cork www.monkstowngolfclub.com office@monkstowngolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 21 484 1376

Mount Juliet

Mount Juliet, Thomastown, Co Kilkenny www.mountjuliet.ie 00 353 (0) 56 777 3071

Mount Temple

Mount Temple Village, Moate, Co Westmeath www.mounttemplegolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 90 648 1841

Mount Wolselev

Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow, Co Carlow golf@mountwolselev.ie 00 353 (0) 59 918 0100

Mountain View

Kiltorcan, Ballyhale, Co Kilkenny www.mviewgolf.com 00 353 (0) 56 776 8122

Mountrath

Knockanina, Mountrath, Co Laois www.mountrathgolfclub.ie mountrathac@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 57 873 2558

Movvalley

Balvna Estate, Movvalley, Co Kildare www.moyvalleygolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 46 954 8080

Mullingar

Belvedere, Mullingar, Co Westmeath www.mullingargolfclub.com mullingargolfclub@hotmail.com 00 353 (0) 44 934 8366

Naas

Kerdiffstown, Naas, Co Kildare www.naasgolfclub.com info@naasgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 45 897509

Navan

Proudstown, Navan, Co Meath www.navangolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 46 907 2888

Nenagh

Beechwood, Nenagh, Co Tipperary www.nenaghgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 67 31476

New Forest

Higginstown, Tyrrellspass, Co Westmeath www.newforest.ie 00 353 (0) 44 922 1100

New Ross

Tinneranny, New Ross, Co Wexford www.newrossgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 51 421433

Newbridge

Barrettstown, Newbridge, Co Kildare www.newbridgegolfclub.com info@newbridgegolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 45 486110

Nuremore

Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan www.nuremore.com 00 353 (0) 42 966 1438

Old Conna

Ferndale Road, Bray, Co Wicklow www.oldconna.com 00 353 (0) 1 282 6055

Palmerstown Stud

Johnstown, Naas, Co Kildare www.palmerstownhouse.com golf@palmerstownhouse.com 00 353 (0) 45 906901

Portarlington

Garryhinch, Portarlington, Co Laois www.portarlingtongolf.com 00 353 (0) 57 862 3115

Portlaoise

Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise, Co Laois www.portlaoisegolfclub.com portlaoisegolfclub@gmail.com 00 353 (0) 57 866 1557

Powerscourt

Enniskerry, Co Wicklow stenhen masterson@nowerscourt net 00 353 (0) 1 204 6033

Raffeen Creek

Ringaskiddy, Co Cork www.raffeencreekgolfclub.com raffeengca@eircom net 00 353 (0) 21 437 8430

Rathcore

Rathcore, Enfield, Co Meath rathcoregolfandcountryclub.com info@rathcoregolfandcountryclub.com 00 353 (0) 46 954 1855

Rathdownev

Coulnaboul West, Rathdowney, Co Laois www.rathdowneygolfclub.com rathdownevgolf@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 505 46170

Rathsallagh

Rathsallagh, Dunlavin, Co Wicklow www.rathsallagh.com golf@rathsallagh.com 00 353 (0) 45 403316

Ringenane

Ringenane, Belgooly, Kinsale, Co Cork www.ringenanegolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 21 4772197

Roscommon

Mote Park, Roscommon Town, www.roscommongolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 90 662 6382

Roscrea Derryvale, Dublin Road, Roscrea,Co Tipperary www.roscreagolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 505 21130

Rosslare

Rosslare, Co Wexford www.rosslaregolf.com 00 353 (0) 53 913 2203

Rossmore Cootehill Road, Monaghan www.rossmoregolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 47 81316

Roundwood

Newtownmountkennedy. Co Wicklow www.roundwoodgolf.com 00 353 (0) 1 281 8488

Roval Tara

Bellinter, Navan, Co Meath www.royaltaragolfclub.com altaragolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 46 902 5508

Scarke New Ross Co Wexford

Scarke

www.scarkegolf.com 00 353 (0) 87 237 4444 Seafield

Ballymoney, Gorey, Co Wexford www.seafieldhotel.com/golf 00 353 (0) 53 942 4777



Seapoint Termonfeckin, Co Louth www.seapointgolflinks.com

00 353 (0) 41 982 2333

Slieve Russell Cranaghan, Ballyconnell, Co Cavan www.slieverussellgolf.ie aolf@slieverussell.ie 00 353 (0) 49 952 5090

Slievenamon

Clonacody, Lisronaghm Clonmel, Co Tipperary www.slievenamongolfclub.com info@slievenamongolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 52 613 2213

South Meath Longwood Road, Trim, Co Meath www.southmeathgolf.com smac@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 46 943 1471

St. Helen's Bay

Kilrane, Rosslare Harbour, Co Wexford www.sthelensbay.com 00 353 (0) 53 913 3234

Strokestown

Bumlin, Strokestown, Co Roscommon www.strokestowngolfclub.com strokestowngolfclub@gmail.com 00 353 (0) 71 963 3660

Summerhill

Agher, Rathmolyon, Co Meath www.summerhillgolfclub.com summerhillaolfclub@live.ie 00 353 (0) 46 955 7587

Tara Glen

Ballymoney, Co Wexford www.taraglen.ie info@taraglen.ie 00 353 (0) 53 942 5413

Templemore

Manna South Templemore Co Tipperary www.templemoregolfclub.ie info@templemoregolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 504 31400

The Heath

The Heath, Portlaoise, Co Laois www.theheathgc.ie info@theheathacie 00 353 (0) 57 864 6533

The Heritage

www.theheritage.com info@theheritage.com 00 353 (0) 57 864 5500

Straffan, Co Kildare

The K Club

www.kclub.ie sales@kclub.ie

00 353 (0) 1 601 7200 Thurles Turtulla, Thurles, Co Tipperary www.thurlesgolfclub.com office@thurlesgolfclub.com

Tipperary

00 353 (0) 504 21983

Rathanny, Tipperary, Co Tipperary So www.tipperarygolfclub.com tipperarygolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 62 51119

Townley Hall

Tullyallen, Drogheda, Co Louth townleyhallgolfclub@live.ie 00 353 (0) 41 984 2229

Tramore

Newtown, Tramore, Co Waterford www.tramoregolfclub.com info@tramoregolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 51 386170

Tulfarris

Blessington Lakes, Blessington Co Wicklow www.tulfarrishotel.com proshop@tulfarris.com 00 353 (0) 4586 7609

Tullamore

Brookfield, Tullamore, Co Offalv www.tullamoregolfclub.ie tullamoregolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 57 932 1439

Virginia Park Hotel, Virginia, Co Cavan www.virginiagolfclub.ie info@virginiagolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 49 854 0222

Water Rock

Water Rock, Midleton, Co Cork www.waterrockgolfcourse.com 00 353 (0) 21 461 3499

Waterford

Newrath, Waterford www.waterfordgolfclub.com info@waterfordgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 51 876748

Waterford Castle

The Island, Ballinakill, Waterford www.waterfordcastlegolfclub.ie golf@waterfordcastle.com 00 353 (0) 51 871633

00 353 (0) 58 43216

West Waterford Dungarvan, Co Waterford www.westwaterfordgolf.com info@westwaterfordgolf.com

Wexford

Wicklow

Mulgannon, Wexford www.wexfordgolfclub.ie info@wexfordgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 53 914 2238

www.wicklowgolfclub.ie

00 353 (0) 404 67379

Williamstown Williamstown, Airport Road, Waterford williamstowngolfclub@eircom.net

Dunbur Road, Wicklow, Co Wicklow

Woodbrook Dublin Road, Bray, Co Wicklow

00 353 (0) 51 853131

www.woodbrook.ie golf@woodbrook.ie 00 353 (0) 1 282 4799 Woodenbridge Vale of Avoca, Woodenbridge, Arklow,

00 353 (0) 402 35202

www.woodenbridge.ie

00 353 (0) 45 860777

Co Wicklow

Woodlands Cooleragh, Coill Dubh, Naas, Co Kildare www.woodlandsgolf.org

Youghal

Golf Links Road, Youghal, Co Cork www.voughalgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 24 92787

86 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST





















00353 53 948 0500 Email reception@ashdownparkhotel.com Web www.ashdownparkhotel.com

Ashdown Park Hotel is located in Gorey, Wexford and is less than an hour from Dublin airport. The hotel is minutes away from excellent golf courses, both links and fairways, suitable for all handicaps, it is renowned for its food, spacious and comfortable rooms & excellent service. Book now you will not be disappointed.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Courtown, Arklow, Coollattin, Bunclody, Woodenbridge





Boyne Hill House

Tel 353 (046) 903 1247 Email info@boynehillhouse.ie Web www.boynehillhouse.ie

Entering the gates, the sweeping tree-lined driveway leads to an elegant Georgian Manor House dating from the 18th Century. Boyne Hill House is set in 38 acresof stunning gardens and parklands overlooking the Boyne River and boasts original Georgian features with 8 luxurious suites, dining rooms, family room, library and billiard room.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Killeen Castle, Royal Tara, Knightsbrook Blackbush













353 (0)62 71116 Email reservations@dundrumhouse.ie www.dundrumhousehotel.com

Located in County Tipperary amidst the beauty and splendour of Irelands Golden Vale, these beautifully spacious Golf Lodges are situated adjacent to the Venue Clubhouse Bar & Restaurant and Leisure Club. Great Stay & Play Packages available at Dundnum House - renowned for its warm welcome in a stunning Resort setting.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Thurles, Tipperary Town















4 star Country Mansion located 9kms outside Waterford City. Spa, Leisure Centre, Pool, Clubhouse, Tennis Courts, Self Catering Houses and Championship 18 hole Golf Course.

Visit our website for more information

www.faithlegg..com :: Tel: 051 380 024









Come, join us, play and experience the hospitality and the welcome that Royal Tara Golf Club has to offer

Ranked in Ireland's Top 100 Golf Courses

Book your 2018 day at Royal Tara Golf Club and we will sponso the "Longest Drive" and "Nearest the pin" competition prizes

For 2018 we have many competitive offers that are tailored to meet the needs of both small groups and large corporate events

For group rates call Declan on 00 353 46 9025508 info@royaltaragolfclub.com | www.royaltaragolfclub.com

Check out our club promotional video on www.royaltaragolfclub.com and our course flyover on the FREE Golf Birdie APP

CORK GOLF CLUB

LITTLE ISLAND • CORK

Cork Golf Club has undergone a major renovation programme under the watchful eye of Hawtree Ltd Course Architects, which has further enhanced the reputation of this Alister MacKenzie designed course.



See our website for online booking and special offers

Full Bar and Catering facilities available.

For information on reservations please contact Matt Sands General Manager.

Email: info@corkgolfclub.ie • www.corkgolfclub.ie



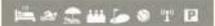


Fota Island Resort

Email Web

353 (0)21 488 3700 reservations@fotaisland.ie www.fotaisland.ie

Fota Island Hotel & Spa is set in a 780 acre private island. This luxury five star Hotel in Cork boasts 123 en-suite rooms, 8 private suites and a selection of dining options. The Resort also boasts luxury Self Catering Lodges, an award winning Spawith a wide range of treatments and an Adventure Centre including activities such as Obstacle Courses, Kayaking and





The Kingsley lictoria Cross, Cork, Co Cork

Email

353 (0)21 480 0500 info@thekingsley.ie www.thekingsley.ie

The Kingsley is a luxury fourstar hotel with 131 spacious and modern guest rooms, including a handsome penthouse suite and 19 apartments, all with modern, contemporary décor. Just a stroll away from Cork's city centre, many rooms affer sturining views of the iconic River Lee. The luxury soa. has a world-class thermal suite and a beautiful, serene pool.

Nearby Golf Courses: Fota Island Resort, Cark Golf Club, Lee Valley Golf Club, The Old Head





Mount Juliet Estate

353 (0) 56 777 3000 info@mountjuliet.ie www.mountjuliet.ie

Mount Juliet Estate remains one of Ireland's finest country Estates. We are proud to maintain traditions and standards that have endured from the glory days, just as we are proud of the hospitality that has brought us international renown. Enjoy a play & stay at the Manor House or the newly refurbished Hunter's Yard.

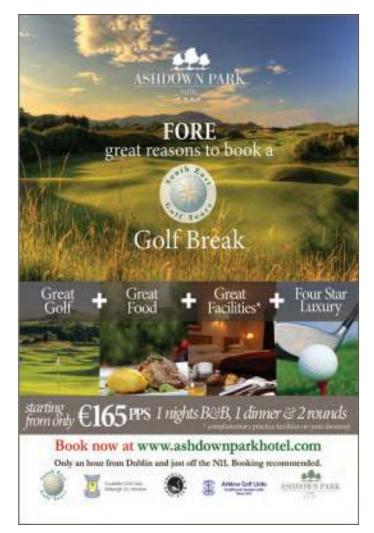
Nearby Golf Courses: Mount Juliet, Kilkenny, Mount Wolseley, Faithlegg





Coollattin, Wicklow, Macreddin and Courtown Golf Clubs, the golfer is spoiled for choice.

Ti 353 (0)402 35146 🗼 🖺 infoldwoodenbridgehotel.com www.woodenbridgehotel.com







Home to US PGA Player Seamus Power Any enquiries please contact 058 43216

www.westwaterfordgolf.com



Visitors & Societies are welcome all year round. Open competitions every Tuesday & Thursday.

Corporate Membership & Packages available on request. Enjoy our delicious, locally sourced Bar menu options after your round of golf as you overlook the 18th green.

Private dining & Function room also available.

Dunlavin, Co Wicklow T: 353 (0)45 403316 **E:** golf@rathsallagh.com www.rathsallaghgolf.com f Rathsallagh golf club 🍏 @golfrathsallagh

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST





THE PARTY OF

New Forest Lodges Hotel

Tel 353 (0)44 9221100 Email accommodation@newforest.ie Web www.newforest.ie

The original Estate Courtyard at New Forest has been converted into luxurious 2-bedroom lodges, these lodges can comfortably accommodate up to 5 guests and contain living rooms, fitted kitchens and dining areas. The lodges offer great value accommodation for couples, families and large groups alike in the beautiful surroundings of New Forest Estate.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Esker Hills, Moate GC, Mullingar GC, Moyvalley GC





Waterford Castle Hotel & Golf Resort

Tel 353 (0) 51871633
Email golf@waterfordcastleresort.com
Web www.waterfordcastleresort.com

Course Parkland Length 6,854 metres Par 72

For the ultimate golfing experience that will stay with you for a lifetime, Waterford Castle truly is an island dream. Designed by Des Smyth and opened in 1992, this 18 hole par 72 championship golf course, complete with luxurious clubhouse leads you through mature woodland and parkland.



Clane, Co Kil

353 (0) 45 989 900 Info@westgrovehotel.com www.westgrovehotel.com

The Westgrove Hotel is nestled in the county Kildare village of Clane, just 10 minutes from the M4-at Maynooth and the M7 at Neas. Boasting 96 well appointed bedrooms, a choice of dining options, award winning leisure centre with 20 metre swimming pool and a dedicated Spa with the ever indulgent Elemis products. The Westgrove Hotel is the perfect location for your next breakaway.

Nearby Golf Courses: The Paimer & The Smurfit Course at The K Club, Millicent Golf Club, Palmerstown Stud Golf Course, Killeen Golf Club





The K Club

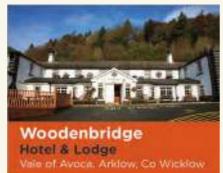
Tel 353 (0) 1601 7200 Email sales@kclub.ie Web www.kclub.ie

Located just 35 minutes from Dublin International Airport and Oublin City Centre, The K Club offers the highest standards of comfort, service and cuisine. Boasting 140 bedrooms. The K Club is the perfect escape for those looking to marry the dyllic trish country retreat with all the iconic tourist attractions Dublin City has to offer.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Ryder Cup Course and the Smurfit Course





rel 353 (0)402 35146 mail info@woodenbridgehotel.com Web www.woodenbridgehotel.com

Situated directly across from Woodenbridge Golf Club and conveniently located to The European Club, Blainroe, Arklow, Coollattin, Wicklow, Macreddin and Courtown Golf Clubs, the golfer is spoiled for choice. Enquire about our Wicklow Golf Breaks Packages with 1 round of golf and 1 nights B&B from #60pps.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Woodenbridge, Coollattin, Blainroe, Arklow, Wicklow, Seafield, Macreddin and The European Club





Your golf tour to Ireland is a special occasion. A display case, hand-crafted in Irish hardwood, is the perfect way to remember each stunning course you played.

At the Perfection Framing workshop in County Wicklow, we specialise in creating the very best, one-off frames, custom-fit to your requirements. You can choose every detail, from how many balls it will hold, the type of native wood, the name plate...you even have the option of golf tees, lovingly turned on the lathe in matching hardwood. Every new frame begins with a conversation...we look forward to having one with you.

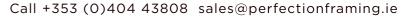


perfection

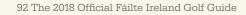
Every frame is lovingly created and finished by hand...







www.perfectionframing.ie



Horse Racing in Ireland a "real" Irish experience

Whether it is one of the great festival meetings, such as Punchestown, Galway or the Irish Champions weekend there is no better way to see and touch the "real Ireland" than spending a day at the races.

LEOPARDSTOWN RACECOURSE

Inaugural Dublin Racing Festival 3rd & 4th February 2018

www.leopardstown.com

The Dublin Racing Festival is the newest addition to the Irish festival calendar and is a weekend that will celebrate Dublin's richness and diversity across culture, comedy, music, racing and food.

The Dublin Racing Festival will combine the best that the city has to offer over one weekend – join the party for the best of Dublin culture, music, fashion, food and jump racing that will simply take your breath away. Dazzle your senses in our jubilant celebration of Dublin with a full entertainment programme that supports culture, comedy, music, culinary delights and fashion. Savour the atmosphere that is unique only to Dublin - full of welcome, easy conversations, wit, warmth and humour.

Bulmer's Live Series

June 7th to August 16th 2018

All summer Leopardstown is bringing you a fantastic line-up of live gigs great food and thrilling horse racing. With a strong Irish card Bulmers Live at Leopardstown gives you all the makings for a great night out with a difference.



FAIRYHOUSE

Easter Irish Grand National Festival, April 1st to April 3rd 2018. www.fairyhouseracecourse.ie

Fairyhouse is the Venue for many of the biggest races of the Irish Jump season, with the crowning glory coming on Easter Monday when the holiday celebrations reach fever pitch for the running of the Irish Grand National. The Grand National is the most valuable handicap jump race in Ireland .It's a thrilling roller-coaster event over 3 5/8 miles and 24 fences to jump. It is a true test of horse and rider and the winning combination that comes home in front receives an electrifying reception from the 20,000 crowd. Known as the people's race, it is not only one of the biggest days in the Irish Racing calendar but one of the biggest days in Irish Sport.

PUNCHESTOWN NATIONAL HUNT FESTIVAL

Tuesday 24th to Saturday 28th April 2018.

www.punchestown.com

The Punchestown Irish National Hunt Festival is one of the highlights of the Irish sporting and social calendar. The special combination of thrilling sporting action, brilliant live entertainment, delicious food and drink, family fun, dazzling glamour or casual comfort is unequalled thanks to the unique Punchestown Festival atmosphere.

The Punchestown Festival is considered the grande finale of the jump season with top class horses, trainers and jockeys from both sides of the Irish Sea converging on the Kildare venue to settle scores and confirm reputations. The quality of racing is unrivalled with a total of 12 Grade 1 contests taking place. Punchestown is proud to be the home of Irish National Hunt Racing and host the famous La Touche Cup, a spectator's favourite run over the cross country course. It's a "must see" for any racing fan. The jewel in the crown of the Festival is Irish Champion Hurdle day which takes place on the Friday. A favourite with race goers, locals and socialisers alike. This day gets the largest crowds and has a real party atmosphere. The quality of racing is fantastic with the best two mile hurdlers battling for the champion title.



94 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide

The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide



THE CURRAGH IRISH DERBY FESTIVAL

June 29th to July 1st 2018

www.curragh.ie

The Curragh is the home of Irish flat racing and the largest horse training centre in the country. It is named in early manuscripts as a meeting place of Celtic kings and Chieftain's. THE Irish Derby three-day racing festival promises a spectacle of fashion, entertainment, music and the finest racing from 29th June to 1st July 2018. The Derby is the ultimate destination to be enthralled and get swept up in the magic of an unmissable summer celebration with friends. Held across three days in the height of summer, it is unrivalled in its prestige and tradition and is most definitely the social occasion of the year.



GALWAY RACES SUMMER FESTIVAL

July 30th to August 5th 2018

www.galwayraces.ie

Galway Racecourse plays host to one of the greatest race meetings in the world, the famous and iconic Galway Races Summer Festival, that boasts seven days of superb racing, hospitality, entertainment, stunning fashion and an electric atmosphere that continues to draw people from Ireland and abroad to experience the magic that is 'The Galway Races'. Over 140,000 people attended the Summer Festival Meeting in 2017 where betting turnover reached great heights once again. The racecourse offers a great selection of hospitality facilities and continually strives to offer the race goer a wonderful raceday experience. If you fancy a flutter while at the course, there are various options for placing a bet at the Galway Races; the Tote, oncourse betting shops and on-course bookmakers.

thetote.com

KILLARNEY RACECOURSE

Mid July festival 11th to 14th July 2018. August Festival 17th to 20th August 2018

www.killarneyraces.ie

The magnificent scenery is what draws the huge crowds to Killarney and the mountains and lakes that cradle the racecourse make it arguably the most beautiful racecourse in the country.

Killarney is the premier tourist destination in Ireland and the Killarney races provides the combination of an excellent summer racing schedule set to the backdrop of feverish, non-stop summertime holiday activity. It's party time all summer long in Killarney and there is an energy to the area that has seeped into the pores of every facet of life there.

Killarney as already mentioned, is the tourist capital of Ireland ad there is lots to see and do both in the town and surrounding area. Some attractions of note include the 26,000 acre Muckross house national Park located 6km outside Killarney.

LAYTOWN RACES

13TH August 2018

www.laytownstrandraces.ie

The word "unique" is bandied around a lot by promoters of events that have a spurious claims to such worthiness but the Laytown beach racing spectacle is worthy of the moniker because it's the only officially approved beach racing in Europe. People travel from far and wide, including many annual overseas visitors, to see this unique event on the beach at Laytown. Crowds as large as 5,000 turn up every year to watch this unique spectacle. The last time that many people were on a beach in Ireland was when the native Irish were trying to drive back hordes of invading Vikings in the middle ages.

LONGINES IRISH CHAMPIONS WEEKEND

Leopardstown 15th & the Curragh 16th September 2018 www.irishchampionsweekend.ie

Held in Leopardstown, The feature race on day one of Longines Irish Champions Weekend is the QIPCO Irish Champion Stakes which is the highest-rated turf race in the world. Witness the top thoroughbreds from around the world compete for the 2.3 million in prize-money on an eight race card.

Alongside top quality racing is a programme of events including Longines Prize for Elegance and Moët & Chandon Champion Hat competitions. Enjoy one of the best days racing in the world along with elegant fashion, and off-track entertainment including music, gourmet food and beverages.

Leopardstown is conveniently located in South County Dublin and is easily accessible with excellent transport links from Dublin city centre.

Held on The Curragh, day two of the Longines Irish Champions weekend moves to the historic venue of the Curragh racecourse, home of Ireland's classics. Enjoy an amazing day of fashion, top-class racing and live music.

Treat your taste buds to a day of food and beverages at the Curragh Garden Plaza. Families can enjoy the new family friendly enclosure, located in the infield of the racecourse with an exciting variety of free entertainment for children. Access to the infield is through the main entrance and is available to anyone with a race day ticket

If you are looking to add adventure to your day, why not book our popular Thoroughbred Trail. The trail brings you an exciting opportunity to go behind the scenes at many of the leading training yards and stud farms.

96 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide
The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide

Not To Be Forgotten

The 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open is Donegal and Ballyliffin Golf Club's opportunity to make a splash on the world's stage

By **David Gorman**



ur national Open will head for the Hills of Donegal for the first time in its history, when Ballyliffin Golf Club hosts the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, Hosted by The Rory Foundation from July 4-9.

It is the second year that the tournament will be part of a 'Links Swing' on the European Tour, culminating in The Open Championship two weeks later. These are exciting times for the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open. The European Tour has designed it special status as a Rolex Series event, with a minimum prize fund of \$7m.

It signifies the full recovery of one of the European Tour golf's most loved events, which had struggled for sponsors after the economic crash of 2008. 2018's prize fund will be over four times that of 2011. With a premium spot on the calendar, it will no doubt welcome one of the strongest fields we have ever seen for an Irish Open.

Last year, we saw Spanish superstar Jon Rahm lift the title in dominating fashion at Portstewart Golf Club, finishing six shots ahead of the British pair of Richie Ramsey and Matthew Southgate, Rahm smashed the long-standing scoring record at the Irish Open, with a marvellous 24-under-par 264 total.

He proved once again that he was one of the world's best players and following his win, he told the media that he would return next year. He has already developed an affinity with Ireland and its people.

"I think it's a beautiful place.

People are great, food is great. I'm sure Ballyliffin is going to be just as special as this one, so I would not miss that for the world."

Rahm played with tournament host Rory McIlrov for the first two days at Portstewart, alongside WGC-Bridgestone champion Hideki Matsuyama. Since Dubai Duty Free have come on board as a sponsor for the tournament, some of the world's best players have played, including Rickie Fowler, Sergio Garcia and Justin Rose.

Then there is Ireland's own selection of major

winners and world stars. Padraig Harrington, Graeme McDowell, Darren Clarke, Shane Lowry and Paul Dunne to name a few. The star of the show, however, is undoubtedly four-time major champion Rory McIlroy.

Much credit for the event's rebirth has to go to Rory McIlroy, whose personal involvement in the Irish Open has elevated its prestige. The Northern Irishman will be looking to repeat his performance two years ago, when he won the event at the K Club in dramatic fashion.

One shot behind after 15 holes, McIlroy finished three

under for his final three holes, playing two of the best shots that he will ever hit to set up eagle chances on the 16th and 18th holes.

McIlroy sealed an emotional victory over Scotsman Russell Knox, and donated his prize fund of €630,000 to three charities by The Rory Foundation, his own foundation which hosts the event.

His gripping performance in Kildare was the clincher for The European Tour in including the event in the Rolex Series. With its fantastic courses and a guarantee of the European Tour's marquee



player on the world stage.

Keith Pelley, Chief Executive of the European Tour, said: "Thanks in no small part to Rory McIlroy's personal commitment alongside that of his Foundation, the Irish Open has unquestionably grown in stature over recent years. We must also thank our partners in the championship – title sponsors Dubai Duty Free for their continued vision and commitment not only to this event, but to the European Tour as a whole.

Ballyliffin is an absolutely stunning place. What I really believe, not only is the golf course spectacular, but the support that we will receive from the region.

And then when Rory and I sat down some months ago and started talking about it, he loves Ballvliffin, vou see a big picture with Rory, and I think it's with Nick Faldo. I know there's a lot of work that has been done on the golf course.'

The tournament will take place on the Glashedy Links at Ballyliffin but the club is a rare facility where there are 36 holes of almost equal quality - Glashedy was ranked 11th and the Old Links 18th in the

means a lot to Rory McIlroy, he has been an honorary member there since his amateur days. He first came to Ballyliffin in 2005 for an amateur tournament, which they attended each year until

It is a golf course that means a lot to Rory McIlroy, he has been an honorary member there since his amateur days.

he turned pro. The 28-yearold then visited the club again in 2011, bringing the US Open trophy with him.

For John Farren, Ballyliffin's General Manager, hosting such a prestigious event is a dream come true.

"It's a tremendous achievement for the club, first



While the week itself is very important and it is the showcase, it's the aftermath and the legacy that it gives to the region.



and foremost, but also for the region. It's a huge boost for Ballyliffin as we're reliant on tourism, at the start of the Wild Atlantic Way.

"We have two wonderful courses here, and wonderful scenery along North Donegal. The exposure to 500 million homes is incredible and something we could not achieve without an event of this scale.

"We were doing a lot of work, especially with rebunkering and tees over the last 4 or 5 years in anticipation that we would get the Irish Open.

"While the week itself is very important and it is the showcase, it's the aftermath and the legacy that it gives to the region. The payback doesn't come on the week of the event but the weeks and year following the event. It will pay dividends for a long time with tourism."

Ballyliffin, like all links courses relies on the wind to

protect itself, but for its wild beauty, it is also a stern test of golf. The rough is penal and off the back tees, length and accuracy is required. The holes have been excellently sculpted by Tom Craddock and Pat Ruddy, and the recent changes have elevated the status of the

The signature hole at Glashedy would be the 7th hole, a tee shot with a 100 foot drop to the green, offering a spectacular viewing point. A lake awaits wayward shots, links enthusiasts have conflicted views about a lake on a links course, but it's a natural feature on the course and Farren says "we're very proud of it."

There are certainly going to be a lot of proud people in Donegal this July, and for the so-called 'Forgotten County', it is going to be a week to remember on the North Coast.





Discover true beauty...



Surrounded by rivers and mature forests, Woodenbridge Golf Club was described by the legendary Joe Carr as "Irelands Augusta" and "The most scenic golf course in Ireland".

This has positioned Woodenbridge as one of Ireland's most popular golf society destinations. If you are looking for the ideal Captains Away Day, then treat your group to a memorable day out at Woodenbridge Golf Club.

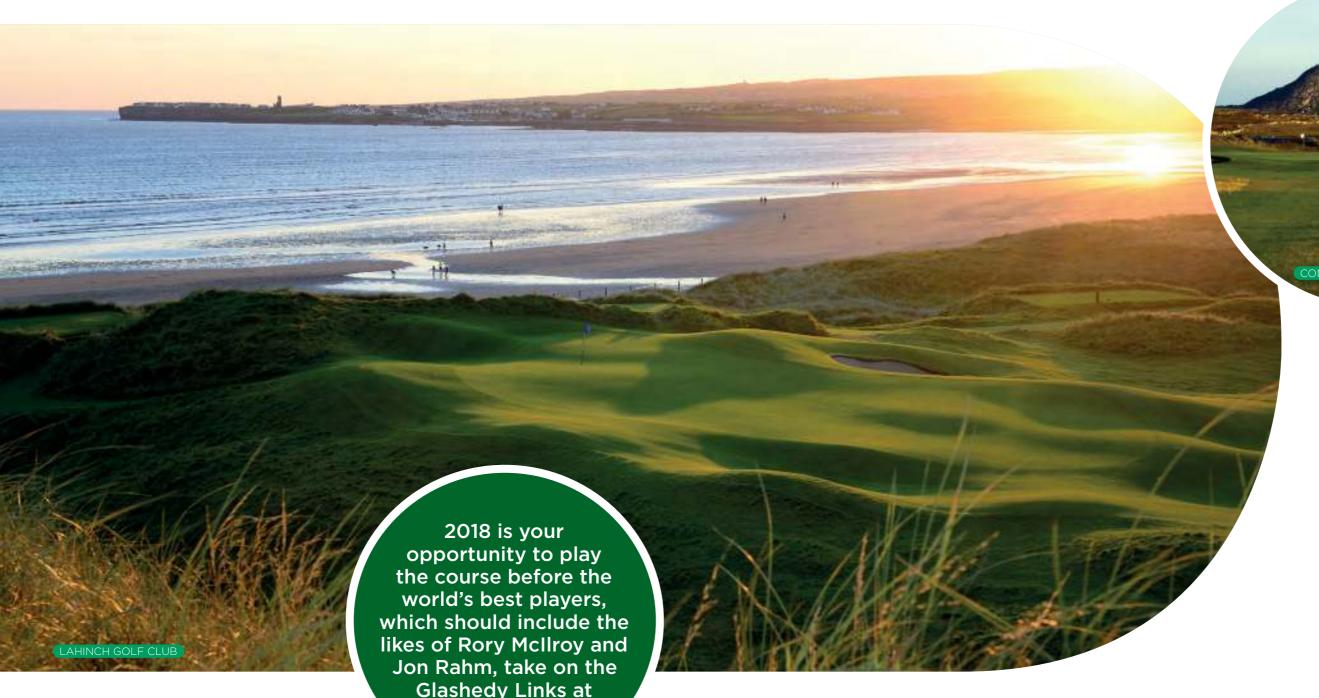
We have a number of packages available to suit your group.

Finish the day off in style by dining at "*The Pheasantry Restaurant*" with its panoramic views of the course and Avoca river.

To book or to request more information Call **0402-35202** or E-mail reception@woodenbridge.ie

www.woodenbridge.ie





From Rosapenna to Rosses Point, from Lahinch to Doonbeg, from Tralee to Waterville, the courses on the Wild Atlantic Way are on every golfer's bucket list.

If you have ever tried to imagine what golf in Ireland is like, you have probably imagined rugged courses where legendary names such as Old Tom Morris and Harry Colt created holes with little more than hand tools and horsepower.

That is the case as Rosapenna Hotel and Golf Resort in north Donegal, which combines the old with the new - the Pat Ruddy designed Sandy Hills Links and the Old Tom Morris Links, created by Old Tom in the 19th century and updated in 1900s by the greatest players of the time, Harry Vardon and James Braid.

Old Tom Morris was invited over in 1891 to design a nine-hole golf course on the grounds of his home in Carrigart, but according to local legend, it was only when Old Tom was brought out for a day trip around
the locality and
excitedly spied
the massive dunes
and pristine links land at
Rosapenna that plans to build
an 18-hole course were settled.

Two thirds of the 'Great Triumvirate of Golf' alongside JH Taylor, the great Harry Vardon and James Braid both journeyed to Rosapenna and made some changes to the course, adding length and bunkering to Old Tom's layout but leaving his perfect greens intact.

Rosapenna Hotel is a four-star hotel with 65 bedrooms and extensive facilities. Recently added to resort was the Sandy Hills Links, designed by Pat Ruddy.

It is an exciting time for the north coast of Donegal, as the world will be watching the rugged Inishowen Peninsula, as Ballyliffin Golf Club hosts the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open from 4-8 July. It is a tremendous

boost to tourism in the region. Upon the announcement of the news the General Manager of Ballyliffin, John Farren, said: "The best-kept secret of Irish golf is finally out.

Things are looking very positive for a region that has long been neglected. This will break a lot of glass stadiums for Donegal and the western seaboard in terms of the confidence that's been shown by the European Tour in bringing an event to what many would regard as being a remote, isolated destination.

But we like to feel that we are the centre of the universe, and we hope to showcase it in that manner next year."

2018 is your opportunity to play the course before the world's best players, which should include the likes of Rory McIlroy and Jon Rahm, take on the Glashedy Links at Ballyliffin, one of the

two magnificent courses on-site. It is a rare 36-hole club with courses of the highest standard, where the Old Links course was upgraded and re-opened by Nick Faldo in 2006. "The Old Course at Ballyliffin is the most natural course I have ever played."

Also in the north of this large county is Portsalon Golf Club, founded in 1891. Rated among the top 25 courses on the island by Golf Digest Ireland, the par 4 second is one of the world's great holes with the 14th - named Matterhorn - not far behind. Undulating and eccentric holes means that this is a shot-maker's paradise.

There are many fine courses in Donegal, but there are not many better than Narin & Portnoo Golf Club, one of the most picturesque courses in Ireland, with its sweeping views of Gweebarra Bay taking the breath away. Irish Times golf correspondent, Philip Reid, included the course in his favourite eight courses in Ireland, with fellow scribe Charlie Mulqueen writing "one

must wait until the sixth for the first view of the sea, but the panorama from the sandhill that houses the eighth tee says it all about Donegal. It is simply breath-taking."

Just north is the nine-hole Cruit Island, on a small inhabited island in the Rosses region, linked by bridge. Truly this is the perfect location to get away from it all and play golf in an amazing backdrop.

Head south and you will find County Donegal Golf Club, otherwise known as Murvagh, one of the great links courses, which has been described as the Muirfield of Ireland. Isolated from the outside world by a forest of evergreens, washed on one side by the great Atlantic Ocean and by Donegal Bay on the other, it is one of Darren Clarke's favourite courses in the world.

Driving south from Donegal into Sligo, visitors will discover wonderful links at Enniscrone and Strandhill. Golf began at Enniscrone a hundred years ago and it has become one of Ireland's greatest links

courses. Set in the scenic splendour of Enniscrone's sand dunes with breath-taking views overlooking Killala Bay, it is not to be missed. Strandhill is a links course with a terrific variety of challenging shots and dramatic scenery.

The most famous Sligo course of the lot, however, is County Sligo Golf Club at Rosses Point, where Rory McIlroy won the 2005 West of Ireland Amateur title at just 15 and then came back the following year and retained it. There is something epic about the venue that kicks off the elite amateur season in Ireland, and each hole bring a new challenge as golfers navigate along the Atlantic and Benbulben Mountain.

At this point you are barely halfway down the Wild Atlantic Way, with adventures ahead in Mayo, Galway, Clare and Kerry.

In Mayo, one of Eddie Hackett's masterpieces, the great Carne Links at Belmullet must be played. The remote beauty of the Mullet peninsula and inquisitive holes are laid out through some of golf's largest dunes. The back nine provides as interesting of a nine holes of golf as can be found anywhere in the country. The 15th and 17th are great par 4s with a dizzying drop-shot par 3 in between.

From the towering dunes of Carne Golf Links there is a sensational drive through Co Mayo to Westport Golf Club, where Paul McGinley claimed the third of his four Irish Professional Championship wins in 2002.

From there it will be impossible to avoid being drawn towards the delights of Galway.

Connemara Golf Links is one of Galway's great venues - a starkly beautiful links golf course, designed by the Eddie Hackett for a very modest fee at the behest of a group of locals led by an enthusiastic curate, Fr Peter Waldron, the local parish priest who pushed to get the course built.

The course opened for play in 1973 and has received many illustrious visitors over the years, including five-time Open champion Tom Watson, who raved about the elevated and "spectacular" greens on the back nine.

"If there were a course like this on the west coast of England, it would surely host the British Open," said former Ryder Cup star and commentator Peter Alliss.

Adare Manor will fully reopen this year after a major upgrade to its hotel and golf course by Irish billionaire JP McManus. The 'Augusta of Europe'

There is also the historic Galway Golf Club, home of multiple Ryder Cup players, the late Christy O'Connor Snr and Christy O'Connor Jnr, who learned the game at the Salthill course laid out by Dr Alister MacKenzie nearly 100 years ago.

Galway has undergone an extensive upgrade programme in recent years but has lost none of its original charm, especially when the gorse is in full bloom with Galway Bay as a backdrop.

Galway Bay Golf Resort was created by O'Connor Jnr, and it is a sensational golfing enclave, thanks to the Atlantic Ocean, which surrounds virtually the entire course.

Featuring gently rolling fairways, dotted with mature trees and small water hazards, Galway Bay hosted the European Tour's West of Ireland Open in 1999.

From there you will head south into Co Clare, which features Trump International Golf Links in Doonbeg, the Greg Norman design recently revamped by Martin Hawtree. A five-star resort right by the ocean, the course features spectacular views on holes that make excellent use of the sand dunes. It is truly a majestic site and when Greg Norman arrived to design the course, he said: "When I first looked at this site, I thought I was the luckiest designer in the world. If I spent the rest of my life building courses, I don't think I'd find a comparable site anywhere."

One site that may be comparable is an old classic and one of the world's great courses, Lahinch Golf Club, which dates back to 1892. Created by Old Tom Morris and revised by Dr Alister Mackenzie, it is one of Phil Mickelson's favourite courses in the world. Host to the South of Ireland every year, the course overlooks Liscannor Bay and is an enchanting place to play golf.

Head further inland and Adare Manor and Dromoland Castle offer five-star stays with golf on quality parkland courses, which can be a base for the nearby links.

Adare Manor will fully reopen this

year after a major upgrade golf course by Irish billionaire JP McManus. changes, and the stated goal of the redesign was to turn Adare into the 'Augusta of Europe', with hopes of eventually holding the Ryder Cup there. It is sure to be one of the best maintained parkland courses in the

Dromoland Castle has been one of Ireland's premier resorts for over 40 years, where investment continues to improve the golf course set amidst 150 hectares of

More than just links courses, parkland gems include Castletroy, Shannon and Portumna, which boasts some of the finest inland topography in Ireland.

Head down to Kerry, and you will find the IGTOA's 2017 Parkland of the Year,

Golf and Fishing Club, a four-time host of the Irish Open. Nick Faldo won back-toback Irish Opens here in the 1990s, he won the Irish Open just two weeks before he won the Open Championship in 1992. The wonderful lake and mountain views here make for a spectacular backdrop to both the two courses, Killeen and Mahony's Point.

Kerry is one of the best counties for links golf and one of the greatest and oldest is Dooks Golf Club. Founded 127 years ago in 1889, it is situated on the stunning Dingle Bay and is one of the ten oldest golf clubs in Ireland, with the Atlantic Ocean lapping the shores and the McGillycuddy Reeks nearby

Significant investment has been put into Tralee Golf Club to improve its practice facilities and to introduce a Hawtree-designed par 3 course. This is to complement an Arnold Palmer designed course that is one of the most majestic courses you will ever encounter. The front nine features some spine-tingling holes that navigate the rocky Atlantic coast, but it's the back nine's massive dunes and challenging tee placements that leave a lasting impression.

Tralee is one of three Kerry links that regularly feature on lists of the world's greatest courses, a Tom Watson favourite, Ballybunion is natural golf at its best. With very few man-made elements, it offers an unparalleled back nine and countless interesting and testing approach shots on a unique layout featuring back-to-back par 3s and par 5s.

Another favourite with American visitors, including the late Payne Stewart, who is remembered with a statue there, is Waterville Golf Links. Situated on the shores of Ballinskelligs Bay, Tom Fazio, was commissioned to update the memory of this Eddie Hackett masterpiece. It provides a true links golf experience, complete with rolling dunes, firm fairways, sod-faced

bunkers and unpredictable.

In truth, there are too many great courses to mention on this remarkable road along the west coast of Ireland. But if there is one course to finish your golf trip and leave memories that you will never forget, it is the Old Head Golf Links in Kinsale. One of the most dramatic sites for golf in the world, you are at the edge of the world at Old Head, three hundred feet up, looking over the edge of a cliff, with Atlantic waves crashing onto the rocks. With an iconic lighthouse in view, it protrudes more than 3km into the heaving Atlantic Ocean.





THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Stretching for 8KM, the sea cliffs are Ireland's most visited natural attraction. From a maximum height of 214 metres, visitors can see the Aran Islands in Galway Bay, the Maumturks and Twelve Pins mountain ranges and Loop Head to the south

www.cliffsofmoher.ie





THE SKELLIG COAST REGION

CO. KERRY

The Skellig Coast Region, located between Kells and Castlecove on the Iveragh Peninsula of South Kerry includes many of the highlights of the Wild Atlantic Way; the magical Skellig Islands, the historic Daniel O'Connell, the world changing Transatlantic Cable Story and some of the best golf courses in the world!

www.wildatlanticway.com/highlights/skelligsgalaxy-not-so-far-away



SLIABH LIAG SEA CLIFFS

CO.DONEGAL

These are some of the highest and finest marine cliffs in Europe. They are almost three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher and they offer truly spectacular views.

MALIN HEAD

CO. DONEGAL

An area steeped in history, this is the most Northerly point along the Wild Atlantic Way. The headland at the tip is known as Banba's Crown, named after one of the mythical queens of Ireland.

www.wildatlanticway.com/plan-your-trip/signature/malin-head/128/



WESTPORT HOUSE

CO. MAYO

Westport House is one of Ireland's most beautiful historic homes and enjoys a superb parkland setting complete with lake, terraces, gardens and magnificent views. It's even got its very own campsite and adventure park offering fun activities for all the family.

www.westporthouse.ie





LISSADELL HOUSE

CO. SLIGO

Immortalised by WB Yeats, childhood home of Irish revolutionary Countess Markievicz, Lissadell House is the crucible of Ireland's historic, literary and garden heritage. It is situated on the shores of Sligo Bay along the Wild Atlantic Way. www.lissadellhouse.com

OLD HEAD SIGNAL TOWER & LUSITANIA MUSEUM

CO.CORK

The tragic event of the great ocean liner the RMS Lusitania, which was struck by a German torpedo off The Old Head of Kinsale is commemorated in the Lusitania Memorial Garden which opened in May 2017. The Lusitania Museum is housed in the Signal Tower which also gives panoramic views of the Atlantic Coastline as well as of Ireland's most famous golf links, Old Head www.oldheadofkinsale.com



WALK AND WHISKEY TOUR, WHIDDY ISLAND

O. CORK

Whiddy Island is a hidden gem nestled in West Cork's Bantry Bay. Join Islander Tim O'Leary on a tour of the Island and later retire to the Bank House pub for a whiskey tour as well as local artisan food pairings.

www.whiddyferry.com



WATERVILLE

HOUSE & GOLF LINKS "WHERE CHAMPIONS "WHERE GOLFERS EMBRACE PERFECTION" TREAD"







WATERVILLE HOUSE & GOLF LINKS Ring of Kerry, Waterville, Co Kerry, Ireland T: +353 (0)66 947 4102 E: info@watervillegolflinks.ie W: www.watervillegolflinks.ie

LONDONDERRY LONGFORD WESTMEATH GALWAY OFFALY WICKLOW TIPPERARY LIMERICK Golf Ireland

More information on courses along the Wild Atlantic Way at www.ireland.com/golf

A-Z GOLF COURSES ON THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY



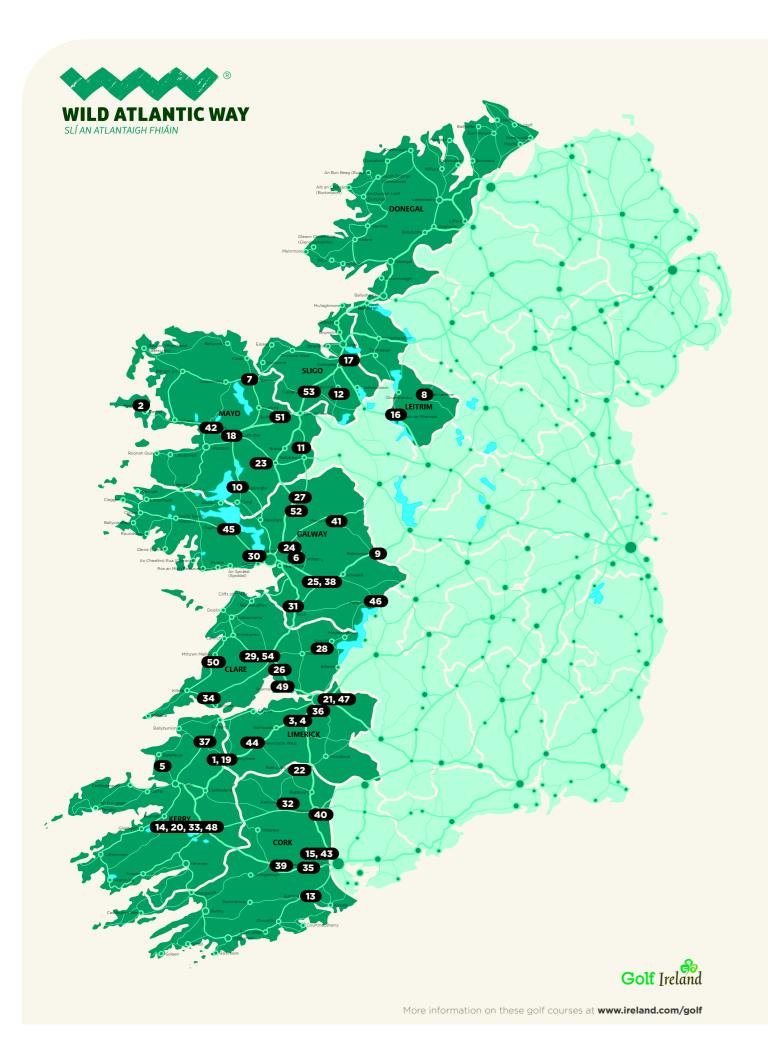
- 1. Ballybofey
 - & Stranorlar
- 2. Ballybunion
- 3. Ballyheigue Castle
- 4. Ballyliffin
- 5. Bantry Bay
- 6. Bearna
- 7. Berehaven
- 8. Buncrana
- 9. Bundoran
- 10. Carne (Belmullet)
- 11. Castlegregory
- 12. Dingle Links (Ceann Sibeal)
- 13. Cloughaneely
- 14. Co Sligo
- 15. Connemara
- 16. Connemara Isles

- 17. Cruit Island
- 18. Donegal
- 19. Dooks
- 20. Dunfanaghy
- 21. Dunmore
- 22. Enniscrone
- 23. Galway Bay
- 24. Galway
- 25. Glengarriff
- 26. Greencastle
- 27. Gweedore
- 28. Kenmare
- 29. Kilkee
- 30. Killorglin
- 31. Kinsale
- 32. Lahinch
- 33. Letterkenny
- 34. Lisselan

- 35. Narin & Portnoo
- 36. North West
- 37. Old Head
- 38. Otway
- 39. Parknasilla
- 40. Portsalon
- 41. Redcastle
- 42. Ring Of Kerry
- 43. Rosapenna
- 44. Skellig Bay
- 45. Skibbereen
 - & West Carbery
- 46. Strandhill
- 47. Tralee
- 48. Trump International
- 49. Waterville
- 50. Westport

110 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide

The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide



A-Z GOLF COURSES IN COUNTIES ON THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY



- 1. Abbeyfeale
- 2. Achill
- 3. Adare Manor
- 4. Adare Manor GC
- 5. Ardfert
- 6. Athenry
- 7. Ballina 8. Ballinamore
- 9. Ballinasloe
- 10. Ballinrobe
- 11. Ballyhaunis
- 12. Ballymote
- 13. Bandon
- 14. Beaufort

- 15. Blarney
- 16. Carrick-on-Shannon
- 17. Castle Dargan
- 18. Castlebar
- 19. Castleisland
- 20. Castlerosse
- 21. Castletroy
- 22. Charleville 23. Claremorris
- 24. Cregmore Park
- 25. Curra West
- 26. Dromoland
- 27. Dunmore 28. East Clare

31. Gort

29. Ennis

32. Kanturk

30. Glenlo Abbey

- 33. Killarney 34. Kilrush
- 35. Lee Valley
- 36. Limerick
- 37. Listowel
- 38. Loughrea
- 39. Macroom
- 40. Mallow
- 41. Mountbellew
- 42. Mulranny

- 43. Muskerry
- 44. Newcastle West
- 45. Oughterard
- 46. Portumna
- 47. Rathbane
- 48. Ross
- 49. Shannon
- 50. Spanish Point
- 51. Swinford
- 52. Tuam
- 53. Tubbercurry
- 54. Woodstock



112 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide





Ballybunion Golf Club Sandhill Road, Ballybunion, Co Kerry

353 (0) 68 27146 info@ballybuniongolfclub.ie www.ballybuniongolfclub.ie Course Links

Length 6802 Yards (Old) 6306 Yards (Cashen) 71 (Old), 72 (Cashen)

Located on the north west coast of county Kerry on a beautiful stretch of sand dunes overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, you'll find two wonderfullychallenging and unique links golf. courses at Ballybunion - the Old Course consistently rated among the top courses in the world and the Trent Jones designed Cashen Course. Green fees: see website for offers.













GN Ballykisteen Golf Hotel

353 (0)62 33 333 Email info@ballykisteenhotel.com Web www.ballykisteenhotel.com Course Parkland

Length 6,344 yards Par 72

Designed by Irish Ryder Cup star Des Smyth, this superb 18 hole, 72 par Des Smyth championship golf course will be a fair test to golfers of all abilities. Nestled in the heart of the Golden Vale, this 'must play' galf course is set in tree-sculptured surroundings against a backdrop of the Galtee Mountains.





Ballyliffin Golf Club Ballyliffin, Inishowen, Co Donegal

353 (0) 74 9376119 info@ballyliffingolfclub.com Web www.ballyliffingolfclub.com Course Links Length 7,462 yards (Glashedy)

6,937 yards (Old Links) 72 Glashedy / 71 Old Links

Ballyliffin has two of the finest championship links courses in the world. The Old Links and Glashedy Links are set in stunning duneland overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. A majestic clubhouse offers fine dining and boasts the warmest welcome in golf. Visitors to Ballyliffin will always return for this unforgettable golfing experience Open all year and visitors always welcome. Host Venue 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open July 5-8th 2018.









GOLF TOURS | SIGHTSEEING TOURS | LUXURY HOTELS | CHAUFFEUR TOURS

Tel: +353-64-6622830 | Email: info@experienceirelandgolfandtravel.com



Specialists in hand-crafted Irish hardwood frames



Call +353 (0)404 43808 sales@perfectionframing.ie

www.perfectionframing.ie





















Bearna Golf Club Corboley, Bearna, Co Galway

353 (0)91 592677 info@bearnagolfclub.com www.beamagolfclub.com Course Moorland

Length 5,094 Par .72

Located at the gateway to Connemara in the Gaeltacht, with commanding views of Galway Bay, the Burren and the Aran Islands. and only five miles from Galway city. Built on Connemara moorland with breathtaking views, features, plant and animal life that you won't find elsewhere. Wonderful characteristics of gorse bushes, ditches, humps and bumps, twists and turns, all surrounded by authentic Irish peat. bog, make for a thrilling round of golf.





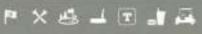
Donegal Golf Club Murvagh, Laghey, Co Donegal

353 (0)74 973 4054 Email info@donegalgolfclub.ie Web www.donegalgolfclub.ie Course Links

Length 6,349 metres

Par 73

Donegal Golf Club is an outstanding links golf course. Designed by the legendary course architect Eddie Hackett, it is continually featured in Galf Warla's Top 100 courses in treland and Great Britain. We now feature an online availability facility. and you can also view the course through our new virtual tours. Visitor welcome 7 days a week all year around.





Dromoland Golf Club Newmarket on Fergus, Co Clare

353 (0) 61 368444 Email golf@dromoland.ie www.dromolandgolf.com Course Parkland

Length 6,240 metres Par 72

20 minutes from Shannon Airport. this terrific parkland course is presided over by the incredible 16th century 5 star Dromoland Castle hotel. Redesigned by renowned architects Ron Kirby and J.B. Carr, the course sweeps through 410 acres of shady woodland, open pasture and feral lakes. A must-play for those visiting the West of Ireland.





DOOKS GOLF CLUB



Dooks Golf Club is one of the premier links courses in the South West of Ireland

Redesigned by Martin Hawtree in 2005 Dooks is situated only 30 minutes from Killarney and offers breath taking views of Dingle Bay

Visit www.dooks.com to book a tee time or one of our Open Days

Follow us:

























Enniscrone Golf Club Enniscrone, Co Sliga

353 96 36297

Email info@enniscronegolf.com Web www.enniscranegolf.com Course Links

Length 6,430 metres

Established in 1918. Enniscrone Golf Links began as a nine hole course on a spectacular piece of links land near a picturesque seaside resort in County Sligo, Ireland, Today there are 27 holes of golf situated on a 400 acre promontory on Killala Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. A true links with spectacular dunes.















Galway Golf Club

353 (0) 91 522033 Email info@galwaygoif.com www.galwaygoif.com Web Course Parkland Length 5,974 metres

Situated less than 4 km's from Galway. City Centre and in the Heart of the Seaside Resort of Salthill. Host Club to the 2017 Irish Close Championship. 2017 Green Fee Rates from €35.00 Individual & €30.00 for Groups, Non-GUI Member Rate €85,00. Full Bar & Catering Facilities Available. Buggles. Carts & Clubs for Hire Short Game

Practice Area, Putting Green, Driving



Par 72

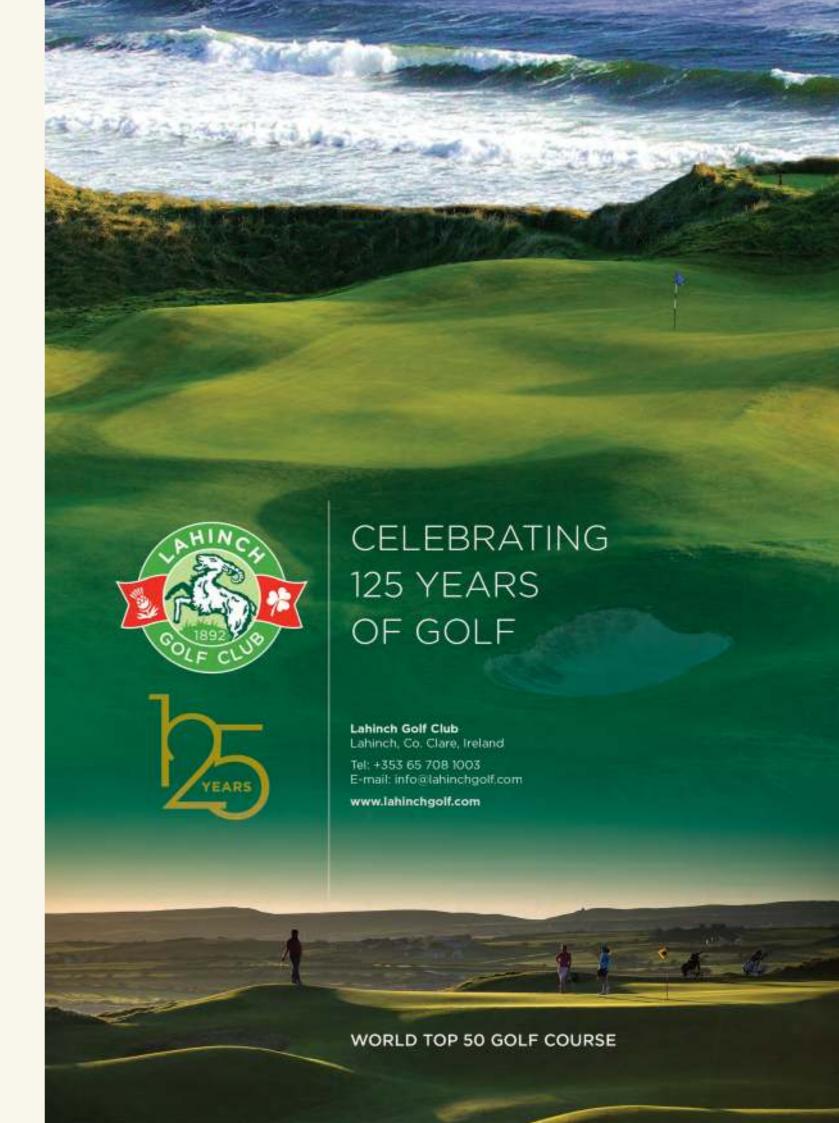


Nets & Practice Area.





























Killarney Golf & Fishing Glub

353 (0)64 663 1034 Email reservations@idlameygolfclub.le www.killarneygolfclub.ie Course Parkland

Length (K) 7,249 yds, (MP) 6,780 yds

(K) 72, (MP) 72

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club is one of the oldest clubs in the country. and the home of golf in Ireland. The two Championship courses, Killeen and Mahony's Point, nestled amidst unrivalled take and mountain scenery Killeen has been a four-time host of the Irish Open, while Mahonys is one of the most traditional layouts in the country. For green fee rates contact the club, or visit our website www.killarneygotfclub.ie.















Newcastle West Golf Club Newcastle West, Co. Limerick

068 76500

Email info@newcstlewestgolf.com Web www.newcastlewestgolf.com

Course Parkland Length 6,451 metres

Par 71

This is a unique golf course; featuring strategic bunkering, water hazards and well designed risk and reward holes. The course is playable all year round and is maintained to the highest standards. The club house offers visitors the very finest of Irish hospitality and has sarned the reputation as 'Munster's Friendliest Golf Club'



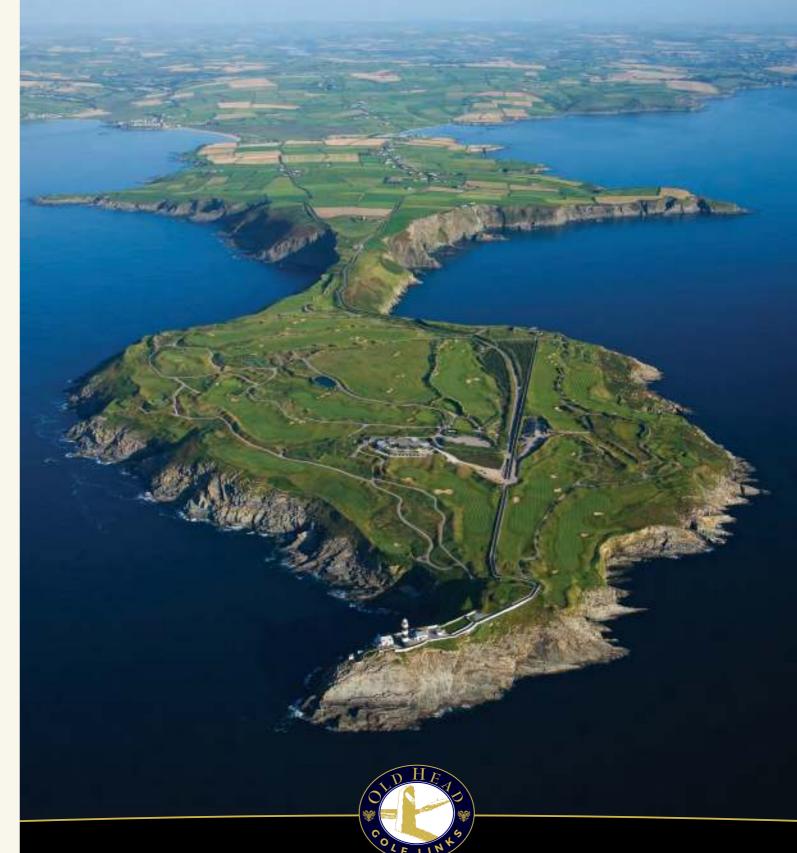








PICTURE THE MOST SPECTACULAR EXPERIENCE IN GOLF



Old Head Golf Links, Kinsale, Co. Cork, P17 CX88, Ireland Tel (+353) (0)21 477 8444 | Email info@oldhead.com www.oldhead.com



















Old Head Golf Links

353 (0)21 4778444 Email info@oldhead.com www.oldhead.com Course Links Length 5,345 - 7,208 Yards

72

Par

Located in County Cork on the South West Coast of Ireland, as the incredible brainchild of the late John O'Connor together with his brother Patrick, the Club has developed into one of the most recognised and sought after golf. experiences anywhere on earth. It is a sanctuary for those seeking the finest in personalized service. Green fees: €260 high season. €170 low season.





Rosapenna Galf Resort Downings, Letterkenny, Co Donegal

Tel 00353 (0)74 915 5000 golf@rosapenna.ie Email Web www.rosapenna.ie Course Links

Length Old Tom Morris 6,901 yards Sandy Hills 7,183 yards Old Tom Morris 71/Sandy Hills 72 Par

The Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Resort is set alongside the beautiful Sheephaven Bay in North-West Donegal. The two championship links courses have the luxury hotel on site providing great value play & stay packages from March-October. The Old Tom Morris. Links & Sandy Hills Links welcome visitors for green fee play seven days. with online offers available on our website. Green Fees: see our website for all online offers.





Waterville Golf Links

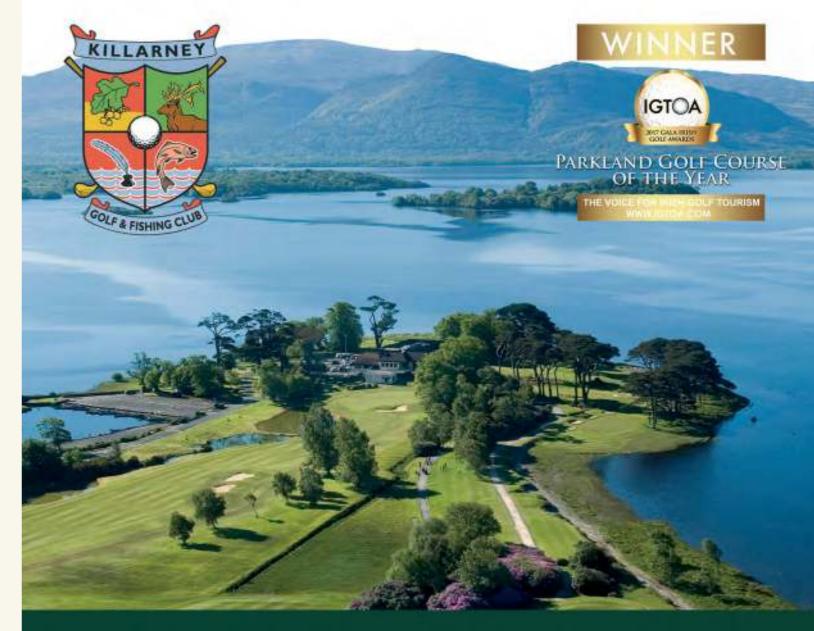
353 (0) 66 9474102 Email info@watervillegolflinks.ie Web www.watervillegolflinks.ie Course Links Length 7,355 yards

Par 72

Mystical links on the roaring Atlantic Founded in 1889 and ranked among the top three of Ireland and the top 100 in the world. Golf at Waterville is a mystical experience - the beauty of classic links land, surrounded by sea, yet forever challenged and shaped by the elements. Visitors and societies welcome For accommodation. tee times, rates and reservations please contact the clubhouse.







Celebrating 125 Years in 2018

Visit Killarney Golf & Fishing Club and experience this slice of golfing heaven on the doorstep of one of the most popular towns in Europe. The Championship courses at Killarney have hosted multiple European Tour and Ladies European Tour events. They have undergone significant development in recent years ensuring a fantastic playing experience for golfers of all abilities. The friendly relaxed atmosphere, unrivalled setting and legendary après-golf make Killarney a unique and unmissable experience.

Visitors, societies and corporate events welcome. Limited Overseas Membership also available.



Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, Killarney, Co. Kerry Tel: +353 64 6631034 Fax: +353 64 6633065 Email: reservations@killarneygolfclub.ie Website: www.killarneygolfclub.ie



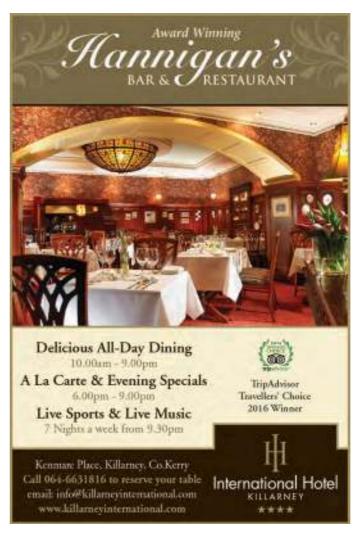


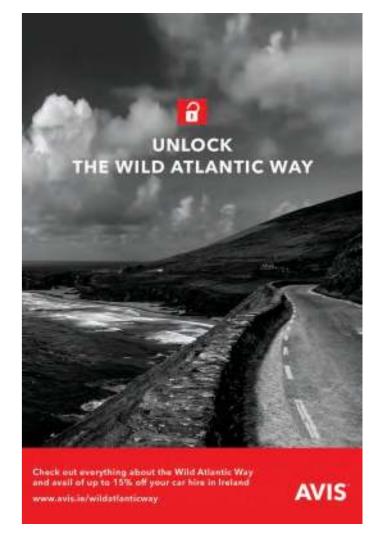


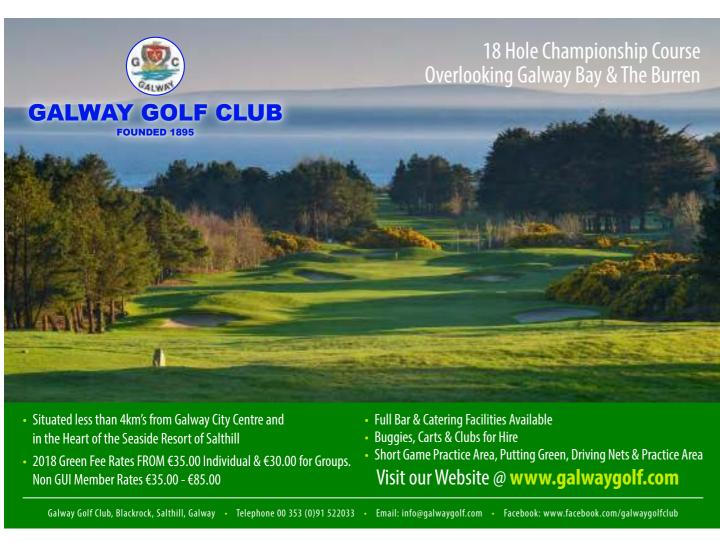


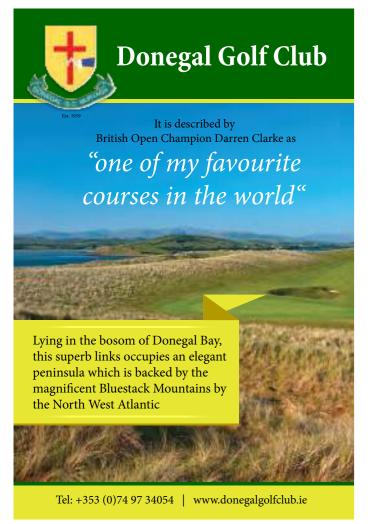














Enniscrone Golf Club

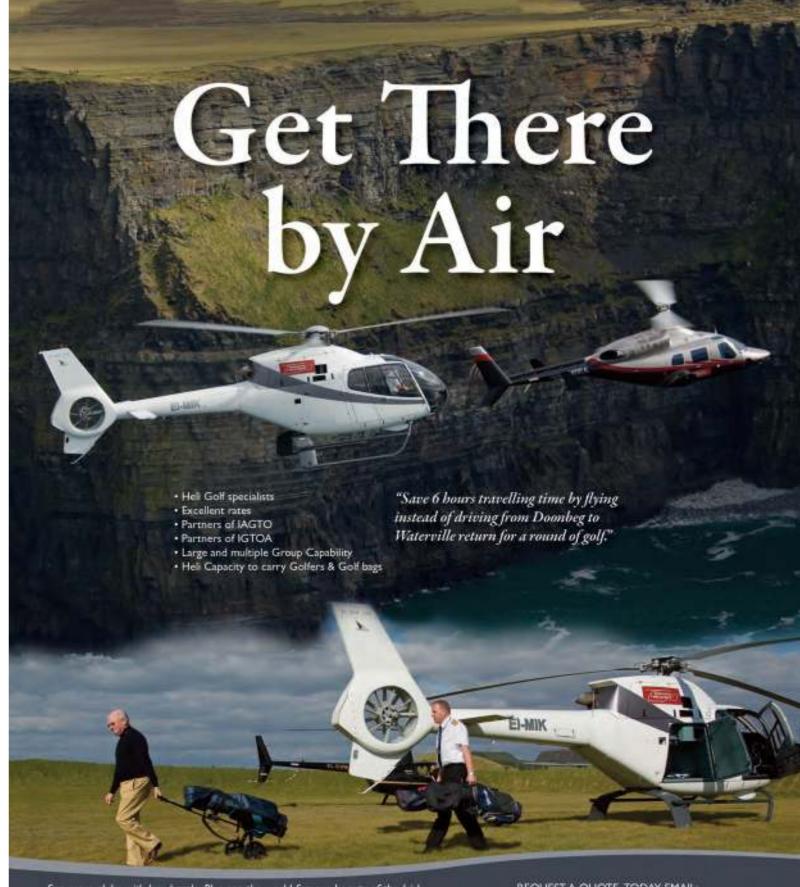
Enjoy 27 holes of picturesque golf in a seaside setting.

With own 15 hotels locally, this beautiful course is perfect for a weekend or midweek getaway with friends or family.

The Dunes Championship Links at Enniscrone Golf Club is ranked #12 in Ireland Top 100 Courses by Golf Digest.

14 UK/ROI with Golf Digest . 53 UK/ROI with Golf World

Enniecrone, Co. Sligo Tiel 353 96 36297 E-mail: info@enniscronegolf.com



See more clubs with less hassle. Plus see the world famous beauty of the Irish scenery by air. Not only are Executive Helicopters the most competitive budget wise but also one of the most experienced operators in Europe.

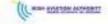


REQUEST A QUOTE TODAY EMAIL: ops@executive-helicopters.com TELEPHONE: +353(0)90 9749764









Club listings on the Wild Atlantic Way

Ballybofey & Stranorlar

info@ballybofeyandstranorlargolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 74 913 1093

Ballybunion

Sandhill Road, Ballybunion, Co Kerry www.ballybuniongolfclub.ie info@ballybuniongolfclub ie

Ballyheigue Castle

golf@ballyheiguecastlegolfclub.com

Ballyliffin

www.ballyliffingolfclub.com info@ballvliffingolfclub.com

www.bantrygolf.com info@bantrygolf.com

Bearna

Corboley, Bearna, Co Galway www.bearnagolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 91 592677

Filane, Castletownbere, Co Cork www.berehavengolf.com 00 353 (0) 27 70700

Buncrana

www.buncranagolfclub.com info@buncranagolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 74 9362279

Bundoran, Co Donegal 00 353 (0) 71 9841302

Carne (Belmullet)

www.carnegolflinks.com info@carnegolflinks.com 00 353 (0) 97 82292

Stradbally, Dingle Peninsula, Co Kerry www.castlegregorygolflinks.com info@castlegregorygolflinks.com 00 353 (0) 66 713 9444

Dingle Links (Ceann Sibeal)

www.dinglelinks.com 00 353 (0) 66 915 6255

Cloughaneely

Ballyconnell, Falcarragh, Co Donegal www.falcarraghgolfclub.ie info@falcarraghgolfclub.ie

Co Sligo

Rosses Point, Co Sligo www.countvsligogolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 71 917 7134

Connemara

Ballyconneely, Co Galway www.connemaragolflinks.com 00 353 (0) 95 23502

00 353 (0) 68 27146

www.ballyheiguecastlegolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 66 713 3555

Ballyliffin, Inishowen, Co Donegal 00 353 (0) 74 937 6119

Bantry Bay

Bantry, West Cork, Co Cork 00 353 (0) 27 50579

Berehaven

Buncrana, Inishowen, Co Donegal

Bundoran

www.bundorangolfclub.com info@bundorangolfclub.com

Castlegregory

Ballyferriter, Dingle Peninsula, Tralee,

00 353 (0) 74 916 5416

Dunfanaghy

office@dooks.com 00 353 (0) 66 976 8205

Kill, Dunfanaghy, Co Donegal www.dunfanaghygolfclub.com dunfanaghygolf@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 74 9136335

Dunmore, Co Galway www.ddgc.ie 00 353 (0) 93 38709

Connemara Isles

00 353 (0) 91 572498

Eanach Mheáin, Béal an Daingin,

Leitir Móir, Co na Gaillimhe

www.connemaraislesgolf.com

info@connemaraislesgolf.com

Cruit Island Kincasslagh, Letterkenny, Co Donegal www.cruitislandgolfclub.com bookcruitisland@gmail.com 00 353 (0) 74 954 3296

Donegal

Murvagh, Laghey, Co Donegal www.donegalgolfclub.ie info@donegalgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 74 9734054

Dooks

Dooks, Glenbeigh, Co Kerry www.dooks.com

Droumgarriff, Co Cork www.glengarriffgolfclub.com info@alengarriffgolfclub.com

Dunmore

padraigdonlon@gmail.com

Enniscrone

Enniscrone, Co Sligo www.enniscronegolf.com enniscronegolf@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 96 36297

Galway Bay

Oranmore, Co Galway www.galwaybaygolfresort.com info@galwaybaygolfresort.com 00 353 (0) 91 790711

Galway

Blackrock, Salthill, Galway www.galwaygolf.com info@galwaygolf.com 00 353 (0) 91 522033

Glengarriff

00 353 (0) 27 63150

Greencastle

Greencastle, Co Donegal www.greencastlegolfclub.com b_mc_caul@yahoo.com 00 353 (0) 74938 1013

Gweedore

Derrybeg, Letterkenny, Co Donegal www.gweedoregolfclub.com eugenemccaffertv@hotmail.com 00 353 (0) 74 953 1140

Kenmare

Kenmare Co Kerry www.kenmaregolfclub.com info@kenmaregolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 64 664 1291

Kilkee

East End, Kilkee, Co Clare www.kilkeeaolfclub.ie kilkeegolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 65 9056048

Killorglin

Killorglin, Co Kerry www.killorglingolf.ie kilaolf@iol.ie 00 353 (0) 66 976 1979

Kinsale

Farrangalway, Co Cork www.kinsalegolf.ie admin@kinsalegolf.ie 00 353 (0) 21 477 4722

Lahinch

Lahinch, Co Clare www.lahinchgolf.com info@lahinchgolf.com 00 353 (0) 65 7081003

Letterkenny

Barnhill, Letterkenny, Co Donegal www.letterkennygolfclub.com info@letterkennygolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 74 912 1150

Lisselan

Clonakilty, West Cork www.lisselan.com info@lisselan.com 353 (0) 23 883 3249

Narin & Portnoo

Narin Portnoo, Co Donegal www.narinportnoogolfclub.ie info@narinportnoogolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 74 9545107

North West

Lisfannon, Buncrana, Co Donegal www.northwestgolfclub.com secretary@northwestgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 74 936 1715

Old Head

Old Head of Kinsale, Kinsale, Co Cork www.oldhead.com info@oldhead.com 00 353 (0) 21 477 8444

Otway

Saltpans, Rathmullan, Co Donegal www.otwaygolf.com otway_golf_club@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 74 915 8319

Parknasilla

Sneem, Co Kerry www.parknasillahotel.je/golf info@parknasillahotel.ie 00 353 (0) 64 664 5195

Portsalon

Portsalon, Fanad, Co Donegal www.portsalongolfclub.com info@portsalongolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 74 915 9459

Redcastle

Redcastle Hotel, Redcastle, Co Donegal www.redcastlehoteldonegal.com info@redcastlehotel.com 00 353 (0) 74 938 5555

Ring Of Kerry

Templenoe, Killarney, Co Kerry www.ringofkerrygolf.com reservations@ringofkerrvgolf.com 00 353 (0) 64 664 2000

Rosapenna

Rosapenna, Downings, Letterkenny, Co Donegal www.rosapenna.ie golf@rosapenna.ie 00 353 (0) 74 915 5000

Skellig Bay

Waterville, Co Kerry www.skelligbay.com info@skellighay.com 00 353 (0) 66 947 4133

Skibbereen & West Carbery

Licknavar, Co Cork www.skibbgolf.com info@skibbgolf.com 00 353 (0) 28 21227

Sligo Golf Academy

www.sligogolfacademv.ie info@sligogolfacademy.ie (071) 912 8337

Strandhill

Tralee

Strandhill, Co Sligo www.strandhillgolfclub.com bookings@strandhillgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 71 916 8188

West Barrow, Ardfert, Co Kerry

www.traleegolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 66 713 6379

Trump International Doughmore Bay, Doonbeg, Co Clare www.trumphotelcollection.com/ireland/ doonbeg.reservations@trumphotels.com 353 65 9055600

Waterville

Waterville, Co Kerry www.watervillegolfclub.ie wvaolf@iol.ie 00 353 (0) 66 9474102

Westport

Carrowholly, Westport, Co Mayo www.westportgolfclub.com info@westportgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 98 28262

130 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide 131

Club listings in counties on the Wild Atlantic Way

Abbeyfeale

Dromtrasna Collins, Co Limerick www.abbeyfealegolfclub.com

Achill

Keel, Achill, Co Mavo www.achillgolf.com achillislandgolfclub@gmail.com 00 353 (0) 98 43456

Adare Manor

Adare, Co Limerick www.adaremanor.com

Adare, Co Limerick www.adaremanorgolfclub.com info@adaremanorgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 61 396204

Ardfert

www.ardfertgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 66 713 4744

Palmerstown, Oranmore, Co Galway www.athenrygolfclub.net 00 353 (0) 91 794466

Mossgrove, Ballina, Co Mayo www.ballina-golf.com

Ballinamore

Creevy, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim

Ballinasloe

Rosgloss, Ballinasloe, Co Galway www.ballinasloegolfclub.ie ballinasloegolfclub@hotmail.cor 00 353 (0) 90 964 2126

Ballinrobe

www.ballinrobegolfclub.com info@ballinrobegolfclub.com

Ballvhaunis

Coolnaha, Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo www.ballyhaunisgolfclub.cor

Ballymote

Ballymote, Co Sligo www.ballymotegolfclub.ie ballymotegolfclub@gmail.com

Castlebernard, Bandon, Co Cork www.bandongolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 23 884 1111

Beaufort

Beaufort, Killarney, Co Kerry www.beaufortgolfresort.com 00 353 (0) 64 664 4440

Blarney

www.blarneygolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 21 438 4477

Carrick-on-Shannon

Usna, Woodbrook, Carrick on Shannon www.carrickgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 71 966 7 015

00 353 (0) 68 32033

00 353 (0) 61 605200 **Adare Manor Golf Club**

Sackville, Ardfert, Tralee, Co Kerry

00 353 (0) 96 21050

00 353 (0) 71 964 4346

00 353 (0) 94 954 1118

00 353 (0) 94 963 0014

00 353 (0) 71 918 3111

Bandon

Castlerosse Hotel, Lakes of Killarnev, Killarney, Co Kerry www.castlerosse.ie res@castlerosse.ie

Castletroy

Golf Links Road, Castletrov, Limerick www.castletroygolfclub.ie golf@castletroygolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 61 335753

Charleville

Charleville, Co Cork www.charlevillegolf.com info@charlevillegolf.com

Rocklands, Castlebar, Co Mayo www.castlebargolfclub.ie info@castlebargolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 94 9021649

Castleisland

Castle Dargan

Ballygawley, Co Sligo

www.castledargan.com

info@castledargan.com

00 353 (0) 71 9118080

Castlebar

Dooneen, Castleisland, Co Kerry www.castleislandgolfclub.com office@castleislandgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 66 714 1709

Castlerosse

00 353 (0) 64 663 1144

00 353 (0) 63 81257

Claremorris

Castlemacgarrett, Claremorris, Co Mayo www.claremorrisgolfclub.com info@claremorrisgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 94 9371527

Cregmore Park

Cregmore, Co Galway www.cregmorepark.com info@cregmorepark.com 00 353 (0) 91 799799

Curra West

Curra, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co Galway www.currawest.com 00 353 (0) 90 974 5121

Dromoland

Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co Clare www.dromolandgolf.ie golf@dromoland.ie 00 353 (0) 61 368444

Dunmore

Dunmore, Clonakilty, Co Cork www.dunmoregolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 23 883 4644

East Clare

Bodyke, Co Clare www.eastclare.com eastclaregolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 61 921322

Ennis

Drumbiggle, Ennis, Co Clare www.ennisgolfclub.com info@ennisgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 65 6824074

Glenlo Abbey

Bushypark, Galway, Co Galway www.alenlo.com 00 353 (0) 91 526666

Fairvhill, Kanturk, Co Cork

www.kanturkgolf.com

00 353 (0) 29 50534

Castlequarter, Gort, Co Galway www.gortgolf.com info@gortgolf.com 00 353 (0) 91 632244 Kanturk

Killarney Mahony's Point, Co Kerry www.killarney-golf.com reservations@killarney-golf.com 00 353 (0) 64 663 1034

Kilrush

Parknamoney, Kilrush, Co Clare www.kilrushgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 65 9051138

Lee Valley

Ovens, Co Cork www.leevalleygolfclub.com nfo@lleevalleygolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 21 7331721

Limerick

Ballyclough, Limerick, Co Limerick www.limerickgolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 61 415146

Listowel

Feale View, Listowel, Co Kerry www.listowelgolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 68 21592

Loughrea

Graigue, Loughrea, Co Galway www.loughreagolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 91 841049

Macroom

Macroom, Co Cork mcroomac@iol ie 00 353 (0) 26 41072

Mallow

Ballyellis, Mallow, Co Cork www.mallowgolfclub.net mallowgolfclubmanager@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 22 21145

Mountbellew

Mountbellew, Ballinasloe, Co Galway www.mountbellewgolfclub.com mountbellewgc@gmail.com 00 353 (0) 90 9679259

Mulranny Mulranny, Co Mayo www.mulrannygolfclub.com mulrannygolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 98 36262

Muskerry

Carraigrohane, Co Cork www.muskerrygolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 21 438 5297

Newcastle West

Rathgonan, Ardagh, Co Limerick www.newcastlewestgolf.com 00 353 (0) 69 76500

Oughterard

00 353 (0) 91 552131

Gortreevagh, Oughterard, Co Galway www.oughterardgolfclub.com oughterardac@eircom.net

Portumna

Portumna, Co Galway www.portumnagolfclub.ie info@portumnagolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 90 974 1059

Rathbane

Crossagalla, Limerick, Co Limerick www.rathbanegolfclub.com info@rathbanegolfclub.com 00 353 (0) 61 313655

Ross

Ross Road, Co Kerry 00 353 (0) 64 663 1125

Shannon

Shannon, Co Clare www.shannongolfclub.ie info@shannongolfclub.ie 00 353 (0) 61 471849

Spanish Point Spanish Point, Miltown Malbay, Co Clare www.spanishpointgolfing.com info@spanishpointgolfing.com 00 353 (0) 65 708 4198

Swinford

Brabazon Park, Swinford, Co Mayo www.swinfordgolf.com swinfordgolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 94 9251378

Tuam

Barnacurragh, Tuam, Co Galway www.tuamgolfclub.com tuamgolfclub@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 93 28993

Tubbercurry Ballymote Rd, Tubbercurry, Co Sligo

www.tubbercurrygolfclub.com tubbercurrygolfclub@gmail.com 00 353 (0) 71 918 5849

Woodstock

Shanaway Road, Ennis, Co Clare www.woodstockgolfclub.com proshopwoodstock@eircom.net 00 353 (0) 65 682 9463











GN Ballykisteen Golf Hotel

Tel +353 (0)62 33 333 Email info@ballykisteenhotel.com Web www.ballykisteenhotel.com

Ideally located in the heart of Tipperary. Nestled in the shadow of the Galtee Mountains, Ballylisteen is the perfect escape to relax and unwind in our leisure centre, pamper yourself in our treatment rooms or enjoy a round of golf on our superb 18-hale championship golf course designed by Ryder Cup star Des Smyth.

Nearby Golf Courses: Dundrum House, Clonmel, Tipperary and Fermoy











Bellbridge House Hotel

Tel +353 (0)65 7084038 Email info@bellbridgehotelclare.com Web www.bellbridgehotelclare.com

At the Bellbridge House Hotel, we are committed to deliver your perfect golfing break. With Clare's best Golf Courses nearby and located along the Wild Atlantic Way, your Golf Break will not just be an exercise, but an adventure and a romance. Winner of FBD's Clare Best Hospitality Award 2017/WAW Route /Beach Location

Nearby Golf Courses: Lahinch Golf Club, Trump Int. Golf Links







Clanree Hotel

+353 74 9124369 Email info@clarreehotel.com Web www.clanreehotel.com

The 4 Star Clanzee Hotel, Letterkenny, the ideal place to relax and revive. The Clanree Hotel provides a comfortable base for exploring Donegal and isconveniently located only a few minutes' drive from the bustling town centre of Letterkenny. The Clanree Hotel is ideally located for exploring beautiful Donegal and the Northwest of Ireland.

Nearby Golf Courses: Letterkonny Rosapenna, Portsalon, Ballyliffin











YOUR HOME FOR GOLF IN THE NORTH WEST...

- IDEAL LOCATION TO ACCESS 8 CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES WITHIN A 2 HOUR DRIVE
- TAILOR MADE PACKAGES WITH TRANSFERS FROM AIRPORT AND GOLF COURSES
- 9 BAY GOLFING RANGE
- ESTATE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING WORLD FAMOUS SALMON FISHING ON THE RIVER MOY & TROUT FISHING AT OUR LAKE
- LEISURE CENTRE WITH GYM, 17M SWIMMING POOL & AWARD WINNING ELEMIS SPA



Downings Bay Hotel Downings, Letterkenny, Co Donegal

353 (0)74 915 5586 Email info@downingsbayhotel.com Web www.downingsbayhotel.com

Situated on Sheephaven Bay and the picturesque Atlantic Onve. Spacious bedrooms, many of them interconnecting, are luxuriously finished. JC's Bar and the Haven Dining Room serve locally sourced fresh food daily, Magherabeg Leisure Centre & Kidz Kingdom are available complimentary to hotel guests Local activities include golf, fishing, walking, horse riding and water sports.

Nearby Golf Courses: Rosapenna. Letterkenny, Portsalon, Dunfanaghy





Dromoland Castle Newmarket on Fergus, Co Clare

Tel +353 (0) 61 368 144 Email sales@dromoland.ie Web www.dromoland.ie

On the Wild Atlantic Way, the 5 star Dromoland Castle is, quite simply. one of Ireland's finest castle hotels. Offering guests the experience of living like royalty, surrounded by luxury, beauty and exceptional service. It's the perfect Irish luxury retreat; with archery, falconry, a spa and a terrific 18 hole parkland galf course.

Nearby Golf Courses: Dromoland Castle, Lahinch Links, Doonbeg Links





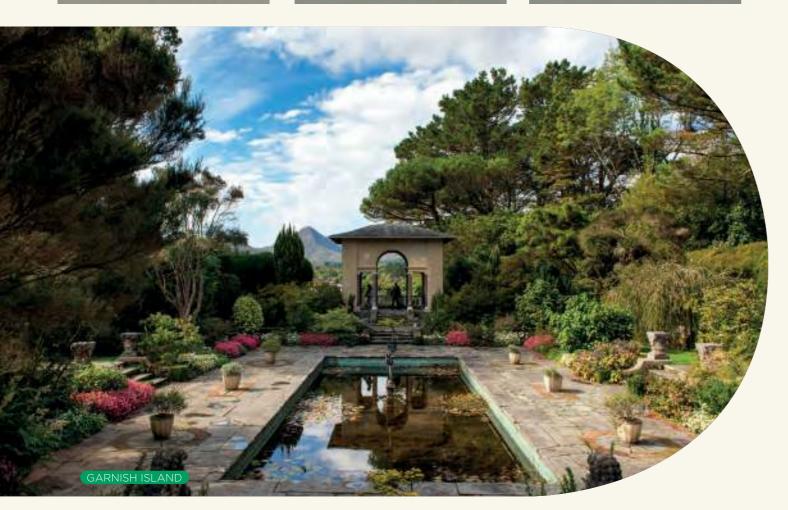
Harvey's Point Lough Eske, Co.Donegal

Tel +353 74 9124369 Email stay@harveyspoint.com Web www.harveyspoint.com

Located on the shores of Lough Eske, Harvey's Point, is a luxurious hotel featuring the very best in accommodation to international standards, fine dining cuisine and traditional hospitality. Owned and managed by Swiss family Gysling. the hotel strives to become one of the leading hotels in Ireland. TripAdvisor's NOI hotel in Ireland 2013 - 2017.

Nearby Golf Courses: Donegal Golf Club, Narin Portnoo, Sligo Golf Club







Experience Golf at Dromoland Castle

Condé Nast Traveler 'Favourite Hotels in the World' Gold List 2018 Top 50 Course in Ireland by 'Top 100 Golf Courses'

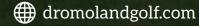


Experience one of Ireland's finest parkland golf resorts, only 20 minutes from Shannon Airport. Stay and play to be wrapped in a uniquely Irish setting, with two hotels and a host of amenities on the Dromoland Estate, including the terrific 18 hole parkland course, a professional Golf Academy and Driving Range. Situated on the Wild Atlantic Way, the resort is near other exceptional links golf and the rugged beauty of the West of Ireland.

Co. Clare | Ireland



****** +353 61 368 444







Killeen House Hetel Aghadoe, Killarney, Co. Kerry

353 (0) 64 663 1711 Email charming@indigo.ie Web: www.killeenhousehotel.com

A charming 23 bedroom country house Hotel, famed for its superb food, its superb service and the superb water pressure in its showers. Beautifully located just 4 miles outside of Killarney, Ireland's premier Tourism centre. Also home to the only Pub in the world that accepts golf balls as Legal Tender. We kid you not

Nearby Golf Courses:

Killame, Ballybunion, Waterville. Tralee, Dooks









McGrory's Hotel Culdaff, Inishowen, Co Donegal

Tel +353 (0)74 9379104 Email info@mcgrorys.ie Web www.mcgrorys.ie

The hotel consists of 17 comfortable. styled bedrooms, an award winning gastropub and restaurant, a world famous music senue, entertaining the Star Wars cast and crew when filming The Last Jedi. McGrory's Hotel is a rarity in Irish Hospitality. Family owned for over 90 years. The hotel is complemented by naturally beautiful surroundings along the Wild Atlantic Way.

Nearby Golf Courses: Ballyliffin, Greencastle, Buncrana, Foyle & Redcastle





Muckross Park Hotel & Si Muckross, Killamey, Co. Kerry

353 (0) 64 662 3400 Email reservations@muckrosspark.com Web www.muckrosspark.com

Muckross Park Hotel & Spa is a 5 star hotel in Killarney National Park. 70 deluxe bedrooms and suites with onsite facilities including 2 bars. Yew Tree Restaurant and The Spaat Muckross. Shuttle service and bike hire included. Self-catering apartments available. Close to great golf courses in County Kerry.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club















Designed By Ryder Cup Star Des Smyth 18 Holes - Par 72 - 7,144 Yards Fully Stocked Pro Shop + Driving Range Short Game Area and Putting Green Golf Buggies, Electric and Pull Trollies



Stunning Bar and Exquisite Restaurant Amazing Stay and Play Packages 40 Deluxe Rooms and 10 Luxury Lodges Swimming Pool, Sauna and Gym Luxury Spa and Therapy Rooms

p: +353 62 33333 e: golfevents@ballykisteenhotel.com w: www.ballykisteenhotel.com GN Ballykisteen Golf Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co Tipperary, E34 VK12, Ireland





GOLF TOURS | SIGHTSEEING TOURS | LUXURY HOTELS | CHAUFFEUR TOURS

Tel: +353-64-6622830 | Email: info@experienceirelandgolfandtravel.com





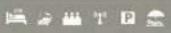


O' Donoghue Ring Hotels

Tel +353 (0) 64 66 21100 Email sales@odonoghue-ring-hotels.com Web www.odonoghue-ring-hotels.com

The Killarney Avenue, Killarney Plaza and Killarney Towers Hotels are centrally located in the vibrant. and cultural town of Killarney and are an ideal base for all south-west. golf tours. While the River Island Hotel is located in Castleisland, one of Kerry's busiest market towns. culturally rich in traditional music, song and poetry.

Nearby Golf Courses: Killamey, Traice. Dooks, Waterville, Old Head





Shandon Hotel & Spa Portnablagh, Dunfanaghy, Denega

Tel 00353 (0) 749136137 Email info@shandonhotelspa.com Web www.shandonhotelspa.com

Newly opened 4 star resort right on the Wild Atlantic Way Donegal with unrivalled views over Sheephaven Bay, Luxury, award winning spaand within walking distance of Marble Hill Beach. Perfect base location to explore Donegal's finest. Gold Courses.

Nearby Golf Courses: Dunfanaghy, Rosapenna, Portsalon & Letterkenny





Old Ground Hotel Ennis, County Clare

Tel +353 65 6828127 Email reservations@oldgroundhotel.ie Web www.flynnhatels.com

The Old Ground Hotel developed from an historic manor house. into a luxunous 4* hotel with many elegant features and ultra comfortable bedrooms. Superb food is served in the Brendan O'Regan Room and the Town Hall Bistro. Traditional Irish music is very popular in the Poet's Bar where many locals will share a story.

Nearby Golf Courses: Doonbeg Labinch Woodstock Erres Shannon East Clare





Quinlan & Cooke

+353 66 947 2244 Email hello@gc.ie Web www.qc.ie

Winner of the ITGOA Boutique Golf Hotel of the Year 2017. When you are playing the finest links courses in Ireland, such as Waterville or Dooks, then you deserve to stay in the finest boutique townhouse in Kerry. QC's guests can unwind in luxury rooms, all individually decorated in a unique and quirky style.

Nearby Golf Courses: Waterville, Dooks, Skellig Bay, Ring of Kerry















The Brehon & Angsana Spa

Web

353 (0)64 6630700 info@thebrehon.com www.thebrehon.com

The Brehon is a luxurious 4 star hotel in beautiful Killarney. The boutique style rooms vary in design. Choose from deluxe bedrooms, superior bedrooms or suites. Unwind after a day's golf with complimentary relaxation time in the Vitality Suite of the Angsana Spa, followed by dinner in the award winning Danú Restaurant.

Ballybunion, Tralee, Dooks







Sligo Park Hotel

& Leisure Club

the 4 star Sligo Park Hotel is set in quiet parkland. This contemporary style hotel boasts 136 spacious. comfortable bedvooms, including superior bedrooms. The hotel has an AA Rosette award winning Restaurant also a modern Leisure Club with natural light streaming intothe swimming pool and Jacuzzi.

Nearby Golf Courses: Rosses Point Golf Club, Strandhill Golf Club



WILD ATLANTIC WAY





The Inn at Dromoland Newmarket on Fergus, Co Clare

Tel +353 (0) 61 368161 Email info@theinnatdromoland.ie Web www.theinnatdromoland.ie

Nestled on the 5 star Dromoland Castle Golf Resort, the Inn is ideal for travellers looking for value on their West of Ireland golf break. Combining high levels of service, sumptuous dining and newly refurbished large rooms and facilities. the Inn suits individuals and groups alike. Located just 20 minutes from Shannon International Airport.

Nearby Golf Courses: Dromoland: Castle, Lahinch Links, Doonbeg Links





The Rose Hotel

353 (0) 66 7199100 Email reservations@therosehotel.com Web www.therpsehotel.com

The Rose Hotel, is a four star hotel located in Tralee town, set against the backdrop of the Slieve Mish Mountains. We have \$52 guest rooms. complimentary car parking & WIFI. Facilities include Dott's Bar a great place to relax in the evening with a pint of Guinness, an Irish Whiskey or delicious food.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Tralee, Ballybunion, Dooks, Killamey, Waterville





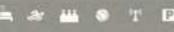
The Malton Killarney East Avenue Rd, Killarney, Co Kerry

353 (0)64 663 8000 Email reservations@themalton.com Web www.themalton.com

Killarney's premier historic hotel; established in 1854. The Malton Killarney is a stunning Victorian hotel situated on six acres of gardens in the heart of Killarney. The Malton combines old world charm with luxurious modern facilities and is renowned for its wonderful food, attentitive service and comfortable surroundings.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Killarney, Ballybunion, Dooks, Tralee and Waterville





The Smugglers Inn

353 (0)66 9474330 Email info@thesmugglersinn.ie Web www.thesmugglersinn.ie

Restored Farmhouse with 180 years history situated on 2km sandy beach on the famous Ring of Kerry. Comfortable en-suite rooms with TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee, free WiFi. Award winning gourmet restaurant, with ocean views overlooking Ballinskelligs Bay, serving Modern Irish & Continental cuisine, specialising in fresh seafood & local produce. Fully licenced bar serving bar food.

Nearby Golf Courses:

Waterville Golf Links Hogs Head Golf Club





The Red Door Country House Fahan, Inishowen, Co. Donegal

353 (0)74 93 60289 Email info@thereddoor.ie Web www.thereddoor.ie

17th Century Country House located on the banks of Lough Swilly along the Wild Atlantic Way, 20 minutes from Ballyliffin, home of the Irish Open 2018.

- Award-winning evening dining.
- Afternoon Tea and Sunday Lunch
- 4 individually decorated bedrooms
- Intimate wedding venue

Nearby Golf Courses:

North West, Ballyliffin, Buncrana





Trump International Golf Links & Hotel, Doonbeg

00353 (65) 905 5600 Doonbeg Reservations @trumphotels.com

www.trumpirelandhotel.com Course Links

Length 7,026 yards / 6,425 metres Par 72

The course follows nature along 1.5. miles of crescent-shaped beach and dunes, with ocean views from 16 of 18. holes and has recently been resigned by Dr Martin Hawtree. With natural routing among dunes resulting in an uncommon combination of 5 par 3s. and 5 par 5s. Variation in wind speed assures the course plays differently almost every day, most holes feature 5 or more tee locations to allow for a range of conditions and abilities



YOUR GATEWAY TO THE WEST



Faster, Easier and more rewarding car hire from Shannon & Knock Join Gold Plus Rewards for free.

Hertz.com/goldenrol



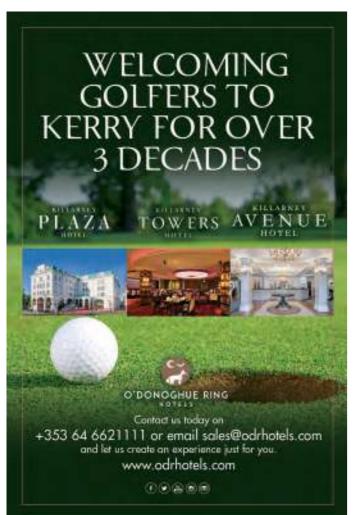




Call +353 (0)404 43808 sales@perfectionframing.ie

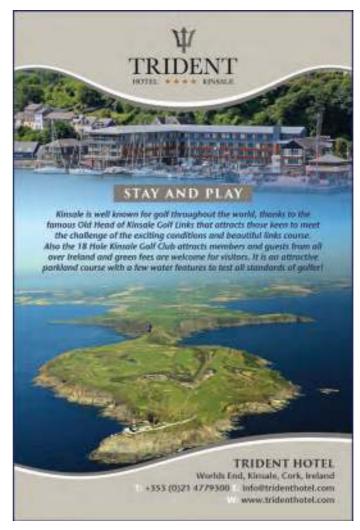
www.perfectionframing.ie

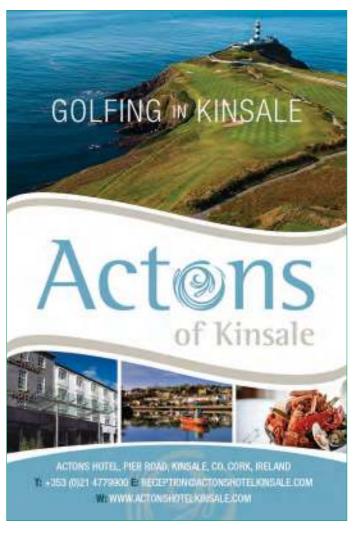












The Great North West

No trip to Ireland would be complete without a visit to the North West, with its warm hospitality, stunning landscapes and effortless charm.

By **David Gorman**

The beginning of the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's northwest is a wild journey through authentic Ireland.
Counties Donegal, Mayo and Sligo are renowned for their tourism and offer spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. Just ask three-time major winner Pádraig Harrington.

"The scenery in the North West of Ireland, say Donegal and Sligo, is what many people imagine Ireland to be like. My advice is to stick with the B&B's in that part of the country because you'll get great value. They have great golf courses up there with a bit more rugged countryside."

There are 34 golf courses in Donegal, Mayo and Sligo, with a host of cultural activities to enjoy.

The area is serviced mainly by Ireland's West Airport Knock in Mayo for international travellers, while there is also an airport in Donegal for a more direct trip to the north. The area is easily accessible at less than a two hours' drive from Shannon Airport and less than a three hours' drive from Dublin Airport.

There are great accommodation options in this region that is made for tourism from authentic cottages to five-star resorts. Check out the Fáilte Ireland website for more: www.wildatlanticway.com.

Just last year, Donegal was named the 'coolest place on

the planet' by the prestigious National Geographic magazine. The magazine editor, Pat Riddell, had this to say about the county.

> "We considered many destinations for our Cool List 2017, but we felt Donegal was in a real sweet spot – off-radar and hard to access, but on the cusp of a breakthrough.

"On the one hand, you have big pushes like the Wild Atlantic Way and the recent visit of Star Wars; on the other you only have to drive a few miles to have a beach or a road completely to yourself.

"It's a warm-hearted place, but wilderness always feels just a stone's throw away. And it is wilderness...world-class wilderness. We think it's due a big year."

Some of the filming for Star Wars took place in the Inishowen Peninsula and that is where the world will be watching this July when the European Tour will, of course, bring the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open to Inishowen. The Glashedy Links, one of two fine links courses at Ballyliffin Golf Club, will play host.

The Inishowen Peninsula features the most northerly point of the island, Malin Head, also named Banba's Crown, Banba being one of the mythical queens of Ireland. It was built by the British in 1805 as a Napoleonic lookout tower to help defend against a possible French invasion. It also features the highest sand dunes in Europe.

Check out the Doagh
Famine Village, also in the
Inishowen Peninsula, a
museum which tells the story
of those in the Great Famine
in Donegal in the 1840s.
Learn how these people have
adapted and survived to their
environment as it has changed
from generation to generation.

As well as Ballyliffin, there are great courses such as Portsalon, Greencastle and Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Resort, with stunning views overlooking Sheephaven Bay.

Head west of the North coast and you'll come to the beautiful and remote

Dunfanaghy, where Dunfanaghy Golf Club is located, and the Horn Head Walk. It is a magnificent 200-metre rock face, scored by ledges on which perch countless gulls and small numbers of puffins.

The main urban area in Donegal is Letterkenny, and it is near the wonderful Glenveagh Castle and National Park, which is the perfect summer retreat for peaceful walks.

The county is known for its spectacular cliffs and none are bigger than Slieve League in the south-west corner of Donegal, Ireland's highest sea cliffs. Experience the local culture, heritage and people of Donegal against the backdrop of the stunning and rugged coastline.

A trip to Slieve League and a round of golf in Murvagh or the magnificent Narin & Portnoo is certainly possible in the one day.

Head south towards Sligo and you will come to the surfing enclaves of Bundoran and Rossnowlagh with their spine-tingling waves from the Atlantic Ocean. Bundoran Golf Club is in the popular seaside town of Bundoran, where the Sea Sessions music festival is held each year.

Head just 15 minutes down the road and you come

hearted place, but wilderness always feels just a stone's throw away. And it is wilderness... world-class wilderness

It's a warm-

to more superb coastline and beaches in Sligo at Mullaghmore with its ocean views and a skyline dominated by the monolithic shape of Ben Bulben mountain.

Ben Bulben dominates Sligo's skyline, and was considered integral in Nobel laureate W.B. Yeats' work. He was inspired by the scenery in Sligo, where he spent his childhood summers. His final poem published was about the mountain and he is buried in Drumcliff Churchyard, in the shadow of Ben Bulben.

The 10th and 11th holes of the great links at County Sligo Golf Club, host of the famous West of Ireland amateur tournament each year, offer excellent views of the mountain. The village and surrounding peninsula feature a number of lighthouses. Visit the Lissadell House in Sligo, a neo-classical Greek revivalist style country house, overlooking Drumcliff Bay

Sligo town is the second





146 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide

The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide



largest urban centre in the West of Ireland. It is a great place to base yourself for a trip to the West. It is a vibrant town with a great variety of award-winning restaurants, and a lively music

There is fantastic value on food and drink, where pubs are packed to the rafters with live music. Cultural attractions in the town include the Sligo Abbey, with its renaissance carvings, a well-preserved cloister and sculptured 1400s altar in a 13th-century friary.

Not far from the main town is Strandhill, the large coastal village that is home to a fine links course and marvellous beaches. Much of the terrain consists of marram (covered dunes) and it is a popular area with surfers. This leads to a lively spot with great bars and restaurants along by the coast.

There is a lot more to do in Strandhill than just surfing and golf, and you should check out Knocknarea, a high limestone hill that is visually striking in appearance. Atop lies Queen Maeve Cairn, 55 metres in diameter by 10 metres high. Folklore says it was built for the mythical Iron Age Queen Maeve, whose father, the high king of Ireland, gave her Connacht as a gift.

One of Ireland's finest links courses, Enniscrone Golf Club is on your Wild Atlantic Way into Mayo, and the seaside town is

one of Ireland's most popular family holiday destinations.

Rory McIlroy hit the world headlines in 2017 when he got married in Mayo, and the terrific Ashford Castle will always hold a place in his heart. This luxury medieval castle is on the shore of Lough Corrib, and has hosted the likes of King George V, John Lennon, Brad Pitt and Prince Rainier III of Monaco.

Mayo is a large county with many things to do and many great courses to play. Mayo's greatest course is the remote but world-class Carne Links, one of the most westerly points on the entire island.

Carne is near Ireland's biggest off-shore island, Achill Island. Achill is a historic place where human settlements are believed to have been established around 3000 BC. The island retains a striking natural beauty, and the Achill Atlantic Drive is one of the best in Ireland.

You can pass from Achill to the popular town of Westport via the Great Western Greenway rail trail, which runs along the coast of Clew Bay. An estimated 300 people cycle and walk the trail each day.

Westport is one of the best places in Ireland for a great welcome and lots of craic and ceol and has been voted the Best Place to Live in Ireland, according to The Irish Times. The pubs, the restaurants, the

blue flag of craic and ceol and beaches and its has been voted the proximity to Connemara. **Best Place to Live** Achill and Croagh Patrick make it an ideal base for holidaymakers to tour the region, and indeed play golf, with Westport Golf Club nearby.

Just eight kilometres from Westport is Croagh Patrick, a 764 metre mountain that is an important pilgrimage site for Christians, who honour our patron saint, Saint Patrick. According to tradition, Saint Patrick fasted and prayed on the summit for forty days in the

Flying into Ireland's West Airport Knock leaves the whole county accessible and Knock village is famous for being a Roman Catholic pilgrimage site, which commemorates the

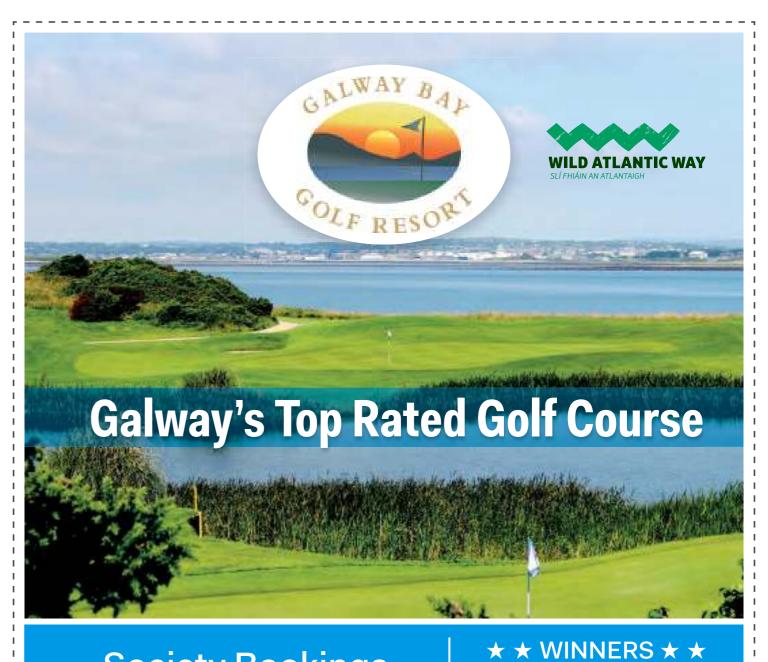
apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1879.

in Ireland

The West of Ireland is a special place, and inspired not only W.B. Yeats but writers that included Louis MacNeice and J.M. Synge as well. For Years, it was the mountains, lakes and lore of the place that moved him to write poetry. "I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree", Yeats wrote.

It is time to arise and visit the unspoiled and rugged beauty of the North-West of Ireland.





Society Bookings now open for 2018

Come and play the course that this year hosted the **Bi-Annual Carey Cup, Connacht Team Finals,** Connacht Boys Open plus more big events.











Only 10 minutes drive from Galway City, on the wild Atlantic Way beside Renville Park and Woods Enquiries **091 790 711** • Web: www.galwaybaygolfresort.com



150 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide

The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide 151

neighbours up until now, it has been roused under the increasing glare of the golfing world's spotlight thanks to its superstar venues.

Royal Portrush and Royal County Down are rated among the best in the world for their championship links with the latter, just an hour south of Belfast, topping the world's 100 greatest courses rankings by Golf Digest in 2016.

Royal Portrush, on the Causeway Coast, will focus the global spotlight on Northern Ireland even more when it hosts the Open Championship in 2019 for the second time. Nearby Portstewart, another celebrated links course, also helped raise the bar when it staged the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open in July 2017, attracting a host of golf stars with its purse of £5.5 million and providing Spain's Jon Rahm with his first European Tour victory.

Golfers from all over the world make a spiritual pilgrimage to play Northern Ireland's celebrated Royal links championship courses and both have a distinguished pedigree.

Golf legends Old Tom Morris, Harry Colt and Harry Vardon all put their stamp on Royal County Down's Championship Links. Old Tom Morris was brought in to extend the original nine holes to 18 through dunes below the Mourne Mountains in 1889, for the princely sum of £4, while Harry Vardon and Harry Colt subsequently made changes, some holes later modified by Donald Steel. Besides the Irish Open, it has hosted many top tournaments, among them eight Ladies' British Open Amateur Championships, the Curtis Cup in 1968 and the Walker Cup in 2007. Its par-66 Annesley course is also highly rated.

Founded in 1898 with two 18-hole courses, Royal Portrush Golf Club's celebrated Dunluce Links was redesigned by Harry Colt in 1932 and has hosted the Open once before, in 1951, when Max Faulkner won. Its 17th and 18th holes have been replaced by spectacular new 7th and 8th holes, borrowed from an area of duneland spanned by two holes of its sister Valley course, to allow for the spectator village area at the 2019 Open. The new holes opened for play to critical acclaim in June 2017. Other tournaments it has hosted include the Irish Open four times and the Senior British Open six times. Royal Portrush also offers the par-70 Valley course.

It may not have the royal monicker, but Portstewart Golf Club, just 15 minutes from Royal Portrush, has 54 holes of links golf and boasts one of Ireland's most modern clubhouses, completed in 2009. Its Strand Course, venue for the 2017 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, is set amidst towering dunes between the Atlantic and the River Bann and its opening hole is regarded by many as the best in Ireland.

There are three golf resorts in Northern Ireland, all of them offering extensive golf facilities as well as accommodation, bars, restaurants and recreational activities

> Beyond capital Belfast's five parkland Some of them are at golf resorts where the fairways are just steps away from your room, while others are unsung jewels just waiting to be discovered by visitors.

There are three golf resorts in Northern Ireland, all of them offering extensive golf facilities as well as accommodation, bars, restaurants, recreational activities - and full-service spas with massage treatments, to help ease those aching muscles after a round or prepare the body for the next golfing foray.

Lough Erne Resort opened in 2010 and has 120 rooms, suites and loughside lodges. Its Thai Spa offers a dual treatment room ideal for couples, with treatments including a two-hour Golfers Tonic massage. The resort's Catalina Restaurant is named after the World War II flying boats that were based on Lough Erne. Lough Erne Resort

Park. It is just a short drive from 2019 Open Championship venue Royal Portrush and other top links layouts as well as the Causeway Coast's world-class visitor attractions, among them the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its par-3 6th hole recently underwent extensive work including a new two-tier green as part of £1 million renovations to the course. Facilities also include an academy and high-tech indoor teaching studio.

Formerly a stately country house dating to 1729, Roe Park Resort's four-star hotel opened in 1995 and offers 118 rooms and suites, two restaurants, including its restored 18th century Coach House, and a spa that is a teaching academy for Elemis. The resort offers a Couples Escape package that includes dinner, bed and breakfast plus

& Spa is close by for those playing golf at Galgorm Castle Golf Club and it features a new riverside Thermal Village. A couples package includes bubbly and truffles on arrival, use of the Thermal Village and a Deluxe Duo treatment, with optional fourcourse meal and a cocktail or glass of wine.

Galgorm Castle Golf Club is laid out through mature wooded grounds in the heart of the 220-acre Galgorm Castle Estate, alongside its 17th century castle. It stages the annual Northern Ireland Open, part of the European Tour's Challenge Tour. More than 40,000 people watched the free-toenter tournament in 2017, a record for the

Among Northern Ireland's best-kept golfing secrets, Kilkeel Golf Club is a picturesque parkland layout at the foot of the Mourne Mountains in the far south-west that has played host to qualifiers for the British Amateur and Senior British Open

centenarians outside of Belfast. They include: Massereene Golf Club, established in 1895 and offering a challenging course on the shore of Lough Neagh; Newtownstewart Golf Club, founded in 1914 and laid out through venerable oaks and beech trees in the Baronscourt Estate, home of the Duke of Abercorn; Tandragee Golf Club, dating back to 1911 on the Duke of Manchester's Estate with bunkers including some resembling America's Great Lakes that were designed by the Cincinnati-born Duchess of Manchester; and Omagh Golf Club, which was extended from a nine-hole course built in 1910 to 18 holes in 1983.

Other gems include County Down golf clubs Rockmount, St Patrick's, Warrenpoint, Edenmore and 36-hole Clandeboye, County Antrim's Lisburn Golf Club and Country Tyrone's Dungannon Golf Club.

Several excellent seaside courses lie in the shadows of renowned venues. Just around the coast from the celebrated Royal County Down, the short but spectacular Ardglass

Golf Club links hugs the rocky shore and cliffs, with several holes offering views across the bay to Coney Island. Golfers can enjoy the craic after their round in the bar of the oldest clubhouse in the world, originally built as a castle over 600 years ago and with cannons pointing out over the fairways just in front. Kirkistown Castle Golf Club, on the

Ards Peninsula, is the closest links course to Belfast and was designed by legendary architect James Braid, while Ballycastle Golf Club, a mix of parkland and links, lies opposite Rathlin Island on the Causeway Coast alongside the ruins of 500-year-old Bonamargy Friary. Cairndhu Golf Club is a parkland course with several holes right by



the sea, its signature, par-3 2nd hole ending in a green perched on a rocky headland.

However, few courses can match the historic connection enjoyed by Foyle Golf Centre, on the outskirts of Derry below the Donegal Hills. Its championship parkland course is named after aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She made an emergency landing at the end of her historic flight in 1932 on what is now the 6th green of the Earhart Course.

Meanwhile in the region's capital, Belfast, few cities offer such a choice of quality golf courses on its doorstep as Northern Ireland's capital, and they include the home course of triple Major champion, Rory McIlrov.

Its most prestigious parkland courses all lie within a 15-minute drive of the city centre. That makes a short break in the city combining golf, sightseeing and soaking up the sounds, culture, nightlife and culinary scene a very attractive proposition.

And when the golf is done, enjoy the nightlife of a once-troubled city that has been transformed in little more than a decade and is now one of Europe's friendliest, most vibrant and most cosmopolitan cities. It is just as lively during the week as on weekends.

Belfast's golf is very close to the city's heartbeat. Just three miles (5km) from its centre, Belvoir Park Golf Club is the nearest course to the city. Yet golfers feel a world away from the metropolis, both on its fairways, edged by large trees, and the aptly-named restaurant and bar of its modern clubhouse, The View, looking out across the course to the Black Mountains, complete with outdoor terrace.

Malone Golf Club, only five miles (8km) from the city centre, lies in 330 acres of mature wooded parkland on the Ballydrain Estate and its clubhouse - the

> 200-year-old former manor house - is reached via a tree-lined drive. Comprising

three nine-hole layouts, two of them forming its championship 18 course with

the other including junior tees, its centrepiece is a 27-acre lake that comes into play on four of its closing holes. The club hosted the Irish Senior Championship in

Northern Ireland's oldest royal club, the Royal Belfast Golf Club, lies alongside Belfast Lough, the main seaway into the city's harbour. Seven holes look over the lough, the 9th green and 10th fairway playing

next to it. The course is popular with golfing passengers from the cruise ships that regularly visit Belfast Harbour and it hosted the 2017 Ladies' Senior British Open Amateur Championship.

Shandon Park's modern clubhouse has one of the liveliest atmospheres of Belfast's golf clubs, thanks in part to its many nongolfing social members as leafy Shandon Park suburb has no other drinking or dining establishments. Its course is known for its tight fairways lined by trees and shrubs.

When the golf is done, enjoy the nightlife of a oncetroubled city that has been transformed in little more than a decade and is now one of Europe's friendliest

Holywood Golf Club's course is short but it produced a mercurial champion in Rory McIlroy, the young McIlroy honing his skills on Holywood's hilly fairways and greens. Rory is still a member, as is his father, and he often drops in to see old friends when he is back in Northern Ireland.

Belfast's five premier parkland clubs - Belvoir Park, Malone, Royal Belfast, Shandon Park and Holywood - have combined to stage an annual tournament open to visiting men and women golfers to showcase the city's golf, in conjunction with Tourism Northern Ireland, Visit Belfast and Tourism Ireland. The 2018 Belfast Parkland International tournament takes place from May 23-25, at Shandon Park, Belvoir Park and Royal Belfast golf courses. It costs £99 per person and places can be booked on the dedicated website: www. belfastparklandtournament.com

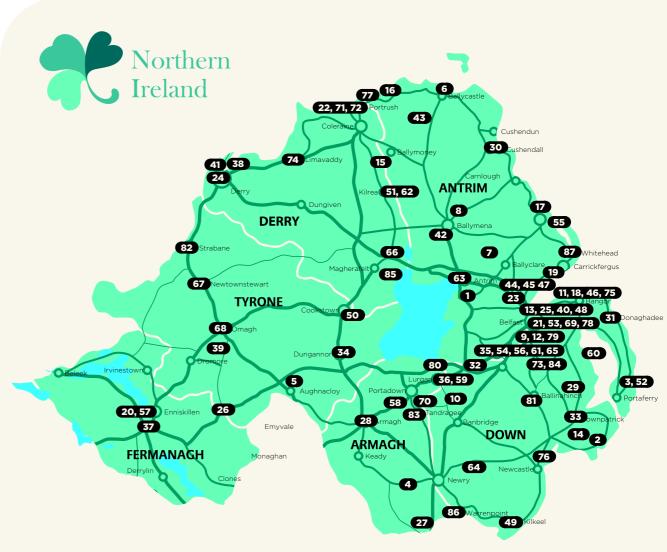
Away from the fairways, the striking £77 million Titanic Belfast attraction, which opened in 2012, a century after the RMS Titanic hit an iceberg on its maiden voyage and sank, was named the world's leading tourist attraction at the World Travel Awards in December 2016.

Other options include Belfast City Hall for its exhibition charting the history of the city, a tour of the once-infamous Crumlin Road Gaol, now a tourist attraction documenting its 150-year history, and a tour of the city's powerful political and historical street-art murals, some framed by the towering, landmark gantry cranes of the Harland and Wolff shipyard, known as Samson and Goliath.

The city offers excellent shopping, and there are fantastic wining and dining options, especially in Belfast's city-centre Cathedral Quarter, which is eminently walkable as is the adjacent Linen Quarter, regarded as one of its most exciting up and coming areas. From bistros and gourmet coffee bars to gastro pubs, Belfast has it all.

Besides being perfect for a golfing city break, Belfast can also be a base for playing golf in other parts of Northern Ireland. Royal County Down is less than an hour away and 2019 Open Championship host Royal Portrush is barely more than an hour's drive, with other courses also within easy reach.

One thing's for sure: a golfing visit to Northern Ireland will leave titanic



A-Z GOLF COURSES IN

| Λ | n | t | r | ı | m |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|---|
| $\overline{}$ | 11 | L | | ı | |
| | | | | | |

2. Ardglass

3 Ardminnan

4. Ashfield

5. Aughnacloy 6. Ballycastle

7. Ballyclare

8. Ballymena

9. Balmoral

10. Banbridge

11. Bangor

12. Belvoir Park 13. Blackwood

14. Bright Castle

15. Brown Trout

16. Bushfoot

17 Cairndhu

18 Carnalea

19. Carrickfergus

20. Castle Hume

21. Castlereagh Hills 22. Castlerock

23. City of Belfast

24. City of Derry

25. Clandeboye 26. Clogher Valley

27 Cloverhill

28 Co Armagh 29. Crossgar

30. Cushendall 31. Donaghadee

32. Down Royal 33. Downpatrick

34. Dungannon 35. Dunmurry

36. Edenmore 37. Enniskillen

38. Faughan Valley 39 Fintona

41. Foyle

43. Gracehill

44. Greenacres

48 Holywood

52. Kirkistown Castle

54. Lambeg 55. Larne

60 Mahee Island 40 Fortwilliam

42. Galgorm Castle

45. Greenisland

46. Helen's Bay

47 Hilton Templepatrick

49. Kilkeel

50. Killymoon

51 Kilrea

53. Knock 56. Lisburn

57. Lough Erne 58. Loughgall 59. Lurgan

61. Malone 62. Manor

63. Massereene 64. Mayobridge 65. Mount Ober

79. Shandon Park 80. Silverwood 81. Spa 82. Strabane 83. Tandragee 84. Temple 85. Traad Ponds 86. Warrenpoint

87. Whitehead

66. Moyola Park

68. Omagh

69. Ormeau

70 Portadown

71 Portstewart

72. Rathmore

73. Rockmount

75. Royal Belfast

76. Royal Co Down

77. Royal Portrush

74. Roe Park

78. Scrabo

67. Newtownstewart

More information on North courses at www.ireland.com/golf

Golf Ireland





Titanic Belfast is the world's biggest Titanic exhibition remembering the former Harland & Wolff shipyard in Belfast's Titanic Quarter. Explore the ship that the award-winning 1997 film is based upon.





CO. ANTRIM

interlocking basalt columns was built by an Irish giant Fionn Mac Cumhaill. The result of an ancient popular tourist attractions. So popular Lonely Planet has named Belfast and the Causeway Coast 2018's number one region to visit.

www.giantscausewayofficialguide.com



Unlimited Golf Package $^{\mathsf{from}} \mathfrak{E} 67_{\mathsf{pps}}$



118 Luxury Guest Rooms | 2 Restaurants | 18 Hole Golf Course | 12 Treatment Area Spa Indoor Golf Academy | Resident PGA Professionals | 18 Bay Floodlit Driving Range State-of-the-Art Health Club | Meeting & Event Facilities



25mins, 16miles

35mins, 20miles

60mins, 40miles

+44 (0) 28 7772 2222 | www.RoeParkResort.com

GAME OF THRONES TOUR

BELFAST

Just 40 minutes from Belfast, visit 20 key filming locations of the world-acclaimed TV show, including Winterfell Castle, Robb's Camp and more. You will trek deep into old growth forests, along wild sea cliffs, across rocky beaches into caves and medieval ruins only 40 minutes from Belfast. www.gameofthronestours.com

CARRICK-A-REDE ROPE BRIDGE



CO. ANTRIM

Connected to the cliffs by a rope bridge suspended 100ft (30m) above the Atlantic Ocean, Carricka-Rede Island (home to a single building – a fisherman's cottage) is the final destination. The spinetingling views at Carrick-a-Rede must be experienced. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ carrick-a-rede

THE MARBLE ARCH CAVES

CO. FERMANAGH

This Global Geopark features a series of natural limestone caves located in County Fermanagh. Journey underground and prepare to be awe inspired. Visitors are guided through a fascinating natural underworld of rivers, waterfalls, winding passages and lofty chambers.

www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com





CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL

BELFAST

The Crumlin Road Gaol

dates back to 1845 and closed it's doors as a working prison in 1996. The gaol has re opened as a visitor attraction and today you can take a guided tour of the prison. www.crumlinroadgaol.com

OLD BUSHMILLS DISTILLERY

CO. ANTRIM

One of the most popular spots along the Antrim Coast is the small village of Bushmills, site of the world's oldest (legal) distillery. The whiskey is made with Irish barley and water from St Columb's Rill, a tributary of the River Bush,

and matured in oak barrels. Following the distillery tour you get the chance to taste what the fuss is all about.



BLACK TAXI TOUR

BELFAST

West Belfast, the neighbourhood that for three decades was at the heart of the conflict known as 'the Troubles,' is now perfectly safe to visit, and the best way to do so is on a black taxi tour. The cabs visit the more spectacular murals as well as the Peace Line (where you can write a message on the wall) and other significant sites.

www.belfasttours.com



For fabulous Stay & Play offers visit:























Belvoir Park Golf Club Church Road, Newtownbreda, Belfasi

44 (0)28 90491693 Email info@belvoirparkgolfclub.com www.belvoirparkgolfclub.com Course Parkland

Length 6,685 yards 71

Founded in 1927, this secluded and undulating championship course. which meanders through 136 acres of mature woodland, was designed by the famous course architect HS Colt. With stunning views from a spectacular clubhouse, this is one of Ireland's best golfing secrets. Many famous golfers have rated Belvoir Park as one of the best inland courses in Ireland, if not the British Isles. Green fees from £75-£85.





Gairndhu Golf Club 192 Coast Road, Larne, BT40 2QG, UK

Tel 44 (0)28 2858 3324 Email cairndhugc@btconnect.com www.cairndhugolfclub.co.uk Course Parkland

Length 6,136 yards

69

Superb parkland course designed by J.F.S. Morrison, partner in the firm of Colt. Allison and Morrison, and chosen for its unique site in over 200 acres of mature woodlands and rolling hills. Arguably Ireland's most scenic course, with unsurpassed views of the Scottish coast and islands, and headlands leading to the renowned Glens of Antrim.





Castlerock Golf Club 65 Circular Rd, Coleraine, Co Derry

info@castlerockgc.co.uk www.castlerockgc.co.uk

Course Links

Length 6,805 yards Mussenden / 4,892 yards Bann

73 Mussenden / 68 Bann

Classic links course set on the North Coast of Ireland. The Mussenden Course is an 18 hole championship course designed by legendary club maker Ben Sayers and Harry Colt which is a real test of golf! The Bann Course, situated on the banks of the river Bann and is a great 9 hole course designed by American Professional Harvey Penick.







Kirkistown Castle Golf Club 142 Main Road, Cloughey Newtownards, Co Down, 8122 LIA

office@kirkistowncastlegolfclub.com www.kirkistowncastlegolfclub.com Course Links

Length 6,167 yards

69

Kirkistown Castle is the only "links" golf course in Ireland designed by the legendary James Braid. It has a tremendous variety of holes with some elevated greens and tees making perfect use of two hillocks at either end of the course. Visitors are assured of a very warm welcome. a challenging but very enjoyable golfing experience and unsurpassable value for money for a true links golf experience. Green fees: From £35.





Malone Golf Club Upper Malone Road, Dunimurry, Belfast, Co Antrim

44 (0)28 9061 2758 Email manager@malonegolfclub.co.uk www.malonegolfclub.co.uk

Length 6,689 yards 71

from £20-£85

Malone is a fine championship course situated on 330 acres of wooded parkland. Its 27 holes of secluded parkland countryside is just five miles from Belfast City centre. The centre piece of the course is the beautiful natural trout lake which extends across some 27 acres. The course is a real challenge

PXBJE

for all levels of golfer Green fees:

irish golf breaks.com



Superb greens, stunning views, and exquisite dining. Holidays for golfers by golfers since 1987.

Contact our travel experts to plan your next golf trip. Call Jonathan on +44 (0)28 9751 1232 or email jonathan@bryansomers.co.uk

1 Part of the The Bryan Somers Group. www.bryansomers.co.uk











CASTLEROCK GOLF CLUB

Castlerock Golf Club is a classic links course set amid the towering dunes on the North Coast of Ireland. Situated on the causeway coast it not only boasts some stunning views down the coastline but proves a great test of traditional links golf. The club formed in 1901 boasts two golf courses onsite, firstly The Mussenden Course which is an 18 hole championship course and rated in the top five courses in Ireland. The course designed by legendary club maker Ben Sayers and Harry Colt is a great test of golf to golfers of any level. To the testament of the course it has held many National Championships both Amateur and Professional.

The Bann Course is situated on the banks of the river Bann and is a testing 9 hole course. Don't let the fact that there is only 9 holes fool you, it is every bit of a test as its partner With 3 restaurants an extensive wine list there is certainly no better destination to relax and enjoy some of the finest Irish Hospitality.

TEL: - 028 7084 8314 WEB: - WWW.CASTLEROCKGC.CO.UK

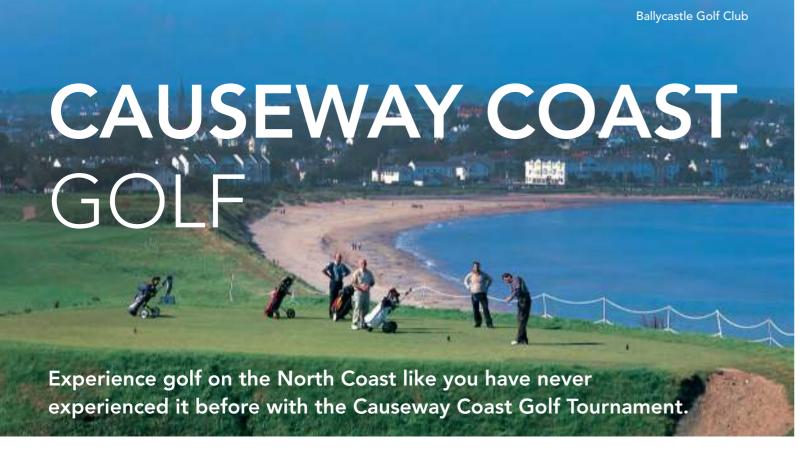


Breaking 80 for the first time, your hole-in-one, or the competition winner... when the card really matters it deserves to be seen.



Specialists in hand-crafted Irish hardwood frames

Call +353 (0)404 43808 sales@perfectionframing.ie www.perfectionframing.ie



A golfing summer extravaganza, the five-day Causeway Coast Golf Tournament takes place over four wonderful courses on the glorious Causeway Coast, surrounding the World Heritage Site of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.

The largest amateur tournament in Europe, it has been running successfully ever since 1967. A highlight of the golfing calendar, it has attracted upwards of 700 golfers annually from all over the world. The competition is popular, not only with Irish golfers, but players from mainland UK, Canada, USA, Scandinavia and continental Europe.

Taking place in the middle of the summer, from 4-8 June 2018, golfer will take on four links classics in Castlerock Golf Club (Mussenden Links), Royal Portrush Golf Club (Valley Links), Ballyliffin Golf Club (Old Course) and Ballycastle Golf Club (The Warren Links).

It comes at a special time for the North Coast of Ireland, with the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open taking place at Ballyliffin this year, with our national Open at Portstewart last year. Then, of course, the world will be watching in 2019, when Royal Portrush hosts the Open Championship, the first major championship to hit these shores in almost 70 years.

Maybe you might slip in a round at the famous Dunluce Links, but the tournament will be played at Royal Portrush's fine Valley Links. Featured on the same beautiful setting of the Causeway Coast, between the huge sand hills immediately

along the Atlantic shore, it is where 2010 US Open champion Graeme McDowell learned the game.

The Old Course at Ballyliffin has had the input of one of golf's greatest champions, Nick Faldo, all over it on this stunning 36-hole facility in Donegal. The Old Links undulates in the glory of its natural terrain, presenting a golf course that is considered among the top 20 best courses in Ireland, according to Golf Digest.

The Warren Links at Ballycastle is situated in an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' on the North Antrim coast, and offers a part links, part parkland course. It is a spectacular stretch of coastline, with panoramic views of the like Mull of Kintyre, Rathlin Island and Ballycastle Bay, which mixes flat, low-lying holes with

seaside classics.

The Mussenden Links at Castlerock Golf Club is set among rolling sand dunes, where its scenic qualities embrace the River Bann flowing out to the Atlantic. Another top-class links that has been played by the best, there are eye-catching views of Donegal and the Isle of Islay towards Scotland.

The quality of the courses speak for themselves, but it also offers another chance to visit the Causeway Coastal Route. Walking tours provide the opportunity to see the Causeway Coast on foot, while Coasteering with Aquaholics allow you to catch the sights of the coast – Dunluce Castle, Portrush beaches and more – in a high speed boat.

With the Causeway Coast Foodie
Tours, you can take the Catch and Sea

It comes at a special time for the North Coast of Ireland, with the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open taking place at Ballyliffin this year, with our national Open at Portstewart last year.

Tour where you can even get to catch your own breakfast in the crystal clear waters of the Causeway Coast before you head out to the links.

And if you're feeling mythical, the ruined medieval castle of Dunluce Castle is only a five-minute drive away. This castle is surrounded by extremely steep drops on either side, and is famous for appearing as the House of Greyjoy in Game of Thrones.

Northern Ireland's most famous natural attraction, Giant's Causeway, an ancient volcanic eruption, the area of around 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, is not to be missed.

Less than a 10-minute drive away from Giant's Causeway is the Bushmills Distillery, the oldest in Ireland, which produces the smooth-tasting whiskey known all over the world.

More than anything, you will discover the friendliness and camaraderie that comes with playing in the tournament. It is no coincidence that many of the golfers are repeat business, they come back every year to play these great courses and reminisce with friends in this picturesque part of the island.

The Old Course, Ballyliffin

A T-bone steak at the Harbour Bar in Portrush each night was believed to have been the secret behind Jon Rahm's Dubai Duty Free Irish Open triumph last year, and there are many fantastic bar and restaurant options along the North Coast, including Ramore Restaurant, The Anchor Bar and Ocho Tapas Bistro.

One of Ireland's best known luxurious hotels, the four-star Bushmills Inn is situated in an enviable location, only a

stone's throw from Royal Portrush, the Distillery and the Causeway.

Entrance fees are only £80 for host club members, £170 for GUI residents and £230 for overseas visitors, including green fees. The competition runs over five days, with one rest day, and complimentary practice rounds may also be available at the discretion of the clubs. There are opening and closing ceremonies, with drinks receptions and prizegiving. For more information, check out www.causewaycoastgolf.com







Antrim

45 Castle Road, Antrim, Co Antrim www.antrimgolfclub.com antrimgolfclub1@btinternet.com 00 44 (0) 28 9442 9001

Ardglass

4 Castle Place, Ardglass, Co Down www.ardglassgolfclub.com info@ardglassgolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 4484 1219

Ardminnan

15a Ardminnan Road, Portaferry, Co Down www.ardminnan.com 00 44 (0) 28 4277 1321

Ashfield

Cullyhanna, Co Armagh www.ashfieldgolfcourse.com secretary@ashfieldgolfcourse.com 00 44 (0) 28 3086 8180

Aughnacloy

99A Tullyvar Road, Aughnacloy, Co Tvrone 00 44 (0) 28 8555 7050

Ballycastle

Ballycastle, Co Antrim www.ballycastlegolfclub.com info@ballvcastlegolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 2076 2536

Ballyclare

25 Springvale Road, Ballyclare, Co Antrim www.ballyclaregolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 9332 2696

Ballymena

128 Raceview Road, Broughshane Ballymena, Co Antrim www.ballymenagolfclub.com admin@ballvmenagolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 2586 1487

Balmoral

518 Lisburn Road, Belfast, Co Antrim www.balmoralgolf.com 00 44 (0) 28 9038 1514

Banbridge

116 Huntly Road, Banbridge, Co Down www.banbridgegolfclub.com info@banbridgegolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 4066 2211

Bangor

Broadway, Bangor, Co Down www.bangorgolfclubni.co.uk office@bangorgolfclubni.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 9127 0922

Belvoir Park

73-75 Church Road, Newtownbreda. Belfast, Co Antrim www.belvoirparkgolfclub.com info@belvoirparkgolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 9049 1693

Blackwood

150 Crawfordsburn Road, Bangor, Co Down www.blackwoodgolfcentre.com info@blackwoodgolfcentre.com 00 44 (0) 28 9185 2706

Bright Castle

14 Coniamstown Road, Bright, Downpatrick, Co Down www.brightcastlegolfclub.co.uk gordenennis7@aol.com 00 44 (0) 28 448 41319

Brown Trout

209 Agivey Road, Co Derry www.browntroutinn.com 00 44 (0) 28 7086 8209

Bushfoot

www.bushfootgolfclub.co.uk admin@bushfootgolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 2073 1317

Co Antrim www.cairndhugolfclub.co.uk info@cairndhugolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 2858 3324

Carnalea

Station Road, Bangor, Co Down www.carnaleagolfclub.com info@carnaleagolfclub.con 00 44 (0) 28 9127 0368

Carrickfergus

Belleek Road, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh www.castlehumegolf.com info@castlehumegolf.com

Castlereagh Hills

Upper Braniel Road, Castlereagh, Belfast, www.castlereaghhills.com 00 44 (0) 28 9044 8477

Co Derry www.castlerockgc.co.uk info@castlerockgc.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 7084 8314

610 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, Antrim www.citvofbelfastgolfclub.com enquiries@cityofbelfastgolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 908 43799

City of Derry

49 Victoria Road, Prehen, Co Derry www.cityofderrygolfclub.com info@citvofderrygolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 7134 6369

Tower Road, Conlig. Newtownards. Co Down www.cgc-ni.com office@cgc-ni.com 00 44 (0) 28 9127 1767

Clogher Valley

Co Tyrone www.cloghervalleygc.co.uk info@cloghervalleygc.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 8952 1739

Cloverhill

Lough Road, Mullaghbawn, Co Armagh www.cloverhillgolfclub.co.uk info@cloverhillgolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 3088 9374

Co Armagh

7 Newry Road, Armagh,Co Armagh www.golfarmagh.co.uk lvnne@golfarmagh.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 3752 5861

Crossgar

231 DerryBoy Road, Crossgar Downpatrick, Co Down w.crossgargolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 4483 1523

50 Bushfoot Road, Portballintrae,

Cairndhu

192 Coast Road, Ballygally, Larne,

35 North Road, Carrickfergus Co Antrim www.carrickfergusgolfclub.co.uk carrickfergusgc@btconnect.com 00 44 (0) 28 9336 3713

Castle Hume

00 44 (0) 28 6632 7077

Castlerock

65 Circular Road, Castlerock, Coleraine,

City of Belfast

Clandeboye

476a Belfast Road, Fivemiletown

Edenmore

70 Drumnabreeze Road, Co Down www.edenmore.com 00 44 (0) 28 9261 9241

21 Shore Rd, Cushendall,Co Antrim www.cushendallgolfclub.com cushendallac@htconnect.com 00 44 (0) 28 2177 1318

Donaghadee

84 Warren Road, Donaghadee, Co Down www.donaghadeegolfclub.com

Down Roval

Dunygarton Road, Maze, Lisburn, Co Antrim www.downroyalgolf.com 00 44 (0) 28 9262 1339

43 Saul Road, Dowlanpatrick, Co Down downpatrickgolfclub.org.uk office@downpatrickgolfclub.org.uk 00 44 (0) 28 4461 5947

Dungannon

34 Springfield Lane, Dungannon, Co Tyrone www.dungannongolfclub.com dungannongolfclub2009@hotmail.co.uk

Dunmurry

91 Dunmurry Lane, Belfast, Co Antrim www.dunmurrygolfclub.co.uk info@dunmurrygolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 9061 0834

Enniskillen

www.enniskillengolfclub.com enniskillengolfclub@mail.com 00 44 (0) 28 6632 5250

Faughan Valley

8a Carmoney Rd, Co Derry faughanvallevgolfclub.co.uk info@faughanvallevgolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 7186 0707

1 Kiln Street, Fintona, Co Tyrone www.fintonagolfclub.com fintonagolfclub@btconnect.com 00 44 (0) 28 8284 1480

8a Downview Ave, Belfast, Co Antrim www.fortwilliamgc.co.uk office@fortwilliamgc.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 9037 0770

12 Alder Road, Derry, Co Derry www.foylegolfclub.co.uk fovle@golfnet.ie 00 44 (0) 28 7135 2222

Galgorm Castle

www.galgormcastle.com 00 44 (0) 28 2564 6161

Stranocum, Ballymoney, Co Antrim

www.gracehillgolfclub.co.uk

info@gracehillgolfclub.co.uk

00 44 (0) 28 2075 1209

Greenacres

Ballyrobert, Ballyclare, Co Antrim www.greenacres-golfclub.co.uk info@greenacresgolfcentre.co.uk

Greenisland

Greenisland, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim www.greenislandgolfclub.co.uk greenislandgolf@btconnect.com

Helen's Bay

Bangor, Co Down www.helensbaygc.com mail@helensbaygc.com

Hilton Templepatrick

Templepatrick Co Antrim hiltontemplepatrickgolf.com reservations.templepatrick@hilton.com 00 44 (0) 28 9443 5500

Holywood

76 Demesne Road, Holywood, Co Down www.holvwoodgolfclub.co.uk mail@holvwoodgolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 9042 3135

Mourne Park, Ballvardle, Kilkeel, Co Down www.kilkeelgolfclub.org info@kilkeelgolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 4176 5095

Killymoon

200 Killymoon Road, Co Tyrone www.killymoongolfclub.com killymoongolf@btconnect.com 00 44 (0) 28 8676 3762

Kilrea

47a Lisnagrot Road, Kilrea, Co Derry www.kilreagolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 2954 0044

Kirkistown Castle

142 Main Road, Cloughey, Co Down www.linksgolfkirkistown.com 00 44 (0) 28 4277 1233

Knock

Summerfield, Dundonald, Co Antrim www.knockgolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 904 83251

www.lambeggolfclub.co.uk lambeggolfclub@btconnect.com 00 44 (0) 28 9266 2738

Larne Islandmagee, Co Antrim

www.larnegolfclub.co.uk info@larnegolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 9338 2228 Lisburn

info@lisburngolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 9267 7216

www.lisburngolfclub.com

Co Antrim

Lough Erne Belleek Road, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh www.lougherneresort.com 00 44 (0) 28 6632 3230

Blaris Lodge, 68 Eglantine Road, Lisburn,

Loughgall

11-14 Main Street, Loughgall, Co Armagh www.loughgallgolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 3889 2900

Lurgan

Demesne, Lurgan, Co Armagh www.lurgangolfclub.com lurgangolfclub@btconnect.com 00 44 (0) 28 3832 2087

Mahee Island

14 Mahee Island, Comber, Co Down www.maheegolf.com info@maheegolf.com 00 44 (0) 28 9754 1234

Malone

240 Upper Malone Road, Dunmurry, Belfast, Co Antrim www.malonegolfclub.co.uk manager@malonegolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 9061 2758

69 Bridge Street, Kilrea, Co Derry 00 44 (0) 28 2954 0205

Massereene

00 44 (0) 28 9442 8096 Mavobridge

www.mayobridgegolf.com

51 Lough Road, Co Antrim

00 44 (0) 28 3085 0295

Co Down

Mount Ober 24 Ballymaconaghy Road, Knockbracken, Belfast, Co Antrim www.mountober.com 00 44 (0) 28 9079 5666

50a Crossan Road, Mayobridge, Newry,

Movola Park

15 Curran Road, Castledawson, Co Derry www.moyolapark.com 00 44 (0) 28 7946 8468

Newtownstewart

38 Golf Course Road, Newtownstewart Omagh, Co Tyrone newtownstewartgolfclub.com info@newtownstewartgolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 8166 1466

Omagh

83a Dublin Road, Omagh, Co Tyrone www.omaghgolf.co.uk admin@omaghgolf.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 8224 3160

Ormeau 50 Park Road, Belfast, Co Antrim

www.ormeaugolfclub.co.uk ormeau.golfclub@btconnect.com 00 44 (0) 28 9064 0700 Portadown 192 Gilford Road, Portadown, Co Armagh

www.portadowngolfclub.co.uk

info@portadowngolfclub.co.uk

00 44 (0) 28 3835 5356

Portstewart 117 Strand Road, Portstewart, Co Derry www.portstewartgc.co.uk ieanie@portstewartgc.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 7083 2015

Rathmore

Bushmills Road, Portrush, Co Antrim www.rathmoregolfclub.co.uk info@rathmoregolfclub.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 7082 2996

Rockmount

28 Drumalig Road, Carryduff, Belfast, www.rockmountgolfclub.com

00 44 (0) 28 9081 2279

Drumrane Road, Limavady, Co Derry www.roeparkresort.com reservations@roeparkresort.com 00 44 (0) 28 7772 2222

Royal Belfast

Station Roadm Craigavad, Co Down www.rovalbelfast.com admin@rovalbelfast.com 00 44 (0) 28 9042 8165

Golf Links Road, Newcastle, Co Down www.royalcountydown.org golf@royalcountydown.org 00 44 (0) 28 4372 3314

www.royalportrushgolfclub.com info@rovalportrushgolfclub.com 00 44 (0) 28 7082 2311

233 Scrabo Road, Newtownards.Co Down

00 44 (0) 28 9181 2355

www.scrabo-golf-club.org

00 44 (0) 28 9080 5034

Shandon Park www.shandonpark.net shandonpark@btconnect.com

Turmoyra Lane, Silverwood, Lurgan, Craigavon, Co Armagh www.silverwoodgolfclub.com admin@silverwoodgolfclub.com

20 Grove Road, Ballynahinch, Co Down www.spagolfclub.net

00 44 (0) 28 9756 2365 Strabane 33 Ballycolman Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone

00 44 (0) 28 7138 2271

Tandragee Markethill Road, Tandragee, Co Armagh www.tandragee.co.uk office@tandragee.co.uk

www.templegolf.com info@templegolf.com 00 44 (0) 28 9263 9213

122a Shore Road, Magherafelt, Co Derry

enndan.coleman@btinternet.com

Warrenpoint Warrenpoint, Co Down www.warrenpointgolf.com office@warrenpointgolf.com 00 44 (0) 28 4175 3695

Whitehead

The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide 167

www.whiteheadgolfclub.com info@whiteheadgolfclub.com

Cushendall

00 44 (0) 28 9188 3624

Downpatrick

00 44 (0) 28 8772 2098

Castlecoole Road, Enniskillen,

Fintona

Fortwilliam

200 Galgorm Road, Ballymena, Co Antrim Gracehill

00 44 (0) 28 9335 4111

00 44 (0) 28 9086 2236

00 44 (0) 28 9185 2815

Kilkeel

Lambeg Bell's Lane, Lambeg, Lisburn, Co Antrim

Roe Park

Royal Co Down

Royal Portrush Dunluce Road, Portrush, Co Antrim

Scrabo

73 Shandon Park, Belfast, Co Antrim

Silverwood

00 44 (0) 28 3832 5380

info@spagolfclub.net

www.strabanegolfclub.co.uk

info@strabanegolfclub.co.uk

00 44 (0) 28 3884 1272 Temple 60 Church Road, Boardmills, Lisburn, Co Antrim

00 44 (0) 28 7941 8942

www.traadponds.com

Traad Ponds

McCrae's Brae, Whitehead, Co Antrim 00 44 (0) 28 9337 0820

166 The 2018 Official Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide





Discover the stories that shaped Dublin!



St. Patricks Wall St. Patricks

Connecting people,



DOWNLOAD THE FREE
DUBLIN DISCOVERY TRAILS
APP FROM VISITDUBLIN.COM







