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# Welcome

TO THE HISTORIC  
Walled City of  
Derry~Londonderry



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WELCOME

Welcome to the historic Walled City of Derry~Londonderry, where the Wild Atlantic Way meets the Causeway Coastal Route.

Located in the stunning North West of Ireland and perfectly positioned where the Wild Atlantic Way meets the Causeway Coastal Route, Derry~Londonderry is renowned as one of the finest Walled cities in Europe, full of fascinating history and culture. This friendly destination offers a unique combination of rich heritage and a vibrant social scene where you are guaranteed the warmest of welcomes.

Our idyllic location allows us to create WOW factor programmes for your guests. Take a trip back in time and discover over 400 years of history strolling along the historic 17th Century Walls, home to one of the largest collections of Cannon in Europe. Enjoy magnificent historic buildings and cathedrals or check out one of the many museums to uncover this unique destination's fascinating story and journey to peace.

Less than a 1 hour transfer takes you the UNESCO World Heritage Site the Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Whiskey Distillery, the oldest licenced distillery in the world. Your guests can also experience the stunning natural beauty of Co. Donegal, named by National Geographic as The Coolest Place on the Planet' gateway to the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way and home to fabulous attractions not to mention some of the finest links golf courses in Europe. Just a 1 hour transfer from the city is Royal Portrush Golf Club, host of the prestigious 'The Open' golf championship in 2019, an absolute must for golfing enthusiasts.

Named as the inaugural UK city of Culture 2013 and by Lonely Planet as a Top 10 City in the World Derry~Londonderry and Ireland's North West certainly makes for an interesting visit.

WONDER WALL

Take a guided tour of Derry~Londonderry's 17th Century Walls and discover the city's compelling, complex and often entertaining history. Built by the Honourable the Irish Society in 1613, and still owned by these London Livery Companies, the city's iconic Walls are one of the finest examples of their kind in Europe. Tour will also include an exclusive visit to St Columb's Cathedral Chapter House Museum which houses the original births, deaths and marriages records dating back to the 1600's, various artefacts from the Siege of Derry, the original locks to the City's four gates, furniture gifted to the Cathedral by the famous Thomas Chippendale and some of the oldest examples of Irish silver on record.

Duration: 1.5 hours

CIVIC WELCOME IN THE GUILDHALL

Located adjacent to the 17th Century Walls and overlooking the Peace Bridge, the neo-gothic Guildhall is one of the most striking buildings in the city, home to one of the largest collections of stained glass in Ireland. This magnificent venue is the perfect place to officially welcome your delegates or clients to the city with a drinks reception hosted by the Mayor. The Guildhall is also a fabulous gala dinner venue and can accommodate up to 220 guests.

Duration: 1 hour

TRADITIONS MEET

Discover the city's political history and journey to peace with a visit to the Museum of Free Derry which narrates the 1960s civil rights era known as The Troubles, the Free Derry Irish nationalist movement in the early 1970s and details of Bloody Sunday. Located in the Bogside district amongst the iconic Murals known as 'The People's Gallery' which were painted by The Bogside Artists, the museum's exhibits include photographs, posters, film footage, letters and personal artefacts. Tour will also include a visit to the Siege Museum which details the Siege of Derry; the longest Siege in British military history nearly three and a half months, ending on 30 July 1689.

Duration: 2 hours

THE IRISH COFFEE CONNOISSEUR

Using the award-winning and locally distilled 'The Quiet Man' whiskey, 'The Irish Coffee Connoisseur' offers a fantastic 1 hour Irish coffee making masterclass within the quaint surrounds of the Thatched Cottage at the Craft Village. Guests can not only enjoy sampling this sumptuous treat but learn the skilful art of pouring so they can master it at home! This fun activity also includes a trad Irish music session where guests can join in the craic, pick up a bodhran (Irish drum) and play!

Duration: 1 hour



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## A CITY OF SONG

Home to many famous writers, singers and poets, from The Undertones and Phil Coulter to Seamus Heaney and Bronagh Gallagher, this vibrant city is affectionately known as the City of Song, having inspired many’s a tune including The Town I Love So Well and Teenage Kicks.

Why not give your guests the opportunity to create their own sound with a lively toe tapping masterclass on the popular Irish Bodhran (drum) or tin whistle! For a truly unique experience, how about a workshop with a local craftsman to design and build your very own bodhran to take home and recreate your magical music memories!

**Duration:** Music masterclass – 1 hour | Bodhran making and masterclass – 2 hours

## ARTISAN FARMER’S MARKET at the Craft Village

The North West of Ireland is famed for its outstanding cuisine and here in Derry we pride ourselves on using the finest of local produce, including ‘from pier to plate’ seafood caught fresh in neighbouring Co. Donegal as well as locally bred beef, lamb and venison. The Craft Village is the perfect place to create a mini Farmer’s Market featuring lively Irish musicians and the very best of our artisan food and craft providers. Create a carnival of food heaven including Guinness and oyster shucking, a seafood sampling bar, local cheese platters, craft beers and whiskey tasting and cookery demonstrations from our highly acclaimed local chefs. The Village is home to a varied range of outlets where you can watch local artists at work crafting knitwear, glassworks and pottery.

**Duration:** 2 hours

## WALLED CITY BREWERY CRAFT BEER SAMPLING

Enjoy a talk from Master Brewery James Huey and sampling of fabulously flavoursome craft beers, produced in small artisan batches including Stitch (inspired by the city’s extraordinary shirt factory history) and Kicks (inspired by the greatest band ever to come out of Derry - The Undertones!) The beer is accompanied by a selection of delicious rustic style food platters making this an ideal lunch or evening meal activity. The brewery is also a fantastic quirky venue for standing receptions and corporate events.

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Get out and enjoy the Derry air with our wide range of activities! Hop on a boomboard and skate your way around the city centre, taking in local landmarks before finishing off with refreshments at the Walled City Brewery. Navigate canoe trails along the River Foyle, cycle through the magical Sperrin Mountains or enjoy a leisurely horse trek at picnic in the landscaped grounds of the Beech Hill Country House Hotel. For those seeking a real adrenalin pumping experience, check out The Jungle NI’s terrifying treetop safari, zorbing, Segway experiences and challenging team building activities.

**Duration:** Full and half day packages available

## HOUSES & GARDENS

Built between 1779 and 1781, Baronscourt Estate is the private residence of the Duke & Duchess of Abercorn where you can enjoy tours of the magnificent mansion house and gardens. The Estate also offers a wide range of activities including salmon and pike fishing, mixed game shooting and off-road Land Rover driving. For a truly exclusive experience, let your guests become aristocrats for the day and join the Duke and Duchess for a lunch or evening meal featuring Baronscourt’s home bred award winning venison. Oakfield Park in Co. Donegal is wonderful landscape of parkland, woodlands, lakes and formal gardens set around a restored 18th century deanery. The grounds include walled gardens, ponds, lakes, a lakeside Nymphaeum, a hedge maze, heritage trees, sculptures and a Diesel & Steam Train operating passenger trips each day.

**Duration:** Half day

## SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN FRIGHT NIGHT

Did you know Derry hosts one of Europe’s largest Hallowe’en Carnivals, attracting over 30,000 visitors each year?! Trick or treat your guests to the creepy goings on in the city including light shows, animations and a terrifying woodland trail Fright Night where asylums, circus clowns and ChainSaw Massacre style characters will terrify even the boldest and bravest warriors.

Create themed costume making workshop before a professional face painter transforms your group into their alter egos for the spectacular fireworks display, carnival parade and Halloween after party; it’s no surprise USA Today Newspaper named us as Best Halloween Destination in the World!

## SEAMUS HEANEY HOMEPLACE POETRY SLAM

Celebrating the life, literature and legacy of one of Ireland’s greatest writers, Seamus Heaney HomePlace stands at the heart of the area where the poet, scholar and Nobel Laureate spent his formative years and to which he returned time and time again as a rich source of inspiration for his poetry. Take to the stage yourself in the venue’s Helicon Theatre and create a Heaney inspired poetry slam for your guests!

*“If you have the words, there’s always a chance that you’ll find the way”* Seamus Heaney

**Duration:** 2 hours

## ULSTER AMERICAN FOLK PARK

The city of Derry~Londonderry can, with authenticity, tell the story of emigration from Ireland. Derry remained a major Irish emigration port throughout all significant phases of emigration and millions of people across the globe can claim Irish ancestry, particularly traced back to the North West of Ireland. The Ulster American Folk Park is a living history museum which uses costumed characters to narrate this fascinating story where you can discover the history of the millions who emigrated from these shores throughout the 18th and 19th Centuries, hop aboard a coffin ship to make the transatlantic voyage to New York, or enjoy craft demonstrations such as candle making and bread baking.

**Duration:** Half day



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# CAUSEWAY COASTAL ROUTE MYTHS & LEGENDS

Take advantage of the city's fantastic location and explore the rest of the region; less than a 1 hour drive takes you along the magnificent Causeway Coastal taking in major visitor attractions such as the UNESCO World Heritage Site the Giant's Causeway, one of the natural wonders of the world. The guides here will enthral you with local folklore including the famous myth of the giant, Finn McCool. From there take an Indiana Jones trek across Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. Swaying 80 feet above the sea this is definitely not for the faint hearted!

Duration: Full day excursion

# THE SHORTEST 'DRIVE' TO THE OPENS!

The North West region of Ireland was named by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators as European Golf Destination of the Year and thanks to the ongoing successes of our three Champions Rory McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland is now one of the most sought after golf destinations in the world! The region has played host to top tournaments including the 2017 Irish Open at Portstewart Golf Club, the 2019 Irish Open at Ballyliffin Golf Club and the prestigious 2019 The Open at Royal Portrush. Derry~Londonderry is the perfect location for golfers to play these Championship Courses so consider 'The City with the Shortest Drive to The Opens!' for your golfing guests - less than a 1 hour drive from Royal Portrush and Ballyliffin Golf Club (designed by Nick Faldo, located in Co. Donegal). The city is also home to two fantastic parkland courses and the beautiful Greencastle Links golf course. Our friendly local clubs would be delighted to arrange for local players to accompany with your guests, finishing with a celebratory drink in the 19th hole.

# WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Marvel at the natural beauty of Co. Donegal with a panoramic day tour of the region, home to the spectacular Malin Head – Ireland's most northerly point located on the picturesque Inishowen Peninsula, home to fabulous attractions and gateway to the award-winning 'Wild Atlantic Way' – the longest defined coastal touring route in the world. With its spectacular coast spotted with sea stacks, blue flag beaches and off shore islands it's no wonder Donegal was recently named by 'National Geographic' as 'Coolest Place of the Planet!'

Duration: Full or half day tours available

# THE QUIET MAN DISTILLERY & VISITOR EXPERIENCE (2019) *COMING SOON!*

The Quiet Man is the first whiskey to be produced in Derry in almost 100 years and construction has commenced on a new visitor experience and distillery, due to open in 2019. This exciting attraction will take visitors on a journey through the complex distilling process, finishing up in the distillery's landscaped whiskey garden where you can kick back, relax and put the world to rights as you enjoy a tasting session of this globally award winning single malt.



# CALLING ALL GAME OF THRONES FANS!

Much of the epic HBO series is filmed right here in Northern Ireland and Derry~Londonderry is within close proximity to key filming sites such as Downhill Beach, Carrick-A-Rede and the North Antrim Coast. Enjoy a Game of Thrones tour and trek deep into old growth forests, along wild sea cliffs, across rocky beaches, into caves and crumbling medieval ruins. Get into character and try some of the Stark and Iron Born cloaks, swords, shields and helms which make for some amazing selfies!



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