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## Northern Ireland's Classics

5 Nights | 5 Rounds including Royal County Down, Royal Portrush & Ballyliffin

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### Wednesday, June 1

This evening depart the United States.

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### Thursday, June 2

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 **Ardglass (tbc)**. Ardglass is a course many would never find on their own but we wholeheartedly recommend it. Founded in 1896, this is an exceptional layout less than 30 minutes from Royal County Down with dramatic elevation changes and striking views as you play on high ground along black rock cliffs beside the Irish Sea. The first five holes are as memorable as you'll find with rocks and water threatening every shot not played with a putter. The par 3s here stand out. No. 2 at 167 yards is "Howd's Hole" played over a massive ravine to a much too small green. "Cathlin" plays from an elevated tee to a green located on the edge of the club's rocky headland 198 yards away. A 14th century castle serves as Ardglass's clubhouse, the oldest in golf.

**Ardglass Golf Club, Northern Ireland by LINKS Magazine**

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

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### Friday, June 3

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.

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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, June 4**

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

**Sunday, June 5**

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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.

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

**Monday, June 6**

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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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**Tuesday, June 7**

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Depart Ireland from Airport.

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## Your Lodging

### 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.

### 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.