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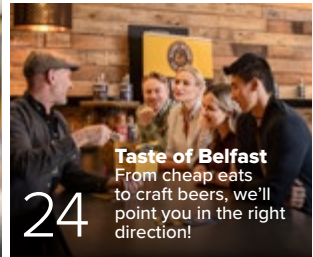
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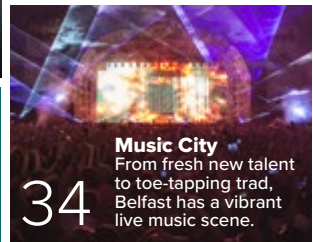
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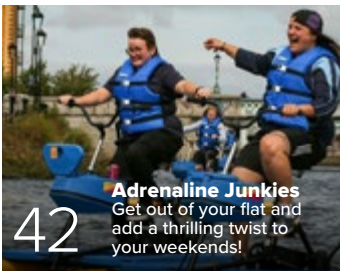
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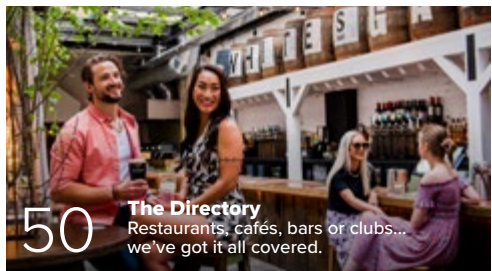
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City Areas

City Centre



At the heart of the city centre is Belfast City Hall. Opened in 1906, it hosts a visitor exhibition that tracks the city's history, offers guided tours of the Council Chambers and is home to the Titanic Memorial Garden. After exploring the shops and stores on Donegall Place and Royal Avenue, or the Victorian St George's Market, hunt out the many cool cafés, cosy pubs and tasty restaurants hidden in the entries, streets and avenues.

TOP TIP

As well as sensational shopping at Victoria Square, don't miss taking the lift up to the huge dome to enjoy 360° degree views right across the city.

Cathedral Quarter



This historic trading quarter is a maze of cobblestoned streets and warehouses that are now home to trendy bars, clubs and restaurants. Visitor attractions include the Metropolitan Arts Centre (the MAC), St Anne's Cathedral, the NI War Memorial, the Oh Yeah Music Centre and the Discover Ulster Scots Centre. Full of colourful street art, this area of town is buzzing with music, entertainment and fun at night.

TOP TIP

Make time for afternoon tea in the luxurious Merchant Hotel to admire the opulent surroundings, huge domed ceiling and Ireland's largest chandelier.

Linen Quarter



Belfast was once the linen capital of the world with factories, warehouses and grand buildings springing up to the south of the Old White Linen Hall, now the site of Belfast City Hall. Today visitors can enjoy the architecture of these old linen mills which house a mix of offices, chic bars and award-winning restaurants. This is a great part of town to enjoy pre-theatre dinner and drinks before catching an entertaining show at the Grand Opera House.

TOP TIP

Be sure to visit Ireland's tallest bar, the Observatory at the Grand Central Hotel, where you can take in the view and savour the most masterfully mixed cocktail creations.

Titanic Quarter



Steeped in memories when Belfast was a world centre of maritime trade, ship-building and commerce, the Titanic Quarter is one of the World's largest urban waterfront regeneration schemes. Visit or take a tour of the many Titanic related visitor attractions, be wowed by the interactive visitor centre W5, catch a show, concert or ice hockey match at the SSE Arena or discover the fascinating history of World War One survivor, HMS Caroline.

TOP TIP

Enjoy afternoon tea in the opulent 'Drawing Office Two' at the Titanic Hotel Belfast, where many of the world's most famous ocean liners were designed.

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

Queen's
Quarter



Home to Queen's University Belfast, the area is abound with tranquil parks and gardens. Come face to face with dinosaurs, get up close with an Egyptian mummy, or marvel at some of the best Irish art, there's plenty to enjoy and loads to love at the Ulster Museum. Stroll through the Victorian Palm House in Botanic Gardens, take in an art-house movie at QFT, relax in one of the many cool coffee shops or enjoy great live music or stand-up comedy at the Empire Music Hall.

TOP TIP

The neighbouring Lisburn Road offers the ultimate designer shopping experience dotted with a selection of cafés, artisan delis, salons and wine bars.

Gaeltacht
Quarter



The focus of Irish language, music and culture is in the west of the city. Many visitors come to see the area's famous political murals and peace wall but there's plenty more to discover. An Chultúrlann, the Quarter's culture and arts centre, contains an excellent restaurant, gift shop, theatre and gallery. See Clonard Monastery or enjoy the three mile Divis Summit Trail, a specifically designed loop walk on Divis Mountain with spectacular views over Belfast.

TOP TIP

Don't miss the James Connolly Visitor Centre (Áras Uí Chonghaile) which offers a thought provoking insight into his life, politics and the impact he had on the history of the island of Ireland.

EastSide



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 and famous people who lived in the area including CS Lewis, George Best and Van Morrison.

TOP TIP

Rediscover The Chronicles of Narnia with a walk through CS Lewis Square, featuring seven bronze sculptures from 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.

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 Old Shankill Graveyard, dating back to the 14th century, the Shankill Memorial Park and the ancient Bullaun Stone. St Matthew's Church, built in 1872, is nearby and is known as the Shankill Shamrock due to its unique design and distinctive shape.

TOP TIP

Stop at Cupar Way to see the murals, graffiti and short messages of peace and hope left by thousands of visitors to the Peace Wall.

Explore Your Neighbourhoods

north

Where rugged nature and exotic animals meet the city. Explore ancient ráths and forts, trek ecotrails and orienteering routes. Or unearth historic gaols and Belfast's only castle.



south

The quiet, leafy, bohemian neighbourhood. Where students learn amongst classic architecture and tropical ravines. Explore a treasure trove of fascinating shops, cafés and nightlife.



east

The birth place of C.S.Lewis, Van Morrison, George Best and the gateway to the EastSide Greenways cycling and walking trails. Discover this down-to-earth neighbourhood, home to Belfast's shipyard heritage, curiosity shops and a foodies paradise.



west

Fáilte Go Dti lathar Bhéal Feirste – Welcome to West Belfast. The focus of Irish language, music, culture and heritage. Here you'll discover the famous International Wall, Divis & Black Mountain and the historic Gaeltacht Quarter.



CHECKLIST:

Starting university can be overwhelming, especially if you're living away from home for the first time. With so many things to try and remember to bring, we've put together a helpful checklist of things not to forget.

BANK ACCOUNT 01

Remember to shop around for a student bank account that works for you, and one that can give you a good interest-free overdraft.

IDENTIFICATION 02

This is an obvious one, but it's easy to forget that I.D. will be necessary for registration and of course getting into bars and clubs!

HEALTH 03

When moving to a new city, make sure that you register with a local GP and dentist, so that your medical details can be transferred.

LAPTOP 04

A staple for any student, laptops are essential for assignments, coursework and presentations.



MOBILE PHONE 05

Shop around for different mobile networks if you are looking for a contract of your own. Most providers offer unlimited calls and texts and be realistic about the amount of data you will need. If you're planning to travel check if roaming is included.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX 06

Make sure to pack something to store valuables in, e.g. passports, jewellery etc.

ADAPTERS 07

If you are an international student, check the voltage and plugs on your electronic items as you may need to get some adapters.

INSURANCE 08

Check if your student accommodation includes contents insurance, and if not then make sure you shop around for a decent student policy to get your belongings covered.

STATIONERY 09

Pens, paper, folders and files are going to be must-haves for your first few weeks so make sure you're stocked up!



CLOTHES 10

A new city and a new university might give you a chance to re-invent your wardrobe, so don't miss those all-important student shopping night events (see P14/15). Lots of stores offer student discount all year round, so make sure you always bring your student card when you're shopping!

BOOKS 11

Prior to starting your course, you will most likely find that you have a required reading list. Check what's on it before you arrive on campus and see if you can source some of the books or download digital editions.

TV LICENCE 12

The law still applies to students, so check the TV licensing website to see if you're covered.

Bucket List:

No matter the duration of your studies in Belfast, make sure to tick off our bucket list of must-do's during your time in Belfast.

OUTDOORS

01

Chill out in the grounds of City Hall

A popular green space right in the heart of the city, with park benches and a large lawn it's the perfect sunspot for lying around with a book, an ice-cream or takeout lunch.

SEE

02

Kiss the Big Fish!

Legend has it that if you kiss The Salmon of Knowledge (affectionately known as The Big Fish), you'll gain all of its wisdom - it's got to be worth a try! The beautiful blue scales are made up of ceramic tiles describing different scenes from the city's history.



02

OUTDOORS

03



Take a trek up Cave Hill

Spectacular views of the city await you at the top of this popular walking trail, so pack a picnic and pull on your hiking boots to see Belfast in all its glory.

SPORT

04

Watch Live Sport

Head down to Windsor Park to watch the Green and White Army play international football or head to the Kingspan Stadium for an Ulster Rugby game in the east of the city.

EXPERIENCE

05

Visit Titanic Belfast

Explore the shipyard, walk the decks and travel to the depths of the ocean to uncover the true legend of Titanic, in the city where it all began.



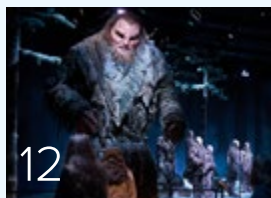
EXPERIENCE

06

Festival Fever

Whether its culture, cuisine, comedy or music, there's plenty to celebrate, so make sure to experience the city's jam-packed programme of annual events and festivals. See **P48/49**





NIGHTLIFE

07

Rooftop Cocktails

Belfast is now home to an array of rooftop bars, a great way to take in the city views whilst having a sip. Some of our favourites include The Perch, Tetto, The Observatory and The Loft.



PUB

08

Have a pint in one of Belfast's oldest pubs

Make a stop at one of the city's historic hosteleries including the Crown Bar, Kelly's Cellars or White's Tavern, where you can enjoy great beer and maybe a spot of traditional music.



COMEDY

09

Laugh your leg off at a comedy night

Enjoy a great line-up from the comedy circuit. With plenty of drinks deals on offer, it's a night of all-round great fun, with venues including the Empire on Botanic Avenue and the legendary Lavery's on Shaftesbury Square.

EXPERIENCE

10

Visit Crumlin Road Gaol

Discover over 150 years of history in Northern Ireland's only remaining Victorian era prison. The guided tour will allow you to explore the building's colourful past and gain memorable insight into the daily lives of both prisoners and prison officers over the Gaol's existence.

CAFÉS

11

Try a Belfast Bap

Nothing says Belfast like an Ulster Fry or a good old Belfast Bap. The city is brimming with tasty spots for breakfast and brunch, but there's no greater spot to enjoy the 'belly-busting' Belfast Bap than St George's Market.

TOUR

12

Game of Thrones Studio Tour

Step inside the Seven Kingdoms for an immersive experience and explore the world of Game of Thrones like never before. If you're looking for an epic film experience, it's the ultimate day out!

OUTDOORS

13

Hire a Belfast Bike

Hire a bike from one of the 40 docking stations located across the city to explore the flat paths along the traffic-free Lagan and Lough Cycle Way, for a picturesque day out on two wheels.

FUN

14

Experience Ireland's longest zipline!

Take the Glider to Colin Glen for a fun-filled action packed adventure. There's a range of activities on offer including Ireland's only Alpine Coaster and the 700m River Rapid zipline!



EXPLORE THE CITY



Food & Drink Tours



Traditional Music Trail



TV & Movie Tours

A great way of getting familiar with your new 'home' city is to take a tour, and we've got a great selection of unique and quirky ways of getting to know the real Belfast.

1 Belfast Traditional Music Trail

A unique way to experience Irish music. With two professional musicians as your guides, walk through cobbled alleyways, past famous landmarks and on to private bars in some of the city's oldest buildings. At each of the three stops you will be treated to a performance of traditional tunes, songs and stories. Starts at 3pm every Saturday. belfasttradtrail.com

2 Food & Drink Tours

There are a number of delicious food and drink tours on offer in and around the city. Choose from the Belfast Food Tour around the city's gastronomic hot spots, the Belfast Gin Jaunt around the best cocktail bars, the Crafty Beer & Street Eats tour around the best beer bars or the Whiskey Walk around the Cathedral Quarter. tasteandtour.co.uk

3 TV & Movie Tours

If you're a fan of HBO's fantasy drama 'Game of Thrones', crime busting BBC drama 'Line of Duty' or the entertaining and 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 series. britmovietours.com



Coiste Irish Political Tours



Belfast Bike Tours



Street Art Tours

4 Coiste Irish Political Tours

Experience a bus or walking tour with trained tour guides from the Republican and Loyalist ex-prisoner community who give a truly unique insight into the British - Irish conflict, and how it has shaped their communities. Recently listed as one of Europe's most alternative city tours. coiste.ie

5 Belfast Bike Tours

One of the best ways to see the city is on two wheels. From the Titanic slipways, past the Big Fish, you'll pedal on to the cool Cathedral Quarter, and city centre, then south to the Botanical Gardens, finishing at the colourful St. George's Market. belfastbiketours.co.uk

6 Street Art Walking Tour

As you stroll the city streets, you'll stumble across world-class masterpieces in the most unexpected nooks and crannies around the city. Take a tour to understand Belfast's relationship with street art and how the narrative of the city is changing. seedheadarts.com/street-art/walking-tour

7 DC Self-Guided Audio Tours

Explore the city at your own pace with a range of audio tours to take you on a journey through the city's history, culture, architecture and stories. The 'Best of Belfast City Trail' is available on the DC Tours app in English, Spanish and French. deadcentretours.com

8 Belfast Free Walking Tour

Discover the history of the city and its people with a passionate and entertaining local guide. This tip based 2 hour walking tour is available in English or Spanish and departs daily at 11am and 2.30pm from the front of Belfast City Hall - look out for the yellow umbrella! belfastfreewalkingtour.com

9 Belfast Music Walking Tour

Music plays a significant part in the fabric of Belfast, making it a vibrant city to live in. This walking tour explores the rich music scene, taking in some off the beaten track venues before enjoying a live performance at the Oh Yeah Music Centre. creativetoursbelfast.com

For more inspiration, see visitbelfast.com



Money saving tips

Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves. Don't waste your money unnecessarily as there might be a lot of new things you would like to try during your first term. Check out our top money saving tips.

VINTAGE SHOPPING

A great way to save some pennies is by buying vintage or second-hand. Belfast have a treasure trove of vintage and charity shops for you to trawl through.

SAVE ON TRAVEL!

With a free Translink yLink card, you will get a massive 50% off all Translink bus (including Glider) and rail travel across Northern Ireland, plus up to 50% off the Belfast-Dublin Enterprise service.

DISCOUNT STORES/ POUND SHOPS

Key essentials like toothpaste, deodorant and shower gel are normally much cheaper here than in the supermarket or the local shop, so it's worth shopping around and stock up whilst you're there!

SUPERMARKET OWN BRANDS

Lots of own brand food products taste exactly the same as their far more expensive counterparts – so have a think before you lift that big brand and pay double! Also, many supermarkets have great reductions on short-date items, so look out for the yellow stickers. Great for picking up bargains for the freezer or if you're looking for something to eat the same day.

TRIM THE COST OF A HAIR CUT

Many salons offer student discount, and it's even cheaper to get your hair cut at a training college. If you're happy to queue, head down to the Academy Hair & Beauty Training School on Rosemary Street, or book an appointment for the open clinics from October to May at Urban Escape in Belfast Met's Titanic Quarter campus.

FILL A TROLLEY AT IKEA

For all your kitchen, bedroom and living room essentials, it's definitely worth a trip to IKEA. You won't believe the bargains.

SCOUR DISCOUNT SITES

Students can access big savings with UNIDAYS, TOTUM and Student Beans, offering free discounts for sixth form, college and university students for everything from fashion and food to fitness. It's also worth checking out discount websites like Groupon, Pigsback and VoucherCloud. Sign up for the daily email alerts to keep an eye on the top offers.

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Welcome to shopping in Belfast, a dream for style lovers, savvy shoppers, and foodies alike. With a mix of high street favourites, quirky independent stores, specialty shops, cool boutiques, and bustling markets, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

RETAIL THERAPY



Victoria Square

Victoria Square is Belfast's premiere shopping destination featuring over 70 international and local brand stores including Fraser, Apple, Urban Outfitters, Pull & Bear, Hollister and Vans. The centre is also home to a variety of cafés and restaurants as well as the Odeon cinema. Don't miss their Student Social Event on Tuesday 24th Sept from 5pm-8pm.

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. There's 13 great food outlets to choose from and on site parking. Don't miss the Big Discount Night on 26th September from 5pm - 9pm.

SEE MAP

Queen's Arcade

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

SEE MAP

Hidden Gems

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



Daisies

Daisies is a local cafe and chocolate confectioner with all products handmade and ethically sourced.



American Madness

This unique vintage store, located next to the Comber Greenway, opens from 10am - 5pm every Saturday and is stocked full of vintage clothing and records as well as a curated selection of books and magazines.



Craft Gallery NI

The Gallery's elegant display of jewellery, ceramics, glass, textiles, wood and paper make is a perfect spot to treat yourself, find a unique decorative piece for your home or a thoughtful gift for a special occasion.



Donegall Place

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

SEE MAP (D4)

St George's Market

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

SEE MAP (D4)

Lisburn Road

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

SEE MAP (A8)

Budget Belfast

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



01



02



03

Ulster Museum

Come face to face with dinosaurs, meet an ancient Egyptian mummy and see modern masterpieces with a visit to the Ulster Museum. As Northern Ireland's treasure house of the past and the present, the Ulster Museum is home to a rich collection of art, history and natural sciences and entry is completely free to all visitors.

Botanic Gardens & Tropical Ravine

Next to Ulster Museum you'll find the beautiful Botanic Gardens. Stroll along the walking routes, enjoy the horticulture or relax on the manicured lawns. The Tropical Ravine at Botanic Gardens is a must-visit for botany-lovers and completely free to enter. Discover rare species and visit the lily pond and waterfall, all housed in a stunningly restored Victorian building.

Cave Hill

Offering spectacular views over the city,

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

The MAC

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

St George's Market

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

CS Lewis Square

Rediscover The Chronicles of Narnia with a walk through CS Lewis Square. Featuring seven bronze sculptures from 'The Lion, The Witch

and The Wardrobe', it is a stunning display of public art.

The Linen Hall

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

The Dome at Victoria Square

Boasting 360° views across the city, don't miss taking the lift to the top of this stunning shopping destination. Take a free tour of the dome with a local tour guide who will point out areas of interest.

Glass of Thrones Trail

If you know your Starks from your Lannisters, your Baratheons from your Targaryens, you'll love this walking trail comprising six stunning stained-glass installations, each one depicting an iconic scene from the greatest show ever.

Discover Ulster-Scots Centre

Discover more about the Ulster-Scots heritage and how they emigrated around the world to become some of the more important world leaders and entrepreneurs in history.

Stormont Parliament Buildings

Home to the NI Assembly and one of the most striking pieces of architecture in Northern Ireland. Enjoy a walk around the stunning 407 acre Stormont Estate.

Political Murals

You can learn more about the history of 'The Troubles' with a walk along two of the most prolific areas in Belfast, the Falls Road and the Shankill Road, to view these amazing works of art.

See visitbelfast.com for more information on free things to see and do in the city.

Keep Fit:

It can be hard staying fit and healthy if you are a student. Between exams, looming assignment deadlines and trying to maintain a social life, it's not always easy to eat well or fit in a workout. Here's some top tips to get some exercise into your new routine.



JOIN A STUDENT CLUB 01

There's a multitude of sports that you can take part in while studying in Belfast, whether you're interested in social, club or performance sport. Check out what's on offer through your students union where you can get involved in everything from hockey, rowing, tennis, golf and athletics to more unusual options like Wado Ryu Karate, cheerleading, Aikido, under-water hockey and lacrosse.

JOIN A GYM 02

If you are going to sign up to a gym, just make sure to get the best deal you can possibly get. Check which gyms offer student discounts, get an off peak membership, take advantage of free trials and do whatever you can to get the price down.

STRESS BUSTERS 03

You're much more likely to reach for the junk food when you're feeling stressed. Download a mindfulness app, grab a yoga mat or go for a walk to clear your head.

TRY SOMETHING NEW 04

It doesn't have to be all about treadmills and weights – try Splash Outdoor waterpark on the outskirts of Moneymore, offering inflatable aqua park, paddleboarding, kayaking, open water swimming & new 'Top Deck' Eatery (run by the team at Jungle N1), Scrapyard Golf - craziest indoor golf with 18 unique holes, test your head for heights with some challenging fun at Clip 'n Climb, or check out SKYTrek - Ireland's premier high and low ropes activity centre at Colin Glen Forest Park which also includes Ireland's longest zipline and the Black Bull Run Alpine Coaster. Lagan Adventures - Belfast Hydrobikes - a unique water sports experience on the River Lagan.

5k PARKRUN 05

Parkrun operate free 5km (3.1 mile) timed runs at 9 different locations in Belfast on a Saturday morning at 9.30am. You can sign up online, bring along your personalised barcode and track your performance, or just do it for fun! Many of the venues even offer refreshments afterwards. Find your local run at parkrun.org.uk

TAKE A HIKE 06

Grab those walking boots, pack a picnic and set off on a hike – there's some great hiking trails on offer in the surrounding Belfast Hills, which offer fantastic views across the city and beyond. Download the Belfast Hills app to choose your trail and find out more.





COFFEE CULTURE

Belfast packs a punch when it comes to high quality speciality coffee, with excellent baristas, funky interiors and, of course, an excellent cuppa, you'll be kick starting your day the right way.

What's more, many of these local gems stay open late, hosting everything from craft circles and acoustic music to regular board game nights, dishing up fabulous treats and keeping the caffeine flowing for late nights in the library! Here are a few of the best ones to check out:

CLEMENTS

One of the longest established locally-owned coffee chains, Clements is a firm favourite offering great coffee and tasty treats. They pride themselves on being passionate about the products they sell. With 10 locations around Belfast including Queen's University's

PEC, MBC, McClay Library and Jordanstown, your sure to find a way to get your caffeine fix.

ESTABLISHED COFFEE

Established was one of the first trailblazers on Belfast's coffee scene and is probably at the top of many a Belfast coffee lover's list. It's located in Belfast's trendy Cathedral Quarter and is a hipster's paradise, with industrial bare cement floors and walls and plenty of plug sockets to hook up your MacBook. Not only do they make amazing coffee, but the food is top notch also. They even host classes to help you up your at-home brewing game!

KAFFE O

Kaffe O brings a little Scandinavian charm to Belfast — as well as great coffee. This Nordic-inspired coffee house has branches on Botanic Avenue, Ormeau Road as well as their kiosk on Donegall Square North opposite Belfast City Hall. Their coveted blend is the reason for their success, which is imported from Ricco's Kaffe bars in Copenhagen.

OUTPUT ESPRESSO

Open seven days a week, Output offers a standout range of breakfast, brunch and lunch options, along with — of course — great coffee. And that's not all: there's even a short cocktail menu too.

GROUND ESPRESSO BARS

A local coffee chain which prides itself in maintaining a welcoming atmosphere producing excellent coffee, served with innovation in an ethical manner. In Belfast you'll find them at Victoria Square, Queen Street, Waterstones on Fountain Street and Next on Donegall Place.

DILLY AND DOLLY'S

Opened with the aim to be 'the most Instagrammable coffee shop in Ireland', Dilly and Dolly's has been stopping people in their tracks since they opened the doors on Ann Street. This pretty pink, quirky coffee shop is known for its delicious gelato, tasty coffees and treats that almost look too perfect to eat.



STARBUCKS

Found on street corners in cities across the globe, the green-aproned baristas have become the mascots of many people's morning routine. Concerned with more than flavour, Starbucks strives to fill its menu with responsibly sourced coffee, cocoa and tea that protect the farmers and bioregions they come from.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

This relaxed local neighbourhood eatery serves fine coffee and Antipodean brunches with the finest and freshest locally sourced food daily. There are 5 locations to discover: Ormeau Road, Stranmillis, Forestside, East Belfast, and a kiosk on Donegall Place in Belfast City Centre.

THE DOCK CAFÉ

The Dock Café is perhaps one of the most interesting and eclectic cafés in Belfast. Run by volunteers and based in the Titanic Quarter, it's an 'Honesty Box' café which

means it doesn't charge for the food and drinks served; it simply asks for donations based on what you think your order is worth.

ROOT & BRANCH CAFÉ & ROASTERS

A roastery & brew bar on the Newtownards Road, it's a place for creativity, experimentation and regular new roasts. Most of all, it's a place where you can have a wonderful cup of coffee or buy some beans to bring home. They also offer a carefully curated programme of events designed to elevate your coffee experience.

TRAIT

With its iconic blue facade, Trait has three locations located in Comber, the Lisburn Road and College Sq East. With a bakery facility in the Comber store, supplying all stores with freshly baked goods.

NEIGHBOURHOOD CAFE

Neighbourhood is a great choice for fantastic specialty coffee and has a brilliant brunch menu too, as well

as lots of tasty freshly baked goods and treats.

DISTRICT

District is an independently-owned coffee shop/deli serving fine coffee and great food on Saintfield Road, Lisburn Road and Ormeau Road, with loads of vegan and vegetarian options. District uses local roaster, Baillies, with single-origins served on espresso and pour-over through the V60.

THE POCKET

A small, humble establishment in the city centre located in the Flatiron Building on Upper Church Lane, serving high quality fresh food with a delicious brunch style menu. Enjoy great coffee, hot chocolate and iced teas in a chilled atmosphere.

LAMPPOST CAFÉ

For something a little bit different, check out this CS Lewis-themed café on the Newtownards Road. With a Narnia twist on tea shop decor, a ragtime soundtrack and everything served on vintage crockery, you will feel as though you have stepped back in time (or into the wardrobe!).



BELFAST IS A GREAT CITY FOR SPORTS FANS WITH AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECTATING AND TAKING PART! HERE'S OUR GUIDE TO FINDING THE BEST OF THE ACTION...

ULSTER RUGBY

Ulster Rugby competes in the Investec Champions Cup 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. There's always a cracking atmosphere and plenty of action to follow, so come along and 'stand up for the Ulstermen!'

[#SUFTUM](#)
[ulsterrugby.com](#)

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. Don't miss the **Friendship Four tournament** (29-30

Nov) which brings four top U.S. college hockey teams together to compete for the coveted Belpot trophy over Thanksgiving weekend.

[ssearenabelfast.com](#)

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

The season begins on September with the UEFA group stages kicking off with a match against Luxembourg. Follow this and all the Green and White Army action on social media using the hashtag [#GAWA](#). To learn more about the history of football here, a visit the Education and Heritage Centre at the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park is a must. 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 until October with the All-Ireland finals taking place in Dublin's Croke Park. Check individual fixtures online.
gaa.ie

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 Molson Coors Race Day (30 Sept), Ladbrokes Festival of Racing including Ladies Day (1 & 2 Nov) as well as the annual Boxing Day, St Patrick's Day and May Day meetings and the Summer



Festival of Racing in June. Student rate and bus shuttle tickets from Belfast are available.
downroyal.com

GREYHOUND RACING

Drumbo Park offers two action-packed race nights every week, so everyone's a winner! Wherever you sit to eat or have a drink, you can watch all the live racing action on large plasma screens, enjoying the electric atmosphere of a race night.
drumbopark.com

BETVICTOR NORTHERN IRELAND SNOOKER OPEN

Some of the biggest names in snooker return to the Waterfront for eight days of world-class competition (20-27 October).
www.waterfront.co.uk/

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

Take Part

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 enjoy some crazy indoor mini golf fun at **Lost City Adventure Golf** or **ScrapYard Golf**.



BELFAST CITY MARATHON

The Belfast City Half Marathon takes place on Sunday 22 September, or start your training plan for the annual Belfast City Marathon, taking place on Sunday 4 May 2025. If you choose not to run, you can still get involved by signing up as a volunteer.
belfastcitymarathon.com



CULTURE VULTURES

**BELFAST MAY BE
COMPACT IN SIZE,
BUT IT'S HUGE IN
IMAGINATION!**

MAKE SURE YOU SPEND
SOME TIME INDULGING
YOUR INTELLECTUAL
SIDE AND SOAK UP SOME
CULTURE IN THE CITY.

Museums and Visitor Attractions

Belfast is home to a number of fascinating museums including the Ulster Museum, the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, HMS Caroline, Clifton House, Titanic Belfast and Crumlin Road Gaol. Discover more about the history of Belfast and it's people.

Galleries

Belfast has an impressive array of gallery spaces, displaying everything from the most contemporary visual art at the **Golden Thread Gallery** and contemporary photographic exhibitions at **Belfast Exposed** to the freshest modern art in **The MAC**. **The Naughton Gallery** at Queen's features a rolling programme of works from the University's own collection, touring exhibitions and shows by local and international artists and the **Atypical Gallery** is the only permanent exhibition space in Ireland dedicated specifically to highlighting the work of disabled and D/deaf artists.

Historic Houses and Stately Homes

From stately homes to historic houses, take in neo-classical and gothic architecture surrounded by sprawling parkland and formal gardens; all within easy reach of Belfast. Must see stately houses include Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, Belfast Castle, Castle Ward and Mount Stewart.

The Bradley Gallery

Terry Bradley is probably one of the most recognisable and collectable artists working in Ireland today, so make sure to visit his gallery in Victoria Square.
terrybradley.com

Save the date

BELFAST INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

16 October –

20 November 2024

Northern Ireland's largest contemporary arts festival and cornerstone of the annual cultural calendar celebrates a 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 a hybrid of talks and ideas to enjoy live and in the comfort of your own home!

belfastinternationalartsfestival.com



LATE NIGHT ART

On the first Thursday of every month, over a dozen galleries in the city open their doors until 9pm, for an evening celebration of the vibrant visual arts scene in Belfast.

facebook.com/latenightartbelfast



The Murals

Once described as “the world’s greatest open-air gallery”, the murals of Belfast are a must-see experience. Artworks range from Republican and Loyalist political statements to colourful celebrations of the city’s famous sons and daughters. The Peace Wall that divides two communities in West Belfast is home to a vibrant mix of political murals, graffiti and commissioned public art – stop by to add your own message of peace and hope.

Public Art

Belfast has over 150 pieces of distinctive public art scattered across the city. Highlights include the ‘Big Fish’ on Donegall Quay, whose scales are made up of ceramic tiles decorated with texts and images relating to the history of Belfast, while the biggest art sculpture in the city is ‘Rise’ - its concentric

globes symbolising the rising sun and new hope for the city’s future.

The Linen Hall

Founded in 1788, The Linen Hall is the oldest library in Belfast and the last subscribing library in Ireland. It is renowned for its unparalleled Irish and Local Studies Collection and is a tranquil reading nook in the heart of the city.



WORTH THE TRIP

Northern Ireland’s Nobel Prize winning poet, **Seamus Heaney**, is celebrated with an exhibition space and world class programme of literary events at **HomePlace** in Bellaghy.



Taste of Belfast

All university cities have student areas which tend to be swamped with offers and deals available exclusively by flashing your student card.

In Belfast, get familiar with the multitude of hotspots dotted along the leafy Botanic Avenue and around the Queen's Quarter. The majority of cafes and fast food outlets offer loyalty apps, so make sure to download to earn stamps for a well-deserved freebie. Keep an eye out for unlicensed eateries that allow you to bring your own bottle (BYO), so you can enjoy a nice meal out without worrying about the added cost of your drinks.

EAT OUT

From local cuisine and fusion cooking, the city's diverse cultural traditions are also showcased with the very best of Chinese, Indian, Mexican, Spanish, Italian and Japanese food all well represented, so there's plenty to choose from. Check out **BaoBun** on Botanic Ave for exciting Taiwanese street food or **Villa Italia** on University Road, a local favourite with an amazing grill, pasta and pizza menu.

ST GEORGE'S MARKET

Swing by the market on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday and you can easily pick up a delicious and very affordable meal from one of the many different vendors. From filled crepes to paella and Indian food, there's something to suit every taste bud.

It's free to get in and is a great way to sample excellent local produce and eat great street food. Browse the stalls, grab a bite, enjoy the live music and soak up the cracking atmosphere in this Victorian gem.

COOK UP A STORM

With your brand new student cookbook firmly in hand, give your culinary skills free reign and whip up your own sumptuous feasts, with ingredients from around the world. Take a trip to a local deli or one of the many specialist food emporiums, with Asian and Bangladeshi supermarkets, Eastern European and African stores all within easy walking distance around the Queen's Quarter and Ormeau Rd area, the only limit on what you can make is your imagination!



Top Picks

The Boneyard

Located on Bedford St, the Boneyard is a covered outdoor bar with an extensive menu featuring cocktail trees, beer buckets as well as draft beers and spirits. You can grab a bite to eat from either Hi Burger, Slice by Orto and Wing It, there's something for everyone.

Little Wing

This local chain serves yummy, traditional Naples style pizzas - you'll find them in the city centre on Ann St & Lisburn Rd near Queen's Elms. Their huge 24" pizzas are great for sharing with your flatmates and you can save some dough by flashing your student ID card to get a tasty 20% discount on your food (up to parties of 4).

Boojum

Serving great burritos, tacos, bowls, salads and nachos at a very reasonable price, this is a student favourite! Download their app to collect, track and redeem loyalty stamps to unlock free meals and bag yourself a coveted Boojum Addict Tee. Located on Botanic Ave, Lisburn Rd, Great Victoria St & Chichester St.

Maggie Mays

Another must is a Maggie Mays Ulster Fry, a plate loaded with bacon, sausage, egg, tomato, mushrooms, hash browns, soda bread, potato bread and pancake. Enjoy a vast menu of wallet friendly home cooking and seriously good milkshakes at their Stranmillis, Botanic Ave and Castle St locations.

Common Market

The tastiest street food that Belfast has to offer brought together under one roof. With food options for all, three fully-stocked bars and great live music, it's a great place to eat, drink and socialise in the heart of the city. Open 12pm-midnight Thursday to Sunday at 16-20 Dunbar Street.

TREAT YOURSELF

Explore amazing delis such as **Sawers** on Fountain St and **Avoca** on Arthur St where you'll find a treasure trove of weird and wonderful ingredients. If you have a sweet tooth, don't miss a stop at **Hotel Chocolat** on Donegall Square North.

ART OF CRAFT

Craft beers and ciders continue to take the brewing world by storm and there are two Brewpubs in Belfast city centre where you can sample beers made onsite. Inside the **Deer's Head** you'll find Bell's Brewery, where you can observe the entire brewing process from the comfort of your seat. Make a stop at the **Ulster Sports Club** where you will find the new Out of Office brewery and taproom on the top floor. Why not hop on

a train to take a tour at Lisburn's **Hilden Brewery**, which has been creating some of the finest quality craft beers for 35 years - you'll find many of their beers served in bars across the city.

DISTILLERY EXPERIENCES

While you're here, make sure to take a trip out to tour one of the local spirit distilleries including **Echlinville Distillery** (Dunville whiskey and Jawbox gin), **Hinch Distillery & Gin School** (Ninth Wave) or **Titanic Distillers** (Titanic Distillers whiskey). **Belfast Artisan Gin School** offers classes where you can blend your own masterpiece.



BELFAST'S BEST BEER GARDENS

BELFAST HAS A HUGE SELECTION OF WATERING HOLES, BEER GARDENS, COURTYARDS AND OPEN ROOFTOP BARS THAT REMAIN DRY AND COSY ALL YEAR ROUND WITH HEATERS AND CANOPIES. HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITES...

Duke of York

This traditional bar offers a true Belfast welcome of craic, music and humour, boasting cold beer, great Guinness and the largest selection of Irish whiskeys in Ireland. On a dry evening, outside is where you'll find most of Belfast standing along the fairy light lit cobbled courtyard. Visited by many and missed by few, it's one of the "must see" places in the city.

dukeofyorkbelfast.com

The Dirty Onion

This old bonding warehouse in the Cathedral Quarter has been transformed into one

of the city's coolest bars and boasts one of the biggest beer gardens in Belfast. Enjoy live entertainment 7 nights a week, with a strong focus on contemporary live bands and acoustic acts. Open daily from 12 noon and admission is free.

thedirtyonion.com

Lavery's Beer Garden

Belfast's oldest family-owned pub hosts a vibrant atmosphere for socialising. Lavery's has four different beer gardens, two of which have covered roofs ensuring you can soak up the atmosphere no matter the weather.

laverysbelfast.com

Kelly's Cellars

Built in 1720, Kelly's Cellars is one of Belfast's oldest traditional Irish pubs. The garden in front of Kelly's Cellars transforms in summer with picnic benches, beer barrels and bar stools to perch on where you can enjoy live traditional music in the "garden sessions".

kellyscellars.co.uk

The National

Open daily from midday to late, the National boasts an indoor-outdoor feel with plants growing from the rafters and a very tempting cocktail menu put together



with local produce. Outside in the National Garden you can kick back and relax with summer slushies, regular live music sessions and a BBQ serving 4-8pm every Friday & Saturday.

thenationalbelfast.com

The Jailhouse

The Jailhouse offers a fantastic range of traditional food, local drinks and entertainment alongside the heritage of Jouis Entry. Among the historical buildings in the entry, there's a cosy outdoor seating area which is beautifully decorated seasonally and especially stunning at Christmas.

thejailhousebelfast.com

White's Garden

An outdoor food and drink hall attached to Belfast's oldest Tavern (1630) on Winecellar Entry. Enjoy a year-round garden

party at White's with live music, local DJs, ice cold beers, cocktails and some of the best pizza this side of Naples, plus an array of sides. Open daily 12.30pm-late.

whitestavernbelfast.com

FLAXX at Linen Quarter

An exciting outdoor social space along Brunswick Street, this colourful hub is a vibrant spot for people to enjoy. With outdoor seating for food and drink, a games area complete with a pétanque court, a performance area with a stage for small concerts and a cool lighting projection.

linenquarter.org

The Parlour

The ultimate student hangout, The Parlour has regular drinks promos, as well as craft beers and

cocktails plus excellent pub grub – including its famous authentic stone-baked Italian pizzas. There's also a large heated beer garden that even features a mini putting green! Great for regular live music, DJ sets and quiz nights.

www.parlourbar.co.uk

Tetto

Tetto is listed as one of Big 7 Travel's 50 Best European Rooftop Bars. Soak up the panoramic city views and enjoy modern, classic cocktails and homemade locally inspired sour-dough pizzas from the DoH seasonal pop-up kitchen. Open Thursday to Sunday.

bullittthotel.com



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, sing, and hurl abuse at the referee than at the pub. Here's our favourite big screen sports bars in Belfast.

THE DEER'S HEAD City Centre

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.

FRANKLINS SPORTS BAR 43 Franklin Street

If there's football on, chances are, it's being shown here – everything from Irish League and English Premiership to La Liga, the Bundesliga and more. Then there's rugby, baseball, NBA and more... Game on!

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 might as well hang about for some great live music.

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.

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 live sport on the screens daily.

NANCY MULLIGANS BAR & KITCHEN Castle Street

Discover the charm of Nancy Mulligans Bar & Kitchen. Never miss a moment with a range of sports including football, rugby & GAA shown across the 15 screens daily.

THE HATFIELD Ormeau Road

Head up to The Liquor Library sports bar and lounge to catch all the sporting action. It boasts 30 LCD screens with the capacity to screen six live events simultaneously, along with four pool tables and a roof garden.

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!

PUG UGLYS & THE BONEYARD 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.

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!

THE DOYEN BELFAST 829 Lisburn Road

Fancy enjoying live sport coverage over cocktails and a fine gastropub menu – all served up in a stylish setting that combines the traditional with the contemporary? Then welcome to The Doyen.

For more inspiration, see visitbelfast.com

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Belfast Box Office

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

The **Grand Opera House** brings the glitz of London's West End to the heart of Belfast. Shows to look out for this year include smash hit musicals Calamity Jane, Dear Evan Hansen, Chicago and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. You'll find a bit of local humour with Colin Murphy and Andrew Ryan. To get into the festive spirit make sure to see local festive comedy Miracle at Number 34 or this year's panto, The Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan. goh.co.uk

The UK's 2023 Theatre of The Year, the **Lytic Theatre** has a reputation for nurturing outstanding homegrown acting and writing talent. Upcoming performances include Callings presented in partnership with Cara-Friend. The Tragedy of Richard III, an adaptation of Shakespeare's Richard III. Gwyneth Goes Skiing, a comedy telling of the infamous trial of Gwyneth

Paltrow's skiing incident. This year's panto is A Christmas Carol which takes families on a heartwarming journey through Victorian Belfast. 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 The Corrs, Journey, The Script and Kneecap. Enjoy a night of top comedy with Paddy McDonnell, Shane Todd and Mrs Brown's Boys D'Live Show or enjoy a magical performance from Disney on Ice. ssearenabelfast.com

The **Waterfront Hall** offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights include David O'Doherty, Colin Geddis, William Thompson and Katherine Ryan. There's

live music with Nathan Carter, the Australian Pink Floyd, Alison Moyet, Carly Pearce and the Dead South. For classical fans, the Ulster Orchestra has performances ranging from family favourites such as the Snowman to recitals of Hans Zimmer, the Rat Pack, Broadway and more. 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 G4, Cody Pennington, Skinny Living, Lisa McHugh, The Undertones, Brother Osborne and Darren Kiely. If you are up for a laugh check out Simon Brodikin, Jason Byrne, Nish Kumar, Vittoria Angelone and Paddy McGuinness and there's tributes galore that bring the music of Elvis, George Michael and Abba. ulsterhall.co.uk



worth finding

Located in heart of Cathedral Quarter in St Anne's Square, **The MAC** brings music, theatre, dance and visual art under one roof. Open daily, you can also call in to browse the three free admission galleries before relaxing in the café bar. themaclive.com

Also in Cathedral Quarter, **The Black Box** is home to live music, theatre, literature, comedy, film, visual art, science, circus, cabaret and all points in between! Check out The Green Room Sessions and the Comedy Lab events. blackboxbelfast.com

The Crescent Arts Centre in the Queen's Quarter provides classes and workshops in music, dance, spoken and written word for all ages and abilities, as well as live music performances, theatre, poetry open mic nights and other events. crescentarts.org

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

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



The 62nd Belfast International Arts Festival returns 16 October - 20 November 2024, 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

Movie Magic

Northern Ireland has become a top choice for movie-makers, thanks to its , scenic backdrops, talented crews and funding opportunities. Many top TV shows and Hollywood blockbusters have been filmed on location and at Titanic Studios in Titanic Quarter. But we also love a good night at the movies, so grab your popcorn and explore the cinema scene in Belfast!

BIG SCREEN BLOCKBUSTERS

You can enjoy the latest big screen movie releases at a range of multi-screen cinemas across the city. The Odeon in Victoria Square has 8 screens and if you sign up to the free myOdeon membership you get saver tickets such as £5 tickets on Member Mondays. Cineworld at the Odyssey Pavilion, Titanic Quarter offers 13 screens including IMAX, 4DX, Screen X and Super Screen. Student admission is £7.99 and you can take out a Cineworld Unlimited Membership for £16.99 a month and receive 10% off tickets and snacks. Movie House Cinema at the Cityside Retail and Leisure Park on York Street offer £7 tickets on Crazy Tuesdays with regular student admission costing £8.50.

QUEEN'S FILM THEATRE (QFT)

Belfast's only full-time provider of non-mainstream cinema shows the very best in new and classic world cinema as well as an interesting and diverse programme of excellent small-budget, foreign-language and unusual screenings. This intimate venue boasts two screens, a spacious coffee/drinks bar and a modern lounge. LUMI Membership is free to join for anyone aged 26 or under, offering £5 tickets to standard screenings, discounted tickets for special events and loyalty points for ticket and bar purchases. queensfilmtheatre.com

BELFAST FILM FESTIVAL

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Festival believe that film should be an experience, and so, as well as presenting the best in new, short and classic cinema during our festival, they've set themselves apart by having site-specific screenings and in person interviews and appearances from international film talent. In addition, the festival prides itself on experimenting with media in all its forms, by presenting audio visual performances and live film soundtracks. Belfast Film Festival also supports local talent with their short film competition, which provides a platform for fledgling filmmakers from across the island of Ireland to showcase their work. The festival's Northern Ireland independents section supports filmmakers who have made feature or mid length films. belfastfilmfestival.org

Business

CINEMAGIC INTERNATIONAL FILM & TELEVISION FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

This flagship festival takes place in venues across the city throughout October. There's an action packed

screening and events programme for 4-25 year olds, showcasing the best of world cinema, presenting talent lab and creativity corner masterclasses with creative industry professionals,

fun-filled film events, and the annual 'CineSeekers' and 'CineFocus' film juries which offer participants a chance to become movie reviewers and choose the winning films of the festival. cinemagic.org.uk

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queensfilmtheatre.com/LUMI



Music City



Belfast is buzzing with cosy bars, craft beers and a vibrant live music scene. From up and coming talent playing in gigs across the city to toe-tapping traditional Irish sessions, you'll not be disappointed. **Many of the bars across the city offer live music but here's some of our favourites.**

THE LIMELIGHT

Ormeau Ave

This establishment has two concert venues, Limelight 1 and 2 with a cosy Irish bar positioned between the two, Katy's Bar, with the popular rock beer garden on its roof. From small upcoming bands to headline acts, Limelight is a premier show venue with a tiny pub atmosphere, all year round.

THE EMPIRE

Botanic Ave

This converted church has provided live music and comedy

since 1987, and has the best atmosphere anywhere south of the city, every weekend. Friday nights are dedicated to new local musicians, from folk to rock; the Empire Bar has staged many stars in their beginning, including Two Door Cinema Club and General Fiasco.

PUG UGLYS

Bedford St

Pug Uglys resident artists and guests bring you a mix of Traditional Irish Sessions, acoustic sounds and DJ sets.

MCHUGH'S

Queen's Square

Located just across from Custom House Square, McHugh's Basement Bar truly is a hidden gem. With the same traditional feel as the main bar, the basement is often used as an intimate live music venue. Over the years it has hosted established artists such as Sea Sick Steve, Kodaline and more.

THE ERRIGLE INN

Ormeau Rd

The very first bar in Belfast to receive an entertainments license, The Errigle has a great

history for excellent music and atmosphere, and has earned its reputation for serving fabulous food, drink and entertainment. Check out the weekly traditional or monthly funk sessions, plus a range of live acts and DJ's in the upstairs Arbele Lounge.

THE JOHN HEWITT

Donegall St

Named after the legendary Northern Irish poet, this Cathedral Quarter bar showcases some of the best live music in the city from folk, jazz, blues, trad and everything in between. It's a must-see!



BONUS GIGS



OH YEAH CENTRE Gordon St

Essentially a networking centre for bands and creative types, Oh Yeah hosts practice rooms, the renowned 'Start Together' studio, a music exhibition and the occasional gig.

SONIC ARTS RESEARCH CENTRE QUB

SARC is established in a purpose-built facility on campus and its Sonic Laboratory provides a unique space for cutting-edge initiatives in the creation and delivery of music and audio – check out one of their regular concerts!

LIVE MUSIC FESTIVALS

The main live music festivals take place in the summer months. Check out the **AVA Festival** on Titanic Slipways in early June followed by a big name line-up at **Belsonic**, Ormeau Park or in August there's great live music at **CHSq**, Custom House Square.

THE BLACK BOX

Hill St

This original landmark building, built in 1850, is now home to a variety of traditional folk artists and modern musicians alike. The Green Room Sessions are an opportunity to catch one-off performances from guest artists as well as regular slots from an esteemed cast of local selectors.

TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

The city hosts a wide variety of traditional music sessions where you'll find chat, cheer and ceol. Some of the best venues to experience 'trad' include Kelly's Cellars, Bank Square, The Dirty Onion in Cathedral Quarter, Fibber Magee's in the city centre, Hatfield House on Ormeau Rd or An Cultúrlann in the Gaeltacht Quarter. The Points on the Dublin Road prides itself on having one of the best Irish music scenes in Belfast.

Upstairs, you'll find The Deer's Head Music Hall, a 200-capacity venue showcasing everything from local blues artists to popular touring bands from the UK, Ireland and beyond.

THE DIRTY ONION Hill St

This rustic bar and beer garden puts the 'folk' in Belfast, lined with wooden benches, barrels and the finest whiskey in the city. The Dirty Onion inhabits one of Belfast's oldest buildings, honouring its Irish tradition with seven nights of music every week.

VOODOO

Fountain St

Local music is at the heart of this well-established Belfast hotspot, adding a bit of spice for those who like things a little different. At night, the bottom bar takes on a very relaxed and moody atmosphere with regular DJs, open mic nights and singer song writers adding to the ambience.

THE DEER'S HEAD MUSIC HALL

Lower Garfield Street

Enjoy live music sessions in this popular brewpub every Wed-Sat from the best local talent.

Belfast has recently become a UNESCO City of Music, recognising the importance of music to the city and celebrating its rich musical heritage. As a UNESCO city, Belfast is now part of the global Creative Cities Network and will showcase its music story on a worldwide stage.



LGBTQIA+ BELFAST

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

NIGHTLIFE

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

Union Street Bar **8-14 Union Street**

Situated in a 19th century shoe factory, Union Street Bar is one of the city's most stylish bars with a cool yet comfy vibe. Upstairs, the Green Room Cocktail Lounge is particularly worth a visit, and the adjoining Shoe Factory provides wacky entertainment, from bingo and karaoke to quizzes and cabaret. unionstreetbar.com

Maverick Bar **1 Union Street**

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

Kremlin

96 Donegall Street

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

Outburst **Queer Arts Festival** **15 - 23 Nov**

This award-winning festival showcases the best in new queer performance, music, theatre, literature, film and much more. outburststarts.com

PRIDE

Belfast Pride Festival

Belfast bursts into a rainbow of colour every summer with Belfast City Hall lighting up in rainbow colours to celebrate Pride Day when the annual Pride Parade takes place at the end of July. This award winning festival is a celebration packed with a variety of events from film and music to drama and debate. belfastpride.com

More Information

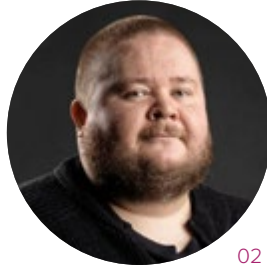
The Belfast LGBT Centre is located at 23-31 Waring Street in Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, which houses a number of charities including the **Rainbow Project** and **Cara Friend**, providing counselling, befriending, information and a health and social space for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender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

LAUGH OUT LOUD!

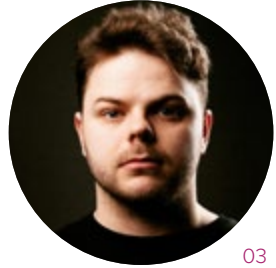
They say that laughter is the best medicine, and we have to agree. There are very few things a good laugh can't cure, and with Belfast's thriving comedy scene, there's always a load of gigs on to give you a giggle, so all you have to do is pick one.



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03

THE EMPIRE LAUGHS BACK

Botanic Ave

The granddaddy of Belfast's laughter scene with regular comedy nights every Tuesday from 9pm to late, featuring top quality acts from the UK and international comedy circuit, top supporting acts, and open spots from across the country. empirelaughsback.com

THE SUNFLOWER COMEDY CLUB

Union Street

Showcasing a mix of international and local talent on the last Sunday of the month with 10 comedians doing 10 minutes for a £10 admission fee. Always the best of acts on the scene and always just enough pints to not be dying in your Monday morning lecture!

ACCIDENTAL THEATRE

Shaftesbury Square

Accidental's monthly comedy club is here! With sets from the best alternative acts, legends of the scene and new guys giving it a go. Likely to be weird, queer and very nerdy. Knowledge of Terminator canon, love of surreal one liners and sympathy for the middle aged white man out of his depth highly recommended. Tickets £7

THE BLACK BOX

Hill Street

Get down to the Black Box in Cathedral Quarter for an afternoon of comedy with rotating acts in the Green Room every Saturday at 2.30pm, and tickets only £5 (*pre-booking advised*).

LAVERY'S COMEDY CLUB

Bradbury Place

Colin Geddis has curated one of the

funniest comedy nights Belfast has to offer. He transforms Lavery's middle floor into an intimate, side-splittingly funny evening with guaranteed laughs. Get down early to avoid sitting in the front row! Wednesday & Thursday nights, tickets available online £10.

THE PAVILION BAR

Ormeau Rd

Comedy is back in the Pavilion on Monday nights! 6 comedians, some brand new, some old pros trying new jokes, each with 5-10 minutes to make you laugh. Limited tickets available at only £4. Arrive early for a chance to win £10 in drinks!

PUG UGLY'S

Bedford St

Pug Ugly's Comedy Club runs last Friday of every month, doors open at 8.30pm and show at 9pm featuring local talent and special guests. Check out their

Facebook for the latest listings or to reserve seats. Tickets £10.

THE EAST LAFFS

Sanctuary Theatre

Last Thursday of the month. 3 comics, one EmCee. Great craic from established and up and coming comics. Belfast's best, funkiest, most atmospheric, funniest comedy club. And all for just 6 quid!

For more comedy shows make sure to keep an eye out on the SSE arena, Waterfront Hall & Ulster Hall websites.

01: Colin Geddis

02: Ciaran Bartlett

03: William Thompson

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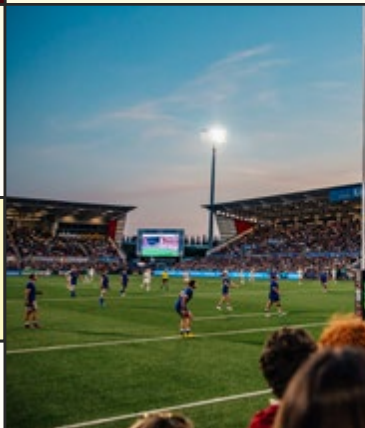
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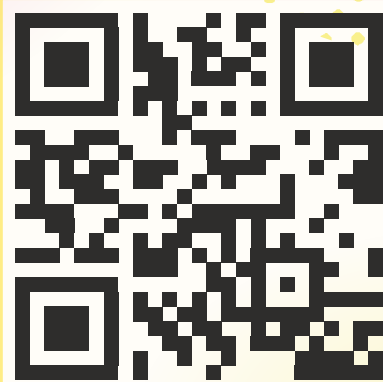
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AFTER DARK



Belfast city does not disappoint when it comes to a night on the town, with an abundance of buzzing beer gardens, cosy pubs, stylish bars and cool clubs, there's something for everyone!

The Cathedral Quarter is full of character and a great place to hang out on a Saturday night, with a mixture of bars, restaurants, theatre and live music, hidden along cobblestone and fairy light lined alleys. Check out the **Duke of York** boasting the largest whiskey collection in Ireland, the **Dirty Onion** in Belfast's oldest building and **The John Hewitt** for its extensive craft beer selection and diverse range of live music.

Find the best traditional pubs to enjoy the perfect pint of Guinness. With original features, a warm atmosphere and friendly welcome there is no better place to meet friends and enjoy the local craic. Relax in a cosy snug in the **The Points** - a traditional

pub with live Irish music every night. Great whiskey selection, and you can even pour your Guinness! Enjoy a pint in Belfast's oldest pub, **Kelly's Cellars** or browse the extensive craft beer menu and enjoy superb pub grub in **White's Tavern, Garden & BeerHall**, which also now has a Guinness only bar.

Shake it up at one of our cool cocktail bars! Buzz for entry and climb the stairway to Belfast's hidden cocktail bar, **Angel and Two Bibles** for an extensive range of cocktails, punch bowls and non-alcoholic serves. Tucked below street level is **Margot**, serving carefully curated drinks with a late club every Thurs-Sunday. **Rattlebag** is a high-concept, late night cocktail bar within Bullitt hotel



offering a rotating seasonal menu of drinks. Classy and stylish. **Revolución de Cuba** is the ultimate in Cuban food, cocktails and fiesta experiences with a full on tropical party vibe or drop by the **Tipsy Bird**, a quirky bar with impressive drink serves, live music and a bustling atmosphere. Full of rustic charm reminiscent of your granny's house, **Granny Annies** is a lively bar and restaurant offering quirky cocktails, shots paddles and a wide range of gin serves and there's plenty of choice at **The National**, which contains a beer garden, cocktail bar, nightclub and roof terrace housed over three floors.

For those that want to party on into the small hours, there's a vibrant

club scene on offer. **The Limelight** is a student staple and one of the city's main venues for sell out club nights and international and local live bands. **Filthy McNastys** is a busy buzzy hotspot with a focus on fun. Features an upstairs nightclub, live music plus DJ sets 7 nights a week. **Laverys** is more pub than nightclub but it has a big late-night spot that attracts the party hard crowd. **Thompsons Garage** is a bonafied Belfast Clubbing Institution, operating seven nights a week featuring some of the best DJs & musicians from around the world and in Cathedral Quarter you'll find the exclusive **Ollie's** in the basement of the luxurious Merchant Hotel.



Whatever nightlife you seek, Belfast is happy to oblige!
For more inspiration, see visitbelfast.com

Adrenaline Junkies!



Don't waste your weekends lounging in your student flat, wouldn't it be more fun to get out and about for some high-octane laughs? If you're looking for something a bit different... a bit of an adventure... Belfast has it by the bucket-load!

Colin Glen

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

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! *Eligible for yLink discounts: 15% off code yLink15*
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. Glamping pods, café, BBQ pods, pizza restaurant and drive-in movie nights are also available.
letsghydro.com

Splash Outdoor Waterpark

Fancy spending the day with a few mates bouncing, sliding, jumping and splashing your way around an AquaPark of inflatable slides and obstacles? Thought so. Then head



out of town to Splash in Money more. And prepare to get wet! splashni.com

Prison Island Belfast

This multi-activity venue is a must visit in Belfast. With 4 unique activities including Prison Island with 31 unique challenge cells to tackle, Axe Yard, Quiz Boxing, a TV style quiz hosted in a boxing ring and THINKBOX, a mind challenge perfect for puzzle aficionados, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

prisonislandbelfast.com

The Jungle NI

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

shooting, laser tag, and llama trekking. *Eligible for yLink discounts: 10% off Paintball bookings and Adult Tree Top Adventure Course bookings. Use code ylink10 when booking online. Organiser must produce their yLink card on arrival.* thejungleni.com

Xtreme Bowling

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

Lagan Adventures

Head down to the River Lagan to go

Hydrobiking, for a water sport where you don't get wet! Get the workout you want depending on how fast you pedal! It's an ideal way to soak up the city sights, take some cool photography and it's dog friendly. Single and tandem bikes available. *Eligible for yLink discounts: 10% discount using code TRANSLINK* laganadventures.com

Surf Belfast

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

better.org.uk/surf-belfast

Limitless Adventure Centre

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

Strangford Lough Activity Centre

SLAC offers a unique combination of fun and exciting water and land-based activities, ranging from paddleboarding, kayaking and the latest craze, E-foiling, to laser tag, archery and wet bouldering. You can even try your hand at some traditional bush crafts. All activities supervised by trained and experienced instructors.

strangfordloughactivitycentre.com/

HBO®'s *Game of Thrones*® is one of the most popular and successful fantasy TV series ever made and it is filmed at a number of locations just outside Belfast. The magical atmosphere captured on film is due to the stunning filming locations chosen for the show, so hop on a tour to get out and explore them.

Home of Thrones

The mesmerising fantasy lands of Westeros have been created using Northern Ireland's rugged coastlines, historic castles and breath-taking countryside and forests. The dramatic scenery of the Causeway Coast and Glens, and Counties Down, Fermanagh and Armagh form the backdrop of much of the shows action. Fans can easily access many of the locations from Belfast and follow in the footsteps of your favourite character. Some of the filming locations not to be missed include Castle Ward and Tollymore Forest Park (Winterfell) Downhill Beach (Dragonstone) and Murlough Bay (Stormlands).



*All tours are independently operated by each provider. They are not sponsored, endorsed or affiliated with HBO® or anyone associated with *Game of Thrones*®.



DON'T MISS

Glass of Thrones Trail
Stroll along Maritime Mile to take in the epic Glass of Thrones installations: six free-standing stained glass window depicting scenes from seasons one to eight of the show. Each window represents the trials and tribulations of a different house and at the final window you can pretend to be the ruler of the Seven Kingdoms, by taking your seat on a version of the throne

GAME OF THRONES STUDIO TOUR

In collaboration with HBO Licensing & Retail, Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, Northern Ireland is a 110,000 square foot Game of Thrones Studio experience. Inspired by the smash hit series, the immersive experience opens up the world of Westeros showcasing authentic sets, costumes, weapons and props from all eight seasons.

Fully dressed sets range from King's Landing, Winterfell, Dragonstone, the Wall and more. The experience is located in the authentic Linen Mill studios, one of the studios use for the show which also

highlights the craftsmanship and artistry of the GoT creative teams. PG rated experience. linenmillstudios.com

TOURS

There are a number of guided coach tours* that depart from Belfast. Meet Winterfell's Master-at-Arms, dress up in character costumes, tour the movie set, and enjoy the thrill of firing live arrows at White Walkers. You can even meet two of the Starks' actual Direwolves!

For more information on tours and experiences, see: visitbelfast.com/gameofthrones



The Great outdoors

For a healthy dose of fresh air, we've got parks, hills, forests and even spots of tranquillity nestled neatly in the city centre.

Belfast Botanic Gardens

This is a no brainer for students at Queen's. This beautiful park covers 28 acres and is right next to the McClay Library, near the main Lanyon Building. Home to the famous Palm House and Tropical Ravine, you'll also see a ton of people here on a sunny day out relaxing on the lawns. After all, what's better than a nice picnic or an ice cream with your flatmates when the sun is out?

Ormeau Park

Not far from the River Lagan, this is the oldest municipal park in the city. Popular with walkers and joggers with a parkrun every Saturday at 9.30am, there are a range of

eco trails and orienteering routes as well as sports facilities, including soccer pitches, bowling greens, a BMX track, and basketball, tennis and netball courts.

Victoria Park

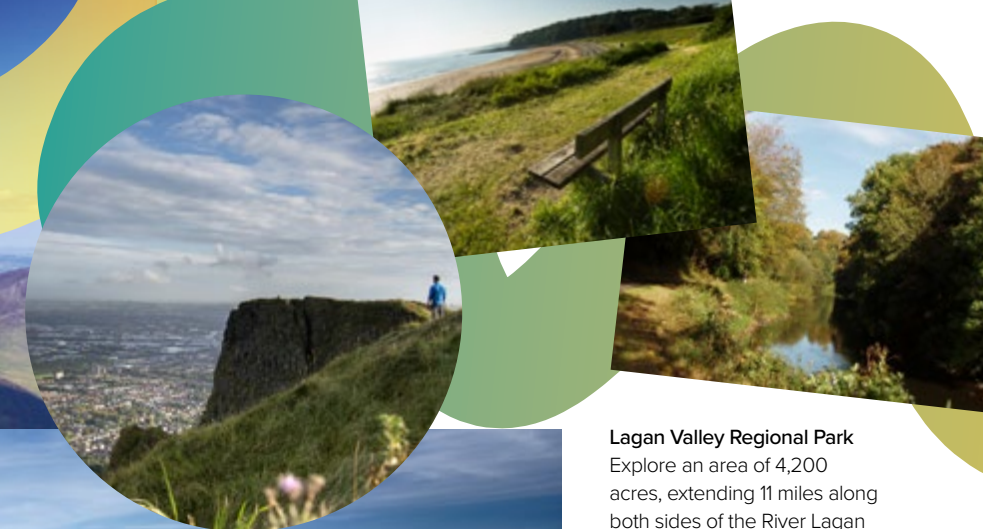
This is a truly lovely park with a lake, great walks, viewing points, jogging trails and plenty of birds and ducks. It's also a short walk to Titanic Quarter or CS Lewis Square in EastSide. There are two possible circuits of the park, an inner and outer loop around the lake. A great place for aviation enthusiasts who can watch the planes flying in and out of the neighbouring Belfast City Airport.

Divis & Black Mountain

Just 6 miles from Belfast, this is a popular spot to head to for those looking to escape the hustle and bustle of the city. There are two main trails and both have incredible views. The Summit Trail is a challenging 3 mile circular hike which takes at least 1.5 hours. The Ridge Trail is a moderate but longer 4.2 mile route taking at least 3 hours.

Cave Hill Country Park

Whether you've been a dozen times or yet to go, Cave Hill in North Belfast never disappoints. Starting from the car park at Belfast Castle, it's a straightforward circular 4.5 mile route that'll stretch the legs with great views to clear the head - and not too much effort getting there. It's easy to see why it's so popular.



WORTH THE TRIP

Belfast is only just over an hour's drive away from the world-renowned Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. A geological wonder and home to a wealth of history and legend, the 40,000 basalt stone columns left by volcanic eruptions 60 million years ago intrigue and inspire everyone who visits.

Lagan Valley Regional Park

Explore an area of 4,200 acres, extending 11 miles along both sides of the River Lagan between Stranmillis, in South Belfast to Union Locks, Lisburn. The towpath is a tranquil spot for an easy, level walk or cycle with plenty of attractions to stop at on the way including the Lock Keepers Cottage, Shaw's Bridge, Malone House, the Giant's Ring and Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park.

North Down Coastal Path

Hop on the train to Holywood to enjoy this gem in Northern Ireland's leisure offering. The section up to Bangor stretches 10 miles along rocky shores, fine sandy beaches, quiet coves, country parkland, busy promenades and moments of perfect isolation.

The Mourne Mountains form the highest and most dramatic mountain range in Northern Ireland. With breathtaking views across the Irish Sea and an intricate map of weaving paths to explore, they are high on any keen hiker's to-do list. Starting from Donard car park it takes around 2½ hours to get to the top. Keep an eye on weather conditions and ensure you have the appropriate footwear, equipment, food and water for the day.

FESTIVALS



Throughout the year, Belfast celebrates different cultures and experiences with a wide range of events and festivals. So whether your passion's music, theatre, dance, film, comedy or experiencing something new, you'll find something to pencil into your diary!

SEPTEMBER

Belfast International Tattoo
belfastinternationaltattoo.com

European Heritage Open Days
discovernorthernireland.com/ehod

Belfast City Half Marathon
belfastcitymarathon.com

OCTOBER

OktoberFest
oktoberfestbelfast.com

Cinemagic Festival
cinemagic.org.uk

Belfast International Arts Festival
belfastinternationalartsfestival.com

NOVEMBER

Belfast Film Festival
belfastfilmfestival.org

C.S Lewis Festival
eastsidearts.net

Sound of Belfast
soundofbelfast.com

Outburst Queer Arts Festival
outburstarts.com

Fleadh Feirste - Gaeltacht Quarter Festival
visitwestbelfast.com

Hallowe'en Celebrations
visitbelfast.com

DECEMBER

Belfast Christmas Market
visitbelfast.com/Christmas

Christmas Twilight Market
stgeorgesmarket.com

JANUARY

Out to Lunch Festival
cqaf.com

Belfast Burns Week
ulsterscotsagency.com

FEBRUARY

Belfast TradFest
belfasttraditionalmusic.com

Chinese New Year
cwa-ni.org

Enlightenment Festival
linenhall.com

Four Corners Festival
4cornersfestival.com

Sean-Nos na Fearsaide
mhicreachtain.com

NI Science Festival
nisciencefestival.com



& EVENTS

MARCH

BMS International Festival of Chamber Music

belfastmusicsociety.org

Féile an Earraigh

feilebelfast.com

Brilliant Corners Belfast Jazz Festival

brilliantcornersbelfast.com

Imagine! Belfast Festival of Ideas & Politics

imaginebelfast.com

St Patrick's Day

belfastcity.gov.uk/events

APRIL

Easter Events

visitbelfast.com

Hit the North Street Art Festival

seedheadarts.com

Sonorities Festival of Contemporary Music

sonorities.org.uk

MAY

Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival

cqaf.com

Festival of Fools

foolsfestival.com

Belfast City Marathon

belfastcitymarathon.com

Belfast Craft Beer Festival

belfastcraftbeerfest.com

JUNE

AVA Festival

avafestival.com

Belsonic

belsonic.com

Belfast Photo Festival

belfastphotofestival.com

Belfast Book Festival

belfastbookfestival.com

Belfast City Blues Festival

belfastcityblues.com

JULY

Belfast Whiskey Week

belfastwhiskeyweek.com

12th July Celebrations

visitbelfast.com

McCracken Summer Festival

mhicreachtain.com

Belfast Pride

belfastpride.com

Eastside Arts Festival

eastsidearts.net

Belfast TradFest

belfasttraditionalmusic.com

AUGUST

Craft Month

craftni.org

Emerge

emergebelfast.com

Féile an Phobail

feilebelfast.com

CHSq

customhousesquare.com

Hilden Beer and Music Festival

taproomhilden.com

Belfast Mela

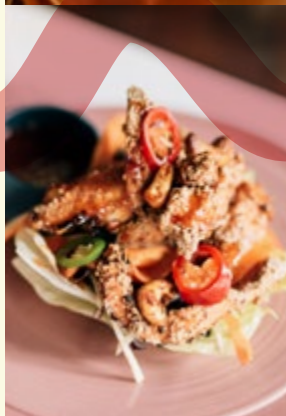
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Eating out



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CC City Centre

CC Cathedral Quarter

TT Titanic Quarter

LO Linen Quarter

QQ Queen's Quarter

GO Gaeltacht Quarter

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028 9024 0239

actonandsons.com

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AMPM

38-44 Upper Arthur Street

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

028 9024 9009

ampmbelfast.com

☎ ☎

Bert's Jazz Bar High Street

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

028 9026 2713

themerchanthotel.com

☎ ☎

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

flamrestaurant.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

Eating Out

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

028 9032 6711
henrysrbelfast.com

☎ ☎

James St
21 James Street South

James St really is the place where good food, wine and service come together in relaxed surroundings. Enjoy lunch specials, the pre-theatre menu, an extensive a 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/le winters

Nancy Mulligans Bar & Kitchen
95 Castle Street

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nancymulligans.ie

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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 debut serves an authentic Mediterranean menu with locally sourced produce and all-day dining.

028 9531 3191
novelliirestaurants.co.uk/belfast

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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.



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028 9023 5986
themoorningstarbar
.co.uk
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The Muddlers Club
Warehouse Lane,
Waring St

Tucked away in the historic back streets of Cathedral Quarter is this modern, industrial-style restaurant named after a 200 year old secret society. The menus are a beautiful balance of local delicacies combined with the finest of international touches.
028 9031 3199
themuddlers
clubbelfast.com
D3 CC

Pizza on the Square
1 Donegall
Square West
 Located in the heart of Belfast City Centre, Pizza on the Square is an authentic Italian restaurant offering a selection of freshly baked pizza, pasta, wine and cocktails.
pizzaonthesquare.ie
E4 CC

OX Restaurant
1 Oxford Street
 With an enthusiastic approach to seasonality, Michelin starred OX works every day to provide the best possible fine dining experience in a relaxed, riverside environment.
028 9031 4121
oxbelfast.com
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Ryan's Bar & Restaurant
116-118 Lisburn Road
 A traditional menu with

a fresh contemporary twist, from sharing platters to veggie grazers, farm quality assured steaks to Irish boxtys. A family friendly venue with a relaxed atmosphere.
028 9050 9850
ryansbelfast.com
C6 CC

Shed Bistro
467 Ormeau Road
 The perfect lunch and dinner experience with a tantalising menu including chargrilled steaks, lamb, fresh fish, pasta, Belfast's best burger, daily specials and more.
028 9064 2630
shedbelfast.com
E8 CC

Shu Restaurant
253 Lisburn Road
 One of the most renowned eateries in Belfast, Shu offers simple French influenced food using the best seasonal ingredients, served at a reasonable price, in an elegant location.
028 9038 1655
shu-restaurant.com
B7 CC

Stove Bistro
455 Ormeau Road
 Stove serves up modern Irish cuisine in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The menus change weekly to serve up the best seasonal local produce.
stovebistro.com
E8 CC

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
D3 CC

Yardbird
3 Hill Street
 Yardbird is a free range rotisserie chicken restaurant. Here the chicken is marinated overnight before being cooked before your eyes on the restaurant's speciality Brazilian rotisserie.
028 9024 3712
thedirtyonion.com
D3 CC

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
D3 CC

SEAFOOD

Deanes Love Fish
28-40 Howard Street
 Seafood dominates the wide ranging menu but it is the extraordinary

affordability of the signature dishes, excellent quality and presentation at Deanes Love Fish that will surprise and delight you.
028 9033 1134
michaeldeane.co.uk
C4 CC

Fish City
33 Ann Street
 Open all day serving breakfast, lunch and dinner using local and sustainably sourced food. As well as the traditional and award winning fish & chips, enjoy an extensive menu of seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes.
028 9023 1000
fish-city.com
D4 CC

Mourne Seafood Bar
34-36 Bank Street
 Fresh, locally sourced seafood traditionally prepared with an Asian or continental twist. Enjoy local ingredients, value for money and friendly service with shellfish sourced from Mourne's very own shellfish beds.
028 9024 8544
mourneseafood.com
D4 CC

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
D3 CC

Eating Out

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

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Little Wing Pizzeria

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

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

028 9024 7000
littlingwizzeria.com

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Nico's Pizzeria Restaurant

54 Lisburn Road
Nico's blends the best of Italy and more to create an entirely unique offering for the people of Belfast and beyond.

028 9030 0192
mynicos.co.uk

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Scalini

85 Botanic Avenue

Whether you are seated under the stars or up in Romeo & Juliet's balcony, diners will feel they are actually there. With a superb selection of pizza,

pasta and extensive grill dishes, enjoy this Italian experience.

028 9032 0303
scalinirestaurant.co.uk

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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

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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

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2Taps

42 Waring Street

From the heart of Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, boasting one of the city's largest outdoor terraces, 2Taps creates all the atmosphere of summer regardless of the season. Welcoming family, friends, and admirers

from across the world, 2Taps is a holiday and a home in one.

028 9031 1414
2taps-winebar.com

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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

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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

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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

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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 make an evening of it in one of its unique VIP dining pods!

028 9031 0210
7spicebelfast.online

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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

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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

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CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY

Panama

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

South American-inspired brunch dishes, expertly crafted coffee, and a selection of fine wines and cocktails. Dog-friendly.

panama-belfast.com

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The Lamppost Café
**19 Upper
Newtownards Road**

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

Starbucks

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028 9023 6679
starbucks.co.uk

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Oui Poutine

1 Donegall Quay

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

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Belfast Breakfast Baps

353 Woodstock Road
Start your day right with a delicious freshly made breakfast bap.

breakfastbaps.co.uk/

Bobbin

Belfast City Hall

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 Map grid location

 Serves food

 Traditional music

 Live music

 DJ/Club

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Pubs & Clubs

CITY CENTRE

Angel And Two Bibles 1 Goose Entry

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07518 283 884
angelandtwo
biblesbelfast.com
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Brennan's Bar 48-50 Great Victoria Street

Brennans Bar is in a fantastic location opposite the Europa Hotel and situated close to the Grand Opera House. The spacious interior boasts an open fire, old-style mahogany and brass bar and counter, with snug seating.

028 9024 2986

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Fountain Lane 16 Fountain Street

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

028 9032 4769
fountainlanebelfast.com
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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 Annie's 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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Henry's 4 Joy's Entry

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

028 9032 6711
henrysbarbelfast.com
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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
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Margot 18 Donegall Square East

Tucked away below street level is Margot, serving small plates, flat breads, creative cocktails and carefully curated drinks every day of the week. Late Late Club every

Friday and Saturday from 9pm - 2am.

028 9693 1211
margotbelfast.com

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The Morning Star 17-19 Pottinger's Entry

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

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
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Out of Office 96-98 High Street

Out of Office is a micro-brewery and taproom located above the Ulster Sports Club. The taproom is open Thursday-Sunday, serving a core range of freshly brewed beers. Guided tours take place Friday's & Saturday's.

outofficebrewing.co.uk
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**Queens Café Bar
Queen's Arcade**
Located a stone's throw from City Hall in the heart of the shopping

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

028 9024 9105
queensarcadebelfast.com
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Revolución de Cuba 25-39 Arthur Street

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

028 9590 9249
revoluciondecuba.com
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Santería 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
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Voodoo 9-11 Fountain Street

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

028 9027 8290
voodooobelfast.com
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Pubs & Clubs

CATHEDRAL QUARTER

The Cloth Ear

35-39 Waring Street

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

028 9026 2719
themerchanthotel.com



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 'craic', 7 nights a week including open workshops in singing and traditional instruments, to sessions with traditional musicians.

028 9024 3712
thedirtyonion.com



The Duke of York

Commercial Court

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

028 9024 1062
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/TheReporterBar



Tetto Rooftop Bar and Garden

70-74 Ann Street

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

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

028 9590 0600
bullitthotel.com



Rattlebag

61-63 Ann Street

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

rattlebag.co.uk



Tipsy Bird

96-100 Ann Street

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

028 9099 3542
thetipsybird-belfast.co.uk



White's Tavern

2-4 Winecellar Entry

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

028 9031 2582
whitestavernbelfast.com



LINEN QUARTER

Limelight

17 Ormeau Avenue

The Limelight complex encompasses 2 great live music venues hosting international acts and local bands, as well as Katy's bar and the Rock Garden rooftop terrace.

028 9032 7007
limelightbelfast.com



Crown Liquor Saloon

46 Great Victoria Street

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

028 9024 3187
nicholsonspubs.co.uk



Filthy McNasty's

45 Dublin Road

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

028 9033 3836
facebook.com/FilthyMcNastysBelfast



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

CS M

Linen House **12 Brunswick Street**

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

028 9024 8000
sweetaftonbelfast.com

CS M

The Points **44 Dublin Road**

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

028 9508 4533
facebook.com/ThePointsBelfast

CS M J

Pug Ugly's **21 Bedford Street**

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

028 9032 0030
puguglys.com

CS M J

Robinsons **38-40 Great Victoria Street**

Enjoy a pint in the Saloon Bar, fine food in the Bistro, live Irish music in Fibber Magees nightly, or

even sing the night away in the Karaoke bar BT1.

028 9024 7447
robinsonsbart.co.uk

CS M J

QUEEN'S QUARTER

The Empire **42 Botanic Avenue**

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

028 9024 9276
thebelfastempire.com

CS M J

The Parlour **2-4 Elmwood Avenue**

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

028 9068 6970
parlourbar.co.uk

CS M J

SOUTH BELFAST

The Bowery **701 Lisburn Road**

Set in the heart of the Lisburn Road, The Bowery is South Belfast's premier neighbourhood pub for fantastic food, classic drinks, live sport and entertainment.

028 9066 2600
thebowerybelfast.co.uk

CS M J

The Crafty Vintner **705 Lisburn Road**

Belfast's premier café and bar with a stunning outside terrace and state-of-the-art wine machines. The Tasting Room is the perfect place for a catch-up with friends and family with a selection of delicious plates, snacks, cheese and charcuterie. Boasting 4 Enomatic wine dispensers, The Crafty Vintner offers customers a unique and interactive way to taste wines from around the world. The machines allow everyone to sample a selection of 32 wines by the glass at the touch of a button.

028 9066 2601
thecraftyvintner.tastingroom.co.uk

CS M J

Cutter's Wharf **Lockview Road**

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

028 9080 5100
cutterswharf.co.uk

CS M J

The Doyen **829 Lisburn Road**

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

028 9050 9950
thedoyenbelfast.com

M J

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

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

028 9064 1410
errigle.com

CS M J

TITANIC QUARTER

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

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

028 9076 6386
titanicbelfast.com/Hicksonspoint

E2 M J

EAST BELFAST

Bullhouse East **442-446 Newtownards Road**

Located next to CS Lewis Square, Bullhouse East is Belfast's very first and original brewery taproom serving 20 taps of the freshest craft beer.

bullhousebrewco.com/pages/bullhouse-east

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SURVIVAL GUIDE:

ACCOMMODATION 01



Whether you are an undergrad or postgrad, and whether you want to live on campus or rent privately, there are a wide variety of accommodation choices open to students throughout the city. Queen's Accommodation offers options for students wishing to make a specific lifestyle choice, e.g. quiet living, no alcohol and single sex blocks, visit qub.ac.uk/accommodation to help you get started. Ulster University provides apartment living in a modern student village full of facilities on the Jordanstown campus, and there are brand new ensuite rooms and apartments at 123 York Street beside the new Belfast campus. Visit ulster.ac.uk/accommodation for further details. Both universities have a residential team on hand to offer students support and promote a weekly programme of social events.

WEATHER/CLIMATE 02

There's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes! We might be more famous for our rainy skies and beautiful greenery than we are for our blazing sunshine but Belfast is a city with a moderate climate. The local climate is characterised by equability - bringing relatively mild winters and cool summers. July is the hottest month with an average temperature of 18°C (64°F) and the coldest is January at 4°C (39°F).

TRANSINK TICKETS 03

An easy way to purchase tickets is to download the free mLink mobile ticketing app. You can also pay on board bus services, at stations or from train conductors. Glider tickets can be purchased at ticket vending machines before you board. We also have a range of pre-pay travel cards. Visit translink.co.uk to get started.

BANKING 04

As Northern Ireland is part of the UK, the local currency is GBP. If you need to change money or to open an account, you can do this online or drop into a city centre branch.

Both QUB and UU offer help and advice with any aspect of student finance, along with guidance and advice on general money management such as how to live on a budget or how best to deal with your student debt. Check out your University's information online or call into the Students Union.

DISCOUNTS 05



Many local shops and service providers offer great student discounts on everything from clothing and gym memberships to haircuts. You can sign up to UNIDAYS, TOTUM and Student Beans online or as both QUB and UU are members of the National Union of Students, your student ID card functions as an NUS student card and entitles students to a wide range of deals and discounts across the city and beyond.



WHAT'S ON

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There's normally plenty of activity happening in and around the Student Union. Check online for the frequently updated programme of events, QUB: qubsu.org/Events or UU: uusuu.org/whatson. Visit Belfast's website also has plenty of information on ways to keep you entertained –from bars, restaurants, tours and fun things to do in and around the city. visitbelfast.com.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

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Chaplains and other religious representatives are appointed by the Universities to represent and serve students and staff. The chaplaincy centres provide a focus for worship, a range of social events and activities, groups for prayer or study, in addition to pastoral care and counselling. Currently, 13 faiths and denominations are represented at Queen's. Ulster University campuses in Belfast and Jordanstown have a prayer and meditation room.

PART-TIME WORK

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Part-time work can be a useful way of earning money and developing skills which are valued by graduate recruiters at the same time. QUB offers an On-Campus

JobShop which advertises part-time jobs available in QUB Schools and Departments. In addition the off-campus JobShop helps students locate work with employers external to the university. You can also keep an eye out for opportunities at local retailers, bars and restaurants – many look for additional staff in the run up to Christmas.

VOLUNTEERING

09



Student life is all about the experiences – or at least so we are told! While studying and partying may take up a lot of your time, making space for some voluntary work can really add value to your overall experience. Student volunteering is of course a great way to make a real contribution to a cause you feel strongly about, or it can give you the chance to participate in new experiences. Keep an eye out on social media for volunteering opportunities or check online at: volunteernow.co.uk



MIND YOUR MOOD

If you're a 'uni newbie', you might be away from home for the first time – it's a big change, but there's loads of support services available to make that transition a little bit easier. You can reach out to the residential team at your accommodation, the student wellbeing team, your personal tutor or your peer mentor for help and support.

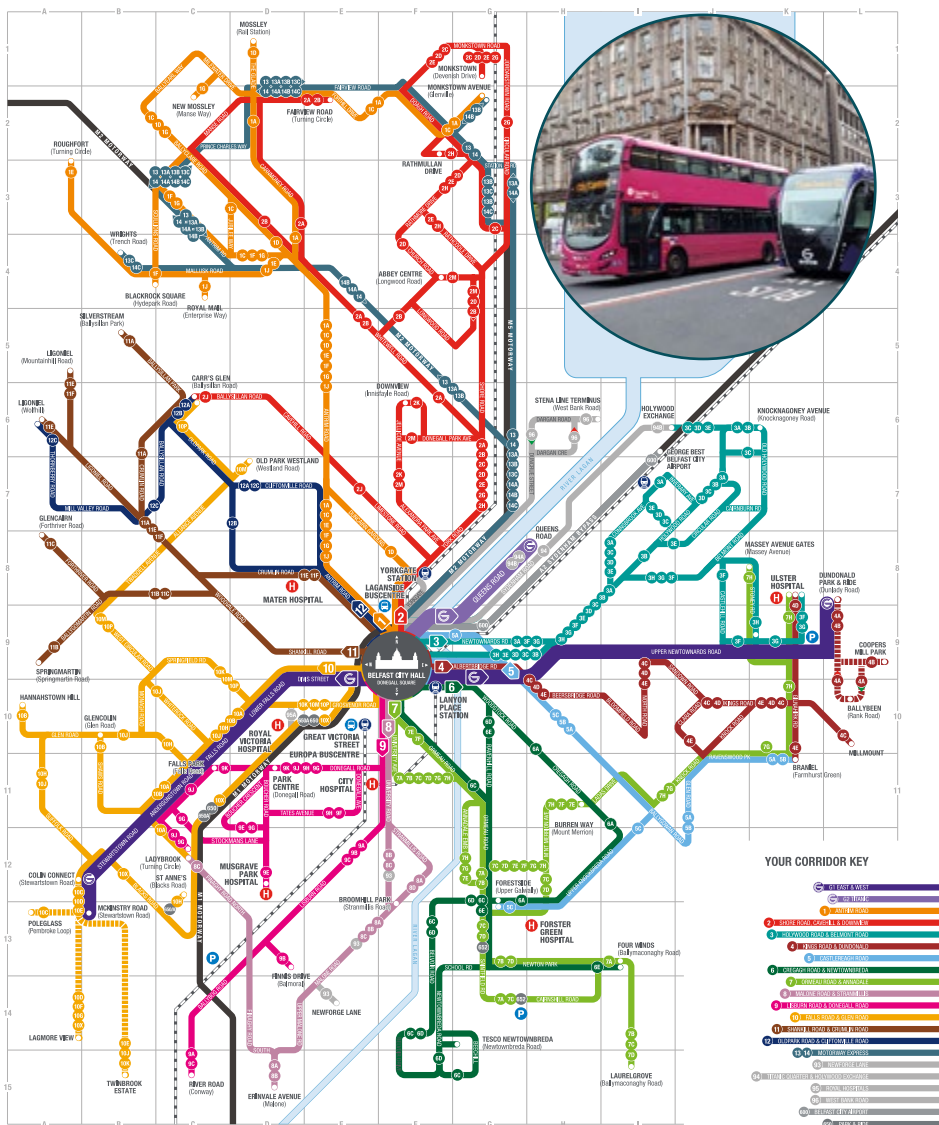
Once you get settled it can be a busy time, and stresses can mount up and really take their toll - so it's important to take the time to prioritise your own mental wellbeing.

Here's some tips that might help: get in a good sleep routine, be mindful of your environment, do something that you enjoy, cook or bake something tasty, make time for physical activity, listen to some music, decide who to spend time with and write a to-do list.

If you find yourself experiencing mental health difficulties which are preventing you from doing the things you want to do, seek help – whether through friends, family, a doctor, or your university support services.

Belfast City Centre Glider and Metro Bus Routes

www.translink.co.uk



WHICH SERVICE?

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

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



Ulsterbus – 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.

UNI-LINK

The Belfast Uni-Link Service (U1 and U2) is a Metro service calling at Queen's University, Ulster University Belfast, Northern Regional College and Ulster University Jordanstown. Metro smart cards can be used on the Uni-Link bus service.

WHICH TICKET?

yLink Card –

yLink is a free travelcard for all 16-23 years olds in Northern Ireland. You get 50% off all Translink bus and rail travel in Northern Ireland and 50% off the Enterprise to Dublin! Plus you also get discounts and offers from Translink partner business! **yLink holders should use a ticket vending machine to buy their discounted tickets before boarding Glider.*

mLink Mobile Ticketing App –

A quick and easy way to purchase tickets is to download Translink's free mLink app available from Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Contactless Payment – Visit translink.co.uk/contactless for info on which services accept contactless payment.

24+ Student Railcard –

If you are 24 years of age or over and in full-time education you can get great savings on NI Railways with a massive 1/3 off single, day return, weekly and monthly tickets plus up to 50% off Enterprise fares.



The free 24+ student railcard is valid for the academic year (September to August).

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

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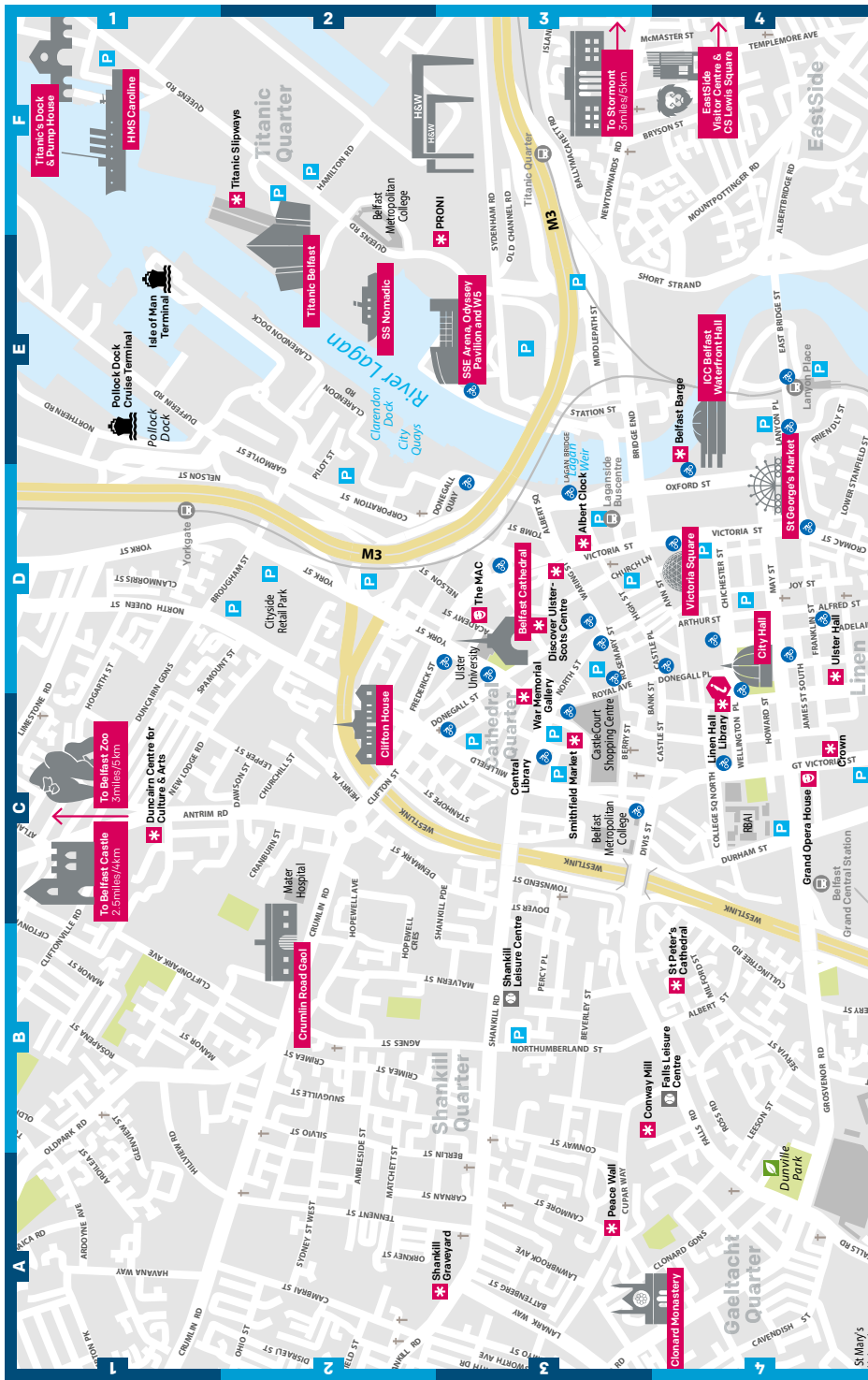
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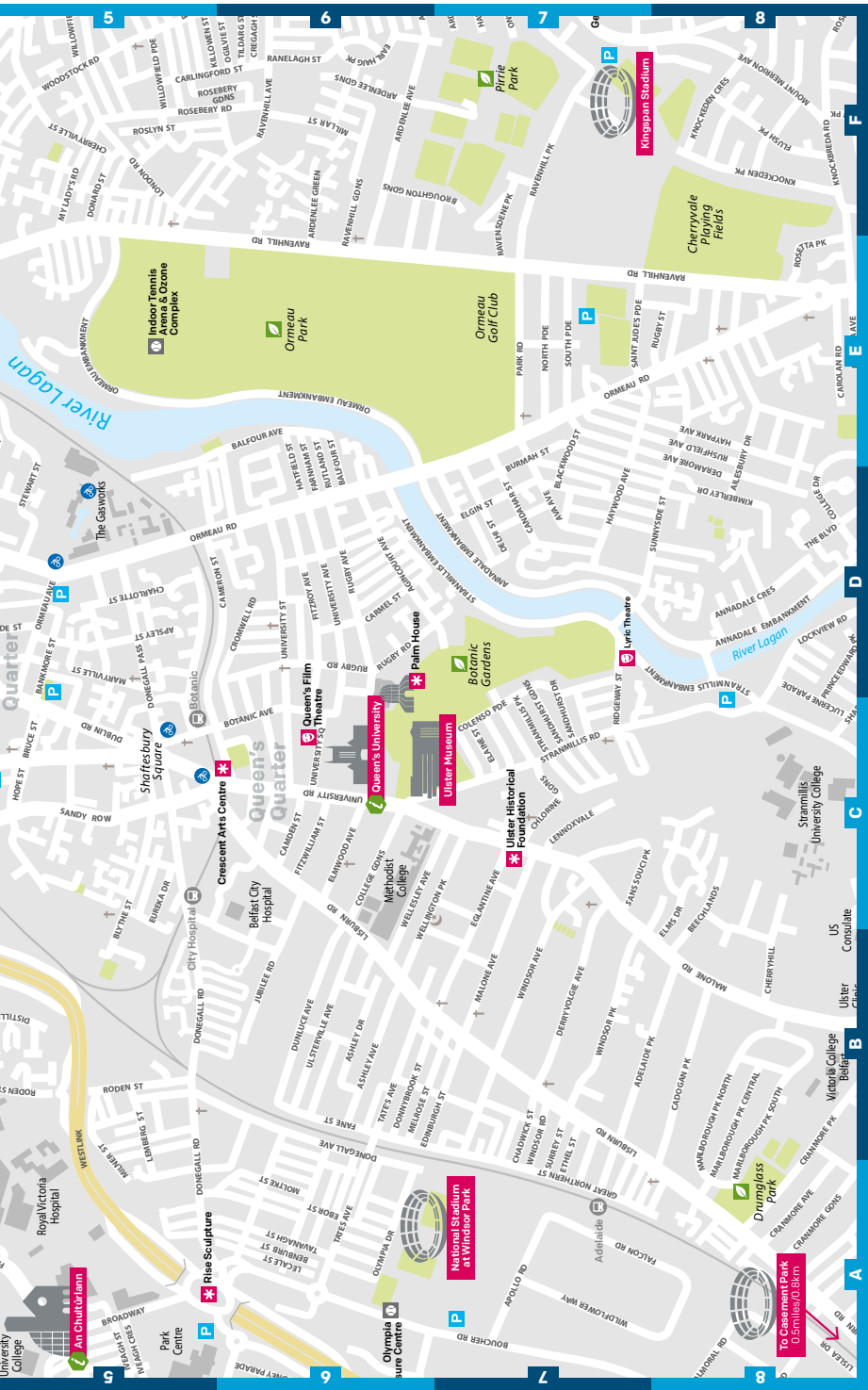
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