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Game of Thrones Locations

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Filming in Northern Ireland

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A major filming location

Game of Thrones (HBO, 2011–2019) filmed extensively across Northern Ireland for 10 years. The biggest TV production ever filmed in NI. Boosted the local economy by an estimated £250 million.

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The Dark Hedges (County Antrim)

An avenue of intertwining beech trees planted in the 18th century by the Stuart family. Used as the King's Road in Game of Thrones. Now a major tourist destination — visitor management has become challenging.

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Castle Ward (County Down)

18th-century country house and estate. Used as Winterfell — the home of the Stark family. Visitors can do archery and take photos with Direwolf-related props.

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Cushendun Caves (County Antrim)

Sea caves formed approximately 400 million years ago. Used as the location where Melisandre gave birth to the shadow assassin.

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Tollymore Forest (County Down)

Northern Ireland's first state forest park. Used extensively — particularly in the early seasons. The Mourne Mountains form the backdrop.

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Why Northern Ireland?

Combination of dramatic, varied landscapes within a small area; experienced film crews; government film tax credits; and Belfast's Titanic Studios. The 'Game of Thrones effect' transformed NI's profile as a tourism destination.



