

# Northern Ireland: Belfast & the Causeway Coastal Route

6 Days | SMALL GROUP JOURNEY MAXIMUM 12 GUESTS

Northern Ireland's rugged beauty and turbulent past come to life on this immersive journey along the legendary Causeway Coastal Route. From Belfast's political murals to the dramatic cliffs of the UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway, uncover castles, coastal towns, and Celtic heritage.

Please note: this is an active tour with longer walks required to access several key sites.



#### **Highlights & Inclusions**

- > Visit Belfast, Londonderry and Northern Ireland's stunning Causeway Coastal Route
- > 5 nights in exquisite 4 and 5-star hotels
- > 5 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L)
- > Guided sightseeing of Belfast including Belfast's murals and the IRA political tour and Londonderry
- > Titanic Belfast White Star Premium Pass and Discovery Tour
- > Two entire days with private driver visiting Northern Ireland's Causeway Coastal Route
- > Visit charming seaside towns of the Antrim Coast: Carrickfergus, Glenarm, Carnlough, Cushendall and Ballycastle
- > Visit must see historic and picturesque sites including Glenarm Castle & Gardens, Kinbane Castle, Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge, Dunseverick and **Dunluce Castle**
- > Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Giant's Causeway with admission and shared group tour
- > Ride one of the most scenic train journeys in Ireland
- > Experience a Premium Tour & Tasting at the world's oldest whiskey distillery, **Bushmills Distillery**
- > Visit an Irish country sheep farm with lunch
- > Entrance to Titanic Belfast, Glenarm Castle & Gardens, Kinbane Castle, Dunluce Castle, Carrick-a-Rede, Giant's Causeway, Bushmills Distillery and Mussenden Temple and Downhill Demesne
- > Tour Director accompanying the group
- > Deluxe VIP transport including scenic train to Londonderry
- > Arrival transfer on first and last day

Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

#### Day 1 Belfast

Welcome to Northern Ireland. Settle into your elegant Belfast accommodation and enjoy an evening at leisure in this vibrant capital city steeped in political history and Victorian grandeur.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: The Merchant 5-star or similar

#### Day 2 Belfast (B, L)

Today, delve into Belfast's complex past on a guided tour exploring key landmarks and the poignant political murals that capture the legacy of Republican and Loyalist conflict. After a welcome tour lunch, visit the renowned Titanic Belfast experience and the SS Nomadic, uncovering the city's shipbuilding legacy and the story behind the ill-fated RMS Titanic.

#### Day 3 Belfast – Causeway Coastal Route (Antrim Coast) - Portrush (B)

Embark on a breathtaking journey along the Antrim Coast, beginning with a short stop in Carrickfergus, home to one of Ireland's best-preserved Norman castles, dating back to 1177. Continue to Glenarm, a historic estate village and home to Glenarm Castle and Walled Garden, the ancestral seat of the McDonnell family for over 400 years. Then visit the charming harbour town of Carnlough, where you'll have time for an independent lunch and to admire the coastal setting famously featured in Game of Thrones. Venture inland to Glenariff Forest Park, known as the 'Queen of the Glens', to enjoy woodland walks and cascading waterfalls. Stop briefly in Cushendall, nestled at the foot of the Antrim Glens, and continue along the scenic route to Ballycastle for a photo opportunity at the dramatic Kinbane Castle ruins. perched on a limestone headland. Arrive in Portrush for a relaxing evening.

STAY (3) NIGHTS: Portrush Adelphi 4-star or similar











#### Day 4 Portrush – Causeway Coastal Route (Antrim Coast North) – Portrush (B)

Continue exploring the spectacular northern reaches of the Causeway Coastal Route. Begin with a visit to Dunluce Castle, a 13th-century cliffside ruin steeped in myth and mystery, dramatically perched above the sea. Continue to the thrilling Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, once used by salmon fishermen, where you can brave the swaying walkway suspended nearly 100 feet above crashing waves. Pause in the picturesque village of

Ballintoy for an independent lunch before a short stop at Dunseverick Castle, which once marked the beginning of an ancient royal road to Tara. The day concludes at the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its 40,000 interlocking basalt columns formed by volcanic activity over 60 million years ago. Marvel at the geological wonder and enjoy the immersive visitor Experience before returning to Portrush.

#### Day 5 Portrush – Londonderry -Coleraine - Bushmills – Portrush (B)

Visit Londonderry (Derry), Northern Ireland's only fully walled city. Founded in 1613, its remarkably preserved 17th-century walls are among the finest in Europe. The city is a symbol of resilience and reconciliation, known for its role in the Troubles and its vibrant cultural revival. Enjoy a brief guided city tour with leisure time for lunch before boarding a scenic train journey along the Northern Ireland coast. Continue to Bushmills for a premium Old Bushmills Distillery tour and

tasting at Ireland's oldest working distillery, where whiskey has been crafted since 1608 before returning to your hotel.

#### Day 6 Portrush – Castlerock – Maghera – Belfast (B, L)

Depart for Castlerock to visit the Mussenden Temple and Downhill Demesne, an 18th-century estate set on dramatic cliffs overlooking the Atlantic, inspired by Roman architecture and rich in scenic views. Then journey inland to Maghera for a guided experience at Glenshane

Country Farm, offering insight into traditional sheep farming and rural life in Northern Ireland's Sperrin Mountains. Finish your visit with a local lunch before departing for Belfast, arriving around 5:00PM, where the tour concludes with drop-off at the airport or city centre.

#### Feature hotel | ★★★★

The Merchant Belfast





- Built in the mid 1800's, this grand Italianate style sandstone architectural marvel was transformed into a 63 room luxury 5-star hotel in 2010
- > Features 3 restaurants, a multi-award winning Cocktail Bar and spa facilities



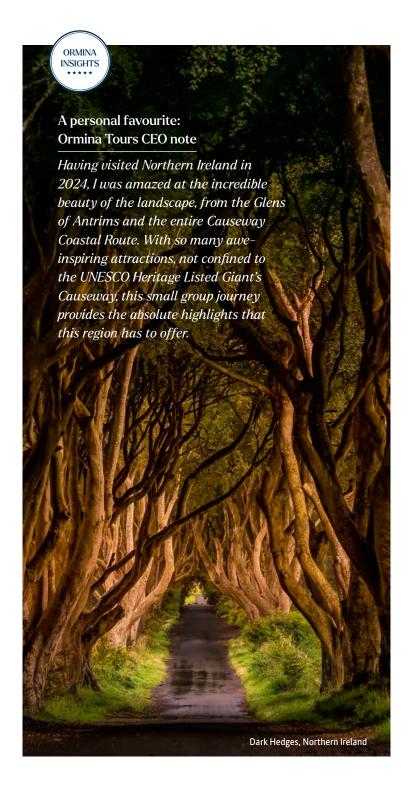
#### **Departures and Pricing**

2026	STARTS	ENDS
	Belfast	Belfast
	29-May-26	03-Jun-26
	19-Jun-26	24-Jun-26
	03-Jul-26	08-Jul-26
	17-Jul-26	22-Jul-26
	31-Jul-26	05-Aug-26
	21-Aug-26	26-Aug-26
	11-Sep-26	16-Sep-26

2027	STARTS	ENDS
	Belfast	Belfast
	28-May-27	02-Jun-27
	18-Jun-27	23-Jun-27
	02-Jul-27	07-Jul-27
	16-Jul-27	21-Jul-27
	30-Jul-27	04-Aug-27
	20-Aug-27	25-Aug-27
	10-Sep-27	15-Sep-27

### Price from AUD \$7,990 Twin Share per person Single Supplement \$2,500

\*Prices for each departure are listed on our website. Prices are in Australian Dollars (AUD) and in other currencies on request.







## Our most popular tour extensions

#### PRE & POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- A Classic Ireland Escape (12 Days) **Private Regional Discovery**
- > Extend your Northern Ireland journey to the Republic with an immersive exploration from Dublin to Galway and the Wild Atlantic Way
- > Discover vibrant cities, dramatic coastal cliffs, gourmet food trails, iconic castles, and the charming towns of Cashel, Killarney and Westport

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#### **Scotland: Land of Legends (11 Days) Private Regional Discovery**

> Discover Scotland's natural beauty and culture, with exclusive experiences including a ride on the Jacobite steam train, distillery tastings, and guided tours of Edinburgh, Skye, and Inverness

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