



Trip to Northern Ireland Weekend of 8th & 9th June 2019

The Folly Fellowship is planning its first-ever trip to Northern Ireland, a land replete with fine follies. The trip, **conducted by minibus**, will focus on County Down where we will visit a quaint sea-side resort, four magnificent estates, a lonely tower cared for by the Irish Landmark Trust, a curious mock fort, and some restored mausolea. The highlights include:

Day one:

The Moorish Tower, Castlewellan

Tollymore including Lord Limerick's Follies, Barbican Gate, Bryansford Gate, Horn Bridge, Ivy Bridge

Bathing House and Eye of Ardglass gazebo, Ardglass

Knockbreda Cemetery Mausolea with tour led by Primrose Wilson, Chair of the Follies Trust, followed by buffet supper in her Belfast flat

Day two:

Helen's Tower, Clandeboye Estate

Temple of the Winds and Tir na'n Nog mausoleum, Mount Stewart

Temple and Eyecatcher, Castle Ward

Ticket price: £45 for members, £55 for non-members

Note: entry to Castle Ward and Mount Stewart is at members' additional expense, or free to members of the National Trust.

This trip has been organised with the much appreciated assistance of the Follies Trust who managed the restoration of several of the follies and monuments that we will visit. Go to www.follies-trust.org to read about the excellent work they do, and purchase books on some of the follies we will visit. The histories of the follies can also be read in *The Follies and Garden Buildings of Ireland* the oracle of information by James Howley, member of the Folly Fellowship.

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