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## 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

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This evening depart the United States.

### Saturday, July 13

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Journey to your chosen 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.

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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 Hotel & Golf Links** - 2 Superior Room

### Sunday, July 14

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Today play at historic **Portmarnock (tbc)**, consistently ranked as one of the top five courses in Ireland. Most of the trouble is visible and the fairways and greens are generally flatter than other links courses in Ireland. However, the course is well bunkered and is open to the winds coming off the Irish Sea and Dublin Bay. 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. 10min

OVERNIGHT: **Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links** - 2 Superior Room

### Monday, July 15

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Play at **The Island Golf Club (tbc)**. Located to the north of Dublin City it continues a tradition of links golf since its foundation in 1890. The Island presents a formidable challenge to test the capabilities of all golfers. The magnificent splendour and solitude associated with the Island is highlighted by undulating fairways rolling through majestic sand dunes.

Make your way to your chosen golf course. 30min

OVERNIGHT: **Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links** - 2 Superior Room

### Tuesday, July 16

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Journey to your chosen hotel. 1hr 30min

Today play **Co Louth Golf Club (tbc)**. To the north of Dublin at Baltray, is the home to the invigorating links of County Louth. Tom Simpson, one of the great architects of his time redesigned much of the course in 1938, giving it a subtlety and charm that is still evident today. The short holes are exceptionally good at Baltray. The club is the permanent home to the East of Ireland Championship. Consistently ranked in the Top Ten courses in Ireland and Golf World's Top 100 Courses in the British Isles.

Make your way to your chosen golf course. 1hr

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

### Wednesday, July 17

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Enjoy today at your own leisure.

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**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

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Golf today on **Royal County Down (tbc)**, designed by Tom Morris in 1889 and situated in the shadows of the Mourne mountains. A spectacular location and an outstanding links golf course. It's charm lies in the old fashioned flavour of both the terrain and the layout. A mix of rugged dunes, coloured by a blend of purple heather and yellow flowering gorse combine to a dramatic effect on what is one of the toughest courses in the British Isles. Venue for the Walker Cup in 2007 and consistently ranked in the top 10 courses in the world.

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

Make your way to your chosen golf course. 0min

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

## Friday, July 19

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Journey to your chosen 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

Make your way to your chosen golf course. 3hr 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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Today attend the Open. Regular Ground series attendance ticket is included.

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

## Sunday, July 21

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**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

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Depart Ireland from Dublin Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links

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The Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links 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 hotel has its own links course 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. There are a choice of dining options available within the hotel, with the Osborne Restaurant serving some on the finest Irish cuisine.

### 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 owned by the Hastings Hotels Group, and offers fine accommodation and excellent facilities. Recently celebrating its Centenary, the Slieve Donard at Newcastle is truly one of Ireland's great holiday hotels. Apart from the obvious attraction for golfers, the hotel is also an ideal setting for fishing, horse riding and mountain walks. The hotel has undergone a complete modernisation and refurbishment to all bedrooms. In 2006, after a 15 million pound refurbishment the new Spa and bedroom wing opened its doors with the Spa providing one of the finest facilities in all of Ireland. Situated on two floors and with stunning views across the Irish Sea and the Mourne Mountains. A wide range of fitness and leisure experiences cover the ground floor, including a 20 metre pool, high tech gymnasium and the restaurant and lounge. On the first floor guests are transported to a zone of complete peace and tranquility with E'Spa, the world-renowned Spa company, a luxurious range of therapies have been created to truly balance mind, body and soul which can be enjoyed in any one of 16 treatment suites.

### 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.