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Ballybunion Golf Club

Located on the north-west coast of County Kerry, on a beautiful stretch of sand dunes overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, you'll find two wonderfully challenging and unique world-class links golf courses at Ballybunion – the Old Course and the Trent Jones Cashen Course. Whatever your choice, every hole, every hazard and every shot is defined by nature's infinite presence. The Old Course exudes a majestic feel that simply cannot be compared to any other course on earth. It is consistently rated among the top courses in the world. A thrilling links in its own right, the Cashen is a rollercoaster ride, full of charm, quirks and spectacular holes – an experience not to be missed.



Lahinch Golf Club

It has been described as 'The St Andrews of Ireland' and many other complimentary titles. Those who know and love the place firmly believe that Lahinch Golf Club doesn't need comparison with any of the game's other world class venues. From the infant days back in 1892 up to today, the Club has stood out on its own merits as a golfing institution like none other.

Dooks Golf Club

Golf has been played in Dooks since 1889 which makes it one of the oldest Golf Links in Ireland. For the golfer who is seeking a beautiful and tranquil environment to enjoy great golf, Dooks presents just that. It is a hidden Gem renowned for its friendliness, spectacular views and presentation standards all year round. Dooks is not as exposed as some Irish courses and features an amazing variety of gorse, heather and wild flowers, the 'gentle' wind is never far away and the narrow sandy fairways and well contoured greens offer you a real taste of traditional links golf as its very best.



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Carne Golf Links

Carne in North Mayo on the West Coast of Ireland lies in magnificent unspoiled sand dunes overlooking Blacksod Bay and the wild Atlantic Ocean near the town of Belmullet. Discover Erris in North Mayo an area that is famed the world over for its golf course and white sandy Atlantic beaches that stretch for miles, its bountiful wildlife and warm welcome. Carne Golf Links was the last links course to be designed by the late Eddie Hackett and it is now believed by many who have played it to be his greatest challenge.



Nairn and Portnoo Golf Club

Nairn and Portnoo Golf Club, is situated in a beautiful seaside resort in southwest Donegal. It is considered one of the finest natural and scenic 18-hole links courses in Ireland, with sweeping views of Gweebarra Bay.

Opened in 1930, it is engagingly old fashioned with a meandering routing over and around the dunes. The course has recently been re-developed and the new par 73 layout offers a range of teeing areas and challenges to suit all golfers.

All manner of shots are required here: draws around sharp dog-legs; crisp irons to par threes over cavernous terrain; accurate tee shots down snake-like fairways, some wide and some not so generous; low trajectory shots into the Atlantic breezes; high shots down-breeze into raised and firm greens; chip and run shots over the mounds and dips.

Throughout the adventure, all are captivated by the scenery and once experienced, it's a course to which golfers return again and again.

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Portmarnock Golf Club

Portmarnock Golf Club sits majestically on a narrow tongue of shallow duneland. And as a measure of its enduring quality, it remains one of the most respected venues in world golf. No other Irish course has been graced by so many distinguished players in a rich history encompassing a broad sweep of significant events. It is where Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead successfully followed its serpentine route through classic link land on their way to victory in the 1960 Canada Cup.

Royal Dublin Golf Club

The Royal Dublin Golf Club is home to a superb and very traditional golf links on Bull Island in Dublin Bay. The famous golf architect Harry Colt was brought in to design the course following its destruction by the military during the First World War. His work brought a measure of fame to the Club and the course has been sought out for prestigious golfing events ever since.

The renowned architect, Martin Hawtree, was invited to redesign and upgrade the links for the modern game. At a cost of €4.5 million, the course has been re-designed in a manner which has shown respect to its inheritance, while challenging the longest hitters.



The Island Golf Club

The Island Golf Club, founded in 1890, is a traditional private Members' golf club with a proud history of upholding the best traditions of amateur golf.

Overlooked by the North County Dublin village of Malahide, the links is located in some of the most stunning dunes on the east coast of Ireland. It is also one of the oldest golf courses in Ireland and was ranked 13th in Golf Digest Ireland's Top 100 Courses in 2015.

It enjoys a growing international reputation and currently hosts Regional Qualifying for The Open Championship and has also co-hosted stroke play qualifying for the British Amateur Championship in 2019.