

# Western & Northern Ireland

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Lahinch - Old, ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses Doonbeg, ranked among the best in Ireland St Patrick's Links at Rosapenna, designed by Tom Doak and ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses Narin & Portnoo Links, refurbished by Gil Hanse and among the best in Ireland Portstewart - Strand, ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses Royal Portrush, host of The 153rd Open in 2025 and ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses Royal County Down, ranked among the World's Top 100 Courses Trump International Doonbeg, 5-star lodging Lough Eske Castle, 5-star lodging Bushmills Inn, 4-star lodging Slieve Donard Hotel & Spa, 4-star lodging

# Wednesday, June 10

This evening depart the United States.

# Thursday, June 11

On arrival at the Shannon Airport you will be met by PerryGolf personnel who will assist you with your luggage and transfer to your transportation.

Your preferred arrival & departure airport options are dependent on your personal preferences. The closest airport to your first hotel/golf course is listed first. Some airports have direct transatlantic flights from US cities while others only offer service with connections through European hub cities. Our air department is available to talk through your air travel options.

OVERNIGHT: Trump International Golf Links & Hotel Doonbeg - 2 Courtyard Bedroom

## Friday, June 12

Today play **Doonbeg**. The newest addition to Ireland's collection of storied links courses having opened in 2002. The course is located between Lahinch and Ballybunion on the west coast. Originally identified by the Black Watch Regiment as the preferred site for their course in the 1890's, it was overlooked in favor of Lahinch due to superior railroad access. Greg Norman has designed a magnificent links course, carved out of a landscape of grass covered dunes which border the Atlantic Ocean. Each of the holes offers wonderful panoramas of the ocean and the Irish countryside.

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## Saturday, June 13



Play **Lahinch**. Originally designed by Old Tom Morris and later modified by Dr. Alister MacKenzie and most recently Martin Hawtree, the course has a vast array of grass covered knolls and sweeping contours. Optimal use is made of the many natural sand dunes, notably at the par three 5th hole, "The Dell", where the green is completely hidden from the tee. Lahinch is the permanent home to the South of Ireland Amateur Championship.

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OVERNIGHT: Trump International Golf Links & Hotel Doonbeg - 2 Courtyard Bedroom

#### Sunday, June 14

OVERNIGHT: Lough Eske Castle - 2 Deluxe Room

#### Monday, June 15

Play today at **Narin & Portnoo**. The course is situated in the beautiful seaside resort of Portnoo in South West Donegal. It is considered to be one of the finest natural links courses in Ireland, and is certainly one of the most scenic with views out to Aranmore Island and Croghy Head. Under new ownership in 2018 the links has been upgraded with the project entrusted to Gil Hanse and his team. The changes being implemented will elevate Narin & Portnoo into one of the finest links courses in the country.

Drone Footage - Narin & amp; Portnoo Links, Ireland

#### A Greenside Chat: "The Story of Ireland's Latest Links Redesign" ~ Narin & Portnoo Links

OVERNIGHT: Lough Eske Castle - 2 Deluxe Room

#### Tuesday, June 16

Today play **Rosapenna - St Patrick's Links**. Designed by Tom Doak and opened in 2021. A sprawling links that is destined to become a modern great. It sits on the most magnificent piece of links land, west coast of Ireland scenery, with enough variety in dimension to present a real diversity of golf holes. The routing takes golfers on a journey through huge dunes, to high above Sheephaven Bay, along the coast, then back over some more gentle dunes. With plenty of width and an eclectic mix of naturalised bunkers, the course is destined to become a must play.

OVERNIGHT: Lough Eske Castle - 2 Deluxe Room

#### Wednesday, June 17

OVERNIGHT: Bushmills Inn - 2 Classic Millhouse Room



#### Thursday, June 18

Today play **Portstewart - Strand Course**. Possibly, indeed probably, The Strand Course at Portstewart has always been inspired by her renowned neighbors Royal County Down and Royal Portrush to join the ranks of Northern Irelandâ€<sup>TM</sup>s leading layouts. The original course opened in 1908, was largely reinvented by the great Willie Park in the early 1920â€<sup>TM</sup>s, then updated again in the 1980s. Next after a healthy investment to acquire a range of massive, untouched sand dunes called "Thistly Hollow―, seven outstanding new holes were constructed that make for an opening nine considered one of the best in links golf. Please note a very limited supply of golf carts are available for hire. Certain restrictions may apply, please advise your Golf Travel Specialist.

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Portstewart Golf Club, Northern Ireland by LINKS Magazine

OVERNIGHT: Bushmills Inn - 2 Classic Millhouse Room

#### Friday, June 19

Golf on **Royal Portrush - Dunluce Links**. Northern Ireland's Royal Portrush (Est 1888) is routinely ranked among the World Top 15 and never less than fifth among the great clubs of the UK and Ireland. It is the only club outside of Great Britain to host The Open which it has done twice; in 1951 and 2019. Harry Colt is largely responsible for the current layout which opened in 1932. He chose the high ground on magnificent dunes land the club had acquired for two courses that was full of deep valleys, long ridges and large plateaus. His achievement here is how the holes follow the sand formations and the greens which are some of the most cleverly conceived in golf. Changes were made in advance of The 148th Open that included two new holes, the exceptional 7th and 8th, which turned the old 17th and 18th into a staging ground for the championship.

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WEBCAST - A Greenside Chat: "The Story of Where There's a Wilma, There's a Way ~ Wilma Erskine"

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OVERNIGHT: Bushmills Inn - 2 Classic Millhouse Room

#### Saturday, June 20

OVERNIGHT: Slieve Donard Resort & Spa - 2 Slieve King/Twin

#### Sunday, June 21

Golf today on **Royal County Down**. Northern Irelandâ€<sup>™</sup>s Royal County Down is routinely ranked among the World Top 5 and never less than first or second among the great clubs of the UK and Ireland for two reasons: the beauty of the setting and the brilliance of the design. Old Tom Morris authored the first 18 hole course here and gets a healthy share of the credit for this masterpiece but George Coombe and Harry Colt also had a hand in it, as have Donald Steele and Martin & Ebert in recent years. None would dispute however, that the site as it was found with its rugged dunes, natural corridors and hollows, golden gorse and purple heather was destined for greatness. The ninth stands out among many. This 427-yard par 4 begins with a blind tee shot to a fairway found eighty feet down a sidehill plunge where two cross bunkers protect a green saddled between two dunes.

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OVERNIGHT: Slieve Donard Resort & Spa - 2 Slieve King/Twin

#### Monday, June 22

Depart Ireland from Dublin Airport.



# **Your Lodging**

#### Trump International Golf Links & Hotel Doonbeg

Trump International Doonbeg provides a friendly, relaxed country house atmosphere, celebrating good taste and service from an earlier era. The Lodge Luxury Suites opened in Spring 2006 and draws inspiration from numerous Irish country houses, including Muckross House. Features will include, Period gas fireplaces with wood surrounds and details throughout, Stone floors in the entry vestibule waxed to a honed patina, Reclaimed antique wooden doors at prominent places/entry, Crisp wet areas/rainshowers with extra water pressure in Men's/Women's locker rooms, Spa with steam room, sauna, whirlpool, rainshowers, fitness room and Fine art commissioned for Doonbeg Golf Club that features the golf course and natural beauty of Ireland. Guests will be able to have a pint or two in the pub, enjoy a treatment at the spa or simply relax by the fire. After a good nights sleep awake refreshed ready to take on the challenge of the links.

### Lough Eske Castle

Lough Eske Castle traces its roots all the way back to the late 1400's and the famous O'Donnell family that founded the nearby town of Donegal. The original castle was first built around 1474. A date stone of 1621 remains on the property to this day. The current Lough Eske Castle was constructed in the 1860s on the site of an old Brooke mansion, but was destroyed by fire in 1939. The renovated Lough Eske Castle stands as a continuing testament to the rich history of Lough Eske and the surrounding region. The Castle has two excellent restaurants Cedars Grill and The Gallery Bar, on site is also a fantastic spa. The Castle is in the ideal location to play Donegal Golf Course, which is only a 10 minute drive.

#### **Bushmills Inn**

In the village that is home to the worlds oldest distillery, between the Giants Causeway and Royal Portrush Golf Club this award winning hotel and restaurant has been outstandingly successful in re-creating it's origins as an old Coaching and Mill House. Open peat fires, gas lights and striped pine set the tone in this living museum of Ulster Hospitality while the Restaurant has an international reputation in serving the best of new Irish cuisine. In 2009, Bushmills Inn unveilled a new extension consisting of 19 oversized bedrooms and a new reception, bringing the total rooms to 41 which allowed the hotel to advance to a Four Star property whilst still maintaining the same theme throughout.

#### Slieve Donard Resort & Spa

Situated at the foot of the beautiful Mountains of Mourne, the Slieve Donard Resort & Spa stands in six acres of private grounds which extend to an extensive golden strand. Originally a luxurious railway hotel, the Slieve Donard Resort & Spa is now part of the Marine & Lawn Collection, and offers fine accommodation and excellent facilities. Apart from the obvious attraction for golfers, the hotel is also an ideal setting for fishing, horse riding and mountain walks. The hotel is undergoing a complete modernisation and refurbishment for the 2023 Season with the hotel taking on the Marine & Lawn styling.