



Clan MacAulay International Gathering - Carrickfergus 2017

Itinerary and Programme of Events

Thursday 10 Aug:

Although a number of guests will have arrived earlier, most will arrive throughout the day (there will be a manned 'Welcome Desk' in the hotel foyer to greet people and update them with Gathering information).

7pm - Clan 'Welcome Night' carvery in Causeway Suite. Local folk musicians will precede the official welcome by the Mayor of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council followed by entertainment (Scott Macaulay star of Gary Barlow's BBC's "Let It Shine"/Local best selling author Tony Macaulay).

Friday 11 Aug:

8.45am - Coach Tour leaves for Bushmills Distillery/Layde Cemetery, Cushendall (ancient resting place of our MacAulay/McAuley ancestors... showing direct link to the Scottish Ardencaple clan chief)/Antrim Coast Road (were further stops shall be made dependent on time) returning for 5pm (each coach shall have a professional tour guide giving a running commentary on all things of interest).

7pm - Drinks Reception with harpist/Photo Shoot in Glendun Suite followed by 'Piping of the Chief'/'Address to the haggis'/Irish & Highland dance performances by Ryan McCrory direct from 'Riverdance' and Demi Walker from the 'Demi Walker School of Highland Dance'/Four course Clan Banquet followed by Chief's Address & live music entertainment in the Causeway Suite.

Saturday 12 Aug:

10am - Clan AGM

11am - MacAulay DNA Surname Project presentation (includes all variant surname spelling) by Mr Jim McAuley (FamilyTreeDNA Clan MacAulay Project Group Administrator and Southwest USA Clan MacAulay Commissioner).

12.30pm - Historical Tour of Carrickfergus (Carrickfergus Castle/Carrickfergus Museum/Andrew Jackson Centre/US Ranger Centre/ancient St Nicholas Church).

7pm - Last night of the gathering - Hot Fork Buffet followed by Clan Scottish/Irish Ceilidh Night in Causeway Suite (Alastair Scott Ceilidh Band/Jim McAuley's Folk Band and special guests 'The Hounds of Ulster')...finish 1am

Sunday 13 Aug:

Sadly, after breakfast we shall say our goodbyes!

Many thanks to our sponsors Mid & East Antrim Borough Council and Cannon (Hyundai) Motors, Carrickfergus!

MacAmhlaidh gu Brath! (MacAulay Forever!)

