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The best sports bars to watch the biggest sporting event this autumn.

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Wrap up warm and experience a feast of festivities this Christmas in Belfast.

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There’s a fantastic line-up of festivals to brighten up your days and nights.

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Our guide to the best eco-friendly activities for your trip to Belfast.

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

With special thanks to our strategic and corporate partners Translink, Diageo NI, Value Cabs, and Belfast Waterfront.
Check out our guide to the best Belfast events not to be missed!

**FOOD & DRINK**

**Oktoberfest**
28 September - 28 October
Custom House Square
Oktoberfest in Belfast offers the full German experience with quality beer, music, food and Heidi girls. Soak up the atmosphere of the great Munich Festival in the heart of Belfast.
oktoberfestbelfast.com

**FILM**

**Cinemagic**
30 September - 31 October
The 34th festival brings the best in new world cinema, action packed with talent lab and creativity corner masterclasses with television and film professionals.
cinemagic.org.uk

**FAMILY FUN**

**Halloween**
27 - 31 October
Various Venues
Spooktacular fun for all the family with loads of creepy events taking place at various venues across the city. See P15.
visitbelfast.com

**FESTIVAL**

**Belfast International Arts Festival**
12 October - 5 November
A festival of contemporary arts and cultural events including theatre, dance, classical and roots music, visual, film and digital arts and literature.
belfastinternationalartsfestival.com

**MUSIC**

**Sound of Belfast**
9 - 19 November
Various Venues
An annual celebration of the music of the city showcasing the talent that resides and moves through Belfast’s streets and studios, venues and homes.
soundofbelfast.com

**FESTIVE**

**Belfast Christmas Market**
18 November - 22 December
Belfast City Hall
Indulge in the fantastic smells, sights, crafts, food, drinks and festive atmosphere at the annual Christmas Market at Belfast City Hall.
visitbelfast.com/christmas
**SPORT**

**Friendship Series**  
6 - 7 January  
SSE Arena, Belfast  
The Friendship Series is the first and only NCAA Division 1 women’s hockey tournament to be held outside of the United States. It will feature Princeton University and Providence College.  
friendshipfour.com

**FAMILY FUN**

**Winter Circus**  
15 December - 2 January  
Writer’s Square  
Tumble Circus are back with Winter Circus. One hour of hammer-smashing Belfast-inspired Circus, comedy and riotous fun for all the family.  
tumblecircus.com

**FESTIVE**

**Festive Season in Belfast**  
18 November - 22 December  
2 Royal Avenue  
Make sure to check out the Winter’s Den season at 2 Royal Avenue in Belfast City Centre with a packed programme of workshops, events and more; sure to spread Christmas cheer!

**CULTURE**

**Chinese New Year**  
10 February  
Various Venues  
The city will celebrate the Year of the Dragon with lanterns dressing the city centre and events featuring traditional music and dance.  
www.cwa-ni.org

**FESTIVAL**

**Out to Lunch**  
6 - 28 January  
Various Venues  
Serving up top-class comedy, theatre, literature and music in a unique lunchtime format, it’s the perfect antidote to the January blues!  
cqaf.com/otl2023
Must See:

Check out our essential list of places not to be missed this winter 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 visitor exhibition, which offers a self-guided journey from Belfast’s past to present, showing the vibrancy and diversity of the city across six themed zones.

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SHOPPING

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

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TOUR

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

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EXPERIENCE

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

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MARKETS 05

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

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EXPERIENCE 08

Clifton House
Experience the history of Belfast, through the use of immersive technology you will be transported back in time to the Belfast Poor House (1774), which provided sanctuary to thousands of people up to 1882. Guided tours available Fri, Sat & Sun.

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TOUR 07

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

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FAMILY FUN 10

W5
A great family day of adventure awaits at this award-winning science and discovery centre, with exhibits and experiences covering everything from climate change and nature to film and TV production, optical illusions, built engineering, medical science and more.

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TOUR 11

Take a Film Location Tour
From ‘Game of Thrones’ to Kenneth Branagh’s ‘Belfast’ or ‘Line of Duty’ to the loveable ‘Derry Girls’, make sure to take a tour of the filming locations to get behind the scenes and discover secrets about these award-winning blockbusters.

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TOUR 12

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

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

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

18 Nov – 22 Dec 2023
marketplaceeurope.co.uk
BELFAST FILM FESTIVAL
2 - 11 November
Various Venues
Film should be an experience, so as well as presenting the best in new, short and classic cinema during the festival, you can also enjoy site-specific screenings where the classics of the silver screen are hosted in unique surroundings that enhance and intensify your experience. In addition, you can also enjoy audio visual performances with live film soundtracks. The festival also supports local talent with their short film competition and the Northern Ireland independents section supports filmmakers who have made feature or mid length films.
belstaffilmfestival.org

BELFAST INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL
12 October - 5 November
Various Venues
Northern Ireland’s largest contemporary arts festival and cornerstone of the annual cultural calendar celebrates 61 years with a new season of contemporary arts and cultural events. Showcasing some of the world’s best artistic talents all right here in Belfast, enjoy the very best in theatre, dance and music performances as well as the latest literary releases, independent film, and visual art exhibitions! Highlights include the premieres of ‘Rhino’, ‘FIQ!’, ‘Work.txt.’ and ‘Rear Windows’.
belfastinternationalartsfestival.com

34TH CINEMAGIC INTERNATIONAL FILM & TELEVISION FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
30 September - 31 October
Various Venues
Festival goers will have the chance to experience a thought-provoking world cinema programme that spotlights youth issues and social issues, an extensive education programme, talent lab industry masterclasses, classic and brand-new family and teen films, the Cinemagic Young Filmmaker weekend, and Film Jury panels for young film critics. The 2023 line-up features over 150 films including 30 international previews and 3 special Gala Screenings. They also feature a number of Halloween themed screenings to give you a fright.
cinemagic.org.uk

As autumn takes hold and the dark evenings draw in, let this fantastic line-up of festivals brighten up your days and nights. Whether your passion’s music, theatre, dance, film, comedy or experiencing something new, there’s a feast of festivals to be enjoyed throughout Belfast this autumn and winter!
FLEADH FEIRSTE: GAELTACHT QUARTER CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
29 November - 3 December
Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich
A vibrant cultural festival celebrating Belfast’s heritage as Ireland’s leading Irish language city. Enjoy the Gaeltacht Quarter’s festive celebration with a fantastic mix of music, art and literature for all ages, as well as discussion of current affairs. Join for the freshly written panto ‘Bábóg na Nollag’ (Christmas Doll), produced by Aisling Ghéar. culturlann.ie

OUT TO LUNCH
6 - 28 January 2024
Various Venues
This popular winter festival serves up top-class comedy, theatre, literature and music in a unique lunchtime format. Showcasing the arts scene in Cathedral Quarter, this three-week event is the perfect antidote to the January blues! cqaf.com

SOUND OF BELFAST
9 - 19 November
Various Venues
A mix of collaborative, independent and partnership events involving showcases, gigs, industry talks, panels and workshops, youth, family, community events and the NI Music Prize 2002 including the Oh Yeah Legend Award. There are over 60 events spread across 25 venues across Belfast so you’re bound to find something for your musical tastes. soundofbelfast.com

OUTBURST
9 - 18 November
Various Venues
Outburst is Northern Ireland’s annual queer arts festival. It features nine days of new queer art goodness with theatre, film, music, literature, visual art, discussion and debate from both local and international LGBT artists and performers. The 2023 festival programme will be available in October. outburstarts.com

C.S. LEWIS FESTIVAL
24 - 26 November
CS Lewis Square
With family-friendly events, children’s workshops, a brand new special drama tour and opportunities to explore your own creativity, the C.S. Lewis Festival has something to offer everyone. C.S. Lewis Square will be the hub for this year’s festival activity and events taking place here will include an Outdoor Cinema and the annual Narnia-themed Winter Market and Christmas Light Switch On. The full programme will be launched online mid-October. visiteastside.com/events

FESTIVAL SEASON
VISITBELFAST.COM
ULSTER RUGBY
Ulster Rugby competes in the United Rugby Championships and the European Cup with home games played regularly on Friday nights at the Kingspan Stadium. The season kicks off in September and runs through to late April. Key European games this season will see the Ulster face Racing 92 and Toulouse. There’s always a cracking atmosphere and plenty of action to follow, so come along and ‘stand up for the Ulstermen!’

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ulsterrugby.com

BELFAST GIANTS
ICE HOCKEY
Belfast Giants home games take place nearly every weekend in The SSE Arena from August until April, and with plenty of on and off-ice entertainment, there’s something for everyone. The season promises plenty of fast and furious action that will have you on the edge of your seat, from bone-crunching hits to last minute game-winning goals.

belfastgiants.com

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
On 14th October the Northern Ireland team takes on San Marino as part of their UEFA EURO qualifying campaign. Follow this and all the Green and White Army action on social media using the hashtag #GAWA. And be sure to follow the Men’s and Women’s Senior teams on irishfa.com

GAELIC GAMES
While Casement Park is closed for redevelopment, Gaelic games fixtures are currently being played in Corrigan Park in the west of the city. Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie are fast-paced action sports. The season runs from February

BELFAST IS A GREAT CITY FOR SPORTS FANS WITH AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECTATING AND TAKING PART! HERE’S OUR GUIDE TO FINDING THE BEST TICKETS IN TOWN THIS WINTER...
December. From great value Punters Packs to tapas and wine in the pavilion, you can make it a truly memorable day out. downroyal.com

GOLF
There’s plenty of courses scattered throughout the city to enable you to keep your handicap down. From challenging parkland courses including Malone, Belvoir Park and Royal Belfast to relaxed 9 hole courses at Ormeau and Colin Glen. For a great night’s craic with your golfing buddies, the Toptracer Range at Colin Glen offers a fun and tech-driven experience or escape a rainy day and enjoy some crazy indoor mini golf fun at Lost City Adventure Golf or ScrapYard Golf.

NI FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Follow all the games from the Men’s and Women’s Premierships, plus Championship and Cup games and the latest team and player news. If you love local football, start here! nifootballleague.com

HORSE RACING
There’s nothing like a day at the races and Down Royal Racecourse, located just outside Lisburn, has plenty of dates to put in the diary including the 2 day Down Royal Festival on 3 & 4 November (including ladies day) and the annual Boxing Day meeting on 26 December. From great value Punters Packs to tapas and wine in the pavilion, you can make it a truly memorable day out.

The Belfast City Marathon takes place on Sunday 5 May 2024. Remember that if you don’t want to run you can always sign up as a volunteer. Find out more at: belfastcitymarathon.com

BETVICTOR NORTHERN IRELAND SNOOKER OPEN
22 - 29 October
Waterfront Hall
Some of the biggest names in snooker return to the Waterfront for eight days of world-class competition.

Football fans can visit the Irish FA Education and Heritage Centre, which tells the unique story of Northern Ireland football from the 1880s to the present day. Admission to the centre lasts up to one hour, which is then followed by a 1 hour guided tour of the stadium. irishfa.com/tours

Don’t miss...

FRIENDSHIP SERIES
6 - 7 January
The SSE Arena, Belfast
The Friendship Series is the first and only NCAA Division 1 women’s hockey tournament to be held outside of the United States. It will feature Princeton University and Providence College.
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Fright Night

Belfast has some brilliant events that will satisfy your frightful needs! You’ll be spoilt for choice, from spooky tours, to fancy dress and movie nights - you’ll have a Spooktacular time!

Halloween at Crumlin Road Gaol
13 - 31 October
This amazing 5-star visitor attraction offers a range of highly original tours and is also a popular live music and entertainment venue. For Halloween, there’s the Spooktacular Gaol Tour, Paranormal Tour, the Jail of Horror experience – plus live interactive Halloween musicals, where the West End comes to Belfast! crumlinroadgaol.com

The Ghost House
14 - 31 October
Cityside Retail Park
With the help of famous Ghost Hunter Lady Helena Hope, you will discover the truth behind the legend of the man who once lived here - Black Hearted Benjamin, highwayman and now, GHOST! This is a walk-through theatre experience featuring live performances, magic, digital technology and dance. cahootsni.com

Let’s Go Hydro / Pumpkin Patch
14 - 31 October
Belfast’s largest water and adventure park is transformed for Spookfest – complete with giant inflated pumpkins, witches and ghosts! In the Pumpkin Patch there’s pumpkin carving for the kids, barrel train rides, the Stranger Things Roller Disco – and of course, lots of hot chocolate and doughnuts! letsgohydro.com

Halloween Gruffalo Pumpkin Patch
21/22, 28/29, 30/31 of October
Hear the story of The Gruffalo before heading outdoors for a guided walk through the forest (where you’ll see some beloved Gruffalo characters along the way) and stopping by Colin Glen’s very own pumpkin patch to pick a pumpkin to carve and take home! colinglen.org

Belfast Halloween Days
28 - 29 October
Come to Belfast One to experience a Pumpkin Patch on the grounds of the historic and beautiful Belfast City Hall! There will also be arts and crafts, activities and more at 2 Royal Avenue. Monsters will be popping up all over the city centre to give out prizes too, so watch out for plenty of Monster Mayhem this Halloween. belfastone.co.uk

Cinemagic Halloween Screenings
30 - 31 October
Treat yourself to some family fun this Halloween with Cinemagic’s Halloween Movies showing in The Black Box and Ulster Museum. Dress up in your spookiest outfit and enjoy a fiendish feast of movies from Hocus Pocus to Room on the Broom! cinemagic.org.uk

Boo at the Zoo
28 - 29 October
Dust the cobwebs off your favourite costume and jump on your broomstick for a weekend of mischievous merriment for all the family, with a range of eerie activities including pumpkin-decorating, face-painting, animal meet and greets and terrifying touch tables. belfastzoo.co.uk

Belfast Ghost and Paranormal Tours
3 - 31 October
Walk in the footsteps of the Belfast citizens who lie unquiet in their graves even beneath your feet as you walk the dark streets on this scary tour with author, historian, and ghost storyteller Francis Higgins. The tour starts at White’s Tavern, Garden & BeerHall at 6.30pm and lasts 2 and a half hours. Age 14+ belfastlad.com

Worth The Trip:

Grimm Tales and Scarecrow Trails
26 – 29 October
Daring explorers are invited to take a walk on the dark side through Hillsborough Castle’s spooky illuminated gardens. The scarecrows come to life after dark, possessed by mischievous spirits that have crossed through to our world. Are you brave enough to find them all? hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle

Fright Night – 13 October – 31 October
The Jungle’s infamous Halloween scare fest returns to provide more thrills, chills, scares and entertainment than ever before. Consisting of the new story-based Woodland Trail and 6 terrifying scare attractions, you’ve got yourself an adrenaline spiking night out! thejungleni.com

Hallowe’en Torchlight Tour
28, 29 & 31 October
Will you join the search for the Amos and his wife, to discover if the terrifying tales of Drowned Horse Creek are true? Take an adventure, filled with creepy characters, gruesome gore and strange sounds that will put shivers up your spine! And no matter what, don’t get left behind... Age 12+ ulsteramericanfolkpark.org

Halloween at Montalto
27 - 31 October
Looking for a great family day out? Halloween at Montalto offers pick-your-own pumpkin for carving, face-painting, puppet storytelling, a spooky witch-trail – and lots more! montaltoestate.com

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Meet us at the staircase for an afternoon of luxury patisserie, stunning photo opportunities and live jazz.

**SUNDAY**

**AFTERNOON TEA**

Autumn  
29 October

Festive  
3, 10 & 17 December

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A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE
Christmas in Belfast

Let’s Glow Belfast – Belfast Christmas Lights switch-on
18 November
Join the Lord Mayor and guests at Let’s Glow Belfast – the official switch-on of the Christmas lights to mark the start of the festive season. Soak up the yuletide atmosphere and enjoy a host of family-friendly fun and entertainment. The celebrations will continue with activities in 2 Royal Avenue’s Winter’s Den every day across the Christmas period. Look out for information coming soon on how to get tickets for the switch on. This is a free event.

Belfast Christmas Market
18 November - 22 December
Belfast City Hall
The popular Belfast Christmas Market returns to the stunning backdrop of Belfast City Hall to play its part in adding some seasonal festive cheer to the centre of the city. Get your Christmas shopping well and truly wrapped up with unique local food and crafts. Regular visitors can be comforted that a huge variety of favourite authentic continental goodies will be on offer too, so take a culinary trip around the world before relaxing with a warming Gluhwein or a stein in one of the bars.

It’s that time of year, to wrap up and experience the warmth of a Belfast Christmas. With the sights, sounds and smells of traditional Christmas markets, festive performances and events, Santa’s Grottos and plenty of sparkle scattered throughout the city, make sure to enjoy Belfast this Christmas.
Christmas Launch Weekend
Victoria Square
11 & 12 November
Enjoy the sights, smells and sounds of Christmas all weekend with special guests, live performances, Christmas Fayre, facepainting and much more! Victoria Square becomes truly magical when Santa takes up residence on Level 2 from 11 November – 24 December and you can shop for unique local crafts and homemade items at our Christmas Fayre on Lower Ground from 11 November.

CastleCourt
Christmas Parade
18 November, 12pm
Join CastleCourt for their spectacular Santa’s Arrival Parade which departs from City Hall, travelling down Donegall Place towards CastleCourt. Little eyes are sure to sparkle at the sight of Santa aboard his sleigh with Mrs Claus, surrounded by princesses, superheroes, dancers and live music. Wrap up warm and follow the parade to CastleCourt where Santa will take up residence in his grotto until 24 December. castlecourt-uk.com

Festive Season in Belfast
18 November - 22 December
2 Royal Avenue
Make sure to check out the Winter’s Den season at 2 Royal Avenue in Belfast City Centre with a packed programme of workshops, events and more; sure to spread Christmas cheer!

Santa’s Post Office
18 November - 17 December
2 Royal Avenue
Santa’s Post Office will be located inside 2 Royal Avenue this year, with elves on site to help your little ones craft their letters to Santa and post to the North Pole. Look out for festive activities and entertainment for all from 18 November. maywe.co.uk/2ra

A Magical Christmas Experience
24 November - 23 December
Titanic Belfast
Journey through the Enchanted Forest to make a wish by the Magical Wishing Tree, visit the Elves’ Workshop and hear Christmas tales in Mrs Claus’ kitchen. Write and post your Christmas letter and make some arts and crafts before you get your name checked off the ‘Naughty or Nice’ list. Those on the ‘Nice’ list will get to meet Father Christmas and receive a special photo and gift. titanicbelfast.com/magicalchristmas

Family Festive Fun
It wouldn’t be Christmas without a family trip to a festive show. Choose from Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs at the Grand Opera House, Rapunzel at the Belfast Waterfront, Hansel & Gretel at the Lyric or The Night Before Christmas at the MAC. There’s also a range of festive music throughout December including the Ulster Orchestra’s concert of The Snowman and Handel’s Messiah.

Grown-up Festive Fun
It’s not all about the kids! For a great Christmas night out with friends or colleagues there are a range of hysterical and adult themed festive productions on offer throughout December, including Have ‘Yourself A Scary Little Christmas at the Lyric, Elf in Belfast at the Grand Opera House, Are You Being Served at The MAC and some festive cabaret shows at the Cabaret Supper Club.

Winter Circus
15 December - 2 January
Writers Square
Join us for an all-new hour of hammer smashing Belfast inspired circus, comedy and riotous fun. Winter Circus is high skill, all human and all thrill circus featuring death defying aerialists, hardcore acrobats and mind-bending jugglers. Winter Circus is Belfast’s alternative festive extravaganza for all the family and a warm welcome awaits you in the iconic heated Big Top. tumblercircus.com

Belfast Plus and Hillsborough
Walking with the Snowman
Hillsborough Castle and Gardens
18th November – 7th January
Experience the magic of Raymond Briggs’ The Snowman™, as Walking With The Snowman™ comes to Hillsborough Castle this festive season. The famous Snowman™ is brought to life in a trail around the stunning gardens – a perfect Christmas treat for families and fans of all ages. Wrap up warm, bring your family and friends, and get ready for a festive adventure. There are 12 giant Snowman™ sculptures to find, each beautifully hand painted by a different artist and inspired by the Christmas classic ‘12 Days of Christmas’. Can you find them all? www.hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle

For updated information on everything to do and see in Belfast this Christmas, see: visitbelfast.com/Christmas
Big Screen Sports

For Premier League football and all the big national and international sporting events, there’s no better place to congregate with fellow fans to shout, cheer and sing than at the pub. Here’s our favourite big screen sports bars in Belfast.

The Deer’s Head & Bell’s Brewery
Lower Garfield Street
Established in 1885, this traditional saloon bar in the city centre has a fully operational on-site craft brewery where you can enjoy fine craft beer and all the best sporting fixtures across their big screens.

Henry’s
Joy’s Entry
Steeped in Belfast history, Henry’s was named after Henry Joy McCracken, founder of the Society of the United Irishmen. As well as amazing pub grub, you can catch football, rugby, golf, boxing and more on the big screen behind the bar, giving you the perfect view!

White’s Tavern, Garden & BeerHall
Winecellar Entry
This historic tavern has been re-born with the history at heart, and is a great spot to eat, socialise and enjoy live music. Gather your friends or colleagues to watch major sporting events, such as the Rugby World Cup, Premier League and Champions League on their big screen.

Fountain Lane
Fountain Street
This refurbished bar has been feeding and watering Belfast since 1901. With a wealth of history as a tavern for the city, call in for good food, great drinks, local music and all the World Cup and top sporting action on the screens daily.

Robinson’s
Great Victoria Street
Head up to the Pool Loft, a traditional sports bar hosting 8 Pool Tables and 5 mega surround screens showing all live sports. Pool, tasty grub and cold pints makes this just the spot for a quick lunch-time game, an after-work kickback or a weekend hideout!

Franklins Sports Bar
Franklin Street
Franklins is most notably a hub for major sports tournaments due to its show-stopping 6.5 meter mega-screen in the centre of the venue. Sports fan can enjoy all the latest action along with a huge selection of beers, pizzas, burgers and wings.

Lavery’s
Bradbury Place
Established in 1918, Lavery’s proudly holds the title of Belfast’s oldest family-owned pub. Catch all the excitement of your favourite sporting events on the big screens at Lavery’s, creating a lively and energetic atmosphere for fans.
The Morning Star
Pottintger’s Entry
This historic, award-winning gastro pub dates back to 1810. Catch all the Rugby World Cup action along with domestic and international football, horse racing, boxing and golf events. It offers one of the most exciting pub menus in the city, so make sure to bring your appetite!

Granny Annie’s
Chichester Street
Enjoy all the World Cup action and other great sporting events on Sky and BT Sport, shown on 11 flat screens in the bar area. Coverage includes football, rugby union and league, GAA, golf, boxing, horse racing and NFL.

Pug Uglys
Bedford Street
A quirky dog-friendly Irish venue in the heart of Belfast with a great outdoor space. Come and enjoy pints, cocktails, good grub, live music, trad, comedy, quizzes and all the sporting action shown on the big screens.

The Empire
Botanic Avenue
The atmosphere can get pretty electric in this old, converted church when there’s a big match on, and if you’re in the mood for celebrating come the final whistle, you can stay on to enjoy some great live music.

Sweet Afton
Brunswick Street
Sweet Afton boasts numerous televisions and screens in highly visible areas around the bar. From rugby and football, to golf and GAA, Sweet Afton seeks to screen sport for all enthusiasts.

The Errigle Inn
Ormeau Road
Offering some of the best sports coverage that Belfast has to offer over 26 HD and 4K screens. Ideal for the beer connoisseurs amongst you, choose from a variety of over twenty different beers on tap from big brands to more unusual craft beers.

The Bowery
Lisburn Road
South Belfast’s premier neighbourhood pub serves fantastic food, classic drinks and live sport. With screens throughout the bar and restaurant, this is the perfect place to catch all the World Cup action, as well as all other major sporting events throughout the year.

Cutters Wharf
Lockview Road
Enjoy the stunning riverside views, great food and live sport. Cutters Wharf screen the vast majority of sports on screens inside and out on the terrace, so it’ll be a great spot to soak up the World Cup atmosphere. There’s ample free parking and make sure to stay on for live entertainment.

The Doyen
Lisburn Road
A stylish traditional bar serving a delicious gastropub style menu, their own Doyen-branded lager, crafted cocktails and gin serves. The bar is well equipped for all the action with indoor, outdoor and drop-down screens to cater for sports fans. There’s also live entertainment and quiz nights.
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.
Emergence as a major port

History, detailing Belfast’s

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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

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

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.

Riverbox

Take a walk along the Titanic Slipways and experience one of the latest addition to the Maritime Mile - Riverbox! Equipped with cutting edge video and audio technology it can host video installations, interactive projects, live events and a wide range of audio experiences. Take a moment and enjoy!

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!

Soundyard

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

**Victoria Square**

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

SEE MAP  

**Castle Court**

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

SEE MAP  

**Queen’s Arcade**

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

SEE MAP  

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

SEE MAP D4

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

SEE MAP D4

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

SEE MAP A8

### Hidden Gems

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

### Born and Bred

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

### Belfast Christmas Market

The Christmas Market at Belfast City Hall is returning in 2023. Indulge in the fantastic smells, sights, crafts, food, drinks and festive atmosphere at this popular event from 18 November to 22 December.

### Maven

Independent homeware and furniture store located in a beautiful historical bank on Belfast’s bustling Lisburn Road. Maven hosts the best of international and local brands.
There are plenty of fantastic attractions and activities around the city to keep the kids, tweens and teens entertained. Here’s our top boredom busting tips for a great family day out!

**LEARN & EXPLORE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Lost City Adventure Golf**
Choose from two 18-hole rainforest themed Indoor courses. Make your way around the course, amidst simulated thunder and lightning storms and challenge your skills against rainforest animals and moving walls. If you get a hole in one on the 18th hole, much Inca Gold will come your way.
[lostcityadventuregolf.com](http://lostcityadventuregolf.com)

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

**ANIMAL KINGDOM**

**The Ark Open Farm**
A great day out for all the family, with lots of educational and fun experiences including feeding and handling opportunities. A multitude of activities such as an extensive outdoor play area, kangaroo bouncer and quad trailer rides are sure to keep the kids entertained.
[thearkopenfarm.co.uk](http://thearkopenfarm.co.uk)

**Belfast Zoo**
Home to more than 1,000 animals and 150 species, Belfast Zoo is a family favourite. Visit the California sea lions, the Sumatran tigers and watch the penguins play in their pool.
[belfastzoo.co.uk](http://belfastzoo.co.uk)

**Castle Espie**
A quackers day out for all! Meet the ducks & geese, spot the colourful kingfishers or venture into the mossy glades through the Secret Swamp Walk.
[wwt.org.uk/castleespie](http://wwt.org.uk/castleespie)

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

**ACTION PACKED**

**Airtastic**
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)

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

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**Belfast Visitor Pass Member**

**Green Tourism Member**
Northern Ireland has seen a renaissance in brewing and distilling in recent years, and nearly every county now boasts a top-class producer of beer and cider or whiskey and gin.

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.

**Out of Office (01)**
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.

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

**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.

**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.

**COMING SOON!**
**J&J McConnell’s Distillery**
Belfast’s new Irish Whisky Distillery, located in the historic site of the Crumlin Road Gaol. Opening soon this distillery is reviving an old Belfast brand which will welcome many visitors to experience and taste all this exciting new distillery has to offer.
Belfast’s Brewing

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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)

Áras Uí Chonghaile
374-376 Falls Road
An award winning, modern, inspirational visitor centre based in the heart of Belfast’s Gaeltacht Quarter with an interactive exhibition, telling the story of James Connolly. [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)
North Down Museum
Town Hall, Bangor
Telling the story of the area from the Bronze Age to the present day. Key artefacts on display include the Bronze Age Ballycroghan Swords, the Bangor Bell from the Bangor Abbey settlement, and the Raven Maps, the only complete folio of Plantation era maps in Ireland. northdownmuseum.com

Ulster American Folk Park
Castletown, Omagh
Examine life in Ulster in the 18th and 19th centuries and learn how the settlers endured the arduous Atlantic crossing before adapting to the new and unfamiliar environment of America. Wander through the outdoor museum which brings both the Old and New Worlds to life. nmni.com/uafp

Seamus Heaney HomePlace
Bellaghy
Standing at the heart of the place and people which so inspired him, HomePlace is an arts and literary centre that includes a stunning exhibition dedicated to the life and work of one of Ireland’s greatest writers. seamusheaneyhome.com

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

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

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

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

Terry Bradley Art
Victoria Square
Terry Bradley is 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. terrybradley.com

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

The Grand Opera House brings the glitz of London’s West End to the heart of Belfast. Shows to look out for this year include smash hit musicals The Bodyguard, 42nd Street, Annie and Sister Act. You’ll find a bit of local humour with The Hen Do and Shane Todd - Mummy or enjoy a night of dance with FiQ! and Tango Passions. To get in the festive spirit make sure to see local festive comedy Elf in Belfast or this year’s panto, Snow White.

goh.co.uk

The UK’s 2023 Theatre of The Year, the Lyric Theatre has a reputation for nurturing outstanding homegrown acting and writing talent. Upcoming performances include Burnt Out, a black comedy by award-winning playwright Gary Mitchell about a couple whose perfect life unravels. The Safety Catch centres on NI’s legendary road-racing Dunlop family and the lure of the world’s most dangerous sport. Slippery When Wet is a rollercoaster one-woman show about an aspiring actor forced to confront uncomfortable realities. Truth Love or Promise is a tour-de-force by Nuala McKeever, who plays all three characters in a creative writing class. This year’s panto is Hansel & Gretel, which promises a magical adventure through an enchanted forest.

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 coming year you can sing your heart out with Busted, Luke Combs, Picture This, JLS, Hozier and Niall Horan, enjoy a night of top comedy with Colin Geddis, Jack Whitehall, Ciaran Bartlett and Neil Delamere or enjoy a magical performance from Disney on Ice.

ssearenabelfast.com

Waterfront Hall offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights include Micky Bartlett, Jimeoin, Sarah Millican, Russell Howard, Jon Richardson and Frankie Boyle. There’s live music with Nathan Carter, The Illegal Eagles, Alfie Boe, Norah Jones and The Fureys. Enjoy a thrilling night at Diversity or enjoy tribute performances celebrating the music of Queen. For classical fans, the Ulster Orchestra has performances ranging from family favourites (The Snowman, Peter and the Wolf) to recitals of Brahms, Beethoven, Elgar, Rachmaninov and Stravinsky.

waterfront.co.uk

The Victorian Ulster Hall dates back to 1862 and is home to the Ulster Orchestra, who perform regularly with both evening and lunchtime concerts. You can also check out live music performances from The Waterboys, The Dead South, Mary Black, Gabrielle,
Ryan McMullan, The Three Amigos, Tommy Fleming. If you’re up for a laugh check out Jason Byrne, Jarlath Regan, William Thompson, Iain Stirling and Jake O’Kane and there’s tributes galore that bring the music of Neil Diamond, Elvis, Elton John and ABBA. ultra.jpg

The 61st Belfast International Arts Festival returns 11 October – 5 November 2023, showcasing some of the world’s best artistic talents all right here in Belfast. Enjoy the very best in theatre, dance and music performances as well as a hybrid of talks and ideas to enjoy live and in the comfort of your own home! belfastinternationalartsfestival.com

ENTERTAINMENT IN BELFAST

worth finding

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts is located on the Antrim Road in the north of the city. It offers an intimate and authentic Belfast experience, from art exhibitions and workshops to concerts and live performances.theduncairn.com
Sure, you can visit Belfast and lounge in luxurious accommodation and pamper 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 and River Rapid, Ireland’s longest zipline. Other activities include the SKYTrek high/low ropes climbing course; laser tag; 9-hole golf; Archery; Trackman driving range and much more! 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

**Let’s Go Hydro**
This water sports resort offers a range of activities including an inflatable aqua park, stand-up paddleboarding, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, kayaking, open water swimming, aqua rugby and yoga & swim experiences along with a new spa. Glamping pods, café, BBQ pods, pizza restaurant and drive-in movie nights are also available. letsgohydro.com
Game of Thrones Studio Tour
Located at Linen Mill studios where much of Game of Thrones was filmed, the official studio tour is a legacy to the world’s most successful TV series. From iconic sets, props and weapons, costumes, special effects and interactives, the Game of Thrones studio tour will take you on a journey from script to screen.
gameofthronesstudiotour.com

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

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

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

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

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

For even more action packed activities, see visitbelfast.com
Sustainable Belfast

Take a trip to Belfast Zoo

Belfast Zoological Gardens is home to more than 120 species of animal, many of which are in danger in their natural habitat, and you can enjoy a fantastic array of experiences, events, and information on the topics of biodiversity and conservation.

Have an Outdoor Adventure at Colin Glen

A spectacular 200-acre forest park located just outside Belfast where you’ll find Ireland’s only official Gruffalo Trail, the SkyTrek high ropes course, Ireland’s first Alpine Coaster and longest Zipline. Bring comfy shoes and a sense of adventure!

Take a Tour on Foot or Bike

An increase in cycling, e-biking or walking over time lowers daily mobility-related lifecycle CO2 emissions.

DC Tours and Belfastology Walking Tours offer a full range of walking tours of Belfast as well as private/group tours and multi-lingual self-guided tours or there’s Belfast Bike Tours: This is one of most eco-friendly ways to see the city! You start at the Titanic slipways, take in the Botanic Gardens and finish at the must-see St. George’s Market - visitbelfast.com/partners/belfast-bike-tours.

Enjoy our Green Spaces

Did you know Belfast is one of the top cities in the UK for green attractions? If you’re looking to make your visit as eco-friendly as possible, put visiting our parks and gardens at the top of your list. Take a hike up Cave Hill, explore the trails at Stormont Estate or relax in the beautiful Botanic Gardens.

Shop Sustainably

Grab your bag for life and discover the brands in Belfast that are committed to sustainability, reducing environmental impact, and providing eco-friendly products. Explore vintage, antiques and collectibles at On the Square Emporium, find quirky gifts at Born and Bred, vintage clothing at 4good Oxfam Store, traditional artisan sweets at Old Time Favourites, art and craft at Craft NI as well as high street favourites H&M, FatFace and the Body Shop in Victoria Square.

Ranked in the global top 10 most sustainable destinations, Belfast City is full of sustainable activities, so here’s some eco-friendly ideas to keep you busy during your visit.
Sustainable Seafood
Fish City is a lively seafood restaurant with takeaway, specialising in sustainably sourced and award-winning dishes. It was recently recognised as the UK’s healthiest and most sustainable Fish and Chip restaurant in the Seafood UK Awards and is the recipient of 6 UK national awards, including a place in the top 5 fish and chip restaurants in the UK.

Eat Green
Head out in Belfast to taste delicious, fresh, locally sourced foods. Go to St George’s Market and gather your ingredients or head out for dinner and try some exciting and tasty plant-based cuisines. You’ll find a great selection of restaurants with vegetarian and vegan options in Belfast including 2Taps, EDŌ, BaoBun, Coppi and Buba or award-winning Home offers a range of menus for all diets made with local, homegrown, sustainable ingredients.

Green Stays
When booking your accommodation, make sure to show some love to the planet by visiting a Green Tourism accredited hotel. When hotels in Belfast and the surrounding region make sustainability a key focus, not only do they help the environment, but they improve the lives of the people in their communities and the experiences of their guests. 81% of hotel bedrooms hold a 3rd party independent sustainable accreditation.

Travel Green Around Belfast
Be an environmentally friendly explorer by following our advice on how to get around Belfast in an eco-conscious way.

Explore on Foot
Step up and step out on your visit to Belfast. There is no mode of transport more eco-friendly than your own two feet, and this compact city is easy to navigate on foot at a leisurely pace. Download a city map and explore on your own terms.

Jump on a Bike
If you need some wheels, there are Belfast Bikes available for public hire at over 50 docking stations around Belfast. Take advantage of more than 400 bikes that you can rent 365 days a year. Be instantly flexible and move around the city quickly.

Hop on a Bus
Translink offers transport across Belfast and Northern Ireland, and they are committed to sustainable travel for locals and visitors alike. If you’re planning on making the most of public transport in Belfast, make sure to pick up a Belfast Visitor Pass to bag lots of offers on local attractions.

Book Low-Emission Transport
Sometimes it just makes sense to get straight from A to B, safe in the knowledge that the taxi driver knows the way! Over 60% of Value Cabs’ fleet is now low-emission and you can request a low-emission vehicle in advance, promising a more environmentally friendly way to get around the city.
Best Value Ticket Options

Smartlink Smartcards
Free mLink Ticketing App
dayLink Smartcard (Metro/Glider day travel)
iLink Smartcard (Integrated travel)
aLink Smartcard (Annual travel)
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.
From Belfast city centre, it is just a short drive to the bustling town of Holywood where you can relax as you enjoy the coffee culture. It is full of charm, with boutique clothing and gift stores, cosy cafés, and renowned eateries. For those who love history, just a stone’s throw away in the area of Cultra, you can step back in time and uncover a way of life from 100 years ago at the Ulster Folk Museum. Then across the road visit the Ulster Transport Museum, home to one of the most comprehensive transport collections in Europe, with a world class Irish railway collection, road transport galleries, an interactive flight experience, and the chance to go ‘back to the future’ with the famous Delorian exhibit.

Visit Northern Ireland’s newest City - Bangor, starting your day at North Down Museum (admission free) where the exhibitions tell the story of Bronze Age settlers, Vikings, and the Ulster Scots heritage of the local area. Then pick up an Explorers Pack and go minibeast hunting around the adjacent leafy Castle Park grounds. Afterwards, take the short stroll from the park to enjoy the tranquillity at the central fountain in the award-winning Bangor Castle Walled Garden. At the seafront, pick up an ice cream and take a walk along the promenade to Pickie Funpark, pedal the iconic giant swans around the lagoon, get competitive with a round of mini golf and enjoy the adventure playground. Book now at pickiefunpark.com.

What about a trip to the coastal gem of Donaghadee? Known for its landmark lighthouse, pastel colour lined shore front, fantastic restaurants and eateries, and Copeland Distillery. From here, on a clear day you can spot the edge of Scotland before enjoying some delicious local cuisine. Top off the day with a stunning drive along the coast where you will discover many spectacular views.
Fancy a spot of shopping in the market town of Newtownards? There is always lots to see and buy in the numerous independent stores. You will also be spoilt for choice for coffee or a spot of lunch. Then awaken your creative spirit at Ards Art Centre, the beautifully restored Georgian Town Hall at Conway Square. A welcoming space, supporting community arts activities and two professional galleries – the Georgian Gallery and Sunburst Gallery. As you walk through the town you may spot one of the Borough’s iconic landmarks on the horizon, Scrabo Tower. The tower, which was built in 1857 is one of Northern Ireland’s best-known landmarks and the views from the top are spectacular. Take a trip to the tower and enjoy the sights over Strangford Lough and the surrounding countryside.

Take a trip down the stunning Ards Peninsula. This area separates Strangford Lough (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) from the North Channel of the Irish Sea. Discover unspoilt villages, tranquil abbeys, castles, and welcoming locals, all with a story to share. Plan a stop at Echlinville Distillery, near Kircubbin and trace the journey of their spirits all the way from ground to glass. Arrive at Portaferry, steeped in history and heritage, with interesting buildings and architecture, it is definitely worth taking a stroll around the streets here. You will see The Portico of Ards, a striking Grade A listed building dating back to 1840 and modelled on a Greek Revival Temple, which runs a fantastic arts and heritage programme - Check out what’s on and book a unique performance or show.

Also here, you will find Exploris Aquarium and Seal Sanctuary where you will encounter some of the residents of the lough as well as sea creatures from further afield. Join a feeding session, visit the otter family, check in on the recuperating seal pups, and enjoy the recently opened Under the Sea Experience. Book now at explorisni.com
Lights, Camera, Action

If you are a film buff, or a TV addict, Ards and North Down is the place to explore many filming locations. The stunning Ards and North Down towns and landscapes are making it to the big screen, being shared with audiences far and wide. From the recent popularity of TV series Bloodlands starring James Nesbitt, filmed on Strangford Lough, to The School of Good and Evil, featuring the stately home and magnificent gardens of National Trust’s Mount Stewart. Donaghadee is now also well known as the fictional town of Port Devine featured in BBC police drama, Hope Street which showcases the beauty of this seaside town.

To help you plan a trip to explore some of the top filming locations check out this handy guide:- visitardsandnorthdown.com/blog

Tee Time

For a perfect golfing break just minutes from Belfast city centre, Ards and North Down offers a wide range of 12 great courses including Parkland and Links. The Borough is a haven for golfers with a rich heritage dating back 125 years as home to Ireland’s oldest club The Royal Belfast. Enjoy a few rounds surrounded by stunning scenery with views of Belfast or Strangford Loughs. Courses designed by H.S.Colt, James Braid and Peter Alliss sum up the quality on offer with The Royal Belfast, Bangor, Clandeboye, Kirkistown Castle and Rory McIlroy’s home club, Holywood.
Crisp days and cosy nights... escape from the stresses of daily life by making the most of your weekends and taking the opportunity to relax and recharge.

With great hospitality and accommodation ranging from distinctive self-catering options, cosy guest houses to three, four and five-star hotel and spa facilities.

You don’t have to go far to enjoy fresh open spaces and the calming ambience of nature. Located less than an hour’s drive from Belfast, Ards and North Down is packed with peaceful places just waiting to be explored. Our itineraries help to guide you on exciting journeys, discover History and Legends, Coastal Gems, itineraries for the family and if indulgence is what you need, we have you covered, explore all this and more!

Find out more about great value short breaks in the area, go to visitardsandnorthdown.com/offers or you can contact our friendly Visitor Information Centre Team in Newtownards (028 9182 6846) or Bangor (028 9127 0069), 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.

Crawfordsburn Country Park

Autumn Escapes

Christmas Switch On Events

Bangor Christmas Lights Switch On
18 November
Free to attend

Newtownards Christmas Lights Switch On
25 November
Free to attend

Find out more at visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on

Details correct at time of print.
DISCOVER OUR PICTURESQUE GEORGIAN VILLAGES

The beautiful village of Royal Hillsborough offers a relaxing day out. Enjoy a walk around the lake at Hillsborough Forest and explore the historic Fort and the stunning St Malachy’s Church. There are a number of artisan cafés scattered throughout the village including Arthur’s Mimi’s and Karibu or pick up some delicious bakery treats at Tori’s, Kin & Folk or the Roundhouse. Grab lunch to go from Keane’s Deli, sit in and enjoy brunch, lunch or cocktails at recently opened Joxer or grab a seat by the fire for tasty gastro pub dishes at the Plough Inn, Hillside or Parson’s Nose. There’s a great selection of lovely gift stores to browse including InKlover and Bluebell & Willow as well as a selection of boutiques and local businesses.

The historic village of Moira is the perfect place to enjoy a scenic walk through the Demesne with friends and family. Afterwards, enjoy the extensive range of shopping scattered along the Main Street offering everything from homeware and gifts at Jacksons, Willow and Bluebell Cottage to award winning butchers and delis including McCartney’s or simply catch-up with friends in one of the many excellent restaurants, cafes or gastro pubs including Wine and Brine, Carthago, Origin 101, The Stillhouse and Pretty Mary’s.

Lisburn & Castlereagh

Your next trip starts here...
From romantic stays, historic day trips, autumnal walks, award-winning eateries, spooktacular Halloween events, Christmas light shows, great shopping and festive markets, there is something for everyone in Lisburn & Castlereagh.
TAKE A TRAIL
It’s a great time of year to get wrapped up and enjoy the outdoors with a scenic walk, so why not discover and learn something new while you’re there by following one of our experiential trails.

HILLSBOROUGH FOREST DIGITAL SCULPTURE TRAIL
Spend time outdoors and experience the new Digital Sculpture Trail within Hillsborough Forest! Launching mid-October, visitors can explore 10 sculptures along the trail with an exciting augmented reality App that takes you through the forest leading you from one sculpture to the next. Witness the journey of the sculptures from inception to completion, with a detailed description of the internationally gathered artists, their inspiration and history of the development of each sculpture. The Digital Sculpture Trail is based on themes inspired by Hillsborough Forest and the surrounding area which include: childs-play, reflection, motion, science, fantasy, heritage, hope & inspiration, nature and flight. At each sculpture, scan the QR code to discover another world that comes alive! Once you complete the Hillsborough Forest Digital Sculpture Trail, check the ‘village discounts’ section to avail of various offers in the village of Royal Hillsborough, be it a treat at one of the award winning restaurants, a discount at one of the cafés or maybe a little retail therapy. Use the App to follow the additional Royal Hillsborough Village Trail to discover unspoilt secrets and the history of this beautiful village.
‘GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU’ ART AND LITERATURE TRAIL

Author and lifelong Lisburn resident, Sam McBratney wrote the international bestseller ‘Guess How Much I Love You’ in 1994. The heart-warming story went on to sell more than 55 million copies worldwide and has been translated into 57 languages. The new Guess How Much I Love You Public Art and Literature Trail in Lisburn city centre is free for the public to enjoy. It can be accessed via a digital App or followed on a map collected from the local Visitor Information Centre in the Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum. One version of the trail is suitable for ‘little hares’ and another for ‘big hares’— there is something for kids of all ages to develop their observational and navigational skills on this journey of discovery. lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/guess-how-much-i-love-you-trail

EVENTS

HALLOWEEN

There’s lots of spooktacular fun for all ages taking place this Halloween, so get your costume ready and get out to enjoy the fun! Enjoy the atmospheric illuminated after dark experience at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, go pumpkin picking, lantern making and explore the creepy maze at Laganvale Farm or check out the pumpkin patch, maze, tractor rides and disco at Streamvale Farm.

A DAY AT THE RACES

A day out at the Down Royal Racecourse is a great, action-packed day out with friends and family. Experience the two-day famous Festival of Racing 3-4 November which launches the Jump Season and round up the end of the year by attending the popular National Hunt Boxing Day races. Coach travel is available from Belfast, for further information and tickets visit downroyal.com
CHRISTMAS IN LISBURN
23 November – 22 December, 4-8pm
Lisburn City Centre is the perfect place to get in the festive mood, with twinkling lights and seasonal sounds filling the air, you’ll be sure to have festive fun. Lisburn will again be lit up this year with the return of the fabulous Lisburn Light Festival. Enjoy the illuminating captivating light installations across the city, including light shows at the light canopy along Bow Street and the Enchanting Christmas Tree in Market Square. The Christmas Garden Light Trail in Castle Gardens also returns on 23 November with live music adding to the festive atmosphere every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the new Lisburn Light Festival Stage. Browse the stalls in the Traders Village in Castle Gardens and enjoy an array of delights from hot chocolate to sweet treats and delicious hot food. Santa will return again this year to meet the excited children with a full events programme to be launched, taking place in Market Square.

ROYAL HILLSBOROUGH CHRISTMAS MARKET
8 December
Experience a truly festive Christmas market as you stroll through the stalls along The Dark Walk, and enjoy a hot drink and bite to eat against the floodlit backdrop of Hillsborough Fort. Over 60 traders will fill The Dark Walk and Hillsborough Fort on Friday 8th December from 3pm-9pm for an evening of festive fun. Enjoy a showcase of locally produced artisan food, flowers, treats and lots of handmade arts and crafts which will delight visitors this year looking for a unique experience and special locally handcrafted gifts.

Full details and dates available at: visitlisburncastlereagh.com/whats-on
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
Tours

HOP ON / HOP OFF TOURS

Belfast City Sightseeing
The hop on / hop off open-top bus tour operates daily, taking in the Titanic Belfast and Titanic Quarter, Cathedral Quarter, the Peace Wall and political murals and the picturesque Queen’s Quarter. Departs from Donegal Square West beside City Hall. 028 9032 1321 belfastcitysightseeing.com

City Tours Belfast
This comprehensive open top hop-on-hop-off bus tour of Belfast includes St George’s Market, Titanic Quarter, the Falls and Shankill Roads, Queen’s Quarter and Crumlin Road Gaol. Departs from Donegal Square West beside City Hall. 028 9032 1912 citytoursbelfast.com

GUIDED COACH TOURS

Allen’s Giant’s Causeway Tours
Spend a memorable day visiting the unforgettable Giant’s Causeway. Travel on board a private coach taking in the spectacular natural beauty of the Antrim Coast. 028 9091 5613 allensbelfastbustours.com

Causeway/Game of Thrones Coach Tour
Depart Belfast and travel along one of the top 5 scenic drives in the world, the Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at Carrickfergus Castle, Carnlough Harbour, Cushendun, Carrick-a-rede (viewing point), the Dark Hedges, Giant’s Causeway and Dunluce Castle. 028 9032 1321 belfastcitysightseeing.com

Game of Thrones Tours
Full day coach tours to Game of Thrones locations throughout Northern Ireland. Stark cloaks, Iron Island costumes and replica swords add to the adventure. 028 9568 0023 gameofthrones tours.com

McComb’s Coach Tours
Belfast’s longest established daily tour to the Giants Causeway as well as the unique #WeeloveBelfast city tour, Grub Crawl food tour and Game of Thrones guided tour. Ticket centre located in Victoria Square. 028 9031 5333 mccombscoaches.com

Odyssey Coach Tours
Offering a variety of tours departing from Belfast to various destinations of interest throughout Northern Ireland, including the Giants Causeway and the Belfast City Tour. 028 9024 0300 odysseycoachtours.co.uk

Paddywagon Tours
Daily guided tours from Belfast to the Giant’s Causeway including admission to the Causeway visitor centre. Enjoy stunning coastal views, a photo stop at Dunluce Castle and time to cross the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. 028 9033 3367 paddywagon tours.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

Belfast Sightseeing
Choose from a wide range of award winning guided tours including Political History, Titanic & Maritime, Giants Causeway and Game of Throne. Customised tours also available. TripAdvisor Travellers’ Choice Award 2022. 07702 060 573 belfastsightseeing.com

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

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

Taxitrax Tours
Visit the famous wall murals throughout Belfast which convey local politics, history and culture. Go for a journey into the politics of Belfast from the late 60’s to the present day. 07892 716660 taxitrax.com

Value Cabs Taxi Tour
A variety of vehicles are on offer on this tour which takes in sights including Belfast City Hall, Queen’s University, Stormont, Titanic Quarter, Shankill and Falls Roads, including murals and peace line. 028 9080 9080 valuecabs.co.uk

WALKING TOURS

Belfast Free Walking Tour
Discover the history of the city and its people on this tip-based 2 hour walking tour, which departs daily at 11am from the front of Belfast City Hall – look out for the yellow umbrella! 07393 585531 belfastfreewalkingtour.com

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**Belfast à Pied**
Explore Belfast City Centre on this French-speaking tour of the city, and discover its architecture, history, industrial glory, religious and social divides, a clarification on “The Troubles” and the political situation and its famous people. The tour starts and finishes in front of Belfast City Hall and lasts 2-2½ hours. 07772 873 342 belfast-a-pied.com

**Belfast Hidden Tours**
The best way to discover Belfast is by walking through its streets, meeting its people and enjoying the craic. The tour visits many aspects of the city including art, history, politics and culture. 07971 895746 belfasthiddentours.com

**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

**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

**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

**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 07779 269 182 drtomsstours.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

**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

**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

**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 ifbuildingscoulldtalktour.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

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**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 experienced, fun, and knowledgeable guides. 07733 169476 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 tours.com

**Bike Mourne**
Experience majestic mountains, dramatic coasts, stunning landscapes, enchanting forests, award winning mountain bike trails and endless year-round cycle adventures in the Mourne Mountains. Bike...
Mourne offer mountain, touring and electric bike hire from their extensive fleet or enjoy a guided bike or electric bike tour with one of their passionate guides. 028 4377 0714 bikemourne.com

**FILM TOURS**

**Line of Duty Tours**
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

**Derry Girls Taxi 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. 07825 631550 belfastlad.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 mcombscoaches.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 studiotour.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

**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

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

**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

**VISITBELFAST.COM**

**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

**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

**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
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.
Eating Out

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

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
ampbelfast.com

Bert’s Bar
High Street
Bert’s Jazz Bar is the first authentic jazz bar in Northern Ireland, offering an excellent selection of live jazz and mouth-watering food.
028 9026 2713
theremchanthotel.com

Blank Restaurant
43 Malone Road
Embark on a truly unique dining experience and leave all the choices to us. It’s more than just a menu, it is about celebrating exceptional produce from this island. Bring an open mind and trust our expertise to gain a new perspective on unexpected and surprising ingredients.
028 9040 6399
blankbelfast.com

Buba Belfast
St Anne’s Square
A hamburger and grill restaurant offering a delicious selection of flame grilled burgers, succulent grills, tempting bits, dirty tots, saucy dips and tasty sides. Not forgetting about their cracking cocktails, boozy shakes and decadent desserts.
028 9568 0162
bubabelfast.com

Cellar Restaurant
Belfast Castle, off Antrim Road
Whether you’re looking for morning coffee, a quick snack or a full evening meal, there’s something to suit all tastes in this intimate and quaint eatery within historic Belfast Castle.
028 9037 0133
belfastcastle.co.uk

Coco Restaurant
7-11 Linenhall Street
The chic boutique surroundings of Coco welcome those who love to eat well, in style. Relax and enjoy locally sourced food, cooked to perfection.
028 9031 1150
cocobelfast.com

Cutters Wharf
Lockview Road, Stranmillis
Relax overlooking the river with an intimate lunch or dinner. The extensive menu offers dishes ranging from re-interpreted classics to modern flavours, which are sure to tempt your taste buds.
028 9080 5100
cutterswharf.co.uk

Deanes at Queens
1 College Gardens
With its glorious terrace, Deanes at Queens takes full advantage of its enviable location. Chris Fearon of Great British Menu fame serves up a variety of menu options.
028 9038 2111
michaeldeane.co.uk

Deanes Meat Locker
28-40 Howard Street
When you combine the sheer skill of Deanes chefs with the superb quality of Hannan Meats and the accuracy of the Asador Grill you create a dining experience that simply excels.
028 9033 1134
michaeldeane.co.uk

Flame Restaurant
The Ewart, 3 Bedford Square
Flame’s custom built 10ft Asador Grill and Tandoori ovens bring cooking to life. Soak up the relaxed, friendly atmosphere as you sit at your table overlooking the open kitchen.
028 9033 2121
flamerestaurant.co.uk

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

Bank Square Brasserie
56-58 Berry Street
Located in Bank Square this intimate restaurant is one of Belfast’s hidden gems, serving locally sourced food seven days and six nights a week, as well as a fresh mix of cocktails to evoke summer memories.
028 9031 0809
havanabanksq.com

44 Hill Street
44 Hill Street
A vibrant celebration of modern food influenced by the flavours of the Mediterranean, using local products from local, independent producers. Enjoy seasonal cuisine serving everything from casual lunch to plates you can share with your friends or family.
028 9590 8444
44hillstreet.com

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 Jonny Glass and his team have created an extensive menu of all-time favourites using fresh and seasonal produce. Pop in and check out the fantastic vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and skinny menus.
028 9023 4946
homebelfast.co.uk

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
4-5 Joy’s Entry
Henry’s, named after historic Belfast figure and United Irishman Henry Joy McCracken, has been a pub for over 100 years. Call into this Joy’s Entry bar for great drinks, traditional food, live music and plenty of history.
028 9032 6711
henrysbrand.co.uk

James St
21 James Street South
James St really is the place where good food, wine and service come together in relaxed surroundings. Enjoy lunch specials, the pre-theatre menu, an extensive à la carte menu, alongside weekend brunch and a great Sunday Roast.
028 9560 0700
jamesstandco.com

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

Eating Out

The Food & Drink voucher allows you to choose from a mouth-watering selection of eateries from Michelin Star fine dining and quirky restaurants, to gastropubs and cafes.
visitbelfast.com/voucher

available to purchase at visitbelfast welcome centre
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

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

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

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

Ryan’s Bar & Restaurant
116-118 Lisburn Road
A traditional menu with a fresh contemporary twist, from sharing platters to veggie grazers, farm quality assured steaks to Irish boxty. A family friendly venue with a relaxed atmosphere.
028 9050 9850
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

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

The Teal Monkey
89 Dublin Road
In the middle of Belfast’s Golden Mile you’ll find this haven specialising in bistro classics – excellent steaks, burgers, pasta and fish. Check out the wine and cocktail lists too.
028 9033 2030
thetealmonkey.co.uk

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

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

Waterman
5-23 Hill Street
A no frills restaurant serving a European menu using local Irish ingredients. Housed in Waterman House in Belfast’s Cathedral Quarter, Waterman Restaurant also contains an associated cookery school. Menus change weekly depending on availability of seasonal produce, with local beers and gins changing monthly.
028 9043 4310
waterman.restaurant

Seafood

Deanes Love Fish
28-40 Howard Street
Seafood dominates the wide ranging menu but it is the extraordinary affordability of the signature dishes, excellent quality and presentation at Deanes Love Fish that will surprise and delight you.
028 9033 1134
michaeldeane.co.uk

Fish City
33 Ann Street
Open all day serving breakfast, lunch and dinner using local and sustainably sourced food. As well as the traditional and award winning fish & chips, enjoy an extensive menu of seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes.
028 9023 1000
fish-city.com

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

The Oyster Rooms
2-4 Winecellar Entry
Located above the historic White’s Tavern, step upstairs to enjoy a menu of locally sourced, authentic Irish food alongside great drinks and live music. 028 9031 2582 whitestavernbelfast.com

Italian

Coppi
St Anne’s Square
Open seven days a week, Coppi specialises in simple Italian classics big on flavour and offers a range of cichetti (Italian style tapas), starters, main courses, pizzetta and pasta freshly made daily. 028 9031 1959 coppi.co.uk

Villa Italia Restaurant
39-41 University Road
In the heart of the bustling Queen’s Quarter, Villa Italia, is a firm favourite with visitors and locals. The extensive grill, pizza and pasta menu offers a selection of authentic Italian dishes. 028 9032 8356 villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk

Spanish

EDŌ
Upper Queen Street
A new, contemporary, European dining experience in the heart of the city offering tapas style sharing plates, robust meat and fish dishes and charcoal oven cooked steaks. 028 9031 3054 edorestaurant.co.uk

Mexican

La Taqueria
53 Castle St
A family of independent taco restaurants whose craft is rooted in trusted, traditional Mexican flavours and recipes that not only showcase some of Northern Ireland’s famous local produce but also Mexico’s amazing ingredients that they ship themselves. 07748786654 lataqueriabelfast.co.uk

Asian

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

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

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

7 Spice
St Anne’s Square
Located in the heart of the Cathedral Quarter, 7 Spice is ideal for a pre-show meal of authentic Bangladeshi cuisine – or spend make an evening of it in one of its unique VIP dining pods! 028 9031 0210 7spicebelfast.online

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
CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY

Guilt Trip
4 Orangefield Lane, EastSide
Guilt Trip proudly offers a wide selection of unique donuts made fresh in house each morning alongside some of the best coffee they could source.
instagram.com/guilttripcoffee/

The Lamppost Café
19 Upper Newtownards Road
A cosy, C.S Lewis themed cafe in the heart of East Belfast with vintage crockery and a warm and welcoming atmosphere.
Family friendly and dog friendly.
028 9058 0059
thelamppostcafe.com

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

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.
028 9038 1961
yellowdoordeli.co.uk

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

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

Waterman House
Cookery School
Cathedral Quarter
028 9560 0701
waterman.house

Forestside Cookery School
SouthSide
07709 827282
forestsidecookeryschool.com
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!
Pubs & Clubs

CITY CENTRE

Angel And Two Bibles
1 Goose Entry
Buzz for entry and climb the stairway to Belfast’s hidden cocktail bar. Cosy up with a cocktail by the fire or enjoy rooftop drinks on the heated outdoor terrace. This intimate speakeasy boasts two extensive cocktail books complete with cocktails, punch bowls and non-alcoholic serves.
07518 283 884
angelandtwobiblesbelfast.com

Fountain Lane
16 Fountain Street
Established in 1901, make a stop at the newly refurbished Fountain Lane for fantastic food and drink with big screen sports, live local and trad music and great company, 7 days a week!
028 9032 4769
fountainlanebelfast.com

Granny Annie’s
81 Chichester Street
“You’re at your granny’s” is a local saying that means, relax and let us spoil you a bit. And that’s what Granny Annies is all about – with its quirky setting, fresh, local food, great choice of drinks plus regular live music. Look out for regular meal, cocktails and entertainment promotions too.
028 9032 1331
grannyannies.co.uk

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028 9032 6711
henneysbelfast.com

The Jailhouse
Joy’s Entry
The Jailhouse, and adjoining sister bar Henrys, offers a fantastic range of traditional food, local drinks and entertainment alongside the rich history of their name sake Henry Joy.
028 9032 6711
thejailhousebelfast.com

Kelly’s Cellars
30-32 Bank Street
One of the oldest pubs in Belfast, Kelly’s Cellars remains resolutely old fashioned, with vaulted ceilings and an elbow worn bar, providing food, traditional music sessions & plenty of craic.
028 9024 6058
kellyscellars.co.uk

Margot
18 Donegall Square East
Tucked away below street level is Margot, serving small plates, flat breads, creative cocktails and carefully curated drinks every day of the week. Late Late Club every Friday and Saturday from 9pm - 2am.
028 9693 1211
margotbelfast.com

The Morning Star
17-19 Pottinger’s Entry
This historic pub dates back to 1810 with the original mahogany counter and old terrazzo floor. The upstairs restaurant prides itself on serving freshly made food using the best ingredients sourced locally.
028 9023 5986
themorningstarbar.co.uk

The National
62-68 High Street
An airy and sophisticated space to relax and socialise with friends, it offers a paired back cocktail menu, simple but bold food menus and coffee that packs a punch.
028 9031 1130
thenationalbelfast.com

Out of Office
96-98 High Street
Belfast’s first dedicated brewery and taproom, located on the 2nd floor of the popular Ulster Sports Club. Taproom will be open Thursday-Saturday offering a range of freshly brewed-on-site beers and other local craft offerings. There’s also an educational tour and tasting, where you’ll learn just what goes into producing an Out of Office beer.
outofficebrewing.co.uk

Revolución de Cuba
25-39 Arthur Street
The ultimate Cuban food, cocktail and fiesta experience. With dazzling handcrafted cocktails, dishes loaded with exotic flavours and full on tropical party vibes unlike anything you’ve experienced before!
028 9590 9249
revoluciondecuba.com

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

Voodoo
9-11 Fountain Street
Relax in the intimate bottom bar or venture upstairs to the club and music venue. The lunch menu is a perfect blend of traditional and Cajun style dishes at very affordable prices.
028 9027 8290
voodooberghotel.com

Visitsbelfast.com
CATHEDRAL QUARTER

The Cloth Ear
35-39 Waring Street
The Cloth Ear’s warm and welcoming interior provides the ideal environment to relax in style. Combining both modern and traditional elements with a healthy dose of the eccentric!
Food served daily. 028 9026 2719  themerchanthotel.com

The Deer’s Head
1-3 Lower Garfield St
Inside this historic saloon bar (1885) you’ll find Bell’s Brewery on full display, where you can observe the entire brewing process from the comfort of your seat. Fully immerse yourself in the first Brew Pub experience in Belfast. 028 9043 4655  thedeersheadbelfast.com

The Dirty Onion
3 Hill Street
A modern take on the traditional Irish pub with live entertainment and great ‘crac’; 7 nights a week including open workshops in singing and traditional instruments, to sessions with traditional musicians. 028 9024 3712  thedirtyonion.com

The Duke of York
Commercial Court
A traditional Belfast bar, crammed with original mirrors and memorabilia. Cold beer, great Guinness and the largest selection of Irish whiskeys in Ireland. 028 9024 1062 dukeofyorkbelfast.com

The Northern Whig
2-10 Bridge Street
With a blend of luxury, comfort and glamour the Whig is dedicated to bringing you the best that Belfast has to offer in all aspects of hospitality with the best in local cuisine and specialist cocktails. 028 9050 9888 thenorthernwhig.com

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

Tetto Rooftop Bar and Garden
70-74 Ann Street
Located on the top floor of Bullitt Hotel, Tetto is a rooftop bar, garden and kitchen complete with panoramic city views across Belfast. Offering cocktails, sharing platters, live music and more.

LINEN QUARTER

The Bone Yard
29-33 Bedford Street
A quirky outdoor venue in the heart of Belfast! There are picnic tables inside and out, or why not reserve one of the living room containers. Enjoy a wide range of drinks, big screen sports and food from the Pug Ugly and Tribal Burger Trucks. Dog friendly venue. 028 9032 0030 theboneyardbelfast.com

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.

Lavery’s
12-18 Bradbury Place
A true Belfast institution, Lavery’s is legendary for its atmosphere, live music, pool tables, pub grub and beer selection. Also has a heated beer garden and covered roof terrace. 028 9087 1106 laverysbelfast.com

Limelight Belfast
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The Limelight complex
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<td>028 9032 7007 limelightbelfast.com</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>028 9066 2600 thebowerybelfast.co.uk</td>
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<td>Enjoy a pint in the Saloon Bar, fine food in the Bistro, live Irish music in Fibber Mageeys nightly, or even sing the night away in the Karaoke bar BT1.</td>
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<td>Linen House 12 Brunswick Street</td>
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<td>This is a brilliant multi-venue complex with a gastropub, Sweet Afton, Rita’s Cocktail Bar, The Perch Rooftop Bar, Franklins Sports Bar plus an outdoor market space - all in the one location!</td>
<td>028 9024 8000 sweetaftonbelfast.com</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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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.

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

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Renting a car is another great way to get around Belfast.
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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.

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

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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.

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

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