



Giant's Causeway Northern Ireland



The Giant's Causeway is an area of about **40,000 interlocking basalt columns**, the result of an ancient **volcanic eruption**. It is located in County Antrim on the north coast of **Northern Ireland** and it was declared a **World Heritage Site** by UNESCO in 1986. It is one of the 10 greatest natural wonders in the United Kingdom, along with Malham Pavement (Yorkshire), Durdle Door (Bournemouth), Cheddar Gorge (Somerset), the Needles (Bath), Fingals Cave (Scotland), Pembrokeshire Cliffs (Pembrokeshire), Pistyll Rhaeadr and Dan-yr-Ogof (both in Wales).

The tops of the columns form steps leading from the cliff foot and disappearing under the sea. Most of the columns are **hexagonal** and the tallest are about **12 meters high**. Much of the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site is today owned and managed by the **National Trust** and it is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Northern Ireland. The remainder of the site is owned by the **Crown Estate** and a number of private landowners.

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