

The Ballycastle course has much going for it: wonderful links golf, grand vistas of villages, headlands, and islands, the 16C Bonamargy Abbey beside the course, and a clubhouse modernized in 2003.

**Comments from the Forward Tees:** The course didn't have a lot of difference between ladies' and men's tees on several holes. Whatever difficulties on the course are made up for by the splendid panoramas.

**Other Courses in the Region (near courses in the chapter):**

Brown Trout GC (9), Aghadowey, Co. Londonderry (028) 7086 8209

City of Derry GC (18), Londonderry, Co. Londonderry  
(028) 7134 6369

Cushendall GC (9), Cushendall, Co. Antrim (028) 2177 1318

Enniskillen GC (18), Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh (028) 6632 5250

Foyle GC (18), Londonderry, Co. Londonderry (028) 7135 2222

Gracehill GC (18), Ballymoney, Co. Antrim (028) 2075 1209

Roe Park GC (18), Limavady, Co. Londonderry (028) 7772 2222

Royal Portrush GC, Dunluce & Valley, Portrush, Co. Antrim  
(028) 7082 2311

## ***PUBS AND EATERIES***

With only limited travel in Northern Ireland we've had little opportunity to sample the fine dining and pub life available. The places we have been to have all been worth a stop and some we'd count among the finest finds.

**Name: Pat's Bar and Restaurant**

**Address:** 5 Townhall St., Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland

**Location:** On the main street about a third of the way through town.

**Style or Theme:** A modern restaurant and pub with an old look (building is old). Very long L-shape bar.

**Menu:** Wide range of lunch items and a full evening menu. At least five posted specials. Good sized portions.

**Music:** On occasion.

**Comments:** A mix of clientele on a weekday mid-afternoon; young, business, shoppers, tourists, and elderly in for low-priced specials.

Friendly and helpful wait staff. Two large sports channel TVs blared a little too loudly.

**Rating:** Recommended



**Name: Oscar's Restaurant**

**Address:** 29 Belmore St., Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland

**Location:** On Belmore (A32) just coming into town from Omagh and the airport.

**Style or Theme:** Eclectic style restaurant, a cross or combination of Art Nuveau and Beatnik. Housed in an old downtown building, there is an upstairs restaurant and downstairs themed Irish writer's room and a Dorian Grey Room. The bar dates from the early 1800s.

**Menu:** Very complete dinner menu with many intriguing selections, including steak, lamb, poultry, fish, pasta, and pizza pages in the menu. Wide range of wines.

**Music:** Not a music venue.

**Comments:** Named for famed Irish writer Oscar Wilde who went to school in Enniskillen. Busy on a mid-September Friday night with a few tourists and lots of locals. Service and the food were excellent. Ask your server about the history of the restaurant and for an explanation of the rooms; you might get a personal tour. Very deserving of its numerous awards and won't damage your wallet too badly.

**Rating:** Must Stop!



**Name: The Ramore Restaurant & Wine Bar**

**Address:** 6 Harbour Rd., Portrush, Co. Antrim

**Location:** At the corner of the harbour in Portrush.

**Style or Theme:** Wine bar is an upscale fast food restaurant serving a wide range of pub type meals at good prices. Bright, loud, and lively with a nice view over the harbour. Restaurant downstairs opened after we visited.

**Menu:** Pub meals and burgers in the wine bar. A full contemporary menu in the restaurant.

**Music:** Not a music venue.

**Comments:** We stopped after golf for a late lunch. The atmosphere is nonexistent, but the burger was one of the best I've had in Ireland. I