

Embrace your Giant Spirit and create your own Northern Irish Adventure



“Embrace a Giant Spirit”
is coming to life through a
collection of new and unique
experiences. We hope that you
will be surprised and awakened
by our giant experiences
of culture, landscapes, our
legends, our cities, our coast
and our food.



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Welcome to Northern Ireland

For a country just 14,000km² in size (approx 174 mile wide x 302 miles long), Northern Ireland is PACKED with things to see and do. We have loved putting together this brochure and have chosen a selection of Northern Ireland locations and activities we feel that you, our visitors would like to explore during your time here. It includes a mixture of old favourites and some brand-new authentic experiences showcasing Northern Ireland's history, culture and people and we hope that they will leave you with some unforgettable memories of your time here.

We hope that you Embrace your Giant Spirit and immerse yourself fully into some of these experiences, learn about the history and the people behind the stories that you connect with on your journey.

Interesting facts

- Population: 1.88 million (2018) In the island of Ireland, pre-famine, the Irish population was 8 million. Still to this day, the community has not recovered, and the population still lies under 7 million.
- Three American presidents (Jackson, Buchanan, and Arthur) were first-generation Americans whose fathers were born in Ulster. Seven more U.S. presidents have close roots to the country
- Northern Ireland's longest river is the River Bann at 129 kilometres (80 miles)
- Slieve Donard is the highest mountain in Northern Ireland
- Game of Thrones was filmed mostly in Northern Ireland
- Belfast's famous Samson and Goliath cranes are the biggest free-standing cranes in the world
- Killyleagh Castle in County Down is the oldest continually occupied castle in Ireland
- **Capital:** Belfast. **Nationality:** British, Irish or both. **Currency:** Pound sterling (GBP).

How to create your very own Northern Irish Adventure

It could not be simpler, just follow the steps below:

- 1 **Choose your destination**
Select the destination where you and your group would like to be based, for the duration of your stay.
- 2 **Choose your preferred accommodation**
Choose from the hotels listed where you and your group would like to stay.
- 3 **Choose the Attractions / Experiences**
Select which attraction and/or experiences you would like to visit during your trip
- 4 **Enquiry Form**
Please fill in the enquiry form with all relevant information required and forward to our office. A member of our team will be in contact to discuss.

Questions:

Can we pick more than one destination?

Yes, of course. We will endeavour to secure your preferred accommodation choice.

Do we have to do attractions from all the one area?

No, you can mix and match from other areas, we will just have to allow extra time in your day to facilitate this, so planning will be key.

Is everything included in the tour?

Generally, all accommodation and attractions are included in the price of your tour package unless stated. This usually includes breakfast and dinner at your hotel (in some cases, it may include morning tea and scones or a lunch) This will be outlined in your itinerary.

Do you need certain numbers to qualify as a group?

Technically yes, for attractions over 15 and hotels over 20/25 to avail of the group prices.

However, we can price and accommodate groups of any size.

What is there to choose from?

We have listed a variety of the most popular visitor attractions and experiences that we think tourists will enjoy during their time here.

E What is an Experience?

Some of the things listed are known as "Experiences". These things have been developed especially for visitors, put a comma here after visitors so that when they come to N Ireland, they get a high-quality experience that is recognisable as distinctively Northern Irish. These have been especially designed under the new brand "Embrace a Giant Spirit" which is a coming to life through a collection of new and unique experiences offering culture, landscapes, our legends, our cities, our coast, our food and of course our people.

What is a Tourist attraction

A tourist attraction is a place of interest where tourists visit, typically for its natural or cultural value, historical significance, natural or built beauty, offering leisure and amusement.

What is a Combi-Tour

A combination of attractions all put together for you to enjoy as part of your itinerary.



Northern Ireland's smallest county, Armagh knows how to punch above its weight. Its big open-hearted nature means within minutes of arriving, you will be made to feel like one of their own. From meeting the wildlife at Lough Neagh, exploring an ancient pagan ceremonial site, or tasting the cider that inspires the Orchard County's name. A place full of history and heritage.

Armagh City Hotel

www.armaghcityhotel.com

A fantastic centrally based hotel offering 93 bedrooms. The hotel can offer group dining in the Friary Restaurant with a 3-course choice menu, or private dining with a set/buffet menu if preferred.

During their stay, guests can avail of complimentary use of the health & fitness club (when Covid-19 government restrictions are lifted) and relax in the extensive Callan Bar and main lounge areas.

Seagoe Hotel

www.seagoe.com

This is a stylish and contemporary 4* hotel right in the heart of County Armagh in the bustling town of Portadown. Only 30 minutes from Belfast, it is conveniently located just off the M1 motorway. Portadown train station is just a few minutes away, and both International and City airports are within easy reach.

E Apple Orchard

Enjoy a guided tour of a County Armagh Apple Orchard and Cidery. Meet the owner and enjoy fascinating stories of why they are involved in the apple industry. Did you know the Armagh Bramley Apple has Protected Geographical Indication? It is as important as the Champagne Grape or indeed Italian Parma Ham! Learn of the skills required to grow apples and discover why Armagh is known as the orchard county of Ireland. In the Cidery, see how the apples are processed, blended and matured to make award winning apple juices and ciders. Savour the taste of the orchards as you enjoy a cider and juice tasting with the orchard owner.

Various tour options are available including:

- (a) A tour and tasting
- (b) Tour, Tasting and Lunch
- (c) Tour, Tasting with Tea / Coffee, Apple Tart and Cream

E Guided tour of the Navan Centre and Fort

Considered as one of the prime archaeological sites in Ireland, the legendary Emain Macha is home to the warrior hero Cuchulainn and the Red Branch Knights. Combining myths, legends and reality, there is something for everyone at the Navan Centre and Fort. Visit the first capital

of Ulster, a step back in time to the Celtic period. Meet with characters in an Iron Age Dwelling and try your hand at living life as a Celt.

Enhanced Experience

Become totally immersed in life as an Iron Age Celt! Be welcomed into the clan with a cleansing ceremony and traditional purification involving smoke and fire. Witness and get involved in traditional cooking of homemade herb bread and mead, using locally foraged foods—a truly authentic experience! Enjoy storytelling by the fire, including the tales of Ulster's greatest heroes and warriors! Discover the Iron Age village area, decorated as in times of celebration! Connect with the land and energy through Celtic Mindfulness. A fully guided tour to the ancient site of Navan Fort with an expert guide.

Iron Age Dwelling and Navan Fort

Visit the Iron Age dwelling, where you will meet members of an ancient Celtic tribe going about their daily lives. During your visit, you may find our Celts cooking a Celtic meal, weaving, or even preparing for battle! After bidding the tribe farewell, your tour will take you to the Navan Fort. Dating back to 95BC, there is a lot of history to explore! Our experienced guides will explain how and why it is believed the impressive ritual temple at Emain Macha was built, as well as how this site may have been what attracted Saint Patrick to the area.



Morning on The Hill (Combi-Tour)

St Patricks Cathedral

The story of Armagh Cathedral begins in the year 445 when, according to tradition, St Patrick built a church on the hill from which the city derives its name, Ard Mhacha – The Height of Macha. The plan of the Cathedral, as it now stands, is the design of Archbishop O'Scanlon in 1268. The tour is led by the Cathedral Steward, includes the history, monuments and features of the Cathedral, and ends in the crypt.

Robinson Library

Archbishop Richard Robinson founded this Library in the heart of the City of Armagh in 1771. He wanted to share his own collection of books and fine art with the general public.

Collections include around 46,000 printed works. The subjects include medicine, science, history, law, politics, theology and travel. The collections also hold ancient and medieval coins, commemorative medals and sulphur gems, prints, map and atlases, and manuscripts.

Many of the Library's treasures are on display, such as Medieval manuscripts, incunabula (books printed before 1501), Archbishop Beresford's archaeological collection, and Jonathan Swift's own copy of Gulliver's Travels with notes in Swift's own handwriting.



No 5 Vicars

No 5 was built in 1772 as the Diocesan Registry by Archbishop Richard Robinson as part of his plans for the improvement of the City of Armagh.

The building used to hold records for the Church of Ireland and Armagh Diocese: the octagonal rooms contained many public and Church records.

Rare survivals of eighteenth-century fine art include James Tassie's 'gems' from the 1770's. Collectors of his 'gems' included Russia's Catherine the Great, while Louis XIV of France commissioned medals to commemorate his reign.

Brownlow House

The stunning Brownlow House, also known as Brownlow or Lurgan Castle dates from 1833. It was built for Irish politician Charles Brownlow. The Brownlow's first came to Lurgan in 1608 under the Plantation of Ulster, having been given 5000 acres of land in the Barony of O'Neil land.

During WWII it acted as a base for the American troops. Eisenhower visited and put the finishing touches to the plans for the D-Day landings during his stay.

Brownlow is also the largest Orange Hall in the World and its museum is packed with items relating to its Orange roots and to the history of Lurgan generally.

E The Music of Makem

Tommy Makem has appeared on stages all over the world, better known as part of "The Clancy Brothers" his rich musical tradition and haunting ballads have made him a world class performer.

This tour will give you an insight into Tommy Makem who left the small town of Keady in Co Armagh to travel to the shores of America.

Enjoy an insight into Keady's rich musical heritage, discover the historical trail of the song tradition and realise where the songs have travelled to. Visit the exhibition for an entertaining history of the Makem family. Enjoy a traditional music session in the company of the music makers, songsmiths and versifiers in one of our local hostleries, accompanied by a light lunch.

St Patrick

If you are looking to get under the skin of St Patrick, Armagh is the best place to start. When he visited this city, St Patrick called it his "sweet hill", and founded his first large stone church in 445AD. The ecclesiastical capital of Ireland, there are two Cathedrals bearing his name – the Church of Ireland cathedral on Sally Hill, and on the opposite hill the twin-spired Catholic St Patrick's Cathedral.

Enjoy a guided tour of Saint Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, where Saint Patrick founded his first 'great stone' church in 445ad. This is the most important Christian site in Ireland and the burial site of the great Irish High King Brian Ború in 1014. Among other highlights, the tour includes a visit to the 13th century Cathedral crypt.

This is then followed by a guided tour of the iconic Saint Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, with its distinctive twin Gothic spires framing the Armagh City Skyline. The first stone of this Cathedral was laid on Saint Patricks Day, 1840, but it took over 60 years to complete this exquisite cathedral.

E Armagh Traditional Sport

Armagh is home to the County Gaelic Athletic Association stadium also known as the Athletic Grounds. With a capacity of 18,667 this ground attracts 150,000 visitors to Gaelic football, hurling and camogie games annually.

Visitors are welcomed and brought to a presentation hall, where all types of memorabilia are on display. The group are given a tour of the media room and then invited into the changing rooms where they are given the Manager's pep talk before being taken through the players tunnel and out onto the pitch. After a "training" session on the games of football and hurling, the team then get a chance to put their newfound skills to the test – taking shots at goal and displaying their new skills. Team photos are taken, and silverware is used for photographic purposes.





Belfast is Northern Ireland’s capital. It was the birthplace of the RMS Titanic, which famously struck an iceberg and sunk in 1912. This legacy is recalled in the renovated dockyards’ Titanic Quarter, which includes the Titanic Belfast, an aluminium-clad museum reminiscent of a ship’s hull, as well as shipbuilder Harland and Wolff’s Drawing Offices and the Titanic Slipways.

Belfast’s quarters brim with a bevy of cultural attractions, revealing bright and troubled years of history amid a spectrum of art and architecture. Its vibrant music scene will also keep your feet tapping into the wee hours, be it at a modern venue or pub.

Europa Hotel

www.hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast

The world famous Europa Hotel in Belfast is located in the heart of Belfast City Centre and offers a choice of 272 hotel rooms including 92 Executive Bedrooms and Suites.

Due to its prime location, the Europa Hotel is a short distance from many of Belfast’s top visitor attractions including the Ulster Museum, Grand Opera House, City Hall, Titanic Belfast, The Crown Bar and Fibber Mc Gees.

Balmoral Hotel

www.balmoralhotelbelfast.co.uk

Situated ten minutes from Belfast City centre with convenient access to the motorway (allowing you to explore the region’s most famous attractions) the Balmoral hotel offers 42 stunning rooms to ensure you relax during your stay.

Enjoy casual dining in their Lady Anne restaurant, a steak with the unique dining experience in the renowned Stix and Stones or relax with a drink in the cocktail lounge or Greenan bar.

E Titanic Belfast

Titanic Belfast, named the World’s Leading Tourist Attraction at the prestigious World Travel Awards in 2016, is located beside the Titanic Slipways, the Harland and Wolff Drawing Offices and Hamilton Graving Dock, the very place where Titanic was designed, built and launched in 1912.

Titanic Belfast tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to its maiden voyage and subsequent place in history.

The self-guided Titanic Experience extends over nine interpretive and interactive galleries, which explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of RMS Titanic, as well as the city and people who made her.

City Tour of Belfast

Belfast (from the Irish: Béal Feirste meaning “Mouth of the (River) Farset”) is the capital city of Northern Ireland and the seat of devolved government and legislative assembly in Northern Ireland. It is the largest urban area in the Province of Ulster, and the second largest city on the island of Ireland. The City of Belfast has a population of 267,500. Historically, Belfast has been a centre for the Irish linen industry, tobacco production, rope-making and shipbuilding: the city’s main shipbuilders, Harland and Wolff, which built the ill-fated RMS Titanic, propelled Belfast on to the global stage in the early 20th century as the largest and most productive shipyard in the world. Belfast played a key role in the Industrial Revolution, establishing its place as a global industrial centre until the latter half of the 20th century. The City tour includes both sides of the divide; see the murals in the Falls and the Shankill. Visit the Titanic Quarter, home of the most famous of all cruise liners. Then over to Stormont, it is not always possible to gain entry, but we are working on getting access for a tour at present, if not we will still stop for photos.

City Hall

In 1888 Queen Victoria granted Belfast the status of the city and it was agreed that a grand and magnificent building was required to reflect this new status. City Hall opened its doors on the first of August 1906, at a time of unprecedented prosperity and industrial might for the city.

The new City Hall was designed by Alfred Brumwell Thomas in the Baroque Revival style and constructed in Portland stone. The incredible building cost £369,000 to complete, the equivalent around 128 million pounds today but remains an extraordinary beacon of success and civic pride for Belfast.

City Hall has many connections with the famous ocean liner Titanic. Viscount William Pirrie who was Lord Mayor in 1896-1897 just before City Hall’s construction, was also managing director of Harland and Wolff Shipyard. He is the man credited as having the idea for both ambitious builds. He used many of his skilled workmen in the fit-out of City Hall which is why the interiors today are considered an incredible insight into the finish of Titanic’s lounges and suites, the ship’s carving panelling being very similar.

St Georges Market

St George’s Market is one of Belfast’s oldest attractions, built between 1890 and 1896 and one of the best markets in the UK and Ireland. There has been a Friday market on the St George’s site since 1604. The present award-winning St George’s Market, built between 1890 and 1896, is one of Belfast’s oldest attractions.

As well as being home to some of the finest fresh produce, with customers travelling near and far to sample the delights of Friday, Saturday and Sunday markets, it has become one of the city’s most popular places to visit.



The Ulster Museum

Come face to face with dinosaurs, meet an ancient Egyptian mummy and see modern masterpieces with a visit to the Ulster Museum. As Northern Ireland's treasure house of the past and the present, the Ulster Museum is home to a rich collection of art, history and natural sciences and is free to all visitors. Delve into the history of the people of the north of Ireland from earliest times to the present day, get face to face with dinosaurs and up close to the famous ancient Egyptian mummy, Takabuti and learn about how she came to arrive in Belfast in 1834.

Belfast Castle

Belfast Castle is set on the slopes of the Belfast Hills, Northern Ireland in a prominent position 400 feet above sea level. Its location provides unobstructed views of the city of Belfast and Belfast Lough.

In 1862, the third Marquess of Donegall, a descendant of the Chichester family, decided

to build a new castle within his deer park, situated on the side of Cave Hill in what is now north Belfast. Designs for the new building were completed by architect John Lanyon and reflected the popular Scottish baronial style.

Northern Ireland War Memorial

Situated in the heart of the Cathedral Quarter beside Belfast Cathedral, the Northern Ireland War Memorial is an accredited museum which is a 'must see' for anybody with an interest in Northern Ireland's role in the Second World War. The museum tells the story of the Belfast Blitz in 1941, the Ulster Home Guard, the role played by women in the war and the presence of US Forces.

The fallen are remembered in a magnificent stained-glass window and a granite plinth containing Books of Remembrance for the First and Second World War. A memorial screen recalls the names of over 1000 people who lost their lives in the Belfast Blitz.

HMS Caroline

Step aboard HMS Caroline, a unique survivor of The Battle of Jutland in World War One. Based in Belfast's famous Titanic Quarter, HMS Caroline is a First World War-era ship now restored as a must-see floating museum with an amazing story to tell.

Be immersed in life aboard this unique vessel – lone survivor of the First World War's greatest naval engagement... the Battle of Jutland!

Enjoy the new quayside visitor centre and exhibition space dedicated to telling the personal stories of those who served on the 'Carry'. Then step aboard to see a powerful film on the drama of Jutland and experience impressively restored cabins and deck areas as well as an array of state-of-the-art interactive exhibits.



Belfast Zoo

Belfast Zoological Gardens is home to more than 140 species of animal, many of which are in danger in their natural habitat. As one of the oldest visitor attractions in Northern Ireland, many visitors have fond memories of visiting the gardens, which have been home to the animals since 1934. Belfast Zoo is now a leading and award-winning visitor attraction in Northern

Ireland, with more than 200,000 visitors each year. Popular attractions include the Asian elephants, Barbary lions, Rothschild's giraffes, California sea lions, penguins, apes, Malayan tapirs, giant anteater, Malayan sun bears, Visayan warty pigs, Goodfellow's tree kangaroo, red-backed bearded sakis, crowned sifaka, ring-tailed lemurs and reptiles.



➔ Causeway Coast and Glens



An area of outstanding beauty where the rugged coastline merges with a romantic landscape of deep silent glens and lush forest parks and boasts three areas of outstanding natural beauty.

Picturesque rural fishing villages, bustling seaside resorts, Golden Beaches and Irelands only UNESCO World Heritage site, The Giants Causeway.

Atlantic Hotel

www.portrushatlantic.com

Overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, Portrush Atlantic Hotel is a 5-minute drive from the famous Royal Portrush Golf Club. The hotel features a traditional restaurant, free WiFi throughout, and a 24-hour front desk. The bright and airy bedrooms each have a seating area and a private modern bathroom with a hairdryer. All rooms have a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. Portrush Atlantic Hotel is just a 5-minute walk from the seafront and Portrush Harbour. The Blue Flag Whiterocks Beach is a 10-minute stroll away.

Bushtown Hotel and Spa

www.bushtownhotel.com

In woodland on the southern edge of Coleraine, Bushtown Hotel and Spa offers free WiFi access throughout the property. Rooms and suites come with complimentary bottled water and tea/coffee making facilities. Guests can also enjoy a wellness area including a thermal pool, a hot tub and a steam room. A wide range of holistic and beauty treatments can also be booked.

An extensive grill menu is available at the Partner's Grill restaurant.

The hotel is a short distance away from the beautiful Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens.

Giant, Finn MacCool and search for the distinctive stone formations such as the Camel, Wishing Chair, Harp and Organ.

Dunluce Castle

The Limestone cliffs of the Whiterocks ends abruptly against a dark basalt outcrop which is majestically crowned by Dunluce Castle and joined to the mainland by an arched walkway. One of the most picturesque and romantic of Irish castles a defended site from at least 500AD. It is believed that the Castle was built by Richard de Burgh or one of his chief followers during the Anglo-Norman period in Ireland. A thriving merchant village once surrounded the castle but was destroyed by fire in 1641 when besieged by an Irish army. The coastal scenery adjacent to the causeway is some of the most beautiful and awe inspiring that you are likely to find anywhere in the world. The majestic cliffs and inaccessible bays combine with myth and legend. Isolated ruins, kelp walls and shoreline fields bear testament to the harder life of subsistence farming and fishing endured in the past generations.

Glenarm Castle

Glenarm Castle is home of Viscount and Viscountess Dunluce and their family. The Mc Donnell's have been in Glenarm for nearly 600 years and the Estate has been in the family for 400 years. Before taking up full time residence at Glenarm the family lived most notably at Dunluce Castle

There has been a castle at Glenarm since the days of John Bisset, who was expelled from Scotland in 1242. The old village courthouse still incorporates some of its walls, indeed an immured skeleton was discovered there in the 1970s.

The Walled Garden is one of Ireland's oldest walled gardens. Originally created to supply the Castle with its fruit and vegetables, The Walled Garden is now filled with exciting flowers and specimen plants to interest the keenest garden enthusiast.

The Giants Causeway

The Giants Causeway, an amazing array of basalt columns, estimated at around 40,000 formed over 60 million years ago by the cooling and shrinking of molten lava. The tallest column is the Organ 12m high. The Causeway's fame has been increased by the discovery – and recovery at Port na Spaniagh in 1967/68 of the most valuable treasure ever found in a Spanish Armada wreck. The galleass Girona the biggest ship in the fleet was wrecked in a storm on the 26th of October 1588. There were only 5 survivors out of 1,300 men. The Girona carried not only treasure but also what the Spaniards had been able to save from two other ships wrecked earlier on the west coast of Ireland. Nearly 10,000 objects were brought to shore, including 400 gold and 750 silver coins, gold jewellery, pendants, rings and cameos containing rubies and pearls; eight solid gold chains, silver forks and spoons, the most valuable items are on display in the Ulster Museum in Belfast. Discover the legend of the

➔ Causeway Coast and Glens

Downhill Demesne

Experience the beauty and mystery of County Londonderry's Downhill Mussenden Temple, located in the beautiful surroundings of Downhill Demesne near Castlerock in County Londonderry. It perches dramatically on a 120 ft cliff top, high above the Atlantic Ocean on the north-western coast of Northern Ireland. The Temple offers spectacular views westwards over Downhill Strand, towards Magilligan Point and County Donegal and to the east Castlerock beach towards Portstewart, Portrush and Fair Head.

The Dark Hedges

"The Dark Hedges" is one of the most photographed places in Northern Ireland and famous throughout the world thanks to The Game of Thrones. The TV series used the location for one of its scenes in season 1 of the show. It took 2 days to get the set right taking down all the fencing and covering the entire road with dirt for the 80 second clip. Did you ever wonder how these trees got here? It is also said that the ghost known as the "Grey Lady" roams here. Who is she? You will have to visit and find out...

E Beyond the Bridge – Salmon Fishermen Tale

Carrick -a-Rede first built in 1755, that is 21 years before the USA was created on the 4th of July in 1776. This tour is all about experiencing something truly personal and exceptional, to add mystique, tour numbers are restricted and only

a handful of opportunities are offered annually for our special clientele and their guests to step "beyond this bridge" into a bygone era.

Imagine what it feels like to go back in time, to the tiny island of Carrick-a-Rede, where nothing in the "cottage" has changed since the last fishermen left here decades ago. There is no electricity, water, gas or heating. The only leeway's to comfort is wooden benches and an open fire where turf burns to provide heat and an unforgettable aroma. Look in awe at the rugged cliffs of the North Antrim shoreline, the sight and sounds of the ocean below. The tangible evidence of a bygone industry still visible, this small island is totally unique.

E Catch and Sea-Causeway Coast Foodie Tours

Climb on-board a fishing boat bound for the Atlantic Ocean. On route to catch your breakfast, you will spot some of the wildlife that inhabit the area: seals, cormorants, black rabbits, herring gulls and perhaps even a pod of dolphins – or, if you're really lucky, a minke whale

This unique breakfast fishing tour offers visitors a totally different perspective of our stunning coastline. Your catch is cooked for breakfast by a local Chef and presented alongside a selection of award-winning local produce you may have never tasted, or been aware of, before. This breakfast experience illustrates the true meaning of 'our place on a plate'.

Rathlin Island

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

Cushendun

Cushendun Caves Game of Thrones® fans will recognise this as the place Melisandre, the Red Priestess, gives birth to the shadow creature which ultimately kills Renly. Even if you are not a fan, it is a treat to see these dramatic caves, which were carved by 400 million years of extreme weather. Mary McBride's Bar In the picturesque coastal village of Cushendun, you will find Mary McBride's Bar, a traditional pub full of character and history, once one of the smallest bars in Ireland. Hear stories of the original landlady Mary McBride herself and see one of the carved doors from Games of Thrones.

E Abhainn Sea Safari's

Choose from any of the following for a fantastic day out: Carrick-a-Rede: Share an adventure with your family or friends. This trip is a favourite for those who prefer a gentle cruise away from busy crowds.

Causeway Coast Safari: The highlight of this trip is the view of the Giants Causeway in its entirety. A World Heritage Site renowned for its intriguing geological formation of 40,000 interlocking basalt columns dated at 60 million years old.

Rathlin Island: An historic island which lies at the heart of the ancient Dalriada Kingdom. This trip is the perfect chance to appreciate and experience authentic Northern Irish history, heritage, scenery and a traditional island pub. There is also a good chance for some dolphin spotting and a wide variety of birdlife including Puffins.

Gobbins Tour: Renowned for its Victorian Cliff Path Walk, an engineering spectacle including tunnels and suspension bridges, it is also an Area of Special Scientific Interest due to colonies of breeding seabirds, unusual geological features and wide range of marine plant life.



Andrew Jacksons Cottage

Andrew Jackson Cottage is a traditional thatched Ulster-Scots farmhouse built in 1750s.

It has been restored to its original state. The centre has an impressive exhibition on the life and career of Andrew Jackson (1767- 1845) 7th President of the United States of America whose parents emigrated from here in 1765.

In the grounds of the cottage is the US Rangers Centre, a museum dedicated to the men of the first battalions of the elite American Army Unit the US Rangers that was first 'activated' in Carrickfergus in 1942. The display includes documents, uniforms and photographs and other material detailing this famous combat unit.

Bushmills Distillery

Old Bushmills Distillery Raise a glass to the oldest distillery in all of Ireland. Bushmills Distillery, granted a licence to distil in 1608 using the unique water from their own stream and Irish barley, is still going strong. The Brand Experience encompasses guided tours around a working distillery with all the associated sights and smells, tutored whiskey tastings and a specialist Whiskey Shop.





Where the wild Atlantic Way meets the Causeway Coastal Route you can discover that there is more to Derry/Londonderry than a 24hr stopover. Just like New York it is so good we named it twice.

Northern Ireland's second largest city, come experience all the things that make it the City it is today. The history, the culture, the music, the people and the craic.

City Hotel

www.cityhotelderry.com

Based right in the heart of the City Centre the hotel overlooks the River Foyle, The Peace Bridge and The Guildhall. Everything is on your doorstep. City Hotel Derry's 158 contemporary rooms offer a telephone, plus all the essentials required for a comfortable stay. They are also equipped with a shower and a hair dryer. Executive rooms are also available.

Holiday Inn Express

www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/derry/ldydl/hoteldetail

Set in the centre of town with bars and restaurants on its doorstep this relaxed hotel is a 4-minute walk from both the River Foyle and the history exhibits at the Tower Museum. It is a mile from Londonderry train station.

The colourful, unpretentious rooms feature complimentary Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs. All provide tea and coffeemaking facilities. A breakfast buffet is included. There is also a warm, wood-clad cafe/bar.

E Building Bridges over a pint!

The Peace bridge was built with European Union funds, to help bring the two communities back together: East and West bank, Catholic and Protestant, Nationalist and Unionist and to everyone's surprise, it has. This walking tour will begin at the Guildhall and as we stroll at leisure across the Peace Bridge our guide cover the story of our Bridges, Emigration, The Railways, our cities rich history of Shipbuilding, The Peace Garden and the history of Ebrington barracks from 1841 till present times.

It has now been transformed into an outdoor concert venue with lots of cafes and restaurants, even a brewery which is where we are going to pay a visit to today. Relax, sit back and let the talented brewers tell you the extraordinary 9000-year-old story of brewing, all whilst tasting 10 craft beers paired with a light lunch in their award-winning restaurant!

E Hands that cross the divide

The Fountain, an area which is situated within the walls, the only remaining protestant enclave in the city's west bank. Pre-Troubles, there were several Catholic pubs in the area and residents mixed freely with their Bogside neighbours in what was a thriving community.

Grocery stores and shops were also part of the hub - today they are all gone, and less than 300 people have homes there. As sectarian attacks intensified, the Fountain became a more defensive Protestant working class area.

Our guides will share with you the stories about the City's colourful history down the years to present day, things that shaped the Fountain, its people who live here, their culture and how now through the work in the youth club the youth of today are empowered to develop into mature, responsible citizens who broaden their horizons and improve attitudes through cross community engagement. These programmes help to increase understanding amongst the youth and increase respect both inside and outside their community.



Then, while you enjoy some light refreshments, local musicians will treat us to wonderful demonstration of the different types of instruments that are unique to each culture: The Bodhran and The Lambeg, The Tin Whistle and the Flute, relax and enjoy.....

Craft Village

Welcome to the distinctive delights of the hidden jewel in Derry's crown, the classic Craft Village. Dickensian in appearance and delightful in layout, Derry's Craft Village is a cultural oasis in the heart of a vibrant city. A reconstruction of an 18th Century Street and 19th Century Square, the Craft Village provides an eclectic mix of artisan craft shops, balconied apartments, licensed restaurant and coffee shops. Take advantage of our unique shopping district which offers a vast variety of unique gifts for that special occasion. With over seventy local crafters operating out of the village, you're sure to find something to suit everyone



If Walls could talk, what would Mary say? (Tour)

Over 400 years old, the only remaining completely walled city in Ireland and one of the finest examples of Walled Cities in Europe. Derry's walls were built during the period 1613-1618 as defences for early seventeenth century settlers from England and Scotland.

Approximately 1.5km in circumference they vary in width between 12 and 35 feet.

Hear about the famous Siege of Derry, one of the historical events which fall foul to misinterpretation and myth.

The walls proved their worth in 1688-89, when the Catholic King James II and an Irish army besieged the city. Derry's determined Protestant defenders, loyal to King William of Orange, slammed the town gates shut and successfully outlasted their foes for 105 grinding days.

The townsmen held off James with the help of "Roaring Meg," a cannon renowned for the fury

of its firing. You will find her, beautifully restored, on the walls at the Double Bastion, a fortified platform.

We finish our guided tour of the walls at Castle Gate followed by a treat in one of our newest pubs "Lizzie O Farrell's". Hear the tragic story of "Mary" and how she ended up.

Then get the chance to "Pour the perfect pint" of Guinness! Your barman will show you how it's done, then you get the chance to do it yourself.

If you have ever ordered a pint of Guinness, you probably know it takes longer to arrive than all other drinks, in fact, it takes 119.53 seconds, and with roughly 10 million pints of Guinness Draught sold globally each day, that adds up to almost 38 years combined that people across the world spend waiting on a Guinness pint every 24 hours. Pints poured, relax, unwind and enjoy a bit of traditional music in your lovely surroundings.

Siege Museum

The new Siege Museum and Exhibition is a permanent display of the history of the Siege of Londonderry and of the Associated Clubs of the Apprentice Boys of Derry, including artefacts, video and interactive media.

Visitors will also have the added attraction of being able to view one of the finest collections of meeting rooms used by the 'Loyal Orders'. There are separate rooms for each of the orders:

The Museum of Free Derry

The Museum was established by the Bloody Sunday Trust in 2006 to tell the story of the civil rights movement and the creation of Free Derry in the 1960's and 1970's, and it has become an important part of Ireland's radical and civil rights heritage. It tells the story of how a largely working-class community revolted against the years of oppression it had endured.

It tells the people's story of the civil rights movement, the Battle of the Bogside, Internment, Free Derry and Bloody Sunday. The brand new, award-winning purpose-built museum has an archive of over 25,000 individual items relating to this period in the city's history. Most items with immense historical significance were donated by residents.

The Tower Museum

The Tower Museum is located within the City's historic walls and has won four major awards since its opening in October 1992. It also houses two permanent exhibitions.

"The Story of Derry" tells the colourful and dramatic history of the city from earliest prehistory to the present.

"An Armada Shipwreck - La Trinidad Valencera" tells the story of one of the largest ships in the Spanish Armada, La Trinidad Valencera, which sank off the Donegal Coast in 1588 and was rediscovered by divers from the City of Derry Sub-Aqua Club in 1971.

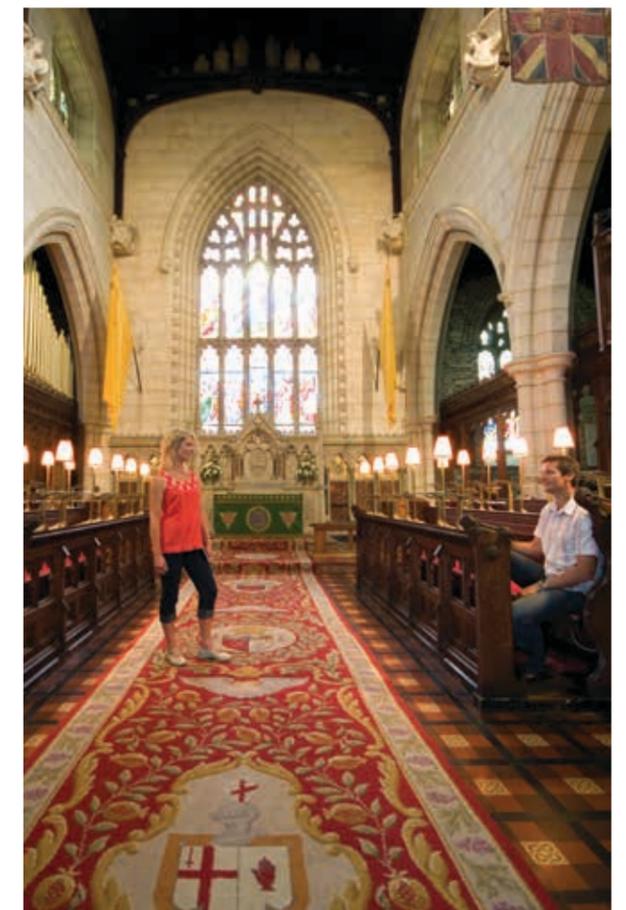
Both exhibitions use a range of display and interactive techniques to present their stories.

St Columbs Cathedral

Saint Columb's Cathedral was the first Cathedral built after the Reformation. It is the city's most historic building containing displays of artefacts from the Siege. St Columb's Cathedral was built in 1633 by William Parrot for the Honourable Irish Society and was built in the Planter Gothic Style.

The current tower and main building are that of the original Cathedral, with the spire being added in 1821. The Chancel was added in 1887 and the Chapter House in 1910. The Cathedral was built of stone from local quarries.

The old pillars and arches bear testimony to sound judgement and first-rate craftsmanship. The Cathedral has many fine stained-glass windows, regimental flags, memorials and a large collection of historical items from the time of the siege. The foundation stone in the porch, part of which originated from the 12th Century Templemore Monastery of the Columbian tradition is inscribed.





One of the most popular destinations in Northern Ireland - County Down. Stretching from the shores of Belfast Lough, out around Strangford Lough, and down into the magnificent Mourne Mountains. You will find yourself at home beside castles, beaches, forest parks, stately homes, a Royal Palace and the world's top links golf course.

For most of the century the dominant families were the Hills of Hillsborough, the Wards of Castle Ward and the Colvills and later the Stewarts of Newtownards).

Slieve Donard Hotel

www.hastingshotels.com/slieve-donard-resort-and-spa/

Nestling at the foot of the Mountains of Mourne, the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa stands in six acres of immaculate private grounds. A golden strand of beach borders one side while the mighty Royal County Down golf links frames the other. The hotel boasts 180 luxurious bedrooms, including 100 new Executive and Resort rooms and six magnificent Suites, many of which have stunning panoramic views over the Mountain of Mourne and County Down coastline.

Burrendale Hotel

www.burrendale.com

The Burrendale Hotel, Country Club and Spa, offers a wealth of traditional hospitality. Outstanding locally sourced food and imported wines add up to sumptuous dining all easily accessible, 45 minutes from Belfast/Newry, 90 minutes from Dublin. The Burrendale has 68 luxurious en suite bedrooms to relax and unwind in. The hotel offers guests everything from fine dining, Country Club facilities, spa treatments and a hair salon, all within the complex of the Burrendale Hotel.

E Hillsborough Castle

Hillsborough Castle is one of the most beautiful, and interesting historic properties in Northern Ireland. Hillsborough is the official residence of the Royal Family when they are in Northern Ireland. There is the magnificent Throne Room where, in 1953, the Queen received guests at a ball to celebrate her coronation, and it is still used for ceremonies today. The sumptuous Red Room, with paintings by famous artists lining the red silk-covered walls, is where the Queen met Irish President Mary McAleese in 2005 – the first time the two heads of state had met on the island of Ireland.

Outside, you will find stunning gardens dating back to the 1760s. There are ornate formal gardens, tranquil woodland, and beautiful meadows.

E Mount Stewart House and Gardens

Mount Stewart, located on the shores of Strangford Lough in County Down, is Northern Ireland's much loved family home. Following a three-year £8 million restoration programme, this 19th-century house has been significantly transformed, making it a must-see attraction on the island of Ireland.

Voted as one of the top ten gardens in the world, Mount Stewart reflects a rich tapestry of design and planting artistry bearing the hallmark of its creator. Edith, Lady Londonderry's passion for bold planting schemes coupled with the mild climate of Strangford Lough allows rare and tender plants from across the globe to thrive in this celebrated garden. Each of the formal gardens exudes a distinct character and appeal.

Castle Ward

Castle Ward, an unusual double sided mansion house stands amongst gentle parkland looking over Strangford Lough. The working estate once included a water-powered sawmill, cornmill and farmyard. Visitors to the estate today can explore cultivated gardens, sheltered woodland and the shoreline of Strangford Lough.

Step into a fantasy world as you explore the Georgian farmyard and the Lough shore, film locations for the television series Game of Thrones®. Castle Ward's historic farmyard was featured as the location of Winterfell for much of Season 1. It is where you'll find the Whispering Wood and key scenes including Robb Stark's Camp, the Baelor battle and when Brienne confronts the Stark men.

E Ulster Folk and Transport Museum

Explore thatched cottages, farms, schools and shops as you experience life from over 100 years ago. Set in over 170 acres of rolling countryside overlooking Belfast Lough, chat to a costumed visitor guide, admire traditional crafts and meet farm animals.

The Folk Museum tells the story of life in early 20th century Ulster. A bygone era is recreated in a rural landscape of farms, cottages, traditional crops and local breeds of livestock. The permanent galleries are well worth a visit.





E Montalto Estate

For the first time in its history, this mystical and enchanting estate, set in magnificent natural surroundings, is open to visit.

Nestled in the picturesque County Down countryside, Montalto is a privately-owned demesne steeped in history dating back to the 1600's. It is famously the site of 'The Battle of Ballynahinch', which took place during the Irish rebellion in 1798. It is also home to an exotic plant collection initially created by 'The Father of Irish Gardening', Sir Arthur Rawdon.

Montalto Estate aims to reconnect visitors with nature through access to a range of captivating gardens and beautiful walks and trails. The visitor experience includes public access to the estate's beautiful gardens along with unique and surprising garden features; historic walks and trails.

E Tracey's Kitchen

Experiences for groups in Tracey's kitchen, range from traditional breadmaking, with morning coffee or afternoon tea and Breadmaking with Lunch. Guests will be welcomed into her home with a delicious display of homemade sweet treats and freshly made breads. You are then invited to help make soda bread which you get to take home with you.

Somme Museum

The Museum examines Ireland's role in the First World War with special reference to the cross-community involvement in the three local volunteer Divisions: the 10th and 16th (Irish) Divisions and the 36th (Ulster) Division. Guided tours bring the visitor back in time to 1910, where they learn about the Home Rule Crisis, recruiting and training of men and life in the trenches. Reconstructed trenches of the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

Down Cathedral and St Patrick

Known as Down Cathedral – close to which we believe the mortal remains of Saint Patrick lie buried.

The cathedral is not merely a tourist attraction for people interested in Patrick – it is a place of pilgrimage, prayer and welcome for everyone.

Mourne Alpacas

Nestled at the foot of Slieve Croob, we have a beautiful large pedigree Alpaca herd, with prize winning US and Australian bloodlines and outstanding genetics in our breeding females and superb studs. Mourne Alpacas are a family handled herd. They are obsessed with alpacas since 2001 and continue to learn and improve their bloodlines and knowledge every day, being fascinated with the whole concept of Field to Fashion, sprinkled with fact-based learning.



The Saint Patrick Centre

Based in Downpatrick is the starting point for any visitor who wishes to know more about Ireland's patron saint.

The Story of Saint Patrick

The exhibition explores the legacy of Patrick, ancient and modern, and recalls the saint's own story – in his own words. A series of interactive displays allow visitors to explore how Patrick's legacy developed in early Christian times and reveals the fabulous artwork and metalwork which was produced during this Golden Age. The exhibition also examines the major impact of Irish missionaries in Europe between the fifth and ninth centuries, a legacy which remains to this day.



➤ Fermanagh and Omagh



Fermanagh, the most westerly county of Northern Ireland, presents a blend of scenery, history and culture that makes it one of the most attractive of all Irish counties. With its many lakes, rivers and wooded islands, water is a predominant feature, covering 30% of the county. Fermanagh's hills and mountains are mainly around its rim, many presenting dramatic limestone and sandstone scarps much favoured by climbers, cavers and walkers.

Killyhevlin Hotel

www.killyhevlin.com

Commanding stunning views overlooking scenic Lough Erne, the Killyhevlin Lakeside Hotel and Lodges is without doubt Fermanagh's leading four star retreat.

Surrounded by lakeside gardens, this family run hotel is located only 1km from the historic town of Enniskillen and offers 71 spacious rooms including a range of luxury suites and for those preferring the freedom of a self-catering break why not stay in one the hotels' luxury Lodges.

Enniskillen Hotel

www.enniskillenhospital.com

The Enniskillen Hotel is a 4 star, intimate, boutique style hotel with unique character and stylish design. The rooms offer contemporary sophistication. You will find the hotel relaxed, yet formal; quirky and quintessential. We are welcoming and wild, with a touch of Beckett's brilliance, and you have not even tried the whiskey yet. Hotel facilities include Wilde's Lounge and Whiskey Room, free WiFi. Central location and close to all amenities.

E Ulster American Folk Park

Immerse yourself in the story of the brave emigrants who made the journey across the Atlantic to America hundreds of years ago. Wander through the thatched cottages and log cabins and meet costumed characters who will show you traditional crafts, tell you a few stories and maybe even share a bit of their good food. Board a full-scale emigrant ship to experience the conditions faced by many as they set sail for a new life in America.

Enniskillen Castle

Experience Fermanagh's unique heritage in the beautiful setting of Enniskillen Castle on the banks of the River Erne as you step back in time on this historic site and inspirational Fermanagh County Museum displays. The award-winning exhibitions cover the prehistory and natural history of Fermanagh, the county's traditional rural life, local crafts and the celebrated pottery at Belleek.

Castle Coole

If you are looking for stately grandeur, then Castle Coole is a rare treat. Surrounded by its stunning landscape park on the edge of Enniskillen, this majestic 18th century home of the Earls of Belmore, designed by James Wyatt, was created to impress. The surrounding wooded landscape park sloping down to Lough Coole is ideal for long walks. It is one of Ireland's greatest neo-classical houses.

Florence Court

Located around eight miles from Enniskillen, Florence Court is one of the most beautiful Georgian houses in Ulster, nestled against the wild mountain backdrop of Benaughlin and the Cuilcagh Mountains

The house and demense, formerly the home of the Earls of Enniskillen (Cole Family) is one of the most important Georgian Houses (18th century) in Ireland, and holds a fascinating collection of Irish Furniture and some of the best Rococo plasterwork in Ireland.





E Marble Arch Caves

The landscape encompassing the Marble Arch Caves was formed over 340 million years ago. Today this natural environment of caves, rivers, mountains, ancient woodlands, waterfalls and gorges offer an opportunity for visitors to enjoy the incredible range of activities and experiences the Marble Arch Caves have to offer. Explore this underworld labyrinth on a guided walking tour, as you trace the journey of the Owenbrean River and discover its energy as the waters gurgle and splash venturing deeper into the black abyss.

E Boatyard Distillery

Situated on the banks of Lough Erne enjoy a guided tour which allows you to see how they produce the finest spirits using the highest quality botanicals and ingredients. Discover the

secret behind the famous 'Érainn' their Copper still. Try the spirits neat to taste their full flavour and be guided through different serves and cocktails that allow our spirits to shine through.

Each tour lasts 90 minutes and includes:

- A gin and tonic reception.
- The history and origins of the Boatyard Distillery.
- A neat tasting of our full spirits range.
- Two cocktails.
- A behind-the-scenes tour of the distillery from distilling to labelling, and an insight into our future projects.
- Return home with your very own bottle!

E Belleek Pottery

Generation after generation of locals have learned a trade here, keeping heritage alive and creating Belleek's distinctive and often intricate Parian china. None more detailed than the International Centrepiece in the foyer, a true labour of love which won the Paris Exhibition in 1900. Today, around 100,000 pieces are produced every year and shipped off around the world.

In experiencing each stage, you will be invited to touch the clay, feeling it evolve from liquid form to cold putty and eggshell brittle within 24 hours. On a premium tour (lasting approximately 2 hours) visitors can make and paint part of their very own piece of Belleek ware, which will be fired and shipped on to their home address.

The MV Kestrel

A 52-seat, fully glazed, traditional waterbus. Relax and enjoy the panoramic view as your Boat Master delivers a live and entertaining commentary. Your cruise will take you along beautiful unspoilt waterways passing alongside historic landmarks such as Enniskillen Castle, Portora Royal School and Boat Club, Old Portora Castle, Waterways Ireland Headquarters, Cole's Monument. Check out the abundance of waterside wildlife and see if you can spot the fast and colourful Kingfisher as it flies low to the water near the nesting site.

Admire the skill of the crew as they safely navigate you through the lock gates at Portora and on towards Devenish Island Monastic Site on Lower Lough Erne.

Once moored at Devenish Island you can disembark for 45 minutes and learn about its history dating back to the 6th Century, including the best-preserved Round Tower in Ireland, Augustinian Abbey, church ruins, ancient graveyards and high cross.





Mid Ulster is steeped in history and is renowned for its natural heritage and architecture. With its outdoor amenities, it is surrounded by the Sperrin's and also is homeplace of Seamus Heaney MRIA and also Charles Thomson who signed the American declaration of Independence. Let's not forget the history surrounding Lough Neagh - Mid Ulster truly offers visitors to the area, an immersive and memorable experience.

Glenavon Hotel - www.glenavonhotel.com

Set in nine acres of mature grounds, the Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, is a 3 star hotel offering first class comfort. The hotel's central location within Mid Ulster makes it an ideal base, as it is only one hours drive to anywhere in Northern Ireland.

Walsh's Hotel - www.walshshotel.com

Walsh's Hotel is ideally located in Maghera, elegant and comfortable accommodation, cosy bar, new bright and stylish coffee shop, friendly staff and a warm and welcoming atmosphere awaits you. Jack's Cocktail and Gin Bar is cosy, stylish, warm and inviting. It is the ideal spot to meet friends for cocktails and a chat.

The Royal Hotel - www.theroyal-hotel.co.uk

Set an 11-minute walk from the centre of Cookstown, this laid-back hotel lies 5 miles from both Drum Manor Forest Park and Springhill House. The relaxed rooms with simple furnishings feature free Wi-Fi and TVs, as well as tea and coffeemaking facilities. There's a casual restaurant well known for its great food & a bar with live entertainment It also features a large patio and garden area.

E Dark Skies

OM Dark Sky Park and Observatory in Davagh Forest is the only one of its kind in Northern Ireland. It is one of two Dark Sky Parks on the island of Ireland and is the 78th area in the world to be accredited as an International Dark Sky Park. Combining the latest tech, from holographic installations to virtual reality headsets, to bespoke evening audio-visual shows, visitors to the centre will be able to explore our solar system, star-gaze using telescopes to view the night sky without light pollution, as Davagh is the only official 'dark sky' park in NI.

Astronomer available on request for private groups. Exhibition leaflet translated into Irish, French, German, Italian and Mandarin .

Ballyscullion

The building of Ballyscullion began in 1787 to the Earl Bishop's own extravagant designs. The façade was inspired by St Peter's in Rome, and measured 350ft across, with a central rotunda flanked by curved wings and a large pavilion at each end. A double corkscrew staircase led from the entrance hall to the second storey circular drawing room which had panoramic

views across to the Antrim hills in the east, the Mourne Mountains to the south and the Sperrin Mountains to the west.

The estate was bought by the owner Richard's grandparents, Sir Harry and Lady Mulholland in 1938, and the house was restored to its present state. Richard Mulholland gives a fascinating talk about the history of Ballyscullion Park and the Mulholland family, followed by a house and garden tour.

E Seamus Heaney Homeplace

Step into Seamus Heaney Homeplace, and discover the world-renowned poet in his beloved hometown. Journey through the life and works of this literary giant, greatly valued locally for his decency and humility, and experience the place, the people and the landscape that so inspired his work. Here, you will see Heaney's leather school satchel and his wooden desk from Anahorish Primary School, handwritten transcripts from the poet, and books donated by the Heaney family.

You'll learn about the people who were integral to his life and poetry: his family, Barney Devlin at The Forge, and many others from the area.





E Bronagh's Bakehouse

A small family business, passionate about the fantastic local food and beautiful countryside. Offering cookery classes based on traditional Irish food using local produce such as Lough Neagh Eel, blackberries and sloes. Enjoy the unique hospitality of the Bakehouse and try your hand at traditional bread making.

River Bann Tours

Immerse yourself in the beauty of this now quiet waterway, which at one time would have been a busy industrial thoroughfare. As you approach the Lock Gates, meet the Lock Keeper and hear about the heritage associated with the locks along the Lower River Bann, a brief overview of the management of water levels in the region and the controls required to ensure safe passage to and from Lough Neagh. The remaining journey along the canal, as it opens onto the wide expanse of Lough Neagh, will take your breath away!

During your trip on Lough Neagh, the largest lake in the UK and Ireland, you will be enthralled by the stories of the industries that rely so greatly on the lough and the connection to the communities and the people who live, work and play in and around the lough. Marvel at the regions' heritage and culture, as evidenced by

the array of ancient religious sites, medieval ruins and historic houses. You might even catch a glimpse of a Lough Neagh fisherman as you hear how Lough Neagh, the largest wild eel fishery in Europe, manages this and other freshwater fisheries on the lough.

Blessingbourne Estate

Experience a guided tour of Blessingbourne Country Estate located on the Tyrone / Fermanagh border. Home to Estate Owners, Nicholas and Colleen Lowry, guests can gain an intimate insight into the generations who lived and developed Blessingbourne Estate.

Stroll around the 4km walk through our nature reserve to fully appreciate the gardens and forest walks around the Estate. The twisted branches and trees scattered throughout the forest walks make beautiful arches and add to the magical feel of the Estate.

View the private collections of original carriages and coaches, buggies, penny farthings, a genuine Romany Caravan, old horse drawn farm machinery, scout helicopter, Victorian memorabilia, costumes and family military items in the Carriage and Costume Museum.

Rosehill Cottage

It's old fashioned country charm merged and perfected with all the comforts and luxuries of modern day living. Rosehill House offers breadmaking classes, afternoon tea and historical tours. There is nothing more satisfying than eating your own homemade bread, which of course was the only way our grannies did it years ago. Step back in time in the traditional old kitchen at Rosehill House in front of the turf burning fire and learn to make three different types of classic Irish bread.

In this hands-on class we will be making the traditional bread of Ireland soda bread, potato bread and a traditional Irish fruit loaf. We will also demonstrate cooking soda bread on the griddle and a beautiful apple surprise.

E Friels Bar

Friel's is a fifth-generation pub and once soup kitchen so has a rich history. The original famine pot is on display in the old post office. A family run, award winning, Irish Bar and Restaurant nestled in the heart of the South Derry countryside in the picturesque village of Swatragh. The bar has been in the family name for over one hundred years, it has an original wooden ceiling, ornate bar counter and a roaring fire. Pull up a seat at our roaring fire and listen to the words and stories of our local poet Mick McAtamney, who spent 50 years in North America before returning home with his hand-carved stick as his only possession.

Springhill House

Springhill was the home of ten generations of Lenox-Conyngham family. Regarded as one of the prettiest houses to visit in Northern Ireland, its portraits and furniture are shared by one of Ireland's best-documented ghosts. The old laundry houses one of Springhill's most popular attractions, the costume collection, which features some fine examples of 18th to 20th-century fashion. Wandering around its walled

gardens and parkland, visitors can discover many tempting waymarked paths.

Granted lands under James 1st in the Plantation of Ulster, the Conyngham family had come from Ayrshire in Scotland in about 1611. They purchased the Springhill estate in around 1630.

The house today contains various valuable collections of one family's occupation for three hundred years.



Lissan House

Lissan House is an enchanting country residence set within a 260-acre demesne of ancient woodland and forestry. The estate was created in the 17th century and remained the home of the Staples family for nearly 400 years. Lissan came to prominence in 2003 when its popularity helped it reach the final of the BBC Restoration programme.

Following extensive redevelopment, the house opened its doors in spring 2012 to reveal modern interactive exhibits and original family furnishings which take you on a unique journey through the history of the estate and the family characters that have shaped it.

E Glenshane Farm

James McCloy is a fourth-generation shepherd, who wants to show people sheep farming and particularly his highly trained team of working sheepdogs. He invites visitors to his farm, set deep on the beautiful, little-known landscape of the Sperrin Mountains where St Patrick shepherded as a young man over 1500 years ago.

After a brief Introduction to the dogs, and family history James will explain the craft and skills of a sheep farmer. He will give you the chance to command the dogs and help with the penning. Then we move across the yard to the shearing shed where he will explain the different breeds etc. Visitors will see a display, where a fleece of wool will be rolled in front of each of these pens to show that each breed produces a different type of fleece, which in turn is used throughout the world for different jobs i.e., carpet/ tweed etc. You will see the fleece to fashion process in a fun way and he will demonstrate how to properly roll the fleece before asking if anyone wants to try.



Killymoon Castle

Originally built in 1671 for James Stewart, Killymoon was destroyed by fire in 1801. It was then rebuilt by the famous architect John Nash who designed most of London's Regent Street area and Brighton Pavillion. A Grade A listed building where the American troops were stationed during WW2.

Come and enjoy a tour of the castle and grounds followed by some tea and lovely homemade baking in the very popular Tommy's Kitchen.

Symphonia Distillery (Combi-tour)

This is not your everyday Distillery tour; it is a tour with a difference. Join us in the new and fully operational Woodlab Distillery. Take a tour to discover how science meets nature and then turns to art to produce a range of award-winning spirits. (recently voted best gin in Ireland at the Irish Gin Awards 2019).

Arrival's reception consisting of Symphonia's Dry Gin and Tonic A trip back in history to discover the origins and production methods behind gin. Learn why we are a distillery with a difference by using our scientific knowledge to produce environmentally friendly distillation processes

A visit to our Laboratory where we will demonstrate some of our exciting scientific molecular techniques, and the production methods used to develop these wonderful spirits A sampling of our full spirits range including the unique Apple Gin made from Armagh Bramley Apples.

E Wee Buns

For those of you who do not fancy the Gin tour we take you over to "Wee Buns" for an afternoon of baking, chat, local stories and relaxed fun. Mary Anne uses the best local and seasonal produce and authentic recipes that have been passed down through the generations of women who baked every day, not least her own granny, whose griddle she uses in the class.

Uniquely Northern Irish, Mary Anne will share the secrets of her families traditional Irish baking recipes handed down by generations of women. Begin with a warm welcome followed by the demonstration including baking on a traditional griddle and a chat about our wonderful ingredients and history of Irish baking.

Watch as she demonstrates and bakes the bread and scones from scratch and then get ready to roll up your sleeves and make your own batch of Buttermilk Scones.

Wellbrook Beating Mill

Situated in a peaceful, wooded glen along the Ballinderry River, Wellbrook Beating Mill stands as a reminder of Ulster's once-flourishing linen industry that dates to the late seventeenth century.

Wellbrook Beating Mill began as a linen bleaching work opened by Hugh Faulkner and his brother in 1764. Wellbrook continued to produce finished linen well into the 1930's. During the First World War, flax and linen was produced on a large scale for the war effort. However, demand for linen began to fall and Wellbrook found it very difficult to survive and the doors shut for the last time in 1961.

Hill of the O'Neill

Stand on the Hill of The O'Neill and you are standing on one of the most important sites in the history of Ireland. A stronghold of noblemen, a place of authority and power. A region ruled for over 400 years by one of the most powerful dynasties in Ulster – The O'Neill's.

This led the way to the Plantation of Ulster with Scottish and English settlers, marking the end of Gaelic Ireland and the transition towards the society we know today. This fascinating period of history is capsulated in a permanent indoor exhibition in Ranfurly House, with expert guides available to share all the stories and tales from the time.



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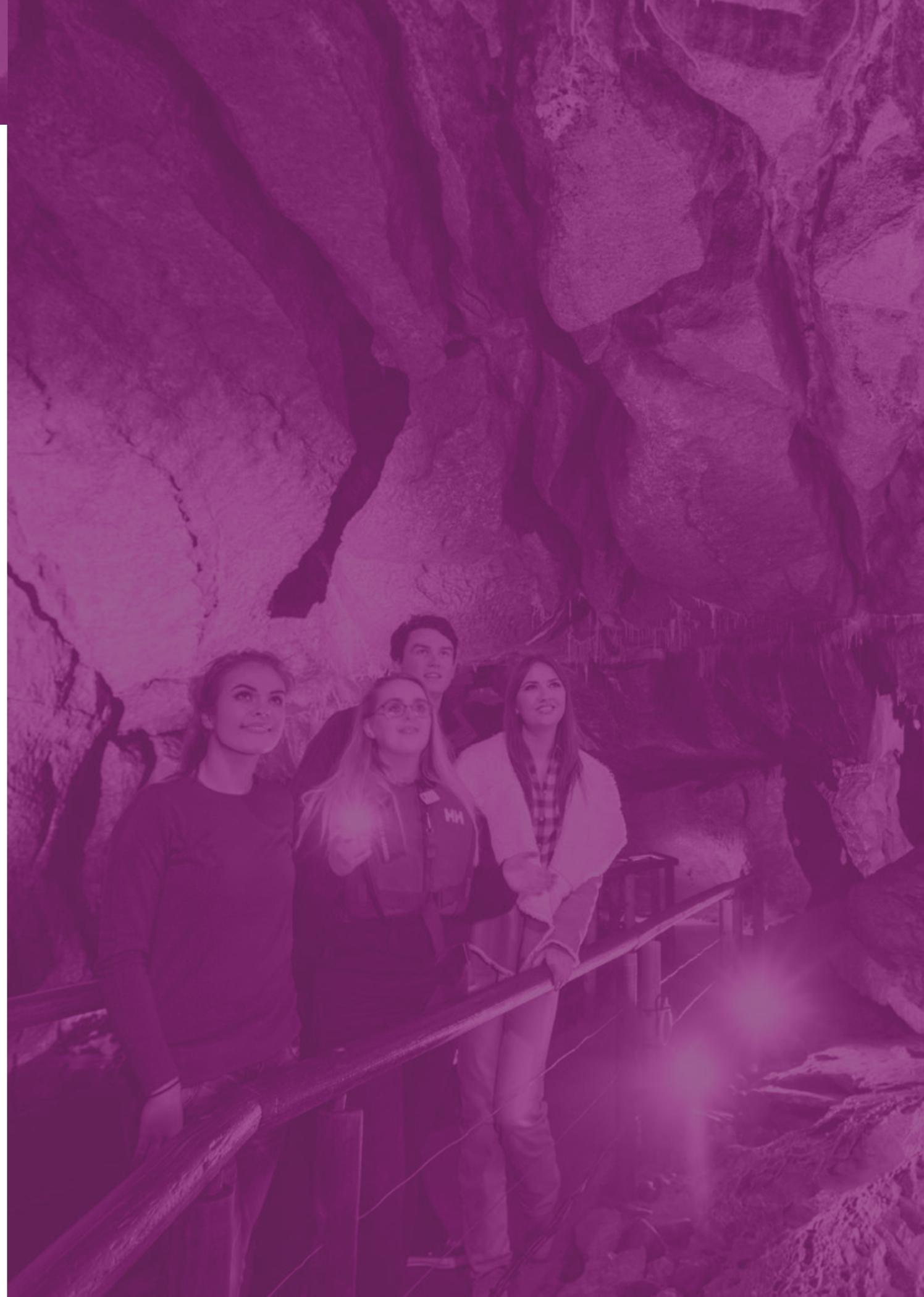
7. If the ferries are cancelled - If the ferries are cancelled prior to departure J&K Coach Travel will do everything in their powers to get your party to the said destination by arranging alternative ferry routes or sailing times. This could mean a very late notification of the itinerary.

8. Alterations to itineraries - From time-to-time certain unforeseen circumstances may interrupt our initial tour itinerary. Traffic congestion, road works, bad weather, flooding, ferry cancellations/delays, mechanical breakdowns, strikes, warlike conditions, terrorism or thereafter, political unrest, hostilities, hotel overbooking, government action or any other circumstances or conditions outside the direct control/ responsibility of J&K Coach Travel may result in alternations of the advertised tour program/ itinerary. It will be solely at the discretion of J&K Coach Travel or their representatives, in the best interest of the passengers, to make any necessary changes. This will only be done should circumstances warrant it.

9. Luggage - J&K Coach Travel will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to luggage, except upon proof of negligence of J&K Coach Travel staff and of damage in excess of normal wear and tear. Lack of proper care towards your luggage could result in your claim being turned down. The tour operators are not responsible for lost property on the coach or otherwise.

10. Insurance - J&K Coach Travel does not include holiday insurance with their packages however we strongly advise that it is taken out even on short breaks. It should be taken from the day you make the booking and not the date you are to travel in case you have to cancel for any reason.

Due to Covid 19 we are currently practicing Social Distancing on all tours. This is not mandatory legislation, but a decision we have taken voluntarily for the comfort and safety of all passengers. Prior to a tour departing we will deep clean and use our 'fogging' machine to thoroughly sanitize our vehicle. Hand sanitizer will be available at the front of the coach. We request all passengers make use of this as they board. In accordance with government advice, we request that all passengers wear face coverings whilst on the coach - unless medically exempt. Please ensure you: Check and follow current government travel guidelines. Do not travel against medical advice. Follow various local authority advice. This may change as we travel through different regions / counties. Face coverings are likely to be mandatory. Hotels are complying with recommended Covid guidelines to ensure the safety of all guests. We request that you help the hotel by adhering to their protocols. Please be aware that in order to reduce contact with guests, hotel services may be restricted. Restrictions may affect housekeeping, entertainment, leisure facilities and operation of the dining room.





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