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Having survived almost three decades of conflict and division, Belfast is has emerged from its chrysalis with a newfound freshness and vibrancy. Carrying a deep sense of its history, yet boldly striding into the future, Belfast is an exciting juxtaposition of old and new. Stroll by the River Lagan and see the birthplace of the infamous Titanic, visit the famous political murals in a black taxi or kick back with a traditional music session in one of this lively city's beautifully preserved old pubs.



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Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland. Its name originates from the Irish Béal Feirste, or "the mouth of the Farset" — the river on which the city was built and has now been superseded by the River Lagan. Belfast saw the worst of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, and since their start in 1969, news of violence and disruption marred the city's image as a tourist destination.

Since the 1997 cease-fire and the Good Friday agreement, however, Belfast is making up for lost time. With the help of massive investment, the city has undergone a remarkable transformation, and now has a booming economy and high employment rates. The River Lagan has been cleaned up and inner city areas, such as the Cathedral Quarter, have been revived, attracting new restaurants, hotels, shopping areas and cafes.

Belfast was once home to C.S.Lewis, author of the Chronicles of Narnia. Maybe this is where he found his inspiration to create his enchanting fantasy world? The famous musician Van Morrison also grew up in Belfast and music is indeed an important part of this city's social scene, with bands often performing at the Odyssey Arena or the Belfast Waterfront.

The numerous Victorian buildings of the city

have been juxtaposed with impressive 20th-century architecture, creating a sense of progress and change. With its sights set on the future, Belfast is a vibrant, friendly and exciting city, waiting to be discovered in a myriad of new ways.

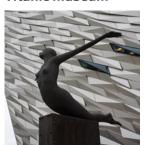
DO & SEE



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There's is no shortage of activities and things to do in Belfast: everything from fascinating tours, cultural escapes, scientific exhibitions and historical buildings, can be explored here. Some of the better known attractions include St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast Castle, the Titanic museum and Belfast Zoo. There are also some hidden treasures that should not be missed like Belfast's own version of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory called the Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory, and boat tours along the Lagan. There is a great mix of things to do, and people keep coming back time and again once they understand just how much the city has to offer.

Titanic Museum



This is your chance to learn everything about the legendary Titanic. The museum is a monument to Belfast's maritime heritage and

stands on the site of the former Harland & Wolff



shipyard, where the fateful Titanic was built. Here you will find nine galleries featuring mind-blowing exhibitions and covering the details of the fitting of the ship, her maiden voyage, the tragic sinking and all that happened after. The shimmering building itself is a sight for sore eyes.

Photo: Shannonrey / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Olympic Way, Queen's Road, Titanic Quarter,

Belfast

Opening hours: Open daily Phone: +44 28 9076 6386 Internet: www.titanicbelfast.com

Email: welcome@titanicbelfast.com

Grand Opera House



This beautiful and opulent Victorian theatre was designed in 1894 and restored in the 1970s, with a further significant modernisation in 2020.

With its programme of plays, operas, concerts and musicals, the best way to discover the beauty of the building is to attend a show. Even if you don't plan on attending a performance, seeing this Art Nouveau architectural gem is a must.

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Address: Great Victoria Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9024 1919 Internet: www.goh.co.uk Email: info@goh.co.uk

Belfast City Hall



The Belfast City Hall is a luxurious building built in the early 1900s, in classical Renaissance style, symbolising the sudden wealth of Industrial Revolution Belfast. Free guided tours are available. Make sure to check out the collection of portraits of past Lord Mayors.

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Address: Donegall Square, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 11am-3pm

Phone: +44 28 9032 0202

Internet: www.belfastcity.gov.uk/things-to-do/city-hall

Email: visitcityhall@belfastcity.gov.uk

Black Taxi Political Tour



A great way to see
Belfast's political hot
spots is in a black taxi. At
very moderate prices, a
cab will show you the
famous political murals,

Falls and Shankill Roads and the Peace Walls. Moreover, these rides are usually often highly entertaining, depending on the driver you chance upon.

Tours of this type are offered by several competing companies. Some will even pick you up at your hotel.

Photo: mikecphoto / Shutterstock.com Internet: www.belfasttours.com Email: info@belfasttours.com

Ulster Museum



Situated in the lush setting of the Botanical Gardens, Ulster Museum is all about art, archaeology, local history and natural sciences.

Come here and admire their fine permanent collection, as well as rotating exhibitions and events that promote diverse voices and new perspectives.



Dinosaur bones, ancient weapons, meteorites, shoe exhibits, ship models, musical instruments, historical documents and jewellery — a little bit of everything. The time period and the range of topics covered are extensive, so you might even want to visit the museum twice.

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Address: Botanic Gardens, Belfast

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +44 28 9044 0000

Internet: www.ulstermuseum.org

Queen's Film Theatre



Founded in 1968, this independent cinema offers you the chance to spend a great night out enjoying classic and modern masterpieces.

This gem, located very close to the Botanical Gardens, has two screens and an attractive, fully-licensed bar serving light snacks.

Photo: Mx. Granger/public domain/Wikimedia Address: 20 University Square, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9097 1097

Internet: www.queensfilmtheatre.com
Email: gftmanager@qub.ac.uk

St Anne's Cathedral



This Neo-Romanesque building, that gives the Cathedral Quarter its name, is full of impressive multi-coloured mosaics, and is sumptuously

decorated with elegant marble. The church has been at the forefront of cross-community initiatives in recent years, hosting weekly "heal our land" services for people of any denomination. Photo: William Murphy/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr (cropped)

Address: Donegall Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat closed, Sun 11am

Choral Eucharist & 3:30pm Choral Evensong

Phone: +44 28 9032 8332

Internet: www.belfastcathedral.org Email: admin@belfastcathedral.org

Botanic Gardens



Just a short walk away from the university lies this green haven, sloping down to the River Lagan. Its centrepiece, the Palm House, is a beautiful

conservatory of cast iron and glass designed in 1939 by Charles Lanyon.

Photo: Valdiney Pimenta/cc by 2.0/Flickr (cropped)

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-5pm

Internet: www.belfastcity.gov.uk/botanicgardens

Email: parksinfo@belfastcity.gov.uk

More Info: The Ulster Museum is located at the main

entrance

Crumlin Road Gaol



This former Victorian prison, now open to visitors, is the spot to visit if you want to learn more about the dark history of the city. Here,

you will have the unique opportunity to explore the rooms where inmates were imprisoned while hearing their at times heart-wrenching stories.

Photo: trevorb / Shutterstock.com Address: 80 Crumlin Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm. Last admission around 4pm

Phone: +44 28 9074 1500

 $\label{limited} Internet: www.crumlinroadgaol.com \\ Email: info@crumlinroadgaol.com$

More Info: Tours take place every 30 minutes.



Belfast Zoo



With more than 1,000 animals and 150 species, you will have plenty to explore at Belfast Zoo.

Many of the animals are in danger in their natural

habitats, so the aim is to provide them with the best possible care. Don't miss out on the feeding times of your favourite animal.

Photo: Lithium366 / Shutterstock.com Address: Antrim Road, Belfast Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm Phone: +44 28 9077 6277

Internet: belfastzoo.co.uk
Email: info@belfastzoo.co.uk
More Info: Last admission is 14:30.

Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory



Visit the magical world of chocolate and sweets at Aunt Sandra's, where you can also make your own chocolate pizzas, lollipops or any kind of sweets you

can imagine. The factory is nationally renowned for its fine handmade chocolates, fudge and boiled sweets, made using time-tested 100-year-old recipes.

Photo: Hitdelight / Shutterstock.com Address: 20-22 Holywood Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10:30am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm,

Mon closed

Phone: +44 28 9073 2868 Internet: www.auntsandras.com Email: hello@auntsandras.com

Belfast Castle



This majestic castle
nestled on the slopes of
Cavehill dates back to
1870 and offers great
views over Belfast Lough
and the city. It is one of

the most imposing buildings in the city, and visitors flock there to enjoy afternoon tea or a meal at the in-house restaurant or just to stroll around the beautiful, landscaped garden.

Photo: gabo / Shutterstock.com Address: Antrim Road, Belfast Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm Phone: +44 28 9077 6925

Internet: www.belfastcastle.co.uk Email: bcr@belfastcastle.co.uk

W5



A fun, award-winning science and discovery centre, W5 offers a unique experience to visitors of all ages. With over 250 interactive

exhibits and a varying programme of events, shows and exhibitions, you will not get bored here.

Photo: Justin Lane/unsplash

Address: The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +44 28 9046 7700 Internet: w5online.co.uk Email: info@w5online.co.uk

City Sightseeing Belfast Hop-On Hop-Off Tour



With this open-top double-decker City Sightseeing bus, you will get a great view over some of the most important sights in the

city. The tour starts from the Belfast City Hall, but you can hop on at any stop along the route. There are 20 total stops, and the entire route takes about 1 hour.

Photo: Leonid Andronov / Shutterstock.com

Address: Castle Place, Belfast Opening hours: Daily 10am-4:30pm

Phone: +44 28 9032 1321

Internet:

www.belfastcitysightseeing.com/belfast-city-sightseeing-tour

Email: info@citysightseeingbelfast.com More Info: Tours every 30-60 minutes.

DINING



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Belfast boasts a wide variety of eateries to suit all budgets and tastes, including a couple of the best restaurants in Ireland. The huge investment in restaurants and hotels attracts talented young chefs who are lending new energy to the Belfast dining scene, and high quality venues pop up continuously.

Molly's Yard



Molly's Yard is a highly recommended restaurant located in the Queen's University Quarter. It offers excellent dishes of the modern Irish cuisine

at reasonable prices, such as porchetta with apple and cider purée. They also brew their own beer.

Photo: Kichigin / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 College Green Mews, Belfast Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-9:30pm

Phone: +44 28 9032 2600 Internet: www.mollysyard.co.uk Email: info@mollysyard.co.uk

The Morning Star



This hidden gem may not be the easiest spot to find, but it's highly recommended to make an effort because it will surely become one of

your favourites. This old coaching stop houses a bar and a cosy wood-panelled restaurant upstairs, where you will be served experimental creations prepared with fresh, local ingredients and a full steak menu.

Photo: gosphotodesign / Shutterstock.com Address: 17-19 Pottingers Entry, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10:30am-midnight, Fri & Sat

10:30am-1am

Phone: +44 28 9023 5986

Internet: www.themorningstarbar.co.uk Email: info@themorningstarbar.com



Nu Delhi Lounge



This Indian restaurant is top-notch when it comes to food, but also in creating a perfect dining experience thanks to the service-minded staff and

the night entertainment. Come here and spoil yourself with some fine Indian specialities, such as the unmissable chicken jalfrezi.

Photo: hiphoto / Shutterstock.com Address: 25 Bruce Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5pm-11pm, Sat 3pm-11pm, Sun

5pm-10pm

Phone: +44 28 9024 4747

Internet: www.instagram.com/nudelhi belfast

Email: info@nu-delhilounge.com

Villa Italia



This is definitely one of the best Italian restaurants you will find in Belfast: discover the authentic taste of renowned Italian cuisine

and let the extremely efficient staff take good care of you. Make sure to try the homemade meatballs with tomato sauce, topped with cheese and served with garlic bread.

Photo: Timolina / Shutterstock.com Address: 39-41 University Road, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9032 8356

Internet: www.villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk Email: info@villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk

Acapulco



Are you a Mexican food enthusiast? Then check out Acapulco and prepare to taste one of the best burritos you have ever had. It is warmly

recommended to book a table if you are having dinner with more than 6 persons, since this restaurant can get pretty crowded.

Photo: angellodeco / Shutterstock.com

Address: 257 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Tue-Thu noon-9pm, Fri & Sat noon-10pm,

Sun 5pm-9pm

Phone: +44 28 9029 6400

Internet: www.acapulcobelfast.co.uk Email: acapulcobelfast@gmail.com

House of Zen



Opened in 2012, this fusion restaurant will delight you with different kinds of Asian cuisine served in a very elegant venue whose interior

takes inspiration from the Orient. Come here and make sure to try their duck salad along with one of their renowned cocktails, such as the passion fruit cocktail and the raspberry mojito.

Furthermore, House of Zen is located right next

to one of the main attractions of the city, St Anne's Cathedral.

Photo: Meditations / Pixabay.com(image cropped)

Address: 3 St Anne's Square, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9027 8688

Internet: www.houseofzenbelfast.co.uk

Email: info@houseofzen.co.uk



Ginger Bistro



Ever since opening in 2000, Ginger Bistro has won many awards and is recognised as one of the best restaurants in Belfast. Located just off

Great Victoria Street, this popular gem serves modern Irish classics with an international twist. The well balanced menu highlights locally sourced seafood and lean meats, such as the chicken schnitzel and their famous Gingers Squid and Dips.

Photo: DronG / Shutterstock.com

Address: 68-72 Great Victoria Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Tue-Sat noon-10pm

Phone: +44 28 9024 4421 Internet: www.gingerbistro.com Email: info@gingerbistro.com

Bank Square Brasserie



A hidden gem tucked away in the city centre behind Bank Square, this brick-walled casual restaurant serves fusion Asian and European food

prepared with local produce. The high-quality food is beautifully presented by the skilful chefs and served by the attentive staff in a location with a unique decor and full of character.

Photo: HLPhoto / Shutterstock.com Address: 56-58 Berry Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-9pm, Fri & Sat noon-10pm,

Sun closed

Phone: +44 28 9033 3331

Internet: www.banksqbrasserie.co.uk Email: banksqbrasserie@gmail.com

Bites of India Botanic



Serving truly authentic Nepalese and Indian food at its best, Bites of India offers a unique dining experience, enhanced by the beautiful

Nepalese-inspired design of the restaurant. The menu combines fresh and healthy imported ingredients and local produce; come here and taste their delicious starters and spicy meats.

Photo: threeseven / Shutterstock.com Address: 11 Botanic Avenue, Belfast

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11:30am-11pm, Mon closed

Phone: +44 28 9024 9264

Internet: botanic.bitesofindia.com

James St



When dining at this stylish and vibrant restaurant, one can enjoy their celebrated steaks, cooked to perfection on a charcoal grill. On the

menu you will also find fresh fish, pasta dishes and Sunday roast. The carefully selected wine from around the world complements the mouth-watering food in an impeccable way.

Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com Address: 19 James Street South, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon from 5pm, Tue & Wed open for private

hire, Thu from 5pm, Fri-Sun from 1pm

Phone: +44 28 9560 0700 Internet: www.jamesst.co.uk



CAFÉS



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Belfast residents know exactly how to appreciate a great coffee, and there are coffee shops on nearly every corner of this lively city. Take a break from all your responsibilities, sit down in one of the many cafés and enjoy watching people pass by with an espresso and a slice of freshly made cake.

Ground Espresso Bar



The staff and owners at Ground Espresso Bar is not only passionate about their coffee, they also give a lot of importance to music. The coffee shop

runs live acoustic sessions every week in Belfast (in the Waterstone mall) and throughout their various branches across Northern Ireland.

Photo: Unsplash / pixabay.com(image cropped) Address: 44-46 Fountain Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9032 8226 Internet: groundcoffee.net Email: info@groundcoffee.net

The Dock Café



This café is run by a team of volunteers who will warmly welcome you once there. This is the right place if you are looking for

award-winning local teas, or if you just want to savour a coffee with a tasty tray bake. Instead of a price list they run an honesty box and let the customers choose what to pay.

Photo: romeovip_md / Shutterstock.com Address: 2K Queens Road, Belfast Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-5pm Internet: www.the-dock.org/cafe

Established Coffee



Boasting a relaxed ambience and efficient service, Established Coffee is a thriving café and retailer in Belfast's Cathedral Quarter. The

staff is dedicated to serve coffee from some of the best farms across the world and they put care and attention into everything they do. Here, the menu is simple, and focuses on seasonal and locally sourced ingredients.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com

Address: 54 Hill Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, Sat 8am-6pm, Sun

9am-6pm

Phone: +44 28 9031 9416 Internet: established.coffee Email: hi@establishedcoffee.co



Afternoon Tea at Europa Hotel



If you want to play
English aristocracy
around a traditional
English Afternoon tea,
there is no better place
than in the luxurious

ambience of the Europa Hotel in Belfast. Savour the delicate pastries, scones and sandwiches served with premium blended teas and just enjoy the whole experience.

Photo: travellight / Shutterstock.com Address: Great Victoria Street, Belfast Opening hours: Mon-Sun 2pm-5pm

Phone: +44 28 9027 1066

Internet: www.europahotelbelfast.com/dining/afternoon-tea

Spoon Street



Create your cup with your favourite frozen yoghurt and toppings.

There are 16 flavours of frozen yoghurt and over 40 topping so it is easy to

get carried away by all the choices, however be aware the price is calculated by weight. Lactose-free, gluten-free and sugar-free options

Photo: Arina P Habich / Shutterstock.com Address: 12-14 Ann Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-10:30pm, Sun 1pm-8pm

Phone: +44 28 9543 7070 Internet: www.spoonstreet.com Email: info@spoonstreet.com

are also available.

The National Grande Cafe



Located on the heart of Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, The National Grande Café is housed in a beautiful Victorian building. Coffee,

breakfast, food and cocktails are served daily in a chic and stylish atmosphere by the friendly staff. If the weather permits, enjoy your meal in the large outdoor garden area.

Photo: aastock / Shutterstock.com Address: 62 High Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 8:30am-11pm, Thu 8:30am-1am,

Fri & Sat 9:30am-3pm, Sun 9:30am-10pm

Phone: +44 28 9031 1130

Internet: www.thenationalbelfast.com

The Pocket Coffee



This lovely small coffee shop has a befitting name and is truly a hidden gem where the extremely friendly staff serves first class coffee and a varied

dish menu. When here, try their mouth-watering waffles or the creamy doughnut with different fillings.

Photo: Natalia Mylova / Shutterstock.com Address: 69 University Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5:30pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun

10am-4pm

Phone: +44 77 8887 8525 Internet: www.thepocket.coffee Email: hello@thepocket.coffee



Cafe Mauds



Mauds is a great busy place, which prides itself on quality ice creams and good service. It sets the highest standards to the quality of its products as

well as their provenance. The result is apparent: their ice creams and dairy products are beyond delicious, and they have multiple awards to show for it.

Photo: Alp Aksoy / Shutterstock.com Address: 555 Lisburn Road, Belfast Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm Phone: +44 28 9543 8486

Internet: www.mauds.com
Email: info@mauds.com

Sinnamon Coffee



Here at Sinnamon Coffee you will be served with the perfect cup of coffee and mouth-watering food. This family run business offers customers a wide

selection of appetisers and desserts like paninis, salads, pastries and cakes.

Photo: Tyler Olson / Shutterstock.com Address: 80 Stranmillis Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-11pm, Sat 9am-10pm, Sun

10am-10pm

Phone: +44 28 9068 3634 Internet: sinnamoncoffee.co.uk Email: sinnamoncoffee@gmail.com

Oliver's Coffee Bar



A popular spot, Oliver's Coffee Bar is a little gem where to enjoy freshly made food and desserts. It has earned a good reputation for its

homemade Granola and award-winning scones, so why not give it a try while here? The welcoming staff and the well thought interior design only enhance the café experience.

Photo: small1 / Shutterstock.com Address: 57-59 Belmont Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +44 28 9065 6384 Internet: www.olivers.coffee

More Info: Oliver's has three locations in Belfast

Mad Hatter Café



Located on the corner of Eglantine Avenue and Lisburn Road, this family owned café combines awesome breakfasts and tasty meals with a

friendly staff which will make you feel at home. Mad Hatter Café is famous for their great variety of fry-ups and mouth-watering cakes. When here try their famous Ulster fry or the homemade apple pie.

Photo: rport/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: 2 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast
Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-4pm

Phone: +44 28 9068 3461

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Mad-Hatter-Belfast



BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Belfast is awash with slick new bars, as well as plenty of old-style pubs, many with traditional music sessions several nights of the week, as well as DJ-nights at weekends. Remember that pubs usually close around 11.30 pm, so make sure to start your night out pretty early.

The club scene is vibrant and top-quality live music can be found at several venues throughout the city. The late-night action really kicks off south of the centre around the Golden Mile, Queen's Quarter and Lisburn Road.

Crown Liquor Saloon



Sit in a cosy snug with a pint of Guinness and admire the mirrors, the coloured tiles and the gas lighting. The Crown Liquor Saloon calls itself

"the world's most beautiful bar", so take the opportunity to discover one of the prominent symbols of this city's nightlife.

Photo: André Luís / Flickr(image cropped)

Address: 46 Great Victoria Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-midnight, Sun

12:30pm-11pm

Phone: +44 28 9024 3187

Internet: www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk

Email: contact@support.nicholsonspubs.co.uk

White's Tavern



White's Tavern was founded in 1630, and it is the oldest pub you will find in Belfast! This ancient establishment, that features a big turf

fire and traditional music nights, is a cosy hideaway from the hustle and bustle of everyday-life. It offers live music from Thursday to Saturday.

Photo: Clem / Flickr(image cropped)
Address: 2-4 Winecellar Entry, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9031 2582

Internet: www.whitestavernbelfast.com Email: office@whitesbelfast.com

The John Hewitt



The John Hewitt, founded in 1999, is named after a socialist poet. Come here to grab a cold one while enjoying traditional music sessions three nights a

week and live jazz on Fridays, as well as regular exhibitions and great food.

Photo: stockcreations / Shutterstock.com Address: 51 Donegall Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11:30am-1am, Sat noon-1am, Sun

7pm-midnight

Phone: +44 28 9023 3768

Internet: www.thejohnhewitt.com

Kelly's Cellars



Kelly's Cellars, one of Belfast's oldest pubs, is a venue full of character and a great place for a hearty Ulster fry. Here you can spend a great

evening in a warm atmosphere enjoying



traditional music sessions which are held on a regular basis, and order first class beers.

Photo: Kichigin / Shutterstock.com Address: 30-32 Bank Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-1am, Sun noon-12:30am

Phone: +44 28 9024 6058 Internet: kellyscellars.co.uk Email: kieran@kellyscellars.com

The Errigle Inn



The Errigle has great variety of food options (also for vegetarians), excellent beers and some outdoor seating during the summer. This is also

home to the Real Music Club, a haven of folk, country, rock and blues; treat yourself to a few pints and some exciting entertainment.

Photo: melis / Shutterstock.com

Address: 312-320 Ormeau Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11:30am-1am, Sun 10am-midnight

Phone: +44 28 9064 1410 Internet: errigle.com Email: info@errigle.com

Duke of York



The Duke of York is a great, cosy and friendly bar with live traditional music on Thursday nights and DJs on the weekends. It hosts Ireland's largest

Whiskey collection. An interesting fact to know about this pub is that the Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Adams, used to be a barman here.

Photo: Minerva Studio / Shutterstock.com Address: 7-11 Commercial Court, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon 11:30am-midnight, Tue-Sat

11:30am-1am, Sun 1pm-9pm
Internet: dukeofyorkbelfast.com
Email: info@dukeofyorkbelfast.com

The Belfast Empire Music Hall



Empire is not only home to Belfast's longest running comedy club (in operation from September to June), it also hosts various musical

events offering its guests the chance to enjoy a variety of genres. Moreover, you will definitely fall in love with the sumptuous and sophisticated interior design of this venue.

Photo: Ikonoklast Fotografie / Shutterstock.com

Address: 42 Botanic Avenue, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9024 9276

Internet: www.thebelfastempire.com Email: info@thebelfastempire.com

Fibber Magees



Another great traditional Irish pub that features a vibrant atmosphere thanks to the amazing music nights. Come here to discover the essence of

Ireland by having a Guinness and listening to traditional Irish music at this cosy hidden gem.

Photo: fred goldstein / Shutterstock.com Address: 38-40 Great Victoria Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 11:30am-midnight, Thu-Sat

11:30am-1am, Sun 12:30pm-midnight

Phone: +44 28 9024 7447

Internet: robinsonsbar.co.uk/fibbers Email: info@robinsonsbar.co.uk

Boombox Belfast



Situated on the corner of Union Street and Donegall Street in Belfast City Centre, Boombox nightclub and The Maverick Bar is the place



to head for when it comes to drag cabaret shows and disco club nights. They are open five nights a week with free admission.

Photo: Olinchuk / Shutterstock.com Address: 108 Donegall Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon 10pm-2:30am, Wed-Sun 10pm-3am

Internet: www.instagram.com/boomboxbelfast

Email: club@boomboxbelfast.com

Bert's Jazz Bar



Bert's Jazz Bar at the luxury five-star Merchant Hotel in Belfast City is the ideal place to have a relaxing evening while listening to live Jazz

music. The bar oozes a sleek elegance of the art deco era, and the handpicked list of cocktails enhances the whole experience.

Photo: Tamara Kulikova / Shutterstock.com Address: 16 Skipper Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 5pm-9:45pm; Fri 6:30pm-9pm; Sat

11am-5pm / 6pm-9pm; Sun 11am-9:45pm

Phone: +44 28 9026 2713

Internet: www.themerchanthotel.com/berts-jazz-bar

Email: berts@themerchanthotel.com

The Cocktail Bar



At this
multi-award-winning bar
you will be met by
knowledgeable staff who
will be pleased to help
you with your selection

from the highly renowned drink menu. The decor and the lighting is simply majestic, with many original interior design features. Antique chandeliers, damask walls and elegant curtains are just some of those.

Photo: Daniel Novoa / Shutterstock.com Address: 16 Skipper Street, Belfast Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10:30am-1am, Sun

11:30am-midnight

Phone: +44 28 9023 4888

Internet: www.themerchanthotel.com/cocktail-bar

Email: info@themerchanthotel.com

Lavery's



With six different venues under one roof, Lavery's offers something for everyone. Lavery's Public Bar is a great place to drink and eat, while

Lavery's Back Bar and Beer Garden is a bohemian bar with free entertainment every night. At the Lavery's Ballroom and Roof Terrace you will find 22 pool tables and two roof terraces, while every Saturday night it becomes an alternative club. Last but not least is the Pavilion Public Bar, a Victorian style exquisite bar and Pavilion Boutique Bar with live music, comedy clubs and DJ sets.

Photo: Goran Bogicevic / Shutterstock.com Address: 12-18 Bradbury Place, Belfast Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-1am, Sun

12:30pm-midnight

Phone: +44 28 9087 1106

Internet: www.laverysbelfast.com Email: info@laverysbelfast.com

Belfast Pub Crawl



Explore some fantastic traditional pubs with some excellent Irish music by joining this Traditional Irish Pub Crawl. At this well

organised tour, you will be shown the nightlife of the city, its sights and sounds, and some interesting stories will be told along the way.

Mingle, have fun and meet some new friends — it will certainly be a night to remember.



Photo: William Perugini / Shutterstock.com

Address: The Albert Clock, Belfast Opening hours: Fri & Sat at 8pm

Phone: +44 77 3197 7774 Internet: belfastcrawl.com

More Info: Reservation is needed.

Harp Bar



Located alongside its big brother, the incredibly famous Duke of York, Harp Bar is another must-see establishment where the bar offers

independent draught beers and extensive whiskies. This is also a live music venue, hosting national talents in a welcoming atmosphere.

Photo: iraua / Shutterstock.com Address: 35 Hill Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon 11:30am-11pm, Tue-Sat 11:30am-1am,

Sun 11:30am-10pm Phone: +44 28 9024 1062

 $Internet: \ duke of york belfast. com/venues/harp-bar$

Email: harpbar@dukeofyorkbelfast.com

Voodoo



Opened in October 2011, Voodoo has become a Belfast hot spot and brought a different beat to the heart of the city. Both the vibe and the red

and black decor with skull and crossbones attract the younger, alternative clientele. Rock, punk and alternative live gigs will entertain you here.

Photo: BABAROGA / Shutterstock.com Address: 9-11 Fountain Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon & Tue noon-1am, Wed-Sat noon-2am,

Sun 3pm-midnight
Phone: +44 28 9027 8290

Internet: www.voodoobelfast.com
Email: info.voodoobelfast@gmail.com

SHOPPING



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All the usual department stores and high-end chains are located on High Street and Royal Avenue, as well as on the smaller streets connecting them. This area is mostly for pedestrians, so even if you don't need to plan on purchasing loads of items, it still makes for a pleasant stroll, all the while having a look at the shop windows and enjoying the vibrant city life of Belfast. For more shops, explore the Cathedral Quarter, as well as Bedford Street, Dublin Road and Donegall Pass, where you will find interesting design stores, gift shops and many other small Belfast outlets.

CastleCourt



The CastleCourt
Shopping Centre,
situated on Royal Avenue,
is Northern Ireland's
largest shopping mall,
with more than 80

different shops and countless spots where you can take a break with a good coffee or a tasty meal. New Look, Miss Selfridge, Debenhams, Dorothy Perkins, Jack & Jones, Toys R Us are some of the stores located here.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com Address: Royal Avenue, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat 9am-6pm; Thu

9am-9pm; Sun 1pm-6pm



Phone: +44 28 9023 4591

Internet: www.castlecourt-uk.com
Email: enquiries@castlecourt-uk.com

Primark



This Irish clothing company offers fashion at staggeringly low prices.
Here, you can update your wardrobe with several items without

breaking the bank. The wide selection of products range from women's to men's wear, including also children's clothing and accessories.

Photo: Blend Images / Shutterstock.com Address: 27 Castle Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-7pm, Thu 8am-9pm, Sun

1pm-6pm

Phone: +44 28 9024 2288 Internet: www.primark.com

St George's Market



Saint George's Market is the last surviving covered Victorian market in Belfast which has been newly restored, giving it a new lease of life. On

Fridays you can find a wide array of products in the Variety Market, including food and antiques, while on Saturdays the City Food and Craft Market mingles food and handmade crafts, as the name suggests. On Sundays the two markets basically fuse together into the Sunday Market.

Photo: kathryn / Flickr(image cropped) Address: 12-20 East Bridge Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Fri 6am-3pm, Sat 9am-3pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +44 28 9043 5704

Internet: www.belfastcity.gov.uk/things-to-do/markets/st-geor

ge-s-market/information-about-st-george-s-market

Email: markets@belfastcity.gov.uk

Victoria Square Shopping Centre



Victoria Square is a major shopping centre in Belfast, split over four levels and home to over 70 stores, cafes and restaurants including

House of Fraser and Topshop. Located in a beautiful modern building, the shopping centre is Belfast's newest landmark and is definitely well worth a visit even if you don't fancy shopping. Stores like Hugo Boss, Guess, H&M, Levi's, Karen Millen, Mango, Michael Kors, and Replay are all housed here.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com Address: 1 Victoria Square, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon 9am-6pm, Tue 9:30am-6pm, Wed-Fri

9:30am-9pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 1pm-6pm

Phone: +44 28 9032 2277 Internet: victoriasquare.com

Email: customerservices@victoriasquare.com

No Alibis Bookstore



If you are a thrill-lover looking for a novel or publication in the criminal genre, No Alibis bookstore is the right place for you. Located on

Botanic Avenue, in the centre of Belfast, this shop is Northern Ireland's only specialist crime bookstore.

Photo: Jordi C / Shutterstock.com Address: 83 Botanic Avenue, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm, Sun 1pm-5pm

Phone: +44 28 9031 9601 Internet: noalibis.com Email: david@noalibis.com



Carrolls Irish Gifts



Whether you want to buy a souvenir to bring back home or a gift for someone special, you will surely find it at this Irish-to-the-bone location.

This retail store features many Irish brands, so it can be the right place to find the perfect memento of your time in Ireland.

Photo: gabriel12/Shutterstock.com Address: 2-6 Castle Place, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9023 8899

Internet: www.carrollsirishgifts.com

Co Couture



If you have a sweet tooth and love chocolate, do not miss the Co Couture, where luxurious hand-made chocolates are sold. Only the finest raw

ingredients are used when creating these premium chocolate bonbons and other products, all to ensure the ultimate flavour experience.

Photo: Shebeko / Shutterstock.com Address: 7 Chichester Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun

closed

Phone: +44 78 8889 9647

Internet: www.instagram.com/cocouturechoc

Email: info@cocouture.co.uk

Skechers



Skechers is a shoe store with locations around the whole world and one can be found in Donegall Place, Belfast. Here you will find quality shoes for

the whole family, for every age and activity. If

you are a walker or casual runner, they have a huge variety of fitness/performance-geared shoes.

Photo: Dudarev Mikhail / Shutterstock.com Address: 4-8 Donegall Place, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9521 7500 Internet: www.skechers.com

The Boulevard — Banbridge



Situated just 25 minutes south of Belfast, The Boulevard is a leading European outlet destination with over 50 stores offering exclusive

brands and cafes. This is the perfect place for bargain hunters where to get the world's best known retail brands with always 30% to 70% off RRP. Some of the stores you will find here are Calvin Klein, Clarks, Gap, Timberland, Nike, Jaeger and Paul Costelloe.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com

Address: Outlet Park, Banbridge

Opening hours: Mon & Wed 10am-6pm, Thu & Fri

10am-9pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 1pm-6pm

Phone: +44 28 4062 5151 Internet: the-boulevard.co.uk

Oakland Antiques



One of the busiest antique shops in Northern Ireland is located at the centre of Donegall Pass. Oakland Antiques is the largest

antique showroom in Belfast, with two floors with antique furniture, silvers, porcelains, glasses, clocks, paintings and much more.

Photo: Olivier Le Queinec / Shutterstock.com

Address: 137 Donegall Pass, Belfast Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm



Phone: +44 28 9023 0176

Internet: www.oaklandantiques.co.uk Email: findit@oaklandantiques.co.uk

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Belfast International Airport (BFS)



Belfast International Airport (BFS) is located approximately 20 minutes from the city centre and you have different options to choose from when

deciding on the best way to get here.

Airport Express 300 buses run between the airport and the city centre roughly every 15 minutes at peak times and the journey takes about 30-40 minutes.

Taxis are also available outside the terminal building. The International Airport Taxi Company, for example, is available every day, all day.

Photo: Andrew McCarron/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia(image

cropped)

Address: Airport Road, Belfast Phone: +44 28 9448 4848 Internet: www.belfastairport.com

George Best Belfast City Airport (BHD)



Belfast City Airport (BHD) is located to the east of the city centre, about a 5 minute drive from the centre. Trains run every half an hour

during the day between Sydenham Station, near the airport, and the central train station in Belfast.

The Airport Express 600 bus takes you to the city centre and leaves every 20 minutes, but you can also take Metrobus number 3 or The Airporter.

Finally, you can also reach the city centre by taxis, which leave from outside the terminal building.

Photo: justgrimes/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr (cropped)

Address: Belfast Road, Belfast Phone: +44 28 9093 9093

Internet: www.belfastcityairport.com

Best Time to Visit



April to September, as well as October, is the best time to visit Belfast. Be prepared for some wind and rain, but there are also sunny days,

especially in the summer. Try to avoid the two weeks around the 12th of July (Orangemen's Day). Many people have their holidays during the period when the traditional Protestant marches take place — the city gets very crowded.

Photo: Hanna May/unsplash



Public Transport



Translink runs the public transport system in Belfast that consists of busses and a railway system. At the front of all Metro vehicles you can

see the number and destination and services usually start and end around the City Hall with fares that can be paid in coins directly to the bus driver/operator on-board.

Smartlink Multi-journey tickets and travel cards are available in shops displaying the Metro sign or from the Metro Kiosk in Donegall Square West.

Photo: Ant Rozetsky/unsplash

Internet: visitbelfast.com/plan/getting-around-belfast

Email: feedback@translink.co.uk

Taxi



You can easily call for a taxi or hail one down in the street. Value Cabs, for example, is always available right in front of the two airports and will

also collect and drop passengers at their preferred locations, operating 24 hours.

Value Cabs +44 28 9080 9080 www.valuecabs.co.uk

FonaCAB +44 28 9033 3333 www.fonacab.com

Photo: Daniel Karasiński/unsplash Phone: +44 28 9080 9080 Internet: www.valuecabs.co.uk

Post



Post Offices and red post boxes are scattered all over the city, so you will definitely run into one while wandering around Belfast. Furthermore,

small books of UK stamps are available in most convenience stores and at petrol stations.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash

Address: Botanic Gardens Post Office, 95 University Road,

Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +44 28 9038 1309

Internet:

www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder/1787047/botanic-gardens

Pharmacy



You can easily find a pharmacy in Belfast. The most important independent pharmacy chain in town, Gordons Chemist, has stores

scattered all over Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/unsplash

Address: Gordons Chemist, 55 Castle Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun closed

Phone: +44 28 9032 0040 Internet: gordonsdirect.com Email: info@gordonsdirect.com

Telephone



Country code: +44 Area

code: 028

Photo: Wesley Hilario/unsplash

Electricity



Electrical appliances are connected to the UK mains supply using a three-pin plug known as plug type G. The sockets come with on-and-off

switches, unlike in many other countries.

The average voltage of a UK power socket is 230v or slightly higher, so check the voltage of your device before plugging it in.

Photo: Idyshah/pixabay

Population

345,418 Belfastians (2021)

Currency

1 pound £ = 100 pence

Opening hours

City centre shops are generally open Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm and Thursdays until 9 pm. Some larger stores open Sundays from 1 pm to 6 pm. Neighbourhood and convenience shops are often open much longer, 24 hours in many cases.

Internet

www.visitbelfast.com

Newspapers

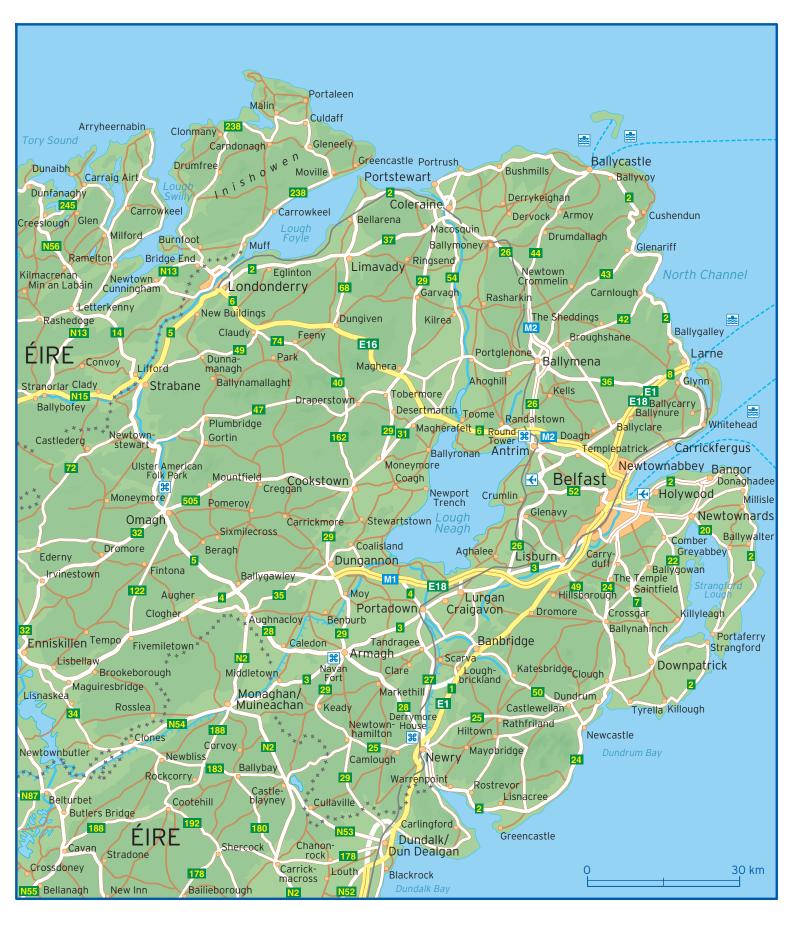
Belfast Telegraph — www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk Irish News — www.irishnews.com News Letter — www.newsletter.co.uk Sunday Life — www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/sunday-life Belfast Live — www.belfastlive.co.uk

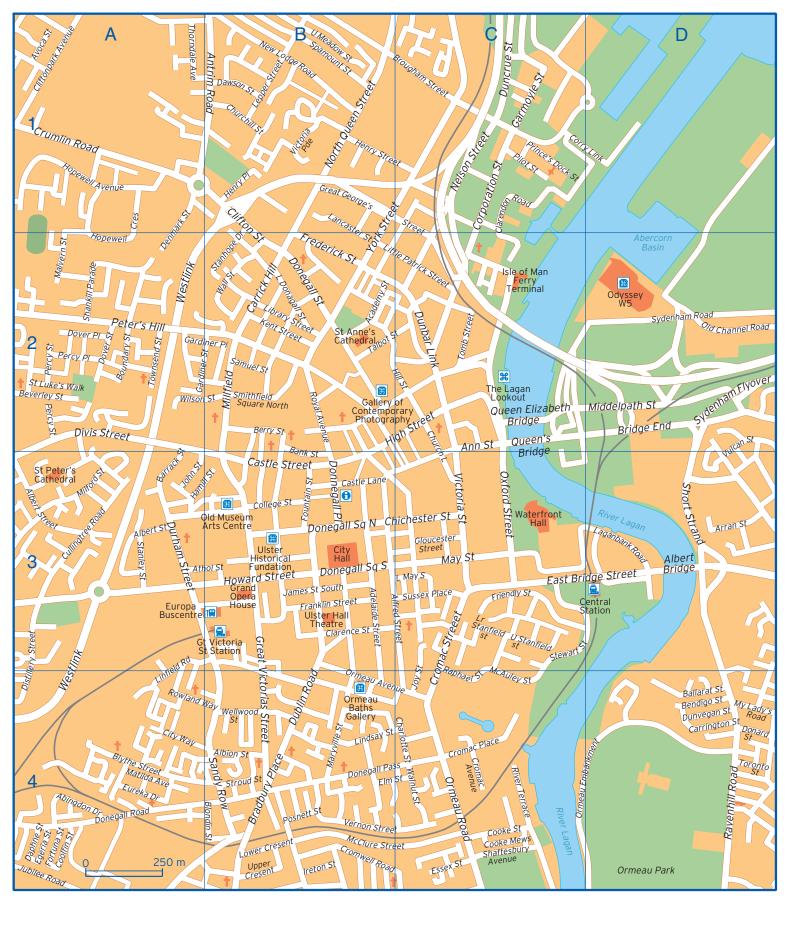
Emergency numbers

Fire, police and ambulance: 999

Tourist information

Visit Belfast Welcome Centre 9 Donegall Square North, Belfast +44 28 9024 6609 Open Monday to Saturday 9am–5:30pm Sunday & Bank Holidays 11am–4pm







Abingdon Drive	A4	Daphne Street	A4	Laganbank Road	D3
Academy Street	B2	Dawson Street	B1	Lancaster Street	B1 B2
Adelaide Street	В3	Denmark Street	A1 A2	Lepper Street	B1
Albert Bridge	D3	Distillery Street	A3 A4	Library Street	B2
Albert Street	A3	Divis Street	A2	Lindsay Street	B4
Albion Street	B4	Donard Street	D4	Linfield Road	A3 A4
Alfred Street	B3 C3	Donegall Pass	B4 C4	Little Donagall Street	B2
Ann Street	C2	Donegall Road	A4	Little May Street	C3
Antrim Road	B1	Donegall Square North	В3	Little Patrick Street	B2 C2
Arran Street	D3	Donegall Square South	В3	Lower Cresent	B4
Athol Street	A3 B3	Donegall Street	B2	Lower Stanfield Street	C3
Avoca Street	A1	Donnegall Place	В3	Malvern Street	A2
Ballarat Street	D4	Dover Place	A2	Maryville Street	B4
Bank Street	B2 B3	Dover Street	A2	Matilda Avenue	A4
Barrack Street	A2 A3	Dublin Road	B4	May Street	C3
Bendigo Street	D4	Dunbar Link	C2	McAuley Street	C4
Berry Street	B2	Duncrue Street	C1	McClure Street	B4 C4
Beverley Street	A2	Dunvegan Street	D4	Middelpath Street	D2
Blondin Street	B4	Durham Street	A3	Milford Street	A3
Blythe Street	A4	East Bridge Street	C3 D3	Millfield	B2
Boundary Street	A2	Egeria Street	A4	My Lady's Road	D4
Bradbury Place	B4	Elm Street	B4 C4	Nelson Street	C1
Bridge End	D2	Essex Street	C4	New Lodge Road	B1
Brougham Street	B1 C1	Eureka Drive	A4	North Queen Street	B1
Carrick Hill	B2	Fortuna Street	A4	Old Channel Road	D2
Carrington Street	D4	Fountain Street	В3	Ormeau Avenue	B4 C4
Castle Lane	В3	Franklin Street	В3	Ormeau Embankment	C4 D4
Castle Street	В3	Frederick Street	B2	Ormeau Road	C4
Charlotte Street	C4	Friendly Street	C3	Oxford Street	C3
Chichester Street	B3 C3	Gardiner Place	A2 B2	Percy Place	A2
Church Lane	C2 C3	Gardiner Street	A2 B2	Percy Street	A2
Churchill Street	B1	Garmoyle Street	C1	Peter's Hill	A2
City Way	A4	Gloucester Street	C3	Pilot Street	C1
Clarence Street	В3	Great George's Street	B1	Posnett Street	B4
Clarendon Road	C1 C2	Great Victorias Street	B3 B4	Prince's Dock Street	C1
Clifton Street	B1 B2	Hamill Street	A3 B3	Queen Elizabeth Bridge	C2
Cliftonpark Avenue	A1	Henry Place	B1	Queen's Bridge	C3
College Street	В3	Henry Street	B1 C1	Raphael Street	C3 C4
Cooke Mews	C4	High Street	B2 C2	Ravenhill Road	D4
Cooke Street	C4	Hill Street	B2 C2	River Terrace	C4
Coolfin Street	A4	Hopewell Avenue	A1	Rowland Way	A4 B4
Corporation Street	C1	Hopewell Cres	A2	Royal Avenue	B2
Corry Link	C1 D1	Howard Street	В3	Samuel Street	B2
Cromac Avenue	C4	Ireton Street	B4	Sandy Row	В4
Cromac Place	C4	James Street South	В3	Shaftesbury Avenue	C4
Cromac Streeet	C3 C4	John Street	A3	Shankill Parade	A2
Cromwell Road	B4	Joy Street	C3 C4	Short Strand	D3
Crumlin Road	A1	Jubilee Road	A4	Smithfield Square North	B2
Cullingtree Road	A3	Kent Street	B2	Spamount Street	B1
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St Luke's Walk	A2	Thorndale Avenue	A1	Victoria Street	C3
Stanhope Drive	B2	Tomb Street	C2	Vulcan Street	D2 D3
Stanley Street	A3	Toronto Street	D4	Wall Street	B2
Stewart Street	C3 D3	Townsend Street	A2	Walnut Street	C4
Stroud Street	B4	Upper Cresent	B4	Wellwood Street	B4
Sussex Place	C3	Upper Meadow Street	B1	Westlink	A2 A3 A4
Sydenham Flyover	D2	Upper Stanfield Street	C3	Wilson Street	A2 B2
Sydenham Road	D2	Vernon Street	B4 C4	York Street	B2 C1
Talbot Street	B2 C2	Victoria Parade	B1		