

# The RNA Conference

8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June 2018



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## The Royal Marine Hotel - Dún Laoghaire, Ireland

### A warm welcome awaits.....

Ireland is to host the 2018 RNA Conference and Reunion and you can be assured of a warm Irish welcome and great hospitality in the picturesque seaside resort of Dún Laoghaire.

Our base is the historic 4 star Royal Marine Hotel & Spa which affords magnificent sea views from its elevated position overlooking Dublin Bay.

The Royal Marine Hotel is regarded as one of the finest 4 star hotels in Dublin and has hosted many Heads of State, Kings, Queens and celebrities including 'old blues eyes' Frank Sinatra, Laurel & Hardy and Charlie Chaplin, to name a few. Queen Victoria also visited Ireland via Dún Laoghaire and enjoyed a 16 course breakfast in the hotel shortly after arriving! The Irish freedom fighter Michael Collins is also believed to have hidden out in Room 210 with his partner Kitty Kiernan.

It is a reminder of a bygone era while still adding everything that you expect to find in a luxury hotel of this quality offering 228 luxury bedrooms that have been updated with both contemporary and traditional furnishings & decor.

Many rooms also feature breath-taking views across Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Dublin Bay as does the outstanding Carlisle Conference Centre.

*The Royal Marine Hotel,  
Marine Road,  
Dún Laoghaire,  
Co. Dublin, A96 KO63  
[www.royalmarine.ie](http://www.royalmarine.ie)*



### The hotel has a wide range of facilities and services:

- Hardy's Bar & Bistro •Dun Restaurant •Room Service
- The Historic Bay Lounge. •Relax Revive & Retreat in sansanaSPA •The Pier Health Club with 18m Pool, Sauna, Steam Room & Hydro Pool •The 750 capacity Carlisle Conference Centre

### The hotel provides the following additional services:

- Complimentary & Secure WIFI Services in all areas of the Hotel •Complimentary car-parking for all hotel residents and guests •Individually Controlled Air Conditioning in All Guest Bedrooms •Laundry & Dry Cleaning Services

Rooms also feature Laptop size safes, LCD TV, Fridge, Tea/Coffee Making Facilities, Ironing Board & Trouser Press

# Dún Laoghaire

## the 'Gateway to Ireland'

Dún Laoghaire (pronounced Dun Leery) nestles on the east coast of Ireland, about seven miles (11km) south of the capital Dublin. Its focal point is a splendid harbour and the town is surrounded by spectacular rolling hills. Its easy access to Dublin city and transport links nationwide makes it an ideal place from which to extend your stay should you wish to explore more of the magical Emerald Isle!

Dún Laoghaire has always been a 'Gateway to Ireland', and gets its name from the Irish translation Fort (Dún) of Laoghaire. It was once the seat of King Laoghaire, the ancient High King of Ireland before the Vikings sailed from Scandinavia and established themselves in Dublin.

In 1821 it was renamed Kingstown by King George IV of England, to honour his visit to the town that year, until 1921 when it reverted back to the ancient Irish name Dún Laoghaire. Often referred to as 'Dublin's Riviera' due to the spectacular landscape, today it's better known as 'Dublin Bay's Cultural and Leisure Waterfront Experience'.

The harbour, one of the largest in the country, is notable for its two granite piers. The East Pier was featured in the 1996 film Michael Collins, where Liam Neeson (as Collins) and two of his co-stars are seen walking along a seaside promenade, which is actually the Dún Laoghaire East Pier. A band is seen playing in this film scene, which is the actual bandstand on the East Pier.

Dún Laoghaire has one main shopping street, George's Street, where you will find an array of shops and some traditional Irish pubs where the Guinness is always allowed to settle before being served – it's well worth the wait!

Why not sample a pint yourself? Look out for our organised visit.

All in all Dún Laoghaire is the perfect base for the 2018 Conference and Reunion and for those who would also like to extend their stay and explore more of the Emerald Isle.

### The National Maritime Museum of Ireland

The venue for our 'Sunday Service' is ideally placed in the museum which is housed in Dún Laoghaire's 180-year-old Mariners Church, adjacent to the Royal Marine Hotel.

The museum's greatest artefact is probably the building itself as it is one of a few custom built places of worship for seafarers remaining intact in the world to-day.

Should you wish to visit the Museum privately the museums guides will take you on an enthralling voyage with stories of discovery, heroism, war and disasters at sea. You will learn about maritime history, exploration, navigation, radio, nature, and wildlife and view art inspired by the sea. [www.mariner.ie](http://www.mariner.ie)



# Travelling To Ireland

**Group Packages – Combine Conference with a holiday in Ireland by coach!** The CONA Holiday Service can provide special packages by coach for any branches wishing to travel (perhaps with other branches to fill the coach) to Ireland as a group. Packages for groups can be ‘tailor made’ to include extended durations in order to explore more of Ireland on an included excursion programme and with a choice of alternative hotel accommodation options.

For further details contact the CONA Holiday Service groups team at: [conatravelservices@justforgroups.co.uk](mailto:conatravelservices@justforgroups.co.uk) or phone: 0844 264 2122 and ask for Maureen or Harold.

**Alternative Accommodation Options** For members unable, or not wishing, to stay in the Royal Marine Hotel we have a limited number of alternative Bed & Breakfast options in Dún Laoghaire and at other locations along the convenient 703 Aircoach Route\* (\*see below). For the current list of alternative Bed & Breakfast options please email: [conatravelservices@justforgroups.co.uk](mailto:conatravelservices@justforgroups.co.uk) and in the subject line heading put ‘RNA 2018 Alternative B&B Options’

## By Stena Line Car Ferry - From only £189 return [www.steneline.co.uk/ferries-to-ireland](http://www.steneline.co.uk/ferries-to-ireland)

Exclusive car ferry rates have been arranged in conjunction with Stena Line providing savings in the region of 40% on full published fares when booked through the CONA Holiday Service: The return car ferry fare is £189 for a vehicle\* and driver with additional passengers charged at £25 per person for the return journey.

**Available Routes: Holyhead to Dublin or Fishguard to Rosslare**

If you would like further details please complete the section below:

**Please send me the special ‘Stena Line Car Ferry Booking Form:**

**I would like details for the: a) Holyhead to Dublin route**  **or b) Fishguard to Rosslare route**

The special booking form will be forwarded once the 2018 Timetables are available and it will include details of both outward and return sailing times and will also allow for extended pre and post stays in Ireland. Passengers travelling by car will need to have the correct change (in Euros) for road toll bridge charges – Applicable 2018 toll bridge prices will be provided with your final travel documentation. (Currently they are approximately €1.75 per journey)

\* Denotes that Vehicle Conditions apply and access to these exclusive Stena Line Car Ferry rates are only available when booked through CONA

**AirCoach to the Royal Marine Hotel from Dublin airport** For passengers arriving by air into Dublin Airport there is a convenient direct-link Aircoach service (Route 703) from Terminals 1 & 2 that drops-off and picks-up directly outside the Royal Marine Hotel. This is a regular hourly (around the clock) operated service and the journey to/from Dublin Airport takes approximately 45 minutes. 2018 timetables and prices (current return fare is €16) will be provided with your final travel documents. [www.aircoach.ie](http://www.aircoach.ie)

**By Air** For those wishing to fly to Dublin\* the CONA Holiday Service will be pleased to provide prices for return flights on application. Prices can be provided for all available routes.

**Dart Out & About – Explore Dún Laoghaire and Dublin** In Dublin, the electric rail system called the DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) is a quick and easy way to get around Dublin. The DART runs every 5 minutes during rush hour periods and every 20 mins during the day from Dún Laoghaire to Dublin with the station conveniently situated a short walk from the Royal Marine Hotel. [www.irishrail.ie/about-us/dart-commuter](http://www.irishrail.ie/about-us/dart-commuter)

**Photo Identification, Passport and Visa Requirements** For holidays outside the UK a full 10 year British passport is recommended with at least six months validity after your date of return to the UK. A full passport is required for all holidays that include air travel within the UK and Ireland. For passengers travelling by ferry the current advice provided by Stena Line states:

*British or Irish citizens travelling on our Stena Line Irish Sea routes do not need a passport to travel to Britain or Ireland but are advised to take a form of identity. A driving licence, citizenship card or utility bill will usually suffice. A birth certificate will provide adequate proof of identity for a child to travel on our sailings.*

*Remember that the name on your passport must match the name on your booking, otherwise you may not be able to travel and your insurance may be invalid. Holders of non-British (Full) Passports may be subject to differing visa requirements and you are advised to consult appropriate embassy to seek clarification.*

Please note: Carriers by sea and air may change their procedures without notice and It is your responsibility to obtain the correct documentation to travel as full cancellation charges will be levied if you fail to do so.

**At the Royal Marine Hotel - Dún Laoghaire**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY POST/EMAIL USING THIS FORM – NO TELEPHONE BOOKINGS (Unless 8 weeks prior to travel)

Please note the first person listed in the 'Accommodation Requirements' should be the **Lead Name** on the Booking Form to whom all correspondence will be sent.

<b>Prices:</b>	1) 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> June (Fri-Sun)	2 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast: £339 per person	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2) 8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> June (Fri-Mon)	3 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast: £438 per person	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3) 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> June (Thu-Sun)	3 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast: £508 per person	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4) 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> June (Thu-Mon)	4 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast: £607 per person	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5) 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> June (Sat-Sun)	1 Night Gala dinner & breakfast: £179	<input type="checkbox"/> Single room supplement £39 per person

**Accommodation Requirements:** (The first person named should be the "Lead Name" to whom all correspondence will be sent)  
**Note:** \*A limited number of rooms are available for Single occupancy without supplement. If singles are over-subscribed a supplement may apply and you will be advised at the time of booking if applicable. (A single room supplement of £39 applies for Saturday night only bookings)

	Title	Initial	Surname	Arrival Day	Depart Day	Accommodation Type:			
						Double	Twin	Single	Other
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2									
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GALA DINNER ONLY Booking (No Accommodation). I wish to reserve  tickets for the Gala Dinner at £49 per person

**Special Requests/Mobility Issues:** (Not guaranteed) including accommodation and parking, special needs and dietary requirements etc.

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**Transport options** Please see page 3 for special transport and group travel options.

**Lead Name Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cheques payable to "Just for groups!" Non-refundable £35 deposit for accommodation or £10 per Gala Dinner Ticket only bookings**

**Deposit:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ per person = £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Name Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Final Balance Payment:** Is due on or before 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Optional Insurance:** We can provide comprehensive insurance cover for a premium of £35 per person. Full details will be provided for your consideration once your application has been processed and accepted.

**CHEQUE/DEBIT CARD Payments** CREDIT CARD charges may apply. If you wish to pay using a credit/debit card then please call 01603 886742

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:**

*Just for Groups!* The Old Bakery, Queens Road, Norwich NR1 3PL

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