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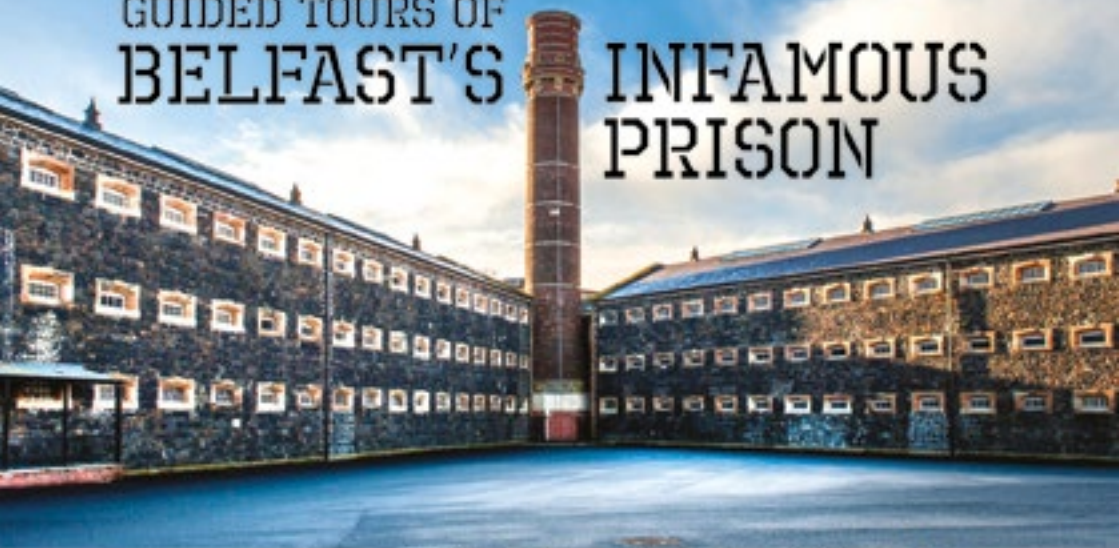
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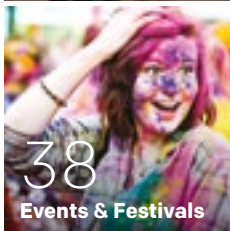
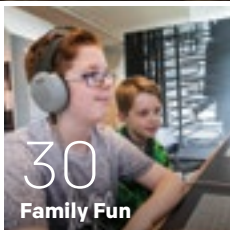
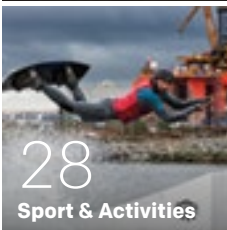
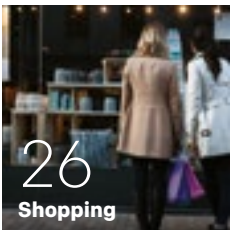
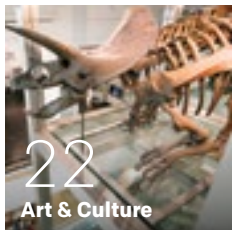
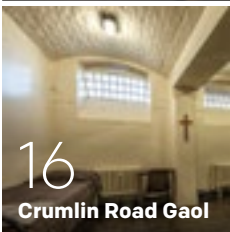
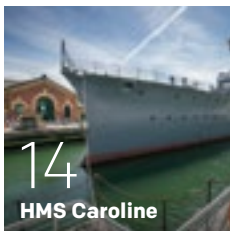
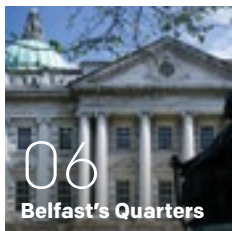
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Belfast has come a long way in a short time, and is now one of the UK's most vibrant and exciting city break destinations, full of great food and friendly faces.

Explore Belfast from the city centre right through its eclectic quarters, each with something special to uncover and enjoy, from history to art to music and everything in between. Find time to uncover the history of Titanic in the city that built her.

Feast on local delicacies from oysters to the belly-busting Ulster Fry. You'll be sure to find something tasty in our many cafés, pubs and restaurants. Or hit the town for a night out. You can cosy up in a traditional pub, enjoy some live music, or hit the dancefloor – no matter what you're after – you'll find it in Belfast.

This guide provides all the information you need to make the most of your time in Belfast.

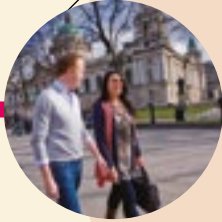
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CITY CENTRE



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

TOP TIP

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

CATHEDRAL QUARTER



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

TOP TIP

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

LINEN QUARTER



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

TOP TIP

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

TITANIC QUARTER



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

TOP TIP

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

QUEEN'S QUARTER



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

TOP TIP

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

GAELTACHT QUARTER

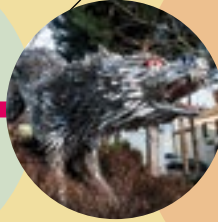


The focus of Irish language, music and culture is in the west of the city. Many visitors come to see the area's famous political murals and peace wall but there's plenty more to discover. An Chultúrlann, the Quarter's culture and arts centre, contains an excellent restaurant, gift shop, theatre and gallery.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

TOP TIP

Drop in to Cumann Chluain Árd where you can be assured of traditional entertainment at its very best with music, craic and ceilidh.

EASTSIDE



Once the beating heart of the city's industrial past with thousands of people employed in linen mills, rope factories, engineering works and shipyards, EastSide is now thriving once again but this time as a hub of culture and creativity. Make the EastSide Visitor Centre your first stop, with information on key attractions in east Belfast and famous people who lived in the area including CS Lewis, George Best and Van Morrison.

TOP TIP

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

THE SHANKILL



Straddling North and West Belfast, the Shankill is home to a wide collection of painted murals depicting the social and political history of the area. Places of interest include the Old Shankill Graveyard, dating back to the 14th century, the Shankill Memorial Park and the ancient Bullaun Stone. St Matthew's Church, built in 1872, is nearby and is known as the Shankill Shamrock due to its unique design and distinctive shape.

TOP TIP

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



For locations, check out our handy map on page 58.

Belfast's Titanic Quarter is steeped in the rich history and tradition of the city's shipbuilding heritage – much of which now stands on reclaimed land built on top of the very shipyards where these ships were built and launched.

TITANIC CITY

Alongside the Titanic and Olympic slipways and the impressive Edwardian Dock and Pumphouse, sit high tech developments including the Titanic Exhibition Centre, Public Records Office of NI, and the internationally acclaimed Titanic Studios, home to the Game of Thrones film set.

The jewel in the Quarter's crown, however, is Titanic Belfast, which has welcomed over 5 million visitors from over 145 countries since it opened in 2012. This architectural triumph houses the world's largest Titanic visitor experience, featuring nine interpretive and interactive galleries that explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of Titanic, as well as the city and people who made her.

Step back in time and learn about the thriving industries and exciting

design innovations that led to the creation of RMS Titanic. Pass through the original Harland & Wolff gates to continue their journey to the shipyard and take the dark ride that uses special effects, animations and full-scale reconstructions to recreate the reality of shipbuilding in the early 1900s. Get an eagle's eye view of the actual slipways on which both the Titanic and the Olympic once rested and experience the excitement of launch day in 1911. View the life size plan of Titanic's Promenade Deck, outlining where the liner's lifeboats and funnels and benches on board would have been.

Then it's all aboard to experience an eclectic range of exhibits, models, interactive databases and elaborate computer generated imagery which illustrate the ship's opulent fit-out





Rest & Refuel

The stunning Titanic Hotel Belfast is located in the former headquarters of Harland & Wolff. Drop in for a drink or afternoon tea in the breathtaking 'Drawing Office Two' where many of the world's most famous ocean liners, including RMS Titanic, were painstakingly designed.



The Dock Café is an 'honesty box' café, so you pay whatever you think is a fair price. Here you'll find an ever-expanding collection of quirky pieces of history from the Belfast docks: Titanic memorabilia, models and unique pictures of shipyard life, and artefacts from the old H&W Drawing Offices.

Hickson's Point sits just outside Titanic Belfast and is an authentic 1900's public house serving the spirit of the shipyard with traditional music, heritage décor and locally produced food.

including exact replicas of the cabins, and journeys through the dining areas, the ship's engine rooms, working interiors and deck promenade, where you can see and hear the ocean and feel the engines rumbling.

Pay tribute to the loss of this magnificent ship and the 1,500 men, women and children who lost their lives on her tragic maiden voyage, experience the aftermath, the inquiries and the sensational news reports of the time. The story is then brought up to the present day with the discovery of the wreck and into the future with live links to contemporary undersea exploration.

At the end of your visit you can browse the extensive Titanic Store or relax with a light bite in the Galley Café, a meal in Bistro 401 or if you're visiting on a Sunday you can indulge yourself with a luxury Afternoon Tea by the Grand Staircase.





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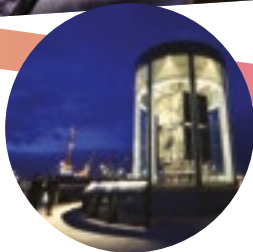
SS Nomadic

Explore the restored last remaining White Star Line vessel and the biggest Titanic artefact in the world. Built by Harland and Wolff in 1911, SS Nomadic served as the tender ship for Titanic on her maiden voyage, carrying first and second class passengers from the port of Cherbourg to the ship. The vessel also served in World War I and II, as well as luxury liners Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth.



Wee Tram Tours

The Wee Tram is a fun way to see all the sights of Titanic's historic shipyard. Travelling in carriages based on the funky red-and-cream tram cars that operated in the shipyard in Titanic's day, passengers get a full guided tour around the docks, and also get up close and personal to the modern shipyard.



The Great Light

Originally serving both Mew and Tory Island lighthouses, the Great Light is a new feature on the Titanic Walkway linking the Titanic Slipways with HMS Caroline. 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.



TITANICa The Exhibition

Explore fascinating artefacts and personal stories that will help you to find out more about life on board Titanic, her sister ships Olympic and Britannic, and how the story of this ship has endured in myth and memory. Explore the short but dramatic life of Titanic and the events leading up to her tragic loss in 1912.



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Visitors can enjoy the new Dockside Museum, a space dedicated to telling the personal stories of the crew along with HMS Caroline's colourful history in Belfast – her home for over 90 years!

Then step aboard the 'Carry' and see a powerful drama of Jutland and experience impressively restored cabins and deck areas as well as an array of state-of-the-art interactive exhibits.

Soak up the atmosphere as you find out about communication at sea in the Signal School, and continue to the Torpedo School before finishing your visit at the authentic galley café.

Finally, relax at the new picnic area or let your little mariners loose on the naval-themed kiddies' play park as you take in the panoramic views of Belfast harbour. Come aboard HMS Caroline, an experience the whole family can enjoy!



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Crumlin Road Gaol

The Gaol dates back to 1845 and closed its doors as a working prison in 1996. Uncover 150 years of history with a guided tour of Belfast's most infamous prison.



Built between 1843 and 1845, the County Gaol for Antrim was designed by the renowned architect Charles Lanyon. The black basalt rock prison was modelled on London's Pentonville Prison. Visitors can now take the tour of this nineteenth century Grade 'A' listed building and experience life behind bars. During its time in service 25,000 people were imprisoned, 17 people were executed, numerous escapes were undertaken and many infamous inmates were detained in it. Learn about when women and children were held within its walls through to the political segregation of republican and loyalist prisoners. A qualified guide takes visitors through the key areas of the prison including the Governor's Office, the holding cells, execution cell, the graveyard and the underground tunnel linking the Gaol with the Crumlin Road Courthouse.

TOP TIP



After your tour why not stay for a bite to eat at Cuffs Bar and Grill, offering exciting food made with fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

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

Home of Thrones

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



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

For more information on tours and experiences currently available as well as updates on the Game of Thrones legacy experiences, see: [visitbelfast.com/gameofthrones](https://www.visitbelfast.com/gameofthrones)



DON'T MISS

The official HBO Game of Thrones: The Touring Exhibition is another highlight for 2019, bringing the largest public display of breath-taking images and enthralling artefacts from the hit TV show to Belfast's Titanic Exhibition Centre.

TOURS

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

GAME OF THRONES® LEGACY EXPERIENCES

As Game of Thrones finishes filming after a decade in Northern Ireland, HBO plans to celebrate the show's incredible legacy by converting several filming locations into visitor attractions. Plans are underway to include the standing sets for iconic locations such as Winterfell, Castle Black, and Kings Landing alongside a formal studio tour of Linen Mill

Studios in Banbridge which will showcase a wide array of subject matter from the series spanning all seasons and settings.

The attractions will offer fans the first opportunity to set foot inside some of the most iconic locations from the series to see how the world's biggest TV show was made. Each site will feature not only the breathtaking sets, but will also exhibit displays of costumes, props, weapons, set decorations, art files, models, and other production materials. The visitor experience will be enhanced by state-of-the-art digital content and interactive materials which will showcase some of the digital wizardry the series is known for.

TAKE A TOUR:

No matter what your interest is – Titanic heritage, political history, food, music, the Giant’s Causeway or even Game of Thrones’ locations – tie it all together with one of the various tours on offer, on foot, bike, boat, bus or car. Here are a few ideas of the many ways to discover the city sights.



CITY TOURS

If you’re short on time or want to get a general overview of everything the city has to offer, book a private guided taxi tour or get a ticket for an open top bus tour. It’s the ideal way to find out all about the city’s history including the famous political wall murals, the Peace Wall, Stormont Parliament Buildings and other highlights throughout the Gaeltacht, Queen’s, Cathedral and Titanic Quarters.



MUSIC TOUR

Take a bus journey through the heart of this rock and roll city. Sit back, relax, and enjoy tunes and tales from Them to Van Morrison, by way of awesome guitar players, traditional and folk, to punk rock and Hollywood soundtracks. Finish up at the Belfast Music exhibition at the Oh Yeah Music Centre in the Cathedral Quarter, dedicated to telling the story of the great achievers of local music.



FOOD & DRINK TOURS

There are a number of delicious food and drink tours on offer in and around the city and further afield. Take a walking tour around the city’s gastronomic hot spots or a coach tour that brings you to visit some of our top artisan food and drink producers, whose products are served on the tables of Michelin starred restaurants across the country.



WALKING TOURS

There’s no better way of exploring a city as compact as Belfast, than on foot. There are a number of excellent themed walking tours on offer, so charge your camera, get your trainers on and enjoy the ‘craic’ with your local guide. It’s a great way to meet fellow visitors and enables you to discover some hidden gems and enjoy some unique and entertaining stories as you learn about the history and culture of Belfast.



GAME OF THRONES TOURS

Filmed in Belfast's Titanic Studios and across various locations throughout Northern Ireland, you can take a guided coach tour to explore some of the stunning filming locations featured in the hit show. You can step into 'Winterfell' and experience archery in a recreated film set in 'Stark family' costumes, or even meet two of the Starks' actual Direwolves!

For more inspiration, see: [visitbelfast.com/tours](https://www.visitbelfast.com/tours)



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TITANIC BOAT TOUR

Take the world's only guided Titanic Boat tour to see the ever changing story of Belfast's rich maritime heritage and how the port has developed and changed from its industrial shipbuilding roots to a major tourist attraction. Embracing the RMS Titanic story, old and new, the boat tour allows visitors to view the Titanic Quarter from the water and appreciate the vastness of this important industrial era. The Tour also heads round to Musgrave Channel where there's a chance of seeing Belfast's large breeding seal colony.



BIKE TOURS

Take a guided bike tour around Belfast and discover a range of attractions and interesting points along the way, or create your own itinerary and hire a Belfast Bike from one of 40 docking stations located across the city centre. It's a great low cost and convenient way to travel about and explore. There's a great cycling network across the city, including bike friendly trails along the Connswater Greenway, Lagan Towpath and Comber Greenway.



WEE TOAST TOURS

Enjoy a unique 'beer bike' guided cycle tour through the streets of Belfast. This 15 seater vehicle lets you take in the sights and sounds of the city whilst enjoying a drink and pedalling from the comfort of your bar stool!



ARTS & CULTURE

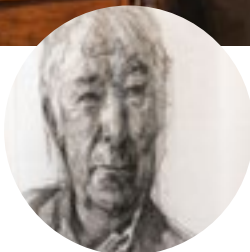
Belfast may be small in size, but it's huge in imagination! Explore some of the cool art spaces and creative places just waiting to be discovered.

Museums

Set in the beautiful Botanic Gardens, the Ulster Museum is a treasure house of the past and present with a rich collection of art, history and natural sciences. The impressive galleries are free to visit throughout the year and there's a great range of touring exhibits on offer, including the 2019 highlight 'Leonardo da Vinci: A life in Drawing'. You can explore life from 100 years ago at the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, the history of linen production at the Irish Linen Centre, Northern Ireland's experience during the Second World War at the War Memorial Gallery and the historic connections between Ulster and Scotland at the Discover Ulster Scots Centre.

Galleries

Belfast has an impressive array of gallery space, displaying everything from the most contemporary visual art in the Golden Thread Gallery to traditional printmaking techniques showcased in the Belfast Print Workshop. The Naughton Gallery at Queen's features a rolling programme of works from the University's own collection, touring exhibitions and shows by local and international artists. On the first Thursday of each month, the city's galleries stay open late and you can explore on foot or on a guided bus tour to experience the ever changing highlights of Belfast's vibrant visual arts scene.



Performing Arts

Check out fantastic touring west end productions at the historic Grand Opera House (1895), enjoy the tranquil river views as well as superb local productions at the stunning Lyric Theatre in the Queen's Quarter or enjoy a mixed programme of theatre, music, dance and visual art at the MAC in the Cathedral Quarter. The Ulster Hall (1862) in the Linen Quarter is home to the Ulster Orchestra as well as offering a programme full of all genres of music and comedy. The Waterfront Hall has stunning views and provides a fantastic programme offering concerts, comedy, theatre, ballet, dance and much more. In the Gaeltacht Quarter, Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich is an Irish language arts and cultural centre where you can experience traditional music, poetry readings, céilís, workshops and a children's arts programme.

Literary Scene

The Linen Hall Library is the oldest library in Belfast and the last subscribing library in Ireland, renowned for its unparalleled Irish and Local Studies Collection. Northern Ireland's Nobel Prizewinning poet, Seamus Heaney, is celebrated with an exhibition space and programme of literary events at HomePlace in Bellaghy. There are some great literary festivals on offer including the Writers on Writers Festival and the Belfast Book Festival (see P38/39).

The Murals & Public Art

Described as "the world's greatest open-air gallery", the murals in East and West Belfast are a must-see experience for visitors. Artworks range from Republican and Loyalist political statements to colourful celebrations of the city's famous sons and daughters. Check out the stunning street art scattered throughout the Cathedral Quarter and there are over 150 pieces of public art placed around the city to choose from. Pieces worth finding include: 'the Big Fish' on Donegall Quay, 'the Beacon of Hope' towering over the River Lagan, and Belfast's largest sculpture 'Rise' can be seen at the Broadway roundabout.

Dine & Drink



Restaurant reviewers have plated up praise for Belfast's food scene and there's nothing like exploring a city, its restaurants and new culinary experiences to make mouth-watering memories. Belfast offers everything from Michelin star dining to the classic 'Ulster Fry' and the best fish and chips around, so you won't leave disappointed!

Dining Out

Belfast has all the right ingredients for coffee, lunch and dinner and is home to some of the most talented chefs in the world. The much coveted Michelin-starred 'Eipic' and 'Ox' have put Belfast on the culinary map, and the finest in local cuisine can also be found at renowned establishments including James Street, The Muddlers Club, Shu and The Great Room Restaurant to name but a few. Great chefs, superb local produce and great value means Belfast has one of the tastiest food scenes in the UK or Ireland. In the Cathedral Quarter, you'll find a selection of tasty restaurants in Saint Anne's Square, and you'll be spoilt for choice in the city centre with the likes of Mourne Seafood Bar, Home Restaurant, Deanes and Howard Street. The city's diverse cultures are showcased with the very best of Chinese, Indian, Thai, Mexican, Spanish, Italian and Japanese food, so there's plenty to choose from.

Markets and More

Belfast really is a foodies delight. At the weekend, St George's Market oozes Victorian charm with some of the finest fresh produce and street food as well as local arts and crafts. Stop for brunch or soak up the atmosphere with great live music. Explore amazing delis such as Sawers and Avoca, with their extensive range of high quality local artisan products, and those with a sweet tooth shouldn't miss Co Couture where you can buy locally made award-winning chocolates.

Coffee Stop

Belfast has a vibrant café culture. From local artisan roasters, to incredible independent coffee shops and top class baristas... you'll never be far away from a great hand-crafted coffee or a boutique loose leaf blended tea. There are an abundance of coffee shops in Belfast but worth a stop are local chain Clements, Patisserie Valerie beside City Hall and Oh! Donuts & Coffee on Upper Arthur Street.



Ginaissance

Belfast is experiencing something of a 'Ginaissance' with many bars and restaurants across the city offering an entire menu dedicated to this increasingly varied spirit. While you're here, make sure to try the best in our local craft distilled gin. Echlinville Distillery's 'Jawbox' is perfect served with ginger ale, mint leaves and a wedge of lime, or Rademon Estate's 'Shortcross' served with frozen orange ice cubes, fresh mint and elderflower tonic water. You can also take a day trip out of the city to tour these award winning distilleries or even make your very own creation at the Hughes Craft Distillery Gin & Spirit School.



TOP TIPPLE

You'll find whiskey galore in this off-licence cum whiskey museum - the 'Friend at Hand' on Hill Street lovingly charts the history of distilling in Belfast.



With a huge variety of independent retailers, high street names, boutiques, speciality shops and traditional markets, you'll find it here in Belfast.



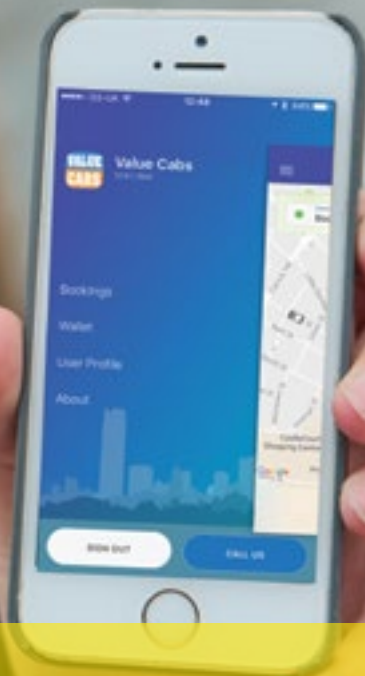
TOP TIP

If you're in the city at the weekend, don't miss the chance to browse stalls full of the finest fresh produce, local arts and crafts and delicious hot food at the charming Victorian St George's Market, which is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Shopping

Compact in size, but uncompromising in choice, Belfast offers shoppers the ultimate retail experience. Find everything you could possibly need under one roof at either Victoria Square or Castle Court; find all the high street names you can think of along Donegall Place and Royal Avenue or hunt out the city's unique craft shops, vintage stores, independent record shops and second hand books retailers. For chic designer boutiques and private art galleries, interspersed with delis, wine bars and cafés, you can make a day of it on the Lisburn Road.

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Watching and playing sports is an important part of culture in Belfast. The city has several notable sports teams playing a diverse variety of sports that are worth getting a ticket for, or take part to create your own action packed break.



Action Packed Sport

Rugby

Ulster Rugby competes in the Guinness PRO14 and the Heineken Champions Cup with home games played regularly at the Kingspan Stadium. The season kicks off in September and runs through to April. There's always a cracking atmosphere and plenty of action to follow.

Ice Hockey

Belfast Giants home games take place most weekends at The SSE Arena from August until April. The season promises plenty of fast and furious action that will have you on the edge of your seat, from bone-crunching hits to last minute game-winning goals.

Gaelic Games

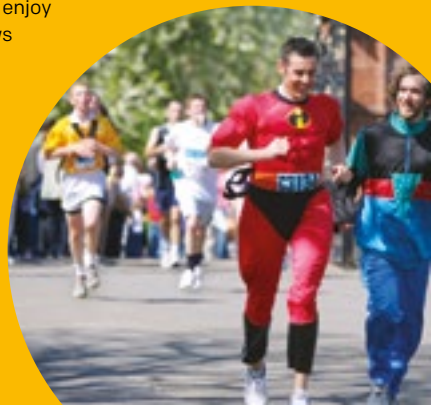
Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie are fast-paced action sports. The season runs from February until October with the All-Ireland finals taking place in Dublin's Croke Park.

Football

The Northern Ireland international team will be competing to qualify for Euro 2020 with games commencing in March 2019. The Danske Bank Premiership has weekly league matches taking place throughout Northern Ireland.

Greyhound Racing

Drumbo Park offers two action-packed race nights every week. You can either experience the electric atmosphere from the trackside or enjoy dinner and track views from the Grandstand Restaurant.





Take Part

Made for Golf

Not only does Northern Ireland produce golf champions, it also boasts an enviable collection of some of the world's best courses. Belfast itself has fourteen courses and golf centres, while the world renowned links courses of Royal County Down and Royal Portrush are just over an hour's drive away.

It's a brand new day for Belfast City Marathon!

Belfast City Marathon moves to a Sunday for the first time on 5 May 2019, with a new, flatter, faster route starting in the grounds of Stormont Estate. There's a line up of events for all levels including the Marathon and Wheelchair Race, Team Relay, 8 Mile Walk and Fun Run. Entries close on 12 April 2019. Register at: belfastcitymarathon.com

Take a hike

Stretch your legs and see the city from up high with a hike up Black Mountain or the iconic Cave Hill, and enjoy the fresh air, nature and fantastic city views.

On your bike

Belfast is very bike friendly, with plenty of riverside cycle trails to explore at your leisure. Belfast Bikes offers easy cycle hire at over 40 docking stations around the city centre.

Action packed adventure

Belfast offers many different opportunities to add a thrilling twist to your city break, from zip wiring to canoeing, archery to orienteering and water sports to mountain biking. Check out one of the many outdoor activity centres to create your urban adventure.

TEE OFF



The Open

The 148th Open makes a historic return to Northern Ireland in 2019. Golf's oldest and most international Championship returns after 68 years with the world's greatest players competing for the Claret Jug at Royal Portrush. theopen.com



FAMILY FUN



Belfast is a great holiday destination with plenty of attractions for the young, and not so young, in the city and beyond.

Go wild at Belfast Zoo with spectacular wildlife, fun feeding times and trails to follow, as well as panoramic views across Belfast. Get up close and cuddle the little animals at Streamvale or the Ark Open Farms, visit Ireland's largest collection of native and exotic waterbirds at Castle Espie or view wildlife from all over the world at Belfast's Window on Wildlife.

If prehistoric beasts are of more interest, head over to the Ulster Museum, with its interactive learning zones full of great activities to keep the kids happy. The Odyssey Pavilion provides some wet weather respite with a whole host of entertainment under one roof – find W5 discovery centre, bowling alleys, cinemas and, if the Belfast Giants are playing at home, end-to-end ice hockey matches.

Nearby you can learn about the city's maritime heritage at SS Nomadic, HMS Caroline and Titanic Belfast, which are

all family-friendly. Experience life under the sea at Exploris Aquarium, choose from trampolining, high ropes courses or indoor skiing at We Are Vertigo or they can get their skates on at Dundonald Ice Bowl. Take a splash at the Let's Go Hydro inflatable water park, scale the walls at Clip 'n Climb or test your adventure golf skills at The Lost City.

Visit the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, which has one of the best rail galleries in Europe and also allows visitors to experience what life would have been like 100 years ago in its outdoor folk park. Fancy a day trip? Then venture out of the city to enjoy a wealth of National Trust properties with glorious grounds and gardens to explore and plenty of family events on offer throughout the year.



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City of Music

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Famous Faces

Belfast has been the birthplace, spiritual home, inspiration and venue extraordinaire for musicians past and present in every genre, including 1950's songstress Ruby Murray, the legendary Van Morrison, rock guitarist Gary Moore and pop super group Snow Patrol. Delve into Belfast's musical heritage with a visit to the Oh Yeah Music Centre or take a Belfast Music Tour through the heart of this rock and roll city.



Traditional Music

The city hosts a wide variety of traditional Irish music sessions and on any given night you'll find locals and visitors alike toe-tapping to trad music in a pub. Enjoy a pint and a bowl of Irish stew while listening to a few tunes at Kelly's Cellars, one of Belfast's oldest pubs. Better still, try the hands-on approach, with beginner's bodhran (a traditional Irish drum) at The Dirty Onion. Or book a Belfast Pub Experience with Belfast Hidden Tours at Maddens Bar where you can enjoy a tasting of local drinks before being entertained by Irish musicians, dancers and story tellers.



Concerts and Gigs

It's not just about the music but how you experience it. Belfast has some incredible live music venues, so whether you're looking for an intimate gig or bagging tickets to top international artists, you'll find yourself in the perfect surroundings. Smaller venues worth a visit include the Belfast Empire, a beautifully converted church which hosts regular gigs and their popular Empire Laughs Back Comedy Club, and Voodoo which adds a bit of spice for those who like things a little different! For international touring acts, sell out club nights and local live bands,



Belfast Music Playlist

Tune into our playlist of music from Belfast and Northern Ireland. A mix of genres past, present and future curated by Oh Yeah Music centre and guest artists. **Scan the Spotify code below.**



head to The Limelight.

For larger events, there's the Waterfront Hall on the edge of the River Lagan and the SSE Arena, which has played host to the MTV Europe Music Awards, Beyoncé, U2 and many more. The historic Ulster Hall, which dates back to 1862, is one of the oldest purpose-built concert halls in the UK and Ireland, and is home to the Ulster Orchestra. It's also where Led Zeppelin famously took to the stage to debut Stairway to Heaven in 1971.

Something Different

Belfast has plenty of places to enjoy world music and discover something new. Lose yourself in a tropical party at Revolución de Cuba with live samba music and salsa dancing, or be transported to 1930's New York at Bert's Jazz bar. Feel like a star and experience an evening reminiscent of 1920's Hollywood at Cabaret Supperclub, with live jazz, burlesque, contortionists, magicians, comedians and bands while you enjoy a sumptuous meal served by your very own Cabaret Butler.



DON'T MISS

Live Music Festivals

There's a great line up of music festivals throughout 2019 including the Belfast Nashville Songwriters Festival in March, Belsonic in June, Vital in August and Proms in the Park in September. Check out the full list on P38/39.



After Dark

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

One of Belfast's most popular areas for evening entertainment is the Cathedral Quarter, where you'll find everything from live music to local theatre, classy cocktails to micro beers, cool jazz to traditional Irish music, atmospheric beer gardens and gourmet cuisine to tapas on the go. Check out the Duke of York boasting the largest whiskey collection in Ireland, the Dirty Onion in Belfast's oldest building and the John Hewitt for its extensive craft beer selection and diverse range of live music.

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

a cosy snug in the Crown Liquor Saloon, an ornate Victorian gin palace dating back to 1826 and one of the best known landmarks in the city, or enjoy a pint in one of Belfast's oldest pubs, Kelly's Cellars.

Love a laugh? Then head to The Empire in the Queen's Quarter for its weekly comedy night. Want to catch a night of big screen sports? Make a stop at the Kitchen Bar in the city centre, Cutters Wharf in Queen's Quarter, or Rockies Sports Bar in the Odyssey Pavilion at Titanic Quarter, or for something a little different, book a table at Cabaret, where you can enjoy a 1920's Hollywood style supper club with a variety of entertaining dinner shows.

Enjoy a cocktail with a view at one of



TOP TIP

the city's many stylish rooftop bars including Babel, The Treehouse and The Perch, or venture up to The Observatory, Ireland's tallest sky-bar on the 23rd floor of the Grand Central Hotel, to enjoy breathtaking views over Belfast and beyond.

For those that want to party on into the small hours, there's a vibrant club scene on offer. Sixty6 features a 4th floor club, a 50s themed drinking lounge, a chic rooftop bar and an intimate cocktail bar, all under one roof, or you'll find the very best in local DJ talent as well

as guests from the Marbella and Ibiza scene at Alibi in the Queen's Quarter. Enjoy Asian inspired luxury at Chinawhite or check out Ollie's Club in the basement of the stunning Merchant Hotel, which is one of Belfast's most exclusive nightclubs and plays host to many celebrities, VIPs and socialites.

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

Café Culture

Lots of the city's stylish cafés stay open late, hosting everything from craft circles and acoustic music to regular board game nights, dishing up fabulous treats and keeping the caffeine flowing.

Belfast has a thriving LGBTQ+ scene across the city, with a dedicated nightlife focus around the Smithfield and Union areas.

LGBTQ+



Belfast Pride

The annual festival is a 10-day celebration and the largest of its kind on the island of Ireland. Attracting thousands of revellers each summer at the end of July, visitors can enjoy debates, film, music & drama with a spectacular finale city parade and party.



Outburst Queer Arts Festival

Taking place every November, the Outburst Queer Arts Festival is a celebration of queer art and performance in Belfast, showcasing great local and international queer work and supporting the development of queer arts at home and internationally.

Gay venues to take note of include The Kremlin, a Soviet-style venue with extravagant décor. The Tsar Cocktail lounge, the Long Bar and Red Square continues the communist-chic vibe. It offers a huge variety of theme nights, which gives it the reputation of the best gay venue in Ireland. Union Street is situated in a 19th century shoe factory, is a great place for some fine gastro pub grub with a cool yet comfy vibe. Upstairs, the Green Room Cocktail Lounge is particularly worth a visit, and the adjoining Shoe Factory provides wacky entertainment from Bingo and Karaoke to quizzes and cabaret. Maverick Bar & Boom Box is a popular and well-loved for its eclectic live music nights and comedy shows. The 'Open Mic' sessions here are unmissable, taking place every Wednesday from 9pm!

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EVENTS & FESTIVALS

No matter what time of the year you visit the city, your trip is bound to coincide with one of Belfast's many festivals and events giving you the chance to experience everything from world music, top theatre productions, gastronomic food festivals, traditional sessions and contemporary dance. Celebrate Chinese New Year, Mela, St. Patrick's Day, Irish cultural festivals and the 12th of July commemorative parade in Belfast and see how diverse, vibrant and lively the city really is.

January

Out to Lunch Festival

cqaf.com

Belfast Burns Week

ulsterscotsagency.com/events

Festival of Hurling

visitwestbelfast.com

February

Leonardo da Vinci:

A Life in Drawing

Ulster Museum (until 6th May)

Four Corners Festival

4cornersfestival.com

Chinese New Year

cwa-ni.org

NI Science Festival

nisciencefestival.com

Belfast City Dance

crescentarts.org

Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 Festival

acsoni.org

March

BMS International Festival

of Chamber Music

belfastmusicsociety.com

Belfast Children's Festival

youngart.co.uk

Belfast Nashville

Songwriters Festival

belfastnashville.com

Brilliant Corners Belfast

Jazz Festival

movingonmusic.com

Imagine! Belfast Festival

of Ideas and Politics

imaginebelfast.com

St Patrick's Day

belfastcity.gov.uk/events

Feile an Earriagh

feilebelfast.com

An Droichead Spring Festival
androichead.com

Ulster Festival of Arts and Design
ulsterfestival.com

World Book Day
linenhall.com

April

Belfast Film Festival
belfastfilmfestival.org

Spring Fair
belfastcity.gov.uk/events

Lord Mayor's Day
belfastcity.gov.uk/events

Sonorities Festival Belfast
sonorities.org

May

Festival of Fools
foolsfestival.com

Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival
cqaf.com

Belfast City Marathon
belfastcitymarathon.com

Writers on Writers Festival
linenhall.com

Belfast Craft Beer Festival
belfastcraftbeer.com

Belfast Parkland International Golf Tournament
belfastparklandtournament.com

Belfast Maritime Festival
belfastcity.gov.uk/events

June

Belsonic
belsonic.com

Belfast International Photo Festival
belfastphotofestival.com

AVA Music Conference and Festival
avafestival.com

Belfast Book Festival
belfastbookfestival.com

Fred Festival of Cycling
thefred.cc

Belfast International 'Titango' Festival
belfasttango.com

Belfast City Blues Festival
belfastcityblues.com

July

Orangefest
belfastorangefest.co.uk

The 148th Open, Royal Portrush
theopen.com

Rose Week
belfastcity.gov.uk/events

McCracken Summer Festival
mhicreachtain.com

Belfast Pride
belfastpride.com

August

August Craft Month
craftni.org

Belfast Guitar Festival
belfastguitarfest.com

Open House Festival
openhousefestival.com

Sunflowerfest
sunflowerfest.co.uk

Feile an Phobail
feilebelfast.com

Eastside Arts Festival
eastsidearts.net

Caribbean Festival
acsoni.org

Woodstock Rhythm & Blues Festival
woodstockbelfast.co.uk

CHSQ 2019
customhousesquare.com

Feile an Droichead
androichead.com

Belfast Vital Festival
ticketmaster.ie

Hilden Beer and Music Festival
taproomhilden.com

Belfast Mela
artsekta.org.uk

September

Belfast Tattoo
belfasttattoo.com

European Heritage Open Days
discovernorthernireland.com/ehod

Proms in the Park
bbc.co.uk/proms

Autumn Fair
belfastcity.gov.uk/events

Winterfell Festival
nationaltrust.org.uk/winterfell

Culture Night
culturenightbelfast.com

Belfast City Half Marathon
belfastcitymarathon.com

October

Belfast International Arts Festival
belfastinternationalartsfestival.com

Cinemagic Festival
cinemagic.org.uk

Belfast Fashion Week
belfastfashionweek.com

Halloween Monster Mash
belfastcity.gov.uk/events

November

Twilight Market
stgeorgesmarket.com

Outburst Queer Arts Festival
outburstarts.com

Belfast Design Week
belfastdesignweek.com

Sound of Belfast
soundofbelfast.com

C.S Lewis Festival
eastsidearts.net

The Lady Boys of Bangkok
ladyboysofbangkok.co.uk

Fleadh Feirste
visitwestbelfast.com

Christmas Lights Switch-On
visitbelfast.com

Friendship Four Ice Hockey Tournament
friendshipfour.com

December

Belfast Christmas Market
visitbelfast.com/christmas

Basketball Hall of Fame Belfast Classic
belfastbasketballclassic.com

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LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH

Lisburn & Castlereagh has a rich cultural heritage, from the historic quarter in Lisburn City Centre to the Memories of Castlereagh Heritage Trail.

Discover the History

Explore the beautifully restored Castle Gardens or learn about our industrial heritage with a visit to the award winning Irish Linen Centre. You can discover the magic of traditional brewing by visiting Ireland's oldest independent brewery in the courtyard of Hilden House or distill your own gin in the newly opened distillery at the Stillhouse, Moira.

Villages, Castles & Gardens

The villages of Hillsborough and Moira offer a mix of boutique shops, gastro pubs and cafés offering superb local produce. Take time to explore the beautiful parkland of Moira

Demesne and the woodlands and lake at Hillsborough Forest. Hillsborough is also home to the historic Courthouse and stunning Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland.

Shop and Dine

Discover the true taste of Ulster in our vibrant restaurants, cafés and farmers markets, featuring produce from some of the area's award winning growers and producers. Memorable shopping opportunities await you at Bow Street Mall, Sprucefield and Forestside Shopping Centres and Lisburn Square.

Events and Festivals

There is a packed calendar of events on offer all year round from the Balmoral Show and Down Royal Festival of Racing to vibrant music festivals Moira

Calling and Hilden Beer and Music Festival. Families can enjoy an array of shows and workshops at the ISLAND Arts Centre and numerous events in Lisburn's Market Square.

Family Fun

The Lagan Valley Leisureplex provides fun for kids of all ages, get active at Dundonald Ice Bowl or relax in the rural surrounding of Streamvale Farm. Sports enthusiasts won't be disappointed with a night at Drumbo Park Greyhound Stadium, or improve your golf handicap at one of the many terrific courses. Let's Go Hydro is situated at Knockbracken Reservoir and features Northern Ireland's only cable wake park or check out Ireland's first indoor electric motocross park, E-Trax, to learn and improve your off-road riding all year round!

For full events info see visitlisburncastlereagh.com



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Hillsborough Visitor Information Centre
The Old Courthouse
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some to take home at artisan stores, all offering their own specialities. To really make your mouth water, book a food tour or a spirit tasting tour and see first-hand the authentic produce in use.

Breathe in the fresh air and enjoy the views - Scrabo Hill is a must for panoramic views over Strangford Lough, The Ards Peninsula and County Down. The peaceful surroundings of Bangor Castle Walled Garden or the spectacular lakeside garden and woodland trails at Mount Stewart provide the perfect retreat. There are also lots of activities to get your heart racing, from karting to off road driving, trial flights from Ards Airfield or water based adventures on the Loughs.

Making memories is easy with so much to see and do – young

or old... spend time at the beach exploring rock pools, paddling in the sea, rounding off your day with an ice cream. Families can head to Pickie Funpark for activities galore, get up close and personal with sharks, sting rays and starfish at Exploris Aquarium or step back in time at both the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum and North Down Museum.

Be sure to stay and relax in some of the wonderful accommodation dotted along the way, from 5-star hotels to farmhouses and even a converted boathouse or mill there is something perfect for all tastes and budgets.

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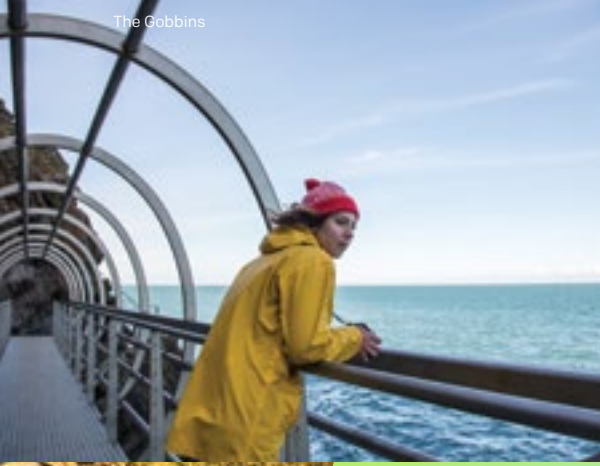
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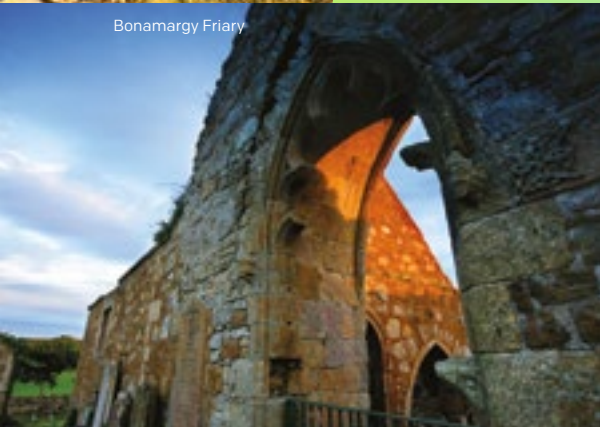
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Fermanagh Lakelands



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Places to stay









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- ★ 1 star - acceptable
- ★★ 2 star - good
- ★★★ 3 star - very good
- ★★★★ 4 star - excellent
- ★★★★★ 5 star - outstanding

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hastingshotels.com

📍 11.7km

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The Fitzwilliam Hotel Belfast

1-3 Great Victoria Street
Belfast BT2 7BQ
+44 (0)28 9044 2080
fitzwilliamhotelbelfast.com

📍 0.4km

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The Merchant Hotel

16 Skipper Street
Belfast BT1 2DZ
+44 (0)28 9023 4888
themerchanthotel.com

📍 0.8km

NEW

The George Best Hotel

15-16 Donegall Square South
Belfast BT1 6JH
+44 (0)151 601 8801
georgebesthotel.co.uk

📍 0.1km

NEW

Grand Central Hotel

10-28 Bedford Street
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+44 (0)28 9023 1066
grandcentralhotelbelfast.com

📍 0.2km

Titanic Hotel Belfast

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Belfast BT3 9DT
+44 (0)28 9508 2000
titanichotelbelfast.com

📍 2.5km

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+44 (0)28 9059 1999
benedictshotel.co.uk

📍 1km

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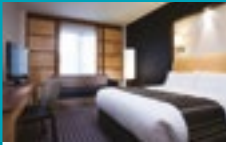


Clandeboye Lodge Hotel

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+44 (0)28 9185 2500
clandeboyelodge.com

📍 15.5km

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Clayton Hotel Belfast

22 Ormeau Avenue
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claytonhotelbelfast.com

📍 0.5km

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📍 49km

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Holiday Inn Belfast City Centre

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hibelfastcitycentre.co.uk

📍 0.8km

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La Mon Hotel & Country Club

41 Gransha Road, Castlereagh
Belfast BT23 5RF
+44 (0)28 9044 8631
lamon.co.uk

📍 11km

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Malmaison Belfast

34-38 Victoria Street
Belfast BT1 3GH
+44 (0)28 9600 1405
malmaison.com

📍 0.8km

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Malone Lodge Hotel

60 Eglantine Avenue
Belfast BT9 6DY
+44 (0)28 9038 8000
malonelodgehotel.com

📍 2.2km

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Park Avenue Hotel

158 Holywood Road
Belfast BT4 1PB
+44 (0)28 9065 6520
parkavenuehotel.co.uk

📍 4km

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Radisson Blu

The Gasworks, 3 Cromac Place
Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 2JB
+44 (0)28 9043 4065
radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-belfast

📍 1.3km

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Stormont Hotel

587 Upper Newtownards Road
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hastingshotels.com

📍 6.4km

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Ten Square Boutique Hotel

10 Donegall Square South
Belfast BT1 5JD
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tensquare.co.uk

📍 0.1km

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AC Hotel Belfast

City Quays, 90 Donegall Quay
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achotelBelfast.com

📍 1.5km

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Bullitt Hotel

40a Church Lane
Belfast BT1 4QN
+44 (0)28 9590 0600
bullitthotel.com

📍 0.75km

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Balmoral Hotel

Blacks Road
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balmoralhotelbelfast.co.uk

📍 7km

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Belfast Loughshore Hotel

75 Belfast Road
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+44 (0)28 9336 4556
loughshorehotel.com

📍 17km

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Corr's Corner Hotel

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corrcorner.com

📍 14.5km

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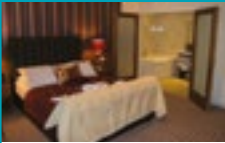


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dukesatqueens.com

📍 1.3km

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The Hedges Hotel

Dark Hedges Estate
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darkhedgesestate.com

📍 80km

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Holiday Inn Express Antrim

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Ballymena Rd, Antrim BT41 4LL
+44 (0)28 9442 5500
hiexantrim.co.uk

📍 30km

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Holiday Inn Express Belfast City - Queen's Quarter

106 University Street
Belfast BT7 1HP
+44 (0)28 9031 1909
hiexpressbelfast.com

📍 1.5km

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Jurys Belfast

Fisherwick Place
Great Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7AP
+44 (0)28 9053 3500
jurysinns.com

📍 0.4km

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Maldron Hotel Belfast

Belfast International Airport
Aldergrove, Crumlin BT29 4ZY
+44 (0)28 9445 7000
maldronhotelBelfast.com

📍 30km

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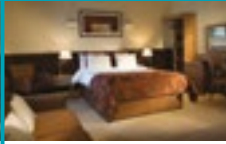


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encorebelfast.co.uk

📍 1.2km

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92 Church Street
Newtownards BT23 4AL
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strangfordhotel.com

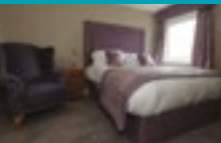
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Belfast City Travelodge

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Belfast BT2 7GE
+44 (0)87 0191 1687
travelodge.ie

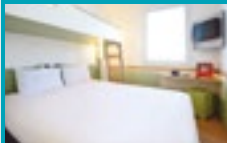
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Chimney Corner Hotel

630 Antrim Road
Newtownabbey BT36 4RH
+44 (0)28 9084 4925
chimneycorner.co.uk

📍 14km



ETAP Hotel Belfast

35-39 Dublin Road
Belfast BT2 7HE
+44 (0)28 9032 8126
ibis.com/gb/hotel-7186-etap-Belfast/index.shtml

📍 0.6km

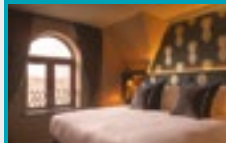


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Hampton by Hilton Belfast City Centre

15 Hope Street
Belfast BT12 5EE
+44 (0)28 9031 3335
hamptoninn3.hilton.com

📍 0.75km



House Belfast

59-63 Botanic Avenue
Belfast BT7 1JL
+44 (0)28 9050 9800
housebelfast.co.uk

📍 1km



Ibis Belfast City Centre

100 Castle Street
Belfast BT1 1HF
+44 (0)28 9023 8888
ibisbelfastcity.com

📍 0.75km



Ibis Belfast Queen's Quarter

75 University Street
Belfast BT7 1HL
+44 (0)28 9033 3366
ibisbelfastqueens.com

📍 1.4km



NEW

Maldron Hotel Belfast City

20 Brunswick Street
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+44 (0)28 9600 1680
maldronhotelBelfastcity.com

📍 0.35km



Park Inn by Radisson Belfast

4 Clarence Street West
Belfast BT2 7GP
+44 (0)28 9067 7700
parkinn.co.uk/hotel-Belfast

📍 0.4km



The Salty Dog Hotel

10-12 Seacliff Road
Bangor BT20 5EY
+44 (0)28 9127 0696
saltydogbangor.com

📍 22km



Wellington Park Hotel

21 Malone Road
Belfast BT9 6RU
+44 (0)28 9038 1111
mooneyhotelgroup.com

📍 2km

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The Gregory Belfast

30 Eglantine Avenue
Belfast BT9 6DX
+44 (0)28 9066 3454
thegregorybelfast.com

📍 2.2km


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Tara Lodge


36 Cromwell Road
Belfast BT7 1JW
+44 (0)28 9059 0900
taralodge.com

📍 1.3km




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Belfast easyHotel
24-26 Howard Street
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easyhotel.com/hotels/united-kingdom/Belfast/101977
📍 0.2km



Farset International
466 Springfield Road
Belfast BT12 7DY
+44 (0)28 9089 9833
farsetinternational.co.uk
📍 3.2km



Maranatha House
254 Ravenhill Road
Belfast BT6 8GL
+44 (0)28 9046 0200 /
+44 (0)7795 437838
maranathahouse.com
📍 2.5km




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Rayanne Country House
60 Demesne Road
Holywood BT18 9EX
+44 (0)28 9042 5859
rayannehouse.com
📍 9km




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An Old Rectory
148 Malone Road
Belfast BT9 5LH
+44 (0)28 9066 7882
anoldrectory.co.uk
📍 4km



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Keef Halla
20 Tully Road
Crumlin BT29 4SW
+44 (0)28 9082 5491
keefhalla.com
📍 19km



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The Parador Inn
471-473 Ormeau Road
Belfast BT7 3GR
+44 (0)28 9049 1883
theparador.com
📍 3km




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Windermere Guest House
60 Wellington Park
Belfast BT9 6DP
+44 (0)28 9066 2693
windermereguesthouse.co.uk
📍 2km




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Maryville House B&B
2 Maryville Park
Belfast BT9 6LN
+44 (0)28 9068 1510
maryvillehouse.co.uk
📍 3.7km




★★★★

207 Upper Malone Road
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Belfast BT17 9JX
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📍 7km



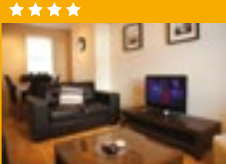
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Abbey Self Catering
451 Shore Road
Newtownabbey BT37 9SE
+44 (0)28 9085 4777 /
+44 (0)7821 921777
abbeyselfcatering.co.uk
📍 10km




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Drumlin Lane
1&2 Drumlin Lane
Hillsborough BT26 6TG
+44 (0)7748 458249
drumlinlane.com
📍 24km



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Strangford Arms Serviced Self Catering
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strangfordhotel.com
📍 15km



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Hallmount Cottage
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Shaws Bridge, Belfast BT8 8JS
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+44 (0)7843 765212
hallmountcottage.com
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cityresorts.com
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Cordia Serviced Apartments

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cordiaapartments.com

📍 2.3km



Dream Apartments

Obel Block, 62 Donegall Quay
Belfast BT1 3AT
+44 (0)28 9521 6054
dreamapartments.co.uk

📍 1.2km



George Best House

16 Burren Way, Cregagh
Belfast BT6 0DW
+44 (0)28 9045 1900
georgebesthouse.com

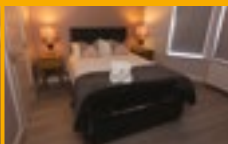
📍 4km



Malone Lodge Apartments

70 Eglantine Avenue
Belfast BT9 6DY
+44 (0)28 9038 8000
malonelodgehotel.com

📍 2.2km



Titanic Guest

147 Templemore Avenue
Belfast BT5 4FQ
+44 (0)28 9521 5656
titanicguest.com

📍 2.3km



City Room Rentals

John Bell House
1A College Square East
Belfast BT1 6DJ
+44 (0)28 9590 1683
[cityroomrentals.co.uk/
property/john-bell-house](http://cityroomrentals.co.uk/property/john-bell-house)

📍 0.4km



Queen's Elms Village

78 Malone Road
Belfast BT9 5BW
+44 (0)28 9097 4525
stayatqueens.com

📍 2.6km



Stranmillis University College

Stranmillis Road
Belfast BT9 5DY
+44 (0)28 9038 4251
stran.ac.uk

📍 2.8km



Ulster University

Dalriada Student Village, Shore Rd,
Newtownabbey BT37 0QA
+44 (0)28 7167 5750
ulster.ac.uk/accommodation

📍 12km



Belfast International Hostel

22-23 Donegall Road
Belfast BT12 5JN
+44 (0)28 9031 5435
hini.org.uk

📍 1km



Dundonald Touring Caravan Park

111 Old Dundonald Road
Belfast BT16 1XT
+44 (0)28 9080 9100
dundonaldcaravanpark.com

📍 8km



Bunk Campers

Cyril Johnston Complex
Ballynahinch Road
Corryduff BT8 8DJ
+44 (0)28 9081 3057
bunkcampers.com

📍 11km



Causeway Campers

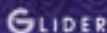
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Portrush BT56 8PB
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Banking

Most banks are open Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm. All major credit cards are widely accepted in the city and some shops will accept euro. There are foreign exchange facilities in the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre and various retail outlets across the city.

Tipping

Most restaurants add a discretionary service charge to the bill for parties of six people or more. If this charge is added to your bill, tipping is not necessary. If a service charge is not included, a discretionary tip of 10-15% is customary.

Shopping

Many shops in the city centre follow these opening hours: Monday – Wednesday: 9am – 6pm Thursday: 9am – 9pm Friday & Saturday: 9am – 6pm Sunday 1pm – 6pm Shopping centres may have extended opening hours midweek.

Stay Safe

Belfast is one of the safest cities in Europe with an extremely low crime rate. However, it is always wise to be sensible and to follow good advice when exploring a new destination. There are a number of Emergency Contact Points in the city which are monitored by the police.

Smoking

Belfast has been a smoke free city since 2006. It is against the law to smoke in bars, restaurants, cafés, hotels, offices, factories and other places of work. The majority of hotels in Belfast no longer offer smoking rooms - please check this when booking your accommodation. Many bars, clubs and restaurants offer outdoor smoking areas.



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BY RAIL

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Enterprise tickets and seat reservations
T: 028 9089 9409
translink.co.uk

BY BUS

Dublin Airport Express
Coach service operates from Dublin Airport 24 hrs a day, with a journey time of approximately 2 hours. 028 9066 6630
translink.co.uk

Dublin Coach runs a direct service connecting Dublin city centre with Belfast 16 times daily, in less than 2hrs. Free Wi-Fi, toilets and reclining seats on board. 00 353 1 465 9972
dublinoach.ie

BY AIR

GEORGE BEST BELFAST CITY AIRPORT

The airport is situated just three miles from Belfast City Centre. The Airport Express 600 bus service runs from the airport terminal to the city centre every 20 minutes (06.00 - 22.05) Monday to Friday. (Please check the timetable for services on Saturdays and Sundays).

BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Belfast International Airport is 30 minutes' drive via the M2 Motorway. The Airbus service 300 operates between the airport and Belfast City Centre every 15 minutes during peak times Monday to Friday, every 20 minutes on Saturday and at 30 or 60 minute intervals on a Sunday. Please check the timetable for services during off peak times and weekends.

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Europcar
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Depots located at:
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 0845 508 9845

Depots located at:
 Belfast International Airport, George Best Belfast City Airport, Belfast Titanic Quarter and Belfast City Centre.

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sixt.co.uk
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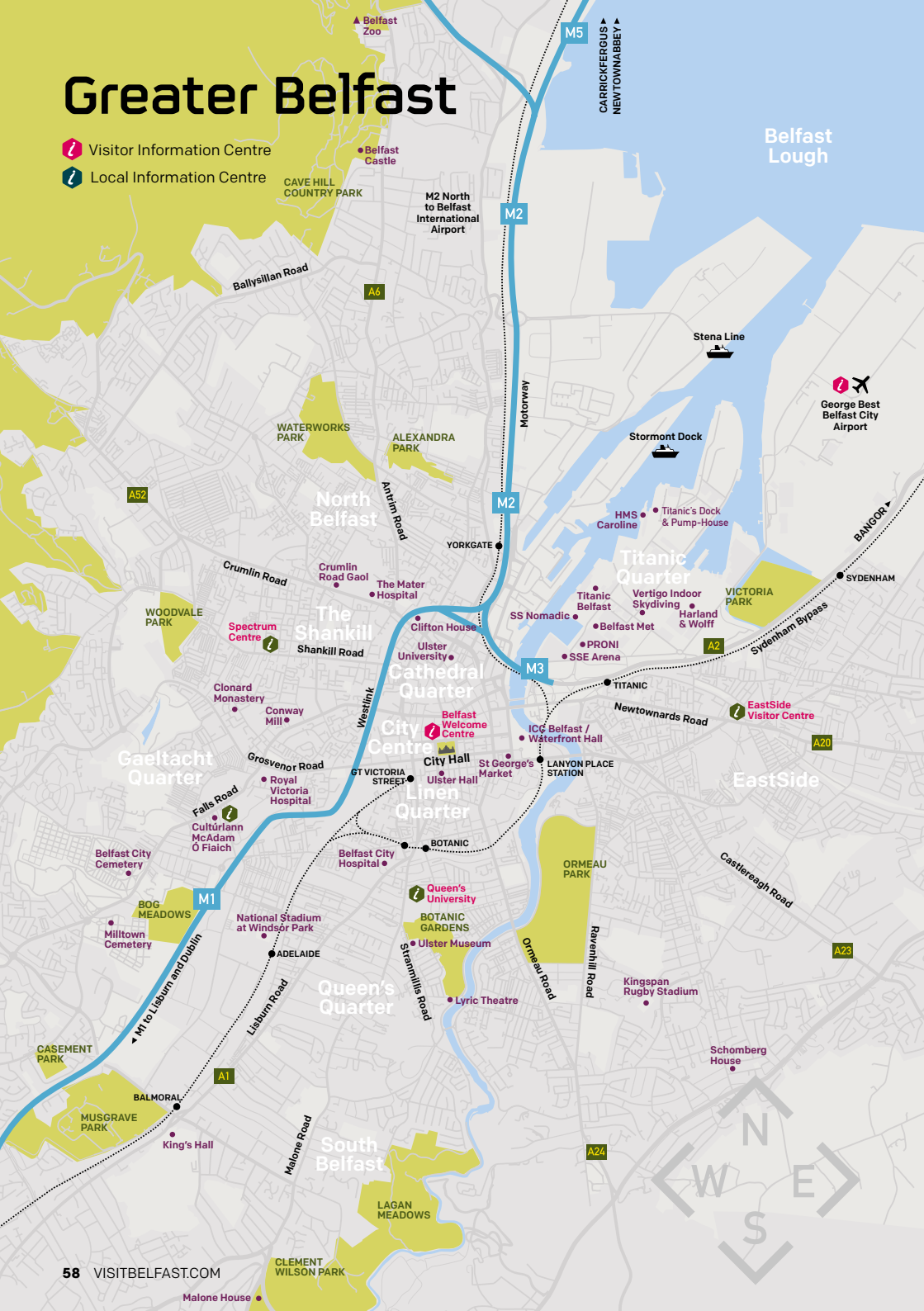
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Douglas	Belfast	Isle of Man Steam Packet Co	2 hours 45 mins
Liverpool	Belfast	Stena Line (ferry)	8 hours
Cairnryan	Larne	P&O Irish Sea (ferry)	2 hours
Holyhead	Dun Laoghaire	Stena HSS (superfast ferry)	2 hours
Fishguard	Rosslare	Stena Line (super ferry)	3 hours 30 mins

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