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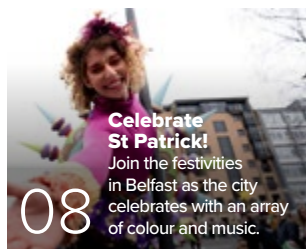
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Experience fun for all the family this Easter in Belfast and beyond!



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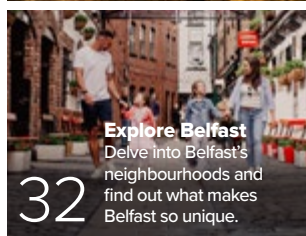
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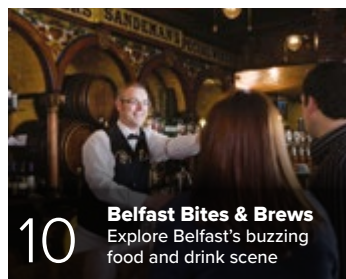
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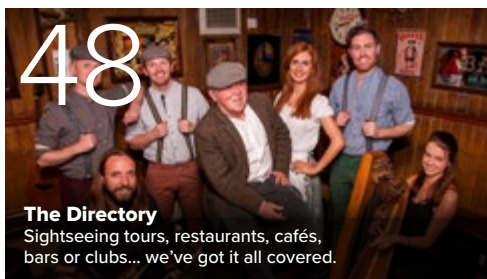
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## Belfast Bites & Brews

Explore Belfast's buzzing food and drink scene



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# Must Do:

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

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## CULTURE

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Belfast has always been a vibrant and exciting city, and now it's official—Time Out has ranked it among the top cities to visit in 2025. With its rich history, thriving food scene, and lively culture, there's never been a better time to explore all that Belfast has to offer!

## FESTIVAL

02

### Féile an Earraigh

1 - 17 March

Various Venues

Belfast's traditional Spring festival returns with a feast of music, talks, screenings, tours and live entertainment. [feilebelfast.com](http://feilebelfast.com)

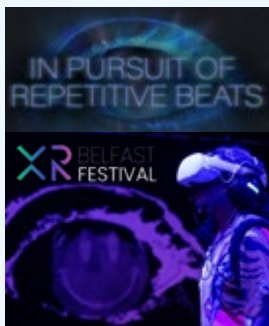
## MUSIC

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### Belfast XR Festival

24 Feb - 26 March

The theme of this year's Belfast XR Festival is 'In Pursuit of Repetitive Beats'. [visitbelfast.com/partners/belfast-xr-festival/](http://visitbelfast.com/partners/belfast-xr-festival/)



## FESTIVAL

04

### Belfast Children's Festival

6 - 16 March

Various Venues

A packed programme of theatre, dance, visual art, music, literature, comedy, workshops and talks, guaranteed to inspire joy, creativity and curiosity. [youngart.co.uk](http://youngart.co.uk)

## NATURE

05

### Spring Spectacular at Hillsborough Castle

15 March - 5 May

See the gardens of Northern Ireland's royal residence erupt in spectacular colour this spring, as over half a million bulbs bloom. [hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle)

## CULTURE

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### St Patrick's Day Celebrations

17 March

Belfast City Centre

Belfast comes alive with colour for the annual carnival parade and St Patrick's Day concert. [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)  
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## FESTIVAL

07

### Imagine! Belfast Festival of Ideas & Politics

24 - 30 March

Various Venues

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

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



## FAMILY FUN

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### Easter Celebrations

18 - 22 April

Various Venues

Get out and enjoy lots of 'egg-citing' Easter events taking place in Belfast and beyond for all the family.

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

SEE P18-19.

## FESTIVAL

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### Eastercon Belfast

18 - 21 April

Eastercon is the annual British science fiction, fantasy, horror and comics convention.

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



## SPORT

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### Belfast City Marathon

4 May

Across the city

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

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

## FESTIVAL

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### Festival of Fools

3 - 5 May

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

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

## FESTIVAL

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### Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival

1 - 11 May

CQAF will animate the city centre with an 11 day celebration of live music, comedy, theatre, spoken word, literature, eclectic performance and street art.

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

## FAMILY FUN

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### Balmoral Show

14 - 17 May

Balmoral Park

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

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



## FOOD AND DRINK

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### Spring Continental Market

22 - 26 June

Belfast City Hall

The Spring Market offers something for everyone with the very best international flavours, crafts, and gifts.

## FESTIVAL

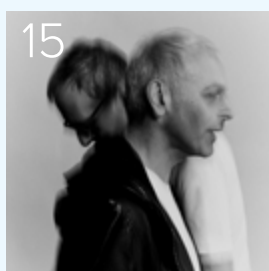
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### AVA Festival

30 & 31 May

Titanic Slipways

AVA celebrates, amplifies and develops electronic music, visual art and immersive technology. Tickets available at [avafestival.com](http://avafestival.com)



# Must See:

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

## EXPERIENCE

01

### Titanic Belfast

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

SEE MAP **E2** **VP**



## TIME OUT

02

### Belfast City Hall

Enjoy an hour long guided tour of Belfast's most iconic building or visit the visitor exhibition, which offers a self-guided journey through Belfast's past to present, showing the vibrancy of the city across six themed zones.

SEE MAP **D4**



## MARKETS

03

### St George's Market

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

SEE MAP **D4**



## TOUR

04

### Cathedral Quarter

Take a personal audio tour of Belfast's magnificent St Anne's Cathedral before exploring the surrounding streets, full of historic buildings, cool street art and a great choice of cafes, bars and restaurants.

SEE MAP **D4**





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## SHOPPING

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### Victoria Square

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

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## EXPERIENCE

06

### Crumlin Road Gaol

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

SEE MAP 02 VP

## FAMILY FUN

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### W5

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

SEE MAP 03



## EXPERIENCE

08

### Ulster Museum

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

SEE MAP 07 VP

## MARITIME

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### Waterways Belfast Tour

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

SEE MAP 03



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## FAMILY FUN

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### Belfast Zoo

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

SEE MAP 01

## TOUR

11

### Irish FA

Take a tour of the iconic grounds of the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park and visit to the Education and Heritage Centre allows visitors to relive their favourite moments following Northern Ireland and walk in the footsteps of footballing legends.

SEE MAP 06

## TOUR

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### Friar's Bush Graveyard Tours

Travel back in time to Belfast's most ancient burial place where you'll discover traditional Celtic Ireland of myth, music and legend.

SEE MAP 07





# Celebrate St Patrick

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

## **St Patrick's Day Parade 17 March**

Enjoy a dazzling display of costume, music, dance and theatrical performances at our annual parade. There will be amazing creations, a colourful live performance and a high energy soundtrack from LUXE. Local dance troupes, schools, community groups and

musicians will also take part in the spectacle. Everyone is welcome to this diverse multi-cultural, cross-community celebration of Saint Patrick. The event is free and you don't need a ticket.

## **St Patrick's Music Festival 14 - 17 March**

Enjoy concerts, live traditional music, workshops and a festival village.

The festival includes:

- Afro Celt Sound System in Mandela Hall
- McGoldrick, McCusker & Doyle - RÓIS in The MAC
- Cara Dillon 'Coming Home' plus Piaras Ó Lorcáin and Jack Warnock in Ulster Hall

- Festival Village
- Pipe Band Extravaganza
- Sets Céilí Concert with The Blackwater Céilí Band + Cathleen Garland
- Belfast schools' traditional music performance
- Solo Highland Piping Competition
- Workshops and Taster Sessions
- St Patrick's Pilgrimage

## **The SPAR Craic 10k 17 March**

St Patrick's Day 2025 will see over five thousand runners 'back for the Craic' as the SPAR Craic 10k road race returns in its full green glory to the streets of Belfast. An inclusive, fun event which attracts all levels of runners from across the island and beyond, SPAR Craic 10k is Belfast's premier urban run.

For more information call the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre on 028 9024 6609 or visit [belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks](https://belfastcity.gov.uk/stpatricks)



# Worth The Trip

## Hillsborough Castle and Gardens

**16 March**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens with traditional Irish tales and music with renowned storyteller Eamonn Keenan and musician Aodán Mac Séafriadh. Don't miss out on this unique and authentic way to spend St. Patrick's Day - the perfect day out for all the family.

[hrp.org.uk/hillsboroughcastle](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsboroughcastle)

## Ulster American Folk Park 16 & 17 March

Learn about the history of the shamrock as you take in the sounds of traditional Irish music across Ulster and America. Watch Irish dance performances and see traditional craft demonstrations like basket weaving throughout the day. Stop by the Mellon House where the table will be filled with traditional foods like colcannon and apple tart, follow the 'Shamrock Selfie Trail' and get involved in our St Patrick's themed crafts.

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

## Ulster Folk Museum 17 March

Watch Irish dancers, listen to traditional music and hear folklore tales this St Patrick's Day at the Folk Museum. There'll be a craft station to get involved in, demonstrations by our talented makers and samples of colcannon to taste!

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

As runners take to the road again, we issue the warm, Irish welcome of 'céad míle fáilte - come along for the Craic'.

## Féile Trad Trail

**10 - 17 March**

Féile an Phobail will be bringing the city to life with world-class Irish Traditional music and workshops in venues right across the city in the lead up to St Patrick's Day. From the 10 to 17 March 2025, over 100 sessions are planned with some of Ireland's finest Irish traditional musicians. All sessions are free and no booking is required. [belfastcity.gov.uk/events/feile-trad-trail](http://belfastcity.gov.uk/events/feile-trad-trail)

## St Patrick's celebrations at St. George's Market

**15 & 16 March**

Enjoy live traditional music, dancing and family fun over the weekend. Events will be happening in St George's Market on:

- Saturday 15 March  
from 9am to 3pm
- Sunday 16 March  
from 10am to 3pm

There will be special traditional Irish music performances by Ards Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE) on both days from 11.30am to 1pm.

## Féile an Earraigh

**1 - 17 March**

Féile an Earraigh is a spring festival that promotes Irish language, traditional music and culture through the arts. The festival attracts diverse audiences and culminates in St Patrick's Day celebrations. [feilebelfast.com](http://feilebelfast.com)

## Spraoi Cois Lao Irish Language Family Fun Day 8 March

Spraoi Cois Lao is the biggest Irish language family fun-day of its kind, and builds on the pioneering work of community groups right across Belfast. So whether you have a cúpla focal, are learning the language, have children in a local Gaelscoil, are fluent or are just generally curious about the language, Spraoi Cois Lao is the place to be during Seachtain na Gaeilge.



# Belfast BITES & BREWS



## A CITY BURSTING WITH FLAVOUR AND FUN

Welcome to Belfast, where the craic is mighty, the food scene is booming, and the pints are poured to perfection!

Whether you fancy a freshly brewed craft beer, a world-class whiskey, or a creamy pint of Guinness, this city has got you covered. And if you're a foodie, prepare yourself for a culinary adventure that will have you coming back for seconds (or thirds!).

### Where To Find The Perfect Pint

Belfast takes its Guinness seriously, and there are plenty of spots to enjoy the Black Stuff at its finest. Some of the city's most historic pubs, including **White's Tavern**, **Kelly's Cellars**, **The Garrick**, and **The Deer's Head**, serve up expertly poured pints in charming, traditional settings. For something a little different, pop into The Deer's Head and get your own picture printed on top

of your Guinness – the ultimate Instagram-worthy pint! Or, why not have a go at pouring your own? **Lavery's Belfast**, **White's Tavern**, **The Points Bar**, **The Northern Whig**, and **Robinsons Bar** all offer a 'Pour Your Own Pint' experience.







## Meet The Makers

Fancy learning about Belfast's brewing and distilling traditions?

**Titanic Distillers** lets you step into history at Thompson Dock and Pumphouse, where you can hear all about Belfast's whiskey past – and future! For a taste of tradition reborn, visit **McConnell's Distillery** at the historic Crumlin Road Gaol. One of Ireland's oldest whiskey brands, McConnell's blends heritage with modern craftsmanship to create exceptional spirits. If craft beer is more your thing **Out of Office Brewing**, **Boundary**, **Bullhouse East** and **Hilden Brewery** offer tours, tastings and some of the best local brews around. At **The Deer's Head**, you can even watch the brewing process in action at Bell's Brewery while sipping on their latest creations.

## Foodie Heaven

Belfast's food scene is thriving, and there's no better way to dive in than with the **Belfast Food Tour**. This award-winning experience takes you on a four-hour tasting adventure, from the bustling stalls of St George's Market to the cosy corners of the Cathedral Quarter. Join **Indie Fude** on their popular "Wee Taste of..." tours for a deep dive into the world of local

gastronomy and thriving food scene. Tour locations include **East Belfast**, **Ormeau**, **Comber** and **Strangford Lough**.

For those looking for a plant-based twist, the **Vegan Table Tour** is a must. This guided walk showcases Belfast's growing vegan scene, with delicious stops along the way.

## Cook Up A Storm

Want to take a little bit of Belfast's flavour home with you?

**Waterman House Cookery School** in the Cathedral Quarter offers hands-on classes in everything from one-pot wonders to sushi and cocktails. If baking is more your style, head to **Bakehouse NI** or **Baker & Chef** for some top-notch cake and bread-making sessions.

## Exclusive Experiences

Belfast's food scene is more than just delicious dishes – it's about creating memories through unique dining experiences. Don't miss these must-tries:



### Fish City's Oyster

**Masterclass:** Discover the art of oyster shucking at **Fish City**, where you'll learn about the history, sustainability, and varieties of oysters while sampling the freshest local

### POUR YOUR OWN PINT

There's a real skill to pouring Guinness – and you can learn it at Lavery's Belfast, White's Tavern, The Points Bar, The Northern Whig, and Robinsons Bar. You'll receive a t-shirt, a certificate of completion – and of course, a pint.



To find out more, scan the QR code or visit



[visitbelfast.com/  
article/pour-your-own](https://www.visitbelfast.com/article/pour-your-own)

selections. Paired perfectly with a glass of bubbly, this masterclass offers a fun and flavorful dive into Belfast's seafood culture.

### Holohan's Pantry Irish

**Food Showcase:** Monthly collaboration with Taste Atelier and **Holohan's Pantry**. Chef Artur Fron, and the team at Holohans curate a monthly tasting menu with wine pairing focussing on locally sourced, indigenous produce cooked with modern flare

**The Muddler's Club:** Tucked away in the Cathedral Quarter, **The Muddler's Club** delivers an ever-changing tasting menu inspired by the finest seasonal produce. Expect bold, innovative dishes paired with expertly selected wines or craft cocktails, making each visit a one-of-a-kind culinary journey.



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# Family Fun

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

## LEARN & EXPLORE

### Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory


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

### Nature and Nurture


Nature and Nurture is an imaginative play centre with a role play village and sensory room. Suitable for ages 0-7. Cafe on site. [naturenurtureni.com](http://naturenurtureni.com)

### Ulster Folk Museum


Uncover a way of life from 100 years ago and discover cottages, farms, schools

and shops as you wander through the beautiful parkland Folk Museum.  [ulsterfolkmuseum.org](http://ulsterfolkmuseum.org)

### Ulster Transport Museum

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


### CS Lewis Square

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

### Gruffalo & Stickman Guided Walk

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

### W5

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



## ANIMAL KINGDOM

### The Ark Open Farm

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

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

### Belfast Zoo

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

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

### Castle Espie

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

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

### Exploris Aquarium

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

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

### Belfast's Window on Wildlife

Nestled in the heart of Belfast Harbour Estate, Belfast Window on Wildlife is home to birds and wildlife from all over the world. Belfast WOW has two hides which offer great views of nature. They are constructed from shipping containers to tie in with their industrial surroundings.

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

## ACTION PACKED

### Airtastic Ultimate Challenges

Northern Ireland's unmissable, interactive and state-of-the-art team game experience, exclusive to Airtastic Lisburn. Play as a team of 2-6 people as you navigate your way through 30 unique and fun challenge rooms which involve a mix of physical, mental and skill-based tasks.

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

### High Rise Indoor Adventure Centre

Experience Northern Ireland's largest Clip 'n Climb indoor climbing arena with 24 exhilarating climbing challenges. There's also a soft play for younger children and innovative sensory rooms to support guests who have additional needs.

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

### Andersonstown

#### Indoor Aqua Park

Experience Northern Ireland's largest indoor Aqua Park. With 3 high speed water slides, an adventure play area for under 12s, a Little Lagoon for the water babies and Ireland's only indoor surf simulator, there's something for all the family!

[better.org.uk/leisure-centre/belfast-andersonstown-leisure-centre](http://better.org.uk/leisure-centre/belfast-andersonstown-leisure-centre)

### The Lost City Adventure Golf

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

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

### Splash

Want to fill your day with laughs and excitement, while bouncing, sliding, jumping and crashing your way around a state-of-the-art Inflatable AquaPark, loaded with slides and obstacles? Or maybe you would prefer Paddle Boarding and Open Water Swimming? Located in Magherafelt, Splash has it all!

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

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



# Easter Extravaganza!

There's a lot happening in and around Belfast and beyond this Easter, with a basket full of fun for all the family!

## The Lindt GOLD BUNNY Hunt

12 - 27 April

The Lindt GOLD BUNNY Hunt returns this Easter by popular demand. Immerse your family in the magic of spring with this special adventure. Hidden amid 100 acres of colourful blooms, our Lindt GOLD BUNNY statues hold the key to a secret question. Crack the clue and your quest will be end with a delicious Lindt GOLD BUNNY 10g chocolate\* reward. Delight your family with a springtime adventure this Easter season.

\*Non-chocolate alternative available  
[hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle/whats-on/easter-lindt-gold-bunny-hunt](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle/whats-on/easter-lindt-gold-bunny-hunt)



## Easter Cupcake Class & Fondant Piping Styles

17 April (10.30-13.00)

18 April (10.30-13.00 & 18.30-21.00)

Using a multitude of piping tips we'll show you how to pipe using our signature buttercream, creating gorgeous patterns and styles. You'll also use fondant, learning how to colour it to create stylish ombre and marble designs, and use seasonal embossers and fondant molds to give that Easter feel.

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

## The Jungle's Easter Trail

19 - 22 April

Immerse yourself in the magical world of The Jungle's Easter Trail, where forest fairies and elves bring magic to life. Find your way by following the clues and solving the puzzles along the enchanted forest trail. You will be greeted and entertained along the way with a selection of brand new characters. At the end of the trail, you will also meet the Easter Bunny, who will hand out Easter Eggs to everyone!

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



## Easter Monday Extravaganza at Montalto Estate

21 April

Explore an egg-citing Easter Egg Hunt featuring beautifully designed eggs created by local schools, set against the stunning backdrop of Spring in our Trails and Gardens. Treat yourself to a mouthwatering barbecue, refreshing drinks and enjoy the music at Montalto House.

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

## Enchanting Easter Adventure

17 - 21 April

Ballyburen Outdoor Escapes  
Join the White Rabbit as your guide on a delightful journey through our trail, where kids will embark on an egg hunt, discovering clues that lead to hidden wonders. The White Rabbit will then invite them to the Mad Hatters house where they can take part in face painting, Easter-themed crafting and a captivating story told by the Mad Hatter.

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

# NATIONAL TRUST

[nationaltrust.org.uk/ni](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/ni)  
*Normal admission plus £3.50 per trail, includes a chocolate or vegan Easter egg.*

## Mount Stewart

14 - 27 April

This spring, treat the whole family to a world of adventure at Mount Stewart on an Easter trail. Make your way along the trail and find nature-inspired activities for the whole family.

## Rowallane Garden

14 - 27 April

Weave in and out, solve some puzzles, create some art and race your friends on a trail exploring the areas around the house and Stableyard.

## Castle Ward

15 - 27 April

Step into the enchanting world of two very different mice at The Argory's special interactive trail! Follow in the footsteps of the Town Mouse and Country Mouse as their famous fable comes to life before your eyes.

## The Argory

18 - 27 April

Embark on a fun-filled 10-point trail where children can engage in exciting activities inspired by the incredible animals that call Castle Ward home, including majestic deer, elusive badgers, playful pine martens, and lively red squirrels.

Whether you're up for an action-packed outdoor adventure or looking for an exciting indoor escape, we've got just the thing to keep the whole family entertained this Easter.

**Colin Glen** is the ultimate outdoor playground. Tackle Ireland's first Alpine Coaster, whizz through the air on the longest zipline on the island, or wander along the beloved Gruffalo Trail. There's something for all ages, whether you want to get your heart racing or enjoy a relaxed nature walk in the fresh spring air.

If visiting cute animals is top of your Easter bucket list, look no further than **The Ark Open**

**Farm!** From fluffy lambs to playful kids (of the goat variety), it's a hands-on farm experience that's perfect for little explorers. Kids can also enjoy pony rides, adventure trails, and even a chance to bottle-feed some of the newest arrivals.

A visit to **Belfast Zoo** is always a great idea, but it's even better in spring when the animals come out to enjoy the sunshine. With over 120 species to discover, from mischievous monkeys to majestic giraffes, there's plenty to keep the family entertained.

If the weather takes a turn, don't worry – **W5** is the perfect place for indoor fun! This science and discovery centre is packed with interactive exhibits, mind-blowing experiments, and thrilling challenges. Whether your little ones want to build, explore, or investigate, there's something for every curious mind.



Step inside the world's largest Titanic experience and relive the story of the iconic ship.

With nine interactive galleries, a shipyard ride, and fascinating exhibits, **Titanic Belfast** brings history to life in an unforgettable way. It's an exciting and educational way to spend a day, and there are plenty of hands-on activities to keep younger visitors engaged.

For more ideas of things to keep the whole family entertained this Easter, visit our website.





# BELFAST WAS THE HOME OF TITANIC, STILL IS.

Titanic Belfast, the world's most authentic Titanic visitor experience, is located on the spot where the famous ship was designed, built and launched. Our iconic building features the self-guided Titanic Experience which tells the story of RMS Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end.

Following a £4.7 million refresh, a new theme *The Pursuit of Dreams* has been introduced along with a stunning new artefact collection and an illuminated 7.6 metre long scale model of RMS Titanic which rotates in sync with state-of-the-art projections for a truly immersive experience.

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

As part of your ticket to Titanic Experience, you can step on board SS Nomadic, the world's last remaining White Star vessel and RMS Titanic's original tender ship, where you can walk the decks, explore the ship, and journey through over 100 years of authentic maritime and social history.

BOOK ONLINE AT [TITANICBELFAST.COM](http://TITANICBELFAST.COM)



# DISCOVER MORE AT TITANIC BELFAST

With an exciting programme of events and exhibitions coming up over the next few months, there's plenty to see and do during your visit to Titanic Belfast!

St Patrick's weekend (15th-17th) will see live Irish Dancing in our Grand Atrium and seasonal drinks offers.

From 8th March, to celebrate International Women's Day, you can view a free pop-up exhibition, telling the stories of the remarkable women who lived through



Titanic's tragic maiden voyage... but whose stories didn't end there.

Or why not take an award-winning Discovery Tour? Explore the hidden symbolism within the

iconic Titanic Belfast building and find out fact and fable as you walk in the footsteps of the designers and shipbuilders who brought the dream to life.

## A Night to Remember

14th April 2025

Book at [TitanicBelfast.com](https://TitanicBelfast.com)

Join us on 14th April to commemorate RMS Titanic on the night of her sinking, through the voices of those whose lives were forever changed by her journey. Follow Titanic's voyage from vision to reality, from celebration to catastrophe and from loss to legend.

During this 90-minute experience, guests will be guided through key locations within Titanic Belfast, where they will hear poignant monologues, stirring musical performances, and stories shared by our knowledgeable crew.

A commemorative programme will stand alongside the storytelling, adding rich context to the powerful testimonies.



Designed to complement the performances, the programme will offer guests a layer of historical detail that enriches the journey through Titanic's past.

FIND OUT MORE AT [TITANICBELFAST.COM/WHATSON](https://TitanicBelfast.com/WHATSON)



# Maritime Mile

## **SINCLAIR SEAMEN'S CHURCH**

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

## **BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

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

## **CLARENDON DOCK & CITY QUAYS**

The dry docks where Belfast's shipbuilding industry was born date back

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

## **THE BIG FISH**

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

## **LAGAN WEIR**

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

## **GLASS OF THRONES**

You'll find 6 Game of Thrones stained glass windows dotted along the Maritime Mile, from AC Hotel past Titanic Studios to HMS Caroline. Take a stroll to rediscover the most iconic moments from the saga immortalised in stained glass.

## **THE BELFAST BUOYS**

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



## **SS NOMADIC**

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



**The Maritime Mile starts on the city side of the river, connecting Belfast's historic Sailortown to the Titanic Quarter. Take a walk through this storied area and uncover the rich history and legacy of the city's shipbuilding tradition.**

### TITANIC BELFAST

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

### TITANIC & OLYMPIC SLIPWAYS

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

### TITANIC HOTEL BELFAST


The original red brick building is a truly authentic part of Titanic's story. Harland and Wolff had two main drawing offices within the building, Drawing Office Two is now the vibrant heart of the hotel where you can relax

and enjoy lunch, dinner or even a cocktail or two. This breathtaking room is where many of the world's most famous ocean liners, including RMS Titanic, were painstakingly designed.

### THE GREAT LIGHT

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

### TITANIC DISTILLERY

In the heart of the Maritime Mile, Thompson Dock and Pump House - the home of Titanic Distillers. Inspired by the people who worked in Belfast's shipyards more than a century ago - you will now be able to walk in their footsteps in the very pump-house and dry dock that represents such an authentic part of the Titanic story and indeed the history of Belfast. 

### SOUND YARD

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

### HMS CAROLINE

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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Maritime Festival  
6 & 7 Sept 2025**

To discover more visit  
[maritime-mile.com](http://maritime-mile.com)



# Sustainable Belfast



Welcome to Belfast - the UK and Ireland's highest ranking sustainable destination! Ranked 9th out of 100 destinations in the 2024 Global Destination Sustainability Index, Belfast is leading the way in sustainable tourism. From lush green spaces to ethical dining, discover how to explore the city while keeping your carbon footprint low.

## Explore on Foot or Two Wheels

Belfast is a compact city, making it perfect for walking or cycling. Take a stroll along the scenic **Lagan Towpath**, or hire a Belfast Bike and cycle through the **Cathedral Quarter**, discovering its vibrant street art. For a refreshing green escape, visit the **Botanic Gardens**, a lush oasis in the heart of the city. Alternatively, immerse yourself in nature at the **Belfast Hills**, offering breathtaking views and fantastic hiking opportunities.

## Sustainable Attractions

A trip to Belfast wouldn't be complete without visiting the iconic **Titanic Belfast**, a Green Tourism certified attraction. The building itself is designed with energy efficiency in mind and is a BREEAM excellent rated building.

Take a walking tour and discover more about our wee city! We have a number of different tours ranging from food and drink, music, history, street art and more, there's sure to be something for everyone to enjoy. Indulge in your cultural side by visiting an art gallery or museum. Belfast has an array of art galleries including the **MAC**, **Craft NI Gallery** and **Golden Thread** all showcasing local artists.

## Eats & Drinks

Grab a delicious meal at **Fish City**, a multi award-winning restaurant specialising in sustainably sourced products and ingredients.



If seafood isn't for you, why not visit **Home**. Sourcing their foods locally, Home provides a vibrant menu whilst catering for a range of diets such as vegan, vegetarian and gluten free.



## Shop Sustainably

Support Belfast's local artisans by browsing **St George's Market**, where you'll find handcrafted goods, vintage clothing, and organic produce.

**Born & Bred** is a treasure trove of local handmade products. They showcase products from over 85 local artists, designers and makers from the local community so you're sure to find something unique and memorable to take home as a souvenir. Belfast also has a wide variety of second-hand and vintage shops for the fashion lovers who want to shop ethically.

For more ideas on how to make your visit to Belfast more green visit our website



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IN THE HEART  
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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, JD Sports, Urban Outfitters, Pull & Bear, Hollister and Vans. The centre is also home to a variety of cafés and restaurants as well as the Odeon cinema, and with panoramic views that stretch for miles across the city, the iconic Dome is a must visit when in Belfast.

SEE MAP **D4**

## Castle Court

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

SEE MAP **C3**

## 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 **D4**



## Hidden Gems

From charming boutiques to one-of-a-kind finds, Belfast's side streets are brimming with hidden gems waiting to be discovered!



### On the Square Emporium

With over 12,000 square feet of antiques, vintage, industrial, urban salvage and the weird and wonderful this is a true emporium.



### Hearty Growers

Nestled in the heart of East Belfast, Hearty Growers invites you to embark on a captivating journey into the mystical world of mushrooms. Savour delicious mushroom-based treats crafted right from their harvest and purchase your own.



### Nomadic Watches

Nomadic Watches are meticulously hand-built in Belfast by their Master Watchmaker. Discover and become part of their story with a visit to their boutique.



## 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

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

SEE MAP **(D4)**

## 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)**



# 2 Arts & Culture

For a great day out that is both educational and fun, visit a museum or gallery. From local history to modern art; dinosaurs to space rockets, there's something for everybody.

## Ulster Museum

### Botanic Gardens

Ulster Museum is home to Northern Ireland's treasures of past and present. Home to rich collections of art, history and natural sciences all set within the beautiful surroundings of Botanic Gardens. ⓘ VP  
[ulstermuseum.org](http://ulstermuseum.org)

## The MAC

### St Anne's Square

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

## Belfast Exposed Photography Gallery

### Donegall Street

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

## Áras Uí Chonghaile

### 374-376 Falls Road

An award winning, modern, inspirational visitor centre based in the heart of Belfast's Gaeltacht Quarter with an interactive exhibition, telling the story of James Connolly. ⓘ  
[arasaichonghaile.com](http://arasaichonghaile.com)

## Craft NI Gallery

### 115-119 Royal Avenue

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

## War Memorial Gallery

### Talbot Street

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

## National Lottery Heritage Open Weekend

### Ulster Folk Museum

22 & 23 March

As part of the National Lottery Open Week, we're saying thank you to National Lottery players who help support the museum with free entry. We believe now is the time to 'reawaken' our museum and for the Ulster Folk Museum's role as a heritage and environment resource. ⓘ VP  
[ulsterfolkmuseum.org](http://ulsterfolkmuseum.org)

## SEASONAL EVENTS

### Ultimate Cakepop Class

**Various dates**

**Baker & Chef**

The ultimate cakepop class - lining fancy moulds with chocolate combined with melt in your mouth fillings! We'll provide you with a selection of delicious fillings and you'll complete the look by decorating these cute cakepops with sprinkles and chocolate toppers.

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

### Milonga

Belfast Argentine Tango welcomes all visitors from all over the globe. Come and involve yourself with friendly people and the craic - doors are open to you! Introduce yourself to new friends with great Music and dancing in the City.

### Easter Craft Fair with North Down Craft Collective

**13 April**

#### Castle Espie Visitor Centre

Meet local artists and makers and shop their beautiful, handmade craft pieces. From textiles to ceramics, paintings to prints, and plenty more in between, you're sure to find something unique.

[www.org.uk/wetland-centres/castle-espie](http://www.org.uk/wetland-centres/castle-espie)

of Belfast. The gallery offers a wide range of limited edition prints and Bradley merchandise.  
[terrybradley.com](http://terrybradley.com)

To find out more about what exhibitions are on check out [visitbelfast.com/whats-on/art-exhibitions](http://visitbelfast.com/whats-on/art-exhibitions)

### Museum of Orange Heritage

**368 Cregagh Road**

Located at Schomberg House, Belfast, the Museum of Orange Heritage offers a fantastic and interactive visitor experience learning about the Orange culture.

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

### ArtisAnn Gallery

**70 Bloomfield Avenue**

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

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

### Gerard Dillon Gallery

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

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

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

### Crescent Arts Centre

**2-4 University Road**

The Crescent Arts Centre is a vibrant community arts centre and cultural hub in the heart of south Belfast, which provides opportunities for people to meet, be inspired, experience and participate in a wide range of art forms.

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

### The Naughton Gallery

**Lanyon Building,  
Queen's University**

One of Belfast's most vibrant and exciting art galleries, featuring a rolling programme of works from Queen's own collection, touring exhibitions and shows by local and international artists. (€) (♻️)

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

### Terry Bradley Art

**1 Victoria Square**

One of the most recognisable and collectable artists working in Ireland today, Terry is known the world over for his signature stylised portraits inspired by the assertive female models of Ireland and Paris, and by the 'salt-of-the-earth' working men



# 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 the West-End to the heart of Belfast. Shows to look out for this Spring includes *Kinky Boots*, *Only Fools and Horses The Musical*, *Six*, *The Lion*, *The Witch and The Wardrobe* and the *Rocky Horror Show*. You can tickle your funny bone with comedy shows from *Give My Head Peace*, *Russell Kane*, *The Belfast Ma* and *Harry Hill*. Drama enthusiasts can look forward to compelling plays such as *Myra's Story*, *Danny Tango*, *Ghost Stories*, and *The Girl on the Train*.  
[goh.co.uk](http://goh.co.uk)

The **Lyric Theatre** is the only full-time producing theatre in NI and has won a series of awards for its architecture. Upcoming performances include: *In the Window*, *Our New Girl*, *Nell Gwynn*, *Paddy-the life and times of Paddy Armstrong* and *The Importance of Being Ernest*. Tim McGarry's *Ridiculous* returns to the Lyric Main Stage.

Tim examines life, politics and the modern world looking for the ludicrous, highlights the hilarious and laughs out loud at the frankly ridiculous. Experience an evening of the best songs from your favourite West End and Broadway shows. Brought to you by a first-class professional cast at a *Night at the Musicals*.  
[lyrictheatre.co.uk](http://lyrictheatre.co.uk)

The **SSE Arena, Belfast** is the home of the Belfast Giants ice hockey team as well as hosting a top line-up of concerts, shows and sporting events. This Spring you can dance the night away to *Sean Paul*, *Andre Rieu*, *Sugababes*, *Olly Murs*, *Bryan Adams* and *Lionel Richie*. Comedy nights include *Tea with me - Live with Shane Todd and Paul Smith*. WWE returns with *WWE Live the Road to Wrestlemania*.  
[ssearenabelfast.com](http://ssearenabelfast.com)

The **Waterfront Hall** offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout

the year! Comedy highlights include: *Katherine Ryan*, *Greg Davies* and *Jeff Arcuri*. There's live music from the *Dead South*, *CEOL*, *Ryan Adams* and *Gary Barlow*. Musical tributes include *Queen of the Night - A tribute to Whitney Houston*, the *Illegal Eagles* and *Ulster Orchestra presenting Essentially Broadway*.  
[waterfront.co.uk](http://waterfront.co.uk)

The Victorian **Ulster Hall** dates back to 1862 and is also home to the Ulster Orchestra. This springtime you can check out live musical performances from *Cliona Hagan*, *Jason Donovan*, *Primal Scream*, *Ocean Colour Scene* and *Jackson Dean*. Musical tributes include *The Mersey Beatles*, *Tina Turners Proud Mary Tribute*, the *Bjorn Identity* and *A Vision of Elvis*. Enjoy a night of laughs with *Paddy McGuinness*, *Rhys Darby* and *Jason Manford*.  
[ulsterhall.co.uk](http://ulsterhall.co.uk)

## worth finding

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival

Returning 1 - 11 May 2025, the QQAF features over 100 acts in various venues across the historic cultural quarter. [cqaf.com](http://cqaf.com)



# Urban Adventure

***Belfast is bursting with energy and adventure! From scaling walls to cycling through iconic landmarks, the city offers thrilling experiences at every turn. Get ready to explore, discover, and dive into the excitement!***

## **Ballylagan Trail Rides**

Experience on horseback the serene, rolling County Antrim hills and forests, or the exclusive Off-Road novice trail.

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

## **Forest Fitness NI**

Forest Fitness NI is a leading outdoor adventure centre offering exciting activities including airsoft battles, bush camps, axe throwing and more! 🎯

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

## **Colin Glen**

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

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

## **Go Quest Adventures**

Your Quest will start at the Spirit of Belfast then wind you through the Cathedral Quarter's Entries, along the River Lagan and ending in Belfast's historic Linen Quarter. This is an ideal outdoor activity for couples, families, groups of friends, school groups and can be the perfect team building or corporate activity.

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

## **Let's Go Hydro**

This water sports resort offers a range of activities including an inflatable aqua park, stand-up paddleboarding, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, kayaking, open water swimming, aqua rugby and yoga & swim experiences along with a new spa.

Glamping pods, café, BBQ pods, pizza restaurant

and drive-in movie nights are also available.

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

## **The Jungle NI**

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

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






### Xtreme Bowling

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

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

### Lagan Adventures

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

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

### Life Adventure Centre

Powered by an endless passion for adventure, we offer an extensive range of activities including mountain biking, hillwalking, stand up paddle boarding, wet bouldering, tour biking, rock climbing, kayaking, coasteering, electric biking and open canoeing. Whether beginner or addict, individual



or group, from equipment hire to self-guided or guided experiences, we've got it all.

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

### Strangford Lough Adventure Centre

Strangford Lough Activity Centre is a quirky, experiential adventure centre offering a range of outdoor activities. Situated on the shores of Strangford Lough, just a short drive from Belfast, activities on offer include: archery, boat tours, canoeing, climbing, hill walking, kayaking, laser tag, orienteering, bushcraft, stand-up paddle boarding (SUP) and wet bouldering.

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

### Ballyburren Outdoor Escapes

Ballyburren Outdoor Escapes offers alpaca trekking, forest school, luxury picnics, and more, all set in serene

natural surroundings near Belfast. Ballyburren is the perfect escape for those looking to connect with nature while enjoying unique and memorable activities.

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

### Surf Belfast

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

[better.org.uk/surf-belfast](http://better.org.uk/surf-belfast)

For even more action packed activities, see [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)

# Explore Belfast

Each area of Belfast has its own character and charm, and its own unique variety of shops, restaurants, cafes, museums and attractions. Take time to discover the city's hidden treasures in Belfast's neighbourhoods.







## City Centre

### **Cathedral Quarter, Linen Quarter & Smithfield & Union**

Belfast City Centre buzzes with energy, blending history and modern charm. Start at City Hall, the heart of the city, then explore bustling shopping streets, vibrant cafes, and a thriving restaurant scene. Don't miss St George's

Market for local flavours and unique finds. In the historic **Cathedral Quarter**, discover cobblestone streets, vibrant beer gardens, warehouse restaurants, and colorful street art. It's a lively hub of music, entertainment, and nightlife, blending old and new with St Anne's Cathedral and the Metropolitan Arts Centre. South of City Hall, the **Linen Quarter** showcases

old linen mill architecture now housing offices, chic bars, and award-winning restaurants. It's perfect for dinner and drinks before a show at the Grand Opera House. On the fringes of the Cathedral Quarter is the **Smithfield and Union Quarter**, which has garnered a reputation as the city's coolest clubbing hotspot, and as Belfast's unofficial LGBTQIA+ quarter.



# north

## North Belfast is full of history, culture, and entertainment.

Discover iconic landmarks like **Belfast Castle**, explore wildlife at **Belfast Zoo**, or delve into the past at **Crumlin Road Gaol** and **Clifton House**. For a taste of local culture, the **Duncairn Centre** is a vibrant hub for arts and music, while **Ben Madigan's Bar** provides a cosy pub experience. Why not try something new with axe throwing or test your putting skills at a round of mini golf? There's plenty to enjoy in North Belfast!

## Shankill

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



# West

## 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 Cultúrlann**, the Quarter's culture and arts centre, contains an excellent restaurant, theatre and gallery. Explore the stunning **Clonard Monastery**, located off the Falls Road, or enjoy the three mile **Divis Summit Trail** on Divis Mountain, with spectacular views over Belfast and beyond.



# east

**East Belfast was once the beating heart of the city's industrial past with thousands of people employed in linen mills, rope factories, engineering works and shipyards.**

## **Titanic Quarter & Maritime Mile**

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 world-leading attraction Titanic Belfast, be wowed by the interactive science centre W5, or simply take a stroll around the Maritime Mile to learn more about the city's shipbuilding heritage.

Find out more about the  
Maritime Mile on Pg 20 & 21



East Belfast 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. Take a stroll through the stunning **Stormont Estate**, sip a refreshing craft beer at **Bullhouse East** or get your caffeine fix at **The Lamppost Café**!





# south

## QUEEN'S QUARTER

The leafy area around Queen's University is home to a treasure trove of shops, cafes, bars and art galleries.

Visit the collections at the **Ulster Museum**, stroll around the **Victorian Palm House** in the stunning **Botanic Gardens**, take in an art-house movie at the **Queen's Film Theatre** or enjoy live music and stand-up comedy at the **Empire Music Hall**. The neighbouring **Lisburn Road** offers designer shopping, cafés and artisan delis, while **Botanic Avenue** has lots of student hang-outs.





# Road Trip

**You'll find a feast of fantastic attractions to visit within an hour's drive of Belfast. Explore our top recommendations of where to experience the best of the countryside and coastal beauty outside of the city.**

## **Giants Causeway**

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

## **Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge**

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

## **Hillsborough Castle**

From grand family home to charming royal residence, Hillsborough Castle has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics. A castle tour includes guided access to all the State

Rooms that make up this elegant Georgian home. You can also explore 100 acres of beautiful gardens to complete a relaxing day out for the whole family. [hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle](http://hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle)

## **Castle Ward**

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

## **Mount Stewart**

Nineteenth-century mansion house with one of the world's most outstanding gardens. Guided tours available of both house and gardens or explore at your own leisure. [nationaltrust.org.uk/mountstewart](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/mountstewart)

## **Rowallane Garden, Saintfield**

This informal plantsman's garden reflects the beautiful natural landscape of the surrounding area. There are spectacular

displays of shrubs, including a large collection of rhododendron species and several areas managed as wildflower meadows. [nationaltrust.org.uk/rowallane](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/rowallane)

## **The Argory**

This atmospheric Irish gentry house was built in the 1820s and is surrounded by a wooded riverside estate. Take a tour of this neo-classical masterpiece and outside enjoy the sweeping vistas, superb spring flowers, scenic walks and fascinating courtyard displays. [nationaltrust.org.uk/the-argory](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/the-argory)

## **Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House**

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

## **Antrim Castle Gardens**

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

# Belfast City & Region



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



EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

# Discover Ards & North Down this Spring

**Embrace the beauty of spring in Ards and North Down, where vibrant landscapes, rich heritage, and unique experiences come together for an unforgettable adventure, all just a short journey from Belfast.**

Whether you're exploring the City of Bangor, the history of Comber, the delights of Donaghadee, coffee culture in Holywood, or some retail therapy in Newtownards. To discovering the enchanting beauty of Strangford Lough, or venturing through the rolling countryside, Ards and North Down promises something special for everyone.

## Blooming Nature and Scenic Walks

The breathtaking shores of the North Down Coastal Path invite long, scenic walks, while Strangford Lough, a designated

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is perfect for kayaking, birdwatching, and spotting seals in their natural habitat. Visit Mount Stewart, a world-renowned National Trust property. Wander through its beautifully manicured gardens that burst to life with spring blooms and discover enchanting woodland trails. Meanwhile, families can explore the beautiful beaches throughout the borough, including Seaside Award winners: Groomsport, Millisle, Ballywalter and Cloughie, ideal for picnics and peaceful strolls, as well as top attractions like Pickie Funpark and Exploris Aquarium and Seal Sanctuary, Northern Ireland's only aquarium.





Groomsport beach



Exploris Aquarium and Seal Sanctuary

Comber Farmers' Market



## Culinary and Artisan Delights

A haven for food lovers. A visit to our local markets, cafes, tearooms, and restaurants is a must, to experience seasonal, locally sourced menus that celebrate the region's rich agricultural heritage. Enjoy a trail or tour, find the next foodie event to tantalise your tastebuds, and simply relax and be spoiled by our local hospitality. Make time for artisan shops and studios showcasing handcrafted goods, perfect for finding unique souvenirs.

## Festivals and Events

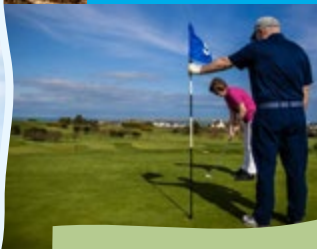
Spring brings an array of lively events and festivals, we're warm and welcoming, and we love sharing our traditions, festivals, and celebrations with visitors. Whether it's large-scale events or charming village markets, there's something for everyone to enjoy—and plenty of reasons to plan your visit around an event that catches your eye. Cultural events celebrate talent and welcome artists from near and far. In April, cases are opened, and strings are finely tuned



North Down Coastal Path



Donaghadee



## Golfing Getaways

Golf enthusiasts will find their perfect swing in Ards and North Down, with a rich heritage dating back 125 years, and home to some of Northern Ireland's most scenic courses. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or a beginner, these picturesque courses provide an unforgettable golfing experience.

### GOLF FACILITIES

#### Accredited Golf Clubs

Bangor Golf Club  
Clandeboyne Golf Club  
Holywood Golf Club  
Kirkistown Castle Golf Club  
The Royal Belfast Golf Club

#### 18-Hole Golf Courses

Blackwood Golf Centre (including driving range)  
Carnalea Golf Club  
Donaghadee Golf Club  
Scrabo Golf Club

#### 9-Hole Golf Courses

Helen's Bay Golf Club

#### Driving Ranges

Bradshaws Brae Driving Range  
Groomsport Driving Range and Golf Centre



## AND Experience Ards and North Down

for the acclaimed Ards International Guitar Festival, in May we mark a tradition dating back centuries, with Hollywood's Merry May Day. The Comber Earlies Food Festival (June): Celebrates PGI status potatoes, locally grown, with an event featuring guest chefs and cookery demonstrations, an artisan food market, live music, family entertainment, crafting and more!

To find out more about events throughout the year go to [visitarndsandnorthdown.com/whats-on](http://visitarndsandnorthdown.com/whats-on) and you can keep up to date by following Visit AND social channels, and sign up to receive emails direct to your inbox, here: [visitarndsandnorthdown.com/newsletter](http://visitarndsandnorthdown.com/newsletter)

Book an Immersive experience, guided walks or a tour for a unique visit to Ards and North Down. Enjoy adventures through our stunning landscapes, or encounter water's edge wonders, explore charming towns and villages, taste delicious local food and drink curated by passionate makers, and discover skills you didn't know you had! Be captivated by centuries-deep history, our creative spirit and our stunning coastal waters and loughs.

Find out more at [visitarndsandnorthdown.com/experienceAND](http://visitarndsandnorthdown.com/experienceAND)





Holywood

Comber  
Earlies  
Food  
Festival

Pickie Funpark

## Stay in comfort and style

Looking for accommodation? Ards and North Down has options to suit every taste and need. Choose from coastal cottages, luxury hotels, charming B&Bs, and more. With stunning views practically guaranteed, wherever you stay will feel like a retreat.

Book your short break today, find out more at [visitarndsandnorthdown.com](http://visitarndsandnorthdown.com)

### Event Highlights 2025

Merry May Day in Holywood	Monday 5 May
Sea Bangor	Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May
Taste Summer, featuring Comber Earlies Food Festival (Saturday 28 June)	Wed 25 June - Sunday 6 July
Taste Autumn, Featuring Tide and Turf Food Festival, Portavogie (Sat 6 September) and Taste AND Market (Sat 27 and Sun 28 September)	Fri 5 - Sun 28 September
Shorelife Celebration	Sat 4 October
City of Bangor Christmas Lights Switch On	Saturday 22 November
Newtownards Christmas Lights Switch On	Saturday 29 November

\*All details subject to change.

This spring, escape to Ards and North Down and make lasting memories with scenic beauty, delicious cuisine, and vibrant local culture. Plan your visit today at [visitarndsandnorthdown.com](http://visitarndsandnorthdown.com)

Mount Stewart

EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE

# Visit Lisburn & Castlereagh

Get a spring in your step and experience everything there is to see and do in Lisburn and Castlereagh!

## A Royal Gem

**Hillsborough Castle and Gardens** is a must-visit destination for history lovers and nature enthusiasts alike. You will find the official royal residence in Northern Ireland in the heart of the charming village of Royal Hillsborough, where you can take a tour of this 18th-century mansion which has hosted royalty, world leaders, and dignitaries. Explore the elegant state rooms, rich with political and historical significance, and learn its fascinating stories before strolling through 100 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens. From peaceful woodlands to vibrant floral displays, the gardens offer a tranquil escape. Don't miss the stunning **Spring Spectacular** and be dazzled by over half a million bulbs in bloom when daffodils and crocuses mark their emergence from winter, handing over to tulips and camassia later in the spring.



## The Art of Craft

Nestled in the heart of the County Down countryside, **Hinch Distillery** takes you on an unforgettable journey into the world of premium whiskey and gin. From grain to glass, their expert distillers craft spirits that reflect tradition, innovation, and passion. Join a guided tour to explore their state-of-the-art facilities, witness the intricate distillation process, and savour the rich flavours of their award-winning spirits.

Whether you're a whiskey connoisseur or a curious visitor, Hinch offers an immersive experience that delights the senses. Raise a glass, enjoy the warmth of Irish hospitality, and take home a piece of its legacy.

## Take a Trek

Alpaca trekking at **Ballyburren Outdoor Escapes** is a unique and unforgettable experience. Set amidst the rolling hills and picturesque landscapes of County Down, this adventure offers a chance to connect with nature while learning about these gentle animals. Meet the alpacas Mocha, Flat White and Espresso before enjoying a leisurely 40-minute trek through the beautiful woodland trails. Finish off by enjoying a speciality coffee on the island, or make it a special occasion by pre-booking a luxurious picnic hamper to enjoy in the picnic area.

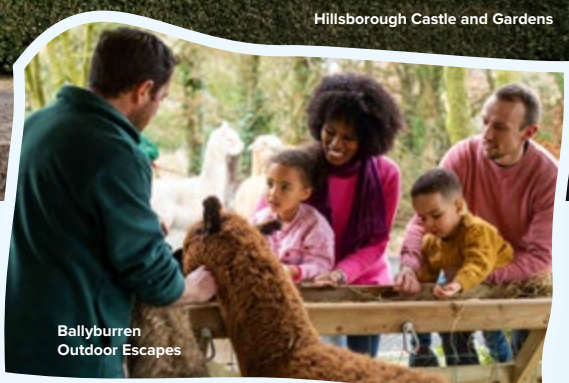




Hillsborough Castle and Gardens



Mud Ireland

Ballyburren  
Outdoor Escapes

## Give it a Go

Take a trip to the historic village of Moira and discover **Mud Ireland**, a haven for pottery enthusiasts and visitors seeking a unique, hands-on experience. This small, passionate business offers 100% handcrafted porcelain pottery, meticulously crafted using natural, locally sourced materials. Each piece is designed for everyday use, combining functionality with artistic flair. Immerse yourself in the creative process through one of their engaging classes, including the popular Pizza & Pottery nights. Whether you're a seasoned artist or a curious beginner, a visit to Mud Ireland promises a memorable blend of craftsmanship and relaxing fun.

## Explore Art & Nature

Take a trip to the stunning **Hillsborough Forest** to discover the **Digital Sculpture Trail** which blends nature with cutting-edge technology, offering a truly immersive outdoor experience. This innovative trail leads you to discover 10 sculptures, each telling a unique story that unfolds through augmented reality. As you wander along scenic paths, watch art come to life through your mobile device, merging history, folklore, and creativity. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, an art lover, or a

family seeking adventure, this trail offers a unique experience. Step into the forest and let imagination guide your journey!

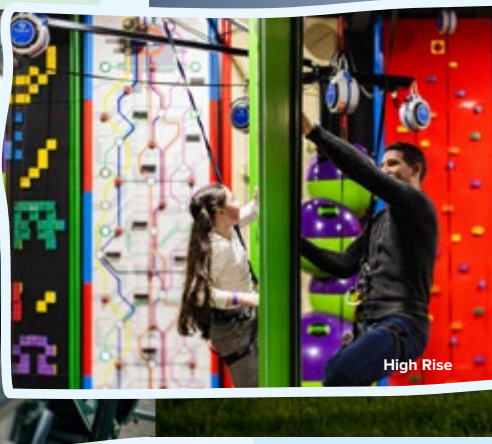


Digital sculpture trail





Ulster Aviation Society Museum



High Rise

## Experience History

The **Ulster Aviation Society Museum** is a hidden gem for history and aviation lovers. Home to an impressive collection of over 40 aircraft, from vintage warplanes to modern jets, the museum offers a fascinating journey through aviation history. Dedicated volunteers provide in-depth knowledge, making each visit both educational and engaging. Whether you're admiring a Spitfire up close or exploring rare aviation artifacts, the society offers a memorable experience that celebrates Northern Ireland's rich aviation heritage, perfect for families, history buffs, and aircraft enthusiasts alike. Booking requests must be made by prior arrangement via: [ulsteraviationsociety.org](http://ulsteraviationsociety.org)

## Energy Release

**High Rise** in Lisburn is an indoor adventure centre perfect for families and thrill-seekers alike. Home to

Northern Ireland's largest Clip 'n Climb arena, vibrant soft play areas, and state-of-the-art sensory rooms, it is designed for inclusivity and provides engaging experiences for all ages and abilities. **Airtastic Ultimate Challenges** is a unique and unmissable team game experience unique to Lisburn. With 30 epic state-of-the-art challenge rooms, it's an exciting way to test your physical and mental agility, endurance, and teamwork. **We Are Vertigo** in Newtownbreda offers exhilarating fun for all ages. With a 30,000 sq. ft. Inflatable Park, high and low ropes courses, a 30ft climbing wall, and a 3-tier Soft Play Village, it's the perfect place to let the kids burn off some energy. **Lyons Karting**, close to Royal Hillsborough,



Lyons Karting

offers an adrenaline-packed experience for thrill-seekers of all ages. With fast, challenging tracks and high-speed go-karts, it provides a fun day out for both beginners and seasoned racers.

## Culinary Creativity

Located in Castlereagh, **Forestsideside Cookery School** is a must-visit for food lovers of all skill levels. From hands-on masterclasses with expert chefs to themed culinary experiences, it's a fantastic place to learn, create, and savour delicious dishes. Chef Jeffers provides a welcoming atmosphere, making it perfect for both beginners and confident cooks looking to refine their skills. Whether you're exploring new cuisines or mastering classic techniques, every session is engaging and rewarding. If you're passionate about food and eager to expand your culinary horizons, Forestsideside Cookery School is an experience you won't want to miss!

For more inspiration, see: [visitlisburncastlereagh.com](http://visitlisburncastlereagh.com)



Down Royal Races

## Racing at Down Royal

17 March, 13 April & 5 May

Down Royal Racecourse features top-quality National Hunt and Flat racing and is proud to boast some of the most modern facilities for any racegoer. The racing events provide an exciting, action-packed day out, with a range of hospitality packages and dining options within the grounds to suit every budget. Make sure you dress in green for the annual St Patrick's Day races on 17th March! This spring you can also enjoy the Family Race Day on 13th April, the May Day Student Races on 5th May and the Summer Race Evening on 30th May. Tickets and return coach travel from Belfast can be booked online.

## The Balmoral Show

Eikon Exhibition Centre, Balmoral Park, Maze  
14 – 17 May 2025

The Balmoral Show is Northern Ireland's premier agricultural and food event, offering an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages. Taking place at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, it showcases the best in farming, food, and rural life. From prize-winning livestock and thrilling equestrian events to artisan food markets and live entertainment, there's something for everyone. Families can enjoy interactive exhibits, craft displays, and funfair attractions, while food lovers can indulge in local produce. Whether you're a farming enthusiast or just looking for a great day out, the Balmoral Show promises excitement, tradition, and a warm welcome.



The Balmoral Show

## Royal Hillsborough Farmers Market

31 May

The Royal Hillsborough Farmers Market and street food extravaganza returns to The Dark Walk and Hillsborough Fort this spring. With over 50 stalls featuring artisan produce, artisanal goods, locally grown flowers, art, crafts and perennial plants, as well as a wide range of street food and speciality coffee to choose from, that you can sit and enjoy while listening to local musicians in the stunning backdrop of Hillsborough Fort.








# Tours



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

## KEY

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



# Tours

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## HOP ON / HOP OFF TOURS

### Belfast City Sightseeing

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

**028 9032 1321**  
**belfastcitysightseeing.com**

### City Tours Belfast

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

**028 9032 1912**  
**citytoursbelfast.com**

## GUIDED COACH TOURS

### Allen's Giant's Causeway Tours

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

**028 9091 5613**  
**allensbelfastbustours.com**



**Causeway/Game of Thrones Coach Tour**  
Depart Belfast and

travel along one of the top 5 scenic drives in the world, the Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at Carrickfergus Castle, Carnlough Harbour, Cushendun, Carrick-a-rede (viewing point), the Dark Hedges, Giant's Causeway and Dunluce Castle.

**028 9032 1321**  
**belfastcitysightseeing.com**



### Game of Thrones Tours

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

**028 9568 0023**  
**gameofthrones.com**



### McComb's Coach Tours

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

**028 9031 5333**  
**mccombscoaches.com**



### Odyssey Coach Tours

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

**028 9024 0300**  
**odysseycoachtrous.com**



### Paddywagon Tours

Daily guided tours from Belfast to the Giant's Causeway including admission to the Causeway visitor centre.

Enjoy stunning coastal views, a photo stop at Dunluce Castle and time to cross the Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge.

**028 9033 3367**  
**paddywagontours.com**



### Prestige Tours

Private tours covering both North and South Ireland. Choose from a selection of suggested trips or create your own custom tour itinerary with one of Prestige's local guides.

**irelandprestigtours.com**



## GUIDED TAXI TOURS

### Alternative Ulstours

From cinema to true crime, punk rock to the paranormal, we offer a range of informative and entertaining tours. Founded by journalist and musician Andrew Johnston.

**ticketsource.co.uk/alternativeulstours**

### Belfast Sightseeing

Choose from a wide range of award winning guided tours including Political History, Titanic & Maritime, Giants Causeway and Game of Throne. Customised tours also available. TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award 2022.

**07702 060 573**  
**belfastsightseeing.com**



### The Black Cab Tour

A Blue Badge certified tour guide takes you through Loyalist and Republican heartlands where the murals tell the story from a historical perspective. Write your

own message on the Peace walls and enjoy a city sightseeing tour.

**07798 602401**  
**touringaroundbelfast.com**

### Taxitaxi Tours

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

**07892 716660**  
**taxitaxi.com**



### Value Cabs Taxi Tour

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

**028 9080 9080**  
**valuecabs.co.uk**



## WALKING TOURS

### Away a Wee Walk

A Giant's Causeway tour like no other, hike the full UNESCO coast over 5 spectacular miles of stunning cliffs.

**07837703643**  
**awayaweewalk.com**



### Belfast Free Walking Tour

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

**07393 585531**  
**belfastfreewalkingtour.com**

# Tours

## Belfast à Pied

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

**07772 873 342**

**belfast-a-pied.com**

## Belfast Hidden Tours

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

**07971 895746**

**belfasthiddentours.com**

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## Belfast Walking Tours

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

**07845 536119**

**belfastwalkingtours.com**



## Belfastology Walking Tours

Offering a number of original tours and experiences that take you all over Northern Ireland. Most of the tours are based in Belfast, and cover everything from street art to architecture and the

city's incredible history.

**07552 309575**

**belfastology.com**

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## Belfast Traditional Music Trail

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

**028 9028 8818**

**belfasttradtrail.com**



## Coiste Political Tours

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

**028 9020 0770**

**coiste.ie**

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## Creative Tours Belfast

Join your expert music guide for a fun, music-filled walk around cool music venues in the city to hear stories about our music legends past and present, plus our rising stars. We offer scheduled dates on two tours: the popular 'Belfast Music Walking Tour' that covers many genres, and the 'Belfast Punk Music Walking Tour'.

**07305 754028**

**creativetoursbelfast.com**



## Dr Tom's Tours

Dr Tom is a Belfast historian, resident and Green Badge Tour Guide offering guided historical walking tours through Belfast's complex past. Choose from a variety of

tours including People & Places, Diseases & Drs, Queen's Quarter, Maritime Belfast and Anti-Slavery Belfast - book at: [antislaverybelfast.com](http://antislaverybelfast.com)

**07779 269 182**

**drtomstours.com**

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## DC Tours

The No. 1 Belfast walking tour, 'A History of Terror', runs every day and explains the history of the Troubles and the path to peace. The 'Best of Belfast' tour is the perfect introduction to the art, architecture and history of the city and runs Fridays to Sundays.

**07716 949460**

**deadcentretrous.com**



## Discovery Tour at Titanic Belfast

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

**028 9076 6386**

**titanicbelfast.com**



## Giant's Tours

Discover the hidden gems of the towering Belfast hills that offer stunning views of the city, to the historic shipyards of the Titanic Quarter. You can also visit the Peace Walls, Shankill Road, and admire the beautiful architecture of Belfast City Centre.

**giantstours.com**



## Hometown Tours

Hometown Tours provides fun and memorable guided bike and walking tours along the cycle paths and greenways of Belfast with local expert

Steven Patterson.

**hometowntoursbelfast.com**



## If Buildings Could Talk Tour

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

**07714 684804**

**ifbuildingscouldtalktour.com**



## Streets of Belfast

This self-guided tour pools together political and oral history, archive images and voice recordings to give you a sense of Belfast's most famous, and infamous, streets.

**028 9024 3343**

**streetsofbelfast.kabosh.net**



## BIKE TOURS

### Belfast City Bike Tours

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

**07780 496969**

**belfastcitybike tours.com**



### Bike Mournie

Bike Mournie offer mountain, touring and electric bike hire from their extensive fleet or enjoy a guided bike or electric bike tour with one of their passionate guides.

**028 4377 0714**

**bikemournie.com**



### U:Move E-Bike Tour

See Belfast in style! Join us for a guided E-Bike tour of Belfast. Designed for those who like to travel comfortably and enjoy the outdoors. 90-minute, accompanied tour, of Belfast's key sights.  
[umoveebikes.com](http://umoveebikes.com)

## FILM TOURS

### Winterfell Tours

Located at Old Castle Ward, this unique tour brings you into the heart of Game of Thrones. Meet Direwolves, try your hand at archery and axe throwing and much more on the stunning banks of Strangford Lough.  
[winterfell-tours.com](http://winterfell-tours.com)

### Line of Duty Walking Tour

Your 2 ½ hour Line of Duty tour takes you on a behind-the-scenes look at this popular series giving you a chance to stand on the spot of your screen heroes. You'll get the chance to see the locations where some of the most exciting and memorable scenes were filmed.  
[britmovietours.com](http://britmovietours.com)



### Game of Thrones Studio Tour

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

### gameofthrones studiotour.com



## PRIVATE / GROUP TOURS

### BelfastLad Tours

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

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



### Giants Tours

Experience the hidden gems of Belfast from the towering Belfast hills to the historic shipyard of the Titanic Quarter. Discover the world-renowned street art on the Falls Road, visit the Peace Walls, Shankill Road and the beautiful architecture of Belfast City Centre.  
[giants-tours.com](http://giants-tours.com)



### NI Chauffeurs

A professional chauffeur service with a variety of executive vehicles offering political tours of Belfast, day trips to the Causeway coast or Game of Thrones filming locations as well as executive/corporate travel and airport/hotel transfers.  
**07762 448697**  
[nichauffeurs.com/tours](http://nichauffeurs.com/tours)

### Northern Ireland Tourist Guiding Association (NITGA)

Full members are Blue Badge and National Guides accredited by the Institute of Tourist Guiding or Fáilte Ireland. They excel in coach, walking, religious, and site-specific tours, serving as expert ambassadors for Northern Ireland.  
[nitga.co.uk](http://nitga.co.uk)

### Top Class Travel

Explore the magic of NI with multi-day tours, Giant's Causeway tours or Belfast Black taxi tours. Also offers private airport transfers.  
**07377936849**  
[topclasstravelbelfast.com](http://topclasstravelbelfast.com)

### Tour Guides NI

Established and experienced guides for groups looking to experience the best that Northern Ireland has to offer. Tours can be delivered in a variety of ways; walking, taxi, driver/guides and by coach.  
[tourguidesni.com](http://tourguidesni.com)

## FOOD & DRINK TOURS

### Belfast Pub Crawl

Join us for a night to remember experiencing Belfast's historic & modern pubs and lively music scene on our Irish Traditional pub crawl  
**07712 603764**  
[belfastcrawl.com](http://belfastcrawl.com)



### Taste and Tour

Exclusively offering the multi-award winning 4-hour fun & food filled 'Belfast Food Tour',

'Belfast Gin Jaunt', 'Belfast Whiskey Walk', 'Craft Beer & Street Eats' and 'City Cocktail Circuit', as well as a range of bespoke private tours.  
**028 9045 7723**  
[tasteandtour.co.uk](http://tasteandtour.co.uk)

### Vegan Table Tour

For passionate vegans and non-vegans alike, this combined food & guided walking tour allows you to experience Belfast's expanding Vegan food scene, while simultaneously enjoying the sights and history of Belfast.  
**07511 177 718**  
[townlandtours.co.uk](http://townlandtours.co.uk)

## STADIUM TOURS

### Irish FA Tours

The Education and Heritage Centre at the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park tells the unique story of Northern Irish football from the 1880s to the present day.  
[irishfa.com/tours](http://irishfa.com/tours)



## BOAT TOURS

### Waterways Belfast

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



# Eating Out



## KEY

D4 Map grid location

CC City Centre

CO Cathedral Quarter

TO Titanic Quarter

LO Linen Quarter

QQ Queen's Quarter

GO Gaeltacht Quarter

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

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every day, everywhere*

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

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Northern Ireland

## MODERN CUISINE

### Actons

**17 Brunswick Street**  
Situating in the heart of Belfast's Linen Quarter, close to the Grand Opera House, the Ulster Hall and many of Belfast's hotels. A modern, vibrant and relaxed restaurant, offering a menu that will appeal to all!  
**028 9024 0239**  
[actonandsons.com](http://actonandsons.com)

### AMPM

**38-44 Upper Arthur Street**  
This quirky venue has become synonymous with wholesome cuisine and intimate ambience. AMPM boasts one of Belfast's most varied small plate menus, sumptuous afternoon teas, sophisticated world-inspired dining and arguably Northern Ireland's most varied cocktail list.  
**028 9024 9009**  
[ampmbelfast.com](http://ampmbelfast.com)

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

**Ben Madigan's Bar & Kitchen**  
**169-175 Cavehill Road**  
Ben Madigan's Bar and Kitchen is a welcoming community bar in the North of the City. The cosy pub serves lunches and main meals from 12 noon 7 days a week.  
**benmadigansbar.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](http://belfastcastle.co.uk)

### Coco Restaurant 7-11 Linenhall Street

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

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

### Cutters Wharf Lockview Road, Stranmillis

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

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

### Deanes at Queens 1 College Gardens

With its glorious terrace, Deanes at Queens takes full advantage of its enviable location.

Chris Fearon of Great British Menu fame serves up a variety of menu options.

**028 9038 2111**  
[michaeldeane.co.uk](http://michaeldeane.co.uk)

### Deanes Meat Locker 28-40 Howard Street

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

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

### Flame Restaurant The Ewart, 3 Bedford Square

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

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

### Granny Annie's Kitchen 81 Chichester Street

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

granny's" to a whole new belly-busting level!!

**028 9032 1331**  
[grannyanies.co.uk](http://grannyanies.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**  
[banksqbrasserie.co.uk](http://banksqbrasserie.co.uk)

### 44 Hill Street 44 Hill Street

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

**028 9590 8444**  
[44hillstreet.com](http://44hillstreet.com)

### Holohan's Pantry 43 University Road

Located in the Queen's Quarter you'll find Belfast's only boxty house! Casual dining using only local fare, you will find true Irish hospitality at its best in this family run restaurant. Now open on Mondays!

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

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



**Hope Street**  
**4-5 Hope Street**

Hope Street offers fresh, high quality Northern Irish ingredients creating a varied menu with the focus firmly on great seasonal produce.

**028 9020 0158**  
[hopestreetbelfast.co.uk](http://hopestreetbelfast.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](http://horatiotodds.com)

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

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

**028 9024 8362**  
[howardstbelfast.com](http://howardstbelfast.com)



**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**  
[henrysbelfast.com](http://henrysbelfast.com)



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

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

**028 9560 0700**  
[jamesst.co.uk](http://jamesst.co.uk)



**Le Winters**  
**92 Church Street, Newtownards**

With an innovative approach to dining offering great value food and wines of high quality at affordable prices.

The menu has something to offer every taste ranging from traditional, local favourites to exotic dishes from around the world.

**028 9181 4141**  
[strangfordhotel.com/lewinters](http://strangfordhotel.com/lewinters)

**MrDeanes**  
**28-40 Howard Street**

The 90-seater restaurant offers a La carte menus featuring many Deanes' classics, reflecting the restaurateur's long running passion for hospitality.

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



**Nancy Mulligans Bar & Kitchen**  
**95 Castle Street**

Experience the charm of a traditional Irish bar with good food, great drinks, live entertainment & warm hospitality.

[nancymulligans.ie](http://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 début serves an authentic Mediterranean menu with locally sourced produce and all-day dining.

**028 9531 3191**  
**novellirestaurants.**  
**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.

**028 2923 5986**  
**themorningstarbar**  
**.co.uk**

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## The Muddlers Club Warehouse Lane, Waring St

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

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

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## Parisien Cleaver House

Parisien offers a cosmopolitan location with a view for a memorable dining experience, perfect for gathering with friends and family for elegant dining in the heart of the city, with stunning views of Belfast City Hall.

**028 9590 4338**  
**cafeparisienbelfast.com**

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## OX Restaurant 1 Oxford Street

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

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

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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**

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## Saga Kitchen & Cellar 43 Malone Road

At Saga, our ethos is "Eat Local, Think Global." We are dedicated to using the freshest local ingredients, supporting our community's farmers and producers.

**sagabelfast.com**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## Stock Kitchen & Bar 1st Floor St

### George's Market

At Stock Kitchen, the mission is a simple one: create memorable, quality dishes using only the finest of Irish ingredients. Open Thursday - Sunday

**stockbelfast.com**

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## 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**

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## 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**  
**bullittthotel.com**

☺ ☹ ☹

## Yardbird 3 Hill Street

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

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

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## Waterman 5-23 Hill Street

A no frills restaurant serving a European menu using local Irish ingredients. Menus change weekly depending on availability of seasonal produce, with local beers and gins changing monthly.

**028 9043 4310**  
**waterman.restaurant**

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# SEAFOOD

## Fish City 33 Ann Street

The UK's Fish & Chip Restaurant of the Year. The place to go for premium fish & chips and local, sustainable

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seafood. Enjoy Irish seafood chowder, oysters, mussels, caviar, and more, all served with warm hospitality.  
**028 9023 1000**  
**fish-city.com**

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

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

## ITALIAN

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

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

**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**  
**littlewingpizzeria.com**

**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**

**PizzaExpress**  
**25-27 Bedford Street**  
Dig into the classics you know and love or try some of the menus brilliant new dishes - tons of toppings, delicious Dough Ball recipes, vegan and gluten-free options galore, drinks, desserts and so much more to sink your teeth into.  
**pizzaexpress.com/belfast-bedford-street**

**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**

**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**

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

## SPANISH

**EDŌ**  
**Upper Queen Street**  
A new, contemporary, European dining experience in the heart of the city offering tapas style sharing plates, robust meat and fish

dishes and charcoal oven cooked steaks.  
**028 9031 3054**  
**edorestaurant.co.uk**

**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.  
**028 9031 1414**  
**2taps-winebar.com**

## MEXICAN

**La Taqueria**  
**53 Castle St**  
La Taqueria's 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 the team at La Taqueria ships in themselves.  
**07748786654**  
**lataqueriabelfast.co.uk**

## ASIAN

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

with a mission to create fresh food fast.

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



## Cosmo

### Victoria Square

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

**028 9023 6660**  
**cosmo-restaurants**  
**.co.uk**



## NuDelhi

### 68-72 Great Victoria St

Experience award-winning Indian cuisine with a modern twist, vibrant ambiance, and handcrafted cocktails at Belfast's stylish Nu Delhi Lounge.

**028 9024 4747**  
**nudelhi.co.uk**



## Sakura Sushi

### 82 Botanic Ave

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

**028 9043 9590**  
**sakurabelfast.com**



## 7 Spice

### St Anne's Square

Located in the heart of the Cathedral Quarter, 7 Spice is ideal for a pre-show meal of authentic Bangladeshi cuisine – or spend make an evening of it in one of its unique VIP dining pods!

**028 9031 0210**  
**7spicebelfast.online**



## Wagamama Belfast

### Victoria Square

Inspired by delicious Japanese noodle bars and flavours, Wagamama offers an exciting

and inclusive casual dining experience.

**028 9023 6098**  
**wagamamani.com**



## CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY

### Daisies

#### 7b Chichester Street

Local Belfast chocolatier, specialising in Artisan chocolates to delight your taste buds.

**daisiesbelfast.com**



### Neighbourhood Cafe

#### 61 Donegall Street

Nestled in the heart of Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, the menu features locally sourced ingredients, showcasing the best of Irish produce, with options to suit all tastes and dietary needs.

**neighbourhood.cafe**



### 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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#### Wellington Place/

#### Victoria Sq/CastleCourt/

#### Botanic Ave/ Lisburn Rd

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

**028 9023 6679**  
**starbucks.co.uk**



### Oui Poutine

#### 1 Donegall Quay

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



### Belfast Breakfast Baps

#### 353 Woodstock Road

They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day and at Belfast Breakfast Baps we serve just that. Using only locally sourced breads, quality bacon, sausages and black pudding, cooked to perfection, served in Belfast's famous Belfast Bap.

**breakfastbaps.co.uk**

### Bread Street Bakery

#### 13/14 Great Northern Mall

Bread Street Bakery & Café produces and sells flour-based baked goods made in an oven such as bread cookies, doughnuts, pastries and savoury pies.

**northsouthretail.com**

### Dougie's Goodies Bakery

#### 51-53 Fountain Street

Dougies Goodies is a vibrant bakery brand who love sharing their tasty goodies and "Do Good" culture throughout NI!

**028 2564 9241**  
**dougiesgoodies.com**



# visitBelfast

## Welcome Centre

### Official Visitor Information for Belfast & Northern Ireland

Call in and discover what our city and the rest of Northern Ireland has to offer... you'll be surprised!

**9 Donegall Square North**  
**Belfast BT1 5GB**  
(directly opposite front of Belfast City Hall)  
**+44 (0)28 9024 6609**  
**visitbelfast.com**

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# Pubs & Clubs



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

## KEY

 Map grid location

 Serves food

 Traditional music

 Live music

 DJ/Club

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

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## CITY CENTRE

### Amelia Hall

#### 44 Howard Street

A buzzing bar, pizzeria and beer terrace in Belfast's Linen quarter.

Enjoy artisan pizza, craft drinks, and great vibes daily.

**028 9033 3836**

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### Angel And Two Bibles

#### 1 Goose Entry

Buzz for entry and climb the stairway to Belfast's hidden cocktail bar.

Cosy up with a cocktail by the fire or enjoy rooftop drinks on the heated outdoor terrace.

**07518 283 884**

[angelandtwo.biblesbelfast.com](http://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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### BrewDog Belfast

#### Unit 4

#### Belfast Grand Central Station

Our first Northern Irish bar is open! Located in the station's mezzanine level, BrewDog Belfast Grand Central is pouring 12 taps of the cold, fresh craft beer alongside our Wonderland cocktails

and curated selection of wines and spirits.

**028 2046 2091**

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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](http://fountainlanebelfast.com)

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### The Garrick Bar

#### 29 Chichester Street

The Garrick Bar is a traditional pub in the heart of the city centre serving food every day from 12pm. Well known for trad music sessions and showing sport fixtures.

**028 9032 1984**

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

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### Granny Annie's

#### 81 Chichester Street

Granny Annies is all about fresh, local food, great choice of drinks plus regular live music.

**028 9032 1331**

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

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### Henry's

#### 4 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**

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

D3 ☹ ☹ ☹

### The Jailhouse

#### Joy's Entry

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

**028 9032 6711**

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

D3 ☹ ☹ ☹

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

D4 ☹

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

D3 ☹

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

D3 ☹ ☹ ☹

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

D4 ☹

### Revolución de Cuba

#### 25-39 Arthur Street

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

**028 9590 9249**

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

D4 ☹ ☹ ☹

### 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

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blend of traditional and Cajun style dishes at very affordable prices.

**028 9027 8290**  
[voodooobelfast.com](http://voodooobelfast.com)



## CATHEDRAL QUARTER

### The Cloth Ear 35-39 Waring Street

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

**028 9026 2719**  
[themerchanthotel.com](http://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.

**028 9043 4655**  
[thedeersheadbelfast.com](http://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](http://thedirtyonion.com)



### The Second Fiddle 3 Hill Street

The Second Fiddle is The Dirty Onion's sister bar and home to local trad and folk music offered 4 days a week from Thursday through to Sunday.

**028 9024 3712**  
[thedirtyonion.com/the-second-fiddle/](http://thedirtyonion.com/the-second-fiddle/)



### The Duke of York Commercial Court

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

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



### The Northern Whig 2-10 Bridge Street

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

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



### The Reporter Bar 3 Union Street

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

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



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



### White's Tavern 2-4 Winecellar Entry

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

**028 9031 2582**

[whitestavernbelfast.com](http://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](http://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](http://nicholsonspubs.co.uk)



### Haymarket 84 Royal Avenue

Haymarket Belfast has something for everyone, situated in the heart of Belfast's City Centre!

Enjoy great drinks, tasty food & live music, sport & events in the courtyard.

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



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

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

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## 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](https://facebook.com/ThePointsBelfast)

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## Pug Ugly's

**21 Bedford Street**

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

**028 9032 0030**

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

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](http://robinsonsbart.co.uk)

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## Woodworkers

**20 - 22 Bradbury Place**

Woodworkers are Belfast's first craft beer bar with 14 rotating taps, great food, board games & a shuffleboard.

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

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# 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](http://thebelfastempire.com)

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## The Parlour

**2-4 Elmwood Avenue**

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

**028 9068 6970**

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

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

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## The Crafty Vintner

**705 Lisburn Road**

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

**028 9066 2601**

[thecraftyvintner.tastingroom.co.uk](http://thecraftyvintner.tastingroom.co.uk)

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## Cutter's Wharf

**Lockview Road**

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

**028 9080 5100**

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

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## The Doyen

**829 Lisburn Road**

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

**028 9050 9950**

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

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## The Errigle Inn

**312-320 Ormeau Road**

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

**028 9064 1410**

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

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## The Pavilion

**293 Ormeau Road**

A historic three-story bar on Ormeau Rd, famed as "The Big House," with live music, a pool hall, and rich Belfast heritage.

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

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# EAST BELFAST

## Boundary Tap Room

**A4-A7, 310**

**Newtownards Road**

Boundary Taproom has 20 taps, 3 enormous fridges full of Boundary cans, specialty imported Belgian beers and a delicious wine list.

[boundarybrewing.coop](http://boundarybrewing.coop)

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## 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](http://bullhousebrewco.com/pages/bullhouse-east)

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# Getting About

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

## TO/FROM AIRPORTS

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

**Belfast International Airport** is a 30 minute drive from Belfast. The Airbus Express 300 operates between the airport and Belfast Grand Central Station in the city.

## BELFAST BIKES

Belfast Bikes is a simple, fun and inexpensive way to get around with 300 bikes and 30 docking stations positioned across the city centre. For just £6 you can get a three-day pass. The first 30 minutes of each trip is free of charge, with £1 charges for each additional hour up to 4 hours and £2 every extra 30 minutes up to 24 hours. Register, at [belfastbikes.co.uk](http://belfastbikes.co.uk), download the Nextbike app or call **034 3357 1551**

## TAXI HIRE

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

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

**fonaCAB**  
fonaCAB has 400 cars and over 40 years' experience in the taxi industry. The services provided include airport transfers, executive cars and tours by taxi, on request.  
**028 9033 3333**  
[fonacab.com](http://fonacab.com)

## COACH SERVICES

**Aircoach**  
High frequency, high quality non-stop express coach service connecting Derry/Londonderry, Dublin City and Dublin Airport with Belfast.  
**00353 1 844 7118**  
[aircoach.ie](http://aircoach.ie)

## CAR HIRE

Renting a car is another great way to get around Belfast

and to visit some of the many attractions throughout Northern Ireland. Providers available online at [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com)

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Translink is responsible for Metro, Glider, Ulsterbus and NI Railways, operating a network of bus and rail services throughout Northern Ireland and on cross border routes.  
**028 9066 6630**  
[translink.co.uk](http://translink.co.uk)

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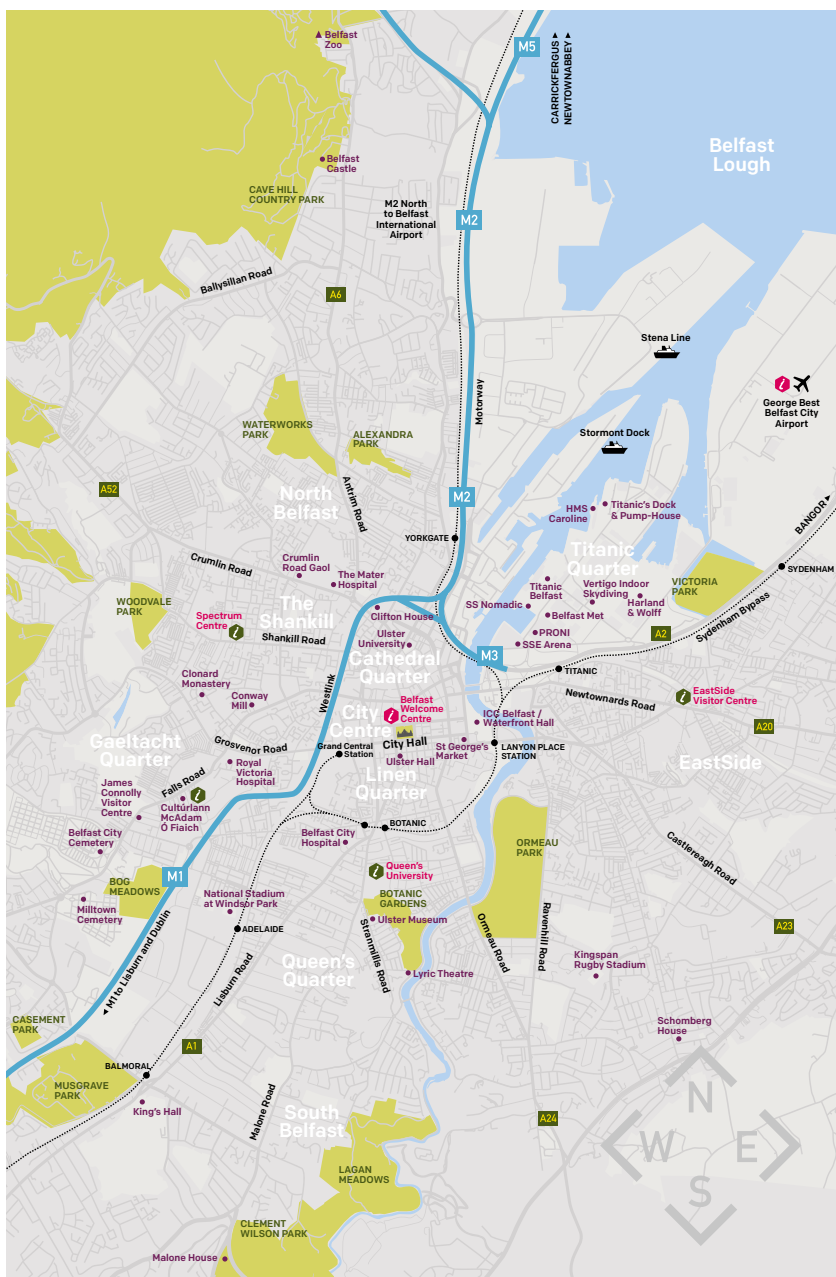


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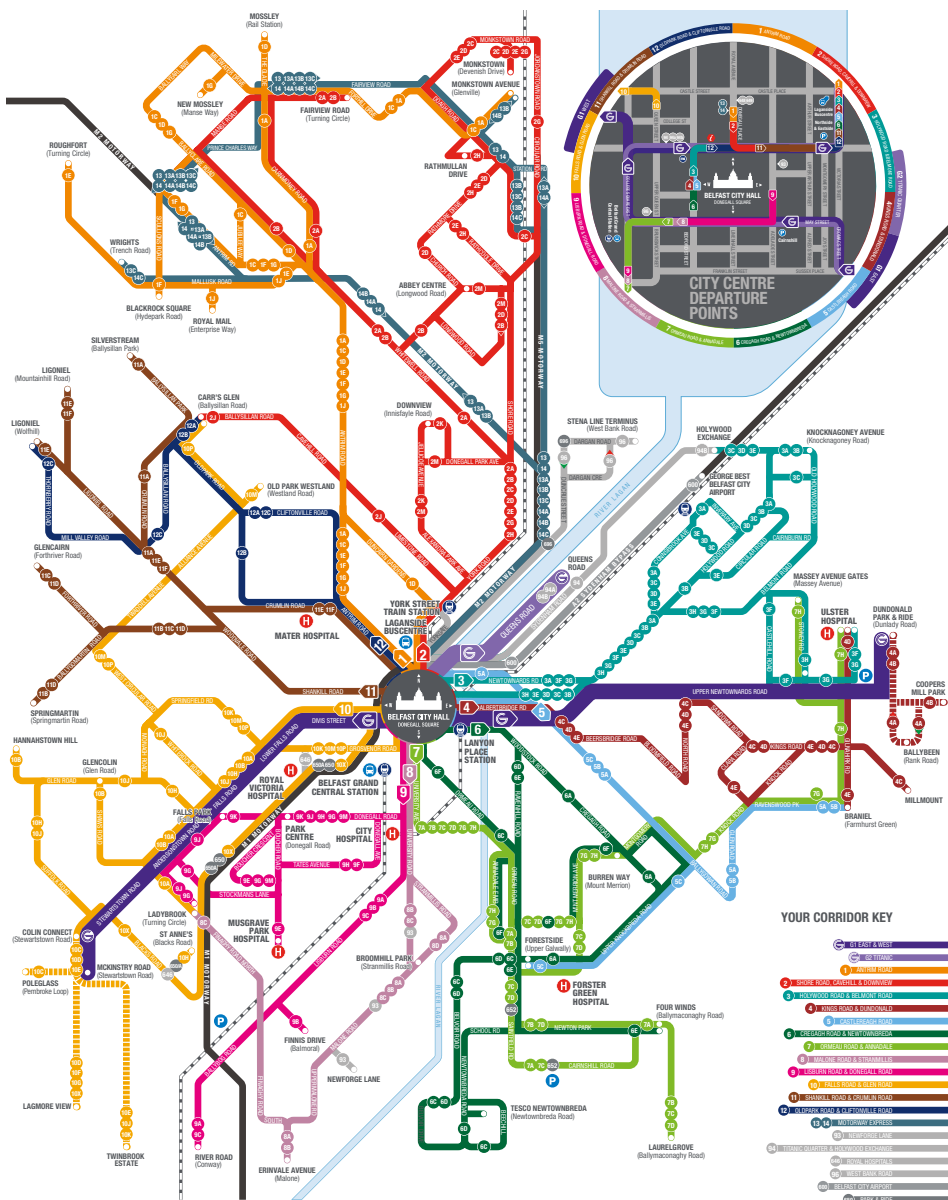
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[www.translink.co.uk](http://www.translink.co.uk)



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# Getting around the city

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

## WHICH SERVICE?

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



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

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

## Ulsterbus and Urby –

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

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

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

## Airport Services –

Bus services from Belfast Grand Central Station to airports in Belfast, Dublin and Derry~Londonderry.

## WHICH TICKET?

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

## mLink Metro/Glider Day

**Ticket** – unlimited day travel on Glider and Metro. Download the mLink app and buy before you board!

## Contactless Daily Cap –

Simply tap your bank card or payment device on any Metro service throughout the day and you will be capped at the daily price after your 2nd journey! (Not available on Glider services) *Passengers must tap with the same contactless card or device for all their journeys on one day to receive the daily capped fare.*

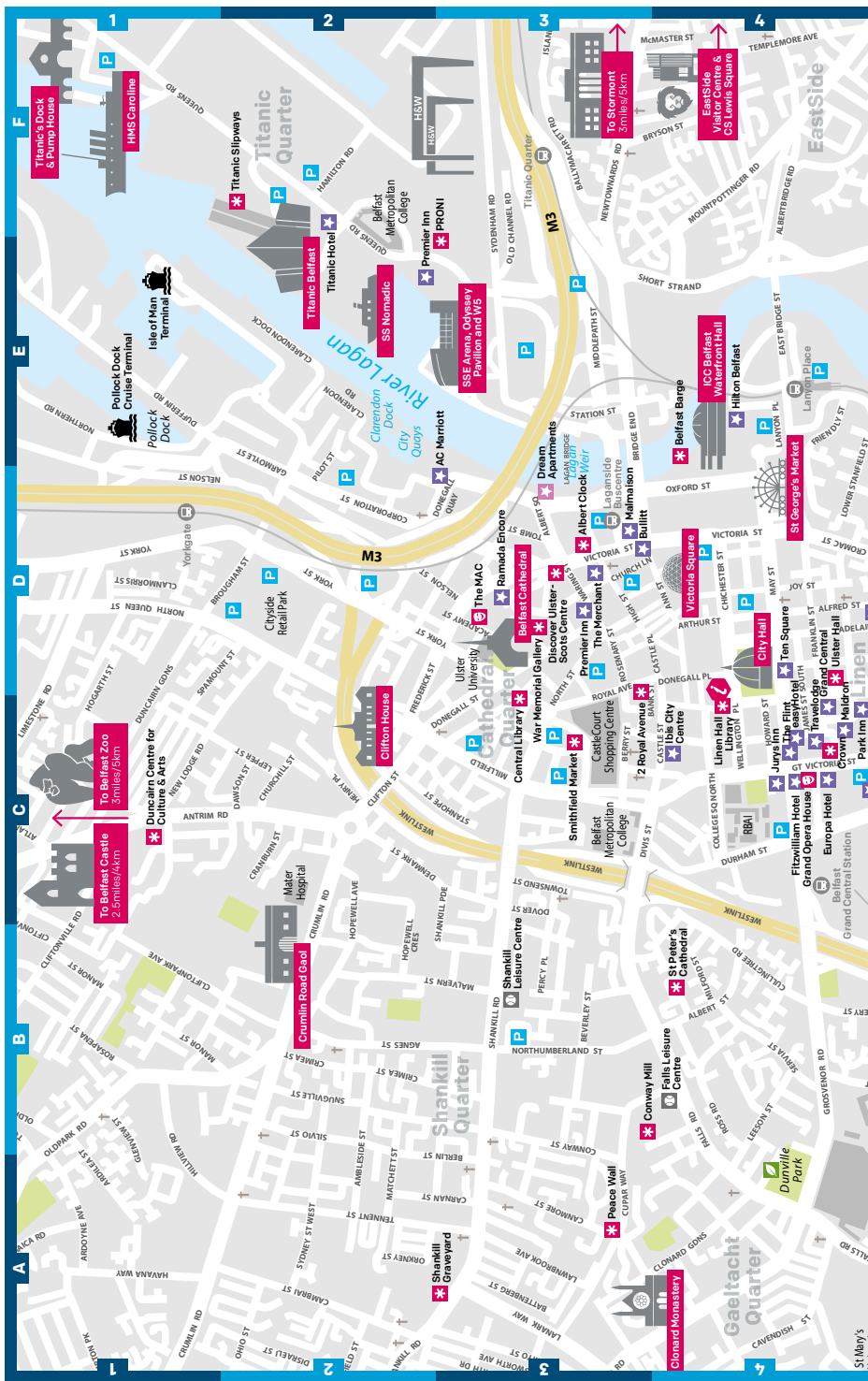
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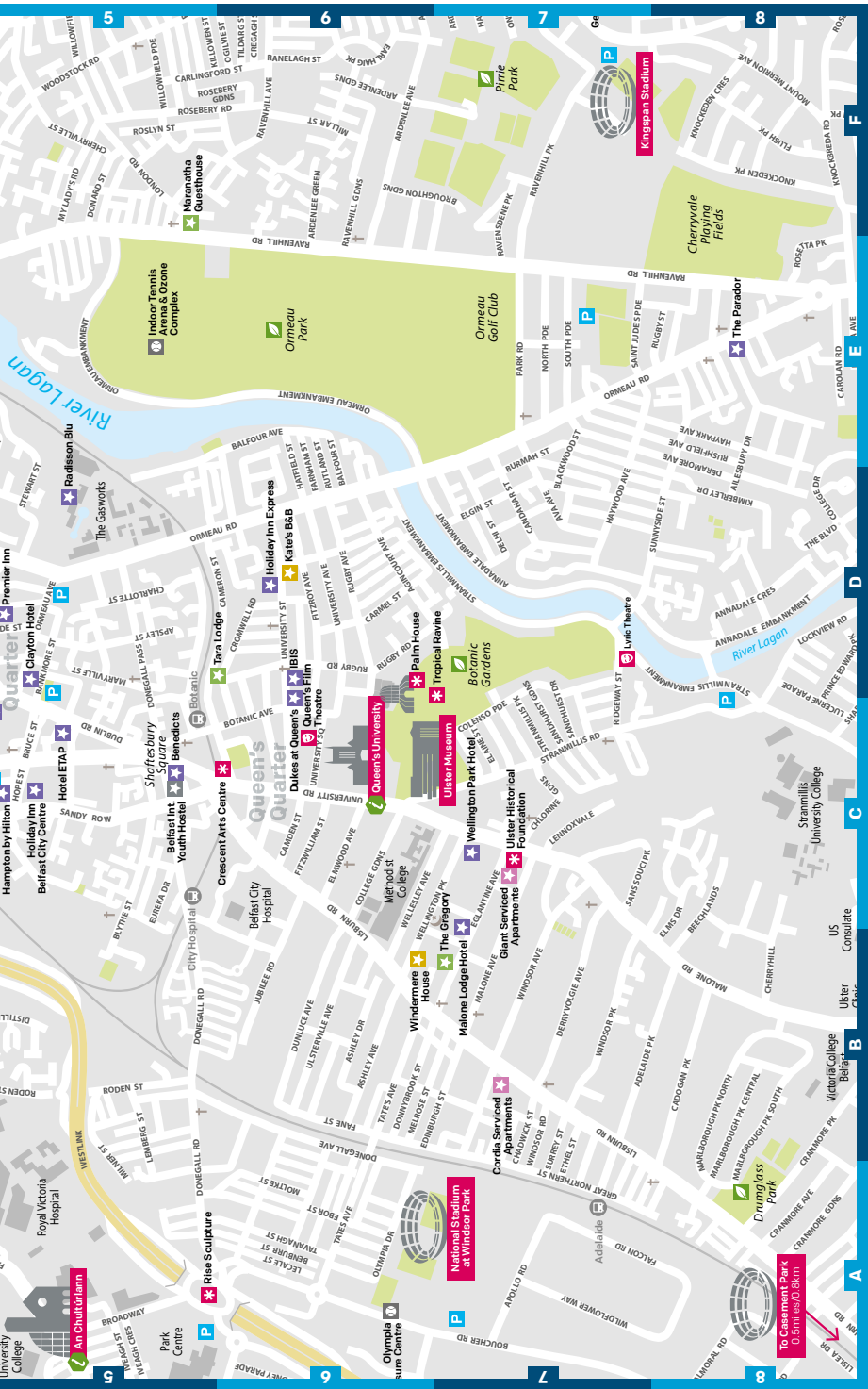
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# Just the Two of Us

Belfast is brimming with activities perfect for couples, whether you're here for a day or an extended weekend. From cozy coffee spots to unforgettable dining experiences, here are some top suggestions to make your visit extra special.

## Coffee Date

Start your day with a relaxing coffee at one of these charming spots:

### Neighbourhood

Located in the buzzing Cathedral Quarter. Take your coffee to go and stroll the cobbled streets before the city wakes up.

### The Lamppost Café

Visit the family run C.S Lewis inspired café and feel like you have stepped back in time.

### St George's Market

One of Belfast's oldest attractions and one of the best markets in the UK and Ireland. Sip your coffee whilst browsing the stalls rich with local produce, unique gifts and souvenirs and listen to the local musicians.

## Activities

Spend some quality time together exploring the city:

### Taste and Tour

Led by passionate, local guides signature tours including the original Belfast Food Tour, the Gin Jaunt, Crafty Beer and Tasty Bites along with our City Cocktail Circuit, Whiskey Walk, Wine Wander and 5 Stop Brunch.

### Spa Experience

Indulge in a luxuriously tranquil

evening together. The Spa at The Merchant Hotel offers a range of treatments (including men's treatments), a hydrotherapy area and all the makings of a memorable, relaxing date.

### Botanic Gardens

Take a stroll in Botanic Gardens in the heart of south Belfast. This beautiful park is home to exotic tree species and plants from the southern hemisphere as well as the Palm House and Tropical Ravine.

### A Show at the Grand Opera House

The beautiful and historic Grand Opera House has an outstanding programme of drama, opera, dance, comedy and musicals; so you're bound to find something both you and your other half can enjoy.

## Dining Delights

Savour a memorable meal at one of these top picks:

### OX

Experience seasonal creativity in this award-winning restaurant overlooking the River Lagan, and have a top gastronomic experience.

### Muddler's Club

Producing simple but elegant dishes in cool atmosphere, Muddlers Club is hidden away in Belfast's Cathedral Quarter.

### Deane's

A Belfast classic offering a variety of dining experiences.

## Night Life

Wrap up your Belfast adventure with a drink at one of these atmospheric venues:

### The Observatory

With stunning cityscape as far as the eye can see the Observatory, on the 23rd floor of the Grand Central Hotel, takes romance to a new level. Serving sparkling afternoon tea, cheese boards, charcuterie and decadent cocktails, this dreamy place for a date is sure to leave your head in the clouds.

### Bert's Jazz Bar

Fancy a date night with fabulous cocktails, delicious food and great music? Find yourself instantly transported back to the chic, intimate jazz bars of 1930's New York as you soak up the sophisticated atmosphere and let the cool jazz melodies wash over you.

### Duke of York

A traditional Belfast bar crammed with original mirrors and memorabilia, cold beer, great Guinness and the largest selection of Irish whiskeys in Ireland. Catch live music Thursday-Sundays including traditional, acoustic and rock. The extensive smoking area outside is festooned with award-winning flowers and street art. For more romantic ideas check out [visitbelfast.com](http://visitbelfast.com) or scan the code

