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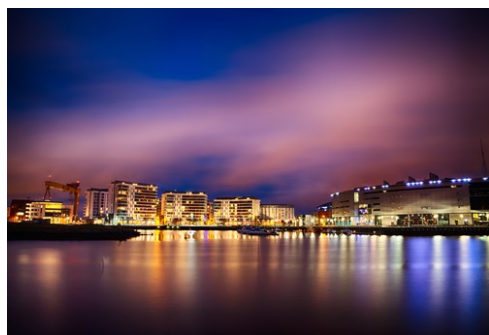
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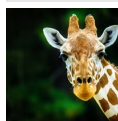
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Having survived almost three decades of conflict and division, Belfast has emerged from its chrysalis with a newfound freshness and vibrancy. Carrying a deep sense of its history, yet boldly striding into the future, Belfast is an exciting juxtaposition 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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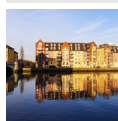
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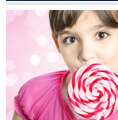
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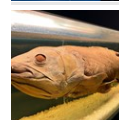
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THE CITY



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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from the Irish Béal Feirste, or 'the mouth of the Farset', the river on which the city was built and has now been superseded by the River Lagan.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. Was this setting the source of 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.

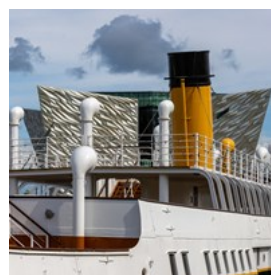
DO & SEE



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There 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 the 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 time again once they understand just how much the city has to offer.

Titanic Museum



stands on the site of the former Harland & Wolff

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

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. The museum is open daily.

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

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: 2-4 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 of 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

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.

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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; there's just 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: Stranmillis Road, Botanic Gardens, Belfast,

Phone: +44 28 9044 0000

Internet: www.ulstermuseum.org

Email: info@nationalmuseumsni.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.

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Address: 20 University Square, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9097 1097

Internet: www.queensfilmtheatre.com

Email: qftmanager@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.

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Address: Donegall Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9032 8332

Internet: www.belfastcathedral.org

Email: admin@belfastcathedral.org

Lagan Boat Tour



A Lagan Boat Tour is a great way to get a unique perspective of Belfast. Make your way through the city by boat and visit the birthplace of the

infamous Titanic with an 8 kilometre tour of the River Lagan, or hire a boat to have your own party aboard and spend a special night.

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Address: River Lagan Waterfront Hall, 2 Lanyon Pl, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9099 4441

Internet: www.laganadventures.com

Email: info@laganadventures.com

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.

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Address: College Park Avenue, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9031 4762

Internet: www.belfastcity.gov.uk/botanicgardens

Email: parksinfo@belfastcity.gov.uk

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. Last admission is around 4pm.

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Address: 53-55 Crumlin Road, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9074 1500
Internet: www.crumlinroadgaol.com
Email: info@crumlinroadgaol.com

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.

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Address: Antrim Road, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9077 6277
Internet: www.belfastzoo.co.uk
Email: info@belfastzoo.co.uk

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.

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Address: 20-22 Holywood Road, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9073 2868
Internet: www.auntsandras.com

Email: hello@auntsandras.com

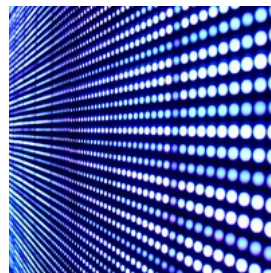
Belfast Castle



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, a meal at the in-house restaurant or just to stroll around the beautiful, landscaped garden.

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Address: Antrim Road, Belfast
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.

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Address: The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9046 7700
Internet: www.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.

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Address: Castle Place, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9032 1321

Internet:

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

Email: info@citysightseeingbelfast.com

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.

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Address: 1 College Green Mews, Belfast

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.

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Address: 17-19 Pottingers Entry, Belfast

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.

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Address: 68-72 Great Victoria Street, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9024 4747
Internet: www.nudelhi.co.uk
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.

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Address: 39-41 University Road, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9032 8356
Internet: www.villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk
Email: info@villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk

House of Zen



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

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Address: 3 St Anne's Square, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9027 8688
Internet: www.houseofzenbelfast.co.uk
Email: info@houseofzenbelfast.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.

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Phone: +44 28 9024 4421
Internet: www.gingerbistro.com
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Bank Square Brasserie

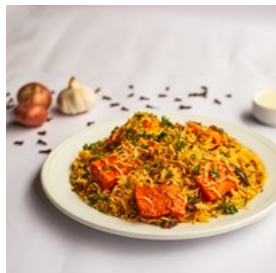


A hidden gem tucked away in the city centre behind Bank Square, this brick-walled casual restaurant serves fusion Asian and European food

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.

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Address: 56-58 Berry Street, Belfast
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.

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Address: 11 Botanic Avenue, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9024 9264

Internet: www.botanic.bitesofindia.com

Email: aishaadil476@gmail.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.

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Address: 19 James Street South, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9560 0700

Internet: www.jamesst.co.uk

Email: hello@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 are 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, and throughout their various branches across Northern Ireland.

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Address: 44-46 Fountain Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9032 8226

Internet: www.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.

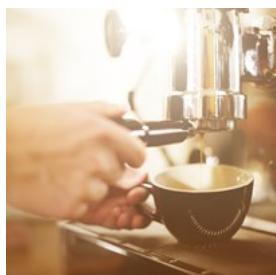
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Address: 2K Queens Road, Belfast

Internet: www.the-dock.org/cafe

Email: info@the-dock.org

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 serving 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.

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Address: 54 Hill Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9031 9416

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.

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Address: Europa Hotel, Great Victoria Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9027 1066

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

Email: res@eur.hastingshotels.com

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 are also available.

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Address: 5, 19 Ann Street Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9543 7070

Internet: www.spoonstreet.com

Email: info@spoonstreet.com

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.

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Address: 62 High Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9031 1130

Internet: www.thenationalbelfast.com

Email: bookings@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.

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Address: 68 Upper Church Lane, Belfast
Internet: www.thepocket.coffee
Email: hello@thepocket.coffee

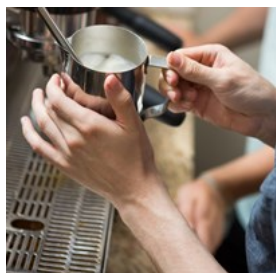
Cafe Mauds



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.

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Address: 555 Lisburn Road, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9543 8486
Internet: www.mauds.com
Email: info@mauds.com

Sinamon Coffee



Here at Sinamon 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.

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Phone: +44 28 9068 3634

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. Oliver's has three locations in Belfast.

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Address: 57-59 Belmont Road, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9065 6384

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.

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Phone: +44 28 9068 3461
Email: eat@madhatter.today

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

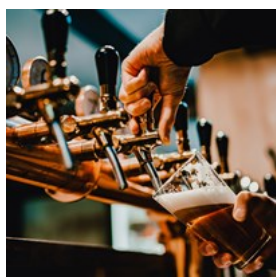


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Belfast is awash with slick new bars, as well as plenty of old-style pubs, many with traditional music sessions several nights of the week, as well as DJ-nights at weekends. Remember that pubs usually close around 11:30pm, so make sure to start your 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.

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Address: County Antrim, 46 Great Victoria Street, Belfast

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.

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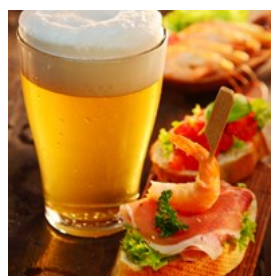
Address: 2-4 Winecellar Entry, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9031 2582

Internet: www.whitestavernbelfast.com

Email: office@whitesbelfast.com

The John Hewitt



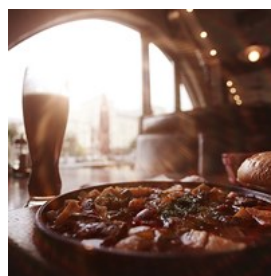
The John Hewitt, founded in 1999, is named after a socialist poet. Come here to grab a cold one while enjoying traditional music sessions three nights a week and live jazz on Fridays, as well as regular exhibitions and great food.

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Address: 51 Donegall Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9023 3768

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.

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Address: 30-32 Bank Street, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9024 6058
Internet: www.kellyscellars.co.uk
Email: info@kellyscellars.co.uk

The Errigle Inn



The Errigle has great a 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.

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

Duke of York

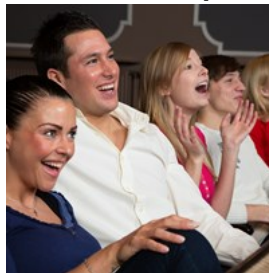


The Duke of York is a great, cosy and friendly bar with live traditional music on Thursday nights and DJs on the weekends. It hosts Ireland's largest

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

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Address: 7-11 Commercial Court, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9024 1062
Internet: www.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.

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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.

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Phone: +44 28 9024 7447
Internet: www.robinsonsbars.co.uk/fibbers
Email: info@robinsonsbars.co.uk

Boombox Belfast

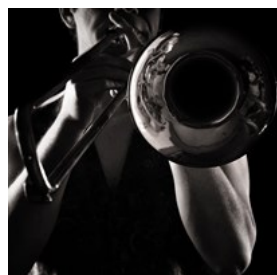


Situated on the corner of Union Street and Donegall Street in Belfast City centre, Boombox nightclub and The Maverick Bar is the place to head for when it comes to drag cabaret shows and disco club nights. They are open five nights a

week with free admission.

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Address: 108 Donegall Street, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9094 2049
Email: club@boomboxbelfast.com

Bert's Jazz Bar

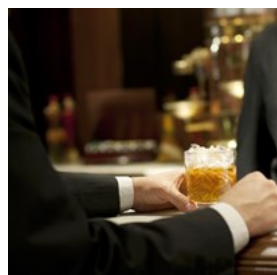


Bert's Jazz Bar, at the luxury five-star Merchant Hotel in Belfast City, is the ideal place to have a relaxing evening while listening to live Jazz

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
Phone: +44 28 9023 4888
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.

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Address: 16 Skipper Street, Belfast
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.

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Address: 12-18 Bradbury Place, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9087 1106
Internet: www.laverysbelfast.com
Email: info@laverysbelfast.com

Belfast Pub Crawl

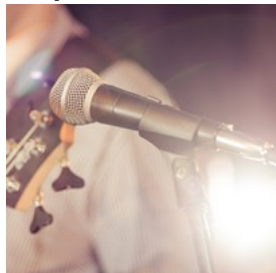


Explore some fantastic traditional pubs with some excellent Irish music by joining this Traditional Irish Pub Crawl. At this well

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.

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Address: 17 Queens Square, Belfast
Phone: +44 77 1260 3764
Internet: www.belfastcrawl.com
Email: bookings@belfastcrawl.com

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

Phone: +44 28 9024 1062

Internet: www.dukeofyorkbelfast.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.

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Address: 9-11 Fountain Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9027 8290

Internet: www.voodooobelfast.com

Email: info@voodooobelfast.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 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 Glam, Jack & Jones and Yankee Candle are some of the stores located here.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: Royal Avenue, Belfast

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.

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Address: 27 Castle Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9032 5974

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.

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Address: 12 East Bridge Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9043 5704

Internet: www.belfastcity.gov.uk/stgeorgesmarket

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. 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 Guess, Mango, Michael Kors, and Replay are all housed here.

Photo: mimagephotography/shutterstock

Address: 1 Victoria Square, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9032 2277

Internet: www.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

Phone: +44 28 9031 9601

Internet: www.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: Anastasia Voskresenskaya/shutterstock
Address: 7 Chichester Street, Belfast
Phone: +44 78 8889 9647
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 and performance-gear 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 the recommended retail price. Some of the stores you will find here are Clarks, Guess, Timberland, Nike, Jack & Jones and Olsen.

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Address: Bridgewater Park, Banbridge
Phone: +44 28 4062 5151
Internet: www.the-boulevard.co.uk
Email: info@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: Dihetbo/shutterstock
Address: 135 Donegall Pass, Belfast
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: L100SEK/shutterstock
Address: Airport Road, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9448 4848
Internet: www.belfastairport.com

George Best Belfast City Airport (BHD)



Belfast City Airport 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 taxi, which leave from outside the terminal building.

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Address: Belfast Road, Belfast
Phone: +44 28 9093 9093
Internet: www.belfastcityairport.com

Passport & Visa



For travel to the UK, citizens of the EU, EEA, and Switzerland (except Irish citizens) need an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).

However, those planning to work or study in the UK for more than six months will need to obtain the appropriate visa. Additionally, residents of nine other countries — including Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, and the United States — can also visit the UK for up to six months without a visa, but they will still need an ETA. To ensure a smooth journey, it is advisable to consult the UK government website for any specific visa requirements or regulations.

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Internet: www.gov.uk/uk-border-control

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 and 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: www.translink.co.uk

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. If you prefer using a rideshare service, Uber also operates in Belfast and throughout Northern Ireland.

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

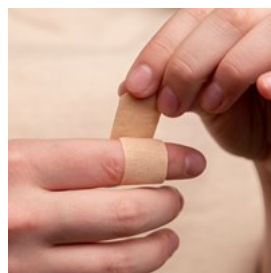
Address: Botanic Gardens Post Office, 95 University Road, Belfast

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

Phone: +44 28 9032 0040

Internet: www.gordonsdirect.com

Email: info@gordonsdirect.com

Telephone



Country code: +44 Area
code: (0)28

Photo: Wesley Hilario/unsplash

Electricity



Electrical appliances in
the UK use a three-pin
plug known as plug type
G. The sockets come with
on-and-off switches,
unlike 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.

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Population

647,438 (2024)

Currency

1 pound £ = 100 pence

Opening hours

City centre shops are generally open Monday to Saturday
from 9am to 6pm and Thursdays until 9pm. Some larger
stores open Sundays from 1pm to 6pm. 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 & ambulance: 999

Tourist information

Visit Belfast Welcome Centre

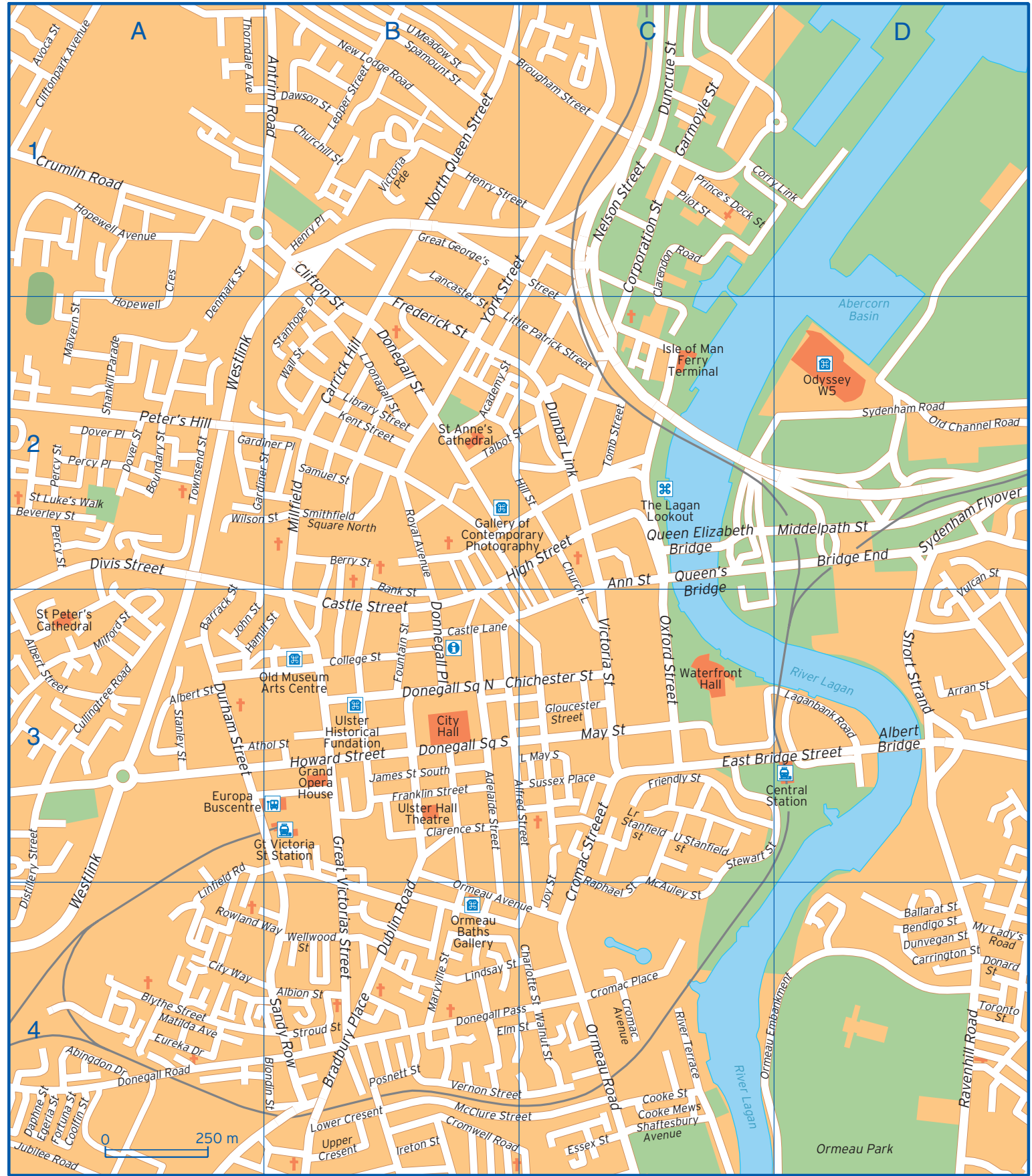
9 Donegall Square North, Belfast

+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	B3	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	B3	Little Patrick Street	B2 C2
Arran Street	D3	Donegall Square South	B3	Lower Crescent	B4
Athol Street	A3 B3	Donegall Street	B2	Lower Stanfield Street	C3
Avoca Street	A1	Donnegall Place	B3	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	B3	Ormeau Avenue	B4 C4
Castle Lane	B3	Franklin Street	B3	Ormeau Embankment	C4 D4
Castle Street	B3	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	B3	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	B3	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	B3	Samuel Street	B2
Cromac Avenue	C4	Ireton Street	B4	Sandy Row	B4
Cromac Place	C4	James Street South	B3	Shaftesbury Avenue	C4
Cromac Street	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	Spamont Street	B1

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 Crescent	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		