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## The 148th Open plus Ireland's Hidden Gems

**\*Quote is valid for travel arriving Beech Hill 19 July 2019 and departing 22 July 2019.\***

Gather your group and enjoy this **PerryGolf** 9-Night, 5-Round Customized Tour to **Ireland**, featuring golf on the Emerald Isle's hidden gems and culminating with Saturday and Sunday attendance to **The 148th Open at Royal Portrush**.

Start your journey in the heart of Yeats Country in Sligo, an attractive town with splendid storefronts and an array of art galleries and museums. Our golf begins on the West Coast of Ireland on the banks of Killala Bay at **Enniscrone - The Dunes**, a splendid layout finishing with four holes that parallel the Atlantic Ocean. **Carne** was the final course designed by renowned architect Eddie Hackett and he may have saved his best for last. Expect to face fierce breezes at **County Sligo** while **Rosapenna** is a stern test which architect Pat Ruddy routed beautifully through the high dunes. **Ballyliffin - Glashedy Links** opened in 1995 and is widely considered the nation's premier modern links.

Your accommodations are deluxe - and convenient to the courses. The **Mount Falcon Country House** is four star and family run, opening in 2006 on 100 acres of delightful woodlands. **Rosapenna**, nestled on the waterfront, offers the ideal setting to recharge after a round of golf and **Beech Hill Country House**, located just 35 miles from Royal Portrush, is the perfect place for the final three nights of your Tour.

Of course, **The 148th Open at Royal Portrush** is highly anticipated because the Claret Jug will be awarded in Northern Ireland for only the second time in history. Max Faulkner won here in 1951 and Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth, Dustin Johnson and golf's other great players will aim to add their name to the storied list.

### Friday, July 12

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This evening depart the United States.

### Saturday, July 13

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**Sightseeing Suggestion:** Visit Sligo, a lively and attractive town with splendid shop fronts. It is also a significant cultural centre and has a fine range of art galleries and museums. Over 1,000 years of history have shaped the town, but it is literature that attracts many of its visitors. This is Yeats Country, and the subject of one of his best known poems is just outside the town, the Isle of Inisfree in Lough Gill. Sligo has many other attractions including its two fine cathedrals and Sligo Abbey; a Dominican Friary founded in 1252.

Journey to your chosen hotel. 2hrs

On arrival at the Shannon 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.

OVERNIGHT: **Mount Falcon Country House** - 2 Superior Room

## Sunday, July 14

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Golf today on **Enniscrone (tbc)**, another of Irelands great West Coast links courses. Where the quality of the golf is matched by the surroundings, with the Ox mountains on one side and Killala bay stretching out to meet the Atlantic Ocean on the other side. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

[Click here](#) for the golf course VIDEO

Make your way to your chosen golf course. 20 mins

OVERNIGHT: **Mount Falcon Country House** - 2 Superior Room

## Monday, July 15

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Golf today on the **Carne Golf Links (tbc)** at Belmullet. Carne was the last links course to be designed by the late Eddie Hackett and is now believed by many who have played there to be his greatest challenge. Carne lies in splendid isolation overlooking Blacksod Bay, affording little disturbance to the natural and unspoilt environment that surrounds it. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

Make your way to your chosen golf course. 1hr 10min

OVERNIGHT: **Mount Falcon Country House** - 2 Superior Room

## Tuesday, July 16

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Journey to your chosen hotel. 2hr 10min

Play **County Sligo Golf Club (tbc)** at Rosses Point, annual host to the West of Ireland Championship and unquestionably one of Ireland's best golf courses. Located on an unspoiled piece of land, the course offers holes in many directions, making the Atlantic wind a constant and challenging factor. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

Make your way to your chosen golf course. 1hr 5 min

OVERNIGHT: **Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Links** - 2 Classic Room

## Wednesday, July 17

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Today play **Rosapenna - Sandy Hills Course (tbc)**. A fantastic addition to Ireland's already world renowned links courses. In many ways, the ideal of a modern links. Designed by Pat Ruddy and intended for the serious golfer, its narrow fairways appear constricting from the tee, but the landing areas sculpted from the dunes are deceptively wide. Measuring a hefty 7,255 yards from the tips, but a more manageable test of 6,356 yards from the white tees.

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Above all, the appeal of Sandy Hills lies in its beautifully balanced routing through the high dunes. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

Make your way to your chosen golf course. 0min

OVERNIGHT: **Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Links** - 2 Classic Room

## Thursday, July 18

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Today play **Ballyliffin - Glashedy Links (tbc)**. This new course opened in the summer of 1995 and offers a modern championship test that is considered by many to be the best new links course built this century. Ballyliffin is Ireland's most northerly golf club and is often referred to as "the Dornoch of Ireland". Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

[Click here](#) for the golf course VIDEO

Make your way to your chosen golf course. 1hr 35min

OVERNIGHT: **Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Links** - 2 Classic Room

## Friday, July 19

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**Sightseeing Suggestion:** Tour the area surrounding Donegal town. Visit Killybegs, a major port in the Irish fishing industry and very lively when the catches are landed. Continue to Kilcar, a centre for Donegal Tweed, where visitors can watch the weaving and buy the cloth. The Cliffs of Bunglass are one of the most spectacular views in Ireland where the southern face of Slieve League drops sheer into the sea.

**Sightseeing Suggestion:** Enjoy a visit to Donegal, a thriving market town at the head of Donegal Bay, established as a Viking stronghold. The best way to see Donegal town is to follow the Tourist Trail, a sign-posted walking tour that begins in the Diamond, a square designed in the 1600s. The tourist trail is clearly signposted and includes such attractions as Donegal Castle, various churches and a Napoleonic anchor retrieved from the sea in the 1850's.

Journey to your chosen hotel. 1hr 20min

OVERNIGHT: **Beech Hill Country House** - 2 Heritage Room

## Saturday, July 20

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**Sightseeing Suggestion:** Enjoy the delights of the Antrim Coastline. Outside of Portrush lies Dunluce Castle. The jagged silhouette of the ruins of Dunluce Castle rises from the cliff edge above the sea. Continue to the lunar landscape of the Giant's Causeway. Legend has it that the causeway is the work of the giant Finn McCool, the Ulster warrior and commander of the king of Ireland's armies. The causeway proper is the most spectacular series of geological features to be found along the North Antrim Coast consisting of 40,000 columns rising from the sea.

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## Monday, July 22

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Depart Ireland from Dublin Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### Mount Falcon Country House

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The Mount Falcon Country House Hotel is located on 100 acres of magical woodlands between Foxford and Ballina, in County Mayo, a most beautiful part of the West of Ireland. Opened in July 2006, as a deluxe 4 star family-run destination, for the most discerning of guests. 6 deluxe rooms in the original house (including two suites), and an additional 26 premium rooms making up the full complement of 32 bedrooms. Facilities include a welcoming bar, wine cellar and first class restaurant that will specialise in the finest quality Irish produce. The onsite spa and leisure centre comes complete with swimming pool, loungers, steam room, sauna, gym while the highly trained therapists will be delighted to recommend the perfect treatment for you, pampering which will ensure a relaxing and rejuvenating experience.

### Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Links

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Dun na nGall, original Gaelic name for Donegal, means the fort of the foreigner. But no matter where you are visiting from, Rosapenna, with a warm and friendly welcome creates a congenial atmosphere for visitors to relax and enjoy themselves. Tranquil lounges and elegant dining areas overlooking the bay combine to set the ambience. A choice of bedrooms ranging from standard to deluxe with sea views provide the comforts and style one would expect from a hotel with such history. This is a haven of tranquillity where you can recharge after a day on the links or simply escape from the pressures of modern-day living.

### Beech Hill Country House

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Beech Hill Country House is gloriously set in 32 acres of woodland, lakes and tranquil well tended gardens, is famed for its warm welcomes and fine food. It is conveniently located 2 miles from the walled city of Derry and 35 miles from Royal Portrush. It epitomises Georgian elegance and gracious country living. This family run hotel is where you are assured of warm and genuine hospitality. Bedrooms are comfortable, cosy and well appointed with the Heritage Rooms in the original house with antique furniture while the Superior rooms are located in the new wing and have garden views.