

# Accompanying Persons Programme



## Ulster Folk and Transport Museum

**Date:**

Monday 29 August

**Meeting Point:**

Hilton Hotel (09:30) and  
Europa Hotel (09:40)

**Duration:**

6 hours 30 mins (09:30 – 16:00)

**Inclusions:**

Tour guide, entrance fee and lunch.

The tour will visit the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum which is a 20 minute coach journey, about 11 kilometres east of the city of Belfast. It comprises two separate museums, the Folk Museum and the Transport Museum. The Folk Museum endeavours to illustrate the way of life and traditions of the people in Northern Ireland, past and present, while the Transport Museum explores and exhibits methods of transport by land, sea and air, past and present. The museum is one of four museums included in National Museums Northern Ireland.



## Bushmills Village, Bushmills Distillery and the Giant's Causeway

**Date:**

Tuesday 30 August

**Meeting Point:**

Hilton Hotel (9:00) and  
Europa Hotel (09:10)

**Duration:**

8 hours 30 mins (09:00 – 18:30)

**Inclusions:**

Tour guide, entrance fees and lunch

The tour will follow the scenic route from Belfast through the glens of Antrim to the scenic village of Bushmills, and onwards to the Bushmills Distillery (the oldest whiskey distillery in the world with a licence to distil since 1608). Following lunch in the Distillery the tour will travel a short distance to the only Unesco World Heritage Site in Northern Ireland, the Giant's Causeway. This unique geological causeway is composed of geometric basalt columns formed due to volcanic activity over 60 million years ago.

The tour will depart the Giant's Causeway at 4.00pm, returning to Belfast by 18:30.

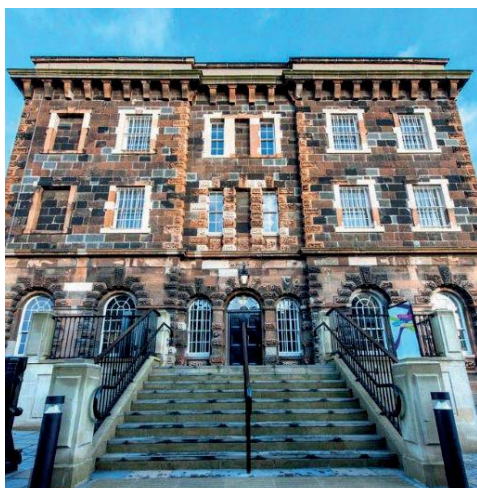


image courtesy: Crumlin Rd Gaol



## Coach Tour of Belfast comprising visits to Crumlin Road Gaol and Parliament Buildings, Stormont

### **Date:**

Wednesday 31 August

### **Meeting Point:**

Hilton Hotel (09:30) and  
Europa Hotel (09:40)

### **Duration:**

7 hours (09:30 – 16:30)

### **Inclusions:**

Tour guide, entrance fee and lunch

This tour will visit many of the historical highlights of Belfast and will include a conducted tour of Crumlin Road Gaol. The Gaol is a nineteenth century Grade 'A' listed building that has recently undergone a significant restoration and reopened to the public for guided tours, concerts and events. The Gaol first opened its gates to prisoners in 1846 and for 150 years was a fully operational prison. During those 150 years the Gaol housed murderers, suffragettes and loyalist and republican prisoners.

The tour will include a visit to Parliament Buildings at Stormont, where lunch will be provided. Parliament Buildings is home to the Northern Ireland Assembly, the legislative body for Northern Ireland, established under the Belfast Agreement in 1998 (Good Friday Agreement).

Constructed in 1921, at a cost of £1.7m, Parliament Buildings was designed to house the newly formed Government of Northern Ireland and was officially opened on 16 November, 1932 by the then Prince Of Wales, on behalf of King George V.



## Coach Tour of the Ards Peninsula including visit to Mountstewart House and Gardens (A National Trust Property)

**Date:**

Thursday 1 September

**Meeting Point:**

Hilton Hotel (09:00) and  
Europa Hotel (09:10)

**Duration:**

6 hours (09:00 – 15:00)

**Inclusions:**

Tour guide, entrance fee and lunch

The tour will travel through the Ards Peninsula arriving at Mountstewart House and Gardens at 10.00. Mountstewart House is a neo-classical house with celebrated gardens and is one of the most inspiring and unusual gardens in the National Trust's ownership. The house has recently re-opened after a 3 year long restoration project, during which it has been fully restored to capture the elegance and charm of the period when it was home of the 7<sup>th</sup> Marchioness Edith, Lady Londonderry and her family in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The garden reflects a rich tapestry of design and great planting artistry that was the hallmark of Edith, Lady Londonderry. The mild climate of Strangford Lough allows astonishing levels of planting experimentation. The formal areas exude a strong Mediterranean feel and resemble an Italian villa landscape; the wooded areas support a range of plants from all corners of the world, ensuring something to see whatever the season.

Departing from Mountstewart at 12.30, lunch will be in the nearby Harrison's Farm Shop and Garden Centre, followed by the short return journey to Belfast, arriving back by 15:00.



