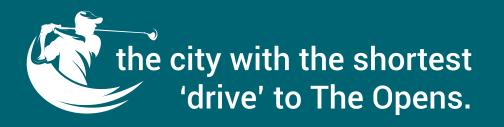






# Legenderry Golf Guide

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Welcome to the LegenDerry Golf Guide designed to help you plan an enjoyable golf programme for your clients.

Located in the North West of Ireland where The Wild Atlantic Way meets the Causeway Coastal Route, the vibrant city of Derry~Londonderry is less than a one-hour drive to two of the best championship links courses in the world; Ballyliffin Golf Club, host of The Irish Open and Royal Portrush Golf Club, host of the 2019 & 2025 British Open Championships. Renowned as one of the finest Walled Cities in Europe and home to awardwinning museums, some of the islands best cultural attractions and a plethora of lively festivals and events; Derry~Londonderry offers a vibrant social scene where your clients are guaranteed the warmest of welcomes and hospitality. For golfers looking to have as much fun off the course as they do on the course, the city walls surround cosy pubs with live music, award-winning museums that tell stories from times past, and vibrant eateries that serve up LegenDerry Food, with everything on the menu from contemporary street food which packs a punch to fine dining with a local twist.

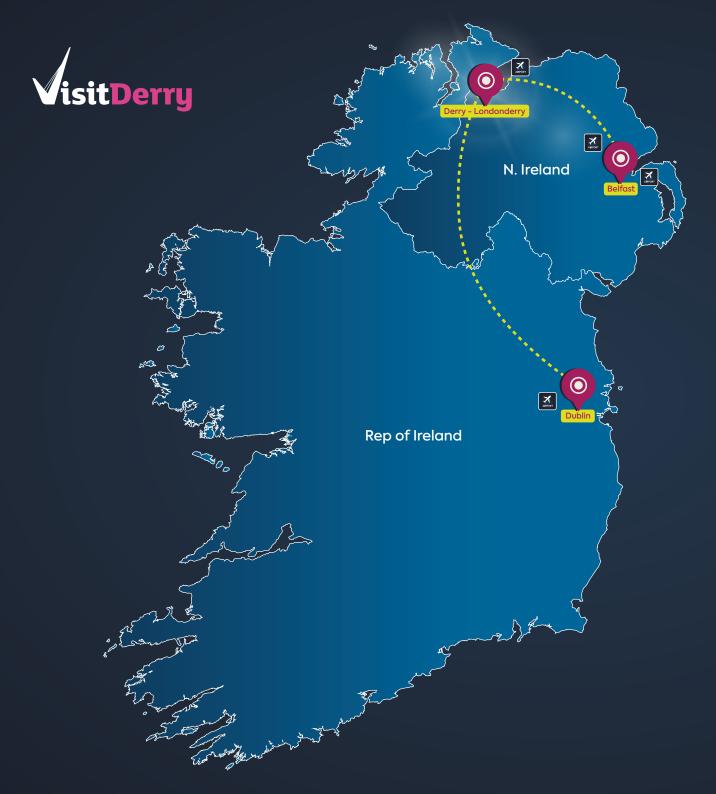
And it's not just the convenient location or the hustle and bustle of this creative and cultural hub that makes Derry~Londonderry well worth a visit, but the unique warmth and wit of the locals that will make your clients want to return time and time again.





# Where the Wild Atlantic Way meets the Causeway Coastal Route





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# The City Hotel is ideally situated in the heart of city of Derry overlooking the

River Foyle. Located within walking distance of the famous historic city walls, shops, bars and restaurants. Facilities include 158 bedrooms, conference floor for up to 450 guests, leisure centre with swimming pool, Jacuzzi, steam room and gym. Thompsons Restaurant offers guests and locals fine dining with beautiful views of the Peace Bridge and River Foyle, Coppins Bar on the ground floor has live entertainment every weekend and an extensive bar menu available throughout the day. City Hotel is the ideal base to explore some of the most breathtaking golf courses in Northern Ireland, whilst enjoying a buzzing cultural experience in our beautiful walled city. from vibrant restaurant and bar scenes, to fantastic shopping guarters. Nestled between the Wild Atlantic Way and Causeway Coastal Route, City Hotel is the hub to world class golf.

### Portrush Atlantic Hotel.

City Hotel.

The Portrush Atlantic Hotel boasts a prime location on the Causeway Coastal route. This 69 bedroom property is furnished with warm contemporary touches, a selection of our rooms have a spectacular view over the Atlantic Ocean. The Port Kitchen & Bar offers guests an extensive menu of local cuisine. Famous for stunning scenery and world class golf, and with some of the world's best courses on our doorstep, including the 149th Open, Portrush Atlantic Hotel is the ideal location to base for your next golfers get away. With the Open set for a triumphant return to Royal Portrush in 2025, there is no better time to get into the swing of things and book a championship experience.

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There's so much choice in Derry~Londonderry when it comes to choosing where to stay, with options available to suit everyone's budget and taste.

So whether you want to stay in the heart of the city action, or somewhere a little guieter then you'll have plenty to choose from.

From international hotel brands, boutique designer hotels right through to five-star self-catering accommodation, including comfortable B&Bs and guest houses - we've got them in abundance.

They all offer the highest standards of comfort, service and hospitality that will make your visit LegenDerry.

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Bishop's Gate Hotel is located within the historic city walls, nestled in the heart of the Cathedral Quarter and within 'putting distance' of a variety of trendy bars and restaurants.

Perfectly positioned for golf enthusiasts, our location provides convenient access to over 10 golf courses within an hour's drive of Derry, including the breathtaking Ballyliffin, City of Derry, Foyle Golf Centre and Royal Portrush. Awarded as a Top 10 Hotel in the UK at the 2021 Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice 'Best of the Best' list and a member of the prestigious Ireland's Blue Book, Bishop's Gate Hotel is the epitome of Edwardian elegance and offers the perfect base for golfing, exploring and indulging. A luxury boutique hotel and an iconic landmark, it is an intimate urban oasis featuring 31 luxurious guestrooms including two suites and the beautifully finished No.9 London St Apartment, a residents lounge, fitness area and The Wig and Gown Champagne Bar and Restaurant, the ideal 19th hole.

A former private members club that once hosted Winston Churchill and W.B. Yeats, is today a chic hotel blending classic and contemporary.

It's the ultimate city hideaway, packed with history but with all the modern comforts you'll ever need and an unrivalled service – the way in which we welcome guests, attend to them during their stay and remember them when they come back is the essence of Bishop's Gate Hotel.

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Get your golf trip off to a great start by booking a stay at The White Horse Hotel.

Our four-star, family-run hotel is excellently equipped and highly experienced in hosting groups of all sizes, many of whom choose to return year after year. And we hold the 'Good To Go' mark for our meticulous Covid prevention protocols. Located less than 15 minutes' drive from the historic Walled City of Derry~Londonderry, where the Causeway Coastal Route meets the Wild Atlantic Way, we offer guests a quiet haven after a busy day's golfing and exploring. We even have a drying room to securely store your clubs and dry any wet weather gear. We guarantee great service but cannot guarantee you won't experience the rain that keeps our countryside so green.

You have a choice of nearby local golf courses, with Faughan Valley Golf Centre and Foyle Golf Centre within 10 minutes drive. Alternatively, take advantage of award-winning Golf Courses within a 45 minute scenic drive, such as Ballyliffen and Royal Portrush.

Our modern facilities include en-suite bedrooms, executive rooms and Suites with premium mattresses and pillows for a great night's sleep. We have plentiful free parking and free WIFI throughout the premises. You also have complimentary access to our full gym with a huge array of weights and cardio equipment, as well as the 20 metre pool, sauna and steam room. And if you need to sooth your muscles after a day on the course, we have outdoor hot tubs that you can add to your stay for a relaxing treat. Join us for a delicious locally sourced meal or well-earned nightcap in our award-winning restaurant and bar. Simplicity, seasonality and second-to-none service are at the heart of what we do, with menus bursting with fresh local produce. A member of the LegenDerry food network, our menus might include haddock from Greencastle fishermen. lip-smacking Lo & Slo BBQ sauce, made here in Derry~Londonderry (and great on our bestselling pork ribs!) and homemade wheaten bread infused with local craft beer. Join us in the newly renovated restaurant to wine and dine beneath our stunning indoor blossom tree; enjoy a local whiskey or tasty bite to eat in our new traditional bar; or relax with a local craft ale in our new beer garden.

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Scan the QR code to get a full view of our facilities, and contact Emma on sales@whitehorsehotel.biz to help you book the perfect golfers getaway!



# DA VINCI'S HOTEL DERRY

Northern Ireland is a world leader in Golf and Derry is the ideal base to explore the top courses in the area. The award winning Da Vinci's Hotel is located on the Culmore road, an urban setting on the banks of the River Foyle. The hotel complex boasts 64 bedrooms, award winning traditional Irish bar and modern bistro restaurant.

After a day on the green quench your thirst at the 19th hole in Da Vinci's traditional Irish bar. Unwind by the open fire with the best pint of Guinness in Derry served up with some "Legenderry Hospitality". Sports are shown daily on our large screens along with private screens in our unique and cosy snug areas. The snug areas are a great place to catch up and regale with your own golfing stories throughout the years. During the summer season the outdoor terrace with heated canopy area and bubble pods are the perfect place to kick back and enjoy alfresco drinks & dinner.

Enjoy a foodie experience like no other in the award-winning restaurant, Caterina's Bistro. With a key focus on farm to table locally sourced produce, it offers a carefully crafted menu of exceptional dishes to tempt all tastebuds. After a great night's sleep tee off your day with a hearty breakfast, ready to set you up for another day on the green.

Our spacious rooms are a great space to relax and with 2 double beds in all standard rooms, they are ideal for guests requesting twin occupancy. For guests preferring additional living space we recommend our executive club rooms with one double bed, sofa & coffee table. The hotel has also recently launched new Self-Contained Studio apartments. The apartments are luxurious in design and include super king size bed, designer sofa bed, rainfall shower & eco-friendly toiletries. Contained within the suite is a kitchenette stocked with all your staycation essentials, fridge, kettle, toaster, microwave, sink, cutlery, crockery & glassware. Chromecast in all rooms you can enjoy watching your own programmes on our large flatscreen TVs. With a full bedroom refurbishment underway the hotel will be due for completion by the start of 2023.

Popular with guests and locals alike, Da Vinci's is all about providing a vibrant atmosphere, fantastic service, and a warm Derry Welcome.

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Located in a leafy pocket of Derry~Londonderry, close to the River Foyle, the stylish and contemporary 4 star Waterfoot has everything your need for a relaxing stay. We're only 5 minutes from the centre of Derry~Londonderry, within easy reach of City of Derry airport and with great rail and road links too.

The Walled City is where the Wild Atlantic Way meets the Causeway Coastal Route, making The Waterfoot the perfect base for exploring. Take a day trip to see the rugged Donegal hills and its glorious beaches, or why not take an excursion along the Causeway Coastal Route and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site - the Giant's Causeway.

When it comes to golf, there's no better place to stay than The Waterfoot. The city is home to impressive golf courses, with stunning views of the River Foyle and the hills of Donegal. Coupled with the buzzing cultural and social scene, the city makes an ideal choice for those looking for a golfing holiday. Take a short car journey to play at Royal Portrush Golf Club, home to the 148th Open Championship. Or, venture to Donegal to play at Ballyliffin Golf Club – host venue of the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open.

After a day on the golf course or exploring the sights and sounds of the Walled City, the Waterfoot is a welcome retreat. Or Relax in one of our 44 stylish bedrooms and suites, all cleverly designed to ensure our guests have a comfortable stay. We offer luxury bedding for the perfect night's sleep, a fantastic shower and thoughtful extras to enhance your stay, including complimentary WIFI and car parking. Our beautifully landscaped gardens are a pleasant respite from the buzz of the City, and the perfect spot for a cool drink on a warm day. At the Waterfoot, you can enjoy a bite to eat in our stylish Wine Bar or in our cosy Snug, both serving the best in locally sourced and seasonal produce.

You'll find casual all day dining in our Wine Bar, plus an extensive drinks and cocktail selection. From morning coffees to indulgent 3 course meals, the Wine Bar is the perfect spot for family and friends to catch up and enjoy great food and drink in stylish surroundings.

The Snug is our traditionally styled pub, perfect for a prime Irish beef burger and a pint of Guinness in front of the fire while watching the best sports action on our large screen TVS. Come on in and enjoy the best craic around! We look forward to welcoming you to the Waterfoot soon!

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# **Shipquay Hotel**

Derry's newest and coolest boutique hotel, located on Derry's famous Shipquay Street, overlooks the Old City Walls and Derry's famous Guildhall.

This luxurious and intimate boutique hotel offers 21 bedrooms, delicious food and wine in the restaurant and moreish cocktails in Lock & Quay Bar, Shipquay oozes personality, character, and style throughout.



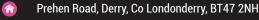
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# **Everglades Hotel**

Overlooking the River Foyle with views across to the hills of Donegal, this four-star destination provides a bright and comfortable welcome to Derry~Londonderry.

Located only a five-minute drive from the bustling and historic City Centre, the Everglades Hotel, part of the Hastings Group, offer lavishly appointed bedrooms, superb cuisine, professional service for groups and business events, as well as friendly staff.





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# **Maldron Hotel**

The Maldron Hotel Derry, located within the heart of the city, offer great views of the historic City Walls and with City Centre Shops, Bars & Tourist Attractions on our doorstep.

We have our on-site Restaurant overlooking the famous City Walls, and our new Lyric Bar and Grill showcases the city's musical history in pictures within this comfortable and friendly bar.

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# **Holiday Inn Express**

The Holiday Inn Express Derry is located centrally, offers 119 modern air-conditioned and super connected bedrooms with Smart TVs, free WiFi, blackout blinds and your pick of soft, firm or goose feather pillows. Guests can enjoy a FREE Express Start® Breakfast.

This super handy central location is just a short 5-minute walk to popular attractions such as the historic 17th Century Walls, the Peace Bridge and Guildhall and at each turn you'll find modern cafes, bars, restaurants and theatres.

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# **Inishowen Gateway**

This Donegal property along the Wild Atlantic Way, located on the Inishowen peninsula, is only a short 15-minute drive from Derry. Overlooking the breath-taking Lisfannon Beach, Lough Swilly and Buncrana Harbour. With 80 well-appointed bedrooms guests can enjoy our Leisure Centre with pool, jacuzzi, steam room and sauna. Our Peninsula Restaurant offers a choice of menus, simply relax in our Lough View Bar and enjoy one of our many Live Music evenings. Enjoy a leisurely game of golf at Buncrana Golf Club.



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# Lake of Shadows

Situated in the heart of Buncrana town, this Donegal Hotel has been operating for well over the last 30 years with a reputation for providing a genuine Donegal warm welcome along with serving delicious and hearty food in both our restaurant and Bar, offering 23 bedrooms in total. Located right in the centre of Buncrana Town with access to a selection of local shops and pubs and the beautiful Swan Park and Crana River which hosts many events throughout the year.



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# The Belfray Country Inn

This Country Inn Four Star Hotel is located only a few minutes' drive from the City of Derry.

Our 19 well-appointed bedrooms offer a choice of accommodation; free WiFi; all day dining in our Belfray Bistro; fine dining in the Palace Restaurant; and with free car parking

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# **Ebrington Hotel**

The Ebrington Hotel Derry is located at Ebrington Square in the heart of the city. This 152 bedroom, 4 star hotel is just a short 5-minute walk to popular attractions such as the historic 17th Century Walls, the Peace Bridge and Guildhall and at each turn you'll find modern cafes, bars, restaurants and theatres.

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There's so much choice when it comes to choosing where to stay, For a full list of available accommodation visit our website:www.visitderrv.com/accommodation

# Unique Visitor Experiences

There's so much to discover in the Walled City with bucket loads of activities to suit all tastes. Derry is home to it all!

Discover our 400-year-old City Walls, award-winning museums and theatres or why not try your hand at one of our water attractions, like Stand Up Paddleboarding.

Take a step through history and go on a walking tour – we promise they won't disappoint. Or perhaps you would like to discover all things Derry Girls – no problem. If it's a Derry Girls themed afternoon tea, or screen walking tour you're after, then we've got that on offer too.

There really is something for everyone in the city; be inspired by the options below or build your own itinerary. Don't forget to buy our Visit Derry pass which means you can explore the city and enjoy discounted access to several of the city's top tourist attractions, the most convenient and cost-effective way of seeing the best Derry has to offer. The Visit Derry Pass is the Official Sightseeing ticket for the Walled City, Derry~Londonderry.



The Visit Derry Pass is valid for one or two days and provides access to ten attractions, saving money on admission fees whilst seeing the best the city has to offer. You will also receive a Visit Derry map, local tips and offers to make sure you get the very most from your trip. Visit Derry's Pass is convenient and easy to use and is available as an instant mobile download on your smartphone.

### What Is Included?

Discover the very best the Walled City, Derry~Londonderry has to offer with our official sightseeing pass.

The Visit Derry Pass provides entry to ten city centre attractions for one great price!

Learn about the fascinating history on a walking tour and take in some of the iconic attractions – all included with your Visit Derry Pass!

Visit our Attractions page to see the full list of what is available and further details on each is. Your choice of ten attractions for one great price!

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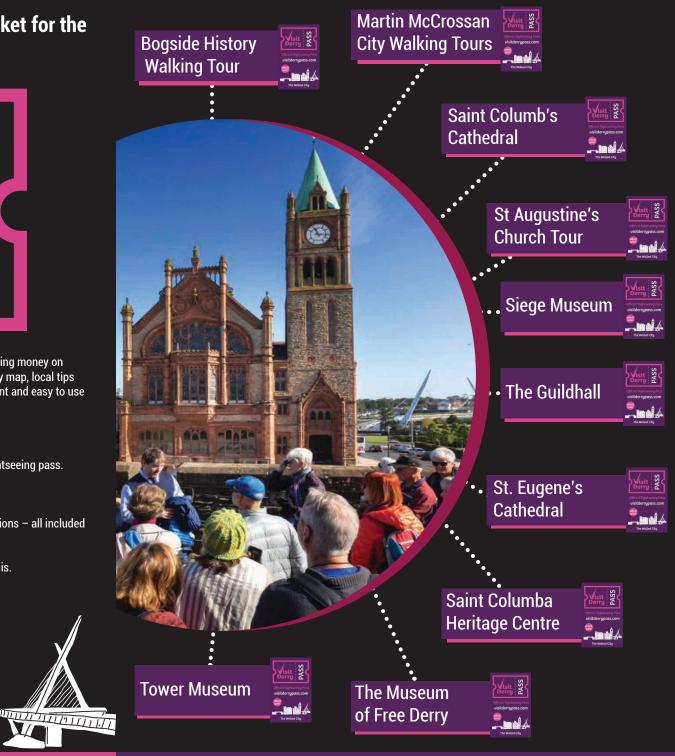
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# Unlock the Walled City

If Derry's famous 400-year-old Walls were to speak, they'd have some mighty tales to tell. Come and join us on the city's newest walking tour of Ireland's only completely intact Walled City. Learn about the Siege, Emigration and Troubles on this unique walking tour. Dating back to the 6th century, the city of Derry~Londonderry is steeped in history at every turn. St Columba founded a monastery here and the city's name comes from the old Irish word for Oak grove.

The impressive City Walls provide a unique promenade to view the layout of the original town which still preserves its Renaissance style street plan. It is one of the few cities in Europe that never saw its fortifications breached, withstanding several sieges.

You can learn all about these on the tour, as well as find out why the city was once home to one of Ireland's largest emigration ports.



# LEGENDERRY FOOD

This is a special wee place like no other. Our unique geography and diverse climate create the ideal conditions for our food and drink industry to flourish. Our produce harvested and crafted locally from both land and lough is influenced by the latest food trends worldwide.

The city of Derry~Londonderry was built here originally because of its proximity to food and in particular food from the Foyle. The Foyle is a great natural resource featuring many streams and rivers that start in the Sperrin and Donegal mountains which flow into the Lough and out to the Atlantic Ocean. The shores of Lough Foyle provides a vast array of shellfish with the Lough Foyle Irish Flat Oyster being the jewel in the Foyle's crown.

# WALLED CITY BREWERY BEER MASTERCLASS

Treat your senses to a beer masterclass at the Walled City Brewery. Hear the history of beer, from 9000 BC to Ancient Rome, from Prohibition to the 21st century. Smell the grassy hops and caramelly malt that goes into this brewhouse's concoctions. Feel the raw ingredients as you make your own mini beer. And taste about 10 different samples – from a 3000-year-old recipe from Mesopotamia (which, brewer James Huey fully admits, tastes "like nail polish remover"), to creamy Derry Milk chocolate stout and the topical, tongue-in-cheek Beerexit sour beer.

There's plenty of craic and laughter along the way, plus paired artisanal bites such as cheese and chorizo which complement the beers and reflect the Walled City Brewery's passion for local produce (which saw it awarded Best Gastropub in Ireland). Beer Masterclasses are available every Friday from April to August, with private group bookings also catered for throughout the year.

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# BEER AND CHEESE TOUR

On this tour, you'll meet two of Derry's pioneering artisan craft food producers: Northbound Brewery and Dart Mountain Cheese. The flavour journey begins with a short drive to Northbound's site in Campsie, where David and Martina Rogers produce their hand-crafted premium beers. With the brewery's equipment and the smell of malt and hops around you, you'll sample the award-winning products from bottles or directly from the tanks (you might even partake in some blind tasting to test your knowledge, too) and hear first-hand how the Rogers turned a passion for craft beer into a thriving business.

Thirst fully quenched, you're off to the heart of the Sperrin Mountains; an area of outstanding natural beauty, and home to the much-celebrated Dart Mountain Cheese. There, you'll meet owners Julie and Kevin Hickey, who made their home here in a centuries-old hunting lodge, and transformed a disused farm shed into a modern cheesemaking unit. (It's also home to their range of chutneys, Wee Crafty Irish Craft Brew spreads and more.) These cheeses – all prize-winners in their own right, and inspired by local landscape and history – are handcrafted and traditionally made in small batches. You'll tour the site, enjoy some ultra-delicious samples, hear the stories behind these products, and breathe in, not just fresh mountain air, but the aroma of cheese all around you (nowhere more than in the last maturing room, home to the particularly punchy Sperrin Blue cheese).

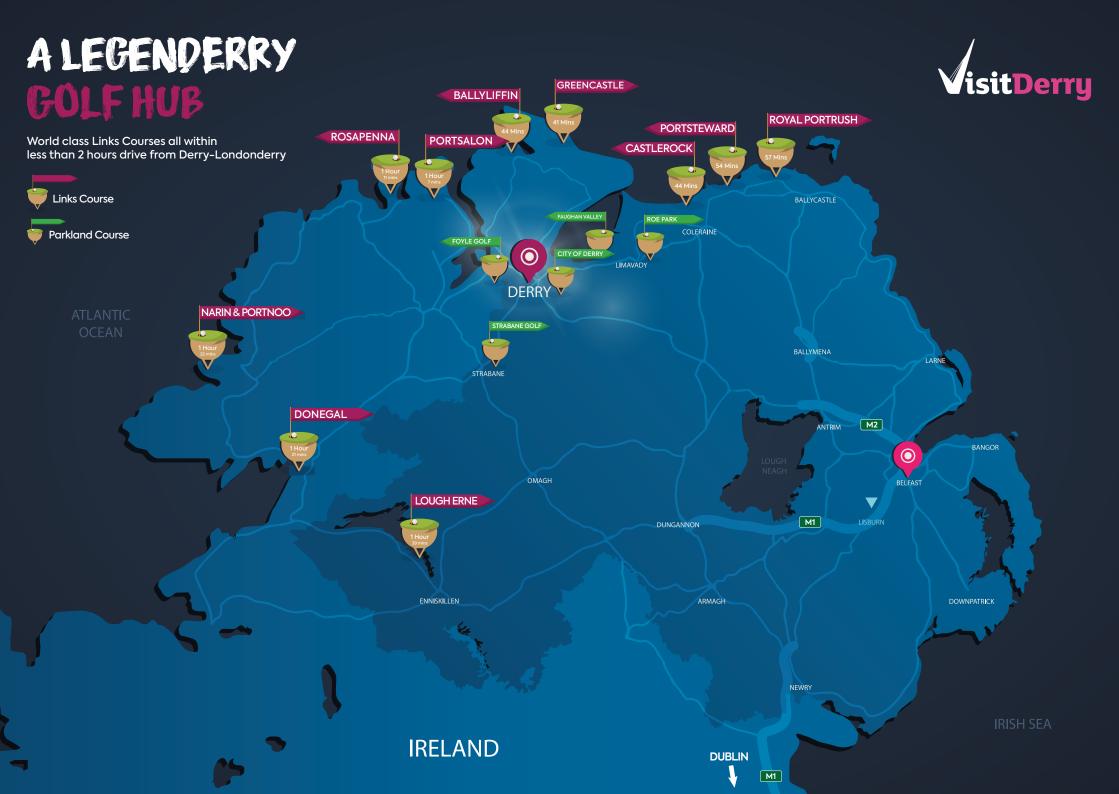
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# FAR AND WILD FOODIE EXPERIENCES

Discover Derry and its food from a unique perspective on a Far & Wild adventure.

Take a City Paddle Board Tour along the majestic River Foyle and work up an appetite for a seafood taco or pulled pork burger. Enjoy a gentle cycle tour of our historic landmarks, making pit-stops for Warehouse soup, a 9ine Hostages hummus bowl and some Walled City Brewery olive pâté. Or hop on a boom board (a Hawaiian longboard) for a lesson and tour, finishing up with a thirst-quenching Boom beer at the Walled City Brewery. A truly memorable taste of the city.





# MAPE FOR GOLF

Here on the Emerald Isle – we have it all - from the most challenging championship courses to the gentle links, from classic parkland to world class golf resorts.

Derry~Londonderry is one of the only cities in Ireland where you will find 10 top links courses within 1 hour's drive, making us the ideal location to 'stay and play'.

Golfers are spoiled for choice with 'bucket list' courses both North and South of the border on our doorstep. Ballyliffin Golf Club who hosted to the 2018 Irish Open is only 40 minutes away and the Royal Portrush, host to the 148th Open in 2019 less than an hour's drive.

You will discover breath-taking landscapes, a vibrant city and the warmest of welcomes.

Northern Ireland is not only home to world-class courses, but also home to world-class players. Rory McIlroy who hailed from Holywood Golf Club in Northern Ireland often speaks about the courses available here: "There are great tests, great views, great hospitality, and all that you would want to get from a great day of golf."

The welcome announcement that Royal Portrush Golf Club will host The Open yet again in 2025 came as no surprise and we look forward to welcoming International visitors to Derry~Londonderry yet again!

# Ballyliffin Golf Club

Ireland's most northerly golf complex is situated on the Inishowen Peninsula in North Donegal, just 25 miles from Derry City. The links complex at Ballyliffin is ranked amongst the very finest in the world with two very contrasting championship courses- Glashedy Links and The Old Links, the recently opened 9 hole Par 3, Pollan Links, driving range and practice facilities. The Glashedy Links, at 7542 yards from the tips, is unsurpassed as a challenge to every aspect of the golf game and has hosted the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, the 2016 Boys Home Internationals and Irish Close Championship, the 2006 Interprovincial Championships, the 2002 North West of Ireland Open 2002 and the 1998 Ladies Irish Open. This Ruddy & Craddock design has recently been upgraded by Pat Ruddy.

At 6937 yards The Old links is a masterpiece contrived from collaboration between the founder members and Eddie Hackett, Lawrie and Pennick and Ruddy & Cradock. Nick Faldo recently strengthened The Old Links with significant bunkering, enlarged greens and extended tees. The Old Links played host to the European Seniors Tour with the successful staging of the Irish Seniors Open in 2008 and the 2013 Girls Irish Close.

Both links are consistently ranked amongst the top courses in Ireland and Britain making Ballyliffin a premier venue for true championship golf in Ireland. Presentation standards are consistently world class in Ballyliffin and the pure links terrain welcomes play all year round.

Ballyliffin boasts a superb 20,000 sq. foot clubhouse, the complex has everything a golfer could ask for. The stunning views from the first floor bars and restaurant are a haven for members and visitors alike. The hospitality of the people of Donegal is legendary and in this Ballyliffin leads by example. The "warmest welcome in golf" is made doubly satisfying to visitors who glow with satisfaction in the knowledge that they have experienced real quality at Ballyliffin.

# **Royal Portrush Golf Club**

Voted Number 8 in the World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses, Golf Digest (2019 & 2020).

Founded in 1888, the legendary Royal Portrush Golf Club has two Championship Courses – the renowned Dunluce Course and the smaller but equally enjoyable Valley Course. Both command impressive views across the North Atlantic with breathtaking views of Scotland and Donegal but the golf is even more spectacular.

The Dunluce Course, re-designed in 1947 by Mr H.S. Colt and later in 1951, became host to the first ever Open Championship held in Ireland. During the entire tournament only two golfers managed to break 70. It's easy to see why; the greens are scattered among huge sand dunes gently raised above the Antrim Coast providing vistas of sea, cliffs and islands. But no matter how appealing the view, attention must be paid to your game as Portrush can challenge even the most experienced of golfers. 2019 saw a monumental year for golf in Northern Ireland with the return of The Open to Northern Ireland for only the second time in history. The event had over 237,000 spectators attend.

Ahead of The 148th Open architect Martin Ebert added new seventh and eighth holes, fashioned from land on the club's Valley Course, to replace its 17th and 18th holes. That means Calamity is now the 16th instead of the 14th as it was previously, and the old par-4 16th is now the closing hole. However, Ebert did retain Colt's famous greens, considered some of the best putting surfaces in the world. Portrush's most celebrated holes are the fifth hole and the fourteenth. The fifth, 'White Rock' is one of the most exhilarating two-shots in golf. Over hit the second shot, and your ball disappears into the Atlantic! The aptly named, 'Calamity' requires total precision to carry the ball over an enormous ravine. Mis-hit this one and you could be taking your next swing from at least fifty feet below the hole. Is it any wonder that Golf World magazine regularly rates Portrush in the world's top twenty golf courses?

#### **Course Type: Links**

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# Ballyliffin Goll Club



### **Course Type: Links**

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# **City of Derry Golf Club**

City of Derry has picture perfect views over the River Foyle and the Donegal hills. The golf course is situated on the banks of the River Foyle only three miles from the Historic Walled City of Derry  $\sim$  Londonderry.

The 18-hole Par 70 Prehen Course, is a mature parkland course which provides a true test of the skills for players of all ability with lush green fairways threading their way through mature woodland. Many of the holes offer stunning views of the River Foyle valley or the Hills of Donegal.

The mature course offers a challenging test of parkland golf, requiring accurate shots to high quality greens, in order to score well. The striking clubhouse where members and visitors alike can enjoy a refreshing drink or sample the authentic Thai food from the restaurant whilst enjoying the panoramic views of the River and Donegal hills.

The club has a resident Professional and extensive practice facilities including a putting green and chipping area adjacent to the 1st Tee. Buggies and trolleys available to hire. This historic and traditional member's club is presented at a high standard and ideal for UK or European golfers looking for a scenic parkland round.

# **Greencastle Golf Club**

Greencastle Golf Links is an eighteen hole 6000-yard par 70 course. The club is one of the oldest in the world having been established in 1892. The course provides a mixture of links and parkland conditions. A key feature of the course is its magnificent views from the tees.

The links is situated at the mouth of Lough Foyle on the Inishowen Peninsula, four miles from Moville. It is ideally located for tourists, being one mile from the Magilligan to Greencastle ferry which provides a link between the Norhtern Ireland Causeway Coast courses of Portrush, Portstewart, Castlerock and Champion Courses at Ballyliffin.

The course is set up to provide a good test of golf, without an over reliance on extensive penalising long rough. There is a challenge for low handicap golfers but those less skilled can also enjoy the links. Each hole is individual in character and has a view of the sea. Approximately one mile of the links is molded around sandy beaches, challenging golfers to keep their nerve and head steady to avoid seeing their golf balls disappear under the waves. The twelfth hole tee box is perched on a cliff edge setting up a par four along the water's edge with a blind second shot to green nestled behind a rock face adjacent to an old lighthouse.

The club house looks out on the 'old nine', the lighthouse and beach. Food served in the bar and in the dining room to allow visitors to savor the views and food simultaneously.

#### Course Type: Parkland

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#### **Course Type: Links**

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# **Castlerock Golf Club**

Castlerock Golf Club is a classic links course set amid the towering dunes on the North Coast of Ireland. Situated on the causeway coast it not only boasts some stunning views down the coastline but proves a great test of traditional links golf.

The club formed in 1901 boasts two golf courses onsite, firstly The Mussenden Course which is an 18 hole championship course and rated in the top five courses in Ireland. The course designed by legendary club maker Ben Sayers and Harry Colt underwent significant renovations under the watchful eye of Dr Martin Hawtree in the winters of 2017 and 2019. The course with 6 fully renovated holes, 4 new greens and additional shaping and bunkering it is a great test of golf to golfers of any level.

The Bann Course is situated on the banks of the river Bann and is a testing 9 hole course. Don't let the fact that there is only 9 holes fool you, it is every bit of a test as its partner and boasts some stunning holes.

With 3 restaurants an extensive wine list there is certainly no better destination to relax and enjoy some of the finest Irish Hospitality.

# **Foyle Golf Centre**

Here at Foyle Golf Centre, you'll find everything you need to succeed, whether you're just getting into golf or want to up your game. If you're looking for a challenge, you'll find it on our 18 hole 'Earhart' championship length course. If it's fun you're after, try our well maintained 9 hole, 'Woodlands' Par 3 and Footgolf course. With some of the best facilities in Ireland, overlooking the Donegal Hills and on the doorstep of the Walled City of Derry, we are your gateway to golfing excellence in the North West.

With a big sports bar complex there is plenty to enjoy at the 19th hole with great local food and plenty of refreshments on offer.

Foyle International Golf Centre boasts a championship standard par 71 course, set on the outskirts of the historic Walled City of Derry, overlooking the famous Donegal hills. It is a fine test of golf, with water coming into play on the third, tenth and eleventh holes.

The sixth green overlooks the Amelia Earhart Centre, which commemorates the first lady to fly the Atlantic solo. Her plane landed here on 21 May 1932.

#### **Course Type: Links**

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### **Course Type: Parkland**

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# Faughan Valley Golf Club

Faughan Valley Golf Club is a Par 69 course measuring 5453 yards, standard scratch 68. Built on the naturally free draining banks of the River Faughan this site provides the golfer with a demanding and yet visually enjoyable experience.

The River Faughan which borders the course for some 2500 yards and the many water features within the course ensure a stern test of golfing ability, yet the many teeing positions on signature holes allow golfers of lesser ability to still enjoy the challenge.

Visitors are always most welcome, with the emphasis on friendliness rather than formality.

This lovely local parkland course was designed by David Forbes in 2001.

Local advice for playing the course: Keep your tee shot down the left side of the fairway, giving you the best line into the green. Don't attack the flag, this green can be firm. Avoid greenside bunker just short right.

#### **Course Type: Parkland**

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## North West Golf Club

Situated on the shore of the Swilly in County Donegal, on the Wild Atlantic Way, the North West Golf Club has been described as the St Andrew's of Ireland.

Established as an 18 hole links course in 1891, it is one of the 9 founding members of the Golfing Union of Ireland. The North West is a challenging course that offers breathtaking views, fantastic hospitality and will require everything you have in the bag.

This hidden gem in the rugged North West of Ireland is surely not to be missed.

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## **Roe Park Resort Golf Club**

Catering for both guests of the hotel and local enthusiasts, the Roe Park Resort Golf course is renowned for its stunning natural setting in the Roe Valley. It's the focal point of the Roe Park Resort, where superb accommodation and amenities combine in a historic riverside estate - making it the perfect base for a golfing holiday in Northern Ireland or a few holes on a Sunday afternoon. The 18 hole parkland layout takes full advantage of its beautiful setting with Lough Foyle and the Inishowen Peninsula providing a dramatic backdrop to the course. Popular with amateurs and seasoned players alike, the course is both challenging and enjoyable. Beyond the course, a first class clubhouse is surrounded by excellent facilities including an indoor teaching Academy with Flight-Scope and V1 Coaching Software, 18 bay (10 indoor & 8 outdoor) driving range, golf shop, short game area and putting green. When you've finished on the greens, we invite you to unwind in the hotel, spa, bars or excellent restaurants on site.

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# Strabane Golf Club

Set in the foothills of the Sperrin Mountains, this rolling parkland course is intersected by the River Mourne. The water hazard first comes into play at the testing par four sixth, 'The River', where, after a very demanding tee shot you are faced with a medium iron to a narrow slopping green. It's a card wrecker of the highest proportions and an absolute delight to play.

Another noteworthy hole on this Eddie Hackett-designed course is a classic par three, named 'Graveyard'. This hole requires great courage and accuracy with an elevated green protected by bunkers to the front and sides.



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