

## Welcome to the Causeway **Coast & Glens**

The Causeway Coast and Glens has evolved over millions of years to create a place that will take your breath away with every twist and turn on the road. Think dramatic cliff edges and coastline, magnificent beaches and lush green pastures, the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery and championship links courses.

Immerse yourself in the stories of the area, from the mythical to the real life drama of our castles and townlands, plus the truly awesome UNESCO World Heritage Site Giant's Causeway and four Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and you've packaged up one of the most intriguing areas on the globe. It's little wonder that so many of the filming locations for Game of Thrones® can be found along the Causeway Coastal Route, which also holds the mantle of being 'One of the World's Greatest Road Journeys'.

Whether you're thinking of coming to the Causeway Coast and Glens for the first time, or you are a regular visitor, we promise you a warm welcome and an unforgettable experience.

For more ideas and inspiration on where to stay and what to do and where to eat, go to visitcausewaycoastandglens.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.









## Giant's Causeway

Bushmills, BT57 8SU t. +44 (0)28 2073 1855 **w**. www.giantscausewaytickets.com

A geological wonder steeped in legend and folklore, Northern Ireland's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Giant's Causeway is home to a wealth of local history and legend. Explore the geological phenomenon of 40,000 basalt stone columns formed by volcanic eruptions over 60 million years ago. Discover the legend of the Giant Finn McCool and search for distinctive stone formations such as the Camel, Wishing Chair, Harp and Organ. The stones and coastal path are open all year.

Visitor Facilities include Interactive Exhibition, Audio Guide (available in 11 languages), Guided Tours, Gift Shop with Local Crafts, Refreshments, Toilets, Tourist Information, Bureau De Change, Parking and Park and Ride Services from Bushmills. The Giant's Causeway Visitor Experience is open all year except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, Last admission 1 hour before closing. Visit the website to pre-purchase your tickets for the Visitor Experience.

#### **Opening Times:**

lan: 9am-4pm: Feb: 9am-5pm: Mar-May: 9am-6pm: Jun-Sep: 9am-7pm; Oct: 9am-6pm; Nov-Dec: 9am-4pm



Whiskey on the Rocks...
with Old Bushmills Distillery

e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Take the slow road to the Giant's Causeway and hear all about this amazing World Heritage Site and of course the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery. Your story telling 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 an exclusive 12 year old malt.

Northern Embrace a

Clifftop Experience...
with Away a Wee Walk

e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Experience the spectacular coastline of the Causeway Coast and connect with nature on a five-mile walk through Northern Ireland's only 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. Your journey will lead you to the iconic Grand Causeway feeling refreshed and invigorated.

Northern Embrace a freland Giant Spirit



## Eco Wanders... with one of our Conservation Rangers

e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Immerse yourself in nature with an experience that takes you off on an ecological adventure. Embrace the different seasons with an exploration of some of the rarest and most intriguing creatures in a truly wonderful setting. From primitive life forms to glorious butterflies, diverse wildflower meadows to endangered birds, this World Heritage Site is rich in nature and our conservation rangers can take you to the places where you can explore Mother Nature at its finest.

## Causeway Ramblings e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk Antony Macnaghten of the renowned Macnaghten clan guides a dramatic 2.2 mile walking tour of the Causeway Cliffs, telling tales of castles and caves, treasure and treachery, heroes and hermits and reveals a few secrets of the clan as he follows in the footsteps of his ancestors. Tours depart from Bushmills Visitor Information Centre at 1.00pm daily on Monday to Saturday. Pre-booking essential. visitcausewaycoastandglens.com | 09



## Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge

Ballintoy, BT54 6LS t. +44 (0)28 2076 9839 w. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/carrick-a-rede

Take the exhilarating rope bridge to Carrick-a-Rede Island and enjoy a truly magnificent cliff top experience. This 30-metre deep and 20-metre wide chasm is traversed by a rope bridge, traditionally erected by salmon fishermen. Visitors bold enough to cross to the rocky island are rewarded with fantastic views across to Rathlin Island as well as amazing flora, fauna and bird life. Only a short distance from the rope bridge is the fishery cottage, perched precariously on the cliff edge, which is without doubt one of the architectural wonders of its time; a testimony to local tenacity. Tea room, shop and toilets are available on site. Suitable clothing and footwear are recommended.

The Rope Bridge is open all year weather permitting except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Last entry is 45 minutes before closing. Timed tickets are in operation and visitor numbers may be restricted to access and cross the Rope Bridge. To pre-purchase your tickets to cross the bridge visit www.giantscausewaytickets.com/carrick-a-rede-tickets.

#### **Opening Times:**

lan: 9.30am-3.30pm; Feb: 9.30am-5pm; Mar-Apr: 9.30am-6pm; May-Jun: 9.30am-7pm; Jul-Aug: 9.30am-8pm; Sep-Oct: 9.30am-6pm; Nov-Dec: 9.30am-3.30pm

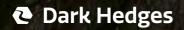


#### **Beyond the Bridge...** with Dalriada Kingdom Tours

e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Follow in the footsteps of generations of salmon fishermen across the exhilarating Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and down to the whitewashed, stone-built fisherman'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 a rope and get the feel of 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.





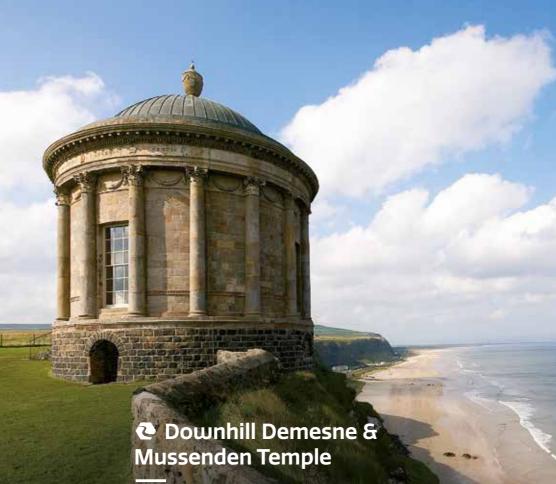
Bregagh Road, Stranocum, BT53 8PX

This beautiful avenue of beech trees was planted by the Stuart family in the 18th century. More than 200 years later, the trees remain a magnificent sight and have become known as the Dark Hedges. The road is one of the most photographed natural phenomenon in Northern Ireland. Fans of Game of Thrones® will recognise it as The Kingsroad from Season 2.

Themed guided tours are available from the nearby Dark Hedges Estate. For more details check www.darkhedgesestate.com

Please note that the road has been closed to vehicular traffic since October 2017. Parking on the Bregagh Road is not permitted. Public car parking is available at the Dark Hedges Hotel. Charges apply (£2.50 per car, £30 per bus/coach).





Castlerock, BT51 4RP t. +44 (0)28 7084 8728 w. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/downhill-demesne-and-hezlett-house

Visit the stunning landscape of Downhill Demesne, and discover the striking 18th century mansion of the eccentric Earl Bishop that now lies in ruins. Then, explore Mussenden Temple, perched on the cliff edge with surrounding parkland, gardens and woodland walks; an events programme runs throughout the year. Grounds open all year. Facilities include car park, toilets and light refreshments. See website for opening times.

#### **North Coast Explorer**

t. +44 (0)7890 349999 w. www.northcoastexplorer.com

The North Coast Explorer takes you on guided historical tours of Downhill Estate with an informative, narrated walk detailing the history of Downhill House, Mussenden Temple, Bishop's Gate and the estates founder Bishop Hervey.



## Dunluce Castle

Portrush, BT57 8UY t. +44 (0)28 2073 1938

Dunluce is one of the most picturesque and romantic of Irish Castles. A defended site from at least 500AD, 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 open to public viewing.

#### **Opening Hours:**

**Mar-Oct:** Daily 9.30am-5pm. **Nov-Feb:** Daily 9.30am-4pm Note: Last admission 30 minutes before closing. Admission charges apply.

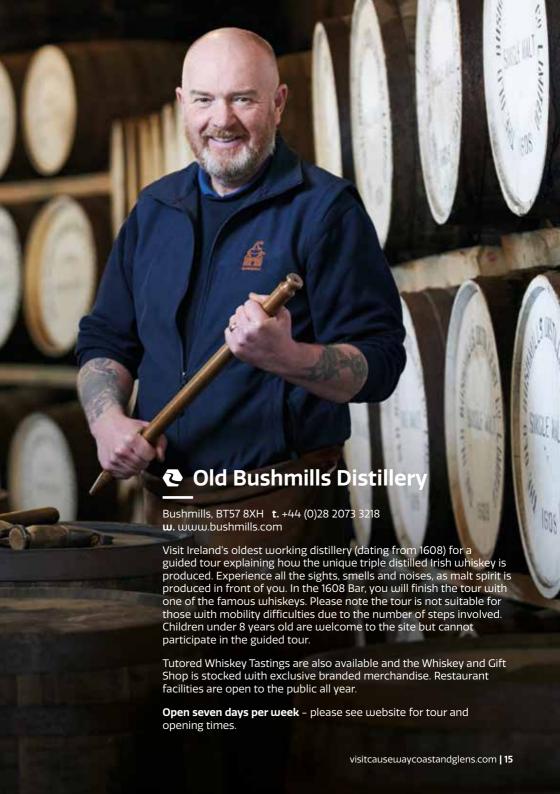
Nearby Magheracross Viewing Point and picnic area is an excellent spot to stop and take in the stunning, coastal scenery, often missed when travelling by car along the coast road.



#### **Dalriada Kingdom Tours**

m. +44 (0)7752 659202 w. www.dalriadakingdomtours.co.uk

Dalriada Kingdom Tours provides an authentic old world guided tour experience on the Giant's Causeway, Dunluce Castle and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. All the guides are professionally trained and experienced and are available for hire to private tour groups, and national and international tour operators.



### Rathlin Island

w. www.rathlincommunity.org

Rathlin Island is known as an iconic landmark off the northern coastline of County Antrim and forms part of the panorama of the Causeway Coastal Route lying just six miles off the coast from Ballycastle. The high sea cliffs lend an aura of mystery and a sense of wanting to explore what lies beyond but arguably its greatest asset is the breeding seabird colony. The island also boasts important natural heritage sites and is particularly internationally important for its flora and in some cases, its unique underwater marine life.

Visitors' cars are restricted and the roads are quiet and ideal for walking and cycling. On the island you can follow the Sustrans National Cycle, Network Route 93 to the west lighthouse, east lighthouse and Rue lighthouse or follow any of eight walking trails.

To reach the Island, take the ferry (maximum 40 minutes) from Ballycastle Harbour to Church Bay, Rathlin. You can choose to do a round trip in a day or stay a while and enjoy unique accommodation and hospitality. The island's strong cultural heritage, with storytelling, songs and music is legendary.

#### **Places of Interest**

- Kebble and Kinramer Nature Reserve, BT54 6RT Discover orchids and the rare pyramidal bugle, as well as breeding seabirds and waders as you enjoy the walking trails and interpretative panels.
- Roonivoolin Reserve and Trail, BT54 6SB
  Venture south on the island for amazing views of the coastline, as well as wildlife, such as seals, Irish hare and curlew.
- Knockan's Viewpoint
  Feast your eyes on panoramic views of Church Bay,
  Rue Point, Antrim Coast and the Mull of Kintyre.



#### Soerneog View Hostel and Cycle Hire

Rathlin Island, BT54 6RT w. www.rathlin-island.co.uk/soerneog Bike hire must be arranged in advance. Daytime hire, from 10am to 5pm.

#### Breakwater Art Studio

Rathlin Island, BT54 6TE **t.** +44 (0)28 2076 3986 **w.** www.breakwaterstudiorathlin.com

The artist in residence, Yvonne Braithwaite produces works in the form of commissions of local scenes, landscapes and seascapes on Rathlin and around Ireland. Also, tea towels, aprons and bags for life based on her original paintings and other giftware are available at the studio.



t. +44 (0)28 2076 0062 (Apr-Sep) t. +44 (0)28 9049 1547 (Oct-Mar) w. www.rspb.org.uk

**Open daily from 1st Apr – 13th Sep 2020.** Opening hours: **Apr & Sep** 11am–4pm (last entry 3pm), **May–Aug** 10am–5pm (last entry 4pm)

This breeding seabird colony is a crowd pleaser especially when everyone's favourite, the puffin makes an appearance, with May-July being the best time to view the birds. Access is via ferry from Ballycastle, then by private bus, or - if preferred - a scenic 4.5 mile hike or cycle across the island. If you want to walk one way, we recommend you get the bus out and walk back (considerably fewer hills)! The centre also accommodates Rathlin Island's famous 'upside down' lighthouse - a member of The Great Lighthouses of Ireland partnership. Please note that there are 98 steps down (and up) to the seabird viewing platform and a further 64 to the bottom of the lighthouse.

## Rathlin Walking Tours with Paul Quinn

m. +44 (0)7745 566924 e. paul.quinn33@hotmail.co.uk.

Walking or driving tours on the Causeway Coast. Special interests include birds and flowers, Rathlin Island, The Glens and the Causeway Coastal Path. All events are bespoke. Paul has many years' experience and is insured, trained and first-aid qualified.

### Q

#### Nine Glens Walking Tours

**m.** +44 (0)7723 921022 **w.** www.nineglenswalkingtours.co.uk

Enjoy a gentle 2 mile dander and listen to many tales of myth and mystery surrounding Rathlin Island.

#### Rathlin Island Co-op Shop

The Archway, BT54 6RT e. rathlinshop@hotmail.com

The shop is owned and run by the Rathlin community, stocking a wide range of groceries and general supplies, as well as souvenirs made on Rathlin including jewellery and crafts.

#### Island Treasures Souvenir Shop, BT54 6SA

m. +44 (0)7868 663283 e. catblaney@yahoo.co.uk

Pick up a souvenir of your visit to Rathlin Island from a selection of prints, paintings, photographs and cards as well as nautical themed gifts and a range of Island made soaps.



#### Islander® Rathlin Kelp - Talk and Tour (free)

m. +44 (0)7849 441691

Visit the kelp lab and see how the baby kelp plants are grown and learn about the different seaweeds on Rathlin. Visit the kelp farm in Church Bay, Rathlin (small charge, and weather permitting).

## Golf

Who will forget the scenes at The 148th Open in July 2019 when Irishman Shane Lowry lifted the Claret Jug at Royal Portrush, further enhancing the Causeway Coast and Glens long established reputation for great golf.

In recent years the Causeway Coast has also hosted The Irish Open at Portstewart Golf Club (2017) and Royal Portrush Golf Club (2012) and no less than three Major title winners have lived here (Fred Daly, Darren Clarke and Graeme McDowell).

As befitting an area rich in golf heritage, there are a number of courses, both links and parkland where golfers may test their skills. For budding golfers, there are courses to develop their swing at less challenging Par 3 or pitch and putt courses.



#### LINKS



#### Royal Portrush Golf Club

BT56 8JQ t. +44 (0)28 7082 2311

**Dunluce Links** - 18 Hole Championship Links Course Par 72

Valley Links - 18 Hole Championship Links Course Par 70



#### Portstewart Golf Club

BT55 7PG t. +44 (0)28 7083 2015

**Strand Course** - 18 Hole Championship Links Course. Par 72

Riverside Course - 18 Hole Links Course. Par 68



#### Portstewart Old Course

#### Castlerock Golf Club

BT51 4TJ t. +44 (0)28 7084 8314 **w**. www.castlerockgc.co.uk

Mussenden Course - 18 Hole Championship Links Course, Par 73

Bann Course - 9 Hole Links Course, Par 68



#### Ballycastle Golf Club

BT54 6QP t. +44 (0)28 2076 2536

18 Hole Links and Parkland Course, Par 71



#### Cushendall Golf Club

BT44 ONG t. +44 (0)28 2177 1318





Ballyreagh Pitch and Putt and Municipal Links

9 Hole Course, Par 70 (18 holes)

w. www.bushfootgolfclub.co.uk

Portrush, BT56 8LX t. +44 (0) 28 7082 2028

9 Hole Course, Par 27

t. +44 (0)28 2073 1317

#### PARKLAND

#### Roe Park Golf

Limavady, BT49 9LB **t.** +44 (0)28 7776 0105 **w.** www.roeparkresort.com/golf

18 Hole Parkland Course, Par 70

#### **Benone Golf Club**

Limavady, BT49 OIQ t. +44 (0)28 7775 0555

9 Hole Parkland Course, Par 27

Aghadowey, BT51 4AD **t.** +44 (0)28 7086 8209 **w.** www.browntroutinn.com

9 Hole Parkland Course, Par 70 (18 Holes)

#### **Kilrea Golf Course**

BT51 5SF **t.** +44 (0)28 2954 0044 **w.** www.kilreagolfclub.co.uk

9 Hole Parkland/Heathland Course, Par 70 (18 Holes)

#### Manor Golf Club

Kilrea, BT51 5RR **t.** +44 (0)28 2954 1636/ (0)28 2954 0205 **w.** www.manorhousekilrea.com

9 Hole Parkland Course, Par 64 (18 Holes)

#### Gracehill Golf Club

Stranocum, BT53 8PX **t.** +44 (0)28 2075 1209 **w.** www.thedarkhedgesestate.com

18 Hole Parkland Course, Par 72



Brilliant fun for all the family, kids' birthday parties, school visits etc. Parking facilities at Sheskburn Recreation Centre. Seasonal opening hours. Admission prices on request.

#### Benone Holiday & Leisure Park

BT49 OLQ t. +44 (0)28 7775 0555

Crazy golf, a nine hole putting green and a seasonal seven bay golf practice range.



#### TheGolfPA.com

t. +44 (0)28 7032 6707 **w.** www.thegolfpa.com

TheGolfPA offers bespoke golf tours prepared by an experienced and skilled team, with a meet and greet service and preferred tee times at all the golf courses, as well as accommodation and car rental or luxury coach with experienced driver/guide as required.

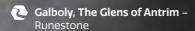
# Game of Thrones®

Game of Thrones® is an original HBO series based on George R.R. Martin's best-selling fantasy novels, A Song of Ice and Fire. Since the pilot in 2009, the show has filmed across various locations in Northern Ireland and many of them are in the Causeway Coast and Glens. For cast members, Michelle Fairley (Catelyn Stark) and Conleth Hill (Lord Varys), it was something of a homecoming, as they originally hail from Coleraine and Ballycastle. Walk in the footsteps of your screen heroes and villains with a guided or self-guided tour.



For full details on scenes and locations download the free NI Screen Game of Thrones® Filming Locations Northern Ireland app for Apple and Android devices. The app also includes information on the unique 10 Doors of Thrones that work together to tell the tale of Season 6. There are four doors located in the Causeway Coast and Glens.

- #5 Frank Owens, Limavady
- #6 Fullerton Arms, Ballintoy
- #7 Gracehill House, Stranocum
- #8 Mary McBride's, Cushendun



Situated above Garron Point on the Causeway Coastal Route, the hidden village of Galboly is where Sansa and Littlefinger watch Robin practise his swordmanship in Season 5 Episode 1. In Season 6 Episode 4, Littlefinger and Robin agree to march to Sansa's aid with the Knights of the Vale.

## Cushendun Caves – A cove in the Stormlands

In the quaint village of Cushendun, at the mouth of the river Dun, you will find the magnificent caves that were formed over 400 million years ago. They were used in Season 2 Episode 4 when Melisandre gave birth to the shadow creature, which goes on to kill Renly Baratheon.

#### Murlough Bay – Slaver Bay and Renly's Camp

The wild and windswept cliffs above Murlough Bay is where brothers Stannis and Renly met in Season 2 Episode 4. On the bay, Tyrion and Jorah were captured by slavers in Season 5 Episode 6.

#### Fair Head – Dragonstone Cliffs

This rocky headland rises 600ft above sea level and lies just three miles from the town of Ballycastle. In Season 7 Episode 3, Varys confronts Melisandre here about her avoidance of Jon Snow before advising her to leave Westeros forever. It's also where Jon, Daenerys and Drogon share a moment together in Episode 5, and latterly Tyrion and Daenerys in Episode 6.





and where Brienne was named to Renly's Kingsguard. In Season 6 Episode 5 it was



the setting for the Kingsmoot.

This coastal harbour at the end of a dramatic, twisting road is synonymous with Pyke and the Iron Islands. Theon returns here in Season 2 Episode 2 and is baptised here in Season 2 Episode 3. Season 6 Episode 5 also features Euron's drowning and rebirth, and the nearby beach played host to Melisandre's burning of Stannis Baratheon's bannerman.

The Dark Hedges – The Kingsroad

The intertwining beech trees on this avenue are over 200 years old and were planted by the Stuart family to impress visitors as they approached Gracehill House. The Dark Hedges were used in Season 2 Episode 1 as Arya escapes King's Landing along the Kingsroad.

## Portstewart Strand – Coast of Dorne

The 2 mile stretch of golden beach at Portstewart Strand is backed by impressive sand dunes. Here Jaime and Bronn came ashore to rescue Myrcella only to be discovered by Dornish soldiers. It's also where Ellaria and the Sand Snakes vow vengeance against the Lannisters in Season 5 Episode 4.



Seven miles of sand beneath the stunning Mussenden Temple, perched dramatically on a 120ft cliff top. In Season 2 Episode 1 this is where Melisandre burnt the effigies of the Seven Gods of Westeros.

## Binevenagh, The Antrim Plateau – Dothraki Grasslands

Marking the western extent of the Antrim Plateau, this distinctive headland has spectacular cliffs extending for over 6 miles across the peninsula of Magilligan. Used in Season 5 Episode 10 when the Dothraki horde surround Daenerys after her escape from the Meereen fighting pits on the back of Drogon, and again in Season 6 Episode 1 when Daario and Jorah discover Daenerys' ring whilst searching for her.

#### **Giant Tours Ireland**

- m. +44 (0)7555 665900
- e. flip@gianttoursireland.com w. www.gianttoursireland.com

Hang out with Flip / Hodor standin actor and local guide and driver for Game of Thrones® private specialist tours. Hear stories from the making of the show and see the off the beaten-track filming locations – the scenes and incredible scenery of the realworld Westeros.

For information on other Game of Thrones® tours visit www.discovernorthernireland. com/gameofthrones. Please note these tours are independently operated and are not sponsored, endorsed or affiliated with HBO or anyone else associated with Game of Thrones®.

# Taste Causeway

The Causeway Coast and Glens is world renowned not just for its stunning landscape but also its exceptional food and drink, cultivated by passionate people.

Taste Causeway is the unifying vision for the wide array of food and drink producers, artisans, food tourism and hospitality along the Causeway Coast and in the Glens of Antrim. In 2019, at the first time of asking it was named runner-up in the all Ireland Foodie Destination Awards.

Whether rearing cattle in the lush fields, hauling fish from the stormy sea, plating fine cuisine in award-winning restaurants or serving street food in our bustling markets, the members of Taste Causeway are committed to offering fresh, flavourful food and an immersive experience that showcases the Causeway Coast and Glens.

For more details on Taste Causeway food tours, farm tours and food and drink producers go to www.tastecauseway.com.







# Discovery Routes and Trails

### Cycling

Cyclists will not be stuck for scenic routes in the Causeway Coast and Glens with a choice of inland and coastal ways suitable for all levels of experience. For details on more cycling routes in the Causeway Coast and Glens go to www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com.

- Eagle's Glen Cycle Route (14 miles)
  A hilly trail centred on the picturesque
  Glenullin Valley, exploring the historic
  Errigal landscape and signposting you
  through Garvagh forest.
- Bann Valley Cycle Route (15 miles)
  Linking Garvagh and Kilrea on quiet
  country roads, this route traverses
  the fertile landscape of the Bann Valley,
  with views beyond, towards
  the Antrim Hills.
- The Banagher Cycle Route (28 miles)
  A challenging trail, circling the foothills
  of the Sperrin Mountains and passing
  upland through towns and villages and
  farmland.
- The Lower Bann Cycleway (45 miles)
  This linear cycle route travels between Toome and Castlerock following the Lower Bann River corridor from Lough Neagh to where the river enters the Atlantic Ocean at The Barmouth near Castlerock.
- NCR Route 93 from Ballyshannon to Ballycastle (236 miles)
  This route is readily identifiable by distinctive signage and offers superb coastal scenery and includes some traffic-free cycle paths. These sections are suitable for novice cyclists and families with young children. Experienced cyclists may choose to venture off the signed routes and explore the countryside at their leisure.



#### Walking

The Causeway Coast and Glens is a walker's haven. Each and every turn opens up a myriad of sights, smells and sounds for the ultimate walking experience.

The Moyle Way (27 miles/43 km) The route takes you through the heart of the Glens of Antrim, past ancient monuments, across rivers and high mountain tops, and culminates among the woodland waterfalls of Glenariff Forest Park, before reaching the coastal village of Waterfoot.

The Causeway Coast Way (33 miles/52km) Starting in Portstewart, this route passes through the Causeway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and finishes in Ballycastle serving up opportunities for the ultimate photo shot.

The North Sperrins Way (37 miles/60km) Connecting Dungiven and Castlerock this route provides a contrasting walking experience to the many coastal trails. It traverses higher ground forming the northern foothills of the Sperrins Mountains, passing notable landscape features including Benbradagh and Binevenagh, with spectacular views over Lough Foyle towards Donegal.

The above routes all form part of Northern Ireland's magnificent, circular Ulster Way (625 miles/1000km.

There's also lots of inspiration on shorter waymarked trails throughout the open countryside and along the coastline for walkers of all ability at www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com/ plan/maps-guides/walking-trails/

**Walking Tours NI** 

m. +44 (0)7759 767218 w. www.walkingtoursni.com

Book an organised, self-guided walking trip along The Causeway Coast Way and in other areas of Northern Ireland with Walking Tours NI. The walks are suitable for all levels of ability and are ideal for people who enjoy setting their own pace over the varied terrain of track, beach, rock and road.

The Portrush Tour Company

m. +44 (0)7542 045771

Walking tours of Portrush which give an insight into the fascinating archaeology and folklore of the town and surrounding area.

Booking essential.

## Heritage Trails and Driving Routes

Delve into the history of the Causeway Coast and Glens by following all or any of the Heritage Trails. Details on all the trails can be found on www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com or at a local Visitor Information Centre.

- Ballycastle Heritage Trail
  The Heritage Trail presents the stories
  of the town and covers the culture
  and heritage; historic buildings, music
  and legends, as well as the industrial
- The Bushmills Heritage Trail
  This walking trail links the Giant's
  Causeway Park & Ride facility with the
  village, the Millennium Park and the
  Old Bushmills Distillery.

and maritime heritage of Ballycastle.

- Ballymoney Heritage Guide Trail
  A self-guided tour through the town's finest built heritage.
- The 'Round The Ramparts'
  Heritage Trail
  Coleraine's rich history is brought
  to life with an illustrated booklet,
  interpretive panels and street signage.
- Historic Kilrea Walking Heritage Trail
  Kilrea offers several other scenic walks
  as well as a town walk. Guided
  walks are available contact Maud
  on 028 2954 0723 or Tommy on
  079 8939 7942 for details.
- Garvagh Heritage Trail
  A discovery trail exploring the town and its hinterland, with a mix of built and natural heritage sites in the foothills of The Sperrins.

- Discover Portrush Heritage Trail
  A self-guided tour exploring the
  rich, significant natural, historic,
  built and archaeological heritage
  of Portrush, together with past
  traditions and practices.
- The Earl Bishop Trail
  Extending from the Giant's
  Causeway to Derry/Londonderry,
  The Earl Bishop Trail links up places
  associated with the charismatic cleric,
  Bishop (Frederick Augustus Hervey).
- Limavady Heritage Trail
  The Limavady Heritage Trail draws
  people's attention to lesser known
  and visited sites of historical interest.
- Echoes of the
  Causeway Heritage Trail
  Download the Echoes of the
  Causeway Heritage Trail app
  and be lured off the beaten track to
  eight hidden gems of the Causeway
  Coast and Glens.
- The North Sperrins Heritage Trail
  This driving trail closely follows a
  section of the North Sperrins Scenic
  Route and provides visitors with
  easy access to historic sites.



# The Glens of Antrim

Endowed with evocative names and blessed with a diversity of landscape, The Glens are rich in history, folklore and natural beauty – each named according to their attributes. Escape to a world away from the frantic bustle of modern life and explore the woods, waterfalls, riverside paths, viewing points and forest parks among Glencloy (the glen of the hedges), Glenarm (the glen of the army), Glenariff (the fertile glen), Glenballyeamon (the Edwardstown glen), Glencorp, (the glen of the slaughtered, Glenann (the glen of the colt's foot), Glendun (the glen of the brown river), Glenshesk (the sedgy glen) and Glentaisie (the glen of taisie of the bright sides).

This section brings you along the coast through Cushendall and Cushendun to Ballycastle and sweeping inland to Armoy and the nearby Dark Hedges. There is no doubt this area contains some of the most striking and varied scenery in Northern Ireland.



#### Places of Interest

**Waterfoot Beach** 

Backed by sand dunes it is a conservation area known for the presence of Yellow-rattle flower and the Small Copper butterfly.

Torr Head, BT54 6RQ A remote headland with jaw-dropping vistas.

Murlough Bay, BT54 6RG Buzzards and peregrine falcons hunt along the cliff tops at Murlough Bay, while eider and fulmar skirt along the bottom. There are different level car parks and picnic areas to enjoy the breath-taking views.

Loughareema Lake, BT44 OTA

A natural phenomenon - a sparkling oasis one day and just a few days later, a bed of cracked mud with not a drop of water in sight.

Fair Head, BT54 6RD

It is a ruggedly, beautiful and remote area for climbers and walkers. As Northern Ireland's tallest cliff face. Fair Head is believed to be the biggest expanse of climbable rock in either Ireland or Britain. A series of walks begins at the farm car park (£2 per car) clearly signposted off the Fairhead Road. Anglers should also note that the Fair Head lakes are stocked with trout and can be fished during the summer months.

**Ballypatrick Forest** 

A way marked Wildlife Trail offering glimpses of deer and fenced wildlife ponds, as well as geese and otters along the Glenmakeeran River and a unique "Irish Ford" where the drive and the stream become one! A picnic area and car parking are available.

#### Craicntour

m. +44 (0)7785 114698 e. johngrobbin@hotmail.com w: www.craicntour.com

Guided taxi and walking tours of the Glens of Antrim by local man John Robbin, a third level history graduate with a family presence in the area dating back some 400 years. John has a keen interest in local customs, folklore and wildlife and an abundance of witty stories to tell.

## **©** Cushendall

Cushendall is a conservation town and is known locally as "The Capital of the Glens" at the foot of Lurigethan Mountain.

#### **Places of Interest**

- The Curfew Tower
  A prominent feature of the town built in 1817 by Francis Turnly.
- Red Bay Castle
  The ruins of the castle, reputedly built by Sir James MacDonnell
  lie on the outskirts of the town and date back to around 1561.
- Layd Old Church, BT44 ONH
  The chief burial place of the MacDonnell Clan (after Bonamargy Friary, see page 40).



## Glenariff Forest Park

BT44 00X

Glenariff Forest Park is a must do experience. It covers over 1,000 hectares with planted woodland, lakes, outdoor recreation spaces and conservation areas, catering for many outdoor activities including walking, horse riding and touring. Fuel your activities at the picnic and barbeque areas or the tea house. Make the most of your visit by staying overnight in a touring vehicle.

Glenariff Forest is home to many animals of conservation concern, most notably the red squirrel, hen harrier and Irish hare. There are several walking trails through the forest which give spectacular views and glimpses of wildlife, including the 3km Waterfall Walk Trail which twists and turns through Glenariff Nature Reserve. The forest is open daily for visitors on foot, 24 hours a day, but the car park gates are locked at night. Gates open by 8.00am daily and are locked at dusk.

# Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club

BT44 0QW **t**. +44 (0)28 2177 1673 **e**. admin@cushendall.info

The club's main activity is sailing with races for both cruising yachts and sailing dinghies but is also known for motor boating, rowing and angling.



## **Toast the Coast NI**

**m**. +44 (0)7896 414074 **w**. www.toastthecoastni.com

Celebrate local food, local people and stunning scenery with stories of the coast and countryside as you discover the Causeway Coastal Route. Choose from a range of food tours by guided coach, self-drive, private chauffeur or walking tours throughout the year.

Northern



Embrace a Giant Spirit





# Turais Lir (Lir Tours)

m. +44 (0)7510 356702

e. turaislir@gmail.com

e. turaischoisabhann@outlook.com

Based in Cushendun in the beautiful Glens of Antrim, Turais Lir (Lir Tours) provides walking tours which feature the culture, arts and heritage of the Glens and surrounding areas. Jude is a qualified tour guide who will tailor tours to suit individual / group needs.

# Cushendun Old Church

33 Bay Road, BT44 OPS t. +44 (0)28 2176 1522 w. www.theoldchurchcentre.com

Built in 1840 as a Church of Ireland place of worship, the Old Church has been given a new lease of life as a community-run arts and mini-heritage centre where visitors can learn about the glorious Glens of Antrim. The Old Church Centre is open to public on Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm to 4pm.

# Ballycastle

Ballycastle (twice crowned the Best Place to Live in Northern Ireland by The Sunday Times) is a small seaside town, where tradition and culture run parallel with modern living. The popular beach runs from the pier at Ballycastle Marina at the western end to Pans Rock in the east.

#### **Places of Interest**



Bonamargy Friary, BT54 6QP
Built by Rory McQuillan, it was
claimed by the MacDonnell Clan
in the 16th Century and contains
a sealed burial vault wherein lie
the coffins of several Earls of
Ulster and chieftain, Sorley
Boy MacDonnell.

#### Doonfin Farm

- t. +44 (0)7508 723598
- e. frankdevlin88@gmail.com
- **w.** www.doonfinfarm.com

Found in the heart of Glenshesk, one of the nine Glens of Antrim, the townland of Dunfin is home to a traditional sheep farm, offering a sheep experience and farm walk, Irish boglands and peat cutting and a working farm experience.

#### Lough Fadden Trout Fishery

Torr, BT54 6RG **m.** +44 (0)7583 396073 **e.** info@loughfadden.com

Lough Fadden is an enchanting trout fishery located in Murlough Bay. For first time visitors there will be an 'experienced hand' around to offer advice and guidance to fish these challenging but rewarding waters.

## Watertop Farm

Ballycastle, BT54 6RN **t**. +44 (0)28 2076 2576 **w**. www.watertopfarm.co.uk

**Open:** Easter Week, May Bank Holiday Weekends, weekends in June, 27th June-29th August daily 11am-5.30pm. School groups welcome in May and June. Caravan/camping available Easter – Halloween.

Family activities include pony trekking and pony rides, boating, pedal karts, quad train, Paddiwagon, activity barn with super inflatable slide and enclosed climbing activity frame, low ropes assault course, mini golf, and a monster underground slide. There are scenic walks and small animals to hold with home-baked produce served in The Lakeside Tea Room.

# Sea Haven Therapy

Ballycastle, BT54 6BT **t.** +44 (0)28 2076 1132 **w.** www.seahaventherapy.com

Treat yourself to natural seaweed baths while enjoying views of Rathlin Island, Fair Head and even Scotland on a clear day. A range of relaxation therapies is also available, including massages, facials, reflexology and more. Alternatively, enjoy an exhilarating water cycle experience around Ballycastle Bay on Sea Haven Therapy Waterbikes, the first of their kind in Ireland.

# Rathlin Island Ferry

Ballycastle, BT54 6BT **t.** +44 (0)28 2076 9299 **w.** www.rathlinballycastleferry.com

The ferry service operates up to 10 return daily sailings from Ballycastle during the summer and up to five a day during the winter timetable season. The crossings are served by two vessels, the passenger-only vessel MV Rathlin Express (taking 25 minutes approximately to cross), and the new car ferry the MV Spirit of Rathlin (40 minutes approximately). Booking is very advisable, and bookings can be made in person, by phone or by email. Please note that there are restrictions on visitors bringing their cars to the island – contact the ferry company for details and latest charges for crossings.

# Lord Moyle Fishing Trip

m. +44 (0)7751 345791

e. cpmccaughan@aol.com

Enjoy 3 hour sea fishing trips from April to the end of October. Rods and tackle supplied free.

# D McAuley

Ballycastle, BT54 6AA t. +44 (0)28 2076 9521

Stock up here with your fishing tackle, camping and outdoor supplies.

# Lady Lynda Fishing Trip

**t.** +44 (0)28 2076 9655 **m.** +44 (0)7712 167502

The Lady Lynda offers fishing trips around the North Antrim Coast. Drift fishing, deepwater anchoring and wreck fishing all available.



Ballycastle, BT54 6HF m. +44 (0)7759 228111 (no texts) w. www.causewaycoastsailing.com

Enjoy a sail on Antrim's scenic coast on our yacht departing from Ballycastle Marina or Rathlin Island. Learn the ropes of sailing or simply enjoy the ride and the views of the Causeway Coast. t. +44 (0)28 2076 8525 m. +44 (0)7803 505084

e. ballycastle.marina@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Ballycastle's superb 74-berth marina offers excellent scope for marine travel around Ireland and Scotland with fully serviced visitor berthing and shore-side facilities.

# Causeway Coast Kayaking Tours

m. +44 (0)7895 444237

e. causewaycoastkayakingtours@hotmail.com

Fully guided tours and experiences of the Causeway Coast by kayak, including sea and food tours, twilight/moonlight paddles and Game of Thrones® location tour.

#### Irish Feast

m. +44 (0)7718 276612 w. www.irishfeast.com

Irish Feast offers 5\* walking food tours (Ballycastle, Bushmills, Rathlin Island) showcasing restaurants, cafés and chefs, using fabulous Taste Causeway ingredients from fish to potatoes, from ales to whiskey, from artisan breads and mouth-watering cakes to delicious patisseries. Tours: 10am-1pm. £49pp.

## Sheskburn Recreation Centre

Ballycastle, BT54 6OH t. +44 (0)28 2076 3300 e. sheskburn.rc@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The centre offers a wide range of health, fitness, leisure and community activities.

# Harbour Gallery

Harbour Gallery, Ballycastle, BT54 6AA m. +44 (0)7864 310826

w. www.harbourgalleryballycastle.com

The Harbour Gallery sells a wide variety of handcrafted and locally produced gifts. Exhibitions and workshops run throughout the vear.

#### Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan Market

t. +44 (0)7723 622008

e. info@naturallynorthcoastandglens.co.uk w. www.naturallynorthcoastandglens.co.uk

Visitors to the Naturally North Coast and Glens Market will have every sense tantalised through the colourful art and crafts, the delicious aroma and taste of fresh food produce and the sound of musicians. Our markets can be found on a rotating schedule in and around North Coast and Glens locations - check website for details.

# Wonders of Land & Sea with Brian at Sea Tours

e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

The rugged coastline is brought to life with tales of bravery, love and loss told by a National Trust guide as you take an exhilarating boat trip around the Causeway Coast on board a luxury 11 metre rib.

# D & P Marine Boat Charters

m. +44 (0)7880 625102 e. info@dandpmarine.co.uk

Departing from Ballycastle, discover fishing reefs/wrecks, sharking, scuba diving, Scottish shooting trip, sea safari trips along the Causeway Coast and Rathlin Island as well as Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and Ballintoy Harbour.



Leaving Ballycastle on the Causeway Coastal Route there is an option to loop inland through Glenshesk and Glentaisie, skirting Knocklayde Mountain before arriving in the village of Armoy.

#### **Places of Interest:**

- Armoy Round Tower, BT53 8RL Located in the grounds of St Patrick's Church, founded by St Olcan in the 5th century.
- Breen Oakwood
  Nature Reserve, BT53 8YH
  A veritable haven for bird watchers
  with a small population of red
  squirrels often visible in spring, while
  bluebells and wood anemones add a
  splash of colour. Open all year round.
- Altnahinch Reservoir & Dungonnell Dam, BT44 9JS
  Located at the head of the River
  Bush, with a native stock of freerising brown trout it is ideal for fly
  fishing, spinning and worm fishing.
  The season runs from 1 March to 31
  October and anglers need a DAERA
  Game Fishing Licence and Permit.
  Fishing from boats is not permitted.



# **Bespoke Equestrian Ireland**

Armoy, BT53 8XL **t.** +44 (0)28 9099 4221 **w.** www.horsebackridingtoursireland.com

Horseback riding holidays are available to explore the Causeway Coastal Route, combining exclusive regional experiences and authentic culture and cuisine with top class horse riding.

## Causeway Coast Discovery Centre

Armoy, BT53 8XL **t.** +44 (0)28 9099 4221 **w.** www.causewaycoastdiscoverycenter.com

Authentic cultural activities and audiovisual presentation create memorable experiences and bring to life the culture, heritage and history of the Causeway Coastal Route.



# Sheans Horse Farm - Riding Centre

Armoy, BT53 8XL **m.** +44 (0)7759 320434 **w.** www.sheanshorsefarm.com

Sheans Horse Farm Trekking Centre is rated as one of the top horse riding centres in Ireland. Suitable for all levels from beginners to experienced riders.



# The Causeway Coast

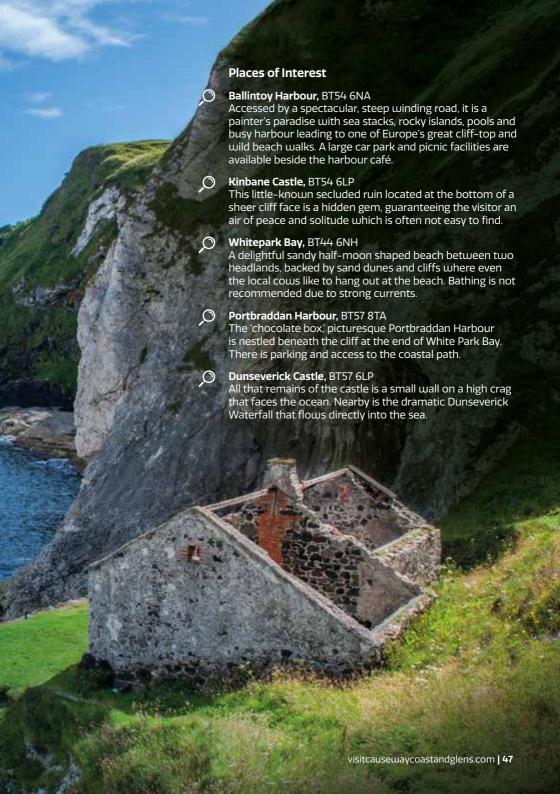
The next section of the Causeway Coastal Route takes you from from Ballintoy to Coleraine and inland to Kilrea and Garavgh. It too promises extraordinary beauty with spectacular coastal scenery, dramatic cliffs and headlands and natural rural landscapes for as far as the eye can see.

Surprisingly, many of the destination's Signature Discovery Points lie within a very short distance of one another, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and Dunluce Castle are less than 12 miles (18 kilometres) apart with the Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Distillery in between. But we recommend you take your time and enjoy the journey and immerse yourself in some of the experiences along the way.



O Dougramilia

ANTRIM COAST AND GLENS AONB



# Ballintoy

## Coasteering NI

m. +44 (0)7422 506079 e. splash@coasteeringni.co.uk w. www.coasteeringni.co.uk

If you enjoy rock scrambling, adventure swimming, belly flopping, cliff jumping and water splashing you will love coasteering with some of the most experienced and highly trained coasteering guides in the UK & Ireland. Sessions are catered to suit all ages, abilities and sea conditions. All safety equipment is provided.

# Glenmore Fly Fishing

Glenmore Fly Fishing Ballintoy, BT54 5LR t. +44 (0)28 2076 3584 w. www.glenmore.biz

The Magheralough Fly Fishing Lakes are stocked with rainbow and brown trout and

#### SUB6

Ballintov, BT54 6NA w. www.sub6life.com

The SUB6 team of instructors will take you on a SUB6 stand-up paddleboarding experience around Ballintoy Harbour Coast, and further afield on tours around Sheep Island, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and White Park Bay for a truly memorable trip.

# The Wee Shop

Ballintoy t. +44 (0)28 2076 9358

A quaint, little shop offering quality crafts and gifts and a stockist of Game of Thrones® Official Merchandise.



# Fossils, Flints & Fisher-Folk with Causeway Adventures

e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

This experience begins at Whitepark Bay and follows in the footsteps of our earliest ancestors to Ballintoy Harbour. You can try your hand at flint knapping and firelighting in one of the many caves and board and maybe row a traditional replica fishing boat.

# Twilight Safari

e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Join a National Trust Conservation Ranger for an evening of adventure aboard a 4x4 jeep. Listen to the evening sounds and venture to lesser known places off the beaten track.



# Bushmills

The Conservation Village of Bushmills, home to the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery, is steeped in history. It is a wonderful place to stop and browse for a unique gift or memento of your trip to the Causeway Coast, with some wonderful places to eat and enjoy the finest, local produce.

# The Boat House Gallery at Innisfree Farm

Bushmills, BT57 8SU **t.** +44 (0)28 2073 1582 **m.** +44 (0)7876 516032 **w.** www.nationaltrust.org.uk

The Boat House is home to CAUSEWAY creative, a collection of six local artists, making and selling an exciting range of original art and crafts (ceramics, glass, textiles, jewellery, paint, pastels and much more) in partnership with the National Trust. Admission free. Open Mon, Wed – Sat including Bank Holidays.

# **Gallery 1608**

Bushmills, BT57 8QD **t.** +44 (0)28 2073 1324 **w.** www.gallery1608.co.uk

Gallery 1608 in Bushmills is Northern Ireland's largest gallery, bringing together the very best of Irish art and bespoke craft and representing many of Ireland's top artists and caters for all tastes and budgets.

# Castlecat Studio Gallery & Trove

Bushmills, BT57 8TW **t.** +44 (0)28 2074 1682 **w.** www.jamesmcnultyartist.co.uk

Oil, watercolour and pastel paintings by James Mcnulty, inspired by the Causeway Coast with an eclectic mix of decorative, vintage, retro and new treasures on sale in Trove. Open every Sat, 11am to 6pm. Please phone ahead for other opening times.

# The Designerie

Bushmills, BT57 8QD **t.** +44 (0)28 2073 2606 **w.** www.thedesignerie.co.uk

The ground floor of The Designerie is devoted entirely to the largest collection of handmade Irish products available on the Causeway Coast, with over 60 designer makers represented. Makers House is on the first floor and is home to 8 Designer Makers who make and sell from their studio pods.

# Causeway Fun Farm

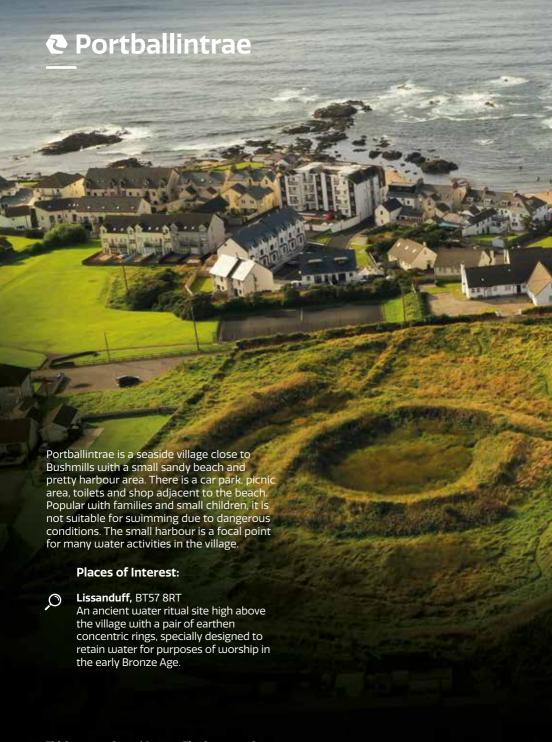
Bushmills, BT57 8SU **t.** +44 (0)7546 937013 **e.** info@causewayfunfarm.com

Causeway Fun Farm has a wide range of animals and a milking viewing gallery with a large indoor play area and café. Seasonal opening hours.

# River Bush Salmon Station

Bushmills, BT57 8QJ t. +44 (0)30 0200 7860 e. bush@daera-ni.gov.uk
w. www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling

When conditions are right, high quality salmon angling is available on three stretches of the river which are all situated within walking distance of the village. A DAERA game rod licence is required along with your DAERA permit or day ticket to fish the three angling beats.





Portballintrae, BT57 8YU m. +44 (0)7754 389641 e. jerseypaul@talktalk.net

Treat yourself to a guided kayak trip along the Causeway Coast or try some rock pool explorations. Surfing and stand-up paddleboarding lessons are available or for something totally unique and unforgettable, try a traditional boat experience on board a 'Drontheim'.

# SurfSUPNI.com

Portballintrae, BT57 8RS m. +44 (0)7593 516552 w. www.surfsupni.com

Enjoy a unique, personalised and memorable coastal experience while learning to standup paddleboard under expert tuition.

Portballintrae Harbour, BT57 8RT t. +44 (0)28 2073 2301

The Boat Club offers temporary membership to visitors. For general harbour enquiries t. +44 (0)28 7034 4768.

# Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Railway

Bushmills, BT57 8SZ t. +44 (0)28 2073 2844 e. infogcbr@btconnect.com

The Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Railway follows the breathtaking two mile extension of the original Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Hydro Electric Tram Track. Please telephone or email for operating times and/or group bookings.

# **Portrush**

Northern Ireland's favourite holiday resort offers a unique blend of contemporary and nostalgia with the chance to indulge in some new and good old fashioned activities in this quintessential seaside town. Visitors to Portrush will enjoy the picturesque harbour and the extensive collection of bars and restaurants throughout the town.

#### **Places of Interest:**

- Whiterocks, BT56 8NF
  A striking landmark on the Causeway
  Coastal Route with its magnificent
  chalk cliffs backdrop and a boardwalk
  giving access to the beach. There is a
  viewing platform and shower facilities
  for water sports users, particularly
  bodyboard and kayak surfers, but
  beware of rip tides.
- East Strand, BT56 8DZ
  Backed by impressive sand dunes and
  Royal Portrush Golf Club, the beach
  stretches from Portrush town to
  Whiterooks
- West Bay Strand, BT56 8EY
  A family favourite, with a newly
  upgraded promenade walk located
  close to the town and all its attractions.
- RNLI Museum and Souvenir Shop, BT56 8DQ The Lifeboat Station details its interesting history since it was established in 1860.

#### Causeway Coast Foodie Tours

m. +44 (0)7912 408256 w. causewaycoastfoodietours.com

Local World Host Ambassador Wendy Gallagher offers you guided food and drink tours by road, sea and river including trips such as 'catch and sea' experiences which are unique to the area. The tours showcase the freshest fish and goat, Irish griddle breads, cheeses and chorizo, local craft ales, whiskey, gin, cider and coffee.

Barry's Amusements

Portrush, BT56 8DX t. +44 (0)28 7082 2340 w. www.barrysamusements.com

A Portrush institution for over 90 years, Barry's is the largest amusement park in Ireland with the very latest rides for indoor and outdoor entertainment. Seasonal opening - to be confirmed.



# **Goldrush Entertainment Centre**

Portrush, BT56 8DW t. +44 (0)28 7082 2100 w. www.goldrushportrush.com

Fun for all the family at the Wacky Workshop indoor adventure playground, and Goldrush's over 18s gaming area.

# Sportsland

Portrush, BT56 8BL t. +44 (0)28 7082 2766 w. www.portrushsportsland.co.uk

The Big Red Game Centre for families is a modern amusement arcade with a gaming casino, snooker and pool tables.

# Finn's Escape Adventure Golf

Portrush, BT56 8DH

A fun-filled indoor golf adventure, perfect for all the family, birthdays or corporate events.

## Phil's Family Amusements & Bingo Hall

Portrush, BT56 8BN t. +44 (0)28 7082 2201 w. www.philsamusements.co.uk

'Pay to Play' entertainment and gaming machines, together with weekend bingo at Phil's (opposite The White House).

# Elementary Escape Rooms

Portrush, BT56 8DA m. +44 (0)7977 992130 w. www.elementaryescaperooms.com

The only escape room experience will test your skills by locking you in a themed room and you must work as a team to search for clues and solve a series of puzzles to escape within one hour. Prices from £12pp. Opening Hours: Wed-Sun 12-8pm. Booking essential.

# Ramore Head Recreation Grounds and Play Park

Portrush, BT56 8BB t. +44 (0)28 7082 4441

Eight tennis courts lie alongside two bowling greens, one golf putting area and one crazy golf area, with regular matches and tournaments providing plenty of entertainment. The Play Park has an extensive range of play equipment. The grounds are serviced with a fully equipped pavilion, changing rooms and a hire facility for tennis, bowls and putting. The Recreation Grounds open during Easter and July and August: Mon–Sun 12pm to 8pm. Children's Play Park is open all year.

# Portrush Nature Reserve and Coastal Zone

BT56 8AP **t.** +44 (0)28 7028 3600 **e.** marine.inforequests@daera-ni.gov.uk

The Portrush Coastal Zone is a centre for marine and coastal education showcasing Northern Ireland's wildlife and heritage found under the sea and along our coasts. The centre's viewing platform affords excellent views towards the sea where dolphins, seals and harbour porpoises can sometimes be spotted. Contact the Coastal Zone for seasonal opening times.



## Margey & Bjourson Art Studio and Gallery

Portrush, BT56 8BU m. +44 (0)7841 593762 w. www.adrianmargey.com

The joint studio and gallery space of artists Adrian Margey and Evana Bjourson. Margey specialises in colourful, contemporary depictions of Irish landscape, iconic local landmarks and musical traditions, while Bjourson is best known for her stunning portraits and seascapes. Open during the summer season on Friday, Saturday & Sunday and on Saturdays throughout the rest of the year. Private viewings available by appointment.

# Causeway Campers

Portrush, BT56 8PB m. +44 (0)7769 355427 e. hire@causewaycampers.com w. www.causewaycampers.com

Classic or modern campervan and motorhome hire from Causeway Campers. Based in Portrush, and offering convenient pick up points from Belfast International Airport, Belfast City Airport, City of Derry Airport and Dublin Airport, Causeway Campers can create a bespoke itinerary for customers

## North Coast Art Gallery

Portrush, BT56 8AW t. +44(0)28 7082 5476 w. www.northcoastgallery.co.uk

Original art, photography, cards, textiles, prints, ceramics and workshops by local artist Frankie Creith.

## The Arcadia

Portrush, BT56 8JE m. +44 (0)7525 496968 w. www.facebook.com/arcadiaportrush

The Arcadia houses a café (open Easter-Sept), an art gallery and fitness and well-being studio offering a selection of yoga classes, pilates, tai chi and Zumba. The studio space is also available to hire for small weddings. workshops and seminars.

## Atlantic Craft

Portrush, BT56 8PB t. +44 (0)28 7082 4810 m. +44 (0)7731 457263 w. www.atlanticcraftni.com

Atlantic Craft is the only working traditional heritage craft studio on the Causeway Coast, producing a range of home grown willow basketry, straw products and driftwood craft. Talks and demonstrations can be arranged for groups. Exhibitions and workshops teaching traditional basketry skills and straw work are also available.

# North Coast Watersports Centre

Portrush, BT56 6AN t. +44 (0)28 7034 7202

The centre allows year round access to high quality amenities for both local and visiting water sports users. The centre has toilet and changing facilities and can be used either for individual usage or hired for group/club events.

# Portrush Harbour

BT56 8DF t. +44 (0)28 7082 2307

The harbour, on the west side of the town is enclosed by two piers where it is possible to berth alongside a pontoon or to pick up moorings in the harbour area.

#### Portrush Yacht Club

BT56 8DF **t.** +44 (0)28 7082 3932 **m.** +44 (0)7929 781 236 **w.** www.portrushyachtclub.com

Portrush Yacht club is a Royal Yachting Association recognised training centre, offering a suite of courses in boat handling, dinghy sailing, first aid etc. PYC is a family oriented club with facilities for all ages.

#### Portrush Surf School

BT56 8DF **m.** +44 (0)7894 854791 **w.** www.portrushsurfschool.com

Lessons last 3 hours and run several times daily for both surfing and stand-up paddleboarding. All equipment included.

# Troggs Surf School

BT56 8AN **t.** +44 (0)28 7082 2335 **m.** +44 (0)7748 257717 **w.** www.troggssurfschool.com

A wide selection of courses are available, catering for beginners through to advanced surfers. Equipment is provided with classes for kids to adults and corporate groups.

# Causeway Adventures

Portrush **m.** +44 (0)7713 081886 **w.** www.causewayadventures.co.uk

Causeway Adventure activities include canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing, orienteering, guided walks, beach combing and basic bush crafting offering environmental learning through adventurous activity.



Portrush, BT56 8DA **t.** +44 (0)28 7082 3273 **w.** www.woodiessurfshop.co.uk

Board hire, equipment sales and tuition. Phone for free surf report.

Portrush, BT56 8EY **m.** +44 (0)7935 952532 **w.** www.alivesurfschool.com

Surfing and paddleboarding lessons for all ages from 5 upwards and kids camps at West Bay Strand.

# Causeway Sea-Fishing Company

Portrush Harbour, BT56 8DF m. +44 (0)7712 115751 w. www.fishportrush.net

Operating daily all year round from Portrush Harbour offering 3 hour mackerel trips suitable for novice anglers – both children and adults. All fishing rods, tackle, bait and 'fishing know-how' is provided onboard.

#### Freedive Northern Ireland

Portrush, BT56 8DF **m.** +44 (0)7725 408980 **e.** joy@freedivenorthernireland.com

Discover the magic of freediving or snorkel with seals, through underwater canyons and into caves on the Causeway Coast at the only school of its kind in Northern Ireland. Training and trips available.

#### Lady Karen Charters

Portrush Harbour **m.** +44 (0)7955 740131 **w.** www.seaanglingportrush.co.uk

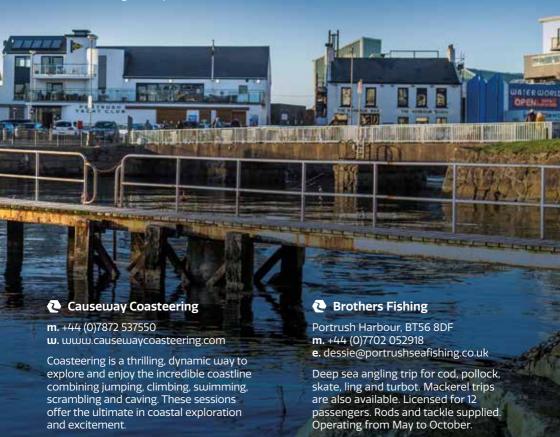
Boat licensed and insured for 8 people offering sea fishing at either anchor, or on the drift. All sea angling and sightseeing trips are weather dependent!

# Causeway Sea Tours

**m.** +44 (0)7720 440117 **w**. www.predatorireland.com

Sea tours around the north coast of Ireland, as well as traditional sea angling charters.

visitcausewaycoastandglens.com | 59



# Portstewart

Portstewart has been a popular holiday destination since Victorian times. The upper and lower walks of Portstewart Promenade along the shore provide spectacular views across the sea to the Inishowen Peninsula while the shopping area offers colourful art galleries, craft and gift shops, not to mention award winning ice cream parlours, cafés, pubs and restaurants.

#### **Places of Interest:**

- Portstewart Crescent,
  Seasonal concerts and entertainment shows at the Witch's Hat with outdoor tiered seating.
- Agherton Old Church, BT55 7HT
  The citadel of Congal Clairingneach, King of all Ireland in 161 B.C

# Portstewart Strand and Barmouth

BT55 7PG t. +44 (0)28 7083 6396 w. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/portstewart-strand

The magnificent two-mile strand of glistening golden sand is one of Northern Ireland's finest beaches and is consistently awarded Blue Flag status year after year, complemented by the recent addition of the award winning beach restaurant 'Harry's Shack'. It is a perfect spot for family picnics and long walks into the sand dunes that are a haven for wild flowers and butterflies. The Bann Estuary is a sanctuary for waders, wildfowl and nesting birds. An organised programme of events and guided walks is available throughout the year. Dogs are welcome on leads. Facilities: toilets, beach shower and beach are open all year to pedestrians, vehicle admission charges apply.







## Aguaholics Dive Centre and Sea Safaris

Portstewart, BT55 7BE t. +44 (0)28 7083 2584 w. www.aguaholics.co.uk

Aquaholics is a PADI 5 Star Dive Centre providing dives and courses for all levels along the spectacular North Coast, including the extremely popular 'TRY A DIVES', Aquaholics also has 2 fast hard boats with cabins and toilets for Sea Safari trips exploring the wildlife and amazing coastline from the sea. Departure points at Portstewart and Ballycastle.

# Boy Matthew Sea Fishing Trips

Portstewart Harbour, BT55 7DW m. +44 (0)7764 514270 w. www.boymatthew.co.uk

3hr fishing trips from Portstewart harbour, twice daily. Boy Matthew is fully insured and licenced for 12 passengers. Families, groups and individuals all welcome. Rods and tackle supplied. Booking necessary.

#### Ocean Warriors Mobile Surf Shack

m. +44 (0)7921164134 w. www.oceanwarriors.co.uk

Open (weather and surf permitting): Weekends 10am - 5pm, also by special arrangement. You can hire everything you need for a great day at the beach from the unmissable yellow Volkswagen Van including surf and body boards, kayaks, standup paddleboards and wetsuits. Ocean Warriors can also be found at Whiterocks Beach. Portrush.

#### Portstewart Galleries

BT55 7AE **t.** +44 (0)28 7083 4600 **w**. www.irishartgroup.com

The Portstewart Galleries are specialists in contemporary Irish art, publishers of fine art prints and cards by Irish artists; dealers in vintage fountain pens, vintage movie posters, antiquarian maps of Ireland and bespoke frames.

#### Flowerfield Arts Centre

BT55 7HU **t.** +44 (0)28 7083 1400 **w**. www.flowerfield.org

Opening times: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm

Situated in the beautiful Flowerfield Park, Flowerfield Arts Centre is the only dedicated multi-arts venue on the Causeway Coast and presents a varied arts events programme throughout the year, including live music, family theatre, film and a packed creative learning timetable for both children and adults. Its galleries house the very best of visual arts and craft exhibitions and the centre also boasts both ceramics and glassmaking studios as well as a FabLab, supporting and promoting creative makers on the Causeway Coast. Spaces also include meeting rooms, workshop rooms, a 130 seated auditorium and gift shop.

# Coleraine

Coleraine is the principal town on the Causeway Coast. Situated on the banks of the River Bann, it boasts an attractive pedestrian area with award winning floral displays. Soaked in history, with charm and character, the town offers a unique mix of old and new.

#### Places of Interest:

- Mountsandel Wood, BT52 1TL
  A Mesolithic site. Believed to have been inhabited by the first hunter-gatherers in Ireland dating back to 7700-7400BC
- Camus Cross and Bullaun Stone, BT51 3RY
  The only existing High Cross in County Londonderry plus a primitive font.
- Coleraine Town Hall and Coleraine Museum, BT52 1DP Host to temporary museum exhibitions and an opportunity to explore 'Irish History Starts Here'.
- St Patrick's Church, BT52 1AR The original site of the Early Christian Church founded by St Patrick in the 5th Century AD
- Phoenix Peace Fountain, BT52 1PS
  A symbolic art piece gifted by the communities of the
  United States to the communities of Northern Ireland,
  inspired by the Northern Ireland peace process of
  May 1998.
- Guy L Wilson Daffodil Garden, BT52 15A
  A memorial to the father figure of Irish daffodil breeders,
  Guy Livingston Wilson, located within the grounds of
  the University, with over 1500 old and modern varieties,
  bursting with magnificent shades of yellow in springtime.
- Christie Park, BT51 3AB
  Located between Coleraine's two bridges along the banks
  of the River Bann it leads to Somerset Riverside Park where
  you will encounter 'The Source' sculpture detailing the
  origins and the historical significance of Coleraine.



## Cheeky Chimps Soft Play Adventure Centre

Coleraine, BT52 2JB **t.** +44 (0)28 7034 3005 **w.** www.cheekychimpscoleraine.com

Cheeky Chimps Coleraine is an indoor soft play adventure centre where your own little monkeys can run riot. Open Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Sun 12-6pm.

#### Score Football Centres

Coleraine, BT52 2EB **t.** +44 (0)28 7032 6922 **w.** www.scorefc.com

Score FC is an indoor 4G football facility where lots of fun can be had, with £2 kick about for Under 16's, 5-a-side football and holiday camps and Jumplanes trampoline park. Changing facilities and a café are available on site.

#### The Jet Centre

Coleraine, BT51 3AW **t.** +44 (0)28 7035 0000 **w.** www.thejetcentre.co.uk

The Jet Centre is an entertainment centre and indoor amusement arcade for kids of all ages featuring Alley Cats Indoor Play Area, Movie House Cinema, Superstrikes Ten Pin Bowling and Mini-Golf.

#### Coleraine Leisure Centre

BT52 1PE **t.** +44 (0)28 7035 6432 **w.** www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/seedo/leisure-centres/coleraine-leisure-centre

Coleraine Leisure Centre offers a 6 lane 25m pool, and a smaller learner pool, suitable for parents with younger children. The Health Suite, includes a sauna, steam room and spa bath. The centre offers a full range of drop in exercise classes ranging from pilates to spin.

#### The Scotti Rooms

Coleraine, BT52 1QB t. +44 (0)28 7035 9412 e. cuilrathainhcc@gmail.com

The Scotti Rooms offers a small community museum and a local guide, with an in-depth knowledge of the local area and Ulster Scots heritage will take you on a historic walking tour of Coleraine.

# Bellisle Spa

Macosquin, BT51 4JH **t.** +44(0)28 7035 2121 **w.** www.bellislespa.com

Specialising in organic and naturally derived products, using selected award winning products and treatments to create a bespoke, luxurious experience set in a countryside location.

## Springwell Manor Health Farm

Macosquin, BT51 4JF t. +44 (0)28 7035 3505 w. www.springwellmanor.co.uk

Springwell Manor Health Farm is a large modern house set in its own country grounds, with a health spa and accommodation facilities to relax your body and mind.

#### Glenara Elite Tours & Travel

**m.** +44 (0)7718 805633 **w.** www.glenaraelitetravel.com

River Bann Heritage Cruise - Glenara Elite Travel offering a new professionally guided historical tour by boat and bus in May - August 2020 with the acclaimed historian and archaeologist Thomas McErlean. Join us on our river cruise to discover the beauty and richness of cultural and built heritage that this extraordinary river and location has to offer. Other tours available.

#### Coleraine Yacht Club

BT52 1RN **m**. +44 (0)7771 615334 **w**. www.coleraineyachtclub.co.uk

Courses and events are run by volunteers and instructors who are passionate about sailing. It is a RYA RTE Training Centre.

#### **Coleraine Marina**

Coleraine, BT52 1EY m. +44 (0)7738 115851 e. coleraine.marina@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Situated five miles upriver from the entrance to the River Bann, with easy access to bus and train routes, Coleraine Marina provides fully serviced berthing. Facilities include diesel refuelling facility and crane lifting opportunity for those wishing to clean or repair boats/yachts.



## Xplore Outdoors

**m.** +44 (0)7734 365321 **w.** www.xploreoutdoors.co.uk

Xplore Outdoors is an innovative and exciting outdoor activity provider based on the rugged and picturesque north coast of Northern Ireland providing multi-activities for groups and individuals, specialising in residential packages. Small group introductory sea kayaking sessions allow clients to view the coastline from a different perspective.

## Smyths Country Sports

Coleraine, BT52 1BD **t.** +44 (0)28 7034 3970 **e.** stephensmyth44@gmail.com

Stockist of fishing tackle and distributor for all local fishing licences and permits.

## Island Equestrian Centre

Coleraine, BT52 2NL **t.** +44 (0) 28 7034 2599 **w.** www.islandequestriancentre.com

## The Honourable The Irish Society

t. +44 (0)28 7034 4796

e. office@irishsociety.co.uk

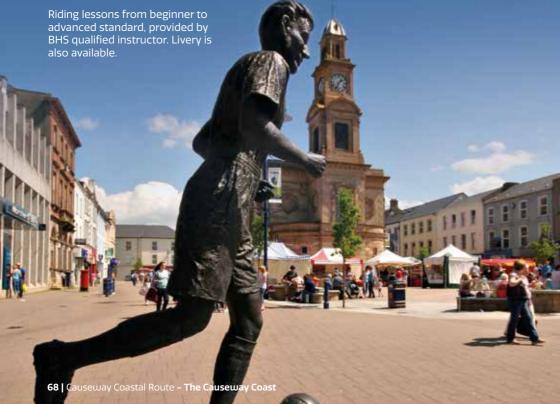
**w.** www.honourableirishsociety.org.uk/go-fishing

The Honourable The Irish Society manages Northern Ireland's finest salmon, trout, pike and coarse fishing on the Lower Bann River and tributaries. Game fishing is also available on the Clady River, Agivey River, Macosquin River and Ballymoney River – all tributaries of the River Bann. Season/day rods are available on private beats, also season permits for unrestricted stretches both game and coarse. For information regarding permits, prices and booking of Lower River Bann fishing please contact the office.

## No 6 Queen Street

Coleraine BT52 1BE **m.** +44 (0)7871 315797

No 6 sells unique hand made products made in Northern Ireland by over 80 artists and craft workers.



# Causeway Flying Club / Ulster Seaplane Association

t. +44 (0)28 7082 3793m. +44 (0)7703 723097e. mark@adelphiportrush.com

Take a scenic Microlight or Seaplane flight along the spectacular Causeway Coast. Take the controls and experience the thrill of flight. No previous experience necessary. Prices £60 to £120 for ½ hour flight.

# The Edge Watersports at The Crannagh Activity Centre

Coleraine, BT52 1SB **t.** +44 (0)28 7051 1481 **m.** +44 (0)7710 015067

Open: Mon-Sat: 11am-9pm, Sun 1pm-9pm

Voted Tourist Attraction/Business of the Year from 2016 to 2019, and Trip Advisor Certificates of Excellence for 2017, 2018 and 2019 you can be sure of a quality experience. Activities include water-skiing, wakeboarding, banana boating, tube rides, kayaking, canoeing (Canadian Boats) and stand-up paddleboarding as well as Northern Ireland's first inflatable waterpark Birthday parties and group bookings welcome. Multi-activity packages are

#### Riverside Theatre

Coleraine, BT52 1SA **t.** +44 (0)28 7012 3123 **w.** www.riversidetheatre.org.uk

The Riverside Theatre is Northern Ireland's oldest operating regional theatre, set on the busy Ulster University Coleraine campus. The Riverside Theatre venue itself is an intimate 278 – 350 seat auditorium offering a vast annual programme, for children and adults, of comedy, dance, music, drama and art. The theatre also has a licensed bar, and a new café – Truva Riverside which opened in 2018 and serves up a fresh authentic Mediterranean inspired menu with stunning views across the River Bann.

# Causeway Speciality Market

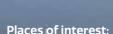
Coleraine, BT52 1ED **m.** +44 (0)7702 910884 **e.** csm@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Causeway Speciality Market is a bustling, organic, speciality food and craft market held around Coleraine Town Hall on the second Saturday of each month from 9am to 4pm.



# Ballymoney

Ballymoney is one of the oldest towns on the island of Ireland, with an interesting mix of historical features and modern life.



Ballymoney Town Hall and Museum,
BT53 6BE

A History Resource Area contains a selection of books and history files available to visitors researching the local area or family histories. There is also a wealth of material on the history of the town and its famous characters.

- Ballymoney Old Church
  Graveyard and Tower, BT53 6JB
  An example of the town's fine built
  heritage, with over 400 headstones,
  the oldest dating to 1610.
- Dooey's Cairn Neolithic Tomb at Dunloy, BT44 9DZ (Grid Reference D0216 1830) Believed to be the best preserved court tomb in the Causeway Coast area dating from c4000-2000BC.
- The Joey & Robert Dunlop Memorial Gardens, BT53 6JR
  If you are a motorbike road racing fan you will want to pay homage to two of Northern Ireland's most celebrated sporting heroes.
- Riverside Park, BT53 7AG 40 acres of parkland, complete with trim trails and green gym.
- Megaw Park, BT53 6BS
  A recreational area with an exciting and challenging mix of traditional and interactive play equipment and facilities.



BT53 7NW m. +44 (0)7542 681197 e. bannvalleyfisheries@gmail.com

Bann Valley Trout Fishery offers quality brown and rainbow fishing in the most tranquil of settings. It is set in a quiet rural location between Ballymoney and Kilrea and is the ideal spot to get away from it all and enjoy some fly fishing. Open Thurs - Sun, from 9.00am to dusk.

## Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre and Treasure Island Play Centre

BT53 7DB **t**. +44 (0)28 2766 0260 w. www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Indoor and outdoor sport and leisure facilities for all the family, including the pirate themed soft play centre for children under twelve.

Finvoy, BT53 7LB m. +44 (0)7740 785278 w. www.dirrawfarm.co.uk

Located just outside Ballymoney, Dirraw Farm is an organic dairy farm spread over 200 acres with excellent equestrian facilities. It offers an outdoor sand arena, with a showjumping training set of 8 jumps. featuring a water tray, plus a cross country course designed by Tony McManmon and Sonya Rowe. Full and DIY livery available.

# Room2Race

BT53 7LH m. +44 (0)7759 999660 e. info@room2race.net

The most realistic virtual race experience in Northern Ireland, Room2Race has Rally, F1, Touring cars and lots more!

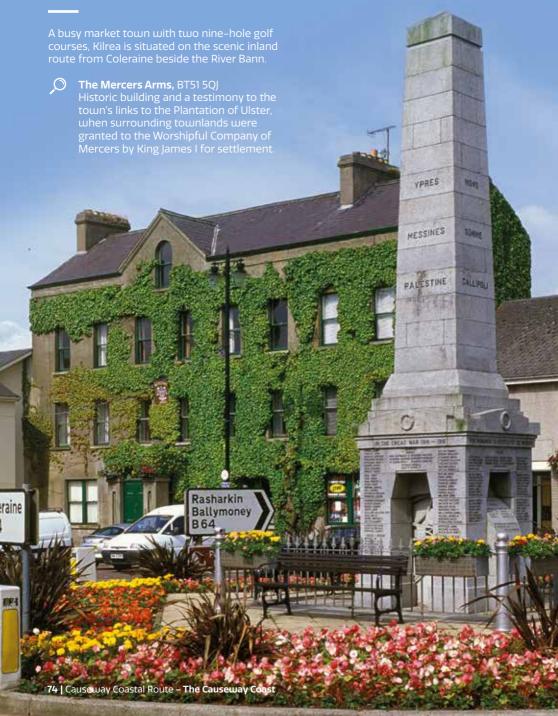


groups by appointment only.

including rabbits, snakes, alpacas and deer.



# Kilrea





BT51 5RR **m.** +44 (0)7845 874499 **w.** thelakekilrea.com

The Lake Kilrea Water Park is a new family friendly adventure park with activities that include a floating aqua park (including the world's biggest certified floating slide), pedalos, canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, zip line, climbing wall, archery and much more. Onsite catering, changing facilities, toilets and warm showers. Children's safe play area, easy free onsite parking. Camping/accommodation facilities onsite will be available soon. Seasonal opening – check website for details.

### River Bann Tours

t. 084 5564 4764 (UK only) m. +44 (0)7725 887623 e. cchauhan@riverbanntours.co.uk

w. www.riverbanntours.co.uk

Take a gentle cruise along the picturesque Lower River Bann to discover its rich, cultural heritage. Explore the outstanding local attraction and native wildlife and enjoy the delicious food from the region.

# Garvagh

Standing south of Coleraine and close to both the Rivers Bann and Agivey is the town of Garvagh, which like so many other towns in the area has a fascinating story to tell. With its situation so close to the Agivey and Bann Rivers, Garvagh is also the ideal spot for the game and coarse angler with permits and licences.

### **Places of Interest:**

- Garvagh Pyramid, BT51 5EF
  A surprising feature within Garvagh Forest, (see opposite page) this folly was created as a burial chamber for Lord Garvagh in the 19th Century.
- Errigal Old Church, BT51 5BQ
  Built around 560 A.D it was originally known as
  "Errigal Adamnan" after St. Adamnan its patron.

### Garvagh Museum and Heritage Centre

BT51 5AE **t**. +44 (0)28 2955 8544 **w**. www.garvaghmuseum.com

This is a rural folk museum located in what was the walled garden of Garvagh House, the former seat of the Canning family. It is an exceptional collection, comprising over 3,500 artefacts and is a valuable resource used by many.

### Skydive Wild Geese

BT51 5LQ **t**. +44 (0)28 2955 8609 **w**. www.wildgeeseskydive.com

Skydive Wild Geese is one of the best equipped centres within the British Parachute Association, with a purpose built hangar. Limited to twelve persons per course and will run with a minimum of four.

### Garvagh Forest Trails

**BT515EF** 

For exhilarating new experiences, check out the new Garvagh Forest Trails. Launched in 2019 you will find a range of walking, cycling and mountain bike trails to enjoy! There are four different grades of cycle trails within the forest each offering a different experience, and walkers can avail of waymarked walking trails. The forest is also a haven for lovers of nature and wildlife.

### Temple Springs Fishery

BT515BH **t.** +44 (0)7830 345286 **e.** burtsurf250f@gmail.com

Temple Springs is a catch and release bait fishing facility for large and small groups. All tackle and bait will be supplied. The fishing lodge offers visitor facilities and BBQ.



# Binevenagh and Beyond

This section highlights the area stretching from Castlerock to Magilligan and inland to Limavady and the North Sperrins. Dominated by the distinctive headland of Binevenagh with its dramatic cliffs, there are spectacular panoramic views of Magilligan and Inishowen, Islay and Jura in Scotland. The railway journey between Coleraine and Derry/Londonderry passes beneath Mussenden Temple and was featured in Michael Palin's television series 'Great Railway Journeys of the World'.





### Castlerock

The village of Castlerock is known as a small, quiet resort, situated less than a mile from where the River Bann meets the sea at The Barmouth. It has a wonderful sandy beach with extensive dunes backing onto the championship golf course and is a place in which to enjoy forest and coastal walks, birdwatching, angling or tennis.

### St Paul's Church

Articlave, BT51 4UP **m.** +44 (0)7940 281737

Discover the history of St Paul's, built in 1691 and learn about the early history of the parish on a self guided tour from Easter to Halloween, Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. Guided tours on request.

### Hezlett House

BT51 4TW t. +44 (0)28 7084 8728 w. https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/downhill-demesne-and-hezlett-house

Hezlett's picturesque thatched cottage exterior hides a fascinating early timber frame dating from 1690, making it one of the oldest vernacular domestic buildings in Northern Ireland. The story of the house is told through the experiences of the people who lived there. Admission charges apply. Tours in July and August by appointment only.

### Castlerock Classics

m. +44 (0)7760 130824 e. castlerockclassics@gmail.com

If you're a car enthusiast, you'll be in good company with Causeway Classics who provide a small but custom selection of modern classical vehicles for hire to travel the Causeway Coastal Route of any part of the island of Ireland in style.

# Hill Farm Riding Centre Moorbrook Trout and BT51 4SR t. +44 (0)28 7084 8629 **Carp Fishery and Coffee Shop** w. www.hillfarmridingcentre.co.uk BT41 4SW t. +44 (0)28 7084 9408 A family run, British Horse Society approved w. www.moorbrooklodge.co.uk riding centre, offering safe, supervised horse riding and the only centre on the Trout and carp fishery and tackle emporium. Causeway Coast from which you can hack Stocked with brown and rainbow trout for fly fishing and a bait stream where children can to the beach. Lessons, pony trekking for all the family and beach hacks for experienced fish with worms for perch and roach. Tackle riders. Full and holiday livery offered. Open hire available and fully qualified instructors Monday to Saturday in July and August and are on site for tuition. There is also a coffee Saturdays all year round. Booking essential. shop on site open to all.

## Limavady

Limavady town is nestled between the picturesque Roe Valley and Binevenagh Mountain. The town itself is characterised by family owned independent retailers, with a unique choice not found in many of the high streets.

### Places of Interest:

- 51 Main Street, BT49 0EP
  The Jane Ross Plaque commemorates the origins of 'The
  Londonderry Air' known throughout the world as Danny Boy.
- William Ferguson Massey Statue, Connell Street BT49 0EP A celebrated figure who lived in Limavady until he was 14, before immigrating to New Zealand where he later served as Prime Minister from 1912–1925.
- Limavady Union Work House, BT49 OAQ
  History buffs will also be interested in the Work House which opened on the 15th March 1842 and is reported to be one of the best preserved buildings of its type in the whole of Ireland. Tours are available by appointment (t. +44 (0)28 7776 5438 or e. manager@lcdi.co.uk).
- The Green Lane Museum, BT49 9NN
  Delve into the 19th and 20th Century history of the Roe Valley with stories of rural life, including farming, local trades and the linen industry. It is located within the Roe Valley Country Park.
- Rough Fort, (GR C 659 230)
  One of the best preserved Raths in Ireland, dating back to 500 AD, The Rough Fort is regarded as the haunt of the fairies and locals were loath to damage it for fear of retribution from the 'wee folk'.
- Benone Strand, BT49 OLQ
  Seven miles of golden sand, making it one of the longest beaches in Ireland.

### Places of Interest:

- Martello Tower, BT49 OLR Built during the Napoleonic Wars, it is the most northerly of the towers around the coast of Ireland, marking the entrance to Lough Foyle.
- Magilligan Point Nature Reserve. BT49 OLP Located close to the tip of one of the largest sand dune systems in the British Isles, the cycling of sand around the foreland and out to the Tunns Bank at Magilligan Point has been going on for centuries. Visitors will be treated to excellent views of seabirds using the narrows and in winter, migrating waders and wildfowl.
- Lough Foyle Trail, (GR C614 236) Every year bird watchers are captivated by the sight of overwintering whooper swans and brent geese from the Arctic. Visitors will enjoy interpretative signage and paths adjacent to the shore with up to 8kms of trail to explore.

### The Roe Valley Country Park

#### **BT49 9NN**

country park features a variety of woodland with riverside walks ranging from 2-7 miles. For the adventurous, the North West Orienteering Club has developed a permanent course within the park and organises events throughout the year and produces various maps for the activity.

### Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre

BT49 OFJ **t.** +44 (0)28 7776 0650 **w.** www.roevalleyarts.com

Opening times: Mon-Sat, 9.30am-5pm

This award winning arts and conference centre provides an arts and heritage events programme throughout the year, including theatre, music, local histories, film and creative learning. The venue's three galleries include the Ritter Gallery which houses the Limavady Museum Collection. Other spaces include the 221 seat Danny Boy Auditorium, Dance Studio, Arts & Crafts Workshop Rooms, Meeting Rooms and a Visitor Information Centre for the area.

Embark on the Myths and Legends Sculpture Trail (available from Limavady Visitor Information Centre), to experience the area's most celebrated tales, where the essence and legacies of Limavady are captured within seven exceptional works of art, depicting the stories in a most original way.

### Roe Valley Leisure Centre and Kidz Ahoy

BT49 OND **t.** +44 (0)28 7776 4009 **w.** www.rvlc.co.uk

A modern leisure complex, comprising of two pools, sports halls, fitness suite, health suite, spin studio, squash court and meeting rooms. The Kidz Ahoy Soft Play Area is a state of the art soft play area based on a pirate theme, featuring ball cannons, ball levitator, zip line, a giant slide and more.

### Roe Park Resort Spa

Limavady, BT49 9FB **t.** +44 (0)28 7776 2929 **w.** www.roeparkresort.com/spa

The spa at Roe Park combines stunning settings and a selection of relaxation treatments and beauty therapies, alongside a relaxation suite, sauna and steam suites and pool.

### Roe Valley Cycles of Limavady

BT49 9DA t. +44 (0)28 7776 6406 e. info@roevalleycycles.co.uk w. www.roevalleycycles.co.uk

Roe Valley Cycles rent touring, racing and kids bikes for daily, weekend or weekly hire.



### SJ Mitchell & Co

Limavady, BT49 0ER **t.** +44 (0)28 7772 2128 **e.** sjmitchellandco@hotmail.com

Stock up on fishing tackle here for your angling adventure.

### Benone Holiday & Leisure Park

BT49 OLQ **t.** +44 (0)28 7775 0555 **w.** www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/see-do/caravan-parks

Benone is a 4\* caravan and camping holiday park with glamping lodges, a nine hole par three golf course, putting green, golf practice range, crazy golf, 4 tennis courts, café, sports hall, outdoor heated splash pools, as well as activity areas with play parks and boardwalks to the Blue Flag beach.

### Far and Wild

**m.** +44 (0)7775 911198 **w.** www.farandwild.org

Far and Wild operate a variety of green adventure tours in the North West of the island such as Causeway Coast sea kayak tours, moonlight kayak tours, cycle tours and immersive coasteering adventures. All the bespoke tours celebrate the unique loca heritage and natural environment.

# Long Line Surf School & Long Line Water Trails

BT49 OLQ **m.** +44 (0)7738 128507 **w.** https://longlinesurfschool.co.uk

**Surf School:** Surf and SUP lessons, kids camps and surf hire. Prices start from £15.

Water Trails: Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) lessons on the River Roe where beginners also learn about the heritage of the local area. More advanced night trails and water trails available.

### Blokartfun

Benone Strand, Limavady m. +44 (0)7835 949057 w. www.blokartfun.co.uk

Experience the thrill of piloting a wind powered craft along the beautiful beach at Benone. Blokarting is a fantastic way for families and friends of all abilities to experience the exhilaration of sailing on sand. Minimum age is 8 years. No previous experience is necessary. Lessons start from £25. Availability is subject to tide times and weather conditions and can usually be booked at short notice.





Ireland where you can fly a hovercraft. Visitors of all ages can enjoy lots of other activities, including Powerturn buggies, archery, laser clay pigeon shooting, laser combat and football golf. Open all year round, indoor activities are also available.

### Carrowmena Activity Centre (Glamping/Camping/Residential)

Limavady, BT49 9EB **t.** +44 (0)28 7776 3431 **w.** www.carrowmena.co.uk

Carrowmena Activity Centre is the perfect location to stay, play and explore. It has a Group Residential Centre (sleeps 40), Bell Tents x 11 (sleep 5), Glamping Pods x 6 (sleep 6) and a full range of wet and dry activities to get your heart pumping.

### The Ranch Paintballing

Limavady, BT49 9EZ m. +44 (0)7514 733322

A new paintballing experience guaranteeing lots of fun for children (aged 8 and over) and adults with a competitive streak!

Crindle Stables offers a unique and personal horse riding experience to riders of all ages and abilities with a range of indoor and outdoor facilities, cross country, hacking and an on-site gymkhana. Away days to a variety of locations, including a Game of Thrones® horse riding experience in partnership with Roe Park Resort. As a working farm, visitors will often encounter lambs, calves and more.

### Faughanvale Pony Trekking Centre

BT47 3EF **m**. +44 (0)7710 985335 **e**. valestables@hotmail.co.uk

Faughanvale Stables offer a wide range of facilities including an indoor sand arena, an outdoor floodlit arena, fantastic hacking and a cross country course for more advanced riders. Lessons are scheduled on a regular basis, for riders of all experience. Sunday sessions run every week catering for children with special educational needs. Themed fun days and events run throughout the year.



w. www.duncrunfishinglakes.com

Duncrun Fishing Lakes provides remarkable fly and bait trout angling and fishing lodges. Suitable for amateur and experienced anglers, it also caters for mountain bikers, orienteering group bookings, snorkelling, hiking and camping. The facilities are dog friendly and include a BBQ. Open all year round.

### Ulster Hang Gliding and **Paragliding Club**

w. www.uhpc.co.uk

Visiting hang gliding and paragliding pilots from other clubs in the UK and abroad who have the appropriate qualification and insurance can contact the UHPC via the website at www.uhpc.co.uk. Anyone wishing to learn to fly paragliders and hang gliders in NI can contact www.bhpa.co.uk/schools/ schools.php

A 'pick your own fruit farm' with strawberries, raspberries, blackcurrants and gooseberries, when in season (Mid-June to Mid-August). Further details on Facebook.

### Cloud Surfer Ireland

m. +44 (0)7518 680389 w. www.cloudsurferireland.com

Based in Limavady/Dungiven, Cloud Surfer Ireland is a paragliding school with a difference offering paragliding training and tandem flights throughout the year over Binevenagh.

### Ulster Gliding Club

BT49 OLA m. +44 (0)7709 808276 w. www.ulsterglidingclub.org

Ulster Gliding Club is the sole gliding facility of Northern Ireland set in beautiful Bellarena on the shore of Lough Foyle.



Lying within the Sperrin Area of
Outstanding Natural Beauty, it is
steeped in folklore, while the summit
offers a panoramic view over the
Sperrins, Roe and Bann Valleys and

into Donegal.

ruins by 1622.

**Benbradagh Mountain** 

Tannyranny Church

Located on the slopes of Benbradagh the remains of this old church date back to the 18th century.

Banagher Old Church
A religious site dating from the late
11th or early 12th century.

The Auglish Stone Circles, BT47 4TT
An intriguing example of late Neolithic stone circles and alignments. The most southerly of the circles is the most complete with a total of 42 stones.



Dungiven, BT47 4QD t. +44 (0)28 7774 2655 w. www.flaxmill.eu

Flax Mill is the only active weaving mill in the County of Derry using natural fibres to make linen cloth. The mill is owned by Marion Baur - a member of the Ulster Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers. They produce some finished products from both hand and machine woven cloth, for example, linen tableware and several other bespoke items like scarves and handwoven blankets. Marion and her small team welcome people from many countries here every year. A library is open by appointment.

### Sperrin Fun Farm

Feeny, BT47 4TG m. +44 (0)7710 428729 w. www.sperrinfunfarm.com

Sperrin Fun and Heritage Farm includes an indoor play adventure area, bouncy castles, outdoor play area and farm animals with farm walks and a duck pond. Visitors will enjoy the Heritage Viewing Gallery and Tea Room.

Dungiven, BT47 4SH m. +44 (0)7999 013250 e. casheltrout@hotmail.com

Open daily, Cashel Rainbow Trout Fishery provides some of the most excellent and intensive angling in Europe. Set deep in the heart of the Sperrin Mountains in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the lake is fed naturally from the adjacent River Roe. Stocked with quality rainbow trout, it is for fly fishing only.

### Dungiven Sports Centre

BT47 4LG t. +44 (0)28 7774 2074

The Dungiven Sports Centre features a range of indoor and outdoor facilities, including a gym, sports hall, dance studio, changing rooms, a kitchen and a floodlit 3G pitch.

### Wanes World

Dungiven, BT47 4LN t. +44 (0)28 7774 1245 **e.** eurospardungiven@outlook.com

Wanes World is a large soft play and interactive party centre for children up to 11.



### Broighter Gold Rapeseed Oil

Limavady, BT49 9DY **m.** +44 (0)7912 076607 **w.** www.broightergold.com

Broighter Gold Rapeseed Oil is produced on Broglasco Farm in Myroe, on the edge of Lough Foyle. Group bookings can be arranged by email. Opening hours Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm. Please note that the days may change due to production demands and therefore contact should be made before arriving.

### Broughgammon Farm

Ballycastle, BT54 6NP m. +44 (0)7976 270465 w. www.broughgammon.com

Broughgammon is an award winning, forward thinking family farm, artisan butchery, shop and cafe offering farm tours, supper clubs, artisan food classes and a peak into the workings of a sustainable small holding. Focusing on regenerative farming practices they specialise in cabrito (kid goat meat), freerange rose veal, seasonal wild game and homegrown veg. Farm, shop & café open: Fri–Sun, 11am–4pm and open all other days for farm tours by appointment only.

### Scullion Hurls Visitor Centre

Loughguile, BT44 9JN **m.** +44 (0)7736 648115 **e.** micheal@scullionhurls.com

Watch craftsmen at work whilst experiencing the Scullion Hurls production process. Learn about the local teams that use a Scullion hurl and what inspired the Scullion family to start up the business. Pre-booking essential. Please call or email in advance.

### Ursa Minor

Ballycastle, BT54 6AA **w.** www.ursaminorbakehouse.com

Ursa Minor is a real bread bakehouse and vegetarian cafe founded by husband and wife Ciara and Dara O'hArtghaile. Making real, naturally leavened sourdough loaves and unique patisserie as well as brunches/lunches using locally grown, seasonal produce. They also hold regular events and classes to teach their craft. See online for opening hours.

### North Coast Smokehouse

Ballycastle, BT54 6EZ m. +44 (0)7835 403340 / (0)7835 403339 w. www.northcoastsmokehouse.com

North Coast Smokehouse is a family run business, specialising in smoking goods naturally – particularly smoke-roasted organic salmon, smoked sea salt, smoked pepper and smoked dulse seaweed. Visit artisans Ruairidh and Melanie at their smokehouse and experience the traditional craft of food smoking.

# **Tour Guides**

### Q

### **About Ulster**

Craiganee, Ballycastle, BT54 6NE m. +44 (0)7779 319676 e. petra@aboutulster.com

Guided tours are available in English and German specialising in geology, nature, history, legends, Christian Heritage and whiskey.



### Tommy Collins MBE, Blue Badge Guide

**t.** +44 (0)28 2954 0645 **m.** +44 (0)7989 397942 **w.** www.beguided.co.uk

Tours can be planned for church groups, tourists, conference delegates, tour operators and corporate groups. Interests include walking in rural Ireland, vintage vehicles, local history, folklore, Irish and Scottish traditional music, ornithology, conservation, Ulster Scots history and Pre-Christian Ireland and farm tours.



### Tim Conway Blue Badge Guide

t. +44 (0)28 7082 5678 m. +44 (0)7802 957567 e. info@irelandnorth.com w. www.irelandnorth.com

This Blue Badge tour guide specialises in Irish history, golf tours, genealogical research, Giant's Causeway and Derry~Londonderry.



### Sam Turtle Blue Badge Guide

**t.** +44 (0)28 2955 7993 **e.** saturtle@hotmail.com

A fully qualified Blue Badge Guide since 2000 specialising in farming with a good knowledge of sports and experience of guiding throughout the Island of Ireland.





### **Born To Run Tours**

t. +44 (0)7375 104895 w. www.borntoruntours.com

Born To Run Tours provide guided sightseeing running tours along the spectacular Causeway Coastal Route. On a leisurely run along the cliff path, experience the Giant's Causeway, enjoy the breath-taking sea views and visit Game of

Thrones® filming locations off the beaten track.



### **Lynchpin Tours**

t. +44 (0)7974 663136 w. www.lynchpintours.com

Customised tours – scenic, golf, and themed. Lychnpin Tours offers escorted or self-guide tours for short breaks or long stays and for small or large groups.



### **Northern Ireland Premier Tours**

t. +44 (0)28 9099 4221 w. www.northernirelandpremiertours.com

Enjoy an exclusive guided tour experience with a special focus on the Glens of Antrim. the Giant's Causeway, Causeway Coast and the Game of Thrones® locations. Featuring a living, breathing story told by passionate locals and great characters, ready to ensure you have an unforgettable experience.



#### **Nutt Travel**

**t**: +44 (0)28 7035 1199 **w**. www.nutttravel.com

Specialists in motorbike and car self-driving tours along the world famous Causeway Coastal Route. We can organise bespoke tours for individuals and groups including return ferry & accommodation. Contact us now for great deals on your ferry crossing.



### Photograph Ulster

m. +44 (0)7850 334580 w. www.photographulster.com

Photograph Ulster Photo Tours offer an all-in-one day tour and photography workshop with a local professional photographer. Transport is provided and tailored to the itinerary and workshop.





	11 April	Ballymoney Spring Fair
	1–3 May	Cushendun's Big Arts Festival
	9-10 May	Rhythm of the Bann, Coleraine
	10-16 May	North West 200 Race Festival, Portrush, Portstewart & Coleraine
	22–31 May	Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival, Ballycastle & Rathlin Island
	23-24 May	RNLI Raft Race, Portrush
	5-6 June	Ballymoney Show
	TBC June	North West Pipe Band Championships, Portrush
	5–7 June	Walk the Glens Festival, Glenariff, Cushendall & Cushendun
	7 June	Causeway Coast Ford Fair, Portush
	13-14 June	Salmon & Whiskey Festival, Bushmills
	20 June	Giant's Causeway Coast Sportive, Ballycastle
	4-5 July	Pirates Off Portrush, Portrush
	20-25 July	O'Neills Foyle Cup, various locations
	21-25 July	Red Sails Festival, Portstewart
	24-25 July	Armoy Road Races
	1-9 August	Heart of the Glens Festival, Cushendall
	2-7 August	Super Cup NI, various locations
	6-9 August	Stendhal Festival of Art, Limavady
	15-16 August	Causeway Coast Truck Fest, Portrush
	22-25 August	The Ould Lammas Fair, Ballycastle
	29-30 August	Causeway Mini Weekend, Bushmills & Portrush
	5-6 September	Air Waves Portrush
	1-31 October	Taste Causeway 2020
	TBC October	The Glens Storytelling Festival
TA III	22–26 October	Roe Valley Folk Festival
	12-15 November	Atlantic Sessions, Portrush & Portstewart

# How to Get Here

### **Belfast International Airport**

BT29 4AB t. +44 (0)28 9448 4848 e. feedback@bfs.aero w. www.belfastairport.com

### George Best Airport

BT3 9JH **t.** +44 (0)28 9093 9093 **w.** www.belfastcityairport.com

### City of Derry Airport

Airport Road, Eglinton, BT47 3GY t. +44 (0)28 7171 0784

There are two main ferry ports in Northern Ireland at Belfast and Larne. These can be reached from Great Britain via Cairnryan, Troon, Birkenhead and the Isle of Man.

### **Photo Credits:**

Front cover: Patryk Sadowski Photography. Other images are courtesy of National Trust, ©Northern Ireland Tourist Board, Tourism Ireland, Paul Beattie Photography and Arthur Ward Photography.

**Disclaimer:** The information in this guide is given in good faith on the basis of information submitted to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information in this guide and accept no responsibility for any error or misinterpretation. All liability for loss, disappointment, negligence or other damage caused by the reliance on the information contained in this guide, or in the event of bankruptcy or liquidation of any company, individual or firm mentioned or in the event of any company, individual or firm ceasing to trade, is hereby excluded.

### P&O Ferries

Terminal Building Larne Harbour, Larne BT40 1AW

- t. +44 (0)80 0130 0030
- e. customer.services@poferries.com

w. www.poferries.com

P&O Ferries operate the shortest, fastest, most frequent crossings with daily sailings to/from Cairnryan and Larne.

### Stena Line

4 West Bank Road, Belfast BT3 9JL

t. +44 (0)84 4770 7070 (General Reservations). e. info.uk@stenaline.com w. www.stenaline.co.uk

Stena Line offer frequent sailings from Liverpool and Cairnryan direct to Belfast.

### Rathlin Island Ferry Ltd

18 Bayview Road, Ballycastle BT54 6BT

t. +44 (0)28 2076 9299 / +44 (0)7553 359596 e. info@rathlinballycastleferry.com w. www.rathlinballycastleferry.com

Rathlin Island Ferry Ltd operates two ferries on the scenic route across the Sea of Moyle between Rathlin Island and Ballycastle Harbour. MV Rathlin Express crosses in 20 minutes and the Spirit of Rathlin, carrying cargo and passengers, crosses in 40 minutes.

### Lough Foyle Ferry

The Pier, Greencastle, County Donegal

t. +353 (0)86 388 8111

e. scenicloughfoyleferry@gmail.com w. www.loughfoyleferry.com

Operation of seasonal ferry route from Easter-October between Magilligan Point and Greencastle, Co. Donegal. (Service under review - check www.facebook.com/ scenicloughfoyleferry for sailing schedules).

### Translink

Lanyon Place Station East Bridge Street, Belfast BT1 3NR

- t. +44 (0)28 9066 6630
- e. feedback@translink.co.uk
- w. www.translink.co.uk

Bus and rail services throughout Northern Ireland and cross border.

### Translink: NI Railways

Discover the Causeway Coast with NI Railways, one of the world's great railway journeys between Londonderry and Coleraine, allowing you to experience the stunning and breathtaking scenery of the spectacular Causeway coastline.

### Translink: Ulsterbus

Explore the spectacular Antrim coastline with Ulsterbus. The Antrim Coaster 252 ticket (seasonal) is terrific for a day out, or look out for the Causeway Rambler (seasonal), this bus service offers reliable and comfortable bus travel for both local people and visitors, whether they want to enjoy the stunning landscape or visit great attractions along part of the scenic Causeway Coast, including Dunluce Castle, Bushmills Distillery and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge.

### Kintyre Express

Benmhor, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6DN

- t. +44 (0)15 8655 5895
- e. info@kintyreexpress.com
- w. www.kintyreexpress.com

Campbeltown - Ballycastle passenger ferry service (seasonal). Journey time is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. Storage for luggage, golf clubs and bikes.

Ballycastle - Port Ellen passenger ferry service. Journey time is approximately 1 hour. Taste of Islay Trip with tour of Ardbeg Distillery. Online bookings: www.kintyrexpress.com/ferry-service.html





# **Visitor Information** Centres

### Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre

Portnagree House Harbour & Marina Visitor Centre, 14 Bayview Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6BT

- t. +44 (0)28 2076 2024

### Ballymoney Visitor Information Centre

Ballymoney Town Hall, 1 Townhead Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6BE

- t. +44 (0)28 2766 0230
- e. ballymoneyvic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

### **Bushmills Visitor Information Centre**

Main Street. Bushmills. BT57 8OA

- t. +44 (0)28 2073 0390 (seasonal)

### Coleraine Visitor Information Centre

Coleraine Town Hall, 35 The Diamond, Coleraine, BT511DE

- t. +44 (0)28 7034 4723

### **Limavady Visitor Information Centre**

Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, 24 Main St, Limavady, BT49 OFJ

- t. +44 (0)28 7776 0650

### Portrush Visitor Information Centre

Portrush Town Hall, 2 Kerr Street, Portrush, BT56 8DG

- t. +44 (0)28 7082 3333 (seasonal)
- e. portrushvic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

### Rathlin Boathouse Visitor Centre

Church Bay, Rathlin Island, BT54 6RT

- **t.** +44 (0)28 2076 0054 (seasonal)

### Tourism information is also available from:

### Cushendall Local Information Office

Old School House, Cushendall, BT44 ORR

- t. +44 (0)28 2177 1180

### Castlerock Community & Visitor Information Centre

- t. +44 (0)28 7084 9303

### Giant's Causeway Visitor Information Centre

44 Causeway Road, Bushmills, BT57 8SU

- t. +44 (0) 28 2073 1855
- e. giantscausewaytic@nationaltrust.org.uk





