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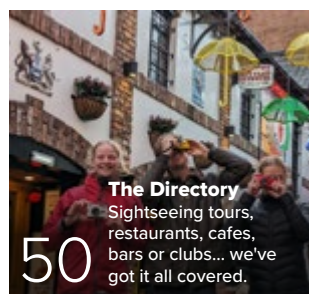
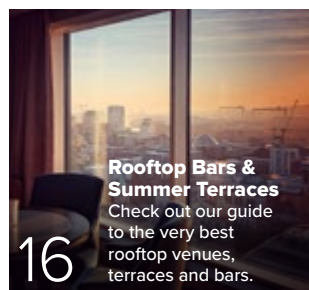
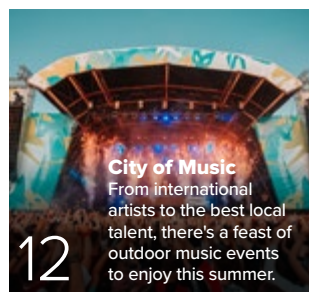
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Must Do:

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

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

National Geographic released their Cool List for 2024 and Belfast has been listed as one of the most exciting places to visit!

FESTIVAL

01

Belfast International Photo Festival

6-30 June

Various locations

Celebrating the finest national and international contemporary photography and visual culture.
belfastphotofestival.com

FAMILY FUN

02

Sundays on the Maritime Mile

26 May, 30 June,
28 July, 25 August

Sundays on the Mile, will take place on the last Sunday of the month between 12pm and 5pm and will offer free musical performances across a mix of genres from professional musicians to buskers, jazz musicians to string quartets, opera to traditional music.
maritime-mile.com/events

CULTURE

03

Belfast 2024

All year

Belfast 2024 is a homegrown celebration of culture and creativity. the programme will see the city come to life with creative projects, unforgettable moments and inspiring initiatives taking place across Belfast.
belfast2024.co.uk

FESTIVAL

04

Belfast Book Festival

7-13 July

Queen's Quarter

An eclectic mix of local and international writers hosting readings, launches, workshops and more.
belfastbookfestival.com

MUSIC

05

Belfast City Blues Festival

28-30 June

Various venues

A 3 day festival showcasing established and up and coming blues artists performing at venues in the Cathedral Quarter.
belfastcityblues.com

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CULTURE

06

Twelfth of July Celebrations

12 July

Various locations in Belfast

Join thousands of people as they celebrate The Twelfth, a festival which showcases aspects of Ulster's rich heritage and culture.
belfastcity.gov.uk/events

FESTIVAL

07

Belfast Whiskey Week

19-27 July

Various venues

Sampling hundreds of whiskies with an eclectic mix of live music, comedy, food collaborations, walking tours, theatrics, cocktails, distillery days & so much more!
belfastwhiskeyweek.com



LGBTQIA+

08

Belfast Pride

19-28 July

Various locations

Belfast Pride is the largest LGBTQIA+ festival in Ireland, with Pride Day parade taking place on Saturday 27 July. belfastpride.com



CULTURE

12

Caravaggio in Belfast

10 May - 1 September

Not one but two paintings by Caravaggio are on display at the Ulster Museum as part of the 'National Treasures' bicentenary celebrations for the National Gallery, London. ulstermuseum.org



FESTIVAL

15

Belfast Mela

17-25 August

Botanic Gardens

Belfast's biggest celebration of cultural diversity bursts into the city for its 17th year with a week long programme of events. belfastmela.org.uk

FAMILY FUN

09

Ferguson Tractor Day

29 June

Ulster Folk Museum

Experience Ferguson Tractor heritage at the Ulster Folk Museum with vintage tractor demonstrations, a 'concours d'elegance', craft displays, and traditional music. Visit ulsterfolkmuseum.org for more information.

HISTORY

10

American Independence Weekend Celebration

6 & 7 July

Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh

Watch a reading of the 'Act of Independence' on American Street, meet first-person interpreters, and try tasty food samples at this weekend of American Independence celebrations! ulsteramericanfolkpark.org

CULTURE

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EastSide Arts Festival

25 July - 4 August

Various locations

An annual summer festival that showcases the brilliant creative talent that lies within East Belfast. eastsidearts.net

CREATIVITY

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Craft Month

August

Various locations

Buy, see, make and learn about craft! August Craft Month is NI's annual celebration of craft. craftni.org

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CULTURE

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Féile 2024

1-11 August

Various locations

An eclectic mix of inclusive arts and cultural activities including music, comedy, visual arts, talks, youth & family events, theatre, sports, and much more. feilebelfast.com

FESTIVAL

16

Hilden Beer & Music Festival

23-25 August

With great beers, great craic and a huge range of live music acts across two stages, Ireland's longest running beer and music festival hits all the right notes. hildenbrewery.com

ENTERTAINMENT

17

Summerfest

June & July

From the creators of Oktoberfest Belfast; Summerfest Belfast is a brand new festival celebrating diversity through music and food. Summerfest Belfast will aim to bring summer celebrations from around the world to Belfast. summerfestbelfast.co.uk

Must See:

Check out our essential list of places not to be missed this summer 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 self-guided visitor exhibition. The grounds contain memorials to the history, people and events associated with the city as well as being a great spot to relax and enjoy an ice cream on a sunny day.

SEE MAP (D4)



EXPERIENCE

02

Titanic Belfast

Get ready to see more, hear more and feel more at the reimagined Titanic Experience! With the launch of four exciting new themed galleries, guests can delve deeper into a reflective journey of the hopes and dreams of those impacted by the iconic ship.

SEE MAP (E2) (VP)



MARKETS

03

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 (D4)

TOURS

04

Game of Thrones Studio Tour

Located at the show's principal film setting - Linen Mill Studios - this immersive and interactive experience takes visitors beyond the Seven Kingdoms and into the world of Game of Thrones like never before.

MARITIME

05

HMS Caroline

Travel back in time and experience life at sea during the First World War. Witness what life was like during the Battle of Jutland, explore where the crew lived and slept, and hear their amazing stories.

SEE MAP (F1)



FAMILY FUN

06

Creatures of Phoenix Island

W5, 29 June - 31 August

This summer, adventurers of all ages are invited to discover The Creatures of Phoenix Island at W5. Venture through the mythical island and meet giant talking trees, carnivorous plants, dragons, unicorns, wizards, and the legendary Phoenix itself. Watch as these creatures come to life before your very eyes. Let the adventures begin! Free with general admission. Find out more at w5online.co.uk

SEE MAP **(E2)**

EXPERIENCE

08

Ulster Museum

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

SEE MAP **(C6)**

TIME OUT

09

Belfast Beer Gardens

Belfast has a huge selection of watering holes and many have cosy outdoor gardens, terraces and rooftops with a view to enjoy in the summer months.

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FAMILY FUN

10

Colin Glen

From Alpine coasteering to Ireland's longest zipline, SKYTrek high-ropes to laser tag and golfing to the Gruffalo Trail, Colin Glen has adventure for everyone this summer.

TOURS

11

Hillsborough Castle

Take a tour or enjoy summer events at Northern Ireland's only royal residence. 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.

TOURS

12

McConnell's Distillery

Experience the new home of McConnell's at A-wing, Crumlin Road Gaol and immerse yourself in the passion behind their award-winning whiskies.

SEE MAP **(B2)**

EXPERIENCE

07

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 **(B2)** **(VP)**



TOUR

13

Clifton House

2024 marks the 250th anniversary of Clifton House, the oldest working building in Belfast, offering immersive tours of the former Poor House, where you can hear the stories of those who lived in the house in the 18th and 19th century.

SEE MAP **(C2)**



For locations, check out our handy map on pages **65-72**.

City Areas

City Centre



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, cosy pubs and tasty restaurants hidden in the entries, streets and avenues.

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.

Cathedral Quarter



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.

TOP TIP

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

Linen Quarter



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 before catching an entertaining show at the Grand Opera House.

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.

Titanic Quarter



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, catch a show, concert or ice hockey match at the SSE Arena or discover the fascinating history of World War One survivor, HMS Caroline.

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.

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.

Queen's Quarter



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 Egyptian 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.

TOP TIP

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

Gaeltacht Quarter



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. See Clonard Monastery or enjoy the three mile Divis Summit Trail, a specifically designed loop walk on Divis Mountain with spectacular views over Belfast.

TOP TIP

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.

EastSide



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 and famous people who lived in the area including CS Lewis, George Best and Van Morrison.

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'.

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 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.

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.

EastSide Belfast

A giant neighbourhood welcome awaits!

Located close to the city centre and Titanic Quarter, and stretching all the way to Stormont Estate, EastSide is a diverse and dynamic part of Belfast with plenty to discover for visitors and locals alike.

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EastSide Visitor Centre & C.S. Lewis Square

Connected to the Maritime Mile (Titanic Quarter) via the traffic-free Connswater Community Greenway, C.S. Lewis Square and EastSide Visitor Centre is a vibrant hub for events, cycling, and walking. Celebrated as a top urban regeneration space in the UK and Ireland, C.S. Lewis Square features the beloved 'Aslan' and Narnia sculpture trail. Fans of C.S. Lewis can enjoy a self-guided trail or book a tour. The EastSide Visitor Centre, with its café, restaurant, and gallery, is a popular spot for locals, visitors, businesses, and creatives.

Templemore Baths Heritage Centre

Templemore Baths, the only remaining Victorian Bath House in Ireland, has been lovingly restored and still serves as a public leisure facility. Discover Belfast's history, from Titanic Yardsmen to

Victorian life, at the Templemore Baths Heritage Centre. Located on Templemore Avenue beside a modern leisure centre, the Heritage Centre offers free self-guided visits and weekly public tours. Group and school tours can be booked, and the event space hosts year-round public events.

EastSide Foodie Scene

East Belfast boasts a vibrant foodie scene, rooted in the neighbourhood's inventive spirit. From the famous **Flout!** Pizza to the buzzing eateries in Ballyhackamore ("Ballysnackamore"), there's something for every palate. For a curated experience, try **Indie Fude's 'Wee Taste of East Belfast'** food tour or start at **Banana Block**, **Bullhouse East**, or **Boundary** craft breweries. Don't miss **Aunt Sandra's Candy Shop** for their legendary Big Belfast Bar, a chocolate hit like no other!

If East Belfast's walls could talk -

they'd tell a fascinating story. In EastSide, Victorian red-brick linen mills stand alongside post-Blitz architecture, with murals and memorials reflecting past struggles, including WWI, WWII, and the Troubles. Start at the Museum of Orange Heritage, free and open Monday to Saturday, where local guides share the human stories behind Ulster's historical context in Europe. Despite its contested past, today's Belfast showcases hope and ambition through vibrant street art by local and international artists which is reflected all around EastSide.

EastSide Arts Festival

The EastSide Arts Festival, held annually in late July to early August, showcases local artists in east Belfast. Each year, the festival features a diverse and innovative program of music, performance, visual arts, theatre, tours, food, and family events. Unique venues



across EastSide host extraordinary artists, allowing locals and visitors to discover the neighbourhood's hidden gems and historical landmarks. **The 2024 festival runs from July 25th to August 4th.**

Creative Giants

Van Morrison's musical fame contrasts with his humble East Belfast beginnings. Fans can explore his roots with the 'Mystic of the East' self-guided trail or guided tours of key locations like 'The Hollow' and 'Cyprus Avenue'. East Belfast also has deep punk roots, highlighted by the **Oh Yeah Music Centre's** bus tour, stopping off at the EastSide Visitor Centre. Several open-mics take place monthly, Friday evenings at **Scott's Jazz Club** are a staple and the regular gigs by the Night Institute and at venues like **Banana Block** are always high energy, drawing a music-loving crowd with icons like David Holmes on the bill.

Shopping & neighbourhood vibes

Explore local shops like 'Glovers' and 'Wyse Bye' on

Newtownards Road, or chic boutiques on Belmont Avenue and Ballyhackamore for a true local experience. Vintage and specialty shops like **American Madness**, **Dandy Lion**, **The Wardrobe**, and **Assemble**; **Bread & Records** are also worth a visit. All are easily accessible via Glider route 1 around Connswater, Holywood Arches, or Ballyhackamore.

George Best House Tours & Accommodation and Self-Guided Trail

Football legend George Best's childhood home in east Belfast has been retro-refurbished to 1960s decor. Public and private tours of George Best House are available, and it can also be booked as a three-bedroom self-catering accommodation. Alternatively, explore East Belfast with a self-guided George Best Trail, visiting places dear to George, including his favourite chip shop, **Spence's**.

EastSide Greenways

The Connswater Community and Comber Greenways are

hidden gems for visitors, offering traffic-free cycling and walking routes through East Belfast. The 16km Connswater Community Greenway connects Titanic Quarter to Cregagh Glen, passing through Victoria Park and various neighbourhoods. It links with the Comber Greenway at EastSide Visitor Centre and C.S. Lewis Square, extending into the Co. Down countryside. Both routes feature cafes, breweries, heritage sites, and nature spots like 'The Hollow' made famous by Van Morrison. Access is easy with Belfast Bikes and guided tours using the Greenways are available from **BelfastCityBikeTours.com** and **HometownToursBelfast.com**.

Getting to EastSide Belfast is easy. EastSide Visitor Centre is just 6 Glider Bus stops (exit at Connswater or Holywood Arches) from City Hall. Templemore Baths are only 2 stops on the Glider Bus from Lanyon Place. visitEastSide.com

City of Music

Belfast will be filled with international artists and the very best of local talent as the city becomes an outdoor stage for the summer. Check out our guide to the best live music festivals not to be missed!



UNESCO City of Music

In 2021, Belfast was awarded the prestigious UNESCO City of Music title, recognising the importance of music to the city and celebrating its rich musical heritage. As a UNESCO city, Belfast is now part of the global Creative Cities Network and will showcase its music story on a worldwide stage.

Belsonic**7-29 June**

Returning to the picturesque location of Ormeau Park, Belsonic is a summer institution bringing the best acts from around the world to Belfast. This year's top line up includes Take That, Sting, Shania Twain and Limp Bizkit.

belsonic.com**Belfast City Blues Festival****28-30 June**

The Guinness Belfast City Blues Festival 2024 returns this June celebrating its 15th anniversary. With over 60 free gigs on the now famous 'Blues Trail' as well as mega performances from top bands at The Rab McCullough Stage live from The Black Box, there's something for everyone.

belfastcityblues.com**Belfast TradFest****21-28 July**

Belfast TradFest, the pinnacle of world-class traditional music concerts, fiery pub sessions & Ireland's fastest growing summer school of traditional music, is set to celebrate its 6th edition. Featuring a week long programme of workshops and a full programme of concerts, talks, lectures, sessions, céilís & festival clubs.

belfasttraditionalmusic.com**Eastside Arts Festival****25 July - 4 August**

This annual summer festival showcases the brilliant creative talent that lies within East Belfast, as it serves up a sizzling feast of live music, comedy, movies, theatre, talks, workshops, exhibitions and poetry events.

eastsidearts.net**August Féile****1-11 August**

Ireland's biggest community arts festival will once again be the highlight of the summer! Highlights include a massive 80's/90's concert extravaganza in Falls Park, Ireland's biggest Free Dance night as well as over 400 other events from live music and comedy to sport, exhibitions, drama, discussions and debates, family events, trad trail, carnival parade and more.

feilebelfast.com**CHSq 2024****3-30 August**

Returning to the iconic surroundings of Belfast Iconic Custom House for 2024 with performers including Sonny Fodera, Two Door Cinema Club, Stiff Little Fingers, the Waterboys, Tom Grennan, and the Saw Doctors.

customhousesquare.com**Belfast Mela****17-25 August**

Experience the wonder of Belfast's diversity with a spectacular week long programme of world music, dance, food and art across the city. Culture, colour and creativity comes together with a magical programme of events finishing with Mela Day at Botanic Gardens.

belfastmela.org.uk**Emerge****24 & 25 August**

This multi-stage outdoor music festival returns to Belfast's Boucher Road. Artists include: Peggy Gou, Patrick Topping, Amelie Lens, BLK and so many more.

ticketmaster.ie/emerge-tickets**Belfast Vital****16 & 17 August**

Belfast Vital returns this year to Boucher Playing fields with headliners Noel Gallagher and Noah Kahan. Special guests also include Kasabian and Maisie Peters.

ticketmaster.co.uk/belfast-vital-tickets**WORTH THE TRIP:****Open House Festival****July & August**

Month long music and arts festival in August and the vintage-themed Seaside Revival Festival on Bangor seafront. In addition, we promote one-off shows in Belfast on a year round basis and as we are an independent non-profit arts charity, any surplus generated from these events is used towards our community projects.

openhousefestival.com**Hilden Beer & Music Festival, Lisburn****23-25 August**

With great beers, great craic and great music, Ireland's longest running beer and music festival hits all the right notes. Held in the grounds of Hilden Brewery, enjoy craft beers and ciders from the UK and Ireland, gourmet food and a huge range of live musical acts across two stages.

hildenbrewery.com/event/beer-festival

BELFAST WAS THE HOME OF TITANIC, STILL IS.

Titanic Belfast, the world's most authentic Titanic visitor experience, is located on the spot where the famous ship was designed, built and launched. Our iconic building features the self-guided Titanic Experience which tells the story of RMS Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end.

Step on board SS Nomadic, the world's last remaining White Star vessel and RMS Titanic's original tender ship, where you can walk the decks, explore the ship, and journey through over 100 years of authentic maritime and social history.

Following a £4.7 million refresh, a new theme *The Pursuit of Dreams* has been introduced along with a stunning new artefact collection and an illuminated 7.6 metre long scale model of RMS Titanic which rotates in sync with state-of-the-art projections for a truly immersive experience.

Visitors can see more, hear more and feel more as new light is shed on Titanic's story and the hopes and dreams of those connected to her, as the Ship of Dreams comes to life for a spectacular and unforgettable experience!

DISCOVER MORE AT TITANIC BELFAST

With an exciting programme of events and exhibitions coming up throughout the summer, there's plenty to see and do during your visit to Titanic Belfast!

Take an award-winning **Discovery Tour** to explore the hidden symbolism within the iconic Titanic Belfast building and find out fact and fable as you walk in the footsteps of the designers and shipbuilders who brought the dream to life.



Pop into our very own destination bar **Hickson's Point**, offering an authentic 1900's public house setting, open daily in July and August with live traditional music Friday to Sunday. Pups are welcome here too.

Coming up in August are some special **after-hours events and tours**, running every Thursday and Friday evening, bringing the Titanic story to life in a whole new way!



Dockers & Dolls, The Art of Terry Bradley

From 1st July
Andrews Gallery
Free admission

This summer Titanic Belfast welcomes back renowned local artist Terry Bradley for his Dockers and Dolls exhibition, showcasing many iconic pieces related to mental health, alongside an exclusive immersive experience.

Rooftop Bars & Summer Terraces

Make the most of the long summer nights and take going for drinks to new heights at these rooftop venues, summer terraces and bars with an instagrammable view in Belfast.



Crafty Vintner **Lisburn Road**

Belfast's premier cafe and bar with a stunning outside terrace and state-of-the-art wine machines. Enjoy al fresco drinks on the fully heated and covered outside terrace.



The Perch **Franklin Street**

Belfast's original rooftop bar is located on the top floor of a converted Victorian warehouse. In honour of the bar's name, The Perch is decorated with an assortment of brightly coloured hanging birdcages with a beautiful central bar overlooking the sights of Belfast.

Angel & Two Bibles **Goose Entry**

Buzz for entry and climb the stairway to Belfast's hidden speakeasy cocktail bar. Cosy up with a cocktail by the fire or enjoy rooftop drinks on the heated outdoor terrace.



Tetto **Ann Street**

This bright, modern, designed rooftop bar, garden and restaurant offers incredible panoramic city skyline views, showcasing fresh local seafood with an Italian accent alongside sourdough pizza and imaginative aperitivo inspired cocktails.

The Jailhouse **Joy's Entry**

Enjoy a fantastic range of traditional food, local drinks and entertainment alongside the rich history and heritage of Joy's Entry. The cosy outdoor seating area and adjacent cobblestoned entry is regularly decorated for the different seasons, creating the perfect photo opportunity.

The Treehouse **Upper Arthur Street**

With mesmerising decor accented by warm fairy lights, The Treehouse is an urban oasis in the heart of the city centre. The recently relaunched venue boasts a new grill and burger bar menu with more tempting dishes from the award-winning AMPM kitchen!

The Bowery **Lisburn Road**

This fully heated, glass covered terrace is the perfect spot for outdoor drinks. Grab a seat any day of the week and watch the world go by on the stylish Lisburn Road. The Terrace is the perfect spot to catch up with friends over coffee, for an after-work pint or delicious weekend cocktails.

Trademarket **Dublin Road**

Trademarket is an outdoor street-food and retail market right in the heart of Belfast. They've a wide selection of mouth-watering food, delectable drinks and scintillating shopping from across Belfast so no matter your tastes, we have a little bit of something for everyone!

The Observatory **Bedford Street**

Venture to this indoor bar on the top floor of the Grand Central Hotel for unforgettable views of Belfast and beyond. At 22 levels from the ground, The Observatory is the tallest bar in Ireland and makes for an extraordinary experience. Cocktails embrace experiential mixology and include a delightful range of bespoke drinks named after Belfast landmarks.



Lavery's **Bradbury Place**

One of the best rooftop bars in Belfast, partially because of its size. When the sun comes out, everyone wants to enjoy it, and some spots can get crowded, but Laverys' covered and heated terrace is seriously sizeable, so it's the perfect place to get your mates together for sundowners.



The Roof **Union Street**

Union Street is one Belfast's most diverse bars and has a fabulous open top outdoor space. This lively area of the bar is the place to be in summer, so kick back with friends in this super casual setting and enjoy their signature cocktails.

The Loft **Linenhall Street**

This luxurious lounge on the seventh level of Ten Square

Hotel offers beautiful views of Belfast City Hall from its French-style doors. Choose from a dazzling range of cocktails, fine wines and champagnes, or book in for an indulgent afternoon tea with a view.

The Tipsy Bird **Ann Street**

With imaginative décor, quirky cocktails and cracking live music, this rooftop cocktail bar truly has all you could ever need. As well as expertly made cocktails, the bar also has a delicious stonebaked pizza menu.



Parisien **Donegal Square North**

Perfect for catch ups, or romantic date night, the plush surroundings of Parisien will make for a memorable evening. Enjoy their all-weather terrace to sip delicious cocktails and soak up those city views.



LGBTQIA+ BELFAST

Belfast is a buzzing and diverse city offering a range of colourful events and vibrant nightlife. Home to the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender festival in Ireland, the city has a thriving LGBTQIA+ community and gay scene.

NIGHTLIFE

Belfast's best gay bars and clubs are located in the city's Smithfield and Union Quarter area, north of the city centre on the edge of the Cathedral Quarter.

Union Street Bar

Situated in a 19th century shoe factory, Union Street Bar is one of the city's most stylish bars with a cool yet comfy vibe. Upstairs, the Green Room Cocktail Lounge is particularly worth a visit and you can enjoy summer vibes on The Roof. The adjoining Shoe Factory provides wacky entertainment, from bingo and karaoke to quizzes and cabaret.

unionstreetbar.com

Maverick Bar

Maverick Bar on Union Street is a popular gay bar, well-loved for its eclectic live music nights and comedy shows. The open mic sessions are unmissable, taking place every Wednesday.

themaverickbelfast.com

Kremlin

The city's most famous gay club is probably Kremlin on Donegall Street. A Soviet-style industrial opulence exudes throughout the venue's extravagant decor, with the Tsar Cocktail Lounge, the Long Bar and Red Square continuing the communist-chic vibe. A huge variety of theme nights, celebrity performances and the friendliest up-for-it clubbers gives Kremlin the reputation of being the best gay venue in Ireland.

kremlin-belfast.com

Boombox

Boombox Belfast, Donegall Street hosts some of the best drag acts, internationally and locally. Make sure you keep an eye out for Belfast's fiercest drag talent.

PRIDE

Belfast Pride Festival

19-28 July

Belfast Pride is the biggest LGBTQIA+ festival on the island of Ireland and it packs in over 150 events across ten days! The city will yet again burst into a rainbow of colour this summer, with Belfast City Hall lighting up in rainbow colours to celebrate Pride Day. This year's festival theme is Stand By Your Trans and is a celebration packed with a variety of events from film and music to drama and debate. This year the unmissable Pride Parade makes its way through the city centre on Saturday 27th July at 1pm.

belfastpride.com





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Maritime Mile



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.

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.

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

Get ready to see more, hear more and feel more at the reimagined Titanic Experience! With the launch of four exciting new themed galleries, guests will delve deeper into a reflective journey of the hopes and dreams of those impacted by the iconic ship.  

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.

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.

HMS CAROLINE

One ship, one hundred years, one thousand stories! This April step back on board HMS Caroline and experience an incredible day out the whole family can enjoy. Explore this First World War ship, get hands on with a variety of interactive exhibits and take part in some family friendly activities. 

To discover more visit
maritime-mile.com



August Craft Month

August Craft Month is Northern Ireland's unique celebration of the craft sector!

Presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland and Craft NI, this month-long event takes place each year, providing opportunities for the public to experience, participate in, buy and learn about Craft.

Celebrating craft in all its forms, from traditional to contemporary, August Craft Month is for everyone - a great opportunity to immerse yourself in the wonderful visual and hands-on experience of craft, whether it's attending a workshop, visiting an open studio, market or catching an exhibition!

Shining a spotlight on local talented makers, venues and the joy of making, this year's programme includes Belfast highlights such as the **Belfast Potter's Market**, taking place on



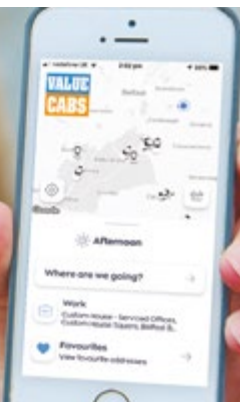
August 10th at 2 Royal Avenue, in the centre of Belfast: up to 40 of Ireland's top potters and sculptors will be gathered together to exhibit and of course sell their beautiful pottery.

Belfast Ceramics Studio's Open Studio Day on August 3rd will give visitors an opportunity to have a go on the wheel, experience free hand building and browse/shop for pottery; and last but not least, the **August Craft Month Exhibition** will be on at Craft NI Gallery

in Belfast's iconic Cathedral Quarter throughout the month of August - this is a must-see event, featuring some of the best in contemporary local craft!

For the full list of events in Belfast (and beyond!) throughout August Craft Month please visit augustcraftmonth.org
The programme will go live in July!

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Welcome to shopping in Belfast, a dream for style lovers, savvy shoppers, and foodies alike. With a mix of high street favourites, quirky independent stores, specialty shops, cool boutiques, and bustling markets, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

RETAIL THERAPY



Victoria Square

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

SEE MAP (D4)

Castle Court

This one-stop shopping spot on Royal Avenue is home to a whole host of your favourite fashion stores including; Jack & Jones, New Look, DV8, Quiz and Matalan as well as popular plus size store Yours Clothing. It's a fashion fix for the whole family and with 13 great food places to choose from, The Avenue Cinema and on-site parking, there's never been a better time to visit.

SEE MAP (C3)

Queen's Arcade

If you're looking for exclusive and luxury brands, a visit to this stunning, fully enclosed Victorian arcade in the heart of the city is a must. Here you'll find global fashion names such as Gucci, as well as Ireland's only Rolex, OMEGA, TAG Heuer and Montblanc outlets. There are also premium local boutiques, offering everything from jewellery, luxury eyewear and footwear to handmade gifts. A truly unique shopping experience.

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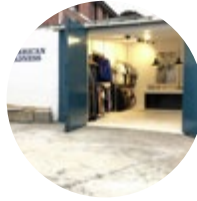
Hidden Gems

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



Daisies

Daisies is a local cafe and chocolate confectioner with all products handmade and ethically sourced.



American Madness

This unique vintage store, located next to the Comber Greenway, opens from 10am - 5pm every Saturday and is stocked full of vintage clothing and records as well as a curated selection of books and magazines.



Craft Gallery NI

The Gallery's elegant display of jewellery, ceramics, glass, textiles, wood and paper make is a perfect spot to treat yourself, find a unique decorative piece for your home or a thoughtful gift for a special occasion.



Donegall Place

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

SEE MAP [\(D4\)](#)

St George's Market

Head 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 [\(D4\)](#)

Lisburn Road

This thoroughfare in South Belfast is home to global fashion brands like Max Mara as well as local designers, art galleries, luxury footwear, hair and beauty outlets and day spas. Mixed in with these you'll also find long-established traditional stores offering everything from homewares to dress hire. And course, there's a huge range of restaurants, delis and coffee shops to sustain you while you shop!

SEE MAP [\(A8\)](#)

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TEP BEHIND THE SCENES & DISCOVER THE MAKING OF THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR TV SHOW

Game of Thrones Studio Tour is an unmissable attraction in Banbridge, Northern Ireland – a principal film location for the hit HBO series, Game of Thrones.

The 110,000 sq.ft. experience, is one of the largest indoor visitor attractions on one level on the island of Ireland. Hosting hundreds of iconic costumes, weapons and props from the show, and the actual film sets such as Winterfell, Dragonstone, and King's Landing, taking visitors right into the heart of Westeros.

There are countless pieces of jewellery worn by the show's stars and many props that celebrate the remarkable craftsmanship that made Game of Thrones the most popular award-winning series of all time.

"The immersion and quality of this tour will amaze you. I am a fan of the series but my wife was not, until now. We spent over 3 incredible hours here and are binging Game of Thrones now that we are home. Do it!"



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Game of Thrones Studio Tour will take you on a journey from the conceptual stages of Game of Thrones and "beyond the wall" where you will be in awe of GIANTS and DRAGONS and experience a spine-tingling conclusion in front of the authentic Iron Throne.

If that's not enough, the Studio Tour offers impressive green screen opportunities to capture your journey, as well as a Lobby Café and Studio Restaurant with a superb food range – and boasts the largest Game of Thrones shop in the world!

Whether you're a fan of the show, TV and film fanatic, or seeking a thrilling day out with friends and family, this is an experience for everyone to enjoy!



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A photograph of two people, a man and a woman, with their bodies painted in vibrant, multi-colored patterns. They are looking upwards and to the right. The background is dark with some bokeh light effects. The title 'Arts & Culture' is overlaid on the left side of the image in a white, hand-drawn style font.

Arts & Culture

For a great day out that is both educational and fun, visit a museum or gallery. From local history to modern art; dinosaurs to space rockets, there's something for everybody.

Ulster Museum

Botanic Gardens

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

ulstermuseum.org

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

Áras Uí Chonghaile

374-376 Falls Road

An award winning, modern, inspirational visitor centre based in the heart of Belfast's Gaeltacht Quarter with an interactive exhibition, telling the story of James Connolly. (€)

arasauchonghaile.com

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. (€) (VP)

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

Making Festival

Ulster Folk Museum

17th & 18th August

Come along to the Making Festival as we showcase Ireland's unique heritage crafts with demonstrations from blacksmithing and goldsmithing to musical instrument making. There'll be traditional music sessions, screenings in our Picture House plus activities for all ages to enjoy. (VP)

ulsterfolkmuseum.org





ACTIVITIES

Argentine Tango

Windsor Tennis Club

Come and experience a weekly 'Milonga' each Sunday from 3pm-6pm. Meet friends, enjoy great music and have fun. the Argentine Tango awaits!

Sturdy Ceramics

5-7 Conway Street

Sturdy Ceramics in Belfast, housed in Conway Mill, provides unique pottery experiences.

Self-taught, Potter Ruth enables participant-led, learning with tools to facilitate your creativity. Hosting weekly "On Thursdays we Throw" sessions, kids' parties, and private workshops, there's truly something for everyone who wants to experience the catharsis that working with clay creates.

Eden Pottery

218a Abbey Road, Millisle

Based in the heart of the Ards peninsula, Eden's creative studio space is open to decorate our hand thrown pottery pieces, with a homely café to complete your visit full of delicious baked goodies. Our hand cut sponges are one of a kind, and make pottery decorating easy for everyone! edenpotteryshop.co.uk

RE-OPENING

Golden Thread Gallery

23-29 Queen Street

Golden Thread Gallery re-opens on Saturday 10th August! Our new home at 23-29 Queen Street includes 2 large galleries, a projection room, a Community Participation & Engagement Hub and Northern Ireland's first visual art library & archive. Our opening exhibition in the main gallery space is **The End of Art is Peace** by acclaimed artist Graham Fagen. Entry is free. goldenthreadgallery.co.uk

Museum of Orange Heritage

368 Cregagh Road

Located at Schomberg House, Belfast, the Museum of Orange Heritage offers a fantastic and interactive visitor experience learning about the Orange culture. orangeheritage.co.uk

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

Banana Block

310 Upper Newtownards Rd

A new living museum and events space set within a historic linen mill and

inspired by the curious connections between Belfast and bananas! Check out their packed programme of events and workshops or tour their exhibitor outlets and grab a bite to eat while you learn about the history of the space. bananablock.org

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

Terry Bradley Art

1 Victoria Square

One of the most recognisable and collectable artists working in Ireland today, Terry is known the world over for his signature stylised portraits inspired by the assertive female models of Ireland and Paris, and by the 'salt-of-the-earth' working men of Belfast. The gallery offers a wide range of limited edition prints and Bradley merchandise. terrybradley.com



**DISCOVER
BELFAST'S
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Urban Art Scene

"Star People"

Belfast, often hailed as "the world's greatest open-air gallery," boasts a rich tapestry of urban art that captivates visitors from all walks of life. From powerful historical murals to contemporary street art, the city's walls come alive with colour, creativity, and thought-provoking messages.

Described as "the world's greatest open-air gallery", Belfast is home to hundreds of powerful and thought-provoking historical murals. Found on the sides of houses and walls across East and West Belfast, many pieces of artwork are closely associated with the Troubles. These Republican and Loyalist political statements present visitors with a fascinating picture of how two communities, living side by side, can have such a different sense of history. Yet, in recent years, a new breed of mural has evolved containing messages of hope and achievement, depicting colourful celebrations

of the city's famous sons and daughters. Yet, Belfast has evolved. In recent years, a new breed of murals has emerged—one that celebrates hope, unity, and achievement. These vibrant artworks pay homage to the city's famous sons and daughters, infusing the streets with positivity and inspiration. As you explore, you'll witness this fascinating juxtaposition of past and present, where art bridges the gap between generations.

Global Creativity Meets Local Streets

Modern Belfast has become a magnet for street artists

worldwide. From hidden alleyways to bustling thoroughfares, the city center is a canvas waiting to be adorned. Take a leisurely stroll, and you'll discover an explosion of creativity—graffiti, stencils, and murals that tell stories of resilience, diversity, and shared humanity. These artists, fueled by passion and purpose, contribute to a new narrative—one that transcends borders and speaks to the universal language of art.





"The Duel of Belfast, Dance By Candlelight"



"The Chef"



"Blurry Eyed"

Cathedral Quarter: Where Art Comes Alive

For an immersive urban art experience, head to the Cathedral Quarter. Here, the cobblestone streets lead you to a treasure trove of creativity. Iconic pieces include:

- **"Blurry Eyed" on Talbot Street:** This mural depicting a soaked urban street was created freehand without the use of guides or stencils.
- **"Woman and Parrot" on Gresham Street:** Created by Columbian street artist Sancho Medina as part of the Hit the North 2018 festival, this colourful image of a woman and parrot stands over three storeys on Gresham Street. Sancho's work is inspired by man's close relationship with nature.
- **"Star People" on Kent Street:** An interstellar journey depicted through cosmic figures, reminding us of our place in the vast universe.
- **"The Chef" on High Street:** This stunning portrait can be found on the side of the Ulster Sports Club at the bottom of High Street. The

three-story image of a chef with a lobster was created by Australian artist, Smug.



- **"Still Water" on Hill Street:** Manchester-based Nomad Clan touch on Belfast's industrial heritage in this piece, which shows a modern young woman face-to-face with a wolf, representing past tensions and an acknowledgment of past and present.
- **"The Acrobat" on Donegall Street:** Alice Pasquini's 'The Acrobat' is a tribute to Will Chamberlin, the director of Belfast Circus School who passed away in 2017. This piece portrays an acrobat in a state of repose in midair, symbolising Chamberlin's impact across the community.

- **"The Duel of Belfast, Dance By Candlelight" on Hill Street:** This stunning piece on Hill Street in the Cathedral Quarter was painted by Irish artist Conor Harrington. It hints towards the colonial West, depicting two duelling men and an onlooker.

Don't miss Commercial Court, where 21 rainbow-colored illuminated umbrellas create a magical canopy. By day, they provide shade; by night, they transform into a captivating light show—a must-see for photographers and dreamers alike.

So, whether you're an art enthusiast, a curious traveller, or simply someone seeking inspiration, Belfast's urban art scene invites you to explore, reflect, and connect with the heartbeat of the city.

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

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** will be welcoming a programme of fabulous productions to Belfast this summer; experience West-end musical spectaculars such as *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Come From Away* and *Pretty Woman*. *Northern Ireland Opera* returns with Tchaikovsky's stunning operatic masterpiece, *Eugene Onégin*. Enjoy a night of music-comedy courtesy of Ciaran Bartlett's new show the *Phantom of the Opera House* or experience the classic thriller *An Inspector Calls*, there's something from everyone to enjoy! 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 *The Pillowman*, a captivating play by Martin McDonagh, *The Man who Swallowed a Dictionary*, a one man play about David Ervine and the

return of *Truth, Love and Promise*. If you're ready for a night of singing don't miss *A Night at the Musicals*. 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 summer you can dance the night away at *Lush! Classical, Journey* and the *Corrs*. Comedy nights include *Paddy McDonnell's Dagger* and *Paul Smith's Pablo*. Experience the west end phenomenon *Les Miserables* embarks on a world tour with *Les Miserables the Arena Spectacular*. Catch some pre-season ice hockey action with the *Belfast Giants* and in early September don't miss the spectacular *Belfast International Tattoo*. ssearenabelfast.com

The **Waterfront Hall** offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights

include *Micky Bartlett*, *Jimmy Carr*, *Milton Jones* and *Rhod Gilbert*. There's live music from the *Bootleg Beatles*, *10cc* and *Essentially Cher*. Enjoy dance, song and light-hearted fun with *Anton and Giovanni - Together*. Sports enthusiasts can enjoy the *World Snooker Tour NI Open* in early Autumn. waterfront.co.uk

The Victorian **Ulster Hall** dates back to 1862 and is also home to the Ulster Orchestra. This summer you can check out live musical performances from *Jorja Smith*, *Fastlove - a tribute to George Michael*, the *Music of James Bond by Candlelight* and *Big Girl's don't Cry - a tribute to Frankie Valli and the four Seasons*. Enjoy a night of laughs with *Sam Campbell* or *Fern Brady*. True Crime enthusiasts can step into the shoes of a jury member and participate in a thrilling murder trial as part of *Murder Trial Tonight II*. ulsterhall.co.uk



2 Royal Avenue

Make sure to call in to this city centre cultural venue, which provides space to gather, meet, work and play. Enjoy art installations, a cosy kids' area, library reading corner, homework station, sensory dome, the Yallaa Café and a programme of artistic experiences, events and workshops. maywe.co.uk/2ra

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 in the north of the city, offering an intimate and authentic Belfast experience, from art exhibitions and workshops to concerts and live performances.

theduncairn.com

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 macaroons.

auntsandras.com

Nature and Nurture

Nature and Nurture is an imaginative play centre with a role play village and sensory room. Suitable for ages 0-7. Cafe on site.

naturenurtureni.com

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. 📍

ulsterfolkmuseum.org

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. 📍

ulstertransportmuseum.org

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 📞

www.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 Ultimate Challenges

Northern Ireland's unmissable, interactive and state-of-the-art team game experience, exclusive to Airtastic Lisburn. Play as a team of 2-6 people as you navigate your way through 30 unique and fun challenge rooms which involve a mix of physical, mental and skill-based tasks.

air-tastic.com

Colin Glen

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

colinglen.org

Andersonstown Indoor Aqua Park

Experience Northern Ireland's largest indoor Aqua Park. With 3 high speed water slides, an adventure play area for under 12s, a Little Lagoon for the water babies and Ireland's only indoor surf simulator, there's something for all the family! better.org.uk/leisure-centre/belfast/andersonstown-leisure-centre

St James' Community Farm

In operation for over six years, this popular venue has recently launched a new community hub. The farm houses many farm animals including goats, sheep, ducks, chickens and many more. The perfect day out for your little ones!

visitwestbelfast.com/stjamescommunityfarm

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

Splash

Want to fill your day with laughs and excitement, while bouncing, sliding, jumping and crashing your way around a state-of-the-art Inflatable AquaPark, loaded with slides and obstacles? Or maybe you would prefer Paddle Boarding and Open Water Swimming? Located in Magherafelt, Splash has it all!

splashni.com

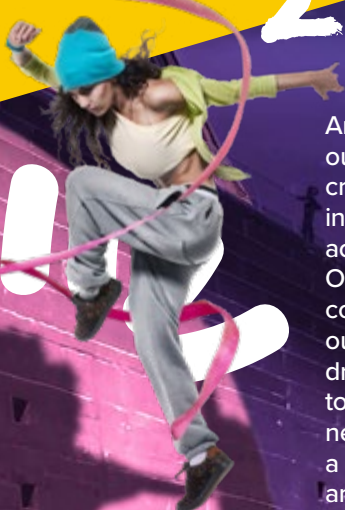
For more family fun ideas, see visitbelfast.com



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An exciting programme is taking place across our city this year. Belfast 2024 is packed with creative projects, unforgettable moments and inspiring initiatives that we would love people across Belfast and beyond to be part of. Our themes of people, place and planet are coming to life in a variety of ways through all our projects. Together we want to imagine, dream and invent; to speculate and investigate; to learn and experiment; to imagine a new future for our city with new spaces, a new balance with nature, new stories and new experiences.



Shadowdock by Sykes Studio and Three's Theatre Company

Thompson Dry Dock

26 – 29 September

This September you are invited to journey 40 feet below sea level to the iconic dock where Titanic was launched. Watch and listen as our team of performers, composers, and lighting designers transform this magnificent structure from an empty void into an immersive space filled with light, colour and sound.

North Star by Solab Collective

Belfast Telegraph Building

24 & 25 October

Solab, a new collective led by Kwame Daniels will orchestrate a city wide spectacle, North Star led by Grammy Award winner, Kaidi Tatham; award-winning poet, Nandi Jola, rising stars Leo Miyagee and Winnie Ama, inspired by Frederick Douglass' time in Belfast. The ambitious live show will feature music, visual art and literature, all deeply rooted in Black music and cultures. This performance at the Belfast Telegraph Building is not to be missed.

Nobodaddy- Tríd an bPoll gan Bun by An Droichead and Teac Damhsa

Waterfront Studio

17 – 18 September



I mí Meán Fomhair beidh an chéad taibhiú domhanda de Nobodaddy- turas gan staonadh tríd áilleacht agus míofaireacht, trí tharraingteacht agus ruaigtheacht, trí ghreann agus tragóid, suas agus síos chun tuirlingt in áit shuaimhneach nach raibh súil léi.

This September sees the world premiere of Nobodaddy a co-production by An Droichead and Teac Damhsa, a relentless journey through ugliness and beauty, attraction and repulsion, comedy and tragedy up and down, landing in an unexpected peaceful place.

The Wiggle Room by Boom Clap Play

The MAC

September – November

A brand new immersive experience encouraging curiosity and play- an exploration of kinetic energy, interactive technology, and the joy of childhood for all ages!

Water Works by PS2

Lagan Walkway

3 August

Join us for a spectacular boat launch—a vibrant parade showcasing the collective boat building experiment led by our communities, artists, boatbuilders and boating clubs across in the city. This will involve a vibrant parade prior to launching the boats into the river Lagan, coinciding with Féile na hAbhann.



This is just a taster of what's on in Belfast 2024 - visit Belfast2024.co.uk to find out more and to book tickets!

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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!

Forest Fitness NI

Forest Fitness NI is a leading outdoor adventure centre offering exciting activities including airsoft battles, bush camps, axe throwing and more!  forestfitnessni.com

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

Go Quest Adventures


Your Quest will start at the Spirit of Belfast then wind you through the Cathedral

Quarter's Entries, along the River Lagan and ending in Belfast's historic Linen Quarter. This is an ideal outdoor activity for couples, families, groups of friends, school groups and can be the perfect team building or corporate activity. goquestadventures.com

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 along with a new spa. Glamping pods, café, BBQ pods, pizza restaurant and drive-in movie nights are also available. letsgohydro.com

Prison Island Belfast

This multi-activity venue is a must visit in Belfast. With 4 unique activities including Prison Island with 31 unique challenge cells to tackle, Axe Yard, Quiz Boxing, a TV style quiz hosted in a boxing ring and THINKBOX, a mind challenge perfect for puzzle aficionados, there's something for everyone to enjoy.  prisonislandbelfast.com

The Jungle NI

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



Xtreme Bowling

Are you brave enough to play in the dark? Enjoy all the fun of tenpin bowling with glow balls, pins and ultra violet lights for the ultimate bowling experience. You can also party while you bowl with DJ entertainment, prize competitions, disco lighting and smoke effects. Sessions run on Fridays & Saturday evenings and Saturdays & Sunday afternoons.

theicebowl.com

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. **VP** laganadventures.com

Life Adventure Centre

Powered by an endless passion for adventure, we offer an extensive range of activities including mountain biking, hillwalking, stand up paddle boarding, wet bouldering, tour biking, rock climbing, kayaking, coasteering, electric biking and open canoeing. Whether beginner or addict, individual or group, from equipment hire to self-guided or guided experiences, we've got it all. onegreatadventure.com

Strangford Lough

Adventure Centre

Strangford Lough Activity Centre is a quirky, experiential adventure centre offering a range of outdoor activities. Situated on the shores of Strangford Lough, just a short drive from Belfast, activities on offer include: archery, boat tours, canoeing, climbing, hill walking, kayaking, laser

tag, orienteering, bushcraft, stand-up paddle boarding (SUP) and wet bouldering. strangfordloughactivitycentre.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

For even more action packed activities, see visitbelfast.com

Road Trip

You'll find a feast of fantastic attractions to visit within an hour's drive from Belfast. Here are our top tips of great ways to enjoy the countryside and coast outside of the city.

Giants Causeway

A UNESCO World Heritage site, this magnificent, mysterious geological formation on the coast of Co. Antrim is NI's most visited attraction. The setting is a spectacular, dynamic coastal landscape of Atlantic waves, rugged cliffs, fascinating geographical antiquity, secluded bays and magnificent views.
nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway

Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge

Suspended almost 30m (100ft) above sea level, the rope bridge was first erected by salmon fishermen over 200 years ago. Crossing the bridge is a thrilling experience and brave explorers are rewarded with stunning views across to the Scottish islands, and a chance to see the original fishery on the island.
nationaltrust.org.uk/carrick-a-rede

Hillsborough Castle

From grand family home to charming royal residence, Hillsborough Castle has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics. A castle tour includes guided access to all the State Rooms that make up this elegant Georgian home. You can also explore 100 acres of beautiful

gardens to complete a relaxing day out for the whole family.
hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle

Castle Ward

A unique 18th-century mansion, famed for its mixture of architectural styles. Inside the 820 acre walled demesne you will find an exotic sunken garden and paths that wind their way through woodland onto the shores of the Lough. The historic farmyard is the location of Winterfell from Game of Thrones.
nationaltrust.org.uk/castle-ward

Mount Stewart

An inspiring and unusual garden reflecting a rich tapestry of design and artistry. The formal areas exude a strong Mediterranean feel and resemble an Italian villa landscape; the wooded areas support a range of plants from all corners of the world. Tours available of the house and gardens.
nationaltrust.org.uk/mountstewart

Rowallane Garden, Saintfield

This informal plantsman's garden reflects the beautiful natural landscape of the surrounding area. There are spectacular displays of shrubs, including a large collection of rhododendron

species and several areas managed as wildflower meadows.
nationaltrust.org.uk/rowallane

Montalto Estate

Nestled in the picturesque County Down countryside, Montalto is a privately-owned demesne steeped in history dating back to the 1600s. Enjoy a range of captivating gardens with beautiful walks and trails, an exciting play area where children can explore, learn and wonder at their natural surroundings and a stylish café and gift shop.
montaltoestate.com

Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House

The centrepiece to the Hill of The O'Neill is the exhibition in Ranfurly House. This tells the story of the Flight of The Earls and the Plantation of Ulster, and the important role that Dungannon played in these two historical events that would forever change these islands.
hilloftheoneill.com

Antrim Castle Gardens

The gardens are a complex living museum containing over four centuries of culture and heritage. Within the heart of the 60 acre gardens is a unique visitor experience, Clotworthy House. Visit the Garden Heritage Exhibition where you can read about the history of the gardens or the Oriel Gallery art exhibitions.
antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/visitor

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

Spend time with family and friends this summer as you explore and experience everything we have to offer in Ards and North Down, all within an hour of Belfast.

Summer in Ards & North Down

Experience Ards and North Down

Join us on immersive experiences and guided tours. Take in the natural beauty of our countryside, encounter water's edge wonders, charming towns and villages and our delicious food and drink. Our local people are ready to welcome you and share their passion and skills.

Be captivated on a historic guided walking tour, embrace your creative spirit, or try something new on our stunning coastal waters

and loughs. Find out more and choose your adventure visitardsandnorthdown.com/experienceAND

Explore the region

With 115 miles of scenic coastline for you to explore, from the edge of Belfast Lough, on to the Ards Peninsula and Strangford Lough, you will find many beautiful and lesser-known beaches as well as Seaside Award winners, dotted along your journey. Plan beach days out and enjoy fun both on and off the water; build sandcastles, explore the shore,

enjoy rock pooling, or just take in the scenery and reset and recharge, the choice is yours.

Why not go for a dander in one of our many parks and open spaces? Enjoy stunning outdoor spaces, five of which have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award. So, pack a picnic and look for fairies in the woods, burn off some energy in the parks, or plan a trek with friends. Spot the local wildlife on your way, when you make time to connect with nature.

Explore more at visitardsandnorthdown.com/explore



Whiterock and Sketrick Island



Coffee in Hollywood



Shopping in Newtownards

Coffee with friends

From Belfast city centre, enjoy the scenic journey to one of our distinctive towns and villages, where you can relax as you enjoy the coffee culture and delicious local food and

drink available in one of our many award-winning eateries. After, indulge in a spot of shopping with wonderful local weekly and monthly markets, exquisite gift shops, boutique clothing, galleries, and independent stores, you are sure to be spoilt for choice.

An Afternoon Tea treat

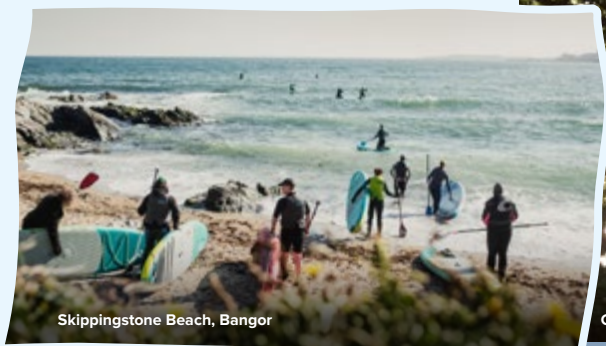
As we head into summer there are many things to celebrate and there is no doubt that Afternoon Tea really is

something special. Whether it be a birthday, time with friends, or catching up with loved ones, Ards and North Down has a host of unique options.

From luxury to relaxed and cosy, something tailored to kids or maybe an afternoon tea with a difference! You will be sure to enjoy delicious sweet and savoury treats in beautiful surroundings.

Find out more
[visitardsandnorthdown.com/afternoontea](https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/afternoontea)





Skippingstone Beach, Bangor



Crawfordsburn Country Park



Pickie Funpark, Bangor



Strangford Lough

Family favourites

Keep the kids entertained and create lasting memories this summer with a huge variety of family friendly activities throughout the region. We've top class visitor attractions to enjoy and two favourites are Pickie Funpark, Bangor and Exploris Aquarium, Portaferry.

At **Pickie Funpark**, pedal a giant Pickie Swan around the lagoon, share a round of Pickie Golf, jump into the watery fun at the splash pads, enjoy the Adventure Playground or climb aboard the Pickie Puffer for a railway journey around the colourful landscape.
pickiefunpark.com

Why not visit **Exploris Aquarium and Seal Sanctuary**, Northern Ireland's only aquarium and seal rehabilitation centre?



Exploris, Portaferry

Be wowed with a diver's view of marine life from around the world, view sea creatures through an underwater glass tunnel in the NEW Under the Sea Experience.

The colourful coral reefs in the Tropical Ocean zone play host to over 100 species and the team of aquarists and guides are on hand to answer your questions.

Pick up the aquarium map and take part in the stamping trail, answer trivia questions and complete your map as you go!
explorisni.com

Find lots of free and low-cost ideas to inspire you this holiday season, to help you keep to a budget, at **visitorsandnorthdown.com/blog**



Scrabo Tower, Newtownards

Food Festivals



The Culloden Estate and Spa,
Cultra, Courtesy of Tourism
Northern Ireland



Event highlights

Annual events are a highlight in our calendar; flagship days out for locals and visitors who travel afar for our renowned programme. These events are FREE to attend (with some activities and refreshments for purchase). Save the dates and enjoy these wonderful days out:

Taste Summer, mid-end June 2024, including

Comber Earlies Food Festival **Saturday 22 June**
Comber Leisure Centre Carpark

Taste Autumn, start of September 2024, including

Tide AND Turf Portavogie **Saturday 7 September**
Portavogie Harbour

City of Bangor **Saturday 23 November**
Christmas Lights Switch On

Newtownards **Saturday 30 November**
Christmas Lights Switch On

Find out more at [visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on](https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on)
Details correct at time of print.

Find out more about great value short breaks in the area, go to **[visitardsandnorthdown.com/offers](https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/offers)** or you can contact our friendly Visitor Information Centre Team in Newtownards (028 9182 6846) or Bangor (028 9127 0069), why not pop in and chat to them while you are here to make the most of your trip? While there, look around the Discovery Hub in Ards Visitor Information Centre, an exhibition area with monthly displays on history and heritage, events and local produce.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

Explore more this summer... in Lisburn & Castlereagh

If you're planning a summer break or a fun-filled weekend, Lisburn & Castlereagh offers award winning attractions, beautiful walks, and first-class food. It is the perfect destination to create long lasting summer memories.



Hillsborough Castle & Gardens

Summer Fun

HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE & GARDENS

Immerse yourself in rich heritage in the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland. With its fascinating history and

glorious gardens, it offers a memorable glimpse into the village's history. On your visit you will hear stories of celebration, entertainment, diplomacy, and negotiation as you explore Hillsborough Castle's fascinating history and stunning State Rooms, before enjoying the 100-acres

of glorious gardens. This summer visitors can experience a packed programme of outdoor events including the Peter Rabbit™ Adventure (29 June – 1 September), Summer Music in the Gardens (every Saturday) and the annual Summer Fair (24-26 August).



Let's Go Hydro

Digital Sculpture Trail,
Hillsborough Forest

LET'S GO HYDRO RESORT, CARRYDUFF

For a day of water-based fun then Let's Go Hydro is a must see and do experience. The impressive outdoor attraction includes an inflatable floating obstacle course, floating trampoline, puddle park, kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, aqua rugby, wakeboarding as well as a beach arena and open water swimming, providing fun for all the family. Hire a BBQ pod or enjoy dinner at the new Smoke BBQ restaurant. You can also relax in the spa or stay overnight at the resort's Glampsite, with a range of pods, including a Houseboat, Forest Domes, Igloohuts and Meadow Pods.

STREAMVALE OPEN FARM, DUNDONALD

More than just a farm, Streamvale is the ideal spot for families to learn and play together. There is a full spectrum of farm animals – from chicks to dairy cows, baby

bunnies to massive pigs with feeding time, cow milking and lots of fun thrown in as well. The mini farmer areas give kids lots of space to burn off energy pedalling around on toy tractors. Make sure to end the day at the Ice Cream & Coffee Cabin to enjoy their delicious ice-cream, made from free-range milk and cream from the farm's own cows.



ULSTER AVIATION SOCIETY, MAZE, LISBURN

Embark on a journey back in time at the Ulster Aviation Society, where vintage aircraft and aviation artifacts await

discovery. Stroll among a unique array of 30+ historic aircraft and exhibits and observe restorations in progress in a historic hangar. Free tours are available, strictly by pre-booking at: ulsteraviationsociety.org

MOIRA LAKES

The stunning lakes in Moira offer an action-packed day out! There are a wide range of water-based activities available including stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking and open water swimming. Relax at the lakeside sandy beach, test your ability on the climbing wall or enjoy a game of archery. There are hot outdoor showers onsite and a café serving a range of beverages with a delicious pizza menu. Dogs are welcome on leads.

DIGITAL SCULPTURE TRAIL, HILLSBOROUGH FOREST

Visitors can explore 10 sculptures along the trail with an exciting, augmented

reality app that takes you on a journey through the forest, leading you from one artist's sculpture to the next. The trail is based on themes inspired by Hillsborough Forest and the surrounding area which include child's-play, reflection, motion, science, fantasy, heritage, hope & inspiration, nature and flight. At each sculpture the app will open another world that comes alive!

AL FRESCO DINING

THE HILLSIDE, ROYAL HILLSBOROUGH

Dating back to 1752, the Hillside is a charming, rustic pub situated in the centre of the historic Georgian village of Royal Hillsborough. The pretty cobble stoned courtyard is the perfect suntrap to spend a relaxing sunny afternoon. Enjoy a refreshing cold drink from their extensive selection with a leisurely lunch from the full restaurant menu.

THE STILLHOUSE, MOIRA

Enjoy a crisp cold pint, cocktail, mocktail or fine wine in the beautiful Courtyard or Walled Garden, located at the rear of The Stillhouse. With food served outside all summer, enjoy hand stretched pizzas and BBQ favourites along with live music from the Courtyard Sessions every weekend. Dogs are welcome too.

THE PHEASANT, ANNAHILT

This gothic style gastropub nestled in the County Down countryside is renowned for serving fine local food and is an idyllic tranquil location to visit on a warm summers' day. Take a seat in the colourful



The Pheasant, Annahilt

little outdoor courtyard and enjoy the summer drinks and a tasty bar snack menu.

THE STABLES, HILDEN

Adjacent to the Hilden Brewhouse, The Stables offers outdoor seating to enjoy delicious tea, coffee, tray bakes, light lunches and Hilden Brewery's own selection of locally crafted beers. Just a three-minute walk from Hilden Halt train station and a short walk from the towpath, The Stables is also dog-friendly, and makes a great stop on a summer's day walk.

ROBERT STEWART'S SPIRIT GROCER, DRUMBEG

Make a stop at this sweet and cheerful pub in the heart of leafy Drumbeg and the Lagan Valley Regional Park. Bob's Beer Garden is a wonderful place to bring friends and family (furry friends are welcome too!) with a gazebo and plenty of picnic bench seats, visitors can enjoy a delicious street food style menu with ice cold drinks. Open Friday 3-10pm, Saturday 1-10pm & Sunday 1-8pm.

SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF RACING

**21 & 22 JUNE,
19 JULY & 30 AUGUST**

Down Royal Racecourse features top-quality National Hunt and Flat racing and is proud to boast some of the most modern facilities for any racegoer. The summer racing events provide an exciting, action-packed day out, with a range of hospitality packages and dining options within the grounds to suit every budget. Tickets and return coach travel from Belfast can be booked online at: downroyal.com



**Royal Hillsborough
Farmer's Market**



ROYAL HILLSBOROUGH FARMERS MARKET 29 JUNE & 27 JULY

The Royal Hillsborough Farmers Market and street food extravaganza returns to The Dark Walk and Hillsborough Fort this summer. With over 50 stalls featuring artisan produce, artisanal goods, locally grown flowers, art, crafts and perennial plants, as well as a wide range of street food and speciality coffee to choose from, that you can sit and enjoy while listening to local musicians in the stunning backdrop of Hillsborough Fort.

MOIRA SPECIALITY FOOD FAIR 17 AUGUST

Returning to Moira Demesne this summer, come and meet food producers, makers and growers showcasing the vibrancy of the local food scene. Enjoy interactive demos and talks from the region's top chefs, taste some of the finest food Northern Ireland has to offer and relax at the customary tented bar while enjoying some live music. It's a great day out with a fantastic atmosphere to be enjoyed with friends and family.

**Moira Speciality
Food Fair**



HILDEN BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL 23-25 AUGUST

With great beers and a packed programme of live music, Ireland's longest running beer and music festival hits all the right notes. Held in the picturesque grounds of Hilden House, festival goers can choose from over 40 beers and ciders from across the UK and Ireland not forgetting Hilden's own craft selection. A brilliant line-up of musicians will be welcomed to the two stages, featuring rock, blues, folk, bluegrass, traditional Irish and singer songwriter talent.

HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE SUMMER FAIR 24-26 AUGUST

Celebrate the bank holiday weekend, where the perfect blend of culture and charm awaits in the stunning 100-acre gardens of Northern Ireland's Royal Residence. Explore a variety of stalls with the finest local produce and crafts as our artisan producers bring you the best in gourmet foods and unique handmade items. Soak up the atmosphere and relax with live music against the picturesque backdrop of the castle.








FIND OUT MORE:
visitlisburncastlereagh.com

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 Tourism Accredited

HOP ON / HOP OFF TOURS

Belfast City Sightseeing

The hop on / hop off open-top bus tour operates daily, taking in the Titanic Belfast and Titanic Quarter, Cathedral Quarter, the Peace Wall and political murals and the picturesque Queen's Quarter. Departs from Donegal Square West beside City Hall.

028 9032 1321

belfastcitysightseeing.com



City Tours Belfast

This comprehensive open top hop on-hop off bus tour of Belfast includes St George's Market, Titanic Quarter, the Falls and Shankill Roads, Queen's Quarter and Crumlin Road Gaol. Departs from Donegal Square West beside City Hall.

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



Causeway/Game of Thrones Coach Tour

Depart Belfast and travel along one of the top 5 scenic drives in the world, the Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at Carrickfergus Castle, Carnlough Harbour, Cushendun, Carrick-a-rede (viewing point), the Dark Hedges, Giant's Causeway and Dunluce Castle.

028 9032 1321

belfastcitysightseeing.com



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



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

odysseycoach-tours.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



GUIDED TAXI TOURS

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



The Black Cab Tour

A Blue Badge certified tour guide takes you through 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

touringaround-belfast.com



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 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 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

belfastfreewalking-tour.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



Tours

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 Photo Tours

Discover the magic of film photography. 'Pop' back in time with the use of an iconic funky Konica Pop vintage camera pre-loaded with Kodak colour film, to take your very own snaps around Belfast's Titanic and Cathedral Quarters.

belfastphototours.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



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

Join your expert music guide for a fun, music-filled walk around cool music venues in the city to hear stories about our music legends past and present, plus our rising stars. We offer scheduled dates on two tours: the popular 'Belfast Music Walking Tour' that covers many genres, and the 'Belfast Punk Music Walking Tour'. Both tours are delivered in association with Belfast's music hub, the Oh Yeah Music Centre. We can also arrange a private tour for any of our tours to suit your schedule.

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, Queen's Quarter, Maritime Belfast and Anti-Slavery Belfast - book at: antislaverybelfast.com

07779 269 182

drtomstours.com



DC Tours

City centre walking tours with award winning, expert local guides. The No. 1 Belfast walking tour, 'A History of Terror', runs every day and explains the history of the Troubles and the path to peace. The 'Best of Belfast' tour is the perfect introduction to the art, architecture and history of the city and runs Fridays to Sundays. Private tours are also available on request, including a tour of the West Belfast peace walls and murals. All tours are wheelchair accessible and certified sustainable.

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



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



Streets of Belfast

This self-guided tour pools together political and oral history, archive images and voice recordings to give you a

sense of Belfast's most famous, and infamous, streets. Wander at your own pace and on your own unique route and use the recordings to bring the soul of the city to life.

028 9024 3343

streetsofbelfast.kabosh.net



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

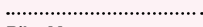


Belfast City Bike Tours

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.com



Bike Mourne

Experience majestic mountains, dramatic coasts, stunning landscapes, enchanting forests, award winning mountain bike trails and endless year-round cycle adventures in the Mourne Mountains. Bike Mourne offer mountain, touring and electric bike hire from their extensive fleet or enjoy a guided bike or electric bike tour with one of their passionate guides.

028 4377 0714

bikemourne.com



FILM TOURS

Winterfell Tours

Located at Old Castle Ward, this unique tour brings you into the heart of Game of Thrones. Meet Direwolves, try your hand at archery and axe throwing and much more on the stunning banks of Strangford Lough.

winterfell-tours.com

Line of Duty Experience

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

028 9031 5333
mccombscoaches.com

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..

gameofthronesstudiotour.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 Failte Ireland. Qualified for coach, walking, religious and site-specific tours, the guides are fantastic ambassadors for Northern Ireland as well as being recognised experts in key subject areas.

nitga.co.uk

Tour Guides NI

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

tourguidesni.com

STADIUM TOURS

Irish FA Tours

The Education and Heritage Centre at the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park tells the unique story of Northern Irish football from the 1880s to the present day. Visitors will relive the atmosphere of match day, gain insights into the drama on and off the pitch and feel the rush of emotions shared by everyone inside the stadium, whether their team wins or loses!

irishfa.com/tours



FOOD & DRINK TOURS

Belfast Pub Crawl

Join us for a night to remember experiencing Belfast's historic & modern pubs and lively music scene on our Irish Traditional pub crawl

07712 603764
belfastcrawl.com

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

Vegan Table Tour

For passionate vegans and non-vegans alike, this combined food & guided walking tour allows you to experience Belfast's expanding Vegan food scene, while simultaneously enjoying the sights and history of Belfast. Explore the city and hear about the range of foods Northern Ireland is famous for, while eating & drinking your way through a tasty plant-based menu.

07511 177 718
townlandtours.co.uk

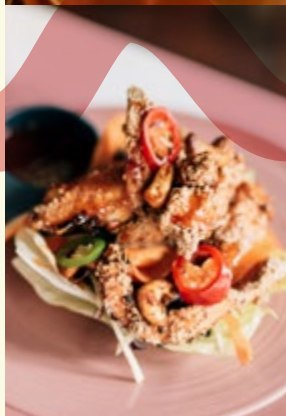
BOAT TOURS

Waterways Belfast

Enjoy a leisurely tour of the docks where the Titanic was built, allowing you to relive the historical significance of this iconic shipyard. Sit back and relax while listening to live commentary from the knowledgeable crew, who will guide you through the fascinating stories and landmarks that make up the city's rich history.

waterwaysbelfast.com

Eating out



KEY

D4 Map grid location

CC City Centre

CQ Cathedral Quarter

TQ Titanic Quarter

LQ Linen Quarter

QQ Queen's Quarter

GQ Gaeltacht Quarter

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.

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every day, everywhere*

bedrinkaware.co.uk

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Northern Ireland

Eating Out

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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

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

Bert's Jazz 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

☎ ☎

Cellar Restaurant Belfast, 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

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

Flame Restaurant The Ewart, 3 Bedford Square

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

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

Bank Square Brasserie 56-58 Berry Street

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

028 9031 0809

havanabanksq.com

☎ ☎

44 Hill Street 44 Hill Street

A vibrant celebration of modern food influenced by the flavours of the Mediterranean, using local products from local, independent producers. Enjoy

seasonal cuisine serving everything from casual lunch to plates you can share with your friends or family.

028 9590 8444

44hillstreet.com

☎ ☎

Holohan's Pantry 43 University Road

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

028 9029 1103

holohanspantry.co.uk

☎ ☎

Home Restaurant 22 Wellington Place

Feel good food served in a well-established, award-winning restaurant in the heart of the city centre. Head chef Jonny Glass 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

Eating Out

**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
4-5 Joy's Entry**

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

028 9032 6711

henrysrbelfast.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, the pre-theatre menu, an extensive a la 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/le winters

**Nancy Mulligans
Bar & Kitchen**

95 Castle Street

Experience the charm of a traditional Irish bar with good food, great drinks, live entertainment & warm hospitality.

nancymulligans.ie



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.

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The Food & Drink 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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028 9023 5986
themoorningstarbar
.co.uk
D3 CC

The Muddlers Club
Warehouse Lane,
Waring St

Tucked away in the historic back streets of Cathedral Quarter is this modern, industrial-style restaurant named after a 200 year old secret society. The menus are a beautiful balance of local delicacies combined with the finest of international touches.
028 9031 3199
themuddlers
clubbelfast.com
D3 CC

Pizza on the Square
1 Donegall
Square West
 Located in the heart of Belfast City Centre, Pizza on the Square is an authentic Italian restaurant offering a selection of freshly baked pizza, pasta, wine and cocktails.
pizzaonthesquare.ie
E4 CC

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
D4 CC

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
C6 CC

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
E8 CC

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
B7 CC

Stove Bistro
455 Ormeau Road
 Stove serves up modern Irish cuisine in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The menus change weekly to serve up the best seasonal local produce.
stovebistro.com
E8 CC

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
D3 CC

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
D3 CC

Waterman
5-23 Hill Street
 A no frills restaurant serving a European menu using local Irish ingredients. Housed in Waterman House in Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, Waterman Restaurant also contains an associated cookery school. Menus change weekly depending on availability of seasonal produce, with local beers and gins changing monthly.
028 9043 4310
waterman.restaurant
D3 CC

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
C4 CC

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
D4 CC

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
D4 CC

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
D3 CC

Eating Out

ITALIAN

Coppi

St Anne's Square

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

028 9031 1959
coppi.co.uk

☎ ☎

Little Wing Pizzeria

Ann Street / Ormeau Road / 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
littlingwizzeria.com

☎ ☎ ☎ ☎

Nico's Pizzeria Restaurant

54 Lisburn Road

Nico's blends the best of Italy and more to create an entirely unique offering for the people of Belfast and beyond.

028 9030 0192
mynicos.co.uk

☎ ☎

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

39-41 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

☎ ☎

SPANISH

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

☎ ☎

2Taps

42 Waring Street

From the heart of Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, boasting one of the city's largest outdoor terraces, 2Taps creates all the atmosphere of summer regardless of the season. Welcoming family, friends, and admirers

from across the world, 2Taps is a holiday and a home in one.

028 9031 1414
2taps-winebar.com

☎ ☎

ASIAN

BaoBun

48 Botanic Avenue

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

028 9032 9686
baobunbelfast.com

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

7 Spice

St Anne's Square

Located in the heart of the Cathedral Quarter, 7 Spice is ideal for a pre-show meal of authentic Bangladeshi cuisine – or spend make an evening of it in one of its unique VIP dining pods!

028 9031 0210
7spicebelfast.online

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

MEXICAN

La Taqueria

53 Castle St

A family of independent taco restaurants whose craft is rooted in trusted, traditional Mexican flavours and recipes that not only showcase some of Northern Ireland's famous local produce but also Mexico's amazing ingredients that they ship themselves.

07748786654
lataqueriabelfast.co.uk

☎ ☎

CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY

Panama

**3 McClintock St,
Belfast, BT2 7GL**

South American-inspired brunch dishes, expertly crafted coffee, and a selection of fine wines and cocktails. Dog-friendly.

panama-belfast.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/
Cormmarket/
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.co.uk



Oui Poutine

1 Donegall Quay

Located at the Big Fish, Oui Poutine serves up Canadian street food, Poutine, as well as other Canadian delights.



Trademarket

14-16 Dublin Road

Trademarket is an exciting outdoor street-food and retail market with amazing bars right in the heart of Belfast open Wed-Sun from 12pm!

trademarketbelfast.com



visitBelfast Welcome Centre

Official Visitor Information for Belfast & Northern Ireland

Call in and discover what our city and the rest of Northern Ireland has to offer... you'll be surprised!

**9 Donegall Square North
Belfast BT1 5GB**

(directly opposite front of Belfast City Hall)

+44 (0)28 9024 6609

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Tickets and enquiries Bus & Train



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

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every day, everywhere*

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Pubs & Clubs

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

angelandtwo
biblesbelfast.com

☎ ☎ ☎ ☎

Brennan's Bar

48-50 Great Victoria Street

Brennans Bar is in a fantastic location opposite the Europa Hotel and situated close to the Grand Opera House. The spacious interior boasts an open fire, old-style mahogany and brass bar and counter, with snug seating.

028 9024 2986

☎

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

☎ ☎ ☎ ☎

Granny Annie's

81 Chichester Street

"You're at your granny's" is a local saying that means, relax and let us spoil you a bit. And that's what Granny Annie's is all about – with its quirky setting, fresh, local food, great choice of drinks plus regular live music. Look out for regular meal, cocktails and entertainment promotions too.

028 9032 1331

grannyannie.co.uk

☎ ☎ ☎ ☎

Henry's

4 Joy's Entry

Henrys, 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

henrysbarbelfast.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

☎ ☎ ☎ ☎

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

Friday and Saturday from 9pm - 2am.

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.co.uk

☎ ☎

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

Out of Office is a micro-brewery and taproom located above the Ulster Sports Club.

The taproom is open

Thursday-Sunday,

serving a core range of freshly brewed beers.

Guided tours take place Friday's & Saturday's.

outofficebrewing.

co.uk

☎

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

☎ ☎ ☎ ☎

Santería

19 Fountain Street

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

santeriabelfast.com

☎ ☎

Voodoo

9-11 Fountain Street

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

028 9027 8290

voodooobelfast.com

☎ ☎ ☎ ☎

Pubs & Clubs

CATHEDRAL QUARTER

The Cloth Ear

35-39 Waring Street

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

028 9026 2719
themerchanthotel.com



The Deer's Head

1-3 Lower Garfield St

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

028 9043 4655
thedeersheadbelfast.com



The Dirty Onion

3 Hill Street

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

028 9024 3712
thedirtyonion.com



The Duke of York

Commercial Court

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

028 9024 1062
dukeofyorkbelfast.com



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/TheReporterBar



Tetto Rooftop Bar and Garden

70-74 Ann Street

Located on the top floor of Bullitt Hotel, Tetto is a rooftop bar, garden and kitchen complete with panoramic city

views across Belfast. Offering cocktails, sharing platters, live music and more.

028 9590 0600
bullitthotel.com



Rattlebag

61-63 Ann Street

Late-night cocktail bar hidden within Bullitt Hotel with a seasonal rotating menu. Rattlebag focuses on showcasing premium products and modern drink techniques all whilst being enjoyed in an intimate environment.

rattlebag.co.uk



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

Limelight

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.

028 9032 7007
limelightbelfast.com



Crown Liquor Saloon

46 Great Victoria Street

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

028 9024 3187
nicholsonspubs.co.uk



Filthy McNasty's

45 Dublin Road

Always busy, Filthy's is a Dublin Road hotspot where the focus is on fun, music and live sport. Features a nightclub, plus live music and DJs 7 nights a week.

028 9033 3836
facebook.com/FilthyMcNastysBelfast



Lavery's

12-18 Bradbury Place

A true Belfast institution, Lavery's is legendary for its atmosphere, live music, pool tables, pub grub and beer selection.

Also has a heated beer garden and covered roof terrace.

028 9087 1106

laverysbelfast.com

CS M

Linen House

12 Brunswick Street

This is a brilliant multi-venue complex with a gastropub, Sweet Afton, Rita's Cocktail Bar, The Perch Rooftop Bar, Franklins Sports Bar plus an outdoor market space - all in the one location!

028 9024 8000

sweetaftonbelfast.com

CS M

The Points

44 Dublin Road

Relax in a cosy snug in the The Points - a traditional pub with live Irish music every night. Great whiskey selection, and you can even pour your Guinness!

028 9508 4533

facebook.com/ThePointsBelfast

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

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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

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Robinsons

38-40 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

robinsonsbart.co.uk

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QUEEN'S QUARTER

The Empire

42 Botanic Avenue

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

028 9024 9276

thebelfastempire.com

CS M J

The Parlour

2-4 Elmwood Avenue

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

028 9068 6970

parlourbar.co.uk

CS M J J

SOUTH BELFAST

The Bowery

701 Lisburn Road

Set in the heart of the Lisburn Road, The Bowery is South Belfast's premier neighbourhood pub for fantastic food, classic drinks, live sport and entertainment.

028 9066 2600

thebowerybelfast.co.uk

CS M J

The Crafty Vintner

705 Lisburn Road

Belfast's premier café and bar with a stunning outside terrace and state-of-the-art wine machines. The Tasting Room is the perfect place for a catch-up with friends and family with a selection of delicious plates, snacks, cheese and charcuterie. Boasting 4 Enomatic wine dispensers, The Crafty Vintner offers customers a unique and interactive way to taste wines from around the world. The machines allow everyone to sample a selection of 32 wines by the glass at the touch of a button.

028 9066 2601

thecraftyvintner.tastingroom.co.uk

CS M J

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

CS M J

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

M J J

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

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TITANIC QUARTER

Hickson's Point at

Titanic Belfast

Queen's Road

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

028 9076 6386

titanicbelfast.com/

Hicksonspoint

E2 M J

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.

bullhousebrewco.com/pages/bullhouse-east

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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.

FRANK AND HONEST BELFAST BIKES

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

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

028 9033 3333
fonacab.com

CAR HIRE

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

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Translink is responsible for Metro, Glider, Goldliner, Ulsterbus and NI Railways, operating a network of bus and rail services throughout Northern Ireland and on cross border routes.

028 9066 6630
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aircoach.ie


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airporter.co.uk

Greater Belfast

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Better Connected – Translink is ever improving passenger experience with new stations, electric buses and self-serve ticketing machines.

BELFAST GRAND CENTRAL STATION

Belfast Grand Central Station - a state-of-the-art integrated transport hub for trains, coaches and buses - will open its doors this autumn. This flagship project being delivered by Translink marks a significant step forward in Northern Ireland's public transport system. Ten times larger than current facilities and largest on the island of Ireland it will be able to cater for up to 20 million customer journeys annually. With a clear focus on active travel, it will be a game changer helping inspire and reimagine the city - one where more people travel on public transport, walk, wheel and cycle. The fully inclusive hub will be a major international gateway to and from the rest of the world with enhanced connectivity across Northern Ireland, cross border and local airports creating a better connected, cleaner and healthier city for everyone. Beyond transportation, this new facility will be a new destination in the heart of the city where people meet thanks to a range of popular hospitality and retail outlets.

A COMPLEX PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

Recognised as one of the most complex infrastructure projects in the UK this year, construction has progressed with minimal impact on passengers and the public. While some rail and road disruption during the final construction stages is anticipated, any short-term pain will provide long term gain to Belfast and the wider region. Clare Guinness, Chief Executive of Belfast Chamber of Commerce, explained: "We want to boost footfall and encourage people to visit the city centre... We do appreciate there will be short-term disruption but in the medium to long term this will be well worthwhile." Over the summer there will be extensive track works to connect the rail line to the new station alongside, safety testing and training to get everything ready to open to passengers. A phased opening will see operational opening in the autumn with public realm street works continuing through to 2025. Enhanced bus timetables are being introduced to keep passengers moving including enhanced park and ride services and bus substitutions

WHAT PASSENGERS CAN EXPECT...

- Double the number of rail platforms from 4 to 8 and an increase in bus stands from 16 to 26 increasing capacity and paving the way for increased service frequency across NI.
- Enhanced accessibility with changing places toilets, sensory spaces, innovative wayfinding systems, assistance dog spending area and wheelchair-accessible vehicle parking.
- Cross Border Enterprise services will relocate here with an hourly timetable planned for autumn.
- Adjoining streets will give more space to pedestrians and cyclists with parking for more than 200 bikes.
- Outside will be new public realm space, Saltwater Square, with a strong emphasis on arts and culture.

To see more about Belfast Grand Central Station visit:
www.translink.co.uk/bgcs

for when the rail line closes between Belfast and Lisburn. Passengers should plan ahead using Translink's website or Journey planner and leave some extra time for their journeys.



Helping create a healthier city

Thousands of bus passengers will soon be enjoying cleaner journeys and an enhanced customer experience as Translink rolls out a new 100-strong electric fleet. A further 60 electric buses for Metro, will mean 50% of the Belfast fleet will be made up of zero emission and 50% low emission buses helping create a cleaner city for all marking another step in Translink's plans to be climate positive by 2050. Funded by the Department for Infrastructure, the high-tech buses from Wrightbus which meet enhanced accessibility standards offer users considerably quieter and more comfortable journeys with Wi-Fi, USB charging sockets and digital audio-visual next stop announcements. Delivery of the fleet which commenced in June will complete in the first quarter of 2025.

SELF-SERVE TICKET VENDING MACHINE ROLLOUT

New self-serve ticket vending machines (TVMs) are being rolled out across Translink train stations making it faster and easier for passengers to buy their train ticket before they travel. The new York Street Station went live first followed by Lanyon Place, Botanic and Lisburn with full roll out across the network complete by the end of June. This follows the successful introduction of TVMs at all Glider halts and other key locations including the two Belfast Airports. Alongside these new TVMs other popular prepaid tickets will remain available such as mLink mobile tickets and online ticketing options.



John Curran from West Belfast was the first passenger to purchase a yLink ticket from the new self-serve Ticket Vending Machine at the newly opened York Street Station.

NEW STATION OPENS IN NORTH BELFAST

Belfast has also recently seen the opening of a brand new modern, accessible station at York Street which Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd said, "will assist in our challenge to get more and more people out of their car and into public transport". The new high-spec station replaced the previous railway facilities at Yorkgate and connects to

existing cycle and sustainable active travel infrastructure. As a gateway for the locality, York Street station provides access to Ulster University, Sailortown, Cathedral Quarter, City Quays, Cityside and North Belfast. Transformation around the new station will see new high-quality landscaping and a new public realm area coming later this summer.



Councillor Sammy Douglas, High Sheriff of Belfast, Leo Martin, Managing Director of GRAHAM, Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd and Chris Conway, Translink Group Chief Executive at the operational opening of York Street Station. Picture by Brian Morrison.

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.

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

Multi Journey Smartlink Card – Can be loaded with journeys to travel on Metro and Glider (minimum 10 to maximum 40). Not valid for Glider journeys across the city centre.

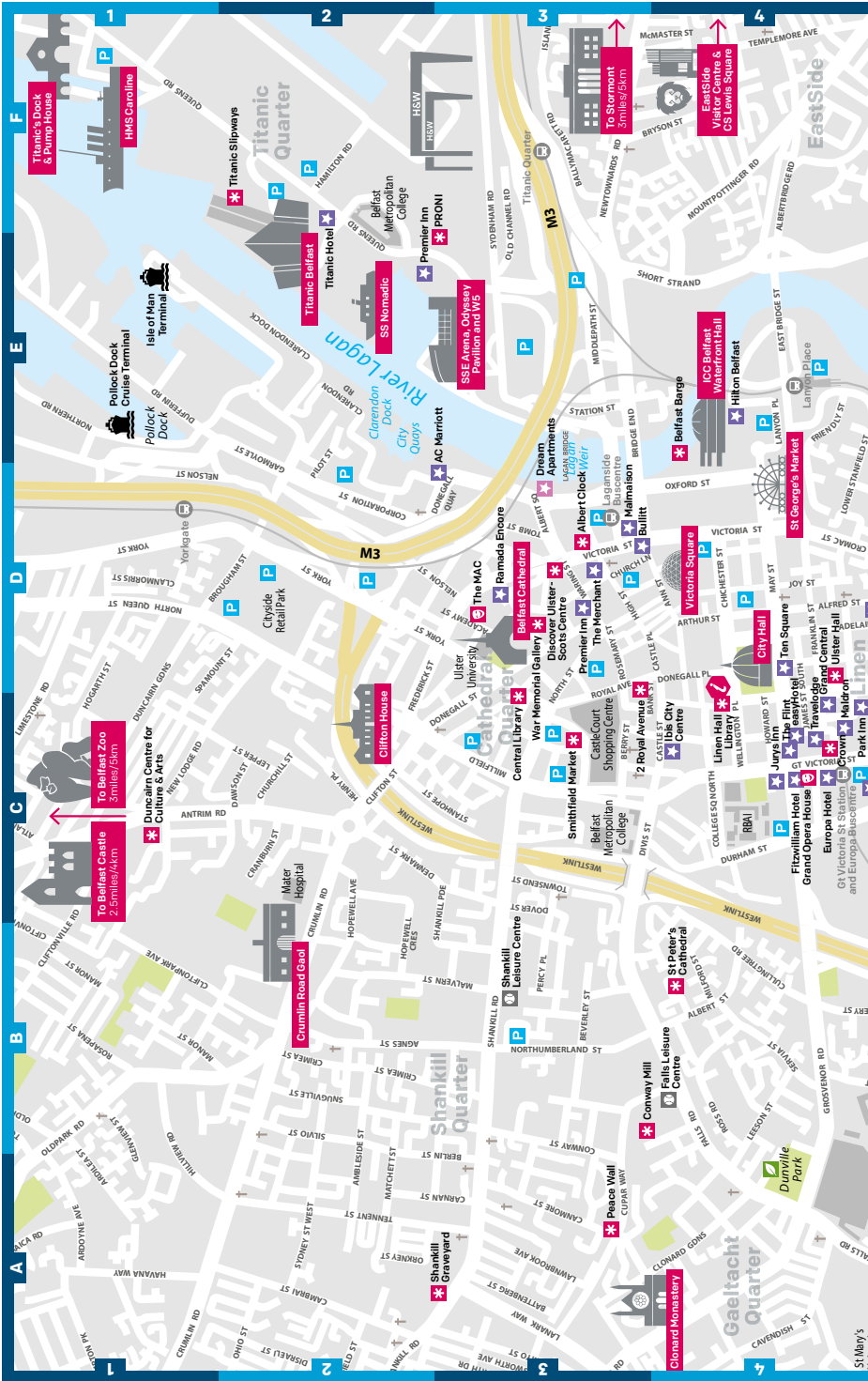
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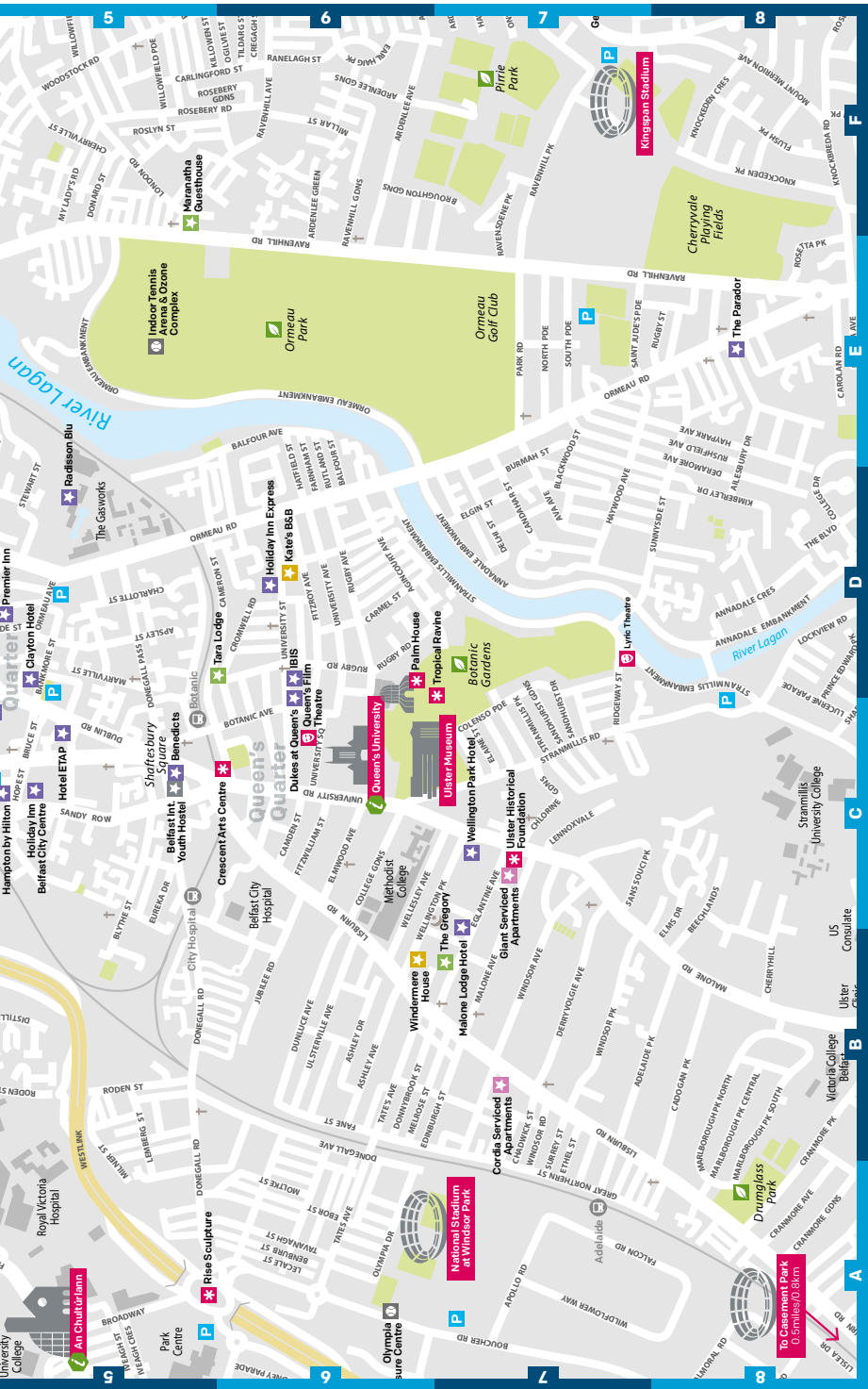
The mLink mobile ticketing App is available to download on IOS and Android devices. You can purchase NI Railways, Metro/Glider, Foyle Metro, yLink and 24+, Airport Express 300, Goldliner services (within Northern Ireland), selected Ulsterbus and urby tickets.

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Plan a journey or download a timetable at translink.co.uk or download the 'Translink NI' app from Google Play, Apple Store and Windows Store.

























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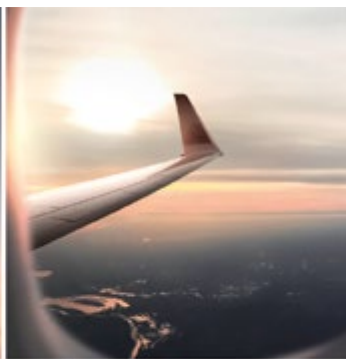
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