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### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Delegates arrive from Netherlands or directly from around the world.

**Easyjet have released flights from Amsterdam to Belfast international.**

21.45 departure from Amsterdam arriving in Belfast at 22.25

(delegates arriving on this flight will be able to avail of the organised transport from the airport to our hotel)

Other flights are available direct into Belfast or those coming from further afield will probably fly into Dublin.

A frequent bus service runs from Dublin airport to Lisburn.

Book into Haslem Hotel (Lisburn base for beginning of tour). (early bird discount valid until 31<sup>st</sup> October)

Registration and finger buffet in 'The Lark' (an adjoining bar to the hotel).

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Friday will be spent enjoying the cultural and historical sites of Lisburn. A guided walking tour of the city, including a visit to the Irish Linen Museum and cultural centre.

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Royal Hillsborough Show

After departing the hotel the tour heads to Royal Hillsborough, host of our 2024 Daffodil Show.

Held in the Court House, the visitors will not only be able to experience the show but also take in the sights of this historic town.

Panel discussion in the afternoon – Gardener's Questions

After freshening up back at the hotel we will head to the La Mon Hotel for our show dinner and Awards night.

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

After a relaxing morning we head back to the show, enjoy lunch in the walled Garden café and then experience the amazing Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, Royal residence in Northern Ireland.

A guided tour of the castle gardens will allow delegates to see many Northern Irish Daffodils in a 'Royal' setting.

A photo workshop will be available during the afternoon for those delegates interested in learning how to take the perfect Daffodil shot.

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Monday morning, we say our goodbyes to Lisburn and head West towards Tyrone and Fermanagh. Arriving in Dromore we first stop in Dromore Orange Hall for lunch sponsored by Esker Farm Daffodils where we will enjoy traditional entertainment.

We then head to Esker Farm for an afternoon of flowers and drinks while exploring the daffodil fields and gardens. Late afternoon we will head to the Silver Birch Hotel – home for the coming days.

During this evening's meal delegates will be entertained by Irish gardener Carl Wright who will talk about his garden in the Burren and his ever-increasing collection of daffodils.

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

The convention will be split into two groups.

Tuesday sees us visit the home of Brian and Betty Duncan – take pleasure in admiring the daffodils and for many a welcome return to the home of Daffodils in Northern Ireland and also the Ulster American Folk Park. Travelling back in time to pre-Famine Ireland before boarding a boat to a new life in America. Both groups will have the opportunity to visit both locations.

We finish the day with a visit to the home of the Duke of Abercorn, Baronscourt Estate, for drinks and socialising. On our return to the hotel we will join Omagh Gardening Society for one of their monthly meetings. Brian Duncan will be speaking to all about his love of daffodils.

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Again we will be staying in our separate groups. Half will visit Aughtentaine Estate – an outstanding private garden featuring a ravine, formal garden and is home to an amazing collection of trees and plants. The other half will visit the home and garden of Lord and Lady Anthony Hamilton, another outstanding garden featuring many of Nial Watson's daffodils.

Lunch will see the two groups coming back together before we swap and have the opportunity to see the other garden.

After returning to the hotel, it's time to get our glad rags on and come together for our Formal Convention Dinner. ~ Food and fun will be aplenty as we celebrate the convention and hand-over to the 2028 hosts.

**This sees the end of our formal tour – Cost of this leg is £675 = \$816.36**

Any delegates wishing to extend their stay to incorporate the Belfast Show on Saturday can opt for our tour extension – **Cost of this second leg is £250**

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Delegates wishing to continue will head back eastwards. Firstly, visiting the fabulous gardens at Glenarm Castle, stopping at Coleman's Garden Centre for food and an opportunity to shop before returning to the Haslem Hotel, Lisburn.

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Activities around Belfast

Visit to the famous Titanic Experience

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Visit Belfast Spring Daffodil Show

All suggested activities may be subject to changes due to circumstances beyond our control.

# Convention costs

(include all activities, meals and transportation for day activities)

Convention Price advertised includes a 12% discount until 19th February 2024.

Convention registration payment to be paid via bank transfer

IBAN: GB78DABA 9504 2892 7954 42 – Northern Ireland Daffodil Group

SWIFT-BIC: DABAGB2B

Account Number: 950428 92795442

# Hotel details

Discounted hotel price using promotion code is applicable until the 31st October for Haslem and 31st December for the Silverbirch

Haslem Contact details –<https://www.haslemhotel.com/>

Booking code: DAFFODIL2024 (valid until 31st October)

Silver Birch Hotel – <https://www.silverbirchhotel.com/>

Call the hotel on 011 44 28 8224 2520

Or email [reservations@silverbirchhotel.com](mailto:reservations@silverbirchhotel.com)

Special reference code : BK160819 (valid until 31st December)