
2021 Irish Links Golf Cruise

12 Nights | 6 Rounds | Southampton - Dublin | June 21 - July 3

PerryGolf is proud to partner with **Azamara®** for an exceptional 12-night, 6-round golf and sightseeing voyage nearly circumnavigating the Emerald Isle onboard the outstanding 690-guest *Azamara Journey*. We sail from Southampton for ten diverse ports including **Waterford, Cork, Foynes, Galway, Donegal, Londonderry, Belfast, Warrenpoint** and finally, **Dublin**. The golf is exceptional with six of Ireland's highest rated clubs including **Old Head, Ballybunion, Ballyliffin, Royal Portrush, Royal County Down** and **Portmarnock Golf Club**.

Southampton provides convenient access to the charms of **London**, from **Buckingham Palace** to the streets of Chinatown with myriad dining and evening entertainment options to satisfy any taste. **Dublin** is the ideal location for an extended port visit because it has a multitude of cultural, historical and entertainment options. Be certain to reserve time for a visit to the Church of Christ Cathedral - and later, enjoy a pint of Guinness at one of the many pubs. The golf in Ireland is incomparable and **Royal Portrush** will be fresh from its return to the major championship stage, as host of The 148th Open. We'll also play a round at **Ballybunion Old**, an Irish favorite for five-time Open Champion, Tom Watson.

Azamara Journey, which serves as our perfect floating boutique hotel and clubhouse, is a mid-sized luxury vessel nimble enough to access smaller ports yet large enough to provide every amenity you would expect, from a choice of fine dining and live entertainment, to a well-equipped gym and full-service spa. Forty-six suites are available with English butler style service which routinely book early. Sailing schedules often include extended stays in port plus the occasional overnight which allows for a truly immersive experience. Better still, these cruises are inclusive of a selection of beers, spirits, soft drinks, bottled water, specialty coffees plus wine with lunch and dinner along with gratuities for housekeeping, dining and bar staff. Azamara also proudly boasts two unique signature events on each cruise - an **AzAmazing EveningSM** and the **White Night** party - complimentary to all guests and consistently well received.

Every aspect of the golf program is fully managed by PerryGolf staff onboard and ashore. Your clubs will be ready and waiting at each venue. Tee times and pairings arranged and posted in advance. A convenient transportation schedule affords suitable time to warm up at the range, and to make the almost inevitable pro shop merchandise purchase. Caddies are included (excluding caddie gratuity) for all our guests. A friendly competition is staged at a selected course, with prizes awarded at our farewell gathering. A snack lunch is included on-course plus an open bar operates in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the round. Our typical guest list which brings together like-minded individuals generally numbers between 40 and 50, with new friendships invariably formed during each cruise. Many guests are golfing couples but an equal number are golfers travelling with a non-golfing spouse. Specially arranged onboard golf group social functions, to which all accompanying non-golfing spouses are most warmly welcomed, further enhances the club-like environment. The award winning **Azamara Shore Excursions®** program, offering a wide variety of off ship excursions, also caters beautifully to our non-golfing guests during days when our golfing excursions are underway.

The "2021 Irish Links Golf Cruise" is a genuinely full-featured vacation and a special opportunity to enjoy yourself in the company of like-minded new friends!

Photo Album

Detailed Itinerary

JUNE 21, MONDAY: SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND (EMBARK BY 4:30PM / SAIL 6:00PM)

Embark *Azamara Journey* beginning at 1:00PM. All aboard by 4:30PM.

Welcome Cocktails & Briefing this evening. Meet your fellow participants.

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 22, TUESDAY: AT SEA

Today it's time to relax and reset. Make your reservations early for **The Sanctum Spa**, a world-class wellness facility offering a full range of health, beauty and restorative treatments. Complimentary fitness and nutrition classes are available along with a fully equipped gym on Deck 9 offering magnificent sea views. There's room for everyone on the Pool Deck both in and out of the sun. Service to your lounge chair is available from **The Pool Bar** where the attentive staff is always ready to offer an inclusive cocktail, beer, bottled water, soft drink or fresh towel. **The Patio** restaurant serves casual fare during the day then completely transforms itself into a sit-down al fresco dining experience at night with table linens and candles. Elegant specialty dining is available for beef at **Prime C** and Italian at **Aqualina**. **Windows Café** serves casual buffet dining with every imaginable choice indoors and out at the sensational Sunset Bar.

What a way to spend a day!

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 23, WEDNESDAY: WATERFORD, IRELAND (8:00AM / 4:30PM)

SIGHTSEEING: The Viking traders who founded **Waterford** in 914 were not the first to settle in this vicinity; Neolithic standing stones and megalithic tombs testify to much older cultures. A veritable march through the centuries continues with Norman forts, medieval abbeys, and numerous manor houses of 17th and 18th century vintage surrounded by primeval forests, and delightful gardens perfect for strolling.

Enjoy **Waterford** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

Port Explorer Guide - Waterford

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 24, THURSDAY: CORK (COBH), IRELAND (6:30AM / 6:00PM)

GOLF: Perched atop a cliff in a dramatic portion of Ireland, the links at **Old Head** is one of the world's most discussed courses as golfers appreciate not only its magnificent beauty but also the diverse strategic options in

ever-changing winds. The par-5 No. 17, 'Lighthouse' requires golfers to challenge the rugged coastline - or play conservatively and deal with a blind approach. The home hole is a daunting dogleg left par-4 with trouble awaiting on both sides of the fairway.

SIGHTSEEING: Located on Ireland's southeast coast in County Cork, the quaint seaside town of **Cobh** (old Irish for cove) is known for its great maritime heritage and seafaring history. As Ireland's only dedicated cruise terminal, Cobh was the departure point for 2.5 million of the six million Irish people that immigrated to North America between 1848 and 1950. It remains a popular port of call today for cruise liners from all over the world in part due to the fact that Cobh was the last port of call for RMS Titanic. Cobh has remained largely unchanged since that fateful day in 1912 with brightly colored houses along streets that climb to the top of the hill which is crowned by the imposing **Cobh Cathedral**, St. Coleman's Cathedral with its carillon of 47 bells. On the waterfront there is a statue of **Annie Moore** who was the first person admitted to the United States through the new immigration center at Ellis Island on January 1, 1892.

Enjoy **Cobh** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

[Port Explorer Guide - Cobh \(Cork\)](#)

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 25, FRIDAY: FOYNES, IRELAND (9:00AM / 8:00PM)

GOLF: **Ballybunion Old** is carved from the earth, amid the dunes beside the ocean and features dramatic changes in elevation. It's the most famous links in Ireland, in part because American professional Tom Watson, the five-time Open Champion, professed his love for the layout when he hoisted the Claret Jug in 1982. A natural, elemental design it is cut from the same cloth as Pebble Beach or St. Andrews, courses that needed only slight refinement by the hand of men.

SIGHTSEEING: **Foynes** is a tiny village but a major port in County Limerick in midwest Ireland. While there are less than 1,000 residents, Foynes is home to the **Flying Boat & Maritime Museum** which features historical archives and interactive exhibits. Tour the only replica B314 Flying Boat in the world, enjoy a panoramic view in the reinstated control tower and learn about the movie stars and celebrities who spent time here in the 1930s and 1940s. Also discover the village's connection to the U.S. Civil War and discover the story behind the origin of Irish Coffee - enjoying a taste for yourself, of course.

Enjoy **Foynes** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

[Port Explorer Guide - Foynes](#)

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 26, SATURDAY: GALWAY, IRELAND (8:00AM / 6:00PM)

SIGHTSEEING: **Galway** sits on the west coast of Ireland where the River Corrib meets the Atlantic Ocean. Start your day in the town hub of **Eyre Square**, a public park adjacent to a collection of shops and pubs where traditional Irish folk music provides the soundtrack during the afternoons and evenings. The Galway Cathedral is

one of the largest and most impressive buildings in the city. This Roman Catholic church features a mosaic of U.S. President John F. Kennedy. **The Spanish Arch**, located on the River Corrib, was built in 1584. Those seeking something a little spookier might be interested in the Lynch Memorial Window, where in 1493 legend has it the town mayor hung his son for murdering a visitor.

Enjoy **Galway** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

[Port Explorer Guide - Galway](#)

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 27, SUNDAY: DONEGAL, IRELAND (8:00AM / 6:00PM)

SIGHTSEEING: Described by *National Geographic Traveler* as the “Coolest Place on the Planet for 2017,” **Donegal** is a nature lover’s paradise, located at the mouth of River Elke in NW Ireland. Any visit here must include a self-guided tour at **Donegal Castle**, which was built in the 15th century and is adjacent to the town square, providing convenient access to shopping and dining options. While you’re there, pick up a jacket or cap made of Donegal Tweed, hand-woven and unique due to its pattern and heathered effect. Sitting on the outskirts of town, the ruins of **The Abbey of the Four Masters** overlook the water where the River Elke flows into Donegal Bay. **Glenveagh National Park** is a lush, green oasis. A few miles north of town admire the majestic cliffs of Sliabh Liag and take a comfortable walk around the scenic and serene Lough Eske.

Enjoy **Donegal** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

[Port Explorer Guide - Donegal](#)

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 28, MONDAY: LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND (9:00AM / 8:00PM)

GOLF: Today play **Ballyliffin Golf Club**, the most northerly club in Ireland, its stunning **Glashedy Links** amongst the most memorable you will find anywhere in the world. The course was designed by the legendary Irish duo of Pat Ruddy and Tom Craddock, and is fashioned through an incredible dune landscape. Ruddy cherishes Glashedy Links as his own and has returned in recent years to fine tune the bunkering of this magnificent links. The course has hosted the Irish Open on the European Tour, and also the Ladies Irish Open.

SIGHTSEEING: The city of Derry, or **Londonderry**, is the second largest in Northern Ireland behind the capital, Belfast. Said to have been founded in the 6th century by Saint Colmcille (or St. Columba), Derry was renamed Londonderry in 1613 upon the award of its Royal Charter by King James I. Through the siege of the walled city in 1689 to its key strategic role in World War II, Derry has been influential in the shaping of the world around it. In 2013, it holds the honour of being the UK’s first City of Culture.

Enjoy **Londonderry** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

[Port Explorer Guide - Londonderry](#)

Overnight: At Sea

JUNE 29, TUESDAY: BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND (8:00AM / IN PORT)

GOLF: Today play **Royal Portrush**. It holds the distinction of being the only course in Ireland to have hosted The Open which it did in 1951. Royal Portrush returned to The Open rota in 2019 following a 70-year absence. The Dunluce Course is as fine a links as you will find anywhere, with the 5th being a particularly memorable hole to a green hanging on the edge of a cliff. Consistently ranked in the top 20 of the world's best courses.

SIGHTSEEING: **Belfast** in the early 20th century had the largest and most productive shipyard in the world, gaining global renown with the launch of the RMS Titanic. Located on the slipways where she was built is a stunning new museum, opened in time for the 100th anniversary of Titanic's only voyage and tragic demise. Today the city and riverfront are undergoing a 21st century transformation, but many exuberant Victorian and Edwardian buildings still sport the carved heads of kings and queens. As you explore the city, keep an eye out for "the murals." These somewhat troubling freelance works appearing on building walls provide insight into the period known simply as "The Troubles."

Enjoy **Belfast** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

[Port Explorer Guide - Belfast](#)

Overnight: In Port - Belfast, Ireland

JUNE 30, WEDNESDAY: BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND (IN PORT / 8:00PM)

Enjoy another day in Belfast.

Overnight: At Sea

JULY 1, THURSDAY: WARRENPOINT, NORTHERN IRELAND (8:00AM / 10:00PM)

GOLF: Today play **Royal County Down**. Located in the town of Newcastle to the south of Belfast. Consistently ranked in the top 10 courses in the world, this is a true test of links golf set against the magnificent backdrop of the Mountains of Mourne. Host to the 2007 Walker Cup Match featuring a young local by the name of Rory McIlroy, and an all-star USA line-up.

SIGHTSEEING: A small town and civil parish in County Down, **Warrenpoint** lies on the northern shore of Carlingford Lough and is split from the Republic of Ireland by a narrow strait. The name Warrenpoint is thought to have originated from a family that lived there in the latter half of the 18th century. Referred to locally as "The Point", Warrenpoint is renowned for its picturesque location, home to Narrow Water Castle which dates from the 1660s.

Enjoy **Warrenpoint** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

Overnight: At Sea

JULY 2, FRIDAY: DUBLIN, IRELAND (8:00AM / IN PORT)

GOLF: Portmarnock Golf Club is ranked No. 49 in Golf Magazine's Top 100 Courses in the World. This windswept links features devilish pot bunkers and low dunes that have challenged legendary golfers of every era. Arnold Palmer partnered with Sam Snead to win the 1960 Canada Cup on the Old course. The King described the 15th as the best par-3 in golf.

SIGHTSEEING: A good place to begin in **Dublin** is **The National Museum of Ireland** on Kildare Street for a well-designed archaeological collection featuring Bronze Age gold jewellery and Viking swords. The stars of the show are the "bog people" — preserved corpses of men who were killed (presumably sacrificed) and tossed into peat bogs during the Iron Age. The preservative qualities are remarkable. Dublin is home to St Patrick's Cathedral of course but much of Ireland's history can be read in **Christ Church Cathedral**, which dates back to circa 1030. The medieval crypt is full of treasures plus the belfry tour provides a beautiful view and an up-close look at the flying buttresses, as well as the chance to try bell-ringing. Dublin's booming culinary scene is found along Exchequer Street where The Green Hen has won many admirers with its combination of French atmosphere and Franco-Irish cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients. Try the pan-fried duck breast. Finally, while craft beer is certainly the popular new thing, a pint of "the black stuff" is still required drinking on any trip to Dublin. **The Guinness Storehouse** museum at the St. James's Gate brewery explains how the stout is made and how to pull a proper pint at the correct 45-degree angle and waiting 119.5 seconds before topping it off. Take it up to the Gravity Bar, where the 360-degree view of Dublin is worth lingering over.

Enjoy **Dublin** on your own or via **Azamara Shore Excursions®**.

Port Explorer Guide - Dublin

Overnight: In Port - Dublin, Ireland

JULY 3, SATURDAY: DUBLIN, IRELAND (6:00AM / DISEMBARK AT 9:00AM)

Disembark *Azamara Journey* at 9:00AM.

Golf Schedule

OLD HEAD GOLF LINKS: KINSALE, IRELAND



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BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB - OLD COURSE: BALLYBUNION, IRELAND

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BALLYLIFFIN GOLF CLUB – GLASHEDY LINKS: INISHOWEN, IRELAND



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ROYAL PORTRUSH – DUNLUCE COURSE: PORTRUSH, NORTHERN IRELAND

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ROYAL COUNTY DOWN GOLF CLUB: NEWCASTLE, NORTHERN IRELAND



Situated in the shadows of the Mourne mountains. A spectacular location and an outstanding links golf course. **Royal County Down's** charm lies in the old fashioned flavor of both the terrain and the layout. A mix of rugged dunes, colored 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.

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claimed Irish Open titles on the venerable layout.

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