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Belfast is one of the UK's most vibrant and exciting city break destinations, full of unique attractions, great food and friendly faces.

Explore Belfast through its eclectic quarters and neighbourhoods, each with something special to uncover and enjoy, from history to art to music and everything in between. Find time to uncover the heritage behind the city that built Titanic and many other famed ships.

Feast on local delicacies from oysters to the belly-busting Ulster Fry. You'll be sure to find something tasty in our many cafés, pubs and award-winning restaurants. Or hit the town for a night out. You can cosy up in a traditional pub, enjoy some live music, or hit the dance floor – no matter what you're after – you'll find it in Belfast.

Our guide provides all the information you need to make the most of your time in Belfast.

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# City Areas

Moving to a new city can be daunting especially if you don't know your way around. Familiarise yourself with Belfast's distinct neighbourhoods below.



For locations, check out our handy map on page 44.



## CITY CENTRE

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



## CATHEDRAL QUARTER

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



## LINEN QUARTER

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



## TITANIC QUARTER

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



## QUEEN'S QUARTER

The area surrounding Queen's University is a treasure trove of eclectic shops, boutiques, cafés, affordable places to eat, bars and art galleries. Visit the collections of the Ulster Museum, sign up for a class in the Crescent Arts Centre, enjoy world cinema at QFT, chill out in Botanic Gardens or take a jog along the banks of the River Lagan.



## GAELTACHT QUARTER

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



## EAST SIDE

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



## THE SHANKILL

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

# Explore Belfast's Neighbourhoods

## north

Where rugged nature and exotic animals meet the city. Explore ancient ráths and forts, trek ecotrails and orienteering routes. Or unearth historic gaoils and Belfast's only castle.



## south

The quiet, leafy, bohemian neighbourhood. Where students learn amongst classic architecture and tropical ravines. Explore a treasure trove of fascinating shops, cafés and nightlife.



## east

The birth place of C.S.Lewis, Van Morrison, George Best and the gateway to the EastSide Greenways cycling and walking trails. Discover this down-to-earth neighbourhood, home to Belfast's shipyard heritage, curiosity shops and a foodies paradise.



## west

Fáilte Go D tí Iarthar Bhéal Feirste – Welcome to West Belfast. The focus of Irish language, music, culture and heritage. Here you'll discover the famous International Wall, Divis & Black Mountain and the historic Gaeltacht Quarter.



# Titanic Quarter

Belfast's Titanic Quarter is steeped in the rich history and tradition of the city's shipbuilding heritage – much of which now stands on reclaimed land built on top of the very shipyards where these ships were built and launched.

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

The jewel in the Quarter's crown, however, is Titanic Belfast, which has welcomed over 7.5 million visitors from over 145 countries since it opened in 2012. This architectural triumph houses the world's largest Titanic visitor experience, featuring nine interpretive and interactive galleries that explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of Titanic, as well as the city and people who made her.

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

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

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



## Titanic Tips

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



## SS Nomadic

Explore the restored last remaining White Star Line vessel and the biggest Titanic artefact in the world. Built by Harland and Wolff in 1911, SS Nomadic served as the tender ship for Titanic on her maiden voyage, carrying first and second class passengers from the port of Cherbourg to the ship. The vessel also served in World War I and II, as well as luxury liners Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth.

exact replicas of the cabins, and journeys through the dining areas, the ship's engine rooms, working interiors and deck promenade, where you can see and hear the ocean and feel the engines rumbling.

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

At the end of your visit you can browse the extensive Titanic Store or relax with a light bite in the Galley cafe or the Pantry.





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# HER STORY IS OUR DUTY

**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, we have introduced a new theme *The Pursuit of Dreams* and a stunning new artefact collection, plus a 7.6m long scale model of RMS Titanic which rotates and illuminates 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!

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# Maritime Mile



## Go the extra Maritime Mile

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

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

While exploring the Maritime Mile, follow the Titanic Walkway and you'll discover an incredible maritime artefact, The Great Light, one of the largest optics of its kind ever built. Further on is a one of a kind floating museum, HMS Caroline, one of the last remaining ships from the First World War.

You can explore the Maritime Mile by bike, on foot or take a tour by boat, bus or hop on the Wee Tram for a unique shipyard tour.

## TITANICA The Exhibition

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



# HMS Caroline

Based in Belfast's famous Titanic Quarter, HMS Caroline is a First World War-era warship now restored as a must-see floating museum with an amazing story to tell.

Be immersed in life aboard this unique ship – lone survivor of history's greatest naval engagement... the Battle of Jutland!

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

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

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

Finally, relax at the picnic area or let your little mariners loose on the naval-themed kiddies' play park as you take in the panoramic views of Belfast harbour. Come aboard HMS Caroline, an experience the whole family can enjoy!

# Take a Tour

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



## City Tours

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



## Music Tour

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



## Food & Drink Tours

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



## Game of Thrones Tours

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

For more inspiration, see: [visitbelfast.com/tours](http://visitbelfast.com/tours)



## Coiste Irish Political History Tours

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



## Titanic Boat Tour

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



## Bike Tours

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



## Belfast Traditional Music Trail

A unique way to experience Irish music. With two professional musicians as your guides, walk through cobbled alleyways, past famous landmarks and on to private bars in some of the city’s oldest buildings. At each of the three stops you will be treated to a performance of traditional tunes, songs and stories.



## Walking Tours

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



# Family Fun

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

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

If prehistoric beasts are of more interest, head over to the Ulster Museum, with its interactive learning zones full of great activities to keep the kids happy. The Odyssey Pavilion provides some wet weather

respite with a whole host of entertainment under one roof – find W5 discovery centre, bowling alleys, cinemas and, if the Belfast Giants are playing at home, end-to-end ice hockey matches.

Nearby you can learn about the city's maritime heritage at SS Nomadic, HMS Caroline and Titanic Belfast, which are all family-friendly. Experience life under the sea at Exploris Aquarium, choose from the inflata park, ninja master course, indoor skydiving, high ropes courses or indoor skiing at We Are Vertigo or they can get their skates on at Dundonald Ice Bowl. Take a

splash at the Let's Go Hydro aqua park, scale the walls at Clip 'n Climb or test your adventure golf skills at The Lost City.

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

The Gaol dates back to 1845 and closed its doors as a working prison in 1996. Uncover 150 years of history with a guided tour of Belfast's most infamous prison.

# Crumlin Road Gaol

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



## The Troubles Tour

Explore the role the Gaol played during the troubles in Belfast with this guided walking tour. Visit some of Belfast's most divided communities, including the Shankill and Falls, to gain an insight to the conflict from former prisoners.



HBO®'s Game of Thrones® is one of the most popular and successful fantasy TV series ever made and it is filmed at a number of locations just outside Belfast. The magical atmosphere captured on film is due to the stunning filming locations chosen for the show, so hop on a tour to get out and explore them.

# Home of Thrones

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



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



## DON'T MISS

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

## GAME OF THRONES STUDIO TOUR

In collaboration with HBO Licensing & Retail, Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, Northern Ireland is a 110,000 square foot Game of Thrones Studio experience. Inspired by the smash hit series, the immersive experience opens up the world of Westeros showcasing authentic sets, costumes, weapons and props from all eight seasons.

Fully dressed sets range from King's Landing, Winterfell, Dragonstone, the Wall and more. The experience is located in the authentic Linen Mill studios, one of the studios use for the show which also highlights the craftsmanship and artistry of the

GoT creative teams. PG rated experience.  
[linenmillstudios.com](http://linenmillstudios.com)

## TOURS

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

For more information on tours and experiences, see:  
[visitbelfast.com/gameofthrones](http://visitbelfast.com/gameofthrones)



# Arts & Culture

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

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

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

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

The stunning Grand Opera House dates back to 1895 and presents a variety of entertainment including local comedy, west-end shows, operas and the annual Christmas Pantomime.

**Literary Scene**  
The Linen Hall Library is renowned for its unparalleled Irish and Local Studies Collection and Nobel Prizewinning poet, Seamus Heaney, is celebrated at HomePlace in Bellaghy. Explore CS Lewis Square and discover the characters for 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' come to life.

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



# A Taste of Belfast

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

## Dining Out

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

## Incredible Food Markets & Delis

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

## Food Tours

A Belfast Food Tour takes you on a four-hour fun and food filled guided walk around some of Belfast's top food and drink spots – it's a great way to get acquainted with the city!

## Whiskeytown

*From whiskey distillery tours to tasting experiences, Belfast is a whiskey-lover's dream. You can enjoy an exciting range of whiskey experiences in the city centre and beyond including Titanic Distillers, McConnell's Distillery, Hinch Distillery & Echlinville Distillery or take a guided 'Whiskey Walk' and experience whiskey tasting in a selection of Belfast's best Whiskey Bars, a whiskey cocktail demonstration and tasty nibbles.*

For those exploring Belfast, the shopping scene is a paradise for fashion enthusiasts, savvy shoppers, and food aficionados. Boasting an extensive array of high street favorites, independent retailers, specialty emporiums, exclusive boutiques, and traditional markets, the city offers a diverse and fulfilling shopping experience.

# RETAIL THERAPY

## Hidden Gems

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



### Born and Bred

A unique treasure trove located on Ann Street showcasing a range of unique gifts for friends, family and you. All products are created by local makers and celebrate Belfast, Northern Ireland and beyond.



### 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.



### Maven

Independent homeware and furniture store located in a beautiful historical bank on Belfast's bustling Lisburn Road. Maven hosts the best of international and local brands.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## St George's Market

Get down to St George's Market and experience the wonderful atmosphere, with street food from around the world, and an amazing selection of traders and stalls offering some of the finest local produce, arts and crafts. The Friday Variety Market is open 8am-2pm, the Saturday City Food & Garden Market is open 9am-3pm and the Sunday Market is open 10am-3pm.

## 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!

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

# Sports & Activities



## Rugby

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

## Ice Hockey

Belfast Giants home games take place most weekends at The SSE Arena from August until April. The season promises plenty of fast and furious action that will have you on the edge of your seat, from bone-crunching hits to last minute game-winning goals.

## Gaelic Games

Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie are fast-paced action sports. The season runs from February until October with the All-Ireland finals taking place in Dublin's Croke Park.

## Football

The Danske Bank Premiership has weekly league matches taking place throughout Northern Ireland.

## Greyhound Racing

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

## Made for Golf

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

## Keep on running!

The annual Belfast City Marathon which takes place in May every year. There's a line-up of events for all levels including the Marathon and Wheelchair Race, Team Relay, 8 Mile Walk and Fun Run. [belfastcitymarathon.com](http://belfastcitymarathon.com)

Kickstart your Saturday with a 5km park run. Parkrun operate free 5km (3.1 mile) timed runs at 9 different locations in Belfast on a Saturday morning at 9.30am. [parkrun.org.uk](http://parkrun.org.uk)

## Take a hike

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

## On your bike

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

## Action packed adventure

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

# City of Music

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



## Famous Faces

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



## Traditional Music

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



## Concerts and Gigs

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



## Something Different

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

## Belfast Music Playlist

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





# After Dark

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

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

Find the best traditional pubs to enjoy the perfect pint of Guinness. With original features, a warm atmosphere

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

Love a laugh? Then head to **The Empire** in the Queen's Quarter for its weekly comedy night. Want to catch a night of big screen sports? Make a stop at the **Kitchen Bar** behind Victoria Square, **The Doffer** behind Belfast City Hall, **Sweet Afton** in the Linen Quarter or **Cutters Wharf** in Queen's Quarter.



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

For those that want to party, Belfast has a vibrant club scene on offer. In Cathedral Quarter, **The National** nightclub is housed over two floors and features the best live DJ entertainment. **Angel and Two Bibles** is Belfast's best hidden cocktail bar. Located on Goose Street, this intimate speakeasy boosts

an extensive array of cocktails, punch bowls as well as non-alcoholic options.

For something a little bit different check out **Revolucion de Cuba** in the Linen Quarter, with live music, salsa classes and samba girls, three's always a fiesta to be had.

Whatever nightlife you seek, Belfast is happy to oblige! For more inspiration, see [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)

Belfast has a thriving LGBTQIA+ scene across the city, with a dedicated nightlife focus around the Smithfield and Union areas.

# LGBTQIA+



## Belfast Pride

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



## Outburst Queer Arts Festival

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

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



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## Lisburn and Castlereagh

Set in the beautiful Lagan Valley and Castlereagh Hills, Lisburn & Castlereagh offers award winning attractions, fantastic food, fun activities and unique shopping. Just 20 minutes from Belfast, you can explore the city of Lisburn or immerse yourself in the rich heritage of our stunning historic villages.

### Discover the History

Explore the beautifully restored Castle Gardens in Lisburn's Historic Quarter or learn about our industrial heritage at the Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum. Discover a unique array of historic aircraft and exhibits celebrating Northern Ireland's aviation heritage at the Ulster Aviation Society Museum or take a stroll through Royal Hillsborough to visit the 17th century Fort which was built to protect the road leading from Carrickfergus to Dublin.

### Villages, Castles & Gardens

Plan a relaxed visit to the picturesque villages of Royal Hillsborough and

Moira, with their mix of boutique shops, artisan bakeries and cafés, gastro pubs and fine dining restaurants, offering superb local produce. Take time to visit Northern's Ireland's only Royal residence, Hillsborough Castle & Gardens, to learn the pivotal role this stunning building played in history before exploring 100 acres of beautiful gardens. Explore the tranquil Hillsborough Forest and follow the digital sculpture trail to bring artworks to life or take a stroll through the parkland of Moira Demesne.

### Experience Fine Food & Drink

Discover the magic of traditional brewing by visiting Ireland's oldest independent brewery in the 19th Century courtyard of Hilden House or take an immersive sensory journey to explore the history and production of Hinch Distillery's bold range of triple distilled whiskeys. Take a cookery masterclass under Chef Jeffers watchful eye at Forestside Cookery School to gain new culinary skills from food

culture across the world or savour the true taste of the region in vibrant restaurants, gastropubs, cafés, and farmers markets, featuring quality local produce from some of the area's award-winning growers, makers and producers.

### Action & Adventure

Enjoy an exciting day at the races at Down Royal Racecourse, get your adrenaline fix at Lyon's Karting or have a wet and wild adventure at Let's Go Hydro aqua park and resort. Go for a skate at Dundonald International Ice Bowl, go for a 'SUP' at Moira Lakes or take an Alpaca for a trek at Ballyburren Outdoor Escapes.

### Stay

With so much to do in the area, stay a while longer and explore the variety of accommodation to make your adventure complete. From luxury boutique hotels to cosy B&B's, or self-catering cottages to unique glamping pods - you'll find your home-from-home right here!

## Discover Ards and North Down

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

### Share our beautiful scenery

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

### Rich heritage and history

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

### Make memories with family

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

### Great food

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

### Our warm welcome

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

Ards and North Down is a gem to be discovered.

[visitardsandnorthdown.com](http://visitardsandnorthdown.com) to plan your short break today.

To find out more, see: [visitlisburncastlereagh.com](http://visitlisburncastlereagh.com)




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15 Lisburn Square  
Lisburn BT28 1AN  
028 9244 7622

 **Hillsborough Visitor Information Centre**  
The Old Courthouse  
Hillsborough BT26 6AG  
028 9244 7640

For more inspiration see [visitardsandnorthdown.com](http://visitardsandnorthdown.com)



 **Ards Visitor Information Centre**  
31 Regent Street  
Newtownards BT23 3AD  
028 9182 6846

 **Bangor Visitor Information Centre**  
34 Quay Street  
Bangor BT20 5ED  
028 9127 0069

# Belfast: Gateway to Northern Ireland

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

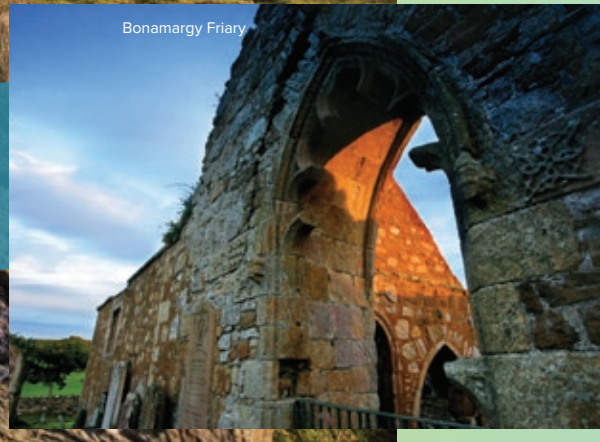


Within an hour's drive of Belfast, visitors can discover pristine seafronts, country parks, rugged hill tops or enjoy a variety of country house experiences.

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



The Gobbins



Bonamargy Friary



Fermanagh Lakelands



**TOP TIP**

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

Jump on a train or bus and head to the historic walled city of Derry~Londonderry, with its lively cultural scene, impressive architecture, carnivals, festivals and visitor attractions.

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



# VALUE EVERY JOURNEY



## visitBelfast Welcome Centre

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

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Sun: 11am - 4pm  
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Sun: 11am - 4pm

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## Getting Here

### BY SEA

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### BY RAIL

The Enterprise service runs 8 times daily (5 times on Sundays) from Dublin to Belfast. The journey time is approximately 2 hours. T: 028 9066 6630 translink.co.uk

### BY BUS

Dublin Airport Express Coach service operates from Dublin Airport 24 hrs a day, with a journey time of approximately 2 hours. 028 9066 6630 translink.co.uk

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

### BY AIR

#### GEORGE BEST BELFAST CITY AIRPORT

The airport is situated just three miles from Belfast City Centre. The Airport Express 600 bus service runs from the airport terminal to the city centre every 20 minutes (06.00 - 22.05) Monday to Friday. (Please check the timetable for services on Saturdays and Sundays).

#### BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Belfast International Airport is 30 minutes' drive via the M2 Motorway. The Airbus service 300 operates between the airport and Belfast City Centre every 15 minutes during peak times Monday to Friday, every 20 minutes on Saturday and at 30 or 60 minute intervals on a Sunday. Please check the timetable for services during off peak times and weekends.

#### AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Coach service connecting both Belfast Airports to Derry/Londonderry. 028 9033 0655 aircoach.ie



## Scheduled Airline Services

**GEORGE BEST BELFAST CITY AIRPORT**  
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### Aer Lingus

aerlingus.com  
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### British Airways

britishairways.com  
0844 8484 888  
London Heathrow  
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### EasyJet

easyjet.com  
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Split  
Valencia  
Venice

### KLM

klm.com  
0207 660 0293  
Amsterdam

### Loganair

loganair.co.uk  
0344 800 2855  
Aberdeen  
Inverness

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#### BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

belfastairport.com  
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easyjet.com  
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Isle of Man  
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London Luton  
London Stansted  
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Malaga  
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### jet2.com

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01304 448 888

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### Value Cabs

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Palma de Mallorca  
Reus  
Rhodes  
Tenerife  
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Orlando

#### FERRY RESERVATIONS

### Stena Line

stenaline.co.uk  
03447 707 070

### Steam Packet

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0872 299 2992

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### Hertz

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sixt.co.uk  
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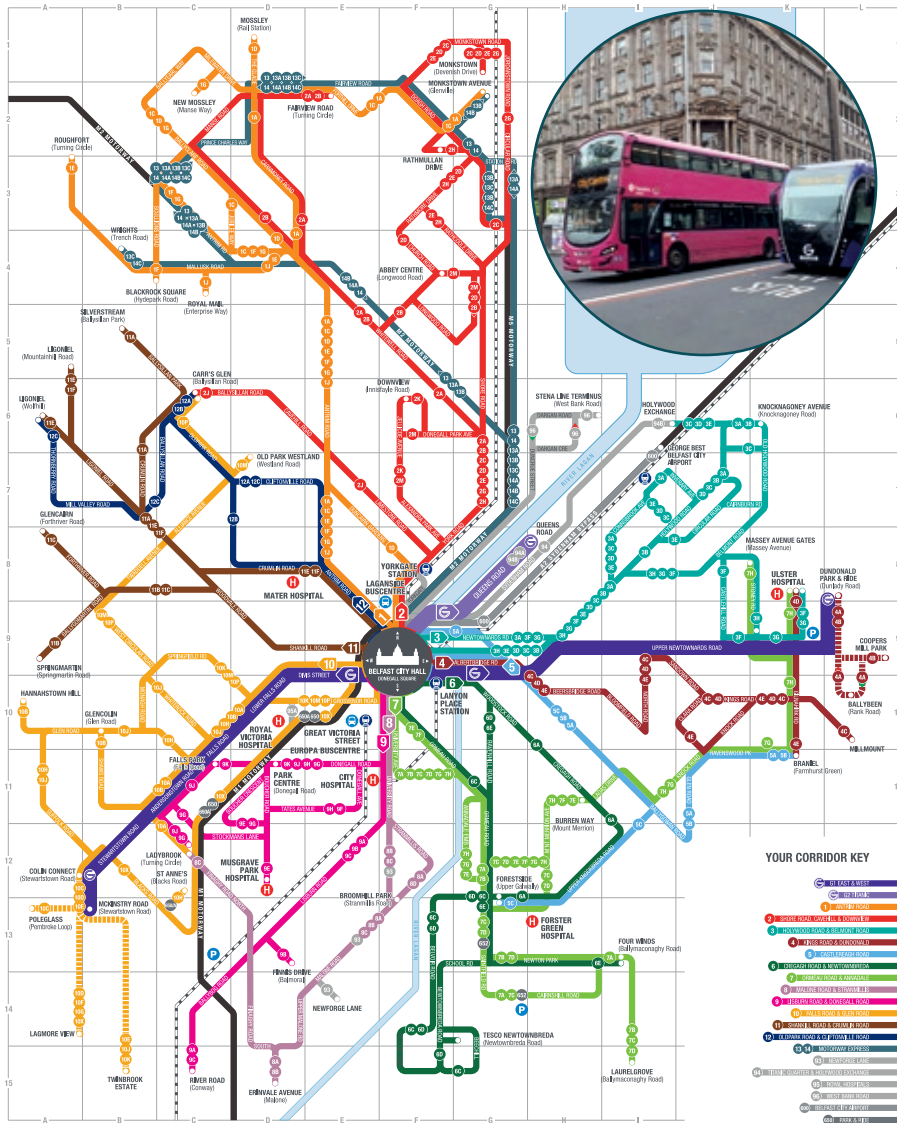
## Scheduled Ferry Sailings

Depart	Arrive	Carrier	Sailing Time
Cairnryan	Belfast	Stena Line (superfast ferry)	2 hours 15 mins
Douglas	Belfast	Isle of Man Steam Packet Co	2 hours 45 mins
Liverpool	Belfast	Stena Line (ferry)	8 hours
Cairnryan	Larne	P&O Irish Sea (ferry)	2 hours
Holyhead	Dun Laoghaire	Stena HSS (superfast ferry)	2 hours
Fishguard	Rosslare	Stena Line (super ferry)	3 hours 30 mins

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# Belfast City Centre Glider and Metro Bus Routes

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## 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.

### MLINK TICKETING APP

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.

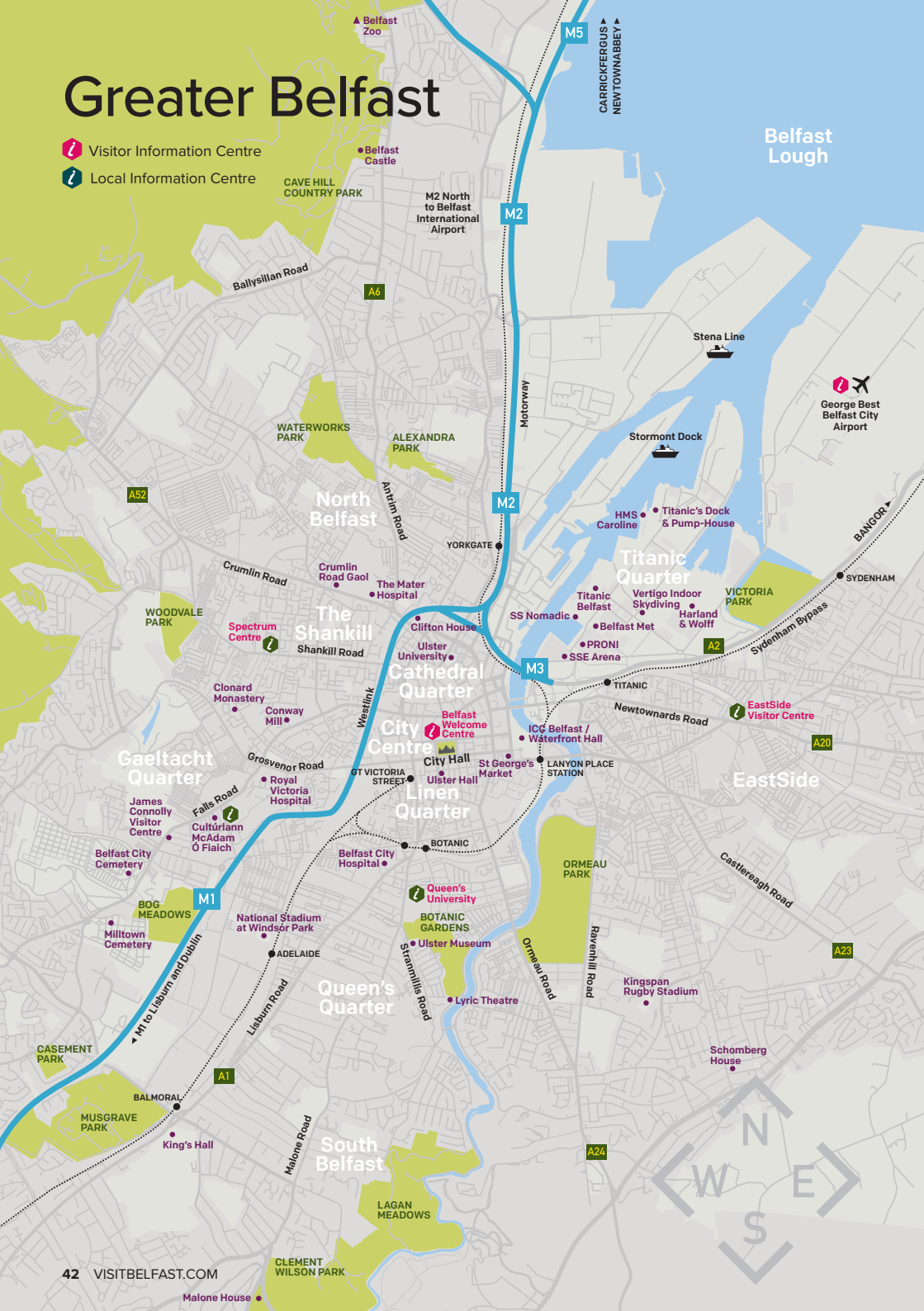
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Plan a journey or download a timetable at [translink.co.uk](http://translink.co.uk) or download the 'Translink NI' app from Google Play, Apple Store and Windows Store.

# Greater Belfast

- Visitor Information Centre
- Local Information Centre



# Travel Tips



## Communications

The international code for Northern Ireland is 00 44 28. The number for emergency services is 999. This will connect you to the fire brigade, police, ambulance, lifeboat and mountain rescue services. If you need to speak to police about a matter that does not need an immediate urgent response, you should call 101. Internet and Wi-Fi access is widely available throughout the city. Most post offices are open Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm and some are also open on Saturday mornings. The main post office is located on Bridge Street in the city centre.

## Banking

Most banks are open Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm. All major credit cards are widely accepted in the city and some shops will accept euro. There are foreign exchange facilities in the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre and various retail outlets across the city.

## Tipping

Most restaurants add a discretionary service charge to the bill for parties of six people or more. If this charge is added to your bill, tipping is not necessary. If a service charge is not included, a discretionary tip of 10-15% is customary.

## Shopping

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

## Stay Safe

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

## Smoking

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

## Visiting the UK after Brexit

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



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