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# SUMMER IN THE CITY

The summer months are ideal for exploring Belfast as the weather is usually reasonably warm and pleasant and it doesn't get dark until at least 9pm, so there's even more time to get outside and enjoy the city!

## Have an ice cream in the grounds of City Hall

The grounds of Belfast City Hall are a popular green space right in the heart of the city. With park benches and a large lawn it's the perfect sunspot for lying around with a book, or just take a break to enjoy an ice-cream or iced coffee.



## Climb aboard a Tall Ship

Enjoy an unmissable bumper weekend (25-27 May) of family fun along the Maritime Mile in Titanic Quarter, as the magnificent masts of tall ships return to Belfast's quaysides for the annual Belfast Titanic Maritime Festival.

## Relaxing Summer Sips

The city is blessed with an abundance of cool beer gardens and rooftop bars where you can enjoy a cool cocktail or refreshing craft beer (see P14), and many of them have heaters, umbrellas and blankets just in case the weather takes a turn for the worst!



### Live Outdoor Music

Every summer Belfast transforms into an outdoor stage as local and international acts arrive to perform to open air audiences. See P26 for our guide to this summer's top live music festivals.



### Dine Al Fresco

A warm summer day or evening in Belfast is the perfect excuse to book a table and dine outdoors. From rooftop terraces like Café Parisien or the river views of Cutters Wharf to the piazza at St Anne's Square in Cathedral Quarter which houses a selection of great eateries to make the most of a sunny day.



### Pack a Picnic

Summer also provides the perfect time to visit the city's green spaces and fine Northern Irish countryside. Stop at a deli to pack up a picnic and head to one of our blooming brilliant gardens (see P33) to enjoy the great outdoors and appreciate some stunning scenery.

### Summer Stalls

Enjoy some special summer markets where you can soak up the atmosphere while sampling delicious food from around the world. As well as the regular weekend market at St George's, don't miss the Spring Market at City Hall (23-27 May), Nashville in Belfast (12-16 June) and the Summer Twilight Market at St George's in July (date TBC).



### Kiss the Big Fish

The Big Fish, overlooking the River Lagan at Donegall Quay, is a 10m long sculpture made up of ceramic tiles that tell the story and history of Belfast. It offers a great photo opportunity where you can pose next to the fish, pretend to catch the fish, have a fish selfie or give the fish a kiss to gain its wisdom.



### Have a wheelee good time

It's the best time of year to take a bike tour around Belfast and discover a range of attractions and interesting points along the way, or create your own itinerary and hire a Belfast Bike from one of 40 docking stations located across the city centre.



### Discover some Urban Art

The vibrant Cathedral Quarter is not only packed full of great live music bars and tasty modern restaurants but also offers a distinctly varied and modern street art scene. Take some time to stroll around the area to view these amazing pieces of art and don't miss the fabulous ceiling of colourful umbrellas in the alley off Commercial Court, which contains a mural of some of Belfast's most famous faces.

# MUST DO:

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

## EXHIBITION

01

## Game of Thrones: The Touring Exhibition Until 1 September TEC Belfast

Don't miss the largest public display of breath-taking images and enthralling artefacts from the hit TV show.

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

## CULTURE

02

## Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival 2–12 May Various Venues

Boasting a staggering programme of live music, comedy, spoken word, film, theatre, literature and art.

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

## COMEDY

03



## Festival of Fools 3–6 May Various Venues

A four day international street theatre festival spread across the centre of Belfast.

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

## SPORT

04

## Belfast City Marathon 5 May Stormont Estate

A new flatter, faster route with the marathon, wheelchair race, team relay, 8 mile walk and fun run events finishing on Ormeau Embankment.

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

## FESTIVAL

05

## Balmoral Show 15–18 May Balmoral Park

A huge agricultural event, with animal displays, children's farms, food pavilion, produce sampling and live entertainment.

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

## FESTIVAL

06

## Belfast Titanic Maritime Festival 25–27 May Queen's Quay & Titanic Quarter

Enjoy a bumper-packed weekend full of maritime-themed family fun, food and frolics, as well as the magnificent Tall Ships.

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

## MARKET

07

## Belfast Spring Continental Market 23–27 May

A variety of delicious tasty treats await as you take a culinary journey exploring produce from home and across the globe.

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

## FESTIVAL

08

## Belfast International Photo Festival 6–30 June Various Venues

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

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

## CULTURE

09

## Belfast Book Festival 7–16 June Queen's Quarter

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

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





06

MUSIC

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**Belsonic**

**12–28 June**  
**Ormeau Park**

Outdoor music festival with a top line up including George Ezra, Ben Nicky, Stormzy and Tiësto.

**belsonic.com**

FESTIVAL

11

**Orangefest**

**12 July**  
**Various Venues**

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

**belfastcity.gov.uk/events**

SPORT

12

**The Open**

**14–21 July**  
**Royal Portrush**

The 148th Open makes a historic return to Northern Ireland with the world's greatest players competing for the Claret Jug.

**theopen.com**

FESTIVAL

13

**Belfast TradFest**

**27 July–3 Aug**  
**Various Venues**

Bringing together both Irish and Ulster-Scots musical traditions in a shared celebration of culture & heritage, through a series of concerts, masterclasses, workshops, talks and sessions.

**belfasttraditionalmusic.com**

FESTIVAL

14



**Belfast Pride**

**26 July – 4 August**  
**Various Venues**

Belfast Pride is the largest LGBTQ+ festival in Ireland, with Pride Day taking place on Saturday 3 August.

**belfastpride.com**

CULTURE

15

**August Féile**

**1–11 August**  
**Various Venues**

Ireland's biggest community festival returns with music, comedy, tours, talks, exhibitions and more.

**feilebelfast.com**

CULTURE

16

**Eastside Arts Festival**

**1–11 August**  
**Various Venues**

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

**eastsidearts.net**

FESTIVAL

17

**Belfast Mela**

**25 August**  
**Botanic Gardens**

An annual celebration of global culture, filling Botanic Gardens with sights, sounds and aromas from nations around the world.

**belfastmela.org.uk**



# MUST SEE:

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

## HISTORY

01

### Belfast City Hall Visitor Exhibition

This exciting exhibition showcases the journey from the city's past to present, sharing the vibrancy and diversity of Belfast City Hall across six themed zones. Audio tours also available.

SEE MAP **D4**



## MARITIME

02

### HMS Caroline

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

SEE MAP **F1**

## SHOPPING

03

### 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**



## EXPERIENCE

04

### Crumlin Road Gaol

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

SEE MAP **B2**

## MARKETS

05

### 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**





EXPERIENCE

06

**Titanic Belfast**

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

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TIME OUT

07

**Cave Hill and Belfast Castle**

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

HISTORY

08

**Hillsborough Castle**

Explore Northern Ireland's royal residence with a visit to the transformed Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, located just 20 minutes from Belfast. Take a guided tour of the Castle and explore 100 acres of beautiful gardens.

TOUR

09

**Belfast Cathedral**

Take a guided 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.

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FAMILY FUN

10

**Belfast Zoo**

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

DISCOVER

11



**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 





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

# CITY AREAS

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



## CITY CENTRE

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



## CATHEDRAL QUARTER

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



## LINEN QUARTER

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



## TITANIC QUARTER

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



## QUEEN'S QUARTER

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



## GAELTACHT QUARTER

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



## EAST SIDE

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



## THE SHANKILL

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

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# BELFAST SPRING CONTINENTAL MARKET

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**Sun 26** 12pm - 6pm

**Mon 27** 10am - 6pm



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**BELFAST CATHEDRAL**  
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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM



# HISTORY & HERITAGE

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



01

The **James Connolly Visitor Centre** (Áras Uí Chonghaile) is an inspirational new attraction telling the story of Connolly, exploring his role as a pioneer of the early trade union movement, and his travels throughout Britain and America. Learn of his key role in the Easter Rising, his subsequent court-martial, death sentence and execution. The centre offers a thought provoking insight into his life, his politics and the impact he had on the history of the island of Ireland. [arasuichonghaile.com](http://arasuichonghaile.com)

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



02

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



03

Based in a former Presbyterian church, **Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich** is an arts and cultural centre with a strong focus on Irish language and culture. The interactive space on the 1st floor, provides an insight into the development of Irish language and culture in Belfast and on how Irish has influenced English. [culturlann.ie](http://culturlann.ie)

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



## EXPLORE MORE

### Interested in exploring your family tree?

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

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



# BELFAST'S BEST BEER GARDENS

BELFAST HAS A HUGE SELECTION OF WATERING HOLES, BUT ON A SUNNY DAY NOTHING BEATS A REFRESHING DRINK OUTDOORS. HERE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE ROOFTOP BARS AND BEER GARDENS FOR YOU TO ENJOY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

## **Babel Rooftop Bar & Garden**

Soak up the panoramic city views across Belfast with mouth-watering cocktails and delicious food. Babel prides itself on its home grown botanicals, subtle sophistication and innovative ideas. Tippy Tea is available 12-4pm every Friday, Saturday & Sunday with sandwiches, donuts, sweet treats and cocktails. [bullitthotel.com](http://bullitthotel.com)

## **Duke of York**

The Duke of York is a traditional Belfast bar crammed with original mirrors and memorabilia,

boasting cold beer, great Guinness and the largest selection of Irish whiskeys in Ireland. Yet when the sun is shining, outside is where you'll find most of Belfast standing along a fairy light lit cobblestoned Commercial Court. [dukeofyorkbelfast.com](http://dukeofyorkbelfast.com)

## **The Perch Rooftop Bar**

Travel up 5 floors in an old service elevator to discover The Perch, with its large centre bar surrounded by original window features, brick clad walls and adorned with birdcages and artwork. Sip on cocktails and sangria

in the height of summer with blankets on hand if the evening turns cool. [theperchbelfast.com](http://theperchbelfast.com)

## **The Dirty Onion**

Housed in one of the city's oldest buildings, this is one of the biggest beer gardens in Belfast. The historic gem showcases live entertainment, including traditional Irish music, and is a great spot to enjoy a chilled pint on a summer evening in the heart of the bustling Cathedral Quarter. [thedirtyonion.com](http://thedirtyonion.com)



### Cutters Wharf

What better place to enjoy the sun than a lazy day down by the river? This scenic spot sits on the banks of the River Lagan and always has a buzzing atmosphere. It's the perfect space for relaxing and enjoying delicious food, cocktails and barbecues throughout the summer months.  
[cutterswharf.co.uk](http://cutterswharf.co.uk)

### The Sunflower

This historic pub has changed over the years to a modern, colourful, hip venue with amazing wood-fired pizzas served out in the south facing Beer Garden. None of the beers are mainstream brands, so enjoy sampling some great local craft beers, ales and ciders.  
[sunflowerbelfast.com](http://sunflowerbelfast.com)

### The National

The National boasts an indoor-outdoor feel with live plants growing from the rafters and a very tempting cocktail menu put together with local produce. The beer garden comes alive in summer with regular barbecues and events and you'll find live music every Friday and Saturday night.  
[thenationalbelfast.com](http://thenationalbelfast.com)

### Kelly's Cellars

Built in 1720, Kelly's Cellars is one of Belfast's oldest traditional Irish pubs. Though not strictly a beer garden, the area in front of Kelly's Cellars transforms in summer with picnic benches, beer barrels and bar stools to perch on where you can enjoy live traditional music in the "garden sessions".  
[facebook.com/kellys.cellars](https://facebook.com/kellys.cellars)

### The Secret Garden

Venture through Filthy McNasty's until you find the Secret Garden. Alluringly decorated with fairy lights, water features and an open fire, it is an intimate yet lively space in which to enjoy a cocktail or two! Take a seat in the quaint bandstand and tuck into a tasty barbecue during the summer months.  
[thefilthyquarter.com/](http://thefilthyquarter.com/)  
[thesecretgarden](http://thesecretgarden)

### Back Yard at The Parlour

A short walk from Queen's University, this is without a doubt one of the best beer gardens in Belfast. The spectacular outdoor space is well equipped with outdoor heaters, TV screens and even a BBQ area to serve up sizzling summer goodness.  
[parlourbar.co.uk](http://parlourbar.co.uk)

# BELFAST ON A BUDGET

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...



01

## Belfast City Hall & Titanic Memorial Garden

Free tours are available of Belfast's most iconic building (1906). Outside, the Titanic Memorial Garden contains plaques listing the names of the 1,512 people who perished on RMS Titanic.

## Ulster Museum

Impressive galleries and interactive discovery zones bring history, science and art collections to life for visitors of all ages, with free admission to all visitors.

## The Dome at Victoria Square <sup>(1)</sup>

Boasting 360° views across the city, don't miss taking the lift to the top of this stunning shopping destination.

## 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.



02

## Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich

Discover a varied programme of Irish language and cultural events as well as a café/restaurant, bookshop, art gallery and visitor information.

## St George's Market

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

## Belfast Castle & Cave Hill Visitor Centre

The Castle (1870) offers spectacular gardens, superb views of the city as well as a restaurant and antique shop.

## The MAC

With free admission to its three outstanding galleries, The MAC showcases the very best of local and international artistic talent.



03

## Queen's University Belfast <sup>(2)</sup>

An architecturally stunning, unique and internationally renowned institution, dating back over 160 years. Guided and self-guided tours are available at the welcome centre.

## Botanic Gardens

Home to the restored Palm House (1852) containing a range of tropical plants, hanging baskets, seasonal displays and birds of paradise.

## Stormont Parliament Buildings <sup>(3)</sup>

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

## NI War Memorial Gallery

A must see attraction for visitors with an interest in the Home Front and US forces in Northern Ireland during the Second World War.





# HOME OF THRONES

Winter is here... **GAME OF THRONES™: The Touring Exhibition** has arrived at the TEC Belfast, for its debut visit to the UK and Ireland.

The exhibition is in the footprint of the legendary Titanic Studios, where much of the series was filmed over a 10 year period. Fans can now authentically immerse themselves in Westeros and Essos, as well as relive the trials and tribulations of those who struggle for survival in the shadow of the Iron Throne, as the highly anticipated season eight airs.

The dramatic exhibition combines costumes, authentic props and majestic settings from

all seven seasons to create an interactive and immersive GAME OF THRONES® experience like no other.

*The largest GAME OF THRONES® public display is open until 1 September and fans are already enjoying the experience of a lifetime with an up-close and personal look at the artistry and craftsmanship behind the Emmy award-winning series, as well as the opportunity to:*

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

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To book tickets for this unmissable blockbuster, visit: [gameofthronesexhibition.co.uk](http://gameofthronesexhibition.co.uk)

# TITANIC THE LEGEND THE STORY

Explore the sights, sounds and stories of RMS Titanic at this world leading visitor attraction, in the city where it all began.



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# CULTURE VULTURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A lovely combination of shop and gallery, showcasing a range of ceramics, jewellery, sculptures, design items, fabrics, cards and art by local makers. The crafts exhibited change constantly and also showcase work by young, emerging artists. 📄  
[craftni.org/space-craft-ni](http://craftni.org/space-craft-ni)

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

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

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

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

# DAY TRIPS

## **Irish Linen Centre** **Market Square, Lisburn**

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

## **North Down Museum** **Town Hall, Bangor**

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

## **Ulster American Folk Park** **Castletown, Omagh**

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

## **Down County Museum** **The Mall, Downpatrick**

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

## **Seamus Heaney HomePlace** **Bellaghy**

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



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

## **ArtisAnn Gallery** **70 Bloomfield Avenue**

Based over two floors, the gallery features an array of artworks by both emerging and established artists, from painters and sculptors to photographers and collage-makers. The exhibition space hosts a new show each month with all showcased work for sale. ☎  
[artisann.org](http://artisann.org)

## **Gerard Dillon Gallery** **Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich, 216 Falls Road**

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

## **The Naughton Gallery** **Lanyon Building, Queen's University**

One of Belfast's most vibrant and exciting art galleries, featuring a rolling programme of works from Queen's own collection, touring exhibitions and shows by local and international artists. ☎  
[naughtongallery.org](http://naughtongallery.org)

## **Atypical Gallery** **109-113 Royal Avenue**

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

## **Museum of Orange Heritage** **368 Cregagh Road**

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

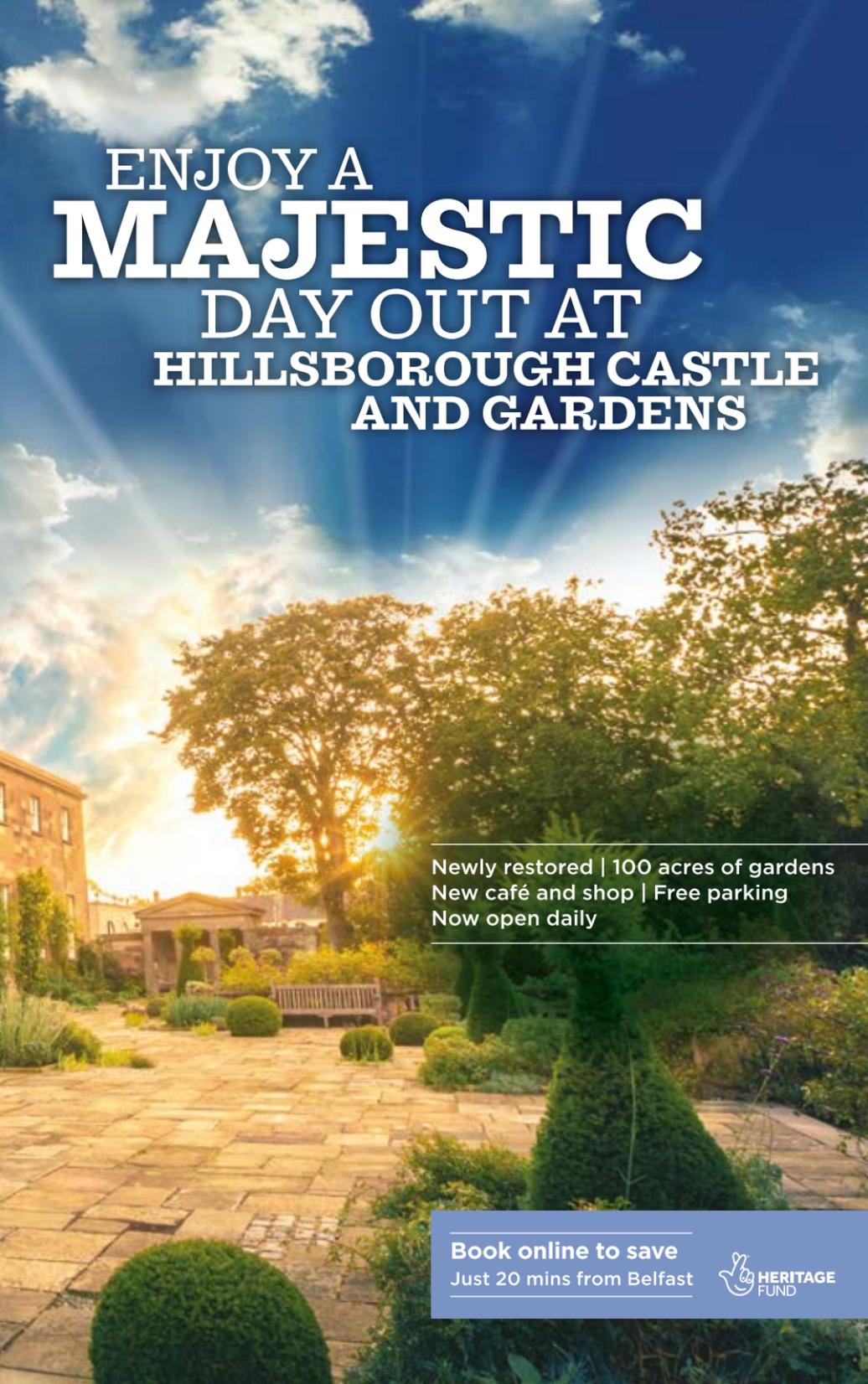
## **James Connolly** **Visitor Centre** **374-376 Falls Road**

An inspirational visitor centre telling the story of Connolly (1868-1916) exploring his role as a pioneer of the early trade union movement. Learn about his key role in the Easter Rising, his subsequent court-martial, death sentence and execution.  
[arasuichonghaile.com](http://arasuichonghaile.com)



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# TITANIC CITY

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## The SSE Arena & Odyssey Pavilion

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[odysseypavilion.co.uk](http://odysseypavilion.co.uk)  
[ssearenabelfast.com](http://ssearenabelfast.com)



## PRONI

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

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



## Belfast City Hall

Sited in the grounds, the Titanic Memorial Garden contains a plinth inscribed with the names of the 1,512 people who died on RMS Titanic.

## SS Nomadic Belfast & Hamilton Dock

SS Nomadic is the 105 year old tender ship which served Titanic on her maiden voyage, carrying first and second class passengers. Originally built by Harland and Wolff in 1911, The Nomadic is the last remaining ship of the White Star line.

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





### TEC Belfast

Opposite the Titanic Studios and home to the unmissable GAME OF THRONES™: The Touring Exhibition.

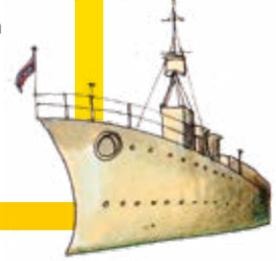
### Titanic Belfast

The iconic six floor building houses nine interpretative and interactive galleries that explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of Titanic, as well as the City and people which made her, Titanic Belfast is an unmissable experience. [titanicbelfast.com](http://titanicbelfast.com)



### The Wee Tram

Take a tram ride through the past, present and future of Titanic Quarter and see the historic shipyard come to life. [theweetram.com](http://theweetram.com)



### HMS Caroline

Explore this World War One light battle cruiser, the lone survivor of the Battle of Jutland, and see how the crews lived over 100 years ago. [nmrn.org.uk](http://nmrn.org.uk)



### Titanic Hotel Belfast

Titanic Hotel Belfast, the world's most authentic Titanic hotel, has been created in the former headquarters of Harland and Wolff, builders of the RMS Titanic. [titanichotelbelfast.com](http://titanichotelbelfast.com)

### WeAreVertigo

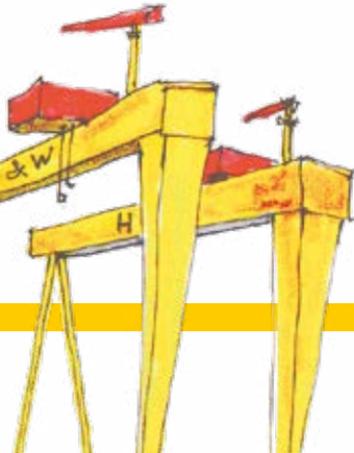
Try flying without wings or an aeroplane and experience the power of 120mph wind at the only Indoor Skydiving Centre in Ireland or see if you're a true Ninja Warrior at the new Ninja Master Course. Exhilarating fun for all ages. [wearevertigo.com](http://wearevertigo.com)

### Titanic's Dock & Pump-House

Descend 44 feet to the bottom of the Thompson Dock where Titanic last sat on dry ground. Learn about Belfast's shipbuilding legacy in the visitor centre or take a tour. [titanicsdock.com](http://titanicsdock.com)

### Samson & Goliath

Towering over Titanic Quarter are the landmark yellow gantry cranes of Harland and Wolff. Constructed in 1969 and 1974, Samson and Goliath are still in operation today, and stand 96m and 106m tall.



# MUSIC

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

## **NASHVILLE IN BELFAST** 12–16 June

### **Various Venues**

To celebrate the Sister City relationship with Nashville, USA a jam-packed programme of events will take place across Belfast celebrating our cities' connections through food, live music, and family fun events. Michael King from the famous Monell's restaurant in Nashville will present some authentic Deep South cuisine in a unique pop-up venue. Come and enjoy a fantastic Nashville style hoedown this summer!

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

## **BELSONIC** 12–28 June

### **Ormeau Park**

Returning to its new location in the picturesque Ormeau Park, Belsonic is a summer institution bringing the best acts from around the world to Belfast. This year's line-up includes George Ezra, Stormzy, Ben Nicky, Marshmello and Tiësto.

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

## **AUGUST FÉILE**

### **1–11 August** **Gaeltacht Quarter**

Ireland's top community festival will host the biggest free dance night in Ireland at Falls Park on Thursday 8 August! Keep an eye out for

the programme launch this summer featuring headline acts and over 400 other events from live music and comedy to sport, exhibitions, drama, discussions and debates in over 30 venues.

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

## **EASTSIDE ARTS FESTIVAL**

### **1–11 August** **Eastside**

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

[eastsidearts.net](http://eastsidearts.net)

# CITY

## LET'S ROCK BELFAST

**3 August**  
**Boucher Road**

Enjoy a fabulous line-up of artists to bring you the very best of the 80s including Billy Ocean, Marc Almond, Midge Ure, Altered Images and Heaven 17.

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

## CHSQ 2019

**Custom House Square,**  
**8–25 August**

Returning to the historic surroundings of Belfast's iconic Custom House, with 12 nights of great live music including Anne Marie, Jess Glynne, The Coronas, Madness, Stiff Little Fingers and The Human League.

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

## VITAL

**19 & 24 August**  
**Boucher Road**

The summer of live music in Belfast just gets better and better, as the annual Vital Festival returns to Belfast's Boucher Road Playing Fields. The Foo Fighters are the headliners on 19 August with special guests Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes and Hot Milk. Timmy Trumpet and special guests Jonas Blue, Fedde Le Grand, MaRLo and Jay Pryor take to the stage on 24 August.

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

## BELFAST MELA

**25 August**  
**Botanic Gardens**

Botanic Gardens will be taken over by this multi-cultural extravaganza offering a show stopping line-up of music, dance, food, fashion, street theatre, circus and carnival from across the globe.

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

## WORTH THE TRIP

### SNOW PATROL

**25 May**  
**Bangor**

Returning to their home town, Snow Patrol will perform at Ward Park with special guests: Two Door Cinema Club, Foy Vance, ASH, SOAK, Jealous Of The Birds, Brand New Friend, JC Stewart, The Wood Burning Savages, Kitt Philippa, and ROE.

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

### OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL

**1–31 August**  
**Bangor**

More than 40 venues will play host to over 130 unique events, bringing together the best international and local talent for a month of music, theatre, film, readings and one-off culinary experiences.

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

### HILDEN BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL

**23–25 August**  
**Lisburn**

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

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

## BELFAST MUSIC PLAYLIST

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



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

# RETAIL THERAPY



## Victoria Square

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

SEE MAP **D4**

## Castle Court

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

SEE MAP **C3**

## Donegall Place

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

SEE MAP **D4**

## Hidden Gems

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



### Queen's Arcade

Connecting Donegall Place with Fountain Street, Belfast's last surviving Victorian arcade offers a stunning selection of jewellery, gifts and fashion at an eclectic mix of Belfast's highest quality independent and luxury stores.



### Space Craft

A shop, gallery and exhibition area, located on the piazza of the Fountain Centre, where you can browse a range of craft, applied art and design created by local established and emerging artists.



### Bedeck

One of the few bedlinen providers who still have their own in-house textile design studio, the Bedeck Home store, on the Lisburn Road, is one of the Belfast's most desirable interiors shops.



## St George's Market

Get down to St George's Market and experience the wonderful atmosphere, live music, street food from around the world, and an amazing selection of traders and stalls offering some of the finest local produce, arts and crafts. The Friday Variety Market is open 6am-3pm, the Saturday City Food & Garden Market is open 9am-3pm and the Sunday Market is open 10am-4pm.

SEE MAP 

## Lisburn Road

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

SEE MAP 

## Outlet Shopping

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



# SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

Wondering how to keep the kids entertained all summer long? Look no further, Belfast is packed with fun for all ages and interests. Here's our boredom busting tips for a great family day out.

## LEARN & EXPLORE

### Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory

Travel back in time and learn how toffee and sweets were made from 100 year old recipes. Make your own candy floss and shop for yummy treats including yellow man, raspberry ruffles and macaroons.

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

### Gruffalo Trail at Colin Glen Forest

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

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

### CS Lewis Square

Return to Narnia with a walk through CS Lewis Square. Your little book worms will discover seven bronze sculptures of much loved characters including Aslan, Mr Tumnus, The White Witch and more. Free trail maps can be found in EastSide Visitor Centre.

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

### Ulster Folk and Transport Museum

Uncover a way of life from 100 years ago and discover cottages, farms, schools and shops as you wander through the beautiful parkland Folk Museum. Climb aboard steam locomotives, horse drawn carriages, electric trams, fire-engines and vintage cars or experience the sensation of flight in the Transport Museum.

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

### W5

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

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



### SAVE THE DATE!

### Belfast Titanic Maritime Festival 25-27 May 2019

The magnificent masts of Tall Ships return to Belfast's quaysides signalling the start of one of the city's most popular family events. Hop aboard some magnificent vessels and enjoy a bumper-packed weekend full of maritime-themed family fun, food and frolics.

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



## 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)

### Streamvale Open Farm

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

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

### Exploris Aquarium

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

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

## ACTION PACKED

### We Are Vertigo

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

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

### Clip 'n Climb

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

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

### The Lost City Adventure Golf

Choose from two 18-hole rainforest themed Indoor courses. Make your way around the course, amidst simulated thunder and lightning storms and challenge your skills

against rainforest animals and moving walls. If you get a hole in one on the 18th hole, much Inca Gold will come your way.

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

### Bridges Urban Sports Park

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

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

### Dundonald International Ice Bowl

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

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

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

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# BLOOMING BRILLIANT GARDENS



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From formal, manicured flowerbeds to sprawling meadows and woods, there are some fantastic places to be enjoyed, so this summer pack a picnic and explore one of our beautiful parks or gardens.

## **Belfast Botanic Gardens and Palm House** 01

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.

## **Barnett Demesne**

Home to Malone House, an elegant mansion dating back to the 1820's, which commands stunning views over acres of magnificent parkland, Lagan Valley and the Belfast Hills. Barnett Demesne is also home to an arboretum, daffodil garden and a number of woodland and wildflower meadows. Enjoy walks linking to the adjacent Lagan Towpath.

## **Ormeau Park**

Not far from the River Lagan, this is the oldest municipal park in the city. Popular with walkers and joggers, with a range of eco trails and orienteering routes as well as a children's playground. There are also a range of sports facilities on offer including soccer pitches, bowling greens, a BMX track, and basketball, tennis and netball courts.

## **Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park** 02

The International Rose Garden at Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park is amongst the best in the world. From July to September over 45,000 roses are in bloom. A full programme of events takes place in the park during Rose Week (15-21 July) including floral art demonstrations, summer rose exhibitions, music and a variety of entertainment for all ages.

## **Belfast Castle Estate** 03

The estate contains landscaped gardens and mature mixed woodland, and offers superb views of the city. Its home to many different species of wildlife, including long-eared owls, sparrow hawks and Belfast's rarest plant; the town hall clock. Look out for the nine cats depicted in the paving, sculptures and garden furniture of the Cat Garden.

## **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 views across the city and beyond.

## TOP TIP

### **Belfast City Hall**

A summer institution for locals and visitors is to relax in the picturesque grounds of Belfast City Hall. Grab some food 'to go' from one of the many surrounding coffee shops and find a space on the lawn, steps or benches to relax and soak up some sunshine.

### **Explore More**

The Belfast Hills Partnership offer a fantastic programme of events throughout the summer from historic walks to exploring wildlife, archaeology to nature photography and some great dawn hikes for early risers who want to make the most of their morning.  
[belfasthills.org/events](http://belfasthills.org/events)

# Belfast Box Office

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



Take a trip to the stunning, historical **Grand Opera House** this summer where you can see the 'cheeky' award-winning smash-hit musical featuring Lesley Joseph in 'The Calendar Girls' (14-25 May). The sensational story of Queen Victoria is brought to life through dance (29 May - 1 June), or enjoy a gripping stage adaptation of top selling novel 'The Girl on the Train' (11-15 June). Smash-hit musical and LA love story 'Rock of Ages' returns (18-22 June) with over 25 classic rock anthems, or the enthralling 'Magic Flute' balances the opera's beguiling mix of comedy, fantasy and pantomime (27-29 June). You'll be dancing in your seat when the 30th anniversary tour of 'Fame the Musical' arrives in town (19-24 August) and the annual family festival takes place 6 July with behind the scenes tours and workshops for all ages. [Full programme online at: goh.co.uk](http://goh.co.uk)

The **Lyric Theatre** has won a series of awards for its architecture and you can enjoy the stunning river views from its gourmet café bar. This season's highlights include Pulitzer Prize-winning play 'A Streetcar Named Desire' (4 May - 8 June), Marie Jones multi-award winning play 'A Night in November' (12-21 June) and the smash-hit West End production of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' (17-21 July). The smash-hit musical 'Paperboy' is back (1-4 August), and playwright and performer Geraldine Hughes depicts over 20 characters in the multi-award-winning performance of 'Belfast Blues' (6-11 August). [Full programme online at: lyrictheatre.co.uk](http://lyrictheatre.co.uk)

The **SSE Arena, Belfast** has a feast of top name concerts lined up this season including Olly Murs (14 May), Westlife (22-27 May) and the Vamps (28 May). Global superstar Michael Buble returns for

two nights (9-10 June) and comedian Bill Bailey performs his new show 'Larks in Transit' (13 June). WWE Live brings some wrestling action on 8 May and kids will be mesmerised with the Wonderful World of Disney on Ice (3-5 May). [Full programme online at: ssearenabelfast.com](http://ssearenabelfast.com)

**The MAC** brings music, theatre, dance and visual art under one roof. This summer enjoy a feast of comedy with Tony Law (18 May), Elis James & John Robins (22 May) or Rich Hall's Hoedown (29-30 May). There's music with Christine Bovill (17 May) and Kaz Hawkins (9 June), or why not enjoy a night of cabaret in the all-new Luminaire club with 'Mother's Ruin: A Cabaret About Gin' (15-16 May), drag legend 'Lady Bunny Pig in a Wig' (26 May) or the 'Belfast Girls' (5-23 June) who will have you dancing in the aisles and laughing all night! [Full programme online at: themaclive.com](http://themaclive.com)



The **Belfast Waterfront** offers a great season of top entertainment! Don't miss award winning comedian Adam Kay (9 May), or live music from Paul Young (23 May), Anne Marie (31 May) and the legendary Nile Rodgers & Chic (4 June). Mix things up with Gatecrasher Classical (18 May), enjoy a performance by classical artist Katherine Jenkins (27 May) and don't miss the Tony Award winning musical 'Avenue Q' (7-10 August). Keep the kids entertained at Brainiac Live (25 May) or 'Zog' live on stage (28-30 June).

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

The Victorian **Ulster Hall** is home to the Ulster Orchestra who perform regularly with both evening and lunchtime concerts. This summer you can also enjoy live music performances from Ivor Novello Award winning musician Jamie Lawson (11 May), The Waterboys

(20 May), Paul Brady & Theo Katzmen (5 June) or comedy nights with Ruby Wax (5 May), Stewart Francis (16 May), Jasper Carrott (30 May) and Reginald D Hunter (29 June). Enjoy an audience with Ryan Giggs (28 June), MTK Fight Night headlining Ryan Burnett (17 May), or the D-Day Commemoration Concert (8 June).

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

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

Come along for an evening of culchie comedy with Farmer Michael and his long-suffering wife Kathleen (17 August). Enjoy music from queen of folk and political song, Peggy Seeger (28 July) or enjoy the songs of Leonard Cohen by Keith James (18 May). The Belfast Book Festival returns 6-17 June with a unique, diverse and highly creative programme featuring well-known authors, comedians and journalists.

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



### MOVIE MADNESS

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

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



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# LGBTQ+ Belfast

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



## NIGHTLIFE

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

### The Kremlin 96 Donegall Street

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

[kremlin-belfast.com](http://kremlin-belfast.com)

### Union Street Bar 8-14 Union Street

Situated in a 19th century shoe factory, Union Street Bar is one of the city's most stylish bars with a cool yet comfy vibe. Upstairs, the Green Room Cocktail Lounge is

particularly worth a visit, and the adjoining Shoe Factory provides wacky entertainment, from bingo and karaoke to quizzes and cabaret.

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

### Maverick Bar 1 Union Street

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

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

Other gay-friendly bars include **Muriel's** on Church Lane, **The Spaniard** on Skipper Street and **The Bear and The Doll** on Little Donegall Street.

## ENTERTAINMENT

The Black Box on Hill Street in Belfast's Cathedral Quarter always has something interesting going on performance-wise all year round, or if you're in the mood for some glamorous cabaret check out the line up at the Cabaret Supper Club on Upper Arthur Street close to Belfast City Hall.

## PRIDE

### Belfast Pride 26 July – 4 August

Belfast bursts into a rainbow of colour every summer with Belfast City Hall lighting up in rainbow colours to celebrate Pride Day when the annual Pride Parade takes place on Saturday 3 August. This award winning festival is a 10 day celebration packed with over 100 events from film and music to drama and debate.

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

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

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# MADE FOR GOLF

Northern Ireland will be going golf crazy this summer when the world's top golfers arrive at Royal Portrush to compete for the Claret Jug at The Open. If you're not lucky enough to have a ticket, make sure to soak up the excitement and enjoy big screen coverage in pubs, bars and golf clubs across the city.

While you're here, treat yourself to a round at one of the city's fine parkland courses. Within just a short drive from the city centre you will find a superb choice of top quality courses offering great value for money and an amazing welcome at the clubhouse!

Start your Belfast golf break with a round at **Malone Golf Club**, a superb championship course with a beautiful trout lake as its centrepiece. While you're there, see if you can spot the upside down 'V' on the last post exiting the club. It means this estate was a 'safehouse' for both US and British soldiers during World War 1.

A true taste of history, **Royal Belfast** is the oldest golf course in Ireland, and still retains so much of its original charm. That endurance is a

testament to the skill of the course's designer, the famous H.S. Colt. You'll adore the challenge of this classic par-70 course and reliving your best shots in the Victorian clubhouse afterwards.

**Belvoir Park Golf Club** boasts a distinguished history, having hosted The Irish Open, The Irish PGA, and The Irish Amateur Close. This stunning championship parkland course covers 163 acres of mature woodland, and is another of several Northern Irish courses designed by the master of the art, Harry S. Colt.

Golfers and visitors from all over the world are assured of a warm and friendly welcome at **Balmoral Golf Club**, which was once the home of former Open Championship winner Fred Daly. Located just 2 miles south of the city centre, this 6,276 yard

parkland course is an enjoyable challenge for golfers of all levels.

## THE OPEN

**Royal Portrush**  
14 – 21 July

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

*\*Championship Days are sold out; however Practice Days tickets may still be available.*  
**theopen.com**

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# URBAN ADVENTURE



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

## Colin Glen Forest Park & Adventure Centre

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

## Let's Go Hydro

Watersports and activity resort offering a range of family friendly activities including the Wibit inflatable aqua park, kayaking, wakeboarding and paddle boarding. Glamping pods and café also available. [letsgohydro.com](http://letsgohydro.com)

## Mobile Team Adventure

An exciting outdoor activity provider, offering canoeing, kayaking, tubing, archery, rock climbing

and a wide variety of outdoor pursuits and team-building activities for groups and individuals. The mobile team can bring your activities to any location in Northern Ireland. [mobileteamadventure.co.uk](http://mobileteamadventure.co.uk)

**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)

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## Todds Leap

Just an hour outside Belfast, experience an electrifying range of thrilling pursuits. Specialising in fun days out and team-building through 4x4 off-road

driving, clay pigeon shooting, paintball, body zorbing, freefall drop zone and zipline. [toddsleap.com](http://toddsleap.com)

## Trigger Happy Fun

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

## Vertigo Indoor Skydiving

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

earplugs and you're ready to spread your wings and fly. [wearevertigo.com](http://wearevertigo.com)

## Eddie Irvine Sports

Get your motor running at one of Northern Ireland's largest indoor karting tracks. If driving isn't your thing, enjoy Thunder Park, paintball, football, laser combat and snooker. [eddieirvinesports.com](http://eddieirvinesports.com)

## Escape Rooms

Teamwork is key in this fast-paced game where you and your friends have 60 minutes to escape a locked room or complete a mission. [escaperoomsbelfast.com](http://escaperoomsbelfast.com)

## GoT to Escape

Offering intelligent indoor entertainment with 3 Game of Thrones inspired escape rooms and one mystery room, each designed for a 60 minute game for up to five players. [gottoescape.com](http://gottoescape.com)

# Belfast Plus

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

**belfastplus.com**



## ARDS AND NORTH DOWN ...

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Within 20 minutes of Belfast, enjoy the picturesque town of historic Holywood or, just a little further the seaside town of Bangor. Spend the afternoon exploring North Down Museum and The Walled Garden, discovering the secret gems of the town or Pickie Funpark for family fun.

Take in the scenic Ards Peninsula's wonderful villages, discover harbours, stately homes, castles and windmills. In Portaferry explore the underwater world at Exploris Aquarium or take a boat trip on sparkling Strangford Lough.

For foodie folk, don't miss the delis, cafes and award winning restaurants in Comber, Killinchy and

surrounding area – try our wonderful produce and take home flavours of your visit.

Stay a while and book into one of the fabulous places to stay sprinkled across the region – enjoy a room with a view!

#### Upcoming Events

Just a taster of what Ards and North Down has to offer this summer season...

#### Merry May Day

6 May  
Holywood

#### Puppet Festival

26–27 May  
Newtownards

#### Sea Bangor Festival

1–2 June  
Bangor

#### Comber Earlies Festival

29 June  
Comber

#### Summer Music in the Park Sundays in July and August

Bangor

#### Open House Festival Throughout August

Bangor

#### Creative Peninsula 2–11 August

Ards Peninsula

#### Portavogie Seafood Festival 10 August

Portavogie



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



#### Ards Visitor Information Centre

31 Regent Street  
Newtownards BT23 4AD  
**028 9182 6846**



#### Bangor Visitor Information Centre

34 Quay Street  
Bangor BT20 5ED  
**028 9127 0069**



## SUMMER IN LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH

**If you're planning a summer break or a weekend away, visit Lisburn & Castlereagh for award winning attractions, shopping and fantastic food. Explore Lisburn City Centre or immerse yourself in rich heritage at one of our stunning historic villages such as Hillsborough or Moira.**

Lisburn features the beautifully restored Castle Gardens in the City's Historic Quarter, bequeathed to the people by Sir Richard Wallace. Explore our industrial heritage with a visit to the award winning Irish Linen Centre, which tells the story of our spinning and weaving traditions through fascinating displays and artefacts. Discover the magic of traditional brewing by visiting Ireland's oldest independent brewery in the 19th Century courtyard of Hilden House, also home to the Tap Room Restaurant.

Plan a relaxed visit to the picturesque villages of Hillsborough and Moira, with their mix of boutique shops, gastro pubs and cafes offering superb local produce. Take time to explore the beautiful parkland of Moira Demesne and stop for a coffee at McCartney's or even learn how to distil your own gin at The Still House. The Georgian village of Hillsborough is also home to the historic Courthouse and the stunning Hillsborough Castle & Gardens, the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland, which has been recently fully refurbished and restored. With its fascinating history and glorious gardens, it offers a memorable glimpse into the village's historic stories.

Whether you are a seasoned foodie or want a quick bite, discover the true taste of Ulster in our vibrant

restaurants, cafés and farmers markets, featuring produce from some of the area's award winning growers and producers. Memorable shopping opportunities await you at Bow Street Mall, Sprucefield and Forestside Shopping Centres and Lisburn Square. With a mix of intimate boutiques and high street names, Lisburn & Castlereagh caters for all your shopping needs.

What's more, you can enjoy a range of fantastic summer events including the Balmoral Show, the Ulster Grand Prix, the Summer Festival of Horse Racing at Down Royal and the Hilden Beer & Music Festival. Whether you're fascinated by arts and literature, excited by engineering or just need some family fun – Lisburn & Castlereagh has it all!



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

** Lisburn Visitor Information Centre**  
15 Lisburn Square  
Lisburn BT28 1AN  
**028 9244 7622**

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

# SUMMER FUN IN ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY



## Ballyclare May Fair 21-25 May

The Ballyclare May Fair will run from Tuesday 21 May until Saturday 25 May at various locations in the town and everyone is welcome! This year's festival will be a mixture of the traditional horse fair, local music including tribute acts and a live performance by country star Marty Mone on Saturday 25 May.

Other highlights throughout the week include family fun activities, amusements, Soapbox Derby and the return of the colourful May Fair Parade.

For more information visit [antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/ballyclaremayfair](http://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/ballyclaremayfair)



## Summer Market and Family Fun Days

Sat 15 June & Sat 17 August, 11am-4pm,  
Civic Square at Mossley Mill, £2 entrance fee (under 16's free)

Join us for our Summer

Artisan Markets and Family Fun Days at Mossley Mill. Relax and sample some of the fine foods and crafts on offer from local traders and enjoy the line-up of live entertainment throughout the day. The kids will be thrilled with our pop up cinema, fairground rides and resident super heroes. Just a few of the treats lined up for this great family day out.



## Irish Game Fair and Fine Food Festival

29-30 June

The Irish Game Fair returns to Shane's Castle with the Fine Food and Living History Festivals; International country sports competitions and great family attractions. For full details visit [irishgamefair.com](http://irishgamefair.com)



## Shoreline Festival 24-25 August

Enjoy a bank holiday weekend of free family fun and music at Loughshore Park Jordanstown. Usual favourites such as amusements, street theatre shows and nautical themed children's activities will be available on both days with live performances each evening. A spectacular fireworks extravaganza will light up the night sky on Saturday 24 August subject to weather conditions. For more information visit [antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk](http://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk)



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# ROAD TRIP

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

## Hillsborough Castle

From grand family home to charming royal residence, Hillsborough Castle has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics. Tour includes guided access to all the State Rooms that make up this elegant Georgian home. Also explore 100 acres of beautiful gardens to complete a relaxing day out for the whole family.

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

## Florence Court

With a majestic setting in the Fermanagh countryside, explore the extensive estate through landscaped grounds, forest trails and the well-kept Walled Garden. Take a guided tour of the Georgian mansion to hear stories about the Cole family that lived here for over 250 years.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/florence-court](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/florence-court)

## 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)

## The Argory

This atmospheric Irish gentry house was built in the 1820s and is surrounded by a wooded riverside estate. Take a tour of this neo-classical masterpiece and outside enjoy the sweeping vistas, superb spring flowers, scenic walks and fascinating courtyard displays.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/the-argory](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/the-argory)

## Castle Ward

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

[nationaltrust.org.uk/castle-ward](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/castle-ward)

## Mount Stewart

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

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

## Rowallane Garden

This informal plantsman's garden reflects the beautiful natural landscape of the surrounding area. There are spectacular displays of shrubs, including a large collection of rhododendron species and several areas managed as wildflower meadows.

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

## Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House

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

[dunganon.info](http://dunganon.info)

# Tours



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

## KEY

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

## HOP ON / HOP OFF TOURS

### Belfast City Sightseeing

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

**028 9032 1321**

**belfastcitysightseeing.com**



### Belfast City Tours

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

**028 9032 1912**

**citytoursbelfast.com**



### The Wee Tram

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

**07980 885991**

**theweetram.com**



## GUIDED COACH TOURS

### Allen's Giant's Causeway Tours

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

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### Belfast Mini Coach

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

**028 9086 6888**

**belfastminicoach.com**



### Executive Coach Tours

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

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### Finn McCools Tours

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

**00353 1 868 4101**

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### Game of Thrones Tours

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**028 9568 0023**

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### Game of Thrones Tour of the North

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**0844 2471 007**

**britmovietours.com**



### Giant Tours Ireland

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**07555 665900**

**gianttoursireland.com**



### Glenara Elite Travel

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

**028 7035 4600**

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



### GOT Direwolf Tours

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

**07543 056 294**

**gotdirewolves.com**



### Irish Tour Tickets

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### Lough Neagh Tours

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**028 7941 7941**

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### 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**



# Tours

## Odyssey Coach Tours

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

**028 9024 0300**  
[odysseycoachtours.co.uk](http://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**  
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## Top Irish Tours

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



### BlackTaxiTours.com

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

**07702 060573**  
[blacktaxitours.com](http://blacktaxitours.com)



### The Black Cab Tour

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

**07798 602401**  
[touringaroundbelfast.com](http://touringaroundbelfast.com)

### Taxitrax Tours

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

**07892 716660**  
[taxitrax.com](http://taxitrax.com)



## WALKING TOURS

### Ards Peninsula Tours

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

**07763 898074**  
[ardspeninsula.com](http://ardspeninsula.com)

### Away A Wee Walk

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

**07837 703643**  
[awayaweewalk.com](http://awayaweewalk.com)



### Belfast À Pied

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

**07772 873342**  
[belfast-a-pied.com](http://belfast-a-pied.com)

### The Belfast Experience

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

**028 9074 8922**  
[epic.org.uk](http://epic.org.uk)

## Belfast Free Walking Tour

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

**07393 585531**  
[belfastfreewalkingtour.com](http://belfastfreewalkingtour.com)

## Belfast Hidden Tours

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

**07971 895746**  
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## Clifton House Tours

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

**028 9099 7022**  
[cliftonbelfast.com](http://cliftonbelfast.com)

## Coiste Political Tours

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

**028 9020 0770**  
[coiste.ie](http://coiste.ie)



## Discovery Tour at Titanic Belfast

Visitors are introduced to the historic story and landmarks, through to the modern day concept, build and fascinating facts and features of Titanic Belfast - the iconic tribute to Titanic's story.  
**028 9076 6386**  
[titanicbelfast.com](http://titanicbelfast.com)



## Experience Belfast

Enjoy a fun city centre walking tour that's the perfect introduction to the city. We entertain, engage, inform and illuminate.  
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[experiencebelfast.com](http://experiencebelfast.com)

## Freemasons Tours

Explore an undiscovered jewel of the architectural and social heritage of Belfast. Masonic artefacts and features tell the story of the building and of the Masonic tradition itself in a clear and open manner.  
**028 9024 9333**  
[arthursquare.org/hall-tours](http://arthursquare.org/hall-tours)

## DC Tours

City centre walking tours which explain the history of the Troubles and the path to peace, including the award-winning 'History of Terror' tour.  
**07716 949460**  
[deadcentretours.com](http://deadcentretours.com)



## IFA Education and Heritage Centre

Take in a Stadium Tour at the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park and learn the unique story of Northern Ireland football through a variety of media, interactive displays and key artefacts from the 1880s to the present day.  
**028 9066 9458**  
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## My Belfast Walking Tours

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

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## The Theatrical History Tour of Belfast

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

## Walking Tours Belfast

Professional Blue Badge tourist guides offering Historic City tours every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and on Cruise days at 10am and 1pm plus Historic Pub tours each Saturday at 4pm.  
**07889 822405**  
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## FOOD & DRINK TOURS

### Barrel Folk

Pick up a free map from the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre and follow the tour to spot the eight beautifully hand-painted Jameson Whiskey barrels telling the story of some of the best whiskey bars in Belfast.  
[whiskeyclub.com/experiences](http://whiskeyclub.com/experiences)

### Belfast Bred

Join Chef Barney on the only theatrical food tour in town! Discover, and taste, the food Belfast was built on during this fun filled one of a kind experience! Tours run throughout the year on the last Saturday of every month.  
[visitbelfast.com/tours](http://visitbelfast.com/tours)



### Belfast Food Tour

Let Taste and Tour take you 'off the Eaten Track' on a 4 hour fun and food filled guided walk to some top food and drink spots around Belfast City Centre.  
[tasteandtour.co.uk](http://tasteandtour.co.uk)

### The Belfast Pub Trail Map

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

## Echlinville Distillery

A family-run distillery, who loves to share their devotion to quality spirits with visitors from around the world, offer tours, tastings and special 'stay and distil' experiences. Private tours and bespoke group packages are also available.  
**028 4273 8597**  
[echlinville.com/visit](http://echlinville.com/visit)

## Hilden Brewery

Visitors to the brewery can discover the magic of brewing and learn about this ancient craft from the master brewer. Sample the subtleties of flavour and character of Hilden's finest beers.  
**028 9266 3863**  
[taproomhilden.com/brewery](http://taproomhilden.com/brewery)

## Hughes Craft Distillery

RubyBlue Spirits embody premium quality traditionally crafted to create a flavour experience. The award-winning range is produced in the beautiful village of Moira where you can tour the distillery, with an adjoining Gastropub and Gin school.  
**028 9278 0735**  
[stillhousemoira.com/hughes-distillery](http://stillhousemoira.com/hughes-distillery)

## Old Bushmills

Come and watch whiskey making take place and enjoy a wee taster too. Experience a guided tour of Ireland's only "grain to glass" distillery and discover some of the trade secrets learned over 400 years of distilling.  
**028 2073 3218**  
[bushmills.com/distillery](http://bushmills.com/distillery)

# Tours

## Rademon Estate Distillery

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

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

## Taste and Tour

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

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

## The Titanic Food Tour

Walk in the footsteps of generations of ship-builders, learn the local story of history's most famous ship, and sample delicious local food and drink along the way.

**07904 350 339**  
[titanicfoodtour.com](http://titanicfoodtour.com)

## Ulster Whiskey

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

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

## BIKE TOURS

### Belfast City Bike Tours

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

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

## BOAT TOURS

### Lagan Boat Company

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

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



## PRIVATE / GROUP TOURS

### Belfast City Walking Tours

A wide range of themed walking tours with tailored options available for groups of 10+ with a qualified Blue Badge guide.

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

## Cutting Edge Helicopter Tours

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

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

## Irish Monastic Tours

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

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

## Lynn Corken Tours

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

**07779 102448**

## NI Tour Ltd

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

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

## Northern Ireland Tourist Guiding Association (NITGA)

Full members are Blue Badge Guides and National Guides, accredited by the Institute of Tourist Guiding in London or Fáilte Ireland.

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

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

## Prestige Chauffeur Services NI

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

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

## Tour Guides NI

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

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

## Tour Ticket Ireland

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

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

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

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# Eating Out



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

## KEY

**DA** Map grid location

**CC** City Centre

**CQ** Cathedral Quarter

**TQ** Titanic Quarter

**LQ** Linen Quarter

**QQ** Queen's Quarter

**GO** Gaeltacht Quarter

# Eating Out

visitBelfast

## MODERN CUISINE

### Acton & Sons 17 Brunswick Street

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

**028 9024 0239**  
[actonandsons.com](http://actonandsons.com)

CA CC

### AMPM

#### 38-42 Upper Arthur Street

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

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

DA CC

### Buba Belfast St Anne's Square

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

**028 9568 0162**  
[bubabelfast.com](http://bubabelfast.com)

D3 CA

### Café Parisien Cleever House Donegall Square North

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

positioned in the heart of the city, opposite Belfast City Hall.  
**028 9590 4338**  
[cafe-parisienbelfast.com](http://cafe-parisienbelfast.com)

DA CC

### Cellar Restaurant Belfast Castle, off Antrim Road

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

**028 9037 0133**  
[belfastcastle.co.uk](http://belfastcastle.co.uk)

### Coco Restaurant 7-11 Linenhall Street

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

**028 9031 1150**  
[cocobelfast.com](http://cocobelfast.com)

DA LA

### Cutters Wharf Lockview Road, Stranmillis

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

**028 9080 5100**  
[cutterswharf.co.uk](http://cutterswharf.co.uk)

D8 CA

### 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)

CA CA

### Deanes Deli Bistro 42-44 Bedford Street

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

**028 9024 8800**  
[michaeldeane.co.uk](http://michaeldeane.co.uk)

DA LA

### Deanes Deli Vin Café 42-44 Bedford Street

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

**028 9024 8800**  
[michaeldeane.co.uk](http://michaeldeane.co.uk)

DA LA

### Deanes EIPIC 28-40 Howard Street

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

**028 9033 1134**  
[deaneseipic.com](http://deaneseipic.com)

CA CC

### Deanes Meat Locker 28-40 Howard Street

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

**028 9033 1134**  
[michaeldeane.co.uk](http://michaeldeane.co.uk)

CA CC

### EDÖ Upper Queen Street

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

**028 9031 3054**  
[edorestaurant.co.uk](http://edorestaurant.co.uk)

CA CC

### Flame Restaurant 46 Howard Street

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

**028 9033 2121**  
[flamerestaurant.co.uk](http://flamerestaurant.co.uk)

CA CC

### Ginger Bistro 7-8 Hope Street

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

**028 9024 4421**  
[gingerbistro.com](http://gingerbistro.com)

CS LA

### 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)

DA CC

# Eating Out

## Hadskis

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

**028 9032 5444**  
[hadskis.co.uk](http://hadskis.co.uk)

## Havana Bank Square 56-58 Berry Street

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

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

## 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)

## Holohan's Pantry 43 University Road

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

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

## Home Restaurant 22 Wellington Place

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

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

## Horatio Todds 406 Upper Newtownards Rd

Situated in Ballyhackamore, Horatio Todds 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)

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

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

## 028 9032 4577 theivorybelfast.com

## Henry's

**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 Joy's Entry bar for great drinks, traditional food, live music and plenty of history.

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

## James St 21 James Street South

James St really is the place where good food, wine and service come together in relaxed surroundings. Enjoy lunch specials from 12pm, pre-theatre from 5pm, an extensive a la carte menu, alongside weekend brunch and a great Sunday Roast.

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

## The Members' Dining Room Stormont Parliament Buildings

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

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

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

Molly's Yard serves modern Irish cuisine and prides itself on

using the finest local ingredients. Locally produced draught beers are available along with a select choice of wines.

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

## 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 St

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

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

## The Muddlers Club Warehouse Lane, Waring St

Tucked away in the historic back streets of Cathedral Quarter is this modern, industrial-style restaurant named after a 200 year old secret society. The menus

are a beautiful balance of local delicacies combined with the finest of international touches.

**028 9031 3199**  
**themuddlers**  
**clubbelfast.com**

**DB CC**

**The National Grande Café**  
**62-68 High Street**

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

**028 9031 1130**  
**thenationalbelfast.com**

**DB CC**

**Ox Restaurant**  
**1 Oxford Street**

With an enthusiastic approach to seasonality, Michelin starred OX works every day to provide the best possible fine dining experience in a relaxed, riverside environment.

**028 9031 4121**  
**oxbelfast.com**

**DA CC**

**Ryan's Bar & Restaurant**  
**116-118 Lisburn Road**

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

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

**CA QQ**

**Shed Bistro**  
**467 Ormeau Road**

The perfect lunch and dinner experience with a tantalising menu including chargrilled steaks, lamb, fresh fish, pasta, Belfast's best burger, daily specials and more.

**028 9064 2630**  
**shedbelfast.com**

**EB QA**

**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**

**BT QA**

**Solo Restaurant & Bar**  
**11 Wellington Place**

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

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

**CA CC**

**Souls Restaurant**  
**89a Dublin Road**

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

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

**CS CC**

**SQ Bar & Grill**  
**St Anne's Square**

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

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

**DB CC**

**The StillHouse of Moira**

**61 Main Street, Moira**

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

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

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

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

**TGI Fridays**  
**Victoria Square**

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

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

**DA CC**

**Yardbird**  
**3 Hill Street**

Yardbird is a free range rotisserie chicken restaurant. Here the chicken is marinated overnight before being cooked before your eyes on the restaurant's speciality Brazilian rotisserie.

**028 9024 3712**  
**thedirtyonion.com**

**DB CC**

## SEAFOOD

**Deanes Love Fish**  
**28-40 Howard Street**

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

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

**CA CC**

**Fish City**  
**33 Ann Street**

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

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

**DA CC**

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**John Long's**  
**39 Athol Street,**  
**Grosvenor Road**  
The longest established fish and chip shop in Belfast is a real hidden gem located just around the corner from the Grand Opera House. Drop in to experience the best 'fish supper' in the city.  
**028 9032 1848**  
**johnlongs.com**

CA CC

**Mourne Seafood Bar**  
**34-36 Bank Street**  
Fresh, locally sourced seafood traditionally prepared with an Asian or continental twist. Enjoy local ingredients, value for money and friendly service with shellfish sourced from Mourne's very own shellfish beds.  
**028 9024 8544**  
**mourneseafood.com**

D4 CC

## 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, pizze and pasta freshly made daily.  
**028 9031 1959**  
**coppi.co.uk**

D3 CC

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

AB CC

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

CA LD

**Gusto è Restaurant**  
**1 Lanyon Place**  
A new meeting place between great food lovers and traditional Italian producers. The Ristorante, Café & Pasticceria uses quality products from all regions of Italy combined with the best Italian traditions to provide a great new authentic dining experience.

**028 9033 3393**  
**gustobelfast.co.uk**

E4 CC

**Little Wing Pizzeria**  
**Ann Street/ Lisburn Road/ Upper Newtownards Road**  
Passionate about pizzas, Little Wing use time honoured methods to create traditionally made Naples style pizzas,

prepared with the finest fresh ingredients.  
**028 9024 7000**  
**littlewingpizzeria.com**

D3 CC AB CC

**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**

CA CC

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

**028 9032 8356**  
**villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk**

CA CC

## ASIAN

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

**028 9032 9686**  
**baobunbelfast.com**

D6 CC

**Cosmo**  
**Victoria Square**  
From the Chinese countryside and fishing villages of Japan, to the food markets of Delhi and everywhere in between; experience your favourite dishes from around the world.  
**028 9023 6660**  
**cosmo-restaurants.co.uk**

D4 CC

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

D3 CC

**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**

CA CC

**Wagamama Belfast  
Victoria Square**

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

**028 9023 6098**  
[wagamamani.com](http://wagamamani.com)

**D4 CC**

**Zen**

**55-59 Adelaide Street**  
The innovative menu offers a wide range of new and exciting Japanese style dishes including a plethora of 'Fusion cuisine' consisting of Japanese and Asian food with a Western twist.

**028 9023 2244**  
[zenbelfast.co.uk](http://zenbelfast.co.uk)

**D4 LD**

**CAFÉS**

**Avoca Café  
41 Arthur Street**

The perfect spot to chill out in between all that shopping. Spacious with an eclectic vintage style, it features lots of delicious, freshly-prepared favourites from our award-winning menu.

**028 9027 9955**  
[avoca.com](http://avoca.com)

**D4 CC**

**The Bobbin  
Belfast City Hall**

The Bobbin social enterprise cafe at Belfast City Hall is a popular spot with

tourists visiting the new exhibition area and locals who love the food and atmosphere of the busy eatery.

**028 9050 2068**  
[loafcatering.com](http://loafcatering.com)

**D4 CC**

**Brights Restaurant  
23/25 High Street**

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

**028 9024 5688**  
[brightsrestaurantbelfast.co.uk](http://brightsrestaurantbelfast.co.uk)

**D3 CC**

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

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

**028 9024 9988**  
[clementscoffee.com](http://clementscoffee.com)

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**C5 A8 C7 QQ**

**The Dock  
The Arc, Titanic Quarter**

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

[the-dock.org](http://the-dock.org)

**E2 TD**

**The Lamppost Café  
19 Upper  
Newtownards Road**

A cosy, C.S Lewis themed cafe in the heart of East Belfast with vintage crockery and a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Family friendly and dog friendly.

**028 9058 0059**  
[thelamppostcafe.com](http://thelamppostcafe.com)

**Miel et Moi  
705 Lisburn Road**

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

**028 9068 2641**  
[mioletmoi.com](http://mioletmoi.com)

**AB QQ**

**Oh! Donuts & Coffee  
55 Upper Arthur Street**

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

**07790 907404**  
[ohdonuts.co.uk](http://ohdonuts.co.uk)

**D4 CC**

**Patisserie Valerie  
Donegall Sq West/  
Castle Lane**

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

**028 9032 9364**  
[patisserie-valerie.co.uk](http://patisserie-valerie.co.uk)

**C4 CC D4 CC**

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

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

**028 9023 6679**  
[starbucks.ie](http://starbucks.ie)

**D4 C3 CC C4 LD**

**C5 C6 QQ**

**The Yellow Door  
427 Lisburn Rd/  
Ulster Museum/  
Hillsborough Castle**

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

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

**D3 CC B7 C6 QQ**

**CULINARY  
EXPERIENCES**

**The Cookery School  
at James St**

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

**028 9560 0701**  
[cookinbelfast.co.uk](http://cookinbelfast.co.uk)

**C4 LD**

# Pubs & Clubs



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

## KEY

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

## CITY CENTRE

### The Basement Bar & Grill

**18 Donegall Square E.**

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

**028 9031 5576**

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



### Cabaret Supper Club

**38-42 Upper Arthur St.**

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

**028 9024 9009**

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



### Fountain Tavern

**16-20 Fountain Street**

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

**028 9032 4769**

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



### The Jailhouse

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

**028 9032 6711**

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



### Kelly's Cellars

**30-32 Bank Street**  
One of the oldest pubs in Belfast, Kelly's Cellars remains resolutely old fashioned, with vaulted ceilings and an elbow worn bar, providing food, traditional music sessions & plenty of craic.

**028 9024 6058**

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



### McHughs

**29-31 Queen's Square**

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

**028 9050 9999**

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



### The Morning Star

**17-19 Pottinger's Entry**  
This historic pub dates back to 1810 with the original mahogany counter and old terrazzo floor. The upstairs restaurant prides itself on serving freshly made food using the best ingredients sourced locally.

**028 9023 5986**

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



### OX Cave

**3 Oxford Street**

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

**028 9023 2567**

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



### The Sagart

**18a Chapel Lane**

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

**028 9031 0809**

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



### Revolución de Cuba

**25-39 Arthur Street**

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

**028 9590 9249**

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



### Voodoo

**9-11 Fountain Street**

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

**028 9027 8290**

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



## CATHEDRAL QUARTER

### Babel Rooftop Bar and Garden

**70-74 Ann St**

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

**028 9590 0555**

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



### Bert's Bar

**High Street**

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

**028 9026 2713**

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



### The Cloth Ear

**35-39 Waring Street**

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

**028 9026 2719**

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



### The Dirty Onion

**3 Hill Street**

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

**028 9024 3712**

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



# Pubs & Clubs

## The Duke of York Commercial Court

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

**028 9024 1062**  
[dukeofyorkbelfast.com](http://dukeofyorkbelfast.com)



## John Hewitt Bar 51 Donegall Street

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

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



## The Northern Whig 2-10 Bridge Street

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

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



## Ollies

### 35-39 Waring Street

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

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



## SIXTY6 62 High Street

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

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



## Sunflower Bar 65 Union Street

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

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



## White's Tavern 2-4 Winecellar Entry

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

**028 9024 3080**  
[whitesbelfast.com](http://whitesbelfast.com)



## LINEN QUARTER

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

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

**028 9024 2986**  
[facebook/  
brennans-bar](http://facebook/brennans-bar)



## The Bridge House 35-42 Bedford Street

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

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



## Chinawhite 43 Franklin Street

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

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



## Crown Liquor Saloon 46 Great Victoria Street

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

**028 9024 3187**  
[nicholsonspubs.co.uk](http://nicholsonspubs.co.uk)



## Limelight Belfast 17 Ormeau Avenue

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

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



## The Perch 42 Franklin Street

Enjoy cocktails and sangria in the summer or hot cider, winter warmer's and

blankets in the winter at Belfast's highest rooftop bar.

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



## 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)



## Rita's

### 44 Franklin Street

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

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



## Robinsons

### 38-42 Great Victoria Street

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

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



## Sweet Afton Bar & Kitchen

### 12 Brunswick Street

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

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



**QUEEN'S QUARTER**

**Alibi Belfast  
Bradbury Place**

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

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



**The Empire  
40-42 Botanic Avenue**

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

**028 9024 9276**  
[thebelfastempire.com](http://thebelfastempire.com)



**Filthy McNastys  
45 Dublin Road**

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

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



**The Points  
44 Dublin Road**

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

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

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



**Liquor XXX  
49 Dublin Road**

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

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



**The Parlour  
2-4 Elmwood Avenue**

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

**028 9068 6970**  
[parlourbar.co.uk](http://parlourbar.co.uk)



**SOUTH BELFAST**

**The Albany Belfast  
701-703 Lisburn Road**

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

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



**The Chelsea  
346 Lisburn Road**

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

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



**Cutter's Wharf  
Lockview Road**

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

**028 9080 5100**  
[cutterswharf.co.uk](http://cutterswharf.co.uk)



**The Doyen  
829 Lisburn Road**

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

**028 9050 9950**  
[thedoyenbelfast.com](http://thedoyenbelfast.com)



**Four Winds  
111 Newton Park**

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

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



**The Errigle Inn  
312-320 Ormeau Road**

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

**028 9064 1410**  
[errigle.com](http://errigle.com)



**Hatfield House  
130 Ormeau Road**

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

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



**TITANIC QUARTER**

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

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

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



# Getting About

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

## TO/FROM AIRPORTS

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

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

## JUST EAT BELFAST BIKES

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

## TAXI HIRE

**Value Cabs** Value Cabs have a fleet of over 650 vehicles offering a professional taxi service, sightseeing tours and executive vehicles. Debit/credit card payment facility available in every vehicle.

**028 9080 9080**  
**valuecabs.com**

## 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**

## CAR HIRE

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

## 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**



## Visit Belfast Welcome Centre

+44 (0)28 9024 6609  
**visitbelfast.com**

9 Donegall Square North, Belfast BT1 5GB  
Directly opposite front of Belfast City Hall



## COACH SERVICES

### Aircoach

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

**00353 1 844 7118**  
**aircoach.ie**

### The Airporter

A direct scheduled service between both Belfast airports and Derry/Londonderry.

**028 7126 9996**  
**airporter.co.uk**

## BELFAST VISITOR PASS

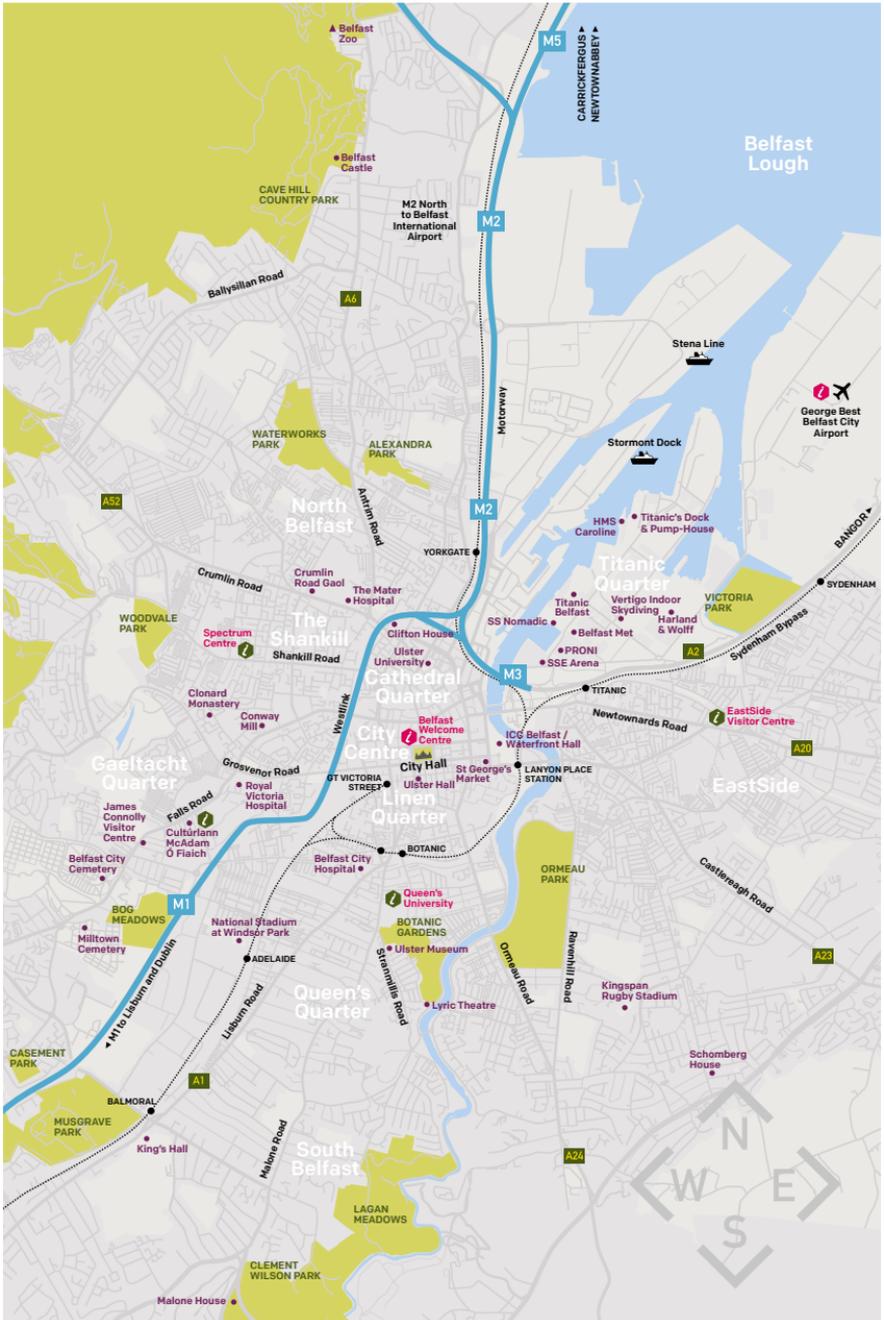
Offering unlimited travel around the city and exclusive discounts on a variety of attractions, tours, restaurants, cafés and shops.

Available from the **Visit Belfast Welcome Centre** 

# Greater Belfast

 Visitor Information Centre

 Local Information Centre





# Belfast Route Map

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

## WHICH SERVICE?

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

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

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

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

**NI Railways / Enterprise** – Rail Services across Northern Ireland and from Belfast to Dublin.

**Airport Services** – Bus services to airports in Belfast, Dublin and Derry/Londonderry.

## WHICH TICKET?

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

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

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

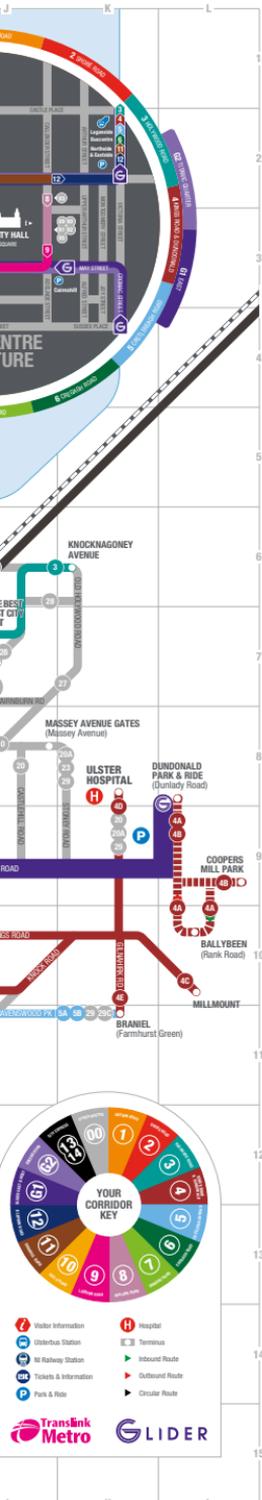
\* Before you board Glider you must always buy your ticket or tap your Smartcard at the validator.

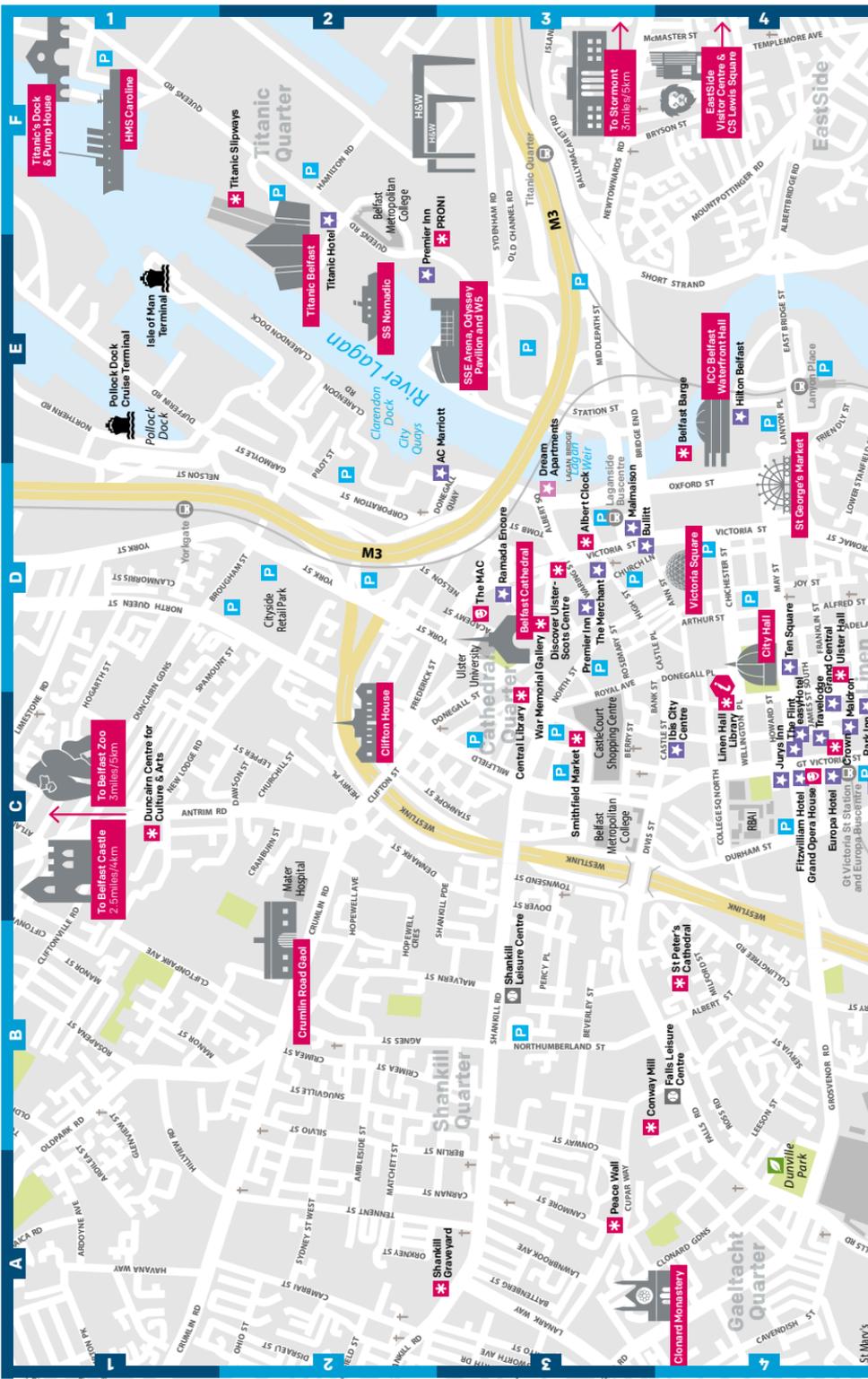
## THE BELFAST VISITOR PASS

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](http://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

Isle of Man terminal

Pollock Dock Cruise Terminal

Titanic Belfast

Titanic Hotel

Belfast Metropolitan College

SS Nomadic

Clarendon City Quay

AC Marriott

SS E. Annes, Oaksey Pavilion and WS

Premier Inn

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Clifton House

The MAC

Ulster University

Central Library

War Memorial Gallery

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Premier Inn

The Merchant

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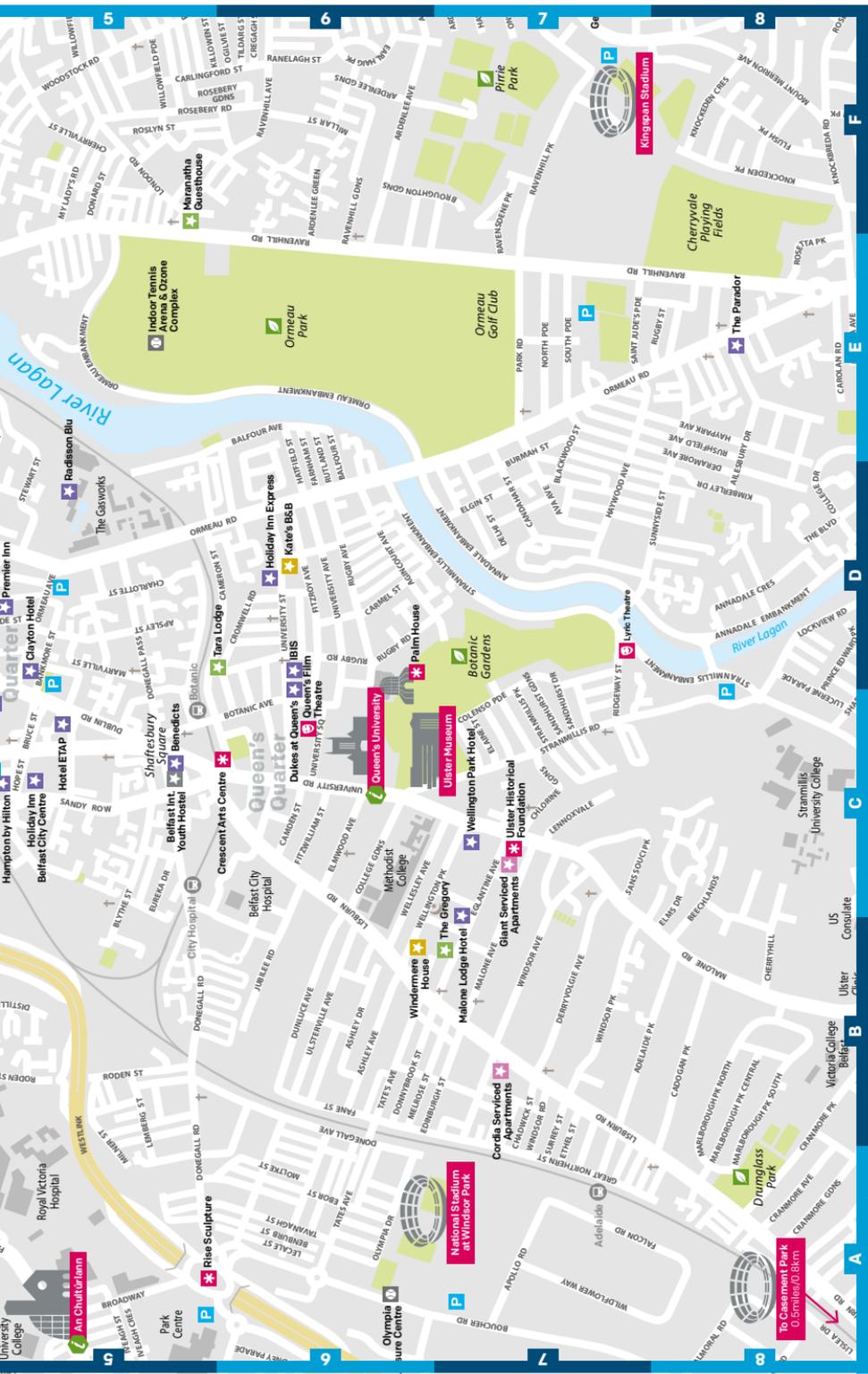
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