
The 148th Open plus Dublin Newcastle & Londonderry

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

PerryGolf is thrilled to present this 9-Night, 5-Round Customized Tour to enchanting **Ireland**, featuring golf at two of the top 50 courses in the world and culminating with Saturday and Sunday attendance at **The 148th Open at Royal Portrush**.

Arrange your group and arrive in the capital of **Dublin**, a vibrant, cosmopolitan city, where our accommodations are the **Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links**, overlooking the North Sea. Our golf begins nearby at **Portmarnock Golf Club**, opened in 1894 and ranked No. 49 in *Golf Magazine*’s Top 100 in the World. **The Island** is another gem along the rugged coastline, drawing praise from esteemed golf writer Bernard Darwin for its marvelous set of par-4s. **County Louth** has played host to multiple Irish Opens and the star of any trip to the Emerald Isle is Northern Ireland’s **Royal County Down**, designed by Old Tom Morris and ranked No. 4 by *Golf Magazine*, pristinely blending location and layout to create an unbelievable links experience.

The golf concludes along the extreme northern coastline at **Ballyliffin**, often described as the ‘Dornoch of Ireland’ where you’ll reside at the **Beech Hill Country House**, gloriously nestled on 32 acres of woodland, lakes and tranquil gardens. Remain there through the weekend as you attend **The Open**, which is being played in Northern Ireland for only the second time in history as it makes its return to the renowned **Dunluce Links at Royal Portrush** for the first time since 1951 when Max Faulkner raised the Claret Jug.

Authorised Provider of Packages to The 148th Open
at **Royal Portrush in 2019**

Friday, July 12

This evening depart the United States.

Saturday, July 13

Approximate travel time to your hotel 25min

Sightseeing Suggestion: Visit Ireland’s capital, which has fast become one of Europe’s most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities. Amongst the many attractions are St.Patrick’s Cathedral and Trinity College to view the Book of Kells in the College Library. There is a wealth of architectural detail with the medieval core of the city surrounded by elegant Georgian squares.

On arrival at the Dublin 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: **Portmarnock Resort** - 2 Superior Room

Sunday, July 14

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

Approximate travel time to your golf course today 10min

OVERNIGHT: **Portmarnock Resort** - 2 Superior Room

Monday, July 15

Play at **The Island Golf Club (tbc)**. From Bernard Darwin to Darren Clarke, masterful observers and champion golfers alike have enjoyed this fascinating links layout located north of Dublin along the Irish Sea. This is one of the oldest clubs in Ireland founded in 1890. Water surrounds the course on three sides. Massive dunes form virtual amphitheaters around several greens which are some of the best surfaces in the country. The par-4s are the stars here. There are 13 in all, covering all lengths and configurations. The 7th is one of the finest, a slight dogleg left that requires two precise and powerful shots. Its unclear who laid out the original course, but a succession of experts followed: Fred Hawtree, Eddie Hackett, Martin Hawtree and finally Mackenzie & Ebert whose remodel opened in 2019. It is always impressive to us how so many of these clubs never rest on their laurels.

The Island Golf Club, Ireland by LINKS Magazine

Approximate travel time to your golf course today 30min

OVERNIGHT: **Portmarnock Resort** - 2 Superior Room

Tuesday, July 16

Approximate travel time to your hotel 1hr 30min

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

Approximate travel time to your golf course today 1hr

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

Wednesday, July 17

Enjoy today at your own leisure.

Sightseeing Suggestion: Visit Downpatrick an important historical town, which until recently was almost entirely surrounded by water. It is here that you should visit the Saint Patrick Centre, which tells the story of Ireland's patron Saint before visiting the traditional site of St. Patrick's Grave in the nearby grounds of Down Cathedral.

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

Thursday, July 18

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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Royal County Down Golf Club, Northern Ireland by LINKS Magazine

Approximate travel time to your golf course today 0min

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

Friday, July 19

Approximate travel time to your hotel 50min

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

Approximate travel time to your golf course today 3hr 20min

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

Saturday, July 20

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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Today attend the Open. Regular Ground series attendance ticket is included.

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Sunday, July 21

Sightseeing Suggestion: Enjoy a visit to Bushmills Distillery, the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world, established in 1608. Following your guided tour take a walk out to the Carrick a rede Rope Bridge. During the walk, along the Larrybane Cliffs, sea birds wheel and scream over the waves below. The Rope Bridge bounces and sways as one ventures gingerly along the planks above the rock strewn water 60ft below.

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Monday, July 22

Depart Ireland from Dublin Airport.

Your Lodging

Portmarnock Resort

The Portmarnock Resort is located in an enviable position overlooking the Irish Sea in the North Dublin town of Portmarnock. It is very accessible to Dublin Airport, Dublin City and the main motorway networks. The Resort is home to the Jameson Golf Links which runs along the dunes south from the hotel. The original hotel building is the former home of the Jamesons, the famous whiskey family. Set amidst 4.5 acres of garden and magnificent beach front, the hotel has a distinctly country house atmosphere while in easy reach of the city center. The house originally built in 1847 and reconstructed in 1895, still retains its fine crafted plaster ceilings and oak wood paneling. These can be seen in the bars and reception area and give the hotel the charm and elegance of a by-gone age. Recent renovations include a new bedroom wing added with views overlooking the 1st hole of the links.

Slieve Donard Resort & Spa

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.

Beech Hill Country House

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.