

**Coach Travel Association - CTA**  
**Causeway Coastal Route Option 1**  
**21 People**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Arrive into Belfast at your leisure.

Check in to your hotel for overnight-The Holiday Inn, 40 Hope Street, Belfast.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**0845 Meet your guide Rory O Kane in reception and depart for the Causeway Coastal Route**

**1000 Glenarm Castle Tour and morning coffee**

You'll hear the story of the family who live in this beautiful and historic place. You'll discover unique art and artefacts. You'll even see a treasure chest from the Spanish Armada. Your tour includes a peaceful stroll through the walled garden, bursting with colour throughout the summer season. And then, it's time for a most civilised morning coffee.

**1130 Depart Glenarm**

**1250 The Giants Causeway**

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 Lunch in The Causeway Hotel**

A fascinating history, breath-taking location, an award-winning staff team, state-of-the-art refurbishment and food guaranteed to entice you back time and time again are just some of the highlights of this stunning hotel. The Causeway Hotel was built in 1836 by Miss Elizabeth Henry. It was the first accommodation provided for travellers to stay close to the famous stones. Today the hotel's Victorian origin is subtly evident in its interior, from the pictures donning the walls to the shabby-chic furnishings within its opulent rooms. The multi award-winning hotel was privately owned until 2001 when it was purchased by the National Trust.



**1510 Depart the Causeway Hotel**

**1530 Dunluce Castle**

Dunluce is one of the most picturesque and romantic of Irish Castles. With evidence of settlement from the first millennium, the present castle ruins date mainly from the 16th and 17th centuries. It was inhabited by both the feuding McQuillan and MacDonnell clans. Nearby Magheracross Viewing Point and picnic area is an excellent spot to stop and take in the stunning, coastal scenery, often missed when travelling by car along the coast road.

**1700 Check-in to your hotel and freshen up- Marine Hotel Ballycastle**

Located on the North Coast of Ireland we are one of the area's finest hotels occupying an unrivalled seafront position in the heart of the North Antrim Causeway Coast. Boasting 41 spacious bedrooms, fully licensed bar & bistro, restaurant and 4 function rooms.

**1915 Dinner in Bushmills Inn Hotel**

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.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**0900 Depart Derry-Londonderry for Europa Hotel Belfast**