

Dubai Duty Free Irish Open 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

When and where will the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open 2017 take place?

The 2017 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open will take place at Portstewart Golf Club 5-9 July.

What is the tournament schedule?

Mon 3 July	Practice Day (Closed to Public)
Tue 4 July	Practice Day: 07.30 - 18.00
Wed 5 July	Pro Am: 07.30 - 19.00*
Thur 6 July	Tournament Day 1: 06.45 - 20.30
Fri 7 July	Tournament Day 2: 06.45 - 20.30
Sat 8 July	Tournament Day 3: 07.00 - 20.30
Sun 9 July	Tournament Day 4: 07.00 - 20.00*

How can I purchase tickets?

Tickets for each day of the event are on sale from the European Tour website, see www.dubaidutyfreeirishopen.com for full details and booking. Children under the age of 16 will be admitted FREE as long as they are accompanied by an adult (up to four children are allowed with one paying adult).

How can I book accommodation for the event?

For up to date accommodation availability, contact Coleraine Visitor Information Centre Tel: **(028) 7034 4723**. For the Belfast area, contact Visit Belfast on Tel: **(028) 9024 6609** and for Derry~Londonderry area contact Visit Derry on Tel: **(028) 7126 7284**.

I have a disability and wish to attend the golf, what facilities will be provided to assist my attendance?

The European Tour are providing car parking for any Blue Badge holder who wishes to attend and needs to park close to the course. Mobility scooters will also be provided for patrons who pre-book, there will be a cost attributed to this facility.

Can I travel to the event by public transport?

Translink are offering a range of hassle-free, good value options for visitors travelling to the event. These include extra train services between Belfast and Derry/Londonderry and Coleraine. A train/coach shuttle service will be provided between Coleraine Station and Portstewart. Coach specials will be provided from major towns throughout Northern Ireland on a pre-book basis which will drop off and pick up close to the course.

Translink also plan to maintain existing normal services in the area but there will inevitably be increased traffic congestion so customers are reminded to leave extra time for journeys. Visit www.translink.co.uk/irishopen2017/ for more information and to plan your journey, or download the Translink Journey Planner app for free from the Apple Store and Google Play.

I don't want to park and I will be getting dropped off by other family members, where should I go not to get caught up in other traffic and where I can be picked up later on in the day?

Burnside Presbyterian Church, Mill Road, Portstewart will be the designated area for pick up/drop off close to the course. Police will have "No stopping" restrictions on several approach roads to the clubhouse and course and no passengers should disembark their vehicles on these signed routes, to do so would cause significant delays for all other traffic.

I am travelling by taxi to the course, can I get dropped off close to the course?

Specific taxi drop off points have been identified and access will be granted into those areas for appropriately licenced vehicles. All the local taxi firms will be aware of these locations before the event and the routes will be signed specifically for them.

Is there still going to be the local bus service into Portstewart?

Yes, the local service 140 is still going to be in operation for the week of the tournament servicing the Promenade, Portrush and Coleraine including the local caravan and camp sites. The stop for the 140 will temporarily be located on the Burnside Road and will travel via the Coleraine Road instead of Strand Road. This service will be enhanced to every 10 minutes during the peak demands and is available to all patrons who wish to leave the course to visit the town.

Will catering be available on-site?

The Irish Open Championship Village near the main gate will offer a number of dining outlets and bars. There will also be a big screen showing the live action, a hole by hole leaderboard, official merchandise, trade stands and other facilities including ATM (charges may apply).

Will there be a re-entry system in place?

Yes, spectators will be able to leave and re-enter the grounds during the event, allowing them to visit Portstewart town centre.

Will there be support from volunteers?

Yes, look out for the volunteers at Coleraine bus and train station, Park & Rides, pick up and drop off points and throughout the town. Volunteers will be located both on and off the course.

Will I need a permit to park or get access to my accommodation?

If your chosen accommodation is located within an area subject to permit access then the proprietor will provide you with a permit to gain access to that area. All residents will have access to their properties for the duration of the tournament. Some addresses will require permits to access their respective roads. Permits will be distributed nearer the time to those residents in the identified area.

Will there be any special events taking place off the course during the tournament?

A variety of events and activities for all ages will take place during the week of the tournament. Further detail on these events will follow in the coming weeks.

For more ideas of things to see and do while you're in the area, visit www.causewaycoastandglens.com

Will the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open be televised?

Sky Sports will televise the whole tournament, with BBC and RTE broadcasting the highlights.

Is there an on-course programme of entertainment?

*Yes, an Opening and Closing Ceremony will take place in the Championship Village. Local and international legends Two Door Cinema Club will headline the Opening Ceremony on 5th July. This concert will end at 21:00. The Closing Ceremony on 9th July will end at 20:00 and the headline act will be announced shortly.

For full event information go to: www.dubaidutyfreeirishopen.com

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