

A PRIVATE GOLF JOURNEY

IRELAND

Royal Portrush to Old Head

12 - 18 MAY 2027



Legendary golf. Unforgettable coastlines.

THE CAUSEWAY COAST & THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Seven days together · Five main-tour courses · Optional Portmarnock pre-trip

Along the Atlantic edge

From the Causeway Coast to Kinsale, with a day in Connemara between rounds.

10-11 MAY

Dublin • optional pre-trip

Arrive early; Portmarnock on Tuesday 11 May. Book your own Dublin stay.

12 MAY

Dublin → Belfast → Portrush

Titanic Belfast, then north to the coast. Two nights in Portrush.

13 MAY

Royal Portrush

Causeway Coast sightseeing; afternoon golf; dinner at The Bushmills Inn.

14 MAY

County Sligo

Rosses Point golf, then an evening in Sligo.

15 MAY

Connemara → Galway

Kylemore Abbey, Connemara National Park and Galway.

16 MAY

Doonbeg → Ballybunion

Golf or Doolin & the Burren; Cliffs of Moher together; Shannon ferry.

17 MAY

Ballybunion → Kinsale

Old Course golf or a Dingle outing, then travel together to Kinsale.

18-20 MAY

Old Head → Dublin

Final round on 18 May; Dublin stay booked individually. Fly 19 or 20 May.

Dublin nights before and after the group tour are arranged independently. Driving times are estimates; sightseeing and transport timings remain subject to local conditions.

Six memorable rounds

Tee times and player lists retained from your supplied itinerary. All times local.

TUE 11 MAY

1:20 pm

Portmarnock Golf Club

Optional pre-trip round · Championship links

Players Allan, Gus, John, Jhake

THU 13 MAY

3:12 & 3:24 pm

Royal Portrush

Dunluce Links

Players Allan, Gus, Alan C, John, Jom, Jhake, Ed, Mon

FRI 14 MAY

3:00 pm

County Sligo Golf Club

Colt Championship Links · Rosses Point

Players Allan, Gus, Alan C, John, Jom, Jhake, Ed

SUN 16 MAY

7:48 am

Doonbeg

Atlantic links on the Clare coast

Players Allan, Gus, John

MON 17 MAY

9:34 am

Ballybunion Golf Club

Old Course

Players Allan, John, Jhake

TUE 18 MAY

10:00 & 10:15 am

Old Head Golf Links

Clifftop finale

Players Allan, Gus, Alan C, John, Jom, Ed

Dublin & Portmarnock

Arrive 1-2 nights before the group departs on 12 May.

ARRIVE EARLY

Plan to land in Dublin on 10 or 11 May and stay 1-2 nights before the group heads north on Wednesday morning. Dublin hotels are not included in group planning; book your own, in the city or at the airport.

TUESDAY 11 MAY · PORTMARNOCK

Depart central Dublin at 12:15 pm for the 30-45 minute drive north to Portmarnock Golf Club. Tee off at 1:20 pm.

WEDNESDAY 12 MAY · GROUP DEPARTS

Meet the full group, collect vehicles and luggage, and head north.

ON THE TEE

1:20 pm

Portmarnock

Championship links

Players Allan, Gus, John, Jhake

ON THE ROAD

Central Dublin → Portmarnock ~10 mi / 16 km ·
30-45 min

OVERNIGHT

Dublin or airport hotel 1-2 nights · book your
own

North to the Causeway Coast

Dublin to Portrush by way of Titanic Belfast. Overnight Portrush, two nights.

ITINERARY

9:00 am Depart Dublin
11:00 am Arrive Belfast; lunch
12:00–2:30 pm Titanic Belfast
2:45 pm Depart for Portrush
4:15 pm Check in, Portrush

TITANIC BELFAST

Belfast's landmark museum, built on the slipways where Titanic was constructed.

EVENING

Dinner in Portrush. An early night before golf.

ON THE ROAD

Dublin Airport → Titanic Belfast ~100 mi / 160 km · 1 hr 45 min – 2 hr 15 min

Belfast → Portrush ~62 mi / 100 km · 1 hr 15 min – 1 hr 30 min

You cross into Northern Ireland (UK) on the M1. There is no border check, but currency changes to pound sterling and road signs switch to miles.

OVERNIGHT

Portrush Wed 12 and Thu 13 May

[Route map](#) [Titanic Belfast](#)

Royal Portrush

The Causeway Coast in the morning, the Dunluce Links in the afternoon.

MORNING · CAUSEWAY COAST

8:45 am Depart Portrush
9:30–10:30 am Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge
10:45 am–12:15 pm Giant's Causeway
12:30–1:15 pm Dunluce Castle
1:30 pm Lunch, Portrush
2:15 pm Arrive Royal Portrush

AFTERNOON · THE DUNLUCE LINKS

The full group of eight in two tee times on the Open Championship links.

EVENING · BUSHMILLS

Dinner at The Bushmills Inn.

ON THE TEE

3:12 & 3:24 pm

Royal Portrush

Dunluce Links

Players Allan, Gus, Alan C, John, Jom, Jhake, Ed,
Mon

FROM PORTRUSH , ONE WAY

Carrick-a-Rede ~15 mi / 25 km · 35 min

Giant's Causeway ~8 mi / 13 km · 20 min

Dunluce Castle ~4 mi / 6 km · 10 min

Bushmills ~6 mi / 10 km · 15 min

The Bushmills Inn

County Sligo, Rosses Point

Across the north-west to Yeats Country. Overnight Sligo.

ITINERARY

9:30 am Depart Portrush
12:30 pm Lunch en route
2:00 pm Arrive County Sligo Golf Club
3:00 pm Tee off
Evening Check in and dinner, Sligo town

THE COLT CHAMPIONSHIP LINKS

Rosses Point sits on a headland north-west of Sligo town, with Benbulbin behind and the Atlantic in front.

ON THE TEE

3:00 pm

County Sligo

Colt Championship Links

Players Allan, Gus, Alan C, John, Jom, Jhake, Ed

ON THE ROAD

Portrush → Sligo town 118-124 mi / 190-200 km · 3-3.5 hr

Sligo town → Rosses Point ~6 mi / 9 km · 15-20 min

You cross back into the Republic of Ireland: euro, and road signs in kilometers.

OVERNIGHT

Sligo One night

Route map County Sligo Golf Club

Connemara

A day off from golf through the wildest country in the west. Overnight Galway.

ITINERARY

8:00 am Depart Sligo via Westport and Leenane

10:45 am–12:30 pm Kylemore Abbey

12:30–1:15 pm Lunch at Kylemore

1:30–2:30 pm Connemara National Park, Letterfrack

4:15 pm Arrive Galway

KYLEMORE ABBEY

A lakeside castle turned Benedictine abbey, with Victorian walled gardens and mountain scenery.

EVENING · GALWAY

The Latin Quarter, Shop Street, the Spanish Arch and traditional music over dinner.

ON THE ROAD

Sligo → Kylemore 93–106 mi / 150–170 km · 2.5–3 hr

Kylemore → National Park ~3 mi / 5 km · 10 min

National Park → Galway ~53 mi / 85 km · 1.5–1.75 hr

OVERNIGHT

Galway One night

[Route map](#) [Kylemore Abbey](#) [Connemara National Park](#)

Doonbeg & the Cliffs of Moher

An early round on the Clare coast, then the Cliffs together. Overnight Ballybunion.

GOLFERS · DOONBEG

4:45 am Depart Galway
7:00 am Arrive Doonbeg
7:48 am Tee off
12:00 pm Lunch at the club
12:45 pm Depart for the Cliffs

SIGHTSEERS · DOOLIN & THE BURREN

9:00 am Depart Galway
10:30 am The Burren
12:15 pm Lunch, Doolin
1:30 pm Depart for the Cliffs

TOGETHER · CLIFFS OF MOHER, THEN SOUTH

1:45–3:15 pm Cliffs of Moher
4:30 pm Killimer–Tarbert car ferry across the Shannon
5:45 pm Arrive Ballybunion

ON THE TEE

7:48 am
Doonbeg
Players Allan, Gus, John

ON THE ROAD

Galway → Doonbeg 71–81 mi / 115–130 km · 1.75–2.25 hr
Doonbeg → Cliffs ~28 mi / 45 km · 1 hr
Cliffs → Killimer 40–47 mi / 65–75 km · 1.25–1.5 hr
Ferry, then Tarbert → Ballybunion 20 min crossing · ~16 mi / 25 km · 30 min

OVERNIGHT

Ballybunion One night

[Route map](#) [Shannon Ferries](#)

Ballybunion & Dingle

The Old Course for three, Dingle for the rest, then on to Kinsale together.

GOLFERS · BALLYBUNION OLD COURSE

8:45 am Arrive at the club

9:34 am Tee off

2:15 pm Lunch at the club

SIGHTSEERS · DINGLE

9:30 am Depart Ballybunion

11:00 am Dingle: harbor, town and pubs

1:15 pm Depart Dingle

2:45 pm Back at Ballybunion

TOGETHER · ON TO KINSALE

3:00 pm Whole group departs Ballybunion

5:45 pm Arrive Kinsale; harbor stroll and dinner

ON THE TEE

9:34 am

Ballybunion

Old Course

Players Allan, John, Jhake

DINGLE

Ballybunion ↔ Dingle ~50 mi / 80 km each way
· 1.25–1.5 hr

EVERYONE

Ballybunion → Kinsale 93–106 mi / 150–170 km
· 2.5–3 hr

OVERNIGHT

Kinsale One night

Dingle route Ballybunion – Kinsale

Old Head, then Dublin

The finale on the cliffs, then north for 1-2 nights in Dublin.

ITINERARY

8:45 am Check out and depart Kinsale

9:15 am Arrive Old Head

10:00 & 10:15 am Tee off

3:00 pm Lunch, change, load luggage

4:00 pm Depart for Dublin

8:00 pm Arrive Dublin

DO NOT FLY HOME ON 18 MAY

The round ends around 3:00 pm and Dublin Airport is a 3.5-4 hour drive. Book 1-2 nights in Dublin, at the airport or in the city, and fly on Wed 19 or Thu 20 May.

Dublin hotels are not included in group planning. Book your own.

ON THE TEE

10:00 & 10:15 am

Old Head

Golf Links

Players Allan, Gus, Alan C, John, Jom, Ed

ON THE ROAD

Kinsale → Old Head ~9 mi / 15 km · 20-25 min

Old Head → Dublin Airport 186-199 mi /
300-320 km · 3.5-4 hr plus a stop

OVERNIGHT

Dublin or airport hotel 1-2 nights · book your own

[Route map](#) [Old Head directions](#)

Before you go

A few practical details for a smooth week on the road and on the links.

DUBLIN BEFORE & AFTER

Stay 1-2 nights in Dublin before 12 May and after 18 May. The supplied itinerary advises against flying home on 18 May after Old Head and the 3.5-4 hour drive. Book Dublin or airport hotels independently.

ON THE COURSE

Bring your GHIN handicap card. Carry cash for caddie fees and customary tips. Pack collared shirts, tailored trousers or shorts, waterproofs and a warm layer; no denim. Expect cool, changeable links weather.

ON THE ROAD

Drive on the left. Northern Ireland road signs use miles and mph; the Republic uses kilometers and km/h. Verify Ireland rental-car coverage with your card issuer or rental company. Allow extra time on narrow roads with golf bags aboard.

MONEY & ESSENTIALS

Northern Ireland uses pounds sterling; the Republic uses euros. Cards are widely accepted. In May, Ireland is five hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Time. Bring Type G plug adapters; check that devices support 230 volts.

Titanic Belfast The Bushmills Inn County Sligo Golf Club Kylemore Abbey Connemara National Park
Shannon Ferries Old Head Golf Links Portrush – Sligo

ABOUT THIS EDITION

Brochure redesign of the itinerary dated 17 October 2026. Tee times, participants and daily plans are carried forward from that document, not independently reconfirmed. Cover photograph: Old Head Golf Links official website, oldhead.com. Private group itinerary.