

# Exploring the Causeway Coast Buyers only Friday 22 - Saturday 23 September 2023

# **Day 1 Friday 22nd September 2023**

0900 Meet your guide (location TBA)

0915 Depart for the Causeway Coastal Route

#### 1000 Arrive at Ballygally Castle Hotel

Ideally located on the scenic Antrim coast, only 26 miles from Belfast and close to Larne, the Ballygally Castle faces the soft, sandy beaches of Ballygalley Bay. The Castle dates back to 1625 and is unique in that it is the only 17th Century building still used as a residence in Northern Ireland today. The hotel is reputedly haunted by a friendly ghost and brave guests can visit the 'ghost room' in one of the towers to see for themselves.

## 1100 Depart

# 1230 Giant's Causeway & Visitor's Centre

Giant's Causeway, renowned for its polygonal columns of layered basalt, is the only World Heritage Site in Northern Ireland. Resulting from a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago, this is the focal point for a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has attracted visitors for centuries. From the visitor centre, follow the tarred roadway and footpath which descends a steep slope. This will take you to 'The Stookans' - or Windy Gap, as locals call it. Here the walker is often exposed to the wild Atlantic elements. Continue along the tarred roadway and quickly the first signs of the hexagonal causeway stones will appear.

## 1400 Leave the Giants Causeway

#### 1415 Bushmills Inn for lunch

Set against the backdrop of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland, The Bushmills Inn is the perfect retreat for those who crave the unconventional, yet still expect exceptional service. The welcome is warm and the fire always lit. Originally a Coaching Inn in the 1600s, this 4-star boutique Hotel and Restaurant is steeped in Irish history with a myriad of places to hide from the world. Step back to a time steeped in charm. From inglenook turf fires to hayloft snugs, there's something to find behind every door

#### 1530 Depart for Belfast along the scenic route

With expert guided commentary and photo stops along the way



1730 Check in to your Belfast Hotel-Ten Square

Freshen up before dinner

1900 Dinner in a Belfast Restaurant

2200 Return to Ten Square for overnight

# **Day 2 Saturday 23rd September 2023**

0940 Meet your guide in reception

#### 1000 Titanic Distillers

The first distillery in Belfast for 87 years is now open! In the heart of the Maritime Mile, where the Titanic once stood is Thompson Dock and Pumphouse – the home of Titanic Distillers. Once dwarfed by the great ship, the Pumphouse stood in the shadows. Now you can come and walk in the footsteps of the shipyard workers, the air thick with stories of former glory, and experience the new spirit of Belfast's famous docklands. Just a five-minute walk from the Titanic Hotel, explore the true home of Titanic. Learn first-hand about the characters that have shaped and inspired the Titanic Distillers story and whiskey.

## 1100 Depart

#### 1110 Titanic Belfast

Winner of the World's Leading Visitor Attraction (World Travel Awards, 2016). Housed in an iconic, six-floor building, Titanic Belfast is in the heart of Belfast, right beside the historic site of this world-famous ship's construction. The newly refurbished galleries are innovative and interactive with many features including diving to the depth of the ocean to explore where RMS Titanic now rests. The Titanic story is told at Titanic Belfast in a fresh and insightful way

# 1300 Lunch in Titanic Hotel (Optional)

Delegates will make their own way to the airports