Explore some of the UK’s most spectacular and undiscovered countryside. The Nine Glens of Antrim offer brown moorlands, carpets of wild flowers and mountain gorges. Further north are long stretches of sandy beaches and The Giant’s Causeway - a remarkable formation of thousands of basalt columns stretching into the sea.

We pass Dunseverick Castle, clinging to the cliff top, and visit Glenarm Castle, home to the Earls of Antrim. We hear Irish music and learn to play the tin whistle.

We finish our week in Belfast, a vibrant city reveling in a new-found prosperity.

**What’s Included**

- Full-time services of two guides - a Walk Leader and Walk Manager
- A backup vehicle for resting walkers and moving luggage
- All ground transfers, visits, admission to museums/sites included in the itinerary
- Maps and unique souvenirs to commemorate your trip
- 6 Nights hotel accommodation
- All meals - with choices - (Special dietary requirements? No problem!)
- Wine or beer with dinner
- On-trail snacks and refreshments
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants

**Trip:** 7 days, 6 nights  
**Terrain:** Spectacular coastal paths, unspoiled moorland, some hills. 8 miles of easy to moderate walking per day, with opportunities to walk less

**Price:** US$ 3,695.00 per person double occupancy  
(single supplement US$ 450.00)

The walk begins and ends in Belfast.

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Walk Itinerary

Sunday
Rendezvous in Belfast for a private transfer to our hotel which overlooks the sea at Carnlough.
Overnight: Carnlough

Monday
We start with one of the nine Glens of Antrim. Nine rivers have carved deep valleys through the Antrim Mountains to the sea. It is here that we can see the wildest and most remote part of Ireland. We walk through Glenarm (Glen of the Army) with its wild and lonely upland moors until we reach the private Glenarm Castle with its beautiful park, home to the Earls of Antrim. After a light lunch in the castle's mushroom house, we enjoy a walk through the Earl's private garden and estate.
Overnight: Carnlough

Tuesday
We drive to the Queen of Glens described as “Switzerland in Miniature” to explore the most dramatic of the nine Glens of Antrim, Glenariff. We pass waterfalls, gorges and woodland. After our lunch we visit another spectacular private garden, see inside one of Northern Ireland's grander homes and walk through the estate along the banks of the River Bush. We are served a delicious cream tea in the garden before transferring to our hotel in Bushmills.
Overnight: Bushmills

Wednesday
We start our day at the impressive ruins of Dunseverick Castle perched on a crag and we see where Spanish Armada ships were wrecked in 1588. Against the background of the roar of the Atlantic waves crashing onto the cliffs below, we walk along a memorable and stunning stretch of coastline past the Giant's Causeway - the extraordinary geological phenomenon of forty thousand basalt columns. After lunch at the Nook, there is more of the rugged coastline to explore or some might choose to sample the classic Black Bush whiskey at the world’s oldest distillery.
Overnight: Bushmills

Thursday
We pick up our trail to Ballycastle Bay where we take a ferry to Rathlin Island, eight miles off the coast towards Scotland. The boomerang shaped island attracts geologists, botanists and birdwatchers. It is where Robert the Bruce retreated from Edward I (Longshanks) in 1306 and where, in 1898, Marconi made the world’s first radio communication.
Overnight: Bushmills
**Friday**

We walk along the water’s edge of the glorious sandy beach at White Park Bay, within sight of both Donegal and Scotland, and are rewarded with coffee and Mrs McCullough’s freshly-baked scones beside the tiny harbour at Ballintoy. We continue along a cliff-top path to the famous Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge hanging precariously over an eighty feet chasm (crossing it is optional!). After lunch in Ballycastle we walk to Fair Head, and follow the grey man’s path to Murlough Bay, a place of true beauty, with views to Rathlin and the Mull of Kintyre, and a fitting finale to our stay on the Antrim Coast. We return to Belfast by bus.

**Overnight: Belfast**

**Saturday**

For many years visitors avoided Northern Ireland until the Good Friday Agreement in 1998. The Troubles are obviously the ‘elephant’ in the Northern Irish living room and so, on our final morning, we see some of those unforgiving murals and the strident graffiti. The strife in Northern Ireland can be traced back over eight hundred years and we take a black taxi tour to the memorial plots and the peace walls of Shanklin and the Falls and hear some first hand accounts from people who lived through those troubled times.

**Hotels**

**Sunday & Monday**

**Londonderry Arms**

Located in the coastal village of Carnlough on the world famous Causeway Coastal Route, the hotel boasts an illustrious 160 year history and past owners include Sir Winston Churchill.

W: www.glensofantrim.com

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**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

**Bushmills Inn Hotel**

Located in the same village as the world’s oldest distillery, between the Giant’s Causeway and Royal Portrush Golf Club, this hotel excels in providing an inherently warm, welcoming and relaxing atmosphere.

W: www.bushmillsinn.com

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**Friday**

**The Merchant**

Long admired for its distinctive architectural style in its former life as the headquarters of the Ulster Bank, this magnificent hotel consistently receives high ratings from guests who recognize it as one of the best in Northern Ireland.

W: www.themerchanthotel.com

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Walk Specifics

**Flight Arrangements:** Participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements. The Wayfarers can recommend our in-house Travel Agent, Wendy Houle, who is happy to help with all your travel arrangements for a nominal cost: wendy-houle@thewayfarers.com or 1-800-611-4763. In any case, please contact our office before purchasing your airline tickets so we can advise you of the designated meeting time and place in Belfast.

**Trip Reservation Policy:** We require a deposit of US$400 per person to secure a place on the Walk. Once you have decided to join the trip, please contact us and we will hold your place for one week pending receipt of your deposit. Full payment is required 90 days ahead of departure.

**Cancellation Policy:** If you find it necessary to cancel your place on the trip, payment will be refunded less a cancellation charge.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly encourage all participants to purchase a travel protection plan and include the option of travel insurance and additional information with your confirmation.

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