

## TOUR THE TOP REGION OF THE WORLD

## -The Causeway Coastal Route at Larne

120 miles of magical coastal landscape that links Titanic Belfast with the Walled City of Derry/Londonderry – A road journey of discovery, amplified by the very recent Lonely Planet accolades. The global travel experts have chosen the Causeway Coastal Route as the key international region to visit in 2018 and one of the top ten most dramatic driving routes in the world.

This epic route delivers everything you want from an authentic Irish coastal experience – magical volcanic landscapes, soaring cliffs and pristine beaches. Winding through the iconic coastline you will uncover a wealth of castles, attractions and heritage sites.

Hugging the rugged cliffs and coves your journey will take you away from the frantic bustle of modern life and lead you through the enchanting nine Glens of Antrim – 'The Cultural Heartland' landscapes, uniquely shaped by fire and ice. The 'Slow Road' will connect you with the rich history and folklore amidst the mythical landscape.

**Visit to Glenarm Castle** along the way and perhaps some refreshments in the Tea Rooms before exploring the beautiful surrounding gardens of the estate.



Glenarm Castle

Depart Glenarm – follow the Coast Road to Glenariffe (or Glenariff) is one of the Glens of Antrim. Like other glens in this area, it was shaped during the Ice Age by giant glaciers.

**Glenariff Forest Park** is the ideal option too to stretch the legs and view one of the beautiful waterfalls.



Glenariffe

Cushendall is the perfect stop for a bite of lunch

Depart Cushendall - en route to the Giant's Causeway – stop off at Portnareevy for a photo opportunity of Carrick-a-Rede and Rathlin Island

**No visit to the North Coast is complete without a visit to the Giant's Causeway & Visitor Centre** - Northern Ireland's first UNESCO Heritage Site, a geological wonder and home to a wealth of history and legend. The 40,000 basalt stone columns left by volcanic eruptions 60 million years ago intrigue and inspire visitors. State of the art interpretation within the award winning Visitor Centre unlocks the mystery and stories of this amazing place and offers a unique glimpse into the wonder of the Giant's Causeway



**Giant's Causeway** 

**Bushmills** Distillery is a short distance and a working distillery tour might be just the perfect way to end the day or start the follow!

## Another Day another host of visits to explore.....

**Scullion Hurls Economusee Artisan** – located in the village of Loughguile, the Scullion family invite you to visit the workshop and experience the traditional Irish craft of hurl making. There might even be a souvenir for you to take home.

At Ballycastle why not take a Food Tour with Irish Feast – meet the passionate people who make, bake, catch and grow our amazing food.

**Visit to Cushendun Caves** – formed over 400 million of years of extreme weather conditions. Find them just beyond the beautiful coastal village of Cushendun. Fans of the famous HBO series – Game of Thrones® will be interested to know that the caves provided the background for The Stormlands.



**Cushendun Caves** 

Depart Cushendun for Carnlough

Nearby is the **Ballygally Castle Hotel – A Hastings Hotel with a long and interesting past.** 

**Carrickfergus Castle** – a Norman Castle situated in the town of Carrickfergus, County Antrim, on the northern shore of Belfast Lough. The Castle played an important military role until 1928 and remains one of the best preserved medieval structures in Ireland



Carrickfergus Castle