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ICONIC CAUSEWAY COAST - A 4-NIGHT NORTH COAST RIDING HOLIDAY - *County Antrim, Northern Ireland*

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Where You Will Be!



ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

This exclusive riding holiday includes a bit of everything that makes Northern Ireland's Causeway Coast world-famous: white sandy beaches, charming Irish villages, rugged coastlines, verdant countrysides, enchanting forests.

This 4-Night holiday kicks off with horseback riding in the Irish countryside before heading to the famous Causeway Coast. Heralded for its beauty and spectacular scenery, the Causeway Coastal Route includes some of Northern Ireland's top iconic locations: The Giants Causeway, Dunluce Castle, and Mussendun Temple.

This detailed itinerary highlights each day, the nights are to do as you wish!



ACCOMMODATIONS

B&B accommodations have been carefully selected to provide our guests with personal service and comfortable en-suite bedrooms.

Ideally located in coastal villages along the Causeway Coast, they are the perfect base for this exciting North coast holiday.

Lunch is included each day.

(Special dietary requirements can be accommodated.)

HOW TO GET HERE

This riding vacation takes place in County Antrim along the Causeway 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 use public transportation.

The Causeway Coast is approximately 3 hours from Dublin and approximately 1.5 hours from Belfast.



HORSES + RIDING ABILITY + TACK

The horses are a mix of Irish Sport Horses, Irish Draughts or Irish Cobs. The trekking horses are well-schooled for the North Coast terrain and can accommodate a wide range of rider sizes & riding abilities.

Riding Ability

Novice to Advanced: Must be able to walk, trot (post), short canters.

This itinerary is NOT for beginners (Ask about our "First-Timers, Frolics, and Sightseeing" itinerary)



- DAY ONE -
COUNTY ANTRIM - THE CAUSEWAY COAST

Arrive at the private farm of your North Coast hosts. After a stable tour, head outdoors for a brief riding assessment then head out to the countryside high in the Antrim hills!

Today's trek crosses verdant pasturelands before climbing up onto the moorland above the farm. You'll get the chance to stretch your legs as they dismount to lead the horses across heather-blanketed fields before remounting and connecting to a riding trail that will lead you 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.

From the Croaghan, views include the famed Glens of Antrim, Scotland's Ayrshire Coast, Mull of Kintyre, Scottish Highlands and the Western Isles.

You will enjoy a picnic/afternoon tea at the farm!

Overnight: North Coast B&B

- DAY TWO -
BEACHES, MUSSENDEN TEMPLE, BINEVENAGH

Today's ride begins at Castlerock Beach before heading to the white sands of Downhill & Benone Beach. With a magnificent mountain backdrop, cliff scenery, and views across to Scotland & County Donegal, it is the perfect setting for a swift canter across miles of flat open beach towards Mussenden Temple, regally perched above the mighty Atlantic.

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 Mussendun 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. Columbus. It is said that soil from Saint Columbus' grave has magical healing properties.

Overnight: North Coast B&B



- DAY THREE -

WHITEROCKS BEACH, DUNLUCE CASTLE, 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.

Overnight: North Coast B&B

- DAY FOUR -

WHITEPARK BAY BEACH, 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 a local pub.

Historically, Ballintoy Harbor was mainly associated with salmon fishing. Game of Thrones fans may recognize the harbor 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!

Overnight: North Coast B&B



MONDAY ARRIVAL RATES



The above rates include:

4 Nights Accommodation (Sharing): 4 Nights North Coast B&B EnSuite + 4 Days Guided Riding Treks North Coast + Daily Pickup/Drop off to Ride Locations + Horse Hire + Tack & Equipment + Refreshments + Daily Full Irish Breakfast x 4 + Lunch at Local Eateries on the North Coast x 3 + Picnic Antrim Hills x 1 + Admission Fee to Giants Causeway/Dunluce Castle

DEPOSIT:
\$600 PER RIDER



NON RIDER RATE: \$630
NON RIDER DEPOSIT: \$200

(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$420)

*Single Rider Rate does NOT include Single Supplement

FLEX ARRIVAL RATES



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INFORMATION, SUPPLEMENTS & ADD ON'S

This itinerary is available year round. This itinerary can begin any day of the week.

Closest Airports: Dublin or Belfast

We can add additional nights accommodation on the front end or back end of this itinerary.

This itinerary is located in County Antrim on the north coast of Northern Ireland -- approximately 1.5 hours from Belfast and 3 hours from Dublin City/Dublin Airport.

EXTRA NIGHT NORTH COAST: \$280 (\$140 PER PERSON - SHARING)

EXTRA NIGHT DUBLIN AIRPORT HOTEL OR DUBLIN CITY: PRICED ON REQUEST

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

We do not include ground transportation in our itineraries as some of our guests prefer to rent a car, use public transportation, or hire private transport.

We are partnered with several private drivers and will provide transportation quotes and coordinate as needed.

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

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Ground Transportation* (Airport Transfers), Evening Meals, Travel Insurance, Activities Not Listed on Itinerary, Domestic or International Airfare, Discretionary Tips