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Travel planner focuses on Northern Ireland

Have you thought about visiting Northern Ireland on your next trip to Ireland? Do you have family ties to that area? Have you heard about the excellent golf courses in the North? Now, Northern Ireland Travels can help you make the most of your time in Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland Travels is a travel consulting business, specializing in personalized, self-guided trips to Northern Ireland.

According to Kathy Dougherty, co-owner of Northern Ireland Travels, "Travel planners help people who want to see new places, but don't have the time, or inclination, to do all the research and planning necessary to make a memorable

trip." This service caters to those who would rather travel on their own, not as part of an organized tour group. Northern Ireland Travels isn't a traditional travel agency that books your flights and car rentals. Rather, they focus on your time in Northern Ireland (which includes the counties of Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone), tailoring a travel plan specifically for you.

Northern Ireland Travels starts by finding out what their clients like, and perhaps more importantly, what they don't like when they travel. After learning their travel preferences and interests, Northern Ireland Travels puts together a detailed, day-by-day itinerary, highlighting sites to see, activities and events to enjoy, and ideas for accommodations and restaurants. Their recommendations are based on extensive research, up-to-date information from contacts in Northern Ireland, and their own experiences.

In 1991, Dougherty first traveled to Northern Ireland and was fortunate to find relatives in County Tyrone. On subsequent visits, she witnessed the positive changes and grew fonder of the place and its people. Now she wants to help others discover Northern Ireland's beauty and charm. "I've talked to many people who have traveled to Ireland, but not to Northern Ireland. They're missing a beautiful part of the island," says Dougherty.



The Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.

As she notes, "Northern Ireland has something for everyone — beautiful coastlines, lively cities, challenging golf courses, archeological finds, traditional craft shops and sheep-covered hills. Yet, it still feels relatively 'undiscovered' by tourists. This is a great time to see it for yourself." For more information about Northern Ireland Travels, check their web site at www.nirelandtravels.com or call (612) 522-0707.