

AUTHENTIC IRELAND GOLF & CULTURE

# The Emerald Isle



*Experience idyllic surrounds,  
lively personalities and the  
finest golf on the planet!  
Enjoy the unique glory of  
this ancient culture, with  
the current treats of warm  
lodging, great service and  
game-on camaraderie.*



**Royal Portrush  
Portstewart Golf Club  
Castlerock Golf Club  
Royal County Down  
County Louth  
Portmarnock  
The Island  
European Club**



*Situated on Ulster's magnificent  
Causeway Coast, Portstewart Club  
presents a difficult, but fair game.*



*Druids, shamrocks, whiskey and moors: an unforgettable, enriching experience.*

## **Outstanding Golf**

*Golf is Ireland's greatest pastime. No less than 402 golf courses are spread throughout the island; and no less than 1/3 of the world's links courses. Irish golf has a special place in the heritage of the game, producing players like Christy O' Connor Senior, Fred Daly, Pdraig Harrington and Paul McGinley.*

## **Gateway to Serenity**

*Famed for natural beauty and green landscapes, Ireland is clear and untainted—positioned on Europe's edge, with over 5,600kms of coast, the longest navigable waterways in the British Isles, powerful sites of immense mysticism and tradition...and the verve and whimsy of a pure Celtic homeland.*

## **Capitol of Culture**

*The Emerald Isle sports an embarrassment of riches: ancient mountains and stunning lakes, raw, rocky terrain, seriously important archaeological sites and artifacts, cultural, spiritual, social beats; hip fashion, music galore and exceptional culinary delights everywhere. Kingdoms and castles, gardens, monuments, galleries...all play a role in astounding Celtic and Christian heritage. The Vikings established Dublin in the 9<sup>th</sup> C, and today a charming blend of medieval, Georgian and modern architecture, mixes with a wealth of history, legendary literary tradition and wonderful shops and restaurants for unsurpassed cosmopolitan flair. Not to mention around 1,000 pubs!*



# ITINERARY

**DAY 01**  
**PORTBALLINTRAE**



Arrive Dublin.  
Clear Customs + Immigration.  
Meet your personal staff, who'll assist with all.  
Board your domestic flight to Northern Ireland.  
Arrive Belfast. Everything is organized and your private coach is ready. Transfer to County Antrim.  
Welcome to Portballintrae town.

Check into the Bayview Hotel for 4 nights.  
Settle in; enjoy real Irish service and hospitality.  
Most rooms have endless views of the Atlantic.  
Evening: Welcome drafts and dinner.

**DAY 02**  
**PORTBALLINTRAE**



Full Irish breakfast.  
Welcome to Golf Heaven.  
ROYAL PORTRUSH DUNLUCE 6,845 Yds/Par 72  
On everyone's list of top Irish courses. Dunluce winds through a tangle of sandhills along a marvelous stretch of North Coast which lend infinite variety to the game.

Afternoon, visit the Giant's Causeway. Bring the camera!  
Evening: Free to discover the local scene.

**DAY 03**  
**PORTBALLINTRAE**



Full Irish breakfast.  
PORTSTEWART GOLF CLUB, STRAND 6,895 Yds/Par 72  
A true championship links course. The jewel in Portstewart's crown. Exhilarating, incredibly challenging and thoroughly enjoyable, "Blown away" is a commonly uttered here.

Afternoon, tour the original Bushmills Distillery.  
Bushmills has made the finest Irish Malt here since 1608.  
Evening Free. *Céad míle fáilte!*

**DAY 04**  
**PORTBALLINTRAE**



Full Irish breakfast.  
CASTLEROCK GOLF CLUB, MUSSENDEN 6,713 Yds/Par 73  
Another secret jewel, the Championship Course has five par-5's, four par-3's, and nine par-4's. The best-known hole is the 4<sup>th</sup>, called the Leg o'Mutton, a 200 yard par-3 with a railway line to the right, a burn to the left and a raised green. Yow!

Afternoon at leisure... opt for the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole?  
Evening Free. Pubs a-plenty and joyful music nightly!



**DAY 05**  
**NEWCASTLE**

Full Irish breakfast.  
On the move. Check out of the Bayview Hotel.  
Your private coach awaits. Depart to beautiful County Down.  
Arrive Newcastle, an hour south of Belfast. The coastline is dotted with small villages, each with a story to tell.

Check into the Burrendale Hotel & Country Club for 2 nights.



ROYAL COUNTY DOWN 6,722 Yds/Par 71  
Definitely one of the world's Top 10 links, RCD is a magnet for golfers from around the world. One of Ireland's oldest Clubs with traditions dating back more than 110 years.

Evening: Free to explore Newcastle.

**DAY 06**  
**NEWCASTLE**



Full Irish breakfast.  
COUNTY LOUTH GOLF CLUB 6,936 Yds/Par 73  
Sometimes benign at times ferocious, "Baltray" is the proud host of a highly successful Nissan Irish Open in 2004. Rated in Golf Digest's Top 100 in the world and one of the Top 25 in the British Isles.

Afternoon, local sights. Visit Slane Castle, Trim Castle, Ardgillan Demesne, the battle of the Boyne site... many interesting stops such as Sonairte National Ecology Centre.

Or, head off on your own for some fishing in the Boyne River or the Irish Sea.

Evening: Free. Got Craic?! It's a spirit, vibe. An essence sensed in a buzzing room, especially a local pub!

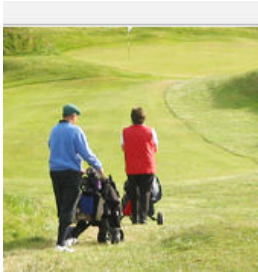
**DAY 07**  
**DUBLIN**



Full Irish breakfast.  
Your clubs are clean, your private coach ready.  
Check out of the Burrendale Hotel.  
Depart Newcastle, transfer south to Dublin.  
PORTMARNOCK CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE 7,295 Yds/Par 72  
Testing, invigorating, unremitting. Host of many Irish Opens, this course displays perhaps the finest use of bunkering on any course, anywhere. The 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> are legendary – the first described as "the best hole in the world" by Sir Henry Cotton.

Apres golf, check into the Grand Hotel for 3 smashing nights.  
Evening: Free. Dublin!

**DAY 08**  
**DUBLIN**



Full Irish breakfast.

THE ISLAND GOLF CLUB 6,646 Yds/Par 72

Recently voted Course of the Year, The Island is now the Irish qualifying course for the Open Championship through 2010. This beautiful links course is isolated and perfectly surrounded by the Irish Sea, Donabate Beach and Broadmeadow Estuary. Beware of the 'fearsome' 13<sup>th</sup>, where the wind hazard adds to the experience.

Afternoon: Relax on your own. Malahide town bustles with life. Malahide, a picturesque maritime village, is also well known as the gourmet capital of the East Coast. Malahide Castle is unique as the lands and harbor were granted to Richard Talbot, one of the knights who arrived with Henry II in 1174. The Talbot family kept control of the castle for 791 years!

Evening: Free. Suggest a visit to Gibney's for serious pub grub and traditional Irish music!

**DAY 09**  
**DUBLIN**



Full Irish breakfast.

THE EUROPEAN CLUB 7,149 Yds/par 71

Tick this course; it's glorious! A dream of deep bunkers, rugged dunes, sea breezes and undulating greens has been achieved with magnificent results. Pat Ruddy designed.

Evening: free. Farewell Ireland! Music follows you. In the clubs and pubs, everything from dance music to traditional Irish ballads can transport you to another world. *Sláinte!*

**DAY 10**



Full Irish breakfast.

Change Countries. *Slan Abhaile* - Safe Home!

Private transfer to the airport.

Depart Dublin for America.

Arrive Los Angeles, same day.

Clear Customs + Immigration.

Welcome home.

