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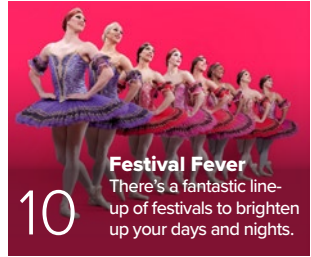
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MUST DO:

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

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FOOD & DRINK

01

Oktoberfest

29 Sept - 29 Oct

Custom House Square

Oktoberfest Belfast offers the full German experience with quality beer, music, food and Heidi girls. Soak up the atmosphere of the great Munich Festival in the heart of Belfast.

oktoberfestbelfast.com

FAMILY FUN

04

Hallowe'en

29 - 31 October

Various Venues

Spooktacular fun for all the family with loads of creepy events taking place at various venues across the city. See P15.

visitbelfast.com

FILM

02

Cinemagic

1 October - 2 November

The 33rd festival brings the best in new world cinema, action packed with talent lab and creativity corner masterclasses with television and film professionals.

cinemagic.org.uk

FILM

05

Belfast Film Festival

3 - 12 November

Various Venues

Featuring a host of feature film premieres and the best of international cinema, with site specific screenings and in person appearances from top film talent.

belfastfilmfestival.org

FESTIVAL

03

Belfast International Arts Festival

5 October - 6 November

A festival of contemporary arts and cultural events including theatre, dance, classical and roots music, visual, film and digital arts and literature.

belfastinternationalartsfestival.com

MUSIC

06

Sound of Belfast

10 - 20 November

Various Venues

An annual celebration of the music of the city showcasing the talent that resides and moves through Belfast's streets and studios, venues and homes.

soundofbelfast.com

ART

07

Van Gogh:

The Immersive Experience

From 12 November

Carlisle Memorial Church

Step into a 20,000 sq. ft. light and sound spectacular exhibit featuring two-storey projections of the artist's most compelling works.

vangoghexpo.com/belfast

FESTIVE

08

Belfast Christmas Market

19 November -

22 December

Belfast City Hall

Indulge in the fantastic smells, sights, crafts, food, drinks and festive atmosphere at the annual Christmas Market at Belfast City Hall.

visitbelfast.com/christmas



SPORT

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Friendship Four
25 - 26 November
SSE Arena

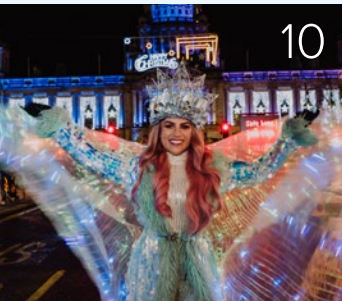
Returning for its sixth year in Belfast, four top U.S. college hockey teams come together to compete for the coveted Belpot trophy over Thanksgiving weekend.
friendshipfour.com

FESTIVE

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Christmas in Belfast
19 November -
18 December
Belfast City Centre

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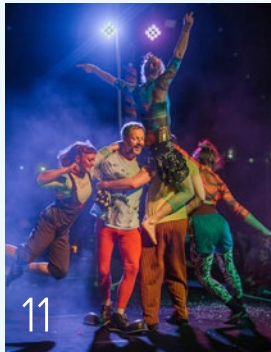


FAMILY FUN

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Winter Circus
16 December - 2 January
Writer's Square

Tumble Circus are back with Winter Circus. One hour of hammer-smashing Belfast-inspired Circus, comedy and riotous fun for all the family.
tumblecircus.com



FESTIVAL

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Out to Lunch
7-29 January
Various Venues

Serving up top-class comedy, theatre, literature and music in a unique lunchtime format, it's the perfect antidote to the January blues!
cqaf.com/otl2023



CULTURE

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Chinese New Year
22 January - 5 February
Various Venues

The city will celebrate the Year of the Rabbit with lanterns dressing the city centre and events featuring traditional music and dance.
www.cwa-ni.org



CULTURE

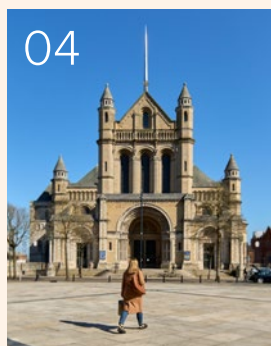
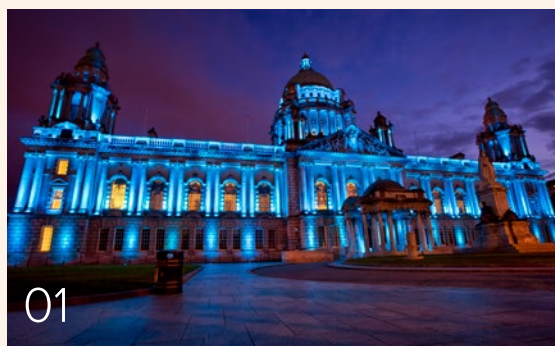
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Belfast Burns Week
25 January
Various Venues

Celebrating the links between Burns and Ulster with a programme of drama, poetry and music.
ulsterscotsagency.com/events

Must See:

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



TIME OUT

01

Belfast City Hall

Enjoy a free guided tour of Belfast's most iconic building (1906) or call in to view the visitor exhibition, which offers a self-guided journey from Belfast's past to present, showing the vibrancy and diversity of the city across six themed zones.

SEE MAP D4

EXPERIENCE

02

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 E2 VP

SHOPPING

03

Victoria Square

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

SEE MAP D4

TOUR

04

Belfast Cathedral

Take a personal audio tour of Belfast's magnificent St Anne's Cathedral. Discover its rich historic artefacts and learn about the people who helped to shape this sacred place.

SEE MAP D4 VP





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MARKETS

05

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

Crumlin Road Gaol

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

SEE MAP **(02) (VP)**

TOUR

07

Stormont Parliament Buildings

Home to the NI Assembly and one of the most striking pieces of architecture in Northern Ireland. Take a free tour (online booking required), relax in the gift & coffee shop or enjoy a walk around the stunning Stormont Estate.



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EXPERIENCE

08

Clifton House

Experience the history of Belfast, through the use of immersive technology you will be transported back in time to the Belfast Poor House (1774), which provided sanctuary to thousands of people up to 1882. Guided tours available Fri, Sat & Sun.

SEE MAP **(02) (VP)**

TOUR

09

Visit a Distillery

From city centre brewpubs to gin schools or stunning country estate distilleries, make sure to visit one of these fine establishments to learn about the creation of our finely crafted beers and spirits.

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EXPERIENCE

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W5

A great family day of adventure awaits at this award-winning science and discovery centre, with exhibits and experiences covering everything from



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climate change and nature to film and TV production, optical illusions, built engineering, medical science and more.

SEE MAP **(03)**

TOUR

11

Take a Film Location Tour

From 'Game of Thrones' to Kenneth Branagh's 'Belfast' or 'Line of Duty' to the loveable 'Derry Girls', make sure to take a tour of the filming locations to get behind the scenes and discover secrets about these award-winning blockbusters.

TOUR

12

Hillsborough Castle

Take a tour of Northern Ireland's only royal residence to learn about how this grand house has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics, before exploring the stunning and tranquil 100 acres of beautiful gardens.

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For locations, check out our handy map 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.

Market place
the festive place to be

BELFAST CHRISTMAS MARKET

19 Nov – 22 Dec



Visit www.marketplaceurope.co.uk
for further information



Festival Fever



As autumn takes hold and the dark evenings draw in, let this fantastic line-up of festivals brighten up your days and nights. Whether your passion's music, theatre, dance, film, comedy or experiencing something new, there's a feast of festivals to be enjoyed throughout Belfast this autumn and winter!

33RD CINEMAGIC INTERNATIONAL FILM & TELEVISION FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

1 October - 2 November

Various Venues

Cinematic returns with an action-packed film programme showcasing the very best of world cinema, big studio previews, director talks, 'Boot Camp' masterclasses with creative industry professionals and the annual 'CineSeekers' film juries which offer participants a chance to become movie reviewers. The 2022 line-up features film previews from all over the world including 'Mia and Me: The Hero of Centopia', 'Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile', and the adventure-filled world premiere of 'Future TX' introduced by writers and directors, Tim Clague and Danny Stack.

cinemagic.org.uk

BELFAST INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

5 October – 6 November

Various Venues

Northern Ireland's largest contemporary arts festival and cornerstone of the annual cultural calendar celebrates 60 years with a new extended season of contemporary arts and cultural events. Showcasing some of the world's best artistic talents all right here in Belfast, enjoy the very best in theatre, dance and music performances as well as the latest literary releases, independent film, and visual art exhibitions! Highlights include the premieres of 'Dinner with Groucho', 'How To Fail As A Popstar', 'Propaganda: A New Musical' and 'The Ghost House'.

belfastinternationalartsfestival.com



BELFAST FILM FESTIVAL

3 – 12 November

Various Venues

Film should be an experience, so as well as presenting the best in new, short and classic cinema during the festival, you can also enjoy site-specific screenings where the classics of the silver screen are hosted in unique surroundings that enhance and intensify your experience. In addition, you can also enjoy audio visual performances with live film soundtracks. The festival also supports local talent with their short film competition and the Northern Ireland independents section supports filmmakers who have made feature or mid length films.

belfastfilmfestival.org



SOUND OF BELFAST

10 - 20 November

Various Venues

A mix of collaborative, independent and partnership events involving showcases, gigs, industry talks, panels and workshops, youth, family, community events and the NI Music Prize 2002 including the Oh Yeah Legend Award. There are over 45 events this year, so you're bound to find something for your musical tastes, curiosity or interests.

soundofbelfast.com

OUTBURST

11 - 19 November

Various Venues

Outburst is Northern Ireland's annual queer arts festival. It features nine days of new queer art goodness with theatre, film, music, literature, visual art, discussion and debate from both local and international LGBT artists

and performers. The 2022 festival programme will be available in October.

outburststarts.com

C.S. LEWIS FESTIVAL

18-20 November

CS Lewis Square

With plenty of family-friendly events, a huge range of informative talks and discussions and lots of opportunities to explore your own imagination, the C.S. Lewis Festival has something to offer everyone. C.S. Lewis Square will be the hub for this year's festival activity and events taking place here will include an Outdoor Cinema screening of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* and the annual Narnia-themed Winter Market and Christmas Light Switch On. The full programme will be launched online at the end of October.

visiteastside.com/events

FLEADH FEIRSTE: THE GAELTACHT QUARTER FESTIVAL

30 November - 4 December
Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich

A vibrant cultural festival celebrating Belfast's heritage as Ireland's leading Irish language city. Enjoy the Gaeltacht Quarter's festive celebration with a fantastic mix of music, art, discussion and children's crafts as well as this year's Irish language panto 'Luathriona'. Full programme to be released soon.

culturlann.ie

OUT TO LUNCH

7-29 January 2023

Various Venues

This popular winter festival serves up top-class comedy, theatre, literature and music in a unique lunchtime format. Showcasing the arts scene in Cathedral Quarter, this three-week event is the perfect antidote to the January blues!

cqaf.com



BELFAST IS A GREAT CITY FOR SPORTS FANS WITH AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECTATING AND TAKING PART! HERE'S OUR GUIDE TO FINDING THE BEST TICKETS IN TOWN THIS WINTER...

ULSTER RUGBY

Ulster Rugby competes in the United Rugby Championships and the European Cup with home games played regularly on Friday nights at the Kingspan Stadium. The season kicks off in September and runs through to late April. Key European games this season will see the Ulster face La Rochelle and Sale Sharks. There's always a cracking atmosphere and plenty of action to follow, so come along and 'stand up for the Ulstermen!'

#SUFTUM

ulsterrugby.com

BELFAST GIANTS ICE HOCKEY

Belfast Giants home games take place nearly every weekend in The SSE Arena from August until April,

and with plenty of on and off-ice entertainment, there's something for everyone. The season promises plenty of fast and furious action that will have you on the edge of your seat, from bone-crunching hits to last minute game-winning goals.

belfastgiants.com

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

The Northern Ireland international team recently faced Kosovo and Greece as part of the UEFA Nations League group stage to maintain their Tier 3 status. World Cup 2022 takes place in Qatar from November 20 to December 18 with 32 teams competing in eight groups. Make sure to pick a team to support and enjoy all the action in one of Belfast's fantastic sports bars (see P22/23)

irishfa.com



26 December. From great value Punters Packs to tapas and wine in the pavilion, you can make it a truly memorable day out. downroyal.com

GOLF

There's plenty of courses scattered throughout the city to enable you to keep your handicap down. From challenging parkland courses including **Malone, Belvoir Park** and **Royal Belfast** to relaxed 9 hole courses at **Ormeau** and **Colin Glen**. For a great night's craic with your golfing buddies, the **Toptracer Range** at Colin Glen offers a fun and tech-driven experience or escape a rainy day and enjoy some crazy indoor mini golf fun at **Lost City Adventure Golf** or **ScrapYard Golf**.

The **Belfast City Marathon** takes place on Sunday 30 April 2023 and early rate registration is available until midnight on 30 November. Remember that if you don't want to run you can always sign up as a volunteer. Find out more at belfastcitymarathon.com

GAELIC GAMES


While Casement Park is closed for redevelopment, Gaelic games fixtures are currently being played in Corrigan Park in the west of the city. Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie are fast-paced action sports. The season runs from February until October with the All-Ireland finals taking place in Dublin's Croke Park. Check individual fixtures online. gaa.ie

HORSE RACING

There's nothing like a day at the races and Down Royal Racecourse, located just outside Lisburn, has plenty of dates to put in the diary including the 2 day Down Royal Festival on 4 & 5 November (including ladies day) and the annual Boxing Day meeting on

Make it an experience



Football fans can visit the **Irish FA Education and Heritage Centre**, which tells the unique story of Northern Ireland football from the 1880s to the present day. Admission to the centre lasts up to one hour, which is then followed by a 1 hour guided tour of the stadium.  irishfa.com/tours

Don't miss...

FRIENDSHIP FOUR ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 25 - 26 November SSE Arena

The thrill and excitement of American College Hockey returns to Belfast! Venturing from across the Atlantic Ocean to compete in the tournament will be UMass Lowell River Hawks, Quinnipiac Bobcats, Massachusetts Hockey (UMass) and Dartmouth Big Green. The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) tournament will see these Division One hockey teams compete for the coveted Belpot trophy over Thanksgiving weekend. friendshipfour.com

Out of Office.

Belfast's newest taproom and brewery.

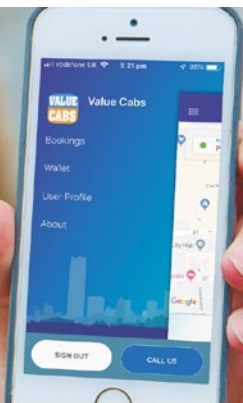
Scan the QR code to book a tour and tasting.

Or, if you just want a beer, come round and see us anyway, we're on the top floor of Ulster Sports Club.

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Fright Night

Belfast has some brilliant events that will satisfy your frightful needs! You'll be spoilt for choice, from spooky tours, to fancy dress and movie nights - you'll have a Spooktacular time!

Crumlin Road Gaol's Halloween Extravaganza 21 - 31 October

Experience the Spooktacular Gaol Tour, the Pumpkin Puffer Train Ride, the Pumpkin Patch and the Petting Farm before finishing your fun packed day at the Live Interactive Halloween Musicals where the West End comes to Belfast!
crumlinroadgaol.com

The Ghost House 14 - 31 October

Cityside Retail Park
With the help of famous Ghost Hunter Lady Helena Hope, you will discover the truth behind the legend of the man who once lived here - Black Hearted Benjamin, highwayman and now, GHOST! This is a walk-through theatre experience featuring live performances, magic, digital technology and dance.
cahootsni.com

Halloween at Let's Go Hydro 21 - 31 October

The resort will be transformed with a giant display of inflatable pumpkins, witches, ghosts, and goblins! Enjoy ghost stories, explore the massive Pumpkin Patch, toast s'mores, and watch spooky movies at the Drive In Cinema. Don't miss the fireworks display at 7:30pm on Halloween Night!
letsgohydro.com/halloween

Spooky Glen 29 October

Brave a spooky mountain walk through our deep, dark forest to meet your favourite Halloween characters. Hear a spooky story from our friend, Penny the Pumpkin before you finish your night with some toasted marshmallows and a spooktacular spectacle from the Jump, Jiggle and Jive dance crew!
colinglen.org

Belfast Halloween Days 21 - 31 October

Come to Belfast for an interactive Halloween Monster Trail from 21 October 2022, for prizes and spooky family fun. Monsters will be popping up all over the city centre from Friday 27 October so watch out for plenty of Monster Mayhem this Halloween.
belfastone.co.uk

Cinemagic Halloween Screenings 30 - 31 October

Treat yourself to some family fun this Halloween with Cinemagic's Halloween Movies showing in The Black Box and Ulster Museum. Dress up in your spookiest outfit and enjoy your Halloween weekend in Belfast this October.
cinemagic.org.uk

Boo at the Zoo 29 - 30 October

Dust the cobwebs off your favourite costume and jump on your broomstick for a weekend of mischievous merriment for all the family, with a range of eerie activities including pumpkin-decorating, face-painting, slime-making, animal meet and greets and terrifying touch tables.
belfastzoo.co.uk

Belfast Ghost and Paranormal Tours 7 - 31 October

Walk in the footsteps of the Belfast citizens who lie unquiet in their graves even beneath your feet as you walk the dark streets on this scary tour with author, historian, and ghost storyteller Francis Higgins. The tour starts at the Deer's Head at 7pm and last 2 hours. Age 14+
belfastlad.com

Worth The Trip:

Scarecrow Night Walk 28 - 31 October

Daring explorers are invited to take a walk on the dark side through Hillsborough Castle's spooky illuminated gardens. The scarecrows come to life after dark, possessed by mischievous spirits that have crossed through to our world. Are you brave enough to find them all?
hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle

Fright Night 14 October - 31 October

The Jungle's infamous Halloween scare fest returns to provide more thrills, chills, scares and entertainment than ever before. Consisting of the story-based Woodland Trail and 6 terrifying scare attractions, you've got yourself an adrenaline spiking night out!
thejungleni.com

Hallowe'en Torchlight Tour 28, 29 & 31 October

Will you join the search for the Amos and his wife, to discover if the terrifying tales of Drowned Horse Creek are true? Take an adventure, filled with creepy characters, gruesome gore and strange sounds that will put shivers up your spine! And no matter what, don't get left behind... Age 12+
ulsteramericanfolkpark.org





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and patisserie, stunning photo
opportunities and live music.
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Christmas in Belfast



It's that time of year, to wrap up and experience the warmth of a Belfast Christmas. With the sights, sounds and smells of traditional Christmas markets, festive performances and events, Santa's Grottos and plenty of sparkle scattered throughout the city, make sure to enjoy Belfast this Christmas.

Christmas in Belfast – Opening Night

19 November, 6pm – 8.30pm

Mark the start of the Christmas season in Belfast with an evening of free, festive fun for all the family. Enjoy a range of live performances from pop-up choirs to flash mobs and Christmas jigs to get you into the Christmas spirit. The city centre will light up with its usual festive decorations through the day and look out for some building illuminations and captivating light displays. Some of the city's most talented artists will perform music, dance and comedy from behind windows as some city centre shop fronts

come alive. There will also be laugh-out-loud street theatre and pop-up street shows with LED poi twirling and juggling - the streets will be bursting with energy and festive sparkle!

Belfast Christmas Market 19 November – 22 December Belfast City Hall

The popular Belfast Christmas Market returns to the stunning backdrop of Belfast City Hall to play its part in adding some seasonal festive cheer to the centre of the city. Get your Christmas shopping well and truly wrapped up with unique local food and crafts. Regular visitors can be comforted that



a huge variety of favourite authentic continental goodies will be on offer too, so take a culinary trip around the world before relaxing with a warming Gluhwein or a stein in one of the bars.

Christmas Launch Weekend
Victoria Square
12 & 13 November

Enjoy the sights, smells and sounds of Christmas all weekend with special guests, live performances, local Christmas Fayre, facepainting and much more! Victoria Square will be at its most magical where Santa will take up residence in his fairy-tale grotto until 24 December, and you can shop for unique local crafts and handmade items at the daily Christmas Fayre from 26 November.

CastleCourt
Christmas Parade
19 November, 12pm

Join CastleCourt for their spectacular Santa's Arrival Parade which departs from James Street, travelling around Belfast City Hall to Royal Avenue. Little eyes are sure to sparkle at the sight of Santa aboard his sleigh with Mrs Claus, surrounded by princesses, superheroes, dancers and musicians. Wrap up warm and follow the parade to CastleCourt where he will take up residence in his grotto until 24 December.

Festive Weekends in Belfast
20 November – 18 December

Every weekend from Sunday 20 November to Sunday 18 December, Belfast City Centre will again come alive every afternoon 1pm-5pm with a melody of Christmas tunes and animation to get you into the Christmas spirit.

Santa's Post Office
2 Royal Avenue

Santa's Post Office will be located inside 2 Royal Avenue this year, with elves on site to



help your little ones craft their letters to Santa and post to the North Pole. Look out for festive activities and entertainment for all in this newly refurbished venue from 19 November.

maywe.co.uk/2ra

A Magical Christmas Experience
23 November – 23 December
Titanic Belfast

Journey through the Enchanted Forest to make a wish by the Magical Wishing Tree, visit the Elves' Workshop and hear Christmas tales in Mrs Claus' kitchen. Write and post your Christmas letter and make some arts and crafts before you get your name checked off the 'Naughty or Nice' list. Those on the 'Nice' list will get to meet Father Christmas and receive a special photo and gift.

titanicbelfast.com/
magicalchristmas

Family Festive Fun

It wouldn't be Christmas without a family trip to a festive show. Choose from Cinderella at the Grand Opera House, Aladdin at the Belfast Waterfront, The Snow Queen at the Lyric or Cinderella at the MAC. There's also a range of festive music throughout December including the Ulster Orchestra's concert of The Snowman, Handel's Messiah and the Belfast Community Gospel Choir's Christmas Show.

Grown-up Festive Fun

It's not all about the kids! For a great Christmas night out with friends or colleagues there are a range of hysterical festive productions on offer throughout December, including Grimes & McKee's Christmas Craic'er at the Lyric, Home Malone at the Grand Opera House, On the Shelf at The Mac, an adult production of Aladdin at Belfast Waterfront and check out the range of festive cabaret shows at the Cabaret Supper Club.

Winter Circus
16 December – 3 January
Writers Square

Join us for an all-new hour of hammer smashing Belfast inspired circus, comedy and riotous fun. Winter Circus is high skill, all human and all thrill circus featuring death defying aerialists, hardcore acrobats and mind-bending jugglers. Winter Circus is Belfast's alternative festive extravaganza for all the family and a warm welcome awaits you in the iconic heated Big Top.

tumblecircus.com

For updated information on everything to do and see in Belfast this Christmas, see: visitbelfast.com/Christmas

World Cup Sports Bars

Pubs across Belfast will be showing the 2022 World Cup live from Qatar throughout November and December, so you won't miss any of the action! There's no better place to congregate with fellow fans to shout, cheer, sing, and hurl abuse at the referee than at the pub, so here's our favourite sports bars to watch the biggest tournament in international football this winter.



The Deer's Head & Bell's Brewery **Lower Garfield Street**

Established in 1885, this traditional saloon bar in the city centre has a fully operational on-site craft brewery where you can enjoy fine craft beer and all the best sporting fixtures across their big screens.

Henry's **Joy's Entry**

Steeped in Belfast history, Henry's was named after Henry Joy McCracken, founder of the Society of the United Irishmen. As well as amazing pub grub, you can catch football, rugby, golf, boxing and more on the big screen behind the bar, giving you the perfect view!

White's Tavern & Garden **Winecellar Entry**

This historic tavern has been re-born with the history at heart, and is a great spot to eat, socialise and enjoy live music. Gather your friends or colleagues to watch major sporting events, such as Premier League, the World Cup and Six Nations on their big screen.

Fountain Lane **Fountain Street**

This refurbished bar has been feeding and watering Belfast since 1901. With a wealth of history as a tavern for the city, call in for good food, great drinks, local music and all the World Cup and top sporting action on the screens daily.

Robinson's

Great Victoria Street

Head up to the Pool Loft, a traditional sports bar hosting 8 Pool Tables and 5 mega surround screens showing all live sports. Pool, tasty grub and cold pints makes this just the spot for a quick lunch-time game, an after-work kickback or a weekend hideout!

The Doffer

Donegall Square South

In a city that celebrates its industrial heritage with pride, this downtown bar gives a nod to Belfast's linen heyday. Live music sessions and all the big screen sporting action can be enjoyed with great local beers and light bites.

The Ulster Sports Club **High Street**

An easy-going and atmospheric place to grab a few drinks whilst watching the World Cup on their huge screen. They also host regular live music nights and upstairs you'll find the Out of Office brewery and taproom.

The Morning Star **Potttinger's Entry**

This historic, award-winning gastro pub dates back to 1810.



Catch all the World Cup action along with live domestic and international rugby, horse racing, boxing and golf events. It offers one of the most exciting pub menus in the city, so make sure to bring your appetite!

Granny Annie's
Chichester Street

Enjoy all the World Cup action and other great sporting events on Sky and BT Sport, shown on 11 flat screens in the bar area. Coverage includes football, rugby union and league, GAA, golf, boxing, horse racing and NFL.

Pug Ugly's
Bedford Street

A quirky dog-friendly Irish venue in the heart of Belfast with a great outdoor space. Come and enjoy pints, cocktails, good grub, live music, trad, comedy, quizzes and all the sporting action shown on the big screens.

The Empire
Botanic Avenue

The atmosphere can get pretty electric in this old, converted church when there's a big match on, and if you're in the mood for celebrating come the final whistle, you can stay on to enjoy some great live music.

The Hatfield
Ormeau Road

Get together with friends and enjoy special drink promotions at The Hatfield which boasts 3 HD big screens, 7 TV's including 2 outdoor and the capacity to show up to five games at any one time. Enjoy all the World Cup action along with rugby, GAA and pretty much anything else you can think of!

The Errigle Inn
Ormeau Road

Offering some of the best sports coverage that Belfast has to offer over 26 HD and 4K screens. Ideal for the beer connoisseurs amongst you, choose from a variety of over twenty different beers on tap from big brands to more unusual craft beers.



The Bowery
Lisburn Road

South Belfast's premier neighbourhood pub serves fantastic food, classic drinks and live sport. With screens throughout the bar and restaurant, this is the perfect place to catch all the World Cup action, as well as all other major sporting events throughout the year.

Cutters Wharf
Lockview Road

Enjoy the stunning riverside views, great food and live sport. Cutters Wharf screen the vast majority of sports on screens inside and out on the terrace, so it'll be a great spot to soak up the World Cup atmosphere. There's ample free parking and make sure to stay on for live entertainment.

The Doyen
Lisburn Road

A stylish traditional bar serving a delicious gastropub style menu, their own Doyen-branded lager, crafted cocktails and gin serves. The bar is well equipped for all the action with indoor, outdoor and drop-down screens to cater for sports fans. There's also live entertainment and quiz nights.

A photograph of a modern building with a faceted facade and a brick building next to it. The modern building has a complex, geometric facade made of many small, light-colored panels. The brick building is a traditional red brick structure with a window. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text 'Maritime Mile' is written in a large, yellow, brush-stroke font across the top of the image. A blue box with white text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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, Drawing Office Two is now the vibrant heart of

the hotel where you can relax and enjoy lunch, dinner or even a cocktail or two. This breathtaking room is where many of the world's most famous ocean liners, including RMS Titanic, were painstakingly designed.

RIVERBOX

Take a walk along the Titanic Slipways and experience one of the latest addition to the Maritime Mile - Riverbox! Equipped with cutting edge video and audio technology it can host video installations, interactive projects, live events and a wide range of audio experiences. Take a moment and enjoy!

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!

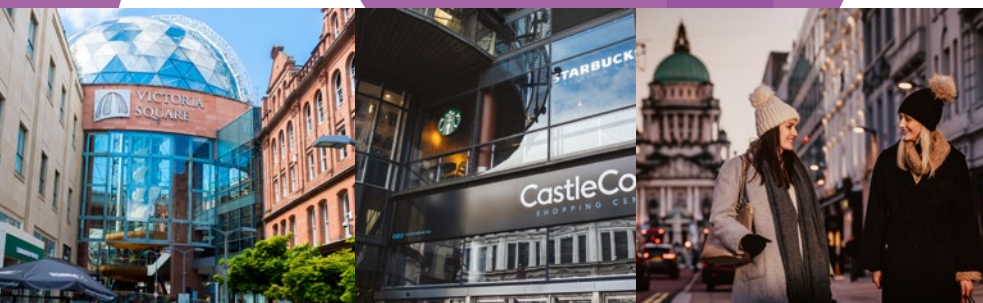
SOUND YARD

SoundYard is a 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

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 Frasers, Apple, Urban Outfitters, Ted Baker, Hollister and Reiss. 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

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

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

Hidden Gems

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



The Boulevard

The Boulevard, near Banbridge, is Northern Ireland's premier outlet shopping destination, with permanent reductions of up to 70% off your favourite brands including Kate Spade, adidas, Levi's and many more.



Belfast Christmas Market

The Christmas Market at Belfast City Hall is returning in 2022. Indulge in the fantastic sights, smells, crafts, food, drinks and festive atmosphere at this popular event, from 19 November to 22 December.



Queen's Arcade

Built in 1880, this is the last Victorian Arcade in the city and home to a variety of luxury boutiques and local independent retailers, including the only Rolex, OMEGA, TAG Heuer and Montblanc Boutiques in Ireland.



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 8am-2pm, the Saturday City Food & Garden Market is open 9am-3pm and the Sunday Market is open 10am-3pm.

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 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.

FAMILY FUN




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!

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 macarons. 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

Scrapyard Golf

This indoor 21-hole golf course has been designed with only the golfer in mind. Have an unbelievable experience while discovering each and every exciting hole which has been carefully designed. Golfers of all ages, sizes and regardless of talent should feel like they can bring out their inner child and get that rivalry to an all-new high! scrapyardgolf.co.uk

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 park 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

The Art of Craft

Northern Ireland has seen a renaissance in brewing and distilling in recent years, and nearly every county now boasts a top-class producer of beer and cider or whiskey and gin.



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Explore city brewpubs and taprooms, create your own concoction at a gin school or book a tour to find out the long-held secrets of our distilleries.

The Deer's Head & Brewery

Inside this city centre saloon bar, you'll find Bell's Brewery on full display, where you can observe the entire brewing process from the comfort of your seat. This pub has a core range named after old bars of the area, rotating seasonal Bell's Brewery specials and an unparalleled local craft beer selection. thedeersheadbelfast.com

Out of Office (01)

Belfast's first dedicated brewery and taproom, located on the 2nd floor of the popular Ulster Sports Club. The Taproom is open Thursday to Sunday offering a range of freshly brewed-on-site beers and other local craft offerings or book a tour and tasting experience. outofofficebrewing.co.uk

Bullhouse East

Located next to CS Lewis Square, Bullhouse East is an original brewery taproom, serving 20 taps of the freshest craft beer and the finest woodfired pizza Belfast has to offer. You're guaranteed a fresh pint from their regularly rotating taps of exclusive beer and brewery tours will be available soon. bullhousebrewco.com

Hilden Brewery Lisburn

Ireland's oldest independent brewery selects the finest ingredients to produce a fabulous array of delicious craft beer. Brewery tours are available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at noon followed by a bowl of Irish stout stew and wheaten bread, and a flight of three beers. hildenbrewery.com

Hinch Distillery (02)

Ballynahinch
Take a guided tour at Hinch for an up-close view of the whole distilling 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

Echlinville Distillery

Kircubbin

Believed to be Ireland's only field-to-glass distillery, this family-run distillery loves to share their devotion to quality spirits with visitors from around the world, offering tours, tastings and special experiences. Private tours and bespoke group packages are also available. echlinville.com

Belfast Artisan Gin School (03)

At The Crown & Shamrock Inn you can make your own gin while you enjoy some craic and a few tipples. Learn about the process of distilling gin and everything you need to know to create your own bespoke recipe. belfastartisanginschool.com

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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 one of Belfast's coolest art galleries. Enjoy a programme of changing exhibitions of paintings, photography and installations. 
goldenthreadgallery.co.uk

Craft NI Gallery


115-119 Royal Avenue

A 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 showcase work by young, emerging artists. 
craftni.org


War Memorial Gallery

Talbot Street

A must see attraction for visitors with an interest in 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

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

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

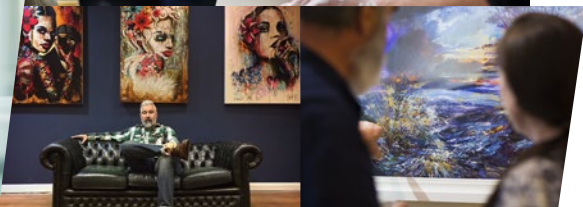


Irish Linen Centre

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 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, along with exhibits of historical materials including photographs of the Titanic. 🇬🇧

nmni.com/utm

ArtisAnn Gallery

70 Bloomfield Avenue

This 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 local artist Gerard Dillon RHA RUA 1916-1971 who earned worldwide fame. The gallery focuses on work from professional artists, hosting 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

The Belfast Barge

The Belfast Barge is Northern Ireland's only floating Arts Centre and events space, moored on the River Lagan at Lanyon Quay. Home of "The Greatest Story Never Told" exhibition, this interactive display tells the story of the industries of the river lagan and the men and women who worked along it.

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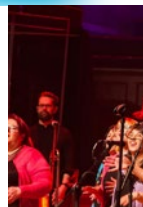
belfastbarge.org



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** brings the glitz of London's West End to the heart of Belfast. Shows to look out for this winter include smash hit musicals *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Mamma Mia* and *Sister Act*. You'll find a bit of local humour with *Bridesmaids of Northern Ireland* or enjoy a night of dance with *The Little Mermaid* ballet or some fabulous fun with *Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo*. To get in the festive spirit make sure to see local festive comedy *Home Malone* or this year's panto, *Cinderella*.
goh.co.uk

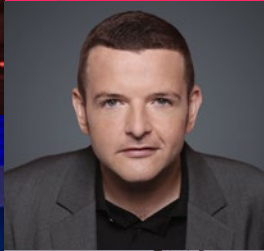
The **Lyric Theatre** is the only full-time producing theatre in NI and has won a series of awards for its architecture. Upcoming performances include 'Propaganda: A New Musical' - an old-fashioned Soviet love story set in Berlin in 1949, 'Big Man' - a play which explores how two men in pursuit of love move beyond the barrier of age and

conflicting gay experience, Patrick Kielty's critically acclaimed show 'Borderline' and 'Revved', a thrilling, funny and heart-wrenching play exploring what it means to be on the cusp of adulthood in modern Donegal. Get in the festive spirit with family favourite 'The Snow Queen' or Grimes & McKee hilarious show, 'Christmas Craic'er'.
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 winter you can sing your heart out with Biffy Clyro, The Cure, Westlife, The Vamps, Westlife, Rod Stewart and 1975, dance the night away at Lush! Classical, Clubland Hallowe'en or ARRIVAL from Sweden, enjoy a night of top comedy with Kevin Bridges, Colin Geddes and Mrs Brown's Boys or enjoy ice skating action from the Belfast Giants, Friendship Four and Disney on Ice.
ssearenabelfast.com

The **Belfast Waterfront** offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights include Daniel Sloss, Rob Beckett, Paddy McDonnell, Tommy Tiernan, Micky Bartlet and Sarah Millican. There's live music with Christy Moore, The Proclaimers, Andy Irvine & Paul Brady and Curtis Stigers. Enjoy a thrilling night at the Dreamboys and get festive with the Ulster Orchestra's The Snowman Concert, Fairytale of New York, Belfast Community Gospel Choir, and there's both family and adult productions of this year's panto, *Aladdin*.
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 Paul Weller, Mary Black, The Pretty Reckless, The Coronas, Fontaines DC, UB40 and Ash.
If you're up for a laugh check



worth finding

In the heart of Cathedral Quarter, **The MAC** brings music, theatre, dance and visual art under one roof. Open daily, you can also browse the free admission galleries before relaxing in the café bar.

themaclive.com

The Crescent Arts Centre provides classes and workshops in music, dance, spoken and written word, 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 atmospheric **Sanctuary Theatre** is the home of the Bright Umbrella Drama Company and hosts a full programme of theatre, music and comedy events.

brightumbrella.co.uk

Accidental Theatre is a collision of perspectives, art forms and unusual collaborations – curious stories told through vibrant, ambitious performances and every production is a fresh invention.

accidentaltheatre.co.uk

Belvoir Players Theatre is a unique little theatre in South Belfast, offering performances most weekends with something to suit people of all ages.

belvoirplayers.org

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

out The Guilty Feminist, Jimeoin, Ed Gamble, Clinton Baptiste and Harry Hill and there's tributes galore that bring the music of Neil

Diamond, George Michael, The Eagles, The Blues Brothers, Michael Buble and Fleetwood Mac.  ulsterhall.co.uk

The 60th **Belfast International Arts Festival** returns 5 October – 6 November 2022, showcasing some of the world's best artistic talents all right here in Belfast. Enjoy the very best in theatre, dance and music performances as well as a hybrid of talks and ideas to enjoy live and in the comfort of your own home! belfastinternationalartsfestival.com



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!

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, the Forest Flyover zipline and new for 2022 is Ireland's longest 700m zipline, River Rapid. 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

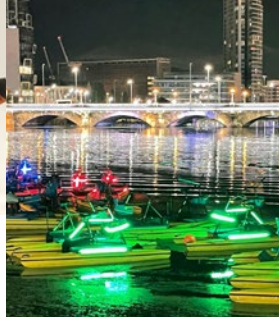
Axe Yard

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

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. letsghydro.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. **VP**

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 & Saturdays & Sunday afternoons.

theicebowl.com

Lagan Adventures

Head down to the River Lagan to go Hydrobiking, for a water sport where you don't get wet! Get the workout you want depending on how fast you pedal! It's an ideal way to soak up the city sights, take some cool photography and it's dog friendly. Single and tandem bikes available.

laganadventures.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

Limitless Adventure Centre

Calling all thrill seekers... If you're up for a challenge then this is definitely for you! Head up to the Causeway Coast and choose from an array of experiences including hovercrafts, powerturn buggies, laser tag, target archery and football golf.

limitlessni.com

Gamelocker

Game Locker offers a visual benchmark for interactive gameplay, where you can select multiplayer tournaments or single player formats to enjoy with friends or family! Choose to play from all the major gaming title including, Call of Duty, Fortnite, FIFA, Minecraft and Apex.

gamelocker.online

Sustainable Belfast

Take a trip to Belfast Zoo

Belfast Zoological Gardens is home to more than 120 species of animal, many of which are in danger in their natural habitat, and you can enjoy a fantastic array of experiences, events, and information on the topics of biodiversity and conservation.

Have an Outdoor Adventure at Colin Glen

A spectacular 200-acre forest park located just outside Belfast where you'll find Ireland's only official Gruffalo Trail, the SkyTrek high ropes course, Ireland's first Alpine Coaster and longest Zipline. Bring comfy shoes and a sense of adventure!

Take a Tour on Foot or Bike

An increase in cycling, e-biking or walking over time lowers daily mobility-related lifecycle CO2 emissions.

Ranked in the global top 20 most sustainable destinations, Belfast City is full of sustainable activities, so here's some eco-friendly ideas to keep you busy during your visit.

DC Tours offer a full range of walking tours of Belfast as well as private/group tours and multi-lingual self-guided tours or take an E-Bike City Tour with **EazyRiderz** to see the top sights whilst riding in optimal comfort on a luxury, fat tyre Electric Bike.

Enjoy our Green Spaces

Did you know Belfast is one of the top cities in the UK for green attractions? If you're looking to make your visit as eco-friendly as possible, put visiting our parks and gardens at the top of your list. Take a hike up **Cave Hill**, explore the trails at **Stormont Estate** or relax in the beautiful **Botanic Gardens**.

Shop Sustainably

Grab your bag for life and discover the brands in Belfast that are committed to sustainability, reducing environmental impact, and providing eco-friendly products. Explore vintage, antiques and collectibles at **On the Square Emporium**, find quirky gifts at **Born and Bred**, vintage clothing at **4good**, **Oxfam Store**, traditional artisan sweets at **Old Time Favourites**, art and craft at **Craft NI** and **UNIQUE** as well as high street favourites H&M, FatFace and the Body Shop in Victoria Square.

Sustainable Seafood

Fish City is a lively seafood restaurant with takeaway, specialising in sustainably sourced and award-winning dishes. It was recently recognised as the UK's healthiest and most sustainable Fish and Chip restaurant in the Seafood UK Awards and is the recipient of 4 UK national awards, including a place in the top 5 fish and chip restaurants in the UK.

Eat Green

Head out in Belfast to taste delicious, fresh, locally sourced foods. Go to **St George's Market** and gather your ingredients or head out for dinner and try some exciting and tasty plant-based cuisines. You'll find a great selection of restaurants with vegetarian and vegan options in Belfast including **2Taps, EDÖ, BaoBun, Coppi** and **Buba** or award-winning **Home** offers a range of menus for all diets made with local, homegrown, sustainable ingredients.

Green Stays

When booking your accommodation, make sure to show some love to the planet by visiting a Green Tourism accredited hotel. When hotels in Belfast and the surrounding region make sustainability a key focus, not only do they help the environment, but they improve the lives of the people in their communities and the experiences of their guests.

Travel Green Around Belfast

Be an environmentally friendly explorer by following our advice on how to get around Belfast in an eco-conscious way.

Explore on Foot

Step up and step out on your visit to Belfast. There is no mode of transport more eco-friendly than your own two feet, and this compact city is easy to navigate on foot at a leisurely pace. Download a city map and explore on your own terms.

Jump on a Bike

If you need some wheels, there are **Belfast Bikes**

available for public hire at over 40 docking stations around Belfast. Take advantage of more than 300 bikes that you can rent 365 days a year from 6am to midnight. Be instantly flexible and move around the city quickly.

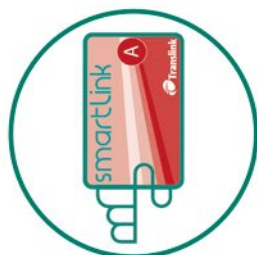
Hop on a Bus

Translink offers transport across Belfast and Northern Ireland, and they are committed to sustainable travel for locals and visitors alike. If you're planning on making the most of public transport in Belfast, make sure to pick up a Belfast Visitor Pass to bag lots of offers on local attractions.

Book Low-Emission Transport

Sometimes it just makes sense to get straight from A to B, safe in the knowledge that the taxi driver knows the way! Over 60% of **Value Cabs'** fleet is now low-emission and you can request a low-emission vehicle in advance, promising a more environmentally friendly way to get around the city.

Best Value Ticket Options



**Smartlink
Smartcards**



**Free mLink
Ticketing App**



**dayLink
Smartcard**
(Metro/Glider day travel)



**iLink
Smartcard**
(Integrated travel)



**aLink
Smartcard**
(Annual travel)

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.

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

Ards & North Down Down

Ards and North Down is brimming with events, activities and attractions to stir all the senses this autumn and winter season.

Portaferry



Exploris Aquarium

There are countless things to do, in every corner, town and village; new things to discover and old favourites to come back to time and time again. The fun and memories they hold are precious, like days spent at Pickie Funpark in Bangor or riding the Strangford Ferry to Portaferry to visit the sea life in Exploris Aquarium and Seal Sanctuary.

All within an hour of Belfast, we're easy to get to by car or public transport. Nestled between sea and land, our place is the perfect spot for a day trip or short break. Whether you are planning a cheeky weekend away or making the most of

school holidays there is lots to see and do. The colours of the land may change, and the air is cooler but you can still enjoy coastal fun and make the most of the great outdoors.

Family Fun

Families love it here for the abundance of fun – and it doesn't have to cost a lot! The little ones (and the big ones) are sure to enjoy painting their own piece of pottery to take home at **Eden Pottery** near Millisle, or a trip to **The Ark Open Farm** in Newtownards is always a treat. Adrenaline seekers can get behind the wheel

with a karting experience at **Eddie Irvine Sports** or challenge themselves at **Thunder Park's** bike and skateboarding ramps in Bangor.

Our two leisure facilities, in Bangor and Newtownards, offer fun both on and off the water, from the slides and wave pool of the leisure waters in **Bangor Aurora Aquatic and Leisure Complex**, to the Blacklight Adventure Golf and soft play at **Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing and Leisure Complex**.

Another couple of must-see attractions for families are **Pickie Funpark** in Bangor and **Exploris Aquarium** in Portaferry...



Donaghadee



The Ark Open Farm



At **Pickie Funpark**, pedal a giant Pickie Swan around the lagoon, share a round of Adventure Mini Golf, enjoy the playground or climb aboard the Pickie Puffer for a railway journey around the colourful landscape.

TIP Look out for seasonal events like the *Hallowe'en Pumpkin Patch* and *Pickie Christmas*.
pickiefunpark.com

Exploris Aquarium and Seal Sanctuary, Northern Ireland's only aquarium and seal rehabilitation centre, gives visitors a diver's view of marine life from our shores and around the world. The aquarium is

home to friendly sharks, desert reptiles, a turtle zone and Humboldt Penguins, who all look forward to your visit!

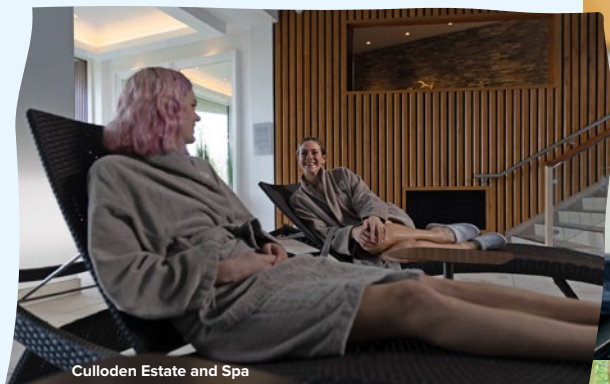
TIP Get a more personal experience by booking *A Night at the Aquarium*, a tour followed by a delicious three course meal. These events run throughout the year, check out availability on the website.
explorisni.com

Explore the woods and the seaside of **Crawfordsburn Country Park**. Look out for little sculpted creatures dotted around the trails, from the troll to the hare, plus there is a geo-park for the little ones to explore.

TIP Venture into the forest to the beautiful waterfall which makes for great insta-worthy photos.

Kids really enjoy the exhibitions and displays of **North Down Museum** (admission free) where you can also pick up an Explorers Pack and go minibeast hunting round the adjacent leafy Castle Park grounds.

TIP Afterwards, we recommend you take the short stroll from the park to see the beautiful fountain in **Bangor Castle Walled Garden**, now open all year round.



Culloden Estate and Spa



Eden Pottery



Crawfordsburn Country Park



Bangor Marina

Your autumn getaway awaits...

Escape from the stresses of daily life by making the most of your weekends and taking the opportunity to relax and recharge. And what better way to have a much-needed digital detox than to pack a bag, grab your walking boots and get ready for a wonderful weekend break?



You don't have to go far to enjoy fresh open spaces and the calming ambience of nature. Located less than an hour's drive from Belfast, Ards and North Down is packed with peaceful places just waiting to be explored. Our itineraries help to guide you on exciting journeys through the **Ards Peninsula Way** and idyllic **Strangford Lough**. Discover a 'Rural Retreat' or create memories with our 'Family Time on Strangford Lough', 'Follow the Tide' and 'Treasure Time around the Lough'. These inspirational routes are packed with highlights to help you make the most of your time here. Find out more at visitar dsandnorthdown.com/itineraries

Throughout our place, you will discover unique towns and picturesque villages, top attractions and stunning coastal walks. Steeped in ancient heritage, dotted with cosy cafés and award-winning eateries, gifts shops and galleries, with secret gardens to scenic coastal walks and country parks, Ards and North Down has lots of hidden gems. You will be spoilt for choice!

TIP Look out for our local weekly and monthly markets in the borough serving up local made handcrafted gifts, and quality artisan food and drink.

For a trip with the family's four-legged friends, Ards and North Down is well established as one of the most dog-friendly locations in Northern Ireland.



Pickie Funpark



Scrabo Tower



Bangor Castle Walled Garden

With so many beautiful walking spots and many restaurants, cafés and attractions opening their doors to welcome your dogs, there is no reason to leave them behind on your autumn getaway here.

TIP Read our dog-friendly blog articles for a handy list of go-to locations.

Choose from great value short breaks in our area to escape and unwind in this beautiful water's edge location. Wherever you choose to stay, the welcome will be warm and embracing. Simply relax and slow down the pace as you indulge in a rural escape together. Book your great value break now at visitardsandnorthdown.com/offers

Sustainable Tourism

Ards and North Down is a beautiful and unique place to be discovered - our tourism providers are leading the way for sustainable tourism in Northern Ireland, helping to look after our environment for future generations to enjoy.

The **AND Sustainable Giants** is a passionate group of tourism providers committed to sustainable and green tourism practices. These local people care deeply about this place, and constantly strive to operate in ways that reduce negative impact on the environment. Find out more at visitardsandnorthdown.com/sustainable



Christmas Switch On Events

Bangor Christmas Lights Switch On
19 November
Free to attend

Newtownards Christmas Lights Switch On
26 November
Free to attend

Find out more at visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on

Details correct at time of print.

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

Lisburn & Castlereagh

Your next trip starts here...

From romantic stays, historic day trips, autumnal walks, award-winning eateries, live shows, spooktacular Halloween events, Christmas light trails and great shopping, there is something for everyone in the Lisburn & Castlereagh area.



A DAY IN ROYAL HILLSBOROUGH

During autumn and winter there are a range of seasonal events at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, including the Scarecrow Parade, where visitors can take part in family fun activities or walk through the spookily

illuminated gardens after dusk this Halloween. Experience the stunning after-dark illuminated Christmas Trail, with new installations for 2022 and over a million twinkling lights, seasonal sounds and plenty of festive fun. www.hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle

After exploring Hillsborough Castle & Gardens, take a stroll in **Hillsborough Forest**, with its abundance of wildlife it's the perfect place to blow away the cobwebs. The trees in the forest park are an explosion of colour in the autumn and their reflection on the lake are a photographer's dream! As well as a number of forest



trails waiting to be explored, the highlight for families is the state-of-the-art woodland themed outdoor children's play area. After all this exploring, you're just a few minutes' walk away from a choice of cafés, gastropubs and restaurants with open fires, warm drinks, and award-winning food to enjoy - the perfect way to end a day in Royal Hillsborough!

BREWING & DISTILLING

Come to **Hilden Brewery** the oldest independent brewery in Ireland. Visit the beautiful five

acre estate which combines its heritage of Irish linen with its Irish craft beer. Join a brewery tour and take a journey through the two brew houses and learn about the history of Hilden House & Barbour Threads

Linen Mill. This Halloween experience an afternoon full of family fun with Spooky walks, Halloween games and a trick or treat, there will be lots of fun to be enjoyed at Hilden Brewery. www.hildenbrewery.com



Looking to do something a little different? Then a visit to **Hinch Distillery**, located in the beautiful grounds of Killaney Estate, should be on your list. Experience the sights and sounds on a guided tour of the distillery and learn how whiskey is distilled and matured before enjoying a tasting of Hinch Irish Whiskeys in the exclusive tasting bar. Visit the on-site shop to purchase from the range of award-winning spirits or treat yourself to a well-deserved tasty treat at the Brasserie. www.hinchdistillery.com

CHRISTMAS IN LISBURN

Lisburn City Centre is the perfect place to get in the festive mood, with twinkling lights and seasonal sounds filling the air, you'll be sure to have festive fun. Visit the **Lisburn Museum & the Irish Linen Centre** where you can travel back in time and explore Ireland's industrial heritage with the permanent exhibition 'Flax to Fabric'. Expert guides will tell the story of the rich history of linen production in Ulster from past to present. Lisburn Museum has a comprehensive autumn programme and hold special events throughout the year. Santa has been known to visit before he leaves for Lapland! www.lisburnmuseum.com



The **ISLAND Arts Centre** is a lively, creative hub offering excellent entertainment, art exhibitions and a range of classes and workshops. Check out the packed programme of live theatre, music, film and dance or learn or unleash your creative spirit with a variety of courses and workshops. Make time to explore the relaxed gallery spaces and enjoy the best new and original art from Northern Ireland and further afield. www.islandarts.com/whats-on

A DAY AT THE RACES

A day out at the **Down Royal Racecourse** is a great way to end the year with friends and family. Experience the two-day famous Festival of Racing in November which launches the Jump Season and round up the

end of the year by attending the popular National Hunt Boxing Day races. For further information and tickets visit: www.downroyal.com



FOOD FAIRS & MARKETS

This autumn the **Moirá Speciality Food Fair** returns to Moira Demesne and will once again showcase the rich food heritage and innovative producers of the village and the wider region.



The family-friendly food-themed event will include interactive demos and talks from the region's top chefs and food personalities with plenty of opportunity for audience participation and tasting some of the finest food NI has to offer along with live music and family fun.



Get ahead with your Christmas Shopping at the **Inns Cross Market**. Purchase mouth-watering artisan food, handcrafted and handmade local gifts all in one place. You can pre-order all your Christmas & New Year treats direct from the producers including your fresh fruit and vegetables. The market takes place on the first Saturday of every month from 10am-2pm. Located at the Inns Cross shops, Saintfield Road, Belfast.

Explore The Great Outdoors

The **Lagan Valley Regional Park**, which can be accessed from several locations, provides 11 miles/17km of continuous off-road public access linking the cities of Lisburn and Belfast. Not only is it part of the Ulster Way it is also part of the Lagan and Lough National Cycle Network, Route 9. It is a perfect place to escape the stress of the city as well as an enjoyable family day out. For further information visit: www.laganvalley.co.uk

Royal Hillsborough and Historic Moira villages have beautiful outdoor walks to choose from and have many places to explore either by foot or by bicycle, even your dog will be excited to explore! Take advantage of the stunning scenic countryside and outdoor spaces across the two villages and enjoy what they have to offer. Don't forget, to keep you warm there are lots of artisan cafés to get your daily coffee fix, whether you are meeting up with a friend or if you are a coffee connoisseur wanting to try out a new blend!

Moira Demesne is located in the picturesque Georgian village of Moira. This popular landmark provides a quiet escape from the busy village. The park is comprised of over 40 acres of parkland and offers areas of amenity grassland which incorporates beautiful walkways and picnic sites to enjoy.

Stay A While






If you're looking to book an autumn or winter getaway, look no further as **Lisburn & Castlereagh** is the place to stay! From quaint, self-catering cottages, to luxury country homes, we've got just what's needed to help to help you relax, recharge & unwind. Lisburn & Castlereagh offers an exclusive range of accommodation to meet everyone's needs. Whether you want to be nestled in a cosy countryside cottage outside the rural villages or located in the town or city centres for easy access to bars, restaurants and attractions, start planning your autumn or winter break at www.visitlisburncastlereagh.com/stay

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.

KEY

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

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
belfastcity.sightseeing.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
allensbelfastbustours.com



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
quinnsccoachhire.com/tours



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
gameofthrones.tours.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



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
mccombscoaches.com



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.

028 9033 3367
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.

07764 533638
topirish tours.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
travelireland.coaches.com



GUIDED TAXI TOURS

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

Belfast Sightseeing

Choose from a wide range of award winning guided tours including Political History, Titanic & Maritime, Giants Causeway and Game of Throne. Customised tours also available. TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award 2022.

07702 060 573
belfastsightseeing.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 1072
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

Tours

Taxitax 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

taxitax.com



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 guided murals and peace line.

028 9080 9080

valuecabs.co.uk



WALKING TOURS

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!

07393 585531

belfastfreewalkingtour.com

Belfast à Pied

Explore Belfast City Centre on this French-speaking tour of the city, and discover its architecture, history, industrial glory, religious and social divides, a clarification on "The Troubles" and the political situation and its famous people. The tour starts and finishes in front of Belfast City Hall and lasts 2-2½ hours.

07772 873 342

belfast-a-pied.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



Belfast Walking Tours

Looking for an active, sustainable but relaxing experience? You have come to the right place.

Belfast is a city full of stories, fascinating characters, remarkable events, beautiful street art and architecture. Step back in time, walk its historic streets and see the sites with a certified and enthusiastic local guide.

07845 536119

belfastwalkingtours.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.

07552 309575

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.

07756 965791

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



Creative Tours Belfast

Explore Belfast with an experienced, entertaining local tour guide to discover special spots off the beaten track. Belfast has a wealth of super talented musicians and other artists - and Creative Tours Belfast loves to share their work with guests. While enjoying both hidden gems and popular visitor sights, tour guests will experience Belfast's legendary 'craic' along the way!

07305 754028

creativetoursbelfast.com



Dr Tom's Tours

Dr Tom is a Belfast historian, resident and Green Badge Tour Guide offering guided historical walking tours through Belfast's complex past. Choose from a variety of tours including People & Places, Diseases & Drs, Buildings & Bricks, Queen's Quarter, Belfast Blitz or Titanic Quarter and Maritime Belfast.

07779 269182

drtomstours.com



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.

07716 949460

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.

028 9076 6386

titanicbelfast.com



Experience & Explore NI

From cultural tours of Belfast to energetic hikes across one of many stunning scenic routes. Combine both and experience the best of hidden Northern Ireland and an unforgettable experience.

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

ifbuildingscouldtalktour.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 city into a global industrial city.

07501 027717

mybelfasttours.com

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!

07852 472312

free-belfast-tours.com

BIKE TOURS

Belfast Bike Tours

Experience a comfortable cycle through beautiful Belfast. Each tour is unique and guests can experience the city how they like, guided by our experienced, fun, and knowledgeable guides.

07733 169476

belfastbiketours.co.uk



Belfast City Bike Tours

A fun eco-friendly tour of Belfast and beyond taking in over 20 points of interest. Bike hire available. Departs from Norm's Bikes, Smithfield Market.

07780 496969

belfastcitybike.tours.com

Eazy Riderz Bike Tours

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



FILM TOURS

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

Derry Girls Tour

For fans of the hit comedy show, you can enjoy an exclusive and entertaining Derry Girls Taxi tour.

Although the show is set in and partly filmed in Derry, much of the show is actually filmed in Belfast and this tour is a great way to see the city as well as see locations from the hit comedy.

britmovietours.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 cocktail in the Observatory, Ireland's tallest cocktail bar.

028 9031 5333

mccombscoaches.com

Game of Thrones

Studio Tour

Step behind the scenes of the Seven Kingdoms and beyond. Located at the authentic filming location of Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, this immersive experience will give visitors the chance to journey through the lands of Westeros and explore the world of Game of Thrones like never before.

gameofthrones.studiotour.com

PRIVATE / GROUP TOURS

BelfastLad Tours

BelfastLad Tours are in the top 5% of 5 Star Rated tours in the world and offer exclusive private and small group experiences across Northern Ireland using 'V' Class Mercedes vehicles and expert guides. Tours include professionally led Belfast Political, Giant's Causeway, Sightseeing and Titanic full and half day itineraries.

07825 631550

belfastlad.com

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.

07762 448697

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 Fáilte 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

FOOD & DRINK TOURS

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 one of a kind experience! Tours run throughout the year on the last Saturday of every month.

visitbelfast.com/tours

The Belfast Pub Trail Map

Pick up your free copy of Diageo's Belfast Pub Trail Map from the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre and enjoy a great range of Irish beers in Belfast. Sample a pint of Guinness, Harp, Hop House 13 or Smithwick's at some of the city's top pubs and bars.

visitbelfast.com/tours

Taste and Tour

Exclusively offering the multi-award winning 4-hour fun & food filled 'Belfast Food Tour', 'Belfast Gin Jaunt', 'Belfast Whiskey Walk', 'Craft Beer & Street Eats' and 'City Cocktail Circuit', as well as a range of bespoke private tours.

028 9045 7723

tasteandtour.co.uk

Eating Out



Belfast boasts an amazing choice of places to eat, offering everything from the traditional Ulster Fry breakfast, gourmet coffee bars and express lunch deals to tasty gastro pub fare, cosy bistros and award-winning fine dining, showcasing the very best fresh local produce available.

KEY

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

visitBelfast

MODERN CUISINE

Actons

17 Brunswick Street

Situated in the heart of Belfast's Linen Quarter, close to the Grand Opera House, the Ulster Hall and many of Belfast's hotels. A modern, vibrant and relaxed restaurant, offering a menu that will appeal to all!

028 9024 0239

actonandsons.com

CA LA

AMPM

38-44 Upper Arthur Street

This quirky venue has become synonymous with wholesome cuisine and intimate ambience. AMPM boasts one of Belfast's most varied small plate menus, sumptuous afternoon teas, sophisticated world-inspired dining and arguably Northern Ireland's most varied cocktail list.

028 9024 9009

ampmbelfast.com

CA CC

Bert's Bar High Street

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

DB CC

Buba Belfast

St Anne's Square

A fun and vibrant open-plan eatery serving modern day Eastern Mediterranean-inspired food and cocktails. The menu is comprised of lots of small plate dishes, designed to share.

028 9568 0162

bubabelfast.com

DB CC VP

Cellar Restaurant

Belfast Castle, off Antrim Road

Whether you're looking for morning coffee, a quick snack or a full evening meal, there's something to suit all tastes in this intimate and quaint eatery within historic Belfast Castle.

028 9037 0133

belfastcastle.co.uk

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

cocobelfast.com

DA LA

Cutters Wharf Lockview Road, Stranmillis

Relax overlooking the river with an intimate lunch or dinner. The extensive menu offers dishes ranging from re-interpreted classics to modern flavours, which are sure to tempt your taste buds.

028 9080 5100

cutterswharf.co.uk

DB CC

Deanes at Queens 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

michaeldeane.co.uk

CC CC

Deanes Meat Locker 28-40 Howard Street

When you combine the sheer skill of Deanes chefs with the superb quality of Hannan Meats and the accuracy of the Asador Grill you create a dining experience that simply excels.

028 9033 1134

michaeldeane.co.uk

CA CC

EDŌ

Upper Queen Street

A new, contemporary, European dining experience in the heart of the city offering tapas style sharing plates, robust meat and fish dishes and charcoal oven cooked steaks.

028 9031 3054

edorestaurant.co.uk

CA CC

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 CC

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

DA CC

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

DB CC

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

CB CC

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

Eating Out

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 served in a well-established, award-winning restaurant in the heart of the city centre. Head chef Ben Arnold and his team have created an extensive menu of all-time favourites using fresh and seasonal produce. Pop in and check out the fantastic vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and skinny menus.

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 Joy's 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

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.

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carte menu, alongside weekend brunch and a great Sunday Roast.

028 9560 0700
jamesstandco.com



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 debut serves an authentic Mediterranean menu with locally sourced produce and all-day dining.

028 9531 3191
novellirestaurants.co.uk/belfast



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



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
themuddlersclubbelfast.com



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



The River Rooms

Situated on the banks of the River Lagan, The River Rooms is set over 3 floors. Cloud 9 Basement Tapas Lounge, Ted's Restaurant & The Lagan suite. It is the perfect venue to eat, drink and chill. Also available for private functions.

028 9023 1777
theriverrooms.co.uk



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



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



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



Taylor & Clay
40a Church Lane

Taylor and Clay is an award-winning restaurant which boasts an open kitchen built around an incredible bespoke Asador wood-fired grill. The talented team cook the best local meat, seafood and vegetables over roaring flames,

delivering some of the finest food in the city!

028 9590 0600
bullitthotel.com



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



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



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



Eating Out

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

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
whitestavernbelfast.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

ASIAN

BaoBun **48 Botanic Avenue 338 Lisburn Rd 269 Upper N'ards Rd**

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY

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



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



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



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



Forestsideside

Cookery School SouthSide

07709 827282

forestsidesidecookeryschool.com



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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

Pubs & Clubs

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CITY CENTRE

Angel And Two Bibles

1 Goose Entry

Buzz for entry and climb the stairway to Belfast's hidden cocktail bar. Cosy up with a cocktail by the fire or enjoy rooftop drinks on the heated outdoor terrace. This intimate speakeasy boasts two extensive cocktail books complete with cocktails, punch bowls and non-alcoholic serves.

07518 283 884

angelandtwobiblesbelfast.com

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

Henry's

4 Joy's Entry

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

henrysbar.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

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

Out of Office

96-98 High Street

Belfast's first dedicated brewery and taproom, located on the 2nd floor of the popular Ulster Sports Club. Taproom will be open Thursday-Sunday offering a range of freshly brewed-on-site beers and other local craft offerings. Tours begin in August.

ulstersportsclub.com



Queens Café Bar

Queen's Arcade

Located a stone's throw from City Hall in the heart of the shopping quarter of Belfast, Queens is the perfect pit stop for food and drinks throughout the week. You can always expect a warm Belfast welcome and friendly service from the Queens' team in the most comfortable surroundings.

028 9024 9105

queensarcadebelfast.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

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

voodooobelfast.com

CATHEDRAL QUARTER

Tetto

70-74 Ann Street

A bright, modern, design-led rooftop restaurant, bar and garden showcasing fresh local seafood with an Italian accent alongside homemade sourdough pizza and imaginative aperitivo inspired cocktails.

028 9590 0555

bullitthotel.com

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

Pubs & Clubs

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



The Reporter Bar

3 Union Street

Located in the district which was once home to many of the city's press offices, The Reporter Bar honours Belfast's newspaper printing and publishing heritage, while supporting local produce from all over Northern Ireland.

facebook.com/TheReporter.Bar



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

whitestavernbelfast.com



LINEN QUARTER

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.com/brennans-bar



Crown Liquor Saloon

46 Great Victoria Street

The Crown is both ageless and priceless, a gem of Victoriana and one of the great bars of the world. Step in to discover a traditional pub of unique character, revered for its eclectic range of real ales and its heartily classic pub food, which are served, as they should be, with a generous measure of famous Irish hospitality.

028 9024 3187

crownbar.com



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



Pug Ugly's

21 Bedford Street

Welcome to Pug Ugly's, 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



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



GAY QUARTER

Kremlin

96 Donegall Street

Kremlin has firmly established itself as one of the best gay nightclubs in Belfast and features some of the world's best DJ's and live music acts.

This LGBT-popular bar has 3 different areas, all with a distinct Soviet theme. Check their social media for information on upcoming events.

028 9031 6060

kremlin-belfast.com



Union Street

8-14 Union Street

Set in an old Victorian shoe factory, Union Street has been serving the LGBT community in Belfast since 2004. The establishment also doubles as a restaurant serving lunch and dinner, while at night you can attend drag shows, karaoke nights, cabarets, DJ sets and live music performances.

028 9031 6060
unionstreetbar.com



SOUTH BELFAST

The Bowery

701 Lisburn Road

South Belfast's premier neighbourhood gastro pub offers fantastic food, classic drinks, bar snacks, live sport, entertainment and a delicious à la carte menu. Expect a warm welcome, stunning décor and exceptional service from all the team.

028 9066 2600
thebowerybelfast.co.uk



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
thechelseabar.com



The Crafty Vintner

705 Lisburn Road

Belfast's premier café and bar with a stunning outside terrace and state-of-the-art wine machines, offering a unique and interactive way to taste wines from around the world. From brunch and coffee by day to cheese and wine by night, The Crafty Vintner has something for every mood and occasion.

028 9066 2601
thecraftyvintner
tastingroom.co.uk



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 craft!

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028 9068 6970
parlourbar.co.uk



TITANIC QUARTER

Hickson's Point at

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EAST BELFAST

Bullhouse East

442-446

Newtownards Road

Located next to CS Lewis Square, Bullhouse East is Belfast's very first and original brewery taproom, serving 20 taps of the freshest craft beer and woodfired pizza Belfast has to offer. You're guaranteed a fresh pint from their regularly rotating taps of exclusive beer that you're unlikely to find anywhere else.

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Scotts' Jazz Club

1 Sandown Road

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scottsjazzclub.com



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.

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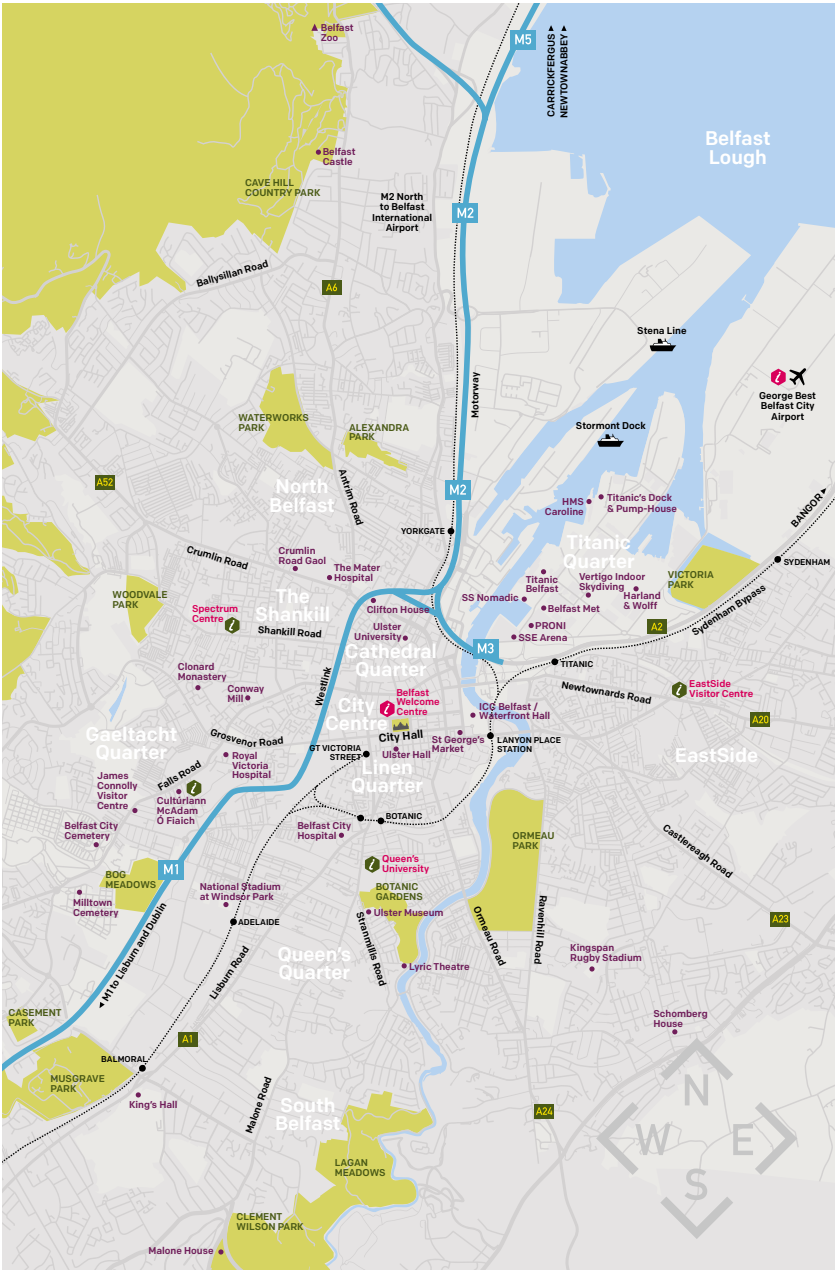
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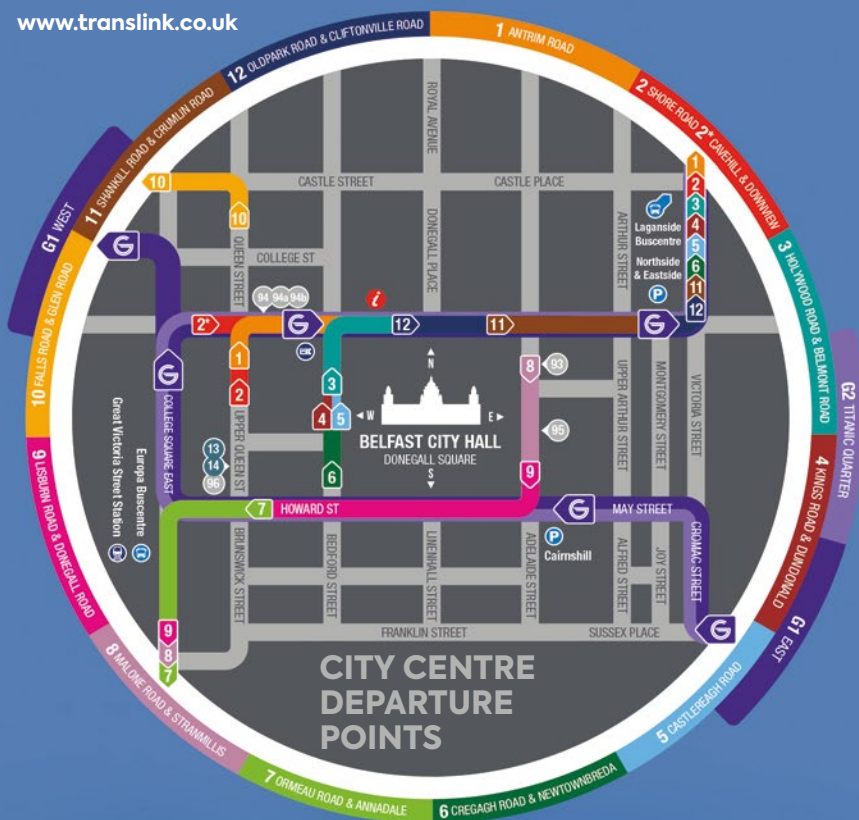
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BELFAST CITY CENTRE GLIDER AND METRO BUS DEPARTURE POINTS

www.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.

Goldliner – 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.

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Multi Journey Smartlink

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

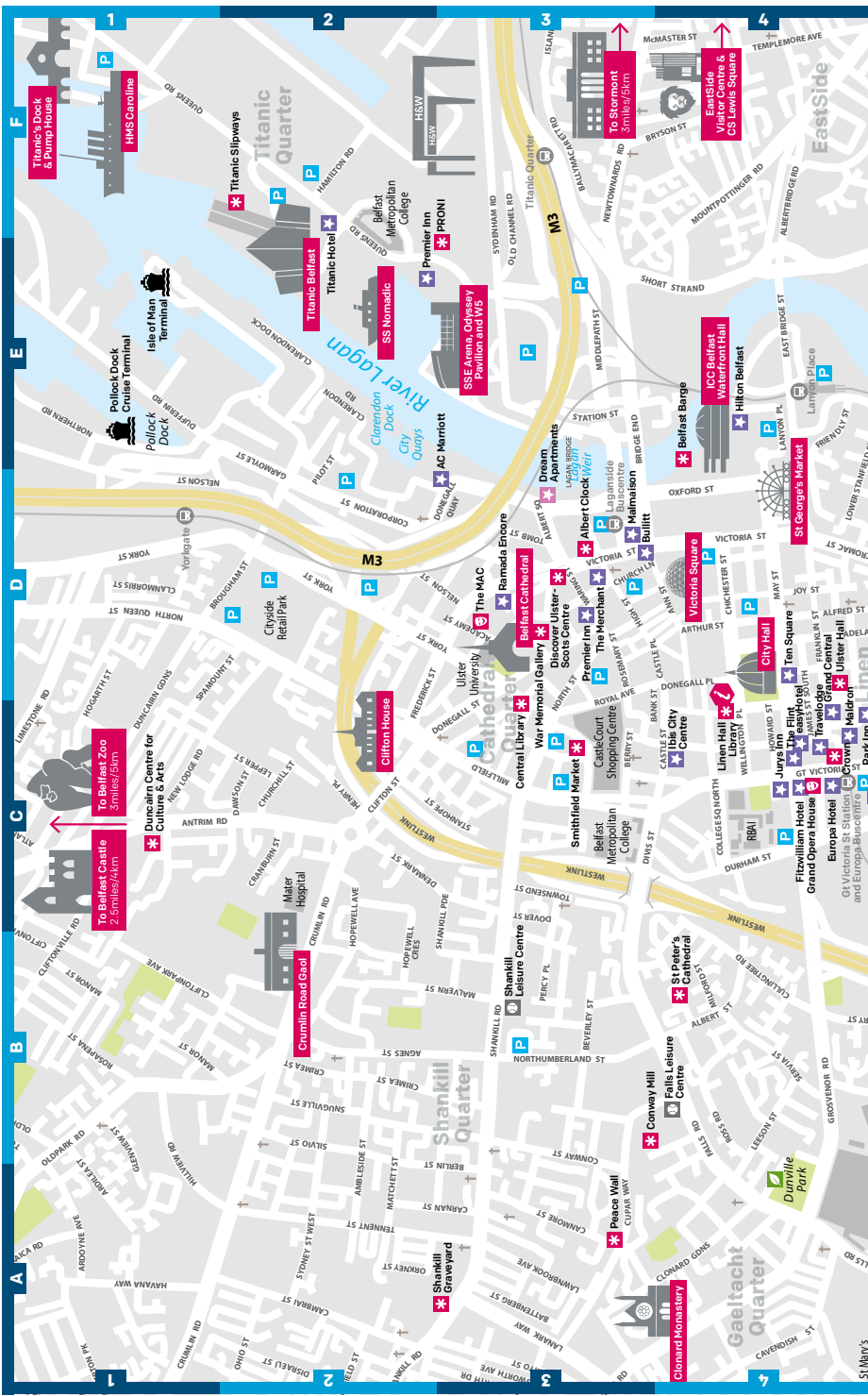
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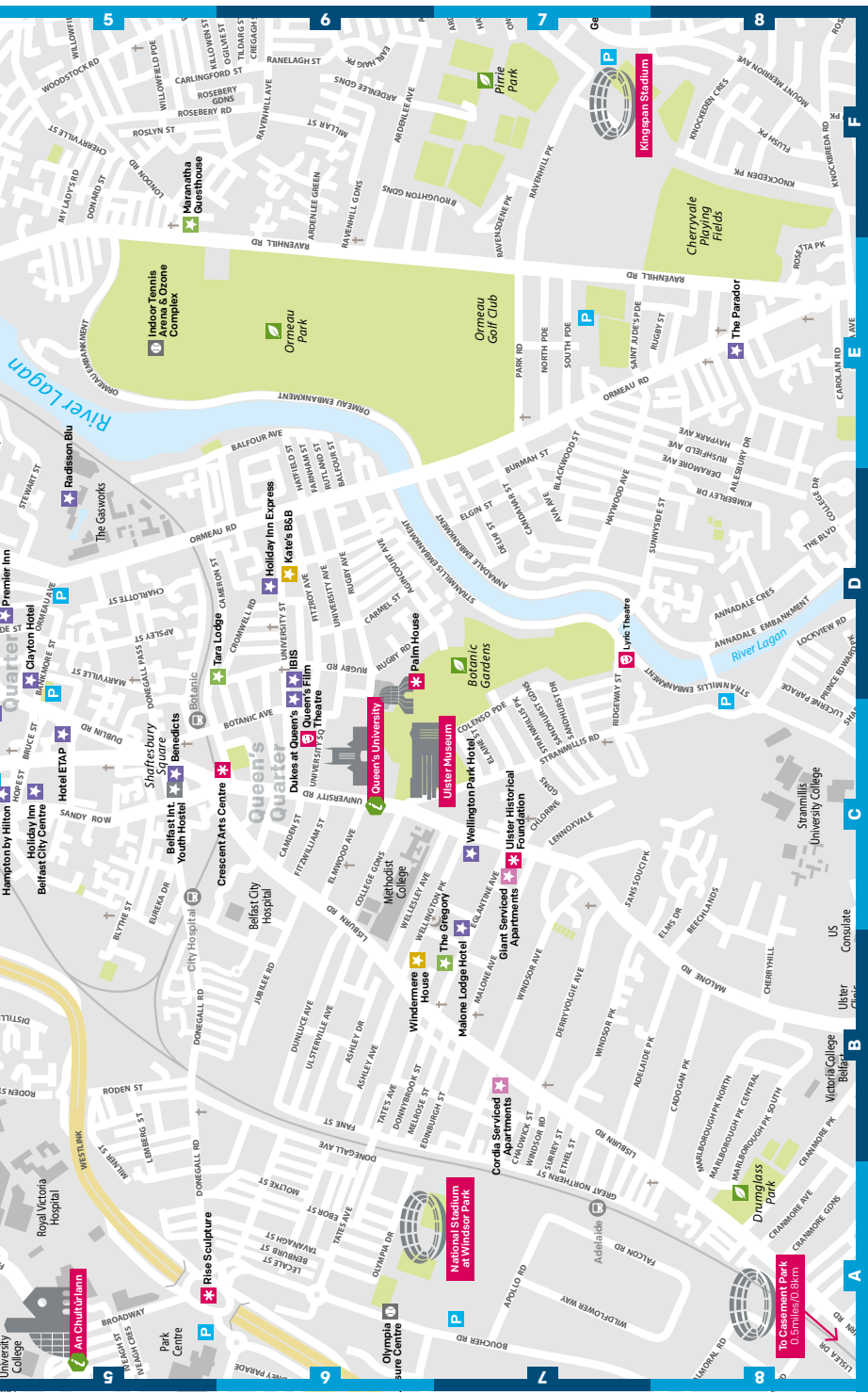
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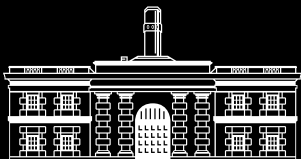


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