



Causeway
Coastal
Route

Travel Trade

Group Experiences



A Route To Be Experienced

Giant's Causeway, Bushmills
BT57 8SU



With striking castles to discover, dramatic landscapes to explore, incredible food to taste, and fascinating stories to hear, your unforgettable visit along the unique Causeway Coastal Route will be an experience like no other. At every twist and turn along the 130 mile route linking Belfast Lough with Lough Foyle,

you can immerse yourself in the history of the area through taking tours with local guides, listening to traditional storytellers, visiting landmarks, and enjoying all of the activities, local crafts, and culinary delights that are on offer. Whether you want to wander through garden, discover hidden gems by foot, horse or

even e-bike, create your own unique piece of art, or take to the water by boat, kayak, or paddleboard, you're guaranteed to make special memories that will last a lifetime. This is not just a driving route, it is a route full of experiences. Once experienced you will understand why Lonely Planet rated it as a must visit destination.

How to Use this Guide

This guide showcases a range of authentic, unique and local experiences suitable for groups and individuals. It is broken up into specific colour-coded sections covering Castles, Culture, Food & Drink, Creative and Activities both on land and in the water as well as other useful information. For quick reference see details below:

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Tourism NI Visitor Experience Grading



Approx. length of visit



Outdoors



Minimal walking



Moderate walking



Lots of walking



Refreshments included



Meal included



Coach parking



Shopping



Disabled access



Food & Drink available to purchase



Public toilets



National Trust



Awaken your Giant Spirit

in Northern Ireland

All across Northern Ireland, you'll meet people hard at work. It's in our blood.

A visit to Northern Ireland is a promise of adventure, authenticity and a truly big-hearted welcome. There's always bread to be baked, fish to be caught, trails to be walked, landscapes to be explored, tunes to be played, tales to be told and memories to be made. We are a land of passion, laughter and heritage and we're more than happy to share all of that with you.

We will share the Giant Spirit of Northern Ireland with you. By sharing it we will awaken our visitors' own Giant Spirit.

Sharing the Giant Spirit of Northern Ireland reflects a warm, engaging and big-hearted nation. It highlights

our land as one built by pioneers and entrepreneurs with a rich culture reflected in words, music and craft woven within an untouched landscape. Our compelling experiences will dial up the giant spirit and help visitors feel connected and inspired through experiences that stir the senses.

Whatever experiences you choose, our big-hearted hosts look forward to welcoming you as you embrace the giant spirit that lives strong in Northern Ireland.

To find out more:
discovernorthernireland.com



Castle Experiences



From romantic ruins to elegant homes, the Causeway Coastal Route has plenty of castles to discover. Find out all about the fascinating past of Carrickfergus Castle, one of the best-preserved medieval structures in Ireland, walk through the beautiful gardens of Glenarm Castle and visit its wonderful museum, or explore the ruins of Dunluce Castle and uncover its historic secrets. Providing the perfect opportunity to step back into the past of the Causeway Coast, each castle has its own amazing story to tell, and many are great for a family day out offering fun and educational activities for children to enjoy.

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Guided Tour

Glenarm Castle & Walled Garden

Glenarm Castle is the ancestral home of the McDonnell family, Earls of Antrim. The castle is first and foremost the private family home of the Earl and Countess of Antrim and their family, but they are delighted to welcome visitors to Glenarm Castle for guided tours on selected dates throughout the year.

Delve deep into the history of Glenarm Castle brought to life by the family butler and house staff within the walls of the drawing room, the dining room, the 'Blue Room' and the Castle's striking hall.

Finish the day with the glorious sight of the historic Walled Garden, which dates back to the 17th century. Originally created to supply the Castle with fruit and vegetables, it is now filled with beautiful flowers and specimen plants to interest the keenest garden enthusiast.

Operating hours:

As this is a private residence, dates are limited and booking in advance is required.

Cost:

Adult £18.50 per person
Concession/Pensioner £14 per person
Children (4-17 years) £5 per person
Children (Under 3 years) free

Group price / discount:

£17.50 per person for groups of 16 and above. Please note if group numbers fall below 16 guests the minimum cost will be £275 in total.

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 30

Additional information:

Public castle tours can be booked online or at the Welcome Centre within the estate. Group bookings can be made over the phone or by emailing with the requested date of tour.

How to book:

E: welcome@glenarmcastle.com

Tel: +44 (0)28 2884 1203
(option 1 for Welcome Centre)

For further information:

Contact: **Welcome Centre**
Visit: glenarmcastle.com



Experience at a Glance



A Great Day Out

Glenarm Castle Estate

Glenarm Castle, home to the McDonnell family, Earls of Antrim, is one of Ireland's most important historic Estates. Today we welcome visitors from near and far to come and enjoy all that we have on offer.

Enjoy enchanted walks in the Walled Garden & Woodland Walk, or delve deep into the history of Glenarm Castle in our Heritage Centre & Coach House Museum. Discover the exceptional retail in The Castle Shop, The Byre, Shearer Ceramics, Past & Present, Causeway Aromatics and Glenarts & Crafts. Savour homemade food in the Tea Room, freshly made gelato ice cream in The Milk Parlour, delicious wood fired sourdough pizza from the Pizza Pavilion, or a fresh coffee and traybake to go from the Potting Shed. Let your little ones take the wheel at our Mini Land Rover Experience: Ireland's first ever off-road adventure designed just for them.

Explore the surrounding Antrim Coast and Glens on one of our state of the art E-Bikes, available to hire. Why not make a weekend of it and stay in our Ocean View Pods, 4* accommodation boasting stunning views across the Irish Sea.

Glenarm Castle Estate,
2 Castle Lane, Glenarm BT44 0BQ



Operating hours:

Opening hours vary dependant on activity or business so please check website before departure. Alternatively ring the Welcome Centre which is open from Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 17:00. Please note - some activities require advance booking.

Cost:

Walled Garden, Woodland Walk, Heritage Centre & Museum admission

Adult £10 per person
Concession £8.50 per person
Youth (4-17 years) £5 per person
Children (Under 3 years) free
Member: RHS/HHA free

E-Bike Hire

Half-day session £25 (From 10:00 - 13:00 or 14:00 - 17:30)
Full day session £40 (From 10:00 - 16:30)
Weekend Booking £75
Kid's bikes and stroller trailer also available for hire. (see website)

Kid's Mini Land Rover Experience

£25 per Mini Land Rover.

Group price / discount:

Walled Garden, Woodland Walk, Heritage Centre & Museum admission (Group Size 12+)

Adult £8.50 per person
Concession £7 per person
Child (4-17 years) £2.50 per person
Children (Under 3 years) free

How to book:

Visit: glenarmcastle.com

Tel: +44 (0)28 2884 1203
(option 1 for Welcome Centre)

For further information:

Contact: **Welcome Centre**

E: welcome@glenarmcastle.com

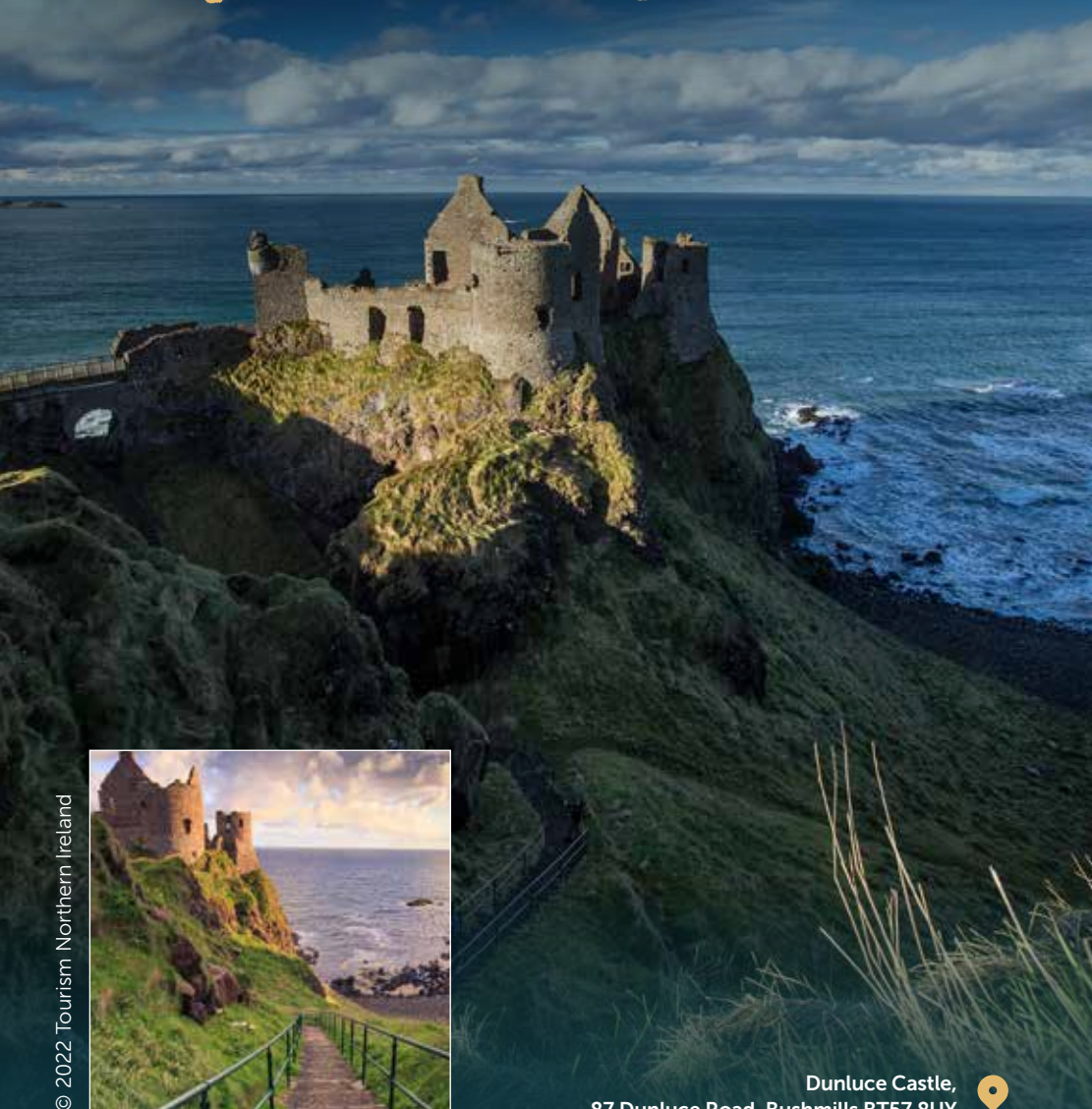
Additional information:

Number restrictions may apply to some activities. Coach parking available at main car park. Vegan / vegetarian and gluten free dining options available onsite. Where possible they make provisions to ensure the site is accessible for wheelchair, mobility scooter and buggy users. Please speak to the friendly on-site staff for any special requirements.



Guided or Self-Guided Tour

Dunluce Castle



Dunluce Castle,
87 Dunluce Road, Bushmills BT57 8UY

Experience Dunluce Castle with a guided or self-guided tour.

The cliff top ruins of Dunluce Castle, make it one of the most picturesque and romantic of Irish Castles. With evidence of settlement from the first millennium, the present castle ruins date mainly from the 16th and 17th centuries. It was inhabited by both the feuding McQuillan and MacDonnell clans. Historical and archaeological exhibits are on display for your viewing. Guided tours last approximately 1 hour.

There is a gift shop onsite selling souvenirs, books, jewellery and toys.

Dunluce is an impressive castle set in a stunning, scenic location with panoramic views of the beautiful Causeway Coast. Opportunities for photographers are limitless!

Operating hours:

Regular opening hours are:
February to November: Daily 09:30 - 17:00. December/January: Daily 09:30 - 16:00.
Note: Last admission 30 minutes before closing.

Cost:

Adult £6 per person
Concession £4.50 per person
Child (5-17 years) £4 per person
Child (under 5 years) free
Family (up to 5 people) £18

Group price / discount:

Group Rate (15 adults or more)
£4.50 per person.

Additional information:

Pre-booking is only required for tour groups. Dress appropriately for weather. Comfortable walking shoes/boots and warm layers of clothing advised as the site is outdoors.

The site is on a steep gradient with various ground surfaces (e.g. grass and cobbles) and may not be suitable for those with limited mobility. The castle has different levels which are only accessible by steps. Onsite car park available. Coach drop off only with parking nearby at Magheracross. No dogs are permitted except assistance dogs. Limited access for wheelchair users

How to book:

E: dunluce.castle@communities-ni.gov.uk (for tour group bookings)
scmenquiries@communities-ni.gov.uk (for general enquiries)
Tel: +44 (0)28 2073 1938

For further information:

Contact: **Kenny Hynds / Steven Harron**
Visit: www.communities-ni.gov.uk/heritage-sites/dunluce-castle

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Guided or Self-Guided Tour Carrickfergus Castle



Carrickfergus Castle, Marine Highway,
Carrickfergus BT38 7BG



Courtesy of Tourism Northern Ireland

Carrickfergus Castle is an impressive Anglo-Norman castle, situated in the town of Carrickfergus on the northern shore of Belfast Lough.

Besieged in turn by the Scots, Irish, English and French, the castle played an important military role until 1928. It remains one of the best preserved medieval structures in Ireland and has been an imposing monument on the Northern Ireland landscape whether approached by land, sea or air, offering commanding views over Belfast Lough and beyond.

A visit will give you the opportunity to experience more than 800 years of history brought to life. Guided tours and self-guiding available. Guided tours last 45 – 60 minutes. Gift shop available to purchase a memento of your visit. No dogs permitted except assistance dogs.

Operating hours:

Tuesday to Sunday & Bank Holiday
Mondays
April to September: 09:30 – 17:00.
Last admission 16:30.
October to March: 09:00 – 16:00.
Last admission 15:30.

Cost:

Adult: £6
Child (5-17 years): £4
Child (under 5 years): Free
Concession: £4.50
Family (up to 5 people): £18
Annual tickets are also available.

Group price / discount:

Group rate available for 15 adults (+1 tour guide free) £4.50 per person

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 30

How to book:

E: carrickfergus.castle@communities-ni.gov.uk
(for tour group bookings)
E: scmenquiries@communities-ni.gov.uk (for general enquiries)
Tel: **+44 (0)28 9335 1273**

For further information:

Visit: discovernorthernireland.com/things-to-do/carrickfergus-castle-p674971

Additional information:

Dress appropriately for Northern Ireland weather. Comfortable walking shoes/boots and warm layers of clothing advised as part of the site is outdoors.

There is some disabled access (educational centre, ground floor of the main building and grounds only). There are various ground surfaces including cobbles and the castle has different levels which are only accessible by steps so may not be suitable for those with limited mobility. Sensory room available.

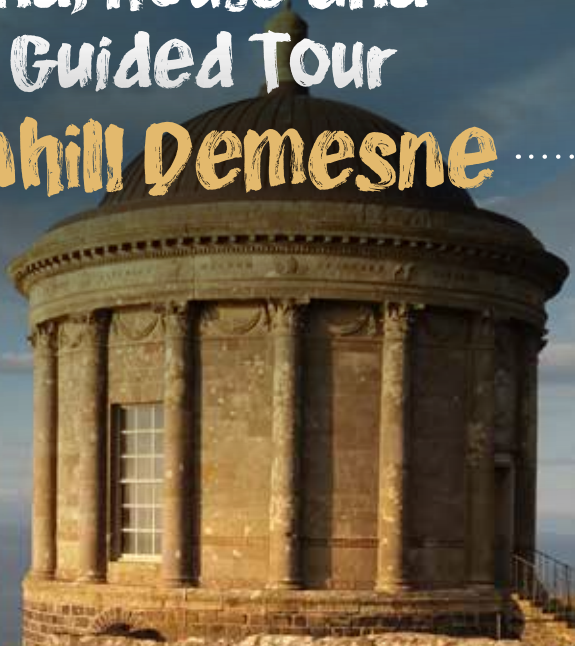
Large public car park for coach parking located beside castle.

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Headland, House and Temple Guided Tour

Downhill Demesne



Downhill Demesne & Mussenden Temple
Castlerock BT51 4RP

Courtesy of Tourism Northern Ireland



Discover the striking 18th-century mansion of the eccentric Earl Bishop that now lies in ruin, then explore Mussenden Temple, perched on the cliff edge.

This walk and talk will take you through the walled garden, followed by an exclusive visit to Mussenden Temple, where you will experience this iconic building both inside and out. The experience ends with a visit to the ruins of the Georgian house.

Upon arrival, guests will be pleased to enjoy artisan coffee, roasted and brewed locally and will delight in a little chocolate souvenir surprise.

Operating hours:

The experience is available with prior booking at any time inside and outside of opening hours.

Cost:

£30 per person

Group price / discount:

Telephone or email for prices

Based on:

minimum 15 / maximum 20

How to book:

Visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0)28 7084 8728

For further information:

Contact: **Laurentiu Ghisoiu**

E: mussendentemple@nationaltrust.org.uk

Additional information:

Parking suitable for coaches with a maximum capacity of 30 people at Lion's Gate Car Park.

Experience at a Glance



Cultural Experiences

The Causeway Coastal Route is unique for many reasons, and immersing yourself in the culture of the area is the best way to make the most of your visit. Head off on a walking tour with a local to learn all you need to know about the towns and villages that they know and love, uncover the unique local culture through a hurling experience, storytelling, heritage activities or even discover all about the Lambeg Drum. You'll also find plenty of museums, including Whitehead Railway Museum which tell tales of times gone by, stories about people from the past, and facts about the land you're exploring. For evening entertainment, try the Ballycastle Music Trail or a local pub. Whatever you choose to do, you're guaranteed to quickly discover just how special this area is.

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Ancestral Adventures

Roots Revealed

Ever dreamed of visiting the cottage (or castle) where your ancestors grew up? The church where they were baptised and married? The grave where they are buried? Here's how you could make it happen.

This is a tour with a difference. For one thing, the itinerary doesn't exist yet. That's because every tour is completely bespoke. Your tour, just like your genealogy, is unique. Your guide is one of a kind too. Natalie is a native of Northern Ireland, a qualified genealogist - and a qualified tour guide. She will arrange an itinerary and accompany you on your visit to the places that are important to you - and were important to your ancestors.

Throughout Northern Ireland. 

Courtesy of Tourism Northern Ireland

Natalie is an expert on tracing the roots of members of the Irish, Scotch-Irish and Ulster-Scots diaspora. If you're planning a return visit to Ireland, she will ensure that your visit is utterly individual for you. And that it will stay in your memory.

Here's how it works. Perhaps you already have some knowledge about your family history in Ireland. In this case Natalie can build an itinerary of places to visit based on what you know. Alternatively, with the help of some information supplied by you, Natalie will research your family history before you arrive. Then she can base a tour on her findings, your budget and the time available.

Then again you might prefer to visit the archives yourself. Natalie knows her way around all the most likely sources of useful information, the archives and the record repositories. She'll point you in the right direction, accompany you on your visit and guide you in your search when you arrive. Armed with your findings, Natalie will help you do that amazing, spine-tingling, once-in-a-lifetime thing: to walk in the footsteps of your ancestors.

Operating hours:

Throughout the year, but please note that as much notice as possible is requested due to lead-in time for research.

Cost:

To be determined – based upon a bespoke itinerary.

Based on:

There is no maximum number but this is a small group bespoke activity based upon an individual's family and therefore unsuitable for large groups.

Additional information:

Genealogy research may need to be undertaken prior to the tour. The need for this will be determined through a conversation with the potential client. Places for food and refreshments will be sourced as part of the tour.

How to book:

E: enquiries@rootsrevealed.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)7935 315235

For further information:

Contact: **Natalie Bodle**

Visit: www.rootsrevealed.co.uk

Experience at a Glance



Carrickfergus during WWII

Lead The Way Tours



Town of Carrickfergus, with tours
starting from beside the Castle BT38 7BG



Courtesy of Tourism Northern Ireland

Step back in time and learn how the County Antrim town of Carrickfergus played a hugely significant role during the Second World War with stories of the people who saw Carrickfergus as their "home" either as a resident, worker or member of the British, American or Belgian Armies.

Using a wide range of contemporary photographs, artefacts and stories, your tour which stops at key locations, brings to life the late 1930s and early 1940s. Adrian, your enthusiastic and knowledgeable guide, will take you back to that time, regaling you with tales of what life during wartime was like in Carrickfergus.

Find out how the 1941 Belfast Blitz impacted on the town, why a former British Army camp was key to the formation of an elite US Army unit, what a linen mill started producing for the war effort, and where "servicemen under sentence" found themselves locked up. This is an interesting and informative tour, with important lessons for a modern audience.

Public tours involves an approx. 1.5 mile walk. Private tours can have a route distance agreed at time of booking (0.75 - 3 miles) depending on mobility of guests. Private tours can include a visit to the US Rangers Museum just outside the town centre, subject to its opening days/times.

Operating hours:

Scheduled public tours on most Saturdays (March - September) at 10.30.

Private tours can be arranged, on request, on other days and times throughout the year.

Cost:

£10 (Age 16+); £5 (Under 16)

Group price / discount:

£8 (Age 16+); £4 (Under 16)

Based on:

minimum 4 / maximum 20

Additional information:

As the tour route is entirely outdoors, please consider the weather forecast and wear appropriate clothing. Comfortable footwear recommended.

How to book:

Visit: www.leadthewaytour.com

Tel: +44 (0)7916 780474

For further information:

Contact: **Adrian Hack**

E: leadthewaytourcarrickfergus@gmail.com

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Beyond the Bridge

National Trust with Dalriada Kingdom Tours



Carrick-a-Rede,
119a Whitepark Road, Ballintoy BT54 6LS



Suspended almost 100 ft (30 m) above sea level, the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge was first erected by salmon fishermen over 250 years ago and is one of the most iconic sights on the Causeway Coastal Route.

Join Dalriada Kingdom Tours for a special guided walking tour where you follow in the footsteps of generations of salmon fishermen. Venture across this exhilarating bridge and down to the whitewashed, stone-built fishermen's cottage that has provided shelter and a place to rest for the men who once earned their living here. Immerse yourself in stories of a fishing industry that sustained generations of local families.

Try your hand at tying knots with rope and get to feel just how heavy those sacks of salmon really were. Take time to enjoy the stunning views and embrace the tranquillity of this magical little place.

This tour involves a 1 km walk and then across the rope bridge to Carrick-a-Rede Island.

Snacks and beverages are available to purchase.

Operating hours:

There is availability for experiences during opening hours and also for out of hours tours. Phone or email for availability.

Cost:

£160 per person

Group price / discount:

n/a

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 8

How to book:

Tel: **+44 (0)28 2073 1855**

E: **northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk**

For further information:

Contact: **Susan Smith**

Visit: **www.nationaltrust.org.uk/carrick-a-rede**

Additional information:

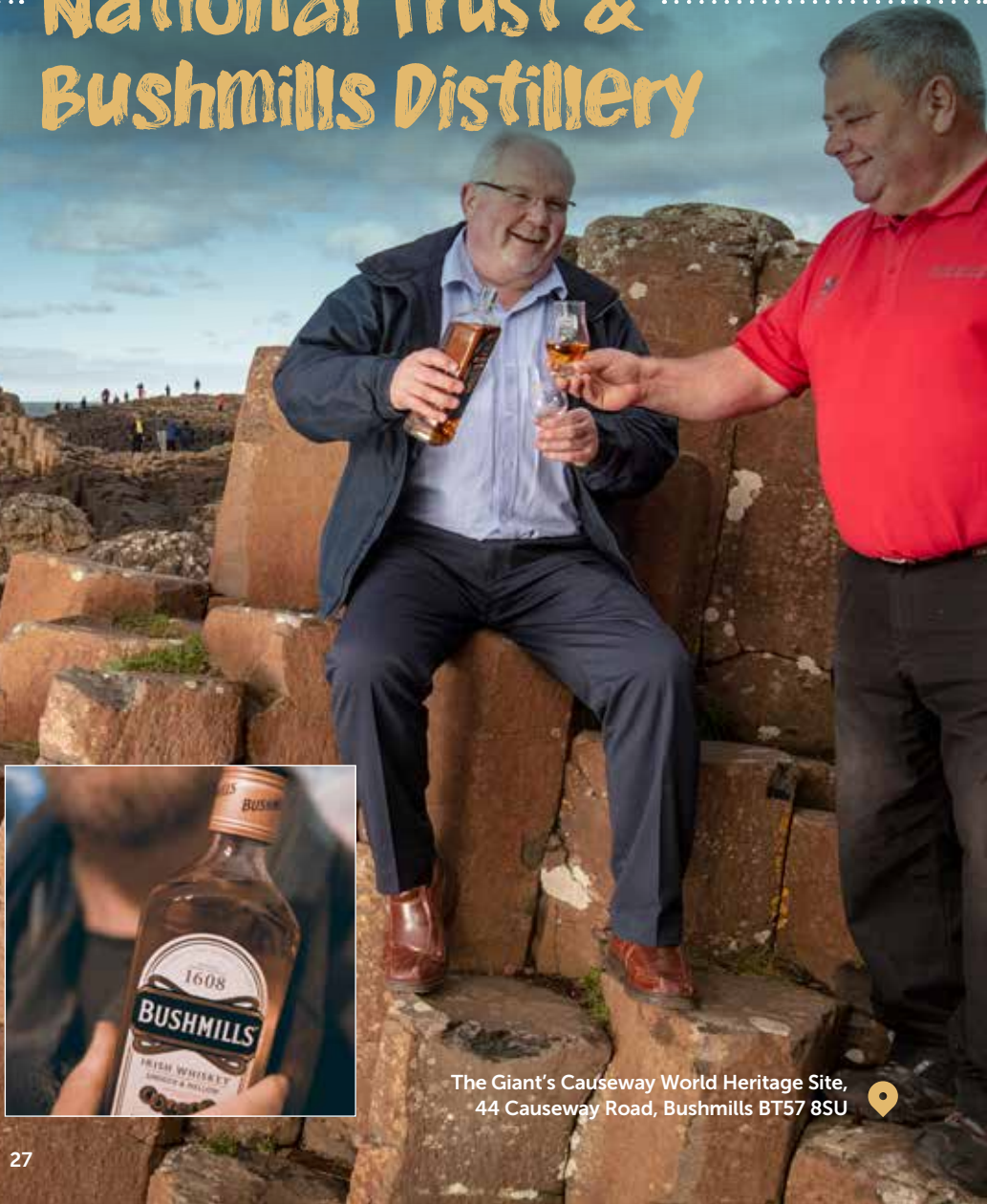
Coach parking available to pre-book. Sturdy walking shoes are essential.

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Whiskey on the Rocks

National Trust & Bushmills Distillery



The Giant's Causeway World Heritage Site,
44 Causeway Road, Bushmills BT57 8SU



Enjoy a unique guided whiskey tasting walk and talk.

Walk the slow road to the Giant's Causeway and hear all about this amazing UNESCO World Heritage Site and of course the world's oldest whiskey distillery – Old Bushmills.

Your storytelling guides will immerse you in tales of the great legend of Finn McCool and stories of a bygone era where the winding river Bush connects basalt and whiskey. Sheltered amongst the majestic columns you can enjoy the waves and views. It's also a fitting place to toast our famous giant with a tasting of the exclusive 12 year old malt.

Whiskey tasting of special 12-year-old malt is included. Other snacks and refreshments are available to purchase from the café. Souvenir shopping is available within the Visitor Centre.

Operating hours:

There is availability for experiences during Visitor Centre opening hours and also for out of hours tours.

Cost:

From £75 per person

Group price / discount:

N/A

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 12

How to book:

E: northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0)28 2073 1855

For further information:

Contact: **Susan Smith**

Visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway

Additional information:

Coach parking available to pre-book.


Experience at a Glance



Keeping the Stories Alive

Dalriada Legends



Based in Glenarm and Carnlough but bookable throughout the Causeway Coastal Route 

Dalriada Legends are a group of professional storytellers and musicians who 'keep the stories alive' through live performances of traditional tales, myths and legends of the local landscape. Wordsmiths, artists, researchers and musicians, Dalriada Legends work tirelessly to uncover the ancient tales of Ulster and Ireland and to bring them to audiences from near and far.

Bespoke storytelling sessions can be created for your group, as well as story tours of villages along the coast road and creative workshops for travellers who want a more immersive, deeper experience. In 2024 they will also start offering retreat packages for groups.

Live storytelling sessions are engaging and enjoyable. A perfect way to get to know Ireland, connect with her past and understand her people. Dalriada Legends will work with you – either coming to a venue of your choice, or we can provide room hire and refreshments as add ons.

Operating hours:

Morning / afternoon / evenings - 7 days a week, all year round.

Group price:

£200 for two tellers (up to 90 minute session). This is for local area shows – Larne, Glenarm and Carnlough areas.

Add ons:

+ From £100 for musician

+£50 - £150 (depending on group size) venue Londonderry Arms (Carnlough)

+ £150 venue Ballygally Castle

+ £75 venue Marine Hotel (Ballycastle)

Refreshments can be organised starting at £5 per person for tea and scones up to £26 per person for a meal – email for full price list)

If you want us to travel to your venue:

+ travel Belfast area (+£50)

+ travel 1hr distance (+£100)

+ travel 2hr distance (+£150)

+ travel 3hr distance (+£200)

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 100

How to book:

E: dalriadalegends@gmail.com

Tel: **Vicky McFarland**
+44 (0)7855 289757

Janice Witherspoon
+44 (0)7824 721796

Colin Urwin
+44 (0)7519 715285

For further information:

Visit: www.dalriadalegends.co.uk/shows

Additional information:

Access, coach parking arrangements and catering will be dependent on the venue selected but can be arranged to meet requirements.

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Make Tracks for Giants of Steam

Whitehead Railway Museum

Located in the picturesque coastal town of Whitehead this fascinating five gallery museum allows you to rub shoulders with the giants of steam and brings to life the history of the railways through creative interpretation and interactive displays.

Whitehead Railway Museum,
Castleview Road, Whitehead BT38 9NA



You can step onto the footplate of a 100 year old engine, walk through a 1950s carriage from the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland's collection and let your imagination run wild. Or take the chance to view the Society's workshops, where the Society's historic vehicles are brought back to life.

During the summer months, spend your Saturdays riding behind the 100-year-old locomotive 3BG Guinness, named after the celebrated Guinness Brewery in Dublin where it spent its working life. This short trip takes visitors on a 10-minute ride along the museum's siding and allows them to immerse themselves in the smells, sounds and atmosphere of an operating steam locomotive. The guided museum tour takes approximately 60-90 minutes. The Museum's volunteer guides have a rich knowledge of Irish railway heritage, some having been part of the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland for over 50 years! Book a slot in advance to make sure you are not disappointed.

Alternatively you can choose to explore the museum at your leisure, aided along the way by their guides who will be on hand to help with any questions. But again, please book in advance. A big attraction is Platform 3 Café which is located within the station building at the museum. If you wish, an inclusive price can be provided for a museum tour plus refreshments – or else you can simply choose from the menu when you arrive. Special events such as teddy bear picnics, model railway shows, Easter Egg hunts and doggy days take place from time to time throughout the year. Check the steamtrainsireland.com website for details.

Operating hours:

Thursday to Saturday all year round.
Public guided tours at 11:00, 12:30 and 14:00. Private guided tours or self-guided tours from 10:00 to last entry 14:30.

Cost per Person:

From £7 per adult
From £5 per child (3 -16 years)
Family (2+2) from £20

Group price / discount:

From £6 per adult
From £4 per child
A group consists of 10 people or more (free entry for group leader).

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 60

How to book:

Visit: www.steamtrainsireland.com/museum-tickets

Tel: +44 (0)28 9358 6200

For further information:

Contact: Lisa Adair

E: info@steamtrainsireland.com

Additional information:

Please indicate any access requirements prior to your visit. This is a working museum so any visitors with sensory needs should be aware that loud noises and heavy engineering may be going on during their visit. Museum is wheelchair accessible. Guide dogs and hearing dogs are welcome.

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Glorious Gracehill

Townland Tours



Gracehill, near Ballymena BT42 2NN



Join Shirley, an NI Blue Badge Tourist Guide, to experience a walking tour of Northern Ireland's first Conservation Area – Gracehill.

In 1759, the village of Gracehill was founded by the Moravian Church and it is still beautifully preserved today, with the layout of the buildings and the unique Georgian style of architecture remaining very much the same. The Moravian values called for a community-based way of life. There was a village doctor, access to education, and many houses had fresh running water.

Hear all about the village's history, what life was like here, and see the setting of this unique village. Catering can be provided in the village restaurant, if booked in advance.

Please note: This tour visits the village, but excludes the interior of the church.

Operating hours:

Available on request all year round

Cost:

From £6 per person

Group price / discount:

From £5 per person for groups of 10 or more

Based on:

minimum 4 / maximum 19

Additional information:

Visitors should wear comfortable footwear and clothing suitable for the variable local weather.

Individual audio devices are provided for each tour participant.

How to book:

Visit: townlandtours.co.uk

E: townlandtours.co.uk/contact

For further information:

Contact: Shirley

E: townlandtours.co.uk/contact

Experience at a Glance



Guided or Self-Guided Tour Carrickfergus Museum & Guard Room



Carrickfergus Museum and Guard House,
11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus BT38 7DG



Take a guided tour of Carrickfergus Museum and discover the fascinating history of a town that grew up around its magnificent Anglo-Norman castle and was once the Medieval capital of Ulster - a town that was once more important than Belfast thanks to its historic harbour.

See the museum's object rich displays – including the town's early 18th century historic sword and mace (still used today), the horse-drawn fire engine and a skeleton of a Barbary Ape that once scampered around the Franciscan Friary that stood on this medieval site.

Discover a diverse range of collections and stories - local, national and international. A tapestry of life coming together to create a colourful and distinctive museum highlighting the intriguing history of the area.

You can even visit the renovated Guard Room that once housed rule-breaking soldiers and a look inside the historic Town Hall can also be requested.

Refreshments are available from the onsite café, The Glasshouse Bistro.

Operating hours:

10:00 – 16:00 Monday to Saturday.
Guided tours on request.
Café open 09:30 – 16:00 Monday to Saturday

Cost:

Free for self-guided / independent visit

Group price / discount:

From £20 per group

Based on:

minimum 8 / maximum 20

How to book:

E: carrickfergusmuseums@midandeastantrim.gov.uk
Tel: +44 (0)28 9335 8241

For further information:

Visit: www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/museums

Experience at a Glance



An Industrial Past

The Heritage Hub at Carnlough Town Hall



The Heritage Hub at Carnlough Town Hall,
Harbour Road, Carnlough BT44 0EU



Heritage Exhibition

A permanent exhibition within The Heritage Hub at Carnlough Town Hall tells the fascinating story of the development of the limestone industry in Carnlough by Lady Londonderry in the mid-19th century. It also highlights the many other industries of the wider Glens of Antrim, the marine legacy, beautiful scenery, cultural heritage, wildlife, geology and natural resources. A visit to The Heritage Hub can be combined with a guided walk around the coastal village of Carnlough lasting approx. 1.25 hours, subject to pre-booking.

Guided Tours

After your visit to the Heritage Hub, local tour guide Mary Watson will take you on a circular walk around Carnlough Village. You will take in the harbour, the old railway path from the limestone quarry, the High Street, part of the old road before the building of William Bald's Coast Road and finish back at The Hub. The tour is mainly flat, on footpaths with one short hill.

Tea/coffee is available on request. Also many eating places and takeaways are located nearby.

Operating hours:

Easter to end of June Sunday 14:00 – 17:00

July/August Sat and Sun 14:00 – 17:00.

September Sun 14:00 – 17:00.

Pre-booked group visits to Heritage Hub available all year round.

Cost:

Free access to Heritage Hub but donations welcome.

Guided Tours £3 - £5 per person

Group price / discount:

Please contact Mary directly to discuss. Refreshments can be provided at extra cost.

Based on:

Heritage Hub - Min 10 / Max 30

Guided Tours - Min 10 / Max 15

How to book:

E: watson-mary@sky.com

Tel: +44 (0)7719 357404

For further information:

Contact: Mary Watson

Visit: www.thebraid.com/carnlough-heritage-resource/community.aspx

Additional information:

Please advise in advance of any mobility issues, visual or hearing impairments. Lift available to 1st floor of Heritage Hub. Coach parking available nearby at Spar supermarket.

Experience at a Glance



A Step Back in Time

Arthur Cottage & Interpretative Centre

Arthur Cottage is the ancestral home of Chester Alan Arthur, the 21st President of the United States of America. Enter this carefully restored cottage and be transported to a bygone era as you discover how the Arthur family lived and worked their farm in the late 18th Century.

Arthur Cottage and Interpretative Centre,
21A Dreen Road, Cullybackey BT42 1EB



Visitors will be welcomed to the cottage by a period dressed tour guide. You will have the opportunity to experience spinning to produce wool for knitting or soda bread and/or potato bread being made and cooked over the open fire, before learning how to 'harn' bread, to understand how baking and cooking was carried out many years ago. You'll even get the chance to sample some tasty bakes!

Take time to explore the interpretative centre to trace the Arthur family links from a rural village in Northern Ireland to the White House. Examine farm implements, their use on the land, the significance of farming and also discover the connection with Ulster-Scots and its relevance to the cottage. Learn about Chester Alan Arthur and how he introduced Tiffany's of New York to the White House or be surprised at his involvement in the building of the Brooklyn Bridge and other key events that occurred during his reign as president.

Before you finish your visit dander through the apple orchard and depending on the season pick fruit to be used for baking in the cottage or check out the pretty willow sculpture. Visitors can collect turf at the cottage door and add to the fire. Guides will offer stories and folklore by the fire while spinning or baking.

Operating hours:

11:00 – 15:00 all year round
Wednesday to Sunday

Cost:

From £4 per person

Group price / discount:

From £3 per person for groups of 10 or more

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 20

How to book:

E: arthur.cottage@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

Tel: +44 (0)28 2563 5010
Ballymena VIC (Mon – Sat)
+44 (0)7867 136220
Arthur Cottage
(Wed – Sun 11:00 - 15:00 only)

For further information:

Contact: Mary/Visitor Centre staff
Visit: www.Shapedbyseaandstone.com

Additional information:

Groups over 5 are recommended to book or ring in advance, particularly if baking is required. Small coaches can access the onsite car park. Large coaches can park in the village, which is a 5 minute walk away.


Experience at a Glance



The Giant of Drums

Bellahill Culture & Cuisine



2 Bellahill Road, Ballycarry BT38 9LE 

Let your heart beat to the sound of the Lambeg Drum as you become immersed in its large role within Northern Ireland's culture.

Join tour guide Billy Thompson as you uncover the secrets and stories that are interwoven into the very creation of this special instrument. Carefully crafted using natural products, Billy will guide you through the processes and component parts involved in its creation and sound, all while sharing his invaluable knowledge on the history and folklore that surrounds the loudest percussion instrument in the world.

An interactive history and music lesson all in one, you'll be treated to a live performance from one of Northern Ireland's Lambeg drummers. Visitors will also have the chance to play some simple tunes or 'times' as they are known on the drum. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the experience with freshly made Bellahill scones.

You can expect a warm welcome from Billy and his wife Arlene, a professional chef, at their home in the village of Ballycarry and a delicious meal can be prepared as part of the experience. (Meal must be pre-booked prior to tour.)

Operating hours:

Wednesday to Saturday 10:00 - 17:00

Cost:

Experience only from £15 per person

Experience with meal from £35 per person

Group price / discount:

10% discount for 8 or more in group

Based on:

minimum 7 / maximum 12

Additional information:

Any special dietary requirements or accessibility issues must be advised in advance. Parking available for cars and small coaches only.

How to book:

E: thegiantofdrums@outlook.com

Tel: +44 (0)7990 808952

For further information:

Contact: William Thompson

Visit: www.Bellahillcc.co.uk

Experience at a Glance



Guided or Self-Guided Tour Mid-Antrim Museum @ The Braid



Mid-Antrim Museum @ The Braid,
1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena BT43 5EJ



Mid-Antrim Museum offers a range of talks, events and excursions which provide enjoyable ways to get involved with local history. Groups can avail of a guided tour taking visitors on a fascinating journey through the mid-Antrim area that began 9,000 years ago.

Your tour starts in the 14-metre high atrium where special installations designed to open a visitor's eyes to the links between people and place, local history and local identity will be highlighted. Moving on to the Prelude Gallery prehistoric artefacts used by mid-Antrim's earliest settlers will be explored.

Next door in the History Gallery you will discover how Ballymena grew from a small village to the thriving town it is today. Your guide will explain how the gallery has been divided into thematic areas and through the medium of local and national significant artefacts, interactives and film, Ballymena, and its hinterland's, fascinating history has been told. The tour concludes with a visit to the exhibition gallery where changing temporary exhibitions cover a wide variety of subject matter. Tours can be tailored to suit the needs and interests of the group and can also include a handling session.

Operating hours:

Monday to Saturday 10:00 -16:00.
Tours can also be arranged for outside gallery opening hours.

Cost:

Free for self-guided / independent visit

Group price / discount:

From £20 per tour

Based on:

minimum 8 / maximum 25
Larger groups can be accommodated, subject to advance booking.

Additional information:

By prior agreement

- A ½ hour handling session, based on the museum's collection, can be organised to take place after the tour concludes.
- Catering can be arranged (at extra cost).

There is a paid car park opposite The Braid (Castle Street Car Park). Coaches can set down and pick up from the front door.

How to book:

E: BraidMuseum@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

Tel: +44 (0)28 2563 5029

For further information:

Contact: **Noreen Mullan**
Visit: www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/things-to-do

Experience at a Glance



A Moravian Heritage

Gracehill Guided Tours

Gracehill, an award-winning Georgian village, founded by the Moravian church in 1759, was Northern Ireland's first conservation area and uniquely is the only complete Moravian settlement in Ireland.

Settlement tours with local guides include a short, introductory DVD presentation in the restored school room of the Old School building which dates from 1765. The museum room displays the history of the Gracehill settlement featuring artefacts and lacework.

A guided walk around the square allows visitors to experience the special atmosphere and find out more about the history and architecture of the settlement, including stories of those who lived there. The Old Shop, Gracehill's most recent restoration and finally the church complete this fascinating view of the settlement's history and the influence of Moravian values up to the present day.

The burial ground and church remain central to the village, which was planned around a gender axis, still clearly observable today. In "God's Acre" men were buried to the left and women to the right of the central path, characteristic of Moravian burial grounds around the world.

The Old School is home to the award-winning Millside restaurant and the local area to a range of cafes, hotels and restaurants.

Operating hours:

Monday to Saturday by prior arrangement. All year round.

Cost:

From £5 per person

Group price / discount:

From £4 per person for groups of 10 or more

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 30

Additional information:

Comfortable footwear and all-weather attire recommended. Wheelchair access for all parts of tour.

How to book:

E: gracehilltours@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7740 553837

For further information:

Contact: **Sally Ann Johnston**
Visit: gracehillvillage.org/visit-gracehill/

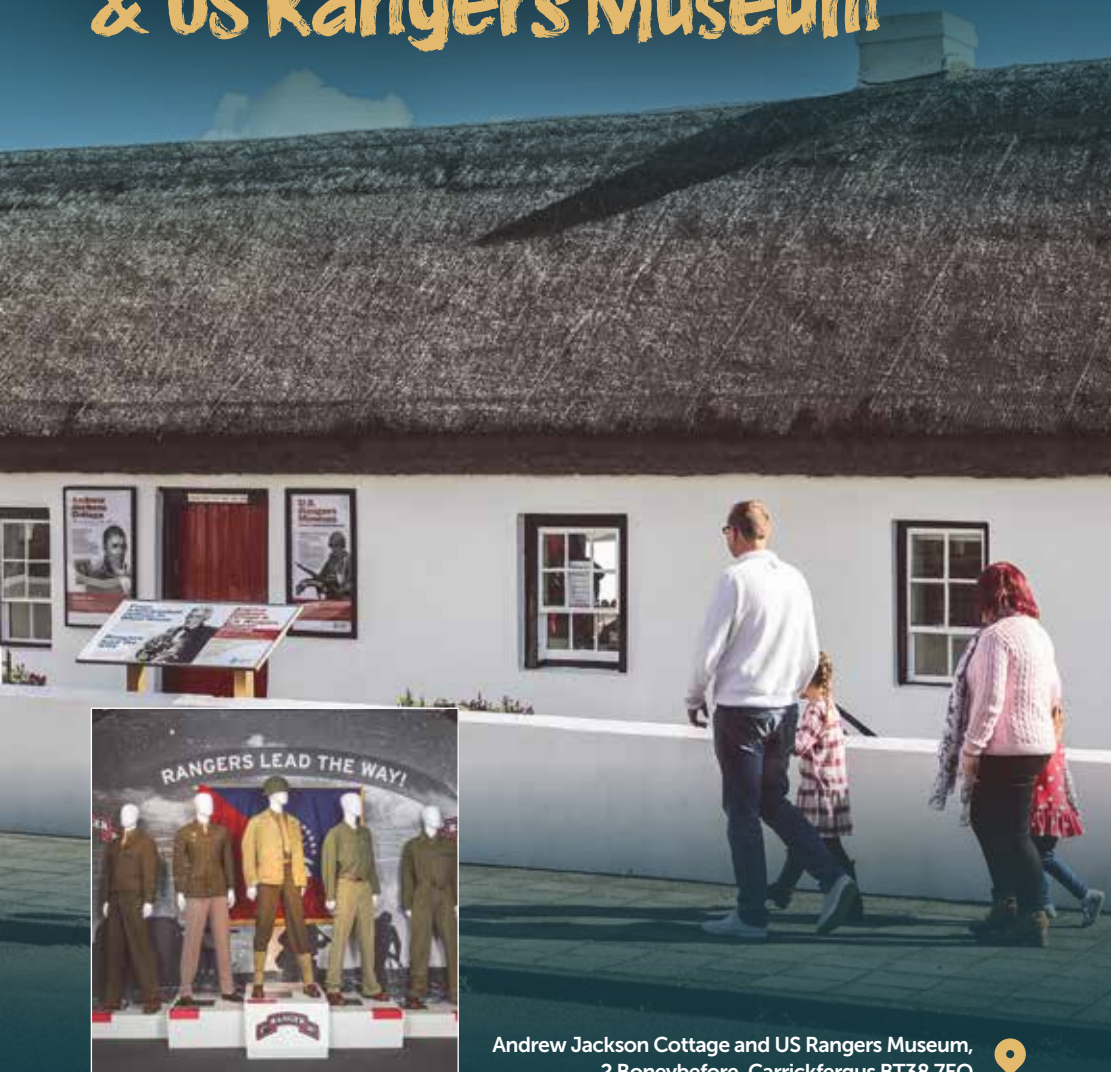
Gracehill Village, Meeting at The Old School House, 19A Church Road, Gracehill BT42 2NN

Experience at a Glance



American Connections

Andrew Jackson Cottage & US Rangers Museum



Andrew Jackson Cottage and US Rangers Museum,
2 Boneybefore, Carrickfergus BT38 7EQ

Andrew Jackson Cottage

This restored thatched cottage highlights Carrickfergus' strong American and Ulster-Scots connections, as local guides tell the story of Andrew Jackson, the 7th President of the USA, whose parents emigrated to America from Carrickfergus in 1765.

Sit by the turf fire and hear from knowledgeable local guides about rural life and how the Jackson family worked the land to provide food and income before emigrating and the progression that young Andrew made through his career to become a president.

US Rangers Museum

Beside the cottage is a museum dedicated to the US Rangers, the elite American army regiment formed at Sunnylands Camp in Carrickfergus in June 1942.

The US Rangers trained in extreme conditions and fought in some of the deadliest battles in Europe to become one of WWII's most courageous and decorated units. It remains the only US military unit ever founded on foreign soil.

Today the museum contains visually striking displays, never seen before artefacts and photographs, as well as impressive uniforms and compelling film footage. The museum aims to be a fitting tribute to the men who volunteered their services to this elite fighting force, in Carrickfergus and beyond.

Operating hours:

Wednesday to Sunday 11:00 – 15:00
all year round

Cost:
Free

Based on:
minimum 2 / maximum 15

Additional information:

Groups over 5 recommended to book or ring in advance. Small coaches can access onsite car park.

How to book:

E: AndrewJackson.Cottage@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

Tel: +44 (0)7834 104684
(Wed – Sun 11:00 - 15:00 only)

Carrickfergus Castle VIC:
+44 (0)28 9335 8222

For further information:

Contact: **George McGrand**
Visit: www.shapedbyseaandstone.com

Experience at a Glance



Glenarm - A Trail as Old as Time

Janice Witherspoon of Dalriada Legends



Glenarm Visitor Information Centre,
Glenarm Marina, 16 New Road, Glenarm BT44 0AP



Join resident storyteller and tour guide Janice Witherspoon on a guided tour to discover the hidden charms of Glenarm village, one of the oldest chartered villages on the island of Ireland.

Your journey begins at the Glenarm Visitor Centre perched upon the picturesque marina. Then you will wind through charming streets such as the Vennel and see local landmarks like the Barbican gate and the old Glenarm Bridge. You will hear stories of the great sickness that came to the village at its most famous tavern and even enjoy a tale of the fairy folk at the edge of the forest.

Finally you will enter the Glenarm Castle estate, the ancestral home of the Earls of Antrim which has been at the heart of the village for over 400 years. Learn about the history of the McDonnells, the sunken passageway for the servants and of course the story of the resident ghost!

Finish your experience with refreshments at one of the Glenarm estate eateries (not included in price).

Operating hours:

Available all year round for groups

Cost:

From £10 per person

Group price / discount:

Discount of £2 per person for groups of 15 or more

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 20

How to book:

E: jwithers8.jw@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7824 721796

For further information:

Contact: **Janice Witherspoon**

Visit: www.dalriadalegends.co.uk/story-tours-walks

E: dalriadalegends@gmail.com

Additional information:

Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared for all weathers. Lots of walking but at a leisurely pace. Not suitable for those with mobility issues.

Experience at a Glance



Ballycastle

Traditional Music Trail



Tessie's Bar, The Boyd Arms,
The House of McDonnell – all in Ballycastle.



Ballycastle (three times crowned the Best Place to Live in Northern Ireland by The Sunday Times) is a small seaside town, where tradition and culture run deep.

The Ballycastle Traditional Music Trail is a unique way to experience the tunes, songs, stories and dance of this legendary coastline. Two skilled local musicians will lead you on a musical journey from the seafront with its tales of the sea and songs of sailors, up into the heart of the town.

You will venture off the tourist trail into three of the town's oldest pubs where traditional music has been kept alive through the generations. At each stop they'll play some music and tell you the stories about the tunes, and about Ballycastle, the Coast and the Glens. It's a great way to get closer to the traditional musicians and their instruments, and the language, customs and history that make up this area's vibrant musical tradition.

There will be a 15 minute dander up through the main street in Ballycastle between bars 1 and 2 where you will discover the hidden history and characters all around you.

You will spend approximately 45 minutes in each bar, finishing with a 'chance to dance' along with an experienced traditional Irish dancer (easy steps)!

Operating hours:

Scheduled Saturdays 16:00 - 18:30
Private tours can be pre-booked at any time.

Cost:

From £20 per person

Group price / discount:

Please contact to discuss

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 18

How to book:

Visit: www.ballycastletradtrail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7871 744110

For further information:

Contact: Micheál Ó Seanáin
(Michael Sands)

E: info@ballycastletradtrail.com

Additional information:

Please arrive 15 minutes early to the first venue. Bring clothes suitable for local weather. Nearest coach parking is Quay Road Playing Fields – approximately a 5 minute walk from venue.

Experience at a Glance



Tour Causeway Coast & Glens

Milliken Tours Ireland



Throughout the Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens 

Milliken Tours Ireland is a family-run business offering fully bespoke, escorted driving tours - with their own vehicle that can escort up to six people, but can also offer a hire service minibus for up to 16. Popular tours include:

Experience 1: Causeway Coast & Glens of Antrim Tour

Discover breath taking scenery along what is arguably one of the most beautiful coastal drives in Ireland visiting sites such as Murlough Bay (where the larger buses can't go), Ballycastle, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, Ballintoy Harbour, the Giant's Causeway UNESCO World Heritage Site and The Dark Hedges.

Experience 2: Lady Londonderry Trail

Milliken Tours Ireland have designed a unique half day guided tour to celebrate the legacy of Frances, 3rd Marchioness of Londonderry and her lasting impact on Carnlough and Glenarm. On this tour you will explore these coastal villages and the abandoned Lime Works and take in the buildings and countryside she developed. You will also enjoy a spectacular coastal drive to Garron Tower, the grand summer residence she built in 1850. After exploring Garron Tower, you will be driven back to Carnlough to finish your tour with delicious tea and scones and a tour of the historic Londonderry Arms Hotel, built as a Coaching Inn by Lady Londonderry in 1847, which was also owned by her great grandson Sir Winston Churchill.

Operating hours:

Experience 1: Full day tour from
10:00 - 18:00
Experience 2: 13:00 - 18:00

Cost:

Experience 1: From £75 per person
Experience 2: From £50 per adult,
£25 per child

Group price / discount:

Experience 1: From £400
Experience 2: From £250

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 16

Additional information:

Experience 1: One hour stop off for meal (meal is not included in price).
Experience 2: Finish the tour with delicious tea and scones at the Londonderry Arms Hotel in Carnlough.

How to book:

Visit: www.millikentoursireland.com
Tel: +44 (0)7900 621943

For further information:

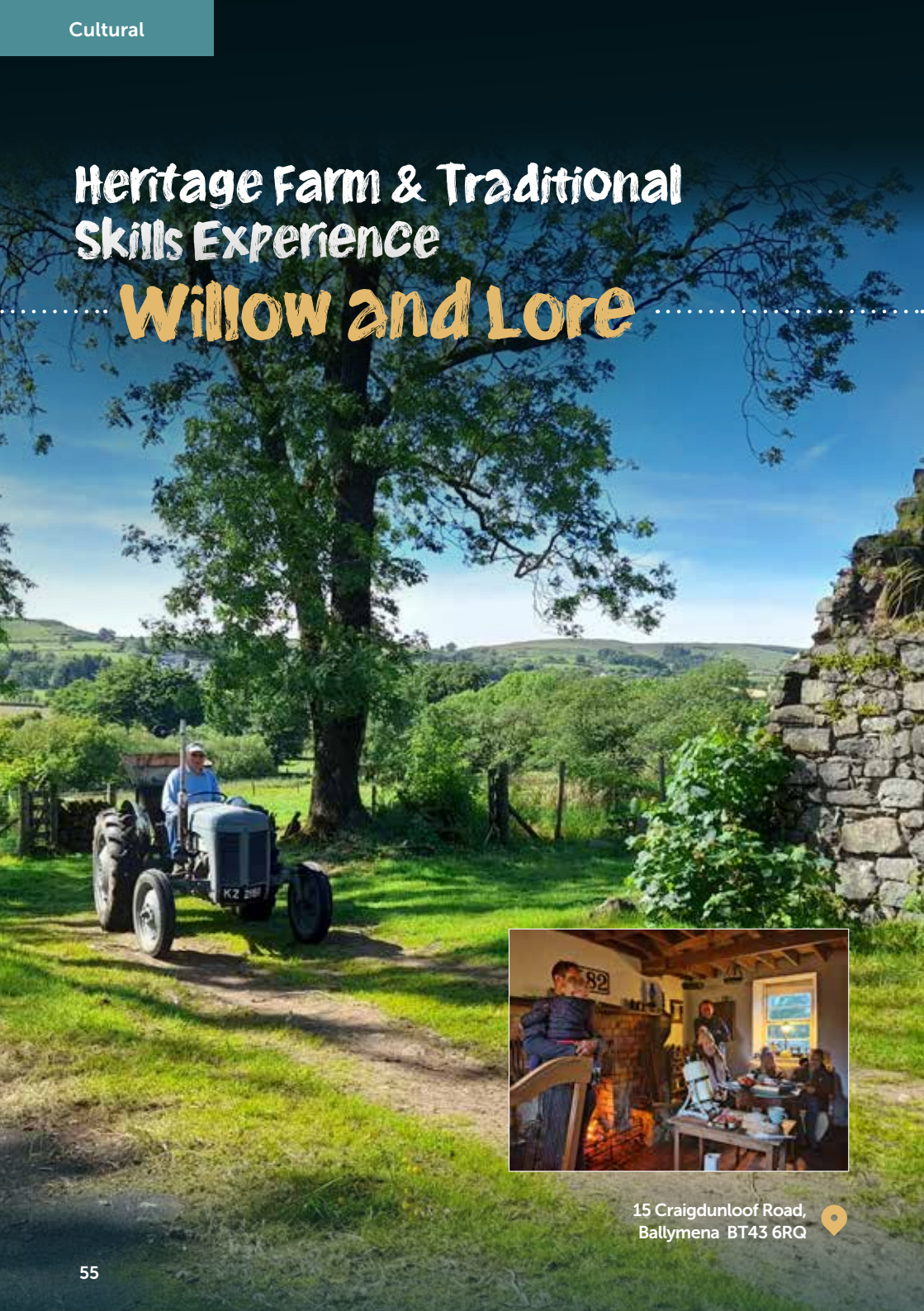
Contact: **Seamus Milliken**
E: seamusmilliken@yahoo.com

Experience at a Glance



Heritage Farm & Traditional Skills Experience

Willow and Lore



15 Craigdunloof Road,
Ballymena BT43 6RQ

Let us bring you back to a simpler time on our working heritage farm. Become immersed in heritage farming experiences and traditional skills & craft workshops. Get hands on as we tend to a regenerative, sustainable farm. Reconnect with nature and enjoy rest, relaxation and renewal activities in idyllic nature spaces. Available activities will vary through the season.

Take a guided farm tour, relax on a nature connection trail while the kids do a nature hunt, join environmental art and bushcraft workshops or carpentry and green wood craft workshops, try your hand at weaving, natural dyeing or flax processing. Enjoy the craic around the open fire in the cottage as we churn butter and prepare fresh soda on the griddle.

In the spring you can help tend to new born lambs, prepare for and plant a flax crop and willow coppices. In summer you will get the chance to herd sheep on the rotational grazing system and get hands on with the flax, willow and hay harvest. Working with our partners we can also offer chef's table feasts, holistic therapy sessions and a variety of craft workshops.

Operating hours:

Monday to Saturday until 16:00, advance booking required. Evening slots may be arranged depending on activity and availability.

Cost:

£50 per person for half day or evening activity £100 per person for full day activity

Group price / discount:

10% on groups of 8+

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 12

How to book:

Visit: tenthglenhf.co.uk/willow-lore-experiences/

Tel: +44 (0)7875 7579710

For further information:

Contact: **Sabrina & Declan Scullion**
E: willowandlore@outlook.com

Additional information:


Wellingtons and protective equipment will be provided where required. Refreshments may be available to pre-book. Activities may include 'hands-on' elements, for that reason, please provide any information, including significant medical conditions or additional needs, that may be relevant to how we facilitate your visit.



Giant's Causeway Visitor Experience

National Trust



44 Causeway Road,
Bushmills BT57 8SU 



Experience one of Ireland's most treasured landmarks; Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover over 40,000 basalt columns, formed some 60 million years ago, which are testament to a major stage in the earth's development.

Explore the Visitor Centre, an award-winning sustainable building providing interactive exhibition and visitor services, audio guides (available in 11 languages) and guided walking tours, departing throughout the day. There is a network of 4 walking trails across 5km of this World Heritage Site which is home to a variety of native seabirds.

Take time to browse the spacious shop within the Visitor Centre, with a large range of handmade gifts, crafts and souvenirs made by local artists. Refuel and refresh at the grab and go style café offering hot and cold drinks, snacks and refreshments. Translink run 2 state-of-the-art battery electric vehicles providing a popular shuttle service from the Visitor Centre to the Causeway stones (additional charge applies for non-members).

Operating hours:

1 January to 3 March 10:00 - 16:00
4 March to 30 June 09:00 - 17:00
1 July to 1 September 09:00 - 18:00
2 September to 3 November
09:00 - 17:00
4 November to 31 December 10:00 -
16:00 (Closed 24 to 26 December)

Cost:

Visit website for prices

Group price / discount:

£10.50 per person

Based on:

minimum 15 / maximum 50

How to book:

Visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway

Tel: +44 (0)28 2073 1855

For further information:

Contact: **Susan Smith**
E: northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Additional information:

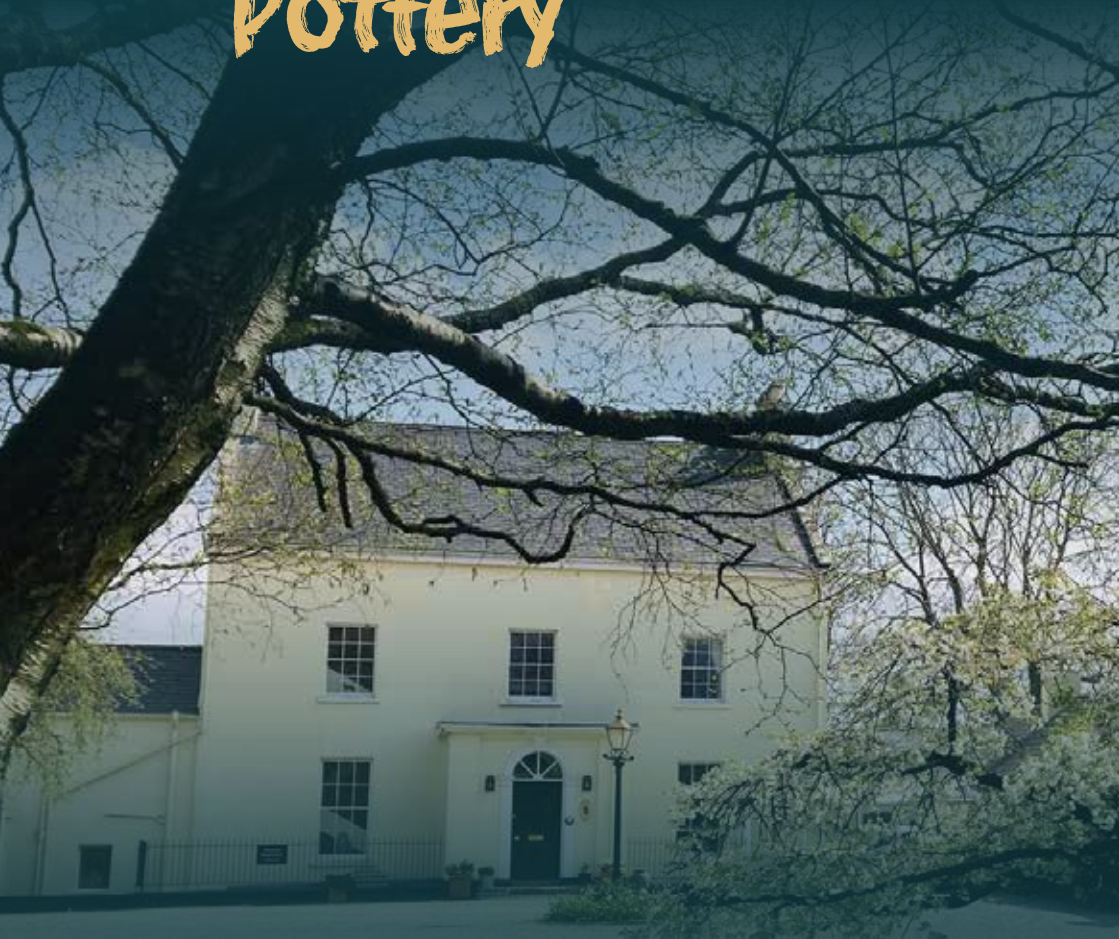
The main car park is reserved for members and Visitor Experience ticket holders, with pre-booking recommended to use this car park.

Experience at a Glance



Stories of Blackheath House

The Blackheath Pottery



The Blackheath Pottery, 112 Killeague Road,
Blackhill, Coleraine BT51 4HH



Experience a guided tour of the grounds and outbuildings of Blackheath House, built in 1791. Hear about the past and current lives of those who resided at Blackheath House, right up to its current owners. From its commission by the Earl Bishop of Derry to a derelict old house filled with chickens, it also housed a famous restaurant called Macduffs. Learn about the past lives and even a ghost or two whilst enjoying specialty coffee and homemade cakes all served on handcrafted Blackheath pottery.

Opening hours:

Fridays at 15:00

Cost:

£18 per person

Group price / discount:

10%

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 15

How to book:

E: info@blackheathpottery.com

Tel: +44 (0)7714 367890

For further information:

Contact: **Babs Belshaw**

Visit: www.blackheathpottery.com

Experience at a Glance



ACTIVE Experiences

Looking for an active and exciting adventure along the Causeway Coastal Route? With plenty of different landscapes to explore, you can get your walking boots on and get your heart rate up as you uncover some of Northern Ireland's most beautiful landscapes. For an alternative form of transport why not rest your legs on an e-bike tour or gallop across wonderful sandy beaches. Discover the dramatic Gobbins Cliff Path Experience which will make you feel at one with nature. If you're brave enough, cross the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge or take to the skies and see breath taking scenery with an amazing tandem skydive. You'll find activities for all ages along the Causeway Coastal Route, so you can take part as a group, family, couple, or solo adventurer!

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Walking the Edge

The Gobbins

“Experience the most dramatic coastal walk in Europe”



The Gobbins Visitor Centre,
68 Middle Road, Islandmagee BT40 3SL



The Gobbins, a spectacular coastal walk, offers you the opportunity to experience a unique tour along the cliff edge of Northern Ireland. Enjoy dramatic views across the sea to Scotland or watch the waves roll in from the Irish Sea, while seabirds fly overhead.

Put on your boots and hard hat and weave your way along 65 million year old basalt cliffs, through tunnels and hidden caves where past generations of smugglers hid their loot and present generations of wildlife call home. Discover this triumph of Victorian engineering and experience one of the most enthralling coastal walks along the Causeway Coastal Route.

Your starting point is The Gobbins Visitor Centre, which tells the dramatic story behind this unique cliff path. The Gobbins Café also offers light refreshments or an extensive all day menu.

Opening hours:

09:00 - 17:30 daily Monday to Sunday. Closed Jan/Feb each year.

Cost:

Adults: £21.50 per person
Child (under 16): £15.50
Concessions (Senior 65+ / student):
£15.50 *
Family rate: 2 adults and up to 3
children: £48
Group price: 10 persons or more:
Adults £20 per person

*Monday - Thursday only as well as
one off peak weekend in March and
October.

Tours depart every 15 minutes.

Based on: maximum 15

How to book:

Visit: www.thegobbinscliffpath.com

Tel: +44 (0)28 9337 2318

E: info@thegobbinscliffpath.com

For further information:

Contact: **Duty Officer**

Tel: +44 (0)7718 969271

+44 (0)7557 962171

Additional information:

The Gobbins will require visitors to walk for about three hours. The path can be rocky at times and you will be exposed to wind and sea spray. At the end of the tour visitors will be expected to hike up a steep path to the top of the cliffs. Visitors will be required to wear hiking boots which provide ankle support. A hard helmet must be worn by all visitors at all times to prevent injury from bumping their heads. Helmets supplied. If necessary, hiking boots available for hire.

Experience at a Glance



Clifftop Experience

National Trust & Away A Wee Walk



Dunseverick Castle to the Giant's Causeway

Experience the spectacular coastline of the Causeway Coast and connect with nature on a five-mile walk through the stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Escape to a place that few explore and immerse yourself in a landscape that is simply breath-taking. Pass by the ruins of Dunseverick Castle, take in the flora and fauna, hear all about the ancient kingdom of Dalriada and cast your eye out to Rathlin Island, Donegal and as far as the Mull of Kintyre.

Walkers will pick their steps along undulating grass and gravel paths and be rewarded with a unique bird's eye view of Ireland's most famous coastline.

Your journey will lead you to the iconic Giant's Causeway, where you can climb the legendary basalt columns before exploring the interactive exhibition within the Visitor Centre. All participants in the Clifftop Experience have access to the full visitor experience at the Giant's Causeway.

Snacks, refreshments and gifts are available to purchase at the Visitor Centre.

Operating hours:

1 January to 3 March 10:00 - 16:00
 4 March to 30 June 09:00 - 17:00
 1 July to 1 September 09:00 - 18:00
 2 September to 3 November 09:00 - 17:00
 4 November to 31 December 10:00 - 16:00 (Closed 24 to 26 December)

Cost:

From £45 per person

Group price / discount:

N/A

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 14

How to book:

E: northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0)28 2073 1855

For further information:

Contact: **Susan Smith**

Visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway or

www.awayaweewalk.com/project/giants-causeway-cliff-path-tour

Additional information:

Sturdy walking shoes are essential and a waterproof coat is advisable. A good level of health and fitness is required to complete this hike. Walkers are also advised to carry some water and sunblock. Children must be age 12 years plus.

Experience at a Glance



Whitehead & Islandmagee by E-bike

Whitehead Community Association



Whitehead Centre,
19 Kings Road, Whitehead BT38 9QE



Whitehead Community Association can offer 7 e-bikes for hire for half days or full days to provide visitors with the opportunity to independently explore all corners of the beautiful seaside town of Whitehead and the surrounding inland and coastal areas.

Highlights include the Victorian and Edwardian promenade with its colourful houses, the nature reserve where Peregrine falcons nest and the famous Whitehead Railway Museum (you might even be lucky enough to catch a steam train puffing along the track) or the Blackhead Coastal Path, leading to the iconic Blackhead Lighthouse on the cliffs above. (Cycle parking is available to allow you to walk up to the lighthouse.)

The e-bike experience also takes the effort out of enjoying the rolling hills, steep inclines and coves that make up the spectacular scenery of the Islandmagee peninsula and the stunning waterfall at Gleno..

If you can ride a bike, the e-bike experience opens up every location for your enjoyment. Full instructions and equipment will be provided at Whitehead Centre before you set off including cycling helmets and hi-visibility clothing.

Operating hours:

Monday to Saturday

Half day hire: 09:00 - 12:00 or
13:00 - 16:00

Full day hire: 09:00 - 16:00

Cost:

From £30 half day / £50 full day

Based on:

Up to 7 e-bikes available to hire

How to book:

Visit: www.whitehead-ni.com

For further information:

Contact: **Centre Managers**

E: wca@whitehead-ni.com

Tel: **+44 (0)28 9337 8077**

Additional information:

Minimum age: 16 years old. E-bikes must be returned to Whitehead Centre. No licence or previous experience of e-bikes is required. As long as you're a reasonably competent bicycle rider, you'll be powering away in no time.

Experience at a Glance



Gallivanting in The Glens

Ramble With Robert



Causeway Coastal Route North of Larne
Cairncastle, Glenarm, Carnlough and
Glenariff plus Sections of The International
Appalachian Trail (IAT) Ulster-Ireland.

Join Antrim Glens native and trained tour guide Robert Stewart, on a relaxing hike around the hills of the Antrim Glens. Expect fantastic historical insight, local stories and great craic whilst you climb and enjoy the great outdoors.

With amazing views over the Antrim coast and across the sea to Scotland, there is always something new to see around each corner.

Walks can be either half day (4-5 hours) or full days (7-8 hours). They can be organised to finish at a pub or restaurant where food can be purchased. A light lunch or snacks can also be arranged.

Additionally walking trips can be organised along the Causeway Coastal Route. Grab your hiking boots and head for a Ramble with Robert!

Operating hours:

Walks can be organised for any time, however prior booking is essential.

Cost:

From £30 per person for half day
From £50 per person for full day
Additional charge for:

- Lunch / snacks, subject to requirements.
- Separate luggage transfer.

Group price / discount:

10% discount for groups of 4 or more.
20% discount for groups of 10 or more.

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 20

How to book:

E: ramblewithrobert@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7773 731001

For further information:

Contact: **Robert Stewart**
Visit: ramblewithrobert.co.uk

Additional information:

This experience involves quite strenuous walking but can be tailored to suit the group taking part. A good level of fitness is required. Suitable footwear and clothing is essential. Walks can be organised around the client's needs whether it is a novice group or people with more experience. Arrangements concerning timing and requirements can be made at time of booking. A luggage transfer service can be arranged to facilitate walking tours. No dogs allowed.

Experience at a Glance



Needles & Tread on the Causeway Coast

Ella Mor



Lace up those hiking boots and experience the beautiful Binevenagh Mountain from a slightly different perspective as you venture off the beaten track to scale the summit of Binevenagh and learn the ancient craft of felting.

Ella Mor Outdoor Adventures offers other experiences too. The Wild Farm Cook Up is an immersive dining and wellness experience on the rugged Causeway Coast. Walking boots on, take a deep breath and venture into the unknown as you experience Gortmore from a perspective only this unique experience will allow following the hidden trails onto farmland, and sample traditional hearty food.

Ella Mor Outdoor Adventures also offers guided hikes around the majestic Binevenagh Mountain or along part of the stunning Causeway Coastal Route. Alternatively, why not create your own bespoke experience around the Binevenagh area, adding extras to your guided hike making it a personal experience.

Operating hours:

Call or email Heather for full details

Cost:

Prices available on request

Group price / discount:

Prices available on request

Based on:

minimum 4 / maximum 12

How to book:

Visit: www.ellamor.co.uk

E: info@ellamor.co.uk


For further information:

Contact: **Heather Nicholl**

Tel: **+44 (0)7793 542468**

Experience at a Glance



Binevenagh AONB 

S51 Airsoft

Forest Fitness NI



Marshallstown Road,
Carrickfergus BT38 9DE



Located on the outskirts of Carrickfergus, S51-Airsoft Northern Ireland is a team game in which participants eliminate opposing players by tagging them out of play with spherical plastic projectiles (BB's) shot with mock air weapons called airsoft guns.

Participants are placed into teams and given a full safety brief before going onto the battlefield. Teams have to battle it out through our 30-acre site which has 6 different themed maps to test combatants' knowledge and skill in real life game scenarios.

We offer created game play scenarios, military simulation, training days and introduction days for beginners. Types of gameplay include capture the flag, domination, VIP, disarm bombs and more, with each game taking between 20 to 30 minutes.

A half-day session lasts approx. 3 hours allowing for 5-6 games. A full day session lasts approx. 6 hours allowing for 8-10 games, including breaks between gameplay.

Drinks and refreshments can be purchased during breaks and participants are advised to keep well hydrated as Airsoft can be demanding.

Operating hours:

Summer Thursday 18:00 - 21:00

Saturday 12:00 - 15:00

Sunday 10:00 - 16:00

Above are public sessions. Private bookings available outside these times.

Cost:

From £30 per person (3 hour session) Charges apply for additional biodegradables BB's or other consumables.

Group price / discount:

Ten participates - £250 (3 hour session)

Based on:

Minimum 8 / maximum 20 for mid week or private bookings.

Saturday and Sunday are public shoots with no minimum numbers required.

How to book:

Visit: www.forestfitnessni.com/s51-airsoft

E: forestfitnessni@gmail.com

For further information:

Contact: **Mr Lea Vaughan**

Tel: **+44 (0)7799 533248**

Additional information:

Airsoft is suitable for age 12 years and above. Price includes all equipment including overalls, weapon and BBs plus full face mask. Gloves and suitable footwear i.e. boots or training shoes with grip will be essential. Old clothing is recommended as you may get dirty.

Experience at a Glance



The Sheep Experience & Nature Walk

Dunfin Farm



Dunfin Farm,
1 Glentop Road, Ballycastle BT54 6QF



Dunfin is a traditional Irish Sheep Farm in the scenic Glens of Antrim, situated in Glenshesk, 5 miles from Ballycastle. Dunfin Farm offers a range of immersive experiences, providing an insight into real farming life on the Causeway Coast.

Experience a sheepdog demonstration, sheep shearing (seasonal) and watch newborn lambs play in the Spring. Learn about the vast range of wildlife in the peatlands on the nature walk. Visitors are invited to gather sheep, command the sheepdog, and to help to shear and roll the woollen fleeces.

Check out their website for full details on all experiences. Dunfin Farm provides guests with an immersive, authentic experience giving you a glimpse into farming life in the Glens with a warm family welcome.

Operating hours:

March to October

Cost:

Sheep Experience & Nature Walk:
From £40 per person

Group price / discount:

Group rates on enquiry

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 30

How to book:

Visit: www.Dunfinfarm.com

E: info@dunfinfarm.com

For further information:

Contact: **Frank Devlin**

Tel: **+44 (0)7572 979729**

Additional information:

Pre-booking essential. Protective clothing and wellingtons provided. Refreshments subject to group size and on request.

Experience at a Glance



Saddle Up By The Sea

Crindle Bespoke Equestrian



Immerse yourself in this Saddle Up by the Sea experience, where the farm, stables, countryside, and coast come together seamlessly. Upon arrival, the vibrant sights, smells, and sounds of this family farm envelop you. Begin with a warm Irish welcome featuring tea and scones, acquainting yourself with the Patterson Family who call this place home. Engage in the farm's daily routine, forging a unique connection with the remarkable horses and their relaxed personalities. Imagine yourself as a modern-day cowboy as you saddle up your noble steed. Once your trusty horses are ready, embark on a journey through the farm's picturesque landscapes and country lanes, framed by the majestic Binevenagh Mountain.

Crindle Stables & Downhill Beach
6 Carrowclare Road, Limavady BT49 9ED



Courtesy of Tourism Northern Ireland

Your guide shares local tales, introducing you to Northern Ireland's renowned warm hospitality. Travel to the shore in the horse transport lorry, arriving at the famous Game of Thrones® filming location, Downhill Beach, where the refreshing sea breeze greets you.

Enjoy a leisurely ride with waves caressing your feet and soft sand beneath your horse's hooves. Experienced riders can choose to canter along the shoreline, surrounded by the magnificent Mussenden temple, towering cliffs and crashing Atlantic waves. Experience an unforgettable seaside adventure, complete with goosebumps, and let us digitally capture these exceptional memories for you to treasure. Whether you seek indulgence, lasting memories, or a romantic gesture, they've got you covered.

Additional options: **Bohemian Picnic:** For a relaxed and intimate setting, opt for a streamside picnic or discover a hidden spot among the rocks. **Beachside Wildfire Cookout:** Ideal for groups, savour the stunning location as you conclude your day. **Professional Photography:** Perfectly capture these moments as keepsakes to take home. **Walking Tour to Mussenden Temple:** Explore the history-rich Mussenden Temple, offering captivating insights overlooking Downhill Beach.

Opening hours:

Open every day and very flexible in opening hours on request.

Cost:

2 - 3 persons - £410 per person
4 - 6 persons - £375 per person
7 - 10 persons - £355 per person

Group price / discount:

10%

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 10

Additional information:

No prior riding experience is necessary whatsoever.
Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and boots.

How to book:

E: crindlestables@outlook.com

Tel: +44 (0)7738 516106

For further information:

Contact: Amy / Hazel Patterson
Visit: crindlebespoke.com

Experience at a Glance



Backstage at the Farm

Glenarm Redspark Lamb



Glenarm Redspark Lamb,
67a Dickeystown Road, Glenarm BT44 0BA



Perched 800ft above sea level with breath-taking views across to Scotland is Eamonn Matthew's award winning sheep farm, which has opened its doors to the public to welcome you on an immersive guided tour.

Brace yourself for a hands-on learning experience as you are taught the ins and outs of being a successful modern day sheep farmer - from handling and herding the beautiful native breeds of Scottish Blackface sheep to hearing about how the landscape and surrounding mountains impact upon this 12th generation modern, low carbon and sustainable farm.

The tour begins with a warm and friendly introduction from Eamonn himself who will reveal all about life as a sheep farmer who rears some of the most highly sought after sheep in Northern Ireland, boasting a Gold Award for its distinctive taste and texture. Watch the master at work as Eamonn gives a glimpse into the loving companionship between him and the farm's sheepdogs who use their highly honed senses and skills to perform the commands given to them to gather the sheep.

No farm tour would be complete without a home cooked treat from the farmyard kitchen as Eamonn invites you to feast on succulent hearty lamb stew or a tasty BBQ chop, accompanied by fresh baking straight from the farm kitchen. Sample refreshments are included. Full lunch can be arranged at an additional cost. All food is based around recipes using their own lamb, depending upon the season.

Operating hours:

By advance booking only, available:
October to March: 10:00 - 15:00
daily. April to September: 10:00 -
19:00 daily

Cost:

From £35 per adult
From £20 per child (under 16)
10% discount for groups of 10 or
more

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 50

Additional information:

Sturdy walking shoes and outdoor waterproof clothes are recommended. Tour vehicle is not wheelchair accessible. Any food allergies or special dietary requests are required to be notified in advance.

How to book:

E: hello@glenarmredsparklamb.com

Tel: +44 (0)7989 534003

For further information:

Contact: **Eamonn Matthews**

Visit: www.glenarmredsparklamb.com/farm-tours

Experience at a Glance



Tandem Skydive

Skydive Ireland



Movenis Airfield, Carrowreagh Road,
Garvagh BT51 5LQ 

Experience the rush of freefall from an exhilarating 15,000ft, while taking in majestic views of Northern Ireland's Causeway Coast, including Mussenden Temple, Dunluce Castle and The Giant's Causeway.

The Tandem Skydive is the most popular and the best way that you can try out skydiving for the first time. Our expert instructors have made thousands of jumps, and you will be fully trained, and use specialist equipment, to ensure a safe and incredible experience. Whether you want a one-off experience of a lifetime, you're looking for a great way to raise money for a charity close to your heart, or you want to test it out before booking a solo course, Tandem Skydive is the perfect choice.

No matter your reason to jump with us, we'll make sure to look after you every step of the way. From 15,000 feet, you'll maximise your time in freefall travelling at 120mph towards the earth's surface, for up to 60 second before the parachute is deployed and you gently descend for a soft touchdown in front of friends and family.

Our staff will be there with you from start to finish and train you to the highest levels of safety to ensure you feel looked after from arrival to departure. We also offer photo and video packages to capture the memory of your Skydive Ireland experience.

Join us on the legendary Causeway Coast for the highest possible skydive in Ireland!

Operating hours:

Thursday to Sunday year round
depending on season and weather.
Possibility of other days for block or
VIP bookings.

Cost:

From £299 per person

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 50

How to book:

Visit: www.skydiveireland.com

Tel: +44 (0)28 2955 8609

For further information:

E: hello@skydiveireland.com

Additional information:

This experience requires a medical fit declaration for each member of the group .
Maximum weight limit applies. Minimum age 16. Visit website for more details.

Experience at a Glance



Food & Drink Experiences

During your trip, take the time to try one of many amazing foodie experiences, such as a tasting tour, fishing trip, or even a chocolate workshop, so you can sample all that the Causeway Coastal Route has to offer. Game of Thrones® fans will love the themed afternoon tea offered at Ballygally Castle - the perfect location from which to explore some of the show's filming locations, or perhaps afternoon tea aboard a static vintage railway carriage would be the right choice for you. Those who love a wee dram will appreciate the ambience of the Arkle Whiskey Bar or savouring gin at Galgorm or at the Giant's Causeway.

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Tea & Tales

Inside Glenarm Castle & Garden



Glenarm Castle Estate,
2 Castle Lane, Glenarm BT44 0BQ

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Experience an afternoon tea like no other in the ancestral home of the McDonnell family and one of Northern Ireland's most historic family houses, Glenarm Castle. This exclusive tour begins by entering through the Barbican Gate.

Upon arrival, you will be warmly welcomed by the family butler with a glass of champagne. This warm reception is followed by a guided tour of the castle, offering visitors a rare opportunity to see the unique artefacts and learn about the intricate history of the castle.

Afterwards, indulge in a traditional afternoon tea in the elegance of Glenarm Castle's dining room, expertly prepared for you by castle staff. Enjoy homemade scones, freshly prepared finger sandwiches and artfully crafted savoury and sweet delicacies, made using fresh, local produce such as our famous Glenarm Shorthorn Beef and Glenarm Organic Smoked Salmon. Savour this special dining experience, whilst listening to the wonderful stories and captivating tales from the family butler.

To finish the day, enjoy a stroll around the beautiful and historic Walled Garden.

Operating hours:

Dates are limited and booking in advance is required.

Cost:

From £150 per person

Based on:

minimum 6 / maximum 12

Additional information:

No photography allowed inside Glenarm Castle.

How to book:

E: welcome@glenarmcastle.com
Tel: +44 (0)28 2884 1203
(option 1 for Welcome Centre)

For further information:

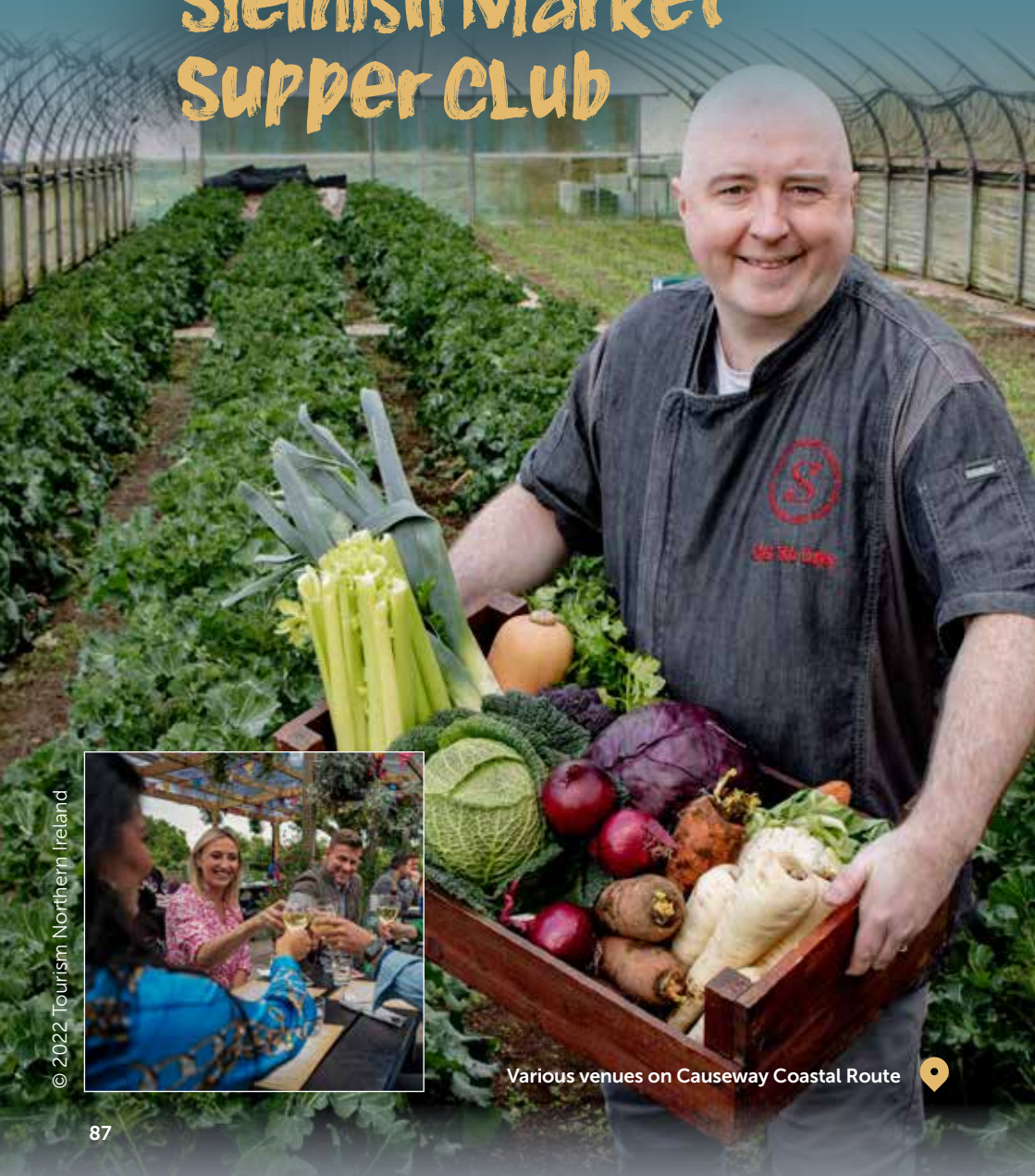
Contact: **Welcome Centre**
Visit: glenarmcastle.com

Experience at a Glance



POP UP dining experiences

Slemish Market Supper Club



Various venues on Causeway Coastal Route



Slemish Market Supper club is a sensational pop up dining experience, showcasing the fabulous produce available from Slemish Market Garden and the surrounding area.

Hosted in a variety of venues, award-winning chef Rob Curley oversees the creation of a mouth-watering six-course menu for diners to experience. Each dish features produce selected for quality and taste to allow visitors from outside the region to experience our food and traditions of the sea, rivers, lakes and lands which are important to the area's gastronomy.

The bespoke menu consists of a drink, wee bite, starter, fish course, meat course and dessert and changes each time to make the most of regional and seasonal produce. Lasting up to three hours, diners sit together around a long table giving them the opportunity to meet new people as well as enjoy fabulous food and drink.

For Chef Rob, each plate tells a story. Every ingredient is chosen to paint a picture in the diner's mind and spark their imagination as well as their palate, with Rob on hand to personally explain the dish, how it's cooked, and the suppliers used.

Operating hours:

Operates in different locations around the Causeway Coastal Route e.g. cafes, pubs, hotels, event spaces etc. Public pop up Slemish Market Supper Club dining experiences take place monthly. Private dining experiences can be booked all year round by advance booking, subject to availability.

How to book:

E: slemishmarketsupperclub@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7547 804975

Cost:

From £70 per person for 6 course dining experience

Group price / discount:

Contact Slemish Market Supper Club to discuss.

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 50

For further information:

Contact: **Chef Rob Curley**

Visit: www.slemishmarketsupperclub.com

Additional information:

Bring your own alcohol. Any food allergies or special dietary requests are required to be notified in advance.

Experience at a Glance



The Taste Causeway Experience

The Chocolate Manor

Économusée



The Chocolate Manor,
3 Main Street, Castlerock BT51 4RA

Handcraft a delectable collection of chocolates with The Chocolate Manor.

During each **Taste Causeway Experience**, chief chocolatier Geri Martin will guide you through making ganaches with a stunning selection of local artisan products.

Want to acquire some basic chocolate tempering skills in a fun and hands on workshop? Then **The Chocolate Box Experience** is for you where you will create a selection of moulded chocolate treats.

Or try the **Truffle Shuffle Experience** where you are guided through making moulded and hand-rolled truffles. You will craft ganache, and flavour your own truffles, maybe even with a nip of your favourite tipple, if you wish.

A hot or cold drink is included in the experience.

Taste Causeway is a collective of passionate artisans drawing upon the rich landscape and heritage to create extraordinary food experiences. The Chocolate Manor are proud to have been a founding member of this group and in their Taste Causeway Experience, you will be introduced to an exclusive selection of local artisan products and learn how to pair them with the finest chocolate.

You can also purchase delicious treats from The Chocolate Manor Chocolate Shop & Artisan Food Emporium.

Operating hours:

Available to be booked privately to suit your group

Cost:

From £40 per person

Group price:

From £35 (depending on group size)

Based on:

minimum 6 for private groups - smaller numbers accommodated in scheduled / maximum 20

How to book:

Visit: www.thechocolatemanor.com/experiences

Tel: +44 (0)7919 332843

For further information:

Contact: Geri Martin

E: talktous@thechocolatemanor.com

Additional information:

Aprons and all you need to bring your chocolate creations home will be provided. Experience involves standing but stools are available. Scheduled at least once per month and can be booked privately.

Experience at a Glance



Danny Boy Clans and Charms Experience

Mussenden Sea Salt



'Danny Boy Clans and Charms' experience - walk with local kinswoman Claire O'Kane, 'Descendent of Cahan', a powerful Clan, whose ancestors are interwoven into the fabric of the Causeway Coast. Stroll along ancient paths and take in the breath-taking scenery in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Downhill Forest & Beach /
Mussenden Temple & Downhill Demesne

Courtesy of Tourism Northern Ireland

A natural born storyteller Claire regales the myths, legends and folklore of her forefathers, in particular the legend of the world-renowned melody "Danny Boy". Taste wild berries along the route and enjoy the food of the clans with a delicious grazing table of berries, elderflower, wild garlic salad, bread and local salt as the melody of Danny Boy filters through the wind.

'Experience Mussenden' by Mussenden Sea Salt creates unique, culturally rich, authentic dining and wellness experiences on the Causeway Coast. Each experience is created by Claire O'Kane, a kinswoman and decedent of one of the ancient clans of Ireland. Claire awakens ancients with modern luxuries to create lasting memories through her dining and wellness experiences.

'Mussenden Unwind Dine and Forage', takes you through the ancient Woodland of Downhill Forest, where you will learn how nature helps us to relax from the stresses of everyday living. After foraging in the forest, meander across the wooden bridge where the mountain meets the sea for a luxury beach dining experience. If you're feeling adventurous, why not take a dip in the ocean, under the rugged cliffs and the magnificent Mussenden Temple above. Special sunset trips are a perfect way to spend your evening on the Causeway Coast.

'A Taste of Mussenden' is a great way to treat yourself to an exclusive and luxury dining experience inside the iconic Mussenden Temple. Sit back and relax as you sip from crystal glasses and dine on compostable plates and enjoy all things local. This culturally rich iconic dining experience marries the ancient with the modern to create an experience that goes beyond the veil into the heart of the Causeway Coast. It truly is a celebration of all things local.

Operating hours:

Flexible hours and start times – enquire for details

Cost per Person:

From £58 per person.

Group discount:

10%

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 40

How to book:

Visit: www.mussendenseasalt.com

Tel: +44 (0)7437 054169

For larger groups, email
info@mussendenseasalt.com

For further information:

Contact: **Claire O'Kane**
E: info@mussendenseasalt.com

Additional information:

Food allergies and special dietary requirements require advanced notification. Menus are dependent on season and availability of local produce.

Experience at a Glance



Bushmills Whiskey Tasting Arkle Whiskey Bar

Built as a Coaching Inn by the 3rd Marchioness of Londonderry, Frances Anne Vane in 1848, The Londonderry Arms Hotel is as much a fixture of the Causeway Coastal Route as the powerful tides and smooth pebbles.

The Londonderry Arms Hotel,
20 Harbour Road, Carnlough BT44 0EU



Today, the Arkle Whiskey Bar, named after the legendary 1960's steeplechaser, is the perfect place to share a dram, good conversation with the locals and soak up the spirit of the land and people that make this place so unique.

Choose your whiskey flight, then immerse yourself in the stories soaked into the walls around you. From aristocrats, to the amazing racehorse Arkle, share the flavours of the past and feel their warmth as you sip and savour their range of Bushmills Whiskey flights, paired with local delicacies and sharing platters. Check out:

The Arkle Hat Trick | The Arkle Club | The Aristocrat

Full details on these flights and their food pairings is available on their website. (Experience duration is dependent on number of participants.)

And before you go, don't forget to touch the lucky horseshoe worn by Arkle, which now sits pride of place in the Arkle Whiskey Bar. Locals will all tell you that good luck and fortune will quickly come your way!

Operating hours:

Booking essential – required 14 days in advance. Available from 12:00 - 19:00 daily.

Cost per person:

The Arkle Hat Trick from £25

The Arkle Club from £45

The Aristocrat from £85

Accommodation available on request - from £65 per person sharing B&B. Dinner options also available.

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 16

How to book:

Visit: londonderryarmshotel.com/whiskeyexperiences

Tel: +44 (0)28 2888 5255

For further information:

Contact: **Hotel Reception**
E: lda@glensofantrim.com

Additional information:

Any food allergies or special dietary requests are required to be notified in advance.

Experience at a Glance



Gin-Credible Library

Galgorm Gin Tasting



Galgorm,
136 Fenaghy Road, Ballymena BT42 1EA



The Conservatory at the world renowned Galgorm is home to the Resort's award winning Cocktail Bar & Gin Library. A magnificent bespoke glass creation that combines the stunning views of the cascading River Maine with a stimulating dash of theatre from their team of highly-skilled mixologists.

With one of the most extensive and exclusive gin collections in Ireland, boasting over 500 varieties of gin, Galgorm is proud to run a daily gin tasting session, taking place each evening.

Hosted by their Gin Bar Manager, visitors can enjoy a French 75 upon arrival, before embarking on a journey of discovery with a G&T from a local distillery. You will also have the opportunity to garnish your drink from the ingredients on the garnish boards, making for a decidedly unique take on your gin tasting experience. Following this, you'll be treated to an international gin which has contrasting botanicals or flavour profiles. They even have a premium own-label gin, Galgorm Estate Gin, developed in partnership with Copeland Distillery which uses botanicals harvested within their grounds. Ask to try it!

Opening hours:

Daily, subject to availability

Cost:

From £45 per person

Based on:

minimum 6 / maximum 30

How to book:

Visit: www.galgorm.com/daily-gin-tasting.html

Tel: +44 (0)28 2588 1001

For further information:

Contact: Ashley King
E: dining@galgorm.com

Experience at a Glance



From Cows to Cones

Artisan ice-Cream Demo

@ The Creamery Can Économusée



The Creamery Can,
30 Station Road, Glarryford BT44 9RA



Come along and meet the owner and producer of The Creamery Can ice-cream and hear the story behind the business.

Launched as an Économusée in December 2019 for their artisan ice cream business, The Creamery Can is a working family farm with a coffee shop and ice cream workshop. Visitors have the opportunity to see the ice cream production area and to learn how their ice-creams and sorbets are made, as well as hearing more about their story as a family business. There is always an opportunity for some hands-on participation and of course to enjoy some mouthwatering samples of their various flavours.

Their ice-cream, as well as hot food, teas/coffees and bakes are also available to purchase onsite.

Operating hours:

Demonstrations by prior booking only.
All year round.
Coffee Shop normal operating hours
Tuesday to Saturday 09:30 - 16:30

Cost:

From £10 per person (including sundae)

Group Price / Discount:

10% discount for parties of 22 or more.

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 30

How to book:

E: creamerycantours@gmail.com
Tel: +44 (0)7720 464669

For further information:

Contact: **Hugh Reid**
Visit: www.thecreamerycan.com/economusee-ice-cream-tours

Additional information:

Any food allergies or special dietary requests must be notified in advance.

Experience at a Glance



Game of Thrones® themed Afternoon Tea* Ballygally Castle



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Ballygally Castle,
274 Coast Road, Ballygally BT40 2QZ



Ballygally Castle Hotel offers a Game of Thrones® Afternoon Tea which will delight fans of the world renowned show as well as those who love the indulgence of a delicious afternoon tea.

The sweet and savoury treats, inspired by the fantasy lands of Winterfell, Iron Islands, King's Landing or Stormlands, includes Lannister egg rolls, Baratheon bread, Little Finger Chicken Caesar wraps, Jon Snow cakes and Dothraki trifle with mini Dragon's eggs!

Ballygally Castle is the perfect base from which to explore the locations where many pivotal scenes were shot for HBO's Game of Thrones®. The producers used locations across Northern Ireland, but the spectacular Causeway Coast makes more than its fair share of appearances. Only a few miles from Ballygally Castle are Cairncastle, Cushendun Caves, Slemish Mountain, Glenarm and Carnlough Harbour, all of which have close connections to the iconic show.

The Game of Thrones® Afternoon Tea will immerse people into the dark and mysterious mood of the show and you won't want to miss the opportunity to see intricate Door of Thrones No 9 or the unique display of Game of Thrones jewellery created by Steensons of Glenarm.

Operating hours:

Monday to Saturday: 14:00 - 17:00 daily
Sunday: 15:00 - 17:00

Cost:

From £35 per person

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 40

Additional information:

Dietary requirements & final numbers. Please allow 24 hours' notice for reservations.

How to book:

Visit: www.hastingshotels.com/ballygally-castle/gameofthronesafternoon.html

Tel: +44 (0)28 2858 1066

For further information:

Contact: **Katie Jackson**
E: conf1@bgc.hastingshotels.com

Experience at a Glance



Cups & Carriage

Whitehead Railway Museum



Whitehead Railway Museum,
Castleview Road, Whitehead BT38 9NA

Are you ready to step back in time and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea aboard an historic railway dining car? The award winning Whitehead Railway Museum is offering you just such an opportunity.

Cups & Carriage is an immersive afternoon tea experience, where you get to sit back, relax and enjoy mouth-watering delicacies in a refurbished railway carriage, which is one of the top exhibits at the museum.

The 1950-built carriage, which used to operate on express trains, has been fully restored and is on display in one of the museum's galleries. Although the coach does not move, you will feel as if you are travelling back in time.

The 1950's has never looked as glamorous as you step on board the period dining car which is reminiscent of the glorious age of steam train travel. Expect impressive interiors, comfortable seating and beautiful panelling, all lovingly restored by Railway Preservation Society of Ireland members, who paid close attention to the carriage's heritage status.

Waiting staff will bring out the best china to serve up a traditional afternoon tea complete with sandwiches, scones, pastries and petits fours, just for you. Sit back and dream of the glorious era of traditional rail travel as you enjoy a perfect blend of delicious treats, fragrant tea and great company.

Operating hours:

Available upon request, all year round for groups of up to 20 (please note minimum numbers of 10)

Cost:

From £28 per person

Group price:

From £25 per person

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 20

Additional information:

Unfortunately as the dining car is a heritage vehicle, wheelchair access is not possible for the Cups and Carriage experience. Please indicate if coach parking is required. Dietary requirements, if required, should be communicated at least three days prior to your visit.

How to book:

E: info@steamtrainsireland.com

Tel: +44 (0)28 9358 6200

For further information:

Contact: **Lisa Adair**

Visit: www.steamtrainsireland.com/museum-tickets/platform-3

Experience at a Glance



Dobbins Dander & Dine

Dobbins Inn

SINCE
1530



Dobbins Inn, 6-8 High Street,
Carrickfergus BT38 7AF



Carrickfergus is the oldest walled town in Ulster, pre-dating their counterpart in Londonderry. First protected by ditches in medieval times to defend the growing settlement surrounding the castle. Join an expert local resident tour guide on a walk beginning in the shadow of Carrickfergus Castle, incorporating the Walls Walk and many fascinating sites around the town with significant stories to be told. The final stop is at Carrick's Hidden Tower House - Dobbins Inn. Here the connections to the town are told through interpretation which traces the residents of the Tower House dating back to 1530's. Hear the story of young Thomas Seeds, saved by chivalry in 1760, his exercise books then to be discovered centuries later hiding in the walls of the Inn.

Finish the experience with delicious and simple food and drink inspired by medieval culture, which had more in common with modern-day concerns than appreciated - think seasonality, sustainability, and provenance these were as important in the 12th century as they are in the 21st.

What's included:

- 1km gentle guided walk with local expert guide
- Unique retelling of the history of Carrickfergus
- Interpretation delivered by qualified OCN Level 2 tour guide
- Delicious medieval inspired food and drink served at Dobbins Inn.

Operating hours:

Can be available any days / times for a group booking. However currently running publicly 2 times a month. From 17:30 arrival to 21:00.

Cost:

From £35 per person

Group price / discount:

From £30 per person

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 15

How to book:

E: enquiries@dobbinsinn.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)28 9335 1905

For further information:

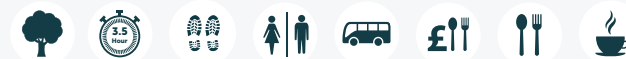
Contact: **Kirsty Fallis**

Visit: dobbinsinn.co.uk

Additional information:

Food is a set menu, so dietary requirements would be required. Accommodation is also available and can be booked along with the experience. Any dietary requirements would need notified in advance.

Experience at a Glance



Bespoke

Causeway Coast Foodie Tours



Various locations on Causeway Coastal Route. 



Causeway Coast Foodie Tours was founded by Causeway Coast native Wendy Gallagher. Wendy offers personally guided, food & drink tour experiences. Each recounts the stories of our food heritage, provenance, traditions & the environment in which this is grown, reared, produced or brewed.

These unique experiences are personally curated to showcase the amazing stories that create the hidden gems of the Causeway Coast, an award-winning foodie destination. Wendy's local knowledge, pride & passion for authentic, local produce & individually focused customer service translates into memorable experiences with 5 star customer ratings.

Operating hours:

Mid-week and Saturdays. Tours run February to December.

Cost:

Price on request, depends on experience/itinerary chosen

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 30

How to book:

E: causewayfoodie@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7912 408256

For further information:

Contact: **Wendy Gallagher**
Visit: causewaycoastfoodietours.com

Additional information:

Over 18s only. Customers are asked to provide details of any dietary or special requirements at time of booking.

Experience at a Glance



A Shepherdess Supper

The Lamb Van



Ballymoney
BT53 8LY



Join Wendy Dempster at her table for a 5-course gourmet adventure guaranteed to delight your taste buds. See lamb from a fresh perspective with an evening of local food combinations and flavours showcasing the diversity of this delicious meat and the destination of Causeway Coast and Glens. Wendy shares her personal story from life in the office to life on the farm in a fun and engaging way which makes for a truly enjoyable and incredibly special event.

Wendy and her husband Alan run an extensive sheep farm in a beautiful rural setting on the outskirts of the town of Ballymoney in County Antrim. Entrepreneur, innovator, shepherdess and local food champion, Wendy is on a mission to bring her ethically reared, grass fed and incredibly delicious Northern Ireland Farm Quality Assured Lamb to plates all over Ireland and the world. She does this through the sale of fresh and frozen lamb cuts direct from the farm and contemporary street food sold from her converted horsebox, The Lamb Van.

Operating hours:

09:00 - 22:00 Monday to Saturday

Cost:

From £55 per person

Group price / discount:

Negotiable

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 50

How to book:

E: hello@thelambvan.com

Tel: +44 (0)7724 483021

For further information:

Contact: **Wendy Dempster**

Visit: www.thelambvan.com

Additional information:

Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking. Location can change due to group size. Please contact to enquire if disabled access is available before booking. Live traditional music and other farm-based activities available on request at an additional cost.

Experience at a Glance



Taste Northern Ireland

The Lighthouse Bistro

The Lighthouse Bistro



The Lighthouse Bistro,
2 Marine Avenue, Whitehead BT38 9QW



Nestled near Whitehead's colourful promenade, the award winning Lighthouse Bistro is owned by Nordic chef Joni Lutzman and his local wife Erica.

Eat and drink like a local with the Taste Northern Ireland food and drink experience! Your party will be welcomed by your host before and after Erica who will lead you through an exploration of locally crafted, pressed, distilled, brewed and fermented drinks that are all made within the counties of Northern Ireland.

Whilst enjoying the stories of local producers, you'll nibble your way through the finest locally made charcuterie, traditional breads and cheese, finishing with a toast of our finest whisky! Our Taste Northern Ireland experiences are ideal for groups of 8 - 20 people and include several alcoholic drinks served alongside hand picked cheese and charcuterie platters.

Opening hours:

By advance booking Tuesday morning or evening, Wednesday evening or Thursday evening - all year round.

Cost:

From £50 per person

Group price / discount:

10% discount for groups.

Based on:

minimum 8 / maximum 20

How to book:

E: Bskcaterinfo@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7769 274472

For further information:

Contact: Erica Lutzman

Visit: lighthousebistrowhitehead.com/taste-of-northern-ireland

Additional information:

Any food allergies or special dietary requests are required to be notified in advance. Suitable for adults only.


Experience at a Glance



Causeway Irish Coffee Making Class

North Coast Cocktails



Various locations on the Causeway Coastal Route 



Ashley Douglas provides mobile cocktail making workshops with a focus on locally sourced ingredients from the abundant larder of the Causeway Coast. A professional barman, Ashley is a natural entertainer with plenty of stories, craic and banter to keep the group entertained.

Learn the methodology and techniques of cocktail making in a fun and immersive atmosphere. Guided by Ashley, with a focus on provenance and the use of local ingredients, take the opportunity to taste and examine the different flavours used. Learn how to make the perfect Irish Coffee, specially crafted with a bespoke Kon-Tiki coffee blend unique to the Causeway Coast combined with the famous Bushmills Whiskey with milk and cream from a local farm. With exclusive access to some of the most unique venues on the Causeway Coast, this experience is also completely mobile and can be set up in a private home or venue.

Operating hours:

Friday or Saturday afternoons / evenings

Cost:

From £40 per person

Group price / discount:

From £35 per person

Based on:

minimum 6 / maximum 15

How to book:

Visit: www.northcoastcocktails.com

Tel: +44 (0)7808 522290

For further information:

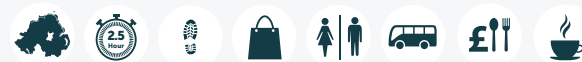
Contact: Ashley Douglas

E: northcoastcocktails@gmail.com

Additional information:

For dietary requirements and food allergies, please ask at time of booking. Non-alcoholic, vegan, vegetarian and gluten free alternatives are available. Walking is optional depending on the guests' choice of picnic spot.

Experience at a Glance



Roastery Tour and Coffee Tasting

Fidela Coffee

Roasters Économusée



Have you ever wondered where the coffee in your cup comes from? Join the team at Fidela Coffee Roasters for an afternoon exploring the journey that the coffee bean makes from the farms in Colombia to the roastery in Coleraine, before finishing up in your cup.

Experience a tour where you are shown all the work that goes on behind the scenes, and the dedication to quality at every step. Learn how the work they are doing in Coleraine is making a difference for their farmers in Colombia. Learn how the quality of coffee is assessed according to SCA (Specialty Coffee Association) criteria. One of their trained baristas will take you through the cupping process, allowing you to experience how they taste coffees at the roastery to form tasting profiles.

Operating hours:

Monday-Saturday from 08:30 - 16:30

Cost:

From £50 per person

Group price / discount:

10%

Based on:

minimum 6 / maximum 12

How to book:

Visit: [fidelacoffee.com](https://www.fidelacoffee.com)

Tel: +44 (0)7864 623487

For further information:

Contact: Rachel Dillon

E: sales@fidelacoffee.com

Experience at a Glance



9a Lower Newmills Road,
Coleraine BT52 2JR



Farm to Fork Immersive Meal & Tour

Broughgammon Farm

Économusée



50 Straid Road,
Ballycastle BT54 6NP



Want to experience the best of Northern Irish produce in a beautiful setting? Look no further than Broughgammon Farm's immersive farm to fork dining experience. Arrive at the award winning, nature friendly farm and be ushered into the atmospheric, historical barn where you will be served up to 4 courses. Showcasing the food that is reared, grown and butchered at the farm as well as cooked and served by the owners and farmers themselves. This unique culinary experience gives you a true taste of the Northern Irish food scene by one of the most pioneering and respected food businesses in the country.

Afterwards a tour of the farm can be experienced to learn more about the family run business and see a real working Northern Irish farm in action.

Operating hours:

Monday-Sunday 11:00 - 21:00

Cost:

0-20: £37.50 per person

21-30: £34 per person

31-50: £33 per person

(would cover a tour, and a three course meal with a complimentary alcoholic beverage. (Minimum of £300) (Driver charged at £15)

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 49

Additional information:

Dietary requirements to be submitted before the event. The farm's cafe and shop is open every Friday- Sunday from 11:00 - 16:00 no booking needed.

How to book:

Visit: www.broughgammon.com

E: info@broughgammon.com

For further information:

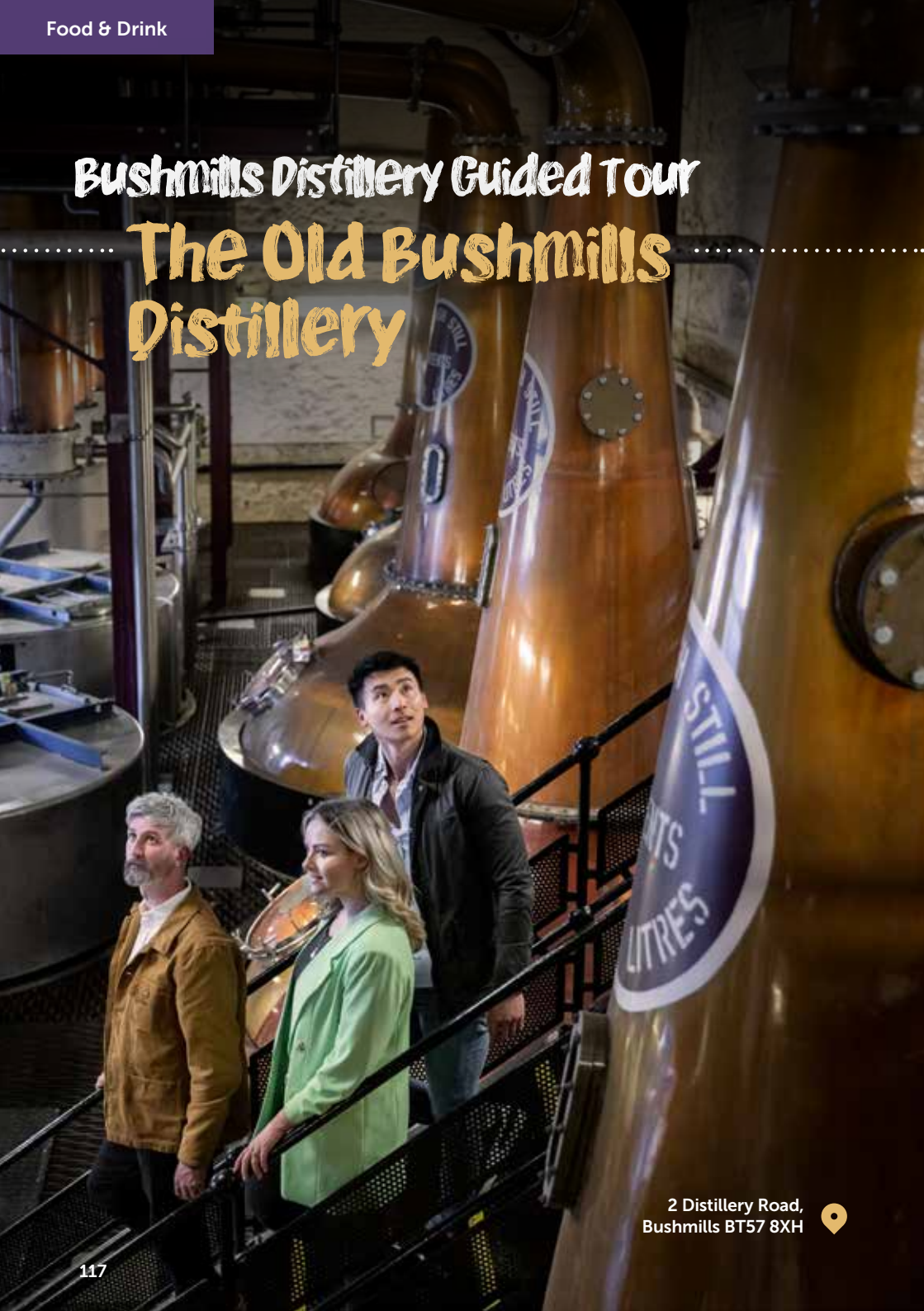
Contact: **Becky Cole**


Experience at a Glance



Bushmills Distillery Guided Tour

The Old Bushmills Distillery



2 Distillery Road,
Bushmills BT57 8XH 



Join one of the Distillery's whiskey educators to see first-hand how the craft of whiskey-making is carried out at Old Bushmills Distillery. Walk with them through the living history of the grain-to-glass processes, experiencing the impressive sights and rich scents of each stage from mash tun to pot still to barrel. Then complete your tour in the 1608 bar to taste for yourself the culmination of more than 400 years of expertise and innovation. Come to see what it takes to produce a whiskey that has stood the test of time to create some of the finest Irish whiskeys in the world.

Operating hours:

Monday – Saturday, 10:00 - 17:00

Cost:

£15 per person

Group price / discount:

£10 per person

Based on:

minimum 12 / maximum 45

How to book:

Visit: www.bushmills.eu

Tel: +44 (0)28 2073 3272

For further information:

E: distillery.tours@bushmills.com

Experience at a Glance



LEISURE Experiences

Hoping to experience a leisurely visit? There's lots for you to do that will enable you to see the best of the Causeway Coastal Route at a slower pace. Enjoy the natural beauty of the area and spot wildlife on one of many walks, and wander through beautiful gardens without a care in the world.

For the ultimate luxury, treat yourself to a forest bathing experience in Galgorm where you can relax in a riverside or serenity tub while enjoying nature. Alternatively, animal lovers are sure to enjoy an alpaca walk which will give you the opportunity to see part of the Causeway Coast alongside a fluffy new friend. If you'd like to practice mindfulness during your visit, a Go Wild Bushcraft or a Mindful Discovery Walk are the perfect activities and will empower, rejuvenate, and ground you.

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Social Success

Carrickfergus Urban Farm



Carrickfergus Urban Farm and Dancing Goat Café
Elizabeth Avenue, Kilcreggan, Carrickfergus
BT38 7UY



The award-winning Carrickfergus Urban farm and Garden Centre is a successful social enterprise nestled on the edge of the historic town of Carrickfergus. It offers a unique hands-on experience with many animals, a flourishing garden centre and tasty café, all providing employment for adults with a learning disability.

Come along and meet their friendly staff or greet their beautiful animals featuring a hands-on feeding experience with their pony, goats, pigs, small animals and more.

Discover the story behind this unique social enterprise and how they support local people and provide a safe, free and relaxed space in the heart of the community.

What has emerged from the small seed of an idea planted 20 years ago is now a unique visitor attraction and a relaxed community space that operates as a social firm, engaging services users in all aspects of running a busy and successful garden centre and urban farm.

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday 09:30 - 16:00
Closed Sunday

Cost:

Free

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 30

How to book:

E: farmstaff@kilcreggan.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0)28 9336 4294 /
+44 (0)7510 926182

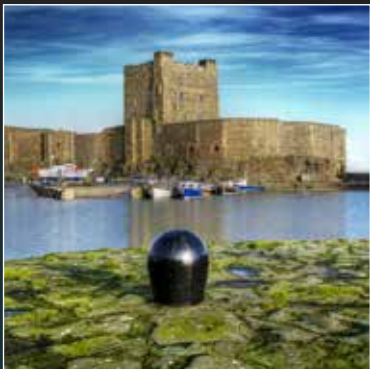
For further information:

Contact: **Claire Berry**
Visit: www.kilcreggan.org.uk/farm-and-garden

Experience at a Glance



Explore in Luxury Exclusive NI Tours



Causeway Coastal Route and throughout Northern Ireland.



Tour Northern Ireland in style with Exclusive NI Tours, where client comfort and enjoyment come first. Each tour includes spacious and secure travel in a Range Rover or Mercedes V Class people carrier, with a dedicated and knowledgeable driver, ready to provide a personalised service.

Get a taste of the 130 miles Causeway Coastal Route, taking in the stunning views over the coastline whilst learning about local history as you visit sights such as the Glens of Antrim, Glenarm, Carnlough and Carrickfergus Castle. Venture into Northern Ireland's remote corners and popular hotspots as you've never seen them before.

Refreshments or lunch are at the clients expense but can be arranged in the package so they can dine in style at some of the best pubs and restaurants in Northern Ireland.

Exclusive NI Tours take the hassle out of planning with a number of pre-planned itineraries exploring the sights and scenes Northern Ireland has to offer. Bespoke tour packages can also be organised, where tours are uniquely designed and every detail is arranged to meet the specific guest's desire.

Operating hours:

Available all year round - seven days a week as 8 hour or 4 hour tours.

Cost per tour:

1-4 people in Range Rover
1-6 people in Mercedes V Class

4 hour tour from £300
8 hour tour from £500

Based on:
minimum 1 / maximum 6

How to book:

E: exclusivenitours@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7719 582172

For further information:

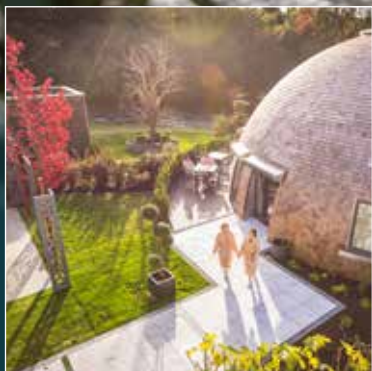
Contact: **Trevor Patterson**
Visit: www.exclusivenitours.com

Experience at a Glance



Forest Bathing

Galgorm



Galgorm,
136 Fenaghy Road, Ballymena BT42 1EA



Bring the serenity of nature to your mind and body as you enjoy a 60 minute bathing experience in one of Galgorm's award-winning riverside or serenity tubs.

Each riverside tub boasts a picturesque and tranquil location along the River Maine, with serenity tubs nestled among the orchard trees of the Thermal Spa Village. The riverside tubs do not have jets, they are quiet and peaceful so you can enjoy the sound of the river or woods, connect with the person you're sharing the tub with or just relish some (me) time.

Feel restored from the stresses of modern-day living, cleansed of pollution and relieved from restlessness and agitation as you savour a signature forest bathing cocktail in the comfort of your tub before relaxing on the heated beds within your own secluded wooden cabin, followed by lunch in Elements.

You can then experience the world renowned Thermal Spa Village at your leisure.

Operating hours:

Between 08:00 – 16:00 or
14:00 – 22:00

Cost:

From £105 per person

Based on:

minimum 2 / Subject to availability

How to book:

Visit: www.galgorm.com/forest-bathing-experience.html

Tel: +44 (0)28 2588 1001

For further information:

Contact: **Beth Hampton**
E: BHampton@galgorm.com

Experience at a Glance



Go Wild Bushcraft

Wildwalk Bushcraft



Wild Walk Bushcraft's highly trained instructors offer a range of outdoor bushcraft experiences in idyllic coastal and forest settings.



Various outdoor locations including Coleraine, Glenarm Estate, Portmuck, Whitebay in Glenarm and Galgorm plus various other locations on the Causeway Coastal Route.

Go Wild in The Forest

Forage for seasonal plants and trees for medicine and food, create your own shelter in the woods, start your own campfire and use it to cook a meal plus learn the skills and crafts of the forest.

Ancestral Skills Experience

Step back in time into the life of our prehistoric ancestors! Harvest Irish flint straight from the source, create arrow axe or flint scrapers, delve into skin tanning and fibre craft, learn how to make primitive glues and even create bark containers. Uncover a world that time forgot and see how it will awaken your inner Mesolithic mind!

Nurturing Nature by the Sea

Immerse yourself in the energies that surround us in nature, forage the seashore plants, learn their use and enjoy the benefits by making your own herbal teas. Experience the health benefits of the sweat lodge and cold-water immersion. Meet new people and make new friends around the campfire.

Ireland's Hunter Gatherer Experience

Step into a canoe on the river Bann and paddle back 10,000 years. Knapp flint to make tools, tan your own fish skin into leather, forage for food in the woodland, create fire and cook a meal just like our Mesolithic ancestors.

Operating hours:

By advance booking only

Cost:

From £60 - £120 per person

Group price / discount:

10% discount for groups of 10 or more.

Based on:

minimum 6 / maximum 15
Dependent on experience selected.

How to book:

E: wildwalkbushcraft@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7980 656291

For further information:

Contact: **Paul Moore**

Visit: wild-walk.co.uk

Additional information:

Booking form including kit list and meet up point will be sent when booking is confirmed. Some courses are for over 18's only. For the Ireland's Hunter Gather experience all specialist equipment is supplied, no prior canoeing experience is necessary as tuition will be given and river journey will be conducted by experienced canoe guides.

Experience at a Glance



Blooms & Bouquets

Kilcoan Gardens



Kilcoan Gardens,
240 Middle Road, Islandmagee BT40 3TG

Kilcoan Gardens is situated within the peninsula of Islandmagee, with beautiful views over Larne Lough. They have evolved over the past 25 years and extend to 5 acres with a further 20 acres of young woodland. The gardens include a series of rooms with a cottage garden, vegetable area and herb garden. There are also several meadows, established perennial beds, a prairie border and a pond. They offer:

Guided Tours

Private tours can be arranged for a minimum of 10 people for a morning, afternoon or evening from April – September.

Floral Demonstration

Relax in the barn whilst watching Cherry demonstrate how to arrange a seasonal hand tied bouquet, using flowers from the garden. The bouquet will then be raffled for someone to take home.

Refreshments

Light refreshments are served in the barn – tea, coffee and home baked treats can be ordered in advance for groups.

Operating hours:

June to August: Group bookings
Monday to Saturday 09:00 – 18:00.
Public access Wednesday to Saturday
12:00 – 17:00.

Guided tours of the garden:

(Lasting 1 - 1½ hours)
From £5 per person

Floral Demonstrations:

Group size 10-20 from £2 per person
Groups over 20 from £1.50 per person

Refreshments:

From £4 per person

Based on:

minimum 10 / maximum 52

Additional information:

If wet weather, suitable footwear / clothing advised.

How to book:

E: cherry@kilcoangardens.com
Tel: +44 (0)7703 519564

For further information:


Contact: **Cherry Townsend**
Visit: kilcoangardens.co.uk

Experience at a Glance



Hang Out with Hodor Game of Thrones[®] and Causeway Coast & Glens Tours



Causeway Coastal Route starting from Ballycastle. 



Meet Flip – your multi award-winning guide on the ultimate Game of Thrones[®] locations tour. A man whose encyclopaedic knowledge of the show owes a lot to one crucial fact, he was actually in it.

The locations are a thrill to experience in their own right. But if you are a seasoned Thronie, each one is alive with drama and excitement.

Flip appeared in the series as a stand-in body double actor for House Stark's much-loved gentle giant Hodor. He was also a double for House Lannister's feared enforcer, the towering Ser Gregor Clegane. Flip appeared in 'The Door', he did the hard work running away from the White Walkers dragging Bran; Kristian Nairn, who played Hodor, simply held the door!

Between locations you will be travelling in Flip's van. It is a good time to hear his behind-the-scenes stories of life on the set and in the studio during the making of Game of Thrones[®].

Perhaps you are not an avid Game of Thrones[®] fan. Flip is from an environmental science background and his great love of the area is contagious. He also offers a Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens Tour which showcases the natural history, wildlife and heritage of the area. See website for further information.

Operating hours:

All year, daily, Ballycastle 09:00 - 17:30

Cost per tour:

Cost per private tour: Departing Ballycastle from £435

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 7

Additional information:

Wear layered clothing, strong shoes or boots and bring a waterproof coat.

How to book:

Visit: www.gianttoursireland.com

Tel: +44 (0)7555 665900

For further information:

Contact: **Flip Robinson**

E: flip@gianttoursireland.com

Experience at a Glance



Sauna by the Sea

HOTBOX



Benone Strand,
53 Benone Avenue, Limavady BT49 0LQ



Experience HotBox, a wood burning Finnish sauna situated on Benone Strand. Nestled under Mussenden Temple and overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, you can't help but want to jump into the icy waters while your body temperature slowly ramps up. This is hot/cold therapy at its best! Hot Slots are the signature session - this is a private booking for you and your chosen sweat buddies (max 6 people).

During this 90-minute slot you alternate between the hot sauna and cold sea plunge several times. By the end you will feel utterly relaxed and simultaneously rejuvenated. All sessions include scented water to throw over the stones to create löyly (a soft steam) and drinking water. You can also add various utensils and beauty products to enhance your experience. We highly recommend the traditional birch whisk. Visitors can drive onto Benone beach, right to the door of HotBox. Sea shed coffee and Waves Cafe are nearby for post sauna food and drinks.

Operating hours:

Thursday & Friday 12:00 - 18:00

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 - 18:00

*Please note opening times may fluctuate slightly depending on the time of year.

Cost:

£120 1-3 ppl & £150 4-6 ppl

Based on:

minimum 3 / maximum 6

Additional information:

The sauna has a small buffer zone which can be used as a changing room. All you need to bring is your swimsuit and 2 towels. There is a strict policy regarding sitting on a towel in the sauna.

How to book:

Visit: www.hotboxseasauna.com

Tel: +44 (0)7760 757294

For further information:

Contact: Anna Isaksson

E: hello@hotboxseasauna.com


Experience at a Glance



Alpaca Trek & Picnic

NORTH COAST ALPACAS



33 Ballylagan Road, Coleraine BT52 2PQ 



Visit the North Coast Alpaca paddock and experience an **Alpaca Trek** around a scenic path. Take a moment to stop and appreciate the breath-taking views and take a few snaps with your adorable new buddy.

Alternatively, bring a picnic and enjoy the **Alpaca Picnic Experience**. From the picnic tables you can see the mountains, sea, Donegal, Mussenden Temple and of course, the magnificent alpacas. After, it's time for the boys to eat. You will have the opportunity to feed them and get up close and personal for cuddles and pictures.

You can also experience the **Dusk Walk**. This is the most special of treks and for the more adventurous walker. Plan a most spectacular evening where you will walk the boys to the summit of the farm. There you will have panoramic views, from the Glens of Antrim to Scotland and Donegal to the Sperrins, with the backdrop of the most breath-taking sunsets.

Small souvenirs, snacks and drinks are available to purchase from The Alpaca Shack.

Operating hours:

Wednesday to Saturday. Other days available on request.

Cost:

£45 per person

Group price / discount:

5%

Based on:

minimum 3 / maximum 25

How to book:

Visit: www.northcoastalpacas.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)7738 009626

For further information:

Contact: Cheryl Lyons

E: info@northcoastalpacas.co.uk

Additional information:

Wear outdoor clothes and appropriate footwear.

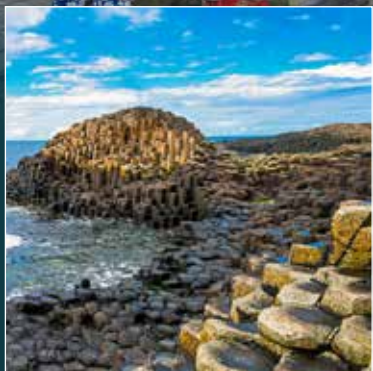
Disabled access can be accommodated with notice.


Experience at a Glance



Mindful Discovery Walk

WildBay Retreats



Portballintrae Car Park,
71 Beach Road, Portballintrae BT57 8RT 

Enjoy a 4-mile guided hike along the Causeway Coast, taking in the enchanting Giant's Causeway.

Discover the art of Vipassana walking as you take in the natural scenery and learn to fully merge yourself into the present moment.

Through beach meditation open your heart on the first stop of this mindful adventure. Tune in and allow yourself to melt with the sounds of the wild coast as you are guided on a journey through sound.

With an introduction to conscious movement meditation you will leave your mind behind and find your inner flow as you dance your way to freedom. Utilising music and the elements to connect with the body - laugh, dance and breathe through the playful stages.

Optional cold water therapy can be included. Never have the benefits of cold water been so important as now, let the natural healing power of the Atlantic Ocean cleanse, inspire and empower.

Finally, detox with a warming herbal tea and organic snack to relax and rejuvenate as you take in the natural surroundings.

Operating hours:

Start Time: 07:00 End Time: 11:00
Available all year round.

Cost:

From £55 per person

Group price / discount:

10% discount for groups of 10 plus

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 12

How to book:

Visit: www.wildbayretreats.com

Tel: +44 (0)7707 070433

For further information:

Contact: Daniel McKee

E: daniel@wildbayretreats.com

Additional information:

Depending on fitness or ability, activity can be tailored. Bring walking shoes/ boots, water bottle, small rucksack, warm clothing (waterproof coat/trousers/hat/gloves), swim wear and towel (if wanting to join in an ocean dip).

Experience at a Glance



Causeway Coast and Sperrin Mountains Tour

Flat Cap Adventurers



Sperrin Mountains and various locations along northern section of Causeway Coastal Route.



A day tour of the Sperrin Mountains starting at Cookstown and finishing at Benone Beach sounds like a fantastic adventure.

Here's a brief overview of what to expect on this tour: You can be picked up anywhere in County Antrim or Derry~Londonderry. Your journey will begin with a scenic drive through the beautiful Sperrin Mountains. These mountains offer breathtaking views and are known for their serene landscapes. You'll travel along winding roads less frequented by tourists, so you can expect a tranquil and unspoiled atmosphere. Experience two off-road sections that will lead you to fantastic vantage points offering panoramic views of the mountains. The tour will conclude at Benone Beach, a picturesque stretch of coastline along the Causeway Coast. Here, you'll have free time to relax, take a leisurely walk on the beach, and enjoy the sea breeze.

At Benone Beach, you have the option to treat yourself to a meal, enjoy a Guinness, and even experience entertainment at the Point Bar at Magilligan Point. Please note that the cost of dining and entertainment at the Point Bar is separate from the tour.

Operating hours:

Monday - Sunday from
09:00 - 17:00 daily

Cost:

From £90 per person

Group price / discount:

From £400 for 5 people

Based on:

minimum 3 / maximum 5

How to book:

E: adam@flatcapadventurers.com

Tel: +44 (0)7450 220145

For further information:

Contact: Adam Stewart

Visit: www.flatcapadventurers.com

Additional information:

Attire: Wear comfortable clothing and suitable footwear for outdoor activities. It's a good idea to bring layers as the weather in the mountains can be unpredictable.

Meals: If your group plan to dine at the Point Bar, make reservations in advance.

Experience at a Glance



CREATIVE Experiences

Get creative and immerse yourself in the local artisan craft studios dotted along the Causeway Coastal Route. There are amazing examples to be found around every corner, and you can watch artists and crafters at work or have a go at creating something yourself. This region is home to a number of Économusées which highlight a range of great artisan skills, practised by the people living here and providing you with an inspirational insight into the area that simply cannot be missed. For the perfect souvenir, why not create a piece of unique glass or artwork that you can treasure forever? Or learn traditional techniques from blacksmiths and make your very own keepsake? This way, you can ensure that your memento is one of a kind!

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Carved at the Castle

'The Rock' Stone Masonry



'The Rock' Stone Masonry's workshop, located in stunning Glenarm Estate, offers a variety of fascinating stonework classes featuring hands-on lessons about the traditional use of stone in building and carving. Their Carved at the Castle experiences are on a mission to awaken a passion for traditional construction methods.

Glenarm Castle Estate,
2 Castle Lane, Glenarm BT44 0DW



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Your day begins with a meet and greet followed by a short presentation on what will happen during the class and what materials and tools will be used. Then the class gets underway with a demonstration of the various techniques involved. After this, you'll be encouraged to try your hand yourself. Never fear, you'll get all the guidance you need from fully qualified stone masons! You will discover plenty of inspiration for your creations as you also hear fascinating stories and legends behind specific crafts.

Fun group sessions include:

Stone Cutters - V-Cut Lettering Experience (3 hour)

Stencil a number, initial or simple design then chisel a unique V cut letter from a piece of local stone.

The Ancient Art of Flint Knapping (3 hours)

Fancy becoming a knapper? Scavenge for flint then make your own flint tool – be it a flint axe, knife or scrapper!

Dry Stone Walling (3 hours)

Find out how to maintain stone structures through traditional dry stone walling. You can play your part in the restoration of the historic Glenarm Estate and learn a skill at the same time.

Opening hours:

Available all year round.
Advance booking essential.

Cost:

Courses from £45 per person

Group price / discount:

10% discount for 4-8 group participants
20% discount for 9-14 group participants

Based on:

minimum 4 / maximum 14

Additional information:

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

How to book:

Visit: www.therockstonemasonry.co.uk/carved-at-the-castle

Tel: +44 (0)7793 199306

For further information:

Contact: Nathan Morrow
E: therockstonemasonry@gmail.com

Experience at a Glance



Coast & Country Watercolour

Audrey Kyle Art

Économusée



Gobbins Studio, 147 Gobbins Road,
Islandmagee BT40 3TX

Living near the dramatic cliff tops of the stunning Gobbins, contemporary artist Audrey Kyle is inspired by the beauty of nature, changing seasons, and the stunning seascapes of Islandmagee.

Join Audrey to relax and explore your creativity as she shares her unique style to guide you in the art of watercolour painting.

Audrey will sketch for you a composition which you will work on together and you will also have an example of the finished piece to refer to throughout the class. She will show you how to apply watercolour and your finished piece will then be mounted for you to take home.

Suitable for beginners, this creative watercolour workshop lasts for 3 hours and groups are kept small so everyone receives attention. All materials are provided. Tea /coffee provided and sweet treat. Workshop lasts 3 hours or full day option available. The workshop is held in either a purpose built outside area or alternatively in the art studio. This will be weather dependent but you will be in a beautiful and unique environment regardless of the choice and enjoy some down time in a relaxing location.

Audrey is also a professional storyteller so you can also expect to hear tales of folklore from the surrounding local area on smugglers, mermaids, fairies and witches. Alternatively you can book a studio tour to view the gallery showing examples of her work, inspired by the unique location she calls home.

Come and immerse yourself in the relaxing environment of a working farm and spark your creativity.

Operating hours:

Workshops normally run from 11:00 – 14:00 but flexible times for groups, by appointment / pre-booking. Available all year except February and March.

Cost:

From £45 per person

Group price / discount:

From £40 per person (8 or more)

Based on:

minimum 4 / maximum 12

Additional information:

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

How to book:

E: audreykyleart@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7702 464966

For further information:

Contact: Audrey Kyle

Visit: www.audreykyleart.com

Experience at a Glance



Glassmaking and Nature Benefield Spencer Glass



Benefield Spencer Glass, the Causeway Coast's only glassblowing studio, invites you behind the doors of their private studio to experience the magic of molten glass.

Glassmaking and Nature - Colours of Causeway Coastline is a hands-on glassmaking experience at Benefield Spencer Glass studio, located just a few miles inland from Ballintoy village.

The experience includes demonstrations by professional glassmaker Andrea Spencer and takes a step-by-step approach, showing you how to heat and shape glass rods in the flame. Under Andrea's expert guidance, you will create your own unique hanging suncatcher design, inspired by the unique flora and fauna native to the Causeway coastline.

Operating hours:

Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 - 13:00

Cost:

From £75 per person

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 4

How to book:

E: andreaspcnerglass@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7751 224855

For further information:

Contact: **Andrea Spencer**

Visit: www.andreaspcnerglass.com

Additional information:

Information on workshop and studio guidelines are provided prior to arrival, along with arrangements regarding collection of glass made during the experience and detailed directions.

Experience at a Glance



35 Lagavara Road, Ballintoy BT54 6NG

A Giant Glass-Making Experience

Eleanor-Jane McCartney



The boat
House
GALLERY

The Boat House Gallery, 60 Causeway Road,
Bushmills BT57 8SU



Just a stone's throw from the world renowned Giant's Causeway UNESCO World Heritage Site is The Boat House Gallery and Studio. Home to six local artists this historic building houses an intriguing collection of traditional and contemporary high quality works. One of the resident artists is Eleanor-Jane McCartney, a glass artist who loves to share her personal connection with the stones through beautiful glass art.

Under the gentle guidance of Eleanor-Jane, learn how to design and create a unique transparent glass hanging piece using the copper foiling technique. Inspired by the shape of the stones each piece is as unique as the stones themselves. Using recycled glass from the stained glass windows of a local church, carefully follow the process to craft your very own memento of your visit to the Giant's Causeway.

Enjoy refreshments served with local bakes, browse the modern gallery and meet some of the resident artists. Be charmed as Eleanor-Jane shares her passion and connection to her home place through the recital of her Causeway Stones poem. Leave with your new creation lovingly boxed and ready to take home.

Opening hours:

11:00 - 16:00
Monday to Saturday

Cost:

From £72 per person

Group price / discount:

Book 4 spaces and get one free

Based on:

minimum 4 / maximum 6

Additional information:

Comfortable clothes and covered shoes advised.

How to book:

E: irishglassartist@outlook.com

Tel: +44 (0)7752 315476

For further information:

Contact: Eleanor-Jane McCartney

Visit: www.irishglassartist.com

Experience at a Glance



Blacksmithing & Bladesmithing classes

Hot Milk Forge Économusée



Hot Milk Forge, 22 Lisnamanny Road,
Martinstown BT43 6QH



Hot Milk Forge is a Blacksmithing and Bladesmithing School based in Glenravel, the gateway to the beautiful Glens of Antrim. Located on the family farm, the workshop can be found where the farm's first milking parlour was situated.

The mountain looming over Glenravel is called Slievenanee which can be translated as "Mountain of Iron", telling us that knowledge of iron ore in the area existed in the mists of time.

Eamonn Higgins, a renowned artist and blacksmith runs evening and weekend classes, in basic to advanced blacksmithing and bladesmithing, with an artistic twist. Hot Milk Forge is a feast for the senses and visitors' imagination will be sparked into a world of creativity. When you first walk into the forge expect to feel the heat from the fires, smell the hot iron, hear the hammering of the steel, see, and touch the beautiful hand forged and twisted metal sculptures.

Eamonn invites you to visit the forge and experience the traditional craft of blacksmithing and Bladesmithing. Enjoy a private blacksmithing demonstration or a weapons of Game of Thrones® talk and demonstration or even take part in a private blacksmithing class (individual or group).

Opening hours:

Pre-booking scheduled courses essential. Private classes can be booked by request. All year round.

Cost:

2 hour demonstrations from £150 - £200 per group
Classes from £100 - £250 per person

Group price / discount:

£250 for a group of up to 6 for 2 hour experience session.
£150 for a 2 hour blacksmith demonstration.

Class prices vary depending on time and type - please ask for further details.

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 6

How to book:

Visit: www.artistblacksmithschool.com/book-online

Tel: +44 (0)77405 10008

For further information:

Contact: Eamonn Higgins
Visit: www.hotmilkforge.com

Additional Information:

Classes are open to everyone above the age of 16. Wear sensible clothing that you don't mind getting dirty. Aprons and PPE provided.

Experience at a Glance



On The Water Experiences

There are lots of opportunities to explore the water during your trip along the Causeway Coastal Route. Discover the Giant Shipwrecks of the Causeway Coast and hear tales of tragedy, treasure, battle and destruction, or opt to experience the Spirit of the Bann on a whiskey tasting tour along the river. A boat trip on the Atlantic waters offers the chance to see the Causeway Coast from a new perspective, and you can spot everything from seals to sea birds on an unforgettable wildlife safari. Alternatively, head inland on a boat trip along the River Bann and immerse yourself in the culture and heritage of Northern Ireland's longest river.

Whether you want to wild swim, paddleboard, kayak, scuba dive, surf, snorkel or even waterbike you'll find a multitude of great experiences - all with enthusiastic instructors eager to show you what makes this area special.

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Giant Shipwrecks of the North Coast **Aquaholics**



Ballycastle Marina,
9 Bayview Road, Ballycastle BT54 6BT



Experience a unique adventure exploring the maritime history of the many wrecks on the Giant's Causeway coastline.

Boarding one of the Aquaholics vessels for this fascinating adventure around Rathlin Island and the Causeway Coast, you will travel by sea to the sites of many of the famous wrecks. Your guides will enthral you with tales of treasure, tragedy, lost loves, battles and destruction. From the modern wrecks of the World Wars to the whiskey smuggling ships, and of course, the treasure and history of the Spanish Armada galleons Girona.

This is an incredible opportunity for keen historians, underwater archaeologists or wreck enthusiasts to experience the sheer size and scale of the vessel from the surface using state of the art digital technology whilst on board.

Other experiences available include:

- Discover scuba diving under Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge
 - Luxury scallop experience with BBQ and whiskey
 - Game of Thrones® Sea Safari
 - Snorkel the hidden caves of the White Rocks and Dunluce castle
- Can leave from Portstewart, Portrush and Ballycastle harbours.

Operating hours:

7 days a week 08:00 - 20:00

Cost:

From £65 per person

Group price / discount:

Private charter for up to 10 people for £750

Based on:

minimum 6 / maximum 24

How to book:

Visit: www.aquaholics.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)28 7083 2584

For further information:

Contact: Richard Lafferty

E: info@aquaholics.co.uk

Experience at a Glance



Captivating River Experiences

White River Charters



Marina, Coleraine BT52 1EY 

The story of Ireland begins with a river journey!

White River Charters was established in 2020 by Causeway Coast residents and outdoor enthusiasts Fiona and Ian. They have meticulously restored and refurbished the vintage vessel, MV Kingfisher, one of the last remaining wooden harbour launches built by the world-renowned Harland and Wolff shipbuilders that is still in operation.

Fiona and Ian offer outstanding river experiences or exceptional tailor-made private charters for guests on the Lower Bann as it flows towards the Atlantic Ocean. Their fully guided experiences allow visitors the chance to enjoy the river in comfort and style and to learn about the culture and heritage, wildlife and nature and food and drink associated with Northern Ireland's longest river. Experiences include:

- Best of the Bann
- Meander and Dander
- Spirit of the Bann
- Private Charters

Operating hours:

March to December

Cost:

From £45 per person
Private Charter price on request

Group price / discount:

Available on request

Additional information:

Private charters are perfect for special occasions, groups and golf tour itineraries.

Book now and enjoy your: -

- Bespoke itinerary
- Exclusive use of a classic boat
- Our friendly crew and personalised hosting
- Amazing locally sourced, award winning, artisan food and drink options

How to book:

Visit: www.whiterivercharters.com

Tel: +44 (0)7894 210527

For further information:

Contact: **Fiona Bryant**

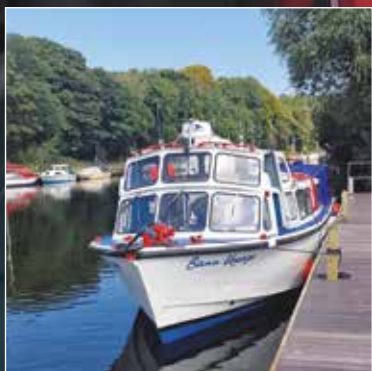
E: fiona.bryant@hotmail.co.uk

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The Beauty of The Bann

River Bann Tours



Lower River Bann from Portglenone, Newferry, Kilrea and Drumaheglis or Lough Neagh from Toome

River Bann Tours offers a range of relaxing boat trips and tours on the River Bann and Lough Neagh from various locations with seasonal themes and of varying durations, with a capacity of up to 45 passengers on Bann Voyage. Their newly refurbished boats each have their own unique stories and staff will guide passengers on local history, mythology and wildlife with a basic tour lasting 45mins to 1 hour.

You can also enjoy a 2 hour **sunset experience** which includes complimentary Prosecco, chocolate dipped strawberries and snacks. Or why not join a 2 hour music night with a live musician on board, where you can sing along and enjoy the evening wildlife.

On their **"Through the Lock Gate Experience"** you can also hear the stories of what it took to build them and operate while you experience this unique passage.

River Bann Tours can deliver bespoke tours / charters and have also teamed up with other providers to offer a full day of activity, cultural tours, food experiences and tasting sessions. Check their website for the full range of tours available.

You can bring your own food and drinks or they can arrange this for you. Basic or gourmet packed lunches can be provided plus passengers can get discounts in local restaurants.

Operating hours:

Daylight hours Monday to Sunday, all year round.

Cost:

Standard tours from £15 per person
 Sunset tour from £39 per person
 Music trip from £30 per person
 All other trips – please contact to discuss.

Group price / discount

10% discount for groups of 20 or more.

Based on:

minimum 12 / maximum 45

Additional information:

Passengers are advised to bring suitable clothing for the weather conditions, although all boats can be covered and have heaters.

How to book:

Visit: www.bookeo.com/riverbanntours

Tel: +44 (0)7542 848843

For further information:

Contact: Jim Barr

Visit: www.riverbanntours.co.uk

E: info@riverbanntours.co.uk


Experience at a Glance



Shore & Lore

Carnlough Bay Boat Tours



Carnlough Harbour, Harbour Road,
Carnlough BT44 0EU 

Step aboard the Curiosity yellow converted lifeboat, where your skipper Davy Smyth will take you on a tour around the incredibly beautiful Carnlough and Glenarm coastline, part of the Glens of Antrim.

Daily Carnlough Bay Boat Tours (45 mins)

As you leave Carnlough harbour, you can relax and listen to music while looking through the binoculars provided and have the opportunity to see seabirds, marine life, seals and possibly dolphins, if they're passing. Weather permitting the tour passes the Glenarm Organic Salmon farm, to observe the Atlantic salmon splashing in the Irish Sea.

Village Hopping Tours

You can book to go village hopping by sea from Carnlough to Glenarm or vice versa. Once you reach Glenarm, why not take the opportunity to disembark and explore the village? You could either return by public bus or book a return trip aboard the Curiosity for another chance to experience the stunning scenery.

Private Bespoke Tours

Longer trips are bookable with the option to travel northerly from the harbour passing Tommy's Port to Ringfad – the site of the demise of The Enterprise of Lynn, a West Indiaman craft, which was lost in 1827 carrying a cargo of gold and indigo dye. The indigo was lost in the tide but the gold has yet to be recovered.

Davy is waiting to welcome you aboard!

Operating hours:

Can operate during daylight hours, 7 days per week (weather permitting)

Cost:

Adult from £8, child from £6

Group price / discount

Private group from £56 (maximum of 12 passengers)

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 12

Additional information:

Come dressed for the weather.

How to book:

Visit: carnloughboattours.weebly.com

Tel: +44 (0)7720 464044

For further information:

Contact: Davy Smyth

E: curiositytours@outlook.com

Experience at a Glance



Private Charter RIB Boat Tours

Abhainn Cruises



Lower River Bann and Causeway Coast 



Abhainn Cruises offers a wide variety of private charter tours on fast RIB boats with Skippers Tim and Ben, both qualified local tour guides and Wildlife Safe Boat Operators. Explore the beauty of our legendary coast, the solace of the River Bann or the hidden gems of Lough Neagh on a bespoke private charter.

Enjoy tales of smuggling, stories of shipwrecks, Scottish Kings and giants as our Skippers share their vast local knowledge and passion for history and folklore. Experience the thrilling speed of the RIB boats and the unique opportunity to access coastal caves, geological features and islands.

Tour experiences include:

- Carrick-a-Rede Sea Safari
- Wild Swim Safari
- Gobbins Sea Safari
- Rathlin Island Boat Tours
- Lough Neagh Boat Tours
- Day Charters to Islay Scotland
- River Bann Heritage Tour

Operating hours:

09:00 – 18:00 all year round

Cost:

From £35 per person

Group price / discount:

Contact Lynn for details

Based on:

minimum 6 / maximum 22

How to book:

Visit: www.abhainncruises.com

Tel: +44 (0)7845 370231

For further information:

Contact: Lynn Gibson

E: abhainncruises@btinternet.com

Additional information:

Please note that restrictions may apply according to tour and location. Toilets are available at marinas and harbours. Good mobility and fitness is required to be onboard.

Experience at a Glance



Wildlife and Seal Safari Sea Trips

Causeway Sea Tours



Portrush Harbour,
Harbour Road, Portrush BT56 8DF



Experience a vision of the Causeway Coast like never before with **Wildlife and Seal Safari Sea Trip experiences**. Explore the vast array of wildlife this stunning stretch of coastline has to offer.

Causeway Sea Tours offer a wide variety of thrilling experiences, including the **Wildlife Safari**, Lower Bann Estuary Wildlife Safari and longer experiences taking you by boat to marvel at the Giant's Causeway and Dunluce Castle from a different perspective than the norm. Check out their website for full details.

A gift shop is onboard to purchase a memento. A delicious 'Pirate's Picnic' can also be pre-booked.

Operating hours:

July, August and September - Monday to Sunday

November - Lower Bann Estuary Wildlife Safaris, weekends only.

Sea Tours commence from Easter onwards. 7 days a week 11:15 - 15:45.

Cost:

Varies for different tours

Based on:

minimum 4 / maximum 11

Additional information:

Arrive 15 minutes before trip to adorn life jackets.

How to book:

Visit: bookwhen.com/causewayseatours

Tel: +44 (0)7720 440117

For further information:

Contact: **Suzanne McCrellis**

Visit: www.causewayseatours.com

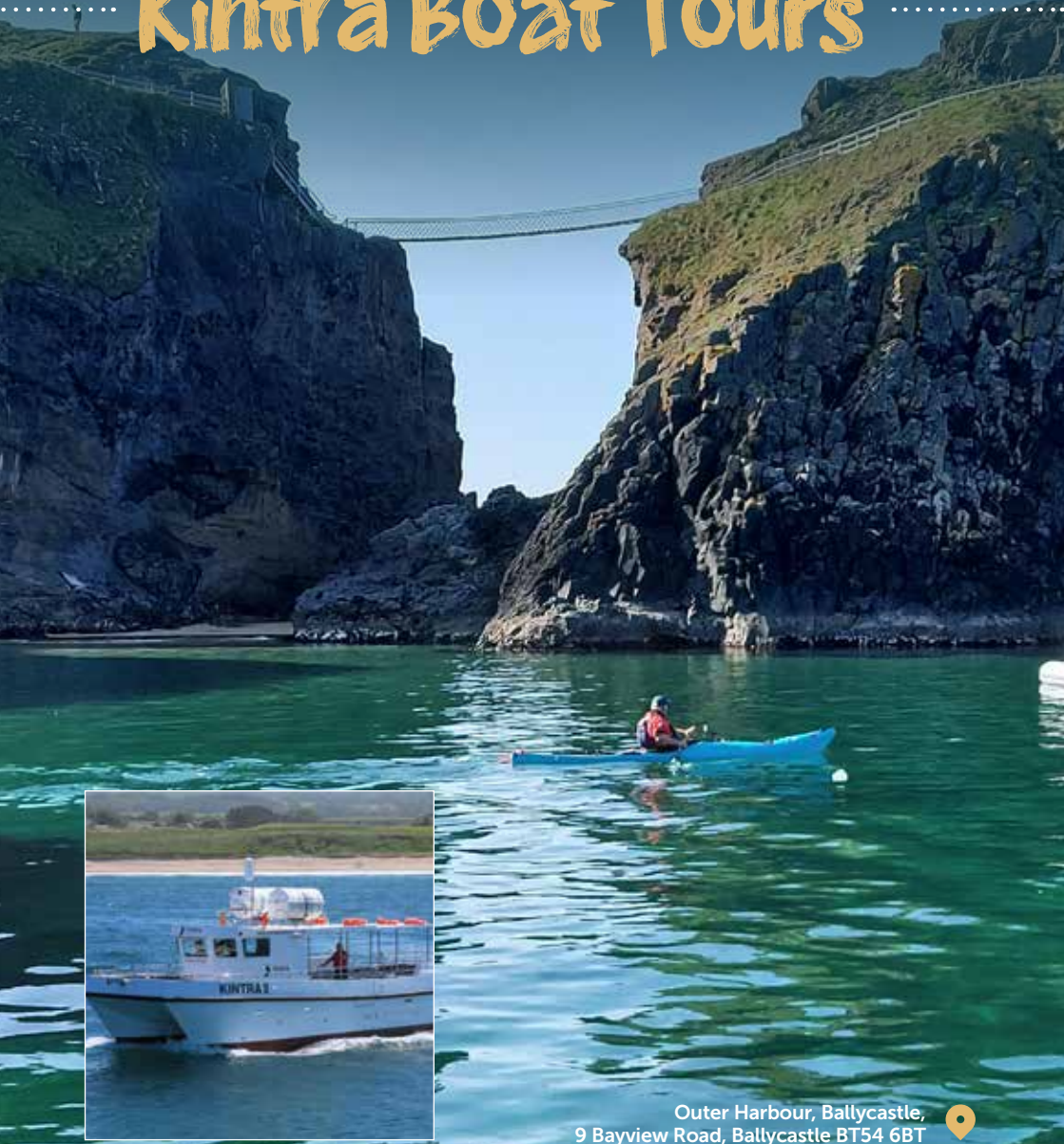
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
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Carrick-a-Rede Island Tour

Kintra Boat Tours



Outer Harbour, Ballycastle,
9 Bayview Road, Ballycastle BT54 6BT 

On departure from Ballycastle Harbour you are greeted with spectacular views of the cliffs at Fairhead, Rathlin Island and the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland.

You will proceed westward along the Causeway Coast, taking in the sights of Kinbane Castle, a McDonnell stronghold from 1547, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, The Salmon Fisherman's cottage on Carrick-a-Rede Island, spectacular sea caves, smugglers cave, and the mermaid's waterfall.

Experience the cliffs, alive with nesting sea birds from early spring, and wonder at the seals, dolphins, whales and basking sharks in late summer.

Kintra also offers a wide range of other experiences including:

- Carrick-a-Rede Island Tour
- Dawn's Daybreak Adventure
- Evening Cruise
- Fairhead Tour
- Puffins, Seals and Lighthouses Tour
- Round Rathlin Tour
- Great Lighthouses of Rathlin Island

All tour experiences have a dedicated guide onboard as well as commentary from Kintra's skippers. Refreshments are not included, however there is a range of excellent local eateries within Ballycastle.

Operating hours:

April to October daily, public tours from 11:00 - 19:00. Large group private tours available on request

Cost:

Adult (16+ years) from £23
Child (5-15 years) from £17
Infant (1-4 years) from £3.50

Group price / discount:

For groups over 30 people

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum x70
Please note to accommodate over 70 passengers, advanced notice must be given.

Additional information:

Things to bring: warm clothing, waterproof clothing and a blanket if you get cold.

How to book:

Visit: www.kintraBoatTours.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)7848 473652

(For bookings over 30 passengers email bookings@kintraBoatTours.co.uk)

For further information:

Contact: Dawn Hynes

E: bookings@kintraBoatTours.co.uk

Experience at a Glance



Learn to SUP on the East Coast

Islandmagee SUP



Portmuck Harbour, Islandmagee BT40 3TP
Plus Browns Bay and Whitehead. 



Explore the wonderful natural beauty of the coastline around Islandmagee and Whitehead as you enjoy a stand up paddleboarding (SUP) group class for up to 6 people, covering all the basic safety and paddling techniques.

The standard 2 hour group session follows the ASI SUPwise "Learn to SUP" format. This is a proven international standard for learning how to stand up paddleboard in a safe and fun environment.

You will learn about SUP safety, SUP equipment, basic control and turning strokes. After mastering how to paddle in the kneeling position you will learn the most effective ways to stand up and stay on your feet!

Group sessions can also be tailored to suit all levels and necessary equipment is provided. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available afterwards.

For more experienced paddleboarders (age 18+), guided SUP tours are available at Blackhead Lighthouse, The Gobbins, Portmuck and Browns Bay or there is even a Sunset SUP.

Operating hours:

Weekends / evenings / holidays from
May to September.

Cost:

2 hour group session from
£40 per person
Guided SUP experience from
£50-£60 per person

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 6

Additional information:

What to bring: wetsuit (if possible), swimwear to wear under wetsuit, wetsuit boots or old shoes, towel / changing robe, sun protection and water bottle.

How to book:

Visit: islandmageesup.com/sessions

Tel: +44 (0)7843 688725

For further information:

Contact: Adam Livingstone

E: info@islandmageesup.com

Experience at a Glance



SUP TASTIC at the Castle

WaveRides Belfast



Carrickfergus Harbour,
Quayside, Carrickfergus BT38 8BJ

Stand up and splash out at WaveRides Paddleboarding, with experiences to suit all abilities, set on the picturesque harbour at Carrickfergus Castle.

With a blast of info and fun you will learn how to stand up paddleboard in the safe waters of Carrickfergus Harbour, as qualified instructors guide you on paddle safe top tips with a range of boards for all sizes of people. Suitable for complete beginners, these affordable, two-hour sessions include all equipment and are the perfect opportunity to get a feel for the sport.

They can also offer a group paddleboarding experience on 'The Mammoth' an 18ft board suitable for up to 12 people and perfect for team building days or parties.

WaveRides are formally recognised as a British Stand Up Paddleboard School and also offer structured training courses.

This activity is within walking distance of various restaurants and cafes within Carrickfergus.

Operating hours:

Summer (April to October)

Sessions operate Monday to Friday from 16:30 to 22:00 and from 10:00 to 18:00 on Saturday and Sunday

Winter (November to March)

Sessions operate from 10:00 to 14:00 on Saturday and Sunday.

Cost:

From £30 per person

Group price / discount:

10% discount for groups of 6 or more

Based on:

minimum 4 / maximum 10

How to book:

E: waveridesbelfast@gmail.com

Tel: +44 (0)7428 771991

For further information:

Contact: **Robbie Richardson**

Visit: www.waveridespaddleboarding.com

Additional information:

Wetsuits and buoyancy aids can be provided as required, subject to size availability. Bring a towel, sun protection, and wear shoes that can be worn in the water. Changing and shower facilities are available, by advance arrangement.

Experience at a Glance



Carnlough Watersports Hub

Eagle Divers NI



Carnlough Harbour, Glenarm Marina and other locations along the Causeway Coastal Route.

Based out of the picturesque Carnlough and Glenarm harbours, the skilled team at Eagle Divers NI are on hand to give you a unique watersports adventure.

Whether you grab a paddleboard, opt for a kayak or brave the waters for a snorkelling or scuba diving session, you will be looked after by their PADI qualified diving instructors and watersports coaches, who can deliver the highest level of accreditation or just help you enjoy safely one of the best diving and watersports areas in Europe.

Discover the art of scuba diving with their two hour introductory course to help you explore the local underwater world. Or maybe you want to earn your first level certification in scuba diving over four days where you will learn the skills and knowledge to dive at home, or abroad, and be an ambassador for the underwater world.

If snorkelling is your preferred water activity of choice their two hour session will help you learn an easily accessible way of exploring the underwater world.

To experience the sheltered bays of Carnlough and Glenarm, why not hire one of their kayaks, perfect for individual or group experiences, or grab a paddleboard and let their experienced instructors introduce you to paddleboard touring, SUP surfing, SUP yoga and paddling around just for fun.

Operating hours:

7 days a week from 10:00 – 18:00,
subject to advance booking.

Cost:

Paddleboard hire from £25 an hour
Kayak hire from £25 an hour
Scuba diving from £125 for 2 hours

Group price / discount:

10% discount

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 6

How to book:

Visit: eaglediversni.com/watersports-hub-carnlough.html

Tel: +44 (0)7756 699880

For further information:

Contact: Zee Azab

E: info@eaglediversni.com

Additional information:

You are recommended to bring water bottle or hydration reservoir, snacks or lunch, cellphone in protective bag/case, waterproof case and towel.

Experience at a Glance



Paddleboarding at Portballintrae

Get Up & Get On



Portballintrae Harbour,
Portballintrae, Bushmills BT57 8RT



Experience the excitement of paddleboarding whilst exploring the pretty harbour of Portballintrae and the surrounding coastline.

Enjoy a healthy aquatic lifestyle and experience the sights, sounds and smells of nature. Your fully ASI qualified and experienced paddleboarder Deborah provides paddleboard tours, experiences and lessons where you will explore nature and have fun on the water, whilst taking in views of the magnificent coastline and marine life.

Choose sunrise, sunset or any time in between to enjoy this magical experience. Lessons are designed to give you the best information for getting onto the water safely, having fun and learning the best paddleboarding techniques.

Weather permitting, experience can be offered at Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and Ballycastle.

Operating hours:

Open all hours

Cost:

From £45 per person

Group price / discount:

10% discount to youth groups

Based on:

maximum 8

How to book:

E: info@getup-geton.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)7767 443173

For further information:

Contact: Deborah Kinder

Visit: www.getup-geton.co.uk/sup-lessons

Additional information :

Public toilets are available at the harbour. Local parking available for small coaches.

Experience at a Glance



River Bann Overnight Canoeing Causeway Adventures



Lough Neagh to Coleraine 



Get away from the humdrum of daily life and come immerse yourself in the splendour of the River Bann in a handmade cedar wood canoe. Your guide will take you on a relaxing two day meander down river in this lush environment.

On day 1, you will stop to replenish with a buffet style lunch and after an afternoon of canoeing and absorbing the natural beauty of the river, a fabulous evening BBQ with steaks, lamb and wine will round off the day. You will bed down in bell tents and set yourself up for day 2 with a hearty al fresco breakfast. All the equipment you require is provided and you'll even be shuttled back to your car at the end of the 2 days. Your river guide can capture the excitement on camera, if you wish.

You can also chose the **Causeway Adventures Canoe Picnic Experience** or their half or full day **Wilderness Survival Experience**, where you will cover the basic skills required to survive, including fire lighting, cooking and shelter building.

Operating hours:

Starts at 10:00, finishing at 16:00 the following day.

Cost:

From £300 per person

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 8

Additional information:

Bring warm comfy clothes.

Minimum age 16 with a basic level of fitness required. Booking is subject to availability and weather on the chosen day. Toilets available at the campsite and lunch spot.

How to book:

E: info@causewayadventures.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)7713 081886

For further information:

Contact: **Aubrey Beggs**

Visit: www.causewayadventures.co.uk

Experience at a Glance




Under the Bridge Guided Tour

Causeway Coast

Kayaking Tours



Ballintoy Harbour, Harbour Road, Ballintoy,
Ballycastle BT54 6NA 



Immerse yourself in a fully guided kayaking experience suitable for beginners along the Causeway Coast and under Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. You will have the chance to experience the beauty of the Causeway Coast like never before, finding yourself surrounded by heritage and history, all from a totally unique perspective.

Your highly qualified and experienced local guides are motivated to make your experience as memorable as possible with their in-depth local knowledge of the region you are paddling. Your safety and enjoyment is their priority. 1 hour, 2 hour and half day experiences are available.

Food and drink is available to purchase at the local café, open seasonally in Ballintoy.

Operating hours:

From September to March, Saturdays and Sundays only.

March to September open 7 days per week (weather depending)

Cost:

From £60 per person

Group price / discount:

10% discount

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 8

Additional Information:

Allow time to park during busy Summer months. Bring suitable footwear - your feet will get wet. A pair of old trainers is perfect.

How to book:

Visit: www.causewaycoastkayakingtours.com/bookings

Tel: +44 (0)7895 444237

For further information:

Contact: Anne David

Visit: www.causewaycoastkayakingtours.com

E: causewaycoastkayakingtours@gmail.com

Experience at a Glance



Learn to Surf or Paddleboard

Troggs Surf School



East Strand Beach,
Portrush BT56 8AF

Troggs has been teaching the art of surfing since 1994. As the longest running surf school in Portrush, your experience with them will be one to remember as the team has a passion to share the thrill and pleasure that is connecting with the ocean. Whether you've never surfed or want to improve upon your skills, Troggs can tailor the lesson to suit your ability.

Firstly, you will meet the friendly coach, then get sized and suited up in their top-of-the-range wetsuits. Once you have a wetsuit and coloured rash vest on, you're good to go! Grab a surfboard and head down to the beach, Troggs is situated right on East Strand so you don't have a long walk. On the beach your group will be taken through a light warmup and then the teaching will begin on the sand. You will be taken through all the basics of prone surfing, then you'll head into the surf with your instructor to give it a try.

Once you've got the hang of the basics, the 'Pop up' which is how you get your feet on a surfboard, will be taught on the beach. You will get a full 2 hours in the water! By the end of the lesson most visitors to Troggs Surf School get to their feet, everyone leaves with a great knowledge of how to surf and a smile on their face. Paddleboarding experiences are also available.

Operating hours:

09 :00 – 11 :00 Daily availability with flexible morning or afternoon session & sunset sessions.

Cost:

From £35 per person for a group surf lesson (2 hours) From £55 per person for paddleboarding (2 hours) From £55 for a 1-1 lesson (1 hour)

Group price / discount:

For large corporate groups please email for a quote.

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 90

How to book:

Visit: www.troggssurfschool.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)7719 315372

For further information:

Contact: Ethan Hill & Albert Dallas

E: info@troggssurfschool.co.uk

Additional information:

On street coach parking just 100m from location. During summer season disabled wheelchair access for the ocean is bookable. Portrush offers many amazing places for food all within a 5 minute walk from Troggs' building. 90 participants can be accommodated - split into different groups whilst in the water.

Experience at a Glance



Wild Coastal Swim

Freedive Northern Ireland



Whiterocks Beach, Portrush BT56 8NA 



Experience awe-inspiring natural beauty with a Wild Coastal Swim in the Atlantic at Whiterocks, Portrush. Hidden away from the trodden tourist path lie the wonders of the Causeway Coast, with impressive cliffs, clear water, reefs and caves.

Discover the biodiversity close-up, from wildlife (seals and fish) to birds (gannets, oyster catchers, razorbills), seaweed and geology. These fully accredited water experts ensure your maximum safety and enjoyment.

This experience is suitable for complete beginners who are confident in the water. Land access might involve a little scramble over rocks along a stunning cliff path. This experience is dependent on the right weather conditions, and sometimes a location will be chosen that offers the best protection from the elements.

Operating hours:

09:30 - 18:00

Cost:

From £50 per person

Group price / discount:

From £45 per person

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 12

How to book:

E: joy@freedivenorthernireland.com

Tel: +44 (0)7725 408980

For further information:

Contact: **Johannes Windisch**

Visit: www.freedivenorthernireland.com

Experience at a Glance



Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge Trip

Ballintoy Boat Tours



Ballintoy Harbour, Harbour Road,
Ballintoy, BT54 6NA



Immerse yourself in the fascinating history and stories of the local area as you set out from Ballintoy Harbour on Stackaboy, a small agile vessel perfect for exploring this stretch of the Causeway coastline. Wonder at famous local sites, including Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, Sheep Island and Larrybane Bay, and discover magical caves and coves along the way. Spot native wildlife, and of course there's the possibility of being visited by the friendly dolphins or porpoises. You can bring your dog to enjoy this experience with you!

This popular experience is great for younger children and infants.
Max 5 passengers.

Operating hours:

Weekends - all day. Weekdays April –
September – evenings only.

Cost:

From £17.50 per person

Based on:

minimum 1 / maximum 5

How to book:

E: booking@ballintoyboattours.com

Tel: +44 (0)7886 232718

For further information:

Contact: Gordy Neill

Visit: www.ballintoyboattours.com

Additional information :

Departs from harbour every 45 minutes, weather dependant.

Experience at a Glance



Wonders of Land and Sea

National Trust

Causeway Coast from Ballycastle 

Experience the Causeway Coast from a completely different point of view, from onboard an 11 metre rib.

Take an exhilarating boat trip from the lovely town of Ballycastle and you will see well known landmarks such as Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and the Giant's Causeway like never before. View the dramatic Causeway columns as they rise up from the sea to meet the cliff paths around the five-mile UNESCO World Heritage Site.

On this journey around the coast you will discover castle ruins, caves, hidden bays and secret waterfalls and be sure to keep your eyes peeled for basking sharks, dolphins, seals, porpoises, cormorants and guillemots as you navigate the seas. With the help of your National Trust guide, this rugged coastline is brought to life with tales of bravery, love and loss and you can disembark with a renewed sense of adventure.

Operating hours:

Phone or email for availability

Cost:

From £90 per person

Group price / discount:

N/A

Based on:

minimum 6 / maximum 12

How to book:

E: northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0)28 2073 1855

For further information:

Contact: **Susan Smith**

Visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway

Experience at a Glance



Sailing in the Wake of Giants

Following Seas



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Carrickfergus Marina, 3 Quayside, Carrickfergus BT38 8BJ
 Operating in Belfast Lough with longer trips available, taking in the
 North Coast, East Coast or Rathlin Island.



Enjoy a day on a luxurious sailing boat and see the stunning coastline from a unique perspective. Feel the rush of wind in your hair as we hoist the sails and set off for an adventure. Sailing is an activity which connects our past to the present, from the Viking ships of old to the modern Olympic sailboats. The skills are the same, the thrill is the same. Find your inner Viking.

Other packages available include family retreats, cultural trips, Rathlin Island, Ireland adventure therapy, night time sailing and bespoke sailing experiences.

Operating hours:

24/7. All trips are bespoke to suit client's wishes. Night sailing is always a slightly magical experience.

Cost:

From £135 per person

Group price / discount:

19%

Based on:

minimum 2 / maximum 9

Additional information :

No previous experience required. Soft, non-marking shoes are best. A light lunch and snacks will be provided. Please advise in advance if you have any special dietary requirements.

How to book:

E: info@followingseas.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)7852 151378

For further information:

Contact: **Elwyn Agnew**

Visit: followingseas.co.uk/trip

Experience at a Glance



Accommodation



From rustic B&Bs and traditional cottages to modern hotels and super quirky options, there's plenty to choose from when it comes to finding accommodation along the Causeway Coastal Route.

Why not truly immerse yourself in nature with a stay at one of Burrenmore Nest's treetop lodges where you can get cosy while enjoying the peace of the surrounding forest, or opt for the centuries-old Bushmills Inn Hotel located at the heart of the Causeway Coastal Route. Alternatively, you could choose to book into the Manor House on Rathlin Island which offers breathtaking views, or decide that a wonderfully restored Quarryman's Cottage in Glenarm would be perfect for your trip. If you love castles, the charming Barbican Gate Lodge or impressive Ballygally Castle are fantastic accommodation choices, whereas those looking to unwind will love the luxurious Spa at Galgorm which offers both rooms and lodges alongside fabulous health and wellness facilities.

Hospitality



A Foodie Destination of the Year runner up in 2019 and an accredited Slow Food Destination, the Causeway Coastal Route certainly has its fair share of amazing places to eat. Whether its fine dining, traditional pub grub, or you're open to a bit of everything, you'll be overjoyed with the edible delights just waiting to be discovered. Locally sourced ingredients are the heart and soul of food here, and there's lots of locally made products too, such as crisps, coffees and oils that you can pack up to take home with you.

Known worldwide for great hospitality and excellent whiskey, there's never a dull moment when exploring the Causeway Coastal Route, and with an array of traditional pubs, many with live music a regular occurrence, you're guaranteed an experience to remember. Discover how some of the area's famous drinks are produced. For whiskey fans, a tour of Bushmills Distillery, the oldest licensed distillery in the world, is a must, and gin lovers should head to the Galgorm Gin Library for an experience you're guaranteed to enjoy.

Tour guides



Head off the beaten track and discover hidden gems with one of our amazing tour guides. Rather than sticking to the tourist trail, find a local tour guide for the best way to learn about the history and culture of the area. With unrivalled knowledge of the region, they'll be able to share their stories with you and answer your questions too. Smaller tours can often be tailored to suit your interests, or simply go with the flow to discover all that your chosen guide has to share with you. With tours available on foot, by boat, and even by e-bike, there's undoubtedly an option for everyone!

To find qualified local tour guides check out:

- Northern Ireland Tourist Guide Association (NITGA): nitga.co.uk
- or
- Tour Guides NI: tourguidesni.com

Storytellers



The Causeway Coastal Route is famed for its storytellers, and finding a great one will enable you to immerse yourself in the culture of the area and leave the present day behind. Traditional entertainment carried down through many generations, storytelling brings history and tradition alive and is guaranteed to capture your imagination. The Glens of Antrim and Causeway Coast have always been home to a tribe of storytellers and musicians with a repertoire of the best stories, both local and from further afield. Many storytellers come from families that have lived in the area for years, and they'll have their own tales to tell in addition to those of local myth and legend. There are plenty of locations where stories can be found too. From beaches and forests to castles and pubs, it's up to you to choose the location! For more information about storytellers on the Causeway Coastal Route:

E: tourism@midandeastantrim.gov.uk or
visitor.information@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

For further information on the Causeway Coastal Route

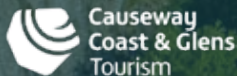
W: discovernorthernireland.com/destinations/causeway-coastal-route

W: visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

W: shapedbyseaandstone.com

E: tourism@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

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