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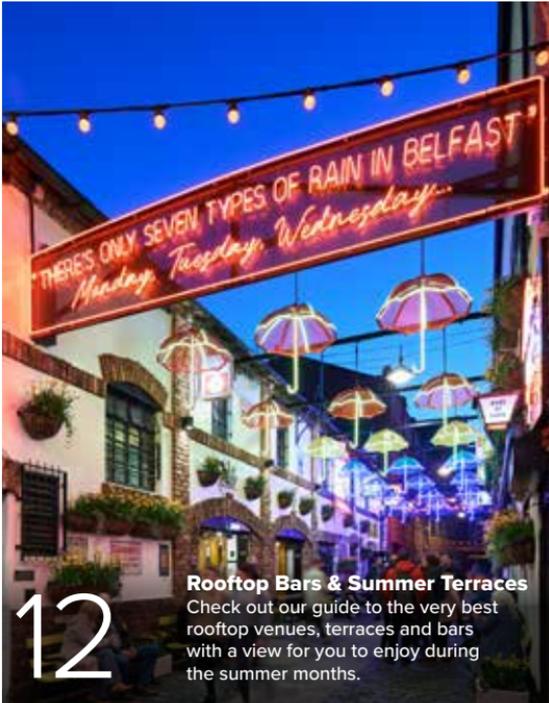
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# Must Do:

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

## HISTORY

01

### The American Declaration of Independence

Until 24 July  
PRONI

On display in Belfast for the first time as part of an exhibition highlighting the contribution of the Ulster-Scots community to the momentous events of 4 July 1776. Free admission.  
[proni.gov.uk](http://proni.gov.uk)

## FESTIVAL

02

### Belfast International Photo Festival

1-30 June

Various locations

Celebrating the finest national and international contemporary photography and visual culture.  
[belfastphotofestival.com](http://belfastphotofestival.com)

## MUSIC

03

### Belsonic

1-30 June

Ormeau Park

Outdoor music festival with a top line up including George Ezra, Tom Jones, Lizzo, Ben Nicky and The Prodigy.  
[belsonic.com](http://belsonic.com)

## MUSIC

04

### AVA Festival

2-3 June

Titanic Slipways

Belfast's foremost electronic and visual arts festival returns with a wide array of sounds including headliner Central Cee.  
[avafestival.com](http://avafestival.com)

## CULTURE

05

### Belfast Book Festival

14-18 June

Queen's Quarter

An eclectic mix of local and international writers hosting readings, launches, workshops and more.  
[belfastbookfestival.com](http://belfastbookfestival.com)

## MUSIC

06

### Belfast City Blues Festival

23-25 June

Various venues

A 3 day festival showcasing established and up and coming blues artists performing at venues in the Cathedral Quarter.  
[facebook.com/officialbelfastcitybluesfestival](https://facebook.com/officialbelfastcitybluesfestival)

## CULTURE

07

### Twelfth of July Celebrations

12 July

Various locations in Belfast

Join thousands of people as they celebrate The Twelfth, a festival which showcases aspects of Ulster's rich heritage and culture.  
[belfastcity.gov.uk/events](http://belfastcity.gov.uk/events)

## FESTIVAL

08

### Belfast Whiskey Week

21-29 July

Various venues

Sampling hundreds of whiskies with an eclectic mix of live music, comedy, food collaborations, walking tours, theatrics, cocktails, distillery days & so much more!  
[belfastwhiskeyweek.com](http://belfastwhiskeyweek.com)



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FESTIVAL

09

**Belfast Pride**

**21-30 July**

**Various locations**

Belfast Pride is the largest LGBTQIA+ festival in Ireland, with Pride Day parade taking place on Saturday 29 July.

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



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MUSIC

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**Belfast Tradfest**

**23-29 July**

**Various locations**

A weeklong programme of workshops, concerts, talks, lectures, sessions, céilís & festival clubs, bringing together both the Irish and the Ulster-Scots musical traditions.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

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**Sundays on the Maritime Mile**

**Throughout August, 12-5pm**

**Maritime Mile**  
Experience some of NI's finest artists including singer-songwriters, jazz, trad, folk, indie & electronic popping up along Belfast's waterfront.

[maritime-mile.com](http://maritime-mile.com)

FESTIVAL

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**Belfast Mela**

**19-27 August**

**Botanic Gardens**

Belfast's biggest celebration of cultural diversity bursts into the city for its 17th year with a week long programme of events.

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

CREATIVITY

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**Craft Month**

**August**

**Various locations**

Buy, see, make and learn about craft! August Craft Month is NI's annual celebration of craft.

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

FESTIVAL

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**Hilden Beer & Music Festival**

**25-27 August**

With great beers, great craic and a huge range of live music acts across two stages, Ireland's longest running beer and music festival hits all the right notes.

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

CULTURE

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**Féile 2023**

**3-13 August**

**Various locations**

An eclectic mix of inclusive arts and cultural activities including music, comedy, visual arts, talks, youth & family events, theatre, sports, and much more.

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

MARITIME

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**Belfast Maritime Festival**

**9-10 September**

**Custom House Square**

A weekend of fun, free entertainment for all to enjoy, with a flotilla of ships, tasty food stalls, live music, theatre, arts, crafts and workshops and the Made in Belfast Village.

[maritime-mile.com](http://maritime-mile.com)

CULTURE

11

**EastSide Arts Festival**

**27 July - 6 August**

**Various locations**

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

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



# Must See:

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

## TIME OUT

01

### Belfast City Hall

Enjoy a free guided tour of Belfast's most iconic building (1906) or call in to view the self-guided visitor exhibition. The grounds contain memorials to the history, people and events associated with the city as well as being a great spot to relax and enjoy an ice cream on a sunny day.

SEE MAP 



01

## EXPERIENCE

02

### Titanic Belfast

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

SEE MAP  

## MARKETS

03

### St George's Market

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

SEE MAP 

## ART

04

### Discover some Urban Art

The Cathedral Quarter offers a distinctly varied and modern street art scene. Take some time to stroll around the area to view these amazing pieces of art and don't miss the ceiling of illuminated umbrellas above Commercial Court.

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## MARITIME

05

### HMS Caroline

Travel back in time and experience life at sea during the First World War. Witness what life was like during the Battle of Jutland, explore where the crew lived and slept, and hear their amazing stories.

SEE MAP 



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EXPERIENCE

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**Colin Glen**

From Alpine coasteering to Ireland's longest zipline, SKYTrek high-ropes to laser tag and golfing to the Gruffalo Trail, Colin Glen has adventure for everyone this summer.



EXPERIENCE

06

**Crumlin Road Gaol**

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

SEE MAP **B2** **VP**



TOUR

07

**Titanic Distillers**

Experience the workings of the distillery and hear the story of Belfast's whiskey tradition, why it disappeared and how it has now returned to the home of Titanic Distillers - the city's first working distillery in almost 90 years.

SEE MAP **F1**

EXPERIENCE

08

**Ulster Museum**

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

SEE MAP **C6**

MUSIC

09

**The Waterways Belfast Tour**

Enjoy a leisurely boat tour of the docks where the Titanic was built, while the crew guide you through the fascinating stories and landmarks that make up the city's rich maritime history.

SEE MAP **E3**

EXPERIENCE

11

**Belfast Beer Gardens**

Belfast has a huge selection of watering holes and many have cosy outdoor gardens, terraces and rooftops with a view to enjoy in the summer months.

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TOUR

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**Hillsborough Castle**

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



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

# City Areas

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



## CITY CENTRE

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



## CATHEDRAL QUARTER

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-the-art 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 and 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, and take a trail to discover the home of George Best, CS Lewis and Van Morrison.



## THE SHANKILL

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



# Belfast Stories

Join our team of professional performers celebrating our city's *unique heritage* and *culture* in our interactive and fun show.

The Belfast Story is a proud and talented collective of the four **traditional arts**; music, song, dance and story.

Food and Show offerings

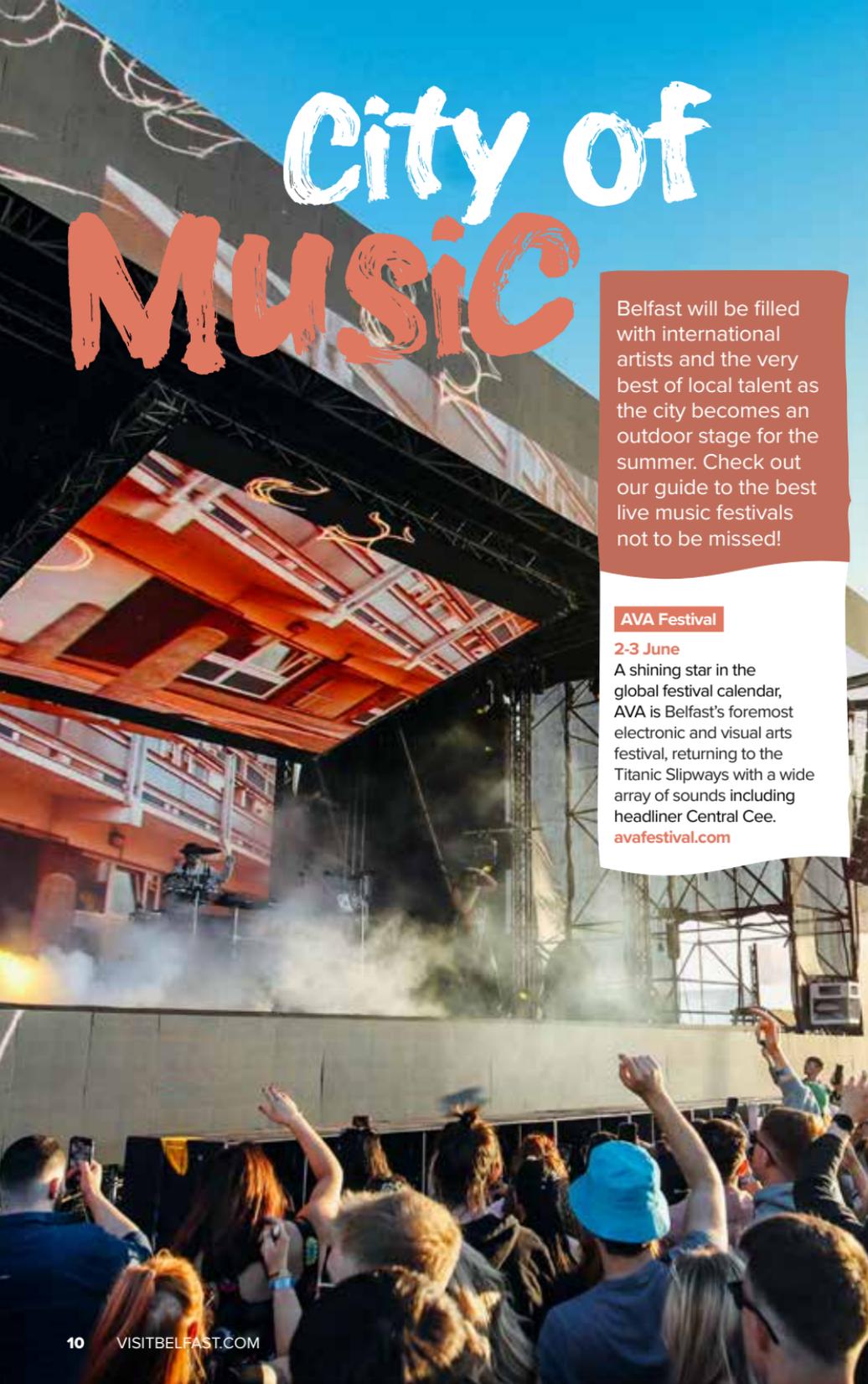
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# City of Music

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

## AVA Festival

**2-3 June**

A shining star in the global festival calendar, AVA is Belfast's foremost electronic and visual arts festival, returning to the Titanic Slipways with a wide array of sounds including headliner Central Cee.

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

**Belsonic****1-30 June**

Returning to the picturesque location of Ormeau Park, Belsonic is a summer institution bringing the best acts from around the world to Belfast. This year's top line up including George Ezra, Tom Jones, Lizzo, Ben Nicky and The Prodigy.

[belsonic.com](http://belsonic.com)**Belfast City Blues Festival****23-25 June**

A 3 day festival showcasing established and up and coming blues artists including The Pat McManus Band, The Willie Byrne Band, Grainne Duffy, The Ronnie Greer Band, Lee Hedley Blues Band and Dom Martin.

[facebook.com/officialbelfastcitybluesfestival](https://facebook.com/officialbelfastcitybluesfestival)[officialbelfastcitybluesfestival](https://officialbelfastcitybluesfestival)**Belfast TradFest****23-29 July**

Bringing together both Irish and Ulster-Scots musical traditions, programme highlights include Máirtín O'Connor Band, Flutopia, McGoldrick, McCusker & Doyle, With Fife & Drum, Pride Céili, The Olliam, Four Men & A Dog and The Elephant Sessions.

[belfasttraditionalmusic.com](http://belfasttraditionalmusic.com)**Eastside Arts Festival****27 July - 6 August**

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

[eastsidearts.net](http://eastsidearts.net)**August Féile****3-13 August**

Ireland's biggest community arts festival will once again be the highlight of the summer! Highlights include a massive 80's/90's concert extravaganza in Falls Park, Ireland's biggest Free Dance night as well as over 400 other events from live music and comedy to sport, exhibitions, drama, discussions and debates, family events, trad trail, carnival parade and more.

[feilebelfast.com](http://feilebelfast.com)**CHSq 2022****11-26 August**

Returning to the historic surroundings of Belfast's iconic Custom House, with 8 nights of great live music including Kodaline, The Proclaimers, Stiff Little Fingers, Becky Hill, The Coronas and N-Dubz.

[customhousesquare.com](http://customhousesquare.com)**Belfast Mela****19-27 August**

Experience the wonder of Belfast's diversity with a spectacular week long programme of world music, dance, food and art across the city. Culture, colour and creativity comes together with a magical series of events finishing with the spectacular Mela Day at Botanic Gardens.

[belfastmela.org.uk](http://belfastmela.org.uk)**Emerge****26-27 August**

This multi-stage outdoor music festival returns to Belfast's Boucher Road this summer. Headliners BICEP [Live], Carl Cox, Camelphat and Charlotte De Witte will be joined by an all-star line-up of international and local acts.

[ticketmaster/ie](https://ticketmaster/ie)**Belfast Vital****1-3 September**

Returning to Boucher Road Playing Fields to finish the summer live music festival season, Vital brings an unmissable line up of The Killers with special guest Johnny Marr and Lewis Capaldi, with special guests McFly.

[ticketmaster/ie](https://ticketmaster/ie)**WORTH THE TRIP:****Open House Festival****The Walled Garden, Bangor****16-28 August**

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this summer, with a packed programme of events taking place in the seaside city throughout July and August. The core festival offers an exciting line-up with 13 nights of music and comedy. Full programme, tickets, and additional information available online.

[openhousefestival.com](http://openhousefestival.com)**Hilden Beer & Music Festival, Lisburn****25-27 August**

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

[hildenbrewery.com/event/beer-festival](http://hildenbrewery.com/event/beer-festival)

# Rooftop Bars & Summer Terraces

Make the most of the long summer nights and take going for drinks to new heights at these rooftop venues, summer terraces and bars with an instagrammable view in Belfast.



## **The Terrace** **Donegall Quay**

AC Hotel by Marriott Belfast has recently opened a new outdoor terrace, which provides spectacular riverside views of Belfast's Titanic Quarter and the River Lagan. This gorgeous outdoor space serves a varied menu with a selection of tapas, Mediterranean inspired dishes and traditional Irish classics, as well as an extensive cocktail and wine menu, making it the perfect spot for an al fresco catch-up.



## **The Perch** **Franklin Street**

Belfast's original rooftop bar is located on the top floor of a converted Victorian warehouse. In honour of the bar's name, The Perch is decorated with an assortment of brightly coloured hanging birdcages with a beautiful central bar overlooking the sights of Belfast.

## **Angel & Two Bibles** **Goose Entry**

Buzz for entry and climb the stairway to Belfast's hidden speakeasy cocktail bar. Cosy up with a cocktail by the fire or enjoy rooftop drinks on the heated outdoor terrace.



## **Tetto** **Ann Street**

This bright, modern, designed rooftop bar, garden and restaurant offers incredible panoramic city skyline views, showcasing fresh local seafood with an Italian accent alongside sourdough pizza and imaginative aperitivo inspired cocktails.

## **The Jailhouse** **Joy's Entry**

Enjoy a fantastic range of traditional food, local drinks and entertainment alongside the rich history and heritage of Joys Entry. The cosy outdoor seating area and adjacent cobblestoned entry is regularly decorated for the different seasons, creating the perfect photo opportunity.

### **The Treehouse** **Upper Arthur Street**

With mesmerising decor accented by warm fairy lights, The Treehouse is an urban oasis in the heart of the city centre. The recently relaunched venue boasts a new grill and burger bar menu with more tempting dishes from the award-winning AMPM kitchen!

### **The Bowery** **Lisburn Road**

This fully heated, glass covered terrace is the perfect spot for outdoor drinks. Grab a seat any day of the week and watch the world go by on the stylish Lisburn Road. The Terrace is the perfect spot to catch up with friends over coffee, for an after-work pint or delicious weekend cocktails.



### **The Observatory** **Bedford Street**

Venture to this indoor bar on the top floor of the Grand Central Hotel for unforgettable views of Belfast and beyond. At 22 levels from the ground, The Observatory is the tallest bar in Ireland and makes for an extraordinary experience. Cocktails embrace experiential mixology and include a delightful range of bespoke drinks named after Belfast landmarks.



### **Lavery's** **Bradbury Place**

One of the best rooftop bars in Belfast, partially because of its size. When the sun comes out, everyone wants to enjoy it, and some spots can get crowded, but Lavery's covered and heated terrace is seriously sizeable, so it's the perfect place to get your mates together for sundowners.

### **The Loft** **Linenhall Street**

This luxurious lounge on the seventh level of Ten Square Hotel offers beautiful views of Belfast City Hall from its French-style doors. Choose from a dazzling range of cocktails, fine wines and champagnes, or book in for an indulgent afternoon tea with a view.



### **The Roof** **Union Street**

Union Street is one Belfast's most diverse bars and has a fabulous

open top outdoor space. This lively area of the bar is the place to be in summer, so kick back with friends in this super casual setting and enjoy their signature cocktails.

### **The Tippy Bird** **Ann Street**

With imaginative décor, quirky cocktails and cracking live music, this rooftop cocktail bar truly has all you could ever need. As well as expertly made cocktails, the bar also has a delicious stonebaked pizza menu.



### **Duke of York** **Commercial Court**

This traditional bar offers a true Belfast welcome of craic, music and humour and a large selection of Irish whiskeys. In the summer months, outside is where you'll find most of Belfast standing along the fairy light lit cobblestoned courtyard. Visited by many and missed by few, it's one of the "must see" places in the city.

# SHIP OF dreams

Titanic Belfast, the world's most authentic Titanic visitor experience, is located on the spot where the famous ship was designed, built and launched.



This iconic six-floor building features the self-guided Titanic Experience which tells the story of RMS Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. It combines immersive new technology with an original maritime heritage collection and the authentic Titanic story to deliver an enriched and emotive experience.

Having just undertaken a £4.5 million refresh, the world-class visitor attraction has introduced

a new theme – the pursuit of dreams and boasts a stunning new artefact collection, plus a 7.6m long scale model of RMS Titanic which rotates and illuminates in sync with state-of-the-art projections.

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

**Book now at [titanicbelfast.com](http://titanicbelfast.com)**

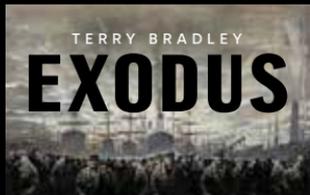
## Don't Miss!



### Summer Afternoon Tea Sunday 25 June, 30 July, 27 August

Step back in time and enjoy a luxurious Afternoon Tea by the Grand Staircase! Experience the elegance of the era as you dine on delicious finger sandwiches, fresh scones, mouth-watering sweet treats and savoury bites in the opulent surroundings of the Titanic Suite with a live jazz band. Guests can choose from a selection of luxury teas, served in replica White Star Line crockery, or enjoy a seasonal cocktail or glass of fizz!

**Book now at [titanicbelfast.com/afternoontea](http://titanicbelfast.com/afternoontea)**

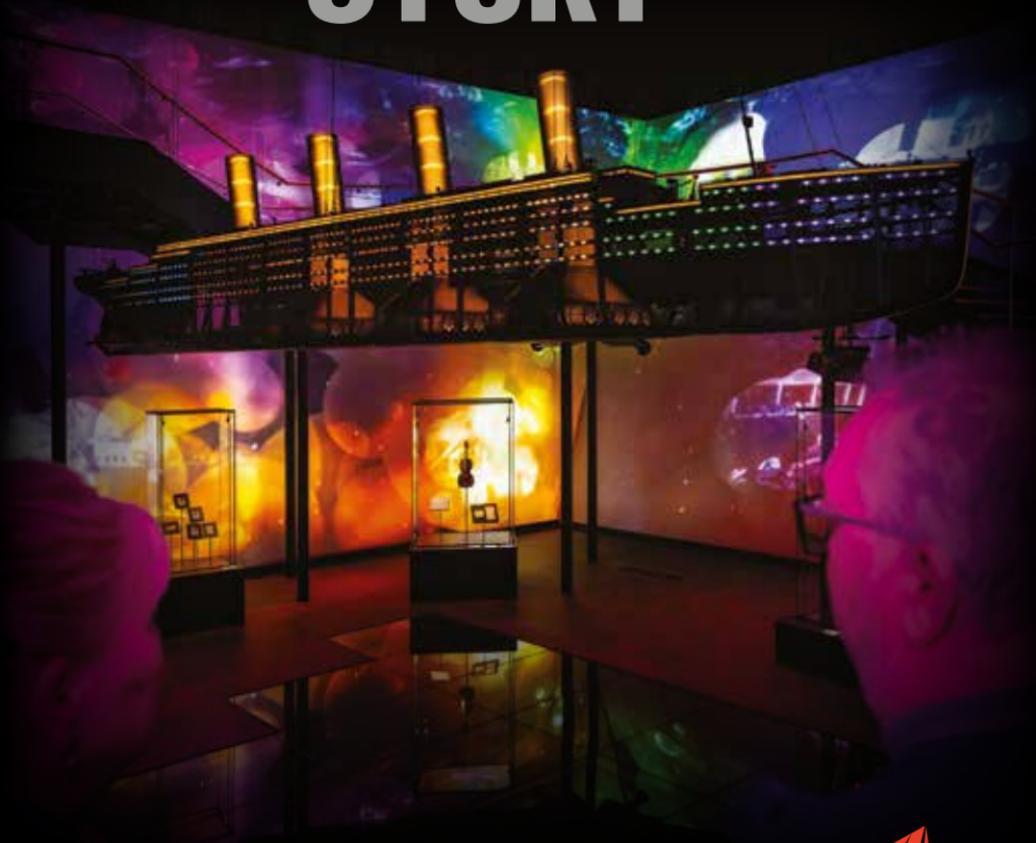


### 1 July - 31 August

Titanic Belfast have once again teamed up with Terry Bradley to bring an exciting new exhibition to The Andrews Gallery this summer. EXODUS will showcase Bradley's long tradition of painting the dockers and

working men of Belfast, while also incorporating some of the rich maritime history of the city and his iconic pieces 'The Girls'. Visitors will also have the chance to see the work of aspiring artists as part of 'The Art Prize' and much more! Free Admission.

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NEW LIGHT  
ON  
**TITANIC'S**  
STORY



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# HISTORY & HERITAGE

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

The history of Belfast begins at **Clifton House**. Through the use of world class immersive technology, you will be transported back in time to the Belfast Poor House (1774) which provided sanctuary to thousands of people right up to 1882. The Mary Ann McCracken Walking Tour takes place every Friday at 2pm or the House and Graveyard Tours run every Saturday and Sunday at 11am. [cliftonbelfast.com](http://cliftonbelfast.com)

The **Linenhall Library**, located opposite Belfast City Hall, is the city's oldest library (1788) and 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. [linenhall.com](http://linenhall.com)

**St Anne's Cathedral** is Romanesque in style with exquisite mosaics, carvings and stained glass. You can take a self-guided tour of this stunning building to learn its history and learn about the people who helped shape this sacred place. [belfastcathedral.org](http://belfastcathedral.org)



The **James Connolly Visitor Centre** (Áras Uí Chonghaile) tells the story of Connolly, exploring his role as a pioneer of the early trade union movement, and his travels throughout Britain and America. Learn of his key role in the Easter Rising, his subsequent court-martial, death sentence and execution. Heritage Trail tours also available starting at City Hall. [arasuichonghaile.com](http://arasuichonghaile.com)

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

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

Visit the **Discover Ulster Scots Centre** on Gordon Street where you can discover thousands of years of history, from the formation of the Giant's Causeway (which links County Antrim with the Western Isles of Scotland) right up to the present day. [discoverulsterscots.com](http://discoverulsterscots.com)

## Belfast City Cemetery

Visit one of the oldest public cemeteries in the city and the final resting place of many notable figures. The new visitor centre includes an interpretive exhibition, digital touchscreens, interactive features for children and workstations to assist genealogy searches of the 220,000 people buried within the cemetery.

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



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[www.communities-ni.gov.uk](http://www.communities-ni.gov.uk)

# Maritime Mile

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

## Belfast Maritime Festival

**9-10 September**

A weekend of fun, free entertainment for all to enjoy, with a flotilla of ships, tasty food stalls, live music, theatre, arts, crafts and workshops and the Made in Belfast Village.

[maritime-mile.com](http://maritime-mile.com)

### 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

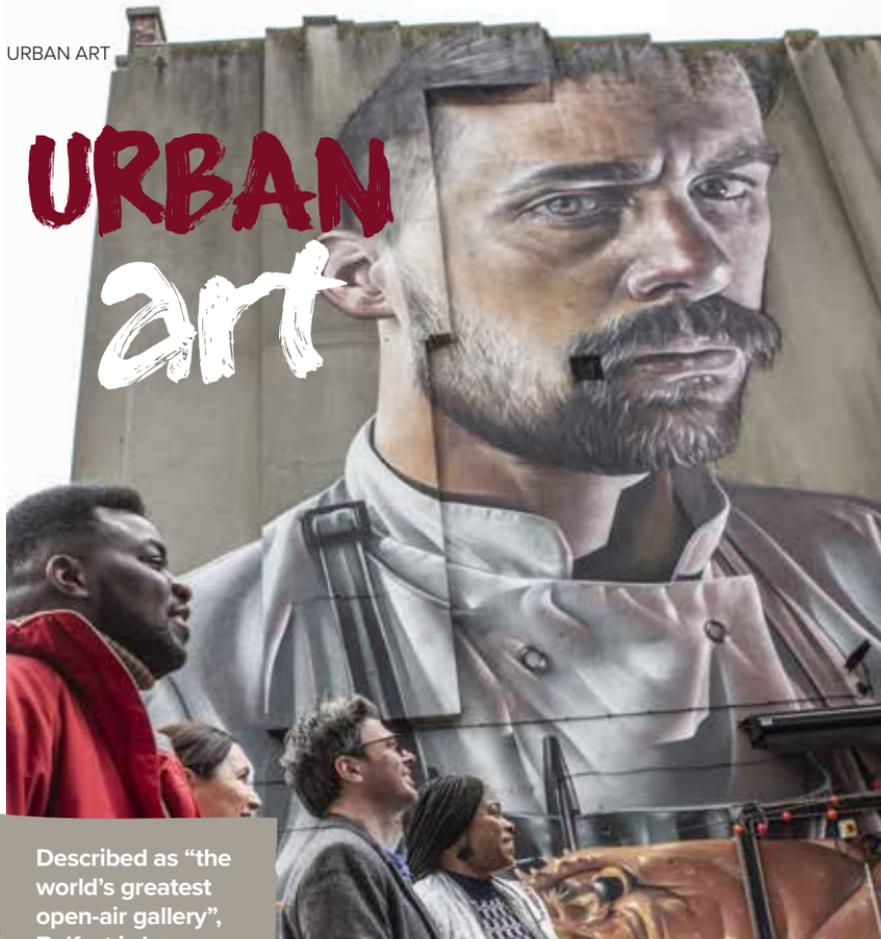
SoundYard is a playful art installation inspired by the sounds of Belfast's shipyards. Located on Queen's Quay close to the Odyssey and Abercorn Marina, visitors can enjoy this interactive sound and play experience which brings to life the story of Belfast's maritime heritage.

### HMS CAROLINE

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](http://maritime-mile.com)

# URBAN art



Described as “the world’s greatest open-air gallery”, Belfast is home to hundreds of powerful and thought-provoking historical murals.

Found on the sides of houses and walls across East and West Belfast, many pieces of artwork are closely associated with the Troubles. These Republican and Loyalist political statements present visitors with a fascinating picture of how two communities, living side by side, can have such a different sense of history. Yet, in recent years, a new breed of mural has evolved containing messages of hope and achievement, depicting colourful celebrations of the city’s famous sons and daughters.

Modern Belfast has become a place where street artists from across the world gather to produce their work. Spend just a few minutes in the city centre and you’ll notice the walls - there is street art to be explored everywhere. This generation of street artists are creating a vibrant and new narrative for the city.

The charming and historic Cathedral Quarter has the highest concentration of street art in Belfast. Some of the most iconic pieces include ‘Blurry Eyed’ on Talbot Street, ‘Woman and Parrot’ on Gresham Street, ‘The Chef’ on High Street, ‘Star People’ on Kent Street, ‘The Acrobat’ on Donegall Street

and ‘The Duel of Belfast, Dance By Candlelight’ on Hill Street.

Make sure to visit the cobblestoned Commercial Court, where you will find a canopy of 21 rainbow-coloured illuminated umbrellas, which turn into a stunning lightshow at night and is one of the most photographed streets in the city. Tucked to the side is a hidden entry where you will find a mural containing caricatures of famous faces from Belfast and the island of Ireland.

For a taste of what’s on offer, take our virtual tour: [visitbelfast.com/article/virtual-street-art-tour](https://visitbelfast.com/article/virtual-street-art-tour)



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

## Botanic Gardens

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

## Belfast Castle Estate

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

## Barnett Demesne

Home to Malone House, an elegant mansion dating back to the 1820's, which commands stunning views over acres of magnificent parkland, Lagan Valley and the Belfast Hills. Barnett Demesne is also home to an arboretum, daffodil garden

and a number of woodland and wildflower meadows. Enjoy walks linking to the adjacent Lagan Towpath.

## 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. 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.

## Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park

The International Rose Garden at Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park is amongst the best in the world, with over 45,000 roses in bloom during the summer months. Enjoy picturesque walking trails, a children's playground, barbecue area and The Stables Coffee Shop.

## Belfast Hills

Surrounding the Belfast area, the hills provide a unique

backdrop to the city. A walking trail around Cave Hill or Black Mountain is a great way to get some fresh air and enjoy the wildlife, upland heath, wildflowers and fantastic panoramic views across the city and beyond.

## TOP TIPS

### Belfast City Hall

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

### Music in the Parks

A programme of live music will take place on Fridays and Sundays in various parks across the city from May to September. Featuring a range of music from modern country, folk, jazz, trad, brass band and African drumming sessions, it concludes with a Grand Finale Concert at Belfast City Hall on 30 September [belfastcity.gov.uk/musicintheparks](http://belfastcity.gov.uk/musicintheparks)



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# 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

## Castle Court

This one-stop shopping spot on Royal Avenue is home to a whole host of your favourite fashion stores, including Jack & Jones, New Look, DV8, bPerfect, MINISO, Schuh and Superdrug. It's a fashion fix for the whole family with 14 great food places to choose from and on-site parking. Make sure to visit The Avenue Cinema, Café & Bar, Belfast's newest luxury cinema experience, located on the first floor.

SEE MAP

## 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

## Hidden Gems

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



### Starr Records

Located on Berry Street, discover Belfast's only Independent Record Shop stocking new, rare and reissued vinyl as well as hosting culturally curated events.



### Trademarket

An outdoor street-food and retail market right in the heart of Belfast with the best selection of mouth-watering food, delectable drinks and scintillating shopping all in one place.



### Born & Bred

A unique treasure trove of beautiful souvenirs and gifts for friends, family and you. All products are created by local makers and celebrate Belfast, Northern Ireland and beyond.



## St George's Market

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

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## Lisburn Road

This walkable Queen's Quarter stretch has a sprinkling of designer boutiques, art galleries, home accessories and to-die-for shoes, jewels and lingerie. Bespoke 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

## 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



# Urban Adventure

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

## **Colin Glen**

Just a short drive from Belfast city centre, Colin Glen is perfectly placed for a fun-filled, action-packed 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 climbing course, archery, laser tag, 9-hole golf course, TopTracer driving range and 3G pitches.  [colinglen.org](http://colinglen.org)

## **Axe Yard**

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

## **Let's Go Hydro**

This water sports resort offers a range of activities including an inflatable aqua park, puddle park, stand-up paddleboarding, wakeboarding,

kneeboarding, kayaking, open water swimming, pier jumping and beach arena. Glamping pods, café, BBQ pods, pizza restaurant and drive-in movie nights are also available. [letsghydro.com](http://letsghydro.com)

## **Belfast Beer Bike**

Enjoy a fun experience with friends, colleagues or family members while exploring the city and enjoying a few drinks with music from the bike's sound system along the way. Popular for birthday celebrations, hen and stag parties, and corporate team-building events for groups of 8-15 people. [belfastbeerbike.co.uk](http://belfastbeerbike.co.uk)



### Prison Island Belfast

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

### The Jungle NI

Just a 45 minute drive from Belfast, awaits a daring adventure unlike any other. Adrenaline-packed activities include zorbing, paintball, high-wire tree-top adventure courses, clay pigeon shooting, forest segways, and llama trekking.  
[thejungleni.com](http://thejungleni.com)

### Xtreme Bowling

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

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

### Lagan Adventures

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

### Surf Belfast

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

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

### Limitless Adventure Centre

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

### 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, coastering, electric biking and open canoeing. Whether beginner or addict, individual or group, from equipment hire to self-guided or guided experiences, we've got it all.  
[onegreatadventure.com](http://onegreatadventure.com)

### Learn to Jig

Take a 90-minute masterclass with experienced dancing teachers and plenty of high-energy jigging. Whether you're a beginner or a world champion, we'll provide an unforgettable experience and a great opportunity to learn a bit of the traditional Irish culture. Classes can be booked for hen and stag parties, birthday parties, family activities and team building events.  
[learntojig.com](http://learntojig.com)



# LGBTQIA+

## BELFAST

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

### NIGHTLIFE

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

#### Union Street Bar

Situated in a 19th century shoe factory, Union Street Bar is one of the city's most stylish bars with a cool yet comfy vibe. Upstairs, the Green Room Cocktail Lounge is particularly worth a visit and you can enjoy summer vibes on The Roof. The adjoining Shoe Factory provides wacky entertainment, from bingo and karaoke to quizzes and cabaret. [unionstreetbar.com](http://unionstreetbar.com)

#### Maverick Bar

Maverick Bar on Union Street is a popular gay bar, well-loved for its eclectic live music nights and comedy shows. The open mic sessions are unmissable, taking place every Wednesday. [themaverickbelfast.com](http://themaverickbelfast.com)

#### Kremlin

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

#### Other Bars

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

### PRIDE

#### Belfast Pride Festival

21-30 July

Belfast Pride is the biggest LGBTQIA+ festival on the island of Ireland and it packs in over 150 events across ten days! The city will yet again burst into a rainbow of colour this summer, with Belfast City Hall lighting up in rainbow colours to celebrate Pride Day. This year's festival theme is Stand By Your Trans and is a celebration packed with a variety of events from film and music to drama and debate. This year the unmissable Pride Parade makes its way through the city centre on Saturday 29 July at 1pm.

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





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# Arts & Culture

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

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

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

With free admission to its three outstanding galleries, seven days a week, The MAC showcases the very best of local and international talent, from a wide range of exciting exhibitions to newly commissioned works and monumental sculptures.   
[themaclive.com](http://themaclive.com)

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

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

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

On the fringes of the Cathedral Quarter stands one of Belfast's coolest art galleries. Enjoy a programme of changing exhibitions of paintings, photography and installations.   
[goldenthreadgallery.co.uk](http://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.   
[craftni.org](http://craftni.org)

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

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

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

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



## DAY TRIPS

### North Down Museum

#### Town Hall, Bangor

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

### Ulster American Folk Park

#### Castletown, Omagh

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



### Irish Linen Centre

#### Market Square, Lisburn

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

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

### ArtisAnn Gallery

#### 70 Bloomfield Avenue

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

### Gerard Dillon Gallery

#### Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich, 216 Falls Road

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

### The Naughton Gallery

#### Lanyon Building, Queen's University

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

### 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. [belfastbarge.org](http://belfastbarge.org)

### Banana Block

#### 310 Upper Newtownards Rd

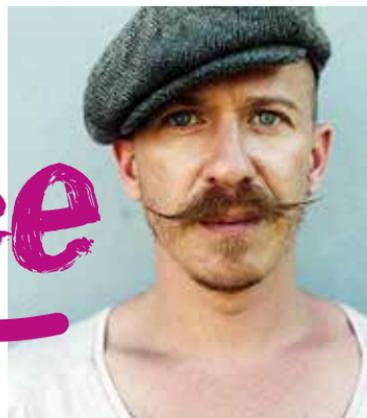
A new living museum and events space set within a historic linen mill and inspired by the curious connections between Belfast and bananas! Check out their packed programme of events and workshops or tour their exhibitor outlets and grab a bite to eat while you learn about the history of the space. [bananablock.org](http://bananablock.org)

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

# Belfast Box Office



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



The **Grand Opera House** will be welcoming a programme of fabulous productions to Belfast this summer; whether you dive into the colourful underwater town of Bikini Bottom for *The SpongeBob Musical*, head on the journey of a lifetime with *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* or experience the theatrical masterpiece of *The King & I*, there is something for everyone to enjoy! Why not come early and enjoy a bespoke deli-platter, alongside a bottle of your choice, before the show. Or explore the Theatre's rich history, dating back to 1895, by attending a Theatre tour with a member of their experienced team. [goh.co.uk](http://goh.co.uk)

The **Lyric Theatre** is the only full-time producing theatre in NI and has won a series of awards for its architecture. Upcoming performances include a comic manifesto *New Ireland* led by inexpert guides Grimes and McKee, a celebration of a great English heroine in *Anne Boleyn* and a hilariously honest true story. *Tom Moran is a Big*

*Fat Filthy Disgusting Liar*. Follow the tale of four women, four generations and one Belfast family fighting for freedom and future in *The Half Moon*, join the girls on a retro hen night that you won't forget in *Girls' Night Out* and throughout August, Druid theatre company stages Sean O'Casey's Dublin trilogy set in the Irish capital during a period of rebellion and war. [lyrictheatre.co.uk](http://lyrictheatre.co.uk)

The **SSE Arena, Belfast** is the home of the Belfast Giants ice hockey team as well as hosting a top line-up of concerts, shows and sporting events. This summer you can dance the night away with the *Magic of Motown* or *Radio GaGa*, enjoy a night of music with *Sing! Europe*, and extra dates have been added for comedian Paul Smith's fittingly titled show 'Joker'. Catch some pre-season ice hockey action with the *Belfast Giants* and in early September don't miss the spectacular *Belfast International Tattoo*. [ssearenabelfast.com](http://ssearenabelfast.com)

The **Belfast Waterfront** offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights include *Russell Howard*, *Serena Terry*, *Jonathan Van Ness* and *Aaron McCann*. There's live music with *Smokie*, *Jools Holland*, *Daniel O'Donnell* and *Foy Vance*. Enjoy dance, song and light-hearted fun with *Anton & Giovanni – Him & Me*, be an audience with the *Manchester United Legends* and there's a plenty of summer entertainment for the kids including *Dinosaur World Live*, *Cbeebies Prom* and *In the Night Garden*. [waterfront.co.uk](http://waterfront.co.uk)

The Victorian **Ulster Hall** dates back to 1862 and is also home to the Ulster Orchestra. This summer you can also check out live music performances from *Lukas Nelson*, *Steve Earle* and *John Pardi*. If you're up for a laugh check out *Tom Allen* or *Brendan Schaub*, and enjoy the very best of musical theatre performances with *Don't Stop Believing* or *Big*



## worth finding

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[brigtumbrella.co.uk](http://brigtumbrella.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](http://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](http://belvoirplayers.org)

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

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

*Girls Don't Cry.* ITV's *Emma Kenny* will take you on a journey discussing what creates a serial killer and there's tributes

galore that bring the music of *James Bond*, *Michael Buble* and *Meatloaf* to the stage.

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

### 2 Royal Avenue

Make sure to call in to this city centre cultural venue, which provides space to gather, meet, work and play. Enjoy art installations, a cosy kids' area, library reading corner, homework station, sensory dome, the Yallaa Café and a programme of artistic experiences, events and workshops.

[maywe.co.uk/2ra](http://maywe.co.uk/2ra)

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# THE ART OF CRAFT

Explore city brewpubs and taprooms, create your own concoction at a gin school or book a tour to find out the long-held secrets of our distilleries.

## The Deer's Head & Brewery

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

## Out of Office

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

## Bullhouse East

Located next to CS Lewis Square, this original brewery taproom serves 20 taps of the freshest craft beer and the finest woodfired pizza Belfast has to offer. You're guaranteed a fresh pint from their regularly rotating taps of exclusive beer and brewery tours will be available soon. [bullhousebrewco.com](http://bullhousebrewco.com)

## Hilden Brewery Lisburn

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

## Titanic Distillers

Visit The Thompson Dock and Pumphouse to 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](http://titanicdistillers.com)

## Hinch Distillery

### Ballynahinch

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

## Echlinville Distillery

### Kircubbin

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

## Belfast Artisan Gin School

At the 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](http://belfastartisanginschool.com)

A photograph of a man in a dark shirt holding a young boy in a purple shirt. They are looking up at a large butterfly exhibit in a museum or gallery. The butterfly is colorful with green, yellow, and brown patterns. The background shows other exhibits and a modern interior with a grid ceiling.

# Family Fun

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

## LEARN & EXPLORE

### Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory

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

### Gruffalo & Stickman Guided Walk

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

### Ulster Folk Museum

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

### Ulster Transport Museum

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

### CS Lewis Square

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

### Scrapyard Golf

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

### W5

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



## ANIMAL KINGDOM

### The Ark Open Farm

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

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

### Belfast Zoo

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

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

### Castle Espie

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

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

### Exploris Aquarium

Discover what really happens under the sea as you visit the home of sharks, jellyfish, otters and seals. Explore the dark depths of the Reptile filled rainforest

where a snappy crocodile and green gecko hide.

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

## ACTION PACKED

### Airtastic

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

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

### Colin Glen

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

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

### Dundonald International Ice Bowl

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

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

### Let's Go Hydro

Water sports and activity resort offering a range of family friendly activities including a puddle park, aqua park, cable water sports, beach arena, along with an accommodation resort.

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

### The Lost City Adventure Golf

Choose from two 18-hole rainforest themed Indoor courses. Make your way around the course, amidst simulated thunder and lightning storms and challenge your skills against rainforest animals and moving walls. If you get a hole in one on the 18th hole, much Inca Gold will come your way.

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

### 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](http://highriseni.org)

### Joob Joobs

Explore NI's largest sweet shop with its huge candy wall, handmade chocolate bars, delicious ice cream parlour and unique gift shop or celebrate by booking a party package.

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



# Road Trip

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

## Giants Causeway

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

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

## Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge

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

[nationaltrust.org.uk/carrick-a-rede](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/carrick-a-rede)

## Hillsborough Castle

From grand family home to charming royal residence, Hillsborough Castle has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics. A castle tour includes guided access to all the State Rooms that make up this elegant Georgian home. You can also explore 100 acres of beautiful

gardens to complete a relaxing day out for the whole family.

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

## Castle Ward

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

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

## Mount Stewart

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

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

## Rowallane Garden, Saintfield

This informal plantsman's garden reflects the beautiful natural landscape of the surrounding area. There are spectacular displays of shrubs, including a large collection of rhododendron

species and several areas managed as wildflower meadows.

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

## Montalto Estate

Nestled in the picturesque County Down countryside, Montalto is a privately-owned demesne steeped in history dating back to the 1600s. Enjoy a range of captivating gardens with beautiful walks and trails, an exciting play area where children can explore, learn and wonder at their natural surroundings and a stylish café and gift shop.

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

## Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House

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

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

## Antrim Castle Gardens

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

[antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/visitor](http://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/visitor)

# Belfast City & Region



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

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

# Summer in Ards & North Down

Plan your family days out, golf getaways, shopping trips and short breaks with us, and make this summer unforgettable in Ards and North Down.

Strangford Lough



Ulster Transport Museum, near Holywood

Are you looking for a family adventure, a relaxing getaway, or unique day out? Look no further, Ards and North Down offers beautiful locations, immersive experiences, and is brimming with exciting events, activities and attractions... there will be something to keep everyone entertained throughout the summer months.

## Free days out

Create wonderful memories this summer while keeping to a budget - we've lots of free and low-cost ideas to inspire you this holiday season. With 115 miles of scenic coastline for you to explore, from the edge

of Belfast Lough, on to the Ards Peninsula and Strangford Lough, you will find many beautiful and lesser-known beaches as well as Seaside Award winners, dotted along your journey. Plan beach days and enjoy fun both on and off the water; build sandcastles, explore the shore, enjoy rock pooling, or just take in the scenery and reset and recharge, the choice is yours.

Why not go for a dander in one of our many parks and open spaces? We are proud of our stunning outdoor spaces, five of which have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award. So, pack a picnic and look for fairies

in the woods, burn off some energy in the parks, plan a trek with friends and spot the local wildlife on your way, make time to connect with nature.

Explore more at [visitardsandnorthdown.com/explore](http://visitardsandnorthdown.com/explore)





WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre, Comber



Comber Earlies Food Festival



Tide and Turf, Portavogie

## Event highlights

Annual events are a highlight in our calendar, offering free admission and can incur little to no cost. Save the date and enjoy these wonderful days out:

<b>Sea Bangor</b> Bangor Seafront	<b>3-4 June</b>
<b>Comber Earlies Food Festival</b> Part of Taste Summer in Ards and North Down (17-24 June)	<b>24 June</b>
<b>Ards and North Down Pipe Band and Drum Major Championships</b> Newtownards Airfield	<b>22 July</b>
<b>Tide and Turf, Portavogie</b> Part of Taste Autumn in Ards and North Down (31 Aug - 10 Sept)	<b>2 Sept</b>

Explore more at [visitarndsandnorthdown.com/whats-on](http://visitarndsandnorthdown.com/whats-on)

## Family fun

Enjoy many top-class visitor attractions, here are just a few suggestions to help you plan your perfect summer escape. Step into life as it was a hundred years ago at the **Ulster Folk Museum** or visit one of Europe's most comprehensive transport collections at the **Ulster Transport Museum, near Holywood** (pre-booking advised).

Get up close to Ireland's largest collection of native and exotic waterbirds, bats and migrant birds at **WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre, Comber** (pre-booking advised).



Golf



Exploris, Portaferry



Bangor Castle  
Walled Garden



Experience Ards and North Down

**Ballycopeland Windmill, Millisle**, the only remaining working windmill in East Down. Explore the history of this last functional windmill in Northern Ireland, 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 (pre-booking essential).

To find out more and how to book go to [visitardsandnorthdown.com/things-to-do](http://visitardsandnorthdown.com/things-to-do)

**North Down Museum, Castle Park and Bangor Castle Walled Garden, Bangor** (admission free). This museum will take you back to the Bronze Age through a series of rooms, each dedicated to a particular era. 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. Nearby is Bangor Castle Walled Garden,

a favourite for many visitors which is open all year round.

At **Pickie Funpark, Bangor** (pre-booking advised), pedal a giant Pickie Swan around the lagoon, share a round of Pickie Golf, jump into the watery fun at the splash pads, enjoy the Adventure Playground or climb aboard the Pickie Puffer for a railway journey around the colourful landscape, book now at [pickiefunpark.com](http://pickiefunpark.com).

Or why not visit **Exploris, Portaferry**, (pre-booking advised), Northern Ireland's only aquarium and seal rehabilitation centre in picturesque Portaferry. 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](http://explorisni.com).

Interested in learning more about Portaferry village and its rich heritage? Pick up the **Portaferry Heritage Trail**,

taking you on a journey of exploration and discovery through time, you will get to know some characters from the past, all with tales to tell. Little explorers can enjoy the trail too with the Kid's Explorer Pack featuring fun facts and challenges to complete as you go. Be sure to refuel after your walk in one of the many eateries or treat yourself to an ice-cream!

This is just one of the many heritage trails in the area, to find out more go to [visitardsandnorthdown.com/heritage-trails](http://visitardsandnorthdown.com/heritage-trails)

## Experience AND

Discover what makes this region so special by booking immersive experiences and guided tours.

Local providers have teamed up to create unique experiences in special settings across Ards and North Down. This programme



Portaferry  
Heritage Trail



Ballycopeland  
Windmill, Millisle



Pickie Funpark, Bangor

offers a great choice of creative crafting workshops, on-the-water adventures, and restorative wellness activities so you can try something new! Our diverse walks and tours also offer the opportunity to visit special places.

Enjoy a glimpse behind the scenes at historic buildings and stately homes, some of which are normally not open to the public. Learn from experienced local guides who bring the fascinating heritage of this place to life.

To find out more and to book go to [visitardsandnorthdown.com/experienceAND](http://visitardsandnorthdown.com/experienceAND)

## Plan your trip

When it comes to the perfect place to rest your head, whether you are looking for a cosy guest house or a unique self-catering option, we have a great range of

accommodation on offer. If you love the great outdoors, choose a caravanning or camping location, or if you are looking for luxury, treat yourself to a hotel stay. From 5\* luxury to boutique charm, inns dating back as far as the 17th century to places with a more modern twist; it's time to plan your ideal getaway.

## Retail therapy

If it is a spot of shopping you're after, you will love our distinctive towns and villages. From wonderful local weekly and monthly markets, exquisite gift shops, galleries and independent stores, you are sure to be spoilt for choice.

## Stay and Play

Ards and North Down is a haven for golfers with a rich heritage dating back 125 years. With 12 diverse courses including Championship Parkland and Links all within

a 1-hour drive from Belfast, as well as being home to Ireland's oldest club, The Royal Belfast. Our courses boast stunning scenery with views of Belfast or Strangford Loughs, an idyllic location for the perfect golfing break.

Find out more about great value short breaks in the area, go to [visitardsandnorthdown.com/offers](http://visitardsandnorthdown.com/offers) or you can contact our friendly Visitor Information Centre Team in Newtownards (082 9182 6846) or Bangor (028 9127 0069), why not pop in and chat to them while you are here to make the most of your trip. While there, take a look around the Discovery Hub in Ards Visitor Information Centre, an exhibition area with monthly displays on history and heritage, events and local produce.

**We look forward to welcoming you soon!**

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

# Summer in Lisburn & Castlereagh

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



## Summer Fun

### HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE & GARDENS

Immerse yourself in rich heritage in the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland. With its fascinating history and glorious gardens, it offers a memorable

glimpse into the village's history. On your visit you will hear stories of celebration, entertainment, diplomacy, and negotiation as you explore Hillsborough Castle's fascinating history and stunning State Rooms. This summer visitors can experience 'Discover Life Through a Royal Lens', Hillsborough

Castle's first ever exhibition featuring a unique collection of Royal photography. Make sure to allow ample time to explore and enjoy the glorious gardens, developed from the 1760s onwards, including ornamental grounds, peaceful woodland, meandering waterways and picturesque glens.



Hillsborough Castle &amp; Gardens

### LET'S GO HYDRO

For a day of water based fun then Let's Go Hydro is a must see and do experience. The impressive outdoor attraction, including an inflatable floating obstacle course, provides fun for all the family. The course features an XXL Tower, slides, climbing wall, hurdles, wobble disks, ramp, podiums and a floating trampoline. You can even stay overnight at the resort's Glampsite, with 40 fabulous glamping pods, including a Boat House and Floating Lake Pods.



Streamvale Open Farm

### STREAMVALE OPEN FARM

More than just a farm, Streamvale is the ideal spot for families to learn and play together. You will experience the sights and smells (you've been warned) associated

with a working farm and have opportunities galore to feed the animals. There is a full spectrum of farm animals - from chicks to dairy cows, baby bunnies to massive pigs and lots of fun thrown in as well.



Hinch Brasserie



Haslem Hotel

The mini farmer areas give kids lots of space to burn off energy pedalling around on toy tractors. Streamvale Farm is also a commercial dairy farm where you can watch the 300 dairy cows being milked every afternoon. Make sure to end the day at the Ice Cream & Coffee Cabin to enjoy their delicious ice-cream, made from free-range milk and cream from the farm's own cows.



Hillsborough Forest Play Park

## Outdoor Eateries

### HINCH BRASSERIE

Relax in the sumptuous surroundings of Hinch Distilleries restaurant, bar and courtyard. Enjoy lunch or dinner with friends, family or work colleagues or simply enjoy a drink from the bar of award winning Hinch Irish Whiskey, Ninth Wave Irish Gin or wines from Château De La Ligne. The menu showcases what is best about County Down. With care and passion, they source the finest meats, poultry and seasonal fruit and vegetables from local farmers, as well as seafood from local fisheries.

### THE STABLES AT HILDEN DISTILLERY

Adjacent to the Hilden Brewhouse is The Stables coffee shop where you can

sit outside to enjoy delicious tea, coffees, tray bakes, light lunches and afternoon tea. Also on offer are monthly Tap Rooms for visitors to enjoy a selection of local beers and sample delicious pub grub, not forgetting their Gentlemen's Tea and Boozy Brunch. Just a three minute walk from Hilden Halt train station and a short walk from the towpath, The Stables is also dog-friendly, so bring along your four-legged friend!

### HASLEM HOTEL

The Haslem Hotel, with both indoor and outdoor seating, is the perfect spot in the city for catching up over coffee, enjoying a light lunch or relaxing with a drink. The carefully crafted menu uses ingredients from the best local producers, from hearty

beef burgers to veggie risotto, there's something for everyone. The drinks list includes an extensive selection of handpicked Irish gin serves, along with all your favourite cocktails, craft beers and more.

## Walks

### HILLSBOROUGH FOREST

Set in the picturesque Georgian village of Royal Hillsborough, Hillsborough Forest is a popular choice among dog walkers, photographers, nature lovers and bird watchers. The forest lake trail features a unique Digital Sculpture Trail, with 10 sculptures each with a specific theme reflecting the rich history, heritage and culture of Royal Hillsborough. Tire out the little ones at the state-of-the-art woodland-themed

### Moira Speciality Food Fair



The Stables



playground, or relax and enjoy the tranquil surroundings at one of the lakeside viewing platforms. With 200 acres of forest land and waymarked walking routes waiting to be explored, there's a woodland trail to suit everyone.



### THE WALLACE WALKING TRAIL

Wallace Park provides a green oasis in an urban landscape enjoyed by visiting dog walkers, families, cyclists and local workers on a lunchtime stroll. A monument to Sir Richard Wallace, who gifted the land for the park, was erected in 1892 by the people of Lisburn in 'grateful recognition of his generous interest in the prosperity of the town'. It stands in Castle Gardens, the most historically significant open space in Lisburn, opposite Castle House which was built by Wallace in 1880.

The Wallace Walking Trail leaflet is available from the Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum or Lisburn Visitor Information Centre, and will take you around the different locations in Lisburn City Centre where Sir Richard left his mark.

### MOIRA DEMESNE

Moira Demesne is located in the picturesque village of Moira, providing a quiet retreat from the bustling village. Comprised of over 40 acres of parkland, it offers areas of amenity grassland which incorporates beautiful walkways and picnic sites for everyone to enjoy. Numerous events take place in the Demesne during the summer months, including the popular Moira Speciality Food Fair.

### LAGAN TOWPATH

The Lagan Towpath takes you along the river and canal system through a variety of wetland, riverside meadows and mixed woodland from Lisburn to Belfast. Home to a variety of wildlife, the canal system dates back to the late 18th century and many features still give an insight into the majestic era of the 'Lighter' – the horse-drawn boats that originally travelled on the Lagan Canal.

## Moira Speciality Food Fair

**19 August, 10am-6pm**

Returning to Moira Demesne this summer, the Moira Speciality Food Fair showcases the vibrancy of the local food scene. Come and meet food producers at the top of their game, including farmers committed to sustainable farming methods and heritage breeds, vegetable growers working with the seasons and artisan producers using the best locally sourced ingredients. The day long festival of food-themed events includes interactive demos and talks from the region's top chefs, with plenty of opportunity for audience participation and opportunity to taste some of the finest food Northern Ireland has to offer. With a selection of tasty food trucks, the customary tented bar, eating areas and live music, it's a great day out with a fantastic atmosphere to be enjoyed with friends and family.

**For more ideas:**  
[visitlisburncastlereagh.com](http://visitlisburncastlereagh.com)

# Tours



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

## KEY

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

## HOP ON / HOP OFF TOURS

### Belfast City Sightseeing

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

**028 9032 1321**

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



### City Tours Belfast

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

**028 9032 1912**

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



## GUIDED COACH TOURS

### Allen's Giant's Causeway Tours

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

**028 9091 5613**

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



### Causeway/Game of Thrones Coach Tour

Depart Belfast and travel along one of the top 5 scenic drives in the world,

the Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at Carrickfergus Castle, Carnlough Harbour, Cushendun, Carrick-a-rede (viewing point), the Dark Hedges, Giant's Causeway and Dunluce Castle.

**028 9032 1321**

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



### Game of Thrones Tours

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

**028 9568 0023**

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



### Game of Thrones Tour of the North

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

**0844 2471 007**

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



### McComb's Coach Tours

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

**028 9031 5333**

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



### Odyssey Coach Tours

Offering a variety of tours departing from Belfast to various destinations of interest

throughout Northern Ireland, including the Giants Causeway and the Belfast City Tour.

**028 9024 0300**

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



### Paddywagon Tours

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

**028 9033 3367**

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



## GUIDED TAXI TOURS

### Belfast Cab Tours

Offering a range of cultural and sightseeing tours of Belfast, scenic day trip tours of Northern Ireland as well as transport, executive and airport transfers.

**07923 233558**

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

### Belfast Sightseeing

Choose from a wide range of award winning guided tours including Political History, Titanic & Maritime, Giants Causeway and Game of Thrones. Customised tours also available.

TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award 2022.

**07702 060 573**

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



### Cab Tours Belfast

From the streets of Belfast, and the beauty of the Giants Causeway, to the rugged Game

of Thrones filming locations, Cab Tours Belfast have personalised tour experiences for every visitor.

**028 9558 2072**

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



### The Black Cab Tour

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

**07798 602401**

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

### Taxitax Tours

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

**07892 716660**

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



### Value Cabs Taxi Tour

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

**028 9080 9080**

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



## WALKING TOURS

### Belfast Free Walking Tour

Discover the history of the city and its people on this tip-based 2 hour walking

# Tours

tour, which departs daily at 11am from the front of Belfast City Hall – look out for the yellow umbrella!

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

## Belfast à Pied

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

**07772 873 342**  
[belfast-a-pied.com](http://belfast-a-pied.com)

## Belfast Hidden Tours

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

**07971 895746**  
[belfasthiddentours.com](http://belfasthiddentours.com)



## Belfast Walking Tours

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

**07845 536119**  
[belfastwalkingtours.com](http://belfastwalkingtours.com)



## Belfastology Walking Tours

Offering a number of original tours and

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

**07552 309575**  
[belfastology.com](http://belfastology.com)

## Belfast Traditional Music Trail

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

**028 9028 8818**  
[belfasttradtrail.com](http://belfasttradtrail.com)

## Belfast 1798

### Walking Tour

Join guides Sean Napier and Colm Dore on the #1798 Walking Tour and take a journey of enlightenment, inclusion and radicalism through the streets of Belfast.

**07756 965791**

## Coiste Political Tours

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

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



## Creative Tours Belfast

Explore Belfast with an experienced, entertaining local tour guide to discover special spots off the beaten track. Belfast has a wealth of super talented musicians and other artists - and Creative Tours Belfast loves to share their work with guests. While enjoying both hidden gems and popular visitor sights, tour

guests will experience Belfast's legendary 'craic' along the way!

**07305 754028**  
[creativetoursbelfast.com](http://creativetoursbelfast.com)



## Dr Tom's Tours

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

**07779 269 182**  
[drtomstours.com](http://drtomstours.com)



## DC Tours

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

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



## Discovery Tour at Titanic Belfast

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

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



## Harty Culture

Offering foraging and nature tours taking visitors on an immersive experience through Northern Ireland's beautiful, nature-rich landscape which shows that everything has its place and purpose be it edible, medicinal, practical or poisonous.

**07490 974421**  
[hartyculture.com](http://hartyculture.com)

## If Buildings Could

### Talk Tour

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

**07714 684804**  
[ifbuildingscouldtalktour.com](http://ifbuildingscouldtalktour.com)

## Streets of Belfast

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

**028 9024 3343**  
[streetsofbelfast.kabosh.net](http://streetsofbelfast.kabosh.net)

## BIKE TOURS

### Belfast Bike Tours

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

**07733 169476**  
[belfastbiketours.co.uk](http://belfastbiketours.co.uk)



### Belfast City Bike Tours

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

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

### Bike Mourne

Experience majestic mountains, dramatic coasts, stunning landscapes,

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

**028 4377 0714**  
[bikemourne.com](http://bikemourne.com)



### Eazy Riderz Bike Tours

Get camera ready for a 2 hour electric bike tour around the top 10 Instagrammable locations in Belfast. Full safety briefing and all equipment is provided. Tours can take up to 6 people (age 16+).

**028 9694 7119**  
[eazyriderz.com](http://eazyriderz.com)



## FILM TOURS

### Line of Duty Tour

The two hour Line of Duty tour takes you behind the scenes, visiting the locations where some of the most exciting and memorable scenes in the series were filmed. Find out about the real-life inspiration for this crime drama.

**0844 2471007**  
[britmovietours.com](http://britmovietours.com)

### Derry Girls Tour

For fans of the hit comedy show, you can enjoy an exclusive and entertaining Derry Girls Taxi tour. Although the show is set in and partly filmed in Derry, much of the show is actually filmed in Belfast and this tour is a great way to see the city as well as see locations from the hit comedy.

**britmovietours.com**

### Line of Duty Experience

Beginning with lunch in the

Grand Café in the Grand Central Hotel, before an action packed guided tour on-board a luxurious coach, taking in some of the most recognisable filming locations and finishing the afternoon with an AC12 cocktail or Wee Donkey mocktail in the Observatory, Ireland's tallest cocktail bar.

**028 9031 5333**  
[mccombscoaches.com](http://mccombscoaches.com)

### Game of Thrones Studio Tour

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

**gameofthrones  
 studiotor.com**

## PRIVATE / GROUP TOURS

### BelfastLad Tours

BelfastLad Tours are in the top 5% of 5 Star Rated tours in the world and offer exclusive private and small group experiences across Northern Ireland using 'V' Class Mercedes vehicles and expert guides. Tours include professionally led Belfast Political, Giant's Causeway, Sightseeing and Titanic full and half day itineraries.

**07825 631550**  
[belfastlad.com](http://belfastlad.com)

### Ni Chauffeurs

A professional chauffeur service with a variety of executive vehicles offering political tours of Belfast, day trips to the Causeway coast or Game of Thrones filming locations as well as executive/corporate travel

and airport/hotel transfers.

**07762 448697**  
[nichauffeurs.com/tours](http://nichauffeurs.com/tours)

### Northern Ireland Tourist Guiding Association (NITGA)

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

**nitga.co.uk**

### Tour Guides NI

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

**tourguidesni.com**

## STADIUM TOURS

### Irish FA Tours

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

**irishfa.com/tours**

## FOOD & DRINK TOURS

### Taste and Tour

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

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

### Vegan Table Tour

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

**07511 177 718**  
[townlandtours.co.uk](http://townlandtours.co.uk)

## BOAT TOURS

### Waterways Belfast

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

**waterwaysbelfast.com**

# Eating out



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

## KEY

**DA** Map grid location

**CC** City Centre

**CC** Cathedral Quarter

**TC** Titanic Quarter

**LA** Linen Quarter

**QQ** Queen's Quarter

**GG** Gaeltacht Quarter

## MODERN CUISINE

### Actons

#### 17 Brunswick Street

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

028 9024 0239

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

CA LO

### AMPM

#### 38-44 Upper Arthur Street

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

028 9024 9009

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

CA CC

### Bert's Bar

#### High Street

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

028 9026 2713

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

DB CO

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

CB CO

### 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 forgetting 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](http://bubabelfast.com)

DB CO 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](http://belfastcastle.co.uk)

### Coco Restaurant

#### 7-11 Linenhall Street

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

028 9031 1150

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

DB LO

### Cutters Wharf

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

028 9080 5100

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

DB CO

### Deanes at Queens

#### 1 College Gardens

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

028 9038 2111

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

CB CO

### Deanes Meat Locker

#### 28-40 Howard Street

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

028 9033 1134

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

CA CC

### Flame Restaurant

#### 46 Howard Street

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

028 9033 2121

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

CA CC

### Granny Annie's Kitchen

#### 81 Chichester Street

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

028 9032 1331

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

DB CC

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

CB CC

### 44 Hill Street

#### 44 Hill Street

A vibrant celebration of modern food influenced by the flavours of the Mediterranean, using local products from local, independent producers.

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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**

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**  


**Horatio Todds**  
**406 Upper**  
**Newtownards Rd**

Situated in Ballyhackamore, Horatio Todd's is

an award-winning, comfortable and welcoming local bar serving delicious dishes with a real emphasis on local produce.

**028 9065 3090**  
**horatiotodds.com**

**Howard Street Restaurant**  
**56 Howard Street**

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

**028 9024 8362**  
**howardstbelfast.com**  


**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**  


**James St**  
**21 James Street South**

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



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

**028 9560 0700**

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

**Le Winters**

**92 Church Street, Newtownards**

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

**028 9181 4141**

[strangfordhotel.com/lewinters](http://strangfordhotel.com/lewinters)

**Novelli at City Quays**

**90 Donegall Quay**

Situated on the waterfront, with unparalleled views across Belfast Lough, the multi-Michelin-starred and 5-out-of-5 AA Rosette-winning chef Jean Christophe Novelli's Ireland début serves an authentic Mediterranean menu with locally sourced produce and all-day dining.

**028 9531 3191**

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

**The Morning Star**

**17-19 Pottinger's Entry, Ann Street**

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

adventure - crocodile, shark and kangaroo all pop up from time to time.

**028 9023 5986**

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

**The Muddlers Club Warehouse Lane, Waring St**

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

combined with the finest of international touches.

**028 9031 3199**

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

**Ox Restaurant 1 Oxford Street**

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

**028 9031 4121**

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

**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.

**028 9023 1777**

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

**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](http://roambelfast.com)

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

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

**028 9050 9850**

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

**Shed Bistro**

**467 Ormeau Road**

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

**028 9064 2630**

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

**Shu Restaurant**

**253 Lisburn Road**

One of the most renowned eateries in

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

**028 9038 1655**

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

**Taylor & Clay 40a Church Lane**

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

**028 9590 0600**

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

**Yardbird**

**3 Hill Street**

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

**028 9024 3712**

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

**Waterman**

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



## SEAFOOD

**Deanes Love Fish**  
**28-40 Howard Street**  
Seafood dominates the wide ranging menu but it is the extraordinary affordability of the signature dishes, excellent quality and presentation at Deanes Love Fish that will surprise and delight you.

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



### Fish City

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

**028 9023 1000**

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



**Mourne Seafood Bar**  
**34-36 Bank Street**

Fresh, locally sourced seafood traditionally prepared with an Asian

or continental twist. Enjoy local ingredients, value for money and friendly service with shellfish sourced from Mourne's very own shellfish beds.

**028 9024 8544**  
[mourneseafood.com](http://mourneseafood.com)



**The Oyster Rooms**  
**2-4 Winecellar Entry**

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

**028 9031 2582**  
[whitestavernbelfast.com](http://whitestavernbelfast.com)



## SPANISH/ MEXICAN

### EDŌ

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

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



**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.

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



## 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 daily.

**028 9031 1959**  
[coppi.co.uk](http://coppi.co.uk)



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



**Little Wing Pizzeria**  
**Ann Street/  
Lisburn Road/  
Newtownards Road**

Passionate about pizzas, Little Wing use

time honoured methods to create traditionally made Naples style pizzas, prepared with the finest fresh ingredients.

**028 9024 7000**  
[littlewingpizzeria.com](http://littlewingpizzeria.com)



### Scalini

**85 Botanic Avenue**

Whether you are seated under the stars or up in Romeo & Juliet's balcony, diners will feel they are actually there. With a superb selection of pizza, pasta and extensive grill dishes, enjoy this Italian experience.

**028 9032 0303**  
[scalinirestaurant.co.uk](http://scalinirestaurant.co.uk)



### Tetto

**70-74 Ann Street**

A bright, modern, designed 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**  
[bullithotel.com](http://bullithotel.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](http://villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk)



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



### Cosmo

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

**028 9023 6660**  
[cosmo-restaurants.co.uk](http://cosmo-restaurants.co.uk)



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



### Sakura Sushi

**82 Botanic Ave**

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

**028 9043 9590**  
[sakurabelfast.com](http://sakurabelfast.com)



### Wagamama Belfast Victoria Square

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

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



### Zen

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

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



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

### Starbucks

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

Starbucks are passionate about making perfect handcrafted beverages.

Catch up with friends or just enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with a delicious range of coffee, tea and light bites.

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



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



## CULINARY EXPERIENCES

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

### Bakehouse NI

Offering cookery 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 savoury bakes and treats with your handpicked seasonal ingredients.

**07900 806 480**  
[bakehouseni.com](http://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](http://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

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

## CITY CENTRE

### Angel And Two Bibles

#### 1 Goose Entry

Buzz for entry and climb the stairway to Belfast's hidden cocktail bar. Cozy 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. [angelandtwo.biblesbelfast.com](http://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! [fountainlanebelfast.com](http://fountainlanebelfast.com)

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### Henry's

#### 4 Joy's Entry

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

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### The Jailhouse

#### Joy's Entry

The Jailhouse, and adjoining sister bar Henry's, offers a fantastic range of traditional food, local drinks and entertainment alongside the rich history of their name sake Henry Joy. [thejailhousebelfast.com](http://thejailhousebelfast.com)

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

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

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

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

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### Rattlebag

#### 61-63 Ann Street

An exciting late-night concept cocktail bar hidden within Bullitt hotel, offering a rotating menu that changes with the seasons. Each menu cycle presents twelve unique cocktails, made using twelve carefully selected spirits and available for just twelve weeks. Enjoy in an intimate environment with personable service and a carefully curated electronica inspired playlist. [rattlebag.co.uk](http://rattlebag.co.uk)

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### Revolución de Cuba

#### 25-29 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! [revoluciondecuba.com](http://revoluciondecuba.com)

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### Voodoo

#### 9-11 Fountain Street

Relax in the intimate bottom bar or venture upstairs to the club and music venue. The lunch menu is a perfect blend of traditional and Cajun style dishes at very affordable prices. [voodooebelfast.com](http://voodooebelfast.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. [themerchanthotel.com](http://themerchanthotel.com)

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### The Deer's Head

#### 1-3 Lower Garfield St

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

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### The Dirty Onion

#### 3 Hill Street

A modern take on the traditional Irish pub with live entertainment and great 'craic', 7 nights a week including open workshops in singing and traditional instruments, to sessions with traditional musicians. [thedirtyonion.com](http://thedirtyonion.com)

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# Pubs & Clubs

## The Duke of York Commercial Court

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

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



## John Hewitt Bar 51 Donegal Street

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

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



## The Northern Whig 2-10 Bridge Street

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

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



## 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](http://facebook.com/TheReporter.Bar)



## 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.

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



## White's Tavern 2-4 Winecellar Entry

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

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



## LINEN QUARTER

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

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

[facebook/  
brennans-bar](http://facebook/brennans-bar)



### Crown Liqueur Saloon 46 Great Victoria Street

The Crown is both ageless and priceless, a gem of Victoriana and one of the great 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.

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



### 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.

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



### 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, quizzes and more.

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



### Robinsons 38-42 Great Victoria Street

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

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



## GAY QUARTER

### Kremlin 96 Donegal Street

Kremlin has firmly established itself as one of the best gay nightclubs in Belfast and features some of the world's best DJ'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.

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



### 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.

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



## SOUTH BELFAST

### The Bowery 701 Lisburn Road

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

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



### The Chelsea 346 Lisburn Road

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

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



### The Crafty Vintner 705 Lisburn Road

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

**thecraftyvintner**  
tastingroom.co.uk



**Cutter's Wharf**

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

**cutterstwharf.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.

**thedoyenbelfast.com**



**The Errigle Inn**

**312-320 Ormeau Road**

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

**errigle.com**



**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.  
**thebelfastempire.com**



**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.

**bachusgroup.com**



**Lavery's**

**12-18 Bradbury Place**

Established in 1918, Belfast's oldest family-owned pub offers authentic Irish hospitality with live music, big screen sports, pool tables, tasty pub grub and a vibrant atmosphere for socialising and fun. Sample the finest local, national and international beers in the Woodworkers dedicated craft beer rotating tap room, showcasing a diverse and ever-changing selection.

**laverysbelfast.com**



**The Parlour**

**2-4 Elmwood Avenue**  
The ultimate student haunt, with entertainment every night, special drinks offers and reasonably priced food including the popular Parlour Pizzas.

**parlourbar.co.uk**



**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).

**bachusgroup.com**



**Southside Social**

**12 Lower Crescent**

Southside Social is a cocktail bar with character. The first thing you'll notice is the intimate and welcoming neighbourhood vibe. The next is the secret, retro-inspired Chinese takeaway down the back. At the weekend, the DJ booth plays host to the finest up-and-coming local DJ talent. The soundtrack is stacked with classic disco, deeper cuts and forgotten gems.

**southside.social**



**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.

**titanicbelfast.com/**

**Hicksonspoint**



**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.

**bullhousebrewery.com**



**Scott's 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**



**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.

**benmadigansbar.com**



# Getting About

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

## TO/FROM AIRPORTS

**George Best Belfast City Airport** is located 3 miles from the city centre. Airport Express 600 bus service runs from the airport terminal to the city centre.



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

## JUST EAT BELFAST BIKES

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

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fonaCAB has 400 cars and over 40 years' experience in the taxi industry. The services provided include airport transfers, executive cars and tours by taxi, on request.  
**028 9033 3333**  
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## CAR HIRE

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

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Translink is responsible for Metro, Glider, Goldliner, Ulsterbus and NI Railways, operating a network of bus and rail services throughout Northern Ireland and on cross border routes.  
**028 9066 6630**  
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## BELFAST VISITOR PASS

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

## COACH SERVICES

**Aircoach**  
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[aircoach.ie](http://aircoach.ie)

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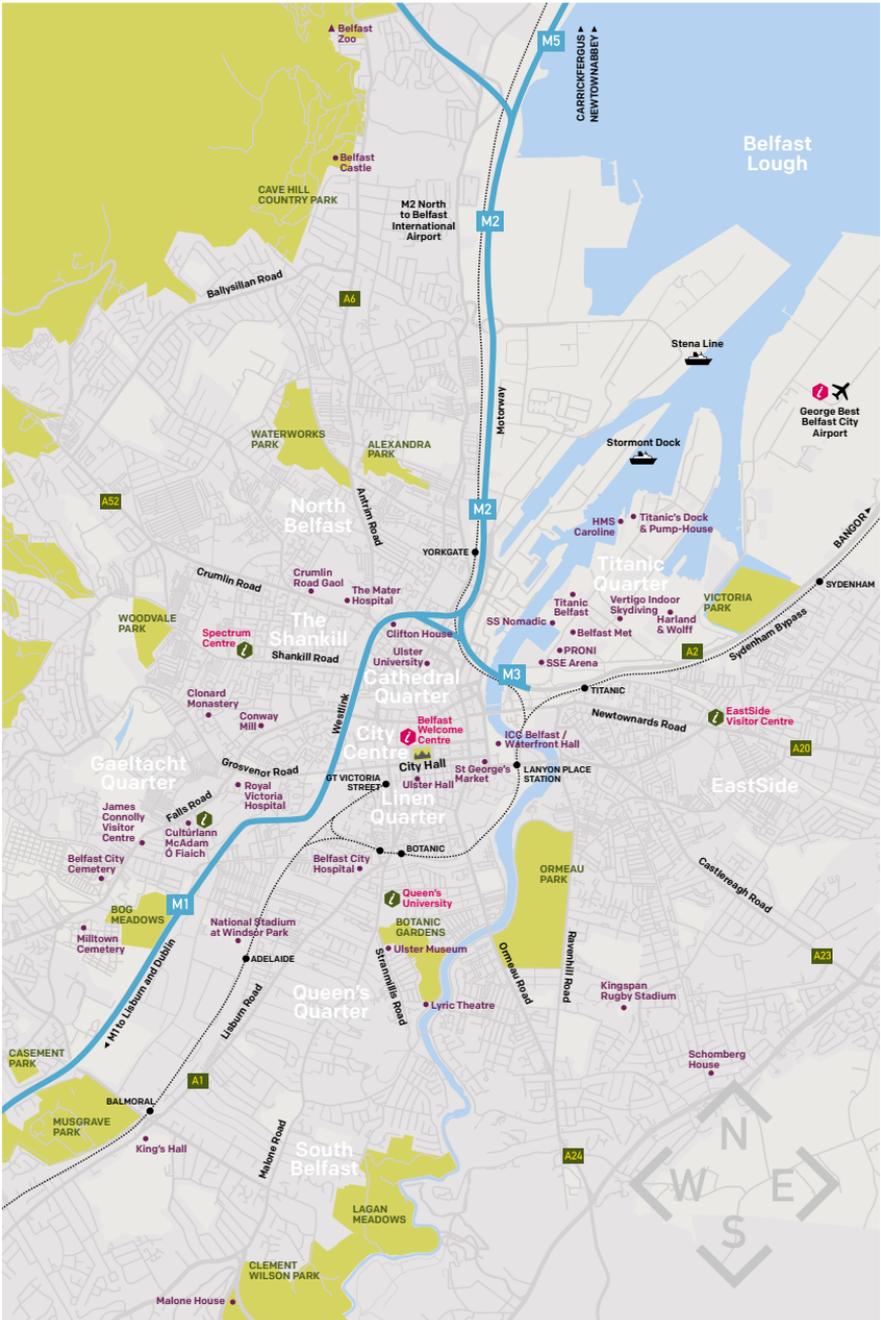
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# Greater Belfast

 Visitor Information Centre

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# Getting around the city

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

## WHICH SERVICE?

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



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

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

### Ulsterbus and urby –

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

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

### NI Railways / Enterprise –

Rail Services across Northern Ireland and from Belfast to Dublin.

### Airport Services –

Bus services from 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.

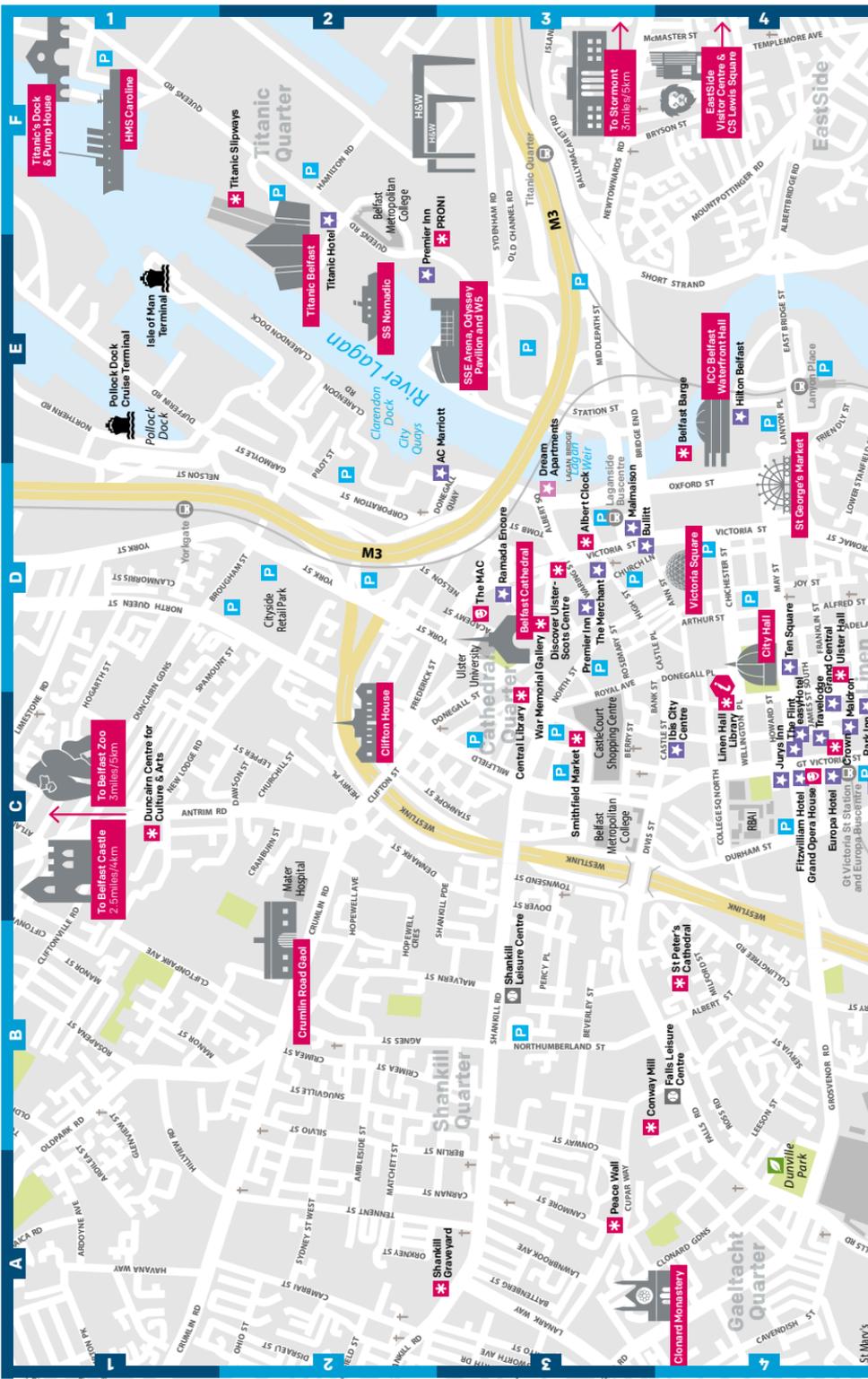
## MLINK TICKETING APP

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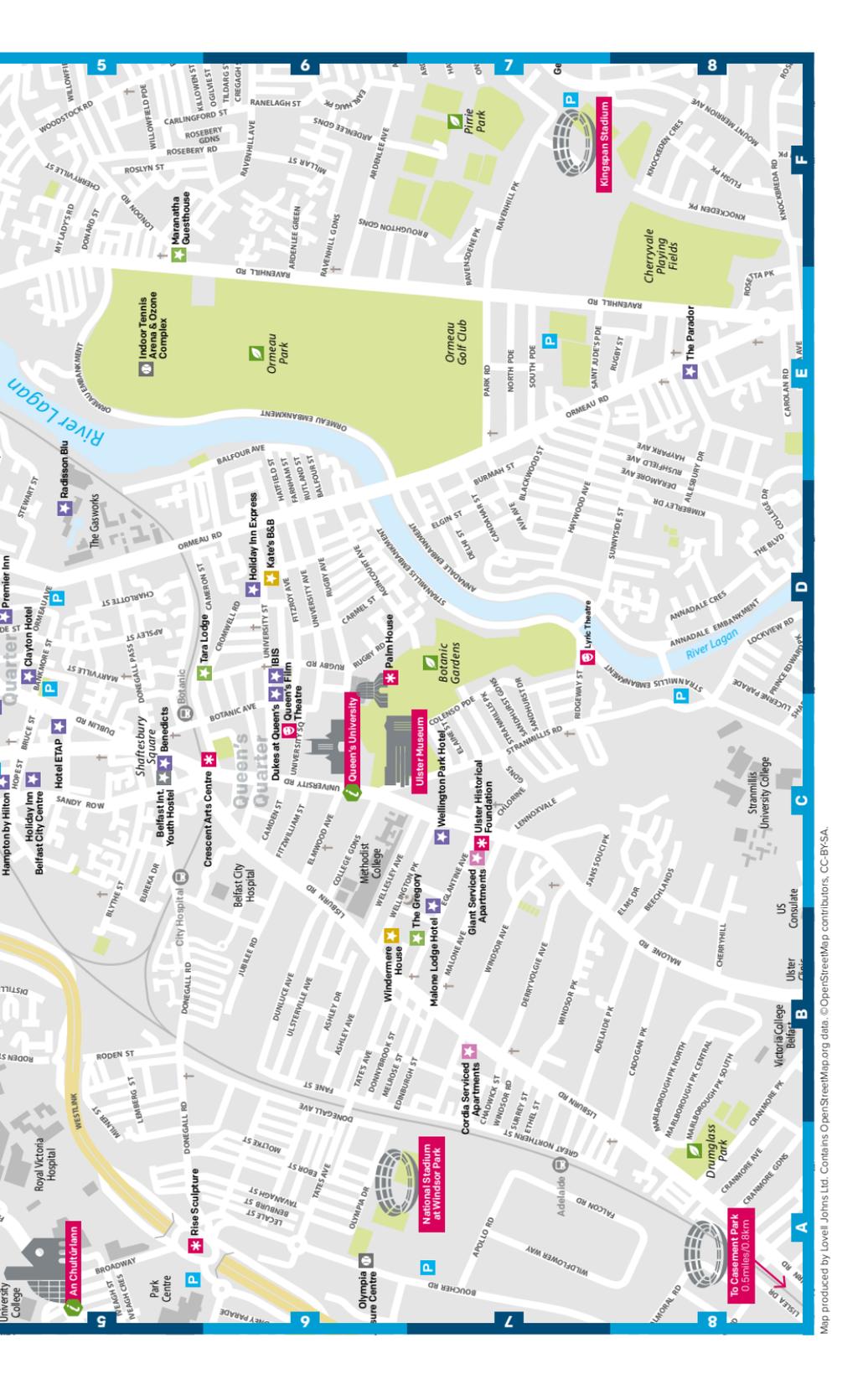
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The Film Institute

City Hall

Victoria Square

Belmont Leisure Centre



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**Ulster Museum**

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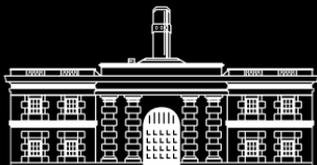


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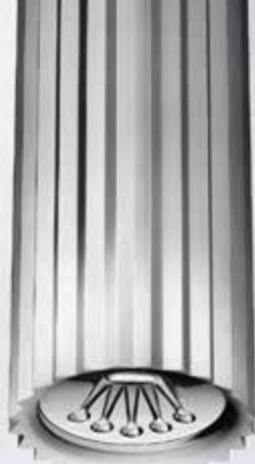
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