



A GOLF TOURING EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

IRELAND

— 2018 —

28 JUN - 8 JULY 2018

ROYAL COUNTY DOWN

THE DEFINITIVE WAY TO EXPERIENCE GOLF IN IRELAND

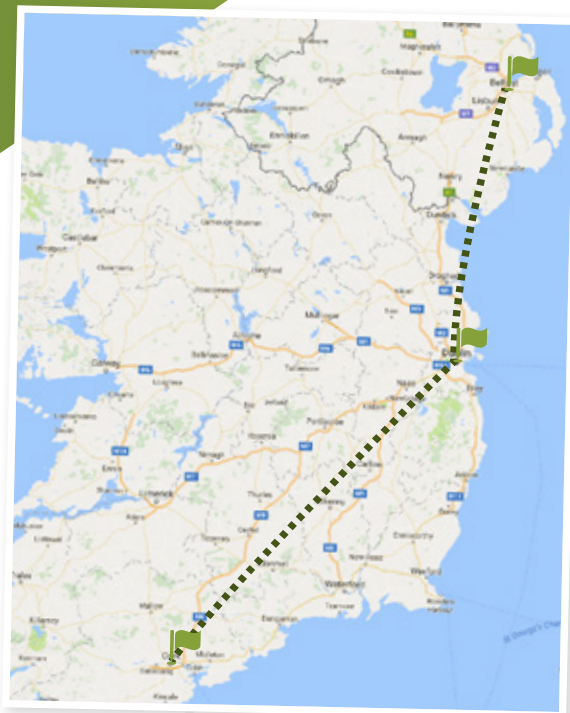


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Ireland is justifiably famous for a number of things – the people, the scenery and the sights. It's also one of the world's leading destinations for golf. A golfing trip to the Emerald Isle will not only convince you of Ireland's golf pedigree, it will also challenge any perceptions you had about the quality of the great game in Ireland. Internationally, Ireland's commitment to golf was rewarded with the staging of the Ryder Cup 2006, and was also named International Golf Destination of the Year 2004 by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators. With over 400 golf clubs including a third of the world's natural links courses, and a slew of exceptional championships courses in spectacular locations, it's no wonder that Ireland attracts over 240,000 golfers from all over the globe each year.

This year, why not join them...we have put together a fantastic itinerary for our trip to Northern and Southern Ireland and have included Royal County Down (#1 in the World - Golf Digest 2017) as well as established favourites such as Druids Glen, Fota Island and Old Head – it's fair to say this is an amazing itinerary which will test your skills and stimulate your senses!



Richard Mercer has been a member of the Australian PGA for over 30 years. He has played on the Australasian, Japanese and European tours (including the 1984 British Open at St. Andrews, Scotland). Today Richard is the director of the Richard Mercer Golf Academy at The Vintage in the Hunter Valley where he has been nominated NSW PGA Instructor of the Year three times. Here, Richard shares his passion and love of golf with others – from beginners to fellow professionals. When he is not teaching, Richard is busy with his hosted golf holidays, taking groups to the US Masters and the Players Championship, amongst other top golfing destinations. As an ambassador of The Golf Touring Company, Richard escorts the 'bucket list' trips overseas which have taken him to The Open at St. Andrews, The US Masters, Presidents Cup in Korea as well as Ireland. With such a positive energy and limitless enthusiasm, Richard will always deliver a 5 Star Experience! Richard Mercer recently being recognised by Australian Golf Digest as one of their Top 50 PGA Coaches in 2016.

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ROYAL COUNTY DOWN

Royal County Down is located in one of the world's most naturally beautiful links settings in the Murlough Nature Reserve. Against the magnificent backdrop of the Mountains of Mourne, the links stretches along the shores of Dundrum Bay, zigzagging back and forth to provide a different vista from virtually every hole.

The narrowest ribbons of fairways thread their way through as impressive a set of sand dunes as could be imagined. The fairways are surrounded by purple heather and golden gorse, so beautiful to look at but so punishing for any who may stray from the prescribed path. The 'bearded' bunkers are world famous and feature overhanging lips of marram, red fescue and heather. The greens are fast and many are domed, rejecting any shot lacking conviction. This is a true test of any player's command of the traditional bump and run, the preferred way to play any links.

The ninth hole is one of the most photographed holes in world golf. A 486 yard par 4, it is played from one side of a huge mound down to a fairway some 60 ft below and 260 yards from the tee. From the bottom of the slope the second shot is played over two bunkers to a raised green.

The finest of all links courses, it offers a stern challenge from the championship tees. The record is 66 set by Ireland's first golfing superstar, Jimmy Brien, in 1939.

From the stableford tees it offers golfers of all standards the opportunity of playing a truly great course with dramatic panorama of the surrounding mountains and coastline.

DAY ONE

28 JUNE 2018

- Arrive into Belfast International Airport
- Please make your way to our hotel - Approx 10 mins
- A welcome dinner has been arranged for this evening to meet your fellow golfers
- Overnight - Belfast - The Culloden Hotel.

DAY TWO

29 JUNE 2018

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Royal County Down for Golf - Approx 1hr
- Overnight - Belfast - The Culloden Hotel

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DAY THREE 30 JUNE 2018

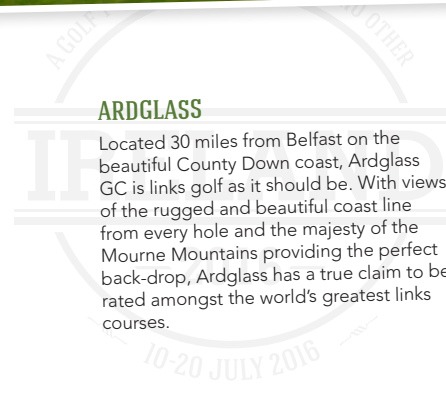
- Breakfast
- Afternoon Transfer to Ardglass for Golf - Approx 1hr
- Overnight - Belfast - The Cullo-den Hotel

DAY FOUR 1 JULY 2018

- Breakfast
- Check out and Transfer to Dublin - Approx 2 Hrs
- Rest of Day & Evening Free
- Overnight - Dublin - The Morrison Hotel

ARDGLASS

Located 30 miles from Belfast on the beautiful County Down coast, Ardglass GC is links golf as it should be. With views of the rugged and beautiful coast line from every hole and the majesty of the Mourne Mountains providing the perfect back-drop, Ardglass has a true claim to be rated amongst the world's greatest links courses.



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DAY FIVE 2 JULY 2018

- Breakfast
- Transfer to The K Club for Golf - Approx 30 Mins
- Evening Free
- Overnight - Dublin - The Morrison Hotel

K CLUB (TOP)

The Palmer Ryder Cup Course and The Smurfit Course are considered two of Europe's finest Championship Courses recently voted on the top ten worldwide golf resorts by CNN. Golf holidays in Ireland are not complete without a visit to The K Club, lets face it where else can you play a venue that has hosted The Ryder Cup and 13 European Opens? As you would expect our aim is to match and exceed customer expectations both on and off our two magnificent golf courses. Our Ryder Cup Gallery in The Palmer Clubhouse relives that special week in September 2006 and those of you with attention to detail can spot the USA Presidents and Sports Stars on show.

DAY SIX 3 JULY 2018

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Druids Glen for Golf - Approx 1 Hour
- Attend Riverdance in Dublin
- Overnight - Dublin - The Morrison Hotel

DRUIDS GLEN (BOTTOM)

Druids Glen golf course is one of the premier parkland courses in Ireland. The course hosted the Murphy's Irish Open from 1996 to 1999 and was the host venue for the Seve Trophy in 2002. The classic parkland course features many signature holes and provides golfers with a thrilling golf experience amidst a beautifully manicured landscape.

Druids Glen is often referred to as "the Augusta of Europe".



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DAY SEVEN

4 JULY 2018

- Breakfast
- Check out and transfer to Cork - Approx 3hrs
- Lunch Included en Route
- Rest of Day & Evening Free
- Overnight - Cork - Fota Island Resort

DAY EIGHT

5 JULY 2018

- Breakfast
- Golf at Fota Island, Deerpark
- Overnight - Cork - Fota Island Resort



10-20 JULY 2016

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OLD HEAD

Old Head is a remarkably dramatic piece of Ireland, protruding more than two miles into the Atlantic Ocean. Located in County Cork on the South West coast, The Old Head of Kinsale is home to a world-class, 18-hole golf course and luxury accommodation.



DAY NINE

6 JULY 2018

- Breakfast
- Free Day - Cork City only 25mins away
- Overnight - Cork - Fota Island Resort

DAY TEN

7 JULY 2018

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Old Head GC for Golf - Approx 35 Mins
- Farewell Dinner Provided this evening
- Overnight - Cork - Fota Island Resort



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DAY ELEVEN

8 JULY 2018

- Check Out
- Tour Ends

**All timings are approximate*



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Ireland 2018 - Cost

From \$6,499.00 per person based on
Twin Share occupancy

From \$7,775.00 per person based on
Single occupancy

Deposit Payable: \$2500.00 Per Person
2nd Stage Payment (1 December 2017): \$1700.00 Per Person
Balance Payable No Later than 1st May 2018

*Please note: Every effort will be made to ensure the the course advertised will
be available. If not, we will endeavour to find a suitable alternative.*

“As I travel the globe, I visit and experience some wonderful places and get to play some of the world’s best courses, but I always look forward to returning home and playing the unique golf courses of Ireland. In Ireland, we are very fortunate to have some of the very best golf courses in the world, from links to inland courses, all of which provide a friendly welcome to any visitor.”

Three time Major Winner - Pdraig Harrington

Package Summary

- Tour fully escorted by Richard Mercer PGA Member.
- 10 Nights’ Accommodation – Twin Share Basis.
- Breakfast Daily.
- 1 Lunch.
- 6 Rounds of Championship Golf at Royal County Down, Ardglass, The K Club, , Druids Glen, Fota Island and Old Head.
- Welcome & Farewell Dinner (inc Awards presentation)
- All Ground Transportation (Excluding Airport Transfers)





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