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### MINISTER FOREWORD



As Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, I am truly delighted to have the opportunity to provide this foreword for Club Choice Ireland's 2018 publication, 'Golfing Destinations in Ireland'.

The past number of years have been extremely exciting for our Tourism Industry, with record growth being recorded year on year. 2017 has

been no different, as overseas visitors to Ireland grew to record levels in the first ten months of the year, with over 8.5 million arrivals. This represents an increase of 3.1%, or nearly 255,000 additional overseas arrivals, when compared to the same period in 2016.

We have amazing opportunities to showcase our country through worldwide exposure of our Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland's Ancient East. In recent years, we've also been visited by Star Wars, which has opened our doors to a whole new audience. But behind it all remains the same core values and genuine warmth which makes Ireland such a unique destination to visit. As the Minister with responsibility for tourism, this is something that I am very proud of.

In fact, these same positive attributes can be found in Tiernan and Larry Byrne. They have a genuine passion for promoting Ireland as a top-quality golfing destination, doing it in a way that is inclusive of all golf courses and hotels. They believe that lesser known venues have just as much a role to play in golf tourism as the better known resorts and courses. They continue to spend a huge proportion of their time, on-the-ground, in the marketplace as role models for the industry, delivering a personalised service to their clients.

Like Club Choice Ireland, I have ambitious plans for 2018 and beyond. I really hope that you can make it to Ireland this year to experience iust some of them.

Congratulations to Club Choice Ireland and happy golfing!

Brendan Griffin TD Minister of State for Tourism

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### **REGIONS & ACCESS**

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### WHY CHOOSE CLUB CHOICE?



**EXPERT KNOWLEDGE** 



**PERSONALISED SERVICE** 



**VALUE FOR MONEY** 



**FINANCIAL SECURITY** 

### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN OUR TOURS?



### **GOLF**

We work with a large variety of links and parkland courses ranging from local gem's to some of the world's best courses.



### **ACCOMODATION**

Whether it's 5 Star luxury or 3 Star Self Catering, out partner accomodation providers have every option covered.



#### **CAR HIRE**

If you are flying, then vehicle hire is a great option as it gives you the independance to go where you want, when you want.



#### **EXCUSIONS**

Perhaps you want a day away from the course or your partner would like to experience some of our world famous heritage sites.



### **FERRY**

We have an exclusive partnership with Stena Line Ferries on the Irish Sea. so taking the car on your golf trip has never made more sense.



### **TRANSFERS**

Sometimes it's easier to just let someone else do the driving and so we can arrange for 9 seater minibuses or 54 seater luxury coaches to take you there.



#### **FOOD**

A Full Irish Breakfast is a must before hitting the fairways but we can also cater for evening meals, private presentation dinners and even recommend local resaurants.

### WHAT OUR **CLIENTS SAY...**



"Club Choice Ireland's knowledge is second to none and your hospitality is excellent"

Vince, Bristol



"We can't thank you enough for our trip. We'll be back again next vear!"

Les, North Wales



"Absolutely the best golf vacation ever to be had!"

Janine, Canada



With over 40 years' combined experience in the golf industry, the father & son team of Larry & Tiernan Byrne are the experts you want looking after your golf trip to Ireland.





Tiernan play's off a 7 handicap but spends most of his round criss-crossing the fairway. **Tiernan Byrne** Somehow he makes it work.



Larry is, to all intents and purposes, the face of Club Choice. He spends the majority of his time on the ground in the various markets meeting and greeting. He is the one you are most likely to meet on the tee at one of the Club Choice Golf Days which are held all over the United Kingdom & America. His passion and entrepreneurial spirit is infectious.

Larry play's off a 17 handicap and should never be Larry Byrne taken on for money.

Club Choice Ireland is one of the leading incoming golf tour operators in the country with thousands of golfers travelling with us each year. We are a full member of the International Golf Tour Operators Association and are fully endorsed by our national Tourism bodies and the Irish Government.









# SOUTH EAST

Wexford | Waterford | Kilkenny | Carlow

With the sunniest climate in Ireland, the South East region promises a wonderful golfing holiday experience you'll never forget. With ferry connectivity through Rosslare Port and direct motorway to Dublin Airport, this region is easily accessible to all. The South East is alive with a colourful mix of festivals, horse racing and quality golf, so please...come and join in!

### WELCOME TO COUNTY WEXFORD

Located on the most southeasterly tip of Ireland, is the gem that is 'County Wexford' and the corner stone of Ireland's Ancient East. Wexford boasts 221 kilometers of coastline featuring golden sandy beaches, rocky headlands, cliffs, more beaches and nature reserves. The county is dotted with historic towns, amazing natural beauty and is rich in heritage and culture. Visit the famous sands of Curracloe beach situated just outside Wexford town. If it looks familiar, it is; as it served as the spectacular Omaha Beach in the film Saving Private Ryan.



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# Vibrant Wexford Enniscorthy

Described in Ulysses as "the finest place in the world", this designated Heritage Town dates back 1,500 years. Straddling the River Slaney, Enniscorthy played a key role in Ireland's struggle for independence, especially during 1798 and 1916. Two heritage trails link notable sites such as Vinegar Hill, the National 1798 Rebellion Centre, Enniscorthy Castle, the Athenaeum and Pugin's Irish masterpiece, St Aidan's Cathedral. Also recently the location for the widely acclaimed Oscar nominated film 'Brooklyn' based on the book by the Enniscorthy native Colm Toibin. Come and see!

#### **Wexford Town**

The town of Wexford was founded over a thousand years ago by the Vikings, who first laid out its narrow streets and lanes. Invading Normans built the Town Walls, of which a full 1km stands today, including the dramatic Selskar Gate. Visitors enjoy the lively cafes,

bars and nightlife and the bustling shopping lanes and boutique shopping experience. Wexford town is the county's centre of heritage offering a 4km heritage trail pinpointing key sites and buildings from Wexford's colourful past. Having taken in the heritage sights of Wexford, a rich cultural experience is waiting to be explored. Wexford is home to the wonderful National Opera House of Ireland and hosts the world famous Wexford Festival Opera annually since 1951. A visit is a must!

#### **New Ross Town**

A vibrant market town on the banks of the river Barrow, New Ross has a rich medieval heritage. Quaint narrow streets, linking laneways, the remains of the 13th Century town wall, St Mary's Church ruins and traditional shop fronts underpin this modern centre of commerce and retail. Explore our historic past at the Dunbrody Visitor Centre and the Ros Tapestry on the quayside, as well as the beautiful emigrant flame and public artwork commemorating the town's

#### **Gorev Town**

proud connections to IFK.

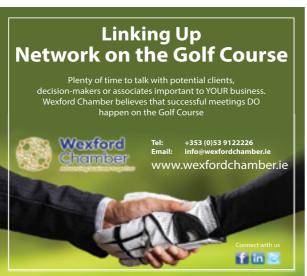
With a wide main street framed by Tara Hill when viewed from the south. Gorev's Market House and Square set the tone of a thriving bustling market town. Meander through the streets to find evidence of Pugin architectural gems, Harry Clarke and the 1798 Rebellion. Don't forget to visit Courtown Harbour or the delightful Wells House and Gardens or enjoy the wonderful sandy coastline to the east.



Wells House & Gardens

#### **Activities**

There are a host of activities to enjoy in Wexford, whether you're up for gardens, wildlife or walking, cycling or kayaking, swimming, horse-riding and even boutique shopping, Wexford has it all! Wexford is an ideal golf destination; with some of Ireland's most famous links & spectacular parkland courses dotted around the county. The local tourism industry in Wexford has been working hard to ensure our guests get the most out of their holidays. Wexford is a 365 day holiday destination and will keep you much longer than you had ever intended to stay.





# South East Wexford







# St. Helen's Bay Golf Club Wexford

Sitting on the south-east coast of Ireland, St Helen's Bay Golf Club offers a stunning sea view along several of its holes. Hole 18 has been voted one of the best finishing holes in the country, both for the challenge provided by its small fairway and the spectacular views on offer. Considered one of Wexford's friendliest golf clubs, Rosslare Port is close-by and the course is easily accessed by the main road to Wexford town.



### Kelly's Resort Hotel & Spa Wexford

Kelly's Resort Hotel & Spa is Wexford's leading luxury resort hotel, set along 5 miles of Rosslare's sandy beaches just twenty minutes from Wexford Town and only 2 minutes from Rosslare Golf Links. This resort hotel features 118 rooms, two superb restaurants and a world-class spa. Luxury and Hospitality combined at it's very best. The Resort was recently voted 'Irelands Favourite place to Stay' by Independent ie Travel readers.











### Rosslare Golf Club Wexford

Voted 'Irelands Best Hidden Gem' 2018, this is a course not to be missed. Situated in the sunniest part of the country, on the extreme south-east coast, it stands on a narrow peninsula with the Irish Sea on one side and the huge expanse of Wexford harbour on the other. Opened in 1905, the vista that greets the golfer on the Rosslare golf links has a capacity to enthral the onlooker. A golf course like no other in the region.



# The Suites at Stonebridge Wexford

Located in the heart of Wexford town, the Suites at Stonebridge are self-catering apartments offering the highest levels of luxury. Ideal for those looking for a little more independence, the suites are available as one, two or three bedroom apartments, each with fully equipped kitchens, TV's, central heating, free wifi and secure private parking. Guests at the Suites can also avail of complimentary access to the Talbot Leisure Centre & dining facilities.







# Wexford Golf Club Wexford

Wexford Golf Club is a beautiful 18 hole parkland course situated in the heart of Wexford town. The course which was upgraded in 2006, is a 71 par course measuring 5950 metres from the championship tees and provides a challenge for players of all standards. The course and clubhouse offer magnificent town and sea views. After your round of golf, relax and enjoy superb food and a drink in the visitor friendly bar & restaurant.



# **Clayton Whites Hotel** *Wexford*

Top quality accommodation and service awaits you at the Clayton Whites Hotel. Located in the heart of medieval Wexford Town, guests are spoilt for choice when it comes to dining & relaxation, with the Terrace Restaurant, Library Bar, La Speranza or more casual Coffee Dock, all offering excellent, locally sourced fare. And after a tough day on the golf course you can retire to the onsite Tranquillity Spa & Wellness Centre including the fantastic thermal suite.





### SAMPLE PACKAGES

All our South East Golf packages are tailored to meet your exact requirements but here's a small example based on some of the above venues

Sample Package - Ferry
3 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel
2 Rounds of Golf & Return Ferry

From £225pps\*

Sample Package - Fly 4 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel 3 Rounds of Golf & Car Hire

From £335pps\*

\*The above packages are subject to availability, based on Euro pricing and four people travelling in a car

SOUTH EAST

# South East Wexford





# **Enniscorthy Golf Club** *Wexford*

Enniscorthy Golf Club prides itself on promoting the game of golf as a sport and constantly endeavouring to improve the course for its members and visitors alike. When you visit Enniscorthy Golf Club you will be pleased by the friendly and unostentatious nature of its members and staff.

A modern club in a rural setting with good wholesome country values not found in clubs of this calibre today.



# The Talbot Hotel Wexford

The Talbot Wexford is located in the heart of Wexford town only minutes from the Main Shopping Street and dates back to 1905. The Talbot Hotel is home to the Oyster Lane Restaurant serving fresh Local Produce, the Ballast Bank Bar & Grill and the Quay Leisure Centre. All rooms have Air Conditioning, Tea/Coffee making facilities, Multi-channel Televisions, WiFi access, and Ensuite Bathrooms. Complementary car parking is also available.









### Bunclody Golf & Fishing Club Wexford

Bunclody Golf and Fishing Club is situated in 300 acres of breath-taking parklands in the former Hall-Dare Estate on the Carlow Wexford border. Newly opened in March 2009 it is already ranked in the top 20 parkland courses in Ireland and in 2015 was voted 'The Best Hidden Gem in Ireland'. This Championship course runs over 7000 yards and has a diversity of golf holes, rarely seen on one golf course.



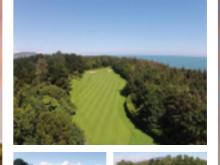
# The Ferrycarrig Hotel Wexford

The nationally renowned Ferrycarrig
Hotel boasts one of the most inspiring
locations of any hotel in Wexford, with
sweeping views across the River Slaney.
Enjoy superb, award winning bar food
at the Dry Dock Bar followed by great
entertainment or perhaps dine in the
superb Reeds Restaurant overlooking the
estuary.

The Ferrycarrig Hotel is the perfect base when touring the South East of Ireland on your golfing holiday.







### Courtown Golf Club Wexford

Courtown Golf Club is a picturesque and challenging golf course located only an hour from South Dublin. Founded in 1936, Courtown is a mature parkland course, par 71 and almost 6000 metres in length. With it's panoramic views of the South Irish Sea, it provides a delightful distraction to many a bad round.

The course has something for everyone

making it an ideal choice for a group

"The hotel and all the courses were superb.
Wexford Town itself was brilliant. We had a great time!"
Terry, Bristol

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Sample Package - Ferry
3 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel
2 Rounds of Golf & Return Ferry

From £215pps\*

to visit.

Sample Package - Fly 4 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel 3 Rounds of Golf & Car Hire

From £285pps\*

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# South East Waterford







Tramore Golf Club is located in the South East and is one of the oldest golf clubs in Ireland where golf has been played since 1894. It continues to be one of the most popular venues for golf in Waterford.

It became established as one of the country's premier parkland courses and has played host to the Irish Close Championship on 3 occasions. The club is renowned for its hospitality to visitors.



# Treacy's Hotel Waterford Waterford

Treacy's Hotel, Spa & Leisure Centre is set in a picturesque location overlooking the River Suir, in the heart of Ireland's Oldest City. Spacious guest accommodation has been designed with your comfort in mind. Timbertoes Bar serves a delicious selection of home cooked meals in the atmosphere of a traditional Irish pub. Or try Crokers Restaurant offering a wide variety of dishes; all created using the finest, freshest, Irish ingredients.











# Waterford Golf Club Waterford

Founded in 1912, Waterford Golf Club is situated on a hill overlooking the historic city of Waterford in the sunny South East of Ireland. The front 9 was designed by Willie Park (twice Open Champion), and the back 9 was designed by the great James Braid, five times Open Champion. Together they successfully created one of the finest inland courses in Ireland with one of the most dramatic finishes.







### Waterford Castle Golf Club Waterford

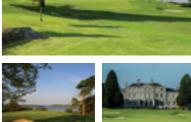
For the ultimate golfing experience that will stay with you for a lifetime, Waterford Castle truly is an island dream! The unique Waterford Castle Golf Club is Ireland's only true island golf resort. Designed by Des Smyth, former Ryder Cup player & Vice Captain, and opened in 1992, this 18-hole, par 72 championship golf course, leads you through mature woodland and parkland measuring 6,814 yards, off the medal tees.



# The Fitzwilton Hotel Waterford

The 4 star Fitzwilton Hotel is located in the heart of Waterford city with convenient access to Dublin & Rosslare Port. The hotel has just completed a full room refurbishment and offers complimentary wifi to all guests. Their Met Bar Café is extremely popular with locals and hotel guests alike for live music while Chez K's Bistro is one of Waterford's top restaurants catering for all taste buds. The Fitzwilton Hotel is the ideal base for your golfing getaway to Waterford.





# Faithlegg Golf Club Waterford

Located just 4 miles from Waterford City, Faithlegg Golf Course is set in a stunning parkland estate of some 200 acres. The course offers a championship yardage of 6,674 yards, with a combination of challenging dog legs, fast greens and blind shots that will test any golfer's approach play and putting precision.

The course was designed by Paddy Merrigan and is one of Waterford's "must play" courses.

### SAMPLE PACKAGES

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Sample Package - Ferry
3 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel
2 Rounds of Golf & Return Ferry
From £245pps\*

Sample Package - Fly 4 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel 3 Rounds of Golf & Car Hire From £330pps\*

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# South East Kilkenny







# Kilkenny Golf Club Kilkenny

Kilkenny Golf Club is one of the most visited courses in the south-east. Close to the popular tourist town from which it takes its name, the course has a long history dating back as far as 1896. A Par 71 course, golfers of any ability will find much to test and challenge them. With beautifully manicured greens, no trip to Ireland's sunny South East would be complete without a round of golf here. Visitors, both individuals and groups, are always welcome at Kilkenny Golf Club all year round.

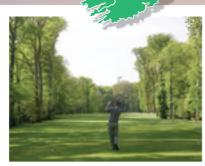


### **Hotel Kilkenny**

Kilkenny

The stylish Hotel Kilkenny provides fabulous facilities of the highest standard whilst still maintaining the personal & friendly touch. Offering 138 spacious bedrooms, a chic restaurant Taste, urban style Pure Bar & Active Club, Hotel Kilkenny is an ideal base for visiting this medieval city on a golfing break. Kilkenny's lively pub-and-entertainment circuit, including proximity to some of Ireland's top golf courses, makes this a top golfing gateway destination for all.









# Gowran Park Golf Club Kilkenny

In 2001, Gowran Park developed this unique 18 hole golf course to complement its renowned race meetings. The course meanders in and around 130 acres with 5 holes within the racecourse boundary and the remainder in the mature woodland and lake settings of the Annaly Estate. With the magnificent backdrop of the Blackstairs Mountains this par 71 golf course provides an excellent test for golfers of all levels.







### Mount Juliet Golf Club Kilkenny

Designed by Jack Nicklaus, Mount Juliet golf course first opened in 1991. Since then the course has established itself as a premier venue for top professional and leisure golfers from around the world. This was highlighted when Mount Juliet hosted top golf players such as Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, Sergio Garcia and Pádraig Harrington for the WGC American Express Golf Championship in September of 2002 and again in 2004.



### Hunter's Yard

Kilkenny

The elegant courtyard of Mount Juliet
Estate is home to the bright and spacious
rooms of The Hunter's Yard. A tranquil
hideaway adjacent to the Jack Nicklausdesigned golf course and only a few
paces from the treatment rooms and the
tempting menus of the Hound Restaurant
at Hunter's Yard, which offers all-day
dining. Hunter's Yard Hotel includes 93
bedrooms with conference and banquet
facilities for up to 180 guests. This is a
golfers getaway, to the highest standards.





"The trip was brilliant! Thirty guys on tour all thought trip was unbelievable.
Kilkenny is a great city."

Mick, Preston

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Sample Package - Ferry
3 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel
2 Rounds of Golf & Return Ferry

From £225pps\*

Sample Package - Fly 4 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel 3 Rounds of Golf & Car Hire

From £345pps\*

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# South East Carlow







Set in the beautiful green countryside of the South East, Carlow Golf Club is an 18-hole parkland course laid out in a former wild deer park attached to the former Bruen Estate. The course has a sandy subsoil, which is links-like with undulating terrain, numerous elevated trees, several excellent doglegs and small slick putting surfaces. The 16th hole at Carlow Golf Club has been noted by Christy O'Connor Senior, as the best 16th hole in Ireland.



### Mount Wolseley Hotel Spa & Golf Resort

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The Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort is situated in the tranquil countryside of County Carlow Ireland, just one hour from both Dublin City and Rosslare Port. As one of the finest 4 star resorts in Ireland it offers luxury accommodation, sumptuous restaurants, and one of the South East's finest golf courses. The Hotel has a chic interior with ultra modern amenities and impeccable friendly service.











# **Mount Wolseley Golf Club** *Carlow*

This masterful Christy O'Connor Jnr design will remind you of the reason you first swung a golf club. Like a fine wine, this lush championship parkland golf course has matured beautifully with age, with rich surrounds, mature trees and playing surfaces unrivalled for their consistency and quality. Located only one hour from Dublin and with stunning views of the Carlow mountains, this traditional Irish parkland golf course has it all.



# EAST COAST & DUBLIN

Wicklow | Kildare | Dublin | Meath

The East Coast & Dublin Region is one of the most densely populated areas of golf in all of Ireland. Boasting some of the worlds finest links courses along with some truly breath-taking parklands, it's a golfer's paradise. Getting here, by air or sea, really couldn't be easier with Dublin International Airport and Ferry Port only minutes drive from your first tee off.

# East Coasi Wicklow







#### Woodenbridge Golf Club Wicklow

Described as "Ireland's Augusta," Woodenbridge Golf Course is steeped in history. The current 18 hole layout was created in 1994 when the pre-existing 9 hole course – dating back to the 1890's – was extended. Seamlessly blending tradition and modern design, the course incorporates the flows of the Avoca and the Aughrim rivers, which come into play on ten of the holes. This makes Woodenbridge one of the most scenic courses you can play on in Ireland.



### Woodenbridge Hotel & lodge

Wicklow

Situated in the Vale of Avoca, one of Ireland's most beautiful locations, Woodenbridge Hotel & Lodge combines all the charm of yester year with all the facilities required of the modern hotel. There are 29 wellappointed bedrooms in the main hotel building with another 40 bedrooms in the more recently developed Lodge. Some rooms feature balconies with breath-taking views of the Woodenbridge Golf Course, while other rooms have views out over the Vale of Avoca.

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### **Macreddin Golf Club**

Wicklow

Designed by Ryder Cup winning captain & player, Paul McGinley, Macreddin Golf Course is set in woodlands with tree-lined fairways and challenging layouts that favour players with an accurate shot off the tee. The course lies over opposing hillsides, with panoramic views across the valley available from many holes. The Irish Times described Macreddin Golf Course as "A thoroughly enjoyable golfing experience." The course is located close to the village of Aughrim in scenic county Wicklow.





### **Arklow Golf Club**

Wicklow

Arklow Golf Club is a links course dating back to 1927. Since then, it has continually evolved and is now described by many as "a hidden jewel" among Ireland's golf courses. The combination of the local landscape and the nearby Irish Sea offer both stunning views and challenging golf for competitors of all abilities. The course has twice served as the host for the Irish PGA, which held its 2001 and 2002 Championships there.



### The Arklow Bay Hotel

Wicklow

Overlooking the lakeside wildlife reserve, The Arklow Bay Hotel is situated in the heart of Wicklow, Ireland's garden county. Set in idyllic grounds the hotel offers 91 tastefully decorated bedrooms and is the ideal base to explore the local golf courses. The hotel has all the facilities needed to make your stay the ultimate experience. Guests have full use of the Bay Leisure centre offering a pool, state of the art gym, steam room, sauna and jacuzzi.









### **Druids Heath Golf Club**

Wicklow

There are few places in the world that encapsulate the true spirit of the game of golf like Druids Heath. The mountains, Sea and rolling Irish Countryside provide stunning vistas throughout your round. The sea breeze calls for shot-making skills and imagination from the golfer. Host venue for the 2006 Irish PGA Championship, Druids Heath has played host to many leading Tour Players including double US Open Champion Retief Goosen.

### SAMPLE PACKAGES

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Sample Package - Ferry 3 Nights B&B in 3\* Hotel 2 Rounds of Golf & Return Ferry From £255pps\*

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Sample Package - Fly 4 Nights B&B in 3\* Hotel 3 Rounds of Golf & Car Hire

From £350pps\*

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EAST COAST & DUBLIN

# East Coast Wicklow





# **Druid's Glen Golf Club**Wicklow

Known to many as the "Augusta of Europe", this course is famous for hosting the Irish Open on four occasions. This is truly a course of Champions as Mongtomerie, Garcia, Faldo and Harrington have all played here. So come, follow in the footsteps of golfing legends and play on Druid's Glen. Once you've walked off the 18th, relax in the 400 year old Woodstock House Clubhouse and share your golfing tales with friends.



# The Martello Wicklow

The Martello Hotel is situated in a stunning location giving breath taking views across the Irish Sea and Bray Head. The Martello Hotel offers an unmatched combination of accommodation, dining, drink, music and late night entertainment in a lively, vibrant, modern setting on the seafront at Bray, County Wicklow, just 30 minutes from Dublin City Centre. The hotel provides 25 recently renovated hotel bedrooms and 19 self-catering apartments, which are ideal for golfers.



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### Dun Laoghaire Golf Club Wicklow

Dun Laoghaire Golf Club sits dramatically between mountains and the sea in Ballyman Glen, a uniquely beautiful valley on the borders of Counties Dublin and Wicklow. One of the best courses for golfing in Ireland, the 27 hole championship course has been designed to allow different combinations to be played. For the professional and club golfer alike, a thrilling golfing experience awaits with the wonderfully inspiring backdrop of the Wicklow mountains.





### Powerscourt Golf Club (East) Wicklow

There are not many places in the world like Powerscourt Golf Club, located only 30 minutes from Dublin airport. The East Course was designed by the talented golfer and successful Walker cup captain Peter McEvoy who brilliantly follows the contours of this mature and historic landscape. It has hosted the 1998 Irish PGA which three time major winner Padraig Harrington won in a playoff. The East course also hosted the 2001 Irish Seniors Open.



### Powerscourt Hotel Resort & Spa

Wicklow

Outstanding among luxury five star hotels in Ireland and set amidst one of the most scenic and historic estates in the country is Powerscourt Hotel, a 194-room resort showcasing Palladian-style architecture and offering guests a host of amenities. Recently named AA Hotel of the Year, two championship golf courses, a 30,000-square foot luxury spa by ESPA, a signature restaurant and traditional Irish pub are among this luxury hotel's distinctive attractions.







### Powerscourt Golf Club (West)

Wicklow

The West course at Powerscourt brings David McLay Kidd's experience and detail for a challenging, rewarding and highly enjoyable golf course to life. The beautiful scenery and the greens from the West course can be heard talked about in the clubhouse all evening long from our visitors who want a second chance at it.

It is no wonder that Powerscourt received the best overall parkland venue award 2014.

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Sample Package - Ferry
3 Nights B&B in 5\* Hotel
2 Rounds of Golf & Return Ferry
From £370pps\*

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Sample Package - Fly 4 Nights B&B in 3\* Hotel 3 Rounds of Golf & Car Hire From £410pps\*

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# East Coast Kildare & Dublin







# The Montgomerie Course, Carton House

Kildare

Situated at Carton House Golf Resort in Kildare, the Montgomerie Course is a challenging par 72 inland links golf course. As its name suggests, the course was designed by Colm Montgomerie, whose aim was to create a more traditional golf course with sweeping fairways and tricky bunkers. The Montgomerie Golf Course has won numerous awards and played host to the Irish Open in 2005, 2006 & 2013.



### Carton House Resort Kildare

The unique Carton House Resort provides 4-Star luxury within a lovingly restored mansion house. With a history spanning more than eight centuries, the estate has played host to many dignitaries and celebrities. All bedrooms feature custom-made beds, LCD TV and free wifi as standard. The on-site leisure centre features an 18m pool, jacuzzi, sauna and steam room facilities, the ideal way to relax after a day spent on either of the resort's two golf courses.

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# The O'Meara Course, Carton House

Kildare

The O' Meara Golf Course at Carton House was designed by 1998 Open Champion and US Masters Champion Mark O' Meara. The adjacent River Rye plays a key role, adding to the challenge of this Par 73 course. The O' Meara Golf Course is an exciting challenge for golfers of all skill levels. Its 16th hole was voted one of the best holes in the UK and Ireland by Golf World magazine.





### The Hermitage Golf Club

Voted Best Parkland Course in Leinster for 2015 by The Golfers' Guide to Ireland, The Hermitage Golf Club lies beside the River Liffey in the west of county Dublin. The course is easily reached from Dublin Airport & Ferry Port. Rich in history, the club has been in existence for more than a century, playing host to Ryder Cup Captains, Major winners, celebrities, and even royalty. Why not follow in the footsteps of greats!



# The Court Yard Hotel Kildare

The Court Yard Hotel, built on the site where Arthur Guinness created his brewing empire, offers old world charm, beautiful original stone work and contemporary design. The Court Yard Hotel truly is Kildare's best kept secret. You will be sure to receive a warm and friendly welcome accompanied by a comfortable and relaxing stay. Whether it's for sport, entertainment or craic, Arthur's bar has it all. A delicious bar menu with music and entertainment.





### Killeen Castle Golf Club

At Killeen Castle, Jack Nicklaus has created a world class Signature Design 18 hole Championship golf course. With beautiful views of the Co. Meath countryside throughout the 600 acre estate, players will never become bored of the golfing test that is provided. Host to the Ladies Irish Open from 2010 until 2012 and the 2011 Solheim Cup. We look forward to welcoming you to Killeen Castle to test your golfing skills against "the course that Jack built".

### SAMPLE PACKAGES

All our East Coast & Dublin Golf packages are tailored to meet your exact requirements but here's a small example based on some of the above venues

Sample Package - Ferry
3 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel
2 Rounds of Golf & Return Ferry
From £265pps\*

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Sample Package - Fly 4 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel 3 Rounds of Golf & Car Hire From £365pps\*

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# East Coast Dublin & Meath





### The Island Golf Club

This unique course can be found in the estuaries of Donabate in county Dublin. The coastal landscape of sweeping dunes plays host to a wide range of stunning flora and fauna. Players may find themselves distracted by the beauty on display, but the challenging mix of holes on this links course will soon demand their full attention. The Island Golf Course has a proud history stretching back into the late 1800's and is truly one of Ireland's great golf courses.



# Talbot Hotel Stillorgan Dublin

A three time winner of Fáilte Ireland's Optimus Service Excellence Award, the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan is one of Dublin's leading 4 Star hotels. The hotel is located in the heart of the city's South Side providing easy access to Dublin City Centre, Dublin Airport and Dublin Port. With 150 air-conditioned rooms offering luxurious en-suite marble bathrooms, complimentary wifi and much, much more, the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan combines luxury and convenience.











### St. Anne's Golf Club

St. Anne's Golf Club is located on the beautiful Bull Island, a world famous nature reserve. Founded in 1921, St. Anne's has a wonderful reputation for hospitality and conviviality so you can be sure of a warm welcome before enjoying a game of golf on our first class links course.

We have one of the most impressive clubhouses in the country with wonderful facilities and spectacular views of Dublin bay.





### Royal Tara Golf Club

Nestling at the base of the historic hill of Tara in the royal county of Meath, Royal Tara Golf Club is one of Ireland's most enjoyable golfing retreats. Boasting a 27-hole complex and being renowned for its welcome to visitors, it was no surprise when Royal Tara was selected to host to the 2013 All-Ireland Cup & Shield Finals. Royal Tara is reputably one of the finest and friendliest inland golf complexes in the region.



### Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort

Meath

A golf hotel and resort unlike any other, Knightsbrook Hotel Spa & Golf Resort is situated in the designated heritage town of Trim, a mere 35 minutes from Dublin City Centre. The golf resort not only offers superb accommodation and unparalleled scenery, but also boasts an 18-hole championship golf course designed by former Ryder Cup Legend Christy O'Connor Jnr. The Resort has established itself as one of the premier golf resorts in Ireland.











### Knightsbrook Golf Club

Designed by former Ryder Cup legend Christy O'Connor Jnr this challenging and incredibly creative course enjoys a stunning location with views over undulated fairways, testing greens and demanding water features. The clubhouse is spacious and contemporary with luxurious locker rooms, a well-stocked golf shop and Gulliver's Bar where you can enjoy a bite to eat after a long day on the greens.

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Sample Package - Ferry
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2 Rounds of Golf & Return Ferry
From £260pps\*

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Sample Package - Fly 4 Nights B&B in 4\* Hotel 3 Rounds of Golf & Car Hire From £365pps\*

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# NORTH EAST

Louth | Down | Antrim

A region rich in history and tradition, the North East Coast plays host to some of the Island's finest and most respected golf courses. With excellent access via sea & air through Belfast and Dublin, the North East is closer than you might think. The Open Championship is coming to town in 2019 making this region the true home of the Majors (think G-Mac, Darren and of course Rory!)

# North East Louth & Down



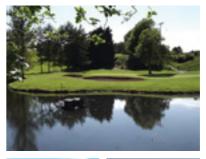


Louth



Co. Louth Golf Club (Baltray) was established in 1892 and sits on a 190 acre site of seaside links terrain. This beautifully natural course has built a reputation of being one of the finest and most enjoyable in Ireland. Co. Louth was selected by the European Tour to host the Irish Open in 2004 and 2009 and a warm welcome is guaranteed to guests and visitors.

Golf World magazine was moved to observe: "County Louth is one of the best kept secrets of Irish golf".





# St. Patrick's Golf Club Down

Naturally crafted out of the historic drumlins of Down, St. Patrick's Golf Club is a classic and challenging parkland course, boasting spectacular views of the county, including the Mountains of Mourne, Strangford Lough, and as far as the Isle of Man. In the clubhouse we have a fully stocked pro-shop and to help you unwind after your round we have an excellent restaurant and bar for you to enjoy.





# Ardglass Golf Club

Ardglass Golf Club is well known for extending a warm welcome to its visitors who come from all parts of the world. Many of them make a point of playing Ardglass while visiting Royal County Down or Royal Portrush. At the clubhouse, parts of which date back to the 13th century, we have a fully stocked Pro-shop, and an excellent bar & restaurant serving up tasty meals and beverages. We do hope you come and visit our course.

# North East Down & Antrim







Situated in the country surrounds of Lady Dufferin's Estate, we offer two courses of international standing. The Dufferin Course is one of the highest rated championship courses in Ireland. The Ava Course is shorter but offers a real test of accuracy. To complement our two courses, Clandeboye also offers a luxurious Clubhouse where comfort is central to your day, both on and off the course.



### The Old Inn

As AA Hotel of the Year NI 2017-2018, The Old Inn boasts the sophistication of a modern, award winning 4 Star Hotel with the traditional trappings of an historic coaching inn dating back to 1614. This striking hotel provides a unique destination for the discerning traveller and is an excellent base for golfers with 33 impeccably styled bedrooms each boasting flat screen TV's, goose down duvets and power showers. Famed as unique among boutique hotels in Northern Ireland.











# Royal Belfast Golf Club Down

Founded in 1881, Royal Belfast Golf Club lays claim to the title of the oldest golf course in Ireland. Winner of the IGTOA Parkland Golf Course of the Year the standards of service and quality experienced at Royal Belfast are second to none. As an NI Tourism Quality Assured Club, visitors are assured of a very warm welcome, a wonderful golfing experience on the Harry Colt designed course and first class service in the splendid Victorian clubhouse







### Rockmount Golf Club

Rockmount Golf Club is a parkland designed championship course located to the south of Belfast City centre. The course officially opened on May Day 1995, when European Ryder Cup player Darren Clarke performed the opening ceremony. Over the intervening years they have continually added to and improved both the course and the clubhouse. On the course, bunkers and water hazards together with hundreds of trees, have been introduced to make the course a real test of golf.



# Bullitt Hotel Antrim

Winner of the Georgina Campbell Best Newcomer of the Year Award 2017, our no-nonsense philosophy means we've ditched the expensive mini-bars, bellboys and butlers so that we can deliver a top-quality service with no hidden costs. That means stylish, comfy rooms; fresh, local food; delicious drinks, all in the heart of Belfast City centre.

All rooms feature refreshing rain showers, super-fast Wi-Fi, smart TVs and comfy king-size beds.









### Belvoir Park Golf Club

Belvoir Park Golf Club was established in South Belfast during 1927, set in some 136 acres of delightful parkland and was designed by the famed course architect Harry S Colt. Ever since it has sought to provide a warm and friendly club environment for men's, ladies', senior and junior golf over the past 86 years. The course also hosted the Irish PGA Championship in 1995 and most recently the Irish Amateur Close Championship in 2008.

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2 Rounds of Golf & Return Ferry
From £360pps\*

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From £495pps\*

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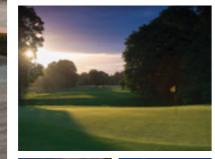
# North East Antrim





# Malone Golf Club Antrim

Malone is a fine championship course situated on 330 acres of undulating wooded parkland. Its 27 holes of secluded, gently undulating parkland countryside is just 5 miles from Belfast City centre. The centre piece of the course is the beautiful natural trout lake which extends for some 25 acres. The course is a real challenge with mature trees shaping many of the holes with the lake first coming into play on the 13th.







# Galgorm Castle Golf Club Antrim

Galgorm Castle is one of Ireland's finest Championship parklands and is the home of the European Tour's Northern Ireland Open. Awarded the IGTOA's 'Parkland Course of the year 2014' award, Galgorm Castle is consistently ranked among the top-3 Parklands in Northern Ireland. The Championship layout is nestled in the heart of 220-acre Galgorm Castle Estate, providing a mature setting that promotes an easy, relaxing rhythm that makes playing golf so pleasurable.

"A real trip of a lifetime. Belfast was such a treat and the courses a pleasure to play. Looking forward to coming back."

Karen, Glasgow

# GOLFING EVENTS IN 2018

relaxed over 55 event, brining

mixed pairs together in Irelands Royal County

# STENA LINE SENIOR MIXED PAIRS

29th April to 3rd May 2018

- 4 nights Bed & Breakfast in the 4 Star Knightsbrook Resort, Trim
- 9 holes practice on arrival
- 3 rounds of competition golf:
   Royal Tara Golf Club, Headfort
   Golf Club, Knightsbrook Golf Club
- · Welcome Reception & Evening Meal
- Daily & Overall Prizes
- · Return Stena Line Ferry, Car + 2 people
- Each team consists of a lady & gent, over 55







£400<sup>pps\*</sup>

# STENA LINE SENIOR GENTS OPEN

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- 4 Nights Bed & Breakfast at the four star Hotel Kilkenny
- 3 rounds of competition golf: Carlow Golf Club, Mount Wolseley Golf Club, Gowran Park Golf Club
- 1 Evening Meal in Hotel Kilkenny
- Horse Racing at Gowran Park incl. return coach transfers
- Daily & Overall Prizes
- Return Stena Line Ferry, Car + 4 people
- Teams of 4 Gents, Over 55





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restaurants. The first two evenings guests will dine at two of our partner restaurants; La Marine Bistro, Greenacres Restaurant, The Yard or The Lobster Pot (see opposite page for more information on our GGC restaurants). On the final evening everyone will gather together for a four course Presentation Dinner at Clayton Whites Hotel.

The package includes return coach transfers to the restaurants so no need to worry about who's driving! There are daily prizes, overall prizes and prizes for Ladies & Senior teams.

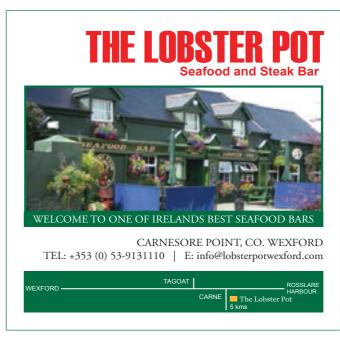
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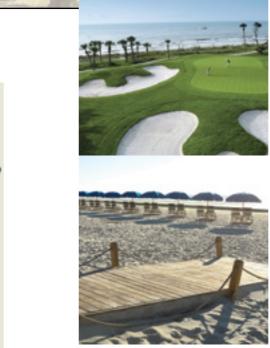
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