

# KUDOS

## Executive Transfer

### Giants Causeway Day Tour

#### **Antrim Coast and Giants Causeway – Duration 8 hours**

Leave Belfast at 0900 (or time of your choosing), and travel along with majestic Antrim Coast Road, a road which stretches 29 miles and took 10 years to build from 1832 – 1842. Along this road, Ireland is at its nearest point to Scotland with a twelve mile stretch of water separating both countries and on a good day, Scotland is easily visible.

We drive through the sleepy and untouched villages of Glenarm, Carnlough and Cushendall with the beautiful backdrop of the Glens of Antrim (9 in total).

#### **CARRICK –A-REDE ROPEBRIDGE**



Having driven for approximately 1hr 45mins we arrive at our first stop: Carrick A Rede Ropebridge - Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge (locally pronounced carrick-a-reedy) is a famous rope bridge near Ballintoy in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. The bridge links the mainland to the tiny island of Carrickarede (from Irish: *Carraig a' Ráid*, meaning "rock of the casting"). It spans 20 metres (66 ft) and is 30 metres (98 ft) above the rocks below. The bridge is mainly a tourist attraction and is owned and maintained by the National Trust. In 2009 it had 247,000 visitors. The bridge is open all year round (subject to weather) and people may cross it for a fee. Duration here 1hr 30mins. Rest rooms and on-site restaurant are available.

#### **GIANTS CAUSEWAY**



We then drive the 20mins to Giants Causeway

It is located in County Antrim on the northeast coast of Northern Ireland, about three miles (4.8 km) northeast of the town of Bushmills. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986, and a national nature reserve in 1987 by the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland. In a 2005 poll of *Radio Times* readers, the Giant's Causeway was named as the fourth greatest natural wonder in the United Kingdom.<sup>[5]</sup> The tops of the columns form stepping stones that lead from the cliff foot and disappear under the sea. Most of the columns are hexagonal, although there are also some with four, five, seven or eight sides. The tallest are about 12 metres (39 ft) high, and the solidified lava in the cliffs is 28 metres (92 ft) thick in places. Duration here 1 hr 45mins - Hotel on site

### **BUSHMILLS WHISKEY DISTILLERY**



From the Giants Causeway, it is a short five minute drive to Bushmills Whiskey Distillery. The Old Bushmills Distillery is a distillery in Bushmills, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. As of December 2014, it was in the process of transitioning from ownership by Diageo plc to Jose Cuervo. All of the whiskey bottled under the Bushmills whiskey brand is produced at the Bushmills Distillery and uses water drawn from Saint Columb's Rill, which is a tributary of the River Bush. The distillery is a popular tourist attraction, with around 120,000 visitors per year.

The company that originally built the distillery was formed in 1784, although the date 1608 is printed on the label of the brand – referring to an earlier date when a royal licence was granted to a local landowner to distil whiskey in the area. After various periods of closure in its subsequent history, the distillery has been in continuous operation since it was rebuilt after a fire in 1885. Restaurant – visitors shop and rest rooms on site. There is a 45 minute guided tour of the distillery, or alternatively you can have a tasting session and a small charge – and we all need a wee toot after the demanding Giants Causeway ramb!

## DUNLUCE CASTLE



It is then off to Dunluce Castle (more of a ruins at this stage but still very impressive) Dunluce Castle (from Irish: *Dún Libhse*) is a now-ruined medieval castle in Northern Ireland. It is located on the edge of a basalt outcropping in County Antrim (between Portballintrae and Portrush), and is accessible via a bridge connecting it to the mainland. The castle is surrounded by extremely steep drops on either side, which may have been an important factor to the early Christians and Vikings who were drawn to this place where an early Irish fort once stood.

## **ROYAL PORTRUSH GOLF CLUB**



For the golfers on board, we can take a sneaky peak at Royal Portrush Golf Club – always rated in the top 15 golf courses in the world and a first sight of this demanding course will indicate why this is. This course will be home to the British Open 2019 and two new holes (as decreed by the R&A) have now been complete and will be available to play on in summer 2017.

A demanding and exhausting day now over, we travel inland back to Belfast / Cruise Ship for the 1hr 15min journey where we say goodbye to all on board and wish you a pleasant onward journey.

Your tour does not include the following:

Visitor Attraction Fees

Refreshments & Lunch

Drivers Gratuity