



## FAMILY ADVENTURE

# GIANTS, MYTHS AND LEGENDS



- Experience a private guided trip, with each activity tailored to match your family's preferences
- A family canoe expedition & a remote island retreat
- Enjoy activities such as hiking, whiskey tasting, canoeing, boat trips and seaweed foraging
- Stay in three family friendly comfortable accommodations in Bushmills, Rathlin Island & Belfast

€1850 per Adult/€1520 per Child

TRIP GRADE: **FAMILY - AT YOUR OWN PACE**

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## PLANNED ITINERARY

Northern Ireland, a land that has inspired C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*, the TV series *Game of Thrones*, not to mention, countless Irish myths and tales of giants, kings and queens, magical animals and more. The storied landscape of the Causeway Coast make it an ideal region to discover as a family, travelling through history and legend in this ancient place.

The Causeway Coast and Belfast are rated by Lonely Planet as the top region to visit in 2018. Explore the magic of the Causeway Coast by land and sea, hiking, canoeing and tasting your way through Co Antrim before heading to an island retreat in search of puffins. Clamber over steep cliffside paths, explore the strange geology of the Giant's Causeway, and learn about the city and people who built the infamous *RMS Titanic*.

### DAY 1 – LEGENDARY CASTLES OF INSPIRATION

Meeting in Belfast, we travel north to the imaginary land of Narnia - or at any rate, the dramatic ruins of Dunluce Castle that was C. S. Lewis's inspiration for the royal Narnia castle of Cair Paravel. Exploring its spectacular clifftop setting, we'll learn fascinating stories of battles, ghosts and magic that haunt the ruins. (D)

### DAY 2 – CAUSEWAY CANOE EXPEDITION

On our first day of real adventure, we'll explore the magical Causeway Coast on a full day canoe expedition. Brilliant for the whole family, the canoes allow everyone an outdoor adventure together. Your expedition will be tailored to suit everyone depending on ability, weather and tides. We'll enjoy a tasty seaside picnic while admiring the dramatic coast. On our return to Bushmills, we'll visit the 400 year old home of the Water or Life or *Uisce Beatha* - Bushmills Whiskey! Soft drinks for the kids and a whiskey tasting experience for the adults before retiring to your comfortable hotel in time for dinner. (B,L)

### DAY 3 – HIKE THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

As the myth goes, the spectacular basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway were built by mythological giants. Today a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, our Causeway Coastal adventure continues with a clifftop hike to this unique natural formation. We'll then enjoy lunch near a quaint little harbour made famous by *Game of Thrones* series as a stand-in for Lordsport of the Iron Isles. Ahoy mate, all aboard! We set sail on a local ferry to our island retreat. The islands of Ireland are the perfect place to find the Ireland of your romantic imaginings, as these windswept outcrops carefully preserve the culture and character of the Irish. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4 – ISLAND RETREAT ON RATHLIN ISLAND

Waking to the smell of salt in the air, the crash of the waves, and the sound of birds and seals, this is the perfect introduction to Rathlin Island. Intertwined with the legend of Robert the Bruce and the spider, it was here that the famous Scottish king rehashed his battle strategy. The only inhabited island off Ireland's northern coast, Rathlin is home to Northern Ireland's largest seabird colony - including everyone's favourite bird, the puffin! From April to July, puffins and other seabirds jostle for space as they congregate in their thousands. To meet our feathered friends, we'll visit the seabird centre to try our hand at birdwatching. We'll also explore the unique 'upside down' lighthouse, as well as visit a seaweed farm see how its grown and have a taste! (B,L)





### **DAY 5 - THE CLIFFSIDE GOBBINS PATH**

Today we tackle one of the most dramatic hikes in Europe, the Gobbins Path.\* Originally opening in 1902, it was later abandoned in the 1960's until its rebirth in 2015. The Gobbins Path experience will take us along a narrow path hugging the dramatic cliff face, across spectacular bridges amid the crashing waves of the North Channel, traversing hidden tunnels under the Irish Sea, and finally up and down rugged staircases carved into the cliff face and into caves that were once home to smugglers and privateers. This is an exhilarating but strenuous adventure so some family members might want to enjoy a more gentle coastal hike exploring Islandmagee with your guide. (B)

### **DAY 6 - BELFAST & THE TITANIC**

As the RMS Titanic was built in Belfast, an intriguing interactive visitor centre has been built in its honour. This award-winning experience will bring alive the sights, sounds, smells and stories of RMS Titanic, as well as the city and people who created her. This afternoon, we shall all enjoy a celebratory high tea with all the trimmings in the decadent marbled surroundings of The Merchant Hotel. Once the magnificent headquarters of the Ulster Bank, today you can sip your tea under the largest chandelier in Ireland surrounded by 19th-century elegance.(B,L,D)

### **DAY 7 - DEPARTURE**

This morning, we shall say goodbye to this fascinating corner of Northern Ireland and return to Belfast Train Station. (B)

*PLEASE NOTE - The activities may be subject to change at the discretion of the Wilderness Ireland Guide with regard to weather conditions and other factors. Some activities may need to be modified if travelling during the winter or off-peak season.*

*\*The Gobbins Path is not accessible winter of 2017-18. Minimum height is 3'9" (1.2 metres).*





## TRIP GRADING - FAMILY - AT YOUR OWN PACE

This trip can be catered and tailored to meet the needs of each family depending on fitness levels, ages, and desired activities. Each family will get the chance to work with our friendly trip designers in order to tailor your trip until it is perfect for you and your family!

*Every family is different so please contact us to price a trip specifically to fit you.*

It is your responsibility to ensure you are appropriately fit and capable of doing the described hikes in the expected times. Please refer to the [grading section](#) on our website for more details. If you are unsure we encourage you to speak to us first.

*Exploring Northern Ireland on a family adventure!*





## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### PRICING AND INCLUSIONS

- Private departures from €1850 per adult/€1520 per child. The children's trip price is based on a child under 12 sharing a room with two adults. *Every family is different so please contact us to price a trip specifically to fit you.* The example price above includes the following:
- 6 nights' accommodation in hand-picked small comfortable hotels and family run guest houses
- All breakfasts, 4 lunches and 2 evening meals, on the first and last nights of the trip. (see in itinerary above B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- The services of a qualified Wilderness Ireland adventure guide throughout the trip
- All activities mentioned in the itinerary including: guided tours, kayak hire, boat transfers, and entry fees as stated above.
- All transport throughout the trip from designated start and end points, including ferries/boat transfers.
- Selection of snacks each day
- Gratuities for all accommodation, included meals & activity providers, but not your Wilderness Ireland guide.

### ACCOMMODATION

This trip features three accommodations chosen for their excellent location, service and comfort. All hotels are family friendly offering a range of child centred activities and services.

### FOOD

All accommodations provide breakfast. Each day, lunch is either a Wilderness Picnic or taken at a local cafe/pub. Water and snacks are provided throughout the day. Evening meals are included on the first and last nights only. For the other evenings your Wilderness Guide can provide expert recommendations.

### SINGLE ROOMS

Single supplements will apply in cases where a single room is required.

### MINIMUM AGE

This itinerary is designed to suit **children from 6-15 years old**. However, please note depending on factors such as weather and the child's height, some activities (ex. the Gobbins Path) may be restricted. This is a private departure and can therefore the activities can be tailored to the needs and abilities of your children.



## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Depending on your travel plans, you will be met by your Wilderness Ireland Guide at **Belfast Airport or Train Station at 1.00pm on Day 1 of your trip.** You will be dropped off at **Belfast Airport or Train Station by 12.00pm** on the last day of your trip in time for regular connections to Dublin if required.



For advice on getting to, from and around Ireland please see our travel advice page on our website: <https://www.wildernessireland.com/faq/travel-to-and-within-ireland/>

## YOUR GUIDE

At Wilderness Ireland, our philosophy is simple: each trip is designed by locals, and delivered by local legends. During this family trip, you and your family will be accompanied and led by one of our professional guides. Each of our guides are among the most highly qualified and experienced outdoor enthusiasts in Ireland. With a passion for Ireland's wild places and an intimate knowledge of Ireland's landscapes, nature, culture, mythology and history, our guides will be delighted to share their passion and knowledge with you on your upcoming trip!

For more info and to meet the team please see our [Guide Pages](#).



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## 100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

At Wilderness Ireland, we believe our tours are top notch. To back that up, we're the only Irish travel company offering a no-strings-attached 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.

If you're not completely satisfied with any aspect of your trip, then let us know. If the issue was not resolved by Wilderness Ireland during your trip, then we'll invite you back to experience another Wilderness Ireland tour of similar value, FREE OF CHARGE to prove you can have a world class vacation in Ireland. [See details more here.](#)

## QUESTIONS TO ASK? READY TO BOOK?

If you want to get in touch please send us an email or give us a call. We accept bookings online, by email, or over the phone. A deposit of 25% is required at the time of booking to secure the trip with the balance payable 8 weeks (56 days) before departure. If booking less than 56 days before the trip start date, full payment of the trip price is required immediately.

We accept payment by credit or debit card, or bank transfer.

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## TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is your responsibility to take out appropriate travel insurance to cover you during your trip. This should include cover for cancellation prior to the trip\*, the activities undertaken (i.e hiking), curtailment, and adequate medical insurance for sickness/injury and medical repatriation. We also strongly recommend you have cover for your other travel arrangements such as flights, and your personal possessions.

**\*If you cancel your trip charges will apply. Please see section 2 of our terms and conditions for a breakdown:**

<https://www.wildernessireland.com/make-a-booking/booking-conditions/>

