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A visit to the Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland's only World Heritage Site, is magical and memorable. Discover the stories of giants and geology in a state of the art visitor centre, explore 40,000 hexagonal basalt stones or go walking on one of the stunning outdoor trails. There is something to suit all ages and interests.

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Causeway

Northern Ireland

Coast and Glens

Take a different route along the Lower River Bann and River Erne and explore some of Ulster's most beautiful river towns. Fresh water areas in and around Portglenone, Drumaheglis, Kilrea and Belturbet are home to some of the most beautiful landscapes and must-see and do adventures.

Explore our river towns

Causeway Coastal Route

**Great Road Journeys** 

One of the World's







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Glenarm, with the village of Carnlough at its foot. Glencloy: The glen of the hedges, two miles north of

the nine, which sweeps majestically towards the village

Glenariff: The arable or fertile glen, the best-known of

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eleven miles north of Larne, on the famous Antrim

Glenarm: The glen of the army, with Glenarm village,

Route there are a number of additional scenic letseo2 yewseue2 relusetseqt of noitibbe nl **Glens of Antrim** 

which is Cushendall, more or less at the centre of the .eluzninage segembnelsi ant bne nnea Glenballyeamon: Edwardstown glen, at the foot of rural scenery on the banks of the River Roe, the River .fooft9feW fc Coastline from Torr Head or sample the tranquility of

Antrim, experience dramatic views of the Scottish

immerse yourself in one of the renowned Glens of

God made time he made plenty of it". Take time to

There is no need to rush, as we say here "When

drives (identified on the map overleaf).

Scenic Routes

Additional

grave, with the Cushendall to Ballymoney mountain s'neisso yiebnegel eft to ette entre legendery Ossian's Glenaan: The glen of the colt's foot or rush lights, a

Cushendall - Ballycastle road.

close to the town.

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Glencorp: The glen of the slaughtered, close by

Cushendall to Cushendun. Glenaan and roughly parallel to the main road from

roughly west of Ballycastle and, like Glenshesk,

'sebis the brid of the of the bright side',

Glenshesk: The sedgy glen, east of the town of

Ballycastle, and sweeping towards the ruins of historical

cushendun village; spanned by a viaduct on the main Glendun: The glen of the brown river, adjacent to



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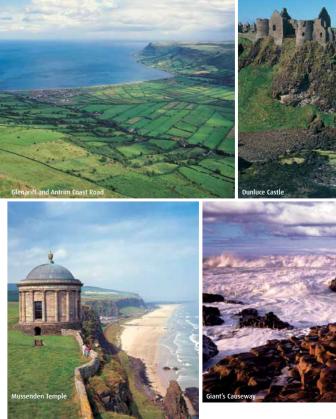






Drumaheglis Kilrea Portglenone Belturbet

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Cover image: White Rocks, Portrust

# turn in the road will reveal new sights. On goes the

It's a journey not to be hurried. Every twist and road over bridges and under arches, past bays and

beaches and strange rock formations. Travel inland and experience hills and valleys, dramatic scenery The Causeway Coastal Route provides a journey

and historic sites steeped in myths and legends. of exploration, where imagination meets reality and where every village and town, castle and rocky shore are waiting to be discovered.

now just ruins but each holds the memories of a mysterious and heroic past. natural wonders, a unique blend of majesty and

The Causeway Coastal Route from Belfast Lough to Lough Foyle is a kaleidoscope journey of outstanding beauty.



To travel along the Causeway Coastal Route is

to experience one of the most dramatic drives in

Great Road Journeys. Some 120 miles of stunning

windswept cliffs, spectacular scenery and fabulous

unspoilt beaches. It's a coastline sprinkled with

historic castles, churches and forts. Many are

the world. It is now rated as one of the World's

coastline will transport you past rugged and

Causeway Coastal Route | One of the World's Great Road Journeys





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hop to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, back to the 14th century. Take time

From Carrick-a-Rede, it's just a short images in Ireland, the castle dates

Gracehill Golf Club) where you will find harbours, Ballintoy and Portbraddan,

outside the village of Armoy (close to to miss two of the region's prettiest

be found in the town. Continue to just route to the Causeway, be sure not

20-metre chasm.

scenery detore arriving at carrick-a-

Rathlin Island or take in the stunning

ferry crossing and a full day visit to

Day 3 provides the option for a short

Oistance: 31kms (19 miles)

Day 3: Ballycastle to Portrush

seafront overlooking the harbour.

of Ballycastle. Take a stroll along the

trees known as The Dark Hedges.

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Route, head toward the seaside resort

Returning to the Causeway Coastal

One of the most iconic and historic

Castle, perched precariously on the

fourist attraction. Head inland to the

Finn McCool created the world famous

better. Legend has it that local giant

bemot sizeway were formed

by volcanic activity, but we know

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oldest whiskey distillery.





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The Dark Hedges, Ballymoney

## to nwot ytierosian of the total fourte, and inland to the university town of to its near neighbour Portstewart, village of Bushmills, home to Ireland's Take a short drive from Portrush Distance: 31.5km (19.6 miles) Vbevemil of Azurto9 :4 ye0

Limavady, passing by Castlerock. Look Causeway Coastal Route, head towards of the River Bann. Returning to the Rede Rope Bridge suspended across a clift top overlooking this seaside resort. Ireland at Mountsandel on the banks oldest known human settlements in on the approach to Portrush, is Dunluce Coleraine and home of one of the

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Start your final day with a bracing

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Temple of Vesta at Rome. Take an

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Mussenden Temple, the cliff top folly

Distance: 27.3km (17 miles)

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the summit that stretch for miles, and

Beauty, with panoramic views from was the first UK City of Culture.

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mile of golden sand, surf and solitude. Limavady, take the opportunity to

Benone Strand, which otters mile upon theatre, music and film. Betore leaving

out for Hezlett House and the glorious the senses. Situated in the heart of the

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causeway Coastal Route finishes in

detouring to the magnificent Koe

explore their Sculpture Trail before

the best of national and international

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programme of activities, including

Centre, offering a dynamic cultural

Valley Country Park.

Limavady is the perfect place to

The vibrant market town of

rare plants and birds.

# Your 5 day itinerary on the Causeway Coastal Route

Returning to the coast at the (səlim 9.44) mฝS.ST :95n6tsiD Day 2: Ballymena to Ballycastle

picturesque village of Carnlough, it's

Park on the way.

Antrim. Discover Glenariff (Queen in the to truly immerse yourself in

of the Glens) with its forest park, the scenic splendour of the Glens of

ουτέρους τουσηρεία της Coastal Route to Ballycastle, visiting option to continue on the Causeway and tumbling waterfalls. Take the sebelg yies to square of leafy glades of the four walking trails in this ωμειε γου can enjoy one or more

prothers. Memorial gardens to the road racing legends, the Dunlop Ballymoney, the home of motorcycle As an alternative, divert inland to

Vanishing Lake and Ballypatrick Forest

Depart Belfast, Northern Ireland's Distance: 88.6km (55 miles) Ballygally Castle Hotel, haunted by a nylle8 of fsefl98 :f ye0

coastal views set the scene for what Glen sits Glenarm Castle, one of Country Park. At the toot of Glenarm κοητε signs. Striking lough and children having fun in Carnfunnock following the Causeway Coastal you are likely to hear are those of vibrant capital city, on the M2 of Ballygally and the only screams friendly ghost. Travel one mile north

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is to come before the journey reaches Ireland's oldest estates, with its

of Antrim. Here you can take the loop blooms. From Glenarm take the Larne, gateway to the famous Glens applendid walled gardens and vivid

.noip9 the national and local history of the Museum at the Braid to learn about minta-biM adt poitiziv enamylle8 the 5th century. Continue inland to ended livestock on Slemish during s'bnelari. InistruoM dzimal2 of bne flower-filled village of Broughshane opportunity to divert inland to the

staircases clinging to the clift-side will Patron Saint (Patrick) is said to have This stunning series of bridges and Harbour and the Gobbins Clift Path.

the 'ghost' room in the Hastings For the brave amongst you visit picturesque village of Ballygally. winning route before arriving in the breathtaking scenery on this award Head northwards enjoying the obeu early 2015.

around Islandmagee to Portmuck



# famous brothers, Joey and Robert can the magnificent Giant's Causeway. En











# Glenariff Waterfalls & Forest Park

(Waterfoot) Spectacular glen walks and waterfalls await you at Glenariff Forest Park whose scenic paths and trails lead through tranquil woods and up to magnificent mountain viewpoints. Conservation areas. café, caravan site, exhibition centre, toilets, picnic areas and disabled access. Admission charge.

T 028 2955 6000 www.forestserviceni.gov.uk

The Giant's Causeway

(2 miles east of Bushmills)

and UNESCO World Heritage site,

the world famous Giant's Causeway

displays formations of unusual six

sided basalt columns and a wealth

of local and natural history. Open

for walking all year round. Visitor

a visitor information. A minibus service to the Causeway stones is

T 028 2073 1855 (Visitors Centre)

T 028 2073 1582 (National Trust)

access. Admission charge.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Dunluce Castle

T 028 2073 1938

Downhill Demesne

thatched cottage.

T 028 7084 8728

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

and Mussenden Temple

(1 mile west of Castlerock)

to explore a stunning landscaped

walks. Close to the edge of a sheer

park at Downhill Demesne with its

(3 miles east of Portrush)

Clinging fast onto a dramatic

clifftop, Dunluce is thought

to be the most romantic and

picturesque Castle in Ireland

dating back to the 14th Century.

Admission charge. Guided tours.

Open all year except Christmas.

www.ni-environment.gov.uk



# Arthur Cottage

(Dreen, Cullybackey) Arthur Cottage, Cullybackey, is the Ancestral Home of the 21st President of the USA, Chester Alan Arthur. The thatched cottage and interpretive centre detail the story of President Arthur and his road to the Presidency.

T 028 2588 0781 (seasonal) T 028 2563 5900 (all year) www.gatewaytotheglens.com



# Joey & Robert Dunlop emorial Gardens

Northern Ireland's top tourist attraction (Castle Street, Ballymoney) Memorial Gardens to the famous Dunlop brothers, Joey and Robert, in working distillery, granted a royal setting for people to read about and charge applies for guided tours reflect on the achievements of two greatly admired local motor cycle vear, admission free.

> T 028 2766 0230 www.visitballymoney.com



# **Royal Portrush Golf Club**

(Bushmills Road, Portrush) Founded in 1888, Royal Portrush Golf Mountsandel Wood is the earliest Club has established a reputation as known settlement of man in Ireland and is currently one of Ireland's premier tournament venues. In 1951, the British Open Championship to fish salmon in the natural weir. was played here. The dramatic physical features of this magnificent championship course present even the most skillful golfer with a formidable challenge.

T 028 7082 2311 www.royalportrushgolfclub.com



Benone Strand & Complex (Seacoast Road Limavady) Benone Strand, one of Ireland's This attraction offers visitors the chance longest beaches and European Blue Flag Beach, plays host to a range of activities and events including beautiful sheltered gardens and cliff shore angling, powerkiting and body boarding. Travel the boardwalk drop stands the beautiful 18th Century from the beach and you will find folly, Mussenden Temple, originally Benone Tourist Complex, here you inspired by the Tivoli Temple of Vesta. can enjoy golf, tennis, an outdoor Visit also Hezlett House in Castlerock heated splash pool and an activities T 028 7772 2074 (Visitors Centre and learn about life in a 17th century centre along with a wide range of summer events.

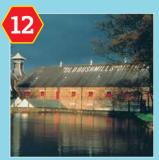
> T 028 7776 0650 www.benoneni.com



## **Rathlin Island**

(6 miles north of Ballycastle) Includes several important natural heritage sites and is internationally important for its flora and fauna and in some cases its unique underwater marine life. The island's rugged cliffs are home to the biggest seabird colony in Northern Ireland.

T 028 2076 9299 (Ferry) T 028 2076 2024 (Visitor Info) www.rathlinballycastleferry.com www.heartofthecauseway coastandglens.com



## **Bushmills Distillery**

(Main Street, Bushmills) Experience the unique whiskey making tradition at Ireland's oldest Ballymoney town, offer an excellent licence to distill in 1608. Admission (please note unsuitable for those with walking difficulties or wheelchair facilities include a shop, refreshments road racers and honorary Freemen of users). Whiskey/Gift Shop and Café the Borough of Ballymoney. Open all are accessible to all during opening times (no entrance charge). Phone for opening and tour times and group bookings. Children under 8 are not permitted to join guided tours.

> T 028 2073 3218 www.bushmills.com



### Mountsandel

(Mountsandel Road, Coleraine) one of the world's top links courses dating to between 7600 and 7900BC. Flint tools were found here, indicating that Stone Age hunters camped here The earthen fort is thought to date back to Norman times. The forest walk leads from the fort down to the banks of the Bann and passes close to the weir at The Cutts. There are good views over Somerset Wood and of the River Bann. Access is free.

> T 028 7034 4723 www.northcoastni.com



**Roe Valley Country Park** (Dogleap Road, Limavady) Beautiful riverside walks await the visitor here as well as a countryside museum. Variety of walks to suit all levels. Walks available all year. Phone for opening times of Visitor Centre, Green Lane Museum and Café. Admission free.

and Café) T 028 7776 0650 (Museum) www.ni-environment.gov.uk

landscape feature to impress visitors as they approached the entrance to and have become one of the most photographed natural phenomena in provided at a small charge. Disabled