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Golf in Ireland with SGH Golf the Irish experts. Ireland is world famous for Irish links courses such as: Portmarnock, Royal Dublin, Links of Portmarnock, Baltray, Lahinch, Ballybunion Old, Ballybunion Cashen, Connemara, Rosses Point, Adare, Old Head, Tralee, Killarney Killeen, Waterville, Dooks, Royal County Down, Royal Portrush, Portstewart and many, many more.

Ireland Golf Vacation Packages!

SGH Golf can provide you with a wide variety of Ireland golf vacation packages using small, family run bed and breakfasts, to full service world-class hotels along with your choice of some of the finest links golf courses in the world. The above links are some of the sample itineraries on the trips we can offer you. SGH Golf customizes all of our tours and hope we can make your next golf holiday one you will always remember.

Ireland Value Golf Tour Itinerary...

The following vacation is designed for the traveler who wishes to stay in quaint, family-run hotels, thus allowing the group to stay within budget, while experiencing some of the charms of Irish hospitality.

Day 1:

Your Irish Golf Vacation begins with a transatlantic flight to Shannon, Ireland.

Day 2:

Upon arrival in Shannon, you will be met by an SGH Golf representative who will present you with a travel packet complete with maps, local information, and places of interest. After being shown to your rental vehicle, you will drive south to the magical town of Killarney. Here you will check in to the 19th Green Guesthouse. The afternoon is free for you to relax and unpack.



The 19th Green Hotel

Day 3:

After a full Irish Breakfast, your first round of golf will be played at Waterville. Non golfers will want to accompany the golfers and then continue to tour The Ring of Kerry.



Waterville

Day 4:

Today golf has been arranged at Arnold Palmer's Tralee Golf Club. Non golfers may choose to visit the cities of Cork and Blarney.



Tralee

Day 5:

This morning you will travel north to play the legendary Ballybunion (Old). Non golfers will want to spend time touring the Dingle Peninsula. After golf, you will continue north to the village of Lahinch and check in to the Greenbrier Inn.

Day 6:

A morning round is planned at Lahinch (Old). Non golfers will want to visit the Cliffs of Moher. This afternoon, you will drive across Ireland to the village of Malahide, near Portmarnock. Your home for the next two days will be Grand Hotel.

**Day 7:**

After a full Irish breakfast, the great links at Portmarnock will test your golfing skills today. Non golfers may want to tour Dublin today.

Day 8:

This morning, Ireland bids you farewell.

Ireland Value Golf Tour Cost...

Valid Dates 1/1/06 - 12/31/06

All prices are per person, double occupancy, land cost only.

Prices Start At:

\$2705.00 per golfer and \$1380.00 per non golfer.

All golf is subject to availability.

Cost Includes:

- 6 nights accommodation, double occupancy at hotels indicated.
- Full Irish breakfast each day.
- Greens fees and starting times for 5 rounds of golf at Waterville, Tralee, Ballybunion (Old), Lahinch (Old), Portmarnock.
- All service charges on hotel accommodation, and all local taxes.
- Rental vehicle with unlimited mileage, Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) and VAT tax. (Gas is extra)
- SGH Golf travel guide complete with touring map and places of interest.
- Assistance of our Killarney office to arrange extra golf and sightseeing trips of all descriptions.
- SGH Golf luggage tags and travel documents.

Other courses in the area that you could substitute: Killarney Killeen, Mahony's Point, Dooks, Ballybunion Cashen, Doonbeg, and Royal Dublin.

Ireland First Class Golf Tour Itinerary...

The following vacation is designed for the traveller who would like the warm, inviting hospitality provided in some of Ireland's finest hotels. The following itinerary is only one sample of the many variations we can offer.

Day 1:

Your Irish Golf Vacation begins with a transatlantic flight to Shannon, Ireland.

Day 2:

Upon arrival in Shannon, you will be met by an SGH Golf representative who will present you with a travel packet complete with maps, local information, and places of interest. After being shown to your rental vehicle, you will drive south to the town of Killarney. Here you will check in to the Royal Hotel. The afternoon is free for you to relax and unpack. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.



Day 3:

After a full Irish breakfast, your first round of golf will be played at Waterville. Non golfers will want to accompany the golfers and then continue to tour The Ring of Kerry.

Day 4:

Golf today is at Arnold Palmer's Tralee Golf Club. Non golfers may choose to visit the cities of Cork and Blarney.



Day 5:

This morning you will travel north to play the legendary links at Ballybunion (Old). Non golfers will want to spend time touring the Dingle Peninsula. After golf, you will continue north to Ennis and check in to the Woodstock Hotel. Dinner will be included this evening at the hotel.

Day 6:

A morning round is planned at Lahinch (Old). Non golfers will want to visit the Cliffs of Moher. This afternoon, you will drive across Ireland to the capital of Dublin. Your home for the next two days will be The Schoolhouse Hotel.



Day 7:

After a full Irish breakfast, the great links at Portmarnock will test your golfing skills. Non golfers may want to tour Dublin today.

Day 8:

This morning, Ireland bids you farewell.

Ireland First Class Golf Tour Cost...

Valid Dates 1/1/06 - 12/31/06

All prices are per person, double occupancy, land cost only.

Prices Start At:

\$3570.00 per golfer and \$2242.00 per non golfer.

All golf is subject to availability.

Cost Includes:

- 6 nights accommodation, double occupancy at hotels indicated.
- Full Irish breakfast each day.
- Table d'hote dinner on 3 evenings
- Greens fees and starting times for one round of golf each at Waterville, Tralee, Ballybunion (Old), Lahinch (Old), Portmarnock.
- All service charges on hotel accommodation, and all local taxes.
- Rental vehicle with unlimited mileage, Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) and VAT tax. (Gas is extra)
- SGH Golf travel guide complete with touring map and places of interest.
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Ireland Luxury Golf Tour Itinerary...

The following vacation is designed for those travelers seeking the finest service and accommodations that can only be found at Ireland's premier luxury hotels. The following itinerary is only one sample of the many variations we can offer.

Day 1:

Your Irish Golf Vacation begins with a transatlantic flight to Shannon, Ireland.

Day 2:

Upon arrival in Shannon, you will be met by an SGH Golf representative who will present you with a travel packet complete with maps, local information, and places of interest. After being shown to your rental vehicle, you will drive south to the town of Killarney. Here you will check in to The Aghadoe Heights Hotel. The afternoon is free for you to relax and unpack. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening, and every evening hereafter.



Day 3:

After a full Irish breakfast, your first round of golf will be played at Waterville. Non golfers will want to accompany the golfers and then continue to tour The Ring of Kerry.



Day 4:

Golf Today is at Arnold Palmer's Tralee Golf Club. Non golfers may choose to visit the cities of Cork and Blarney.

Day 5:

This morning you will travel north to play the legendary links at Ballybunion (Old). Non golfers will want to spend time touring the Dingle Peninsula. After golf, you will continue to Newmarket-on-Fergus and check into Dromoland Castle.



Day 6:

After breakfast a morning round is planned at Lahinch (Old). Non golfers will want to visit the Cliffs of Moher. This afternoon, you will drive across Ireland to the capital of Dublin. Your home for the next two days will be The Shelbourne Hotel.



Day 7:

The great links at Portmarnock will test your golfing skills. Ladies and non golfers may want to tour Dublin today.

Day 8:

This morning you may choose to extend your Irish golf vacation by visiting Royal Portrush and other northern areas.

Ireland Luxury Golf Tour Cost...

Valid Dates 1/1/06 - 12/31/06

All prices are per person, double occupancy, land cost only.

Prices Start At:

\$4705.00 per golfer and \$3375.00 per non golfer.

All golf is subject to availability.

Cost Includes:

- 6 nights accommodation, double occupancy at hotels indicated.
- Full Irish breakfast each day.
- Table d'hote dinner each evening.
- Greens fees and starting times for one round each of golf at Waterville, Tralee, Ballybunion (Old), Lahinch (Old), and Portmarnock.
- All service charges on hotel accommodation, and all local taxes.
- Rental vehicle with unlimited mileage, Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) and VAT tax. (Gas is extra)
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Ireland Hotels

Southwest

Aghadoe Heights

(Killarney) This deluxe hotel is situated on the hills above the lakes of Killarney and affords spectacular views of the golf course and the mountains beyond. The hotels modern exterior belies its luxurious interior.



Harbour Lodge

(Kinsale) A superbly appointed 4 star guesthouse with spectacular harbour views providing luxurious accommodations in Kinsale. The bedrooms are spacious and bright, most with balconies and a spectacular harbour view.

Killarney Park Hotel

(Killarney) Built in its own grounds yet located only 300 yards from the town center. The hotel has a very traditional atmosphere with spacious public areas and open fires.

Cliff House Hotel

(Ballybunion) Beautifully situated overlooking the golden beaches in Ballybunion, the Cliff House is a 32 bedroom family run hotel. While here you can take advantage of the fresh Atlantic air and miles of safe beach on which you could enjoy a variety of walks or tours.

Iragh Ti Connor Guesthouse

(Ballybunion) A new deluxe guesthouse with extra large bedrooms and specifically catering to the golfer. This four star property provides comfortable accommodation with its own restaurant.



Royal Hotel

(Killarney) The Royal Hotel is a family owned hotel situation 2 minutes walk from the town center. It offers an intimately homey atmosphere with a comfortably furnished lounge and a dining room which serves excellent food and wine with friendly service.

19th Green Guesthouse

(Killarney) The 19th Green is a family run guesthouse situated less than two miles from Killarney Town and adjacent to Killarney's golf course.



West

Adare Manor 🚩🚩🚩🚩🚩

(Adare) Within this one thousand acre estate, you will experience some of Ireland's finest hospitality. This luxurious manor is truly a haven for the lifestyles of the discerning golfer.

Dromoland Castle 🚩🚩🚩🚩🚩

(Newmarket-on-Fergus) Situated in landscaped grounds, gardens and woods, Dromoland is truly an Irish Legend. Golfing, fishing, riding and pigeon shooting are among the many activities provided on-site.



Woodstock Hotel 🚩🚩🚩

(Ennis) Woodstock Hotel is in a setting as scenic as it is historically fascinating. Surrounded by a lake, river, two ancient forts and graceful mature trees, the hotel stands serenely surveying this green and verdant scene.

Atlantic Hotel 🚩🚩🚩

(Lahinch) This family run hotel has 14 en suite rooms, great restaurant and bar that is very popular with locals and visiting golfers.

Greenbrier Inn 🚩🚩

This is a luxurious guesthouse. The dining room and living room overlook Lahinch golf course and the Atlantic Ocean. Situated within a short walk of Lahinch village. All rooms are en suite with antique pine furnishings. An excellent base from which to visit the Cliffs of Moher, the Burren, Aran Islands and Galway or play golf on the nearby famous Lahinch championship golf course.



Moy House 🚩🚩🚩🚩

(Lahinch) Facing the Cliffs of Moher across Lahinch Bay, Moy House is a scrumptious boutique hotel caressed by wispy breezes rising off the sea, with waves almost lapping at the bottom of the garden. Built as a stylish holiday home in the early 1800s, the property has undergone a complete transformation from one to two stories, with all but two bedrooms having sea views.

North

Slieve Donard Hotel 🏆🏆🏆🏆

(Newcastle) Situated at the foot of the beautiful Mountains of Mourne, the hotel stands in six acres of private grounds which extend to a wonderful golden strand. These sands stretch for several miles in each direction and offer superb sea bathing.



Bushmills Inn 🏆🏆🏆

(Bushmills) At the home of the world's oldest distillery, between Giant's Causeway and Royal Portrush Golf Club, this award winning hotel and restaurant has been outstandingly successful in re-creating its origins as an old coaching inn.

Magherabouy House 🏆🏆🏆

(Portrush) The Magherabouy House is set in the heart of the causeway coast. The elegant reception area creates a warm, sophisticated atmosphere reflecting the standard and quality of service found throughout the entire hotel.

East

Shelbourne Hotel 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

(Dublin) The Shelbourne, Ireland's distinguished address provides the ultimate in luxury and service. It recreates all the splendor and elegance of a bygone age, with all modern comforts. It is located in Dublin's most fashionable area, overlooking St. Stephen's Green, right in the center of the city.



Portmarnock Country Club Hotel 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

(Portmarnock) Situated on the coast, 20 minutes from Dublin city center, this hotel was the former home of the Jameson whiskey family and has a distinct country house atmosphere.

Grand Hotel 🏆🏆🏆🏆

(Malahide) The Grand Hotel is the outstanding landmark in the beautiful award winning town of Malahide. With Dublin city only a twenty minute drive, and Portmarnock and Royal Dublin even closer yet.

Schoolhouse Hotel 🏆🏆🏆🏆

(Dublin) A four star hotel which was originally a national school dating back to the 1800's. With less than 40 bedrooms all of which are more than comfortable. Twenty minutes walk to city centre, southside location.



Seaglade House 🏆🏆

(Portmarnock) The Seaglade House is a pleasant family run home in secluded grounds of 3 acres, directly overlooking the Irish sea.

Ireland Golf Courses

West

Connemara (7161 yds, Par 72)

A late edition to Irish Championship Golf, golf was first played at Connemara in 1973. Like Waterville in the south of County Kerry, the youthfulness for this great links belies its strengths and classic architecture.



Rosses Point (6347 yds, Par 71)

Also known as County Sligo, it is first and foremost a true links course. The Atlantic on the west, Drumcliffe Bay to the north, and Ben Bulbin provide magnificent backdrops. Other courses in the area which are worth playing are Westport, Enniscrone and Galway Bay.

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South

Lahinch (6276 yds, Par 72)

Known as "The St. Andrews of Ireland," The Old Course at Lahinch has its share of peculiarities. Blind shots, enormous sand dunes, and the ever-present wind from the Atlantic makes Lahinch the classic Irish links.



Ballybunion Old (6603 yds, Par 71)

Tom Watson qualifies The Old Course this way, "It is a course you will always enjoy and never tire of playing. In short, Ballybunion is a course on which many golf architects should live and play before they build golf courses. I consider it to be a true test of golf."

Adare (7138 yds, Par 72)

This is a world class championship golf course designed with four tees on each hole to ensure that every level of golfer will enjoy their game.

Doonbeg (6800 yds, Par 72)

Doonbeg is a spectacular new traditional links course with tremendous views of the Atlantic coast from every hole. Designed by Greg Norman who described the site as "one of the greatest sites in the world for a sand-dune style links course."



Dooks (6572 yds, Par 70)

This is a testing links course situated in one of the most picturesque corners of the Ring of Kerry. The golf course is laid out on one of three stretches of sand dunes at the head of Dingle Bay.

Old Head Golf Links (6047 yds, Par 72)

The Old Head is ideally located on the South Coast of Ireland, 30 minutes drive from Cork International airport. The course reminds people of Cypress Point and Pebble Beach, two of America's most famous courses.



Tralee (6047 yds, Par 71)

Arnold Palmer designed this wonderful course just 30 minutes south of Ballybunion. The back nine provides some of the most scenic and awe-inspiring links holes in the world.

Killarney (36 holes)

The Killeen Course may be the best known of the two courses due to the fact that it has played host to the Irish Open. Mahoney's Point, however, is also quite a lovely parkland layout. Its 18th hole, a long par 3 over the lake, is one of the most photographed holes in Ireland.

Waterville (7239 yds, Par 73)

After playing the likes of Ballybunion and Lahinch, Waterville may at first appear easy. Its sand dunes are not so high, and its bunkers not so deep. It provides, however, one of the truest and hardest tests of links golf in all of Ireland. While in the south of Ireland, you may consider playing Cork Little Island, Harbour Point, Fota Island, Shannon, Mallow, Ennis, Dromoland, Mount Juliet, and Ring of Kerry Golf Club.

North

Royal County Down (6720 yds, Par 71)

This wonderful links is laid out on undulating land between the beautiful Mountains of Mourne and the sea. It is certainly one of the country's greatest courses, and has been the scene of many major championships.



Royal Portrush (6593 yds, Par 72)

This beautiful links course is laid out on a wonderful stretch of natural golfing terrain, with the course threading its way through a tangle of giant sandhills, dunes and wild dwarf roses. It is also the only course in Ireland to have hosted the British Open.

Portstewart (6804 yds, Par 72)

Located at the northernmost tip of County Antrim, Portstewart is one of the great unsung jewels in Irish golf. Portstewart hosted the qualifying rounds for the 1951 British Open.

While in Ulster, play Castlerock, Ballyliffen, Ardglass, and Warren Point.

East

Portmarnock (7102 yds, Par 72)

Portmarnock has hosted the lions share of Irish Opens over the last several decades. Its greatness is measured in its variety of golf holes. Played in typical Portmarnock "squalls" the course can prove to be one of the toughest courses in the world.



Island Golf Club (6646 yds, Par 71)

This Links is located across the estuary from the quaint village of Malahide, just north of Portmarnock. This beautiful links course, in splendid isolation is surrounded by the Irish Sea, Donabate beach and Broadmeadow estuary. Nestling between the highest sand dunes of any links course in Ireland its rugged beauty cannot fail to impress.

Royal Dublin (6590 yds, Par 73)

One of Ireland's oldest courses, Royal Dublin is a typical "out and back" links course, where the wind may help going out, but it will cause you fits coming home.

Baltray (7216 yds, Par 73)

In essence, this is links golf at its best with the four short holes facing in different directions and the almost certain wind calling for power and accuracy. Also known as County Louth.

Other courses well worth playing in the East are Druids Glen, The European, The K Club and Links Portmarnock.

Ireland Sightseeing

West

Galway

Galway is a spectacular blend of richness and ruggedness and is one of Ireland's most luminous places. In Galway city you can visit Claddagh Quay, probably Ireland's oldest fishing village. You may wish to purchase a Claddagh ring, which is formed by two hands clasping a heart and has become a traditional wedding ring. Lynch's Castle, established in 1320, is one of Ireland's finest examples of a castellated mansion within a town. At the Salmon Weir Bridge you can watch the salmon leap upstream on their way to spawn on early spring and summer days.

Sligo

Sligo is one of the most attractively sited towns in Ireland with mountains to the north and south. The 13th-century Sligo Abbey, destroyed in 1641 when the town was sacked, now has restored cloisters. Just outside the town, Lough Gill is Yeats "Lake isle of Innisfree".

Bundoran

A popular resort on an inlet of Donegal Bay, Bundoran has a wide sandy beach the action of the Atlantic on the cliffs has caused some interesting rock formations - the Wishing Chair, the Puffing Hole and a natural arch known as the Fairy Bridge.

Croagh Patrick, Louisburgh

A conical mountain on which St Patrick spend the 40 days of Lent in AD441, Croagh Patrick (also known as The Reek) has an oratory on its summit, and thousands of pilgrims climb its 2,510ft height each July for a mass. The climb begins beside the beautiful ruin of Murrisk Abbey, a 14th-century Augustinian foundation. Spectacular views await climbers at the summit; to the south the Twelve Pins can be seen, and to the north island-studded Clew Bay.

Southwest

Cliffs of Moher, Kilconnell

They stand on the edge of Ireland with the Atlantic crashing on the rocks 700 feet below and look out on the Aran islands in the distance A few miles from the coast is one of the strangest landscapes in Ireland, the Burren. Here there are fascinating neo-lithic tombs called dolmens, and concealed in the fissures of the rocks are some of the most exotic flora and fauna that lure botanists from around the world. And underneath are the Ailwee caves.

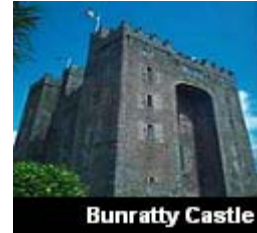


Dingle Peninsula

Here the dramatic mountains sweep down to golden beaches and stark rocks. The greens of the hills in contrast with the wildness of the scenes make Dingle an enchanted pace. Dingle is a native Gaelic speaking area and the lilt of this ancient tongue adds an extra element of mystery to this hauntingly beautiful place.

Bunratty Castle

Bunratty Castle was built in 1460 on the site of three previous castles and it is thought that William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, lived here as an infant. Today the castle exhibits one of the finest collections of 15th- to 17th-century art, furnishings and accoutrements in northern Europe. Another feature of this area is the Bunratty Folk Park, just behind the castle. Here you will see the rural heritage of Ireland - basketmaking, cooking, breadmaking, farming and housing. It's a valuable insight into history.



Adare

This is a very pretty village whose thatched wayside cottages were built as tenant homes in the 19th century by Lord Dunraven, the builder of Adare Manor. The Augustinian Friary has a true medieval feel, while the 13th-century Trinitarian Abbey is the only house of the order in Ireland. Both are still in use, the former by the Church of Ireland, the latter by the Catholic church.

Ring of Kerry, Killarney

This is a hundred mile route around the Iveragh Peninsula, which is one of the world's great scenic drives. This route, an amazing mixture of rugged mountains, winding valleys and dramatic seascapes, begins and ends in Killarney.

Muckross House, Killarney

This is a truly impressive 19th-century manor with a Portland stone exterior. Here you'll see exhibits of Kerry folklife, including ancient forms of harvesting, printing, pottery, weaving and hand-carved period furniture. The subtropical gardens and the nature walks offer a fine example of the beauty and serenity of the country.

Gap of Dunloe, Killarney

This is a four-mile gulch carved by glaciers. The trip can be accomplished in part or entirely by pony trap. The boulders rise high on either side and several seemingly bottomless tarns converge to form a surging stream that runs alongside the road. From the top of the gap the views are breathtakingly compounded of purple mountains, the Upper Lake, and the Cummeenduff rolling into the hills.

Cork

Cork is the second city of the Republic and claims to be the cultural capital. Built on an island formed by two channels of the River Lee, Cork was a monastic settlement in the 7th century. Later plundered by Norse invaders, it became a thriving centre of commerce. There are many architectural pleasures to be discovered in the city, including the French Gothic cathedral and St Anne's Shandon, where the famous Bells of Shandon are played on request.

Blarney Castle, Blarney

Blarney castle is one of Ireland's premier tourist attractions. Every year thousands of people climb the 127 steps to kiss the famous Stone of Eloquence which, it is said, gives you the gift of the blarney! The castle was built in the 15th century and, together with the lovely village, is worth a visit

Southeast

Waterford

Famous for the Waterford Glass Factory, thousands of people converge here each year to see the most renowned crystal works in the world, whose products have made their way in to the wealthiest international households. In the town you can explore the handsome quays overlooking the peaceful River Suir.

County Wicklow

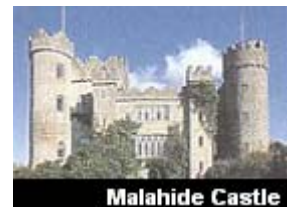
Known as the "garden of Ireland", it's hills, valleys, mansions and gardens make it a county of fascinating beauty and variety. The 6th century early Christian settlement at Glendalough is of outstanding historical interest and great beauty.

Dublin

Founded by the Vikings a thousand years ago, it's a cosmopolitan city with a strong historical flavor, particularly of the 18th century Georgian period. It's a bustling city of elegant hotels, restaurants, pubs and famous shops.

Malahide

In the popular seaside resort of Malahide you will find Malahide Castle. It was built in the late 12th century by Sir Richard de Talbot and held by that family until the late 1970's when it was acquired by Dublin County Council as a historical site. There are nearly 300 acres of grounds, including lovely gardens. The castle itself is in excellent condition and contains a remarkable assortment of Irish period furniture along with a collection of oils belonging to the late Lord Talbot of Malahide.



Kilkenny

Ireland's finest medieval city, Kilkenny is small and charming with some rare Elizabethan architecture and ancient by-ways, known as slips. The 12th- to 13th-century castle houses an art gallery. The town museum is in the Rothe House, a 16th-century merchant house. Rich with ecclesiastical buildings, the town has both 13th- and 19th-century cathedrals, a ruined 13th-century priory and two 13th-century abbeys.

North

Giants Causeway, Bushmills No trip to Northern Ireland would be complete without a trip to this incredible spectacle, formed some 60 million years ago by a volcanic eruption. Many of the basalt columns are hexagonal, the tallest are some 36 feet high.



County Down Down is St Patrick's country His boat was swept into Strangford Lough and he came ashore on the Lecale peninsula. Many places have strong associations with the Saint. Saul, where he is said to have preached his first gospel and later died; the Struell healing wells and St Patrick's Grave at Down Cathedral, a special place of pilgrimage on 17 March.

North Antrim Coast

The scenic A2 coast road provides a memorable experience. From Larne in the east the road clips the heads of the Nine Glens of Antrim on its way north, through charming sleepy villages. A minor coast road leads through wonderful cliffland scenery to the tiny rocky islet fishery of Carrick-a-Rede. Rejoin the A2 which continues to the Giant's Causeway and passes the 16th-century Dunluce Castle on its way to the Londonderry border at Portrush.