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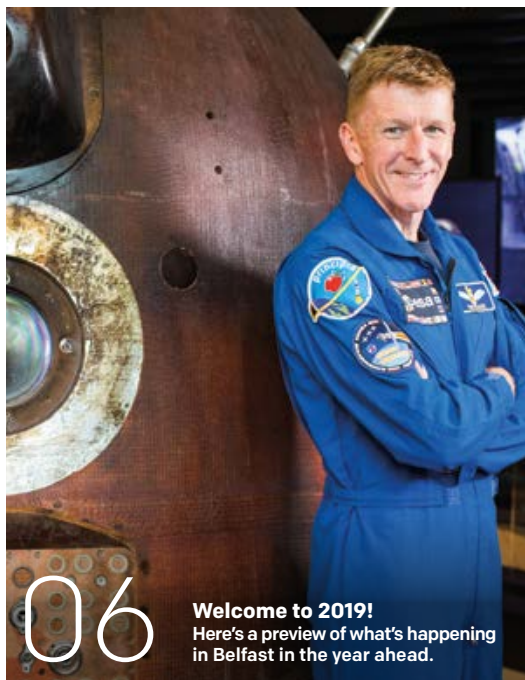
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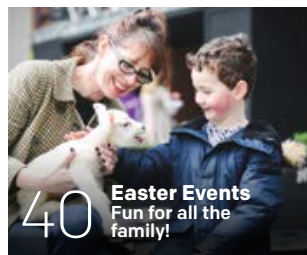
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Here's a preview of what's happening  
in Belfast in the year ahead.



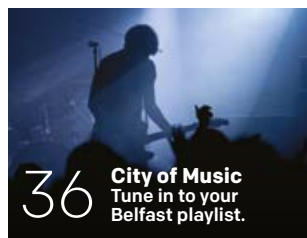
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# MUST DO:

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

## FESTIVAL 01

### Out to Lunch Festival

**4–27 January  
Various Venues**

Boasting a packed menu of comedy, music and literature.  
[cqaf.com](http://cqaf.com)



## EXHIBITION 02

### Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing

**1 Feb – 6 May  
Ulster Museum**

Part of a nationwide event marking the 500th anniversary of his death, two of Leonardo's most famous works will be the centrepiece of this unmissable exhibition.  
[nmni.com/um](http://nmni.com/um)

## CELEBRATION 03

### Chinese New Year

**3 February  
Ulster Hall**

Featuring traditional Chinese musicians, acrobats and dancers, as well as stalls, martial arts displays and sports demonstrations.  
[ulsterhall.co.uk](http://ulsterhall.co.uk)



## SCIENCE 04

### NI Science Festival

**14–24 February  
Various Venues**

Offering a stimulating range of events focusing on the wonders of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.  
[nisciencefestival.com](http://nisciencefestival.com)



## SCIENCE 05

### Tim Peake Spacecraft and VR Experience

**20 Feb – 12 May  
Ulster Folk and  
Transport Museum**

Using the very latest in VR technology, experience what it feels like to sit inside the Soyuz's descent module as it makes its dangerous high-speed journey back to earth.  
[nmni.com/soyuz](http://nmni.com/soyuz)

## MUSIC 06

### Brilliant Corners – Belfast Jazz Festival

**2–9 March  
Various Venues**

Serving up a multi-genre musical banquet from traditional big band and straight-ahead small ensembles to the avant-garde.  
[brilliantcornersbelfast.com](http://brilliantcornersbelfast.com)

## MUSIC 07

### Belfast Nashville Songwriters Festival

**6–10 March  
Clayton Hotel**

Celebrating the art of song writing in a series of concerts, showcases and a convention for songwriters.  
[belfastnashville.com](http://belfastnashville.com)





FAMILY FUN

09

**Belfast Children's Festival**  
8–13 March

**Various Venues**

A packed programme of theatre, dance, visual art, music, literature, comedy, workshops and talks, guaranteed to inspire joy, creativity and curiosity.  
[youngart.co.uk](http://youngart.co.uk)



CULTURE

09

**Feile an Earraigh**  
11–17 March

**Various Venues**

Belfast's traditional Spring festival returns with a feast of music, talks, screenings, tours and live entertainment.  
[feilebelfast.com](http://feilebelfast.com)

CELEBRATION

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**St Patrick's Day Celebrations**  
17 March

**Belfast City Centre**

Belfast comes alive with colour for the annual carnival parade and St Patrick's Day concert.  
[belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks](http://belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks)

FASHION

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**Belfast Fashion Week**  
28–31 March

**Various Venues**

A showcase of the upcoming spring/summer fashion trends from unique local designers to high street favourites.  
[belfastfashionweek.com](http://belfastfashionweek.com)

EXHIBITION

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**Game of Thrones: The Touring Exhibition**  
11 April – 1 September

**Titanic Exhibition Centre**  
Don't miss the largest public display of breath-taking images and enthralling artefacts from the hit TV show Game of Thrones.  
[gameofthronesexhibition.co.uk](http://gameofthronesexhibition.co.uk)

CINEMA

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**Belfast Film Festival**  
11–20 April

**Various Venues**

An exciting and diverse selection of film from across the world including classic and premiere screenings.  
[belfastfilmfestival.org](http://belfastfilmfestival.org)

FAMILY FUN

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**Lord Mayor's Day**  
13 April

**Belfast City Hall**

Enjoy an afternoon of live music, dance and a packed programme of free activities, as the grounds of city hall come alive with lots of colour and noise.  
[belfastcity.gov.uk/lordmayorsday](http://belfastcity.gov.uk/lordmayorsday)

CELEBRATIONS

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**Easter Celebrations**  
19–23 April

**Various Venues**

Get out and enjoy lots of 'egg-citing' Easter events taking place in Belfast and beyond for all the family.  
[visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)



# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

It's no secret – Belfast is a city on the rise, with world-class attractions, great guest accommodation, superb shopping, mouth-watering restaurants and one of the warmest welcomes you can get – making Belfast a great place to visit this year. There's also a packed programme of fantastic events on offer, so here's your New Year preview for dates to put in your diary during 2019.

## **LEONARDO DA VINCI: A LIFE IN DRAWING**

**1 February – 6 May**  
**Ulster Museum**

To mark the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci, 144 of the Renaissance master's greatest drawings in the Royal Collection will go on display in 12 simultaneous exhibitions across the UK. The Ulster Museum's exhibition will include two of Leonardo's most famous works – The Head of St Anne, made around 1510 in preparation for his famous masterpiece The Virgin and Child with St Anne, which hangs in the Louvre, and an anatomical drawing from 1489, The Skull Sectioned. Visitors will also be able to view examples of all the drawing materials employed by the artist.  
[nmni.com/um](http://nmni.com/um)

## **TIM PEAKE SPACECRAFT AND VR DESCENT EXPERIENCE**

**20 February – 12 May**  
**Ulster Folk and**

**Transport Museum**  
On 15 December 2015, British astronaut Tim Peake embarked on the Principia mission to the International Space Station, where he spent six months orbiting Earth. On 18 June 2016, Tim returned to Earth in the Soyuz TMA-19M descent module, which will land at the Ulster Transport Museum this spring. The display of the iconic craft will be accompanied by Space Descent VR, a unique virtual reality adventure narrated by Tim Peake himself. Visitors will be able to view the Spacecraft for free and take part in other paid-for activities.  
[nmni.com/soyuz](http://nmni.com/soyuz)

## **GAME OF THRONES™: THE TOURING EXHIBITION**

**11 April – 1 September**  
**TEC Belfast**

Fans from around the world will have the opportunity to step inside Westeros and the lands beyond. Inspired by and filled with the breath taking images and enthralling artefacts from the hit HBO series GAME OF THRONES, this all-new exhibition will drop fans into the centre of the Seven Kingdoms for an up-close and personal look at authentic props, costumes and set decorations from the show.  
[gameofthronesexhibition.co.uk](http://gameofthronesexhibition.co.uk)



## A BRAND NEW DAY FOR THE BELFAST CITY MARATHON!

**5 May**

### Stormont Estate

The 38th Belfast City Marathon is set to make history on 5 May 2019 by moving to a Sunday. The event is set for a massive year of change with a brand new, flatter and faster route for marathon participants and a new start location in the grounds of the iconic Stormont Estate. There's a full line up of events for all levels of fitness including the Marathon and Wheelchair Race, Team Relay, 8 Mile Walk and Fun Run. Register online via the new app by 12 April 2019.

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

## THE OPEN

**14–21 July**

### Royal Portrush

Each year, the world's greatest golfers take on golf's one true test, The Open. Their goal is to etch their name into history, joining an illustrious club where membership is earned by achieving the title of Champion Golfer of The Year. The 148th Open makes a historic return to Northern Ireland in 2019. Golf's oldest and most international Championship returns after 68 years with the world's greatest players competing for the Claret Jug at Royal Portrush. *\*Championship Practice Days tickets are still available.*

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



## GAME OF THRONES® LEGACY EXPERIENCES

As Game of Thrones finishes filming after a decade in Northern Ireland, HBO plans to celebrate the show's incredible legacy by converting several filming locations into visitor attractions. Plans are underway to include the standing sets for iconic locations such as Winterfell, Castle Black, and Kings Landing alongside a studio tour of Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge. Each site will feature breathtaking sets as well as displays of costumes, props, weapons, set decorations, art files and models. The visitor experience will be enhanced by state-of-the-art digital content and interactive materials. For updates see: [visitbelfast.com/gameofthrones](http://visitbelfast.com/gameofthrones)



# MUST SEE:

Check out our bucket list for the must see places you don't want to miss on any visit to Belfast.

## HISTORY

01

### Belfast City Hall Exhibition

Experience an exciting exhibition showcasing the journey from the city's past to present, showing the vibrancy and diversity of Belfast City Hall across six themed zones. Free guided tours also available.

SEE MAP **D4**

## EXPERIENCE

02

### Titanic Belfast

This state-of-the-art visitor experience tells the story of the Titanic, from construction to her launch and subsequent place in history.

SEE MAP **E2**



## SHOPPING

03

### Victoria Square

An exceptional shopping experience with spectacular views, anchored by House of Fraser department store. Four levels of shopping, great places to eat and drink and an 8 screen Odeon cinema.

SEE MAP **D4**

## SPORT

05

### Belfast Giants Ice Hockey

Bring all the family and get ready to cheer on the city's own Stena Line Belfast Giants for an evening of adrenalin fuelled on ice action.

SEE MAP **F7**

## MARKETS

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### 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**

## HISTORY

04

### 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**



TOUR

07

**Belfast Cathedral**

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

SEE MAP 03

TIME OUT

09

**Belfast Castle**

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

MUSIC

11

**Traditional Music**

There's no better way to round off a day of sightseeing than relaxing in one of the city's many historic pubs and enjoying some great toe-tapping Irish traditional music.

TOUR

08

**Belfast Food Tour**

Take a bite out of Belfast and be introduced to the ever-changing Belfast food scene, while enjoying a range of drinks and dishes along the way on this culinary guided walk. Starts at St George's market.

SEE MAP 04

MARITIME

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**HMS Caroline**

Discover the fascinating history of this World War One survivor and learn about life of the crew 100 years ago through a range of exciting interactive exhibits.

SEE MAP F1

TOUR

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**Clifton House**

On a guided tour (Friday's at 3pm), explore a building that was built when Belfast consisted of just five streets. Learn about the founding members of the Belfast Charitable Society that all played pivotal roles in the history of the city.

SEE MAP C2





For locations, check out our handy maps on pages **63-67**.

# CITY AREAS

Exploring a city can be tricky if you don't know your way around, or even what to look out for. Get a flavour of Belfast with this taster to help navigate your way around the city's areas and quarters.



## CITY CENTRE

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



## CATHEDRAL QUARTER

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



## LINEN QUARTER

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



## TITANIC QUARTER

Steeped in memories of a bygone era, the Titanic Quarter is now a fun and energetic urban waterfront development. Visit or take a tour of the many historic and state-of-the-art Titanic visitor attractions, be wowed by science in W5, explore the 100 year old history of HMS Caroline or catch a show, concert or Ice Hockey game at the SSE Arena.



## QUEEN'S QUARTER

The area around Queen's University is a treasure trove of eclectic shops, boutiques, cafés, bars and art galleries. Visit the collections of the Ulster Museum, stroll around Botanic Gardens or enjoy great live music or comedy at the Empire Music Hall. The neighbouring Lisburn Road offers designer shopping, cafés, artisan delis, salons and wine bars.



## GAELTACHT QUARTER

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



## EAST SIDE

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



## THE SHANKILL

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





# Belfast's St Patrick's Day

Carnival Parade  
and Concert

**Sunday 17 March 2019**  
**Carnival Parade, City centre,**  
**12.30pm**  
**Concert, Custom House**  
**Square, 1.30pm - 4pm**

Come into the city for a super St Patrick's Day and enjoy a welcoming spectacle of colour and music.

Enjoy the carnival parade that will snake its way through the streets of Belfast before Custom House Square comes alive with a free concert.

 #BelfastStPats



# Belfast

# Lord Mayor's Day

**Saturday 13 April 2019**  
**12noon - 5pm**  
**Belfast City Hall**  
**Free, unticketed event**

Join Belfast's Lord Mayor, Deirdre Hargey, for an afternoon of free family fun, live music and cultural activities, as the grounds of City Hall come alive to celebrate Belfast, a city that is equal, open and welcoming.

 #BelfastLMDay

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For more information please call Visit Belfast on 028 9024 6609 or go to [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/events](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/events)



# CELEBRATE ST PATRICK

**Come to Belfast for a fantastic St Patrick's Day as the city welcomes you with an array of colour and music. The day begins with a vibrant carnival parade through the city streets, followed by a free concert on Sunday 17 March.**

The celebrations will start with an exciting carnival parade; wonder at the eye-catching floats, performers and magnificent costumes, as well as a blend of global musicians and local community organisations. Come along to see St Patrick, pipe bands, dancers and more on their colourful journey through the city, as people of all ages from far and wide come to celebrate the day of St Patrick in Belfast. The carnival leaves from Belfast City Hall

at 12.30pm. The St Patrick's Parade will wind its way through the city along Chichester Street and Victoria Street, into High Street before finishing at Writers Square.

Once you've watched the parade why not join concert go-ers at Custom House Square where you will be able to enjoy a free concert from 1.30pm-4pm featuring traditional music and fusion dance, with a host of exciting musicians still to be announced. Entry to the concert will be on a first-come-first-served basis and terms and conditions apply.

An afternoon sure to get your hands clapping and feet stomping!

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For more information contact  
Visit Belfast Welcome Centre  
**028 9024 6609**  
[belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks](http://belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks)

## **Féile an Earraigh**

**11-17 March**

The annual festival returns with a variety of arts and cultural events in the week leading up to and including St Patrick's Day.

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



## **St George's Market**

**15-17 March**

Enjoy the St Patrick's Day celebrations throughout the weekend with live traditional music, special offers, and lots of family fun, come and enjoy some of the best that St George's Market has to offer.

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



### The SPAR Craic 10k

**17 March, 10am  
Belfast City Hall**

'Run for the Craic' in Belfast this St Patrick's Day and take part in the annual SPAR Craic 10k. Just under 2,000 runners will take part in this urban 10k, which leaves City Hall at 10am, passing through the Gaeltacht Quarter before finishing in the EastSide at Ormeau Park. So begin St Patrick's Day in a fun and healthy way, before joining the celebrations in the city centre afterwards. Register at [aisling-events.com](http://aisling-events.com)

### The Relics of St Patrick with John Killen

**27 March, 1pm**

Former Linen Hall Librarian John Killen brings together the legends, folklore, traditions and stories that have been associated with St Patrick across the centuries, from his book 'The St. Patrick's Treasury'. Free event.  
[linenhall.com](http://linenhall.com)

## FURTHER AFIELD

### The Home of St Patrick Festival 8-18 March

Armagh is at the heart of celebrating the life of Saint Patrick and the festival promises an unrivalled mix of regional and international music, theatre, spoken word, art, comedy and family friendly events which will showcase the stunning locations where Saint Patrick walked and worked.  
[visitarmagh.com/stpatrick](http://visitarmagh.com/stpatrick)

### St Patrick's Day Celebrations

**17 March, 10am-5pm**

Enjoy a truly traditional St. Patrick's Day at the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, with traditional farming activities, arts and crafts and traditional Irish music and dance.  
[nmni.com/uftm](http://nmni.com/uftm)

### Celebrate St Patrick's Day at Castle Espie

**17 March, 11am-4pm**

Discover the little laughing leprechauns hidden around the reserve and enjoy lots of crafts and games.  
[www.uk](http://www.uk)

### Giant's Causeway Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

**17 March, 9am-5pm**

Celebrate all things Irish at the Giant's Causeway

with live music, dance and a special Leprechaun trail down to the stones, as well as face painting and treats for all.  
[nationaltrust.org.uk/ni](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/ni)

### Saint Patrick's Day Celebrations at Ulster American Folk Park 17 March

Relive the great Irish emigration with a dramatic re-enactment complete with music, song and dance as the families gather to bid farewell.  
[nmni.com/uafp](http://nmni.com/uafp)



### Mussenden Lights

**17 March**

Mussenden Temple will be going green for one night only. Grab your camera and a torch and don't miss this rare opportunity to see the iconic Earl Bishops Library in a different light. Meet at Lion's Gate 7-9pm.  
[nationaltrust.org.uk/ni](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/ni)





# HOME OF THRONES

Call your bannermen... **GAME OF THRONES™**. **The Touring Exhibition** will make its debut visit to the UK and Ireland at the TEC Belfast this spring!

The dramatic exhibition combines costumes, authentic props and majestic settings from all seven seasons to create an interactive and immersive GAME OF THRONES® experience like no other.

The largest GAME OF THRONES public display will open on the **11 April** running through to **1 September** and will be an important part of the show's incredible legacy in the region.

The exhibition is located at the TEC Belfast which is in the footprint of the legendary Titanic Studios, where much of the series was filmed over a 10-year period. Fans will be able to authentically immerse themselves in Westeros and Essos, as well as relive the trials and tribulations of those who struggle for survival in the shadow of the Iron Throne, ahead of the highly anticipated season eight release.

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*Fans will enjoy the experience of a lifetime with an up-close and personal look at the artistry and craftsmanship behind the Emmy award-winning series, as well as the opportunity to:*

- Experience the wintry landscapes of the North and the tree-lined pathway of the Kingsroad
- View a garrison of Unsullied warriors and the iconic costumes of House Targaryen
- Step into the House of Black and White
- Explore Castle Black, the home of the Night's Watch
- Battle for the Iron Throne

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To book tickets for this unmissable blockbuster, visit: **gameofthrones exhibition.co.uk**



From parks blooming with colour to peaceful canal side towpaths and the hills that surround the city providing breath-taking views, there really is something for everyone when it comes to exploring Belfast on foot or by bike. Add a different element to your city visit and get out and view Belfast from a completely different angle!

# PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP



## ***Gruffalo Trail at Colin Glen Forest***

A perfect stroll with younger children, join the very clever mouse, follow in his footsteps and meet the silly old fox, owl and snake on the way to an amazing 8 foot tall Gruffalo, complete with nobbly knees, turned out toes and a poisonous wart on the end of his nose! The 1.2 mile trail is completely free so bring the family and 'take a stroll through the deep dark woods' to enjoy one of Belfast's most beautiful parks. Look out too for the new Stick Man trail with characters to help children explore the natural world and learn how things grow.

## ***Botanic Gardens***

Botanic Gardens was established in 1828 by the Belfast Botanic and Horticultural Society. Originally known as the Belfast Botanic Garden. The site contained exotic tree species and impressive plant collections from the southern hemisphere, many of which can still be seen in the park. It's also home to the Palm House and Tropical Ravine. The Trail Route is a 0.8 mile circular walk that can be started from any of the entrances to the gardens.

## ***Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park***

Located in south Belfast, this popular park is home to the City of Belfast International Rose Garden, which attracts thousands of visitors to the Rose Week celebrations every July. Covering more than 128 acres, the park is made up of rolling meadows, copses and woodland as well as containing international camellia trails, a walled garden, a Japanese-style garden with water feature for quiet contemplation and a children's playground. The 2.5 mile circular walk starts from the lower carpark.

## ***Minnowburn & Giants Ring***

This relaxing 3 mile walk starts and ends at the Minnowburn car park at Shaws Bridge. From the river, the trail rises gently through woodland, farmland and garden to the historic Giant's Ring. Evoking a powerful sense of mystery, this big earthwork circle, roughly 200m across, is a beautiful example of a 'henge' monument, built in about 2,700BC during the Neolithic period. Take a picnic and enjoy the carpets of bluebells and stunning views across the Lagan Valley before looping back to the carpark.



## On Your Bike



the Harland & Wolff shipyards, CS Lewis Square, Parliament Buildings and the Belfast Hills. From the Holywood Arches to Dundonald the Greenway provides a tranquil green corridor through East Belfast.

### **Barnett Demesne**

For those looking for a little bit more adventure, try the bike trails and jump parks at Barnett Demesne. The trails consist of a shared use 3.4km green trail and a 3.9km blue trail with 3 red loop options (1.5km). With Ireland's first official purpose-built jumps park boasting no less than 6 lines of mouth-watering table-tops, doubles and hip jumps, these trails tick all the right boxes for those searching for that all important adrenaline fix! The trails start at the Mary Peters Track in South Belfast.

### **Comber Greenway**

The Comber Greenway provides 7 miles of traffic-free cycling from Comber to Belfast. Along the route you'll pass



### **Connswater Community Greenway**

The Connswater Community Greenway has created a 9km linear park through east Belfast, connecting the open and green spaces. Explore the park on foot or by bicycle and learn about the industries and activities that flourished in East Belfast. Discover CS Lewis Square and the CS Lewis trail, learn more about Van Morrison along Cyprus Avenue, and pass the playing fields where George Best kicked his first ball.



### **Divis and Black Mountain**

Striking visual boundary of the city, the Belfast Hills provide a tranquil contrast to the hustle and bustle of urban life below. Just minutes from the city centre, the 4.2 mile Ridge Trail offers fantastic views over the famous landmarks of Belfast including Titanic Belfast, the Samson & Goliath cranes and Stormont Parliament Buildings. Cast your eyes a little further afield to see the Moune Mountains, Strangford Lough, the Isle of Man and Scotland.

### **Belfast Castle & Cave Hill Country Park**

Belfast Castle's spectacular location and imposing architecture boasts hours of family fun. Choose from the 2.4 mile Belfast Castle Estate trail, or be more adventurous and gain some of the best sights of Belfast on the 4.5 mile Cave Hill Country Park trail. The landmark Napoleon's Nose is said to have inspired Jonathan Swift's novel, Gulliver's Travels. Make a stop at the Cave Hill Visitor Centre, located in the basement of the Castle.

# A FINE ROMANCE

Treat that special someone this Valentine's Day at one of our top romantic places in Belfast including stunning views, luxurious hotels and stylish nights out.



01

## Grand Opera House

The majestic Victorian Grand Opera House (1895) is a premier theatre presenting a range of drama, dance, opera and West End shows. Make the evening a magical experience by booking a VIP experience in one of the stunning theatre boxes.

[goh.co.uk](http://goh.co.uk)

## The Observatory 01

With stunning cityscape as far as the eye can see; this place takes tea time to a new elevated level. Spoil that special someone with an array of the finest teas, crafted coffees and deliciously designed and handcrafted nibbles. Add a touch of class with a glass of fine champagne or a champagne cocktail.

[grandcentralhotelbelfast.com/observatory](http://grandcentralhotelbelfast.com/observatory)



02

## Café Parisien 02

Be transported to Paris for an evening of traditional French cuisine in elegant surroundings. Soak up the relaxed ambience in the restaurant or embrace the intimacy of a secluded booth. The iconic terrace offers magical views for Al Fresco dining and delicious cocktails.

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

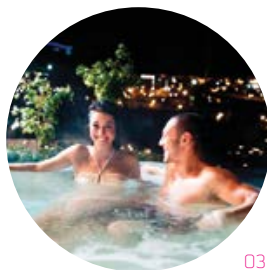
## Hastings Culloden Estate and Spa

Overlooking Belfast Lough, this stunning five star hotel is set in 12 acres of secluded gardens, so book in for a romantic break or simply enjoy the surroundings over afternoon tea.

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

## Co Couture Dessert Club

Book into this award winning chocolate boutique's popular Dessert Club where



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## Victoria Square's Dome

Take the lift to the top of this stunning shopping destination to enjoy spectacular 360° views over Belfast from the glass topped dome.

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

## OX Cave

The perfect place for wine lovers, choose from a vast menu of high quality, yet reasonably priced wine in a relaxed setting. Wine can be paired with Irish charcuterie and cheese.

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

## Cavehill Country Park

Pack a picnic and take a romantic walk up Cavehill to discover breathtakingly beautiful views of Belfast and beyond. Stop into Belfast Castle afterwards for a relaxing meal or afternoon tea.

[belfasthills.org](http://belfasthills.org)

you can enjoy a choice of four Valentine themed indulgent chocolate desserts served with either a hot drink or glass of Cava.

[cococouture.co.uk](http://cococouture.co.uk)

## The Merchant Hotel 03

This luxurious hotel is a harmonious blend of Victorian grandeur and Art Deco inspired sleek modernity with elegant rooms, stunning spa, rooftop hot tub, fabulous jazz bar and gastronomic delights – perfect for a romantic getaway.

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

## The Cookery School at James St

If the way to someone's heart is through their stomach, why not develop your culinary skills with a cookery class, from sushi to bread making, a fun and delicious day out awaits you both.

[cookinbelfast.co.uk](http://cookinbelfast.co.uk)



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# TERRY BRADLEY

**Terry Bradley is probably one of the most recognisable and collectable artists working in Ireland today as he continues to push his own boundaries and develop all sides of his creative vision.**

His early life was spent growing up in some of the most volatile streets in Belfast where his mother tried to keep him inside and away from the "Troubles" outside their front door. Bradley found a form of escapism reading 'The Adventures of Tin Tin' and his work is still influenced by the black lines of the vivid drawings that illustrated the collection of books that he gradually acquired.

Bradley moved to Dublin in 1989 and was busy painting and drawing in his spare time. A chance conversation led

to Bradley's first exhibition in the famous PoD nightclub, which was a huge success and enabled him to make a career from his art, the one thing that had stayed with him all his life.

His recent work includes strong and powerful women, including Parisian burlesque dancers, and the colourful characters of Belfast's Sailortown, whose hard-working, hard-drinking ethos is renowned the world over, as well as world leading brand collaborations with Harley Davidson, ABSOLUT Vodka and Nokia mobile phones.







Terry's work has been a mainstay of the Irish art scene for many years now and collectors have seen the value of his art increase steadily over the years. Just over a year ago, he created a Bradley dedicated gallery in the busy seaside town of Bangor in County Down, which has become a destination space for visitors to Northern Ireland as well as art collectors throughout Ireland. The large gallery space is both bright and cosy with interesting corners and relaxing seating areas. On show are a wide selection of Bradley limited edition prints, canvases and original art works.

Bradley is now moving into new areas with his art including an unusual turn using his work as body art. The artist started to notice that a growing number of collectors were using his pieces as tattoo designs and sending photos through of their completed pieces. This has led to thoughts for a new venture in the shape of bespoke tattoos being designed by the artist.

Terry says, 'I never thought of my art being used for tattoos but it seems to be quite a trend, it's very flattering that someone would want my art permanently on their body and it's a very individual choice but I'm actually very excited about the creative possibilities, not that I'll be doing any tattooing myself!!'.

At the moment Terry is concentrating on new work for both the gallery and exhibitions he has planned for 2019. He has been spending time in his studio in County Down between travelling for inspiration. He also has plans to return to New York where he launched the Dead Rabbit original for the world famous bar of the same name. Bradley says he feels he is just starting and with the launch of the new gallery he has a solid base to build on.

You can visit the Bradley Gallery at: **105 High Street, Bangor**  
**T: 028 9147 3508**

For more information, click on:  
**[terrybradley.com](http://terrybradley.com)**



# ONE DAY IN HISTORY

A true sense of a city emerges when you explore its historical attractions, so take a day to explore Belfast's unique and world famous heritage.



**9:30am**

Start your morning in the Cathedral Quarter to explore the calming surroundings of **St Anne's Cathedral**. Romanesque in style with exquisite mosaics, carvings and stained glass, you can take an audio tour of this stunning building to learn its history. [belfastcathedral.org](http://belfastcathedral.org)



**10:30am**

Take the short walk in to the city centre to **Belfast City Hall** (1906). Drop into the Bobbin Coffee Shop to quickly refuel before taking a free public tour of Belfast City Council's civic building. Browse the visitor exhibition in the east wing to discover the journey of City Hall from the city's past to present and leave time to explore the grounds and visit the **Titanic Memorial Garden**, which names all 1,512 victims of the disaster.



**12:00pm**

Make your way directly across the road to visit the **Linen Hall Library** (1788) where you can browse the unique collections of some of the most renowned Irish literature collections. [linenhall.com](http://linenhall.com)



**1:00pm**

Enjoy a light lunch in one of the many city centre cafes or restaurants before exploring the exquisite stores in the charming and historic **Queen's Arcade**, which connects Donegall Place with Fountain Street.



**2:00pm**

A 20 minute walk to the Queen's Quarter takes you to the stunning Lanyon Building (dating back to 1849), which is the centrepiece of

## Queen's University.

Take a self-guided tour of the campus, available from the onsite Welcome Centre.

[qub.ac.uk/vcentre](http://qub.ac.uk/vcentre)



**2:45pm**

Take a gentle stroll through the neighbouring **Botanic Gardens** taking time to explore the historic Palm House, made from curved iron and glass, and the Tropical Ravine, which contains some of the oldest seed plants in existence today.



**3:30pm**

Refuel with a coffee at the Yellow Door café inside the **Ulster Museum** before you discover the story of the people of the North of Ireland from earliest times to present day. (free admission) [nmni.com/um](http://nmni.com/um)



5:00pm

On your way back to the city centre, end your day by relaxing in a private snug in the **Crown Liquor Saloon**, a gem of Victoriana and one of the great bars of the world. Dating back to 1826, it was one of the mighty Victorian gin palaces and continues to be a major Belfast landmark.



If you're in the city on a Friday, step back in time and discover the rich history of **Clifton House**. Learn about the founding members of the Belfast Charitable Society who all played pivotal roles in the history of the city. Public tours every Friday at 3pm or group tours available daily by arrangement. [cliftonbelfast.com](http://cliftonbelfast.com)

## DISCOVER YOUR HERITAGE

Over four hundred years have passed since the first settlers made Belfast their home: public buildings, museums and visitor centres will let you discover the city's rich heritage.

The **Museum of Orange Heritage** focuses on the history and traditions of the Orange Institution, beginning with the Glorious Revolution, and travels right through until the present day. There's also a strong focus on Orangeism around the world with a fascinating collection of artefacts. [orangeheritage.co.uk](http://orangeheritage.co.uk)

Based in a former Presbyterian church, **Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich** is an arts and cultural centre with a strong focus on Irish language and culture. The interactive space

on the 1st floor, provides an insight into the development of Irish language and culture in Belfast and on how Irish has influenced English. [culturann.ie](http://culturann.ie)

For those with an interest in Ulster-Scots connections, visit the **Discover Ulster Scots Centre** on Gordon Street where you can discover thousands of years of history, from the formation of the Giant's Causeway (which links County Antrim with the Western Isles of Scotland) right up to the present day. [discoverulster.scots.com](http://discoverulster.scots.com)

Graveyards and cemeteries offer an interesting historical insight to the city and its former inhabitants – from **Friar's Bush Graveyard** with its Friar's Stone to the first municipal cemetery, **City Cemetery** where notable burials include Harland and Wolff's Sir Edward Harland and Viscount Pirrie and **Milltown Cemetery** which tells a much more chequered political and religious history of the city.

Historic tours are available – contact the **Visit Belfast Welcome Centre** for more details.

## EXPLORE MORE

Interested in exploring your family tree?

Trace your ancestors with the help of the **Ulster Historical Foundation**, where you can search through databases of birth, death and marriage records or let an expert genealogist help uncover your family history. [ancestryireland.com](http://ancestryireland.com)

Visit **The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland** which holds millions of historic records, documents, photographs and maps – all of which are free to access. [nidirect.gov.uk/proni](http://nidirect.gov.uk/proni)





# CULTURE VULTURES

FOR A GREAT DAY OUT THAT IS BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND FUN, VISIT A MUSEUM OR GALLERY. FROM LOCAL HISTORY TO MODERN ART AND DINOSAURS TO SPACE ROCKETS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY.

## **Ulster Museum** **Botanic Gardens**

A treasure house of the past and the present, the Ulster Museum is home to a rich collection of art, history and natural sciences. Discover the story of the people of the north of Ireland from earliest times to the present day. Impressive galleries and interactive discovery zones bring history, science and art collections to life. ☎ [nmni.com/um](http://nmni.com/um)

## **The MAC** **St Anne's Square**

With free admission to its three outstanding galleries, seven days a week, The MAC

showcases the very best of local and international talent, from a wide range of exciting exhibitions to newly commissioned works and monumental sculptures. ☎ [themaclive.com](http://themaclive.com)

## **Belfast Exposed** **Photography Gallery** **Donegall Street**

Born from engagement with the community, Belfast Exposed houses contemporary photography galleries, a bookshop, and a Troubles image archive. ☎ [belfastexposed.org](http://belfastexposed.org)

## **Golden Thread Gallery** **Great Patrick Street**

On the fringes of the Cathedral Quarter stands this red brick building whose ground floor houses one of Belfast's coolest art galleries. The stark concrete interior lends itself perfectly to changing exhibitions of paintings, photography and installations. ☎ [goldenthreadgallery.co.uk](http://goldenthreadgallery.co.uk)

## **Space Craft** **A7 Fountain Centre**

A lovely 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 also showcase work by young, emerging artists. ☎ [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)

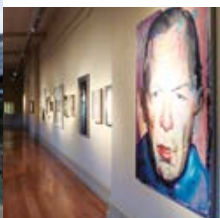
## **War Memorial Gallery** **Talbot Street**

A must see attraction for visitors with an interest in the Home Front and US Forces in Northern Ireland during the Second World War. The exhibition recalls the contribution of the Home Front, the Belfast blitz of 1941 and the presence of US forces from 1942 to 1944. ☎ [niwarmemorial.org](http://niwarmemorial.org)

## **Discover Ulster Scots** **1-9 Victoria Street**

This spacious exhibition gallery is packed with stories of the close connections between Ulster and Scotland embedded in thousands of years of history, from the





formation of the Giant's Causeway right up to the present day. Find out which heritage trails will lead you down the path to your ancestors. ☎ [discoverulsterscots.com](http://discoverulsterscots.com)

### ArtisAnn Gallery

**70 Bloomfield Avenue**  
Based over two floors, the 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](http://artisann.org)

### Gerard Dillon Gallery

**Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich, 216 Falls Road**  
The gallery is dedicated to Gerard Dillon RHA RUA 1916-1971, an artist from the Falls Road area of Belfast who earned worldwide fame. The gallery focuses on work from professional artists and generally hosts eight exhibitions per year. ☎ [culturann.ie](http://culturann.ie)

### The Naughton Gallery

**Lanyon Building, Queen's University**  
One of Belfast's most vibrant and exciting art galleries, featuring a rolling

programme of works from Queen's own collection, touring exhibitions and shows by local and international artists. ☎ [naughtongallery.org](http://naughtongallery.org)

### Atypical Gallery

**109-113 Royal Avenue**  
Atypical Gallery is the only permanent exhibition space on the island of Ireland dedicated specifically to highlighting the work of disabled and deaf artists. It provides a welcoming, accessible environment for both emerging and established artists practising across the visual arts spectrum. ☎ [adf.ie](http://adf.ie)

### Museum of

**Orange Heritage**  
**368 Cregagh Road**

Located in the EastSide, this museum offers a fantastic and interactive visitor experience learning about the Orange culture. A wide range of artefacts are on display including items belonging to King William III, dating from 1689. The centre also offers a research facility to those wishing to search family history within the Orange Order. [orangeheritage.co.uk](http://orangeheritage.co.uk)

## DAY TRIPS

### Irish Linen Centre

**Market Square, Lisburn**

Explore Ireland's industrial heritage in the museum's award-winning exhibition. Trace the history of linen production in Ulster, from the earliest times to the present day, and see live spinning and weaving demonstrations. ☎ [lisburnmuseum.com](http://lisburnmuseum.com)

### North Down Museum

**Town Hall, Bangor**

Telling the story of the area from the Bronze Age to the present day. Key artifacts on display include the Bronze Age Ballycroghan Swords, the Bangor Bell from the Bangor Abbey settlement, and the Raven Maps, the only complete folio of Plantation era maps in Ireland. ☎ [northdownmuseum.com](http://northdownmuseum.com)

### Ulster American Folk Park

**Castletown, Omagh**

Examine life in Ulster in the 18th and 19th centuries and learn how the settlers endured the arduous Atlantic crossing before adapting to the new and unfamiliar environment of America. Wander through the outdoor museum which brings both the Old and New Worlds to life. [nmni.com/uafp](http://nmni.com/uafp)

### Down County Museum


**The Mall, Downpatrick**

Located in the restored eighteenth century County Gaol of Down, the museum collects, conserves and interprets those objects which best illustrate the history, culture and environment of County Down. ☎ [downcountymuseum.com](http://downcountymuseum.com)

### Seamus Heaney HomePlace

**Bellaghy**

Standing at the heart of the place and people which so inspired him, HomePlace is an arts and literary centre that includes a stunning exhibition dedicated to the life and work of one of Ireland's greatest writers. [seamusheaneyhome.com](http://seamusheaneyhome.com)



Belfast's Titanic Quarter is steeped in the rich history and tradition of the city's shipbuilding heritage. Explore this historic area and uncover the true legend of Titanic, in the city where it all began.

# TITANIC CITY

## **TITANIC BELFAST**

One of the world's leading tourist attractions is housed in an iconic six-floor building. With nine interpretive and interactive galleries that explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of Titanic, as well as the City and people which made her, Titanic Belfast is an unmissable experience.

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

## **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 Great Light is a new feature on the Titanic Walkway linking the Titanic Slipways with HMS Caroline. 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. *\* If the blinds are down it's to protect the Great Light from the sunlight.*

[greatlightttq.org](http://greatlightttq.org)

## **TITANIC & OLYMPIC SLIPWAYS**

Behind Titanic Belfast you'll find the historic slipways where these famous ships were built and launched over a hundred years ago. Containing many original features, a Memorial Garden illustrates the proportion of Titanic's victims and survivors from each of the passenger classes and crew. The outline of the sister ships illuminate at night and are the perfect space to reflect.

## **THE WEE TRAM<sup>1</sup>**

Take a tram ride through the past, present and future of Titanic Quarter on board the unique 'wee tram'. Hop on and off as often as you like, explore Titanic's birthplace and see the shipyard come to life.

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

## **HMS CAROLINE**

Visitors can explore, through a mixture of historic restoration, state-of-the-art special effects and hands-on interactive exhibits, the importance of the Battle of Jutland and discover what life was like at sea for the crew who served on board.

[hmscaroline.co.uk](http://hmscaroline.co.uk)

## **TITANIC HOTEL BELFAST (Harland & Wolff Drawing Offices)**

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, where naval architects, marine engineers and draftsmen were responsible for the design of the ships. This historic building has been transformed into the Titanic Hotel, preserving its place in Belfast's maritime heritage. Make a stop for a drink or something to eat in Drawing Office Two, with its spectacular three-storey high barrel-vaulted ceiling.

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

## **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.

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



### SAMSON & GOLIATH

Towering over Titanic Quarter are the landmark yellow gantry cranes of Harland and Wolff. Constructed in 1969 and 1974, Samson and Goliath are still in operation today and stand 96m and 106m tall. You can get up close and personal to these giants on the Wee Tram Tour.

### TITANIC STUDIOS<sup>2</sup>

Titanic Studios is one of Europe's largest film studios, attracting producers such as HBO, Universal and Playtone. The facility has welcomed international productions including 'Game of Thrones', 'Your Highness' and 'City of Ember'.

### TITANIC DOCK & PUMP-HOUSE

Discover the story behind Belfast's maritime magic by taking a tour at the site of the Thompson Dry-Dock and Pump-House. See the ship's physical footprint in history, descend 44 feet to the bottom of the dock where Titanic last sat on dry ground and learn about Belfast's shipbuilding legacy in the visitor centre.

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

### PRONI

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) is the official archive for NI, holding over 3 million public and privately deposited records. Explore your family history.

[proni.gov.uk](http://proni.gov.uk)

## REST & REFUEL

### Dock Café

*Belfast's first Honesty Box Cafe offers a variety of treats from Suki tea, gourmet coffee, hot soup, fresh sandwiches, scones, buns and cakes.*

### Odyssey Pavilion

*Located beside the SSE Arena, the Odyssey Pavilion houses a great selection of bars and restaurants as well as a 12 screen cinema, Odyssey Bowl and the W5 interactive science museum.*

### Hickson's Point Titanic Belfast

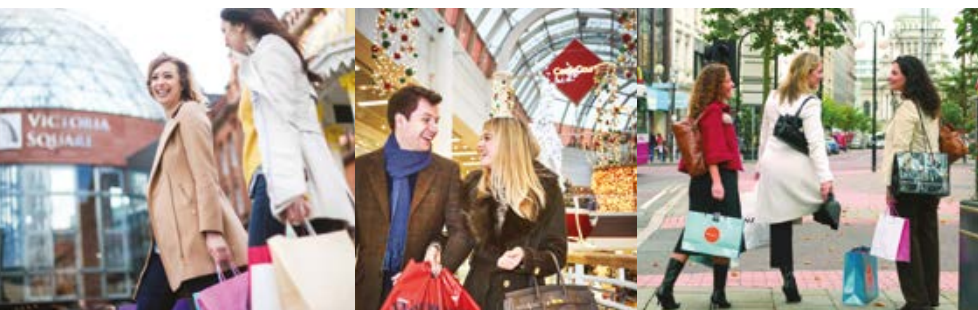
*An authentic 1900's public house setting, serving up the spirit of the shipyard with traditional music, entertainment, heritage décor and locally produced food.*

<sup>2</sup> These are working studios which are not open to the public.



Shopping in Belfast is a dream come true for fashionistas, savvy shoppers and foodies alike, with a huge variety of high street favourites, independent retailers, speciality emporiums, exclusive boutiques and traditional markets.

# RETAIL THERAPY



## Victoria Square

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

SEE MAP **D4**

## Castle Court

This one-stop shopping spot on Royal Avenue is home to a whole host of your favourite fashion stores including; Debenhams, Jack & Jones, New Look, Miss Selfridge, Dorothy Perkins and Burton's as well as popular plus size stores Evans and Yours Clothing. It's a fashion fix for the whole family and with 15 great food places to choose from and on-site parking, there's never been a better time to visit.

SEE MAP **C3**

## Donegall Place

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

SEE MAP **D4**



## Hidden Gems

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



### Studio Souk

Explore a unique treasure trove of locally handmade products full to the brim with arts, crafts, gifts, food and homeware. Shoppers can also watch the artists at work on the 3 floors of studios.



### Learning Space

The kids will love this unique store, specialising in educational and sensory resources, full of fun and inspiring resources to meet the needs and interests of all children and of all abilities.



### Avoca

An Aladdin's cave of gifts, toys, homeware, Irish fragrances and soaps, famous for its hand woven throws and scarves. The food hall and café is jammed with great baking and tempting goodies.



## St George's Market

Get down to St George's Market and experience the wonderful atmosphere, live music, 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 6am-3pm, the Saturday City Food & Garden Market is open 9am-3pm and the Sunday Market is open 10am-4pm.

SEE MAP **(D4)**

## Lisburn Road

This walkable Queen's Quarter stretch has a sprinkling of designer boutiques, art galleries, home accessories and to-die-for shoes, jewels and lingerie. Bespoke baby gifts, melt-in-the-mouth chocolates and relaxing day spas are all there for the asking. With an assortment of cafés, bars and restaurants you can easily make a day of it.

SEE MAP **(A8)**

## Outlet Shopping

Located just a 20 minute drive from Belfast, The Junction Retail & Leisure Park is a bargain hunters dream come true with over 30 retailers and 10 great places to eat. There are high street giants, designer brands and international market leaders, all with discounts of up to 60% every day of the year. A great shopping stop for visitors' enroute to the Giants Causeway.



# 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](http://auntsandras.com)

### **Gruffalo Trail at Colin Glen Forest**

Take a stroll through the deep dark woods and join the very clever mouse. Along the way you'll meet the silly old fox, owl and snake and an eight foot tall Gruffalo, complete with knobbly knees, turned out toes and a poisonous wart on the end of his nose.

[colinglen.org](http://colinglen.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](http://visiteastside.com)

### **Ulster Folk and Transport 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. Climb aboard steam locomotives, horse drawn carriages, electric trams, fire-engines and vintage cars or experience the sensation of flight in the Transport Museum.

[nmni.com/uftm](http://nmni.com/uftm)

### **W5**

Discover a world of science where visitors of all ages are free to let their imagination turn, twist and fly through more than 250 hands-on exhibits. Look out for special exhibitions and events and try the 3D climbing sculpture, Climbit.

[w5online.co.uk](http://w5online.co.uk)



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **21st Belfast Children's Festival 8-13 March 2019**

Enjoy a packed programme of theatre, visual art, music, dance, literature, workshops and talks, guaranteed to inspire joy, creativity and curiosity.

[youngatart.co.uk/festival](http://youngatart.co.uk/festival)



## 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](http://thearkopenfarm.co.uk)

### Belfast Zoo

Home to more than 1,000 animals and 150 species, Belfast Zoo is a family favourite. Visit the California sea lions, the Sumatran tigers and watch the penguins play in their pool.

[belfastzoo.co.uk](http://belfastzoo.co.uk)

### Castle Espie

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

[www.wwt.org.uk/castleespie](http://www.wwt.org.uk/castleespie)

### Streamvale Open Farm

Make friends with the farm animals, watch the cows being milked and take a stroll along the nature trail while you enjoy a delicious ice cream made on the farm.

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

## 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](http://explorisni.com)

## ACTION PACKED

### Roar and Explore

Little adventurers will have fun exploring play frames full of obstacles, twists and turns. There's a bumpy tiger slide, suspended rope bridges to the top of the trees, but beware of the dangling snakes along the way!

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

### We Are Vertigo

Get your adrenaline pumping at the indoor Ski and Adventure Park, offering fun for all the family. New to try out in 2019 are the Inflata Park action course and the Ninja Warrior assault course.

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

### Clip 'n Climb

An action-packed activity centre with individually themed climbing challenges that provide healthy, competitive fun for all ages! Do you have the determination to take the leap of faith?

[clipnclimbdundonald.co.uk](http://clipnclimbdundonald.co.uk)

## 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](http://lostcityadventuregolf.com)

## Bridges Urban Sports Park

The perfect place for skateboarding, in-line skating, Parkour and BMXing. If you've a need for speed enjoy a capsule bowl and street complex complete with handrails, hips, quarter pipes, grind boxes and hubbas.

[belfastcity.gov.uk](http://belfastcity.gov.uk)

## Dundonald International Ice Bowl

Skate around this Olympic size ice rink, become king of the lanes in the Xtreme Tenpin Bowling Centre or go wild in the Indiana Land play kingdom.

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

*For more family fun ideas, see [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)*





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# TITANIC THE LEGEND THE STORY

Located in the heart of Belfast, this world leading tourist attraction explores the sights, sounds, smells and stories of RMS Titanic, as well as the city and people who built her.

Explore the shipyard, walk the decks, travel to the depths of the ocean and uncover the true legend of Titanic, in the city where it all began.

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- Multiple hospitality options available
- Onsite car parking
- Beat the queue, book online!
- Kids Family Trail
- Multimedia Guides available in eight languages plus British Sign Language 



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# 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!

Take a trip to the stunning, historical **Grand Opera House** this spring where you can see the award-winning smash-hit musical featuring Alexandra Burke in 'The Bodyguard', a toe-tapping night of entertainment with 'Footloose' or the legendary musical masterpiece, 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show'. The National Theatre brings an epic and visually daring production of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' and local playwright Marie Jones brings her new comedy 'Fly Me to the Moon' as well as the award winning 'Stones in his Pockets' to the stage. There's comedy from Jake O'Kane and Conal Gallen and you can see your favourite TV stars from the Solana live on stage for the very first time with 'Benidorm Live'.

Full programme online at: [goh.co.uk](http://goh.co.uk)

The **Lyric Theatre** has won a series of awards for its architecture and you can enjoy the stunning river views from its gourmet café bar. This season's highlights include the stage musical thriller 'Sweeney Todd' and Alfred Hitchcock's classic spy thriller 'The 39 Steps'. 'Ulster American', the most talked-about show of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2018, comes to the stage for one week only, and young audiences can expect magic, music and mischief at 'Milo's Hat Trick'.

Full programme online at: [lyrictheatre.co.uk](http://lyrictheatre.co.uk)

The **SSE Arena, Belfast** has a feast of top name concerts lined up this season including Bryan Adams, UB40, Twenty One Pilots and the X Factor Live Tour. You can also be wowed by science with Professor Brian Cox or immerse yourself with 'Blue Planet II – Live In Concert'

featuring film sequences from the award winning BBC show performed live with a full symphony orchestra. Prepare to be entertained by some of the world's fastest motocross racers and crazy freestyle motocross riders in a show designed to provide a high-octane sensory feast or enjoy a night of Premier League Darts, and the kids' dreams will come true with 'The Wonderful World of Disney on Ice'.

Full programme online at: [ssearenabelfast.com](http://ssearenabelfast.com)

The **MAC** brings music, theatre, dance and visual art under one roof. This spring enjoy a feast of comedy with Elis James & James Robins, Chris Kent and Limmy. There's superb theatre with 'The Suitcase' as well as the hilarious productions of 'Is That Too Hot' and 'Menopause the Musical'. Get your neon leg warmers on for the Valentine's Roller





Disco and keep the family entertained with 'Expedition Peter Pan' and 'The Alien's Guide to Dance Gone Wrong'.  
Full programme online at: [themaclive.com](http://themaclive.com)

The **Belfast Waterfront** offers a great season of top entertainment! Comedy club highlights include Craig Hill, Micky Bartlett and Rhod Gilbert. Live concerts include Rudimental, Tommy Tiernan, David Gray and Alfie Boe. Go crazy for 'Forbidden Nights', enjoy the spectacular 'Lord of the Dance' or enjoy a night of mind boggling antics with Keith Barry.

Full programme online at: [waterfront.co.uk](http://waterfront.co.uk)

The Victorian **Ulster Hall** is home to the Ulster Orchestra who perform regularly with both evening and lunchtime concerts. This spring you can also enjoy live music performances from Eddie

Reader, The Strangers, Chvrches and Gavin James or comedy nights with Neil Delamere, Colin Murphy, Tommy Tiernan and Paul Merton's Impro Chums. Enjoy an audience with Dan Snow or Simon Reeve and be amazed by mind reader David Meade who returns home from the USA with his incredible new show 'Brainman'.

Full programme online at: [ulsterhall.co.uk](http://ulsterhall.co.uk)

The **Crescent Arts Centre** has a packed programme of events and workshops.

Come along for an evening of black comedy about life, death, politics, and values (or lack of them) at 'Deadlock'. Enjoy music from award-winning bluegrass band Special Consensus, Medieval and Spanish guitarist Claude Bourbon or Texas-based trashgrass band Whiskey Shivers. The Imagine Festival returns 25–31 March with its inspiring annual programme of performance, discussion and debate.

Full programme online at: [crescentarts.org](http://crescentarts.org)



## MOVIE MADNESS

Enjoy the latest big screen movie releases at the Odeon Belfast in Victoria Square, Movie House Cinemas at Dublin Road and City Side Retail Park, Odyssey Cinemas in Titanic Quarter and Omniplex in the Kennedy Centre. You can get great daytime, family and student deals on ticket prices and Movie House Cinemas offer 'Crazy Tuesday' tickets all day for just £3.50. For something a little different, check out the programme at the Queen's Film Theatre with new and classic films being screened from all over the world.

For more entertainment ideas, visit [belfast.com](http://belfast.com)

# MUSIC

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



## FAMOUS FACES

Belfast has been the birthplace, spiritual home, inspiration and venue extraordinaire for musicians past and present in every genre, including 1950's songstress Ruby Murray, the legendary Van Morrison, rock guitarist Gary Moore and pop super group Snow Patrol. Belfast's musical legacy is still alive and kicking today, with a stellar line up of international acts and up and coming local talent playing at a wide range of venues across the city on a nightly basis. Delve into Belfast's musical heritage with a visit to the Oh Yeah Music Centre or take a Belfast Music Tour through the heart of this rock and roll city.



## CONCERTS AND GIGS

It's not just about the music but how you experience it. Smaller venues worth a visit include the Belfast Empire, a beautifully converted church which hosts regular gigs and their popular Empire Laughs Back Comedy Club, and Voodoo which adds a bit of spice for those who like things a little different! For international touring acts, sell out club nights and local live bands, head to The Limelight. For larger events, there's the Waterfront Hall on the edge of the River Lagan and the SSE Arena in Titanic Quarter. The historic Ulster Hall is one of the oldest purpose-built concert halls and is home to the Ulster Orchestra. It's also where Led Zeppelin famously took to the stage to debut Stairway to Heaven in 1971.



## TRADITIONAL MUSIC

The city hosts a wide variety of traditional Irish music sessions and on any given night you'll find locals and visitors alike toe-tapping to trad music in a crowded pub. Enjoy a pint of Guinness and a bowl of Irish stew while listening to a few tunes beside a cosy fire in Kelly's Cellars, one of Belfast's oldest pubs. Better still, get a feel for the spirit of traditional Irish music by trying the hands-on approach, with beginner's bodhran (a traditional Irish drum) lessons at The Dirty Onion. For the full experience of culture and craic that Belfast has to offer, book a Belfast Pub Experience with Belfast Hidden Tours at Maddens Bar where you can enjoy a tasting session of local drinks before being entertained by Irish musicians, dancers and story tellers.



# CITY

## **Belfast Music Playlist**

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



## **SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

Belfast has plenty of places to enjoy world music and discover something new. Lose yourself in a tropical party at Revolución de Cuba with live samba music and salsa dancing, or be transported to 1930's New York at Bert's Jazz Bar. Feel like a star and experience an evening reminiscent of 1920's Hollywood at Cabaret Supperclub, where a sophisticated evening of sumptuous dining is topped by a smorgasbord of refined cabaret acts.



## **DON'T MISS**



## **A Feast of Festivals**

There's a great line up of music festivals taking place this spring including the **Out to Lunch Festival** (4-27 January), the **International Festival of Chamber Music** (1-3 March), **Brilliant Corners - Belfast Jazz Festival** (2-9 March), **Belfast Nashville Songwriters Festival** (6-10 March) and **Féile an Earraigh** (11-17 March).



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# URBAN ADVENTURE

*Sure, you can visit Belfast and lounge in luxurious accommodation and pamper yourself in a spa. But wouldn't it be better to get out and about for some high-octane laughs? If you're looking for something a bit different... an adventure, a thrilling twist on the average city break; we have it by the bucket-load!*



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## Escape Rooms

Teamwork is key in this fast-paced game where you and your friends have 60 minutes to escape a locked room or complete a mission.

**escaperooms  
belfast.com**

## Vertigo Indoor Skydiving 01

Ireland's only indoor skydiving centre allows you to tick this exciting activity off your bucket list, without jumping out of an aeroplane. Put on the flight suit, helmet, goggles and earplugs and you're ready to spread your wings and fly.

**wearevertigo.com**

## Eddie Irvine Sports 02

Get your motor running at one of Northern Ireland's largest indoor karting tracks. If driving isn't your thing, enjoy Thunder Park, paintball, football, laser combat and snooker.

**eddieirvinesports.com**

## The Jungle NI 03

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**

## Mobile Team Adventure

An exciting outdoor activity provider, offering canoeing, kayaking, tubing, archery, rock climbing and a wide variety of outdoor pursuits and team-building activities for groups and individuals. The mobile team can bring your activities to any location in Northern Ireland.

**mobileteam  
adventure.co.uk**

## Todds Leap

Just an hour outside Belfast, experience an electrifying range of thrilling pursuits. Specialising in fun days out and team-building through 4x4 off-road driving, clay pigeon shooting, paintball, body zorbing, freefall drop zone and zipline.

**toddssleap.com**

## Trigger Happy Fun

The largest 'close quarters battle' site in Northern Ireland, offering Airsoft and Laser. Bring computer games to life with some real life action! Gameplay varies in style and composition, but often ranges from short-term skirmishes, organised scenarios, military simulations and historical re-enactments.

**triggerhappy  
belfast.com**

## Let's Go Hydro

Watersports and activity resort offering a range of

family friendly activities including the Wibit inflatable aqua park, kayaking, wakeboarding and paddle boarding. Glamping pods and café also available.

**letsghydro.com**

## Colin Glen Forest Park & Adventure Centre

Are you brave enough to try a 90 metre double zip line, fan descender, climbing wall and challenges? Other activities available include kayaking, archery, orienteering, laser tag, raft building, bubbleball football, fishing, a 9-hole golf course, driving range and 3G pitches.

**colinglen.org**

## GoT to Escape

Offering intelligent indoor entertainment with 3 Game of Thrones inspired escape rooms and one mystery room, each designed for a 60 minute game for up to five players.

**gottoescape.com**



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AND AROUND  
BELFAST AND  
BEYOND THIS  
EASTER, WITH  
A BASKET FULL  
OF FUN FOR ALL  
THE FAMILY!**

## **Lord Mayor's Day 13 April, 12–5pm**

Enjoy a free family-fun day to celebrate both the Lord Mayor's year in office and our amazing city! Come along for an afternoon of live music, dance and a packed programme of activities, as the grounds of Belfast City Hall come alive with lots of colour and noise.

[belfastcity.gov.uk/  
lordmayorsday](http://belfastcity.gov.uk/lordmayorsday)

## **Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts at National Trust 19–23 April**

The National Trust have once again teamed up with Cadbury to offer a fun Easter experience at their places. With nature themed trails, activities and games suitable for all, it's a great family day out. Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts take place from 19 to 23 April (dates vary across venues). From the spring

woodlands at Springhill, to the shores of Lough Erne at Crom and enchanting gardens at Mount Stewart, there are lots of Easter Egg Hunts to choose from.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/ni](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/ni)

## **Belfast Zoo 19–23 April**

Celebrate Easter with the animal characters at Belfast Zoo, follow the Easter egg trail and visit your favourite animals at feeding time.

[belfastzoo.co.uk](http://belfastzoo.co.uk)

## **Giant Easter Duck Hunt 19–23 April**

Calling all kids! We need you and your family to help find our missing giant yellow ducks at WWT Castle Espie this Easter. You'll need to use all your special detective skills to track down these cheeky birds, which are hiding round our stunning reserve!

[wwt.org.uk](http://wwt.org.uk)







# APRILY

## **Bangor Easter Celebrations** **20 April**

Enjoy a family fun Easter weekend at Bangor with entertainment at the seafront including an outdoor stage show.

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

## **Easter Celebrations** **21–23 April, 10am–5pm**

At the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum roll eggs down Bleach Green, follow the Easter treasure hunt and play street games. Create your own Easter art and welcome the new additions to the farm including spring lambs, piglets and baby chicks.

[nmni.com/uftm](http://nmni.com/uftm)

## **Easter Sea Safari** **Sightseeing boat trips** **21 & 22 April**

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Strangford Lough with its abundance of nature

and wildlife. See the SeaGen, Angus Rocks Lighthouse, surface whirlpools and some of the many seals at Cloughy Rocks Nature Reserve.

Trips depart Strangford Pier hourly throughout the day. Booking required.

[strangford-seasafari.com](http://strangford-seasafari.com)

## **Easter Trails** **at HMS Caroline** **22–23 April**

All aboard HMS Caroline for some Easter fun! Follow the Easter trails around the ship, and enjoy a range of family and craft activities on board.

[hmscaroline.co.uk](http://hmscaroline.co.uk)

## **Easter Eggspress** **22 & 23 April**

**Departs Belfast Central Station**

Hop aboard the Easter Eggspress on for a steam train adventure to Whitehead.

Fun for all the family with Easter eggs for the children. Tickets available from the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre.

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

## **The Biggest Indoor** **Easter Egg Hunt** **23 April, 11am–3pm** **Belfast Cathedral**

On Easter Tuesday families with children aged 0–12 can explore all the Cathedral's nooks and crannies in the search for those hidden eggs. In addition, there will be an Easter Trail inside the Cathedral and arts and crafts to stimulate young minds.

£2 entry per child.

[belfastcathedral.org](http://belfastcathedral.org)

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Now an established annual event in Antrim's calendar, Antrim Live, a cultural extravaganza of arts and entertainment, springs to life this April from Friday 5 – Sunday 7 April, and carnival is this year's big theme based around the popularity of the Greatest Showman.

Nuala McKeever opens the Festival starring in her brand new show *Letting Go or Losing It?*, with Neil Delamere topping the bill at The Old Courthouse Theatre on Sunday 7 April 2019.

A cornucopia of carnival is currently being programmed by the arts team with something to tantalise every taste, keep an eye out for the Antrim Live brochure nearer to the event or contact the box office on 028 9442 8331 or email [boxoffice@thetreatthemill.com](mailto:boxoffice@thetreatthemill.com) to join our mailing list.





# 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](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway)

## Florence Court

With a majestic setting in the Fermanagh countryside, explore the extensive estate through landscaped grounds, forest trails and the well-kept Walled Garden. Take a guided tour of the Georgian mansion to hear stories about the Cole family that lived here for over 250 years. [nationaltrust.org.uk/florence-court](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/florence-court)

## Hillsborough Castle

From grand family home to charming royal residence, Hillsborough Castle has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics. Tour includes guided access to all the State Rooms that make up this elegant Georgian home. Also explore 100 acres of beautiful gardens to complete a relaxing day out for the whole family. [hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle)

## The Argory

This atmospheric Irish gentry house was built in the 1820s and is surrounded by a wooded riverside estate. Take a tour of this neo-classical masterpiece and outside enjoy the sweeping vistas, superb spring flowers, scenic walks and fascinating courtyard displays. [nationaltrust.org.uk/the-argory](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/the-argory)

## 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](http://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](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/mountstewart)

## Rowallane Garden

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](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/rowallane)

## Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House

Explore the site that once was the powerbase of Gaelic Ulster and headquarters of the famous O'Neill Chieftains for over 300 years and, after the Flight of the Earls, the proposed capitol of the Plantation of Ulster by Arthur Chichester. Take a tour to learn how Hill of The O'Neill was one of the most important historical sites in the history of Ireland. [dunganon.info](http://dunganon.info)

# Belfast Plus

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



## STEP OUT AND EXPLORE ARDS AND NORTH DOWN

**As Spring colours bloom, escape to the shores of Strangford Lough and immerse yourself in the spectacular beauty across Ards and North Down. Situated on Belfast's doorstep this natural haven awaits.**

From sandy beaches, atmospheric villages to Scrabo Tower, whether you fancy a walk, an alfresco coffee or even a picnic there is a place for you.

Just along the Ards Peninsula you will discover Mount Stewart, a wonderful 19th-century stately house with manicured gardens and farmland trails. A wander around the lake will take you through paths lined with rhododendrons and magnolias. This National Trust treasure is the perfect place for a peaceful walk coupled with a little history touring

the house (opening times apply). Make a day of it and head along the peninsula to Greyabbey. Enjoy the village, which is renowned for its tea rooms and quaint antique shops, before exploring the Abbey itself. Why not finish the day with dinner in Donaghadee? Home to charming cafes, much loved pubs and award-winning restaurants that are receiving rave reviews for their tasty and inventive dishes. End the day with a stroll to view Donaghadee Lighthouse – one of the few remaining in Ireland.

Did you know that Ards and North Down boasts 115 miles of fabulous coast line? Come and experience the wonderful views and walks for yourself. The Coastal Path between Holywood and Orlock has some gems for you to enjoy. Crawfordsburn Country Park is a natural retreat that


boasts two beaches with magnificent scenery and views across Belfast Lough. A walk through the park guarantees an escape from everyday life as you take in the peaceful meadows. Watch out for the stunning waterfall.

Just along the Coastal Path is Bangor where there are stunning open spaces waiting to be explored. Castle Park is situated in the heart of the town and is the perfect spot to while away a little time. Walk the tree lined avenues, pop into North Down Museum to discover stories of the past or simply relax in the Walled Garden. The beauty of Spring will soothe the stresses of everyday life. Come and see for yourself, the only thing missing now is you. Plan your visit at: **visitardsandnorthdown.com**



For more inspiration see **visitardsandnorthdown.com** or contact one of our local Visitor Information Centres.

 **Ards Visitor Information Centre**  
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Newtownards BT23 4AD  
**028 9182 6846**

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





## VISIT LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH

**Covering an area of nearly 200 square miles, Lisburn and Castlereagh offers all the amenities and urban lifestyle of a leading European city, combined with breath-taking countryside and picturesque villages, all within a short commute to Belfast. With a wide variety of things to do the whole family will be catered for.**

With Guided Motorcycle Tours, take to the road on two wheels and explore the many hidden treasures of Northern Ireland and beyond, all from Lisburn Castlereagh's beautiful Moira. Plan your own itinerary or choose to enjoy one of this brand new company's well organised tours which make sure you enjoy the spectacular scenery as well as their legendary hospitality.

If history is your thing then you will love exploring

the architecture and the intriguing story behind Lisburn Cathedral. You can trace the history of linen production in Ulster with a free guided tour at the award winning Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum base in Lisburn's oldest building, the seventeenth- century Market House in the city centre.

The charming village of Hillsborough is home to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens. The Castle has now re-opened to the public following major refurbishment work by Historic Royal Palaces. Book a tour to hear the fascinating story of the only Royal residence in Ireland and discover how the iconic building has played its part on the political stage.

If it's retail therapy you are after then there is lots on offer in this area. Forestside

in Newtownbreda prides itself on its customer service and the dedicated Helping Hands team will assist you with any request and make your visit a special one.

And if it's greenery you desire, take your pick! Wander through the Lagan Valley Regional Park, take a lakeside stroll and admire the swans and ducks at Hillsborough Forest, run right to the top to see the amazing view from the Old Motte in Dundonald or take a gentle stroll through Castle Gardens or Wallace Park in Lisburn City Centre. With all this and a packed calendar of events throughout the year... Whatever you love to do, you'll discover so much more of it in Lisburn & Castlereagh!



For lots more to do in Lisburn Castlereagh, see **[visitlisburncastlereagh.com](http://visitlisburncastlereagh.com)** or call into one of our Visitor Information Centres.



**Lisburn Visitor Information Centre**

15 Lisburn Square  
Lisburn BT28 1AN  
**028 9244 7622**



**Hillsborough Visitor Information Centre**





The Old Courthouse  
Hillsborough BT26 6AG  
**028 9244 7640**

# Tours



*You may already know what you want from your trip to Belfast: from Titanic and the political wall murals to the Giants Causeway or the famous film locations featured in Game of Thrones. Tie it all together with an open-topped bus tour, or untie it just as quickly with a trip around Belfast's historic pubs!*

## KEY

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

## HOP ON / HOP OFF TOURS

### Belfast City Sightseeing

The hop on / hop off open-top bus tour operates daily, taking in the Titanic Quarter, Stormont and Parliament Buildings, the Shankill and Falls Roads, and the picturesque Queen's Quarter. Departs from Castle Place.

**028 9032 1321**

**belfastcitysightseeing.com**



### Belfast City Tours

This comprehensive open top hop on-hop off bus tour of Belfast includes the Titanic Quarter, the Falls and Shankill Roads, Queen's Quarter plus an exclusive stop at Belfast Castle. Departs from High Street.

**028 9032 1912**

**citytoursbelfast.com**



### The Wee Tram

In 1912 Titanic's builders travelled to the shipyard by tram... Now you can take your own tram ride through the Titanic Quarter on board our unique wee tram. Departs from Titanic Belfast.

**07980 885991**

**theweetram.com**



## GUIDED COACH TOURS

### Allen's Giant's Causeway Tours

Spend a memorable day visiting the unforgettable Giant's Causeway. Travel on board a private coach taking in the spectacular natural beauty of the Antrim Coast.

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**allensbelfastbustours.com**



### Belfast Mini Coach

Discover some of Northern Ireland's top destinations with an all day coach tour. Uncover what Belfast and the beautiful North Coast has to offer and visit locations made famous by hit television show Game of Thrones.

**028 9086 6888**

**belfastminicoach.com**



### Executive Coach Tours

Specialising in tours of the North Coast, including the stunning Giants Causeway and the very popular Game of Thrones day tour.

**028 8673 7325**

**quinnsccoachhire.com/tours**



### Finn McCools Tours

Enjoy a day trip from Belfast to see the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Giants Causeway as well as Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, Dunluce Castle and the stunning location of the Dark Hedges.

**00353 1 868 4101**

**finnmccoolstours.com**



### Game of Thrones Tours

A fully immersive day tour experience where you visit several locations from the hit TV show including Winterfell and the Abbey where Robb became 'King of the North'.

**028 9568 0023**

**gameofthronestours.com**



### Game of Thrones Tour of the North

Fully guided tour of film locations from the HBO award winning show, departing from central Belfast. Sites included are the Dark Hedges, Carnlough & Lordsport Harbours and the Giants Causeway.

**0844 2471 007**

**britmovietours.com**



### Giant Tours Ireland

Departing from Ballycastle, providing private and specialist off-the-beaten-track Game of Thrones® and Causeway Coast Minicoach tours that can be personalised to your requirements.

**07555 665900**

**gianttoursireland.com**



### Glenara Elite Travel

See the Game of Thrones locations, as well as other highlights including the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and the Giant's Causeway, all from our luxury coach in a single day. Departs from Coleraine.

**028 7035 4600**

**glenara-elite-travel.co.uk**



### GOT Direwolf Tours

A day filled with adventure, guided by an extra from Game of Thrones®. Meet the Direwolves and visit the scenic filming locations from the HBO series.

**07543 056 294**

**gotdirewolves.com**



### Irish Tour Tickets

A one stop shop providing bus tours, walking tours, taxi tours and tickets for many attractions across Belfast, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

**028 9031 0101**

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### Lough Neagh Tours

Explore the heritage, food and landscape of Lough Neagh with a range of full day tours departing from Belfast, including the Craic 'n Food tour, Western Forts tour and the Wilderness Tour.

**028 7941 7941**

**loughneaghtours.com**



### McComb's Coach Tours

Belfast's longest established day tour to the Giants Causeway as well as the unique #WeeLoveBelfast city tour, Grub Crawl food tour and Game of Thrones guided tour. Ticket centre located in Victoria Square.

**028 9031 5333**

**mccombscoaches.com**



# Tours

## Odyssey Coach Tours

Offering a variety of tours departing from Belfast to various destinations of interest throughout Northern Ireland, including the Giants Causeway and the Belfast City Tour.

**028 9024 0300**

**odysseycoachtours.co.uk**



## Paddywagon Tours

Daily guided tours from Belfast to the Giant's Causeway including admission to the Causeway visitor centre. Enjoy stunning coastal views, a photo stop at Dunluce Castle and time to cross the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge.

**028 9033 3367**

**paddywagontours.com**



## Ulsterbus Tours

Offering a comprehensive range of short breaks and day tours throughout Ireland. Private tours including accommodation, admissions and guides can also be arranged.

**028 9033 7004**

**ulsterbustours.com**



## GUIDED TAXI TOURS

### Value Cabs Taxi Tour

A variety of vehicles are on offer on this tour which takes in sights including Belfast City Hall, Queen's University, Stormont, Titanic Quarter, Shankill and Falls Roads, including murals and peace line.

**028 9080 9080**

**valuecabs.co.uk**



## Belfast City Tours

Hear about 'The Troubles' from people who lived through it in a relaxed, private taxi tour. Other tours include the North Antrim coast, Derry/Londonderry, Ancient Ireland or take a tailored tour.

**07921 503493**

**belfastcitytours.com**



## BlackTaxiTours.com

The world famous Black Taxi Tour is number one on Trip Advisor for Belfast political mural tours, Game of Thrones tours, and Giant's Causeway tours. This tour caters for private tours and large groups.

**07702 060573**

**blacktaxitours.com**



## The Black Cab Tour

A Blue Badge certified tour guide takes you through the Loyalist and Republican heartlands where the murals tell the story from a historical perspective. Write your own message on the Peace walls and enjoy a city sightseeing tour.

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**touringaroundbelfast.com**

## Taxitrax Tours

Visit the famous wall murals throughout Belfast which convey local politics, history and culture. Go for a journey into the politics of Belfast from the late 60's to the present day.

**07892 716660**

**taxitrax.com**



## WALKING TOURS

### Ards Peninsula Tours

Guided geo tours of the beautiful Ards Peninsula in Co. Down. Enjoy a waters' edge experience renowned for its diversity of birdlife and rare plant species, either on foot or by coach, with a range of tour options available.

**07763 898074**

**ardspeninsula.com**

### Away A Wee Walk

Offering a daily tour of the Causeway Coast which includes a stunning 5 mile cliff path walk into the Giant's Causeway site, the world famous Antrim Coast drive and a visit to Carrick-A-Rede.

**07837 703643**

**awayaweewalk.com**



### Belfast À Pied

Explore Belfast City Centre on this French-speaking tour of the city, starting and finishing in front of Belfast City Hall.

**07772 873342**

**belfast-a-pied.com**

### The Belfast Experience

Enthralling political, social and mural tours which bring to life the history of one of Belfast's most remarkable communities, the Shankill Road. Tours can be tailored to suit your requirements.

**028 9074 8922**

**epic.org.uk**

## Belfast Free Walking Tour

Discover the history of the city and its people on this tip-based 2 hour walking tour, which departs daily at 11am from the front of Belfast City Hall – look out for the yellow umbrella!

**07393 585531**

**belfastfreewalkingtour.com**

## Belfast Hidden Tours

The best way to discover Belfast is by walking through its streets, meeting its people and enjoying the craic. The tour visits many aspects of the city including art, history, politics and culture.

**07971 895746**

**belfasthiddentours.com**



## Clifton House Tours

Step back in time and discover the rich history of Clifton House. Learn about the founding members of the Belfast Charitable Society who all played pivotal roles in the history of the city. Every Friday, 3pm.

**028 9099 7022**

**cliftonbelfast.com**

## Coiste Political Tours

Providing in depth tours of West Belfast. Learn about the conflict from those who lived through it. Tours in Irish, Basque, Spanish and French are available for prearranged groups.

**028 9020 0770**

**coiste.ie**





### Discovery Tour at Titanic Belfast

Visitors are introduced to the historic story and landmarks, through to the modern day concept, build and fascinating facts and features of Titanic Belfast - the iconic tribute to Titanic's story.

**028 9076 6386**  
[titanicbelfast.com](http://titanicbelfast.com)



### Experience Belfast

Enjoy a fun city centre walking tour that's the perfect introduction to the city. We entertain, engage, inform and illuminate.

**0777 1640 746**  
[experiencebelfast.com](http://experiencebelfast.com)

### Freemasons Tours

Explore an undiscovered jewel of the architectural and social heritage of Belfast. Masonic artefacts and features tell the story of the building and of the Masonic tradition itself in a clear and open manner.

**028 9024 9333**  
[arthursquare.org/hall-tours](http://arthursquare.org/hall-tours)

### Goss Tours

Offering the widest and most comprehensive selection of walking tours in the city. With us, you can sample the very best of what Belfast has to offer.

**07494 587138**  
[gosstours.co.uk](http://gosstours.co.uk)



### DC Tours

City centre walking tours which explain the history of the Troubles and the path to peace, including the award-winning 'History of Terror' tour.

**07716 949460**  
[deadcentretours.com](http://deadcentretours.com)



### IFA Education and Heritage Centre

Take in a Stadium Tour at the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park and learn the unique story of Northern Ireland football through a variety of media, interactive displays and key artefacts from the 1880s to the present day.

**028 9066 9458**  
[irishfa.com/tours](http://irishfa.com/tours)

### My Belfast Walking Tours

On this unique walking tour through the historic streets of Belfast you will hear about the people, places and events that shaped the city into a global industrial city.

**07501 027717**  
[mybelfasttours.com](http://mybelfasttours.com)

### Original Belfast Tours

Our awesome team of local guides have a passion for all things Belfast! From history, culture, food, modern day, art, and alternative, this city has it all and we can't wait to show you why!

**07852 472312**  
[free-belfast-tours.com](http://free-belfast-tours.com)

### The Theatrical History Tour of Belfast

Tread the Boards presents an hour long walking tour featuring five different sketches written by playwright Kieron Magee about the history of Belfast, relating to the Titanic, Ulster Suffragettes, The First World War, The Belfast Blitz and Game of Thrones.

**07460 525069**  
[belfasttheatricaltour.com](http://belfasttheatricaltour.com)

### Walking Tours Belfast

Professional Blue Badge tourist guides offering Historic City tours every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and on Cruise days at 10am and 1pm plus Historic Pub tours each Saturday at 4pm.

**07889 822405**  
[walkingtoursbelfast.com](http://walkingtoursbelfast.com)

## FOOD & DRINK TOURS

### Barrel Folk

Pick up a free map from the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre and follow the tour to spot the eight beautifully hand-painted Jameson Whiskey barrels telling the story of some of the best whiskey bars in Belfast.

[whiskeyclub.com/experiences](http://whiskeyclub.com/experiences)

### Belfast Bred

Join Chef Barney on the only theatrical food tour in town! Discover, and taste, the food Belfast was built on during this fun filled one of a kind experience! Tours run throughout the year on the last Saturday of every month.

[visitbelfast.com/tours](http://visitbelfast.com/tours)



### Belfast Food Tour

Let Taste and Tour take you 'off the Eaten Track' on a 4 hour fun and food filled guided walk to some top food and drink spots around Belfast City Centre.

[tasteandtour.co.uk](http://tasteandtour.co.uk)

### The Belfast Pub Trail Map

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

[visitbelfast.com/tours](http://visitbelfast.com/tours)

### Echlinville Distillery

A family-run distillery, who loves to share their devotion to quality spirits with visitors from around the world, offer tours, tastings and special 'stay and distil' experiences. Private tours and bespoke group packages are also available.

**028 4273 8597**  
[echlinville.com/visit](http://echlinville.com/visit)

### Hilden Brewery

Visitors to the brewery can discover the magic of brewing and learn about this ancient craft from the master brewer. Sample the subtleties of flavour and character of Hilden's finest beers.

**028 9266 3863**  
[taproomhilden.com/brewery](http://taproomhilden.com/brewery)

### Hughes Craft Distillery

RubyBlue Spirits embody premium quality traditionally crafted to create a flavour experience. The award-winning range is produced in the beautiful village of Moira where you can tour the distillery, with an adjoining Gastropub and Gin school.

**028 9278 0735**  
[stillhousemoira.com/hughes-distillery](http://stillhousemoira.com/hughes-distillery)

# Tours

## Old Bushmills

Come and watch whiskey making take place and enjoy a wee taster too. Experience a guided tour of Ireland's only "grain to glass" distillery and discover some of the trade secrets learned over 400 years of distilling.

**028 2073 3218**  
[bushmills.com/distillery](http://bushmills.com/distillery)

## Rademon Estate Distillery

Home of Shortcross Gin, Northern Ireland's first craft gin and now the most awarded gin in the island of Ireland. Visitors from all over the world are welcome to explore this unique working distillery and visitor's centre.

**028 4483 0001**  
[shortcrossgin.com](http://shortcrossgin.com)

## Taste and Tour

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

**028 9045 7723**  
[tasteandtour.co.uk](http://tasteandtour.co.uk)

## Ulster Whiskey

Blogger and whiskey reviewer Marty McAuley will guide you through the past, present and future of Ireland's best loved spirit. Join regular tasting sessions at the historical McHugh's Bar or book a bespoke tour.

**07738 877359**  
[ulsterwhiskey.com](http://ulsterwhiskey.com)

## BIKE TOURS

### Belfast City Bike Tours

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

**07780 496969**  
[belfastcitybiketours.com](http://belfastcitybiketours.com)

### Wee Toast Tours

Enjoy a unique 'beer bike' guided cycle tour. This 15 seater vehicle lets you take in the sights and sounds of the city whilst enjoying a drink and pedalling from the comfort of your bar stool!

**07591 593441**  
[weetoasttours.com](http://weetoasttours.com)

## BOAT TOURS

### Lagan Boat Company

The World's only Titanic Boat Tour offers a guided tour of Titanic Quarter taking in the sights of the iconic Harland & Wolff cranes, Titanic's Dock & Pumphouse and Titanic Belfast.

**028 9024 0124**  
[laganboatcompany.com](http://laganboatcompany.com)



## PRIVATE / GROUP TOURS

### Belfast City Walking Tours

A wide range of themed walking tours with tailored options

available for groups of 10+ with a qualified Blue Badge guide.

**07974 315293**  
[belfast-citywalking-tours.co.uk](http://belfast-citywalking-tours.co.uk)

### Cutting Edge Helicopter Tours

Treat your loved one to a trip of a lifetime! Experience the thrill of a helicopter flight, as well as amazing views of the North Coast, Inishowen, the Giants Causeway and much more.

**028 7181 2555**  
[cuttingedgehelicopters.com](http://cuttingedgehelicopters.com)

### Irish Monastic Tours

A range of expert-led guided tours to some of the most historic and evocative sites on the island of Ireland.

**07513 295292**  
[irishmonastictours.com](http://irishmonastictours.com)

### Lynn Corken Tours

An experienced tour guide offering a range of tours throughout Northern Ireland in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French.

**07779 102448**

### NI Tour Ltd

NITOUR provides a bespoke chauffeur driven tour of Belfast and Northern Ireland in a luxurious, private car for up to 7 people. Please visit the website to view suggested itineraries.

**07493 377010**  
[nitour.co.uk](http://nitour.co.uk)

### Northern Ireland Tourist Guiding Association (NITGA)

Full members are Blue Badge Guides and National Guides,

accredited by the Institute of Tourist Guiding in London or Failte Ireland. Qualified for coach, walking, religious and site-specific tours, the guides are fantastic ambassadors for Northern Ireland as well as being recognised experts in key subject areas.

**[nitga.co.uk](http://nitga.co.uk)**

### Prestige Chauffeur Services NI

Offering a range of private chauffeur driven tours in locations across Northern Ireland, whether you want to enjoy the scenery or take in a guided tour of some of the attractions.

**07734 283181**  
[prestigetoursni.co.uk](http://prestigetoursni.co.uk)

### Tour Guides NI

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

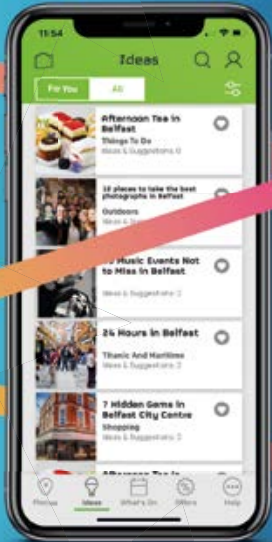
**[tourguidesni.com](http://tourguidesni.com)**

### Tour Ticket Ireland

Tour Ticket Ireland organises and develops visitor experiences for you to explore the brilliant sights, locations and attractions of Belfast.

**[tourticketireland.com](http://tourticketireland.com)**

[www.visitbelfast.com](http://www.visitbelfast.com)

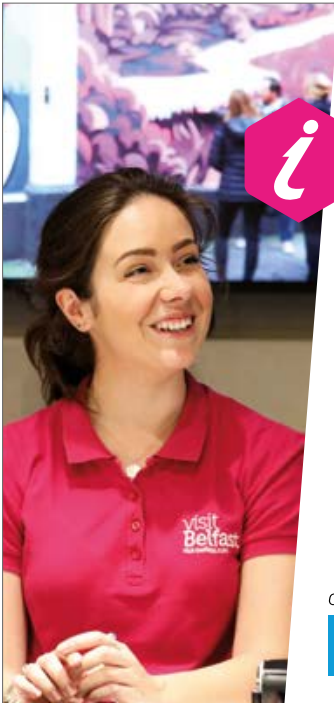


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# Eating Out



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

## KEY

**D4** Map grid location

**CC** City Centre

**CQ** Cathedral Quarter

**TQ** Titanic Quarter

**LQ** Linen Quarter

**QQ** Queen's Quarter

**GQ** Gaeltacht Quarter



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visitBelfast

## MODERN CUISINE

### Acton & Sons 17 Brunswick Street

An exciting menu of international cuisine with craft beers, artisan gins and fine wines. Close to the Grand Opera House, it's the ideal venue for pre-theatre dinner or after show supper.

**028 9024 0239**

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

CA CC

### AMPM

#### 38-42 Upper Arthur Street

Known for its combination of unique, original, quirky décor, ambience & Irish fusion cuisine. The menu features global comfort food and old favourites with a new suit of clothes.

**028 9024 9009**

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

DA CC

### Buba Belfast

#### St Anne's Square

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

**028 9568 0162**

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

DS CC

### Café Parisien

#### Cleaver House

#### Donegall Square North

Indulge in traditional French cuisine from classic crepes to brasserie and bistro dishes, with patisserie delights to curb your sweet tooth. Perfectly

positioned in the heart of the city, opposite Belfast City Hall.

**028 9590 4338**

[cafe-parisienbelfast.com](http://cafe-parisienbelfast.com)

DA CC

### Cellar Restaurant

#### Belfast Castle, off Antrim Road

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

**028 9037 0133**

[belfastcastle.co.uk](http://belfastcastle.co.uk)

### Coco Restaurant

#### 7-11 Linenhall Street

The chic boutique surroundings of Coco welcome those who love to eat well, in style. Relax and enjoy locally sourced food, cooked to perfection.

**028 9031 1150**

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

DA LA

### Cutters Wharf

#### Lockview Road, Stranmillis

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

**028 9080 5100**

[cutterswharf.co.uk](http://cutterswharf.co.uk)

DS CC

### Deanes at Queens

#### 1 College Gardens

With its glorious terrace, Deanes at Queens takes full advantage of its enviable location. Chris Fearon of Great British Menu fame serves up a variety of menu options.

**028 9038 2111**

[michaeldeane.co.uk](http://michaeldeane.co.uk)

CS CC

### Deanes Deli Bistro

#### 42-44 Bedford Street

Fun, relaxed and fabulous, a regular haunt for visiting celebrities wanting to wind down with great food and wine or a delicious weekend cocktail.

**028 9024 8800**

[michaeldeane.co.uk](http://michaeldeane.co.uk)

DA LA

### Deanes Deli Vin Café

#### 42-44 Bedford Street

Café by day serving breakfast, sandwiches, lunch specials and an afternoon menu, it transforms by night into an atmospheric candlelit wine bar.

**028 9024 8800**

[michaeldeane.co.uk](http://michaeldeane.co.uk)

DA LA

### Deanes EIPIC

#### 28-40 Howard Street

Michelin starred and possibly the most sophisticated restaurant in the Deanes portfolio. Chef Alex Greene serves the best quality local ingredients cooked to the highest standard.

**028 9033 1134**

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

CA CC

### Deanes Meat Locker

#### 28-40 Howard Street

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

**028 9033 1134**

[michaeldeane.co.uk](http://michaeldeane.co.uk)

CA CC

### EDÖ

#### 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](http://edorestaurant.co.uk)

CA CC

### Flame Restaurant

#### 46 Howard Street

Flame's custom built 10ft Asador Grill and Tandoori ovens bring cooking to life. Soak up the relaxed, friendly atmosphere as you sit at your table overlooking the open kitchen.

**028 9033 2121**

[flamerestaurant.co.uk](http://flamerestaurant.co.uk)

CA CC

### Ginger Bistro

#### 7-8 Hope Street

Head chef Simon McCance specialises in fish without forgetting vegetarians and meat eaters. The award winning Ginger has a strong reputation for quality and value for money.

**028 9024 4421**

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

CS LA

### Hadskis

#### 33 Donegall Street

An eclectic little dining room with a great kitchen counter, where you can taste an ever changing menu of daily specials alongside some classic European dishes.

**028 9032 5444**

[hadskis.co.uk](http://hadskis.co.uk)

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## Havana Bank Square 56-58 Berry Street

Serving seasonal food, the kitchen brings together its influences to create contemporary and ingredient led dishes. Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere with live music every Friday evening.

028 9031 0809  
[havanabanksq.com](http://havanabanksq.com)

☎ ☎

## Holohan's Pantry 43 University Road

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

028 9029 1103  
[holohanspantry.co.uk](http://holohanspantry.co.uk)

☎ ☎

## Home Restaurant 22 Wellington Place

Feel good food, throughout the day with morning coffee and pastries, a deli serving a selection of soups, salads, sandwiches and home baked treats. Lunch and dinner served in the restaurant.

028 9023 4946  
[homebelfast.co.uk](http://homebelfast.co.uk)

☎ ☎

## Horatio Todds 406 Upper Newtownards Rd

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

028 9065 3090  
[horatiododds.com](http://horatiododds.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](http://howardstbelfast.com)

☎ ☎

## The Ivory Restaurant 3rd Floor, House of Fraser, Victoria Square

A mix of traditional and modern fare, The Ivory offers excellent service and stunning city views from its fabulous balcony area. For a more casual menu, try the new Ivory Champagne Café Bar.

028 9032 4577  
[theivorybelfast.com](http://theivorybelfast.com)

☎ ☎

## Henry's 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  
[henrys-belfast.com](http://henrys-belfast.com)

☎ ☎

## James St 21 James Street South

James St really is the place where good food, wine and service come together in relaxed surroundings. Enjoy lunch specials from 12pm, pre-theatre from

5pm, an extensive a la carte menu, alongside weekend brunch and a great Sunday Roast.

028 9560 0700  
[jamesstandco.com](http://jamesstandco.com)

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## The Members' Dining Room Stormont Parliament Buildings

Enjoy a delicious lunch or afternoon tea in the exclusive oak-panelled dining rooms at Stormont Parliament Buildings. Reservations required.

028 9052 1041  
[parliamentbuildings.org](http://parliamentbuildings.org)

## Molly's Yard 1 College Green Mews, Botanic Ave

Molly's Yard serves modern Irish cuisine and prides itself on using the finest local ingredients. Locally produced draught beers are available along with a select choice of wines.

028 9032 2600  
[mollysyards.co.uk](http://mollysyards.co.uk)

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## 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 Mediterranean menu with locally sourced produce and all-day dining.

028 9531 3191  
[novellirestaurants.co.uk/belfast](http://novellirestaurants.co.uk/belfast)

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## The Morning Star 17-19 Pottinger's Entry, Ann St

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](http://themorningstarbar.co.uk)

☎ ☎

## The Muddlers Club Warehouse Lane, Waring St

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

028 9031 3199  
[themuddlersclubbelfast.com](http://themuddlersclubbelfast.com)

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## The National Grande Café 62-68 High Street

With food served daily from 8.30am until 7pm; this is casual dining at its best. Locally renowned for its Sunday brunch menu, great coffee, dynamic cocktail list, and seasonal 'small plates'.

028 9031 1130  
[thenationalbelfast.com](http://thenationalbelfast.com)

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## 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 boxty's. A family friendly venue with a relaxed atmosphere.

**028 9050 9850**  
**ryansbelfast.com**

**C6 QQ**

## 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 QQ**

## Shu Restaurant 253 Lisburn Road

One of the most renowned eateries in Belfast, Shu offers simple French influenced food using the best seasonal ingredients, served at a reasonable price, in an elegant location.

**028 9038 1655**  
**shu-restaurant.com**

**B7 QQ**

## Solo Restaurant & Bar 11 Wellington Place

Specialising in modern contemporary cuisine with an eclectic mix including traditional, Italian, Spanish and Asian. Just a stone's throw from Belfast City Hall.

**028 9031 1101**  
**solobelfast.com**

**C4 CC**

## Souls Restaurant 89a Dublin Road

From exquisite tandoori monk fish served with lemon infused Lyonnaise potatoes, to juicy rosemary chicken tikka with chilli and pepper risotto; the fusion menu offers a unique dining experience.

**028 9508 5917**  
**soulsrestaurant.co.uk**

**C5 CC**

## SQ Bar & Grill St Anne's Square

Relax in the beautiful surroundings of St Anne's square. Part of Ramada Encore, the restaurant offers a menu suitable for all tastes, with new interpretations of traditional Irish dishes made using local produce.

**028 9026 1809**  
**sqbarandgrill.co.uk**

**D3 CC**

## The StillHouse of Moira 61 Main Street, Moira

The StillHouse is a family owned Distillery & Pub in the beautiful village of Moira, Co Down. Visit the GastroPub for delicious seasonal food, tour the Craft Distillery or book into the Spirit School to distil gin, vodka or cassis and take home your very own creation!

## The Tap Room Hilden Brewery, Grand Street, Lisburn

A working brewery with a licensed restaurant in a beautiful and historic Georgian setting. Enjoy a beer or two with a relaxed lunch or dinner in the converted stables of Hilden House.

**028 9266 3863**  
**taproomhilden.com**

## TGI Fridays Victoria Square

The authentic American style restaurant makes every day feel like a Friday! The perfect venue for any occasion, with an extensive cocktail and delicious food menu.

**028 9024 9050**  
**fridays.ie**

**D4 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 QQ**

## SEAFOOD

### Deanes Love Fish 28-40 Howard Street

Seafood dominates the wide ranging menu but it is the extraordinary affordability of the signature dishes, excellent quality and presentation at Deanes Love Fish that will surprise and delight you.

**028 9033 1134**  
**michaeldeane.co.uk**

**C4 CC**

## Fish City 33 Ann Street

Open all day serving breakfast, lunch and dinner using local and sustainably sourced food. As well as the traditional and award winning fish & chips, enjoy an extensive menu of seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes.

**028 9023 1000**  
**fish-city.com**

**D4 CC**

## John Long's 39 Athol Street, Grosvenor Road

The longest established fish and chip shop in Belfast is a real hidden gem located just around the corner from the Grand Opera House. Drop in to experience the best 'fish supper' in the city.

**028 9032 1848**  
**johnlongs.com**

**C4 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**  
D3 Q4

**Deane and Decano**  
**537 Lisburn Road**  
A stylish buzzing restaurant/café/bar with a distinctly Italian flavour. Located on the ever fashionable Lisburn Road, Deane and Decano is open for lunch, afternoon snacks & dinner.  
**028 9066 3108**  
**michaeldeane.co.uk**  
A8 Q4

**Fratelli Belfast**  
**60 Great Victoria Street**  
Oozing rustic Italian charm with a contemporary edge, Fratelli's serves traditional Italian dishes in a family friendly setting.  
**028 9031 0862**  
**fratellibelfast.com**  
C4 Q4

**Gusto è Restaurant**  
**1 Lanyon Place**  
A new meeting place between great food lovers and traditional Italian producers. The Ristorante, Café & Pasticceria uses quality products from all regions of Italy

combined with the best Italian traditions to provide a great new authentic dining experience.  
**028 9033 3393**  
**gustobelfast.co.uk**  
E4 Q4

**Little Wing Pizzeria**  
**Ann Street/ Lisburn Road/ Upper Newtownards Road**  
Passionate about pizzas, Little Wing use time honoured methods to create traditionally made Naples style pizzas, prepared with the finest fresh ingredients.  
**028 9024 7000**  
**littlewingpizzeria.com**  
D3 Q4 A8 Q4

**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**  
C6 Q4

**Villa Italia Restaurant**  
**37-41 University Road**  
In the heart of the bustling Queen's Quarter, Villa Italia, is a firm favourite with visitors and locals. The extensive grill, pizza and pasta menu offers a selection of authentic Italian dishes.  
**028 9032 8356**  
**villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk**  
C6 Q4

## ASIAN

**BaoBun**  
**48 Botanic Avenue**  
Offering exciting, fresh, vegan friendly Taiwanese street food. All ingredients are cooked, steamed, baked and pickled in-house, with a mission to create fresh food fast.  
**028 9032 9686**  
**baobunbelfast.com**  
D6 Q4

**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**  
D4 Q4

**House of Zen**  
**St Anne's Square**  
Bringing a little bit of the Orient to the traditional cobbled streets of Cathedral Quarter. Offering a unique blend of Asian fusion cuisine, served up in cool, funky and relaxed surroundings.  
**028 9027 8688**  
**houseofzenbelfast.co.uk**  
D3 Q4

**Sakura Sushi**  
**82 Botanic Ave**  
Specialising in the art of sushi as well as offering a variety of fusion food. Carefully chosen dishes are

prepared using only fresh ingredients; creating deliciously nutritious and naturally low fat cuisine.  
**028 9043 9590**  
**sakurabelfast.com**  
C6 Q4

**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 Q4

**Zen**  
**55-59 Adelaide Street**  
The innovative menu offers a wide range of new and exciting Japanese style dishes including a plethora of 'Fusion cuisine' consisting of Japanese and Asian food with a Western twist.  
**028 9023 2244**  
**zenbelfast.co.uk**  
D4 Q4

## CAFÉS

**Avoca Café**  
**41 Arthur Street**  
The perfect spot to chill out in between all that shopping. Spacious with an eclectic vintage style, it features lots of delicious, freshly-prepared favourites from our award-winning menu.  
**028 9027 9955**  
**avoca.com**  
D4 Q4



### The Bobbin

#### Belfast City Hall

The Bobbin social enterprise cafe at Belfast City Hall is a popular spot with tourists visiting the new exhibition area and locals who love the food and atmosphere of the busy eatery.

**028 9050 2068**  
**loafcatering.com**

D4 CC

### Brights Restaurant

Award-winning Ulster fries, fish and chips, big bold burritos and tasty Tex Mex are among the many global classics served up at this fabulous café/deli.

**028 9024 5688**  
**brightrestaurant**  
**belfast.co.uk**

D3 CC

### Café Bedeck

#### 465 Lisburn Road

Enjoy a coffee or a speciality tea over breakfast; freshly prepared wraps, sandwiches and soups for a light lunch or choose from a delicious range of cakes and sweet treats for afternoon tea.

**028 9066 9828**  
**bedeckhome.com**

B7 QQ

### Clements

#### Donegall Sq West/ Royal Av/Rosemary St/ Botanic Av/ Ballyhackamore/ Stranmillis Rd/QUB

Clements' baristas are trained in the art of making great coffee. Staff passionately create divine drinks while heavenly bakers add to the pleasure with delicious treats.

**028 9024 9988**  
**clementscoffee.com**

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C5 A8 C7 QQ

### The Dock

#### The Arc, Titanic Quarter

Belfast's first Honesty Box Cafe offers a variety of treats from Suki tea, gourmet coffee, hot soup, fresh sandwiches, scones, buns and cakes. The price is totally up to you.

**the-dock.org**

E2 TD

### 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**

### Miel et Moi

#### 705 Lisburn Road

Northern Ireland's first licensed Patisserie and café bar. Inspired by classical French bars and patisseries, their drinks are lovingly developed by a devoted bar team, and their pastries are hand baked daily using locally sourced ingredients.

**028 9068 2641**  
**mieletmoi.com**

A8 QQ

### Oh! Donuts & Coffee

Incredible coffee and handcrafted donuts are a match made in heaven, so this slick city centre venue delivers a taste of paradise.

**07790 907404**  
**ohdonuts.co.uk**

D4 CC

### Patisserie Valerie

#### Donegall Sq West/ Castle Lane

Make a quick stop for an indulgent handcrafted cake or enjoy the full traditional afternoon tea experience. Just walking past the café window displays will have you drooling!

**028 9032 9364**  
**patisserie-valerie.co.uk**

C4 CC 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.ie**

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C5 C6 QQ

### The Yellow Door

#### 427 Lisburn Rd/ Ulster Museum

The Yellow Door Deli pride themselves on showcasing world class produce grown locally. Serving flavoursome food which is freshly baked and cooked in house.

**yellowdoordeli.co.uk**

D3 CC B7 C6 QQ

## CULINARY EXPERIENCES

### The Cookery School at James St

Run by Niall McKenna and his team of chefs at James St, offering a great selection of practical cookery classes for food lovers of all abilities and avid cooks who want to improve their skills.

**028 9560 0701**  
**cookinbelfast.co.uk**

C4 DQ

# Eat & Drink BELFAST

## Restaurant Vouchers

The Eat & Drink Belfast Restaurant Voucher allows you to choose from a mouth-watering selection of eateries from Michelin Star fine dining and quirky restaurants, to gastropubs and cafes.

**visitbelfast.com/voucher**

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT  
**VISIT BELFAST WELCOME CENTRE**








# 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

## CITY CENTRE

### The Basement Bar & Grill

**18 Donegall Square E.**

A traditional pub offering traditional and contemporary food, whiskey and craft beers all accompanied with local traditional and folk music, with all the craic you can handle!

**028 9031 5576**  
[tensquare.co.uk](http://tensquare.co.uk)



### Bittles Bar

**70 Upper Church Lane**

One of the smallest niche pubs in the city, the curious triangular building holds Belfast's largest selection of local beers and over 100 various whiskeys.

**028 9031 1088**  
[facebook.com/BittlesBar](http://facebook.com/BittlesBar)



### Cabaret Supper Club

**38-42 Upper Arthur St.**

A sophisticated evening of sumptuous dining is topped by a smorgasbord of refined cabaret acts. Dress to impress and soak up the elegant surroundings of this 1920s inspired Cabaret Club.

**028 9024 9009**  
[cabaretbelfast.com](http://cabaretbelfast.com)



### Fountain Tavern

**16-20 Fountain Street**

Enjoy the 'craic' with session music every Friday, tuck into freshly prepared locally sourced food or shop for craft beers in the ground floor off licence.

**028 9032 4769**  
[thefountaintavern.com](http://thefountaintavern.com)



### The Jailhouse Joy's Entry

The Jailhouse, and adjoining sister bar Henrys, offers a fantastic range of traditional food, local drinks and entertainment alongside the rich history of their name sake Henry Joy.

**028 9032 6711**  
[thejailhousebelfast.com](http://thejailhousebelfast.com)



### Kelly's Cellars

One of the oldest pubs in Belfast, Kelly's Cellars remains resolutely old fashioned, with vaulted ceilings and an elbow worn bar, providing food, traditional music sessions & plenty of craic.

**028 9024 6058**  
[kellyscellars.com](http://kellyscellars.com)



### McHughs

**29-31 Queen's Square**

Housed in Belfast's oldest building, McHugh's offers 'traditionally modern Irish cuisine' including house specialty, Boxty Potato Cakes. Step down into the basement for trad, folk, blues, jazz and the best alternative local music.

**028 9050 9999**  
[mchughsbar.com](http://mchughsbar.com)



### The Morning Star

**17-19 Pottinger's Entry**

This historic pub dates back to 1810 with the original mahogany counter and old terrazzo floor. The upstairs restaurant prides itself on serving freshly made food using the best ingredients sourced locally.

**028 9023 5986**  
[themorningstarbar.com](http://themorningstarbar.com)



### OX Cave

**3 Oxford Street**

Browse a high quality, but not highly priced, extensive wine collection and pair with high quality Irish charcuterie and cheeses. All wines are available by the glass and wine tasting events are held monthly.

**028 9023 2567**  
[oxbelfast.com/cave](http://oxbelfast.com/cave)



### The Sagart

**18a Chapel Lane**

Enjoy artisan coffee, cocktails, wine and tapas at The Sagart. Enjoy live major sporting events and unmissable Gin tasting nights at one of Belfast's newest chic venues.

**028 9031 0809**  
[facebook.com/thesagart](http://facebook.com/thesagart)



### 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](http://revoluciondecuba.com)



### Voodoo

**9-11 Fountain Street**

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

**028 9027 8290**  
[voodooobelfast.com](http://voodooobelfast.com)



## CATHEDRAL QUARTER

### Babel Rooftop Bar and Garden

**70-74 Ann St**

Located on the top floor of Bullitt Hotel, Babel is a rooftop bar, garden and kitchen complete with panoramic city views across Belfast. Offering cocktails, sharing platters, live music and more.

**028 9590 0555**  
[bullitthotel.com](http://bullitthotel.com)



### Bert's Bar

**High Street**

Bert's Jazz Bar is the first authentic jazz bar in Northern Ireland, offering an excellent selection of live jazz and mouth-watering food.

**028 9026 2713**  
[themerchanthotel.com](http://themerchanthotel.com)



### The Cloth Ear

**35-39 Waring Street**

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

**028 9026 2719**  
[themerchanthotel.com](http://themerchanthotel.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 7312**  
[thedirtyonion.com](http://thedirtyonion.com)



# Pubs & Clubs

## 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](http://dukeofyorkbelfast.com)



## John Hewitt Bar 51 Donegall Street

The John Hewitt has a traditional style and is a popular venue for quality, live music with regular gigs and sessions ranging from jazz, traditional folk and cajun.

**028 9023 3768**  
[thejohnhewitt.com](http://thejohnhewitt.com)



## The Northern Whig 2-10 Bridge Street

With a blend of luxury, comfort and glamour the Whig is dedicated to bringing you the best that Belfast has to offer in all aspects of hospitality with the best in local cuisine and specialist cocktails.

**028 9050 9888**  
[thenorthernwhig.com](http://thenorthernwhig.com)



## Ollies

**35-39 Waring Street**  
Opulence and luxury abound in this intimate space, which is one of Belfast's most sophisticated nightclubs. Situated in the basement of the five-star Merchant Hotel.

**028 9026 7964**  
[olliesbelfast.com](http://olliesbelfast.com)



## SIXTY6 62 High Street

Some of Belfast's best DJs take the helm here every weekend offering up music of every genre. A state of the art sound and light system ensures a clean crisp sound and a cool look to the space.

**028 9031 1130**  
[thenationalbelfast.com](http://thenationalbelfast.com)



## Sunflower Bar 65 Union Street

The Sunflower is free of gimmicks and themes, where music is very much part of the pub's life. Hearty bowls of stew are served at the weekends.

**028 9023 2474**  
[sunflowerbelfast.com](http://sunflowerbelfast.com)



## 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 9024 3080**  
[whitesbelfast.com](http://whitesbelfast.com)



## LINEN QUARTER

## Brennan's Bar 46-50 Great Victoria Street

Beyond the modern red brick exterior lies an attractive old-style mahogany & brass bar, stained glass panels and traditional snugs. Live music at weekends upstairs and downstairs

and food served daily.  
**028 9024 2986**

[facebook/  
brennans-bar](https://facebook.com/brennans-bar)



## The Bridge House 35-42 Bedford Street

A warm welcome awaits at The Bridge House where you can enjoy a pint of real ale and a full menu which includes breakfast, served from 7am.

**028 9072 7890**  
[jdwhetherspoon.co.uk](http://jdwhetherspoon.co.uk)



## Chinawhite 43 Franklin Street

Bringing a new era of clubbing to Belfast, come in and enjoy the luxury of this Asian inspired venue. Rich oriental natural slate, lacquered fretwork divider screens and sumptuous booth seating all combine to create a sophisticated, exciting, and tastefully detailed late night venue.

**028 9024 8000**  
[chinawhitebelfast.com](http://chinawhitebelfast.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](http://nicholsonspubs.co.uk)



## Limelight Belfast 17 Ormeau Avenue

The Limelight complex encompasses 2 great live music venues, as well as Katy's Bar, hosting international touring acts, sell out club nights and local bands every week.

**028 9032 7007**  
[limelightbelfast.com](http://limelightbelfast.com)



## The Perch 42 Franklin Street

Enjoy cocktails and sangria in the summer or hot cider, winter warmer's and blankets in the winter at Belfast's highest rooftop bar.

**028 9024 8000**  
[theperchbelfast.com](http://theperchbelfast.com)



## Rita's 44 Franklin Street

Rita's is one of Belfast's most lavish cocktail dens, located in the historic Linen Quarter, beside sister bars The Perch, Sweet Afton and Chinawhite. Join the talented bartenders to enjoy one of their many gins, a crafted cocktail or light bite.

**028 9024 8000**  
[ritasbelfast.com](http://ritasbelfast.com)



## Robinsons 38-42 Great Victoria Street

Enjoy a pint in the Saloon Bar, fine food in the Bistro, live Irish music in Fibber Magees nightly, or even sing the night away in the Karaoke bar BT1.

**028 9024 7447**  
[robinsonsbars.co.uk](http://robinsonsbars.co.uk)



## Sweet Afton Bar & Kitchen 12 Brunswick Street

Relax in this atmospheric American style bar offering an extensive beer & cocktail menu, a casual all day menu, big screen sports and live music every weekend.

**028 9042 8000**  
[sweetaftonbelfast.com](http://sweetaftonbelfast.com)





## QUEEN'S QUARTER

### Alibi Belfast Bradbury Place

A two floor venue offering the very best in liquor, food and music. The Bar Kitchen serves food all day while The Club showcases the very best in local talent and guest DJs from the Marbella and Ibiza scene.

**028 9023 3131**  
[alibibelfast.com](http://alibibelfast.com)



### The Empire 40-42 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](http://thebelfastempire.com)



### Filthy McNastys 45 Dublin Road

Live cover bands every night with Open Mic Night on Mondays. Relax in the outdoor 'Secret Garden' or enjoy innovative cocktails in 'Filthy Chic'. 'The Gypsy Lounge' is open 5 nights a week, hosting some of NI's best DJs.

**028 9024 6823**  
[thefilthyquarter.com](http://thefilthyquarter.com)



### The Points 44 Dublin Road

Named after a notorious Irish neighbourhood in 19th century America, this is a truly traditional Irish venue that replicates Belfast's culture and history. Come and

listen to traditional Irish and folk music 7 nights a week, engage in great conversation and share stories about the past.

**028 9099 4124**  
[thepointsbelfast.com](http://thepointsbelfast.com)



### Liquor XXX 49 Dublin Road

Liquor XXX is the newest bar added to Belfast's Queen's Quarter. With a drinks selection heavily based on tequilas, rums and piscos, this Latin themed bar with a racier exterior is the newest cocktail hot spot in Belfast.

**028 9024 6823**  
[liquorxxx.com](http://liquorxxx.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](http://parlourbar.co.uk)



## SOUTH BELFAST

### The Albany Belfast 701-703 Lisburn Road

Based on the elegant sophistication of Old School America, enjoy a wide range of cocktails re-designed by drink specialists ranging from American classics to modern day twists. Choose from a simple snack to a three course meal or classic roasts on Sundays.

**028 9066 4442**  
[thealbanybelfast.com](http://thealbanybelfast.com)



### The Chelsea 346 Lisburn Road

A modern gastropub serving quality bistro food & drinks seven days a week, where you can unwind with sophisticated cocktails, grab a lazy Sunday brunch, find the perfect spot for a date night, or simply celebrate the weekend in style.

**028 9068 7177**  
[thechelseabar.com](http://thechelseabar.com)



### 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](http://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](http://thedoyenbelfast.com)



### Four Winds 111 Newton Park

With four venues all under one roof, there really is something for everyone. Delicious food and wine, cocktails, a café bar and heated courtyard, as well as great views over Belfast.

**028 9070 7970**  
[thefourwinds.co.uk](http://thefourwinds.co.uk)



### 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](http://errigle.com)



### Hatfield House 130 Ormeau Road

Enjoy fusion inspired food served 7 days a week, live traditional music, all the sporting action, a roof garden, friendly staff and brilliant craic!

**028 9043 8764**  
[hatfieldhousebelfast.com](http://hatfieldhousebelfast.com)



## TITANIC QUARTER

### Hickson's Point at Titanic Belfast Queen's Road

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

**028 9076 6386**  
[titanicbelfast.com/hicksonspoint](http://titanicbelfast.com/hicksonspoint)



### Rockies Sports Bar Odyssey Pavilion

Northern Ireland's only Canadian Sports Bar. One of Europe's top Ice Hockey Bars with over 500 sporting jerseys from around the world on show.

**028 9046 7020**  
[rockiessportsbar.com](http://rockiessportsbar.com)



# Getting About

*Belfast is compact and bijou, so getting around the city is easy on foot, by bike or by taxi. However, if you want to wander a little further afield then we've got a network of transport options which will get you to your desired destination.*

## TO/FROM AIRPORTS

**George Best Belfast City Airport** is located 3 miles from the city centre. Airport Express 600 bus service runs from the airport terminal to the city centre every 20 minutes at peak times.

**Belfast International Airport** is a 30 minute drive from Belfast. The Airbus Express 300 operates between the airport and Europa Bus Centre in the city every 15 minutes at peak times.

## JUST EAT BELFAST BIKES

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

## TAXI HIRE

### Value Cabs

Value Cabs have a fleet of over 650 vehicles offering a professional taxi service, sightseeing tours and executive vehicles. Debit/credit card payment facility available in every vehicle. **028 9080 9080** [valuecabs.com](http://valuecabs.com)

### fonaCAB

fonaCAB has 400 cars and over 40 years' experience in the taxi industry. The services provided include airport transfers, executive cars and tours by taxi, on request. **028 9033 3333** [fonacab.com](http://fonacab.com)

## The Airporter

A direct scheduled service between both Belfast airports and Derry/Londonderry. **028 7126 9996** [airporter.co.uk](http://airporter.co.uk)

## CAR HIRE

Renting a car is another great way for visitors to get around Belfast and to visit some of the many attractions throughout Northern Ireland. Providers available online at [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Translink is responsible for Metro, Glider, Ulsterbus and NI Railways, operating a network of bus and rail services throughout Northern Ireland and on cross border routes. **028 9066 6630** [translink.co.uk](http://translink.co.uk)

## 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

High frequency, high quality non-stop express coach service connecting Dublin City and Dublin Airport with Belfast. **00353 1 844 7118** [aircoach.ie](http://aircoach.ie)

### Dublin Coach

Direct service connecting Dublin with Belfast 16 times daily, in less than 2 hours. Free Wi-Fi, toilets and reclining leather seats on board. **00353 1 465 9972** [dublincoach.ie](http://dublincoach.ie)

## Visit Belfast Welcome Centre

+44 (0)28 9024 6609

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

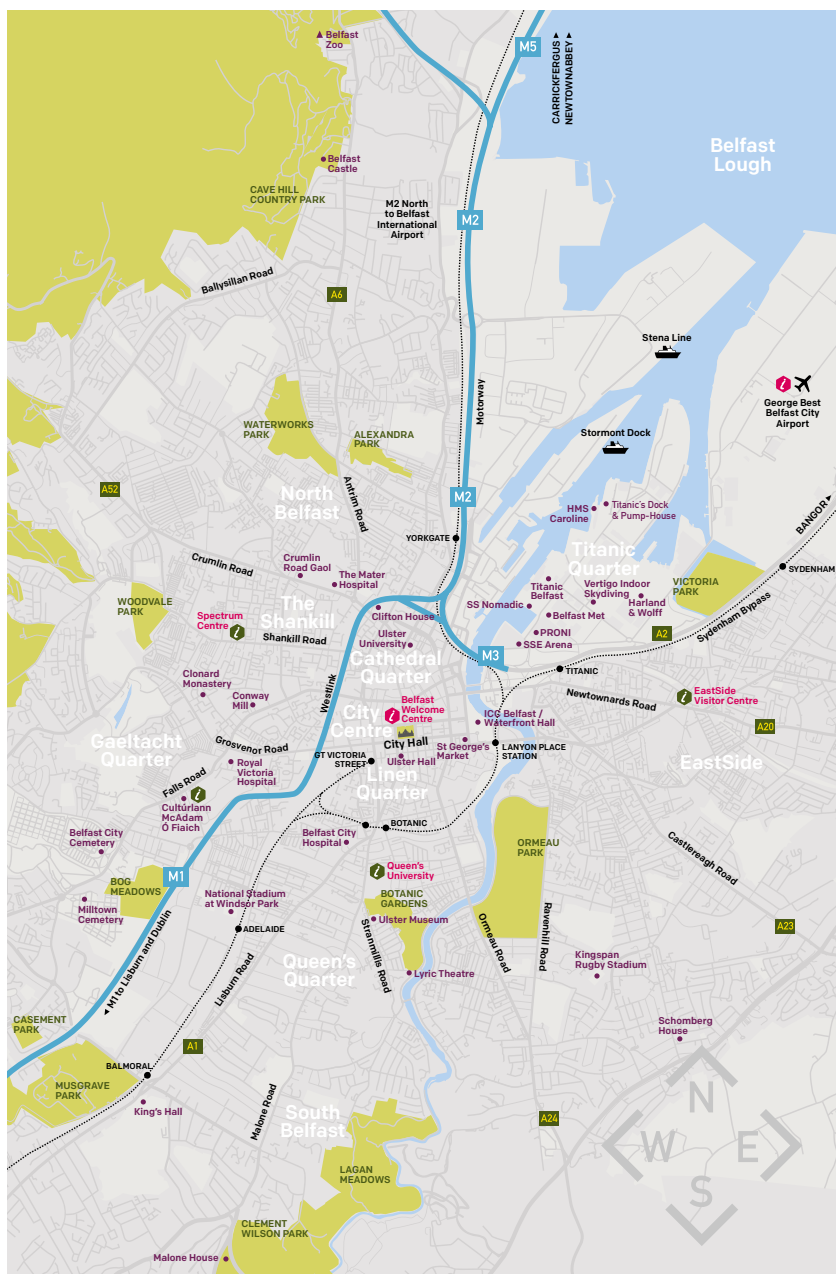
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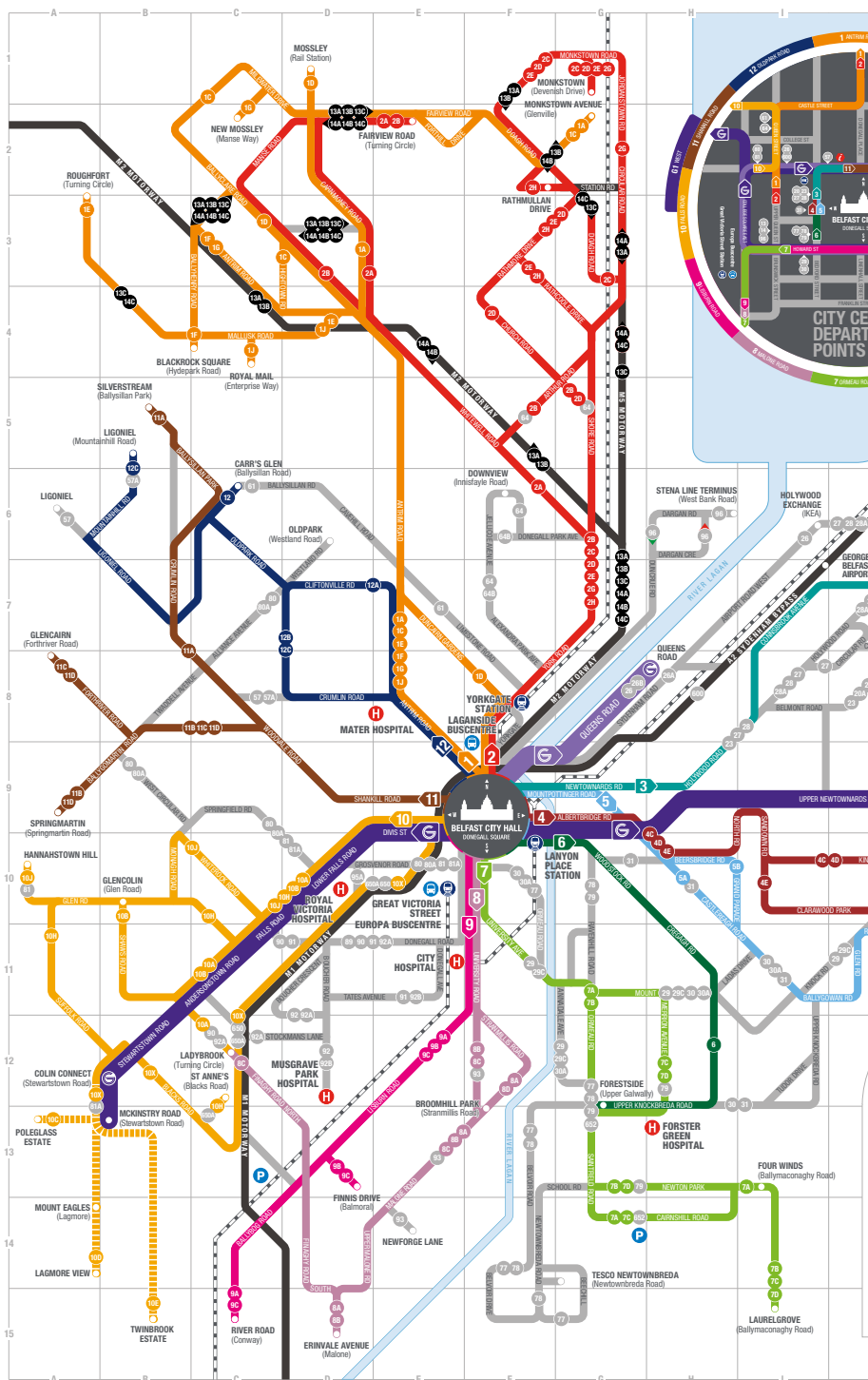


# Greater Belfast

 Visitor Information Centre

 Local Information Centre







# Belfast Route Map

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** – 12 corridor bus service operating within the Belfast area.

**Glider** – A new cross-city service, G1 runs between east and west Belfast and G2 runs between Belfast City Centre and Titanic Quarter. Glider is fully integrated with Metro and tickets can be used on both services.

**Ulsterbus** – Local bus services, serving all main towns and villages in Northern Ireland.

**Goldline** – 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 to airports in Belfast, Dublin and Derry/Londonderry.

## WHICH TICKET?

**DayLink** – unlimited day travel on Glider and Metro available for 1, 5 or 10 days.

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

**Multi Journey Smartlink Card** – for inner, city and extended zones. Not valid for Glider journeys across the City Centre.

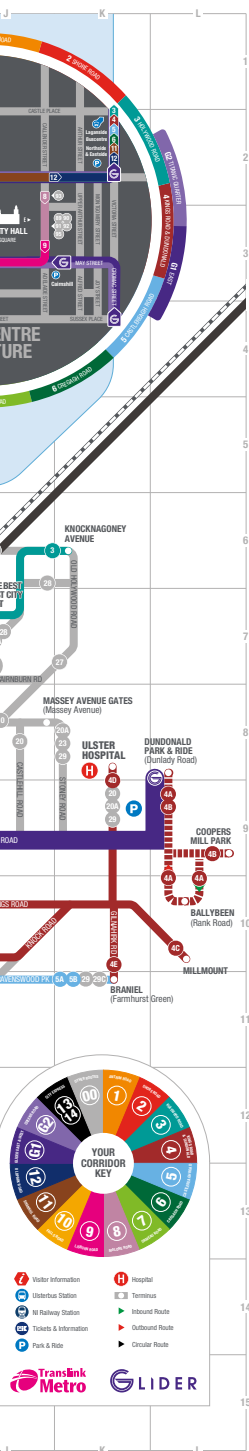
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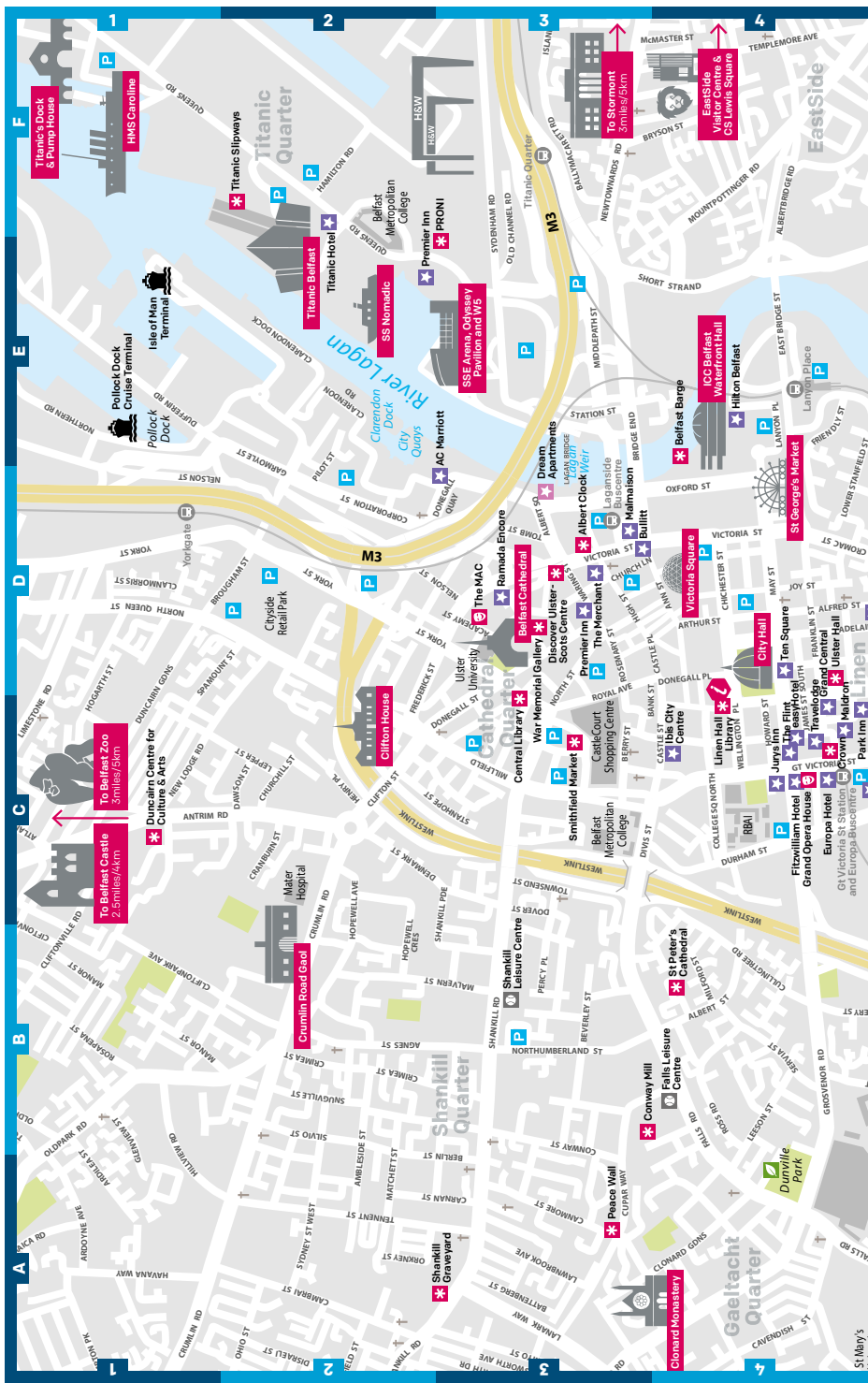
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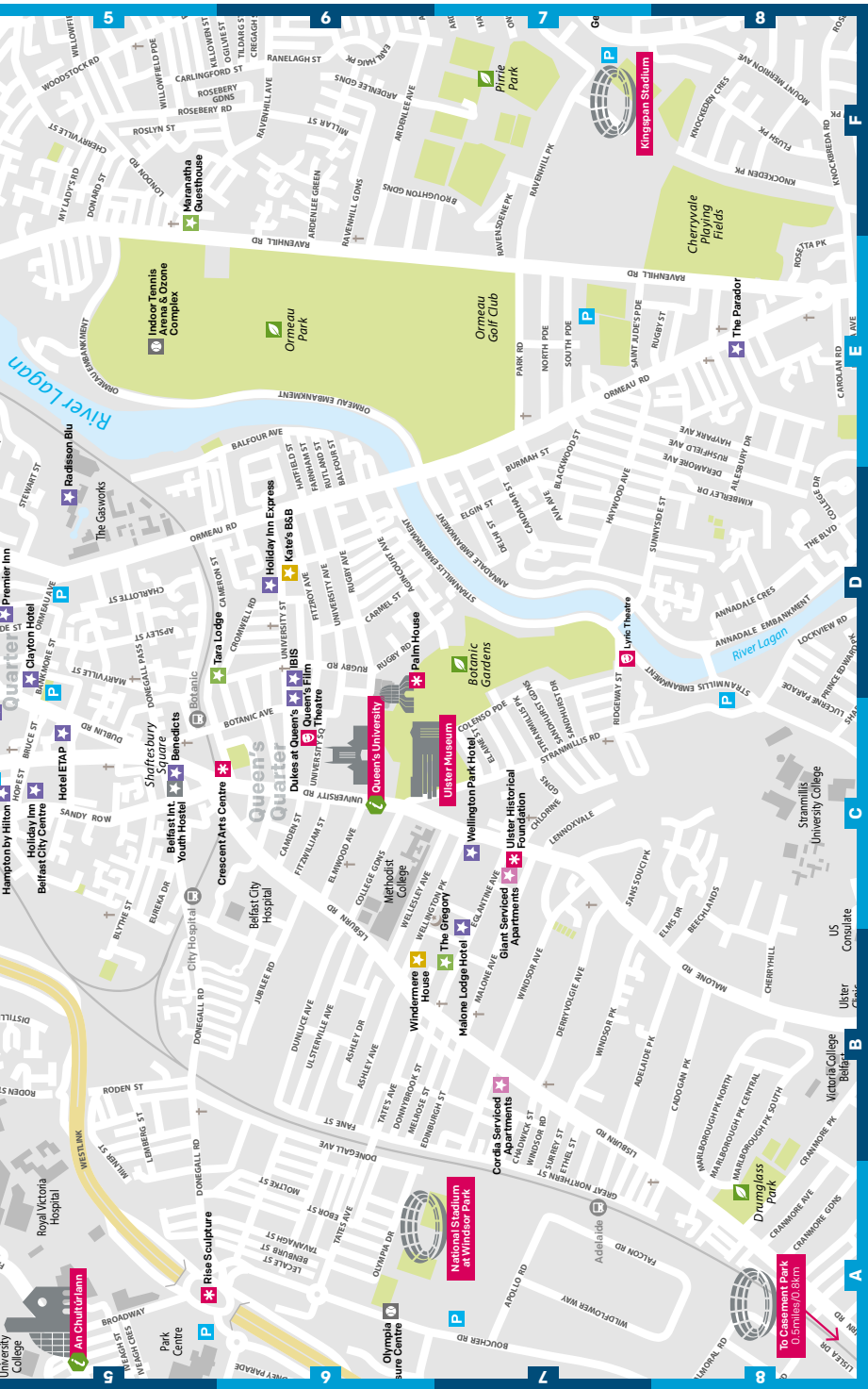
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