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Must Do:

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

FAMILY FUN

01

Disney Winnie the Pooh Hunny Hunt

28 June - 31 August
Hillsborough Castle

Join the great hunny hunt at Hillsborough Castle and help find Winnie the Pooh's missing hunny pots. Follow the trail through magical spots like Rabbit's Garden and Eeyore's Quiet Cabin, inspired by Winnie the Pooh. Plus, receive your very own sticker at the end of the adventure. Kids go free to the gardens from 28 June – 31 August.

hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle/whats-on/disney-winnie-the-pooh-hunny-hunt/#gs.mmvfc8

FESTIVAL

02

Belfast International Photo Festival

5-30 June

Various locations

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

belfastphotofestival.com

FESTIVAL

03

Belfast Maritime Festival 6 & 7 September

An unforgettable weekend of maritime magic returns to Belfast this September. The Belfast Maritime Festival 2025 is packed with ships, family fun, live music and inspiring experiences that celebrate the spirit of our city. visitbelfast.com/article/belfast-maritime-festival

CULTURE

04

Lucian Freud's Etchings: A Creative Collaboration at Titanic Belfast

2 May - 30 September

Discover the remarkable work of Lucian Freud, one of the 20th century's most acclaimed British artists, in this unique showcase exploring his creative process and collaborations. This will be the only location on the island of Ireland where the artwork will be displayed. titanicbelfast.com/visitor-information/offers-events

CULTURE

05

Belfast Tradfest

27 July - 3 August

This festival is the pinnacle of world-class traditional music concerts, fiery pub sessions and Ireland's fastest growing summer school of traditional music. belfasttraditionalmusic.com

MUSIC

06

Belfast City Blues Festival

26-28 June

Various venues

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

CULTURE

07

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



The Sixteen: an evening of Choral Music

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FESTIVAL

08

Belfast Whiskey Week

18-26 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+

09

Belfast Pride

18-27 July

Various locations

Belfast Pride is the largest LGBTQIA+ festival in Ireland, with the Pride Day parade taking place on Saturday 26 July.

belfastpride.com

FAMILY FUN

10

Comic Con Northern Ireland

6-7 September

Eikon Exhibition Centre

Comic Con Northern Ireland is one of Europe's largest pop culture conventions, attracting tens of thousands of fans annually to the Eikon Centre.

comicconnorthernireland.co.uk/tickets

FAMILY FUN

11

Ferguson Tractor Day

28 June

Ulster Folk Museum

Celebrate the heritage of the Ferguson Tractor on Saturday 28 June at the Ulster Folk Museum, with ploughing and cultivating demonstrations using vintage Ferguson tractors.

ulsterfolkmuseum.org

CULTURE

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Akihiko Okamura:

The Memories of Others

13 June - October

Ulster Museum

An exhibition of rarely seen artworks by internationally important Japanese war photographer Akihiko Okamura, documenting his relationship with Ireland during the Troubles.

ulstermuseum.org

CULTURE

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EastSide Arts Festival

24 July - 2 August

Various locations

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

eastsidearts.net

CULTURE

14

The Sixteen: an evening of Choral Music

27 June, St George's Church

The Sixteen's 2025 Choral Pilgrimage tour 'Angel of Peace' celebrates the 90th birthday of Arvo Pärt through a programme for inner peace spanning six centuries.

thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2025-belfast

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 an Phobail 2025

31 July - 10 August

Various locations

Féile an Phobail is Ireland's biggest community arts festival. 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

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Belfast Mela

16-24 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

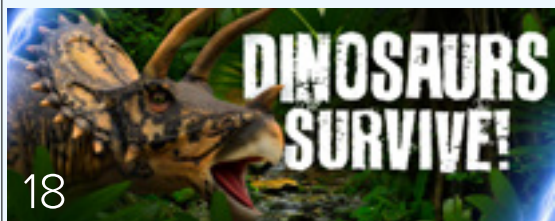
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Dinosaurs Survive!

31 May - 31 August

Experience the awe of coming face-to-face with dinosaurs — from gentle herbivores and newly hatched baby dinosaurs to energetic velociraptors and powerful carnivores.

w5online.co.uk



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Must See:

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

TIME OUT

01

Belfast City Hall

Enjoy an hour long guided tour of Belfast's most iconic building or visit the visitor exhibition which offers a self-guided journey through Belfast's past to present, showing the vibrancy of the city across six themed zones.

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**



02

01



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**

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**

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.

FAMILY FUN

06

W5

A great family day of adventure awaits at this award-winning science and discovery centre, with exhibits and experiences covering from climate change and nature to film production, engineering, medical science and more.

SEE MAP **E3**



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TOURS

12

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.

EXPERIENCE

13

Cave Hill and Belfast Castle

Enjoy a walk around the gardens and scenic trails which offer uninterrupted views over the city and Belfast Lough. Relax over lunch or afternoon tea in the beautiful surroundings of the 1870 baronial style castle.

SEE MAP C1

FAMILY FUN

14

Belfast Zoo

A great day out for all the family where the cheeky monkey's loud lions and giant giraffes will keep everyone entertained!

SEE MAP C1

MARITIME

15

Lagan Adventures - Belfast Hydrobikes

Explore the River Lagan through this unique water sports experience. Hydrobikes provide a gentle, low-impact aerobic total body workout. Hydrobikes are super dog friendly, and your furry friend will love the ride as much as you will.

laganadventures.com

SEE MAP C1

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

TOURS

08

Clifton House

Clifton House, formerly the Poor House, was built in 1774 by the Belfast Charitable Society and is one of Belfast's most historic buildings. Clifton House has three guided tours that run throughout the year: Experience the Belfast Poor House Tour, includes augmented reality; Hero of Belfast – Mary Ann McCracken Walking Tour; and Clifton Street Cemetery Tour.

cliftonbelfast.com/whats-on/tours

SEE MAP C2

EXPERIENCE

09

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

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Outdoor Dining

Experience the best that Belfast has to offer when it comes to alfresco dining, we've even included the best places to take your four-legged friends.

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FAMILY FUN

11

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.



08



City of Music

Did you know Belfast is officially a UNESCO City of Music? Yep, back in 2021, the city was awarded the title in recognition of our legendary music scene – from grassroots gigs to global acts, music runs through Belfast's veins.

This summer, the city's turning up the volume. Expect incredible local talent, international artists, and live music vibes everywhere you go. Check out some of the unmissable festivals and musical moments happening all season long.

Music Festivals you'll love

Back for its 16th year, the **Belfast City Blues Festival** is one of the biggest Blues RnB festivals on the island of Ireland. This festival has something for everyone with over 60 free gigs being played across the city over 3 days from 26–28 June.

If traditional music is more your taste, **Belfast Tradfest** returns to the city from the 27 July to 3 August. With world-class traditional music concerts, fiery pub sessions and Ireland's fastest growing summer school of traditional music.

Cultural events

Féile an Phobail, Eastside Arts Festival and **Belfast Mela** will be bringing colour and vibrancy across the city. The annual **Eastside Arts Festival**, running from 24 July – 2 August, showcases the brilliant creative talent that lies within East

Belfast. With live music, comedy, theatre, talks and workshops and so much more to enjoy!

Féile an Phobail takes place from 31 July to 10 August and is Ireland's biggest community arts festival. With workshops, debates, family activities, visual arts events and musical concerts.

Experience a week long programme of music, dance, food and art when the **Belfast Mela** returns from the 16 to 24 August. Major events include the Mela Carnival when the carnival parade brings the



party to the city centre and the Mela Day taking place in Botanic Gardens.

Walk this Way

If tours are more your vibe, Belfast has great walking tours to experience. Take the popular **Belfast Music Walking Tour** that will introduce you to many of the city's music legends, learn about Belfast's rich musical heritage, tradition and roots.

If punk music is more your genre, why not join the **Belfast Punk Music Walking Tour**. Learn about the Good



Vibrations record shop and label, the punk bands of the late 1970s and today's modern punk bands.

With two professional musicians as your guides, the **Belfast Traditional Music Trail** will take you through cobbled alleyways, past famous landmarks and on to private bars in some of the city's oldest buildings.

At each stop you will be treated to a performance of traditional tunes, songs and stories.

For even more music events check out visitbelfast.com/whats-on/music-concerts

Al Fresco Dining



Summer weather in Belfast can be unpredictable! Whether you are soaking up the last rays of sun or dodging a passing shower these al fresco options promise great food, good vibes and plenty of cover when needed.

Rooftop Bars

Tetto at Bullitt Hotel

High above the city streets, Tetto serves Italian soul food with a side of skyline views. Sip aperitivos, devour wood-fired pizza, and soak up that golden-hour glow.

The Perch Rooftop Bar

A rooftop oasis in the heart of the city, The Perch delivers laid-back charm, colourful cocktails, and crowd-pleasing bites – all in a retro bird-themed setting.

The National

Trendy, stylish, and effortlessly cool – The National's garden is a leafy escape tucked behind one of Belfast's most loved bars. Great for weekend brunches, evening DJs, and sunny catch-ups with friends.

Outdoor Eats

Coppi

Coppi brings Venetian vibes to St Anne's Square with its cicchetti, pastas and pizzettas. Their outdoor terrace is perfect for sharing small plates and soaking up the buzz of the Quarter.

Fratelli Belfast

Rustic meets refined at Fratelli. Think classic Italian comfort food, hearty wines and a terrace that's tailor-made for long, lazy lunches.

2Taps Wine Bar

Tapas with a twist – and one of the biggest outdoor terraces in the city. 2Taps is where Spanish flavour meets Belfast flair, perfect for sipping sangria under the sun.

Café Parisien

Overlooking City Hall, this chic bistro brings a little slice of France to Belfast. Enjoy champagne, coffee, or crème brûlée on the terrace while watching the city go by.



Sunny Sips

The Dirty Onion

With its huge beer garden, traditional music, and epic rotisserie chicken, The Dirty Onion is a no-brainer for outdoor pints and good times.

Hickson's Point, Titanic Quarter

Set against the backdrop of Titanic Belfast, Hickson's Point is a vintage-style pub with a coastal twist – the perfect pit stop for seafood and sunshine.

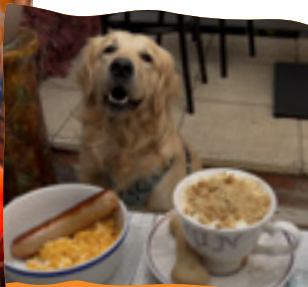
Cutters Wharf

Riverside relaxation at its finest. Located on the banks of the River Lagan, Cutters Wharf combines lush green views with burgers, beers, and brilliant brunches.

Pooch Social

The Dirty Onion

22nd June 1pm - 5pm
Grab your furry friends and head down to the Dirty Onion for live music, summer drinks, merch and a free ice-cream on arrival. Free event.



Dog Friendly Options

Because every great day out should include your furry friend!

The Lamppost Café

A Narnia-themed family run coffee shop in east Belfast. Bring your pooch along, then head to the nearby CS Lewis Square for walks.

Bullhouse East

Bullhouse East is Belfast's very first permanent taproom. Bullhouse East love well behaved four legged friends and will have treats and water bowls available inside and out.

Pug Uglys

This quirky Irish venue is loved for its tasty pub grub, live sports, music and comedy nights. Dogs are welcome inside the pub and water bowls are available in the outdoor seating area.

The Crafty Vintner Tasting Room

The Crafty Vintner's pup-friendly Terrace welcomes all good boys and girls. Be sure to grab your pups and join them for wine & cheese tasting.

St George's Market

St George's Market is one of Belfast's oldest attractions and one of the best markets in the UK and Ireland. Dog bowls with water are available at the May Street entrance and exit. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

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

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. (🕒) (VP)

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. (VP) 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

Gruffalo & Stickman Guided Walk

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

and friends book, sticker and certificate, to keep forever! (🕒) (VP) colinglen.org

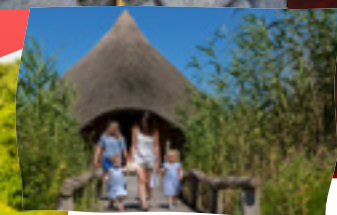
W5

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. 🦋 VP

belfastzoo.co.uk

Castle Espie

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

wwt.org.uk/castleespie

Exploris Aquarium

Discover what really happens under the sea as you visit the home of sharks, jellyfish, otters and seals. Explore the dark depths of the Reptile filled rainforest where a snappy crocodile and green gecko hide.

explorisni.com

ACTION PACKED

Airtastic Belfast

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

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

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

High Rise Indoor Adventure Centre

Experience Northern Ireland's largest Clip 'n Climb indoor climbing arena with

24 exhilarating climbing challenges. There's also a soft play for younger children and innovative sensory rooms to support guests who have additional needs.

highriseni.org

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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ONLINE
—AND—
SAVE**

SUMMER AT TITANIC BELFAST

ENJOY THE TITANIC STORY, ANYTIME

Join us this summer at Titanic Belfast for an unforgettable day out. Immerse yourself in the **Titanic Experience**, then step aboard **SS Nomadic** - the last remaining White Star vessel and explore an art themed pop-up exhibition onboard. Take a **Discovery Tour** to uncover the hidden symbolism around this iconic building and find out fact & fable as you walk in the footsteps of the designers and ship builders who brought the dream to life.

Titanic Belfast has just introduced a new **Anytime Ticket**. Offering you the freedom to explore the iconic story at your own pace at any time during opening hours,

the Anytime Ticket is designed for those who value flexibility while exploring the city.

Whether you're planning a relaxed day out or squeezing in a visit between other activities, the Anytime Ticket guarantees that this incredible story is always accessible, making your visit to Titanic Belfast as flexible as your schedule. No set times, no rush – just you and the story.

Visitors can also upgrade their visit with a **White Star Premium Pass**, that now includes an Anytime ticket, the Discovery Tour, an audio guide, 15% off in our retail and food outlets, and more.

BOOK ONLINE AND SAVE AT [TITANICBELFAST.COM](https://www.titanicbelfast.com)

FREE V&A EXHIBITION

LUCIAN FREUD'S ETCHINGS: A CREATIVE COLLABORATION

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In partnership with the Victoria and Albert Museum, Titanic Belfast presents *Lucian Freud Etchings: A Creative Collaboration*, a free exhibition in the Andrews Gallery until 30 September.

Belfast is the first stop on its global tour and the only location on

the island of Ireland to host the exhibition. It showcases highlights from a rare collection of etchings, many exhibited for the first time. The trial proofs highlight Freud's collaboration with master printer Marc Balakjian, including the contemplative "Donegal Man" (2007), featuring Pat Doherty, Titanic Belfast's Chairman.

The exhibition also offers an immersive experience into Freud's printmaking process, with commentary from



V&A curator Gill Saunders, Freud's assistant David Dawson, and a rare appearance by Freud himself, providing insight into his precise etching techniques.



© Victoria and Albert Museum, London

SWING INTO SUMMER

Celebrate at Titanic Belfast as the 153rd Open comes to Northern Ireland, with mini golf and carnival games on Hamilton Dock, Sundays from 6th July to 3rd August.

Throughout July and August, relax at **Hickson's Point**, our destination bar offering hot food in a 1900s Public House

setting with traditional music, dogs welcome!

Cool off at **The Porthole** with our new Titanic-themed ice cream, **American Vanilla** - an authentic recreation of what

was served aboard Titanic. While here, grab a coffee in the **Galley Café**, with seasonal specials all year round, or treat yourself to authentic Irish dishes served daily in **The Pantry**.



FIND OUT MORE AT [TITANICBELFAST.COM/WHATSON](https://titanicbelfast.com/whatson)



Adventure Starts Here

Whether you're a thrill-seeker or just looking to try something new, Belfast and its surroundings offer unforgettable outdoor experiences for all ages and interests. Get active, get outside, and make some memories.

Colin Glen

A spectacular 200-acre forest park located just 5 minutes from Belfast City Centre where you'll find 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

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

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.

letsghydro.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



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. kremlin-belfast.com

Belfast LGBT Centre

The Belfast LGBT Centre is located at 23-31 Waring Street in Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, which houses a number of charities including the Rainbow Project and Cara Friend, providing counselling, befriending, information and a health and social space for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. rainbow-project.org

PRIDE

Belfast Pride Festival

18-27 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 26th July at 1pm.

belfastpride.com



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Maritime Mile

The Maritime Mile connects Belfast's historic Sailortown to the Titanic Quarter. Stroll through this storied area and uncover the rich history of the city's shipbuilding tradition.

SINCLAIR SEAMEN'S CHURCH

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

BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

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

CLARENDON DOCK & CITY QUAYS

The dry dock where Belfast's Shipbuilding industry was born dates back to 1800-1826. The area has now been transformed into the City Quays development, home to a mix of commercial office, shops, cafes and restaurants.

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.



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.


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.

TITANIC DISTILLERY

In the heart of the Maritime Mile, Thompson Dock and Pumphouse - the home of Titanic Distillers. Inspired by the people who worked in Belfast's shipyards more than a century ago - you will now be able to walk in their footsteps in the very pump-house and dry dock that represents such an authentic part of the Titanic story and indeed the history of Belfast. 

HMS CAROLINE

Step on board HMS Caroline and experience an incredible day out that the whole family can enjoy. Explore this WWI ship, get hands on with a variety of interactive exhibits and take part in some family friendly activities.

Belfast Maritime Festival



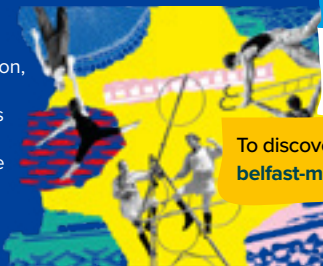
An unforgettable weekend of maritime magic returns to Belfast this September. The Belfast Maritime Festival 2025 is packed with ships, family fun, live music and inspiring experiences that celebrate the spirit of our city.

From **Sailortown** to **Thompson Dock** explore a world of sea-themed adventures: hop aboard historic vessels, get hands-on with science and innovation, discover Belfast's maritime heritage and taste local flavours on offer at **Slipways Street Food & Sounds**, check out the **Artisan Farmers Market** and performances across the waterfront.

and Belfast Maritime presents **Festival of Fools** by the sea. Together, let's set sail for a weekend of discovery, creativity and celebration.

#BelfastMaritime
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#MaritimeMile

This year's programme champions heritage, innovation and imagination, with some new and exciting festival additions and highlights including a showcase performance headlined by **Hot House Flowers**



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To discover more visit visitbelfast.com/belfast-maritime-festival

Beyond The Open

Knock Golf Club

Enjoy the thrill of The Open, then explore Belfast's stunning courses for even more unforgettable rounds.

With Rory McIlroy finally clinching his long-awaited Masters title and the 153rd Open taking place just up the road at Royal Portrush, there's never been a better time to be here. And while you're soaking up the action, why not try out some of Belfast's brilliant golf courses? From historic clubs to stunning scenery.

First on your list should be **The Royal Belfast Golf Club**. This is Ireland's oldest golf club, established in 1881. Steeped in history, the course is set along the shores of Belfast Lough, offering not just a memorable game but sweeping views across the water. With its elegant clubhouse and tree-lined fairways, it's a fantastic place to



The Royal Belfast Golf Club

enjoy a round and soak up the charm of local golf heritage.

Knock Golf Club is an inviting parkland course just minutes from Belfast city centre. Known for its beautifully maintained greens and friendly atmosphere, Knock offers an enjoyable challenge for golfers of all abilities. The course weaves through mature trees and carefully placed hazards, making it an excellent choice for a relaxed but rewarding game before heading back to explore the city's lively food and culture scene.

fun for both casual players and seasoned golfers alike.

And don't miss **Malone Golf Club**, a true parkland paradise nestled in 330 acres on the outskirts of Belfast. The course is celebrated for its picturesque lakes and lush greenery, providing a tranquil setting for a day's play. With 27 holes to explore and a friendly clubhouse overlooking the water, it's the perfect place to unwind and reflect on your golfing adventures.



Castlereagh Hills Golf Club

For those who enjoy a round with panoramic views, **Castlereagh Hills Golf Course** is a hidden gem. Perched above Belfast, the course looks out over the city skyline and beyond to Strangford Lough and the Mourne Mountains. It's a wonderfully scenic spot to spend an afternoon, with a welcoming clubhouse and a layout that's

Worth the Trip

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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.

Victoria Square

Victoria Square is Belfast's premiere shopping destination featuring over 70 international and local brand stores including Fraser, 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 



Lisburn Road

This thoroughfare in South Belfast is home to art galleries, local designers, hair and beauty salons 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 

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 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.

SEE MAP 



HIDDEN GEMS



KEITH DRURY ART

Contemporary art gallery showcasing a vibrant and captivating interpretation of the urban landscape. There is an opportunity to purchase artwork during your visit and all unframed pieces are presented in a bespoke designer gift tube which can easily be taken home.



NORTH BLOCK BAZAAR

The market is hosted inside the wonderfully refurbished McConnells distillery Crumlin Road Gaol. You can sample Whiskey, make cocktails, go on a jail tour and most importantly grab some unique gifts. Takes place the first Sunday of every month.



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.

SEE MAP



Castle Court

This one-stop shopping spot on Royal Avenue is home to a whole host of your favourite fashion stores including; Jack & Jones, New Look, 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

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.

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Belfast's Vibrant Street Art

Seedhead Arts is a creative powerhouse that has been supporting artists and transforming public spaces for over a decade. They're behind some of Belfast's most exciting projects, including the annual Hit the North street art festival - the biggest of it's kind in Ireland - which has turned walls across the city into vibrant works of art. Highlights of Belfast's vibrant street art includes:

The Spiritual and the Temporal

Artist Emic has painted this stunning piece on the site of Belfast's very first castle right in the beating heart of the city.

In Your Face, Belfast Spring

Studio Giftig's 2023 photorealistic piece on James Street South pays homage to the city's linen heritage with flax plant imagery.

Un Moment de Tranquillité

This beautiful piece by Dimitris Trimintzious painted for the Hit the North 2025 festival juxtaposes the serene and calm with the bustle of the city.

Belfast Deco Fish

Andy Council's colourful piece incorporates a selection of the Art Deco buildings that can be found in the city. You can find it on Upper Arthur Street.

I WISHED I WAS MORE LIKE NATURE. HER SECRET IS: PATIENCE

Hera has said that her inspiration for this piece was the surrounding nature of Belfast.

Pretty Little Thieves

This stunning artwork on Royal Avenue depicts four magpies delivering gold and jewels. As Friz, the artist, has said, the best way to get rich is to befriend some magpies!



To see these, and many more, inspirational artworks, why not book a Street Art Walking Tour with **Seedhead Arts**? This is a two hour walking tour that departs every Sunday from the iconic red benches in Commercial Court, Cathedral Quarter. For more info about the tour and to book scan the code to the left.



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

Ulster Museum is home to Northern Ireland's treasures of past and present.

Home to rich collections of art, history and natural sciences all set within the beautiful surroundings of Botanic Gardens. (R) (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. (R)

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. (R)

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. (R)

arasuichonghaile.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. (R) (VP)

craftnigallery.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. (R)

niwarmemorial.org

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

Traditional Skills Day

Ulster Folk Museum

16 August

Discover heritage skills and Ulster's building traditions with a day of demonstrations at Ulster Folk Museum. ulsterfolkmuseum.org

August Craft Month

August is the perfect time to learn about craft and (re)connect with the joy of making! Presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland and Craft NI, this month-long event takes place each year, providing opportunities for the public to experience, buy and learn about Craft. August Craft Month offers 4 weeks filled with craft workshops, open studios, tours and exhibitions, many of which are free to attend!

Some of this year's highlights include **Belfast Potters' Market** which will take place on Saturday, August 9 at 2 Royal Avenue. Now in its fifth year, the market is a treat for all ceramic lovers – a wonderful opportunity to see the works of over 40 talented potters and watch a few live demos too! Those exploring the North Coast won't want to miss **Scott Benefield and Andrea Spencer's Open Studio** - their glass making studio will open its doors to the public on August 2 and 3! Watch these talented glass makers create their work, ask questions and better understand how contemporary artisans practice their craft.

And last but not least, **(Un)Bound**, the August Craft Month 2025 exhibition, will be on at Craft NI Gallery in Belfast's iconic Cathedral Quarter throughout the months of August and September - 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 end of June!



Ruth McEwan-Lyon from NI Silver during an August Craft Month workshop

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

Discover Ulster Scots

1-9 Victoria Street

Discover more about your Ulster-Scots roots through a free genealogy research point, or find out about Ulster-Scots events. discoverulsterscots.com

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

Crescent Arts Centre

2-4 University Road

The Crescent Arts Centre is a vibrant community arts centre and cultural hub in the heart of south Belfast, which provides opportunities for people to meet, be inspired, experience and participate in a wide range of art forms. crescentarts.org

North Block Bazaar

McConnell's Distillery

The market is hosted inside the wonderfully refurbished McConnells distillery Cruimlin Road Jail. The market happens on the first Sunday of every month. visitbelfast.com/event/north-block-bazaar

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!

Shows to look out for at the **Grand Opera House** this summer include *Only Fools and Horses The Musical*, *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Follies*. Warm up the vocal cords with a number of sing-a-long shows including *The Greatest Showman*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Drama enthusiasts can look forward to compelling plays such as *The Girl on the Train*, the *Shawshank Redemption* and *Inspector Morse: House of Ghosts*. You can tickle your funny bone with live performances from *Dara Ó Briain*, *Jack Dee* and *Paddy Raff*. From 11-15 August, the *Grand Family Festival* will be running lots of events for the whole family to get involved with. 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: *Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest*. *In The Name of the Son*, a look at Gerry Conlon's life after his release from prison. *The Tunnel*, a play based on the Long Kesh prison breakout. *Lies Where It Falls*, a courageous story of recovery told through song, poetry and humour. *Falling to Earth: My Summer with Bowie*, a thrilling new production from acclaimed playwright Eugene O'Brien. 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 to *Simply Red*, *Rend Collective*, *Darius Rucker* and *JLS*. Comedy nights include *Paddy McDonnell: Gout's Out* and *Paul Smith: Pablo*. Families can enjoy *Paw Patrol Live!* as well as the *Belfast International Tattoo*. ssearenabelfast.com

The **Waterfront Hall** offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights include the *Cat Laughs Comedy Festival* and *Jimeoin*. There's live music from *HARDY*, *Van Morrison*, *Chris Norman*, the *Bootleg Beatles Live!* and the *Rock Orchestra*. For families there's a sing-along to the hit film *Wicked* and *Dinosaur World Live*. Experience *An Evening with Sir Trevor McDonald* and *Anton & Giovanni: Together Again*. 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 performances from *Leo Sayer*, *Dervish + NOTIFY*, *Father John Misty*, *Suki Waterhouse* and *Jamie Duffy*. Enjoy a night of laughs with *Paul Chowdhry*, *Jason Manford*, *Gary Meikle* and the *Saving Grace Podcast tour*. ulsterhall.co.uk 📍



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, céilis 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

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

Belfast in Bloom



Sunshine, fresh air, and Belfast's lush green spaces are calling. From secret gardens to sweeping meadows, the city is bursting into bloom — perfect for picnics, strolls, and a little bit of summer magic.

Belfast Botanic Gardens & Palm House

Step into a botanical wonderland just minutes from the city centre. Explore beautifully kept rose gardens, rare oak trees, and tropical treasures inside the iconic Victorian Palm House. A must-see for flower lovers and architecture fans alike.

Barnett Demesne

Unwind at this peaceful parkland surrounding the grand Malone House. Wander through the arboretum, marvel at springtime daffodils, and stroll shaded woodland paths linking to the picturesque Lagan Towpath.

Ormeau Park

Beloved by locals, Ormeau Park is buzzing in the summertime. With eco trails, sports courts, a BMX track, and a huge children's playground, there's plenty to do — or simply bring a picnic and soak up the easygoing vibe.

Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park

Home to the spectacular International Rose Garden, this park dazzles with over 45,000 roses each summer. Meander along leafy trails, relax at The Stables Coffee Shop, or fire up a barbecue with family and friends.

Belfast Castle Estate

The estate contains landscaped gardens and mature mixed woodland and offers superb views of the city from a variety of vantage points. It is home to many different species of wildlife, including long-eared owls, sparrowhawks and Belfast's rarest plant; the town hall clock.

Cave Hill Country Park

Cave Hill Country Park includes Cave Hill Adventurous Playground, archaeological sites, Cave Hill Visitor Centre, an ecotrail, gardens, orienteering routes, scenic views and waymarked walking trails suitable for casual walkers or serious ramblers.

Victoria Park

Victoria Park is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. One of the park's biggest attractions is its lake, which was originally used for boating. Today, it is home to a range of water birds such as swans, geese, ducks, herons and migrant waders.



Explore Belfast

Each area of Belfast has its own character and charm, and its own unique variety of shops, restaurants, cafes, museums and attractions. Take time to discover the city's hidden treasures in Belfast's neighbourhoods.

City Centre

Cathedral Quarter, Linen Quarter & Smithfield & Union

Belfast City Centre buzzes with energy, blending history and modern charm. Start at City Hall, the heart of the city, then explore bustling shopping streets, vibrant cafes, and a thriving restaurant scene. Don't miss St George's

Market for local flavours and unique finds. In the historic **Cathedral Quarter**, discover cobblestone streets, vibrant beer gardens, warehouse restaurants, and colourful street art. It's a lively hub of music, entertainment, and nightlife, blending old and new with St Anne's Cathedral and the Metropolitan Arts Centre. South of City Hall, the **Linen Quarter** showcases

old linen mill architecture now housing offices, chic bars, and award-winning restaurants. It's perfect for dinner and drinks before a show at the Grand Opera House. On the fringes of the Cathedral Quarter is the **Smithfield and Union Quarter**, which has garnered a reputation as the city's coolest clubbing hotspot, and as Belfast's LGBTQIA+ quarter.

north

North Belfast is full of history, culture, and entertainment.

Discover iconic landmarks like **Belfast Castle**, explore wildlife at **Belfast Zoo**, or delve into the past at **Crumlin Road Gaol** and **Clifton House**. For a taste of local culture, the **Duncairn Centre** is a vibrant hub for arts and music, while **Ben Madigan's Bar** provides a cosy pub experience. Why not try something new with axe throwing or test your putting skills at a round of mini golf? There's plenty to enjoy in North Belfast!

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.



Belfast Castle

Crumlin Road Gaol

Belfast Zoo

West

GAELTACHT QUARTER

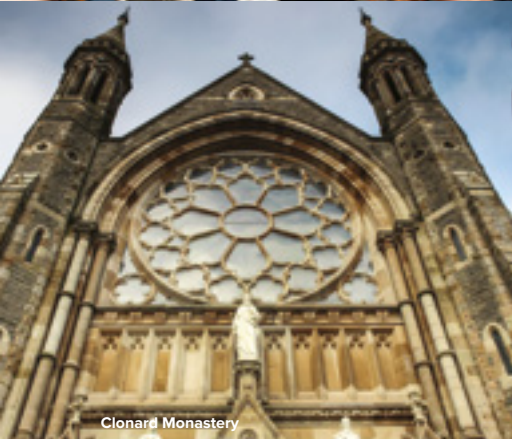
The focus of Irish language, music and culture is in the west of the city.

Many visitors come to see the area's famous political murals and peace wall but there's plenty more to discover.

An Cultúrlann, the Quarter's culture and arts centre, contains an excellent restaurant, theatre and gallery. Explore the stunning **Clonard Monastery**, located off the Falls Road, or enjoy the three mile **Divis Summit Trail** on Divis Mountain, with spectacular views over Belfast and beyond.



Gruffalo Trail, Colin Glen



Clonard Monastery



Féile an Phobail

east

East Belfast 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.

Titanic Quarter & Maritime Mile

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.

Find out more about the Maritime Mile on Pg 20 & 21



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. Take a stroll through the stunning **Stormont Estate**, sip a refreshing craft beer at **Bullhouse East** or get your caffeine fix at **The Lamppost Café!**



south

QUEEN'S QUARTER

The leafy area around Queen's University is home to a treasure trove of shops, cafés, bars and art galleries.

Visit the collections at the **Ulster Museum**, stroll around the **Victorian Palm House** in the stunning **Botanic Gardens**, take in an art-house movie at the **Queen's Film Theatre** or enjoy live music and stand-up comedy at the **Empire Music Hall**. The neighbouring **Lisburn Road** offers designer shopping, cafés and artisan delis, while **Botanic Avenue** has lots of student hang-outs.



Botanic Gardens



Ulster Museum



Lyric Theatre



Queen's University

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

Breathe In the Beauty Summer in Ards and North Down

Seaside charm meets
countryside calm.

Donaghadee Lighthouse

With longer days and landscapes in full bloom, summer is the perfect time to explore Ards and North Down. A region where rolling green landscapes meet windswept shores, history and heritage blend with fresh adventure, and every bite and view leaves a lasting impression.

Located just 30 minutes from Belfast and two hours from Dublin, this picturesque pocket of Northern Ireland promises everything from serene seaside escapes and revitalising outdoor pursuits to vibrant towns bursting with culture, food, and character.

Timeless heritage by the sea

History echoes through villages and vistas in Ards and North Down. In **Groomspoint**, the lovingly restored 17th-century **Cockle Row Cottages** offer a glimpse into the lives of traditional fishermen and their families. Step inside and you'll find an exhibition capturing life in the 1800s, while outside, seasonal activities engage visitors young and old.

Meanwhile, the **North Down Museum** in Bangor offers an immersive dive into the region's ancient roots—from

Viking invaders to early monastic traditions.

If your idea of bliss is a bracing coastal walk, the **North Down Coastal Path** should be top of your list. Winding from Holywood to Orlock Point just outside Donaghadee, this scenic trail serves up panoramic views across Belfast Lough. Along the way, stop off in charming villages like **Helen's Bay** and **Crawfordsburn** or take the kids to **Pickie Funpark** in Bangor for pedal swans, mini golf, and a ride on the Pickie Puffer train.

Travel to **Nendrum Monastic Site** on Mahee Island near Comber. These peaceful 5th-century ruins sit in a spellbinding



Scrabo Tower, Newtownards



Nendrum Monastic Site, Comber

setting overlooking Strangford Lough, widely regarded as the finest example of a pre-Norman Christian settlement in Northern Ireland.

No heritage tour would be complete without a stop at **Scrabo Tower**. Rising above Newtownards, this iconic landmark rewards those who climb its hill with sweeping views across patchwork countryside and the shimmering lough below.

At the tip of the Ards Peninsula lies **Portaferry**, a postcard-perfect harbour town, home to **Exploris**, Northern Ireland's only aquarium, where marine life and seal rehabilitation efforts take centre stage.

A feast for the senses

Foodies will find plenty to savour, where the local food scene is as rich and varied as the landscape. Award-winning restaurants and rustic cafés pride themselves on championing ingredients from the region—from the seasonal **Comber Earlies** potatoes (with PGI status) to the freshest **Portavogie** prawns hauled straight from the Irish Sea.

Whether you're in the mood for fish and chips by the harbour, fine dining in an elegant country house, or browsing artisan stalls at a

local market, you'll find every meal tells a story of the land and sea that shaped it.

The region also hosts seasonal Taste events throughout the year, celebrating its culinary treasures and the passionate producers behind them.





Pickie Funpark, Bangor



WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre



Holywood



Portaferry

Swing into scenic perfection

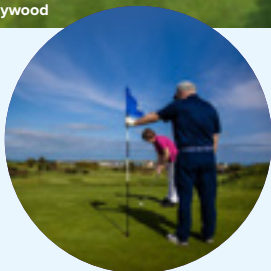
Northern Ireland has firmly established itself as one of the world's premier golfing destinations — and at its heart lies Ards and North Down, a region where breathtaking landscapes meet a proud golfing heritage. The borough includes 2025 Masters Champion Rory McIlroy's home club in **Holywood** and the oldest on the island of Ireland at **The Royal Belfast Golf Club**. Those seeking an unforgettable play-and-stay experience, will discover stunning courses, world-famous connections, and welcoming hospitality of this coastal gem.

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or a beginner, there are 10 clubs and 12 courses ranging from challenging links



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to lush parkland layouts, all set against the spectacular backdrops of loughs, coastline, and countryside, these picturesque courses provide an unforgettable golfing experience. visitardsandnorthdown.com/golf





**Comber Earlies
Food Festival**



Strangford Lough - E-Foiling



Exploris Aquarium

Event highlights 2025

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).

Taste Summer | Wed 25 June– Sunday 6 July, Featuring...

Comber Earlies Food Festival **Saturday 28 June**
Comber Leisure Centre Carpark

Taste Autumn | Fri 5 - Sun 28 September, Featuring...

Tide and Turf Food Festival **Saturday 6 September**
Portavogie

Taste AND at the Castle **Sat 27 and Sun 28
September**

Shorelife Celebration **Sat 4 October**

*All details subject to change.

To find out more about events throughout the year go to visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on and you can keep up to date by following Visit AND social channels, and sign up to receive emails direct to your inbox, here www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/newsletter

Where to stay, your way

A warm welcome and good night's rest are guaranteed no matter where you choose to stay in Ards and North Down. Offering award-winning accommodations, from five-star luxury resorts to cosy B&Bs, all paired with some of Northern Ireland's best dining and warmest hospitality.

Whether you're searching for rugged beauty, rich history, foodie delights, or just a peaceful place to unwind, Ards and North Down is ideal, plan your stay visitardsandnorthdown.com

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

Explore more this summer... in Lisburn & Castlereagh

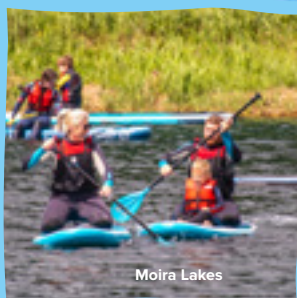
If you're planning a summer break or a fun-filled weekend, Lisburn & Castlereagh offers award winning attractions, beautiful walks, and first-class food. It is the perfect destination to create long lasting summer memories while enjoying a vast range of experiences, attractions, and accommodation.



Streamvale Farm



Hillsborough Castle & Gardens



Moira Lakes

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 the stunning state rooms, before enjoying the 100-acres of glorious gardens. Garden workshops and

special interest tours which focus on art, politics, American history or LGBTQ+ history, operate on specific dates during the summer and don't miss the 'Royal Style in the Making' exhibition to discover how the fashion industry has crafted the iconic style of the British royal women.



Let's Go Hydro

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, enjoy a game of archery or try out new activities including outdoor laser tag, axe throwing and combat 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.

LET'S GO HYDRO RESORT

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 Smoke BBQ restaurant. You can also relax in the spa or stay overnight at the

resort, with a range of glamping pods available, including a Houseboat, Forest Domes, Igloohuts and Meadow Pods.

BALLYBURREN OUTDOOR ESCAPES

Alpaca trekking in this picturesque landscape is a unique and unforgettable experience, offering a chance to connect with nature while spending time with these gentle animals. There are a range of activities available including alpaca meet and greet, golden hour trekking, foraging walk and bushcraft cookery and yoga. New for the summer season is a luxury, adults only, glamping experience – book a stay in these glass fronted lodges which feature a private deck, heated two person hot-tub and a BBQ area with complimentary logs and a luxury hamper provided.

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,

Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, Royal Hillsborough



baby bunnies to massive pigs with cuddle and feeding time, cow milking and lots of fun thrown in as well. Enjoy tractor and barrel rides, dog agility and sheepdog shows, indoor and outdoor play areas, sheep races and the bubble bop disco which takes place at 1pm throughout July and August. Make sure to enjoy homemade ice cream from the farm shop to finish your day.

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. Download the free 'Hillsborough' App to 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 or enjoy a leisurely lunch from the full restaurant menu.

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.

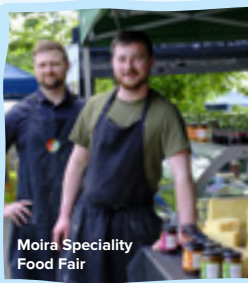
THE FOUR TREES, MOIRA

Enjoy a crisp cold pint, cocktail, mocktail or fine wine in the beautiful Courtyard or

Walled Garden, located at the rear of The Four Trees. With food served outside all summer, enjoy hand stretched pizzas and BBQ favourites along with live music from the Courtyard Sessions every weekends. Dogs are welcome too.

PARSONS NOSE, ROYAL HILLSBOROUGH

Originally an elegant Georgian townhouse built by the Marquis of Downshire in the late 1700's, this characterful dining pub boasts a beautiful, heated and covered beer garden overlooking Hillsborough Castle lake. Enjoy local brews, pub grub classics, fresh seafood, dry-aged steaks and artisan, woodfired sourdough pizzas.



Moira Speciality Food Fair

SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF RACING

20 & 21 JUNE, 18 JULY, 29 AUGUST & 5 SEPT

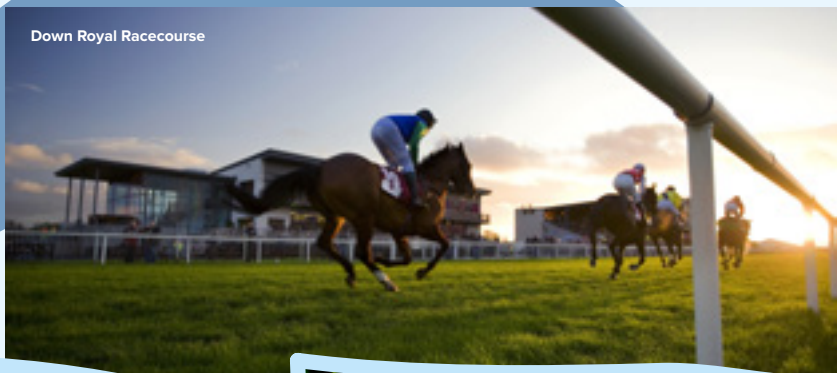
Down Royal Racecourse features top-quality National Hunt and Flat racing and is proud to boast some of the most modern facilities for any racegoer. The summer racing events provide an exciting, action-packed day out, with a range of hospitality packages and dining options within the grounds to suit every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

ROYAL HILLSBOROUGH FARMERS MARKET

28 JUNE & 26 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.

Down Royal Racecourse



DISNEY WINNIE THE POOH HUNNY HUNT

28 JUNE - 31 AUGUST

Hillsborough Castle & Gardens

Step into the hunny trail and set off on a Great Hunny Hunt where you might find Rabbit's Garden, Christopher Robin's Thinking Spot, Eeyore's Quiet Cabin, and Piglet's Cosy Burrow, all inspired by Disney Winnie the Pooh. When your paws are tired, Owl's Book Corner is the perfect place to rest and listen to your favourite Winnie the Pooh tales, and make sure to play a game of Poohsticks! Kids go free to the gardens all summer.

HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE & GARDENS RUNNING FESTIVAL

27 JULY

Take on a scenic 10k or half marathon in the stunning grounds of Hillsborough Castle. The route leads through the beautiful surrounding forest trails, passing historic landmarks including the Hillsborough Fort and picturesque lake, continuing along Ballynahinch Road before looping back to finish inside the castle grounds. Cross the finish line to claim your unique themed

Royal Hillsborough Farmer's Market



medal, enjoy free official race photos, chip-timed results and some well-deserved post-race treats!

MOIRA SPECIALITY FOOD FAIR, MOIRA DEMESNE

16 & 17 AUGUST

Celebrating its 10th anniversary with a bumper weekend long event, 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 tented bar to enjoy some live music.

It's a great day out with a fantastic atmosphere to be enjoyed with friends and family.



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-  Causeway tours
-  Game of Thrones tours
-  Tickets available from Visit Belfast Welcome Centre
-  Green Tourism Accredited

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belfastcitysightseeing.com



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Eating Out



KEY

D4 Map grid location

CC City Centre

CO Cathedral Quarter

TO Titanic Quarter

LO Linen Quarter

QQ Queen's Quarter

GO Gaeltacht Quarter

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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

D4 LD

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

D8 Q4

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

C6 Q4

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

C4 CC

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

C4 LD

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

D4 CC

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
banksqbrasserie.co.uk

C3 CC

44 Hill Street

44 Hill Street

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

028 9590 8444
44hillstreet.com

D3 CC VP

Holohan's Pantry

43 University Road

Located in the Queen's Quarter you'll find Belfast's only boxty house! Casual dining using only local fare, you will find true Irish hospitality at its best in this family run restaurant. Now open on Mondays!

028 9029 1103
holohanspantry.co.uk

C6 Q4

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.

028 9023 4946
homebelfast.co.uk

C4 CC

Hope Street

4-5 Hope Street

Hope Street offers fresh, high quality Northern Irish ingredients

Eating Out

creating a varied menu with the focus firmly on great seasonal produce.

028 9020 0158
hopestreetbelfast.co.uk

EA CC

Horatio Todds
406 Upper Newtownards Rd

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

028 9065 3090
horatiotodds.com

Howard Street Restaurant
56 Howard Street

Serving up full-flavoured dishes created from the current season's ingredients sourced locally. Complementing the menu is a rejuvenated cocktail

list and a range of artisan wines.

028 9024 8362
howardstbelfast.com

CA CC

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
henrysbarbelfast.com

CB CC

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
jamesst.co.uk

CA IQ

Le Winters
92 Church Street, Newtownards

With an innovative approach to dining offering great value food and wines of high quality at affordable prices.

The menu has something to offer every taste ranging from traditional, local favourites to exotic dishes from around the world.

028 9181 4141
strangfordhotel.com/lewinters

MrDeanes
28-40 Howard Street

The 90-seater restaurant offers a La carte menus

featuring many Deanes' classics, reflecting the restaurateur's long running passion for hospitality.

michealdeane.co.uk

EA CC

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

EA CC

Novelli at City Quays
90 Donegall Quay

Situated on the waterfront, with unparalleled views across Belfast Lough, the multi-Michelin-starred and 5-out-of-5 AA Rosette-winning chef Jean Christophe Novelli's Ireland début serves an authentic

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Mediterranean menu with locally sourced produce and all-day dining.
028 9531 3191
novellirestaurants.
co.uk/belfast
D3 CC VP

The Morning Star
17-19 Pottinger's Entry, Ann Street
 Tuck into gargantuan steaks of quality assured Ulster beef and Irish stew. The kitchen also has a great sense of adventure - crocodile, shark and kangaroo all pop up from time to time.
028 9023 5986
themorningstarbar .co.uk
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

Parisien
Cleaver House
 Parisien offers a cosmopolitan location with a view for a memorable dining experience, perfect for gathering with friends and family for elegant dining in the heart of the city, with stunning views

of Belfast City Hall.
028 9590 4338
cafe-parisienbelfast.com
D4 CC VP

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
CC CC VP

Saga Kitchen & Cellar
43 Malone Road
 At Saga, our ethos is "Eat Local, Think Global." We are dedicated to using the freshest local ingredients, supporting our community's farmers and producers.
sagabelfast.com
E7 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
E7 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. Menus change weekly depending on availability of seasonal produce, with local beers and gins changing monthly.
028 9043 4310
waterman.restaurant
D3 CC

SEAFOOD

Fish City
33 Ann Street
 The UK's Fish & Chip Restaurant of the Year. The place to go for premium fish & chips and local, sustainable seafood. Enjoy Irish seafood chowder, oysters, mussels, caviar, and more, all served with warm hospitality.
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

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

Fratelli

60 Great Victoria Street

Oozing rustic Italian charm with contemporary edge Fratelli Belfast serves traditional dishes in a family friendly setting in the heart of the city.

028 9031 0862

fratellibelfast.com





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

littlingpizzeria.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

PizzaExpress

25-27 Bedford Street

Dig into the classics you know and love or try some of the menus brilliant new dishes - tons of toppings, delicious Dough Ball recipes, vegan and gluten-free options galore, drinks, desserts and so much more to sink your teeth into.

pizzaexpress.com/belfast-bedford-street

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

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.

028 9031 1414

2taps-winebar.com

MEXICAN

La Taqueria

53 Castle St

La Taqueria's 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 the team at La Taqueria ships in themselves.

07748786654

lataqueriabelfast.co.uk

ASIAN

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

NuDelhi

68-72 Great Victoria St

Experience award-winning Indian cuisine with a modern twist, vibrant ambiance, and handcrafted cocktails at Belfast's stylish Nu Delhi Lounge.

028 9024 4747

nudelhi.co.uk

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

D3 CC

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

D4 CC

CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY

Daisies

7b Chichester Street

Local Belfast chocolatier, specialising in Artisan chocolates to delight your taste buds.

daisiesbelfast.com

D4 CC

Neighbourhood Cafe

61 Donegall Street

Nestled in the heart of Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, the menu features locally sourced ingredients, showcasing the best of Irish produce, with options to suit all tastes and dietary needs.

neighbourhood.cafe

C3 CC

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

Oui Poutine

1 Donegall Quay

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

D3 CC

Dougie's Goodies

Bakery

51-53 Fountain Street

Dougies Goodies is a vibrant bakery brand who love sharing

their tasty goodies and "Do Good" culture throughout NI!

028 2564 9241

dougiesgoodies.com

D4 CC

Starbucks

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

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

028 9023 6679

starbucks.co.uk

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C5 C6 QX



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9 Donegall Square North

Belfast BT1 5GB

(directly opposite front of Belfast City Hall)

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Pubs & Clubs




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

KEY

 Map grid location

 Serves food

 Traditional music

 Live music

 DJ/Club

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every day, everywhere*

bedrinkaware.co.uk

DIAGEO
Northern Ireland

Pubs & Clubs

CITY CENTRE

Amelia Hall

44 Howard Street

A buzzing bar, pizzeria and beer terrace in Belfast's Linen quarter. Enjoy artisan pizza, craft drinks, and great vibes daily.
028 9033 3836

C4 U

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.
07518 283 884

angelandtwo
biblesbelfast.com

D3 U

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

C4

BrewDog Belfast

Unit 4

Belfast Grand Central Station

Our first Northern Irish bar is open! Located in the station's mezzanine level, BrewDog Belfast Grand Central is pouring 12 taps of the cold, fresh craft beer alongside our Wonderland cocktails and curated selection of wines and spirits.
028 2046 2091

C4 U

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

C4 U M J

The Garrick Bar

29 Chichester Street

The Garrick Bar is a traditional pub in the heart of the city centre serving food every day from 12pm. Well known for trad music sessions and showing sport fixtures.
028 9032 1984

thegarrickbar.com

D4 U J Q

Granny Annie's

81 Chichester Street

Granny Annies is all about fresh, local food, great choice of drinks plus regular live music.
028 9032 1331

grannyannies.co.uk

D4 U M J

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

henrysbelfast.com

D3 U J

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

D3 U M

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

D4 U

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

D3 U

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

D3 U J

The Watson

2-14 Little Donegall St

The Watson is a new entertainment venue located in the heart of Belfast's City Centre, with 3 exciting venues - The Library, Café Bar & Cocktail Bar, The Watson Draught House & Frames Pool Hall.
thewatsonbelfast.com

C3

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

D4 U

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

D4 U J

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

C4 U J Q

Union Street Bar & Restaurant

8 - 14 Union Street

Situated in a 19th century shoe factory, Union Street Bar is one of the Belfast's most stylish bars with a cool yet comfy vibe.

028 9031 6060

www.unionstreetbar.com

C3 U

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.

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 John Hewitt

51 Donegall St

Boundary brewing's home in cathedral quarter, with 16 taps of fresh craft beer, Italian food, live music and great craic!

028 9023 3768
boundarybrewing.co.uk

☎ ☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

The Second Fiddle

3 Hill Street

The Second Fiddle is The Dirty Onion's sister bar and home to local trad and folk music offered 4 days a week from Thursday through to Sunday.

028 9024 3712
thedirtyonion.com/the-second-fiddle/

☎ ☎

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
bullittihotel.com

☎ ☎ ☎

Tipsy Bird

96-100 Ann Street

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

028 9099 3542
thetipsybird-belfast.co.uk

☎ ☎

White's Tavern

2-4 Winecellar Entry

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

028 9031 2582
whitetavernbelfast.com

☎ ☎

LINEN QUARTER

Limelight

17 Ormeau Avenue

The Limelight complex encompasses 2 great live music venues hosting international acts and local bands, as well as Kat'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

☎ ☎

Haymarket

84 Royal Avenue

Haymarket Belfast has something for everyone, situated in the heart of Belfast's City Centre! Enjoy great drinks, tasty food & live music, sport & events in the courtyard.

haymarketbelfast.com

☎ ☎

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

☎ ☎

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



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



Pug Ugly's

21 Bedford Street

Welcome to Pug Ugly's, old dog, new tricks bringing you a quirky Irish venue in the heart of Belfast. Pub with grub, live music, trad, comedy, quizzes and more.

028 9032 0030
puguglys.com

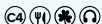


Robinsons

38-40 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
robinsonsbars.co.uk



Woodworkers

20 - 22 Bradbury Place

Woodworkers are Belfast's first craft beer bar with 14 rotating taps, great food, board games & a shuffleboard.

woodworkersbelfast.com

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



The Parlour

2-4 Elmwood Avenue

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

028 9068 6970
parlourbar.co.uk



SOUTH BELFAST

The 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



The Chelsea

346 Lisburn Road

The Chelsea is situated in the heart of the Lisburn Road, amongst the fine boutiques, art galleries and beauty salons of South Belfast.

028 9068 7177
thechelseabar.com

The Crafty Vintner

705 Lisburn Road

Belfast's premier café and bar with a stunning outside terrace and state-of-the-art wine machines. 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.

028 9066 2601
thecraftyvintner.tastingroom.co.uk



Cutter's Wharf

Lockview Road

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

028 9080 5100
cutterswharf.co.uk



The Doyen

829 Lisburn Road

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

028 9050 9950
thedoyenbelfast.com



The Errigle Inn

312-320 Ormeau Road

A famous traditional pub offering 5 bars, roof gardens and a beer garden, serving food throughout.

028 9064 1410
errigle.com



The Pavilion

293 Ormeau Road

A historic three-story bar on Ormeau Rd, famed as "The Big House," with live music, a pool hall, and rich Belfast heritage.

pavilionbelfast.com



Post House

32 Malone Road

Whether you're seeking a laid-back setting after a long day or gearing up for an exciting night out, Post House is the place to be.

posthousebelfast.com



EAST BELFAST

Boundary Tap Room

A4-A7, 310

Newtownards Road

Boundary Taproom has 20 taps, 3 enormous fridges full of Boundary cans, specialty imported Belgian beers and a delicious wine list.

boundarybrewing.coop



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



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 Belfast Grand Central Station in the city.

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 free of charge, with £1 charges for each additional hour up to 4 hours and £2 every extra 30 minutes up to 24 hours. Register, at belfastbikes.co.uk, download the Nextbike app or call 034 3357 1551

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throughout Northern Ireland. Providers available online at visitbelfast.com

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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BELFAST VISITOR PASS

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

COACH SERVICES

Aircoach
Aircoach connects Dublin Airport and Dublin city centre to Belfast with a non-stop express service operating every hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
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CAR HIRE

Renting a car is another great way to get around Belfast and to visit some of the many attractions



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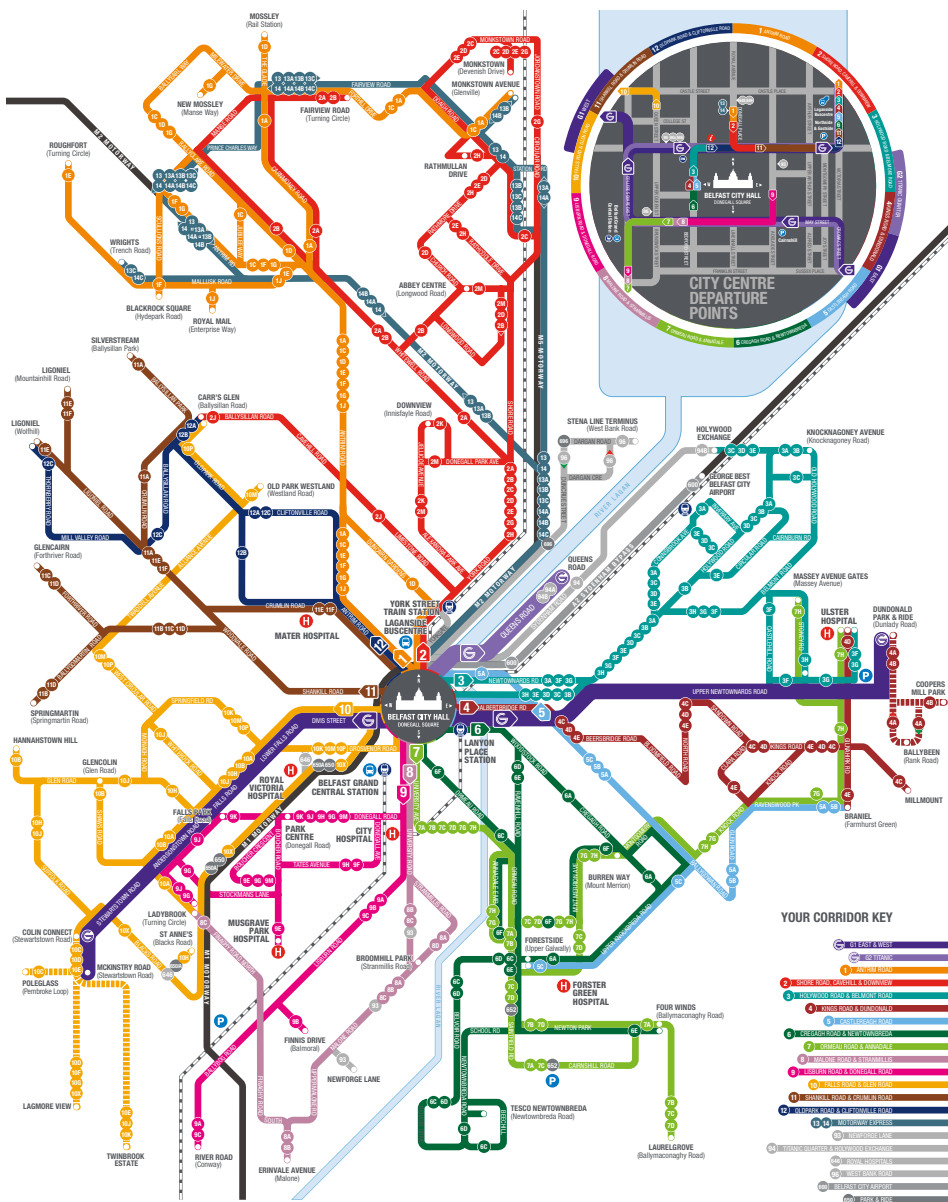
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Belfast City Centre Glider and Metro Bus Routes

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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 Belfast Grand Central Station 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.

mLink Metro/Glider Day

Ticket – unlimited day travel on Glider and Metro. WWDownload the mLink app and buy before you board!

Contactless Daily Cap –

Simply tap your bank card or payment device on any Metro service throughout the day and you will be capped at the daily price after your 2nd journey! (Not available on Glider services) *Passengers must tap with the same contactless card or device for all their journeys on one day to receive the daily capped fare.*

MLINK TICKETING APP

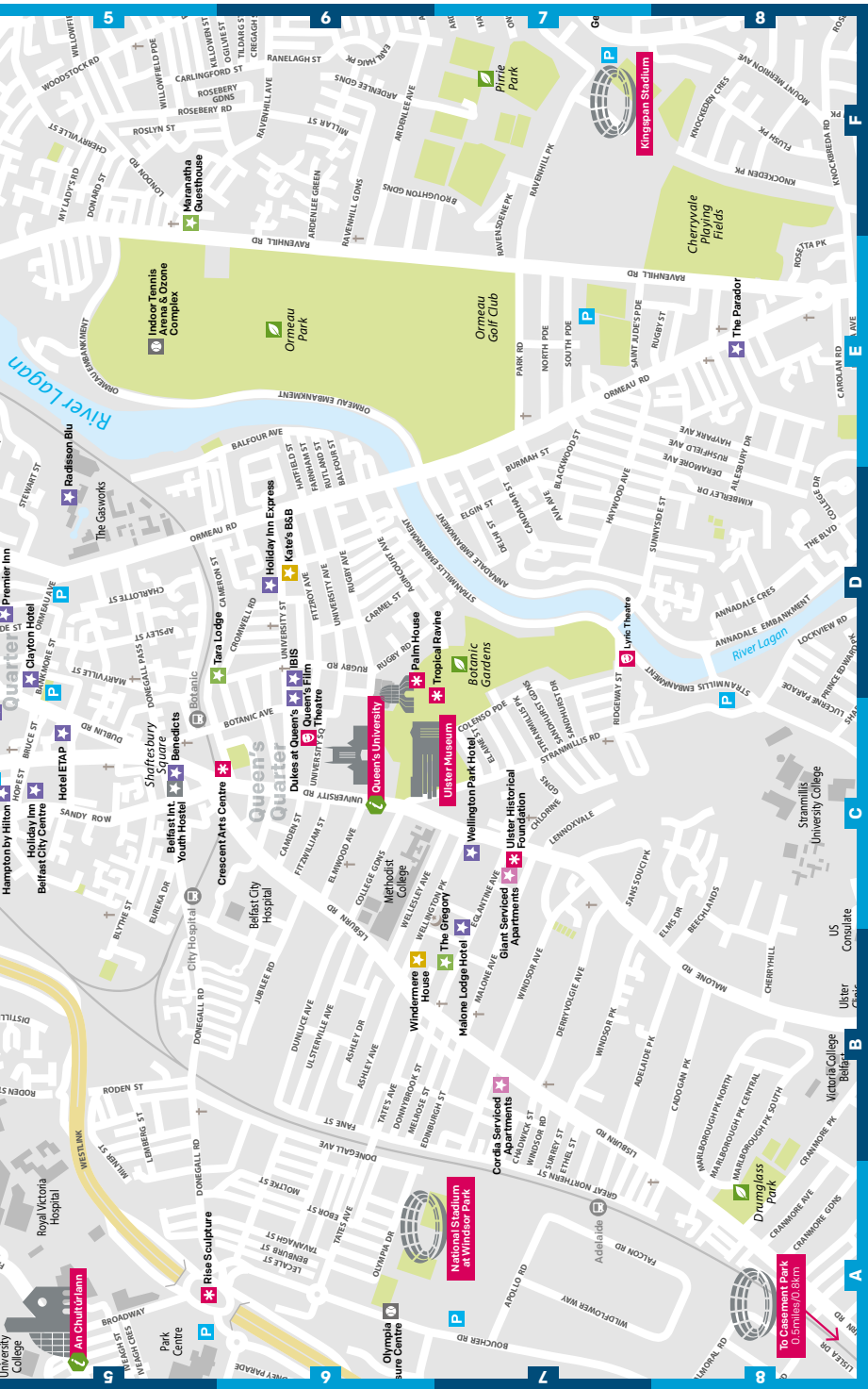
The mLink mobile ticketing App is available to download on IOS and Android devices. You can purchase NI Railways, Metro/Glider, Foyle Metro, yLink and 24+, Airport Express 300, Goldliner services (within Northern Ireland), selected Ulsterbus and Urby tickets.

THE BELFAST VISITOR PASS

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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.





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