

# 153rd Open Championship Northern Ireland & Ireland Escorted Tour (18-29 July)...WAIT LIST ONLY!!

Experience the best of golf in Northern Ireland on our GOLFSelect Escorted Tour from July 18-29, 2025. We will spend two days at The 153rd Open Championship at Royal Portrush, while playing many fabulous Northern Ireland courses including Royal Portrush the week after The Open and then two games at Royal County Down. It doesn't get much better than that. We look forward to you joining us on this 'bucket list' trip - LIMITED TO 24 GOLFERS!



18 July 2025 to 29 July 2025



### At a Glance

| When       | Fri July 18 - Tue July 29, 2025                                                                                                                            |  |
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| Package    | 11 nights, 6+ rounds of golf                                                                                                                               |  |
| Escorted   | Fully escorted by Gary & Maureen Lisbon and Matthew Ridge                                                                                                  |  |
| Tournament | Guaranteed General Admission tickets to Days 3 and 4 of The 153rd Open Championship at Royal Portrush                                                      |  |
| Pricing    | GBP £10,490 per person (twin share golfer) GBP £12,490 per person (single room golfer)  ** Only require an upfront initial deposit of £1,500 per person ** |  |

| Day    | Golf                                              | Accommodation                 |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Day 1  | Arrive                                            | Europa Hotel, Belfast         |
| Day 2  |                                                   | Europa Hotel, Belfast         |
| Day 3  |                                                   | Europa Hotel, Belfast         |
| Day 4  | Rosapenna Golf Resort - Sandy Hills Links         | Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Resort |
| Day 5  | Rosapenna Golf Resort - St.Patricks Links         | Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Resort |
| Day 6  | Rosapenna Golf Resort - Old Tom Morris Links      | Slieve Donard Resort and Spa  |
| Day 7  | Royal County Down Golf Club (Championship Course) | Slieve Donard Resort and Spa  |
| Day 8  | Royal County Down Golf Club (Championship Course) | Slieve Donard Resort and Spa  |
| Day 9  |                                                   | The Bushmills Inn Hotel       |
| Day 10 | Royal Portrush Golf Club                          | The Bushmills Inn Hotel       |
| Day 11 | Portstewart Golf Club The Strand Course           | The Bushmills Inn Hotel       |
| Day 12 | Depart                                            |                               |





### Welcome

Here is your opportunity to join the GOLFSelect team on what promises to be an amazing escorted trip to Northern Ireland from July 18-29, 2025. We are sure there will be many highlights as we experience the best of golf in Northern Ireland (and Ireland), some great accommodation and also enjoy many memorable times with like-minded golfers and friends!

#### **ALMOST SOLD OUT!!**

Inclusions and detailed itinerary as follows:

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#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS FANTASTIC NORTHERN IRELAND TOUR...

- 6+ games on the best courses in Northern Ireland
- · Visit the world's oldest golf resort Rosapenna boasting the World Top 50 and highly regarded St. Patricks Links
- Playing at Royal Portrush the week after The Open Championship
- Playing twice at Royal County Down (arguably the number 1 golf course in the world!)
- Four of your games will be at World Top 50 courses (Golf Magazine rankings)
- · Two days at The 153rd Open Championship (GA tickets on Saturday and Sunday)\*
- Quality accommodation and transfers throughout the tour
- Fully escorted by Gary Lisbon and Matthew Ridge of GOLFSelect
- Limited to 24 golfers!

The 3-night hotel and ticket package in Belfast included within this tour is provided by Events Travel, an Authorised provider of the 153rd Open Championship\*.

#### FIRST UP - BELFAST

The trip commences in Belfast with watching the two days (Saturday and Sunday) at The 153rd Open Championship at Royal Portrush.

#### **ROSAPENNA**

On the Monday after The Open Championship you will be transferred to the picturesque setting of Rosapenna, in the beautiful corner of Donegal. Luxury accommodation and the golf that await for you is simply outstanding, including World Top 50 St.Patrick's Links as ranked by GOLF Magazine.

#### **ROYAL COUNTY DOWN**

The midway part of the tour sees us head to one of world's most naturally beautiful links settings of Royal County Down GC, the no.6 in the world rated course by GOLF Magazine. With the magnificent backdrop of the Mountains of Mourne this place is incredibly special...and you get to play here TWICE!! Our accommodation will be at the wonderfully positioned Slieve Donard Hotel, surrounded by the Mourne Mountains, golden strands of beach and walking distance to Royal County Down.

#### **BUSHMILLS / ROYAL PORTRUSH - THE FINALE**

The final point of our trip sees us head across to Bushmills, an ideal location close to the Atlantic Ocean and the perfect



spot for those lovers of Irish whiskey and incredible sightseeing with Giant's Causeway and Dunluce Castle not far away! The golf here is incredible as you will tackle the magnificent Portstewart Strand course and then put the icing on the cake with a game at Royal Portrush GC...only a week after it has hosted The 153rd Open Championship! This location is the perfect way to finish our escorted trip.

This memorable trip finishes with a farewell dinner where we will recount many fun stories from the trip before we depart on July 29, 2025.

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We look forward in welcoming you on this magnificent tour and highly recommend you contact us promptly, as we are **limiting this trip to 24 golfers.** 

With thanks,

Matt Ridge - GOLFSelect Travel



### **Itinerary Day-by-Day**

### Friday, 18 July 2025 Make your way to Belfast accom. Check in from 2:00PM. Meet the rest of the group who you will be travelling with in a relaxed, fun informal setting \*\* Dinner (and first beer or wine) is included as part of the package \*\* **Europa Hotel, Belfast** (3 nights with daily breakfast - Standard rooms) Superbly located in the heart of Belfast City Centre, the world famous 4 star Europa Hotel simply epitomizes indulgence. Saturday, 19 July 2025 Approx transfer time 60-90min Royal Portrush Europa Hotel, Belfast Superbly located in the heart of Belfast City Centre, the world famous 4 star Europa Hotel simply epitomizes indulgence. **Sunday, 20 July 2025** Royal Portrush Europa Hotel, Belfast Superbly located in the heart of Belfast City Centre, the world famous 4 star Europa Hotel simply epitomizes indulgence. Monday, 21 July 2025 Approx travel time 2 hours 30 mins Rosapenna Golf Resort - Sandy Hills Links (18 holes golf with pull buggy) Rosapenna Golf Resort is home to two stunning links courses, including the Sandy Hills Links which opened in June 2003 and is set to become one of the most famous golf courses in Ireland. Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Resort (2 nights with daily breakfast - Standard rooms)

Located on the edge of the picturesque Sheephaven Bay, with a luxury hotel on site, Rosapenna is the perfect

venue for a golf break or just a quiet getaway in this beautiful corner of Donegal.

Tuesday, 22 July 2025



The Rosapenna Golf Resort - St.Patricks Links (18 holes golf with pull buggy, 1x forecaddie per group included)
The Rosapenna Golf Resort acquired the St Patrick's Links in late 2012, a former 36-hole facility developed by the
Walsh Family of Carrigart. The Maheramagorgan Links designed by Irish architect Eddie Hackett and the Trá Mór
Links designed by PGA Professional Joanne O'Haire, both opened for play in the mid-1990's. St Patrick's Links has
debuted as the highest new entry at #55 on the GOLF Magazine Top 100 in the World rankings 2021-22 alongside
only three other courses in Ireland; Ballybunion, Lahinch & Portmarnock.

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#### Wednesday, 23 July 2025

- Rosapenna Golf Resort Old Tom Morris Links (\*\* OPTIONAL ROUND additional cost will apply \*\*) Rosapenna Golf Resort is home to two stunning links courses, including the Old Tom Morris Links which first opened in 1893.
- Approx travel time 3 hours
- Slieve Donard Resort and Spa (3 nights with daily breakfast Standard rooms)

  Nestled at the foot of the Mourne Mountains, the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa stands in six acres of private grounds. Just a short stroll to Royal County Down Golf Club, this is a perfect venue for any golf getaway.

#### Thursday, 24 July 2025

- 5min walk. Your clubs will be set up at the golf course.
- Royal County Down Golf Club (Championship Course) (18 holes golf with pull buggy, 1x forecaddie per group included)

Royal County Down is one of the oldest Golf Clubs in Ireland with traditions dating back for more than one hundred years. Situated in Newcastle, where in the immortal words of Percy French, "The Mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea", Royal County Down is not only a fine test of golf but has accompanying scenery that is spellbinding.

#### Slieve Donard Resort and Spa

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#### Friday, 25 July 2025

- 5min walk. Your clubs will be set up at the golf course.
- Royal County Down Golf Club (Championship Course) (18 holes golf with pull buggy, 1x forecaddie per group included)

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#### Saturday, 26 July 2025

- approx travel time 1 hour 45 mins
- A good chance to see some sightseeing in and around Bushmills or just rest up and get ready for Royal Portrush tomorrow!
- The Bushmills Inn Hotel (3 nights with daily breakfast Standard rooms)

  Set against the backdrop of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland, The Bushmills Inn is the perfect retreat for those who crave the unconventional, yet still expect exceptional service.

#### Sunday, 27 July 2025

Royal Portrush Golf Club (18 holes golf with pull buggy, 1x forecaddie per group included)

Many golfers have portrayed Royal Portrush Golf Club Dunluce Links as one of the most challenging in the golf course world. For only the second time in Open history, the Open Championship will be held outside of Scotland or England (both times at Royal Portrush). The world's greatest golfers will gather to do battle for the famous Claret Jug in Northern Ireland for the first time since 1951 when Max Faulkner was the winner. The golf club has hosted many championships, such as the first Open Championship ever held in Ireland in 1951. In more recent times, Royal Portrush has hosted the Senior British Open 1995-1999, the Amateur Championship in 1993 and in July 2019 it will host the 148th Open Championship.

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#### Monday, 28 July 2025

- I. Portstewart Golf Club The Strand Course (18 holes golf with pull buggy, 1x forecaddie per group included)
  Portstewart Golf Club is proud to offer 54 holes of golf spectacularly set on Ulster's famous Causeway Coast with something for every golfer. The views from almost every hole are quite simply, magical. The Atlantic is never very far away and the beauty of the course has to be seen to be believed. It is a treat that will take a very long time, if ever, to fade from the golfers memory. The jewel in the Portstewart crown.
- A fantastic evening ahead as we recall many memories and laughs from the past couple weeks!

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#### Tuesday, 29 July 2025

Approx travel time 1 hour 15 mins



\*\* If you are interested in continuing your golfing journey for an extra week to play some more incredible golf courses including Portmarnock, Ballybunion and Lahinch on a smaller escorted trip then please let us knowand we can contact you with further details \*\*



### **Golf Courses**

### Rosapenna Golf Resort -St.Patricks Links





Letterkenny, Downings, Letterkenny, County Donegal, IE, 0 Ireland Region: Ireland

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### Portstewart Golf Club The Strand Course



117 Strand Road, Portstewart, Co.Londonderry, NI, BT55 7PG
United Kingdom

Region: Ireland - North East



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### Royal Portrush Golf Club



Dunlunce Road, County Antrim, NI, BT56 8JQ United Kingdom Region: Ireland - North East



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### Rosapenna Golf Resort - Old Tom Morris Links





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Ireland
Region: Ireland - West & North West

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### Rosapenna Golf Resort - Sandy Hills Links





Sheephaven Bay, Downings, Letterkenny, County Donegal, IE, F92 PN73
Ireland

Region: Ireland - West & North West

Rosapenna Golf Resort is home to two stunning links courses, including the Sandy Hills Links which opened in June 2003 and is set to become one of the most famous golf courses in Ireland.



### Accommodation

### The Bushmills Inn Hotel



9 Dunluce Rd, Bushmills, NI, BT57 8QG United Kingdom Region: Ireland



Set against the backdrop of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland, The Bushmills Inn is the perfect retreat for those who crave the unconventional, yet still expect exceptional service.

### Europa Hotel, Belfast



Great Victoria Street, Belfast, IE, BT2 7AP
United Kingdom
Region: Ireland - North East



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### Slieve Donard Resort and Spa



Downs Road, Newcastle, County Down, IE, BT33 OAH Ireland

Region: Ireland - South East



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### Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Resort



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Ireland

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### **About Us**

GOLFSelect is a **golf holiday** specialist. Our relationships with Australia's best golf courses, plus our extensive international network of golf travel partners, allows us to organise unique and never-to-be-forgotten golf holidays both within **Australia** and around the **world**.