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## Easter Extravaganza

Experience fun for all the family this Easter in Belfast and beyond!



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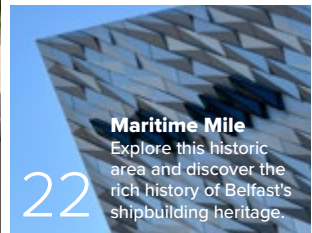
Join the festivities in Belfast as the city celebrates with an array of colour and music.



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## Maritime Mile

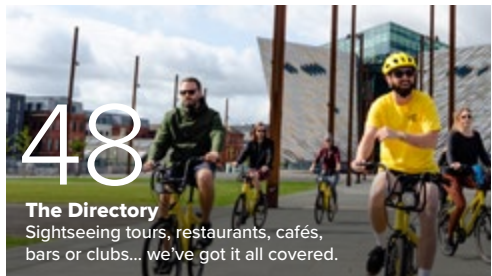
Explore this historic area and discover the rich history of Belfast's shipbuilding heritage.



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Take a breather and discover some of the other fantastic things to see and do, all just a few minutes' drive outside the capital.



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Sightseeing tours, restaurants, cafés, bars or clubs... we've got it all covered.



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# MUST DO:

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

## MUSIC

03

### Brilliant Corners - Belfast Jazz Festival

1 - 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)

## NATURE

05

### Spring Spectacular at Hillsborough Castle

9 March - 6 May

See the gardens of Northern Ireland's royal residence erupt in spectacular colour this spring, as over half a million bulbs bloom. [hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle)



## CULTURE

01

### Belfast 2024 All year

Belfast 2024 is a homegrown celebration of culture and creativity. The programme will see the city come to life with creative projects, unforgettable moments and inspiring initiatives taking place right across Belfast. [belfast2024.co.uk](http://belfast2024.co.uk)



## FESTIVAL

04

### Belfast Children's Festival

8 - 16 March

#### Various Venues

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

## FESTIVAL

02

### Féile an Earraigh 1 - 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)

## CULTURE

06

### 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. [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)  
SEE P10-11.







**FESTIVAL** 11

**Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival**

**2 - 12 May**

CQAF will animate the city centre with an 11 day celebration of live music, comedy, theatre, spoken word, literature, eclectic performance and street art. [cqaf.com](http://cqaf.com)



**SPORT** 09

**Belfast City Marathon**

**5 May**

**Across the city**

The marathon route runs through all four areas of Belfast; north, south, east and west, starting at Stormont Estate and finishing in Ormeau Park. [belfastcitymarathon.com](http://belfastcitymarathon.com)

**FAMILY FUN** 12

**Balmoral Show**

**15 - 18 May**

**Balmoral Park**

Northern Ireland's largest agri-food event, promises a fun-filled family day out with livestock competitions, food pavilion, trade stands, a fun fair and great live entertainment. [balmoralshow.co.uk](http://balmoralshow.co.uk)

**FESTIVAL** 07

**Imagine! Belfast Festival of Ideas & Politics**

**18 - 24 March**

**Various Venues**

Belfast's unique festival of ideas and politics invites you to engage with the big issues of our time. [imaginebelfast.com](http://imaginebelfast.com)

**FESTIVAL** 10

**Festival of Fools**

**4 - 6 May**

Ireland's largest comedy and street theatre festival with over 70 performances taking place on the streets of Belfast City Centre and Cathedral Quarter. [foolsfestival.com](http://foolsfestival.com)

**FAMILY FUN** 08

**Easter Celebrations**

**28 March - 3 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)  
SEE P18-19.



**FOOD AND DRINK** 13

**Spring Continental Market**

**31 May - 3 June**

**Belfast City Hall**

The Spring Market offers something for everyone with the very best international flavours, crafts, and gifts.

**FESTIVAL** 14

**AVA Festival**

**31 May - 1 June**

**Titanic Slipways**

The iconic electrical music and visual arts festival returns for it's 10th birthday. Tickets available at [avafestival.com](http://avafestival.com)

# Must See:

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

## EXPERIENCE

01

### Titanic Belfast

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

SEE MAP **E2** **VP**



## TIME OUT

02

### Belfast City Hall

Enjoy a free guided tour of Belfast's most iconic building (1906) or call in to view the visitor exhibition, which offers a self-guided journey from Belfast's past to present, showing the vibrancy and diversity of the city across six themed zones.

SEE MAP **D4**



## MARKETS

03

### St George's Market

Browse stalls full of the finest fresh produce, local arts and crafts and delicious hot food at the charming Victorian St George's Market every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

SEE MAP **D4**

## TOUR

04

### St. Anne's 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 **D3**





SHOPPING

05

**Victoria Square**

An exceptional shopping experience with spectacular 360° views across the city from The Dome. Four levels of shopping, including House of Fraser department store, and great places to eat and drink.

SEE MAP **D4**



FAMILY FUN

10

**Belfast Zoo**

A great spring day out for all the family where the cheeky monkeys, loud lions and giant giraffes will keep everyone entertained!

EXPERIENCE

06

**Crumlin Road Gaol**

Try life behind bars with a tour of the 150 year old gaol and learn first-hand how this Victorian prison evolved through history.

SEE MAP **B2 VP**

EXPERIENCE

08

**Ulster Museum**

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

SEE MAP **C7**

TOUR

11

**Irish FA**

A tour of the iconic grounds of the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park and visit to the Education and Heritage Centre allows visitors to relive their favourite moments following Northern Ireland and walk in the footsteps of footballing legends.

SEE MAP **B6**

FAMILY FUN

07

**W5**

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

SEE MAP **E3**



MUSIC

09

**Traditional Music Session**

There's always a pub with a fantastic line-up of traditional music sessions on any day of the week, so enjoy a toe-tapping night out and immerse yourself in some Irish culture! **SEE P20-21**



TOUR

12

**Visit a Distillery**

From city centre micro breweries to gin school or stunning country estate distilleries, make sure to pop in for tasting flights or book an in-depth tour to learn all about the creation of our finely crafted beers and spirits. **SEE P14&15**







For locations, check out our handy map on pages **63-68**.

# 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

Discover captivating architecture, lively beer gardens, chic warehouse restaurants, quaint cobblestoned streets, and vibrant street art. This dynamic neighborhood seamlessly blends the historic with the contemporary – from the iconic St. Anne's Square, housing the Metropolitan Arts Centre (MAC) with a lively piazza of inviting eateries, to the timeless allure of some of Belfast's oldest streets.



## 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, or simply stroll along the Maritime Mile to learn more about the city's shipbuilding heritage.



## QUEEN'S QUARTER

This leafy area is home to a treasure trove of shops, cafes, bars and art galleries. Visit the collections at the Ulster Museum, stroll around the Victorian Palm House in the stunning Botanic Gardens, take in an art-house movie at the QFT or enjoy live music and stand-up comedy at the Empire Music Hall. The nearby Lisburn Road is a haven for designer shopping, quaint cafes, artisan delis & stylish salons.



## GAELTACHT QUARTER

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



## EAST SIDE

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

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# West Belfast

## Fáilte Go Dtí Iarthar Bhéal Feirste Welcome to West Belfast

For the first of our neighbourhood showcases we are shining a spotlight on the best activities in West Belfast.



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

### Gaeltacht Quarter

Discover the vibrant Gaeltacht Quarter in West Belfast, where Irish language and culture flourish. Immerse yourself in traditional music, Gaelic arts, and authentic cuisine. Explore historic sites engaging with a community proud of its Gaelic heritage. Explore Cultúrlann Mc Adam Ó Fiaich, Belfast's leading Irish language, arts and cultural centre on the Falls Road. Based in a former Presbyterian church, it is at the heart of the thriving Gaeltacht with an annual programme of events, captivating art gallery, Irish book & gift shop and restaurant.

### Áras Uí Chonghaile

Áras Uí Chonghaile is an award-winning visitor centre based in the heart of Belfast's Gaeltacht Quarter and located only yards from where James Connolly lived on the Falls Road. The James Connolly Experience immerses you into the life and history of one of Ireland's

greatest trade union and political leaders. Áras Uí Chonghaile's audio tour guides you through the world class exhibition, to the unique library, Leabharlann Uí Chonghaile and through the art and historic collections.

### Journey of Peace

Uncover the incredible journey of conflict to peace, through West Belfast's Award Winning Coiste Political Walking Tours and Taxitax Black Taxi tours. Led by knowledgeable guides, visit key landmarks, including The International Wall with its many famous murals, Republican Memorial gardens, the internationally renowned Bobby Sands' mural and many more significant places of interest.

### Roddy McCorley Republican Heritage Centre

Comprising of a world class museum, functions and events space, contemporary modern restaurant and

stunning rooftop terrace bar commanding views across the entire city, the new state-of-the-art heritage centre tells the story of 200 years of Irish Republicanism while showcasing a spectacular collection of artefacts and memorabilia as curated by The Roddy McCorley Society for over 40 years. The collection charts the Republican struggle for independence dating back to the 1798 Rebellion, through the revolutionary period before and after 1916, right up to the Peace Process of the 1990s.

### Colin Glen Forest Park

Nestled in the lush surroundings of Colin Glen at the foot of the Belfast hills, thrill-seekers of all ages can enjoy high ropes courses, ziplines, and mountain biking trails. With activities for the whole family, immerse yourself in nature while creating unforgettable memories at this adrenaline-fueled destination.





### Bog Meadows Nature Reserve & St James' Community Farm

Discover Belfast's urban oasis at the award winning Bog Meadows Nature Reserve. With over 2.5 miles of walking trails, it offers diverse habitats including wetlands and woodlands. Adjacent to Bog Meadows Nature reserve is St James' Community Farm. The Farm, led by volunteers and residents, has been in operation for over 8 years and has recently launched a new community hub. There are over 50 animals at the farm and it's free to visit as well as having opportunities to contribute and donate to this fantastic community initiative..

### Andersonstown Aqua Park

Andersonstown Leisure Centre is the home of the north's largest indoor Aqua Park offering 3 high speed water slides and Surf Belfast, Ireland's only indoor surf simulator. Enjoy a fun-filled day out for all the family at the adventure

play area with water jets, slides, rope bridges and lots of family water fun, which is suitable for children up to the age of 12. And not forgetting the little ones – The Little Lagoon the perfect spot for toddlers to splash around.

### Wall Murals

Along the Falls Road are the walls iconic murals of West Belfast. Described as Europe's largest public art gallery our world famous murals highlight political and social issues across the globe and pay tribute to revolutionary leaders including Frederick Douglas, Nelson Mandela and Bobby Sands. The best way to experience the artwork is with the West Belfast Mural Map.

### Historic Pubs & Bars

When you visit West Belfast, come with an appetite for adventure and a desire to savor the flavors of this remarkable area. Whether you're indulging in traditional Irish dishes or

embracing international tastes, our food and drink offering will leave you with a satisfying and memorable impression of West Belfast's warmth, hospitality, and culinary diversity. Be sure to explore our historical and cultural landmarks, many of which our restaurants and pubs incorporate into their dining experiences, providing a deeper understanding of the community's unique identity.

### Féile An Earraigh

Infusing the hustle and bustle of the dynamic Gaeltacht Quarter with Irish Traditional Arts, Féile an Earraigh celebrates the Irish language, traditional music and culture through a range of events including concerts, workshops, Irish language classes, tours, walks, sports and family events and St Patrick's Day. Read more about Féile an Earraigh on Page 12.

To discover more visit  
[www.visitwestbelfast.com](http://www.visitwestbelfast.com)



# celebrate St Patrick

Come to Belfast to celebrate St Patrick's Day as the city welcomes you with an array of colour and music!

## **St Patrick's Day Parade 17 March**

The annual St Patrick's Day Parade is a dazzling display of costume, music, dance and theatrical performance. Join outdoor spectacle company LUXE for amazing creations, colourful live performance and a high energy soundtrack, as we celebrate People, Place and Planet. Local dance troupes, schools, community groups and musicians will also be taking part in the spectacle. This is a diverse multi-cultural, cross-community celebration in honour of St Patrick and everyone is welcome. This year's parade route starts from Belfast City Hall at 1.30pm, weaving its way through the city centre via

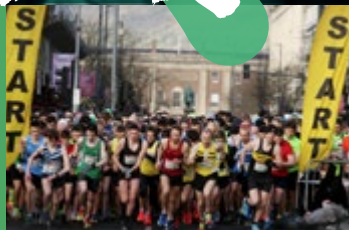
Chichester Street, Victoria Street, High Street, Castle Place and Donegall Place, back to City Hall.

## **St Patrick's Music Weekend 15-17 March**

Belfast TradFest will be delivering St Patrick's Music Weekend as part of our overall St Patrick's Celebrations. Presenting a programme of traditional arts encompassing a diverse, cross cultural and cross traditions celebration. There is a range of free and ticketed events celebrating the very best of our traditional arts and include concerts, céilís, displays, taster sessions and workshops.

## **The SPAR Craic 10k 17 March, 9am**

St Patrick's Day will see thousands of runners 'back for the Craic' as the SPAR Craic 10k road race returns in its full green glory to the streets of Belfast. This urban 10k leaves City Hall at 9am, 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](https://www.aisling-events.com)



This is a significant year for Belfast as we celebrate our creativity and culture through our vibrant Belfast 2024 programme, which will see the city come to life with creative projects, unforgettable moments and inspiring initiatives taking place right across Belfast. **For more details visit [belfast2024.co.uk](https://www.belfast2024.co.uk)**

For more information call the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre on 028 9024 6609 or visit [belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks](https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks)



## Worth The Trip

### Hillsborough Castle and Gardens

16 March

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens with traditional Irish tales and music with renowned storyteller Eamonn Keenan and musician Aodán Mac Séafriadh. Don't miss out on this unique and authentic way to spend St. Patrick's Day - the perfect day out for all the family.

[hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle/whats-on](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle/whats-on)

### Ulster American Folk Park 17 & 18 March

Discover the traditions of St. Patrick's Day and the history of the shamrock as you wander the Folk Park. There'll be live traditional Irish music across Ulster and America, and Irish dancing performances on Sunday 17th March. Sample traditional foods like colcannon and apple tart, follow the 'Shamrock Selfie Trail' and get involved in our St. Patrick's themed crafts.

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

### Armagh City

10-18 March

Armagh City is the "Home of St. Patrick," the place where Patrick began his mission. Armagh's St. Patrick's Festival returns with an exciting programme of music, art, theatre, film and dance. This is a chance to reflect on the legacy of St. Patrick and have fun celebrating his influence on history and culture.

[visitarmagh.com/st-patricks/](http://visitarmagh.com/st-patricks/)



### Féile an Earraigh

1-17 March

Féile an Phobail's Spring Festival returns in 2024 with a wide variety of arts and cultural activities including traditional music, workshops, concerts, tours, debates and discussions, literary events, youth and sporting events and family based activities. The **Trad Trail** will take place 10 - 17 March in venues across Belfast and throughout the city centre, with local musicians and musicians from all over the island. [feilebelfast.com](http://feilebelfast.com)

### Spraoi Cois Lao Irish Language Family Funday

9 March, 1pm-4pm

#### Custom House Square

Spraoi Cois Lao is the biggest Irish language family fun-day of its kind, and builds on the pioneering work of community groups right across Belfast.

So whether you have a cúpla focal, are learning the language, have children in a local Gaelscoil, are fluent or are just generally curious about the language, Spraoi Cois Lao is the place to be during Seachtain na Gaeilge.



# City of Music



If St Patrick's Day has got you in the mood for enjoying some Irish culture, Belfast has an abundance of pubs that offer a fantastic line-up of traditional music sessions any day of the week. Grab a pint and immerse yourself in the sounds of Irish trad!



## The Points Bar

### Dublin Road

A warm inviting traditional Irish bar focusing on whiskeys and ales, with traditional live music 7 nights a week plus The Points Irish dancers every Friday and Saturday evenings. Learn how to pour your own pint of Guinness or enjoy complimentary Irish language lessons (Mondays from 7.30pm) or bodhrán lessons (Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm). 028 9508 4533

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

## Kelly's Cellars

### Bank Square

One of the oldest pubs in Belfast, Kelly's Cellars remains resolutely old fashioned, providing drinks, hearty bowls of Irish Stew, 6 nights of live music and plenty of craic! Traditional music sessions take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with excellent local musicians coming together by the fireside from 8:30/9pm until midnight.

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

## Granny Annies

### Chichester Street

Granny Annies is one of the renowned venues in Belfast for live music seven days a week. Kicking off the weekend with a traditional band on a Friday at 12 noon and continuing throughout the weekend with traditional and modern music sessions.

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

## The Duke of York

### Commercial Court

Nestled along a picturesque, narrow, cobbled alleyway in the historic Cathedral Quarter, The Duke offers a traditional Belfast welcome of craic, music and humour and always has a fantastic line-up of live traditional or folk music every night of the week kicking off from 9pm Mon-Wed, 7pm Thurs & Fri and from 5pm Sat & Sun.

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



#### The Dirty Onion

##### Hill Street

A former spirit warehouse, The Dirty Onion is said to be Belfast's oldest building, with low ceilings supported by exposed wooden beams and original brick walls throughout. The Dirty Onion offer entertainment 7 nights a week, with a strong focus on contemporary live bands and acoustic acts. [thedirtyonion.com](http://thedirtyonion.com)

#### The Reporter

##### Union Street

Located in the district which was once home to many of the city's press offices, The Reporter Bar honours Belfast's newspaper printing and publishing heritage, while supporting local breweries, spirit makers and the best of local talent. Enjoy live traditional music with Jason O'Rourke, Ciara Maguire & guests every Thursdays 9.30-11.30pm to get you in the pre-weekend mood. [thereporterbelfast.com](http://thereporterbelfast.com)

#### The Deer's Head

##### Lower Garfield St

A traditional saloon bar in the city centre serving delicious pub fayre with a fully operational on-site craft brewery, offering

live music sessions in the bar every week from the best local talent. Enjoy traditional music sessions every Friday from 5pm as well as Folk Night on Thursdays and a Ukulele Jam on Wednesdays. [thedeersheadbelfast.com](http://thedeersheadbelfast.com)

#### Whites Tavern & Garden

##### Winecellar Entry

Whites Tavern & Garden is located on Winecellar Entry, which was named after the many wine and spirit merchants located there. Whites Tavern always has a full weekend line up of great live music with Irish traditional sessions taking place every Sunday 7-9pm. [whitestavernbelfast.com](http://whitestavernbelfast.com)

#### The Errigle Inn

##### Ormeau Road

The Errigle Inn is known as one of Ireland's most famous traditional pubs with a great reputation for excellent food, live music and atmosphere. Weekly, the Errigle Inn host 'Traditional Tuesdays' with live trad music sessions at 10pm and the 'Traditional Saturday Sessions' in the Oak Lounge every Saturday afternoon from 2.30pm. [errigle.com](http://errigle.com)

## UNESCO City of Music

In 2021, Belfast was awarded the prestigious UNESCO City of Music Title, celebrating the city's rich musical heritage and recognising the importance of music to its future. From intimate gigs and traditional jams to world-famous names who started out right here in Northern Ireland, we know great music and continue to celebrate it in many forms. For more info about our UNESCO status and what's happening in around the Belfast music scene head to [Visitbelfast.com/article/a-guide-to-belfasts-music-scene](http://Visitbelfast.com/article/a-guide-to-belfasts-music-scene)

#### The Belfast Story

The ultimate cultural experience for any visitor to Belfast, using the very best in talent across the city in storytelling, music and Irish dancing. Enjoy a unique show that showcases the songs, stories and music associated to the beautiful city of Belfast. [belfasthiddentours.com/culture](http://belfasthiddentours.com/culture)

## Worth the trip



#### Bluegrass Omagh music festival

Returning to Ulster American Folk Park on 4th & 5th May 2024, join us for an unforgettable weekend of foot-stompin' rhythms, toe-tappin' tunes and the heart-warming spirit of bluegrass. We have an international line-up of bluegrass musicians from near and far to keep you dancing all weekend long. [ulsteramericanfolkpark.org/whats-on/bluegrass-omagh-2024](http://ulsteramericanfolkpark.org/whats-on/bluegrass-omagh-2024)



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# Springtime Strolls

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 walking in Belfast. Add a different element to your city visit and get out and view Belfast from a completely different angle!

## Botanic Gardens

This public park contains an extensive rose garden, long herbaceous borders and rare oaks. The Palm House (1852) contains a range of tropical plants, hanging baskets, seasonal displays and birds of paradise, and is a masterpiece of moulded glass and wrought iron.

## Belfast Hills

Surrounding the Belfast area, the hills provide a unique backdrop to the city. A walking trail around Cave Hill or Black Mountain is a great way to get some fresh

air and enjoy the wildlife, upland heath, wildflowers and fantastic panoramic views across the city and beyond.

## Barnett Demesne

Located next to Malone House, Barnett Demesne was once a private estate but opened to the public in 1951. Today, the award-winning park is popular with walkers and joggers and is a great place for a springtime stroll to enjoy the colourful display of wildflowers and daffodils. The park also includes eco-trails, orienteering routes, a children's playground and is home to the Mountain Bike Trails and Jump Park. There are a wide variety of walking routes on offer, many linking with the adjacent Lagan Towpath.

## Stormont Estate

In this 407 acre estate you will find the impressive Parliament Buildings, beautiful formal gardens, a children's adventure playground, statues, memorials and some interesting WW2 sites, including the original barrage balloon anchors that held the balloons protecting the government buildings from bombings during the war. Choose from the 2.5 mile long woodland walk, the 1.4 mile short woodland or the 1 mile fitness trail with outdoor gym equipment.

## Lagan Valley Regional Park

Lagan Valley Regional Park is a mosaic of countryside, urban parks, heritage sites, nature reserves and riverside trails. The Lagan Towpath offers miles of walking or cycling surrounded by beautiful scenery. A great place to get out and stretch your legs and enjoy the flora and fauna in tranquil surroundings. Begin your journey from the many access points to the River Lagan and the towpath by foot, bicycle and car at Stranmillis, Loughview Road, Shaws Bridge and many more.

## 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 trials, 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.



# A Tasty Experience

Whether you're sampling plates of local deliciousness on a fun filled food tour, handpicking botanicals to distil gin, learning about the history of Irish whiskey or developing your culinary skills at a cookery class, there's plenty of fantastic food and drink experiences to savour in and around Belfast.



Whiskey Walk', 'Craft Beer & Street Eats' and 'City Cocktail Circuit', as well as a range of bespoke private tours. [tasteandtour.co.uk](http://tasteandtour.co.uk)

### Vegan Table Tour

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

### The Spirit Circle

Encompassing two brand new exceptional experiences, 'Sensorium' enables you to drink and think, by exploring

why you like what you like through a series of sensory experiments and incredible cocktails. 'Belfast by the Glass' lets you sit back and sip and get swept away in the story of Belfast as you enjoy six delicious chapters, served with spirit by the storytellers. [tasteandtour.co.uk/the-spirit-circle](http://tasteandtour.co.uk/the-spirit-circle)

## Meet The Maker

### Titanic Distillers

Visitors to Thompson Dock and Pumphouse will clock in, as workers did a century ago, to experience the workings of the distillery and hear the story of Belfast's whiskey tradition; why it disappeared and how it has returned to the home of Titanic

## Taste & Tour

### Belfast Food Tour

Belfast is quickly acquiring a reputation as one of the foodie capitals of Europe, and the multi-award winning Belfast Food Tour is a great way to get acquainted with the city. This 4-hour guided walk around the city centre begins in the bustling St George's Market and ends in a Cathedral Quarter restaurant. Other tours available include the 'Belfast Gin Jaunt', 'Belfast

Distillers - the city's first working distillery in almost 90 years.

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

### Hilden Brewery, Lisburn

Ireland's oldest independent brewery selects the finest ingredients to produce a fabulous array of delicious craft beer.

Brewery tours are available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at noon followed by a bowl of Irish stout stew and wheaten bread, and a flight of three beers.

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

### Hinch Distillery, Ballynahinch

Take a guided tour at Hinch for an up-close view of the whole distilling process.

Upon arrival you will be met by a professionally trained tour guide who will take you on a fun, informative and hands-on journey through the various distilling processes, before relaxing in one of the tasting rooms.

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

### Echlinville Distillery, Kircubbin

Believed to be Ireland's only field-to-glass distillery, this family-run distillery loves to share their devotion to quality spirits with visitors from around the world, offering tours, tastings and special experiences. Private tours and bespoke group packages are also available.

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

## Art Of Craft

### The Deer's Head & Brewery

Inside this city centre saloon bar, you'll find Bell's Brewery on full display, where you can observe the entire brewing process from the comfort of your seat. This pub has a core range named after old bars of the area, rotating seasonal Bell's Brewery specials and an unparalleled local craft beer selection.

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

### Out of Office

Belfast's first dedicated brewery and taproom, located on the 2nd floor of the popular Ulster Sports Club. The Taproom is open Thursday to Sunday offering a range of freshly brewed-on-site beers and other local craft offerings or book a tour and tasting experience.

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

### Bullhouse East

Located next to CS Lewis Square, Bullhouse East is an original brewery taproom, serving 20 taps of the freshest craft beer and the finest woodfired pizza Belfast has to offer. You're guaranteed a fresh pint from their regularly rotating taps of exclusive beer and brewery tours will be available soon.

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



## Get Cooking

### Waterman House Cookery School

Set in the heart of the Cathedral Quarter, come and participate in one of the interactive cookery classes which range from the day-to-day cooking of one pot wonders, to firm favourites from around the world to fun experiences making sushi and cocktails.

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

### Bakehouse NI

A small, homely cookery school set in the countryside of Bellaghy, offering cookery experiences and classes in baking, cooking and foraging based around traditional recipes and seasonal produce.

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

### Baker & Chef

Located in the Gasworks, Baker & Chef is a fun and relaxed premium baking and decorating studio. Providing carefully curated seasonal classes suitable for all levels of experience.

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

**TOP TIP**

### ST GEORGE'S MARKET

A good market reflects a city's attitude to its food and award-winning St George's

Market is one of the best around. Step inside at the weekend and you'll be bowled over with the incredible array of local produce. The sights, sounds, smells and tastes of this place puts it up there with the best on the planet.

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





# BELFAST WAS THE HOME OF TITANIC, STILL IS.

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

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

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

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





# MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

10TH MARCH 2024



Experience the elegance of the era and step back in time to a period of luxury and 5-star service with our special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea.

Set in the opulent surroundings of the Titanic Suite featuring the stunning Grand Staircase and live jazz music, it is an experience not to be missed!

# A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

14TH APRIL 2024



An evening of commemoration marking the anniversary of RMS Titanic's sinking.

During this unique 90 minute living history experience, guests are escorted by guides to key points throughout Titanic Belfast, Titanic Hotel Belfast and SS Nomadic where a heartfelt story is told, a journey that tracks the history of Titanic from her design right through to her subsequent place in history.

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

# Maritime Mile

The Maritime Mile begins on the city side of the river, linking Belfast's historic Sailortown across to Titanic Quarter. Take a stroll to explore this historic area and discover the rich history and tradition of the city's shipbuilding heritage.

### SINCLAIR SEAMEN'S CHURCH

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

### BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

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

### CLARENDON DOCK & CITY QUAYS

The dry docks where Belfast's shipbuilding industry was born date back to 1800-1826. Both docks were used to work on ships' hulls and the workshop was designed for working on the rigging of sailing ships. The area has now been transformed into the City Quays development, home to a mix of commercial offices, shops, cafes, restaurants as well as the AC Hotel by Marriott Belfast.

### THE BIG FISH

The beautiful blue scales on the Salmon of Knowledge (affectionately known as The Big Fish) are made up of ceramic tiles depicting scenes from the city's history. Legend has it that if you kiss the fish you'll gain all of its wisdom!

### LAGAN WEIR

A wide, modern foot and cycle bridge connecting the city centre with Titanic Quarter. Beautifully illuminated in the evening, take a seat and enjoy the views of the city from the River Lagan.

### GLASS OF THRONES

You'll find 6 Game of Thrones stained glass windows dotted

along the Maritime Mile, from AC Hotel past Titanic Studios to HMS Caroline. Take a stroll to rediscover the most iconic moments from the saga immortalised in stained glass.



### THE BELFAST BUOYS

The three buoys are estimated to be around 80 years old, and would have been used by mariners to find a safe channel to and from port. Recently restored to their original colours, they have been installed as a permanent display at Abercorn Basin.

### SS NOMADIC

The last remaining White Star Line vessel, SS Nomadic, has been restored to her original glory and is back home in the historic Hamilton Dock, near Titanic Belfast. Come on board and experience over 100 years of authentic maritime and social history.

### TITANIC BELFAST

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

### TITANIC & OLYMPIC SLIPWAYS


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

### TITANIC HOTEL BELFAST

The original red brick building is a truly authentic part of Titanic's story. Harland and Wolff had two main drawing offices within the building, Drawing Office Two is now the vibrant heart of the hotel where you can relax

and enjoy lunch, dinner or even a cocktail or two. This breathtaking room is where many of the world's most famous ocean liners, including RMS Titanic, were painstakingly designed.

### TITANIC DISTILLERS

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

### THE GREAT LIGHT

This former lighthouse optic is a unique heritage object with significance to Belfast's economic industrial maritime past. Originally serving both Mew and Tory Island lighthouses, the optic is the largest of its kind ever constructed and dates back to 1887. It is lit all year round and has amazing views over Belfast Harbour and Lough.

### HICKSON'S POINT

Make a stop to 'rest your wee legs' while out enjoying the Maritime Mile. Offering an authentic 1900's public house setting, serving up perfect pints and classic Clangers with traditional music, heritage décor and a beer garden! Located on the plaza outside Titanic Belfast, Hickson's Point is open daily and dog-friendly!

### HMS CAROLINE

One ship, one hundred years, one thousand stories! Step onboard HMS Caroline and experience an incredible family day out. Explore this First World War ship, get hands on with a variety of interactive exhibits and take part in some family friendly activities.

To discover more visit  
[maritime-mile.com](http://maritime-mile.com)

# FAMILY FUN




There are plenty of fantastic attractions and activities around the city to keep the kids, tweens and teens entertained. Here's our top boredom busting tips for a great family day out!

## LEARN & EXPLORE


### Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory

Travel back in time and learn how toffee and sweets were made from 100 year old recipes. Make your own candy floss and shop for yummy treats including yellow man, raspberry ruffles and macaroons. [auntsandras.com](http://auntsandras.com)


### Gruffalo & Stickman Guided Walk

Bring your little ones along and go right inside the glorious Gruffalo and Stickman stories – search for the famous characters in the woods, listen to the classic tales and take home your very own Julia Donaldson and friends book, sticker and certificate, to keep forever!  [colinglen.org](http://colinglen.org)


### Ulster Folk Museum

Uncover a way of life from 100 years ago and discover cottages, farms, schools and shops as you wander through the beautiful parkland Folk Museum.  [nmni.com/ufm](http://nmni.com/ufm)

### Ulster Transport Museum

Climb aboard steam locomotives, horse drawn carriages, electric trams, fire-engines and vintage cars or experience the sensation of flight in the Transport Museum.  [nmni.com/utm](http://nmni.com/utm)

### 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)

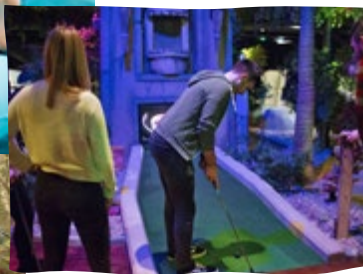
### ScrapYard Golf

This indoor 21-hole golf course has been designed with only the golfer in mind. Have an unbelievable experience while discovering each and every exciting hole which has been carefully designed. Golfers of all ages, sizes and regardless of talent should feel like they can bring out their inner child and get that rivalry to an all-new high! [scrapyardgolf.co.uk](http://scrapyardgolf.co.uk)

### W5

W5 has been completely transformed with two reimagined exhibition floors to excite and inspire, with exhibits and experiences covering everything from climate change and nature to film and TV production, optical illusions, built engineering, medical science and much, much more. [w5online.co.uk](http://w5online.co.uk)





## ANIMAL KINGDOM

### The Ark Open Farm

A great day out for all the family, with lots of educational and fun experiences including feeding and handling opportunities. A multitude of activities such as an extensive outdoor play area, kangaroo bouncer and quad trailer rides are sure to keep the kids entertained. 📍

[thearkopenfarm.co.uk](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 📍

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

### Exploris Aquarium

Discover what really happens under the sea as you visit the home of sharks, jellyfish, otters and seals. Explore the dark depths of the Reptile filled rainforest where a snappy crocodile and green gecko hide. [explorisni.com](http://explorisni.com)

## ACTION PACKED

### Airtastic Ultimate Challenges

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

### Colin Glen

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

### Andersonstown Indoor Aqua Park

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

### Let's Go Hydro

Water sports and activity resort offering a range of family friendly activities including a Drive-In cinema, aqua park, cable water sports, open water swimming, outdoor swimming pool along with an accommodation resort. [letsgohydro.com](http://letsgohydro.com)

### 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)

### Splash

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

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

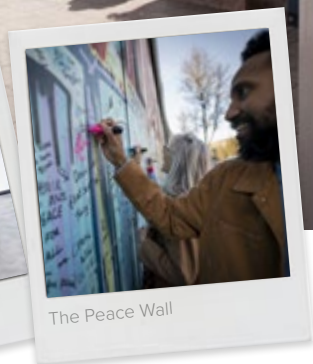
# Belfast on a Budget



The Dome at Victoria Square



The MAC



The Peace Wall

There are loads of fun, fascinating and free things to do around Belfast, so if you're on a budget, here are some tips for a day out that doesn't cost a bundle...

## **Belfast City Hall & Titanic Memorial Garden**

Free tours are available of Belfast's most iconic building (1906) as well as a self-guided journey of the city from past to present. Outside, the Titanic Memorial Garden contains plaques listing the names of the 1,512 people who perished on RMS Titanic.

## **St George's Market**

Oozing Victorian charm, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday markets offer some of the finest fresh produce, local arts and crafts. Browse the stalls, make a stop for brunch and soak up the atmosphere with some great live music.

## **The Dome at Victoria Square**

Boasting 360 degree views across Belfast. The free tours of the dome give you a spectacular view of the Belfast skyline and allow you to take in sights such as Belfast City Hall and the Albert Clock.

## **The Peace Wall**

You can learn more about the history of 'The Troubles' with a walk along the Peace Walls that divide two of the most prolific areas in Belfast, the Falls Road and the Shankill Road. Take a stroll to view these amazing works of art and sign your name or leave your own positive message for peace.

## **Botanic Gardens**

Occupying 28 acres in South Belfast, Botanic Gardens are a must-visit for nature lovers. First opened in 1828, it was made a public park in 1895. Check out the stunning Palm House or the Tropical Ravine for some beautiful plant species.

## **The MAC**

Open 7 days a week, the MAC includes three outstanding free admission art galleries within its impressive six-storey building, offering a wide-range of exciting exhibitions, newly commissioned works and monumental sculptures.

## **Join a Free Walking Tour**

In recent years, free (tip-based) walking tours have become a popular way for tourists to



The Big Fish



Free Walking Tour



Ulster Museum

explore major cities across the world – and Belfast is no different. Leaving from Belfast City Hall every day at 11am and 2.30pm, Belfast Free Walking Tours offer a glimpse into the city's history, languages, culture, legends, folklore and more.

### The Big Fish

The most interesting thing about this fish is its beautiful blue scales, which are made up of ceramic tiles describing different scenes from the city's history. Stop by this piece of public art for a selfie and closer inspection of the tiled exterior, which tells the story of Belfast.

### Ulster Museum

Come face to face with dinosaurs, meet an ancient Egyptian mummy and see modern masterpieces with a visit to the Ulster Museum, which is home to a rich collection of art, history and natural sciences and entry is completely free.

### Gerard Dillon Gallery

Culturlann McAdam Ó Fiaich produces a vibrant arts programme that promotes Irish language and culture. The centre's houses the Gerard Dillon art gallery, a free 'must see' for art lovers.

### Glass of Thrones

Northern Ireland is the home of many rural filming locations and manmade sets used in Game of Thrones. Visitors to Belfast can get a flavour of Westeros without dipping into their trip budget through the Glass of Thrones trail. See the 6 stained glass installations located from Donegall Quay to HMS Caroline.

### Titanic Trail

Immerse yourself in Belfast's maritime history on the Titanic Trail: a free, self-guided walk from the Titanic Memorial Gardens at Belfast City Hall to the Titanic Quarter. Pick up a map in the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre.

### Northern Ireland War Memorial

A must see for anyone with an interest in Northern Ireland's role in the Second World War, this free museum in the heart of the Cathedral Quarter tells the story of the Belfast Blitz in 1941, the Ulster Home Guard, the role played by women in the war and the presence of US Forces.

### CS Lewis Square

Rediscover The Chronicles of Narnia with a walk through CS Lewis Square. Featuring seven bronze sculptures from 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe', it is a stunning display of public art.

### Discover Ulster-Scots Centre

Discover your Ulster-Scots roots at this free genealogy research point. Find out which heritage trails will lead you down the path to your ancestors and how the Ulster-Scots emigrated around the world to become some of the most important world leaders and entrepreneurs in history.

### Stormont Parliament Buildings

Home to the NI Assembly and one of the most striking pieces of architecture in Northern Ireland. Take a free tour (pre-booking required), relax in the gift & coffee shop or enjoy a walk around the beautiful, leafy Stormont Estate.

### The Linenhall Library

The city's oldest library (1788) houses one of the most renowned collections of Irish material in the world. Browse the collections, visit the gift shop or relax in the coffee shop.

### Cave Hill & Belfast Castle

Offering spectacular views over the city, a trek up to the top of Cave Hill is well worth the effort. At the base you can explore the gardens of the stunning Belfast Castle, one of the city's most beautiful buildings.



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

# RETAIL THERAPY



## Victoria Square

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

SEE MAP

## Castle Court

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

SEE MAP

## Queen's Arcade

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

SEE MAP

## Hidden Gems

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



### Born and Bred

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



### Maven

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



### Hanks Yarn Parlour

This Castlereagh Road gem offers a selection of natural fiber yarns, along with locally crafted indie treasures like Giddy Aunt Yarns and Gilly Bean Pottery. Prioritizing sustainability and ethics in their product selection, the shop also hosts workshops and events for all abilities.



## Donegall Place

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

SEE MAP **(D4)**

## St George's Market

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

SEE MAP **(D4)**

## Lisburn Road

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

SEE MAP **(A8)**



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)

**Áras Uí Chonghaile**  
**374-376 Falls Road**

An award winning, modern, inspirational visitor centre based in the heart of Belfast's Gaeltacht Quarter with an interactive exhibition, telling the story of James Connolly.   
[arasaichonghaile.com](http://arasaichonghaile.com)

**Craft NI Gallery**  
**115-119 Royal Avenue**

A combination of shop and gallery, showcasing a range of ceramics, jewellery,

sculptures, design items, fabrics, cards and art by local makers. The crafts exhibited change constantly and showcase work by young, emerging artists.   
[craftni.org](http://craftni.org)

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

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

**Ulster Folk Museum**  
**Bangor Road, Holywood**

Step back in time and experience what life was like in Ulster over 100 years ago. Wander through the beautiful parkland where you will encounter costumed locals demonstrating traditional crafts in cottages, farm dwellings, schools and shops.   
[nmni.com/ufm](http://nmni.com/ufm)



# DAY TRIPS

## North Down Museum

### Town Hall, Bangor

Telling the story of the area from the Bronze Age to the present day. Key artefacts 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)



## Ulster Transport Museum

### Bangor Road, Holywood

Explore one of the most comprehensive transport collections in Europe. You'll find majestic locomotives, horse-drawn carriages, vintage motorbikes, and cars, along with exhibits of historical materials including photographs of the Titanic. (VP)

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

## ArtisAnn Gallery

### 70 Bloomfield Avenue

This gallery features an array of artworks by both emerging and established artists, from painters and sculptors to photographers and collage-makers.

The exhibition space hosts a new show each month with all showcased work for sale. (€) (VP)

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

## Gerard Dillon Gallery

### Cultúrlann McAdam

### Ó Fiaich, 216 Falls Road

The gallery is dedicated to local artist Gerard Dillon RHA RUA 1916-1971 who earned worldwide fame.

The gallery focuses on work from professional artists, hosting eight exhibitions per year. (€)

[culturlann.ie](http://culturlann.ie)

## Banana Block

### 310 Upper Newtownards Rd

A new living museum and events space set within a historic linen mill and inspired by the curious connections between Belfast and bananas! Check out their packed programme of events and workshops or tour their exhibitor outlets and grab a bite to eat while you learn about the history of the space.

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

## The Naughton Gallery

### Lanyon Building, Queen's University

One of Belfast's most vibrant and exciting art galleries, featuring a rolling programme of works from Queen's own collection, touring exhibitions and shows by local and international artists. (€) (€)

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

## Terry Bradley Art

### 1 Victoria Square

One of the most recognisable and collectable artists working in Ireland today, Terry is known the world over for his signature stylised portraits inspired by the assertive female models of Ireland and Paris, and by the 'salt-of-the-earth' working men of Belfast.

The gallery offers a wide range of limited edition prints and Bradley merchandise.

**028 9147 3508**

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



## 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)



# Belfast Box Office



Belfast's entertainment scene attracts a combination of big-name stars while continuing to develop top home-grown talent. So, whether it's rising stars or established artists you're after, you'll find Belfast's entertainment scene in good shape!

The **Grand Opera House** brings the glitz of London's West End to the heart of Belfast. Shows to look out for this Spring include smash hit musicals *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *Shrek the Musical* and *Sister Act*. You'll find a bit of local humour with *Give My Head Peace* and *More Our Jimmy*. Enjoy a night of dance with Johannes Radebe or experience the thrill and excitement of the legendary ghost story of *The Woman in Black*.  
[goh.co.uk](http://goh.co.uk)


The **Lyric Theatre** is the only full-time producing theatre in NI and has won a series of awards for its architecture. Upcoming performances include Owen McCafferty's play *'Agreement'*, examining the negotiations leading up to the Good Friday Agreement, the West End smash hit *'Boy out of the City'* based on Declan Bennett's life experiences and *'Sunny Side Up'*, a dark comedy starring Diona Doherty. For families, experience the story before

the story with *'Gepetto'* and the madcap musical *'BullyBully'* presented as part of the Belfast Children's Festival.   
[lyrictheatre.co.uk](http://lyrictheatre.co.uk)

The **SSE Arena, Belfast** is the home of the Belfast Giants ice hockey team as well as hosting a top line-up of concerts, shows and sporting events. This Spring you can see top performers including Rick Astley, Andre Rieu and *Girls Aloud*, enjoy a night of top comedy with Michael McIntyre or catch some action packed wrestling with WWE Live.  
[ssearenabelfast.com](http://ssearenabelfast.com)

**Waterfront Hall**  offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights include Paddy Raff and Spencer & Vogue. There's live music with Lyra, Daniel O'Donnell, the Queen Extravaganza and Darius Rucker. Enjoy a thrilling night of dance with Giovanni Pernice or have a thought-provoking night with investigative

journalist Nicola Tallant. For Sci-Fi fans experience the force with the Ulster Orchestra: *May the Fourth be with You*. Kids and Big Kids alike will be thrilled with the return of *Peppa Pig Live* with *Peppa Pig's Fun Day Out*.  
[waterfront.co.uk](http://waterfront.co.uk)

The Victorian **Ulster Hall** dates back to 1862 and is home to the Ulster Orchestra, who perform regularly with both evening and lunchtime concerts. You can also check out live performances from Derek Ryan, The Stranglers, Curtis Stigers and Dionne Warwick. There are tributes galore with Fleetwood Mac by *Candlelight*, *One Night of Elvis*, *Bowie Experience* and the *Mersey Beatles*. If you're up for a laugh check out Sophie McCartney, Vittorio Angeloni, Iain Sterling or Ed Gamble. The award-winning CIRQUE returns with breathtaking and mesmerising performances suitable for the whole family.   
[ulsterhall.co.uk](http://ulsterhall.co.uk)

## worth finding

In the heart of Cathedral Quarter, **The MAC** brings music, theatre, dance and visual art under one roof. Open daily, you can also browse the free admission galleries before relaxing in the café bar.

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

**The Crescent Arts Centre** provides classes and workshops in music, dance, spoken and written word, as well as live music performances, theatre, poetry open mic nights and other events.

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

**Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich** in the Gaeltacht Quarter is an Irish language arts and cultural centre where you can experience traditional music, poetry readings, céilís and workshops.

[culturlann.ie](http://culturlann.ie)

The atmospheric **Sanctuary Theatre** is the home of the Bright Umbrella Drama Company and hosts a full programme of theatre, music and comedy events.

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

**Accidental Theatre** is a collision of perspectives, art forms and unusual collaborations – curious stories told through vibrant, ambitious performances and every production is a fresh invention.

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

**Belvoir Players Theatre** is a unique little theatre in South Belfast, offering performances most weekends with something to suit people of all ages.

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

**The Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts** is in the north of the city, offering an intimate and authentic Belfast experience, from art exhibitions and workshops to concerts and live performances.

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



The **Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival** returns 2 - 12 May 2024. This 11-day extravaganza is something to be savoured, with its bumper programme of live music, comedy, literature, theatre, film, visual art and more! [cqaf.com](http://cqaf.com)

A photograph of two children, a girl and a boy, smiling and holding a large basket filled with colorful Easter eggs. The girl is wearing a blue jacket and a white bunny ear headband. The boy is wearing a blue jacket and a pink hat. The background shows a large, ornate building with a dome, likely a historical site in Belfast.

# Easter Extravaganza!

There's a lot happening in and around Belfast and beyond this Easter, with a basket full of fun for all the family!

## Easter Fun at Titanic Belfast

29 March - 2 April

This Easter, create unforgettable memories with your loved ones at Titanic Belfast, an iconic destination that promises an enriching experience for all ages. Dive into the newly reimagined galleries, where history comes to life with captivating exhibits and interactive displays that showcase the story of the Titanic like never before. Uncover fascinating insights and stories as you embark on the Easter trail. And for those who complete the trail, indulge in a sweet treat! Whether you're a history enthusiast, a curious explorer, or simply looking for a memorable family outing, Titanic Belfast offers something special for everyone this Easter season. [titanicbelfast.com](http://titanicbelfast.com)



## The Lindt GOLD BUNNY Hunt

23 March - 7 April

Hop along to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens' first ever Lindt GOLD BUNNY Hunt. Hidden amid 100 acres of colourful blooms, our Lindt GOLD BUNNY statues hold the key to a secret question. Crack the clue and your quest will be end with a delicious Lindt GOLD BUNNY 10g chocolate\* reward. Delight your family with a springtime adventure this Easter season. On Easter Monday 01 April, and Easter Tuesday 02 April, you can also make a kite together, then watch it soar in the gardens.

*\*Non-chocolate alternative available*  
[hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle/whats-on/easter-lindt-gold-bunny-hunt](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle/whats-on/easter-lindt-gold-bunny-hunt)



## Easter Decorating Classes

30 March & 1 April

This Easter wow your family and friends with your cake decorating skills. With a choice of Cupcake Decorating or a Cakesicle Class, there's a class to fulfill all your sweet-tooth cravings! Classes are 2.5 hours long and all delicious treats can be brought home to be shared! [bakerandchef.co.uk](http://bakerandchef.co.uk)

## Wee Critters

29 March

Join Allan the Explorer and his family of 'Wee Critters' at WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre this Easter. They'll take you on a wild adventure to learn all about the amazing animals that we share our world, the threats they are facing and the 'wee ways' that we can all change the world! Let your little explorers get up close with wildlife. Listen to Craig the cockroach's hiss. [wwt.org.uk/castle-espie](http://wwt.org.uk/castle-espie)



# NATIONAL TRUST

[nationaltrust.org.uk/ni](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/ni)  
 Normal admission plus £3  
 per trail, includes a chocolate  
 or vegan Easter egg.



## Ulster Folk Museum

1 March - 5 April

Celebrate Easter at the Ulster Folk Museum from 31st March to 5th April. Discover the origins of the Easter egg, get hands-on at our themed craft station and meet our talented makers as they demonstrate heritage skills. There'll be musicians playing, traditional games and tasty food samples from 31st March to 2nd April - plus egg rolling at the Bleach Green on Easter Monday! Book tickets at [ulsterfolkmuseum.org](http://ulsterfolkmuseum.org)

## The Jungle's Easter Trail

29 March - 1 April

Immerse yourself in the magical world of The Jungle's Easter Trail, where forest fairies and elves bring magic to life. Find your way by following the clues and solving the puzzles along the enchanted forest trail. You will be greeted and entertained along the way with a selection of brand new characters. At the end of the trail, you will also meet the Easter Bunny, who will hand out Easter Eggs to everyone! [thejungleni.com](http://thejungleni.com)



## Ulster American Folk Park

31 March - 5 April

Step into the past and venture through rural Ulster and the American frontier. Trace the path of courageous Irish migrants who embarked on the journey to America during the 18th and 19th centuries. Explore authentic settings including the Weaver's cottage, the schoolhouse, the General store, and a other historical landmarks. [ulsteramericanfolkpark.org](http://ulsteramericanfolkpark.org)

## Peter Rabbit Shorts Ulster Museum

30 March

Follow mischievous, charming Peter Rabbit and his friends in this multiple episode showcase of the hit kids TV show as they overcome obstacles, outwit predators, and avoid danger. Screening as part of Cinemagic 'On the Pulse' 2024. [cinemagic.org.uk](http://cinemagic.org.uk)

## Castle Ward

23 March - 7 April

Discover and finish ten circus-inspired activities that are hidden along the Easter trail; Elephant hoop throwing, jump through our 'ring of fire' and walk the tightrope before venturing into our sensory-rich Circus barn of fun. Once you have explored the trail and picked up your chocolate egg, head into the theatre for Easter crafts, fancy dress, food stalls, live music and storytelling sessions.

## The Argory

25 March - 2 April

Gather your family this Easter for a spring escapade at The Argory. Follow the map around the estate to complete a range of activities during your visit including classic favourites like Egg & Spoon and Bunny hops.

## Rowallane Garden

23 March - 7 April


Make your way along the trail and find nature-inspired activities for the whole family. Weave in and out, solves some puzzles, create some art and race your friends on a trail exploring the areas around the house and Stableyard..

# Urban Adventure



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

## Forest Fitness NI

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

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


## Airtastic

A great family fun day out, the activities include a massive Inflat Park, 12 lane ten pin bowling alley, space themed 18 hole adventure golf course, soft play centre, a prize winning amusement arcade and a delicious American style diner.

[air-tastic.com](http://air-tastic.com)

## Axe Yard

Urban Axe Throwing is a really fun activity where you get to enjoy throwing axes at

wooden targets. It's a group activity where you will play fun games and enjoy some friendly competition, so the more the merrier! All bookings include a dedicated coach to teach you all you need to know – we aim to have you sinking axes in no time! 


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

## Let's Go Hydro

This water sports resort offers a range of activities including an inflatable aqua park, stand-up paddleboarding, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, kayaking, open water swimming, aqua rugby and yoga & swim experiences along with a new spa. Glamping pods, café, BBQ pods, pizza restaurant and drive-in movie nights are also available.

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

## Prison Island Belfast

Gather a team of your family or friends to solve exciting challenges in our themed Prison Cells. We have 25 Cells that require a combination of intellectual, technical & physical skills. It's not an escape room, you are free to leave a cell at any time. 

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

## The Jungle NI

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

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



### Xtreme Bowling

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

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

### Lagan Adventures

Head down to the River Lagan to go Hydrobiking, for a water sport where you don't get wet! Get the workout you want depending on how fast you pedal! It's an ideal way to soak up the city sights, take some cool photography and it's dog friendly. Single and tandem bikes available.

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

### Life Adventure Centre

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

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

### Limitless Adventure Centre

Calling all thrill seekers... If you're up for a challenge then this is definitely for you! Head up to the Causeway Coast and choose from an array of experiences including hovercrafts, powerturn buggies, laser tag, target archery and football golf.

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

### Surf Belfast

Experience the thrill of catching a wave indoors on Northern Ireland's first ever indoor surf simulator! Pumps fire a constant 5 metre wide wave sheet to challenge riders. Designed for a variety of age groups and skill levels, Surf Belfast has four different performance settings to ensure that the ride can be enjoyed by just about everyone.

[better.org.uk/surf-belfast](http://better.org.uk/surf-belfast)

For even more action packed activities, see [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)



# Road Trip

You'll find a feast of fantastic attractions to visit within an hour's drive of Belfast. Explore our top recommendations of where to experience the best of the countryside and coastal beauty 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)

## Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge

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

## Hillsborough Castle

From grand family home to charming royal residence, Hillsborough Castle has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics. A castle tour includes guided access to all the State

Rooms that make up this elegant Georgian home. You can also explore 100 acres of beautiful gardens to complete a relaxing day out for the whole family. [hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle)

## Castle Ward

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

## Mount Stewart

Nineteenth-century mansion house with one of the world's most outstanding gardens. Guided tours available of both house and gardens or explore at your own leisure. [nationaltrust.org.uk/mountstewart](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/mountstewart)

## Rowallane Garden, Saintfield

This informal plantsman's garden reflects the beautiful natural landscape of the surrounding area. There are spectacular

displays of shrubs, including a large collection of rhododendron species and several areas managed as wildflower meadows. [nationaltrust.org.uk/rowallane](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/rowallane)

## 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)

## Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House

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

## Antrim Castle Gardens

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



# Belfast City & Region



*Reasons to visit don't end at our city limits. One of the great things about Belfast is that within a short drive you can discover a completely different world filled with lush valleys, a stunning coastline, country parks, magnificent estates, wonderful wildlife and historic attractions. Take a breather and discover some of the other fantastic things to see and do, all just a few minutes' drive outside the capital.*

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

# Spring getaways in Ards & North Down

The perfect place for time well spent with family, friends, and loved ones; make memories this spring in Ards and North Down.

## Views to put a spring in your step

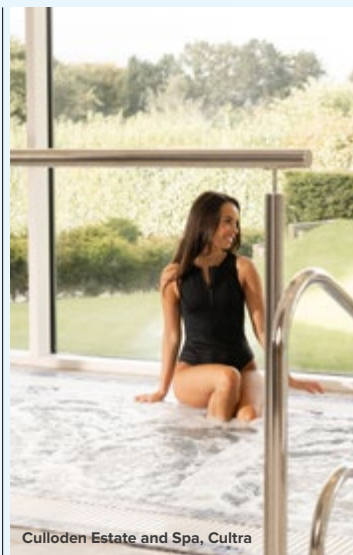
Wander along scenic trails, explore ancient ruins, and experience our world-renowned hospitality, where a warm smile and friendly chat are our way of life.

From secret gardens to scenic coastal walks and country parks, Ards and North Down has lots of hidden gems and popular spots which are perfect to stretch the legs. Enjoy a ramble along the countryside, an ice cream by the seaside, or a breathtaking forest walk to bring out your inner adventurer.

## Time to relax

Maybe a spa break is more your thing? Let us inspire you with options to restore your wellbeing and immerse yourself in our place. Nestled amongst our beautiful scenery, you'll be spoilt for choice from a range of specialist accommodations offering wonderful packages to relax, restore and revitalise.

Stylish hotels, award-winning guest houses, and boutique accommodation, will offer you luxurious surrounding along with the warmest of welcomes.



Culloden Estate and Spa, Cultra





Skippingstone Beach, Bangor



Borough markets



The Old Inn, Crawfordsburn  
Image courtesy of Alexandra Barfoot



## Meet the locals and savour great flavours

Enjoy the atmosphere at wonderful local markets in Bangor, Comber, Newtownards, and Portaferry which have been a tradition here for over 100 years. These are a food lover's haven where you can pick up tasty local produce.

You will find delectable delights from local deli's to fish caught that morning, from artisan cheeses and chutneys to local honey, from fresh bread and sweet treats to vegetables

from local soil. Variety markets also offer the chance to pick up some unique jewellery, art, ceramics, organic handmade skincare and more from fabulous artists and makers.

Find out more about weekly and monthly markets at [visitorsandnorthdown.com/markets](http://visitorsandnorthdown.com/markets)

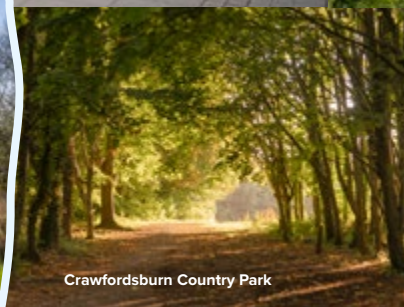




Bangor promenade



Comber Greenway



Crawfordsburn Country Park

## Experience AND

Launching this spring, our new Experience Ards and North Down programme, join us on immersive experiences and guided tours. Take in the natural beauty of our countryside, encounter water's edge wonders, charming towns and villages and our delicious food and drink. Our local people are ready to welcome you and share their passion and skills. Be captivated on a historic guided walking tour, embrace your creative spirit or try something new on our stunning coastal waters and loughs.

Find out more and choose your adventure [visitsandnorthdown.com/experienceAND](http://visitsandnorthdown.com/experienceAND)

## 24-hour and 48-hour inspiration

You don't have to go far to enjoy fresh open spaces and the calming ambience of nature. All located within an hour's drive of Belfast, Ards and North Down is packed with places just waiting to be explored.

When you are here for a short break, plan ahead with these handy itineraries designed to help guide you on exciting journeys through the Ards Peninsula Way, idyllic Strangford Lough, and around the new City of Bangor. Discover a 'Rural Retreat' or relax with a 'Feed the Body and Soul' trip, you could check out the 'Making Memories with Family Itinerary' or 'Follow the Tide' and 'Treasure Time around the Lough'.

These inspirational routes are packed with highlights to help you make the most of your time here, and you'll want to return time and time again.

Find out more at [visitsandnorthdown.com/itineraries](http://visitsandnorthdown.com/itineraries)



## Sustainability

Is at the heart of our tourism offering, with AND Sustainable Giants – a green tourism network of providers leading the way in Northern Ireland.

Find out more at [visitsandnorthdown.com/sustainable](http://visitsandnorthdown.com/sustainable)





Scрабо Tower, Newtownards



Family friendly events



Food festivals

## Book a short stay today

With great value short breaks, escape and unwind in this beautiful water's edge location; simply relax and slow down the pace as you indulge in a rural escape close to Belfast.

Book now at [visitardsandnorthdown.com/offers](https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/offers)

### Events | Spring – Winter 2024

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|--|----------------------------|
| Merry May Day in Holywood  | Monday 6 May               |
| Sea Bangor Festival  | Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 June |
| Taste Summer (Wed 19 – Sat 30 Jun), including Comber Earlies Food Festival | Saturday 22 June           |
| Taste Autumn (Thur 5 – Sun 15 Sept), including Tide AND Turf Portavogie    | Saturday 7 September       |
| City of Bangor Christmas Lights Switch On                                  | Saturday 23 November       |
| Newtownards Christmas Lights Switch On                                     | Saturday 30 November       |

Please note, the 2024/25 council run events programme are subject to the rate setting process. Details correct at time of print.



Views from Scрабо Tower

Find out more at [visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on](https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on)

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

# Lisburn & Castlereagh

Get a spring in your step and experience everything there is to see and do in Lisburn and Castlereagh!

## Hillsborough Forest Digital Sculpture Trail



Hillsborough Forest Digital Sculpture Trail

Visitors can explore 10 sculptures along the trail with an exciting augmented reality app that takes you on a journey through the forest, leading you from one artists sculpture to the next. The trail is based on themes inspired by Hillsborough Forest and the surrounding area which include: child's-play, reflection, motion, science, fantasy, heritage, hope & inspiration, nature and flight. At each sculpture the app

will open another world that comes alive! Once you've completed the trail, the app will unlock a range of discounts from local businesses to be enjoyed in the adjacent village of Royal Hillsborough.

## Alpaca Trekking

**Ballyburren Outdoor Escapes** presents Ireland's only purpose-built scenic alpaca trekking trail with a coffee trailer on-site. Meet the alpacas Mocha, Flat White and Espresso, head out on the trail, which takes 30-40





Glamping at Larchfield Estate

Ballyburren  
Outdoor Escapes

minutes and finish off with a speciality coffee. Or why not go the extra mile and pre-book a luxurious picnic hamper to enjoy in the picnic area.

## The art of Craft

A tour at **Hinch Distillery** is not just an exploration of history, production, and their

bold range of triple distilled whiskeys; it's an invitation to sit and learn from the characters that bring it to life through an immersive sensory journey. The tour begins in the ingredients room, taking visitors through the spectacular distillery processes, before viewing the stunning copper pot stills; Donard, Croob and Wee Binnian – named after three local mountains. The spectrum

room is a space where sensory stimulation explains how a barrel breathes life into the spirit. Finish up in the exclusive Tasting Bar, where guests will have the chance to sample some of the beautiful whiskeys in the Hinch vast collection.

Hinch  
Distillery

Hillsborough Castle  
& Gardens



## Hillsborough Castle & Gardens

Explore Northern Ireland's royal residence, where worlds and minds meet. Relax in 100 acres of picturesque gardens, explore the State Rooms still used today and indulge in delicious food and drink in the café. There's over 100 acres of ornamental lawns, an imaginary menagerie, peaceful woodlands, and picturesque glens throughout the seasons. Don't miss the stunning Spring Spectacular and be dazzled by over half a million bulbs in bloom when daffodils and crocuses mark their emergence from winter, handing over to tulips and camassia later in the spring. Don't miss admiring the large selection of rare Northern Irish daffodils.

## Ireland's oldest independent brewery

Learn about Hilden House and Barbour Threads Linen Mill, and how they came to start a brewery in Hilden over 40 years ago as the first Independent

brewery in Ireland. Discover how the craft beer at **Hilden Brewery** is made here in Lisburn, visiting the original brewhouse where the magic first began, the new brewhouse, bottling plant and canning line. Follow that up with a delicious bowl of Irish stout stew with a slice of wheaten bread and a flight of three beers of your choice from the 8 taps in the Tap Room.



## Dine in style

Awarded a Bib Gourmand in the Michelin Guide for Great Britain & Ireland 2023, dinner at **Wine and Brine**, Moira is a must! Michelin-star trained Chris gifts skills honed from 20 years of training with acclaimed chefs like Richard Corrigan, Pierre Koffmann and Gary Rhodes. Experience the theatrical open kitchen in the main restaurant, or choose from one of two private dining rooms

(14 – 40 people) for a private event or celebration. Menus change daily and as its name suggests, some of the meats are gently brined using whey from a local dairy supplier. Dining at Wine & Brine is an incredible sensory experience you don't want to miss.

## A sustainable nature experience

Walk it Off NI offer sustainable and eco-friendly walking and food experiences run by Nikki Elliott, a passionate advocate of the benefits of connecting with nature. **Hillsborough Royal Brew** is a 5km stroll which takes you on a mindful, guided walk through lush landscape and the picturesque grounds of Royal Hillsborough village. At the end of your walk, you'll arrive at an 18th century Inn to learn of the village's beer-brewing history including the country's only "Royal" beer, before sampling four delicious Irish beers together with some wonderful, paired tapas.

## Dog-friendly dining

**Joxer** brings you the ultimate intimate dining experience in the heart of Royal Hillsborough, serving up speciality coffee, breakfast, brunch and lunch 7 days a week with dinner available Thursday-Saturday. Inspired by rustic Mediterranean flavours and showcasing quality local produce by independent suppliers, Joxer strives to ensure a warm welcome to all, four legged friends included, because, they are always dog-friendly! It's the perfect place to unwind after a good walk in the forest.





Down Royal Racecourse

## Feeling lucky?

**Down Royal Racecourse** has brought the ‘Sport of Kings’ to generations of people in Ulster since the 17th Century and is proud to boast some of the most modern facilities for any racegoer. At Down Royal Racecourse you’ll find not only an amazing racetrack and top-quality racing events but also outstanding hospitality packages and dining options within the grounds to suit an array of price ranges. With 13 fixtures across the year, Down Royal offers a truly exciting day out for all, and make sure to dress in green this spring for the annual St Patrick’s Day meet!

## Energy release

Get some adrenaline kicks at **High Rise**, Lisburn! Climb over 8 metres high to take the “leap of faith” off the podium to hit your target! Standing at 9 metres high, the “vertical drop slide” ends



High Rise, Lisburn

with a thrilling free fall! Only the bravest have conquered the top! How high will you go? Special attraction wristbands can be purchased when booking online or on arrival at reception.

Book in to **Airtastic**, Lisburn and enter a competitive laser battle in the streets of New York like you’ve never seen it before, as you band together with fellow survivors to fight against the rebels and take control! Suitable for all ages from 6+ this game is ideal for friends, families, parties, groups and corporate events.

## Stay a while

Myrtle the Glamping Truck at **Larchfield Estate** is the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle – an outdoor camping experience with a difference. This stunning 1952 Saurer Swiss Army truck has been beautifully adapted and crafted to present a romantic getaway escape, complete with a wood burning stove, under bed heating, sauna, hammock, and fire pit.

If you’re passionate about the preservation of old architecture and antiques and enjoy a luxurious night away, then book your next stay at **Arthur’s of Royal Hillsborough**. This beautiful guest house has 12 boutique bedrooms and a delicious, hearty breakfast is served in the stylish front room for residents every morning. With Northern Ireland’s only royal village on your doorstep, you won’t be lost for things to see and do during your stay!






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

# Tours



*You may already know what you want from your trip to Belfast: from Titanic and the political wall murals to the Giants Causeway or the famous film locations featured in Game of Thrones. Tie it all together with an open-topped bus tour, or hire a personal tour guide for a bespoke experience.*

## KEY

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

## HOP ON / HOP OFF TOURS

### Belfast City Sightseeing

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

**028 9032 1321**

**belfastcitysightseeing.com**



### City Tours Belfast

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

**028 9032 1912**

**citytoursbelfast.com**



## GUIDED COACH TOURS

### Allen's Giant's Causeway Tours

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

**028 9091 5613**

**allensbelfastbustours.com**



### Causeway/Game of Thrones Coach Tour

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

**028 9032 1321**

**belfastcitysightseeing.com**



### Game of Thrones Tours

Full day coach tours to Game of Thrones locations throughout Northern Ireland. Stark cloaks, Iron Island costumes and replica swords add to the adventure.

**028 9568 0023**

**gameofthrones-tours.com**



### McComb's Coach Tours

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

**028 9031 5333**

**mccombscoaches.com**



### Odyssey Coach Tours

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

**028 9024 0300**

**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**



## GUIDED TAXI TOURS

### Belfast Sightseeing

Choose from a wide range of award winning guided tours including Political History, Titanic & Maritime, Giants Causeway and Game of Throne. Customised tours also available. TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award 2022.

**07702 060 573**

**belfastsightseeing.com**



### The Black Cab Tour

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

**07798 602401**

**touringaround-belfast.com**

### 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**



### Value Cabs Taxi Tour

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

**028 9080 9080**

**valuecabs.co.uk**



## WALKING TOURS

### Belfast Free Walking Tour

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

**07393 585531**

**belfastfreewalking-tour.com**

### Belfast à Pied

Explore Belfast City Centre on this French-speaking tour of the city, and discover its architecture, history, industrial glory, religious and social divides, a clarification on "The Troubles" and the political situation and its famous people. The tour starts and finishes in front of Belfast City Hall and lasts 2-2½ hours.

**07772 873 342**

**belfast-a-pied.com**

### Belfast Hidden Tours

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

**07971 895746**

**belfasthiddentours.com**



# Tours

## Belfast Walking Tours

Looking for an active, sustainable but relaxing experience? You have come to the right place. Belfast is a city full of stories, fascinating characters, remarkable events, beautiful street art and architecture. Step back in time, walk its historic streets and see the sites with a certified and enthusiastic local guide.

**07845 536119**

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



## Belfastology Walking Tours

Offering a number of original tours and experiences that take you all over Northern Ireland. Most of the tours are based in Belfast, and cover everything from street art to architecture and the city's incredible history.

**07552 309575**

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

## Belfast Photo Tours

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

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

## Belfast Traditional Music Trail

With two professional musicians as your guides, walk through cobbled alleyways, past famous landmarks and on to private bars in some of the city's oldest buildings to enjoy a performance of traditional tunes, songs and stories.

**028 9028 8818**

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

## Coiste Political Tours

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

**028 9020 0770**

[coiste.ie](http://coiste.ie)



## Creative Tours Belfast

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

**07305 754028**

[creative toursbelfast.com](http://creative toursbelfast.com)



## Dr Tom's Tours

Dr Tom is a Belfast historian, resident and Green Badge Tour Guide offering guided historical walking tours through Belfast's complex past. Choose from a variety of tours including People & Places, Diseases & Drs, Queen's Quarter, Maritime Belfast and Anti-Slavery Belfast - book at: [antislaverybelfast.com](http://antislaverybelfast.com)

**07779 269 182**

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



## 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)



## 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)



## If Buildings Could Talk Tour

Every building in every city has a story to tell and Belfast is no different. Join this leisurely walk, billed as "the most entertaining tour in Belfast" and hear stories of interesting, unusual and entertaining events that have happened in Belfast over the last 150 years.

**07714 684804**

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

## Streets of Belfast

This self-guided tour pools together political and oral history, archive images and voice recordings to give you a sense of Belfast's most famous, and infamous, streets. Wander at your own pace and on your own unique route and use the recordings to bring the soul of the city to life.

**028 9024 3343**

[streetsofbelfast.kabosh.net](http://streetsofbelfast.kabosh.net)

## BIKE TOURS

### Belfast Bike Tours

Experience a comfortable cycle through beautiful Belfast. Each tour is unique and guests can experience the city how they like, guided by our experienced, fun, and knowledgeable guides.

**07733 169476**

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



### Belfast City Bike Tours

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

**07780 496969**

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

### Bike Mourne

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

**028 4377 0714**

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





**FILM TOURS**

**Winterfell Tours**

Located at Old Castle Ward, this unique tour brings you into the heart of Game of Thrones. Meet Direwolves, try your hand at archery and axe throwing and much more on the stunning banks of Strangford Lough. [winterfelltours.com](http://winterfelltours.com)

**Line of Duty Experience**

Beginning with lunch in the Grand Café in the Grand Central Hotel, before an action packed guided tour on-board a luxurious coach, taking in some of the most recognisable filming locations and finishing the afternoon with an AC12 cocktail or Wee Donkey mocktail in the Observatory, Ireland's tallest cocktail bar. **028 9031 5333** [mccombscoaches.com](http://mccombscoaches.com)

**Game of Thrones Studio Tour**

Step behind the scenes of the Seven Kingdoms and beyond. Located at the authentic filming location of Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, this immersive experience will give visitors the chance to journey through the lands of Westeros and explore the world of Game of Thrones like never before.. [gameofthronesstudiotour.com](http://gameofthronesstudiotour.com)

**PRIVATE / GROUP TOURS**

**BelfastLad Tours**

BelfastLad Tours are in the top 5% of 5 Star Rated tours in the world and offer exclusive private and small group experiences across Northern Ireland using 'V' Class Mercedes vehicles and expert guides. Tours include professionally led Belfast Political, Giant's Causeway, Sightseeing and Titanic full and half day itineraries. **07825 631550** [belfastlad.com](http://belfastlad.com)

**NI Chauffeurs**

A professional chauffeur service with a variety of executive vehicles offering political tours of Belfast, day trips to the Causeway coast or Game of Thrones filming locations as well as executive/ corporate travel and airport/hotel transfers. **07762 448697** [nichauffeurs.com/tours](http://nichauffeurs.com/tours)

**Northern Ireland Tourist Guiding Association (NITGA)**

Full members are Blue Badge Guides and National Guides, accredited by the Institute of Tourist Guiding in London or Failte Ireland. Qualified for coach, walking, religious and site-specific tours, the guides are fantastic ambassadors for Northern Ireland as well as being recognised experts in key subject areas. [nitga.co.uk](http://nitga.co.uk)

**Tour Guides NI**

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

**STADIUM TOURS**

**Irish FA Tours**

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

**FOOD & DRINK TOURS**

**Belfast Beer Bike**

Sip on ice cold beers as you pedal through the streets of Belfast City Centre, head straight to the best bars in Belfast and raise your glass to the great night ahead. [belfastbeerbike.co.uk](http://belfastbeerbike.co.uk)

**Taste and Tour**

Exclusively offering the multi-award winning 4-hour fun & food filled 'Belfast Food Tour', 'Belfast Gin Jaunt', 'Belfast Whiskey Walk', 'Craft Beer & Street Eats' and 'City Cocktail Circuit', as well as a range of bespoke private tours. **028 9045 7723** [tasteandtour.co.uk](http://tasteandtour.co.uk)

**Vegan Table Tour**

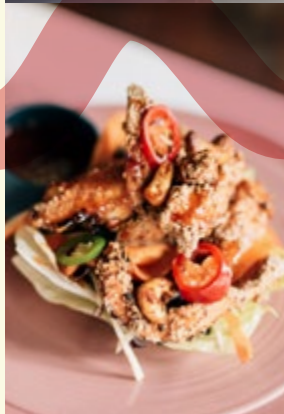
For passionate vegans and non-vegans alike, this combined food & guided walking tour allows you to experience Belfast's expanding Vegan food scene, while simultaneously enjoying the sights and history of Belfast. Explore the city and hear about the range of foods Northern Ireland is famous for, while eating & drinking your way through a tasty plant-based menu. **07511 177 718** [townlandtours.co.uk](http://townlandtours.co.uk)

**BOAT TOURS**

**Waterways Belfast**

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

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## KEY

**D4** Map grid location

**CC** City Centre

**CC** Cathedral Quarter

**TQ** Titanic Quarter

**LQ** Linen Quarter

**QQ** Queen's Quarter

**EQ** Gaeltacht Quarter

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

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## MODERN CUISINE

### Actons

#### 17 Brunswick Street

Situated in the heart of Belfast's Linen Quarter, close to the Grand Opera House, the Ulster Hall and many of Belfast's hotels. A modern, vibrant and relaxed restaurant, offering a menu that will appeal to all!

028 9024 0239

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

C4 D4

### AMPM

#### 38-44 Upper

#### Arthur Street

This quirky venue has become synonymous with wholesome cuisine and intimate ambience. AMPM boasts one of Belfast's most varied small plate menus, sumptuous afternoon teas, sophisticated world-inspired dining and arguably Northern Ireland's most varied cocktail list.

028 9024 9009

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

C4 C6

### Bert's Jazz Bar

#### High Street

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

028 9026 2713

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

D3 C6

### Blank Restaurant

#### 43 Malone Road

Embark on a truly unique dining experience and leave all the choices

to us. It's more than just a menu, it is about celebrating exceptional produce from this island. Bring an open mind and trust our expertise to gain a new perspective on unexpected and surprising ingredients.

028 9040 6399

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

C7 C6

### Buba Belfast

#### St Anne's Square

A hamburger and grill restaurant offering a delicious selection of flame grilled burgers, succulent grills, tempting bits, dirty tots, saucy dips and tasty sides. Not forgetting about their cracking cocktails, boozy shakes and decadent desserts.

028 9568 0162

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

D3 C6

### 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)

D4 D4

### 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)

D8 C6

### 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)

C6 C6

### 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)

C4 C6

### Flame Restaurant

#### The Ewart,

#### 3 Bedford Square

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

028 9033 2121

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

C4 D4

### Granny Annie's Kitchen

#### 81 Chichester Street

Casual destination for a comfort food menu served in front of a real fire in a brick-lined space. This Irish trad meets classic pub-grub diner brings the phrase "eat up, you're at your granny's" to a whole new belly-busting level!

028 9032 1331

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

D4 C6

### Bank Square Brasserie

#### 56-58 Berry Street

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

028 9031 0809

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

C3 C6

### 44 Hill Street

#### 44 Hill Street

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

028 9590 8444

[44hillstreet.com](http://44hillstreet.com)

D3 C6

### 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,

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you will find true Irish hospitality at its best in this family run restaurant.

**028 9029 1103**  
[holohanspantry.co.uk](http://holohanspantry.co.uk)  
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**Home Restaurant**  
**22 Wellington Place**  
Feel good food served in a well-established, award-winning restaurant in the heart of the city centre. Head chef Jonny Glass and his team have created an extensive menu of all-time favourites using fresh and seasonal produce. Pop in and check out the fantastic vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and skinny menus.  
**028 9023 4946**  
[homebelfast.co.uk](http://homebelfast.co.uk)  
CA CC

**Horatio Todds**  
**406 Upper Newtownards Rd**  
Situating in Ballyhackamore, Horatio Todd's is an award-winning, comfortable and welcoming local bar serving delicious dishes with a real emphasis on local produce.  
**028 9065 3090**  
[horatiotodds.com](http://horatiotodds.com)

**Howard Street Restaurant**  
**56 Howard Street**  
Serving up full-flavoured dishes created from the current season's ingredients sourced locally. Complementing the menu is a rejuvenated cocktail list and a

range of artisan wines.  
**028 9024 8362**  
[howardstbelfast.com](http://howardstbelfast.com)  
CA CC

**Henry's**  
**4-5 Joy's Entry**  
Henry's, named after historic Belfast figure and United Irish man Henry Joy McCracken, has been a pub for over 100 years. Call into this Joys Entry bar for great drinks, traditional food, live music and plenty of history.  
**028 9032 6711**  
[henrysbar.com](http://henrysbar.com)  
DB CC

**James St**  
**21 James Street South**  
James St really is the place where good food, wine and service come together in relaxed

surroundings. Enjoy lunch specials, the pre-theatre menu, an extensive a la carte menu, alongside weekend brunch and a great Sunday Roast.  
**028 9560 0700**  
[jamesstandco.com](http://jamesstandco.com)  
CA CD

**Le Winters**  
**92 Church Street, Newtownards**  
With an innovative approach to dining offering great value food and wines of high quality at affordable prices. The menu has something to offer every taste ranging from traditional, local favourites to exotic dishes from around the world.  
**028 9181 4141**  
[strangfordhotel.com/lewinters](http://strangfordhotel.com/lewinters)

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## Nancy Mulligans Bar & Kitchen

**95 Castle Street**

Experience the charm of a traditional Irish bar with good food, great drinks, live entertainment & warm hospitality.  
[nancymulligans.ie](http://nancymulligans.ie)



## Novelli at City Quays

**90 Donegall Quay**

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



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

Tuck into gargantuan steaks of quality assured Ulster beef and Irish stew. The kitchen also has a great sense of adventure - crocodile, shark and kangaroo all pop up from time to time.

**028 9023 5986**

[themorningstarbar.co.uk](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)



## Pizza on the Square 1 Donegall Square West

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

[pizzaonthesquare.ie](http://pizzaonthesquare.ie)



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



## Ryan's Bar & Restaurant

A traditional menu with a fresh contemporary twist, from sharing platters to veggie grazers, farm quality assured steaks to Irish boxtys. A family friendly venue with a relaxed atmosphere.

**028 9050 9850**

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



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



## 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](http://shu-restaurant.com)



## Stove Bistro

**455 Ormeau Road**

Stove serves up modern Irish cuisine in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The menus change weekly to serve up the best seasonal local produce.

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



## Taylor & Clay

**40a Church Lane**

Taylor and Clay is an award-winning restaurant which boasts an open kitchen built around an incredible bespoke Asador wood-fired grill. The talented team cook the best local meat, seafood and vegetables over roaring flames, delivering some of the finest food in the city!

**028 9590 0600**

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



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



## Waterman

**5-23 Hill Street**

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

**028 9043 4310**

[waterman.restaurant](http://waterman.restaurant)



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



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## 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](http://fish-city.com)

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

## The Oyster Rooms

### 2-4 Winecellar Entry

Located above the historic White's Tavern, step upstairs to enjoy a menu of locally sourced, authentic Irish food alongside great drinks and live music.

028 9031 2582

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

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

### Little Wing Pizzeria

#### Ann Street / Ormeau Road / Lisburn Road / Upper Newtownards Road

Passionate about pizzas, Little Wing use time honoured methods to create traditionally made Naples style pizzas, prepared with the finest fresh ingredients.

028 9024 7000

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

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

### Villa Italia Restaurant

#### 39-41 University Road

In the heart of the bustling Queen's Quarter, Villa Italia, is a firm favourite with visitors and locals. The extensive grill, pizza and pasta menu offers a selection of authentic Italian dishes.

028 9032 8356

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

## SPANISH

### EDŌ

#### Upper Queen Street

A new, contemporary, European dining experience in the heart of the city offering tapas style sharing plates, robust meat and fish dishes and charcoal oven cooked steaks.

028 9031 3054

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

### 2Taps

#### 42 Waring Street

From the heart of Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, boasting one of the city's largest outdoor terraces, 2Taps creates all the atmosphere of summer regardless of the season. Welcoming family, friends, and admirers from across the world, 2Taps is a holiday and a home in one.

028 9031 1414

[2taps-winebar.com](http://2taps-winebar.com)

## ASIAN

### BaoBun

#### 48 Botanic Avenue

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

028 9032 9686

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

### Cosmo

#### Victoria Square

From the Chinese countryside and fishing villages of Japan, to the food markets of Delhi and everywhere in between; experience your favourite dishes from around the world.

028 9023 6660

[cosmo-restaurants.co.uk](http://cosmo-restaurants.co.uk)

### Sakura Sushi

#### 82 Botanic Ave

Specialising in the art of sushi as well as offering a variety of fusion food. Carefully chosen dishes are prepared using only fresh ingredients; creating deliciously nutritious and naturally low fat cuisine.

028 9043 9590

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

### 7 Spice

#### St Anne's Square

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

028 9031 0210

[7spicebelfast.online](http://7spicebelfast.online)

### Wagamama Belfast

#### Victoria Square

Inspired by delicious Japanese noodle bars and flavours, Wagamama offers an exciting and inclusive casual dining experience.

028 9023 6098

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

**MEXICAN**

**La Taqueria**  
**53 Castle St**

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

**07748786654**  
[lataqueriabelfast.co.uk](http://lataqueriabelfast.co.uk)  
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**CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY**

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

South American-inspired brunch dishes, expertly crafted coffee, and a selection of fine wines and cocktails. Dog-friendly.  
[panama-belfast.com](http://panama-belfast.com)  
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**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](http://thelamppostcafe.com)

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

Starbucks are passionate about making perfect handcrafted beverages.

Catch up with friends or just enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with a delicious range of coffee, tea and light bites.  
**028 9023 6679**  
[starbucks.co.uk](http://starbucks.co.uk)



**Oui Poutine**  
**1 Donegall Quay**

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



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**Welcome Centre**

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

**9 Donegall Square North**  
**Belfast BT1 5GB**  
 (directly opposite front of Belfast City Hall)  
**+44 (0)28 9024 6609**  
[visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)

*Tickets and enquiries Bus & Train*






# Pubs & Clubs



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

## KEY

-  Map grid location
-  Serves food
-  Traditional music
-  Live music
-  DJ/Club

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

**DIAGEO**  
Northern Ireland

# Pubs & Clubs

## CITY CENTRE

### Angel And Two Bibles

#### 1 Goose Entry

Buzz for entry and climb the stairway to Belfast's hidden cocktail bar. Cosy up with a cocktail by the fire or enjoy rooftop drinks on the heated outdoor terrace. This intimate speakeasy boasts two extensive cocktail books complete with cocktails, punch bowls and non-alcoholic serves.

**07518 283 884**

[angelandtwo.biblesbelfast.com](http://angelandtwo.biblesbelfast.com)



### Fountain Lane

#### 16 Fountain Street

Established in 1901, make a stop at the newly refurbished Fountain Lane for fantastic food and drink with big screen sports, live local and trad music and great company, 7 days a week!

**028 9032 4769**

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



### Granny Annie's

#### 81 Chichester Street

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

**028 9032 1331**

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



### Henry's

#### 4 Joy's Entry

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**

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



### Margot

#### 18 Donegall Square East

Tucked away below street level is Margot, serving small plates, flat breads, creative cocktails and carefully curated drinks every day of the week. Late Late Club every Friday and Saturday from 9pm - 2am.

**028 9693 1211**

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



### The Morning Star

#### 17-19 Pottinger's Entry

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

**028 9023 5986**

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



### The National

#### 62-68 High Street

An airy and sophisticated space to relax and socialise with friends, it offers a paired back cocktail menu, simple but bold food menus and coffee that packs a punch.

**028 9031 1130**

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



### Out of Office

#### 96-98 High Street

Belfast's first dedicated brewery and taproom, located on the 2nd floor of the popular Ulster Sports Club. Taproom will be open Thursday-Saturday offering a range of freshly brewed-on-site beers and other local craft offerings. There's also an educational tour and tasting, where you'll learn just what goes into producing an Out of Office beer.

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

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### Queens Café Bar

#### Queen's Arcade

Located a stone's throw from City Hall in the heart of the shopping quarter of Belfast, Queens is the perfect pit stop for food and drinks throughout the week. You can always expect a warm Belfast welcome and friendly service from the Queens' team in the most comfortable surroundings.

**028 9024 9105**

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



### Revolución de Cuba

#### 25-39 Arthur Street

The ultimate Cuban food, cocktail and fiesta experience. With dazzling handcrafted cocktails, dishes loaded with exotic flavours and full on tropical party vibes unlike anything you've experienced before!

**028 9590 9249**

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



### Santeria

#### 19 Fountain Street

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

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



### Voodoo

#### 9-11 Fountain Street

Relax in the intimate bottom bar or venture upstairs to the club and music venue.

The lunch menu is a perfect blend of traditional and Cajun style dishes at very affordable prices.

**028 9027 8290**

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



# Pubs & Clubs

## CATHEDRAL QUARTER

### The Cloth Ear

35-39 Waring Street

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

028 9026 2719

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

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### The Deer's Head

1-3 Lower Garfield St

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

028 9043 4655

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

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### The Dirty Onion

3 Hill Street

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

028 9024 3712

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

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### 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)

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### 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)

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### The Reporter Bar

3 Union Street

Located in the district which was once home to many of the city's press offices, The Reporter Bar honours Belfast's newspaper printing and publishing heritage, while supporting local produce from all over Northern Ireland.

[facebook.com/TheReporter.Bar](https://facebook.com/TheReporter.Bar)

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### Tetto Rooftop Bar and Garden

70-74 Ann Street

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

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

028 9590 0600

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

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### Rattlebag

61-63 Ann Street

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

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

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### Tipsy Bird

96-100 Ann Street

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

028 9099 3542

[thetipsybird-belfast.co.uk](http://thetipsybird-belfast.co.uk)

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### White's Tavern

2-4 Winecellar Entry

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

028 9031 2582

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

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## LINEN QUARTER

### The Bone Yard

29-33 Bedford Street

A quirky outdoor venue in the heart of Belfast!

There are picnic tables inside and out, or why not reserve one of the living room containers. Enjoy a wide range of drinks, big screen sports and food from the Pug Ugly and Tribal Burger Trucks. Dog friendly venue.

028 9032 0030

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

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### 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)

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### Filthy McNasty's

45 Dublin Road

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

028 9033 3836

[facebook.com/FilthyMcNastysBelfast](https://facebook.com/FilthyMcNastysBelfast)

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**Lavery's**

**12-18 Bradbury Place**

A true Belfast institution, Lavery's is legendary for its atmosphere, live music, pool tables, pub grub and beer selection. Also has a heated beer garden and covered roof terrace.

**028 9087 1106**

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



**Linen House**

**12 Brunswick Street**

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

**028 9024 8000**

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



**The Points**

**44 Dublin Road**

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

**028 9508 4533**

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



**Pug Ugly's**

**21 Bedford Street**

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

**028 9032 0030**

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



**Robinsons**

**38-40 Great**

**Victoria Street**

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

**028 9024 7447**

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



**QUEEN'S QUARTER**

**The Empire**

**42 Botanic Avenue**

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

**028 9024 9276**

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



**The Parlour**

**2-4 Elmwood Avenue**

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

**028 9068 6970**

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



**SOUTH BELFAST**

**The Bowery**

**701 Lisburn Road**

South Belfast's premier neighbourhood gastro

pub offers fantastic food, classic drinks, bar snacks, live sport, entertainment and a delicious à la carte menu. Expect a warm welcome, stunning décor and exceptional service from all the team.

**028 9066 2600**

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



**The Crafty Vintner**

**705 Lisburn Road**

Belfast's premier café and bar with a stunning outside terrace and state-of-the-art wine machines, offering a unique and interactive way to taste wines from around the world. From brunch and coffee by day to cheese and wine by night, The Crafty Vintner has something for every mood and occasion.

**028 9066 2601**

[thecraftyvintner.tastingroom.co.uk](http://thecraftyvintner.tastingroom.co.uk)



**Cutter's Wharf**

**Lockview Road**

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

**028 9080 5100**

[cutterswharf.co.uk](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)



**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)



**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)



**EAST BELFAST**

**Scotts' Jazz Club**

**1 Sandown Road**

Relax into a Friday evening of jazz at The Ballyhackamore Club, featuring the finest jazz musicians in Ireland and beyond.

[scottsjazzclub.com](http://scottsjazzclub.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.

**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.

## BELFAST BIKES

Belfast Bikes is a simple, fun and inexpensive way to get around with 300 bikes and 30 docking stations positioned across the city centre. For just £6 you can get a three-day pass. The first 30 minutes of each trip is free of charge, with £1 charges for each additional hour up to 4 hours and £2 every extra 30 minutes up to 24 hours. Register, at [belfastbikes.co.uk](http://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.co.uk](http://valuecabs.co.uk)

### 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)

## COACH SERVICES

### Aircoach

High frequency, high quality non-stop express coach service connecting Derry/Londonderry, Dublin City and Dublin Airport with Belfast.

**00353 1 844 7118**  
[aircoach.ie](http://aircoach.ie)

## CAR HIRE

Renting a car is another great way to get around Belfast


and to visit some of the many attractions throughout Northern Ireland. Providers available online at [visitbelfast.com](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)

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## Visit Belfast Welcome Centre

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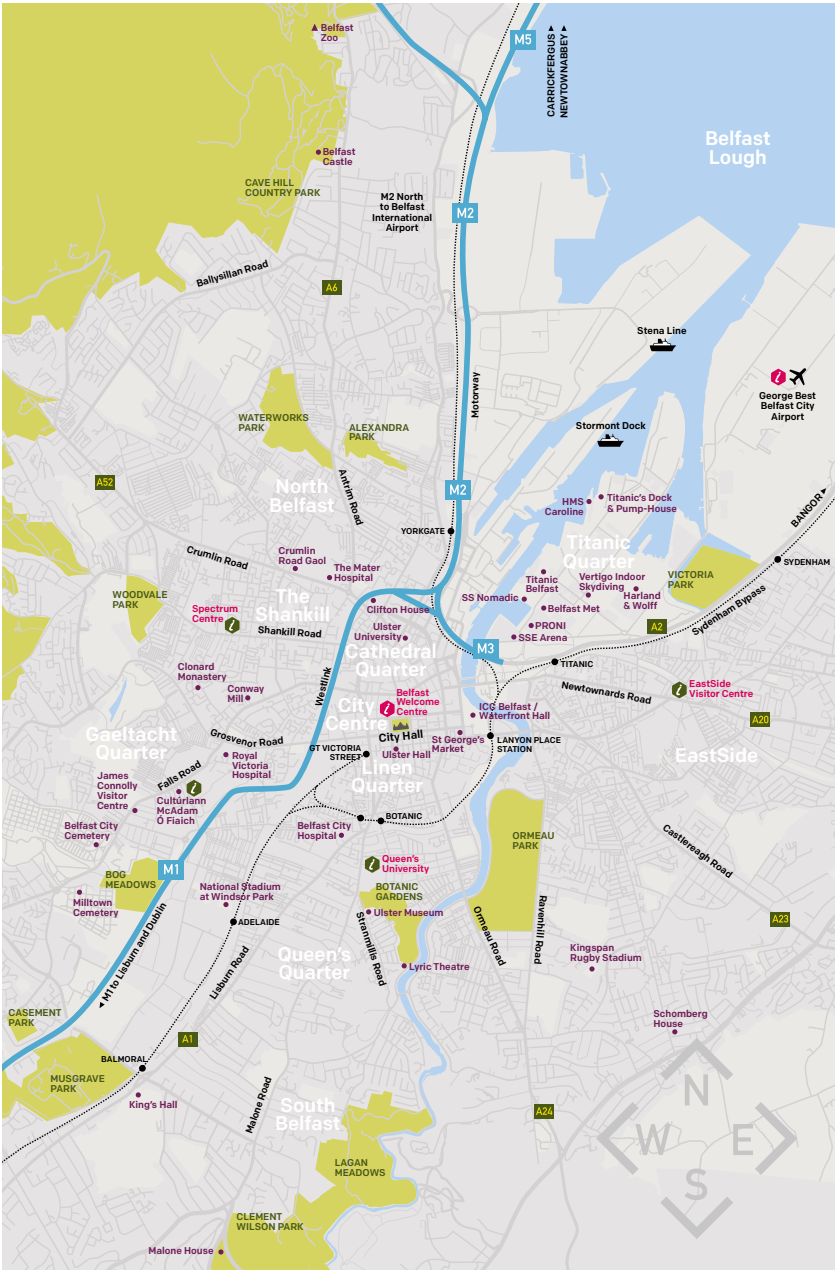
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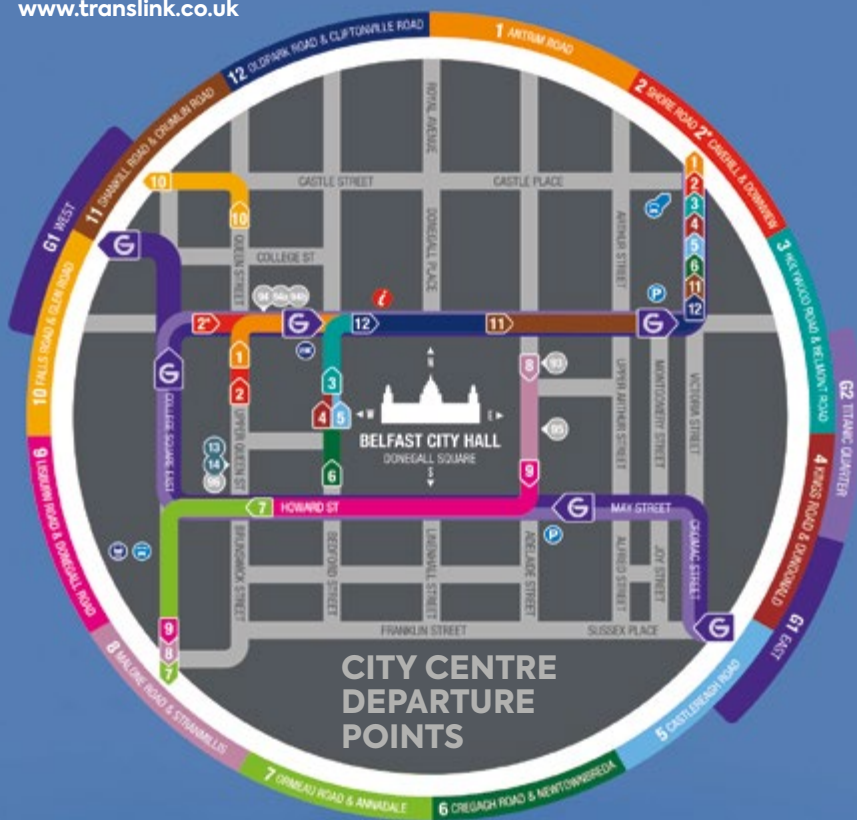
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# BELFAST CITY CENTRE GLIDER AND METRO BUS DEPARTURE POINTS

[www.translink.co.uk](http://www.translink.co.uk)



# Getting around the city

**There are many fascinating and beautiful places to visit in Belfast and Northern Ireland, and making your way around using public transport couldn't be easier, you can reach every county in a couple of hours.**

## WHICH SERVICE?

**Metro** – Bus services operating throughout the Belfast area. Metro and Glider tickets are interchangeable and can be used on both services.



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

\* Before you board Glider you must always buy your ticket or tap your Smartcard at the validator.

## Ulsterbus and urby –

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

**Goldliner** – Express coach services which link together the main towns and cities across Northern Ireland.

## NI Railways / Enterprise –

Rail Services across Northern Ireland and from Belfast to Dublin.

## Airport Services –

Bus services from Europa Buscentre to airports in Belfast, Dublin and Derry~Londonderry.

## WHICH TICKET?

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

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

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

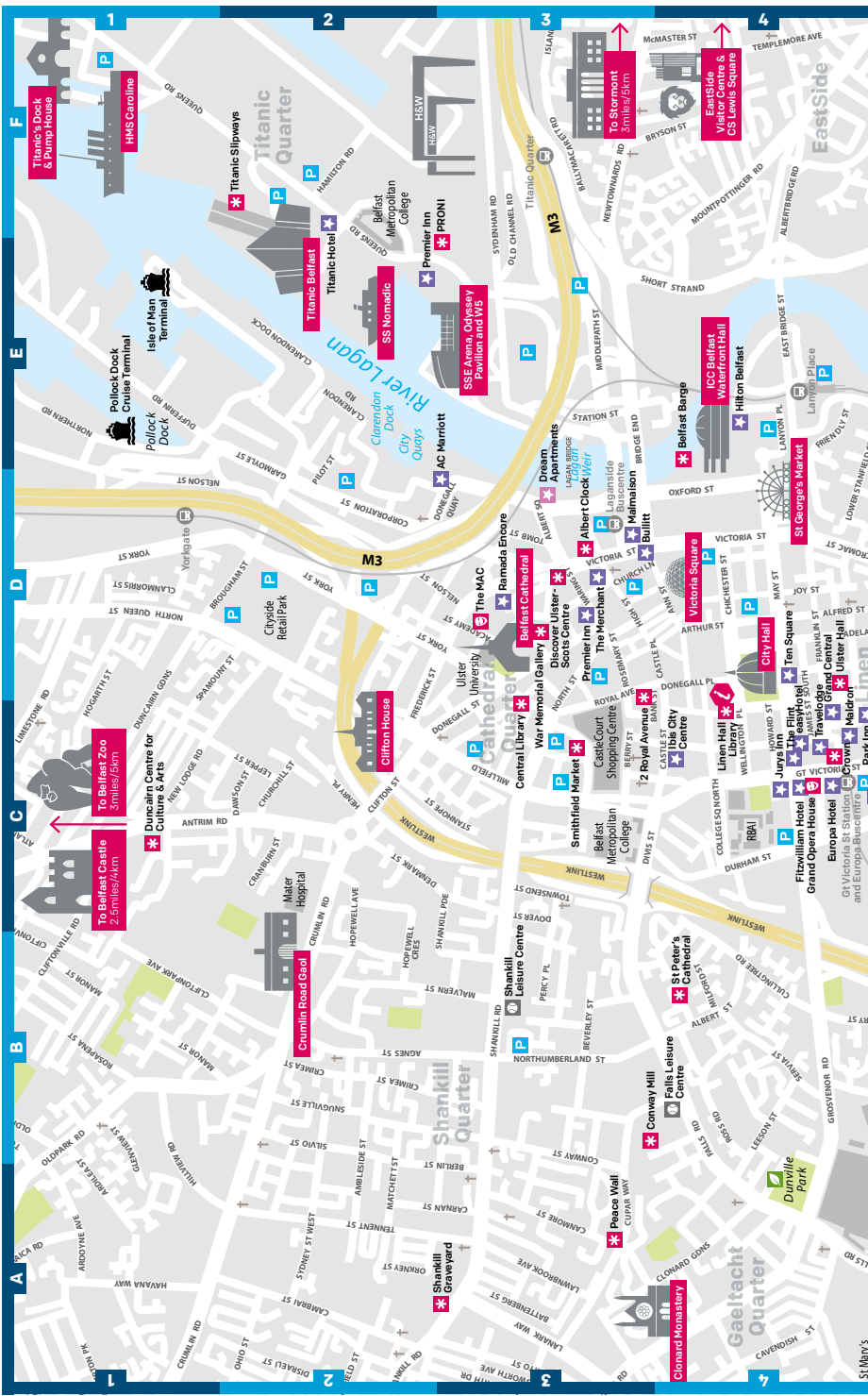
## MLINK TICKETING APP

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

## THE BELFAST VISITOR PASS

An integrated Translink smartcard providing unlimited bus and rail travel for 1, 2 or 3 consecutive days within the Belfast Visitor Pass Zone. This means you can get out and about and explore more of our vibrant, lively city. Your Belfast Visitor Pass will also let you enjoy a whole world of fantastic offers and discounts, from savings on key attractions and tours to special offers and incentives in some of our main cultural venues, restaurants, cafés and shops! You can purchase your pass from the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre, at both airports and bus or train stations in the city.

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



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HMS Caroline

Titanic Slipways

Titanic Quarter

Titanic Belfast

Belfast Metropolitan College

Premier Inn PRONI

SS Nomadic

SSS Arena, Odeon, Pavilion and W5

AC Marriott

Clarendon City Quay

Ulster University

The MAC

Ramada Encore

Belfast Cathedral

Belfast City Hall

Albert Clock Tower

ICC Belfast Waterfront Hall

Hilton Belfast

ICC Belfast Waterfront Hall

St George's Market

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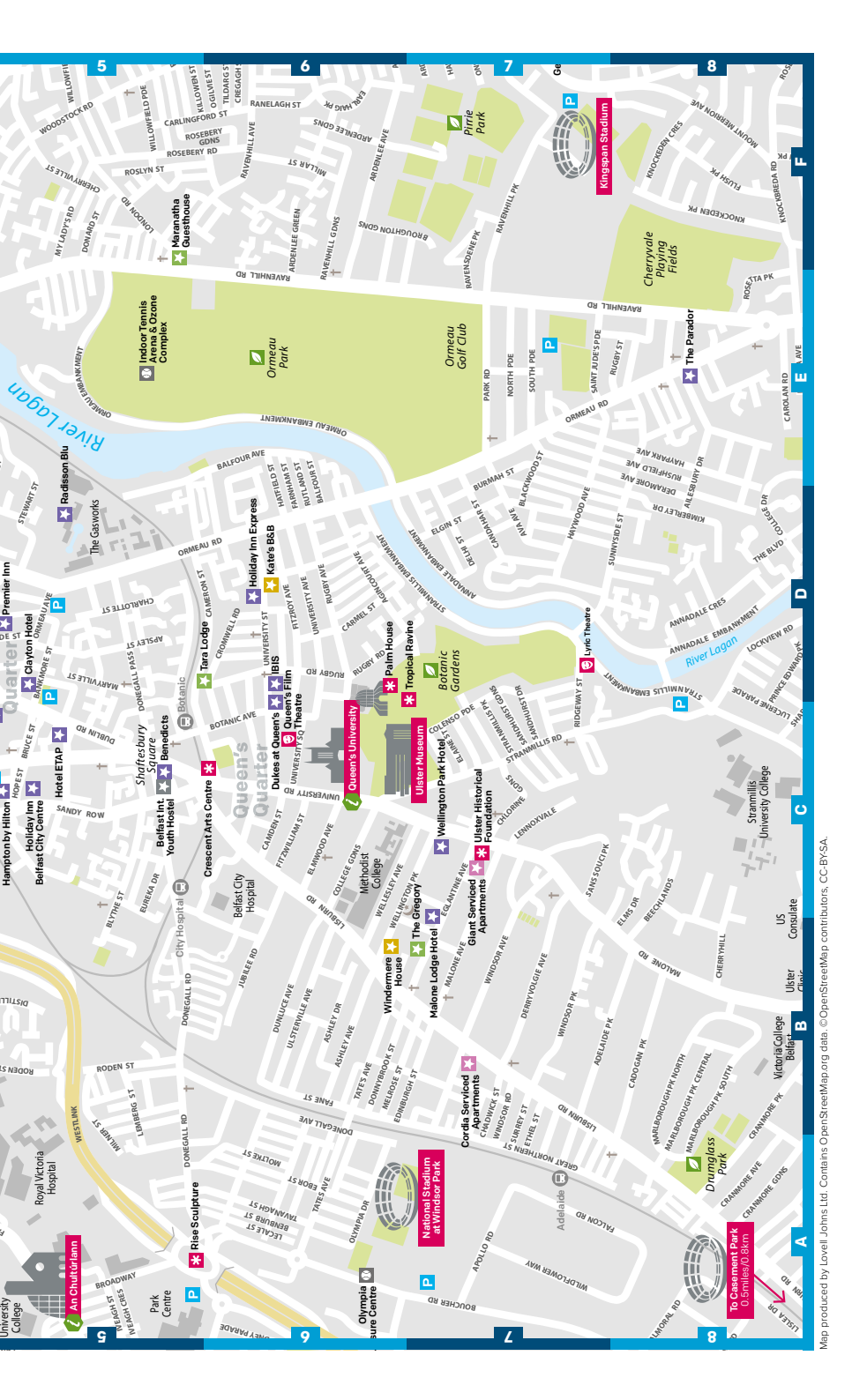
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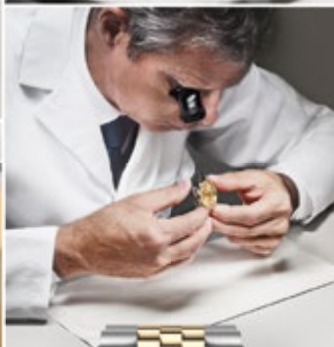
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