

30+ things to do in Northern Ireland

1. DERRY LONDONDERRY: Walk the incredible city walls, cross the Peace Bridge and visit The Bogside

2. MUSSENDEN TEMPLE: The iconic folly, perched overlooking Downhill Beach.

3. DUNLUCE CASTLE: A historic castle with great views.

4. BUSHMILLS: Home of the famous distillery.

5. GIANT'S CAUSEWAY: 40,000 hexagonal rocks make this a unique destination.

6. BALLINTOY HARBOUR: A charming harbour made famous in the Games of Thrones series.

7. CARRICK A REDE ROPE BRIDGE: Challenge your fear of heights on this fishermen's rope bridge suspended high above the sea.

8. RATHLIN ISLAND: Visit the 'upside down' lighthouse and bird sanctuary. Great for hikes.

9. THE DARK HEDGES: The iconic tree-lined road made famous in Game of Thrones.

10. SEAMUS HEANEY HOMEPLACE: An arts centre built to honour Ireland's famous Poet Laureate Seamus Heaney

11. THE GOBBINS: A heritage project where an old Victorian cliff walk has been restored.

12. CARRICKFERGUS CASTLE: The well preserved and historic 800-year-old castle offers tours.

13. BELFAST: Visit the Titanic Experience, learn more about 'The Troubles', enjoy the culture.

14. ULSTER FOLK MUSEUM: A small town and farmland recreated from relocated old buildings.

15. HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE: Northern Ireland's official royal residence offering a historical tour.

16. GAME OF THRONES STUDIO TOUR: A highly interactive trip down memory lane!



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17. DOWNPATRICK: Visit St Patrick's Grave at Down Cathedral and the St Patrick's Heritage Centre plus the excellent Down County Museum.

18. CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK & PEACE MAZE: Picnics, walking, mountain biking, kayaking and try not to get lost in the maze.

19. TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK: Forest walks by the Shimna river with famous stepping stones. Game of Thrones filming location.

20. NEWCASTLE: A popular seaside town just north of the Mournes and naturally provides a base for hiking.

21. ROSTREVOR: This area is also strongly linked to CS Lewis, the author of the Narnia Chronicles, with a Narnia Trail for kids to enjoy.

22. ARMAGH: Where St Patrick is said to have established his main church in 445.

23. NAVAN FORT: Thought to be the legendary Eamhain Mhacha linked to Ulster's hero Cu Chulainn.

24. OM DARK SKY OBSERVATORY & BEAGHMORE STONES CIRCLES: Where astronomy meets archaeology.

25. ULSTER AMERICAN FOLK PARK: The story of Ulster people's emigration to North America in the 18th and 19th centuries.

26. BOATYARD DISTILLERY: One of many gin distilleries now located throughout the region. Also look for Wild Atlantic Distillery, Echlinville, Hinch, Copeland and Shortcross.

27. DEVENISH ISLAND: An ancient monastic island site and a short boat ride from Enniskillen town.

28. ENNISKILLEN: The island town. Visit the castle museum built by the Maguires in 1482.

29. THE MARBLE ARCH CAVES: Winding subterranean chambers and wonderful rock features.

30. CULCAGH BOARDWALK: also known as 'The Stairway Heaven' is a 2-3 hour round trip walk.

+ PRETTY COASTAL TOWNS & VILLAGES: Visit Glenarm, Cushendall, Cushendun and Ballycastle in the Glens; Portrush, Portstewart on the Causeway Coast plus numerous towns on the Ards peninsula and near the Mournes such as Annalong.

+ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES: With so much coast we have boat tours, surfing, kayaking, coasteering and even horseriding on a beach. You can also enjoy hiking in our forest parks and on our coastal walks.

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