

Rotary



International
Curling
Fellowship of
Rotarians

28th Rotary World Championship - Ayr - Stranraer 2026



Social Programme

Thursday 2nd April to Saturday 11th April, 2026

Thursday 2nd April	Afternoon (from 3pm)	Arrival and registration
	Evening	Dinner in Hotel 6pm to 8.30pm Book time at reception
		Practice Ice. From 3pm Book time by emailing gailmunro@bespoke-northwestcastle.co.uk
Friday 3rd April	Day	Curling starts (8am)
		Opening Ceremony (all curlers) 1.30pm on the ice in curling kit and shoes
	Evening	Opening Banquet 7pm Seating plan (teams will be mixed up)
Saturday 4th April	Afternoon	Guests trip to Kitchen, Coos and Ewes (sold out) Depart 12pm. Cream tea Lunch 12.30pm Return 4pm
	Evening	Dinner in Hotel.6pm to 8.30pm Book time at reception. 9.30pm Pictorial Quiz
Sunday 5th April	Evening	Home Hosting Staggered departures. Arrangements will be posted on Information Board. Return 10.30/11pm
Monday 6th April	Evening	Rotary Club Meeting 6.30pm Dinner in Hotel 7pm to 9pm Book time at reception
Tuesday 7th April	Day	Guests trip to Mull of Galloway and Logan Botanic Gardens (sold out) Depart 10am Return 4pm
	Evening	Dinner at Craignelder for Championship teams 7pm. NWC Hotel for Friendship teams 6pm to 8.30pm Book NWC time at reception
Wednesday 8th April	Evening	Dinner in Hotel 6pm to 8.30pm Book time at reception 9pm Scottish music. Accordion/fiddle. Billy Donnelly

Thursday 9th April	Day	Guests trip to Bladnoch Whisky Distillery and Crafty Gin Distillery (sold out) Depart 10.15am. Return 5pm
	Evening	Dinner at Craignelder for Friendship teams 7pm NWC Hotel for Championship teams 6pm to 8.30pm Book NWC time at reception
Friday 10th April	Day	Semi-finals and Finals International Curling Fellowship AGM 12pm
	Evening	Closing Banquet 7pm Seating Plan (seating will be in teams) Prize-giving and Band: Kippy and Co
Saturday 11th April	Morning	Departure (by 10am)

Guest trips and opportunities

Organised tours (£50 each) (all sold out)

Kitchen, Coos and Ewes : Saturday 4th April

www.kitchencoosandewes.com

Highland cow experiences where you can meet Highland cows and Beltex sheep in their natural, farm environment in beautiful south west Scotland.

“Our tours are designed to help you get close to the Highland cattle from the safety and comfort of a purpose built trailer – it’s basically a farmer-led Highland cow safari! Wind and water tight - and with padded seats – our farm tour trailer means you can experience a working Scottish farm and meet our Highlanders without even the need for wellies! You’ll return to the farm for a sheep dog demonstration and enjoy a cream tea with your hosts.”

Mull of Galloway/Logan Botanic Gardens : Tuesday 6th April

<https://mull-of-galloway.co.uk/>

<https://galliecraig.co.uk/>

<https://www.rbge.org.uk/visit/logan-botanic-garden/>

A day trip on the Rhins of Galloway. Firstly, the lighthouse and exhibition at the Mull of Galloway, Scotlands most southerly point. Lunch at Galliecraig Coffee House. In the afternoon, Logan Botanic Gardens, an exotic paradise for plant lovers.

Bladnoch Whisky Distillery and Crafty Gin Distillery : Thursday 8th April

<https://www.bladnoch.com/>
<https://craftydistillery.com/>

A day trip to two distilleries at Wigtown and Newton Stewart. Lunch provided.

Other possibilities (to be self organised by guests)

The Titanic Museum, Belfast

www.titanicbelfast.com

Transport to and from Hotel to the ferry can be arranged.
Stena ferry Cairnryan to Belfast 7.30 am
Visit to Titanic Museum (£20 classic tour and tasting)
Return ferry Belfast to Cairnryan 3.30pm

Ferry crossing is 2 hours 15 minutes. Cost £20 return (£30 w/e)

Stranraer Museum and St Johns Castle

Walking distance from Hotel. Free entry

Castle Kennedy Gardens

<https://castlekennedygardens.com>

Further afield (car required for possible day trip)

Dumfries House (60 miles, 1 hour 40 min drive)

<https://dumfries-house.org.uk>

Culzean Castle and Country Park (40 miles, 1 hour drive)

<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/culzean>

Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Alloway (48 miles 1 hour 15 min drive)

<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/robert-burns-birthplace-museum>