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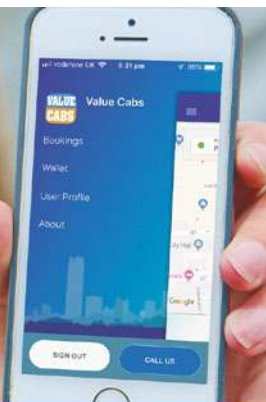
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further regulations to protect public health and limit the spread Covid-19. Visitors to a range of hospitality, entertainment, events and conferencing venues will need to show proof of vaccination, a negative test or recent Covid infection to gain access.

To check latest information on Coronavirus guidelines for Northern Ireland, visit: nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19



Look out for the UK tourism industry's 'We're Good to Go' charter that ensures our partner businesses are COVID-prepared in every aspect of their visitor experience.

For more information,
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MUST DO:

Check out our guide to the best Belfast events not to be missed!

SPORT

01

Ulster Rugby

**1, 22, 29 January,
5 March & 23 April**
Kingspan Stadium

Enjoy a night of action-packed rugby at Kingspan Stadium as Ulster compete in the United Rugby Championship.

ulster.rugby



COMEDY

02

The Empire Laughs Back Comedy Club

Every Tuesday
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Enjoy top quality acts from across Ireland, UK and the international comedy circuit. Doors open 7.30pm, show 9pm-10.45pm.

thebelfastempire.com



SPORT

03

Belfast Giants

Various dates up to April
SSE Arena

Home games take place most weekends in the SSE Arena, and with plenty of on and off-ice entertainment, there's something for everyone!

belfastgiants.com

ARTS

04

2 Royal Avenue

Until end of March

This short-term events space offers a variety of cultural events and experiences including music gigs, a coffee shop, pop-up markets, visual art exhibitions and creative workshops.

belfastcity.gov.uk/

2RoyalAvenue

FESTIVAL

05

Out to Lunch

8–30 January
Various Venues

Back for another helping of great music, comedy, theatre, this much loved winter festival will return with a packed programme of live, outdoor and digital events..

cqaf.com

CULTURE

06

Belfast Burns Week

24–28 January

Celebrating the birthday of Scottish Poet Robert Burns and his links to Ulster, the festival incorporates a programme of drama, poetry, music, concerts and lectures.

ulsterscotsagency.com



05



FESTIVAL

07

4 Corners Festival
30 January – 6 February

The 10th anniversary festival line-up includes art, drama, conversation, sport, prayer, and the ever-popular 'wonderful wander' over Belfast's common ground.
4cornersfestival.com

SCIENCE

08

NI Science Festival
17–27 February
Various Venues

Offering a stimulating range of events focusing on the wonders of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
nisciencefestival.com



FESTIVAL

09

Féile an Earraigh
1–12 March
Various Venues

Belfast's traditional spring festival returns with a feast of music, talks, screenings, tours and live entertainment.
feilebelfast.com

MUSIC

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Brilliant Corners – Belfast Jazz Festival
4–12 March
Various Venues

Serving up a multi-genre musical banquet from traditional big band and straight-ahead small ensembles to the avant-garde.
brilliantcornersbelfast.com

FESTIVAL

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Belfast Children's Festival
4–13 March
Various Venues

A packed programme of theatre, dance, visual art, music, literature, comedy, workshops and talks, guaranteed to inspire joy, creativity and curiosity.
youngart.co.uk

CULTURE

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St Patrick's Day Celebrations
17 March
Belfast City Centre

Belfast comes alive with colour for the annual St Patrick's Day celebrations.
belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks

FESTIVAL

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Imagine! Belfast Festival of Ideas & Politics
21–27 March
Various Venues

Belfast's unique festival of ideas and politics invites you to engage with the big issues of our time.
imaginebelfast.com

FAMILY FUN

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Easter Celebrations
15–18 April
Various Venues

Get out and enjoy lots of 'eggciting' Easter events taking place in Belfast and beyond for all the family.
visitbelfast.com



For locations, check out our handy maps on pages **63-68**.

CITY AREAS

Exploring a city can be tricky if you don't know your way around, or even what to look out for. Get a flavour of Belfast with this taster to help navigate your way around the city's areas and quarters.



CITY CENTRE

Home to the iconic Belfast City Hall, St George's Market and the main shopping district. You'll be spoilt for choice with the abundance of cool cafés, great pubs, trendy bars and an amazing restaurant scene. Start off in the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre (opposite City Hall) to pick up information, book tours and find out everything to make the most of your visit.



CATHEDRAL QUARTER

Packed full of fascinating architecture, buzzing beer gardens, trendy warehouse restaurants, cobblestoned streets, and colourful street art, this area of town contrasts the old with the new, with St. Anne's Square, home to the Metropolitan Arts Centre (MAC) and a piazza of welcoming eateries, alongside some of the oldest streets in Belfast.



LINEN QUARTER

Belfast was once nicknamed "Linenopolis" as it was the world leader in the production of linen in the 19th Century. Just south of City Hall, you can enjoy the architecture of the old linen mills which house a mix of offices, chic bars and renowned restaurants. This is a great part of town to enjoy dinner and drinks before an entertaining show at the Grand Opera House.



TITANIC QUARTER

Steeped in memories of a bygone era, the Titanic Quarter is now a fun and energetic urban waterfront development. Visit or take a tour of the many historic and state-of-the-art Titanic visitor attractions, or simply stroll around the Maritime Mile to learn more about the city's shipbuilding heritage.



QUEEN'S QUARTER

The area around Queen's University is a treasure trove of eclectic shops, boutiques, cafés, bars and art galleries. Visit the collections of the Ulster Museum, stroll around Botanic Gardens. The neighbouring Lisburn Road offers designer shopping, cafés, artisan delis, salons and wine bars.



GAELTACHT QUARTER

The centre for Irish language, music and culture is in the west of the city. An Cultúrlann showcases cultural Irish Gaelic traditions and contains a restaurant, gift shop, theatre and gallery. Explore the stunning Clonard Monastery or enjoy the 3 mile Divis Summit Trail, a specifically designed loop walk on Divis Mountain with spectacular views over Belfast.



EAST SIDE

EastSide was once the beating heart of the city's industrial past with thousands of people employed in linen mills, rope factories, engineering works and shipyards. EastSide is now thriving once again but this time as a hub of culture and creativity. Make the EastSide Visitor Centre your first stop, with information on key attractions in east Belfast.



THE SHANKILL

Straddling North and West Belfast, the Shankill is home to a wide collection of painted murals depicting the social and political history of the area. Places of interest include the Peace Wall, the Old Shankill Graveyard, dating back to the 14th century, the Shankill Memorial Park and the ancient Bullaun Stone. The Spectrum Centre, a major landmark in the area, hosts a range of events and exhibitions.

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MUST SEE:

Check out our essential list of places not to be missed this winter in Belfast.

TIME OUT 01

Belfast City Hall Exhibition

Showcasing the journey from the city's past to present, this free exhibition shows the vibrancy and diversity of Belfast City Hall across six themed zones. Guided tours also available. Booking essential.

SEE MAP 04



TOUR 05

Discover some Urban Art

The Cathedral Quarter offers a distinctly varied and modern street art scene. Take some time to stroll around the area to view these amazing pieces of art and don't miss the fabulous ceiling of rainbow-coloured illuminated umbrellas above Commercial Court.

SHOPPING 02

Victoria Square

An exceptional shopping experience with spectacular 360° views across the city from The Dome. Four levels of shopping, including House of Fraser department store, and great places to eat and drink.

SEE MAP 04

MARKETS 04

St George's Market

Browse stalls full of the finest fresh produce, local arts and crafts and delicious hot food at the charming Victorian St George's Market every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

SEE MAP 04

EXPERIENCE 06

Titanic Belfast

This state-of-the-art visitor experience tells the story of the Titanic, from construction to her launch and subsequent place in history.

SEE MAP 02

TIME OUT 03

The Maritime Mile

Enjoy a walk or cycle around Belfast's iconic waterfront while discovering its seafaring history, vibrant quaysides and historic docks. There's flexible distances, loads of space, amazing views and wonderful places to pause and contemplate nature.



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EXPERIENCE

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Traditional Music

There's no better way to round off a day of sightseeing than relaxing in one of the city's many historic pubs and enjoying some great toe-tapping Irish traditional music.

TOUR

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Belfast Cathedral

Pay a visit to this magnificent place of worship at the heart of Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, known locally as St Anne's Cathedral – a treasure trove of history, art, culture and music.

SEE MAP 03

DISCOVER

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Ulster Museum

Surrounded by the beautiful Botanic Gardens, the Ulster Museum's impressive galleries and interactive discovery zones bring history, science and art collections to life for visitors of all ages.

SEE MAP C6

EXPERIENCE

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Crumlin Road Gaol

Try life behind bars with a self-guided tour of the 150 year old gaol and learn first-hand how this Victorian prison evolved through history.

SEE MAP B2

HERITAGE

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Clifton House

The history of Belfast begins at Clifton House! Experience the Poor House Augmented Reality Tours every weekend at 11am and 1.30pm or Mary Ann McCracken's Belfast Walking Tour every Friday at 2pm. Booking essential.

SEE MAP C2

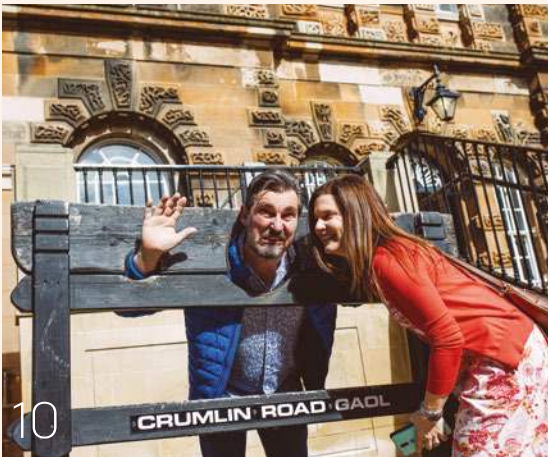


FAMILY FUN

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Colin Glen

Just a short drive from Belfast city centre, Colin Glen is perfectly placed for a fun-filled, action-packed adventure. Choose from a range of fun activities including the Black Bull Run, Ireland's first Alpine Coaster and the Forest Flyover zipline.



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Belfast is buzzing with cosy bars, craft beers and a vibrant live music scene. From up and coming talent playing in gigs across the city to toe-tapping traditional Irish sessions, you'll not be disappointed. **Many of the bars across the city offer live music but here's some of our favourites.**

THE LIMELIGHT

Ormeau Ave

This establishment has two concert venues, Limelight 1 and 2 with a cosy Irish bar positioned between the two, Katy's Bar, with the popular rock beer garden on its roof. From small upcoming bands to headline acts, Limelight is a premier show venue with a tiny pub atmosphere, all year round.

THE EMPIRE

Botanic Ave

This converted church has provided live music and comedy since 1987, and has the best atmosphere anywhere south of the city, every weekend. Friday nights are dedicated to new local musicians, from folk to rock; the Empire Bar has staged many stars in their beginning, including Two Door Cinema Club and General Fiasco.

MCHUGH'S

Queen's Square

Located just across from Custom House Square, McHugh's Basement Bar truly is a hidden gem. With the same traditional feel as the main bar, the basement is often used as an intimate live music venue. Over the years it has hosted established artists such as Sea Sick Steve, Kodaline and more.

THE ERRIGLE INN

Ormeau Rd

The very first bar in Belfast to receive an entertainments license, The Errigle has a great history for excellent music and atmosphere, and has earned its reputation for serving fabulous food, drink and entertainment. Check out the weekly bluegrass sessions, plus a range of live acts and DJ's in the upstairs Arbele Lounge.

Belfast has recently become a UNESCO City of Music, recognising the importance of music to the city and celebrating its rich musical heritage. As a UNESCO city, Belfast is now part of the global Creative Cities Network and will showcase its music story on a worldwide stage.

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Fountain St

Local music is at the heart of this well-established Belfast hotspot, adding a bit of spice for those who like things a little different. At night, the bottom bar takes on a very relaxed and moody atmosphere with regular DJs, open mic nights and singer song writers adding to the ambience.

SUNFLOWER BAR

Union St

Sunflower Public House has some of the best entertainment the city has to offer. Choose from Open Mic, Traditional Irish, Jazz & Blues or Appalachian and Americana sessions.

JOHN HEWITT

Donegall St

Named after the legendary Northern Irish poet, this Cathedral Quarter bar showcases some of the best live music in the city from folk, jazz, blues, trad and everything in between. It's a must-see!

THE DIRTY ONION

Hill St

This rustic bar and beer garden puts the 'folk' in Belfast, lined with wooden benches, barrels and the finest whiskey in the city. The Dirty Onion inhabits one of Belfast's oldest buildings, honouring its Irish tradition with seven nights of music every week.

PUG UGLYS

Bedford St

Pug Uglys resident artists and guests bring you a mix of Traditional Irish Sessions, acoustic sounds and DJ sets.

BLACK BOX

Hill St

This original landmark building, built in 1850, is now home to a variety of traditional folk artists and modern musicians alike. The Green Room Sessions are an opportunity to catch one-off performances from guest artists as well as regular slots from an esteemed cast of local selectors.

TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

The city hosts a wide variety of traditional music sessions where you'll find chat, cheer and ceol. Some of the best venues to experience 'trad' include Kelly's Cellars, Bank Square, The Dirty Onion in Cathedral Quarter, Fibber Magee's in the city centre, Hatfield House on Ormeau Rd or An Cultúrlann in the Gaeltacht Quarter. The Points on the Dublin Road prides itself on having one of the best Irish music scenes in Belfast.

Live events are subject to Covid-19 restrictions, so check with each venue for updated performance information.



EXPLORE OUR GREEN SPACES

OUR CITY PARKS AND GARDENS HAVE RECENTLY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OFFERING WELCOME RESPITE FOR MANY TO ENJOY. FROM BOTANICAL GARDENS TO RIVERSIDE TOWPATHS OR SIMPLE MUNICIPAL SPACES, THE OPPORTUNITIES TO RECHARGE IN BELFAST ARE PLENTIFUL AND PICTURESQUE.

Botanic Gardens

Botanic Gardens was established in 1828 by the Belfast Botanic and Horticultural Society. Originally known as the Belfast Botanic Garden, the site contained exotic tree species and impressive plant collections from the southern hemisphere, many of which can still be seen in the park. It's also home to the Palm House and the Tropical Ravine. The Trail Route is a 0.8 mile circular walk that can be started from any of the entrances to the gardens.

Divis and Black Mountain

A striking visual boundary of the city, the Belfast Hills provide a tranquil contrast to the hustle and bustle of urban life below. Just

minutes from the city centre, the 4.2 mile Ridge Trail offers fantastic views over the famous landmarks of Belfast including Titanic Belfast, the Samson & Goliath cranes and Stormont Parliament Buildings. Cast your eyes a little further afield to see the Mourne Mountains, Strangford Lough, the Isle of Man and Scotland.

Barnett Demesne

Located next to Malone House, Barnett Demesne was once a private estate but opened to the public in 1951. Today, the award-winning park is popular with walkers and joggers and is a great place for a winter stroll. The park also includes eco-trails, orienteering routes, a children's playground (at

Shaw's Bridge) and is home to the Mountain Bike Trails and Jump Park. There are a wide variety of walking routes on offer, many linking with the adjacent Lagan Towpath.

Stormont Estate

In this 407 acre estate you will find the impressive Parliament Buildings, beautiful formal gardens, a children's adventure playground, statues, memorials and some interesting WW2 sites, including the original barrage balloon anchors that held the balloons protecting the government buildings from bombings during the war. Choose from the 2.5 mile long woodland walk, the 1.4 mile short woodland or the 1 mile fitness trail with outdoor gym equipment.



Belfast Castle Estate and Cave Hill Country Park

Belfast Castle's spectacular location and imposing architecture boast hours of family fun. Choose from the 2.4 mile Belfast Castle Estate trail, or be more adventurous and gain some of the best sights of Belfast on the 4.5 mile Cave Hill Country Park trail. The park has many natural and historical features including archaeological sites, ecotrails, walking and orienteering routes, and the landmark "Napoleon's Nose" is said to have inspired Jonathan Swift's novel, Gulliver's Travels.

Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park

Located in south Belfast, this popular park is home to the City of Belfast International Rose Garden. Covering more than 128 acres, the park is made up of rolling meadows, copses and woodland as well as containing international camellia trials, a walled garden, a Japanese-style garden with water feature for quiet contemplation and a children's playground.

The 2.5 mile circular walk starts from the lower car park.

Gruffalo Trail at Colin Glen Forest

A perfect stroll with younger children, join the very clever mouse, follow in his footsteps and meet the silly old fox, owl and snake on the way to an amazing 8 foot tall Gruffalo, complete with knobby knees, turned out toes and a poisonous wart on the end of his nose! The 1.2 mile trail is completely free so bring the family and 'take a stroll through the deep dark woods' to enjoy one of Belfast's most beautiful parks.

Lagan Valley Regional Park

The park covers 4,200 acres of countryside and eleven miles of riverbank between Belfast and Lisburn. The towpath is one of Belfast's most loved walking routes linking a number of parks and meadows, so you can pick and choose which ones you would like to discover on foot. Dander along for hours or walk a small section and you can finish off with a hot drink and a snack at the cosy Lock Keepers Inn.




Enjoy Our Award Winning Parks and Open Spaces

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78 of Northern Ireland's best-managed parks and open spaces have been recognised with the international standard of excellence, the Green Flag Award.

ART OF CRAFT



Northern Ireland has seen a renaissance in brewing and distilling in recent years. Nearly every county now boasts a top-class producer of beer and cider or whiskey and gin. Book a tour or experience to find out at least some, if not all, of their long-held secrets!

Hinch Distillery **Ballynahinch**

Visitors to Hinch have the opportunity to see and learn about the distilling traditions on their guided tours. The distillery has been designed not only to produce world class whiskey and gin, but also to provide visitors with an up-close view of the whole process. Upon arrival you will be met by a professionally trained tour guide who will take you on a fun, informative and hands-on journey through the various distilling processes, before relaxing in one of the tasting rooms.

hinchdistillery.com

Copeland Distillery **Donaghadee**

The Copeland Distillery is where the tales of old smugglers and savage ocean battles meet the shoreline of Donaghadee. It is here that Copeland produce their range of coastal inspired spirits that were born from the history and heritage of The Copeland Islands and the surrounding area. Experience this history unfold on a Guided Gin Tour.

copelanddistillery.com

Echlinville Distillery **Kircubbin**

Believed to be Ireland's only field-to-glass distillery, all Echlinville's new-fill spirit is distilled from barley grown on its land in the Ards Peninsula. A family-run distillery, who loves to share their devotion to quality spirits with visitors from around the world, offer tours, tastings and special 'stay and distil' experiences. Private tours and bespoke group packages are also available on request.

echlinville.co/visit



Rademon Estate Distillery Crossgar

Take an exclusive pre-booked tour and tasting experience, to unlock some of the secrets and skills that go into creating the local award winning Shortcross Gin. The head distiller will talk you through the fascinating process; from how they harvest local botanicals to labelling the finished product on site. After the tour enjoy a guided gin tasting and browse in the Distillery Shop.

rademonestatedistillery.com/tours

COMING SOON... Titanic Distillers Titanic Quarter

At the old site of the Titanic Dock and Pump-house, explore the true home of the Titanic. Learn first-hand about the characters that have shaped and inspired the story behind Titanic Distillers Premium Irish Whiskey. Simple. Honest. True. Distillery tours should be in operation by early 2022. In the meantime you can purchase from their website and stockists across Northern Ireland.

titanicdistillers.com

EXPERIENCES

Taste & Tour Belfast

There are a number of tours in and around Belfast where you can taste and learn more about your favourite tippie. Take a Gin Jaunt around Belfast, visiting 5 of the best gin bars trying 7 very different gins, learning all about styles, garnishes, cocktails and more. The finest cocktails on offer have been selected to create a City Cocktail Circuit so you can enjoy the best handcrafted drinks and cocktail venues. The Crafty Beer & Street Eats tour lets you experience Belfast's best beer bars and street food venues with a resident beer expert or join a Whiskey Walk around Cathedral Quarter with an Irish Whiskey Expert.

tasteandtour.co.uk



The Belfast Gin & Spirit School

Why not try making your own gin at the Belfast Gin and Spirits School? You'll have the chance to blend your own recipe using a base spirit and botanicals to create a drink you can take home. The school is located 39 Gordon Street and offers classes in whiskey, rum and calvados too. Enjoy bespoke cocktails as part of the experience, along with gin-infused sweet treats.

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RALLY THE REALM

The world's only official Game of Thrones Studio Tour, celebrating HBO's global hit television series, will throw open its doors in Northern Ireland from 4th February 2022.

Located at the authentic filming location of Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, County Down, the brand new 110,000-square-foot interactive experience reveals the world of Westeros like never before, giving fans and visitors the chance to explore the famous sets of King's Landing, Winterfell, Dragonstone, The Wall and beyond.

The Studio Tour showcases exquisite sets and the creative artistry behind

many of the incredible costumes, props, weaponry and visual effects which brought the story of Game of Thrones® to life on screen.

The immersive experience brings visitors into The Seven Kingdoms, evoking the show's epic scale for fans of the show and all those interested in exploring the world behind the scenes of TV and film making.

The Studio Tour is located in Banbridge, 24 miles south of Belfast and 76 miles north of Dublin airport. Tickets, transport inclusive packages and gift vouchers are on sale now at **gameofthronesstudiotour.com**



Game of Thrones Studio Tour is created in official partnership with Warner Bros./WarnerMedia Consumer Products.

URBAN ART

Belfast has become a place where street artists from across the world gather to produce their work. Spend just a few minutes in the city centre and you'll notice the walls - there is street art to be explored everywhere. This generation of street artists are forming a vibrant and new narrative for the city.

The charming and historic Cathedral Quarter has the highest concentration of street art in Belfast. Some of the most iconic pieces include 'Blurry Eyed' on Talbot Street, 'Belfast Romances' on Victoria Street, 'The Chef' on High Street, 'Forzan' on Gresham Street, 'Pandora's Jar' on Donegall Street and 'The Duel of Belfast, Dance By Candlelight' on Hill Street.

Belfast's answer to Portugal's Umbrella Sky Project can be found just off Commercial Court, facing the Duke of York Pub, but this hidden entry is much more than a few umbrellas in the sky. Stand beneath these vibrant yellow brollies and look around and you will see caricatures of some of Belfast's most famous faces.

Make sure to check out professional London street artist Dan Kitchener's (DANK) two new murals in the Shankill area of the city. These stunning Japanese inspired murals are well worth a visit, where you'll find 'Night Taxi' on Enfield Street and 'Hope' (pictured) on Conor's Corner.

You can delve into this colourful world with the Google Map Street Art Guide, which is a great way of enjoying these wonderful art pieces at your own pace, or take the Belfast Street Art Walking Tour to gain an entertaining insider's view to the art, the artists, the process, and the political and cultural history of the area.

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HISTORY & HERITAGE

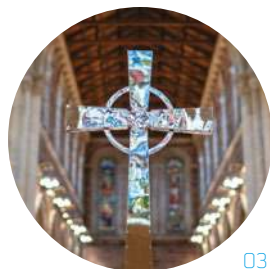
Over four hundred years have passed since the first settlers made Belfast their home: public buildings, museums and visitor centres will let you discover the city's rich history and heritage.



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Clifton House ① was established as Belfast's Poor House in 1774, where thousands of people sought sanctuary within its walls right up until 1882. The Belfast Charitable Society and its home in Clifton House, has survived rebellions and revolutions, while looking after the welfare of the people of the city. Augmented Reality Tours available every weekend.
cliftonbelfast.com

The **James Connolly Visitor Centre** (Áras Uí Chonghaile) tells the story of Connolly, exploring his role as a pioneer of the early trade union movement, and his travels throughout Britain and America. Learn of his key role in the Easter Rising, his subsequent court-martial, death sentence and execution.
arasuichonghaile.com

The **Linenhall Library** ② located opposite Belfast City Hall, is the city's oldest library (1788) and houses one of the most renowned collections of Irish material in the world. Browse the collections, visit the gift shop or relax in the coffee shop.
linenhall.com

St Anne's Cathedral ③ is Romanesque in style with exquisite mosaics, carvings and stained glass. You can take a self-guided tour of this stunning building to learn its history and learn about the people who helped shape this sacred place.
belfastcathedral.org

The **Museum of Orange Heritage** focuses on the history and traditions of the Orange Institution, beginning with the Glorious Revolution, and travels right through until the present day. There's also a strong focus on Orangeism

around the world with a fascinating collection of artefacts.
orangeheritage.co.uk

Based in a former Presbyterian church, **Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich** is an arts and cultural centre with a strong focus on Irish language and culture. The interactive space on the 1st floor, provides an insight into the development of Irish language and culture in Belfast and on how Irish has influenced English.
culturlann.ie

Visit the **Discover Ulster Scots Centre** on Gordon Street where you can discover thousands of years of history, from the formation of the Giant's Causeway (which links County Antrim with the Western Isles of Scotland) right up to the present day.
discoverulsterscots.com



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MARITIME MILE

The Maritime Mile begins on the city side of the river, linking Belfast's historic Sailortown across to Titanic Quarter. Take a stroll to explore this historic area and discover the rich history and tradition of the city's shipbuilding heritage.

SINCLAIR SEAMEN'S CHURCH

Built by Charles Lanyon in 1857–58 to meet the spiritual needs of visiting sailors, this part church, part maritime museum has a pulpit shaped like a ship's prow, a brass ship's wheel and binnacle (used as a baptismal font) salvaged from a WWI wreck and the ship's bell from HMS Hood.

BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

This stunning building dates back to 1847, and you can visit an exhibition in the Heritage Room which celebrates 400 years of Belfast's maritime history, detailing Belfast's emergence as a major port and the city's subsequent growth and development as an industrial hub.

CLARENDON DOCK & CITY QUAYS

The dry docks where Belfast's shipbuilding industry was born date back to 1800-1826. Both docks were used to work on ships' hulls and the workshop was designed for working on the rigging of sailing ships. The area has now been transformed into the City Quays development, home to a mix of commercial offices, shops, cafes, restaurants as well as the AC Hotel by Marriott Belfast.

THE BIG FISH

The beautiful blue scales on the Salmon of Knowledge (affectionately known as The Big Fish) are made up of ceramic tiles depicting scenes from the city's history. Legend has it that if you kiss the fish you'll gain all of its wisdom!

LAGAN WEIR

A wide, modern foot and cycle bridge connecting the city centre with Titanic Quarter. Beautifully illuminated in the evening, take a seat and enjoy the views of the city from the River Lagan.

GLASS OF THRONES

You'll find 6 Game of Thrones stained glass windows dotted

along the Maritime Mile, from AC Hotel past Titanic Studios to HMS Caroline. Take a stroll to rediscover the most iconic moments from the saga immortalised in stained glass.

THE BELFAST BUOYS

The three buoys are estimated to be around 80 years old, and would have been used by mariners to find a safe channel to and from port. Recently restored to their original colours, they have been installed as a permanent display at Abercorn Basin.

SS NOMADIC

The last remaining White Star Line vessel, SS Nomadic, has been restored to her original glory and is back home in the historic Hamilton Dock, near Titanic Belfast. Come on board and experience over 100 years of authentic maritime and social history.

TITANIC BELFAST

One of the world's leading visitor attractions is housed in an iconic six-floor building. With nine interpretive and interactive galleries that explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of Titanic, as well as the city and people which made her, Titanic Belfast is an unmissable experience.

TITANIC & OLYMPIC SLIPWAYS

Behind Titanic Belfast you'll find the historic slipways where these famous ships were built and launched over a hundred years ago. Containing many original features, a Memorial Garden illustrates the proportion of Titanic's victims and survivors from each of the passenger classes and crew. The outline of the sister ships illuminate at night and are the perfect space to reflect.

TITANIC HOTEL BELFAST

The original red brick building is a truly authentic part of Titanic's story. Harland and Wolff had two main drawing offices within the building, where naval architects, marine engineers

and draftsmen were responsible for the design of the ships. This historic building has been transformed into the Titanic Hotel, preserving its place in Belfast's maritime heritage.

RIVERBOX

Take a walk along the Titanic Slipways and experience 'Riverbox' featuring the show All The Things We Are. It is based on hundreds of conversations with people who have a connection with Belfast's Maritime Mile. Their stories are the inspiration for a ten minute performance of music, song and film which you can watch on the double screen.

THE GREAT LIGHT

This former lighthouse optic is a unique heritage object with significance to Belfast's economic industrial maritime past. Originally serving both Mew and Tory Island lighthouses, the optic is the largest of its kind ever constructed and dates back to 1887. It is lit all year round and has amazing views over Belfast Harbour and Lough.

HICKSON'S POINT

Make a stop to 'rest your wee legs' while out enjoying the Maritime Mile. Offering an authentic 1900's public house setting, serving up perfect pints and classic Clangers with traditional music, heritage décor and a beer garden! Located on the plaza outside Titanic Belfast, Hickson's Point is open daily and dog-friendly!

SOUND YARD

SoundYard is a new playful art installation inspired by the sounds of Belfast's shipyards. Located on Queen's Quay close to the Odyssey and Abercorn Marina, visitors can enjoy this interactive sound and play experience which brings to life the story of Belfast's maritime heritage.

To discover more visit maritime-mile.com



ARTS & CULTURE

FOR A GREAT DAY OUT THAT IS BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND FUN, VISIT A MUSEUM OR GALLERY. FROM LOCAL HISTORY TO MODERN ART AND DINOSAURS TO SPACE ROCKETS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Ulster Museum **Botanic Gardens**

A treasure house of the past and the present, the Ulster Museum is home to a rich collection of art, history and natural sciences. Discover the story of the people of the north of Ireland from earliest times to the present day. Impressive galleries and interactive discovery zones bring history, science and art collections to life. 📄
nmni.com/um

The MAC **St Anne's Square**

With free admission to its three outstanding galleries, seven days a week, The MAC showcases the very best of local and international talent, from a wide range of exciting exhibitions to newly commissioned works and monumental sculptures. 📄
themaclive.com

Belfast Exposed **Photography Gallery** **Donegall Street**

Born from engagement with the community, Belfast Exposed houses contemporary photography galleries, a bookshop, and a Troubles image archive. 📄
belfastexposed.org

Golden Thread Gallery **Great Patrick Street**

On the fringes of the Cathedral Quarter stands this red brick building whose ground floor houses one of Belfast's coolest art galleries. The stark concrete

interior lends itself perfectly to changing exhibitions of paintings, photography and installations. 📄
goldenthreadgallery.co.uk

Craft NI Gallery **115-119 Royal Avenue**

A lovely combination of shop and gallery, showcasing a range of ceramics, jewellery, sculptures, design items, fabrics, cards and art by local makers. The crafts exhibited change constantly and also showcase work by young, emerging artists. 📄
craftni.org

War Memorial Gallery **Talbot Street**

A must see attraction for visitors with an interest in the Home Front and US Forces in Northern Ireland during the Second World War. The exhibition recalls the contribution of the Home Front, the Belfast blitz of 1941 and the presence of US forces from 1942 to 1944. 📄
niwarmemorial.org

DAY TRIPS

North Down Museum

Town Hall, Bangor

Telling the story of the area from the Bronze Age to the present day. Key artefacts on display include the Bronze Age Ballycroghan Swords, the Bangor Bell from the Bangor Abbey settlement, and the Raven Maps, the only complete folio of Plantation era maps in Ireland. 📍

northdownmuseum.com

Ulster American Folk Park

Castletown, Omagh

Examine life in Ulster in the 18th and 19th centuries and learn how the settlers endured the arduous Atlantic crossing before adapting to the new and unfamiliar environment of America. Wander through the outdoor museum which brings both the Old and New Worlds to life.

nmni.com/uafp

Seamus Heaney HomePlace

Bellaghy

Standing at the heart of the place and people which so inspired him, HomePlace is an arts and literary centre that includes a stunning exhibition dedicated to the life and work of one of Ireland's greatest writers.

seamusheaneyhome.com

Irish Linen Centre

Market Square, Lisburn

Explore Ireland's industrial heritage in the museum's award-winning exhibition. Trace the history of linen production in Ulster, from the earliest times to the present day, and see live spinning and weaving demonstrations. 📍

lisburnmuseum.com



Ulster Folk Museum

Bangor Road, Holywood

Step back in time and experience what life was like in Ulster over 100 years ago. Wander through the beautiful parkland where you will encounter costumed locals demonstrating traditional crafts in cottages, farm dwellings, schools and shops.

nmni.com/ufm

Ulster Transport Museum

Bangor Road, Holywood

Explore one of the most comprehensive transport collections in Europe. You'll find majestic locomotives, horse-drawn carriages, vintage motorbikes, and cars at the Ulster Transport Museum, along with exhibits of historical materials including photographs of the Titanic.

nmni.com/utm

ArtisAnn Gallery

70 Bloomfield Avenue

Based over two floors, the gallery features an array of artworks by both emerging and established artists, from

painters and sculptors to photographers and collage-makers. The exhibition space hosts a new show each month with all showcased work for sale. 📍

artisann.org

Gerard Dillon Gallery

Cultúrlann McAdam

Ó Fiaich, 216 Falls Road

The gallery is dedicated to Gerard Dillon RHA RUA 1916-1971, an artist from the Falls Road area of Belfast who earned worldwide fame. The gallery focuses on work from professional artists and generally hosts eight exhibitions per year. 📍

culturlann.ie

The Naughton Gallery

Lanyon Building,

Queen's University

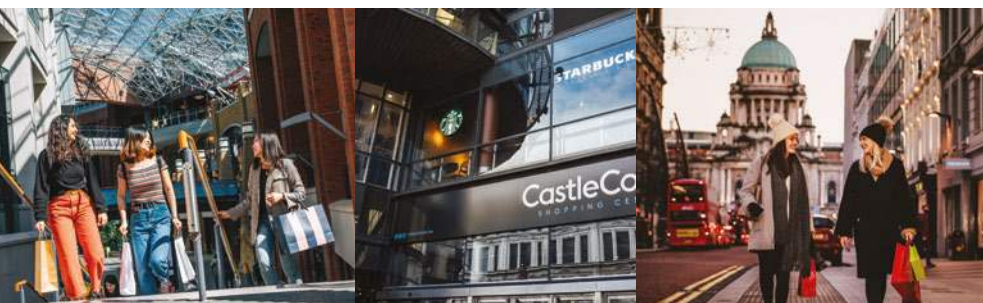
One of Belfast's most vibrant and exciting art galleries, featuring a rolling programme of works from Queen's own collection, touring exhibitions and shows by local and international artists. 📍

naughtongallery.org



Shopping in Belfast is a dream come true for fashionistas, savvy shoppers and foodies alike, with a huge variety of high street favourites, independent retailers, speciality emporiums, exclusive boutiques and traditional markets.

RETAIL THERAPY



Victoria Square

Victoria Square is Belfast's premiere shopping destination featuring over 70 international and local brand stores including House of Fraser, Apple, Urban Outfitters, Ted Baker, Hollister and Cruise. The centre is also home to a variety of cafés and restaurants as well as the Odeon cinema, and with panoramic views that stretch for miles across the city, the iconic Dome is a must visit when in Belfast.

SEE MAP **D4**

Castle Court

This one-stop shopping spot on Royal Avenue is home to a whole host of your favourite fashion stores including; Jack & Jones, New Look, Miss Selfridge, Dorothy Perkins and Burtons as well as popular plus size stores Evans and Yours Clothing. It's a fashion fix for the whole family and with 15 great food places to choose from and on-site parking, there's never been a better time to visit.

SEE MAP **C3**

Donegall Place

In the heart of the City Centre you will find the main shopping district, lined by eight huge masts which represent famous ships that were engineered and built in Belfast. You will find everything from big brand chain stores and bijou boutiques to gourmet coffee shops and delectable local delis. Don't miss the historic and charming Queen's Arcade, containing many of the city's more opulent stores.

SEE MAP **D4**

Hidden Gems

From cool boutique to so unique, Belfast has some hidden gems on our side streets that are very worth exploring. Happy hunting!



Art Loves

A new homeware and gift emporium located in the Merchant hotel on Skipper Street, showcasing original paintings, limited editions, sculpture, interior accessories and gifts. artloves.co.uk/shop



The Boulevard

Outlet shopping located in Banbridge offering all your favourite brands at jaw-dropping prices in a relaxed and stylish setting. Make a day of it with a selection of eateries and an 8-screen cinema.



Queen's Arcade

Featuring many independent shops, Queen's Arcade is the perfect place to find unique, quality products. Don't miss Lunn's for stunning jewellery and Robinson's Shoes, which is home to high quality footwear.




St George's Market

Get down to St George's Market and experience the wonderful atmosphere, with street food from around the world, and an amazing selection of traders and stalls offering some of the finest local produce, arts and crafts. The Friday Variety Market is open 6am-3pm, the Saturday City Food & Garden Market is open 9am-3pm and the Sunday Market is open 10am-4pm.

SEE MAP 

Lisburn Road

This walkable Queen's Quarter stretch has a sprinkling of designer boutiques, art galleries, home accessories and to-die-for shoes, jewels and lingerie. Bespoke baby gifts, melt-in-the-mouth chocolates and relaxing day spas are all there for the asking. With an assortment of cafés, bars and restaurants you can easily make a day of it.

SEE MAP 

Sustainable Shopping

Discover the brands in Belfast city centre that are committed to sustainability, reducing environmental impact and providing eco-friendly products. Find quirky gifts at Born and Bred (Ann Street), vintage clothing at 4good Oxfam Store (CastleCourt), traditional artisan sweets at Old Time Favourites (Smithfield), art and craft at Craft NI Gallery and UNIQUE Art & Design Shop (Royal Avenue) as well as high street favourites H&M, FatFace and the Body Shop in Victoria Square.



URBAN ADVENTURE

Sure, you can visit Belfast and lounge in luxurious accommodation and pamper yourself in a spa. But wouldn't it be better to get out and about for some high octane laughs? If you're looking for something a bit different... an adventure, a thrilling twist on the average city break; we have it by the bucket-load!

Axe Yard

Urban Axe Throwing is a really fun activity where you get to enjoy throwing axes at wooden targets. It's a group activity where you will play fun games and enjoy some friendly competition, so the more the merrier! All bookings include a dedicated coach to teach you all you need to know – we aim to have you sinking axes in no time!

axeyard.co.uk

Colin Glen

Just a short drive from Belfast city centre, Colin Glen is perfectly placed for a fun-filled, action-packed adventure. Choose from a range of fun activities including the Black Bull Run, Ireland's first Alpine Coaster

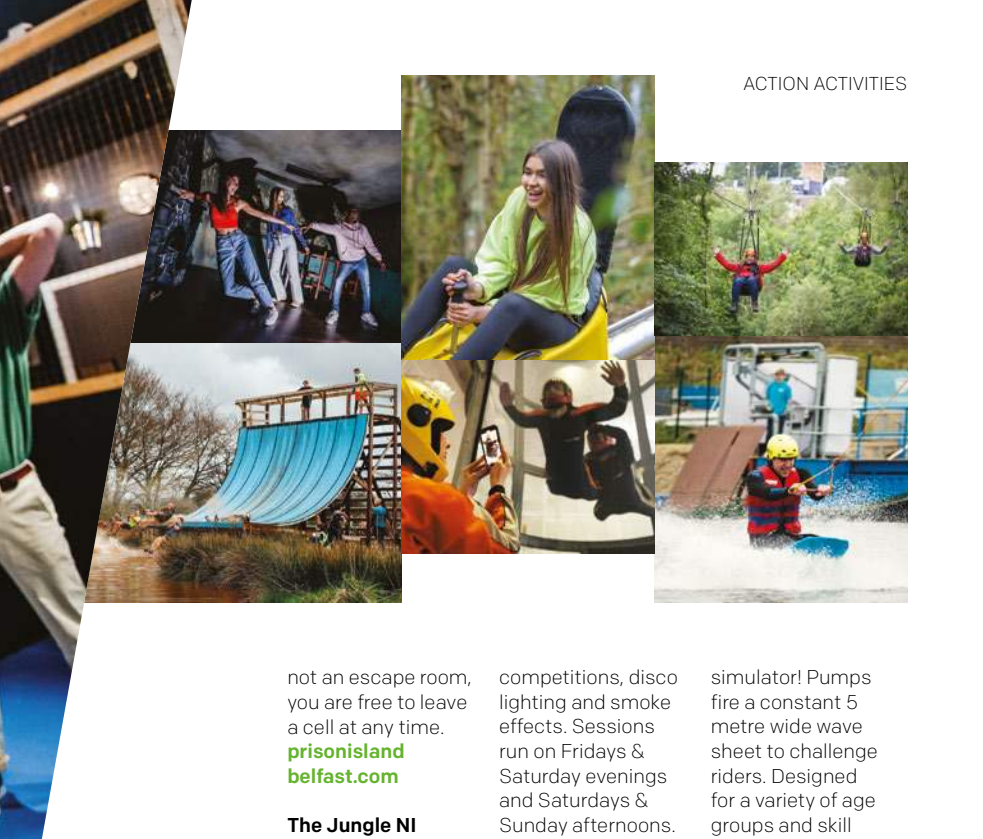
and the Forest Flyover zipline. Other activities include: the SKYTrek high/low ropes climbing course, archery, laser tag, 9-hole golf course, TopTracer driving range and 3G pitches.

colinglen.org

Let's Go Hydro

This water sports resort offers a range of activities including an inflatable aqua park, stand-up paddleboarding, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, kayaking, open water swimming, aqua rugby and yoga & swim experiences. Glamping pods, café, BBQ pods, pizza restaurant and drive-in movie nights are also available.

letsgohydro.com



Vertigo Indoor Skydiving

Ireland's only indoor skydiving centre allows you to tick this exciting activity off your bucket list, without jumping out of an aeroplane. Put on the flight suit, helmet, goggles and earplugs and you're ready to spread your wings and fly.

wearevertigo.com

Prison Island Belfast

Gather a team of your family or friends to solve exciting challenges in our themed Prison Cells. We have 25 Cells that require a combination of intellectual, technical & physical skills. It's

not an escape room, you are free to leave a cell at any time.

prisonislandbelfast.com

The Jungle NI

Just a 45 minute drive from Belfast, awaits a daring adventure unlike any other. Adrenaline-packed activities include zorbing, paintball, high-wire tree-top adventure courses, clay pigeon shooting, forest segways, and llama trekking.

thejungleni.com

Xtreme Bowling

Are you brave enough to play in the dark? Enjoy all the fun of tenpin bowling with glow balls, pins and ultra violet lights for the ultimate bowling experience. You can also party while you bowl with DJ entertainment, prize

competitions, disco lighting and smoke effects. Sessions run on Fridays & Saturday evenings and Saturdays & Sunday afternoons.

theicebowl.com

Barnett Demesne Trails & Jumps Park

The Barnett Demesne Jumps Park has been designed to suit mountain bikers searching for that all important adrenaline fix! With six lines of tempting jumps, berms and booters, this is the place to catch air for the very first time or flip and whip your way to X Games Gold!

mountainbikeni.com

Surf Belfast

Experience the thrill of catching a wave indoors on Northern Ireland's first ever indoor surf


simulator! Pumps fire a constant 5 metre wide wave sheet to challenge riders. Designed for a variety of age groups and skill levels, Surf Belfast has four different performance settings to ensure that the ride can be enjoyed by just about everyone.

better.org.uk/surf-belfast

Bridges Urban Sports Park

The perfect place for skateboarding, in-line skating, Parkour and BMXing. If you've a need for speed enjoy a capsule bowl and street complex complete with handrails, hips, quarter pipes, grind boxes and hubbas.

belfastcity.gov.uk/parks



There are plenty of fantastic attractions and activities around the city to keep the kids, tweens and teens entertained. Here's our top boredom busting tips for a great family day out!

FAMILY FUN

LEARN & EXPLORE

Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory

Travel back in time and learn how toffee and sweets were made from 100 year old recipes. Make your own candy floss and shop for yummy treats including yellow man, raspberry ruffles and macaroons.

auntsandras.com

Gruffalo & Stickman Guided Walk

Bring your little ones along and go right inside the glorious Gruffalo and Stickman stories – search for the famous characters in the woods, listen to the classic tales and take home your very own Julia Donaldson and friends book, sticker and certificate, to keep forever!

colinglen.org

Ulster Folk Museum

Uncover a way of life from 100 years ago and discover cottages, farms, schools and shops as you wander through the beautiful parkland Folk Museum.

nmni.com/ufm

Ulster Transport Museum

Climb aboard steam locomotives, horse drawn carriages, electric trams, fire-engines and vintage cars or experience the sensation of flight in the Transport Museum.

nmni.com/utm

CS Lewis Square

Return to Narnia with a walk through CS Lewis Square. Your little book worms will discover seven bronze sculptures of much loved characters including Aslan, Mr Tumnus, The White Witch and more. Free trail maps can be found in EastSide Visitor Centre.

visiteastside.com

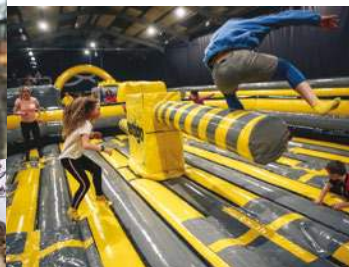
Cathedral Gardens Play Park

Make a stop at this family friendly zone in the heart of the city which features a giant spinning 'hamster' wheel, outdoor musical instruments, a swinging bridge, and colourful mushrooms on a carpet of rainbow grass. Seating and picnic tables available.

W5

W5 has been completely transformed with two reimagined exhibition floors to excite and inspire, with exhibits and experiences covering everything from climate change and nature to film and TV production, optical illusions, built engineering, medical science and much, much more.

w5online.co.uk



ANIMAL KINGDOM

The Ark Open Farm

A great day out for all the family, with lots of educational and fun experiences including feeding and handling opportunities. A multitude of activities such as an extensive outdoor play area, kangaroo bouncer and quad trailer rides are sure to keep the kids entertained.

thearkopenfarm.co.uk

Belfast Zoo

Home to more than 1,000 animals and 150 species, Belfast Zoo is a family favourite. Visit the California sea lions, the Sumatran tigers and watch the penguins play in their pool.

belfastzoo.co.uk

Castle Espie

A quackers day out for all! Meet the ducks & geese, spot the colourful kingfishers or venture into the mossy glades through the Secret Swamp Walk.

wwt.org.uk/castleespie

Exploris Aquarium

Discover what really happens under the sea as you visit the home of sharks, jellyfish, otters and seals. Explore the dark depths of the Reptile filled rainforest

where a snappy crocodile and green gecko hide.

explorisni.com

ACTION PACKED

Airtastic

A great family fun day out, the activities include a massive Inflata Park, 12 lane ten pin bowling alley, space themed 18 hole adventure golf course, soft play centre, a prize winning amusement arcade and a delicious American style diner.

air-tastic.com

Colin Glen

A spectacular 200-acre forest park located just 5 minutes from Belfast City Centre where you'll find Ireland's only official Gruffalo Trail, the Sky Trek high-ropes course, Ireland's first Alpine Coaster and longest Zipline! So bring comfy shoes, and a sense of adventure!

colinglen.org

Dundonald International Ice Bowl

Skate around this Olympic size ice rink, become king of the lanes in the Xtreme Tenpin Bowling Centre or go wild in the Indiana Land play kingdom.

theicebowl.com

Let's Go Hydro

Water sports and activity resort offering a range of family friendly activities including a Drive-In cinema, aqua park, cable water sports, open water swimming, outdoor swimming pool along with an accommodation resort.

letsghydro.com

The Lost City Adventure Golf

Choose from two 18-hole rainforest themed Indoor courses. Make your way around the course, amidst simulated thunder and lightning storms and challenge your skills against rainforest animals and moving walls. If you get a hole in one on the 18th hole, much Inca Gold will come your way.

lostcityadventuregolf.com

We Are Vertigo

Get your adrenaline pumping at the world's largest Inflatable Park and adventure play park at the Newtownbreda site or experience Indoor Skydiving, the Ninja Master Course and Inflatable Park at the Titanic Quarter site.

wearevertigo.com

For more family fun ideas, see visitbelfast.com

Belfast Box Office

Belfast's entertainment scene attracts a combination of big-name stars while continuing to develop top home-grown talent. So, whether it's rising stars or established artists you're after, you'll find Belfast's entertainment scene in good shape!

The **Grand Opera House** has recently completed a £12m restoration, bringing the glitz of London's West End to the heart of Belfast. Shows to look out for this season include smash hit musicals *Waitress*, *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*, *Shrek the Musical* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Be dazzled with magical shows by David Meade or Derren Brown or enjoy a bit of local humour with Maggie's *Feg Run*, Jake O'Kane's *Maskerade* or Give My Head Peace Live. Dallas legend Patrick Duffy and *Happy Days* actress Linda Purl jet in from Hollywood to star in an exciting new production of the classic Broadway thriller *Catch Me If You Can*. goh.co.uk

The **Lytic Theatre** is the only full-time producing theatre in NI and has won a series of awards for its

architecture. Upcoming performances include *Into the Woods* - a wonderfully intriguing musical that brings together and intertwines some of the beloved Brothers Grimm fairy tales, such as *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Cinderella*, *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Rapunzel*. *Borderline* sees Patrick Kielty return to his satirical roots with a personal take on borders, national identity and the future of the Union in a post-Brexit landscape. lyrictheatre.co.uk

The **SSE Arena**, Belfast is the home of the Belfast Giants ice hockey team as well as hosting a top line-up of concerts, shows and sporting events. This coming season brings music giants Fatboy Slim, Foy Vance, 5 Seconds of Summer, Little Mix and Dream Theater to the stage. Enjoy a night of top comedy

with Bill Bailey, Neil Delamere, John Bishop and Alan Partridge or enjoy a night of sporting action with the Cazoo Premier League Darts. ssearenabelfast.com

The **Belfast Waterfront** offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights include Paul Smith, Alan Carr, Sasha Velour and Dara O'Briain. There's live music with The Fureys, Andy Irvine & Paul Brady, Ronan Keating, Texas, Smokie, Status Quo and Dr Hook as well as tribute acts bringing music by Queen, Tina Turner and Rod Stewart. You can enjoy an evening with Graeme Souness or Gary Neville, classical performances by the Ulster Orchestra or bring the kids to be entertained by Justin & Friends or the Gruffalo & Room on the Broom. waterfront.co.uk





The Victorian **Ulster Hall** dates back to 1862 and is home to the Ulster Orchestra, who perform regularly with both evening and lunchtime concerts. You can also check out live music performances from Brockhampton, Tom Odell, Eddie Reader, Jason Donovan, Passenger, Paul Young, Jake Rugg, James

Arthur and Madison Beer. If you're up for a laugh check out Gary Meikle, Reginald D Hunter, Aaron McCann, Tommy Tiernan and Trixie Stirling and there's tributes galore that bring the music of the Beatles, Cher, David Bowie, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison and The Eagles. ulsterhall.co.uk

2 Royal Avenue

This beautiful, historic building has been turned into a short-term events space by Belfast City Council, and marks the beginning of an exciting upscaled programme of culture and creativity for the city. A wide variety of cultural events and experiences will run until the end of March 2022 including music gigs, a coffee shop, pop-up markets, visual art exhibitions and creative workshops. belfastcity.gov.uk/2RoyalAvenue

WORTH FINDING

Located in heart of Cathedral Quarter in St Anne's Square, **The MAC** brings music, theatre, dance and visual art under one roof. Open daily, you can also call in to browse the three free admission galleries before relaxing in the café bar. themaclive.com

Also in Cathedral Quarter, **The Black Box** is home to live music, theatre, literature, comedy, film, visual art, science, circus, cabaret and all points in between! Check out The Green Room Sessions and the Comedy Lab events. blackboxbelfast.com

The Crescent Arts Centre in the Queen's Quarter provides classes and workshops in music, dance, spoken and written word for all ages and abilities, as well as live music performances, theatre, poetry open mic nights and other events. crescentarts.org

Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich in the Gaeltacht Quarter is an Irish language arts and cultural centre where you can experience traditional music, poetry readings, céilís and workshops. culturlann.ie

The Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts is located on the Antrim Road in the north of the city. It offers an intimate and authentic Belfast experience, from art exhibitions and workshops to concerts and live performances. theduncairn.com

DATE NIGHT

Whether you want a romantic Valentine's break or a date night idea, here's our top tips to enjoy a special evening in Belfast with your other half.



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Dinner in Cathedral Quarter ⁰¹

Stroll the cobblestoned streets under the twinkling lights of Cathedral Quarter where you will be spoilt for choice with a range of superb eateries offering everything from Michelin star fine dining to intimate bistros and tasty Asian cuisine.

cathedralquarterbelfast.com/explore

The Merchant Hotel

This luxurious hotel is a harmonious blend of Victorian grandeur and Art Deco inspired sleek modernity with elegant rooms, stunning spa, rooftop hot tub, fabulous jazz bar and gastronomic delights – perfect for a romantic getaway.

merchanthotel.com

Victoria Square's Dome

Take the lift to the top of this stunning shopping destination to enjoy spectacular 360° views over Belfast from the glass topped dome.

victoriasquare.com

Get cosy in an Igloo

The riverside igloos at Cutters Wharf are cosily adorned with sheepskin rugs, tartan blankets and twinkling lights - the ideal night out with that special someone or can be shared with up to 8 friends. Book a food and drinks package from light bites to big bites, Sunday Roast to classic bottle service.

cutterswharf.co.uk/winter-igloos

Cavehill Country Park ⁰²

Pack a picnic and take a romantic walk up Cavehill to discover breathtakingly beautiful views of Belfast and beyond. Stop at the 19th century Scottish Baronial style Belfast Castle afterwards for a relaxing meal or afternoon tea on the way back down.

belfasthills.org

Cook Together

If the way to someone's heart is through their stomach, why not develop your culinary skills with a cookery class at Waterman House, from the perfect

steak to exploring flavours of Morocco, Thailand, France or Italy, a fun and delicious day out awaits you both.

cookinbelfast.co.uk

Snuggle up in The Crown

Dating back to the 1880s, The Crown is a gem of the Victorian era and was one of the mightiest Victorian Gin Palaces in the city. It still boasts many of its original features, including gas lighting and you can book one of the ornate private snugs for a cosy and romantic lunch date.

nicholsonspubs.co.uk

The Observatory ⁰³

With stunning cityscape as far as the eye can see; this place takes tea time to a new elevated level. Spoil that special someone with an array of the finest teas, crafted coffees and deliciously designed and handcrafted nibbles.

Add a touch of class with a glass of fine champagne or classic cocktail.


grandcentralhotelbelfast.com/observatory

BELFAST CITY & REGION



Reasons to visit don't end at our city limits. One of the great things about Belfast is that within a short drive you can discover a completely different world filled with lush valleys, a stunning coastline, country parks, magnificent estates, wonderful wildlife and historic attractions. Take a breather and discover some of the other fantastic things to see and do, all just a few minutes' drive outside the capital.

Ards & North Down



Discover this beautiful region at your own pace. Journey our stunning shorelines nestled between the sparkling waters of the Irish Sea and spectacular Strangford Lough, take time out, relax and enjoy the warmest of welcomes in Ards and North Down.

Ours is a promise of adventure, a place where the seaside and countryside meet, you can explore the nooks in the woods to award-winning beaches and country parks. Discover our stunning coastline or visit a top-class attraction.

If it is a spot of shopping you're after, you will love our distinctive towns and villages. From wonderful local weekly and monthly markets, exquisite gift shops, galleries and independent stores, you are sure to be spoilt for choice.

When it comes to the perfect place to stay, whether you

are looking for a cosy guest house or a unique self-catering option, we have an array of choices. If you love the great outdoors, choose a caravanning or camping location, or if you are looking for luxury, treat yourself to a hotel stay. From 5* luxury to boutique charm, inns dating back as far as the 17th century, to those with a more modern twist, it's time to plan your perfect getaway.

FAMILY FUN

Ards and North Down is home to some of Northern Ireland's top attractions. Step into life as it was a hundred years ago in Holywood at the Ulster Folk

Museum, where passionate craft makers in authentic town and country dwellings demonstrate traditional skills. At the Ulster Transport Museum enjoy one of Europe's most comprehensive transport collections.

Visit Northern Ireland's only aquarium and seal rehabilitation centre, Exploris, Portaferry. Get up close to Ireland's largest collection of native and exotic waterbirds, bats and migrant birds at Castle Espie Wetland Centre, Comber or spend the day at Pickie Funpark, Bangor to enjoy family favourites, the 'Pickie Puffer', giant pedal



swans and mini golf. There are lots of activities to keep the kids amused. From animal antics to karting, skate parks to crazy golf and water slides.

Did you know

That our marina and beaches were awarded the prestigious Seaside Award for excellence in facilities, environmental management, environmental education, accessibility, and safety?

TIME DEPTH

Discover the stories, embrace the folklore and indulge in our rich heritage. Explore ruined

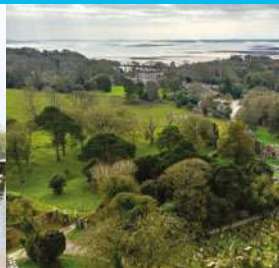
castles, holy wells, abbeys and military forts where tales of Bronze Age communities, Vikings, our early Christian and Ulster-Scots heritage and the role of this area in the Great Wars all come to life. Local museums each have a unique story to tell.

North Down Museum in Bangor, travels back to the Bronze Age through a series of rooms, each dedicated to a particular era. The Somme Museum, Conlig, transports you to the trenches for fascinating insights into life during the First and Second World Wars. Uncover the magic of the National Trust's

Mount Stewart. Tour the 19th century stately home, stroll in world-class gardens or wind along idyllic woodland and farmland walking trails in this magnificent Irish demesne.

Did you know

Grey Abbey was founded in 1193 by Affreca, wife of John de Courcy? It is one of the few examples of Anglo-Norman Cistercian architecture in Ulster. The remains, in the beautiful parkland setting of the nearby grand house of Rosemount, Greyabbey consist of the church with cloister and surrounding buildings to the south.



WATER'S EDGE

This is the perfect base for water sport enthusiasts. With wonderful coastal waters and passionate providers to help as you give kite surfing, paddleboarding, canoeing or scuba diving a go. Our scenic shoreline is yours to escape to and explore with a boat trip around the loughs, coastal walk or bike ride.

CREATIVE SPIRIT

Welcome to a region brimming with creativity, with more makers per head than anywhere else in Northern Ireland. Awaken your creative spirit with a visit to our galleries, workshops and studios dotted across the landscape, where their unique skills are shared and crafts and artworks are showcased for sale. Meet the makers, hear their stories, or why not take a class?

FOOD AND DRINK

Savour the tastes of our region with the finest and freshest ingredients found at our traditional markets, artisan food shops and dishes across the region's award-winning restaurants. See how fine gins and whiskeys are produced at Echlinville and Copeland distilleries.

ADVENTURE AWAITS

Get behind the wheel of a racing car or go-cart to curb your need for speed, or enjoy a bird's eye view as you take to the skies by plane, helicopter or microlight. Explore the beauty of our lough shores by paddleboard or canoe, slow down the pace with a yoga session, self-discovery or guided walking tour. Ards and North Down is also a haven for golfers with a rich heritage dating back 125 years with 12 diverse courses,

including parkland and links, all within a 1 hour drive from Belfast. Whatever adventure you choose, a warm local welcome awaits!

Did you know

Ards and North Down is home to Ireland's oldest golf club, The Royal Belfast Golf Club and Holywood Golf Club where world renowned Rory McIlroy honed his game?

GET BACK TO NATURE

Amongst the flora and fauna of our parks and gardens and trunks of towering trees, immerse yourself in the natural environment and enjoy these shared spaces with the many animals who have made here their home.

Take a stroll through one of our beautiful forest landscapes such as



Killynether Wood, where you can enjoy a breathtaking 360 degree view from Scrabo Tower, explore the maintained gardens and woodland trails of the National Trust's Mount Stewart House and Garden's and dander through one of our many public parks or the grounds of a little gem we call Bangor Castle Walled Garden – a must-see attraction for every holiday makers list.

Did you know

The beautiful Bangor Walled Garden in Castle Park was designed by the Ward family in the 1840s? It was previously closed to the public and was considered by many as a secret garden! Ards and North Down Borough Council restored the garden and it was officially opened as a visitor attraction in April 2009.

The Ards Peninsula, Strangford Lough and their surrounding shores thrive with many creatures, marine life and visiting species through the changing seasons.

Did you know

The Portaferry-Strangford ferry was established in 1188, making it the longest-running ferry service in the world? The powerful current which rushes through The Narrows carries 400 million gallons of water with every tide. It is little wonder the Vikings named the Lough the 'Strong Fiord'.

Strangford Lough, is the UK's largest sea lough and is one of only three Marine Nature Reserves in the UK. It's hard to believe that only 30 minutes from Belfast's urban attractions, this

captivating rural retreat (designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and an Area of Special Scientific Interest) is waiting to be explored.

A GIANT ADVENTURE IS JUST A SMALL STEP AWAY

Ards and North Down features as part of Discover Northern Ireland's collection of Giant Experiences. Truly immerse yourself in this beautiful place, take in the natural beauty of our countryside, encounter water's edge wonders, charming towns and villages and our delicious food and drink. Our local people are ready to welcome you and share their skills.

To plan your trip and find inspiration for unique experiences go to visitardsandnorthdown.com

Lisburn & Castlereagh

There is no better place to enjoy crisp winter days out than in Lisburn & Castlereagh. Enjoy the great outdoors by spending quality time in one of the many parks across the area, which are perfect for exercising, cycling or dog walking. Quench your thirst or enjoy a bite to eat in one of the numerous cafés, fine dining restaurants or cosy gastropubs, that will warm you up with open roaring fires. Or enjoy an overnight stay in one of the hotels and have a well-earned break from it all. So why not get out and about to experience what's on offer in Lisburn & Castlereagh this winter.



HINCH DISTILLERY, BALLYNAHINCH, CO DOWN

Looking for something different to do? Why not visit Hinch Distillery for a day out and guided tour and learn about local distilling traditions. You will gain an appreciation for the skills and craftsmanship required to make world renowned Irish whiskey and of course have an opportunity to ask questions. There are two

tasting tours to choose from lasting approximately one hour each.

You can also enjoy a bite to eat at the beautiful fully licensed brasserie, serving the best local produce and there will be an opportunity to browse in the gift shop, where you can purchase from their range of whiskeys and gin. For further information visit:

hinchdistillery.com

A QUICK BITE AT HASLEM HOTEL, LISBURN SQUARE

Looking for somewhere to eat out in Lisburn while shopping in the January sales? Why not visit Haslem Kitchen in Lisburn Square, serving up delicious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners daily, using carefully chosen ingredients from the best local producers. From sizzling steaks to flame-roasted rotisserie chicken



and veggie delights, you're sure to find something to tempt you! The Haslem lobby is also open daily for breakfast, lunch, and evening snacks, it's the perfect spot for catching up with friends. The Haslem Bar drinks list has an extensive selection of handpicked Irish gin serves, along with all your favourite cocktails, craft beers and more. For further information visit:

haslemhotel.com

GIRLS GETAWAY AT LA MON HOTEL

Who needs a girly getaway? Make your New Year special with La Mon's girly getaway package. Enjoy an overnight stay with afternoon tea for two, relax in La Mon Country Club where you can enjoy facilities including a 15m swimming pool, 2 gymnasiums, Jacuzzi,

steam room and sauna, or book a treatment with one of the experienced beauticians. Then finish the trip with breakfast the next morning in the fabulous dining room. Prices from: £85 per person sharing. For booking and further information please visit offers at:

lamon.co.uk



A COSY CATCH-UP IN ROYAL HILLSBOROUGH

Hillsborough Forest is the perfect location for a scenic walk with friends in the picturesque Georgian village of Royal Hillsborough. Located just a few minutes from Hillsborough Castle, adjacent to Hillsborough Fort, the forest is a popular choice among bird-watchers, dog walkers, photographers and nature-lovers and covers an area of almost 200 acres with way-marked routes providing a variety of different walks to suit everyone. The lake area is a forest wildlife sanctuary and is home to a wide variety of birds and animals. After your walk, enjoy a cosy catch-up with friends in one of Royal Hillsborough's excellent restaurants, cafes

or pubs. The Vintage Tea Rooms is just one of many and provides the perfect setting for a speciality coffee, delicious cakes and chat.

PAMPERING AT JEANETTE KIDD DAY SPA, LISBURN

Treat yourself to a day spa ritual with Jeanette Kidd Day Spa, Lisburn. With a wide range of treatments to choose from, including massage and facials as well as deeply relaxing treatments such as a Hot Stone Therapy, Aromatherapy, Indian Head Massage and Reflexology, Manicures, Pedicures, Body Wraps and other well-known Declor rituals. For further information and booking call 028 9266 3102 or visit jeanettekidd.com

DINNER AT CLENAGHANS RESTAURANT

Why not enjoy a winter's evening at multiple award winning Clenaghans Restaurant, which offers a cosy interior and is housed in a building dating back to the eighteenth century, fusing old with new. An inviting atmosphere with roaring fires and dinner by candlelight will welcome you and your guests offering incredible food using only quality locally sourced ingredients. Private Dining is also available for up to 22 guests. Offering an array of menus to suit everyone's needs. For further information and booking call: 028 9265 2952 or visit: clenaghansrestaurant.com



FINE DINING AT SQUARE BISTRO

Tucked away in Lisburn Square, the Square Bistro continues to grow in success. The quality of the food, variety of wine on offer and knowledge and professionalism of the staff, all contribute to keeping this little gem of a restaurant at the top of its game. The recently refurbished restaurant is warm and inviting and compliments everything happening in the Bistro. You will be assured a warm welcome and great food. For further information and booking call 028 9266 6677 or visit: squarebistro.co.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

CENTENARY LECTURE WITH FINTAN O'TOOLE 9 January 2022

Historic Royal Palaces present a series of special talks by esteemed speakers in the politically symbolic surroundings of Hillsborough Castle, with a view to drawing out the complex history of the past 100 years and its implications on our present and future. Join preminent Irish columnist, author, literary editor, and drama critic Fintan O'Toole for a special Centenary lecture, drawing on his nuanced perspective on Irish and British history. For ticketing & information visit: hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle/whats-on

DOWN ROYAL RACE MEETING 25 January 2022

Enjoy a day out at the races at Down Royal in January, Ireland's oldest (1685) horse racing venue, which hosts over 12 race meetings per year and is considered to be one of Ireland's premier hospitality venues. Catering & bar facilities are open on site and a range of hospitality packages are available to pre-book, including The Shortcross Gin Suite. For further information and tickets visit: downroyal.com



Jump in your car and discover hidden gems, geological wonders of the world, secluded bays and real-life fantasy locations, just a short drive from Belfast.

Causeway Coastal Route

County Antrim's Causeway Coastal Route runs north from Larne, and is the gateway to the Nine Glens of Antrim with Glengariff Forest Park at its heart. On the north coast you'll find the Giants Causeway, one of only two World Heritage Sites in Northern Ireland. Visitors can walk along the basalt columns which are at the edge of the sea, just over 1km from the entrance to the site. Booking essential.

Mourne Mountains

Experience the magic of the Mourne Mountains, where dizzying peaks roll into deep valleys and tranquil forests. Venture to the top of Northern Ireland's highest peak, Slieve Donard, which overlooks the coastal town of Newcastle and the Irish Sea. You'll walk through breathtaking countryside and forest, and learn about

the fauna, wildlife and flora along the way.

St Patrick's Trail

Discover the legacy of St Patrick on this 92 mile driving route that links sites connected to the Irish Patron Saint. The Saint Patrick Centre situated below Patrick's burial site in Downpatrick is an interactive exhibition about his life. Visit Down County Museum, located within the walls of the former county gaol, and discover the past through the story of St Patrick and the human and natural history of the region.

Lough Neagh

Lough Neagh is the largest fresh water lake in the British Isles, said to have been formed by the mythical giant Finn McCool. Visit the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre at Oxford Island, where you'll find tourist information, bird

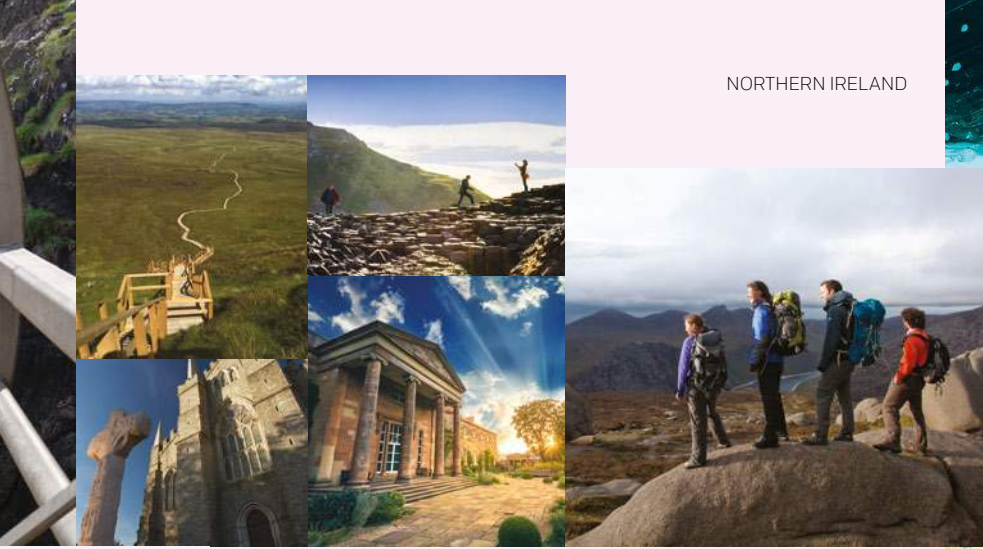
watching facilities, woodland, ponds, wildflower meadows and picnic and play areas.

Rathlin Island

Rathlin Island is Northern Ireland's only inhabited island and is also home to one of the largest seabird colonies. Take the Rathlin Ferry Service to experience amazing wildlife, explore the lighthouse and visit The Rathlin West Light Seabird Centre. In summer, the seabird colony is a real assault on the senses with tens of thousands of birds, including puffins, razorbills, guillemots and kittiwakes, jostling for space on the cliff face.

Mount Stewart

Embark on a road trip to explore the beautiful Strangford Lough and Ards Peninsula. Stop off at Mount Stewart, a stunning estate which has one of the most inspiring and unusual



gardens in the National Trust's ownership and ranked as one of the top ten gardens in the world. You can take the ferry from Portaferry to Strangford, which takes both foot and car passengers with sailings daily.

Antrim Castle Gardens

A historical gem, these 400 year old gardens have been preserved for generations to come. Walk into the past as you stroll around this magnificent setting, visiting beautiful features such as the Large Parterre, Her Ladyship's Pleasure Garden and Yew Tree Pond before sampling the many culinary delights in the Garden Coffee Shop.

Rowallane Garden

Come for a walk, explore the garden and take in all the vibrant colours, fresh scents and sounds of a wide range of wildlife. Discover the Walled Garden, the Pleasure Grounds and enjoy a tranquil walk around the famous Rock Garden Wood. This summer there are new spaces for you to explore and the kids will love the new Explore & Play area.

Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark

Take a day trip to explore the Marble Arch Caves, go island hopping in the unspoiled Fermanagh Lakes or set off early to walk the Cuilcagh Boardwalk Trail (14.8km round trip), also known as the Stairway to Heaven.

Castle Ward

From one magnificent house to another, continue your journey to Castle Ward which boasts spectacular views of Strangford Lough. Learn about the heritage of the family who lived there and walk the woodland pathways. Castle Ward is also the location for Winterfell Castle in the HBO hit television show Game of Thrones.

The Gobbins

Northern Ireland's most unique and dramatic coastal walk along an exhilarating and challenging two-mile-long cliff-face path, which includes spectacular tubular and suspension bridges, caves, steps, and tunnels that are all carved through the rock. Pre-book online for this giant experience.

Hillsborough Castle Gardens

From grand family home to charming royal residence, Hillsborough Castle has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics. A tour includes guided access to all the State Rooms that make up this elegant Georgian home. Also explore 100 acres of beautiful gardens to complete a relaxing day out for the whole family and enjoy brunch, lunch or coffee and treats at the Yellow Door Café.

When planning your visit, we recommend you check current opening times and book in advance.







Tours



You may already know what you want from your trip to Belfast: from Titanic and the political wall murals to the Giants Causeway or the famous film locations featured in Game of Thrones. Tie it all together with an open-topped bus tour, or hire a personal tour guide for a bespoke experience.

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-  Belfast Visitor Pass member
-  Causeway tours
-  Game of Thrones tours
-  Tickets available from Visit Belfast Welcome Centre

HOP ON / HOP OFF TOURS

Belfast City Sightseeing

The hop on / hop off open-top bus tour operates daily, taking in the Titanic Quarter, Stormont and Parliament Buildings, the Shankill and Falls Roads, and the picturesque Queen's Quarter. Departs from Castle Place.

028 9032 1321

belfastcitysightseeing.com



City Tours Belfast

This comprehensive open top hop on-hop off bus tour of Belfast includes the Titanic Quarter, the Falls and Shankill Roads, Queen's Quarter plus an exclusive stop at Belfast Castle. Departs from High Street.

028 9032 1912

citytoursbelfast.com



GUIDED COACH TOURS

Allen's Giant's Causeway Tours

Spend a memorable day visiting the unforgettable Giant's Causeway. Travel on board a private coach taking in the spectacular natural beauty of the Antrim Coast.

028 9091 5613

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Belfast Mini Coach

Discover some of Northern Ireland's top destinations with an all day coach tour. Uncover what Belfast and the beautiful North Coast has to offer and visit locations made famous by hit television show Game of Thrones.

028 9086 6888

belfastminicoach.com



Executive Coach Tours

Specialising in tours of the North Coast, including the stunning Giants Causeway and the very popular Game of Thrones day tour.

028 8673 7325

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Game of Thrones Tours

Full day coach tours to Game of Thrones locations throughout Northern Ireland. Stark cloaks, Iron Island costumes and replica swords add to the adventure.

028 9568 0023

gameofthronestours.com



Game of Thrones Tour of the North

Fully guided tour of film locations from the HBO award winning show, departing from central Belfast. Sites included are the Dark Hedges, Carnlough & Lordsport Harbours and the Giants Causeway.

0844 2471 007

britmovietours.com



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07555 665900

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Irish Tour Tickets

A one stop shop providing bus tours, walking tours, taxi tours and tickets for many attractions across Belfast, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

028 9031 0101

irishtourtickets.com



Line of Duty Experience

Beginning with lunch in the Grand Café in the Grand Central Hotel, before an action packed guided tour on-board a luxurious coach, taking in some of the most recognisable filming locations and finishing the afternoon with an AC12 cocktail or Wee Donkey mocktail in the Observatory, Ireland's tallest cocktail bar.

028 9031 5333

mccombscoaches.com

McComb's Coach Tours

Belfast's longest established daily tour to the Giants Causeway as well as the unique #WeeLoveBelfast city tour, Grub Crawl food tour and Game of Thrones guided tour. Ticket centre located in Victoria Square.

028 9031 5333

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Odyssey Coach Tours

Offering a variety of tours departing from Belfast to various destinations of interest throughout Northern Ireland, including the Giants Causeway and the Belfast City Tour.

028 9024 0300

odysseycoachtours.co.uk



Paddywagon Tours

Daily guided tours from Belfast to the Giant's Causeway including admission to the Causeway visitor centre. Enjoy stunning coastal views, a photo stop at Dunluce Castle and time to cross the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge.

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paddywagontours.com



Top Irish Tours

A Belfast based small group tour company offering you a private bespoke tour experience. Visit all of the major attractions in comfort and at a pace that suits you.

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topirishtours.com



Travel Ireland Coach Tours

Operating luxury coach tours daily throughout the island of Ireland including political tours of Belfast, Giants Causeway, Newcastle & the Mourne and Derry~Londonderry.

028 9077 2180

travelirelandcoaches.com



Tours

GUIDED TAXI TOURS

Value Cabs Taxi Tour

A variety of vehicles are on offer on this tour which takes in sights including Belfast City Hall, Queen's University, Stormont, Titanic Quarter, Shankill and Falls Roads, including murals and peace line.

028 9080 9080

valuecabs.co.uk



Belfast Cab Tours

Offering a range of cultural and sightseeing tours of Belfast, scenic day trip tours of Northern Ireland as well as transport, executive and airport transfers.

07923 233558

belfastcabtours.com

Cab Tours Belfast

From the streets of Belfast, and the beauty of the Giants Causeway, to the rugged Game of Thrones filming locations, Cab Tours Belfast have personalised tour experiences for every visitor.

028 9558 2072

cabtoursbelfast.com



The Black Cab Tour

A Blue Badge certified tour guide takes you through the Loyalist and Republican heartlands where the murals tell the story from a historical perspective. Write your own message on the Peace walls and enjoy a city sightseeing tour.

07798 602401

touringaroundbelfast.com

Taxitrix Tours

Visit the famous wall murals throughout Belfast which convey local politics, history and culture. Go for a journey into the politics of Belfast from the late 60's to the present day.

07892 716660

taxitrix.com



WALKING TOURS

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Offering a daily tour of the Causeway Coast which includes a stunning 5 mile cliff path walk into the Giant's Causeway site, the world famous Antrim Coast drive and a visit to Carrick-A-Rede.

07837 703643

awayaweewalk.com



Belfast Free Walking Tour

Discover the history of the city and its people on this tip-based 2 hour walking tour, which departs daily at 11am from the front of Belfast City Hall – look out for the yellow umbrella!

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belfastfreewalkingtour.com



Belfast Hidden Tours

The best way to discover Belfast is by walking through its streets, meeting its people and enjoying the craic. The tour visits many aspects of the city including art, history, politics and culture.

07971 895746

belfasthiddentours.com



BelfastLad Tours

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belfastlad.com



Belfastology Walking Tours

Offering a number of original tours and experiences that take you all over Northern Ireland. Most of the tours are based in Belfast, and cover everything from street art to architecture and the city's incredible history.

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belfastology.com

Belfast Traditional Music Trail

With two professional musicians as your guides, walk through cobbled alleyways, past famous landmarks and on to private bars in some of the city's oldest buildings to enjoy a performance of traditional tunes, songs and stories.

028 9028 8818

belfasttradtrail.com



Belfast 1798 Walking Tour

Join guides Sean Napier and Colm Dore on the #1798 Walking Tour and take a journey of enlightenment, inclusion and radicalism through the streets of Belfast.

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Coiste Political Tours

Providing in depth tours of West Belfast. Learn about the conflict from those

who lived through it. Tours in Irish, Basque, Spanish and French are available for prearranged groups.

028 9020 0770

coiste.ie



DC Tours

City centre walking tours which explain the history of the Troubles and the path to peace, including the award-winning 'History of Terror' tour.

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deadcentretours.com



Discovery Tour at Titanic Belfast

Visitors are introduced to the historic story and landmarks, through to the modern day concept, build and fascinating facts and features of Titanic Belfast - the iconic tribute to Titanic's story.

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titanicbelfast.com



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07785 738861

experienceandexploreni.com



Harty Culture

Offering foraging and nature tours taking visitors on an immersive experience through Northern Ireland's beautiful, nature-rich landscape which shows that everything has its place and purpose be

it edible, medicinal, practical or poisonous.
07490 974421
hartyculture.com

If Buildings Could Talk Tour

Every building in every city has a story to tell and Belfast is no different. Join this leisurely walk, billed as "the most entertaining tour in Belfast" and hear stories of interesting, unusual and entertaining events that have happened in Belfast over the last 150 years.
07714 684804
ifbuildingscouldtalk.tour.com

Line of Duty Tour

The two hour Line of Duty tour takes you behind the scenes, visiting the locations where some of the most exciting and memorable scenes in the series were filmed. Find out about the real-life inspiration for this crime drama.
0844 2471007
britmovietours.com

My Belfast Walking Tours

On this unique walking tour through the historic streets of Belfast you will hear about the people, places and events that shaped the it into a global industrial city.
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Original Belfast Tours

Our awesome team of local guides have a passion for all things Belfast! From history, culture, food, modern day, art, and alternative, this city has it all and we can't wait to show you why!

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belfastbiketours.co.uk

Belfast City Bike Tours

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Get camera ready for a 2 hour electric bike tour around the top 10 Instagrammable locations in Belfast. Full safety briefing and all equipment is provided. Tours can take up to 6 people (age 16+).
028 9694 7119
eazyriderz.com

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Belfast Bred

Join Chef Barney on the only theatrical food tour in town! Discover, and taste, the food Belfast was built on during this fun filled

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visitbelfast.com/tours



The Belfast Pub Trail Map

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Taste and Tour

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We have created Causeway tours that are a mix of "old world skills" and modern-day techniques to explain the geology, outline the history and keep alive the art of the storyteller on our ancestral home, we simply invite you to enjoy them.
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dalriadakingdom.tours.co.uk

NI Chauffeurs

A professional chauffeur service with a variety of executive vehicles offering political tours of Belfast, day trips to the Causeway coast or Game of Thrones filming locations as well as executive/corporate travel and airport/hotel transfers.
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nichauffeurs.com/tours

Northern Ireland Tourist Guiding Association (NITGA)

Full members are Blue Badge Guides and National Guides, accredited by the Institute of Tourist Guiding in London or Failte Ireland. Qualified for coach, walking, religious and site-specific tours, the guides are fantastic ambassadors for Northern Ireland as well as being recognised experts in key subject areas.
nitga.co.uk

Tour Guides NI

Established and experienced guides for groups looking to experience the best that Northern Ireland has to offer. Tours can be delivered in a variety of ways; walking, taxi, driver/guides and by coach. Their fields of expertise are extensive with a blend of past, present and future and all tours can be tailored to meet your specific needs.
tourguidesni.com

Eating Out



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DA Map grid location

CC City Centre

CQ Cathedral Quarter

TQ Titanic Quarter

LQ Linen Quarter

QQ Queen's Quarter

GQ Gaeltacht Quarter

Eating Out

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Banger

24-26 Church Lane

Specialising in hot damn dogs, loaded fries, wings and shakes. With an adaptable menu offering vegan, vegetarian and gluten free alternatives, there is something for everyone on this carefully curated menu.

028 9590 3500

banger.dog

D3 CD

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Bert's Jazz Bar is the first authentic jazz bar in Northern Ireland, offering an excellent selection of live jazz and mouth-watering food.

028 9026 2713

themerchanthotel.com

D3 CD

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Award-winning Ulster fries, fish and chips, big bold burritos and tasty Tex Mex are among the many global classics served up at this fabulous café/deli.

028 9024 5688

brightsrestaurant.com

belfast.co.uk

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St Anne's Square

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028 9568 0162

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Queens Road

Belfast BT3 9DT

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028 9037 0133

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CA CD

Coco Restaurant

7-11 Linenhall Street

The chic boutique surroundings of Coco

welcome those who love to eat well, in style. Relax and enjoy locally sourced food, cooked to perfection.

028 9031 1150

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CA LD

Cutters Wharf

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028 9080 5100

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D3 CD

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1 College Gardens

With its glorious terrace, Deanes at Queens takes full advantage of its enviable location. Chris Fearon of Great British Menu fame serves up a variety of menu options.

028 9038 2111

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CA CD

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Flame Restaurant

46 Howard Street

Flame's custom built 10ft Asador Grill and Tandoori ovens bring cooking to life. Soak up the relaxed, friendly atmosphere as you sit at your table overlooking the open kitchen.

028 9033 2121

flamerestaurant.co.uk

CA CD

Granny Annie's

Kitchen

81 Chichester Street

Casual destination for a comfort food menu served in front of a real fire in a brick-lined space. This Irish trad meets classic pub-grub diner brings the phrase "eat up, you're at your granny's" to a whole new belly-busting level!

028 9032 1331

grannyannies.co.uk

CA CD

Hadskis

33 Donegall Street

An eclectic little dining room with a great kitchen counter, where you can taste an ever changing menu of daily specials alongside some classic European dishes.

028 9032 5444

hadskis.co.uk

D3 CD

Eating Out

Havana Bank Square 56-58 Berry Street

Located in Bank Square this intimate restaurant is one of Belfast's hidden gems, serving locally sourced food seven days and six nights a week, as well as a fresh mix of cocktails to evoke summer memories.

028 9031 0809
havanabanksq.com



44 Hill Street 44 Hill Street

A vibrant celebration of modern food influenced by the flavours of the Mediterranean, using local products from local, independent producers. Enjoy seasonal cuisine serving everything from casual lunch to plates you can share with your friends or family.

028 9590 8444
44hillstreet.com



Holohan's Pantry 43 University Road

Located in the Queen's Quarter you'll find Belfast's only boxty house! Whether you're popping in for a quick lunch or relaxing dinner, you will find true Irish hospitality at its best in this family run restaurant.

028 9029 1103
holohanspantry.co.uk



Home Restaurant 22 Wellington Place

Feel good food, throughout the day with morning coffee and pastries, a deli serving a selection of soups, salads, sandwiches and home baked treats. Lunch and dinner served in the restaurant.

028 9023 4946
homebelfast.co.uk



Horatio Todds 406 Upper Newtownards Rd

Situated in Ballyhackamore, Horatio Todd's is an award-winning, comfortable and welcoming local bar serving delicious dishes with a real emphasis on local produce.

028 9065 3090
horatiotodds.com

Howard Street Restaurant

56 Howard Street
Serving up full-flavoured dishes created from the current season's ingredients sourced locally. Complementing the menu is a rejuvenated cocktail list and a range of artisan wines.

028 9024 8362
howardstbelfast.com



Henry's Joy's Entry

Henry's, named after historic Belfast figure and United Irish man Henry Joy McCracken, has been a pub for over 100 years. Call into this Joys Entry bar for great drinks, traditional food, live music and plenty of history.

028 9032 6711
henrysbelfast.com



James St 21 James Street South

James St really is the place where good food, wine and service come together in relaxed surroundings. Enjoy lunch specials from 12pm, pre-theatre from 5pm, an extensive a la carte menu, alongside weekend brunch and a great Sunday Roast.

028 9560 0700
jamesstandco.com



Eat & Drink BELFAST

Restaurant Vouchers

The Eat & Drink Belfast Restaurant Voucher allows you to choose from a mouth-watering selection of eateries from Michelin Star fine dining and quirky restaurants, to gastropubs and cafes.

visitbelfast.com/voucher

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Belfast

Le Winters
92 Church Street,
Newtownards

With an innovative approach to dining offering great value food and wines of high quality at affordable prices. The menu has something to offer every taste ranging from traditional, local favourites to exotic dishes from around the world.

028 9181 4141
strangfordhotel.com/
lewinters

Novelli at City Quays
90 Donegall Quay

Situated on the waterfront, with unparalleled views across Belfast Lough, the multi-Michelin-starred and 5-out-of-5 AA Rosette-winning chef Jean Christophe Novelli's Ireland début serves an authentic Mediterranean menu with locally sourced produce and all-day dining.

028 9531 3191
novellirestaurants.
co.uk/belfast

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The Morning Star
17-19 Pottinger's Entry,
Ann Street

Tuck into gargantuan steaks of quality assured Ulster beef and Irish stew. The kitchen also has a great sense of adventure - crocodile, shark and kangaroo all pop up from time to time.

028 9023 5986
themorningstarbar
.co.uk

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The Muddlers Club
Warehouse Lane,
Waring St

Tucked away in the historic back streets of Cathedral Quarter is this modern, industrial-style restaurant named after a 200 year old secret society. The menus are a beautiful balance of local delicacies combined with the finest of international touches.

028 9031 3199
themuddlers
clubbelfast.com

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Ox Restaurant
1 Oxford Street

With an enthusiastic approach to seasonality, Michelin starred OX works every day to provide the best possible fine dining experience in a relaxed, riverside environment.

028 9031 4121
oxbelfast.com

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Ryan's Bar & Restaurant
116-118 Lisburn Road

A traditional menu with a fresh contemporary twist, from sharing platters to veggie grazers, farm quality assured steaks to Irish boxtys. A family friendly venue with a relaxed atmosphere.

028 9050 9850
ryansbelfast.com

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Shed Bistro
467 Ormeau Road

The perfect lunch and dinner experience with a tantalising menu including chargrilled steaks, lamb, fresh fish, pasta, Belfast's best

burger, daily specials and more.

028 9064 2630
shedbelfast.com

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Shu Restaurant
253 Lisburn Road

One of the most renowned eateries in Belfast, Shu offers simple French influenced food using the best seasonal ingredients, served at a reasonable price, in an elegant location.

028 9038 1655
shu-restaurant.com

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Top Blade
St Anne's Square

An affordable and accessible steak eatery specialising in flat iron steak as well as other cuts, burgers and light bites. Vegetarian and vegan customers can enjoy Top Blade's speciality seitan steak.

028 9033 3311
topblade.co.uk

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Yardbird
3 Hill Street

Yardbird is a free range rotisserie chicken restaurant. Here the chicken is marinated overnight before being cooked before your eyes on the restaurant's speciality Brazilian rotisserie.

028 9024 3712
thedirtyonion.com

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SEAFOOD

Deanes Love Fish
28-40 Howard Street

Seafood dominates the wide ranging

menu but it is the extraordinary affordability of the signature dishes, excellent quality and presentation at Deanes Love Fish that will surprise and delight you.

028 9033 1134
michaeldeane.co.uk

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Fish City
33 Ann Street

Open all day serving breakfast, lunch and dinner using local and sustainably sourced food. As well as the traditional and award winning fish & chips, enjoy an extensive menu of seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes.

028 9023 1000
fish-city.com

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Mourne Seafood Bar
34-36 Bank Street

Fresh, locally sourced seafood traditionally prepared with an Asian or continental twist.

Enjoy local ingredients, value for money and friendly service with shellfish sourced from Mourne's very own shellfish beds.

028 9024 8544
mourneseafood.com

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The Oyster Rooms
2-4 Winecellar Entry

Located above the historic White's Tavern, step upstairs to enjoy a menu of locally sourced, authentic Irish food alongside great drinks and live music.

028 9031 2582
whitestavern
belfast.com

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Eating Out

ITALIAN

Coppi

St Anne's Square

Open seven days a week, Coppi specialises in simple Italian classics big on flavour and offers a range of cichetti (Italian style tapas), starters, main courses, pizzetta and pasta freshly made daily.

028 9031 1959

coppi.co.uk

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Deane and Decano

537 Lisburn Road

A stylish buzzing restaurant/café/bar with a distinctly Italian flavour. Located on the ever fashionable Lisburn Road, Deane and Decano is open for lunch, afternoon snacks & dinner.

028 9066 3108

michaeldeane.co.uk

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Little Wing Pizzeria

Ann Street/ Lisburn Road/ Upper Newtownards Road

Passionate about pizzas, Little Wing use time honoured methods to create traditionally made Naples style pizzas, prepared with the finest fresh ingredients.

028 9024 7000

littlewingpizzeria.com

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PizzaExpress

25-27 Bedford Street

Skilled pizzaiolos take their famous dough, the freshest ingredients around, and cook it all to perfection every time. Recharge after a shopping spree, have family catch-ups with the kids' Piccolo menu, fill-up before a night on the town or to grab lunch with a friend.

028 9032 9050

pizzaexpress.com

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Scalini

85 Botanic Avenue

Whether you are seated under the stars or up in Romeo & Juliet's balcony, diners will feel they are actually there. With a superb selection of pizza, pasta and extensive grill dishes, enjoy this Italian experience.

028 9032 0303

scalinirestaurant.co.uk

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Villa Italia Restaurant

37-41 University Road

In the heart of the bustling Queen's Quarter, Villa Italia, is a firm favourite with visitors and locals. The extensive grill, pizza and pasta menu offers a selection of authentic Italian dishes.

028 9032 8356

villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk

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ASIAN

BaoBun

48 Botanic Avenue

Offering exciting, fresh, vegan friendly Taiwanese street food. All ingredients are cooked, steamed, baked and pickled in-house, with a mission to create fresh food fast.

028 9032 9686

baobunbelfast.com

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Cosmo

Victoria Square

From the Chinese countryside and fishing villages of Japan, to the food markets of Delhi and everywhere in between; experience your favourite dishes from around the world.

028 9023 6660

cosmo-restaurants.co.uk

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House of Zen

St Anne's Square

Bringing a little bit of the Orient to the traditional cobbled streets of Cathedral Quarter. Offering a unique blend of Asian fusion cuisine, served up in cool, funky and relaxed surroundings.

028 9027 8688

houseofzenbelfast.co.uk

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Mumbai Milano

11 Wellington Place

Located opposite the iconic Belfast City Hall, experience a beautiful,

authentic dining experience that takes the best of Indian and Italian food culture to create a delicious fusion menu, using the best fresh local produce.

028 9031 1101

mumbaimilano.co.uk

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Sakura Sushi

82 Botanic Ave

Specialising in the art of sushi as well as offering a variety of fusion food.

Carefully chosen dishes are prepared using only fresh ingredients; creating deliciously nutritious and naturally low fat cuisine.

028 9043 9590

sakurabelfast.com

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Wagamama Belfast

Victoria Square

Inspired by delicious Japanese noodle bars and flavours, Wagamama offers an exciting and inclusive casual dining experience.

028 9023 6098

wagamamani.com

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Zen

55-59 Adelaide Street

The innovative menu offers a wide range of new and exciting Japanese style dishes including a plethora of 'Fusion cuisine' consisting of Japanese and Asian food with a Western twist.

028 9023 2244

zenbelfast.co.uk

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MEXICAN

La Taqueria
274-276 Ormeau Road

Authentic Mexican street food paired with fresh, creative cocktails and Mexican beers. Enjoy Quesadillas, Tacos and Quesos Fundidos with condiments allowing you to add your own level of spice.

028 9064 4477
lataqueriabelfast.co.uk

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CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY

Avoca Café
41 Arthur Street

The perfect spot to chill out in between all that shopping. Spacious with an eclectic vintage style, it features lots of delicious, freshly-prepared favourites

from our award-winning menu.

028 9027 9955
avoca.com

D4 C0

The Dock
The Arc, Titanic Quarter

Belfast's first Honesty Box Cafe offers a variety of treats from Suki tea, gourmet coffee, hot soup, fresh sandwiches, scones, buns and cakes. The price is totally up to you.

the-dock.org

E2 T0

Guilt Trip
4 Orangefield Lane,
EastSide
497 Lisburn Road,
SouthSide

Guilt Trip proudly offers a wide selection of unique donuts made fresh in house each morning alongside some of the best coffee they could source.

guilttripcoffee.com

A7 Q0

The Lamppost Café
19 Upper
Newtownards Road

A cosy, C.S Lewis themed cafe in the heart of East Belfast with vintage crockery and a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Family friendly and dog friendly.

028 9058 0059
thelamppostcafe.com

Starbucks
Castle Lane/Great
Victoria St/Cornmarket/
Wellington Place/
Victoria Sq/CastleCourt/
Botanic Ave/ Lisburn Rd

Starbucks are passionate about making perfect handcrafted beverages. Catch up with friends or just enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with a delicious range of coffee, tea and light bites.

028 9023 6679
starbucks.ie

D4 C3 C0 C4 L0
C5 C6 Q0

The Yellow Door
427 Lisburn Rd/
Hillsborough Castle

The Yellow Door Deli pride themselves on showcasing world class produce grown locally. Serving flavoursome food which is freshly baked and cooked in house.

yellowdoordeli.co.uk
D3 C0 B7 C6 Q0

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Improve your culinary skills with a fun and practical cookery class!

Waterman House
Cookery School
Cathedral Quarter
028 9560 0701
cookinbelfast.co.uk

C4 L0

Forestside
Cookery School
SouthSide
07709 827282
forestsidecookery
school.com






Pubs & Clubs



Belfast city doesn't disappoint when it comes to a night on the town, with an abundance of traditional pubs, smart and stylish bars, big screen sports, live music venues, nightclubs and gay venues, there's something for everyone!

KEY

-  Map grid location
-  Serves food
-  Traditional music
-  Live music
-  DJ/Club

*Venues are operating within current Coronavirus restrictions.

Pubs & Clubs

CITY CENTRE

Fountain Lane

16 Fountain Street

Established in 1901, make a stop at the newly refurbished Fountain Lane for fantastic food and drink with big screen sports, live local and trad music and great company, 7 days a week!

028 9032 4769

fountainlanebelfast.com



The Jailhouse

Joy's Entry

The Jailhouse, and adjoining sister bar Henrys, offers a fantastic range of traditional food, local drinks and entertainment alongside the rich history of their name sake Henry Joy.

028 9032 6711

thejailhousebelfast.com



Kelly's Cellars

30-32 Bank Street

One of the oldest pubs in Belfast, Kelly's Cellars remains resolutely old fashioned, with vaulted ceilings and an elbow worn bar, providing food, traditional music sessions & plenty of craic.

028 9024 6058

kellyscellars.com



McHughs

29-31 Queen's Square

Housed in Belfast's oldest building, McHugh's offers 'traditionally modern Irish cuisine' including house speciality, Boxty Potato Cakes. Step down into the basement for trad, folk, blues, jazz and the best alternative local music.

028 9050 9999

mchughsbar.com



Margot

18 Donegall Square East

Tucked away below street level is Margot, serving small plates, flat breads, creative cocktails and carefully curated drinks every day of the week. Late Late Club every Thursday to Sunday 10pm-late.

028 9693 1211

margotbelfast.com



The Morning Star

17-19 Pottinger's Entry

This historic pub dates back to 1810 with the original mahogany counter and old terrazzo floor. The upstairs restaurant prides itself on serving freshly made food using the best ingredients sourced locally.

028 9023 5986

themorningstarbar.com



The National

62-68 High Street

An airy and sophisticated space to relax and socialise

with friends, it offers a paired back cocktail menu, simple but bold food menus and coffee that packs a punch.

028 9031 1130

thenationalbelfast.com



Revolución de Cuba

25-39 Arthur Street

The ultimate Cuban food, cocktail and fiesta experience. With dazzling handcrafted cocktails, dishes loaded with exotic flavours and full on tropical party vibes unlike anything you've experienced before!

028 9590 9249

revoluciondecuba.com



The Sagart

18a Chapel Lane

Enjoy artisan coffee, cocktails, wine and tapas at The Sagart. Enjoy live major sporting events and unmissable Gin tasting nights at one of Belfast's newest chic venues.

028 9031 0809

facebook.com/thezagart

[thesagart](http://thesagart.com)



Santeria

19 Fountain Street

Laid back late night café bar complete with irresistible rhythms, funk and soul. Serving classic contemporary cocktails without pretension in the heart of Belfast City Centre.

santeriabelfast.com



Voodoo

9-11 Fountain Street

Relax in the intimate bottom bar or venture upstairs to the club and music venue. The lunch menu is a perfect blend of traditional and Cajun style dishes at very affordable prices.

028 9027 8290

voodooebelfast.com



CATHEDRAL QUARTER

Babel Rooftop Bar and Garden

70-74 Ann Street

Located on the top floor of Bullitt Hotel, Babel is a rooftop bar, garden and kitchen complete with panoramic city views across Belfast. Offering cocktails, sharing platters, live music and more.

028 9590 0555

bullitthotel.com



Brewer's Yard

The newest outside bar in Belfast serving a wide selection of beers, wines and cocktails in the yard, which is surrounded by a number of huge murals for that perfect Insta moment! Plenty of undercover seating and dog friendly.

thebrewersyard-belfast.co.uk



Pubs & Clubs

The Cloth Ear 35-39 Waring Street

The Cloth Ear's warm and welcoming interior provides the ideal environment to relax in style. Combining both modern and traditional elements with a healthy dose of the eccentric! Food served daily.

028 9026 2719
themerchanthotel.com



The Deer's Head 1-3 Lower Garfield St

Inside this historic saloon bar (1885) you'll find Bell's Brewery on full display, where you can observe the entire brewing process from the comfort of your seat. Fully immerse yourself in the first Brew Pub experience in Belfast.

028 9043 4655
thedeersheadbelfast.com



The Dirty Onion 3 Hill Street

A modern take on the traditional Irish pub with live entertainment and great 'craic', 7 nights a week including open workshops in singing and traditional instruments, to sessions with traditional musicians.

028 9024 3712
thedirtyonion.com



The Duke of York Commercial Court

A traditional Belfast bar, crammed with original mirrors and memorabilia. Cold beer, great Guinness and the largest selection of Irish whiskeys in Ireland.

028 9024 1062 dukeofyorkbelfast.com



John Hewitt Bar 51 Donegall Street

The John Hewitt has a traditional style and is a popular venue for quality, live music with regular gigs and sessions ranging from jazz, traditional folk and Cajun.

028 9023 3768
thejohnhewitt.com



The Northern Whig 2-10 Bridge Street

With a blend of luxury, comfort and glamour the Whig is dedicated to bringing you the best that Belfast has to offer in all aspects of hospitality with the best in local cuisine and specialist cocktails.

028 9050 9888
thenorthernwhig.com



Sunflower Bar 65 Union Street

The Sunflower is free of gimmicks and themes, where music is very much part of the pub's life. Hearty bowls of stew are served at the weekends.

028 9023 2474
sunflowerbelfast.com



Tipsy Bird 96-100 Ann Street

A quirky style bar in Belfast's city centre with amazing cocktails, impressive drink serves, live music and a bustling atmosphere, open every Friday – Sunday.

028 9099 3542

thetipsybird- belfast.co.uk



White's Tavern 2-4 Winecellar Entry

Built in 1630, Whites Tavern serves a great selection of Irish and traditional food, beers and of course, Guinness. They host live music every weekend including traditional Irish from local musicians with no cover charge.

028 9031 2582
whitetavernbelfast.com



EAST BELFAST

Scotts' Jazz Club 1 Sandown Road

Start your Friday evening with a pre-show meal for £10 at on site Indian restaurant, Kutum then relax into an evening of jazz at The Ballyhackamore Club, featuring the finest jazz musicians in Ireland and beyond.

scottsjazzclub.com



LINEN QUARTER

The Bone Yard 29-33 Bedford Street

A quirky outdoor venue in the heart of Belfast! There are picnic tables inside and out, or why not reserve one of the living room containers.

Enjoy a wide range of drinks, big screen sports and food from the Pug Ugly and Tribal Burger Trucks. Dog friendly venue.

028 9032 0030
theboneyardbelfast.com



Brennan's Bar 46-50 Great Victoria Street

Beyond the modern red brick exterior lies an attractive old-style mahogany & brass bar, stained glass panels and traditional snugs. Live music at weekends upstairs and downstairs and food served daily.

028 9024 2986

[facebook/
brennans-bar](https://facebook.com/brennans-bar)



Crown Liquor Saloon 46 Great Victoria Street

The ornate Victorian exterior and delightful interior make the Crown Bar Belfast's greatest treasure since 1884. Enjoy a unique selection of real ales and local brews with a great seasonal menu.

028 9024 3187
nicholsonspubs.co.uk



Limelight Belfast 17 Ormeau Avenue

The Limelight complex encompasses 2 great live music venues hosting international acts and local bands, as well as Katy's Bar and The Rock Garden rooftop terrace, open daily until late.

028 9032 7007
limelightbelfast.com



The Perch

42 Franklin Street
Enjoy cocktails and sangria in the summer or hot cider, winter warmer's and blankets in the winter at Belfast's highest rooftop bar.
028 9024 8000
theperchbelfast.com



Pug Ugly's

21 Bedford Street
Welcome to Pug Uglys, old dog, new tricks bringing you a quirky Irish venue in the heart of Belfast. Pub with grub, live music, trad, comedy, quizzes and more.
028 9032 0030
puguglys.com



Rita's

44 Franklin Street
Rita's is one of Belfast's most lavish cocktail dens, located in the historic Linen Quarter, beside sister bars The Perch, Sweet Afton and Chinawhite. Join the talented bartenders to enjoy one of their many gins, a crafted cocktail or light bite.

028 9024 8000
ritasbelfast.com



Robinsons

38-42 Great Victoria Street

Enjoy a pint in the Saloon Bar, fine food in the Bistro, live Irish music in Fibber Magees nightly, or even sing the night away in the Karaoke bar BT1.

028 9024 7447
robinsonsbars.co.uk



Sweet Afton Bar & Kitchen

12 Brunswick Street
Relax in this atmospheric American style bar offering an extensive beer & cocktail menu, a casual all day menu, big screen sports and live music every weekend.
028 9042 8000

sweetaftonbelfast.com



QUEEN'S QUARTER

The Empire

40-42 Botanic Avenue
The heartbeat of Belfast's live music scene, The Empire offers great live music, a weekly comedy club, food served daily and shows all major sporting fixtures.

028 9024 9276
thebelfastempire.com



The Points

44 Dublin Road
Named after a notorious Irish neighbourhood in 19th century America, this is a truly traditional Irish venue that replicates Belfast's culture and history. Come and listen to traditional Irish and folk music 7 nights a week, engage in great conversation and share stories about the past.

028 9099 4124
thepointsbelfast.com



The Parlour

2-4 Elmwood Avenue
The ultimate student

haunt, with entertainment every night, special drinks offers and reasonably priced food including the popular Parlour Pizzas.

028 9068 6970
parlourbar.co.uk



SOUTH BELFAST

The Chelsea

346 Lisburn Road
A modern gastropub serving quality bistro food & drinks seven days a week, where you can unwind with sophisticated cocktails, grab a lazy Sunday brunch, find the perfect spot for a date night, or simply celebrate the weekend in style.

028 9068 7177
thechelsea-bar.com



Cutter's Wharf Lockview Road

Idyllically located on the banks of the Lagan, rowers and boats drift by this bright airy bar and restaurant making it the perfect spot for relaxing and enjoying the food and drink.

028 9080 5100
cutterswharf.co.uk



The Doyen

829 Lisburn Road
The Doyen boasts a beautifully new designed traditional bar, perfect for listening to live music, sipping carefully crafted cocktails, watching the sport and enjoying a specially created

gastropub menu.
028 9050 9950
thedoyenbelfast.com



The Errigle Inn

312-320 Ormeau Road
A famous traditional pub offering 5 bars, roof gardens and a beer garden, serving food throughout.

028 9064 1410
errigle.com



Hatfield House

130 Ormeau Road
Enjoy fusion inspired food served 7 days a week, live traditional music, all the sporting action, a roof garden, friendly staff and brilliant craic!

028 9043 8764
hatfieldhousebelfast.com



TITANIC QUARTER

Hickson's Point at Titanic Belfast Queen's Road

Inspired by one of the first ship builders in the city, this authentic 1900's public house serves up the spirit of the shipyard with traditional music, entertainment, heritage décor and locally produced food.

028 9076 6386
titanicbelfast.com/Hicksonspoint



Getting About

Belfast is compact and bijou, so getting around the city is easy on foot, by bike or by taxi. However, if you want to wander a little further afield then we've got a network of transport options which will get you to your desired destination.

TO/FROM AIRPORTS

George Best Belfast City Airport is located 3 miles from the city centre. Airport Express 600 bus service runs from the airport terminal to the city centre.

Belfast International Airport is a 30 minute drive from Belfast. The Airbus Express 300 operates between the airport and Europa Bus Centre in the city.

JUST EAT BELFAST BIKES

Belfast Bikes is a simple, fun and inexpensive way to get around with 300 bikes and 30 docking stations positioned across the city centre. For just £6 you can get a three-day pass. The first 30 minutes of each trip is then free of charge, with 50p charges for each additional 30 minutes. To register, simply go online at **belfastbikes.co.uk**, download the Nextbike app or call **034 3357 1551**

TAXI HIRE

Value Cabs
Value Cabs have a fleet of over 650 vehicles offering a professional taxi service, sightseeing tours and executive vehicles. Debit/credit card payment facility available in every vehicle.
028 9080 9080
valuecabs.com

fonaCAB
fonaCAB has 400 cars and over 40 years' experience in the taxi industry. The services provided include airport transfers, executive cars and tours by taxi, on request.
028 9033 3333
fonacab.com

CAR HIRE

Renting a car is another great way for visitors to get around Belfast and to visit some of the many attractions throughout Northern Ireland. Providers available online at **visitbelfast.com**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Translink is responsible for Metro, Glider, Ulsterbus and NI Railways, operating a network of bus and rail services throughout Northern Ireland and on cross border routes.
028 9066 6630
translink.co.uk

BELFAST VISITOR PASS

Offering unlimited travel around the city and exclusive discounts on a variety of attractions, tours, restaurants, cafés and shops. Available from the **Visit Belfast Welcome Centre** 


COACH SERVICES


Aircoach
High frequency, high quality non-stop express coach service connecting Dublin City and Dublin Airport with Belfast.
00353 1 844 7118
aircoach.ie

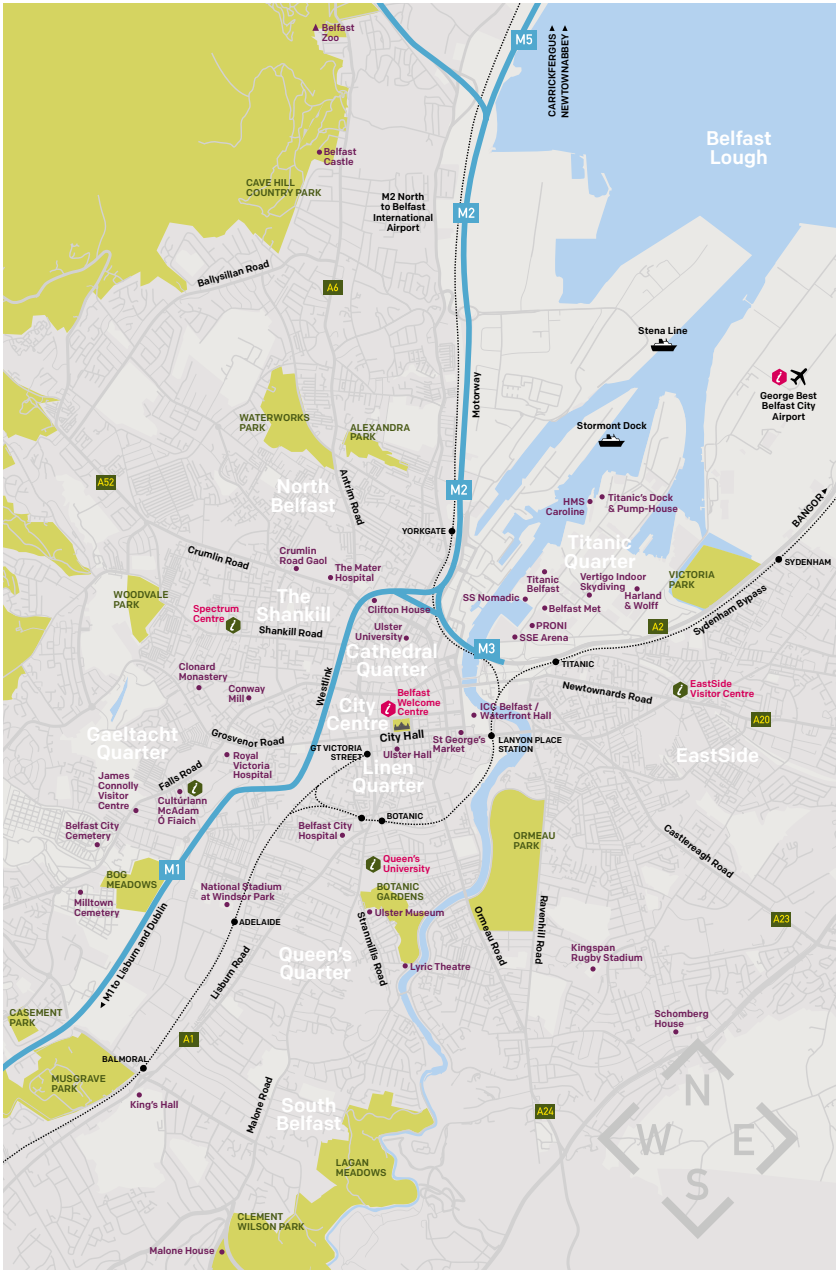
The Airporter
A direct scheduled service between both Belfast airports and Derry/Londonderry.
028 7126 9996
airporter.co.uk



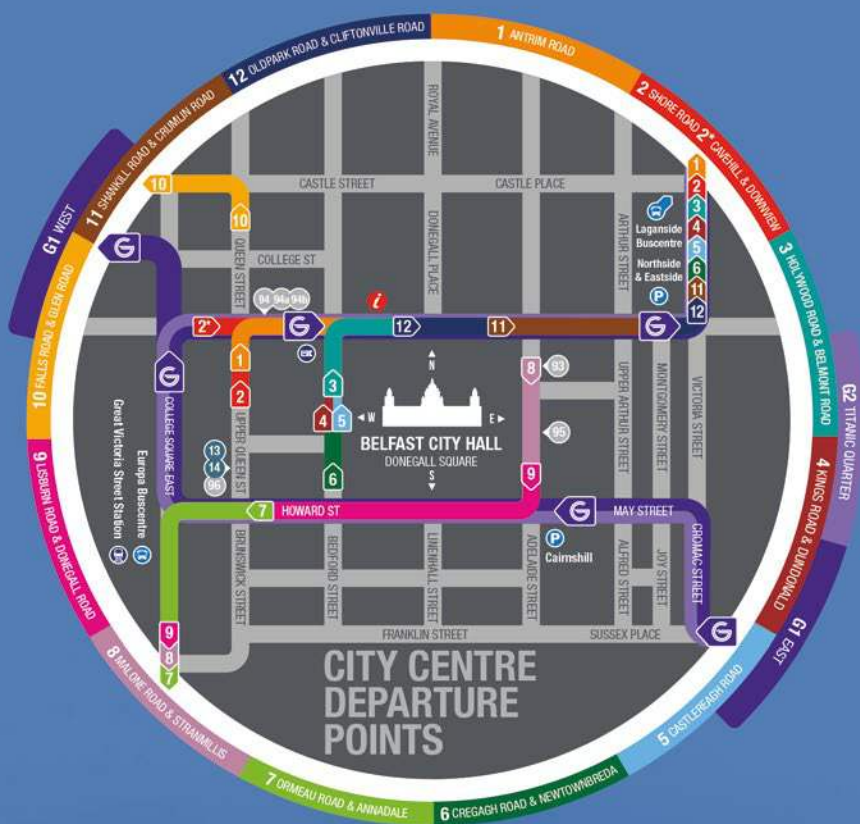
Greater Belfast

 Visitor Information Centre

 Local Information Centre



BELFAST CITY CENTRE GLIDER AND METRO BUS DEPARTURE POINTS



let's go together
translink.co.uk



Getting around the city

There are many fascinating and beautiful places to visit in Belfast and Northern Ireland, and making your way around using public transport couldn't be easier, you can reach every county in a couple of hours.

WHICH SERVICE?

Metro – Bus services operating throughout the Belfast area. Metro and Glider tickets are interchangeable and can be used on both services.



Glider – A cross-city service, G1 runs between east and west Belfast and G2 runs between Belfast City Centre and Titanic Quarter. Glider and Metro tickets are interchangeable and can be used on both services.

* Before you board Glider you must always buy your ticket or tap your Smartcard at the validator.

Ulsterbus and urby –

Local bus services, serving all main towns and villages in Northern Ireland.

Goldline – Express coach services which link together the main towns and cities across Northern Ireland.

NI Railways / Enterprise –

Rail Services across Northern Ireland and from Belfast to Dublin.

Airport Services –

Bus services from Europa Buscentre to airports in Belfast, Dublin and Derry~Londonderry.

WHICH TICKET?

DayLink – unlimited day travel on Glider and Metro available for 1, 5 or 10 days.

Smartlink Weekly or Monthly Travel Card – unlimited travel on Glider and Metro for 1 week or 1 month.

Multi Journey Smartlink

Card – for inner, city or extended zone Metro and Glider journeys. Not valid for Glider journeys across the City Centre.

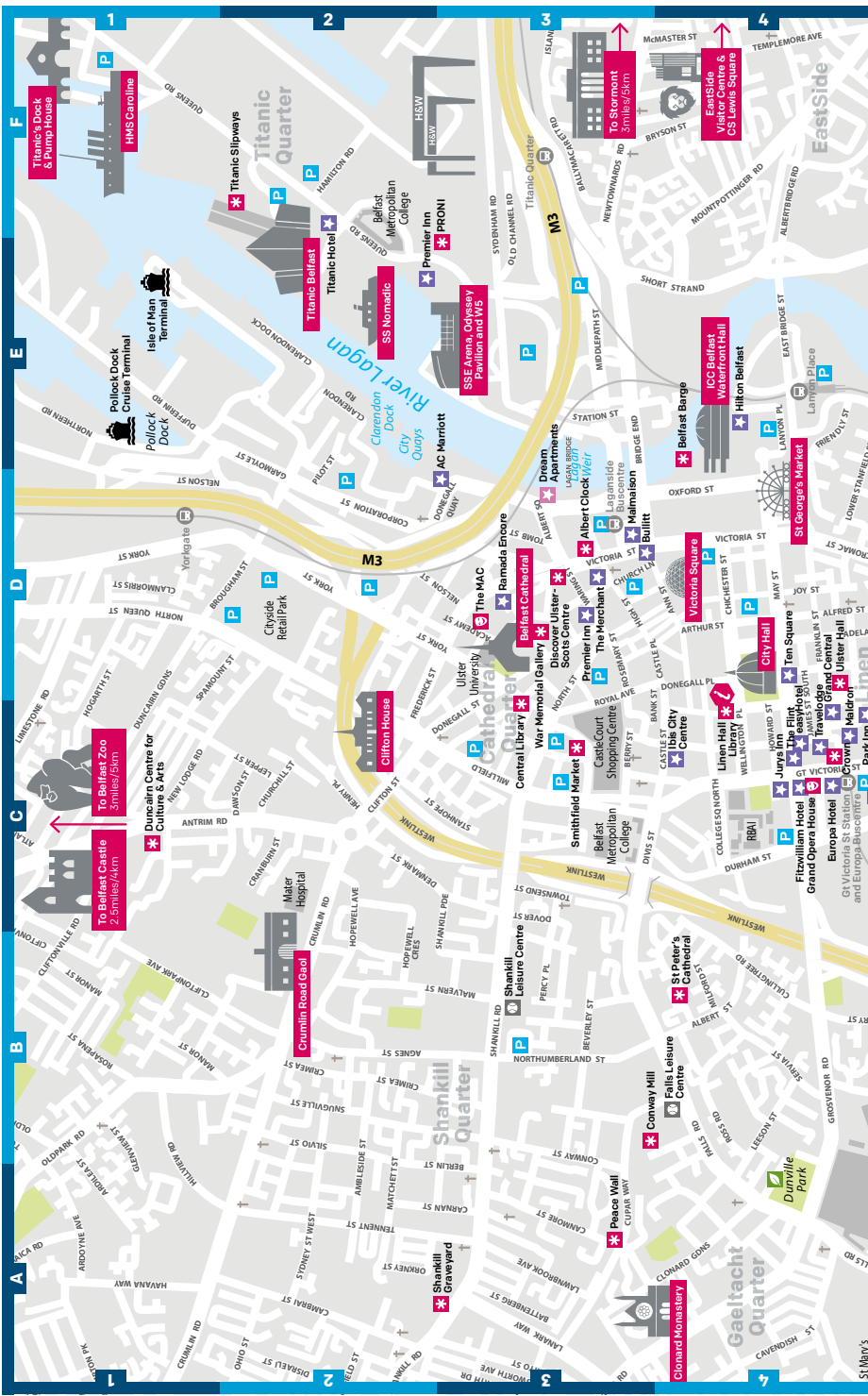
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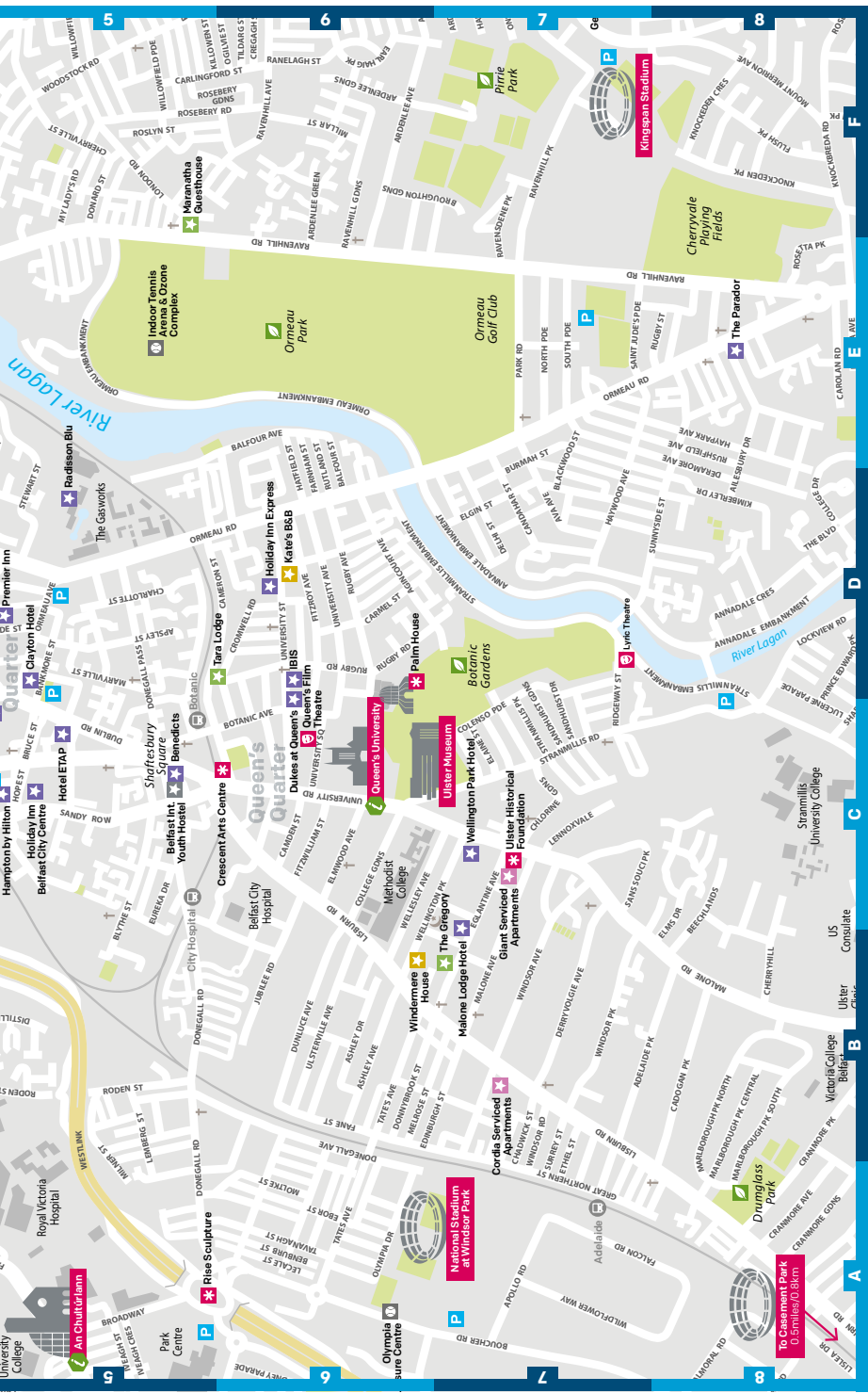
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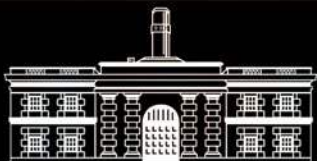


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