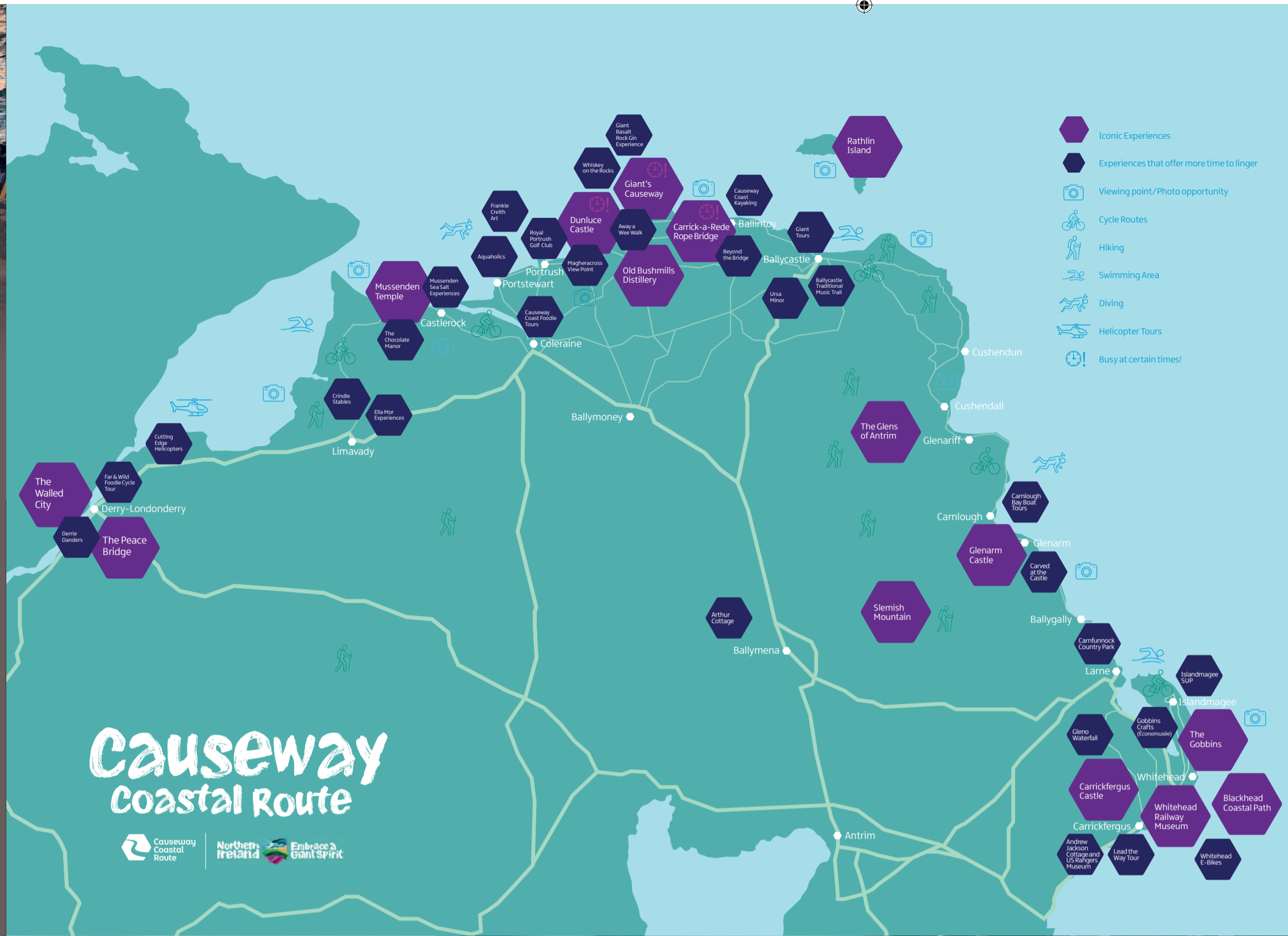




There really is no other journey quite like one along the Causeway Coastal Route. This is a journey into a dramatic landscape of soaring cliffs, swooping glens, rolling waves and silver sands where history is always at your fingertips and legends live on forever. This is a journey made for lingering, for exploring at your own pace, for staying as long as it takes to soak it all up and truly get into the spirit of this very special place and people.

At every twist and turn along the 130-mile route from the Walled City of Derry-Londonderry in the west through the nine majestic Glens of Antrim to Carrickfergus Castle in the east, you'll find one amazing experience after another. Many are giant, some are more human in scale, but each will leave you filled with wonder and a deep appreciation of the natural and man-made forces that have forged this truly unforgettable place. This is one of those journeys that has the power to change how you see a place by bringing you deep into the spirit of it.

This is your guide to your journey along the spectacular Causeway Coastal Route, showcasing must-see highlights such as the Giant's Causeway, Dunluce Castle and The Gobbins Cliff Path, alongside a host of lesser-known but no less rewarding hidden gems. You'll discover a taster of places to stay, eat and drink, get insider tips on making the most of your trip, and at every stop you'll find the facts and inspiration you need to turn your visit into the unforgettable journey of a lifetime.

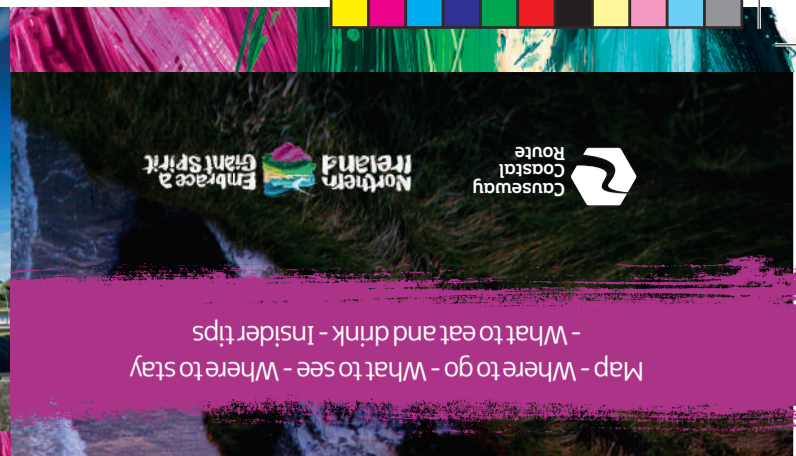


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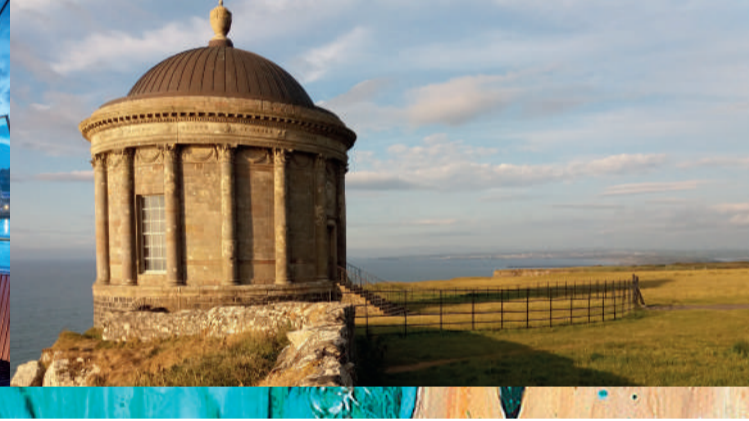
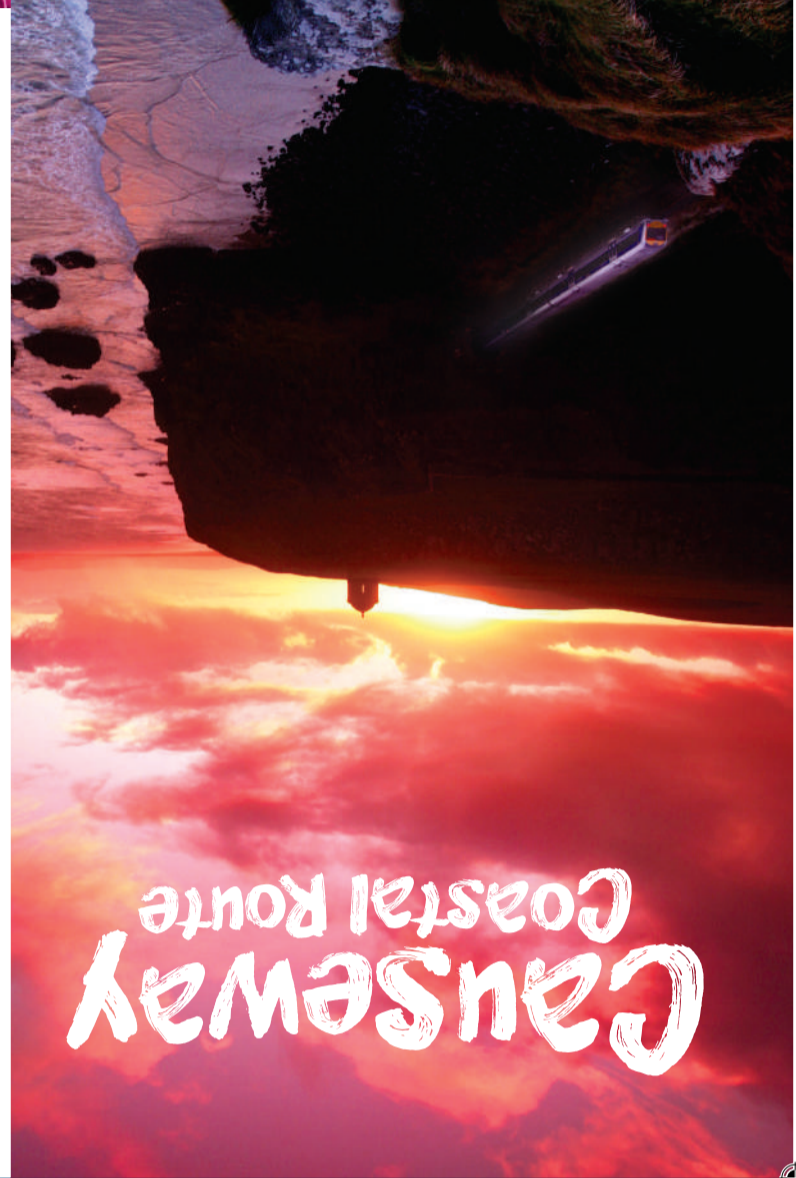


The Walled City of Derry-Londonderry

- WHAT IT IS**
The only remaining completely enclosed walled city in Ireland, and amongst the finest walled cities in Europe.
- WHY VISIT**
Built between 1613 and 1618, the mighty walls enclose a very walkable city centre and feature bastions, battlements, seven impressive gates and 24 cannons, and offer spectacular views. The city's rich history and colourful culture echo through its cobbled lanes and archways.
- WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK**
Even a short walk deserves the super-tasty small plates on offer at El Tapas Grá at 7 Waterloo Place, inspired by Spain and imbued with local flavour.
- WHERE TO STAY**
In a city filled with historic atmosphere, embrace the best of it at the luxury boutique Bishop's Gate hotel, a listed Edwardian-era premises perfectly positioned within the city walls.
- WHAT TO CAPTURE**
The views from high up on any of the bastions are spectacular, as are views of the Guildhall framed within the battlements.
- WHERE NEXT**
If you really want to get under the skin of the city, Derrie Danders will walk and talk with you to your heart's content, with unique insights on the city, its history and its people.
- INSIDER TIP**
The already iconic and very popular Derry Girls mural is tucked away between Orchard Street and Market Street.



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Derry-Londonderry Peace Bridge

- WHAT IT IS**
A spectacularly curving 771-foot-long pedestrian and cycle bridge across the majestic River Foyle.
- WHY VISIT**
Designed in 2011 to represent a coming together of the two Waterside and Cityside communities, the Peace Bridge has quickly become one of the city's most loved, photographed and visited attractions, offering amazing views of the River Foyle and the city.
- WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK**
The Exchange Restaurant and Wine Bar on Queen's Quay is just a few steps away from the Peace Bridge, offering high quality food and drink in a friendly, informal atmosphere.
- WHERE TO STAY**
For character, charm and timeless style, The Shipquay Hotel, a boutique hotel set in a former bank building, is hard to beat.
- WHAT TO CAPTURE**
From the middle of the Peace Bridge you'll get a perfect shot of the Walled City with the Guildhall's clock tower and the many church spires rising beyond.
- WHERE NEXT**
For a completely different view of the Peace Bridge take to the skies with Cutting Edge Helicopter Tours, or take to two wheels with the Far and Wild Foodie Tour.
- INSIDER TIP**
At night the Peace Bridge is beautifully lit up and makes for a magical walk and multiple photo opportunities of the Walled City.

Mussenden Temple

- WHAT IT IS**
Built in 1785, Mussenden Temple was designed in a flamboyant Italian style as a summer library and forms part of the extensive Downhill Demesne.
- WHY VISIT**
Perched on the edge of a plunging cliff, Mussenden Temple is a curiosity in itself, but the views from here are out-of-this-world spectacular, offering uninterrupted views for miles along Benone Beach to the west and Castlerock Beach to the east.
- WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK**
Do the Truffle Shuffle at the Chocolate Manor or enjoy the Spirit of the Bann whiskey tasting experience with a White River Charters cruise along the River Bann.
- WHERE TO STAY**
If Mussenden Temple gives you a head for heights, check out the treetop boutique lodges at Burrenmore Nest and the panoramic forested views from their floor-to-ceiling windows.
- WHAT TO CAPTURE**
The wide-open views from Mussenden Temple. Make sure you use panoramic mode on your camera/phone to take it all in.
- WHERE NEXT**
Magheracross View Point for more amazing views; Mussenden Sea Salt Experiences for handcrafted local sea salt and fine dining experiences; Ella Mor Experiences on Binevenagh's summit with panoramic views of Lough Foyle and Inishowen.
- INSIDER TIP**
As the sun rises or sets make your way down to Benone Beach where you'll see the Temple's profile in all its glory, or book a magical sunset beach ride with Crindle Stables.

Dunluce Castle

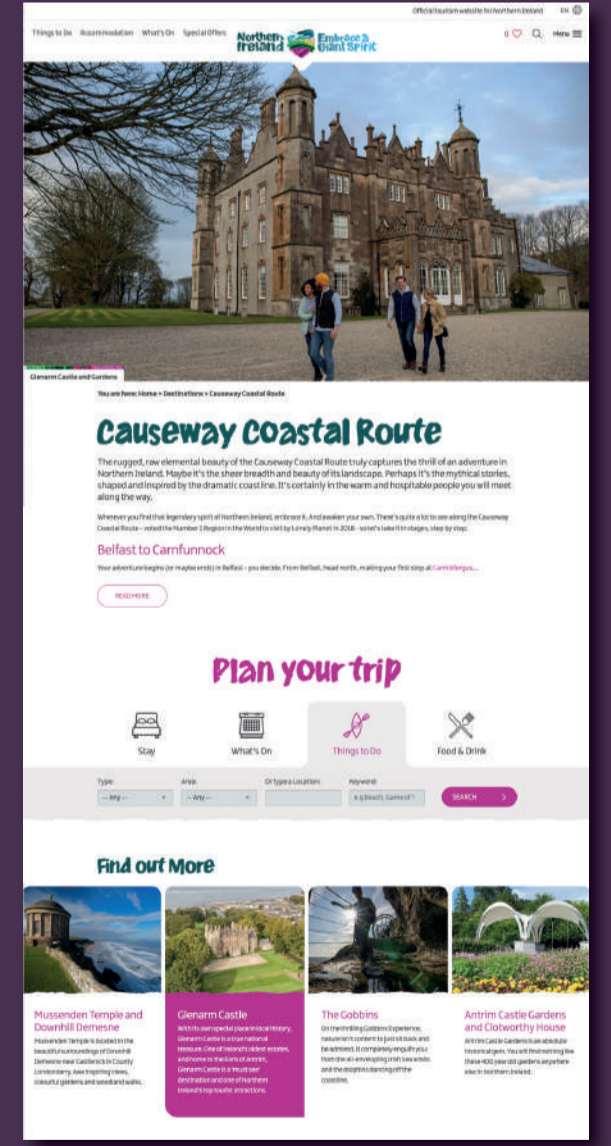
- WHAT IT IS**
The spectacular ruins of a majestic medieval castle, first built here in the 1500s by the MacQuillan family and added to over the centuries.
- WHY VISIT**
The brooding ruins, dramatically perched on the edge of sweeping cliffs against which Atlantic waves crash, inspired the House of Greyjoy in Game of Thrones®, and have their own fascinating story of family and tribal conflict.
- WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK**
It's just a few minutes from here to Babushka on Portrush's South Pier, a popular spot for tea, coffee, treats and more.
- WHERE TO STAY**
Try Blackrock B&B for a personalised experience or choose the luxurious 5-star self-catering Rockdene Beach House in Portrush with its extraordinary seafront location and views.
- WHAT TO CAPTURE**
The most stunning views of dramatic Dunluce Castle are actually from the nearby Magheracross View Point, purpose-built for sightseers and snappers alike. Sunset sees the crumbling battlements come vividly to colour.
- WHERE NEXT**
Choose a taste of something completely different at the nearby Old Bushmills Distillery.
- INSIDER TIP**
There is very limited car parking at Dunluce, so head on up to nearby Magheracross View Point where there's plenty of parking, plus stunning 180-degree views of the castle itself.

Old Bushmills Distillery

- WHAT IT IS**
The world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery, first licensed by King James 1st in 1608, and home of the world-renowned Bushmills whiskey.
- WHY VISIT**
You won't get a better insight into the history, tradition and timeless craft of Irish whiskey-making than on a fascinating tour of this working distillery. Get a first-hand view of the mash tuns, copper pot stills and barrels on a complete grain-to-glass tour, and enjoy a taste of the world's finest.
- WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK**
It's just a few minutes from here to Babushka on Portrush's South Pier, a popular spot for tea, coffee, cakes and yes, cheese, in the hugely popular Maegden.
- WHERE TO STAY**
Try the atmospheric surroundings of The Bushmills Inn Hotel, combining 400 years of history with the latest standards of comfort and service.
- WHAT TO CAPTURE**
The majestic copper pot stills really stand out, but a shot of the iconic Bushmills sign painted on the distillery roof is probably the one for the collection.
- WHERE NEXT**
Clear your head at Dunluce Castle, where on a clear day you can see for miles, or try crossing the rope bridge at Carrick-a-Rede.
- INSIDER TIP**
The distillery tour is very popular indeed and well worth doing, so book ahead to get a day and a time that suits you best.

Giant's Causeway

- WHAT IT IS**
About 40,000 interlocking hexagonal basalt rock columns that form a series of spectacular steps out into the North Atlantic Ocean.
- WHY VISIT**
Not only is The Giant's Causeway a UNESCO World Heritage Site, but the basalt columns tumbling down from the cliffs and into the sea are amongst the most truly epic sights you'll see anywhere. Once seen, never forgotten!
- WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK**
There's an impressive café within the on-site Visitor Centre, try anything from the mouth-watering menu at Tartine in Bushmills, or go for the Giant Basalt Rock Gin Experience at the nearby Causeway Hotel.
- WHERE TO STAY**
After your Causeway visit you'll have lots to talk and think about. You'll find no better place for that than the sophisticated surroundings of Me & Mrs Jones boutique hotel in Portstewart.
- WHAT TO CAPTURE**
Sunrise and sunset can deliver strikingly geometric shapes and dramatic silhouettes all along the Causeway's basalt columns.
- WHERE NEXT**
To enjoy more coastal wonder, head a little further east to Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge.
- INSIDER TIP**
For even more extraordinary facts and legends about the Causeway and environs, as well as incredible views, take a guided clifftop experience with Away A Wee Walk.



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