

SFGA Northern Ireland

Royal Portrush, Royal County Down, The Giant's Causeway and More

August 20 – 30, 2025

What do the Game of Thrones, Peace Walls, the Titanic, C.S. Lewis, Sir Kenneth Branagh and Van Morrison have in common with the World's Best Golf Course? They are all home to or made in Northern Ireland. Bob traveled to Northern Ireland back in October to visit the hotels & courses and work out everything logistically. Even though we are still waiting to finalize agreements with a few courses, we have verbal commitments and are ready to open up registrations for what promises to be an outstanding bucket list trip.

We'll start and finish in Dublin as DUB offers the best availability of flights. We'll play six rounds of golf and combine sightseeing and time for exploration when we're not golfing. We'll spend 2 nights in Dublin, 5 nights in Derry and 3 nights in New Castle. We'll play Royal Portrush (host of the 2025 British Open), Royal County Down (#1 rated course in the world according to Golf Digest), Portstewart, Castlerock, Ardglass and Jameson Links. Accommodations will be in 3 superior class hotels and our chauffeur will drive our chartered motor coach as we experience the best of Northern Ireland.

The trip is limited to the first 20 lucky SFGA members who register and we suggest you register early as this is likely to sell out soon.

Package Inclusions:

- 2 Nights in Deluxe Golf View Rooms at Portmarnock Resort and Jameson Golf Links
- 5 Nights in Deluxe Bedrooms at Bishop's Gate Hotel in downtown Derry, next to shopping, pubs & restaurants
- 3 Nights in Sea View Suites at the Slieve Donard Hotel in Newcastle
- 10 Mornings with Full Irish Breakfasts at the hotels
- Multiple Group Meals and receptions
- 6 rounds of golf at many of the World's Best:
 - **Jameson Golf Links** – Host course of the 2008 and 2009 Ladies Irish Open & 2021 Irish Challenge, on the former ground of the Jameson Estate of St. Marnocks.
 - **Castlerock Golf Club** (Mussenden Links) – A “hidden gem” across the River Bann from Royal Portrush, Castlerock has become a must play in Northern Ireland.
 - **Portstewart Golf Club** (Strand Course) – Rated 3rd Best in the country by Golf Monthly 2023 and host of the 2017 Irish Open, won by Jon Rahm.
 - **Royal Portrush Golf Club** – British Open host course of 2019 and 2025. We'll play here 5 weeks after the Open Championship concludes.
 - **Ardglass Golf Club** – Seaside home of the world's oldest clubhouse dating back to 1405AD with stunning sea views.
 - **Royal County Down Golf Club** – World #1 ranking by Golf Digest (World's 100 Greatest Courses 2022-2023). Host of the 2007 Walker Cup and The Senior Open Championships in 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- This trip will have no Tournaments and the golf will be stress-free & fun.
- Sightseeing includes: Distillery Tour, Giant's Causeway, the Carrick a Rede Rope Bridge, Titanic Belfast museum, Belfast city and more.
- Airport transfers from and to Dublin International Airport.
- Private Motor Coach transportation and our own Driver/Guide.

- VAT Taxes on package inclusions & Gratuities on planned

Package Prices:

A) \$7,647 Per Person, Double Occupancy or \$15,294 Per Couple

B) \$9,971 Per Golfer Single Occupancy

EXTRA NIGHT \$600 Per Night - Portmarnock Resort, Breakfast, Airport Transfer, Fees & Taxes

Tentative Itinerary:

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20, 2025

Participants arrive at Dublin International Airport

Check-in Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links

Welcome reception followed by dinner

Overnight at Portmarnock Hotel & Jameson Golf Links

THURSDAY, AUG. 21, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in the 1780 Restaurant

Tee Times begin at 10:36am at Jameson Golf Links

Consider dining in the hotel at The Seaview Lounge or The Jameson Bar or nearby in the quaint town of Malahide

Overnight at Portmarnock Hotel & Jameson Golf Links

FRIDAY, AUG. 22, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in the 1780 Restaurant

Check-out after breakfast

Belfast sightseeing + lunch then to Bishop's Gate Hotel

Dinner is on your own in Derry

Overnight at Bishop's Gate Hotel

SATURDAY, AUG. 23, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in the Gown Restaurant at Bishop's Gate Hotel

Golf at Castlerock Golf Club (Mid-morning tee times – TBA)

Dinner is on your own in Derry

Overnight at Bishop's Gate Hotel

SUNDAY, AUG. 24, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in the Gown Restaurant at Bishop's Gate Hotel

Golf at Portstewart Golf Club - (Mid-morning tee times – TBA)

Dinner is on your own in Derry

Overnight at Bishop's Gate Hotel

MONDAY, AUG. 25, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in the Gown Restaurant at Bishop's Gate Hotel

Today is a scheduled FREE DAY to enjoy and explore the historic and vibrant town of Derry

Overnight at Bishop's Gate Hotel

TUESDAY, AUG. 26, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in the Gown Restaurant at Bishop's Gate Hotel
Golf Royal Portrush Golf Club - (tee times – TBA)
Dinner is on your own in Derry
Overnight at Bishop's Gate Hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in the Gown Restaurant at Bishop's Gate Hotel
Check-out of hotel after breakfast
Sightseeing tour to Giants Causeway, the Carrick a Rede Rope Bridge and a distillery tour
Check-in at Slieve Donard Resort + Spa in Newcastle

THURSDAY, AUG. 28, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in J.J.Farralls restaurant in the hotel
Golf Ardglass Golf Club – (Mid-morning tee times – TBA)
Dinner is on your own in Newcastle
Overnight at Slieve Donard Resort + Spa

FRIDAY, AUG. 29, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in J.J.Farralls restaurant in the hotel
Golf Royal County Down Golf Club – tee times TBA
Farewell reception and dinner at Slieve Donard
Overnight at Slieve Donard Resort + Spa

SATURDAY, AUG. 30, 2025

Breakfast service begins at 7:00am in J.J.Farralls restaurant in the hotel
Hotel Check-out and Airport transfers to DUB
Have a safe trip and fly home.

The Golf Courses:

In Ireland golfers usually walk. However, carts are available for the rounds we play at Jameson Golf Links, Castlerock and Ardglass. The cost of the carts is additional and average about 40 pounds per round. If you want carts at these courses, please let us know at least 120 days prior to the trip so we may reserve them for you. Caddies are available upon request; please reserve in advance and ideally at the time of booking to avoid disappointment. Single Caddie fees average £60 - £85 payable to your caddie on the day (plus an optional gratuity at the player's discretion).

- **Jameson Golf Links at Portmarnock Resort:**
- **Castlerock Golf Club:**
- **Portstewart Golf Club:**
- **Royal Portrush Golf Club:**
- **Royal County Down Golf Club:**
- **Ardglass Golf Club:**



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