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Your guide to  
**Coleraine**

## Overview:

-  Coleraine is the busiest and largest town on Northern Ireland's Causeway Coast and is situated close to the nearby resorts of Portstewart and Portrush. The town is located at the mouth of the river Bann in County Derry. It is 88km northwest of Belfast and 48km east of Derry. Water sports prove to be very popular with activities such as surfing, sailing, rowing and angling being amongst the favourites of visitors and locals alike. The scenic coastline is considered amongst the most impressive in Europe and is the home of the Giants Causeway, the most popular tourist destination in Northern Ireland.

## University of Ulster Coleraine

The Coleraine campus is situated in over three hundred acres of landscaped parkland. The campus is home to a number of modern and continually updating student learning facilities including lecture theatres, teaching labs and studios as well as a modern library facility. The campus is fully Wi-Fi enabled and has full printing and photocopying facilities for students.



The campus is home to a number of on-campus facilities including a Student Union run shop, bar and cafeteria as well as a bank with ATM access, coffee shops, super market and Post Office.

## Banking and Postal Service

A **Bank of Ireland** branch can be found at 2, the Diamond. Opening hours are 9:30 – 16:30 each weekday except Wednesday, 10:00 – 16:30. Ph. +44 28 7034 2176

An **Ulster Bank** branch can be found at 30, the Diamond. Opening hours are 9:30 to 16:30 each weekday, on Wednesday the hours are 10:00 – 16:30. On Saturdays the hours are 10:00 – 13:00. Ph. +44 28 7035 5011

A **Post Office** branch can be found at 16-18, New Row. Opening hours are 9:00 – 17:30 on weekdays and 9:00 – 12:30 on Saturdays. Ph. +44 845 722 3344. You can find more information on their website at <http://www.postoffice.co.uk/>

## Travel:

### By Rail

The Coleraine campus is located five minutes away from the **Coleraine Railway** station. The university has its own rail station five minutes' walk from campus. Rail timetables are available from the **Translink** website

<http://www.translink.co.uk/Services/NI-Railways/Routes--Timetables/All-Timetables/>

### By Bus

Bus services are operated by **Ulsterbus**. Bus timetables can be found at the following website <http://www.translink.co.uk/Services/Ulsterbus-Service-Page/>

### By Air

**Belfast City Airport** is located 98km from the campus. A coach service is available to travel to the airport and information can be found on the airport website

<http://www.belfastcityairport.com/>

**City of Derry Airport** is located 37km from the campus. Travel information can be found at the airport website, <http://www.cityofderryairport.com/>

**Belfast International Airport** is 80km from the campus and you can find details about travel arrangements here, <http://www.belfastairport.com/en/>

## Bookshops:

**Bargain Books:** Located in the town square, known as the Diamond. An excellent choice for students, this store offers a great selection at great value with friendly and helpful staff.

**Waterstones:** Part of a large chain of bookstores, Waterstones have a large selection of books spanning across numerous genres and topics. They can be found at 10 Church Street.

**Easons:** Another of Ireland's large bookstore chains. They have a great selection of books covering all topics. You can find them at 35 Church Street.

## Phone Shops

There are stores available catering to the major providers in Ireland. An **O<sub>2</sub>** store can be found at 18, Church Street while **Vodafone** are located at 2-4 Kingsgate Street. You also have the options of **Mobile World**, 3 Railway Road, and **Phones 4 U**, 12 Church Street.

## Medical Care:

### Hospitals

- **Causeway Hospital** 4 Newbridge Rd. Ph. +44 28 7032 7032
- **Mountsandel Surgery** 4 Mountsandel Rd Ph. +44 28 7034 2650
- **Castlerock Health Centre** Castlerock Rd. Ph. +44 28 7034 4833

### Pharmacies

- **Lloyd's Pharmacy** 1 Castlerock Rd. Ph. +44 28 7034 2557
- **Gordon's Chemist** 4 The Diamond. Ph. +44 28 7034 3042
- **Boots Pharmacy** 26-28 Church St. Ph. +44 28 7035 6666

## Shopping and Grocery:

The main shopping centre in Coleraine is the **Diamond Centre** which can be found on Bridge Street. The centre is home to independent boutiques as well as well-known national retailers, so there is something for everyone.

You can find a Tesco at **2 Banfield Road**. Here you can find all the necessary essentials for your weekly shopping. There is also a Lidl at Unit 2, Riverside Park. You can also find a Mace Express at 11 **Bushmills Road**.



## Sights:

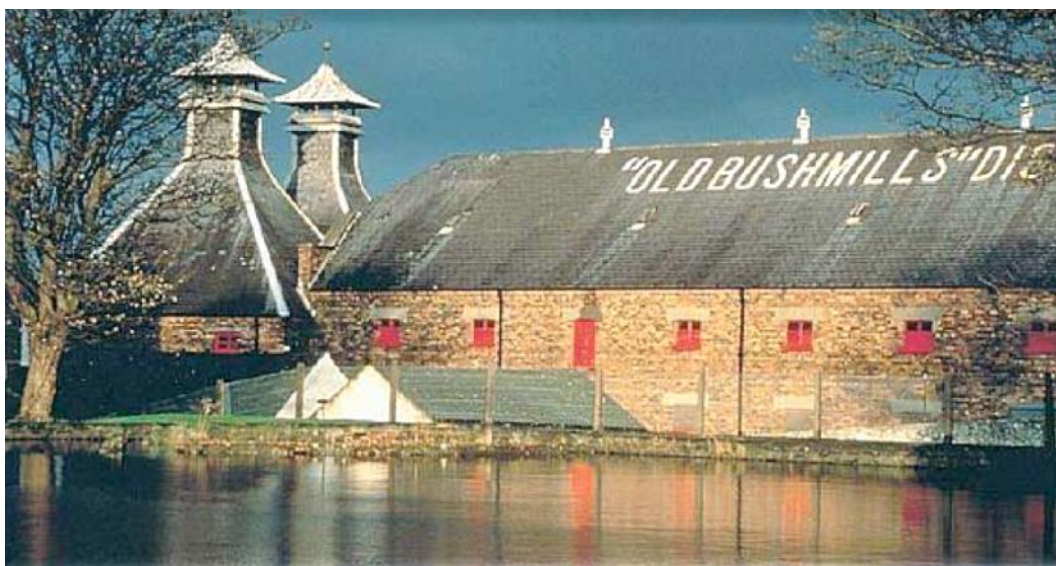
### **The Giants Causeway**

Arguably Northern Ireland's most famous landmark, it was declared an official UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986. The unique landscape was formed 50-60 million years ago by a volcanic eruption causing a lava plateau to form over the area. Over time the plateau fractured forming the basalt columns seen today. According to legend, the Causeway was built by Fionn MacCumhaill to cross the North Channel to travel to Scotland. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway/>



### **Old Bushmills Distillery**

Considered to be the oldest licensed distillery in the world, the Old Bushmills Distillery has proven to be a popular tourist attraction with around 120,000 visitors per year <http://www.bushmills.com/>



Here at IFSA Dublin, we really hope you have a wonderful experience in Coleraine, don't hesitate to get in contact if you need any help!