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OVERVIEW

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Morning	Arrivals to Belfast Airport Panoramic Belfast City Tour	Causeway Coast Tour - Visits to the World Heritage site the Giants Causeway Tour Bushmills Distillery	Game of Thrones Winterfell experience ◇ Archery ◇ Axe Throwing ◇ Meet the Direwolves	Optional Activities: ◇ Golfing at Royal Portrush Golf Club ◇ Belfast Black Taxi Tour ◇ Titanic Visitor Experience ◇ Crumlin Road Gaol ◇ The Ards Peninsula and Mount Stewart ◇ Grey Abbey House & Gardens	Departures
Lunch	Welcome lunch in the hotel	Bushmills Inn	Winterfell BBQ Banquet	Included - location depending on option	
Afternoon	At Leisure	Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge	Continued	Continued	
Evening	Welcome buffet in the hotel with entertainment	After a short historical tour we have an exclusive dinner on board the SS Nomadic (the tender that brought 1st class passengers to the Titanic).	Dinner at Benedicts' Restaurant with a private Whiskery Tasting Masterclass and live entertainment	Farewell dinner at Ballywalter Park Mansion House with entertainment by Anúna	
Overnight	Culloden Estate	Culloden Estate	Culloden Estate	Culloden Estate	

DAY 1 - CITY TOUR & WELCOME DINNER AT YOUR HOTEL

Welcome, Upon arrival at Belfast airport, you will be met by your guide and escorted to your hotel. On Route, enjoy on a **panoramic tour of Belfast city**. On this tour, you will get to see some of Belfast's finest architecture that includes the magnificent neoclassical **City Hall**, built on Portland Stone and completed in 1906 as a symbol of Belfast's new city status. There is also the modern glass structure of the Waterfront Hall Arts Venue to be seen and the Linen Hall Library. In the centre of town you will also see the Albert Memorial Clock – Belfast's very own leaning tower! You will also get to see the famous **Stormont Government Building**, which can be found at the top of the Prince of Wales Avenue, which is one mile long. Officially opened in November 1932 by the Prince of Wales, it was designed in the Greek Classical style and also made of Portland Stone. The Stormont Parliament Building is the headquarters of the Northern Ireland Government and it is worth taking a stroll around to admire the grounds and Greek classical style exterior and surroundings.

Transfer to check your luxury accommodation. Your personal hospitality Desk will be open on arrival. Enjoy a **welcome lunch** followed by the afternoon at your leisure. This evening enjoy a **Welcome Buffet at the hotel complete with entertainment**.



DAY 2 - THE CAUSEWAY COAST & DINNER IN A CITY RESTAURANT

After Breakfast you will get the chance to tour the **Giant's Causeway and North Antrim Coast**.

The Giants Causeway is a world heritage site and National Nature Reserve comprised of approximately 40,000 hexagonal stone columns, which have astonished visitors for centuries. The majestic cliffs of the causeway and inaccessible bays combine with myth and legend to inspire! There will be a shuttle from the visitor centre to the Causeway which you can choose to take or guests can walk at their leisure.



On the route back stop in the village of Bushmills and see Bushmills Inn and **Bushmills Distillery** the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery having received its license to distil in 1608.

Connected to the cliffs by a rope bridge across the Atlantic Ocean, **Carrick-a-Rede Island** (home to a single building - a fisherman's cottage) is the final destination. Suspended almost 100 ft (30 m) above sea level, the rope bridge was first erected by salmon fisherman 350 years ago.

Return to the hotel and freshen up. This evening transfer to the **Titanic Quarter**, after a short historical tour we have an exclusive dinner on board the SS Nomadic (the tender that brought 1st class passengers to the Titanic).



DAY 3 - WINTERFELL EXPERIENCE & LOCAL PUB DINNER WITH WHISKEY TASTING

Transfer to **Winterfell Castle & Demesne**, the location used extensively for the filming of George RR Martin's epic adaption of Game of Thrones novels. When you first arrive onto demesne you soon realise why the HBO location scouts chose Old Castle Ward; the sprawling medieval walls and imposing castle tower gate, the beautiful surrounding landscapes and far-reaching views across the lough; it was the perfect place to create Winterfell - home of the Stark family. One thing though...as you approach Winterfell for your Game of Thrones® tour watch out for the dreaded White Walkers!

Enjoy **Archery** before a **hearty medieval BBQ banquet**. In the opening scenes of Game of Thrones King Robert and his entourage visited the Stark family home – Winterfell Castle. That night the Starks laid-on a welcoming feast at Winterfell. On arrival at Winterfell Castle, guests will be greeted by the Maester at the castles north gate then escorted through to the 'Armory & Forge' to don their chosen costumes,



before being shown to their banqueting table. Break bread and salt; enjoy a delicious hog roast and Winterfell fare; wash it all down with pitchers of fine wine and exclusive 'Winterfell Craft Beer' from the castles brewery. Includes Live Band Entertainment, Re-enactments by costumed actors and banquet in costume.

This evening enjoy dinner in a **local Irish pub**. Your evening will begin with a **private Irish whiskey tasting** followed by **dinner with live music** as you enjoy the 'craic agus ceol' meaning 'fun and music'.



DAY 3 - OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES & DINNER AT BALLYWALTER PARK MANSION HOUSE

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today take on one of the optional activities:

- Golf at Royal Portrush Golf Course** - host of the 148th Open Championship, staged in July 2019. The Dunluce Links is rated as one of the most challenging and spectacular links courses in the world, and has undergone major changes as part of preparations for the 148th Open. The original architect was the famed Harry Colt who produced breath taking golfing landscape beside the Atlantic Ocean on the North Coast of Northern Ireland, and which commands distant views of the hills of Donegal in the Irish Republic, and the island of Islay, 25 miles away in the Inner Hebrides of Scotland. The Links is named after the nearby ruins of the medieval Dunluce Castle located on the edge of a basalt outcropping overlooking the sea between Portrush and Portballintrae. In order to meet the demands as a modern day Open Championship venue, significant changes were carried out to the course under the stewardship of the golf architect Martin Ebert of Mackenzie and Ebert.
- Black Taxi Tour** - For over 30 years the city was enthralled in a bloody civil war, fought between the mainly nationalist catholic community and mainly loyalist protestant community. Out of the chaos came some of Belfast's most recognisable landmarks, its murals. For the last three decades, we have been the number one choice when visitors to Belfast are looking for black taxi tours that will educate them and show them the tapestry of political murals that tell the story of the conflict in Northern Ireland. Our 90-minute mural tours take you from east to west, north to south taking in both sides of the community and how they depicted their war efforts through amazingly detailed murals. All our drivers have lived through the bloodshed and give you an insight into the history behind it all and their own experiences living through it.
- Titanic Visitor Experience** - Titanic Belfast is a world-class visitor attraction based on the Titanic story, from her birth in Belfast to that fateful maiden voyage and eventual discovery on the ocean floor. Titanic Belfast is the only completely authentic Titanic experience in the world.



- **Crumlin Road Gaol** - The Crumlin Road Gaol is a 19th century Grade A listed jail. Take a tour to experience all aspects of the Gaol from the tunnel linking the courthouse on the other side of the Crumlin Road to the hanging cell, Governor's office, hospital and graveyard. Crumlin Road Gaol first opened its gates to prisoners in 1846 and for 150 years was a fully operational prison. On March 31, 1996, the Governor of Belfast's Crumlin Road Gaol walked out of the fortified prison and the heavy air-lock gates slammed shut for the final time.
- **The Ards Peninsula and Mount Stewart** - Explore the stunning The Ards Peninsula. Stop at Mount Stewart, one of the most unique and unusual gardens in the ownership of the National Trust and is ranked as one of the top five gardens to visit in the British Isles. Nominated as a World Heritage Site, the impressive landscape garden makes the most of the unique microclimate of the Ards peninsula and boasts magnificent views across Strangford Lough from the romantically idyllic Temple of the Winds. You will also get the tour the magnificent house and enjoy the opportunity to see and learn more about the historic artefacts and paintings associated with Mount Stewart, such as the famous George Stubbs painting of Hambletonian and the 22 magnificent chairs used at the Congress of Vienna. The house is currently undergoing works and it is the first time in the National Trust's history that they are allowing access whilst these works take place. It will allow for unprecedented knowledge of the history of the house during this time.
- **Grey Abbey House & Gardens** - The Montgomery family have lived at Grey Abbey since 1606, when Sir James Montgomery was given the estate by his brother, Sir Hugh, later 1st Earl Mount Alexander. Grey Abbey House, situated on the shores of Strangford Lough in County Down, and overlooking the 12th century Cistercian Abbey, is the third dwelling to be built on this site by the family. You will get to tour the house with Lord & Lady Montgomery, taking in some of the most important interior features including the 18th century octagonal gothic drawing room, inspired by Castle Ward, the fine Irish plasterwork in the middle drawing room and the divided cantilever staircase. Tour the Gardens where the extensive grounds contain the Southern Hemisphere Garden, with special emphasis on Chilean plants; The Spring Garden with its herbaceous borders; the Walled Garden with fruit, vegetables and an historic orchard which includes a collection of rare Irish apples, a shrub rose border and a late summer border. You will finish with lunch in the house or on the terrace.

This evening, transfer to the historic and magnificent surroundings of the **Ballywalter Park Mansion House**, built between 1846 and 1870 and home of the 6th Baron Dunleath provide a truly different venue for those seeking somewhere special to hold their corporate or other prestigious event. In the past, the glittering and spacious main reception rooms played host to grand house parties and Royal visits, with the Duke & Duchess of York – later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth coming to stay in 1924 and the Duke & Duchess of Gloucester in 1935. Enjoy this special **farewell inner** tonight with **award winning entertainment**.



DAY 5 - DEPARTURES

Breakfast in your hotel. Check out and transfer to the Airport for departure.