



Walsall National Trust Association
Northern Ireland, Titanic Belfast & Giant's Causeway
Proposed holiday to Northern Ireland
Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June 2025

- Day 1** We meet at Birmingham Airport for our direct scheduled Easyjet flight to Belfast. On arrival at Belfast we are met by our guide and private coach, and continue to Seamus Heaney HomePlace. Our visit takes us on an inspiring journey through the life and work of one of Ireland's greatest writers. Situated between Heaney's two childhood homes at Mossbawn and The Wood, and only a few hundred yards from St Mary's Church, Bellaghy, which he chose as his final resting place, HomePlace is at the heart of the area that inspired so much of the poet's work. We continue to the 4* Dunadry Hotel and Country Club at Templepatrick for a four night stay on a half board basis.
- Day 2** With our guide this morning we enjoy a guided tour of Belfast, taking in sights such as St Anne's Cathedral and Stormont Castle. This afternoon we visit National Trust's Mount Stewart House and Gardens. Offering magnificent views over Strangford Lough, the famous gardens at Mount Stewart were planted in the 1920s by Edith, Lady Londonderry.
- Day 3** Our guide meets us at our hotel this morning and accompanies us throughout the day. We travel to the North Antrim coastline today and visit the National Trust's Giant's Causeway, a World Heritage Site internationally acclaimed for its outstanding natural beauty, formed from lava eruptions over 60 million years ago and with many rich traditions in explanation of its strange rock formations. This afternoon we visit The Walled Garden at Glenarm Castle, the ancestral home of the Earls of Antrim. Since opening to the public in 2005, the restoration of The Walled Garden has continued under the stewardship of Nigel Marshall, formerly Head Gardener at Mount Stewart. There are herbaceous borders, a rose border, mound and water features.
- Day 4** This morning we visit the National Trust's Rowallane Garden. The passion and shared vision of the Reverend John Moore, and later his nephew Hugh Armytage Moore, created a garden where you can leave the outside world behind and immerse yourself in nature's beauty. The mix of formal and informal garden spaces are home to magical features mingled with native and exotic plants, such as drifts of rare rhododendrons. We continue with our guide to the National Trust's Castle Ward. High on a hillside, with views across the tranquil waters of Strangford Lough, the distinctly different styles of Gothic and classical collide at Castle Ward.
- Day 5** We visit the Titanic Experience this morning, housed in a new £90m, six floor building as high as the world-famous ship's hull and located beside the historic site of its construction. This state-of-the-art visitor experience tells the story of the Titanic, from its conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through its construction and launch, to its famous maiden voyage and tragic end. We continue to Belfast International Airport for our direct scheduled Eastjet flight back to Birmingham.

NB:- The itinerary can be tailor made to suit the needs and aspirations of your group members

Rooms	Twin/Double	Singles
Allotment	12	20 (see above note)
Period		
29 th June – 3 rd July 2025	£1,159.00 +/-	£149.00 +/-