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Visit Belfast and our tourism and hospitality partners have been working hard to ensure that the city is ready to welcome visitors back.

Belfast is renowned for its resilience, innovation and creativity – and we're constantly adapting to provide people with the confidence to return to the city. Partnership is at the heart of everything we do – and we're gearing up to offer the warmest of welcomes and incredible experiences we're already known for in a responsible and safe way. Look out for our 'Belfast Working to Help you Stay Safe' mark and the UK tourism industry's 'We are Good to Go' charter that ensures our partner businesses are COVID prepared in every aspect of their visitor experience.

Our guide provides all the information you need to discover everything that Belfast has to offer, from the city centre right through to its eclectic quarters and neighbourhoods, each with something special to uncover and enjoy. From history to art to music to great food, friendly faces and everything in between, uncover the heritage behind the city that built Titanic and more.

Belfast

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At the heart of the city centre is Belfast City Hall. Opened in 1906, it hosts a visitor exhibition that tracks the city's history, offers guided tours of the Council Chambers and is home to the Titanic Memorial Garden. After exploring the shops and stores on Donegall Place and Royal Avenue, or the Victorian St George's Market, hunt out the many cool cafés. cosv pubs and tastv restaurants hidden in the surrounding entries, streets and avenues.

This historic trading quarter is a maze of cobblestoned streets and warehouses that are now home to trendy bars, clubs and restaurants. Visitor attractions include the Metropolitan Arts Centre (the MAC), St Anne's Cathedral, the NI War Memorial, the Oh Yeah Music Centre and the Discover Ulster Scots Centre Full of colourful street art. this area of town is buzzing with music. entertainment and fun at night.

Belfast was once the linen capital of the world with factories. warehouses and grand buildings springing up to the south of the Old White Linen Hall, now the site of Belfast City Hall. Today visitors can enjoy the architecture of these old linen mills which house a mix of offices, chic bars and award-winning restaurants This is a great part of town to enjoy pre-theatre dinner and drinks

Steeped in memories when Belfast was a world centre of maritime trade, ship-building and commerce, the Titanic Quarter is one of the World's largest urban waterfront regeneration schemes. Visit or take a tour of the many Titanic related visitor attractions, be wowed by the interactive visitor centre W5 or discover the fascinating history of World War One survivor, HMS Caroline or explore the Maritime Mile Treasure Trail.

TOP TIP

As well as sensational shopping at Victoria Square, don't miss taking the lift up to the huge dome to enjoy 360° degree views right across the city.

ΤΟΡ ΤΙΡ

Make time for afternoon tea in the luxurious Merchant Hotel to admire the opulent surroundings, huge domed ceiling and Ireland's largest chandelier.

TOP TIP

Be sure to visit Ireland's tallest bar, the Observatory at the Grand Central Hotel, where you can take in the view and savour the most masterfully mixed cocktail creations.

TOP TIP

Enjoy afternoon tea in the opulent 'Drawing Office Two' at the Titanic Hotel Belfast, where many of the world's most famous ocean liners were designed. Home to Queen's University Belfast, the area is abound with tranquil parks and gardens. Come face to face with dinosaurs. get up close with an Equptian mummy, or marvel at some of the best Irish art, there's plenty to enjoy and loads to love at the Ulster Museum. Stroll through the Victorian Palm House in Botanic Gardens, take in an art-house movie at QFT. relax in one of the many cool coffee shops or enjoy great live music or stand-up comedy at the Empire Music Hall.

QUEENSER

The focus of Irish language, music and culture is in the west of the city. Many visitors come to see the area's famous political murals and peace wall but there's plenty more to discover. An Chultúrlann, the Quarter's culture and arts centre, contains an excellent restaurant, gift shop, theatre and gallery. Explore Clonard Monastery or enjoy the three mile Divis Summit Trail, a specifically designed loop walk on Divis Mountain with spectacular views over Belfast.

GAELTACHT

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 kev attractions in east Belfast and famous people who lived in the area including CS Lewis, George Best and Van Morrison

EASTSIDE

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 Old Shankill Graveyard, dating back to the 14th century, the Shankill Memorial Park and the ancient Bullaun Stone St Matthew's Church, built in 1872, is nearby and is known as the Shankill Shamrock due to its unique design and distinctive shape.

THEANHILL

TOP TIP

The neighbouring Lisburn Road offers the ultimate designer shopping experience dotted with a selection of cafés, artisan delis, salons and wine bars.

ΤΟΡ ΤΙΡ

Don't miss the James Connolly Visitor Centre (Áras Uí Chonghaile) which offers a thought provoking insight into his life, politics and the impact he had on the history of the island of Ireland.

TOP TIP

Rediscover The Chronicles of Narnia with a walk through CS Lewis Square, featuring seven bronze sculptures from 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.

TOP TIP

Stop at Cupar Way to see the murals, graffiti and short messages of peace and hope left by thousands of visitors to the Peace Wall. Belfast's Titanic Quarter is steeped in the rich history and tradition of the city's shipbuilding heritage – much of which now stands on reclaimed land built on top of the very shipyards where these ships were built and launched.

TITANIC CITY

Alongside the Titanic and Olympic slipways and the impressive Edwardian Dock and Pumphouse, sit high tech developments including the Titanic Exhibition Centre, Public Records Office of NI, and the internationally acclaimed Titanic Studios, home to the Game of Thrones film set.

The jewel in the Quarter's crown, however, is Titanic Belfast, which has welcomed over 5 million visitors from over 145 countries since it opened in 2012. This architectural triumph houses the world's largest Titanic visitor experience, featuring nine interpretive and interactive galleries that explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of Titanic, as well as the city and people who made her.

Step back in time and learn about the thriving industries and exciting

design innovations that led to the creation of RMS Titanic. Pass through the original Harland & Wolff gates to continue their journey to the shipyard and take the dark ride that uses special effects, animations and full-scale reconstructions to recreate the reality of shipbuilding in the early 1900s. Get an eagle's eye view of the actual slipways on which both the Titanic and the Olympic once rested and experience the excitement of launch day in 1911. View the life size plan of Titanic's Promenade Deck, outlining where the liner's lifeboats and funnels and benches on board would have been.

Then it's all aboard to experience an eclectic range of exhibits, models, interactive databases and elaborate computer generated imagery which illustrate the ship's opulent fit-out





Titanic Tips

The stunning Titanic Hotel Belfast is located in the former headquarters of Harland & Wolff. Drop in for a drink or afternoon tea in the breathtaking 'Drawing Office Two' where many of the world's most famous ocean liners, including RMS Titanic, were painstakingly designed.



SS Nomadic

Explore the restored last remaining White Star Line vessel and the biggest Titanic artefact in the world. Built by Harland and Wolff in 1911, SS Nomadic served as the tender ship for Titanic on her maiden voyage, carrying first and second class passengers from the port of Cherbourg to the ship. The vessel also served in World War I and II, as well as luxury liners Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. including exact replicas of the cabins, and journeys through the dining areas, the ship's engine rooms, working interiors and deck promenade, where you can see and hear the ocean and feel the engines rumbling.

Pay tribute to the loss of this magnificent ship and the 1,500 men, women and children who lost their lives on her tragic maiden voyage, experience the aftermath, the inquiries and the sensational news reports of the time. The story is then brought up to the present day with the discovery of the wreck and into the future with live links to contemporary undersea exploration.

At the end of your visit you can browse the extensive Titanic Store or relax with a light bite in the Galley Café, a meal in Bistro 401 or if you're visiting on a Sunday you can indulge yourself with a luxury Afternoon Tea by the Grand Staircase.









MARITIME MILE

Go the extra Maritime Mile

Dive into Belfast's seafaring history and have a fun day out by exploring the Maritime Mile. This area across both banks of the River Lagan, goes from the historic Clarendon Dock and Sailortown up to the Big Fish, across the Lagan Weir and through the Titanic Quarter, taking in some of the city's greatest attractions. There are wonderful places to stop and eat or even stay the night.

Five-star visitor attraction, Titanic Belfast, beside the Titanic slipways and the Harland & Wolff Drawing offices, is a key part of any visit to the Maritime Mile. You can also step on board the SS Nomadic, the last remaining White Star Line ship restored to its original glory.

While exploring the Maritime Mile, follow the Titanic Walkway and you'll discover an incredible maritime artefact, The Great Light, one of the largest optics of its kind ever built. Further on is a one of a kind floating museum, HMS Caroline, one of the last remaining ships from the First World War. Don't forget to visit the stunning Glass of Thrones windows, depicting scenes from the hit TV show as you make your way back to the city centre.



TITANICa The Exhibition

At the Ulster Transport Museum you can explore fascinating artefacts and personal stories that will help you find out more about life on board Titanic, her sister ships Olympic and Britannic, and how the story of this ship has endured in myth and memory. Explore the short but dramatic life of Titanic and the events leading up to her tragic loss in 1912.

CAROLINE

Based in Belfast's famous Titanic Quarter, HMS Caroline is a First World War-era warship now restored as a must-see floating museum with an amazing story to tell. Be immersed in life aboard this unique ship – lone survivor of history's greatest naval engagement... the Battle of Jutland!

Visitors can enjoy the Dockside Museum, a space dedicated to telling the personal stories of the crew along with HMS Caroline's colourful history in Belfast – her home for over 90 years!

Then step aboard the 'Carry' and see a powerful drama of Jutland and experience impressively restored cabins and deck areas as well as an array of state-of-the-art interactive exhibits.

Soak up the atmosphere as you find out about communication at sea in the Signal School, and continue to the Torpedo School before finishing your visit at the authentic galley café.

Finally, relax at the picnic area or let your little mariners loose on the naval-themed kiddies' play park as you take in the panoramic views of Belfast harbour. Come aboard HMS Caroline, an experience the whole family can enjoy! The Gaol dates back to 1845 and closed its doors as a working prison in 1996. Uncover 150 years of history with a guided tour of Belfast's most infamous prison.

Crumlin Road Gaol

Built between 1843 and 1845, the County Gaol for Antrim was designed by the renowned architect Charles Lanyon. The black basalt rock prison was modelled on London's Pentonville Prison. Visitors can now take the tour of this nineteenth century Grade 'A' listed building and experience life behind bars. During its time in service 25,000 people were imprisoned, 17 people were executed, numerous escapes were undertaken and many infamous inmates were detained in it. Learn about when women and children were held within its walls through to the political segregation of republican and loyalist prisoners. A qualified guide takes visitors through the key areas of the prison including the Governor's Office, the holding cells, execution cell, the graveyard and the underground tunnel linking the Gaol with the Crumlin Road Courthouse.



After your tour why not stay for a bite to eat at Cuffs Bar and Grill, offering exciting food made with fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

Enjoy our green spaces

Amid the hustle and bustle of urban life, city parks and gardens offer welcome respite. Time slows down as you revel in the sound of birdsong, the smell of freshly cut grass and the sight of children playing happily. These well-tended green spaces are our pride and joy and often showcase fragrant rose gardens, exotic plants and a huge array of rare trees and shrubs. From botanical gardens to riverside towpaths or simple municipal spaces, the chances to recharge are plentiful and picturesque.

For a city of its size, Belfast punches well above its weight in terms of the variety and accessibility of green space. You can choose from over 70 parks and open spaces within the city boundary, including the historic Botanic Gardens in Queen's Quarter, the stunning Stormont Estate in EastSide and Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park in the south of the city, which is renowned for its International Rose Garden.



For runners and cyclists, the Lagan Towpath runs for nearly the entire length of the River Lagan, from the centre of Belfast to the neighbouring city of Lisburn or the Connswater Community Greenway offers a 9km linear park through East Belfast.

Yet there's more on offer than just parklands. The city is bordered on three sides by hills and mountains where you can enjoy hiking trails and magnificent views of the Irish Sea to the east. In the north of the city, Cave Hill Country Park offers a more adventurous hike which rewards visitors with some of the best views over Belfast and beyond. Divis and Black Mountain offers a flatter Ridge Trail where on a clear day you can see the Mourne Mountains, Strangford Lough, the Isle of Man and the coast of Scotland.



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Green Flag

78 of Northern Ireland's best-managed parks and open spaces have been recognised with the international standard of excellence, the Green Flag Award. HBO®'s Game of Thrones® is one of the most popular and successful fantasy TV series ever made and it is filmed at a number of locations just outside Belfast. The magical atmosphere captured on film is due to the stunning filming locations chosen for the show, so hop on a tour to get out and explore them.

Home of Thrones

The mesmerising fantasy lands of Westeros have been created using Northern Ireland's rugged coastlines, historic castles and breathtaking countryside and forests. The dramatic scenery of the Causeway Coast and Glens, and Counties Down, Fermanagh and Armagh form the backdrop of much of the show's action and fans can easily access many of the locations from Belfast and follow in the footsteps of a favourite character. Some of the filming locations not to be missed and to name but a few include Castle Ward and Tollymore Forest Park (Winterfell), Downhill Beach (Dragonstone) and Murlough Bay (Stormlands).

*All tours are independently operated by each provider. They are not sponsored, endorsed or affiliated with HBO® or anyone associated with Game of Thrones®.



TOUR (PROPOSED 2021) In collaboration with Warner

Bros. Consumer Products, Linen Mill Studios in Northern Ireland are set to throw open the doors to the world's first and only Game of Thrones Studio Tour in 2021.

GAME OF THRONES STUDIO

Inspired by the global smash hit TV series, this immersive Studio Tour experience will soon reveal the world of Westeros like never before, giving visitors the chance to step behind the scenes of the famous sets of King's Landing, Winterfell, Dragonstone, The Wall and beyond. The Studio Tour experience will showcase the exquisite costumes of the show's leading characters and delve into the crafts and skills behind the incredible props, weaponry and visual effects which helped bring the story of Game of Thrones to life on screen. Rally the realm – Game of Thrones Studio Tour is coming! PG rated experience. **linenmillstudios.com**

TOURS

There are a number of guided coach tours* that depart from Belfast. Meet Winterfell's Master-at-Arms, dress up in character costumes, tour the movie set, and enjoy the thrill of firing live arrows at White Walkers. You can even meet two of the Starks' actual Direwolves!

For more information on tours and experiences, see: visitbelfast.com/ gameofthrones

DON'T MISS

Glass of Thrones Trail

Stroll from Belfast City Hall to Titanic Studios to take in the epic Glass of Thrones installations: six free-standing stained glass window depicting scenes from seasons one to eight of the show. Each window represents the trials and tribulations of a different house and at the final window you can pretend to be the ruler of the Seven Kingdoms, by taking your seat on a version of the throne

TAKE A TOUR:

No matter what your interest is – Titanic heritage, political history, food, music, the Giant's Causeway or even Game of Thrones' locations – tie it all together with one of the various tours on offer, on foot, bike, boat, bus or car. Here are a few ideas of the many ways to discover the city sights.



CITY TOURS

If you're short on time or want to get a general overview of everything the city has to offer, book a private guided taxi tour or get a ticket for an open top bus tour. It's the ideal way to find out all about the city's history including the famous political wall murals, the Peace Wall, Stormont Parliament Buildings and other highlights throughout the Gaeltacht, Queen's, Cathedral and Titanic Quarters.



MUSIC TOUR

Take a bus journey through the heart of this rock and roll city. Sit back, relax, and enjoy tunes and tales from Them to Van Morrison, by way of awesome guitar players, traditional and folk, to punk rock and Hollywood soundtracks. Finish up at the Belfast Music exhibition at the Oh Yeah Music Centre in the Cathedral Quarter, dedicated to telling the story of the great achievers of local music.



FOOD & DRINK TOURS

There are a number of delicious food and drink tours on offer in and around the city and further afield. Take a walking tour around the city's gastronomic hot spots or a coach tour that brings you to visit some of our top artisan food and drink producers, whose products are served on the tables of Michelin starred restaurants across the country.

WALKING TOURS

There's no better way of exploring a city as compact as Belfast, than on foot. There are a number of excellent themed walking tours on offer, so charge your camera, get your trainers on and enjoy the 'craic' with your local guide. It's a great way to meet fellow visitors and enables you to discover some hidden gems and enjoy some unique and entertaining stories as you learn about the history and culture of Belfast.



GAME OF THRONES TOURS

Filmed in Belfast's Titanic Studios and across various locations throughout Northern Ireland, you can take a guided coach tour to explore some of the stunning filming locations featured in the hit show. You can step into 'Winterfell' and experience archery in a recreated film set in 'Stark family' costumes, or even meet two of the Starks' actual Direwolves!



TITANIC BOAT TOUR

Take the world's only guided Titanic Boat tour to see the ever changing story of Belfast's rich maritime heritage and how the port has developed and changed from its industrial shipbuilding roots to a major tourist attraction. Embracing the RMS Titanic story, old and new, the boat tour allows visitors to view the Titanic Quarter from the water and appreciate the vastness of this important industrial era. The Tour also heads round to Musgrave Channel where there's a chance of seeing Belfast's large breeding seal colony.



BIKE TOURS

Take a guided bike tour around Belfast and discover a range of attractions and interesting points along the way, or create your own itinerary and hire a Belfast Bike from one of 40 docking stations located across the city centre. It's a great low cost and convenient way to travel about and explore. There's a great cycling network across the city, including bike friendly trails along the Connswater Greenway, Lagan Towpath and Comber Greenway.

For more inspiration, see: **visitbelfast.com/tours**



COISTE IRISH POLITICAL HISTORY TOURS

Experience a bus or walking tour with trained tour guides from the ex-prisoner community who give a truly unique insight into the Northern Ireland 'Troubles', and how it has shaped their communities. Recently listed as one of Europe's most alternative city tours.



BELFAST TRADITIONAL MUSIC TRAIL

A unique way to experience Irish music. 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. At each of the three stops you will be treated to a performance of traditional tunes, songs and stories.

ARTS & CULTURE

Belfast may be small in size, but it's huge in imagination! Explore some of the cool art spaces and creative places just waiting to be discovered.

Museums

Set in the beautiful Botanic Gardens, the Ulster Museum is a treasure house of the past and present with a rich collection of art, history and natural sciences. The impressive galleries are free to visit throughout the year and there's a great range of touring exhibits on offer. You can explore life from 100 years ago at the Ulster Folk Museum, the history of linen production at the Irish Linen Centre. Northern Ireland's experience during the Second World War at the War Memorial Gallerv and the historic connections between Ulster and Scotland at the Discover Ulster Scots Centre

Galleries

Belfast has an impressive array of gallery space, displaying everything from the most contemporary visual art in the Golden Thread Gallerv to traditional printmaking techniques showcased in the Belfast Print Workshop, The Naughton Gallery at Queen's features a rolling programme of works from the University's own collection, touring exhibitions and shows by local and international artists. On the first Thursday of each month, the city's galleries stay open late and you can explore on foot or on a guided bus tour to experience the ever changing highlights of Belfast's vibrant visual arts scene.



Enjoy the tranquil river views as well as superb local productions at the stunning Lyric Theatre in the Queen's Quarter or enjoy a mixed programme of theatre, music, dance and visual art at the MAC in the Cathedral Quarter, The Ulster Hall (1862) in the Linen Quarter is home to the Ulster Orchestra as well as offering a programme full of all genres of music and comedy, or the Waterfront Hall provides stunning views with a fantastic programme offering concerts, comedy, theatre, ballet, dance and much more. In the Gaeltacht Quarter, Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich is an Irish language arts and cultural centre where you can experience traditional

music, poetry readings, céilís, workshops and a children's arts programme, and although the stunning Grand Opera House is currently closed for restoration, its red stage curtain will rise once again in 2021.

Literary Scene

The Linen Hall Library is the oldest library in Belfast and the last subscribing library in Ireland, renowned for its unparalleled Irish and Local Studies Collection. Northern Ireland's Nobel Prizewinning poet, Seamus Heaney, is celebrated with an exhibition space and programme of literary events at HomePlace in Bellaghy.

The Murals & Public Art

Described as "the world's greatest open-air gallery", the murals in East and West Belfast are a mustsee experience for visitors. Artworks range from Republican and Loyalist political statements to colourful celebrations of the citv's famous sons and daughters. Check out the stunning street art scattered throughout the Cathedral Quarter and there are over 150 pieces of public art placed around the citv to choose from. Pieces worth finding include: 'the Big Fish' on Donegall Quay, 'the Beacon of Hope' towering over the River Lagan, 'Rise' which can be seen at the Broadway roundabout and the Narnia characters at C.S. Lewis Square in EastSide.

Restaurant reviewers have plated up praise for Belfast's food scene and there's nothing like exploring a city, its restaurants and new culinary experiences to make mouth-watering memories. Belfast offers everything from Michelin star dining to the classic 'Ulster Fry' and the best fish and chips around, so you won't leave disappointed!

A Taste of Belfast





Dining Out

Great chefs, superb local produce and great value means Belfast has one of the tastiest food scenes in the UK or Ireland. Enjoy an exquisite fine dining experience at Michelin Star restaurants EIPIC, Ox or The Muddlers Club or soak up the welcoming atmosphere of Home Restaurant or Deanes at Queen's, who received the coveted Michelin Bib Gourmand, awarded to restaurants for exceptional food at moderate prices. In the Cathedral Quarter, you'll find a variety of tasty restaurants including Coppi and Hadskis, and you'll be spoilt for choice in the city centre with the likes of James Street, Mourne Seafood Bar, EDŌ and Howard Street. The city's diverse cultures are showcased with the very best of Asian, Indian, Mexican, Spanish and Italian food, so there's plenty to choose from!

Incredible Food Markets & Delis

A good market reflects a city's attitude to its food and award winning St George's Market is one of the best around. Step inside on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday and you'll be bowled over with the incredible array of local produce. The sights, sounds, smells and tastes of this place puts it up there with the best on the planet – it's an endless gastronomic adventure! Make time to explore amazing delis such as Sawers and Avoca, with their extensive range of high quality local artisan products, and those with a sweet tooth shouldn't miss Co Couture where you can buy locally made award winning chocolates.

Café Culture

From local artisan roasters, to incredible independent coffee shops and top class baristas... you'll never be far away from a great handcrafted coffee or a boutique loose leaf blended tea. There are an abundance of cool coffee shops in Belfast but worth a stop are local chain Clements and Oh! Donuts & Coffee on Upper Arthur Street.

Ginaissance

From distillerv tours to tasting experiences, Belfast is a gin-lover's dream. You can enjoy an exciting range of gin drinking and making experiences in the city centre and bevond including the Belfast Gin & Spirit School, Copeland Distillery, Hughes Craft Distillery & Gin School, Echlinville Distillerv and Rademon Estate or take a quided 'Belfast Gin Jaunt' around the city's top gin bars to sample these locally made craft gins for yourself.



A Belfast Food Tour takes you on a four-hour fun and food filled guided walk around some of Belfast's top food and drink spots – it's a great way to get acquainted with the city! With a huge variety of independent retailers, high street names, boutiques, speciality shops and traditional markets, you'll find it here in Belfast.





Shopping

Compact in size, but uncompromising in choice, Belfast offers shoppers the ultimate retail experience. Find everything you could possibly need under one roof at either Victoria Square or Castle Court; find all the high street names you can think of along Donegall Place and Royal Avenue or hunt out the city's unique craft shops, vintage stores, independent record shops and second hand books retailers. For chic designer boutiques and private art galleries, interspersed with delis, wine bars and cafés, you can make a day of it on the Lisburn Road.



If you're in the city at the weekend, don't miss the chance to browse stalls full of the finest fresh produce, local arts and crafts and delicious hot food at the charming Victorian St George's Market, which is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Spend just a few minutes in Belfast and you'll notice the walls - there is street art everywhere.

Urban Art

In the past this would have reflected the divisions in the city, but in recent years, it has been positive and transformative. Street artists from across the globe have joined a new generation of Belfast based street artists to leave their mark and to help form a new narrative for the city.

The charming and historic Cathedral Quarter has the highest concentration of street art in Belfast and you can delve into this colourful and often hidden world with the Google Map Street Art Guide which is a great way of enjoying these wonderful art pieces at your own pace, or you can take the Belfast Street Art Walking Tour to gain an entertaining insider's view to the art, the artists, the process, and the political and cultural history of the area.

For a taste of what's on offer, take our virtual tour: visitbelfast.com/article/virtual-street-art-tour



Watching and playing sports is an important part of culture in Belfast. The city has several notable sports teams playing a diverse variety of sports that are worth getting a ticket for, or take part to create your own action packed break.

Action Packed Sport

Rugby

Ulster Rugby competes in the Guinness PRO14 and the Heineken Champions Cup with home games played regularly at the Kingspan Stadium. The season kicks off in September and runs through to April. There's always a cracking atmosphere and plenty of action to follow.

Ice Hockey

Belfast Giants home games take place most weekends at The SSE Arena from August until April. 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 gamewinning goals.

Gaelic Games

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.

Football

The Northern Ireland international team are competing to qualify for the European Championships which was postponed in 2020 to take place from 11 June to 11 July 2021. The Danske Bank Premiership has weekly league matches taking place throughout Northern Ireland.

Greyhound Racing

Drumbo Park offers two action-packed race nights every week. You can either experience the electric atmosphere from the trackside or enjoy dinner and track views from the Grandstand Restaurant.

Take Part

Made for Golf

Northern Ireland has established itself with superstar status in the world of golf during the past couple of years, aided by Rory McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Darren Clarke. Not only does Northern Ireland produce golf champions, it also boasts an enviable collection of some of the world's very best golf courses. Belfast itself boasts fourteen courses and golf centres within the city's boundary, while the world renowned links courses of Royal Portrush (host of the recent 148th Open) and Royal County Down are just over an hour's drive away.

Keep on running!

Join over 20,000 runners from all around the world for the annual Belfast City Marathon which is scheduled to take place on Sunday 2 May 2021. There's a line up of events for all levels including the Marathon and Wheelchair Race, Team Relay, 8 Mile Walk and Fun Run. **belfastcitymarathon.com**

On your bike

Belfast is very bike friendly, with plenty of riverside cycle trails to explore at your leisure. Belfast Bikes offers easy cycle hire at over 40 docking stations around the city centre.

Take a hike

Stretch your legs and see the city from up high with a hike up Black Mountain or the iconic Cave Hill, and enjoy the fresh air, nature and fantastic city views.

Action packed adventure

Belfast offers many different opportunities to add a thrilling twist to your city break, from zip wiring to canoeing, archery to orienteering and water sports to mountain biking. Check out one of the many outdoor activity centres to create your urban adventure.

FAMILY FUN

Belfast is a great holiday destination with plenty of attractions for the young, and not so young, in the city and beyond.

Go wild at Belfast Zoo with spectacular wildlife, fun feeding times and trails to follow, as well as panoramic views across Belfast. Get up close and cuddle the little animals at the Ark Open Farm, visit Ireland's largest collection of native and exotic waterbirds at Castle Espie or view wildlife from all over the world at Belfast's Window on Wildlife.

If prehistoric beasts are of more interest, head over to the Ulster Museum, with its interactive learning zones full of great activities to keep the kids happy. The Odyssey Pavilion provides some wet weather respite with a whole host of entertainment under one roof –find W5 discovery centre, bowling alleys, cinemas and, if the Belfast Giants are playing at home, endto-end ice hockey matches.

Nearby you can learn about the city's maritime heritage at SS Nomadic, HMS Caroline and Titanic Belfast, which are all family-friendly. Experience life under the sea at Exploris Aquarium, choose from the inflata park, ninja master course, indoor skydiving, high ropes courses or indoor skiing at We Are Vertigo or they can get their skates on at Dundonald Ice Bowl. Take a splash at the Let's Go Hydro aqua park, scale the walls at Clip 'n Climb or test your adventure golf skills at The Lost City.

Visit the Ulster Transport Museum, which has one of the best rail galleries in Europe or the neighbouring Ulster Folk Museum which allows visitors to experience what life would have been like 100 years ago in its outdoor folk park. Fancy a day trip? Then venture out of the city to enjoy a wealth of National Trust properties with glorious grounds and gardens to explore and plenty of family events on offer throughout the year.

A new visitor experience for 2022

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The £12 million reefLIVE Aquarium will be opening in Belfast's Titanic Quarter in 2022, offering an immersive, fully engaged visitor experience with live displays and cutting-edge narrative technology.



For further information and updates, visit: reefliveaguarium.co.uk An exciting new addition to the Titanic Quarter, the reefLIVE aquarium will be located opposite the Titanic Hotel, a short distance from the world's number one visitor attraction, Titanic Belfast. Once open, the Aquarium will be the largest Ocean visitor attraction on the island of Ireland, expecting to welcome more than 300,000 people each year.

reefLIVE will aim to inspire and educate visitors about marine life and the environmental issues facing species and habitats, and how they can and should be properly managed and conserved. It will aim to wow visitors with a fresh approach to aquaria by using high quality live displays and build techniques to recreate international marine environments, coupled with cutting edge technology to create an immersive 21st century visitor experience.

City of Music

Belfast is a city that truly loves live music, and you're guaranteed to find something musical to enjoy on your visit here, whether it's toe-tapping traditional Irish music in one of our historic pubs, a standing room only gig in one of our top venues or an evening of soothing jazz or classical music.



Famous Faces

Belfast has been the birthplace, spiritual home, inspiration and venue extraordinaire for musicians past and present in every genre, including 1950's songstress Ruby Murray, the legendary Van Morrison, rock guitarist Gary Moore and pop super group Snow Patrol. Delve into Belfast's musical heritage with a visit to the Oh Yeah Music Centre or take a Belfast Music Tour through the heart of this rock and roll city.

Traditional Music

The city hosts a wide variety of traditional Irish music sessions and on any given night vou'll find locals and visitors alike toe-tapping to trad music in a pub. Enjoy a pint and a bowl of Irish stew while listening to a few tunes at Kelly's Cellars, one of Belfast's oldest pubs. Better still, try the hands-on approach, with a beginner's bodhran lesson (a traditional Irish drum) at The Dirty Onion. Or experience a full night of Irish culture at An Síbín where you can enjoy live trad music every night of the week as well as Irish language lessons and storytelling every Monday evening.

Concerts and Gigs

It's not just about the music but how you experience it. Belfast has some incredible live music venues, so whether you're looking for an intimate gig or bagging tickets to top international artists. you'll find it here. Smaller venues worth a visit include the Black Box in the bustling Cathedral Quarter, the Belfast Empire, a beautifully converted church which hosts regular gigs and their popular Empire Laughs Back Comedy Club, and Voodoo which adds a bit of spice for those who like things a little different! For international touring acts, sell out club nights and local live bands, head to The Limelight.

For larger events, there's the Waterfront Hall on the edge of the River Lagan and the SSE Arena, which has played host to the MTV Europe Music Awards, Beyoncé, U2 and many more. The historic Ulster Hall, which dates back to 1862, is one of the oldest purposebuilt concert halls in the UK and Ireland, and is home to the Ulster Orchestra. It's also where Led Zeppelin famously took to the stage to debut Stairway to Heaven in 1971.

Something Different

Belfast has plenty of places to enjoy world music and discover something new. Lose yourself in a tropical party at Revolución de Cuba with live samba music and salsa dancing, or be transported to 1930's New York at Bert's Jazz bar. Feel like a star and experience an evening reminiscent of 1920's Hollywood at Cabaret Supperclub, with live jazz, burlesque, contortionists, magicians, comedians and bands while you enjoy a sumptuous meal served by your very own Cabaret Butler.

Belfast Music Playlist

Tune into our playlist of music from Belfast and Northern Ireland. A mix of genres past, present and future curated by Oh Yeah Music centre and guest artists. Scan the Spotify code below.



After Dark

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

One of Belfast's most popular areas for evening entertainment is the Cathedral Quarter, where you'll find everything from live music to local theatre, classy cocktails to micro beers, cool jazz to traditional Irish music, atmospheric beer gardens and gourmet cuisine to tapas on the go. Check out the Duke of York boasting the largest whiskey collection in Ireland, the Dirty Onion in Belfast's oldest building and the John Hewitt for its extensive craft beer selection and diverse range of live music.

Find the best traditional pubs to enjoy the perfect pint of Guinness. With original features, a warm atmosphere and friendly welcome there is no better place to meet friends and enjoy the local craic. Relax in a cosy snug in the Crown Liquor Saloon, an ornate Victorian gin palace dating back to 1826 and one of the best known landmarks in the city, or enjoy a pint in one of Belfast's oldest pubs, Kelly's Cellars.

Love a laugh? Then head to The Empire in the Queen's Quarter for its weekly comedy night. Want to catch a night of big screen sports? Make a stop at the Kitchen Bar behind Victoria Square, The Doffer behind Belfast City Hall, Sweet Afton in the Linen Quarter or Cutters Wharf in Queen's Quarter, or for something a little different, book a table at Cabaret, where you can enjoy a 1920's Hollywood style supper club with a variety of entertaining dinner shows.

Enjoy a cocktail with a view at one of the city's many stylish rooftop bars including Babel, The Treehouse and The Perch, or venture up to The Observatory, Ireland's tallest sky-bar on the 23rd floor of the Grand Central Hotel, to enjoy breathtaking views over Belfast and beyond.

For those that want to party on into the small hours, there's a vibrant club scene on offer. In Cathedral Quarter, Ollie's Club in the basement of the stunning Merchant Hotel is one of Belfast's most exclusive nightclubs and plays host many celebrities, VIPs and socialites. Alibi in the Queen's Quarter is housed over two floors and showcases the very best in local DJ talent as well as guests from the Marbella and Ibiza scene. Tucked away below street level at the side of City Hall you'll find chic cocktail bar Margot, which hosts the Late Late Club every Friday and Saturday with a crew of local DJ's who keep the party vibe going into the small hours.

Whatever nightlife you seek, Belfast is happy to oblige! For more inspiration, see visitbelfast.com

TOP TIP

Café Culture

Many of the city's stylish cafés stay open late into the evening, hosting everything from craft circles and acoustic music to regular board game nights, dishing up fabulous treats and keeping the caffeine flowing. Belfast has a thriving LGBTQ+ scene across the city, with a dedicated nightlife focus around the Smithfield and Union areas.

Gay venues to take note of include The Kremlin, a Sovietstyle venue with extravagant décor, where the Tsar Cocktail lounge, the Long Bar and Red Square continues the communist-chic vibe. It offers a huge variety of theme nights, which gives it the reputation of the best gay venue in Ireland. Union Street is situated in a 19th century shoe factory, is a great place for some fine gastro pub grub with a cool yet comfy vibe. Upstairs, the Green Room Cocktail Lounge is particularly worth a visit, and the adjoining Shoe Factory provides wacky entertainment from Bingo and Karaoke to quizzes and cabaret. Maverick Bar & Boom Box is a popular and well-loved for its eclectic live music nights and comedy shows. The 'Open Mic' sessions here are unmissable, taking place every Wednesday from 9pm!



Belfast Pride

The annual festival is a 10-day celebration and the largest of its kind on the island of Ireland. Taking place at the end of July, visitors can enjoy debates, film, music & drama with a spectacular finale city parade and party.



Outburst Queer Arts Festival

Taking place every November, the Outburst Queer Arts Festival is a celebration of queer art and performance in Belfast, showcasing great local and international queer work and supporting the development of queer arts at home and internationally.

Restrictions currently in place due to COVID-19

EVENTS & FESTIVALS

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Belfast is famous around the world as a city that's full of life. From world music and theatre to food festivals, and dance, and everything in between, there is always something for everyone. But 2021 may be a little different. We are hopeful that our streets and venues will once again be full and vibrant. However, we recommend that you keep up-to-date with everything happening in the city by visiting our website before you travel.

Belfast Plus

You can easily access both countryside and sea shore within a short drive of Belfast to enjoy a variety of exciting attractions, historic places of interest, informative tours, outdoor activities and amazing scenery. **belfastplus.com**



LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH

Visit Lisburn Castlereagh for award winning attractions, serious shopping and fantastic food. Entertain the kids with a host of family friendly venues from Lisburn to Dundonald or immerse yourself in our rich heritage in historic villages such as Hillsborough and Moira.

Discover the History

Explore the beautifully restored Castle Gardens as you embark on a self-guided tour of Lisburn's Historic Quarter or learn about our impressive industrial heritage with a visit to the award winning Irish Linen Centre, where our spinning and weaving traditions come alive through fascinating displays and artefacts. Discover the magic of traditional brewing by visiting Ireland's oldest independent brewery in the 19th Century courtyard of Hilden House.

Villages, Castles & Gardens

Visit the picturesque villages of Hillsborough and Moira, with their mix of boutique shops and popular gastro pubs and coffee shops offering superb local produce. Explore the beautiful parkland of Moira Demesne, or try your hand at distilling your own gin at The StillHouse Gin School Hillsborough is also home to the historic Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland. While you're here, stop off at the oldest pub in the village, The Hillside, open since 1752!

Shop and Dine

Whether you're a seasoned foodie or want a quick bite, you'll love our vibrant restaurants, cafés and farmers markets, featuring produce from the area's many award winning growers and producers. Memorable shopping opportunities await you at some of Northern Ireland's best-known retail outlets such as Bow Street Mall, Sprucefield and Forestside Shopping Centres.

Events and Festivals

There is a packed calendar of events on offer all year such as Balmoral Show, The Ulster Grand Prix and Hilden Beer and Music Festival. Whether you're fascinated by the arts or excited by engineering – Lisburn Castlereagh has it all!

Family Fun

The Lagan Valley Leisureplex provides fun for kids of all ages, get active at Dundonald International lce Bowl or climb the walls at Clip 'n' Climb. Kids (and parents!) can burn off some energy at We Are Vertigo. For something completely different, check out Ireland's first indoor electric motocross park, E-Trax!



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DISCOVER ARDS AND NORTH DOWN

Within minutes of Belfast, this region is characterised by lush fertile fields and beautiful sweeping Lough shores - this is the place to escape to, slow down and feed your spirit. Picturesque towns and villages will surprise you with our rich heritage and embrace you with our warm welcome.

Share our beautiful scenery

- Immerse yourself in over 100 miles of scenic shoreline, including Strangford Lough, An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with panoramic views from Scrabo Tower and award winning beaches.
- Discover the most easterly spot in Ireland, Burr Point on the Ards Peninsula.
- Enjoy a stroll along the North Down Coastal Path, skirting Belfast Lough from Holywood to the seaside town of Bangor.

Rich heritage and history

- Visit magical Mount Stewart the National Trust's recently refurbished 19th-century stately home, world class gardens and walking trails.
- Explore ruined castles, holy wells, abbeys and military forts and learn about our history stretching back as far as the Bronze Age, via the Vikings and the early Ulster-Scots planters to World Wars.

Make memories with family

Step back 100 years at the Ulster Folk Museum and Ulster Transport Museum, and visit Northern Ireland's only aquarium and seal rehabilitation centre, Exploris. Get up close to Ireland's largest collection of native and exotic waterbirds, and migrant birds at Castle Espie Wetland Centre or spend the day at Pickie Funpark, with family favourites the 'Pickie Puffer', giant pedal swans and more.

Great food

Savour the tastes of our lands and loughs in the region's many award-winning restaurants and artisan food shops. Local menus feature Comber Earlies (seasonal potatoes), Portavogie prawns, Strangford Lough oysters and County Down beef. Enjoy a 'wee dram' of local ale, gin or whiskey. Book a foodie tour to sample our produce, learn artisan bread making or experience spirits production at our local distilleries.

Our warm welcome

Relax in the beauty of our place with accommodation ranging from unique self – catering options, cosy guest houses and a range of three, four and five star hotel and spa facilities.

Ards and North Down is a gem to be discovered. visitardsandnorthdown.com to plan your short break today.





Belfast: teway to Northern Ireland

Belfast makes a great base for exploring the rest of Northern Ireland



Within an hour's drive of Belfast, visitors can discover pristine seafronts, country parks, rugged hill tops or enjoy a variety of country house experiences.

Uncover the myths and legends of the world-renowned Causeway Coastal Route which runs from Belfast, past Carrickfergus and it's Norman Castle, Larne and the spectacular Gobbins footpath through the Nine Glens of Antrim to the Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland's only World Heritage Site. At the Causeway, hire an audio tour from the state-of-the art visitor centre, explore the interactive exhibition spaces, watch Finn McCool on the big screen and unlock the secrets of this inspirational landscape. Nearby, take a tour of the oldest licensed distillery in the world; Bushmills and challenge yourself to cross the 100 ft. high Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge. Jump on a train or bus and head to the historic walled



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city of Derry~Londonderry, with its lively cultural scene, impressive architecture, carnivals, festivals and visitor attractions.

Shrouded in magic and majesty, the Mourne Mountains is an area of outstanding natural beauty, filled with dizzying peaks, rolling valleys, tranquil forests and golden coastline. Don't miss the unspoilt lakeland beauty of Fermanagh, or pay a visit to a number of stunning National Trust properties including Florence Court, Castle Ward and Mount Stewart.



Step inside the doors of Hillsborough Castle, a working royal residence of the Royal Family, which has a rich tapestry of stories to tell. Take a tour to explore the elegant State Rooms and wander through the 100 acres of breath-taking gardens.



Official Visitor Information for Belfast & Northern Ireland. Call in and discover what our city has to offer...you'll be surprised!

Make the state-of-the-art Welcome Centre your first stop when you arrive in the city or contact the team for information in advance of your stay. Located on Donegall Square North (opposite Belfast City Hall), our friendly Travel Advisors are here to help you plan your perfect trip to Belfast and Northern Ireland.

Services include:

- Tourist information & advice
- Tickets for tours & events
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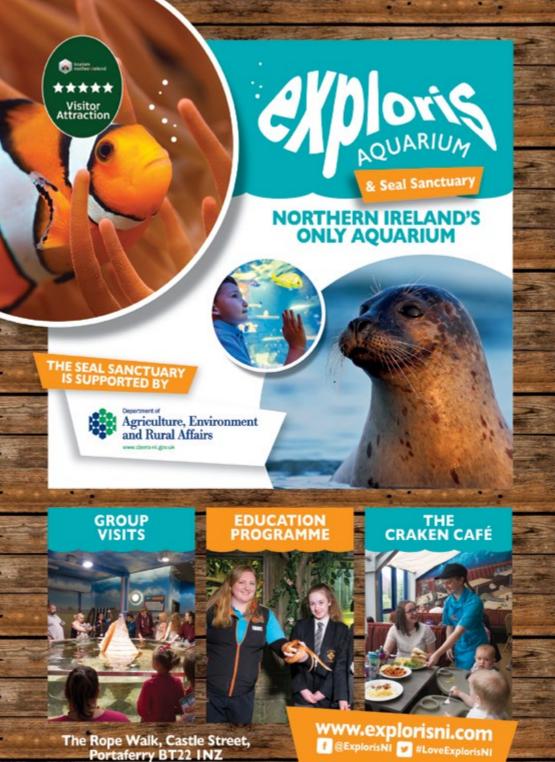
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*	1 star - acceptable
**	2 star - good
***	3 star - very good
****	4 star - excellent
****	5 star - outstanding

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All premises are listed alphabetically by grade and in coloured sections denoting the type of accommodation.



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BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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Depart	Arrive	Carrier	Sailing Time
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Douglas	Belfast	Isle of Man Steam Packet Co	2 hours 45 mins
Liverpool	Belfast	Stena Line (ferry)	8 hours
Cairnryan	Larne	P&O Irish Sea (ferry)	2 hours
Holyhead	Dun Laoghaire	Stena HSS (superfast ferry)	2 hours
Fishguard	Rosslare	Stena Line (super ferry)	3 hours 30 mins

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TRAVEL TIPS

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

It is currently mandatory to wear a face covering when you are in a public area indoors, such as in a shop or visitor attraction. Face coverings are also mandatory when using public transport across Northern Ireland. To check current information on Coronavirus guidelines for Northern Ireland, visit: **nidirect. gov.uk/campaigns/coronaviruscovid-19**

Visiting the UK after Brexit

For the most up-to-date information on travelling to Northern Ireland after Brexit, go to: gov.uk/guidance/ visiting-the-uk-after-brexit

Communications

The international code for Northern Ireland is 00 44 28. The number for emergency services is 999. If you need to speak to police about a matter that does not need an immediate urgent response, call 101. Internet and Wi-Fi access is widely available throughout the city.

Banking

Most banks are open Monday – Friday 9.30am – 4pm. All major credit cards are widely accepted in the city and some shops will accept euro. There are foreign exchange facilities in the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre and various retail outlets across the city.

Tipping

Most restaurants add a discretionary service charge to

the bill for parties of six people or more. If this charge is added to your bill, tipping is not necessary. If a service charge is not included, a discretionary tip of 10-15% is customary. Pre booking restaurants is recommended and card payments are currently preferred.

Shopping

Many shops in the city centre follow these opening hours: Monday – Wednesday: 9am – 6pm Thursday: 9am – 9pm Friday & Saturday: 9am – 6pm Sunday 1pm – 6pm Shopping centres may have extended opening hours midweek.

Stay Safe

Belfast is one of the safest cities in Europe with an extremely low crime rate. However, it is always wise to be sensible and to follow good advice when exploring a new destination. There are a number of Emergency Contact Points in the city which are monitored by the police.

Smoking

Belfast has been a smoke free city since 2006. It is against the law to smoke in bars, restaurants, cafés, hotels, offices, factories and other places of work. The majority of hotels in Belfast no longer offer smoking rooms please check this when booking your accommodation. Many bars, clubs and restaurants offer outdoor smoking areas. #lovinbelfast #translinklifesbetter



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