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The author, William Thackeray, wrote about the Giant's Causeway when he visited in 1842. He said, "It looks like the beginning of the world."



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The unique rock formations were made by a volcanic event.



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The volcanic eruptions happened almost 60 million years ago and caused lava to ooze slowly out of the earth. The whole area of the Giant's Causeway was filled up with lava up to 100 metres thick!



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Once the lava cooled, cracks at the bottom of the lava pool began to form as the rocks below were much cooler than the lava.



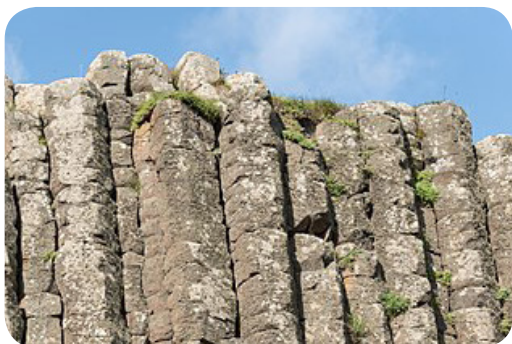
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As the lava cooled further, the cracks started to creep upwards, causing the formation of the tall, hexagonal-shaped rock formations you can see there today!



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The tall pillars of basalt that were formed ranged in size. The size was determined by the speed at which the lava erupted from the volcano and cooled.



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After million years of weathering, some of the rock formations now resemble objects. 'The Giant's Boot' and 'The Organ' are the two notable rock formations.



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The new Giant's Causeway visitor centre was opened in July 2012. Its new design has divided opinion of those that visit.



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The Giant's Causeway is a tourist attraction and is visited by millions of people every year from all around the world.

