



# 2025 Northern Ireland Tour (18-29 July)

**Fri 18 July 2025 – Tue 29 July 2025**

with  
Gary Lisbon and Matthew Ridge  
GOLFSelect

*Play the best courses in Northern Ireland,  
including two games at Royal County Down  
and a game at Royal Portrush  
one week after The 153<sup>rd</sup> Open Championship*

## 2025 GOLFSelect Northern Ireland Escorted Tour

Dear Golfer,

Thank you for your interest in our **2025 GOLFSelect Northern Ireland Tour** taking place from Fri 18 July 2025 to Tue 29 July 2025. We are pleased to present the itinerary for your review.

Highlights of the itinerary include:

- 6+ games on the best courses in Northern Ireland
- 3 games at 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 arguably the No.1 golf course in the world (Royal County Down)
- Four of your six games will be at World Top 50 courses (*Golf Magazine rankings*)
- Two days at The 153<sup>rd</sup> Open Championship (guaranteed tickets on Sat and Sun)
- Quality accommodation and transfers throughout the tour
- Fully escorted by Gary Lisbon and Matthew Ridge of GOLFSelect

We have already had a great deal of interest in this Tour and expect the Tour to be completely sold out (maximum of 24 places). Therefore, we would encourage you, if you are interested, to let us know as soon as possible.

Confirmation of your place on the tour will be subject to payment of the associated deposit as outlined.

Combining the best golf in Northern Ireland will be exciting and we really hope that you can experience this in 2025 with GOLFSelect.

Please feel free to contact us at any time on our office number +61-3-9563-6776 or on our mobiles (Matt +61 412-138-641 or Gary +61 418-465-337) and we will be more than happy to answer any questions.

Regards



Gary Lisbon



Matthew Ridge

## GOLFSelect Northern Ireland Escorted Tour—2025

### At a Glance

Date	Description	Golf	Accommodation
Fri 18 July 2025	Arrival into Belfast	-	Europa Belfast (4 star)
Sat 19 July 2025		The Open Championship	Europa Belfast (4 star)
Sun 20 July 2025		The Open Championship	Europa Belfast (4 star)
Mon 21 July 2025	Transfer to Rosapenna	Rosapenna—Sandy Hills	Rosapenna Hotel (5 star)
Tue 22 July 2025		Rosapenna—Old Tom Morris (optional)	Rosapenna Hotel (5 star)
Wed 23 July 2025	Transfer to Slieve Donard after Golf	Rosapenna—St.Patricks Links	Slieve Donard (4 star)
Thu 24 July 2025		Royal County Down	Slieve Donard (4 star)
Fri 25 July 2025		Royal County Down	Slieve Donard (4 star)
Sat 26 July 2025	Transfer to Bushmills	Day at own leisure	Bushmills Inn (4 star)
Sun 27 July 2025		Royal Portrush Golf Club	Bushmills Inn (4 star)
Mon 28 July 2025		Portstewart Golf Club—Strand	Bushmills Inn (4 star)
Tue 29 July 2025	Departure Day Transfer to Dublin Int Airport		
		** For those keen on an 8 day extended tour of Dublin and Southwest Ireland please enquire **	

#### \* The Open Championship Packages

The Hotel, Transport & Ticket portion of this Tour in Belfast is provided by Events Travel an Authorised Provider of the 153<sup>rd</sup> Open Championship.

## **Detailed Itinerary – July 18 to 29, 2025**

### **Friday 18th July 2025**

**Arrive into Belfast Airport. Make your own way to our city based accommodation (15 min drive).**

**SIGHTSEEING:      Free day - sightseeing day**

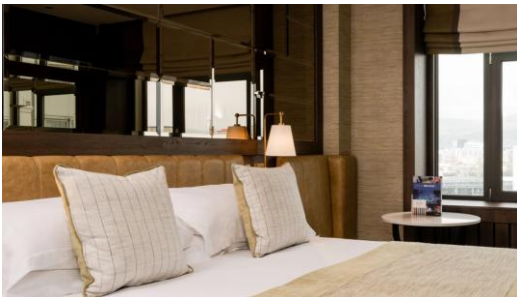
Today is a rest day where you have the chance to explore Belfast and all that it has to offer.

Given the Open Championship is on at Royal Portrush up the road there will be a hive of activity in many of the pubs around Belfast.

Of course, if you are keen to play some more golf then we should be able to organise a game at one of the courses around Belfast.

**DINNER:      Welcome Dinner**

**HOTEL:      Europa Belfast (3 nights, 18-21 July, 2025)**



Superbly located in Belfast, the world-famous Europa is often referred to as the heartbeat of the city. Standing tall in the city centre for over 50 years, the Europa has attracted many famous faces from all over the world and hosted numerous prestigious events over the years. The Europa offers elegant decor, contemporary bistro, bustling bar and of course our ever-popular piano bar lounge, the Europa Hotel is the four star hotel of choice in the city.

At the Europa Hotel every guest is a VIP and will experience the finest in Irish hospitality and the highest level of customer service which the Europa is internationally famous for.

**Saturday 19th July 2025**

**Attend The Open – Royal Portrush**

The Open is always essential viewing. Also a good chance to get around the course and pick out your favourite vistas.



**Hotel: Europa Belfast**

**Sunday 20th July 2025**

**Attend The Open – Royal Portrush**



You will be at the course in plenty of time before the leaders have teed off. Always an exciting day keeping an eye on the leaderboard and getting your position in the Stands waiting to see who will be lifting the Claret Jug in 2025.

**Hotel: Europa Belfast**



**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**Travel: From Europa Hotel to Rosapenna (approx travel time 2.5hrs)**

**Golf: Rosapenna Golf Resort – Sandy Links**



Rosapenna Golf Resort's Sandy Hills Links is in many ways the ideal of a modern links. Intended for the serious golfer, its narrow fairways appear constricting from the tee, but the landing areas sculpted from the dunes are deceptively wide. Measuring a hefty 7,255 yards from the tips, Sandy Hills was designed with championship play in mind. However, don't allow this to deter you, with a multiplicity of tees there is a length to suit all strengths.

Above all, the appeal of Sandy Hills lies in its beautifully balanced routing through the high dunes cloaked in marram grass. These sandhills bear a striking resemblance to the ones near the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland that form the spine of Royal Portrush, Portstewart and Castlerock. Many of the holes feature elevated tees and greens, with drives into natural bowls on the dune floor.

**Hotel: Rosapenna Golf Resort (2 nights, 21-23 July 2025)**



Rosapenna is the proud home to the Old Tom Morris Links designed by Old Tom Morris of St. Andrews in 1893 and a modern great in the Sandy Hills Links laid out by Pat Ruddy of The European Club fame and open for play since 2003. The new St Patrick's Links by Tom Doak opened in June 2021 and has taken the golf world by storm.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

**Golf: Rosapenna – St Patrick's Links**



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 is currently ranked #49 on the GOLF Magazine Top 100 in the World rankings 2023-24 alongside only three other courses in Ireland; Ballybunion, Lahinch & Portmarnock.

**Hotel: Rosapenna Golf Resort**

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

**Golf: Rosapenna– Old Tom Morris Links (optional)**



In 1891, while a guest of Lord Leitrim at his nearby estate, Old Tom Morris of St. Andrews, a winner of four British Opens in the 1860's, took a drive to enjoy the Donegal scenery. Morris was quick to see the golfing potential of this fine stretch of Donegal coast line and before returning to the home of golf he had staked-out the first Rosapenna Links, incorporating wide rolling fairways amidst the undulating terrain and of course those delightful greens.

**Travel: After golf transfer from Rosapenna Golf Resort to Slieve Donard approx travel time 3 hours.**

**Hotel: Slieve Donard (3 nights, 23-26 July 2025)**



Newcastle is one of Northern Ireland's most beautiful and enchanting regions. Slieve Donard sits at the foot of Mourne Mountains, bordered by golden strands of beach and Royal County Down, one of the world's most prestigious golf clubs.

Built by the Belfast and County Down Railway in 1898 as a luxury holiday destination, the "must see" Slieve Donard was the epitome of Victorian grandeur.



Thursday 24th July 2025

**Golf: Royal County Down**



Royal County Down is rated No.6 in the World Top 100 (by GOLF Magazine) and we are playing it twice. A trip doesn't end much better than that! It 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.

**Hotel: Slieve Donard**

Friday 25th July 2025

**Golf: Royal County Down**



Round number two at Royal County Down Golf Club. Perhaps a chance to redeem yourself after yesterday or back up the great form from yesterday?

Royal County Down was founded in 1889 by a group of influential business and professional men from Belfast. There is some evidence to suggest that even before then a rudimentary form of golf was played by the townsfolk on the rabbit warren at Newcastle. However, it was the development of a railway line from Belfast to Newcastle by the Belfast & County Down Railway and the emergence of Newcastle as a desirable seaside resort in Victorian times which provided the impetus for the first formal golf course.

**Hotel: Slieve Donard**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Travel: From Slieve Donard Hotel to Bushmills (approx travel time 1 hour 45 mins)**

**Sightseeing / Day of Leisure**

**Hotel: Bushmills (3 nights, 26-29 July 2025)**



Since its re-opening in 1987, the Bushmills Inn has come to epitomise the true spirit of Ulster hospitality and is regularly featured by travel writers and television presenters from all over the world.

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. The welcome is warm and the fire always lit.

The hotel excels in providing a relaxing environment for couples, a small group of friends - very often a golfing party.

The spacious and creatively designed guest rooms, discretely accommodating modern technology, all have their own sitting room area, small dressing room and, of course, private bathrooms.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Golf:     Royal Portrush**



This day will live long in the memory bank! Playing at Royal Portrush a week after it has just hosted The Open Championship will be one very special day.

Many golfers have portrayed Royal Portrush Golf Club Dunluce Links as one of the most challenging in the golf course world. The golf club was founded in 1888 and 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 and The Amateur Championship in 1993.

Situated on the beautiful North Antrim Causeway coast, Royal Portrush Golf Club occupies a triangle of giant sandhills which present magnificent views in all directions. The hills of Donegal in the west, the Isle of Islay and Southern Hebrides in the north, with the Giant's Causeway and the Skerries in the east. The course is overlooked by the ruins of 13th century Dunluce Castle and this gives its name to Royal Portrush's famous Dunluce course.

**Hotel:   Bushmills**

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### **Golf: Portstewart - Strand**



Portstewart Golf Club is proud to offer 54 holes of golf spectacularly set on Ulster's famous Causeway Coast with something for every golfer.

Situated on Ulster's magnificent Causeway Coast Portstewart Golf Club presents a difficult but fair game. The Strand Course, redesigned in 1992, is indisputably the jewel in Portstewart's crown for both quality of game and scenery.

The course is set in classic links country amid towering sand dunes

with views at every turn of the blue Donegal Hills, the rolling Atlantic and the tranquil estuary of the River Bann.

### **Farewell Dinner**

Our final night and an important way of finishing our time in Northern Ireland is with our Farewell dinner. Good shots will be recalled (and exaggerated), sightseeing memories will be recounted and the variety of experiences (with many laughs) we have had over the last 2 weeks will be remembered.

### **Hotel: Bushmills**

## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### **Departure day, transfer to Belfast**

A group transfer will be organised to take us to Belfast. Approx 1 hour 15 min transfer.

***\*\* If you are interested in continuing your golfing journey for an extra week to play some more incredible golf courses in and around Dublin (including Portmarnock, Royal Dublin, The Island) or in the South West of Ireland (Ballybunion, Lahinch, Tralee, Dooks, Waterville) please let us know and we will contact you to offer some suggestions. \*\****

## Package Pricing

2025 Package	Main Inclusions	Twin Share	Single
<b>Package Summary</b>	11 nights, 6+ game package	<b>£10,490 per person</b>	<b>£12,490 per person</b>

**11 Nights deluxe accommodation** based on sharing twin rooms or single occupancy with full breakfast included (standard rooms quoted – upgraded room types available)

- 3 Nights at the Europa Belfast (Belfast)
- 2 Nights at Rosapenna Golf Resort (Donegal)
- 3 Nights at Bushmills Inn (Bushmills)
- 3 Nights at the Slieve Donard Hotel (Newcastle)

### **6 rounds + championship golf including pull trolleys**

- Royal County Down Golf Club (2 x 18 holes of golf)
- Royal Portrush Golf Club (week after The Open Championship)
- Rosapenna - Sandy Hills Links
- Rosapenna – Old Tom Morris Links (optional)
- Rosapenna – St. Patricks Links
- Portstewart – Strand
- Forecaddies included at Royal County Down, Royal Portrush and Rosapenna St. Patricks Links (NB. Single caddies can be organised at an additional cost)

- **Guaranteed General Admission tickets** to Saturday and Sunday at The 153<sup>rd</sup> Open Championship (Hospitality tickets may be available at an additional cost but you will need to be quick!)
- **Mini coach transport** for the Tour's duration to include all motoring/driver expenses. Airport and golf transfers based on group transfers, any extra vehicles required will be charged accordingly
- **Welcome and Final Dinners**
- **Fully Escorted** by Gary Lisbon and Matthew Ridge of GOLFSelect
- **GOLFSelect Gift Pack**
- **All local tax and service charges**

## Not Included

- Travel Insurance (we strongly recommend purchasing this)
- Airfares (unless stated in the package)
- Caddy Fees/ Gratuities (beyond the forecaddies included above)
- Lunch/Dinner (unless otherwise stated in the itinerary)
- Incidentals applied to your room
- Any items of a personal nature



## Deposit Requirements

### **First Deposit:**

A non-refundable deposit of **£1,500 per person** is required at time of booking. Your booking will not be confirmed until we have received email confirmation and the Signed Booking Form is returned and the deposit paid.

### **Second Deposit:**

The second deposit of £5,000 per person is due by **November 30, 2024**.

### **Final Deposit:**

The final payment is due by **March 16, 2025**. The final payment will be for the full price of the tour in GBP less the deposits paid (first and second). No refunds are available after the final payment date.

**No refunds, under any circumstances, are available after March 16, 2025.**

### **Payment Method:**

Amounts need to be paid by bank transfer to our nominated bank account listed on the below Booking Form.

Credit cards may be used however a credit card processing fee will be applied depending on the type of card used – VISA/MC – 2.5%, AMEX – 3.5%.

For any credit card payments to us in AUD, any deposit amounts will be converted to GBP and remitted to our UK/Ireland partners for payment. You will be advised of the bank exchange rate used for this transfer. The final payment will be for the full price of the tour in GBP less the deposits paid (first and second) and converted to AUD based on the best bank rate of the day.

## More Information

Please contact either of us below to find out more and confirm your place in the tour.

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## **Terms and Conditions**

### **INFORMATION**

The tour you are booking with GOLFSelect is a customized tour to suit your group and, as such, our procedures and deposit policies vary from other tour operators. The following information will be required to confirm all aspects of your golfing package.

Full name and mailing address of each member of the group. (Including sex, as some clubs in the British Isles restricts days and times ladies may play).

A letter of introduction from each member of the group's home golf, club stating handicap and they are in good standing within the club or a copy of your handicap card.

To secure the reservation and place the tour into operation you must complete the booking form and forward the appropriate deposit as outlined above. Deposit amounts will vary depending on the services you have requested. Once your deposit is received your tour will be placed into operation. Deposits are used to secure golf, transport and accommodations and are therefore **non-refundable**. Final payment of the balance due on the tour must be received by GOLFSelect no less than 120 days before the scheduled tour commences. Until then, the total price of the tour is not fully guaranteed. Payment can be made by the following credit cards – Visa or MasterCard, American Express or Diners Club (credit card processing fee will apply for all credit cards), personal or company cheque and also bank transfer.

### **BOOKING CONFIRMATION AND DEPOSIT**

Any individual who makes the booking for this trip is responsible for all payments made to GOLFSelect in accordance with the payment schedule listed above. It will be the responsibility of each individual person making the payment arrangements to ensure they understand both the deposit and cancellations terms and conditions as laid out by GOLFSelect.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

Notification of cancellation must be forwarded to GOLFSelect in writing or by email as soon as possible.

The following is a schedule of charges incurred by the client if for any reason they decide to cancel the tour, 366 and + days prior to the commencement of the tour, loss of initial deposit.

365 – 121 days prior to the commencement of the tour, loss of any deposits paid to date.

120 – 0 days prior to the commencement of the tour, total tour cost non-refundable.

If GOLFSelect has any reason to cancel the tour, a refund will be made on any deposits paid

### **LAND TRANSFERS**

The itinerary includes coach transport from the point of arrival until departure date unless specified otherwise. All motoring and drivers expenses are included in the price of the tour.

### **HOTELS**

It is the policy of GOLFSelect to use hotels that have a 3, 4 or 5 star rating. All quotations are based on rooms with private bath/shower at the hotels requested. Should any hotel not be available after your quotation, an alternative of similar standard will be offered. Superior and De-luxe rooms are available for a supplementary charge in most hotels.

### **UNUSED TOUR SERVICES**

Tour services included in the tour packages, which are not used, are non-refundable. No refund will be made for unused hotel accommodations, tee times or any other service due to flight delays or unscheduled changes or for any other reason.

### **TOUR DOCUMENTS**

Tour documents will be sent to you approximately 3 weeks prior to your departure date with all relevant documentation therein.

### **HANDICAP CARD OR CERTIFICATE**

GOLFSelect stipulates that all clients must carry with them a current handicap or a general letter of introduction from their home club. Failure to do so may result in access being denied at a number of the clubs. This can be provided to GOLFSelect ahead of the tour.

### **CADDIES/PULL BUGGIES/MOTORISED CARTS**

We have included, in our packages, a forecaddie per group at certain courses as well as a pull buggy. We have found, with experience, that a forecaddie provides invaluable information on where to hit (and where not to) as well as assisting with reading putts. Motorised carts are generally not available due to the traditional designs of these golf courses. If you do have a current medical certificate, then please let us know and we will enquire on your behalf.

If you require a dedicated caddy for you this can also be arranged ahead of time. Please advise us on booking if they are required. Caddy fees are to be paid by the client directly to the caddy or caddy master on the day of play and are not the responsibility of GOLFSelect. Please note that caddies are not directly employed by the respective golf clubs and it is the caddy's responsibility to arrive at the allotted time and as such no responsibility is accepted by GOLFSelect. Gratuities are not included in the caddy or forecaddie fees and are to be paid separately by each individual golfer.

### **MEET AND GREET**

You will be met by a representative of GOLFSelect upon arrival on the first day of the trip, subject to arrival flight times. You will be given a tour briefing at the airport or first night hotel. While travelling you will also have the backup facilities of our Ireland/Scotland offices for any help or advice you may require.

### **BAGGAGE**

The airline baggage allowance varies per airline carrier. Please refer to the airline website you are flying with for clarification on luggage restrictions.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

GOLFSelect strongly recommends Travel Insurance. On booking your golfing vacation, please ask for details of our preferred partner insurance company that we will be happy to recommend to you.

**Please remember it is your responsibility to have adequate travel insurance in place should you need to cancel the trip for any reason.** GOLFSelect is not liable for loss, damage or theft of luggage or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident or illness that may prevent travelling. Therefore, please ensure you have adequate insurance before travelling.

### **DISCLAIMER**

GOLFSelect further referred to as 'the company' and/or its agents, act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, tee times, sightseeing tours and transportation or any other service in connection with the itineraries of individual tour members who by acceptance thereof, acknowledge that the company and or its agents and suppliers shall not be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity, liability or expense to personal injury due to act or default of any hotel, golf club, carrier or any other company or person providing or rendering of services included in the tours.

Further, the company and or its agents accept no responsibility for any sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery breakdown, government restraints, weather conditions, defaults in any vehicle of transportation or any misadventure or casualty or any other causes beyond their control. The company reserves the right to cancel, change or substitute any service, and to decline to accept or retain tour members at any time for any reason including insufficient numbers of participants.

The client, by engaging the company and making deposit and/or full payment for the package arrangement specified, acknowledges the position of the company as stipulated by the foregoing and agrees to hold the company blameless in making arrangements on his/her behalf, provided same should be made through generally accepted suppliers at the time of engagement, and further agrees that the restitution of damages, if any are claimed, shall be sought directly from the suppliers. The client also agrees to the terms and conditions of the tour and services set forth by the suppliers. Rates are subject to change without notice.

Payment of deposit or full payment shall constitute consent of all provisions stated herein. Due to the nature of British and Irish weather, it is not possible to return green fee payments from golf clubs if courses are affected by adverse weather conditions. If however any refunds are to be made, this will be at the discretion of the golf club.

## 2025 NORTHERN IRELAND ESCORTED TRIP

### BOOKING FORM

To confirm your participation in our escorted tour please complete the booking form link for each member of your group.

Click on the link below to be taken to the online booking form.

<https://form.jotform.com/240418673478061>

or use the QR code below:



For any queries you may have please contact the GOLFSelect office on +61-3-9563-6776.  
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