



IRELAND EQUESTRIAN TOURS



THE CAUSEWAY COAST + CASTLE LESLIE ESTATE

- A 6 -NIGHT NORTH COAST RIDING & GOLF HOLIDAY -

Fairways & Coastlines



ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

This 6 -Night Golf and Riding holiday is everything that makes County Antrim & County Monaghan world-famous: white sand beaches, rugged coastlines, verdant countryside, enchanting forests, historic castles, mountainous trails, and genuine Irish hospitality!

This holiday kicks off with horseback riding in the Irish countryside before riding along the Causeway Coast. With spectacular scenery, spend the next 4 days traversing the famous coastline and visiting Northern Ireland's top iconic locations: The Giants Causeway, Dunluce Castle, and Mussendun Temple. This exclusive itinerary ends with a 2-night stay at Castle Leslie Estate, one of Europe's premier equestrian estates.

It's no secret the world's top golf courses are located in Ireland. Did you know? Some of the top rated courses can be found on the Causeway Coast!

This itinerary highlights each day - - the nights are to do what you wish. There will be plenty of time in the afternoons & evening to explore the area.

Ireland has a vibrant and progressive food scene. Irish dishes are created with locally sourced ingredients or caught directly from cold Atlantic waters. Special dietary requests such as gluten-free & vegetarian can be accommodated.

This itinerary is available year round.



WHERE YOU WILL BE!



County Londonderry ★ ★
County Antrim

★
Castle Leslie Estate

DONEGAL

LONDONDERRY

ANTRIM

NORTHERN IRELAND

TYRONE

FERMANAGH

ARMAGH

DOWN

SLIGO

MONAGHAN

LEITRIM

DUSSAN

LOUTH

MAYO

ROSCOMMON

LONGFORD

MEATH

WESTMEATH

GALWAY

OFFALY

KILDARE

DUBLIN

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

LAOIS

WICKLOW

CLARE

CARLOW

LIMERICK

TIPPERARY

KILKENNY

WEXFORD

KERRY

WATERFORD

CORK

WHAT YOU WILL SEE!

COUNTY ANTRIM
THE CROAGHAN
BENONE BEACH
KARN FALLS
GORTMORE
MUSSENDEN TEMPLE
DOWNHILL DEMESNE
CASTLEROCK
WHITEROCKS BEACH
DUNLUCE CASTLE
PORTBALLINTRAE
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY
BALLINTOY HARBOUR
BALLYCASTLE
BALLYCASTLE FOREST
KNOCKLAYDE MOUNTAIN
BALLYCASTLE BEACH
PORTRUSH
RATHLIN ISLAND
MAGILLIGAN POINT - THE
VANISHING LAKE
CUSHENDUN VILLAGE
CASTLE LESLIE ESTATE
... AND MORE!





GOLF COURSES



- *Ballycastle Golf Club* -

Ballycastle, County Antrim

Unique Course offering parkland and links --sits on the edge of the Causeway Coast

Par of Course: 71 Length in Yards: 5,876 Course: Links + Parkland

- *Castlerock Golf Club* -

Coleraine, County Londonderry

One of Ireland's hidden gems - A classic links course set amidst towering dunes.

Par of Course: 73 Length in Yards: Mussenden Links - 6805 Course: Links

- *Ballyliffin Golf Club* -

Inishowen, County Donegal

Described as "Ballybunion of the North" --two of the finest links courses in the world

Par of Course: Length in Yards: Glashedy - 7210 The Old Links - 6,937 Course: Links

- *Portstewart Golf Club* -

Portstewart, County Londonderry

The Strand Course is reputed to have one of the most spectacular front nines in all of golf

Par of Course: 72 Length in Yards: Strand Course: 7,118 Course: Links

- *Royal Portrush Golf Club* -

Portrush, County Antrim

2019 Host of the British Open - One of the top ranked (and challenging) links course in the world

Par of Course: 72 Length in Yards: Dunluce Links - 7,317 Course: Links

- *Concra Woods Golf & Country Club* -

Castleblaney, County Monaghan

On the banks of Lough Muckno with beautiful views of the Monaghan Drumlins & Mountains

Par of Course: 72 Length in Yards: 6,635 Course: Parkland

- *Royal County Down Golf Club* -

Newcastle, County Down

No introduction needed for this Grand Master - Consistently one of the Top Courses in the World.

Par of Course: 71 Length in Yards: 7,186 Course: Links

- *Ardglass Golf Club* -

Ardglass, County Down

Set on a clifftop overlooking the Irish Sea, Ardglass offers spectacular views from all 18 holes.

Par of Course: 70 Length in Yards: 6,268 Course: Links

- ACCOMMODATIONS -

NORTH COAST GUESTHOUSE B&B

Accommodations have been carefully selected to provide our guests with personal service and a good nights rest! Ideally located in coastal villages with local restaurants in friendly pubs, they are the perfect base for this exciting riding holiday.

Our specially selected B&B accommodations offer en suite bathroom, cozy bed, and a superb for Irish breakfast! The goal of each B&B host is to ensure you have a lovely stay. You will be treated like family so make yourself at home!

CASTLE LESLIE ESTATE

Accommodations at Castle Leslie Estate are spacious en-suite rooms located in the Lodge, a cut-stone stable courtyard, lovingly restored and imaginatively decorated retaining its period features and original character. Guestrooms offer a blissful king size bed, a smart TV, a free- standing Victorian roll top bath, separate walk in showers plus fabulous bathroom amenities from The Handmade Soap Company.

Irish hospitality decrees that you get out the best linen, pick the finest food and treat your guests to the best. This tradition continues at Castle Leslie Estate. The Executive Head Chef and his team have created the most sumptuous array of menus for you to enjoy.

From the hearty full Irish breakfasts and delicious lunches to delightful afternoon teas, casual dining in Conor's Bar & Lounge and gourmet dining in Snaffles Restaurant at The Lodge, there's something for everyone.

- HOW TO GET HERE -

The riding vacation takes place in County Antrim on the North Coast of Northern Ireland guests can fly into Dublin City or Belfast international airport once in country, guests may hire a car, use private transport, or public transportation to travel to the north coast.

- OUR HORSES -

Ireland is known as the "Land of the Horse" so its no surprise that Irish horses are reputed the world over for their amazing jumping ability, gentleness, intelligence, and stamina.

The equine teams at Ireland Equestrian Tours. consist of Irish Sport Horses, Connemara Ponies, Irish Cobs, and Irish Draughts. Chosen for their experience and temperament, they're the perfect partners for your Ireland riding vacation!



- DAY ONE -
COUNTY ANTRIM - THE CAUSEWAY COAST

Arrive at the private farm of your North coast hosts where you'll meet the horses & guides and enjoy afternoon tea with freshly baked scones! After a stable tour, head outdoors for a brief riding assessment and consider your options for the afternoons trek!

Today's trek crosses verdant pasturelands before climbing up onto the moorland above the farm. Five counties of Northern Ireland can be viewed from this spot! Afterwards, the ride continues down a quiet off-road trail to ride higher and further out into the Antrim Hills. Riders will get a chance to stretch their legs as they dismount to lead the horses across heather- blanketed fields before remounting and connecting to a riding trail that will lead them to the summit called "Croaghan". With a 360-degree panorama, the view from the summit is widely regarded as one of the best views in Northern Ireland, if not, the whole of Ireland.

From the Croaghan, views include the famed Glens of Antrim. Looking north to Scotland and Scotland's Ayrshire Coast, Mull of Kintyre, Scottish Highlands and the Western Isles. On a clear day, relish the views of 3 different countries!

GOLF OPTIONS:

Ballycastle Golf Club

Overnight: North Coast B&B

- DAY TWO -
MUSSENDEN TEMPLE, DOWNHILL BEACH, BINEVENAGH MOUNTAIN

Today's ride begins on the white sands of Downhill & Benone Beach. With a magnificent mountain backdrop, cliff scenery, and views across to Scotland and Donegal, these beaches are the perfect setting for a swift canter across miles of flat open sand towards Mussenden Temple, regally perched above the mighty Atlantic. You'll get the opportunity to grab a cup of coffee and see Mussenden Temple and Downhill Demesne on foot.

Inspired by the Roman Temple of Vesta in Rome, Mussenden Temple was a summer library for Frederick Augustus Hervey, Bishop of Derry and sits behind the ruins of the Earl's 18th century home, Downhill House.

A short trek from Downhill Beach leads to Downhill forest and onwards towards picturesque Karn Falls. Deeper through the forest arrive at St. Mary's Church. Built in 1855, St. Mary's Church is steeped in rich history and legend.



After lunch enjoy a guided driving tour of this beautiful region, beginning with Mussenden Temple and St. Aidan's church. Nestled in an ancient hazel wood underneath the towering misty slopes & steep cliffs of Binevenagh Mountain, St. Aidan's Church is the site of a famous Holy Well and the burial site of St. Colombus. It is said that soil from Saint Colombus' grave has magical healing.

GOLF OPTION:

Castlerock Golf Club (or Ballyliffin Golf Club - Further Away)

Overnight: North Coast B&B

- DAY THREE -

DUNLUCE CASTLE, WHITEROCKS BEACH, GIANTS CAUSEWAY

Today's ride begins at Whiterocks beach, named after the white chalk cliffs and caverns that flank this picturesque beach. The west end of the beach is adjacent to the seaside town of Portrush and backs up to the grassy links of the world-famous Royal Portrush Golf Course. Whiterocks beach looks out over the Skerries (a small group of islands off the coast of Portrush) and iconic Dunluce Castle, Donegal and the Western Isles of Scotland.

From Portrush, ride to iconic Dunluce Castle, a former medieval castle perched on the edge of the Atlantic. Enjoy refreshments and explore the ruins before heading towards the tiny harbor town of Portballintrae. The day ends at the UNESCO world-heritage site, The Giants Causeway.

GOLF OPTIONS:

Royal Portrush Golf Club - Portstewart Golf Club - Castlerock Golf Club

Overnight: North Coast B&B

- DAY FOUR -

WHITEPARK BAY, BALLINTOY

Today's ride begins at Whitepark Bay, located near the picturesque village of Ballintoy. With sand so pure it shines for miles, it's the perfect backdrop for a morning on the beach! If you're lucky the famous "Sunbathing Cattle" will be on the beach basking in the sun's warmth. Afterwards, ride up sandy dunes and lush private farmlands towards the small fishing village of Ballintoy.

Enjoy lunch at a traditional Irish tearoom or local pub.

Historically, Ballintoy Harbour was mainly associated with salmon fishing. Game of Thrones fans may recognize the harbour as the setting for the Iron Islands and Lordsport in the Isle of Pyke.



Like most places along the north coast, the views from here are spectacular and offer some amazing photo opportunities.

The final destination of today's journey is one of Northern Ireland's most popular tourist attractions: Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. From fields over Carrick-A-Rede, enjoy spectacular vistas from high above the Atlantic Ocean - from Rathlin Island to the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland!

GOLF OPTIONS:

Royal Portrush Golf Club - Portstewart Golf Club

Overnight: North Coast B&B

- DAY FIVE -
CASTLE LESLIE ESTATE

Nestled on 1,000 acres of the undulating Irish countryside, dotted with ancient woodlands and glittering lakes, Castle Leslie Estate is one of the last great Irish estates still in the hands of its founding family. Considered to be one of the finest castles Ireland has to offer, Castle Leslie is the epitome of Irish aristocracy. It is the perfect place to discover the thrill of exploring the countryside on horseback!

The Leslie family motto "grip fast" originates from a famous horse journey by Bartholomew Leslie in the 11th century. His passion for horses was passed down through the ages.

Today enjoy a picturesque (and exhilarating) afternoon ride on some of the 21 miles of bridleways located throughout the estate.

The evening is open to do as you wish -- enjoy a pint in Lodge bar or explore the beautiful grounds on foot! Be sure to pay a visit St. Salvator's Church, you'll be surprised which famous couple exchanged vows at St. Salvators!

GOLF OPTION:

Concra Woods Golf & Country Club

Overnight: Castle Leslie Estate



- DAY SIX -
CASTLE LESLIE ESTATE

Breakfast at Castle Leslie plays a big part of the dining experience! Choose from an array of delectable breakfast dishes created from locally sourced ingredients. From the traditional Full Irish Breakfast to Eggs Benedict, you'll love the breakfast affair at Castle Leslie.

Today you'll have the option of exploring another part of the estate on horseback or head out to the XCountry course for a morning of cross country jumping. The estate offers 300 cross-country jumps including natural obstacles such as rivers, ditches, fallen tree trunks, hedges, stone walls, drops and banks in many shapes and sizes.

Don't forget to have your picture taken in the famous lake in front of the castle - it is the perfect keepsake of your castle stay and riding holiday!

The afternoon is on your own -- relax with a spa service in the Victorian Treatment rooms or indulge in Afternoon Tea in the Castle's Blue Room or experience a true country pursuit: Falconry!

The evening enjoy Irish country cooking in Conor's Bar or gourmet dining in the 2AA Rosette award-winning Snaffles Restaurant.

GOLF OPTIONS:

Royal County Down Golf Club - Ardglass Golf Club - Concra Woods Golf & Country Club

Overnight: Castle Leslie

- DAY SEVEN -

After breakfast, depart Castle Leslie.
(Transport can be arranged to Dublin City or Dublin Airport Hotel)

MONDAY ARRIVAL RATES



The above rate includes:

6 Nights Accommodation - 4 Nights B&B + 2 Nights Castle Leslie (sharing) + 4 Days Guided Riding Treks North Coast + Daily Pickup/Drop off to Ride Locations + Horse Hire + Tack & Equipment + Refreshments + Daily Full Irish Breakfast x 6 + Lunch at Local Eateries on the North Coast x 3 + Picnic Antrim Hills + Admission Fee to Giants Causeway/Dunluce Castle + Riding x 2 at Castle Leslie (2 Estate Treks OR 1 Estate Trek/1 Cross Country Jumping)

**DEPOSIT:
\$750 PER RIDER**

(*Single rider rate does not include single supplement)

(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$660)

FLEX ARRIVAL RATES



The above rate includes:

6 Nights Accommodation - 4 Nights B&B + 2 Nights Castle Leslie (sharing) + 4 Days Guided Riding Treks North Coast + Daily Pickup/Drop off to Ride Locations + Horse Hire + Tack & Equipment + Refreshments + Daily Full Irish Breakfast x 6 + Lunch at Local Eateries on the North Coast x 3 + Picnic Antrim Hills + Admission Fee to Giants Causeway/Dunluce Castle + Riding x 2 at Castle Leslie (2 Estate Treks OR 1 Estate Trek/1 Cross Country Jumping)

DEPOSIT:
\$750 PER RIDER

(*Single rider rate does not include single supplement)

(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$660)



GOLFER RATE

\$1,070

The above rate includes:

6 Nights Accommodation: 4 Nights North Coast B&B + 2 Nights Castle Leslie (sharing)
+ Daily Full Irish Breakfast x 6

DEPOSIT:

\$300 PER GOLFER

(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$660)

OPTIONAL ADD ON:

Golf Planning Fee \$400

Golf Planning Fee Includes:

- Arranging and Coordinating all Tee Times & Reservations -
- Booking Caddies as applicable -
- Reserving Clubs, Carts or Trolleys -
- Arranging Transport Logistics for Golfer -

Golf Planning Fee Does NOT Include:

Green Fees

Caddie, Cart/Trolley Rental, Golf Clubs

Transport Coast to/from Golf Courses

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

Ground Transportation such as Airport Transfers*
Evening Meals & Lunches (Not Indicated on Itinerary)

Travel Insurance

International & Domestic Airfare

Discretionary Tips

Golf Green Fees

Golf Caddy

Golf Carts/Trolleys, etc.

*Golf availability is not guaranteed *

*We do not include ground transportation on our itineraries, as some of our guests prefer to rent a car, use public transportation, or hire private transport. We will provide private transportation quotes on request and can assist with car rentals from Belfast or Dublin.

Whatever the preferred mode of transportation, we manage all the logistics so your riding vacation is completely seamless.