

Causeway Cottage Portrush

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EMERGENCY FIRE ACTION PLAN

Please familiarise yourself with the exit from the house.

FRONT EXIT. Please leave the key beside or in the door when locking it.

In the event of a fire. Shout a warning. Please go out immediately through the exit and make sure everyone is out of the building.

Do not waste time taking any belongings.

Phone 999 and report the fire.

Smoking is illegal indoors

This is a non-smoking house so please do not smoke inside. Smokers can enjoy a cigarette or cigar in the open air

DON'T smoke indoors as this is considered to be a place of work for my agent and is therefore illegal. the smell lingers and spoils the atmosphere in the house.

If you do smoke indoors we may need to have the soft furnishings and carpets professionally cleaned and will have no choice but to charge you £200 for this remedial work.

Location and directions

2 Causeway View Mews, Portrush, Co Antrim, BT56 8PZ

Directions If you are coming by car & boat via Larne or Belfast or from George Best Belfast City Airport you can either take the scenic Causeway Coastal Route which passes through Carrickfergus, the Glens of Antrim, Giant's Causeway, Bushmills and Portballintrae. This is the long way round 2-3 hours, but worth it for the scenery. The shorter route is 75 minutes via Ballymena & Ballymoney. If you are arriving at Belfast International the direct route via Ballymena & Ballymoney is significantly shorter.

At Ballymoney take the road towards Portrush.

On arrival in Portrush follow the one-way system past the Harbour, as you come to the top of the small hill beside the Ramore Restaurant complex take the road to the left and then immediate right, follow this for 20m and then right down Causeway View Lane. There is an archway almost at the end of this, turn into the courtyard and park in the allocated slot.

Parking & Access

The mews is sandwiched in between Lower Main Street and Causeway View Lane. This put you right in the middle of town, but in a quiet little mews with vehicular access from Causeway View Lane through an archway into the parking area. There is one parking space reserved for Number 2, please do not use anyone else's space.

There is a pedestrian gateway under an archway from the mews onto the main street. This is usually kept locked and the key is on your set of two keys.

Pets

Small pets are welcome by prior arrangement are welcome BUT must be kept out of the bedroom carpets and off all furniture. The surroundings are communal so please keep your dog on a lead and remove any dog waste.

If your pet fouls outside in the communal area please bag and remove the waste, as it can be dangerous to children and is not pleasant for others.

If your pet is likely to climb onto the furniture please bring throws to protect the furniture. Please lift cushions if you leave your pets in unattended or at night so your pets don't sleep on them.

If the furnishings are soiled by the dog or there is pet hair on them they will need to be cleaned for which we will impose a charge.

WiFi

We have full access in the cottage.

WiFi is BT-99ATMJ Password Xr9LvnbHve7HmA

Water, Heat, and Shower

Hot Water

The house is fully heated by economy 7 electrical storage and overnight water heater. There will always be hot water. The shower is electric, just pull the on cord beside the shower and set the dials to suit. Always set these low to start.

Central Heating

The house is fully heated by economy 7 electrical storage will provide a comfortable temperature. The downstairs bedroom has a convector heater on the wall which provides instant heat

Immediate heat.

The living room has a flame effect electric fire which will give immediate heat and a boost. It can be turned on to give a pleasant glowing flame effect.

Switching the heat off

If you don't need the Central Heating please switch all the wall switches off beside the storage heaters. There are two in the living room with one switch beside the fireplace in behind the cover.

CANDLES

Please be careful if using tea lights, do not place on an unprotected surface. Always put out at night.

The Kitchen, Cooking, Eating and Laundry.

Safety

There is a Fire Extinguisher under the sink. There is a Fire Blanket in the lower cupboard on the right-hand side of the oven.

Please find where the extinguisher and the fire blanket are located and ensure that you read the instructions now.

Cooking

There are sharp knives in a knife block on the work surface and cutting boards in the cupboards. Please always use a cutting board.

There are pots, pans and ovenware in various cupboards.

Please don't put hot pots on the work surface; use the metal pot racks provided.

The oven and hob are electric so are simple to use. There is an electric kettle on the work surface, and an electric toaster.

Please use the extractor fan when cooking, otherwise the kitchen will get very hot, steamy and unpleasant.

Beware as all cooking surfaces will get hot and can cause burns.

Dining

The dining table folds open to seat up to 6 people. There are four chairs inside the table and two stools in the upstairs cupboard beside the main bedroom.

For outside eating there is a wooden table with umbrella and two chairs + two stools in the upstairs store. If the table is not outside it will be in the wardrobe area in the downstairs bedroom

Washing up

Kitchen Sink There is washing up liquid under the sink and a drying rack on the drainer. There are drying cloths in the drawer to the right of the cooker.

Laundry

There is an Automatic Washer Drier in the kitchen and an Indoor Clothes Line in the upstairs store beside the main bedroom. Instructions for the washing machine are on top of the dryer in the small space under the counter. Soap powder is supplied, if you run out please phone our cleaner.

Please don't take house towels to the beach.

BINS AND RECYCLING

Blue Bin Recycling

Please recycle glass, tin, plastic, paper and cardboard in the blue bin, but no plastic wrappers or plastic bags.

Brown Bin Food Waste

Food waste should go into the green recycling bags in the brown bin and all other waste in the black bin. If the wrong material is put in the recycling the bin men will not empty it.

Black Bin, All other Waste

All other waste.

There is are rubbish bins under the sink and a supply of plastic bags for liners. Please tie them before you bin them.

DO NOT PUT CARDBOARD, BOTTLES, TINS OR PLASTIC BOTTLES IN THE BLACK BIN

DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING BLUE BIN ONLY PUT FOOD WASTE INSIDE A GREEN BIODEGRADABLE BAG IN THE BROWN BIN

Ironing

Ironing board and iron are in the upstairs store.

Cleaning

If you need any cleaning material look under the sink or in the utility cupboard.

Light Bulbs

Spare bulbs and fuses are in the electricity cupboard at the top of the stairs.

TV, Video, Radio, Books

Television

The TVs receive all normal free view channels.

Beds

If you have not used all the beds please let us know which ones have been used so that we may change them for the next guests.

Cots

There is a travel cot available by prior arrangement. We do not supply bedding for cots

SHOPPING IN PORTRUSH

Fruit and Vegetables

The local shops are good with the best fruit and veg opposite the bus station near the railway station..

Meat

The best meat shop is Danny Etherson's at the Hillview service station on the Coleraine Road. This is opposite Lidle and is a car drive away.

Fresh fish

Most early evenings and at the weekends in the Summer you can buy fresh fish, crab and lobsters from the sports fishermen at the harbour.

Grocery and Bread

The small supermarket halfway up Main Street has a fairly good range of provisions. They also sell fresh French style bread; it is really very good. (Order in advance to make sure that you get what you want.)

Off-Licence

There are two off licences in town, one opposite Sportsland on the Main Street and one beside the Bus Station.

Chemist / Pharmacy

There are three chemists one the Main Street opposite Sportsland, one opposite the bus station and one opposite the Railway Station

Hardware

There is an everything shop with good hardware beside the bus station, with a good range of hardware.

Hair

There are a few but we don't know what they're like.

Cash & Money

There is a Cash Dispenser on the wall of the Ramore Restaurant, a Dansk Bank cash dispenser halfway up main street and one Ulster Bank dispenser opposite the town Hall.

RESTAURANTS

I only list restaurants that I enjoy. There are many others but these ones deliver good food and service and very rarely let me down.

BOOKING Book early. Most are now using online booking systems.

PORTRUSH

Some of the best restaurants in Northern Ireland are on the harbour at Portrush. They are all owned by the same family headed by George who is the creative genius. I recommend all of these very strongly to you.

RAMORE RESTAURANTS AT THE HARBOUR

https://www.ramorerestaurant.com/

Mermaid at the Harbour £££ Penultimate floor above "The Tourist" and "The Ramore Wine Bar" great seafood. Wonderful views. No Children Bookable from 2 weeks in advance Ph 028 7082 6969 mb 07772 687 861 www.ramorerestaurant.com/mermaid-kitchen-bar.htm

Basalt £££ Top floor above "Mermaid" The Tourist" and "The Ramore Wine Bar". Very good restaurant with amazing views of the West Bay. Booking is possible so phone 028 7082 6969 up to 14 days in advance. http://www.ramorerestaurant.com/basalt.php

Neptune and Prawn ££. Just opposite the Ramore restaurant at the Harbour. Cocktail bar and snackerie upstairs with eclectic funky décor and wonderful views of the harbour and Portrush bay. Downstairs great food and great food downstairs. No bookings BUT you should go before 7.30pm at weekends and holidays to avoid the queue. If you call in personally earlier they will might your name on the list for you to return later, this cuts down on the waiting. A tip helps. www.ramorerestaurant.com/neptune-and-prawn.htm

The Ramore Wine Bar ££ with great views of the Harbour in Portrush is a fun quick moving restaurant with an avant garde décor and an eclectic menu. The food is excellent and the wine is good. No bookings BUT you should go before 7.30pm at weekends and holidays to avoid the queue. If you call in personally earlier they might put your name on the list for you to return later, this cuts down on the waiting. A tip helps. Ph 028 7082 4313 www.ramorerestaurant.com/ramore-wine-bar.htm

The Harbour Inn ££ (guess where) on the Harbour in Portrush is behind the Harbour Bar, one of the oldest genuine fisherman's pubs in the area. This is dining theatre with a large open log burning brazier burning logs for the charcoal griddle.

The menu is excellent Brasserie style and the place has a good buzz of activity. Try the Fillet Steak on the Bone, and the desserts are to die for. Advance Bookings are not possible, so arrive before 7.30pm and they will take your name and you can enjoy a pint or two of Guinness while you wait for your table. If you call in personally earlier they might put your name on the list for you to return later, this cuts down on the waiting. A tip helps.

028 7082 2430 http://www.ramorerestaurant.com/harbour-bistro.htm

Coast £ again at the harbour in Portrush. Absolutely brilliant and creative pasta and pizza restaurant with a range of other wine bar dishes. Inexpensive and great for kids. Advance Bookings are not possible, so arrive before 7.30pm and they will take your name and you can enjoy a pint or two of Guinness while you wait for your table. If you call in personally earlier they might put your name on the list for you to return later, this cuts down on the waiting. A tip helps. Ph 028 7082 3311 www.ramorerestaurant.com/coast-restaurant.htm

KRAKEN FISH RESTAURANT £

This has to be the best fish bar for sit in or take away in the area, on Lansdowne Crescent in Portrush. The views are stunning from the small restaurant or private dining pods. Ask in advance if you want lobster <u>Kraken Menu and Order</u>

Shanty ££ Querky, different with stunning location in the old lifeboat house on Lansdowne Crescent. Wonderful outdoor seating right on the shore and built over the old slipway. Great for morning coffee and breakfast. Lovely dinner. Book online. https://shantyportrush.com/

Elephant Rock Restaurant and Bar. £££ Fine Dining A stunning boutique hotel on Lansdowne Crescent in Portrush with amazing décor. The cocktail bar, terrace bar and restaurant are stunning and the food is excellent. Only 50m from the apartment. Advance bookings recommended. 0287087877

https://elephantrockhotel.co.uk/

55 North £££ a modern, brasserie style restaurant with magnificent views of the Skerrie Islands, the East Bay and the White Rocks. Best Risotto in the area. Main Street Portrush http://www.55-north.com Advance bookings recommended. Phone 028 7082 2811

Franco Manca Pizzeria £ Overlooking the West Bay beside Curry's Amusement Park. Lovely sourdough bases with stunning views. https://www.francomanca.co.uk/restaurants/portrush-northern-ireland/

Indian Ocean € Lovely take away. https://indianoceanportrush.co.uk/

The Safe House \pounds An old bank building beautifully remodelled as a bar with simple pub food.

Babushka Speciality Coffee Shop and Eatery £

Fantastic views of the bay. Located on the South wall of Portrush harbour George specialises in very unique snack lunch and breakfast with excellent coffee.

Smash and Bird \pounds Upmarket Burger, Wings, Dippers and Ribs. Opposite the railway station. A really great burger.

You can order on-line from home for delivery or better still while having a pint in Quays Beer Garden next door. Great combination.

www.smashnbird.com/

BUSHMILLS

The Bushmills Inn £££, a lovely old world hotel with bar meals and a fine dining restaurant. The food is excellent but is fairly dear. You will need to book for dinner. [028-2073-2339] https://www.bushmillsinn.com/restaurant-and-bar

Tartine at the Distillers Arms / Tartine £££ is close to the Distillery in Bushmills and is children friendly. They have a wonderful award winning modern upbeat menu. This has been recently remodelled and has an open plan bar and dining area, need to book at weekends especially. (Parking at the rear through archway) Advance bookings recommended 028 2073 1044 https://distillersarms.com/

The Causeway Hotel ££ at the Giant's Causeway is renowned for its value for money and honest good food. Their mixed grill would feed a small family, choose it if you have hollow legs. The location is really nice with brilliant views over the bay towards the Skerrie Islands and Portrush. Advance bookings recommended 028 2073 1266 https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays/hotels/causeway-hotel

Gray's Bushmills ££ On the way to the Giant's Causeway excellent food and may have entertainment on Saturdays. Please check first https://graysbushmills.com/ Phone 028 2073 1577.

Mike's Café £ A surprising find on Bushmills Town Square. There is a wonderful Asian menu alongside traditional café dishes. Well worth a visit for lunch,

PORTBALLINTRAE

The Bayview Hotel £££ has wonderful views out over Portballintrae Harbour and Bay it has an excellent restaurant and lively bar. Phone 028-2073-4100 for reservations. https://bayviewhotelni.com/bar-restaurant/
Great for morning Coffee.

PORTSTEWART

Amici Ristorante. £££ Excellent Italian Restaurant run by an Italian family so the food is very wonderfully genuine. Advance bookings recommended 028 7083 4444 http://amiciportstewart.squarespace.com/

Ocho, Tapas £££. Best Tapas and Spanish cuisine in Northern Ireland, very genuine Spanish cuisine offering with a great range of dishes, great service and friendly atmosphere. Currently Located halfway between Portstewart and Coleraine on a stunning riverside site. If you have your own speedboat you take the route up the River Bann. Advance bookings recommended 028 7082 4110 http://www.ochotapas.com

Harry's Shack. £££ Excellent fish restaurant run by a fishing family who have their own market garden so the fish and veg are uber fresh. Located right on the beach at Portstewart just beyond the golf club. Advance bookings recommended 028 7083 1783, https://www.nigoodfood.com/restaurants/harrys-shack/?utm_source=tripadvisor&utm_medium=referral

Cafes & Takeaways

There are numerous cafes in town; all provide good snacks and inexpensive meals. The Yacht Club serves all day breakfasts on the harbour wall and Babushkas serves amazing coffee and speciality breakfasts and snack lunches on the opposite harbour wall.

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Portrush Yacht Club £

Wonderful views of the harbour and bay from the 1st floor patio. Open to the public from 9-5:30 Excellent all day breakfasts, coffee and scones.

Ground Coffee Shop \pounds is on main street and has a great range of excellent speciality coffees and very good freshly made food.

Bars

The Harbour Bar On the harbour in Portrush Right on the Harbour has the best old world atmosphere with excellent Guinness. Willie Gregg runs a great ale house with wonderful craic, a must visit bar with entertainment on Saturday and some other nights. Upstairs is a good night club with excellent music and a very mixed crowd of ages and interests. This is safe and pleasant.

The Springhill Bar on Causeway Street in Portrush has great traditional music on Thursday nights.

Bushmills

The Bushmills Inn is a very attractive old world hotel with lots of bar areas each with its own unique character, also is quite close if you don't want to drive. Well worth a visit for the ambience of the private snugs all with peat fires.

Portballintrae Boat Club on the harbour at Portballintrae, you can join as a temporary visitor. Very handy if you are sailing, boating or fishing. Very handy ESPECIALLY if you don't want to drive.

The Bayview in Portballintrae has a pleasant bars with sports and music at the weekends.

Traditional Music

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Taxis

Taxis are easily available to and from Portrush. They are not so available in and around Portballintrae and Bushmills. If you want a taxi from Bushmills or Portballintrae you will need to pre-book or be prepared to pay for one to come out from Portrush.

Most Pubs and Restaurants will give you Taxi numbers or else call one for you.

Hugh Anytime07763 155166Big Ed07892 899767Ultra Taxi's028-7083-4242

PLEASE ADD ANY NEW TAXI NUMBERS BELOW

ATTRACTIONS

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

The Causeway is the iconic tourist attraction in Northern Ireland and is well worth a visit. Please note that the National Trust who control the area will tell you that you must all buy a ticket. This is only true if you want to go to the visitor centre (low priority for me) You only need to pay for one ticket to park your car. So decant your passengers at the Nook Pub just at the entrance to the car park and then pay for one parking ticket. Access to the stones is FREE, just walk through the passageway and enjoy your visit. Have a refreshment in the Nook Pub or Causeway Hotel afterwards.

Alternatively park at Runkerry beach in Portballintrae and walk along the shore or in the sandhills along the Tram Line to the entrance of the Giant's Causeway

Causeway Tram

Also enjoy the Steam Tram from Bushmills to the Giant's Causeway and then walk back along the sand dunes or beach.

Carrick a Rede Rope Bridge

On the road to Ballycastle, a lovely walk and wonderful views.

Booking is essential

https://www.nationaltrust-tickets.org.uk/availability?catID=33123

Bushmills Whiskey Tasting

Bushmills Distillery 1608, the oldest registered distillery in the world. Open seven days a week and on your doorstep. Tours are fascinating, you will be trained as a whiskey taster and there are good quality souvenirs for taking home.

PS it is illegal to transport opened bottles of Bushmills Whiskey, for your own security please leave any open but unfinished bottles behind for safe disposal by the proprietor. Booking is essential. https://www.bushmills.eu/

Glens of Antrim

Visit Glenarrif Glen. This is wonderful walk weaving up through the Ulster glen along a cascading river.

Belfast Titanic

A World Class visitor experience which is amazingly well thought out and works on so many levels of interest. A must visit, only an hour away.

Booking is essential. https://www.titanicbelfast.com/

Walled City of Derry/Londonderry (Stroke City)

A great day out especially if you take the train to enjoy one of the most the world's great train journeys. Booking is essential https://gameofthronesstudiotour.com/

Game of Thrones Location and Studio Tour

Much of Got was shot on the North Antrim Coast so there are loads of Game of Thrones Locations close to us. https://www.theirishroadtrip.com/game-of-thrones-filming-locations-northern-ireland/

Game of Thrones Studio Tour & Exhibition in Banbridge. 90 minutes away. An amazing day out with stunning exhibits and interactive fun. Booking is essential https://gameofthronesstudiotour.com/

LEISURE & SPORTS

Beaches and Swimming

The beaches at Portrush, Portstewart and Portballintrae are great.

There is a very safe small beach in the harbour with a large horseshoe bay ibesdie the harbour. great for kids, safe bathing and sunbathing.

The East Strand is at the other side of the Peninsula and it stretches two miles to the White Rocks; it is a lovely strand but is not safe for swimming in waves. Always supervise kids on this beach.

Cinemas

Coleraine Movie House (On far side of the River Bann) [02870350000] https://coleraine.moviehouse.co.uk/

Amusement park

Curry's Amusements in Portrush has a great selection of rides to thrill all members of the family.

Amusements/Gambling:- There are several in Portrush

Fishing

There is excellent salmon fishing in season on the Bush River. Licences and more info on line. https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/angling-river-bush-day-ticket-rules-directions

Deep Sea fishing is a big sport in Portrush the tackle shop on the pier will arrange fishing trips, There are lots of boats going out every day for sport fishing. Tackle and bait is usually for sale at the fishing shop in Portrush Harbour as are arrangements for boats. https://causewayboats.com/

Boat Trips

Great boat tours of the coast.

https://www.facebook.com/causeway.lass.1/?locale=en_GB & https://causewayboats.com/

Golf

Royal Portrush with the Championship Dunluce and Valley 18 hole courses. Book way, way in advance, https://www.royalportrushgolfclub.com/

Portstewart, Old Town course 9 holes and New course with 27 holes. https://www.portstewartgc.co.uk/

Bushfoot Golf Club in Portballintrae has a lovely 9 hole course which anywhere else in the world would be magic, but it is hard to compete with the other giants in the area. https://bushfootgolfclub.co.uk/

Only slightly further afield

Castlerock https://www.castlerockgc.co.uk/

Ballycastle https://www.ballycastlegolfclub.com/

Vintage Steam Railway There is a vintage Steam Train railway running from the Giants Causeway to Bushmills.

Children's Play Areas

There is a very good outdoor adventure playground at the Recreation Grounds at Ramore Head in Portrush.

Coleraine Swimming Pool is located at the Leisure Centre on Railway Road in Coleraine.

Surfing

The beach at Portballintrae, the White Rocks and the two beaches at Portrush are excellent for surfing and Bodyboarding. They are not for amateurs as the waves can be mega and there is an undertow at Portballintrae and the White Rocks.

For beginners go to Troggs or Woodys Surf Shop in Portrush and GET ADVICE. Kids use the West Bay at Portrush otherwise go out in light conditions with good supervision.

Wind Surfing

The wave break with a cross off shore at the Runkerry end of the main beach in PBT is magic. Access is down a small lane (looks like the entrance to a private yard of an old cottage) just before the main entrance to Runkerry House. Other beaches, in order, White Rocks Portrush West and East, and Portstewart are pretty good when the wind direction suits, but pale into insignificance when there is a 8 foot face and force 5-6 WSW 'erly.

Walking

Everywhere, check out maps. https://www.walkni.com/

A lovely short walk is to go around Ramore Head. This is the large promontory headland at the end of the Portrush peninsula. You can make this quite short or walk on along the rocky shore at Lansdowne Crescent past the Blue Pool to the Arcadia to have coffee and scones at 55 North Café; then home.

Walk to the Whiterocks along the East Strand. 2 miles; on to Dunluce Castle 2 miles; on to Portballintrae,3 miles; then 10 mile hikes along the shore and cliff from PBT past the Giants Causeway to White Park Bay.

In the other direction Portstewart is a 3 mile sea walk, your reward is a Morelli's Ice Cream