



# click and chill

**Who:** Those who enjoy picture perfect scenery and locations

**Where:** Bangor and the Ards Peninsula

**Duration:** Full Day / Overnight Stay

*Grab your camera and set off on a journey up the peninsula for some truly unique selfie spots!*

## St Cooley's Wells, Tara Bay, BT22 1RF

The Wells were founded in the 7th century by St. Cooley and reopened in 1977. According to tradition, it was here that St. Cooley performed his penitential exercises in the late 7th and early 8th centuries. A drinking well, washing well and eye well are still visited by pilgrims and are reputed to have healing powers. On the shore a short distance from the Church a flat rock can be found with deep indentations which, according to popular belief, mark where St. Cooley placed his hands and feet whilst in prayer.



**Kearney Village, Portaferry, BT22 1QP, 028 4278 8387**

**(12 mins from previous)**

A showpiece village carefully restored by the National Trust to give the authenticity of a traditional fishing village and has with views across to Scotland, the Isle of Man and the Mountains of Mourne. The Trust owns a number of cottages at Kearney and these have been restored in the vernacular style giving authenticity to this place of character.



**Burr Point, Ballyhalbert, BT22 1DL**

**(20 mins from previous)**

Burr Point, the most easterly point in Ireland, is Burial Island, now a nesting site for terns but formerly a place of Danish Burial. Burr Point is located at longitude 5.43 degrees west, 2km south of Ballyhalbert. Just above Burr Point stands a dis-used Coast Guard Tower, which was in use in 1863 and was one of 12 which made up the Donaghadee district.





## Donaghadee, BT21 0HE

(23 mins from previous)

The town is home to several popular pubs and eating venues making it a perfect spot to enjoy a romantic lunch and a pub crawl! Make sure you visit Grace Neills which is considered to be one of Ireland's oldest pubs. Established in 1611, the bar carries the name of Grace Neill, who was given the bar as a wedding present by her father, Hugh Jamison. Grace was known to be a friendly woman with a strong spirit. She would frequently smoke a clay pipe and often greet customers coming into the pub with a hug and a kiss on the cheek and she reputedly is still a resident!



## Bangor, BT20 5ED

(15 mins from previous)

Head to the lively town of Bangor to enjoy some of nightlife in the plentiful array of bars and restaurants. Choose from traditional music, live bands or hit the clubs for a lively end to your day



*And if you stay overnight, next morning:*

## Helens Tower, Clondeboye Rd, Bangor BT23 4RX

(7 mins from previous)

Check into Helen's Tower situated in the beautiful Clondeboye Estate. Helen's Tower was designed in 1848 by William Burn in the Scottish style and construction was completed in October 1861. The tower was named in honour of his mother Helen Selina Sheridan, who was a granddaughter of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, the great Irish playwright, orator and politician. It was built as an idyllic retreat and poems were written in its honour by Tennyson, Kipling, Argyll and other luminaries of the nineteenth century literary world. It now offers a unique and private accommodation for a couple looking to escape reality! It is a very secluded and romantic venue and provides wonderful views of the countryside.



**Luxe Day Spa, Blackwood Golf Centre, BT19 1GB, 028 9185 2112**

**(3 mins from previous)**

After your romantic evening, why not relax together. The spa is situated within the unrivalled surroundings of Clandeboye Estate's Blackwood Golf Centre. You will feel like you are in the heart of the countryside, but you are only just off the beaten track. Take time out, relax and revive before heading home.

For more information on any of these places to visit and your ideal overnight accommodation call into or phone [Ards Visitor Information Centre on 028 9182 6846](tel:02891826846).