



# Giant's Causeway & Belfast

## Saturday/Sunday Tour

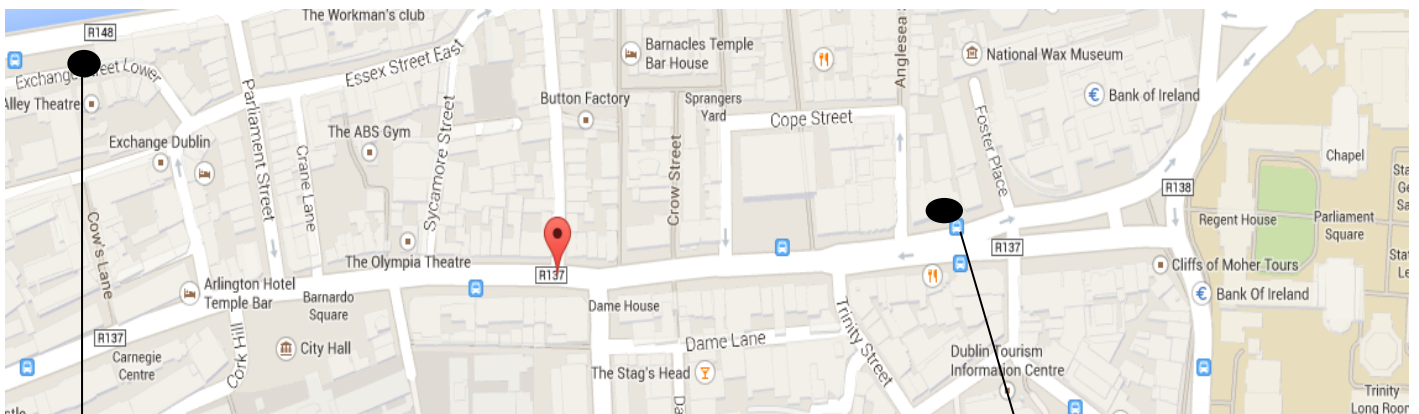
Tour Operator: Wild Rover Tours

### Meeting Point

**Arrive 10 minutes early**

**7:00am at The Starbucks Cafe on Dame Street / 1 College Green**

(1 minutes from Trinity College)



**Kaplan International  
Languages**

**Starbucks**

Please note that the departure time is very early in the morning. Please research how to arrive to the location in time.

**On Sunday, Dublin Bus starts much later, and if you live in a host family you may have to take a taxi to the departure location.**

**There are no refunds for missed tours.**

## INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

**Admissions to all attractions** including: Black Taxi Political Tour **OR** Titanic Experience and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge\*

\*Currently the Carrick A Rede Rope Bridge is closed to the general public so the tour will now include a visit to very popular and famous Dunluce Castle instead.

Transport and guides

## THE BUS

Luxury air-conditioned coaches with 4G WiFi (there are no charging ports for devices)

## ITINERARY

**9:30am** Arrival in Belfast.

You can choose to enjoy the world-famous Black Taxi Tour of Belfast where your local guide will talk you through Belfast's fascinating political history or visit the state of the art Titanic Visitor Experience.

## OPTIONS 1

**Option 1:** Visit and sign the Peace Line and join the list of world celebrities including Bill Clinton and the Dalai Lama who have signed their name to the wall. Walk along this huge wall which divides the two religious/national communities of east Belfast. The political murals, some of which are the most spectacular in the world, reflect a harrowing and tragic chapter in the history of Northern Ireland. Your personal local guide will relate to you their personal and family experiences of life in Belfast during The Troubles, some of the stories you quite simply won't believe.

## OPTION 2

**Option Two:** Your alternative to a Black Taxi Tour is to visit the Belfast Titanic quarter and the state of the art Titanic Visitor Experience. Here you can experience the entire life and story of the Titanic, from her fateful maiden voyage to her eventful discovery on the seabed of the North Atlantic. Learn about the origins, construction, launch and history of the Titanic. The experience contains interactive features so you can truly explore the Titanic story in an insightful light. The journey will take you beyond the aftermath of the sinking to the later discovery of the ship. This tour will also take you to the present day with a tour of the live undersea exploration centre.

If some of your family wish to visit one attraction and others wish to do the other, that's perfectly alright as we will regroup before we depart for the Giant's Causeway.

### **Depart Belfast at 11:50am**

Departing Belfast, we hit the road and into the heart of Northern Ireland making our way to the spectacular Irish coast. We stop at the remarkably unique Dunluce Castle located on the edge of the north Atlantic coast and used as a filming location for Game of Thrones – an amazing photo opportunity.

Following a route known as the Antrim Coastal Drive we pass spectacular scenery, taking us through the village of Bushmills; best known for its whiskey distillery.

### **The Giant's Causeway at 1:20pm**

This UNESCO World Heritage-listed site was created more than 60 million years ago after a series of volcanic eruptions. The Causeway is best known for its distinctive rock formations that span nearly 18 miles (29 kms) of coastline. During our 2 hour stay you can see formations such as the Wishing Chair, the Giant's Boot and Organ, enjoy lunch with a choice of providers on site and learn about the legend of Finn MacCool.

Please note: The **Carrick A Rede Rope Bridge is currently closed to the public** and we have not been notified as to when it will reopen. As an alternative attraction we are including a visit to the very popular Dun Luce Castle.

This iconic historical castle dates back over 500 years and its location on the cliff edge of the north Atlantic make it one of the most dramatic settings in Europe. The castle has been frequently used over the years in many movies most recently the TV series the Game of Thrones. The admittance to visit and peruse the castle and its grounds for 45 minutes is included in the ticket price.

### **House of Greyjoy from Game of Thrones at 3.25pm**

Dunluce Castle was built by the McQuillan family around 1500. It is located on the top of sheer-sided cliffs 100 feet above the ocean – the perfect location for one of the Great Houses of Westeros. The Castle's dramatic history of violence, intrigue and rebellion is matched by the scandal and betrayal committed by the Greyjoys in Game of Thrones.

Now sit back and enjoy the relaxing drive back to Dublin, stopping off just after Belfast for a 20 minutes rest stop before arriving back to Dublin at 8:30pm.

**8:30 PM: ARRIVE BACK IN DUBLIN:** at Old Cleary's Store on O'Connell Street, Dublin City Centre

*Times are approximate and subject to change based on traffic conditions*

## THINGS TO BRING

- Camera
- Sunglasses
- Raincoat – just in case it rains!
- Comfortable shoes
- Packed lunch or money for lunch & snacks
- Charging cable and power bank to keep your devices charged (buses do not have charging ports)
- Spending money (€ Euro & £ Sterling)/credit card to pick up souvenirs. It is also customary to tip the bus driver/guide 😊