

153RD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP NORTHERN IRELAND & IRELAND ESCORTED TOUR | JULY 18-29, 2025

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.



18 July 2025 to 29 July 2025



AT A GLANCE

When	Fri July 18 - Tue July 29, 2025	
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	

Day	Golf	Accommodation
Day 1	Arrive	Europa Hotel, Belfast
Day 2	Royal Portrush Golf Club	Europa Hotel, Belfast
Day 3	Royal Portrush Golf Club	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

Hello 2025 Irish crew!

Listed below are the updated itinerary details for the upcoming trip to Ireland in July 2025. There will certainly be more things added between now and your arrival and I will let you know these details along the way.

Gary, Maureen and myself are really looking forward in seeing you in Belfast.

Feel free to reach out to me with any queries.

With thanks,

Matt

Matt Ridge - GOLFSelect Travel



ITINERARY DAY-BY-DAY

Friday, 18 July 2025

Arrival Day in Belfast | 03:00 PM

Make your own way to Europa Belfast Hotel. ** Check in will be from 3pm but feel free to leave luggage in storage if arriving earlier. Use your surname for check-in. We are part of the Event Travel group booking **

Main sightseeing in Belfast

If you have time to do some exploring in Belfast then certainly consider doing a Black Cabs tour about The Troubles. Also the Titanic Experience and City Hall are worth a visit.

- Important Note
 - ** All ticketing details relating to The Open will be known to us closer to the event **
- Welcome Drink | 07:00 PM
 Meet the rest of the group who you will be travelling with in a relaxed, fun informal setting at the hotel
- **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

- Meet in lobby for transfer to The Open

 Meet in the lobby (time tbc) for your coach transfer to The Open.
- Return coach transfers included to attend The Open Approx transfer time 80min each way.
- **more details about your tickets closer to the event PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU DOWNLOAD The Open Tickets App to your phone to receive your tickets from us **)

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- Links and Drinks Soiree | For Europa Hotel guests there will be a finger food (substantial) and drinks event in the Europa Ballroom. Exact time tbc | 07:00 PM



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Sunday, 20 July 2025

Meet in lobby for transfer to The Open

Meet in the lobby (time tbc) for your coach transfer to The Open.

Return coach transfers included to attend The Open

Approx transfer time 80min each way

Royal Portrush Golf Club | 11:30 AM tee time (Guaranteed ticket to Day 4 of the 153rd Open Championship **more details about your tickets closer to the event **)

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Dinner - own arrangements

There may be smaller group arrangements closer to the time at a nearby pub or local venue ** Please bring cash just in case bills cannot be split **

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Monday, 21 July 2025

- Luggage note
 - ** All luggage to be in the hotel lobby by 8:15AM ready for 9:00AM coach departure to Rosapenna. Please make sure all luggage is easily identifiable **
- Check out of accommodation | 08:30 AM

Check out after breakfast, settle any room incidentals and check room for any valuables etc

- Padraig McGuire will be our dedicated coach driver from July 21-29.
- Transfer to Rosapenna | 09:00 AM

Approx travel time 2 hours 30 mins (plus brief stop en-route). You may want to pick up some takeaway sandwiches etc at our stop due to golf timings.

🖹 Rosapenna Arrival Notes

Lunch is available in either the Golf Pavillon or in the Hotel at the Coach House Bar (own expense). Check in to your room after golf (your bags will be placed in your rooms while at golf).



- **L**. Rosapenna Golf Resort Sandy Hills Links | 01:00 PM tee time (1:00-2:00PM tee time | 18 holes golf with pull buggy see Golf Pairings **some golfers have single caddies, sngl caddy fee is €80 +tip of €20-30 per caddy**) 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.
- Welcome Dinner in the Hotel Vardon Restaurant | 07:30 PM

With everyone now having met each other and played our opening round, we can now officially have our Welcome Dinner ** Dinner is included as part of the package **

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

- Transfer to St Patrick's Links | 08:45 AM 5min transfer
- I. Rosapenna Golf Resort St.Patrick's Links | 09:30 AM tee time (9:30AM-10:30AM tee time | 18 holes golf with pull buggy see Golf Pairings, 1x forecaddie per group included **some golfers have single caddies, sngl caddy fee is €80 +tip €20-30 per caddy, forecaddie tip will be €30-40 per group **)

 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.
- Dinner own arrangements

There may be smaller group arrangements closer to the time at a nearby pub or local venue. Harbour Bay, The Singing Pub and Carrigart One 8 all have good reports ** Please bring cash just in case bills cannot be split **

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Wednesday, 23 July 2025

- Breakfast avail for early bird golfers | 06:30 AM 6:30AM Restaurant is open for the early golfers
- Check out of accommodation (for early bird golfers)

Check out after breakfast, settle any room incidentals and check room for any valuables etc ** For those playing golf this morning please leave luggage at Reception storage prior to golf **



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 - Rosapenna Golf Resort is home to two stunning links courses, including the Old Tom Morris Links which first opened in 1893.
- Check out of accommodation (for those not golfing) | 11:00 AM
 Check out after breakfast, settle any room incidentals and check room for any valuables etc
- Morning / early afternoon at own leisure (non golfers)
- Transfer to Slieve Donard accom | 01:00 PM
 We plan to leave at 1PM for Slieve Donard. Approx travel time 3 hours, plus brief stop en-route
- Slieve Donard Arrival Notes

 Check in at reception for your room key. Please provide reception staff with a valid cc for own room charges.
- Dinner own arrangements

No planned group dinner this evening. There may be smaller group arrangements closer to the time at a nearby pub or local venue. Percy French Bar/Restaurant onsite. Villa Vinci or Quinn's Bar both within 5-10min walk ** Please bring cash just in case bills cannot be split **

- Provisional Reservation at Percy French (onsite) | 07:30 PM

 We are currently holding a reservation for 12pax onsite at Percy French. Please let me know if you are keen to be included. **Likely to be own room charge or pay directly on the evening **
- 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

- Torrey day Happy Birthday Torrey!
- ★ Walk to the course | 09:15 AM 5min walk. Your clubs will be set up at the golf course. Feel free to get on the coach as well if you want to save your legs!
- L. Royal County Down Golf Club (Championship Course) | 10:01 AM tee time (10:01AM-11:06AM tee time | 18 holes golf with pull buggy see Golf Pairings, 1x forecaddie per group included **some golfers have single caddies instead, sngl caddy fee is £75 per caddy + tip, forecaddie tip will be approx £40-50 per group**)

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- ★ Dinner own arrangements

Possible group dinner may be planned at a local venue ** Please bring cash just in case bills cannot be split **



Slieve Donard Resort and Spa

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Friday, 25 July 2025

♠ Possible morning walk

Not saying this will go ahead, but Gary and Maureen may organise their infamous walk up the Mourne Mountains - not for the faint hearted! ;-)

■ Walk to the course | 09:30 AM

5min walk. Your clubs will be set up at the golf course. Feel free to get on the coach as well if you want to save your legs!

L. Royal County Down Golf Club (Championship Course) | 10:14 AM tee time (1014AM-11:19AM tee time | 18 holes golf with pull buggy - see Golf Pairings, 1x forecaddie per group included **some golfers have single caddies instead, sngl caddy fee is £75 per caddy + tip, forecaddie tip will be approx £40-50 per group**)

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Dinner - own arrangements

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Saturday, 26 July 2025

Check out of accommodation

Check out after breakfast, settle any room incidentals and check room for any valuables etc

Luggage note | 08:45 AM

** All luggage to be in the hotel lobby by 8:45AM ready for 9:30AM coach departure to Bushmills. Please make sure all luggage is easily identifiable **

Transfer to Bushmills | 09:30 AM

Approx travel time 2.5hours, plus brief stop en-route

Possible sightseeing options

Subject to driver discussions, we may be able to take some of you to Giant's Causeway (must pre-book tickets), Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge, Dunluce Castle or you could spend an afternoon relaxing around Bushmills. **
Possibly do some lunch in Portrush at 55 Degrees North or similar ** Check in to your rooms at Bushmills will be from 3pm



Optional golf

For those that havent had enough golf, we can certainly look at what hidden gems may be available locally in the afternoon!

Bushmill Inn Arrival Notes | 03:00 PM

Check in at reception for your room key. Please provide reception staff with a valid cc for own room charges.

🔀 Dinner - own arrangements

Possible group dinner may be planned at a local venue ** Please bring cash just in case bills cannot be split **

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

The Big Day at Royal Portrush has arrived!

Today is the day you've been waiting for! Morning at own leisure and then playing Royal Portrush a week after the Claret Jug was lifted by.... (insert your own name). A very memorable day for sure!

Transfer to Royal Portrush | 12:30 PM

Approx 10-15min transfer | Lunch in the Clubhouse will be possible - own expense

- Pairings, 1x forecaddie per group included **some golfers have single caddies instead, sngl caddy fee is £70-80 per caddy (senior or elite) + tip, forecaddie tip will be approx £50 per group**)

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- Dinner suggestion stay at Royal Portrush after golf

Dinner in the Clubhouse afterwards at own expense ** You will be able to order items and pay onsite after your game **

The Bushmills Inn Hotel

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Monday, 28 July 2025

☐ Transfer to Portstewart GC | 08:30 AM Approx 20min transfer



Portstewart Golf Club The Strand Course | 09:40 AM tee time (9:40AM-10:28AM tee time | 18 holes golf with pull buggy - see Golf Pairings, 1x forecaddie per group included **some golfers have single caddies instead, sngl caddy fee is £70 per caddy + tip, forecaddie tip will be approx £40-50 per group** **)

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.

Transfer back to Bushmills after golf

Farewell dinner at Tartine Distellary Arms | 06:30 PM

A fantastic evening ahead as we recall many memories and laughs from the past couple weeks! ** Dinner is included as part of the package **

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Tuesday, 29 July 2025

Departure Day

Farewell everyone! We look forward in catching up again in the very near future. No doubt many new memories and friendships have been made! Safe travels...

Check out of accommodation

Check out after breakfast, settle any room incidentals and check room for any valuables etc

Luggage note | 08:00 AM

** All luggage to be in the hotel lobby by 8:00AM ready for 8:30AM coach departure to Belfast and then Dublin. Please make sure all luggage is easily identifiable **

Transfer to Belfast (then to Dublin) | 08:30 AM

8:30AM Depart Bushmills. Travel time approx 1hr15 min to Belfast (and then a further 2hrs to Dublin airport).

- **Approx 20pax on the coach **
- Slan Agus Beannacht Leat!



GOLF COURSES

Rosapenna Golf Resort - St. Patrick's Links





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Region: Ireland

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Portstewart Golf Club The Strand Course



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Region: Ireland - North East



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Royal County Down Golf Club (Championship Course)



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Region: Ireland - North East



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Royal Portrush Golf Club



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Rosapenna Golf Resort - Old Tom Morris Links







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Rosapenna Golf Resort - Sandy Hills Links



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Region: Ireland - West & North West



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ACCOMMODATION

The Bushmills Inn Hotel



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Europa Hotel, Belfast



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Region: Ireland - North East



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Slieve Donard Resort and Spa



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Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Resort



Sheephaven Bay, Downings, County Donegal, Letterkenny, IE, F92 PN73 Ireland +353-74-915-5301 (tel:+353-74-915-5301) Region: Ireland - West & North West



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