

GAME OF THRONES® ITINERARY

Embark on the Kingsroad

The makers of HBO's Game of Thrones® wanted to find an ancient landscape new to the rest of the world. Dramatic cliffs that give way to beautiful valleys. Medieval castles towering over picturesque stone harbours. A surprising countryside that provided a natural setting for savage battles and magical happenings. Mid & East Antrim is just such a place.

It helped that this part of the world still bears the mark of centuries of conflict. Warring clans and invading powers have contested this coast, just as Stark and Lannister vie for the Iron Throne. Legends, folklore and myths still live in the local imagination and have a power every bit as haunting as those of Westeros.

Journey through the authentic world of the Seven Kingdoms, visiting locations from key Game of Thrones® scenes. Absorb the wild beauty of a stunning landscape. Enjoy banquets and boat trips, see exquisite jewellery and touch a door carved from the trees of the Kingsroad. Forge your own medieval knife and follow in the footsteps of the Dothraki hordes. Fantasy has never seemed so real!



CAIRNCASTLE

Set out from Carrickfergus along the Antrim Coast Road (A2), twenty miles to the village of Ballygally. The slopes above the town are an area known as Cairncastle. This is a seminal location for any dedicated Thronie because it takes us back to the very beginning. It was here, in the very first episode, that Ned Stark beheaded a deserter from the Night's Watch. That was just the first of many scenes filmed here. Tyrion's capture at the hands of Catelyn Stark. Bran's small group crossing the hills on the way to the Wall and a Dothraki horde saving Daenerys from the wilderness after she had escaped Mereen on Drogon's back.

ALLOW
3 HOURS



BALLYGALLY CASTLE HOTEL

Ballygally Castle is home to the ninth Game of Thrones® door, wrought from the fallen beech trees that stood at the iconic Dark Hedges. It's also home to a delicious Game of Thrones®-themed afternoon tea. Dothraki trifle with mini dragon's egg, Jon Snow Cakes and Baratheon Bread are among the many tasty temptations. Book a special Game of Thrones® tour of local filming locations, starting and ending at Ballygally Castle.

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2 HOURS





THE STEENSONS

The colourful houses of Glenarm are just seven miles from Ballygally. Local jewellers, Steensons were responsible for creating many of the props that appear in Game of Thrones®, including Joffrey's famous crown. Their Economusée workshop is a fascinating place to explore. You can go behind the scenes and see the craftspeople at work, using traditional methods to create exquisite jewellery. Why not pick up your own piece of Game of Thrones® memorabilia such as a Stark, Lannister or Targaryen pendant?

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1 HOUR



CARNLOUGH HARBOUR

A short drive away is the quaint village of Carnlough and its Victorian harbour. Local fisherman Davy Smyth's boat tours leave from the stone steps that Arya Stark ascended in Season 6, after being stabbed by the Waif in Braavos. Visit the Londonderry Arms to sample some Irish whiskey and see the chair that Maisie Williams used between shoots. Find the message she wrote on the back!

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1 HOUR



SHILLANAVOGY VALLEY

Drive inland from Carnlough, on the road to Broughshane and you'll pass through the Shillanavogy Valley beneath the slopes of Slemish Mountain. These fields provided the backdrop for Daenerys Targaryen and Khal Drogo's wedding, and the Dothraki hordes subsequent journey to Vaes Dothrak, way back in Season 1. It's a beautiful place in its own right. Dry stone walled fields and copses of trees laid out over rolling hills. If you're here in spring you'll see carpets of wildflowers verging the hedgerows.

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HOT MILK FORGE

Not far from Slemish Mountain is Eamonn Higgin's Hot Milk Forge, where you can learn to craft your very own medieval knife. His Bow Crafty courses will show you how to make a longbow, straight from the battlefields of Westeros. All the processes here are authentic, traditional craftsmanship. You'll be welding with fire, not electricity, and heating the iron over a bellows-fed forge. Why not book a weekend workshop?

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3 HOURS

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