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## Dublin & Northern Ireland

<p>7 Nights | 7&nbsp;Rounds including Royal Portrush, Portmarnock & Royal County Down</p>

This seven night, seven round package tours the finest courses in Dublin and Northern Ireland, presenting a blend of classic and modern links layouts. It's available from April to October. The **Strand Course at Portstewart** is among Northern Ireland's leading layouts. The **Dunluce Links at Royal Portrush** hosted The Open in 1951, 2019 and is scheduled to again in 2025. **Royal County Down**, an Old Tom Morris design, is generally considered as one of the top 10 courses in the world, and also as one of the more difficult courses in Ireland and beyond. **Portmarnock Links** is a challenging traditional links overlooking the Irish Sea featuring shaggy dunes, deep bunkers and stunning views. **The European Club** is majestic layout featuring massive dunes, the longest green in the world and the unique delight of a 20-hole round. **County Louth** is a hidden gem dating back to 1892 that features just 50 bunkers, allowing the gorse and hilly terrain that borders the fairways to serve as its natural defense. **Portmarnock Golf Club** is the undisputed leading links in Dublin, set on 500 acres of a sandy peninsula facing the Irish Sea and dating back to 1894. Deluxe accommodations are provided at **Bushmills Inn, Slieve Donard Resort & Spa** and **Westin Dublin**.

### Tuesday, August 22

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This evening depart the United States.

### Wednesday, August 23

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On arrival at the Airport you will be met by PerryGolf personnel who will assist you with your luggage and transfer to your transportation.

Your preferred arrival & departure airport options are dependent on your personal preferences. The closest airport to your first hotel/golf course is listed first. Some airports have direct transatlantic flights from US cities while others only offer service with connections through European hub cities. Our air department is available to talk through your air travel options.

Today play **Portstewart - Strand Course (tbc)**. Possibly, indeed probably, The Strand Course at Portstewart has always been inspired by her renowned neighbors Royal County Down and Royal Portrush to join the ranks of Northern Ireland's leading layouts. The original course opened in 1908, was largely reinvented by the great Willie Park in the early 1920's, then updated again in the 1980s. Next after a healthy investment to acquire a range of massive, untouched sand dunes called "Thistly Hollow", seven outstanding new holes were constructed that make for an opening nine considered one of the best in links golf. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

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Portstewart Golf Club, Northern Ireland by LINKS Magazine

OVERNIGHT: **Bushmills Inn** - 2 Classic Millhouse Room

## Thursday, August 24

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Golf on **Royal Portrush - Dunluce Links (tbc)**. Northern Ireland's Royal Portrush (Est 1888) is routinely ranked among the World Top 15 and never less than fifth among the great clubs of the UK and Ireland. It is the only club outside of Great Britain to host The Open which it has done twice; in 1951 and 2019. Harry Colt is largely responsible for the current layout which opened in 1932. He chose the high ground on magnificent dunes land the club had acquired for two courses that was full of deep valleys, long ridges and large plateaus. His achievement here is how the holes follow the sand formations and the greens which are some of the most cleverly conceived in golf. Changes were made in advance of The 148th Open that included two new holes, the exceptional 7th and 8th, which turned the old 17th and 18th into a staging ground for the championship.

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WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: "The Story of Where There's a Wilma, There's a Way ~ Wilma Erskine"

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OVERNIGHT: **Slieve Donard Resort & Spa** - 2 Classic Room

## Friday, August 25

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Golf today on **Royal County Down (tbc)**. Northern Ireland's Royal County Down is routinely ranked among the World Top 5 and never less than first or second among the great clubs of the UK and Ireland for two reasons: the beauty of the setting and the brilliance of the design. Old Tom Morris authored the first 18 hole course here and gets a healthy share of the credit for this masterpiece but George Coombe and Harry Colt also had a hand in it, as have Donald Steele and Martin & Ebert in recent years. None would dispute however, that the site as it was found with its rugged dunes, natural corridors and hollows, golden gorse and purple heather was destined for greatness. The ninth stands out among many. This 427-yard par 4 begins with a blind tee shot to a fairway found eighty feet down a sidehill plunge where two cross bunkers protect a green saddled between two dunes.

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OVERNIGHT: **Slieve Donard Resort & Spa** - 2 Classic Room

## Saturday, August 26

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Play **Jameson Golf Links (tbc)**. This challenging traditional links course by Bernard Langer and Stan Eby overlooks the Irish Sea from links land just north of illustrious Portmarnock Golf Club. The early holes play leisurely away from the sea before the course comes alive just before the turn as the holes make their way through shaggy dunes back towards the coast. The back nine provides a series of visually stunning links holes loaded with deep bunkers, featuring steep faces giving the course a traditional look while incorporating modern architectural techniques. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

OVERNIGHT: **The College Green Hotel Dublin** - 2 Classic Room

## Sunday, August 27

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Today play **The European Club (tbc)** at Brittas Bay. Tucked amid tumbling dunes 30 miles south of Dublin, the European Club has been appreciated from the time it opened in 1987 as one of Ireland's finest links courses. The majestic layout features massive dunes, the longest green in the world (127 yards, No. 12) and the unique delight of a 20-hole round, offering an extra pair of par-3s to enhance the experience. The 7th has been ranked among the top 100 holes in the world. It's a 470-yard par-4 set on a sandbank through a bed of reeds with a burn right, beyond which are a hundred acres of unspoiled links land, and towering dunes left. Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Padraig Harrington have played here and enjoyed the course because it demands both solid ballstriking and sound strategy. As no caddies are offered at the European Club your green is inclusive of a shared golf cart.

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The European Club, Ireland by LINKS Magazine

OVERNIGHT: **The College Green Hotel Dublin** - 2 Classic Room

## Monday, August 28

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Today play **Co Louth Golf Club (tbc)**. Found along the Irish Sea 40 minutes from Dublin's airport, County Louth or Baltray is one of Ireland's hidden gems. It was founded in 1892 but the essence of the layout was opened in 1938 as a Tom Simpson/Molly Gourlay design that has now been stretched to 7,031 yards. Simpson dotted the 190-acre property with only 50 bunkers, allowing the gorse and hilly terrain that borders the fairways to serve as its natural defense. There are no weak holes here and no two are alike. Better still, these greens are routinely among the best in the country. The club has hosted multiple Irish Opens and is a regular among Ireland's top 10.

[County Louth Golf Club, Ireland by LINKS Magazine](#)

OVERNIGHT: **The College Green Hotel Dublin** - 2 Classic Room

## Tuesday, August 29

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Today play at historic **Portmarnock (tbc)**. Portmarnock Golf Club is the undisputed leading links in Dublin, found only 10 miles from the airport. It is also recognized as one of the finest in the world regularly listed among the top 50. The Irish Open has played here nearly 20 times along with the Walker Cup, the Irish Amateur Close Championship and the British Amateur Championship. Found on 500 acres of a sandy peninsula facing the Irish Sea, the club opened in 1894 with nine holes before nine more were added two years later forming the championship layout played today. The site is fairly flat without dramatic dunes which produces a predictable golf course where nothing is manmade. This along with consistently true greens has endeared the course to many over the years.

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OVERNIGHT: **The College Green Hotel Dublin** - 2 Classic Room

## Wednesday, August 30

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Depart Ireland from Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### Bushmills Inn

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In the village that is home to the worlds oldest distillery, between the Giants Causeway and Royal Portrush Golf Club this award winning hotel and restaurant has been outstandingly successful in re-creating it's origins as an old Coaching and Mill House. Open peat fires, gas lights and striped pine set the tone in this living museum of Ulster Hospitality while the Restaurant has an international reputation in serving the best of new Irish cuisine. In 2009, Bushmills Inn unveiled a new extension consisting of 19 oversized bedrooms and a new reception, bringing the total rooms to 41 which allowed the hotel to advance to a Four Star property whilst still maintaining the same theme throughout.

### Slieve Donard Resort & Spa

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Situated at the foot of the beautiful Mountains of Mourne, the Slieve Donard Resort & Spa stands in six acres of private grounds which extend to an extensive golden strand. Originally a luxurious railway hotel, the Slieve Donard Resort & Spa is now part of the Marine & Lawn Collection, and offers fine accommodation and excellent facilities. Apart from the obvious attraction for golfers, the hotel is also an ideal setting for fishing, horse riding and mountain walks. The hotel is undergoing a complete modernisation and refurbishment for the 2023 Season with the hotel taking on the Marine & Lawn styling.

### The College Green Hotel Dublin

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The College Green Hotel Dublin lies in the heart of Dublin City, steps from Trinity College, the fashionable shops of Grafton St and the lively Temple Bar area. Escape to their contemporary designed guest rooms and suites and delight in the refreshing details of five star hospitality in this calming and tranquil haven, the perfect place to call home during your visit to Dublin City. Morelands Grill, a chic and urban steakhouse, serving exceptional food crafted from locally sourced ingredients. Open daily for breakfast and wholesome dinners. Venture beneath The hotel to experience the moody sophistication of the Mint Bar, a stunning cocktail bar concealed within the original vaults of a former bank. The expert team of mixologists blend vintage techniques with modern innovation to serve up simply delicious signature cocktails.