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Tasty Experiences Check out our guide to the fantastic food and drink experiences to savour in the city.





Maritime Mile

This spring, HMS Caroline reopens and Titanic Belfast launches 4 new galleries, so there's never been a better time to explore the city's maritime heritage.

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

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

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BELFAST BUCKET LIST

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



FAMILY FUN

Our Place in Space Until 26 March

North Down Coastal Path A final chance to wander around the giant mini solar system along the stunning locations of the North Down Coastal Path ourplaceinspace.earth

FESTIVAL

Féile an Earraigh 1-17 March Various Venues

Belfast's traditional Spring festival returns with a feast of music, talks, screenings, tours and live entertainment. **feilebelfast.com**

MUSIC

Brilliant Corners -Belfast Jazz Festival 2-11 March Various Venues

Serving up a multi-genre musical banquet from traditional big band and straight-ahead small ensembles to the avant-garde. brilliantcornersbelfast.com



FESTIVAL

(02)

Belfast Children's Festival 3-12 March Various Venues

(04)

A packed programme of theatre, dance, visual art, music, literature, comedy, workshops and talks, guaranteed to inspire joy, creativity and curiosity. youngatart.co.uk

NATURE

Spring Spectacular at Hillsborough Castle 4 March-8 May

See the gardens of Northern Ireland's royal residence erupt in spectacular colour this spring, as over half a million bulbs bloom.

hrp.org.uk/ hillsborough-castle

CULTURE

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St Patrick's Day Celebrations 17 March Belfast City Centre Belfast comes alive with colour for the annual carnival parade

and St Patrick's Day concert. visitbelfast.com



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Imagine! Belfast Festival of Ideas & Politics

20 - 26 March Various Venues

Belfast's unique festival of ideas and politics invites you to engage with the big issues of our time. imaginebelfast.com

FAMILY FUN

Easter Celebrations 7 - 11 April Various Venues

Get out and enjoy lots of 'eggciting' Easter events taking place in Belfast and beyond for all the family. visitbelfast.com

SEE P22-23.

FESTIVAL

Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival

27 April - 7 May CQAF23 will animate the city centre with an 11 day celebration of live music, comedy, theatre, spoken word, literature, eclectic performance and street art. cqaf.com

FESTIVAL

Festival of Fools 29 April - 1 May

Ireland's largest comedy and street theatre festival with over 70 performances taking place on the streets of Belfast City Centre and Cathedral Quarter. foolsfestival.com

SPORT

Belfast City Marathon 30 April Across the city

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

CELEBRATION

Coronation Celebrations 6 May

Belfast City Hall

Join with others in the grounds of Belfast City Hall on 6 May to watch King Charles' Coronation Service on a large screen. Familyfriendly activities will also take place throughout the day. **belfastcity.gov.uk/events**

FAMILY FUN (13

Balmoral Show 10 - 13 May Balmoral Park

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Northern Ireland's largest agri-food event, promises a fun-filled family day out with livestock competitions, food pavilion, trade stands, a fun fair and great live entertainment.

balmoralshow.co.uk

FOOD & DRINK (14

Belfast Spring Continental Market 25 - 29 May

Grounds of Belfast City Hall

A variety of delicious tasty treats await as you take a culinary journey exploring produce from home and across the globe over the bank holiday weekend. visitbelfast.com





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

EXPERIENCE

Titanic Belfast 🧭

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

SEE MAP E2

TIME OUT

Belfast City Hall

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



MARKETS

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

TOUR

Cathedral Quarter

Take a personal audio tour of Belfast's magnificent St Anne's Cathedral before exploring the surrounding cobblestoned streets, full of historic buildings, cool street art and a great choice of cafés, bars and restaurants. SEE MAP (D)

SHOPPING

(05)

Victoria Square

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





EXPERIENCE

Crumlin Road Gaol

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

SEE MAP B2

TOUR

Stormont Parliament Buildings

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

EXPERIENCE

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.



EXPERIENCE

Belfast Zoo

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

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EXPERIENCE

Discover the History of Belfast

Discover Belfast's rich history with a wide range of guided and self-guided tours. Choose from cycling, walking, taxi tours and more and let the local experts show you the city. **SEE P48-51**.





MUSIC

Traditional Music Session

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

TOUR

Hillsborough Castle

Take a tour of Northern Ireland's only royal residence to learn about how this grand house has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics, before exploring the stunning and tranquil 100 acres of beautiful gardens.



City Areas



check out our handy map on pages 63-68.

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 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-theart Titanic visitor attractions, or simply stroll around the Maritime Mile to learn more about the city's shipbuilding heritage.



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. 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 Cultúrlann showcases cultural Irish Gaelic traditions and contains a restaurant. gift shop, theatre and gallery. Explore the stunning Clonard Monastery or enjoy the 3 mile Divis Summit Trail, a specifically designed loop walk on Divis Mountain with spectacular views over Belfast.



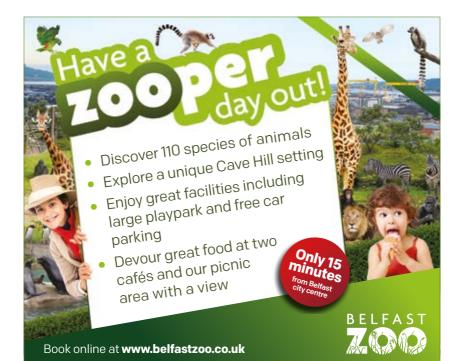
EAST SIDE

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



THE SHANKILL

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





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

The celebrations begin with a family-friendly, fun packed concert on St Patrick's Eve, where Belfast's Custom House Square will come alive with the sound of some of the island's most exceptional musical talent. Headlining the event will be award-winning Dublin singersongwriter Lisa Hannigan, who has captivated audiences across the world with her mesmerising vocals and soulful folk-pop sound. Also on the bill are Trad supergroup Jiggy, mixing Irish traditional music, world rhythms and cutting-edge dance grooves, and singersongwriter David Keenan. (Admission to the concert is free, but tickets are required.)



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The annual St Patrick's Day Parade is a colourful pageant of costume, music, dance, circus and theatrical performance. This year's theme is 'Voices of Belfast' and it will celebrate Belfast's vibrant music heritage from pop to punk and traditional to disco. The parade route starts from Belfast City Hall at 1.30pm, weaving its way through the city centre via Chichester Street, Victoria Street, High Street, Castle Place and Donegall Place, back to City Hall.

For more information call the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre on 028 9024 6609 or visit **belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks**

The SPAR Craic 10k 17 March, 9am

St Patrick's Day will see thousands of runners 'back for the Craic' as the SPAR Craic 10k road race returns in its full green glory to the streets of Belfast. This urban 10k leaves City Hall at 9am, passing through the Gaeltacht Quarter before finishing in the EastSide at Ormeau Park. So begin St Patrick's Day in a fun and healthy way, before joining the celebrations in the city centre afterwards. Register at aisling-events.com





Feile an Earraigh 1-17 March

Féile an Phobail's Spring Festival returns in 2023 with a wide variety of arts and cultural activities including traditional music, workshops, concerts, tours, debates and discussions, literary events, youth and sporting events and family based activities. The Trad Trail will take place 10 - 19 March in venues across Belfast and throughout the city centre, with local musicians and musicians from all over the island.

feilebelfast.com

St George's Market 17-19 March

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



worth The Trip

St Patrick's Day Celebrations 17 March

The Ulster Folk Museum and Ulster American Folk Park commemorate St Patrick's Day with traditional music and dance, culinary delights and family fun activities. So join in to have some fun and don't forget to bring your friends and family along.

nationalmuseumsni.org

The Home of St Patrick Festival

11-19 March

Armagh is at the heart of celebrating the life of Saint Patrick and the festival promises an unrivalled mix of regional and international music, theatre, spoken word, art, comedy and family friendly events which will showcase the stunning locations where Saint Patrick walked and worked.

visitarmagh.com/stpatrick

Bluegrass St Patrick's Day Races

17 March 12-6pm

Down Royal hosts a fantastic day of National Hunt Racing on St Patrick's Day. Hospitality packages and dining options available to suit an array of price ranges and a bus shuttle is available from Belfast. downroyal.com NEW IMMERSIVE TECHNOLOGY, UNTOLD PERSONAL STORIES AND ORIGINAL MARITIME HERITAGE.









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



Taste & Tour

Belfast Food Tour

Belfast is quickly acquiring a reputation as one of the foodie capitals of Europe, and the multi-award winning Belfast Food Tour is a great way to get acquainted with the city. This 4-hour guided walk around the city centre begins in the bustling St George's Market and ends in a Cathedral Quarter restaurant. Other tours available include the 'Belfast Gin Jaunt', 'Belfast Whiskey Walk', 'Craft Beer & Street Eats' and 'City Cocktail Circuit', as well as a range of bespoke private tours. tasteandtour.co.uk

Vegan Table Tour

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

The Spirit Circle

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



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

Art Of Craft

The Deer's Head & Brewery

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

Out of Office

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

Bullhouse East

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

Belfast Artisan Gin School

At the Crown & Shamrock Inn you can make your own gin while you enjoy some craic and a few tipples. Learn about the process of distilling gin and everything you need to know to create your own bespoke recipe. **belfastartisanginschool.com**

Meet The Maker

Titanic Distillers From 31 March, visitors to Thompson Dock and Pumphouse will clock in, as workers did a century ago, to experience the workings of the distillery and hear the story of Belfast's whiskey tradition; why it disappeared and how it has returned to the home of Titanic Distillers - the city's first working distillery in almost 90 years.

titanicdistillers.com

Hilden Brewery, Lisburn

Ireland's oldest independent brewery selects the finest ingredients to produce a fabulous array of delicious craft beer. Brewery tours are available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at noon followed by a bowl of Irish stout stew and wheaten bread, and a flight of three beers. hildenbrewery.com

Hinch Distillery, Ballynahinch

Take a guided tour at Hinch for an up-close view of the whole distilling process. Upon arrival you will be met by a professionally trained tour guide who will take you on a fun, informative and hands-on journey through the various distilling processes, before relaxing in one of the tasting rooms. hinchdistillery.com

Echlinville Distillery, Kircubbin

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

Get Cooking

Waterman House Cookery School

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



Bakehouse NI

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

A good market reflects a city's attitude to its food and award-winning St George's Market is one of the best around. Step inside at the weekend and you'll be bowled over

at the weekend and you'll be bowled over with the incredible array of local produce. The sights, sounds, smells and tastes of this place puts it up there with the best on the planet. **belfastcity.gov.uk/stgeorgesmarket**





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SPRING SPECTACULAR | 04 MARCH - 08 MAY See over half a million bulbs fill the royal gardens with colour

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND | 17 - 19 MARCH Hear traditional Irish folk tales and take a special castle tour

> **GREAT RABBIT RUNAROUND** | 01 - 11 APRIL A fun-filled Easter trail for all the family

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CORONATION CELEBRATIONS | 06 - 07 MAY Celebrate this historic moment at Northern Ireland's royal residence

LIFE THROUGH A ROYAL LENS | FROM JUNE A unique royal photography exhibition, from iconic historic images to intimate family portraits

> **MUSIC SUNDAYS** | JULY Kick off your shoes and relax to a brass band in the royal gardens

HONEY FAIR | 05 - 06 AUGUST Sample delicious local food and drink as this popular food festival returns

HALLOWEEN | OCTOBER An atmospheric and immersive after-dark adventure for the whole family

IMAGINARY MENAGERIE PLAY TRAIL | DAILY Discover our animal-themed interactive play trail for children of all ages

GARDENS WORKSHOPS AND TOURS SELECT DATES YEAR-ROUND Get your hands dirty with a range of interactive workshops or tours

HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE AND GARDENS IS OPEN Spring and summer, wednesday - sunday



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

Belfast City Hall & Titanic Memorial Garden

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

St George's Market

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

The Dome at Victoria Square

Boasting 360° views across the city, don't miss taking the lift to the top of this stunning shopping destination. In house tour guide Gerry is on hand to point out local attractions and points of interest whilst sharing his own experience of Belfast.

The Peace Wall

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

Botanic Gardens

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

The MAC

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

Join a Free Walking Tour

In recent years, free (tip-based) walking tours have become a popular way for tourists to explore major cities across the world – and Belfast is no



The Big Fish

Ulster Museum

different. Leaving from Belfast City Hall every day at 11am and 2.30pm, Belfast Free Walking Tours offer a glimpse into the city's history, languages, culture, legends, folklore and more.

The Big Fish

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

Ulster Museum

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

Dillon Gallery

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

Glass of Thrones

Northern Ireland is the home of many rural filming locations and manmade sets used in Game

of Thrones. Visitors to Belfast can get a flavour of Westeros without dipping into their trip budget through the Glass of Thrones trail. See the 6 stained glass installations located from Donegall Quay to HMS Caroline.

Golden Thread Gallery

Northern Ireland's leading international contemporary visual arts organisation, the gallery prides itself on offering a friendly, open space where everyone is welcome. Visit for free, and enjoy a free gallery tour too.

Titanic Trail

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

Northern Ireland War Memorial

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

CS Lewis Square

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

Discover Ulster-Scots Centre

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

Stormont Parliament Buildings

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

Linenhall Library

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

Cave Hill & Belfast Castle

Offering spectacular views over the city, a trek up to the top of Cave Hill is well worth the effort. At the base you can explore the gardens of the stunning Belfast Castle, one of the city's most beautiful buildings. If St Patrick's Day has got you in the mood for enjoying some Irish culture, Belfast has an abundance of pubs that offer a fantastic line-up of traditional music sessions any day of the week. Grab a pint and immerse yourself in the sounds of Irish trad!

City



Dublin Road

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

The Duke of York

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

Kelly's Cellars

Bank Square

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

The Second Fiddle

Waring Street Sister bar to The Dirty Onion, the Second Fiddle is a live music venue boasting 4 nights of traditional Irish music sessions, meetings of the Belfast Harp Club and free bodhrán (Irish drum) lessons. Check Facebook for the current weekly schedule and line-ups. thesecondfiddle belfast.co.uk

HEAD

The John Hewitt Bar

Donegall Street Named after the late poet, socialist and Freeman of Belfast, this traditional pub focuses on live music, support of the arts, and really good beer with a choice of 16 taps on offer. You can enjoy some toe tapping trad sessions every Thursday evening from 8pm and Sunday afternoons from 4pm. boundarybrewing.coop

The Reporter

Union Street

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

The Deer's Head

Lower Garfield St A traditional saloon bar in the city centre serving delicious pub fayre with a fully operational on-site craft brewery, offering live music sessions in the bar every week from the best local talent. Enjoy traditional music sessions every Friday from 5pm as well as Folk Night on Thursdays and a Ukulele Jam on Wednesdays. thedeersheadbelfast.com

Whites Tavern & Garden

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

The Errigle Inn

Ormeau Road

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

THE DEER'S

Experience More

Belfast Traditional Music Trail

With two professional musicians as your guides, walk through cobbled alleyways, past famous landmarks and on to private bars in some of the city's oldest buildings. At each of the three stops you will be treated to a performance of traditional tunes, songs and stories. There'll be plenty of ceol agus craic (music and fun) and you might just want to bring your dancing shoes! Saturdays 4-6.30pm. belfasttradtrail.com



The Belfast Story

The ultimate cultural experience for any visitor to Belfast, using the very best in talent across the city in storytelling, music and Irish dancing. Enjoy a unique show that showcases the songs, stories and music associated to the beautiful city of Belfast. belfasthiddentours.com/culture There's a lot happening in and around Belfast and beyond this Easter, with a basket full of fun for all the family!

Extravaganza!

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Easter Fun at HMS Caroline

One ship, one hundred years, one thousand stories! This April step on board HMS Caroline and experience an incredible day out the whole family can enjoy. Explore this First World War ship, get hands on with a variety of interactive exhibits and take part in some family friendly activities. hmscaroline.co.uk

The Great Rabbit Runaround Hillsborough Castle

5 - 11 April

Hop on down to Northern Ireland's royal residence this Easter to enjoy the Great Rabbit Runaround. A host of loveable Easter rabbits have returned to take over the 100-acre grounds! Can you help us find them all? Those who finish the trail will be rewarded with a chocolate lolly. During Easter weekend, enjoy traditional mummers' performances in the gardens as well as a collection of traditional lawn games. hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle



Easter Chocolate Workshops

6, 11, 13 & 15 April, 2.30pm

Enter the magical world of Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory in Belfast. Make Easter themed chocolates to take home and meet the real Easter Bunny! Workshops last 1.5 hours and tickets can be booked online. auntsandras.com

The Who Wants to be a Superhero Show

3 - 16 April

This Easter, join W5 for an exciting new interactive stage show. W5 need volunteers, of all ages, from the audience to help create a new team of superheroes - using some real science (and a lot of not

so real science). Have you got what it takes to defend the world against evil? Shows at 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm & 5pm. **w5online.co.uk**

Wetland Detectives Castle Espie

6 - 16 April

Enjoy a family day out of exploration and discovery that will put all of your senses to the test. To succeed as a Wetland Detective and complete the Easter trail, you'll need to get closer than ever to nature! wwt.org.uk/castle-espie



Ulster Folk Museum

7 - 11 April

Roll eggs down Bleach Green, follow the Easter treasure hunt and play street games. Create your own Easter art and welcome the new additions to the farm including spring lambs, piglets and baby chicks. ulsterfolkmuseum.org



The Jungle's Easter Trail

Immerse yourself in the magical world of The Jungle, where forest fairies and elves bring magic to life. Find your way by following the clues and solving the puzzles along the enchanted forest trail, where characters will greet and entertain you along the way. Meet and get a photo with the Easter Bunny, who will hand out Easter Eggs to everyone! **thejungleni.com**



Ulster American Folk Park 7 - 11 April

Stroll down Ulster Street this Easter to witness the sights, smells and sounds of a busy market day. Try your hand at traditional crafts, meet the spring lambs and enjoy fun filled storytelling sessions. Taste seasonal treats, have a go at egg & spoon races or enjoy a spin on a traditional late 1800s horse drawn buggy. ulsteramericanfolkpark.org

Gruffalo Walk & Easter Egg Hunt Colin Glen

8 April

Explore Ireland's only official Gruffalo Trail this Easter. Bring your little ones along and go right inside the glorious Gruffalo and Stickman stories - search for the famous characters in the woods (and some tasty chocolate treats), listen wide-eved and wondered to the classic tales and take home your very own Julia Donaldson and friends book, Easter Egg. sticker and certificate. to keep forever. colinglen.org



Belfast Zoo

Celebrate Easter with the animal characters at Belfast Zoo, Follow the Easter egg trail and visit your favourite animals at feeding time. **belfastzoo.co.uk**

NATIONAL TRUST

nationaltrust.org.uk/ni Normal admission plus £3 per trail, includes a chocolate or vegan Easter egg.

Mount Stewart

1 - 15 April, 11am-4pn

Scurry down to Mount Stewart and follow the Easter trail to celebrate the arrival of spring, with opportunities to sniff out Wild Garlic, and the chance to spot a variety of southern migratory birds, including swallows, singing blackcap and chiffchaff.

Castle Ward

1 - 17 April

Explore the Easter adventure trail to celebrate the arrival of spring with nods to the new birds visiting the shore and the arrival of cheery spring blooms. Bike hire available.

The Argory 3 - 16 April

Hop over to The Argory this Easter and go wild in the play park, enjoy crafts and games in the courtyard and take part in our Easter nature trail to embark on your world of adventures.

Rowallane Garden 7 - 16 April

Take to the Easter trail and look out for frogs and birds, a range of pollinators and insects that call this special place home. Enjoy the natural play area and balance bikes are available to borrow.

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

DOCKERS AND CANTERS

SINCLAIR SEAMEN'S CHURCH

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

BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

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

CLARENDON DOCK & CITY QUAYS

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

THE BIG FISH

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

LAGAN WEIR

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

GLASS OF THRONES

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

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

THE BELFAST BUOYS

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

SS NOMADIC

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

TITANIC BELFAST

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

TITANIC & OLYMPIC SLIPWAYS

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

TITANIC HOTEL BELFAST

The original red brick building is a truly authentic part of Titanic's story. Harland and Wolff had two main drawing offices within the building, Drawing Office Two is now the vibrant heart of the hotel where you can relax and enjoy lunch, dinner or even a cocktail or two. This breathtaking room is where many of the world's most famous ocean liners, including RMS Titanic, were painstakingly designed.

THE GREAT LIGHT

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

HICKSON'S POINT

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

SOUND YARD

SoundYard is a playful art installation inspired by the sounds of Belfast's shipyards. Located on Queen's Quay close to the Odyssey and Abercorn Marina, visitors can enjoy this interactive sound and play experience which brings to life the story of Belfast's maritime heritage.

HMS CAROLINE

Reopening 1 April 2023 One ship, one hundred years, one thousand stories! This April step back on board HMS Caroline and experience an incredible day out the whole family can enjoy. Explore this First World War ship, get hands on with a variety of interactive exhibits and take part in some family friendly activities.

To discover more visit maritime-mile.com

Family Fun

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

LEARN & EXPLORE

Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory

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

Gruffalo & Stickman Guided Walk

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

Ulster Folk Museum

Uncover a way of life from 100 years ago and discover cottages, farms, schools and shops as you wander through the beautiful parkland Folk Museum. mni.com/ufm

Ulster Transport Museum

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

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

Scrapyard Golf

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

W5

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

ANIMAL KINGDOM

The Ark Open Farm

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

Belfast Zoo

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

Castle Espie

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

Exploris Aquarium

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

ACTION PACKED

Airtastic

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

Colin Glen

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

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

Let's Go Hydro

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

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. Iostcityadventuregolf.com

High Rise Adventure Centre

Make sure High Rise is top of your list for a day out with family or friends - with Northern Ireland's largest Clip 'n Climb indoor climbing arena with 24 exhilarating climbing challenges, soft play, sensory rooms and café, there's something for all ages! highriseni.org

We Are Vertigo

Get your adrenaline pumping at the world's largest Inflatable Park and adventure play park at the Newtownbreda site or experience Indoor Skydiving, the Ninja Master Course and Inflatable Park at the Titanic Quarter site. wearevertigo.com 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 Frasers, Apple, Urban Outfitters, Ted Baker, Hollister and Reiss. 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

CastleCour

This one-stop shopping spot on Royal Avenue is home to a whole host of your favourite fashion stores including; 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

Facing City Hall 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. Here and in the surrounding pedestrian areas, you will find everything from big brand fashion chain stores and bijou boutiques to gourmet coffee shops and delectable local delis. Don't miss the newly restored 5 storey Primark Bank Buildings. SEE MAP (D4)

SHOPPING PROFILE

Hidden Gems

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



Max Mara

Browse collections from Max Mara, Max Mara Accessories, Sportmax, S Max Mara, The cube and Studio at this Lisburn Road boutique. Elegant and timeless. Max Mara is renowned for its exquisite craftsmanship and luxurious fabrics.



Old Time Favourites

The oldest sweet shop in Belfast, choose from over 300 jars of sweets as well as an artisan selection of local handmade products including chocolate, honeycomb, macaroon bars and fudge. Step back in time and savour the taste of true Belfast heritage.



The Boulevard The Boulevard, near Banbridge, is Northern Ireland's premier outlet shopping destination, with permanent reductions of up to 70% off your favourite brands including Kate Spade, Adidas, Levi's and many more.



St George's Lisburn Market

Get down to St George's Market and experience the wonderful atmosphere, with street food from around the world, and an amazing selection of traders and stalls offering some of the finest local produce, arts and crafts. The Friday Variety Market is open 8am-2pm, the Saturday City Food & Garden Market is open 9am-3pm and the Sunday Market is open 10am-3pm. SEE MAP (D4)

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 gifts, melt-in-the-mouth chocolates and relaxing day spas are all there for the asking. With an assortment of cafés, bars and restaurants you can easily make a day of it. SEE MAP (A8)

Queen's Arcade

Built in 1880. Queen's Arcade is the last Victorian Arcade in the city and a signature landmark. Enjoy browsing an extensive selection of luxury goods with over 25 brands to choose from, from David Yurman jewellery and Cartier timepieces, to Lunn's engagement rings and Robinson's hand crafted shoes. Home to the only Rolex, OMEGA, TAG Heuer and Montblanc boutiques in Ireland, Queen's Arcade has exclusive access to special edition and boutique only pieces. SEE MAP (D4)



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. The second second mmi.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. St 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

Golden Thread Gallery Great Patrick Street

On the fringes of the Cathedral Quarter stands one of Belfast's coolest art galleries. Enjoy a programme of changing exhibitions of paintings, photography and installations. goldenthreadgallery.co.uk

Craft NI Gallery 115-119 Royal Avenue

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

sculptures, design items,

fabrics, cards and art by local makers. The crafts exhibited change constantly and showcase work by young, emerging artists. (2) craftni.org

War Memorial Gallery Talbot Street

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

Ulster Folk Museum Bangor Road, Holywood

Step back in time and experience what life was like in Ulster over 100 years ago. Wander through the beautiful parkland where you will encounter costumed locals demonstrating traditional crafts in cottages, farm dwellings, schools and shops.



Ulster Transport Museum Bangor Road, Holywood

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

ArtisAnn Gallery 70 Bloomfield Avenue

This gallery features an array of artworks by both emerging and established artists, from painters and sculptors to photographers and collage-makers. The exhibition space hosts a new show each month with all showcased work for sale. (E) (F) artisann.org

Gerard Dillon Gallery Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich, 216 Falls Road

The gallery is dedicated to local artist Gerard Dillon RHA RUA 1916-1971 who earned worldwide fame. The gallery focuses on work from professional artists, hosting eight exhibitions per year. (E) 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

The Belfast Barge

The Belfast Barge is Northern Ireland's only floating Arts Centre and events space, moored on the River Lagan at Lanyon Quay. Home of "The Greatest Story Never Told" exhibition, this interactive display tells the story of the industries of the river lagan and the men and women who worked along it. 07709 062996 belfastbarge.org

Banana Block

310 Upper Newtownards Rd

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

Terry Bradley Art 1 Victoria Square

One of the most recognisable and collectable artists working in Ireland today, Terry is known the world over for his signature stylised portraits inspired by the assertive female models of Ireland and Paris, and by the 'salt-of-the-earth' working men of Belfast. The gallery offers a wide range of limited edition prints and Bradley merchandise. **028 9147 3508** terrybradley.com

ARTS & CULTURE

QAY TRIPS

North Down Museum Town Hall, Bangor

Telling the story of the area from the Bronze Age to the present day. Key artefacts on display include the Bronze Age Ballycroghan Swords, the Bangor Bell from the Bangor Abbey settlement, and the Raven Maps, the only complete folio of Plantation era maps in Ireland. ® northdownmuseum.com

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. **mmi.com/uafp**



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. Iisburnmuseum.com



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

The Grand Opera House

Belfast

Box Offic

brings the glitz of London's West End to the heart of Belfast. Shows to look out for this winter include smash hit musicals The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Titanic the Musical. Six and The Addams Family, You'll find a bit of local humour with Give my Head Peace and A Happy Medium as well as a staged musical version of the Belfast-based award-winning movie Good Vibrations. Enjoy a night of dance with Johannes Radebe or discover a thrilling adventure of fantasy, myth and friendship with the National Theatre's major new stage adaptation of The Ocean at the End of the Lane. goh.co.uk

The Lyric Theatre is the only full-time producing theatre in NI and has won a series of awards for its architecture. Upcoming performances include 'Mirrorball', a brand new musical based on the real-life experiences of Matt Cavan and his drag persona, 'Agreement', Owen McCafferty's new play examining the negotiations leading up to the Good Friday Agreement and Molière's exuberant comedy 'Tartuffe' is brought back to life in an opulent Irish retelling of this classic tale. 'The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary' is a new play about the life of Unionist politician, David Ervine and 'Myra's Story' has been described by many as the finest, funniest, most heart-breaking piece of theatre they have ever seen. lvrictheatre.co.uk

The SSE Arena, Belfast is the home of the Belfast Giants ice hockey team as well as hosting a top line-up of concerts, shows and sporting events. This spring you can see top performers including Snoop Dogg, Elton John and Andre Rieu, dance the night away at the Biggest 90's Disco or Anything For Love – The Meat Loaf Story, enjoy a night of top comedy with Paddy McDonnell or catch some action packed wrestling with WWE Live. ssearenabelfast.com

The Belfast Waterfront @

offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights include Daniel Howell, Frankie Boyle, Jim Jefferies and Tom Segura. There's live music with Matt Goss or immerse in the music from blockbuster films in concerts celebrating Harry Potter and the Lord of the Rings. Enjoy a thrilling night of Italian dance with Giovanni Pernice or be an audience with Prue Leith or Graeme Souness and don't miss the hilarious sequel to the first smash hit show 'Menopause the Musical 2'. waterfront.co.uk

The Victorian **Uister Hall** dates back to 1862 and is home to the Ulster Orchestra, who perform regularly with both evening and lunchtime concerts. You can also check out live music performances from Saxon, Beth Hart, Paul Young, Sam Ryder, WASP, Tori Amos, Van Morrison and Mimi Webb. If you're up for a laugh check out Sara Pascoe, Russell Kane, Gary Meikle



or Phil Wang, enjoy the very best of musical theatre, mesmerising aerialists and circus stars at 'Cirque' and there's tributes galore that bring the music of the Take That, George Michael, Cher, David Bowie, Fleetwood Mac, Neil Diamond and Abba. @ ulsterhall.co.uk

The **Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival** returns 27 April - 7 May 2023. This 11-day extravaganza is something to be savoured, with its bumper programme of live music, comedy, literature, theatre, film, visual art and more! **cqaf.com**

ENTERTAINMENT IN BELFAST

worth finding

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

The Crescent Arts Centre

provides classes and workshops in music, dance, spoken and written word, as well as live music performances, theatre, poetry open mic nights and other events. crescentarts.org

Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich

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

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

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

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

The Duncairn Centre

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



Sure, you can visit Belfast and lounge in luxurious accommodation and pamper vourself 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

Just a short drive from Belfast city centre. Colin Glen is perfectly placed for a fun-filled, actionpacked adventure. Choose from a range of fun activities including the Black Bull Run, Ireland's first Alpine Coaster, the Forest Flyover zipline and Ireland's longest 700m zipline, River Rapid, Other activities include: the SKYTrek high/ low ropes climbina course, archery, laser tag, 9-hole golf course. TopTracer driving range and 3G pitches. 🖉 🕼 colinalen.ora

Axe Yard

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

Let's Go Hydro

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

ACTION ACTIVITIES

XE YARD



Prison Island Belfast

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

The Jungle NI

Just a 45 minute drive from Belfast, awaits a daring adventure unlike any other. Adrenalinepacked activities include zorbing, paintball, high-wire treetop adventure courses, clay pigeon shooting, forest seqways, and llama trekking. thejungleni.com

Xtreme Bowling

Are you brave enough to play in the dark? Enjoy all the fun of tenpin bowling with

glow balls, pins and ultra violet lights for the ultimate bowling experience. You can also party while you bowl with DJ entertainment, prize competitions, disco lighting and smoke effects. Sessions run on Fridays & Saturday evenings and Saturdays & Sunday afternoons. theicebowl.com

Lagan Adventures

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

Surf Belfast

Experience the thrill of catching a wave indoors on Northern Ireland's first ever

indoor surf simulator! Pumps fire a constant 5 metre wide wave sheet to challenge riders. Designed for a variety of age groups and skill levels, Surf Belfast has four different performance settings to ensure that the ride can be enjoyed by just about everyone. better.org.uk/ surf-belfast

Limitless Adventure Centre

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

Gamelocker

Game Locker offers a visual benchmark for interactive gameplay, where you can

select multiplayer tournaments or single player formats to enjoy with friends or family! Choose to play from all the major gaming title including, Call of Duty, Fortnite, FIFA, Minecraft and Apex.

gamelocker.online

Life Adventure Centre

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

onegreatadventure.com



Put a Spring in your step

From parks blooming with colour to peaceful canal side towpaths and the hills that surround the city providing breathtaking views, there really is something for everyone when it comes to walking in Belfast. Add a different element to your city visit and get out and view Belfast from a completely different angle!

Botanic Gardens

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

Divis and Black Mountain

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

Barnett Demesne

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

Stormont Estate

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

Belfast Castle Estate and Cave Hill Country Park

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

Minnowburn & Giants Ring

This relaxing 3 mile walk starts and ends at the Minnowburn car park at Shaws Bridge. From the river, the trail rises gently through woodland, farmland and garden to the historic Giant's Ring. Evoking a powerful sense of mystery, this big earthwork circle, roughly 200m across, is a beautiful example of a 'henge' monument, built in about 2700BC during the Neolithic period. Take a picnic and enjoy the carpets of bluebells and stunning views across the Lagan Valley before looping back to the car park.

Gruffalo Trail at Colin Glen Forest

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

Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park

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

Hillsborough Castle Gardens

Surrounding the Castle, explore glorious gardens which are bursting with spring colours and are a joy to explore. Discover ornamental grounds, peaceful woodland, meandering waterways and picturesque glens at Northern Ireland's royal residence. The historic gardens, which were developed from the 1760s onwards, offer intriguing contrasts between ornate formal gardens, woodland and meadows.



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

Giants Causeway

A UNESCO World Heritage site, this magnificent, mysterious geological formation on the coast of Co. Antrim is NI's most visited attraction. The setting is a spectacular, dynamic coastal landscape of Atlantic waves, rugged cliffs, fascinating geographical antiquity, secluded bays and magnificent views. nationaltrust.org.uk/

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Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge

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

Hillsborough Castle

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

Castle Ward

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

Mount Stewart

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

Rowallane Garden, Saintfield

This informal plantsman's garder 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

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 neoclassical masterpiece and outside enjoy the sweeping vistas, superb spring flowers, scenic walks and fascinating courtyard displays. nationaltrust.org.uk/the-argory

Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House

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

Antrim Castle Gardens

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

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

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Spring into

The perfect place for a short break with friends and family.

Visit Northern Ireland's newest City of Bangor for a traditional seaside day out, take in the stunning views and enjoy a delicious bite to eat in picturesque Donaghadee. Relax as you enjoy the coffee culture in Holywood, a spot of shopping in bustling Newtownards, or visit Comber to pick up some local treats at the monthly Farmer's Market before exploring nearby WWT Castle Espie. There is so much to see and do this Spring.

Enjoy expansive beaches, leafy parks, and stunning water's edge views. Visit historic sites, top family attractions, or choose from a diverse range of golf courses as you enjoy this tranquil location. Ards and North Down is a great place to escape, relax and have fun all within an hour of Belfast.

Beach days

With 115 miles of beautiful coastline, our award-winning beaches are each unique and spectacular in their own way. As the weather warms up, why not aim to visit all of our Seaside Award winners: Groomsport, Millisle, Ballywalter South and Cloughey, to enjoy a paddle or a brisk water's edge walk.

Park Life

The parks in Ards and North Down are great spaces to get away from it all and stretch the legs. Here are a few ideas of places to spot the vibrant spring colours...

Ward Park, Bangor Located just a short stroll from the City of Bangor, this picturesque park is a great place to watch the world go by, enjoy a picnic, and relax surrounded by seasonal flora and fauna.

Scrabo Tower and Country Park, Newtownards

It is a moderate walk up the stone gravel pathway to the iconic tower that sits proudly overlooking Newtownards and beyond. The views across Strangford Lough are stunning. While here, explore the adjacent Killynether Wood following trails through the leafy woodland.



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Pickie Funpark / Bangor Marina





WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre

Island Hill and North Strangford Nature Reserve, Comber

This tranquil spot provides magnificent views of Strangford Lough and is an excellent viewing point for bird watching.

Whiterock, Sketrick Island and Mahee Island, near Killinchy

Take in stunning water's edge scenery at Whiterock and cross the causeway on the west coast of Strangford Lough to explore Sketrick Castle ruins.

This large tower house was built in the mid-15th century and the hidden paths that run around the island are a great place to slow down and enjoy this peaceful place.

Sketrick Island

Nugent's Wood, Portaferry

This recently upgraded trail is an idyllic walk, which runs parallel to the shoreline of Strangford Lough, in a loop towards the back of Exploris Aquarium. Enjoy a walk through a mature wood of mixed broad-leaved trees following an approximately 1.5-mile path with spectacular views across the Strangford Narrows. towards Audley's Castle and Castleward. Look high and low to see how many of the woodland and magical creature carvings you can find. This is also a perfect place for bluebell spotting at this time of year.

Redburn Country Park, Holywood

Featuring 7km of pathways all starting from the main car park, Redburn is ideal for energetic visitors who climb to the top of the escarpment where they are rewarded with spectacular views of Belfast and the south Antrim hills.

Explore historic places and uncover the rich local heritage

Discover the stories. embrace local folklore and rich heritage. Explore ruined castles, holy wells, abbeys, and military forts where tales of Bronze Age communities, Vikings, our early Christian and Ulster-Scots heritage and the role of this area in the First and Second World Wars all come to life.



North Down Museum, Castle Park and Bangor Castle Walled Garden, Bangor

Overlooking Bangor, near the Translink Bus and Rail Station sits Bangor City Hall, locally referred to as Bangor Castle, and also home the North Down Museum. This museum will take you back to the Bronze Age through a series of rooms, each dedicated to a particular era, and admission is free. Kids love the mini cinema showing old local film reels of days gone by, mini display models of Viking villages, as well as the life-size Monk's Hut. The building is nestled in the grounds of leafy Castle Park which you can explore independently or grab an Explorer's Pack from the museum. Just at the edge of the park, near Bangor Aurora and Aquatic Leisure Complex, is Bangor Castle Walled Garden, a favourite for many visitors which is open all year round (admission free).

National Trust - Mount Stewart, near Greyabbey Uncover the magic of the National Trust's Mount Stewart with a tour the 19th Century stately home, a stroll in world-class gardens or exploring the wider demesne via the idyllic woodland and farmland walking trails.

Ballycopeland Windmill, Millisle Ballycopeland Windmill is the only remaining working windmill in East Down. Built in the late 18th or early 19th century, the mill worked until the First World War when it fell into disrepair. It was gradually restored between 1950 and 1978 to full working order. Explore the history of this last functional windmill in Northern Ireland, how it works. the stories of the millers who lived and made their livelihood here, and the story of efforts to preserve the windmill for future generations. Keep kids enthused with the family-friendly activity guide featuring a cute

Millie the Mouse character who can be spotted around the site pointing out things of interest. A small visitor centre is located inside the Miller's House with a café on site to enjoy refreshments. Online booking of tours is essential, go to **ballycopelandwindmill.com** A limited number of tickets may be available on the day, however cannot be guaranteed.

Note - Disabled access is not possible within the windmill. Some parts of the complex are inaccessible for wheelchairs.

Family Fun

Discover top class visitor attractions to enjoy. Family favorites Pickie Funpark in Bangor and Exploris Aquarium in Portaferry both offer fantastic days out.

At Pickie Funpark, pedal the iconic giant swans around the lagoon, get competitive with a round of mini golf, enjoy the adventure playground, and climb aboard the Pickie Puffer for a sit-on train journey around the colourful landscape. While here, pick up ice-creams and take a stroll along Pickie and Eisenhower piers for a perfect traditional day by the seaside. **Book now at pickiefunpark.com** Greyabbey ruins

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Exploris, Northern Ireland's only aquarium and seal rehabilitation centre in picturesque Portaferry is a must- see attraction. Enjoy a diver's view of marine life from local waters and around the world and spot friendly sharks, jellyfish, rays, sea otters, reptiles, and recent arrivals the Humboldt Penguins. Book now at explorisni.com

While here, explore Portaferry; nearby historic Kearney village (where you will find a cluster of fishermen's cottages restored and managed by the National Trust), and all along the Ards Peninsula where the views of Strangford Lough (a designated area of natural beauty) are breath taking.

Tee Time!

For a perfect golfing break just minutes from Belfast City Centre, Ards and North Down offers a wide range of 12 great courses including parkland and links. The Borough is a haven for golfers with a rich heritage dating back 125 years as home to Ireland's oldest club, The Royal Belfast. Enjoy a few rounds surrounded by stunning scenery with views of Belfast or Strangford Lough. Courses designed by H.S.Colt, James Braid and Peter Alliss sum up the quality on offer with The Royal Belfast, Bangor, Clandeboye, Kirkistown Castle and Rory McIlroy's home club, Holywood, awarded the 'Quality Assurance' accreditation by Tourism Northern Ireland.

With great hospitality and accommodation ranging from distinctive self-catering options, cozy guest houses to three, four and five-star hotel and spa facilities; it is time to book your perfect getaway. Check opening times of the attraction you plan to visit before travelling, and pre-book where possible. For information on our public transport system, routes, and timetables; visit **translink.co.uk**

For more information, and to plan your trip, go to visitardsandnorthdown.com or call +44 (0)28 9127 0069 EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

Days Out in Lisbuch & Cast levelog

There is no better place to enjoy spring days out than in Lisburn & Castlereagh.



Enjoy the great outdoors by spending quality time in one of the many parks across the area, which are perfect for exercising, cycling or dog walking. Quench your thirst or enjoy a bite to eat in one of the numerous cafés, fine dining restaurants or cosy gastropubs that will warm you up with open roaring fires. Or enjoy a well-earned break with an overnight stay in one of the hotels. So why not get out and about to experience what's on offer in Lisburn & Castlereagh this spring.

Discover PiCturesque Georgian villages

The beautiful village of **Royal Hillsborough** offers a relaxing day out. Enjoy a walk around the lake at Hillsborough Forest and explore the historic Fort and the stunning St Malachy's Church. There are a number of artisan cafés scattered throughout the village including Mimi's and Karibu or pick



up some delicious bakery treats at Tori's, Kin & Folk or the Roundhouse. Grab lunch to go from Keane's Deli or sit in and enjoy some tasty gastro pub dishes at the Plough Inn, Hillside or Parson's Nose. There's a great selection of lovely gift stores to browse including InKlover and Bluebell & Willow as well as a selection of boutiques and local businesses. The historic village of **Moira** is the perfect place to enjoy a scenic walk through the Demesne with friends and family. Afterwards, enjoy the extensive range of shopping scattered along the Main Street offering everything from homeware and gifts at Jacksons, Willow and Bluebell Cottage to award winning butchers and delis including McCartney's or simply catch-up with friends in one of the many excellent restaurants, cafes or gastro pubs, including Carthago where you can sample the culture and food of North Africa.



Endless Fun at Moira Lakes

The stunning lakes in Moira are the perfect place to enjoy a day out. There are a wide range of water-based activities available including paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing and open water swimming to be enjoyed with your friends and family. Have some fun at the lakeside sandy beach where the kids can build sandcastles and paddle in the water or enjoy a swim before warming up in one of the hot outdoor showers. There is also a fantastic archery range for those who prefer to stay on dry land, which will certainly bring out your competitive side. Make sure to allow time to enjoy the view while relaxing in the café, which serves a range of beverages with a delicious pizza menu. Dogs are welcome on leads and activity packages are available. moiralakes.com

Hinch Distillery

Take a trip to the beautiful grounds at Killaney Estate, Co. Down to visit Hinch Distillery for a day out and quided tour to learn about local distilling traditions. Gain an appreciation for the skills and craftsmanship required to make world renowned Irish whiskey or try the new "some like it hot" masterclass, to become an expert in making the world renowned Irish Coffee and hot whiskey drinks. Enjoy a bite to eat at the beautiful fully licensed brasserie or browse in the gift shop, where you can purchase from their range of whiskeys and gin. hinchdistillery.com





Hilden Brewery

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Spring Events



Hillsborough Castle & Gardens

4 March-8 May

Enjoy an array of events on offer throughout the spring, whether you are a gardening guru or just interested in learning something new. From wreath making and flower arranging to tours with expert gardeners. Be dazzled by award-winning displays at the Hillsborough Daffodil Show and enjoy special events celebrating Mothering Sunday, St Patrick's Day and Easter, including storytelling, music and family fun.

hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle

Ireland on the Water Expo 4-5 March

Celebrating everything that is great about the marine leisure industry from angling to sailing, kavaking to diving. the Ireland on the Water Expo at the Eikon Exhibition Centre promises to be an event for the entire family to enjoy, featuring talks from a range of experts in the marine leisure sector. while also giving visitors the opportunity to visit each of the stands and chat to professionals. irelandonthewaterexpo.ie



Bluegrass St Patrick's Day Races 17 March

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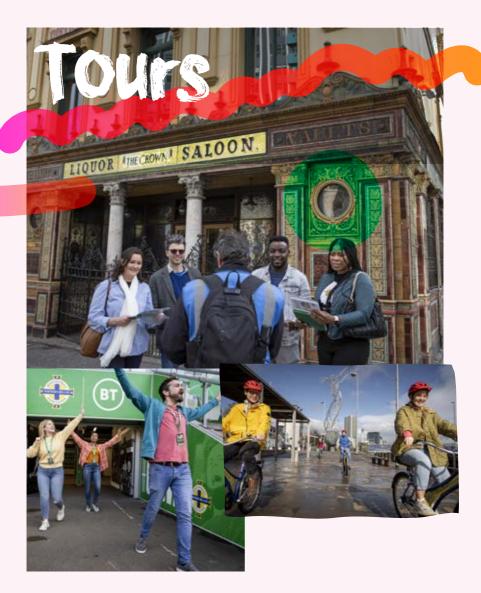
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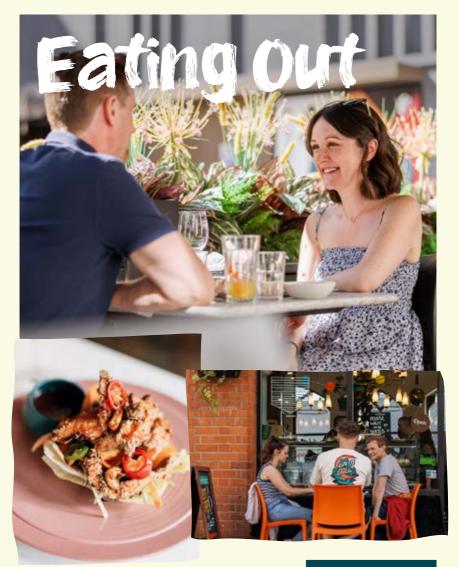
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KEY Map grid location City Centre Cathedral Quarter Titanic Quarter Linen Quarter Queen's Quarter Quarter Gaeltacht Quarter

Eating Out

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MODERN CUISINE

Actons 17 Brunswick Street

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

028 9024 0239 actonandsons.com

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AMPM 38-44 Upper Arthur Street

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

028 9024 9009 ampmbelfast.com

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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

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Blank Restaurant 43 Malone Road

Enjoy a hyper seasonal Tasting Experience, entirely sourced from the finest produce from the finest farms and suppliers across Ireland. They prefer not to disclose what their dishes contain until they reach the table, so each course is a surprise, and carefully selected wine pairings are also on offer. **028 9040 6399 blankbelfast.com**

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Buba Belfast

St Anne's Square Offering a delicious selection of flame grilled burgers, succulent grills, tempting bits, dirty tots, saucy dips and tasty sides. Not foraettina about their cracking cocktails, boozy shakes and decadent desserts! Vegan and vegetarian friends are well looked after too, as are those looking for GF options. 028 9568 0162 bubabelfast.com D3 CQ VP

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

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

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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

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**

Deanes Meat Locker 28-40 Howard Street

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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

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

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

Havana Bank Square 56-58 Berry Street

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

028 9031 0809 havanabanksq.com

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.

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Eating Out

Enjoy seasonal cuisine serving everything from casual lunch to plates you can share with your friends or family. **028 9590 8444**

44hillstreet.com

Holohan's Pantry 43 University Road

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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 © @

Home Restaurant 22 Wellington Place

Feel good food served in a well-established, award-winning restaurant in the heart of the city centre. Head chef Ben Arnold and his team have created an extensive menu of all-time favourites using fresh and seasonal produce. Pop in and check out the fantastic vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and skinny menus. **028 9023 4946**

homebelfast.co.uk

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Todd's is an awardwinning, comfortable and welcoming local bar serving delicious dishes with a real emphasis on local produce.

028 9065 3090 horatiotodds.com

Howard Street Restaurant

56 Howard Street

Serving up full-flavoured dishes created from the current season's ingredients sourced locally. Complementing the menu is a rejuvenated cocktail list and a range of artisan wines. 028 9024 8362 howardstbelfast.com @ @

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 Joys Entry bar for great drinks, traditional food, live music and plenty of history.

028 9032 6711 henrysbelfast.com

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James St 21 James Street South

nu is a James St really is the place where good food, a range of wine and service come wines. together in relaxed b24 8362 surroundings. Enjoy lunch specials from 12pm, pre-theatre from 5pm, an extensive a la

Eat & Drink BELFAST

Restaurant Vouchers

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

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carte menu, alongside weekend brunch and a great Sunday Roast. 028 9560 0700

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Le Winters 92 Church Street, Newtownards

With an innovative approach to dining offering great value food and wines of high quality at affordable prices. The menu has something to offer every taste ranging from traditional. local favourites to exotic dishes from around the world.

028 9181 4141 strangfordhotel. com/lewinters

Novelli at City Quays 90 Donegall Quay

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Situated on the waterfront, with unparalleled views across Belfast Lough, the multi-Michelinstarred 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 (D3 CC) (VP)

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

Tuck into gargantuan steaks of quality assured Ulster beef and Irish stew. The kitchen also has a great sense of

adventure - crocodile. shark and kangaroo all pop up from time to time. 028 9023 5986 themorningstarbar .co.uk

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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

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Ox Restaurant 1 Oxford Street

With an enthusiastic approach to seasonality. Michelin starred OX works every day to provide the best possible fine dining experience in a relaxed, riverside environment. 028 9031 4121 oxbelfast.com 64 CC

The River Rooms

Situated on the banks of the River Lagan, The River Rooms is set over 3 floors. Cloud 9 Basement Tapas Lounge, Ted's Restaurant & The Lagan suite. It is the perfect venue to eat. drink and chill. Also available for private functions.

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028 9023 1777

theriverrooms.co.uk (D3) (CC)

...... Roam Belfast 6a Callendar Street

Born out of a love for food. Roam started out as a pop up concept aiming to provide a unique dining experience. Now that roam has found its home, our ethos remains the same - attentive but informal, simple but sophisticated.

07917 957 162 roambelfast.com 64 CC

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Rvan's Bar & Restaurant seafood and vegetables 116-118 Lisburn Road

A traditional menu with a fresh contemporary twist, from sharing platters to veggie grazers, farm quality assured steaks to Irish boxtvs. A family friendly venue with a relaxed atmosphere. 028 9050 9850

ryansbelfast.com (C6) (QQ) (VP)

Shed Bistro

467 Ormeau Road The perfect lunch and

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

028 9064 2630 shedbelfast.com (E8) QQ

Shu Restaurant

253 Lisburn Road

One of the most renowned eateries in

Belfast, Shu offers simple French influenced food using the best seasonal ingredients, served at a reasonable price, in an elegant location. 028 9038 1655

shu-restaurant.com B7 QQ

- -Taylor & Clay

40a Church Lane

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

028 9590 0600 bullitthotel.com D3 CQ

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Yardbird **3 Hill Street**

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

028 9024 3712

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..... Waterman

33 Hill Street

Award winning chef Niall McKenna's new ······ restaurant is located in an old Bushmills bonded warehouse, the same listed building as the Waterman House

Eating Out

Cookery School, and provides a relaxed atmosphere and excellent classic European-style cuisine made with quality local produce. 028 9043 4310

waterman.house

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

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

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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 @ @

The Oyster Rooms 2-4 Winecellar Entry

Located above the historic White's Tavern, step upstairs to enjoy a menu of locally sourced, authentic Irish food alongside great drinks and live music. 028 9031 2582

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SPANISH/ MEXICAN

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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 @ @

La Taqueria

53 Castle Street 274 Ormeau Road

At La Taqueria, our food speaks for itself. A small family of independent taco restaurants in Belfast; our craft is rooted in trusted, traditional Mexican flavours and recipes that not only showcase some of Northern Ireland's famous local produce but also Mexico's amazing ingredients that we ship ourselves. Iataqueriabelfast.co.uk

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ITALIAN

Coppi St Anne's Square

Open seven days a week, Coppi specialises in simple Italian classics big on flavour and offers a range of cichetti (Italian style tapas), starters, main courses, pizzetta and pasta freshly made daily.

028 9031 1959 coppi.co.uk (p3) (c) (D)

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

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

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

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70-74 Ann Street

A bright, modern, designled rooftop restaurant, bar and garden showcasing fresh local seafood with an Italian accent alongside homemade sourdough pizza and imaginative aperitivo inspired cocktails.

028 9590 0555 bullitthotel.com

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

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ASIAN

BaoBun 48 Botanic Avenue 338 Lisburn Rd 269 Upper N'ards Rd

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

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 04 🚾

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 (3) (2)

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

Wagamama Belfast Victoria Square

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**

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zenbelfast.co.uk

CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY

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

Starbucks

Castle Lane/Great Victoria St/Cornmarket/ Wellington Place/ Victoria Sg/CastleCourt/ Botanic Ave/ Lisburn Rd Starbucks are passionate about making perfect handcrafted beverages. Catch up with friends or just enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with a delicious range of coffee, tea and light bites. 028 9023 6679 starbucks.ie

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The Yellow Door 427 Lisburn Rd

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



CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Improve your culinary skills with a fun and practical cookery class!

Bakehouse NI

Offering cookerv experiences and classes in baking, cooking and foraging based around traditional recipes and seasonal produce. Their forage and bake classes allow you to forage in the local countryside and make wonderful sweet and savourv bakes and treats with vour handpicked seasonal ingredients.

07900 806 480 bakehouseni.com

Waterman House Cookery School Cathedral Quarter

Set in the heart of the Cathedral Quarter, choose Waterman House for your next celebration, private party or corporate event. Come and participate in one of the interactive cookery classes which range from the day-to-day cooking of one pot wonders. to firm favourites from around the world to fun experiences making sushi and cocktails.

028 9560 0701 cookinbelfast.co.uk



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

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| J | Live music |
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Pubs & Clubs

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CITY CENTRE

Angel And Two Bibles 1 Goose Entry

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

07518 283 884 angelandtwo biblesbelfast.com

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Fountain Lane 16 Fountain Street

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

028 9032 4769

fountainlanebelfast.com

Henry's

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Named after historic Belfast figure and United Irish man Henry Joy McCracken, has been a pub for over 100 years. Call into this Joys Entry bar for great drinks, traditional food, live music and plenty of history.

028 9032 6711

henrysbelfast.com

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

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

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Margot

18 Donegall Square East

Tucked away below street level is Margot, serving small plates, flat breads, creative cocktails and carefully curated drinks every day of the week. Late Late Club every Thursday to Sunday 10pm-late. **028 9693 1211**

margotbelfast.com

The Morning Star 17-19 Pottinger's Entry

This historic pub dates back to 1810 with the original mahogany counter and old terrazzo floor. The upstairs restaurant prides itself on serving freshly made food using the best ingredients sourced locally. **028 9023 5986 themorningstarbar.com**

The National

62-68 High Street

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

028 9031 1130 thenationalbelfast.com

Out of Office

96-98 High Street

Belfast's first dedicated brewery and taproom, located on the 2nd floor of the popular Ulster Sports Club. Taproom will be open Thursday-Sunday offering a range of freshly brewed-on-site beers and other local craft offerings. Tours begin in August.

ulstersportsclub.com

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Queens Café Bar Queen's Arcade

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

028 9024 9105 queensarcadebelfast. com

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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

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 verv affordable prices.

028 9027 8290 voodoobelfast.com

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CATHEDRAL QUARTER

The Cloth Ear 35-39 Waring Street

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

028 9026 2719

themerchanthotel.com

The Deer's Head 1-3 Lower Garfield St

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

028 9043 4655

thedeershead

belfast.com

The Dirty Onion

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

028 9024 3712

thedirtyonion.com

The Duke of York

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

028 9024 1062 dukeofvorkbelfast.com

Pubs & Clubs

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

theiohnhewitt.com

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The Northern Whia 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

thenorthernwhia.com **(1)**

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The Reporter Bar **3 Union Street**

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

facebook.com/ TheReporter.Bar

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Tipsy Bird 96-100 Ann Street

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

028 9099 3542

thetipsybirdbelfast.co.uk

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White's Tavern

2-4 Winecellar Entry Built in 1630. Whites Tavern serves a great selection

of Irish and traditional food, beers and of course, Guinness. They host live music every weekend including traditional Irish from local musicians with no cover charge. 028 9031 2582

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LINEN QUARTER

Brennan's Bar 46-50 Great

Beyond the modern red brick exterior lies an attractive old-style

Crown Liquor Saloon **46 Great Victoria Street**

The Crown is both ageless and priceless, a gem of Victoriana and one of the areat bars of the world. Step in to discover a traditional pub of unique character, revered for its eclectic range of real ales and its heartily classic pub food, which are served, as they should be, with a generous measure of famous Irish hospitality. 028 9024 3187

crownbar.com

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Limelight Belfast **17 Ormeau Avenue**

The Limelight complex encompasses 2 great live music venues hosting international acts and local bands, as well as Katy's Bar and The Rock

Garden rooftop terrace, open daily until late. 028 9032 7007

limelightbelfast.com 05 A (A)

Linen House **Brunswick Street**

An award winning multi-venue complex comprising of Sweet Afton Bar & Kitchen. The Perch Rooftop Bar, Franklins Sports Bar and Rita's Cocktail Bar. The venues offer a range of seasonal food and drink menus alongside the best of local entertainment in Belfast as well as servicing Flaxx, an outdoor social space designed and created especially for the Linen Quarter.

028 9024 8000 sweetaftonbelfast.com

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Pug Ugly's 21 Bedford Street

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

028 9032 0030 puguglys.com

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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 robinsonsbar.co.uk

GAY QUARTER

Kremlin 96 Donegall Street Kremlin has firmly

established itself as one of the best gay nightclubs in Belfast and features some of the world's best D.J's and live music acts. This LGBT-popular bar has 3 different areas, all with a distinct Soviet theme. Check their social media for information on upcoming events.

028 9031 6060 kremlin-belfast.com

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Union Street 8-14 Union Street

Set in an old Victorian shoe factory. Union Street has been serving the LGBT community in Belfast since 2004. The establishment also doubles as a restaurant serving lunch and dinner, while at night you can attend drag shows, karaoke nights, cabarets, DJ sets and live music performances.

028 9031 6060

unionstreetbar.com Θ

SOUTH **BEI FAST**

The Bowery 701 Lisburn Road

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

028 9066 2600

thebowerybelfast.co.uk (R) (W) (BA)

The Chelsea 346 Lisburn Road

A modern gastropub serving quality bistro food & drinks seven

Victoria Street

mahogany & brass bar, stained glass panels and traditional snugs. Live music at weekends upstairs and downstairs and food served daily. 028 9024 2986

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days a week, where you can unwind with sophisticated cocktails, grab a lazy Sunday brunch, find the perfect spot for a date night, or simply celebrate the weekend in style.

028 9068 7177 thechelseabar.com

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The Crafty Vintner 705 Lisburn Road

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

028 9066 2601 thecraftyvintner tastingroom.co.uk

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Cutter's Wharf Lockview Road

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

028 9080 5100

cutterswharf.co.uk

The Doyen 829 Lisburn Road

The Doyen boasts a beautifully new designed traditional bar, perfect for listening to live music, sipping carefully crafted cocktails, watching the sport and enjoying a specially created gastropub menu. **028** 9050 9950

thedoyenbelfast.com

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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



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

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QUEEN'S QUARTER

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

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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

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Filthy McNasty's

45 Dublin Road

Open 7 nights a week with live music every evening, streaming all sporting fixtures on the big screens choose from a selection of 20+ draught beers and an extensive cocktail menu. Filthy's infamous Garden and Lane are a popular attraction and host DJs and bands throughout the week.

028 9033 3836

bachusgroup.com

The Points

44 Dublin Road

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

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TITANIC QUARTER

Hickson's Point at Titanic Belfast Queen's Road

Inspired by one of the first ship builders in the city, this authentic 1900's public house serves up the spirit of the shipyard with traditional music, entertainment, heritage décor and locally produced food. **028 9076 6386**

titanicbelfast.com/ Hicksonspoint

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EAST BELFAST

Bullhouse East 442-446 Newtownards Road

Located next to CS Lewis Square, Bullhouse East is Belfast's very first and original brewery taproom, serving 20 taps of the freshest craft beer and woodfired pizza Belfast has to offer. You're guaranteed a fresh pint from their regularly rotating taps of exclusive beer that you're unlikely to find anywhere else.

028 9013 8554

bullhousebrewco.com

Scotts' Jazz Club 1 Sandown Road

Start your Friday evening with a pre-show meal for £10 at on site Indian restaurant, Kutum then relax into an evening of jazz at The Ballyhackamore Club, featuring the finest jazz musicians in Ireland and beyond. scottsjazzclub.com

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NORTH BELFAST

Ben Madigan's

169-175 Cavehill Road Located only a few minutes' drive from Belfast Castle, the Cavehill Country Park and Belfast Zoo, this cosy welcoming pub serves lunches and main meals from 12 noon, 7 days per week. Enjoy drinks on the outdoor terrace as well as comedy nights, pub quizzes and great live music.

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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.

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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.

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

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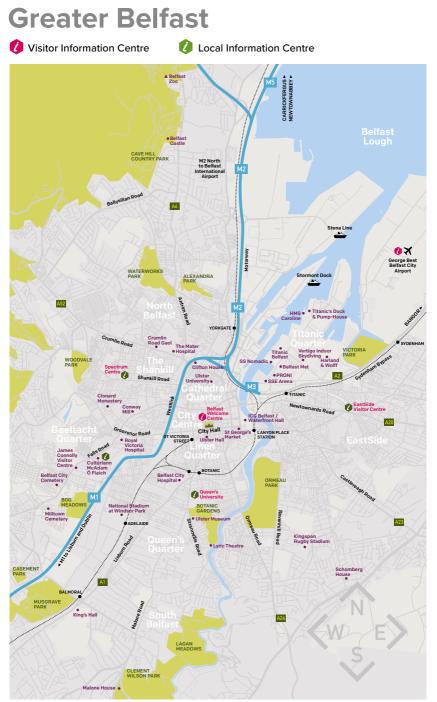
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WHICH SERVICE?

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



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

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

Ulsterbus and urby -

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

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

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

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

WHICH TICKET?

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

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

Multi Journey Smartlink

Card – for inner, city or extended zone Metro and Glider journeys. Not valid for Glider journeys across the City Centre.

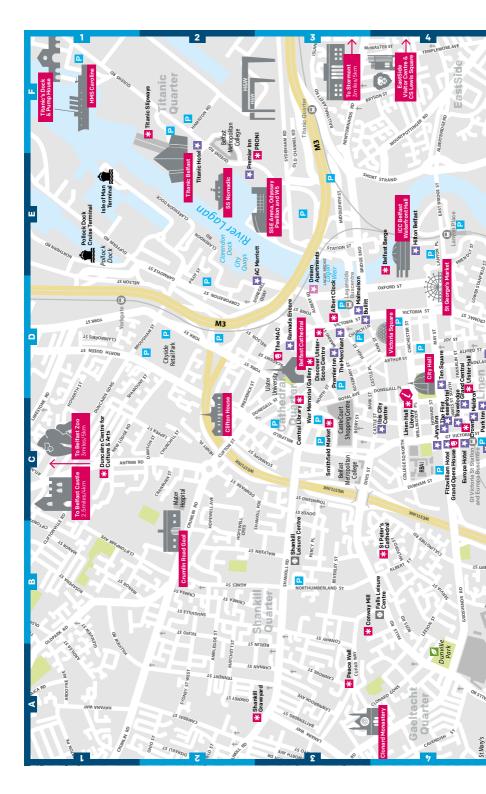
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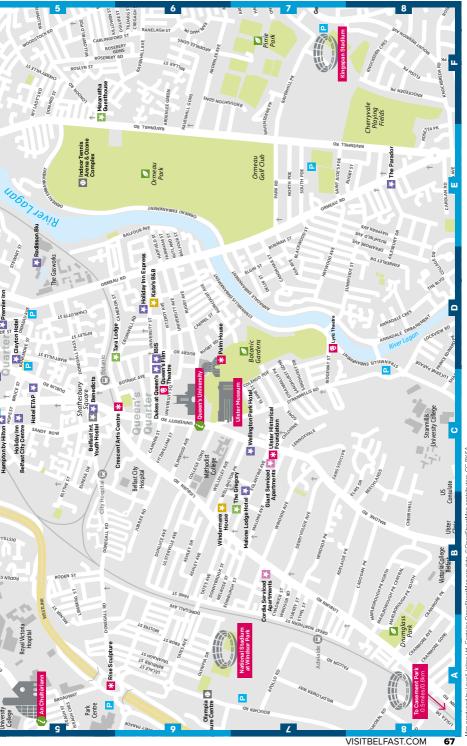
The mLink mobile ticketing App is available to download on IOS and Android devices. You can purchase NI Railways, Metro/Glider, Foyle Metro, yLink and 24+, Airport Express 300, Goldliner services (within Northern Ireland), selected Ulsterbus and urby tickets.

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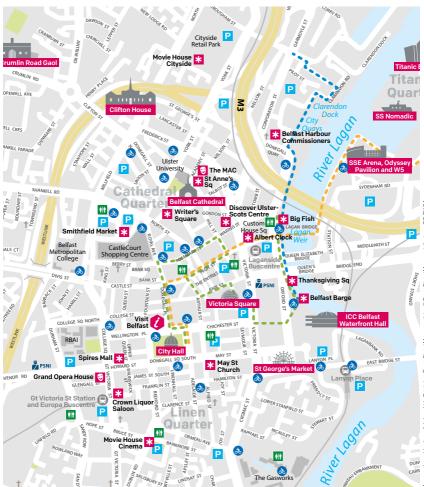




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