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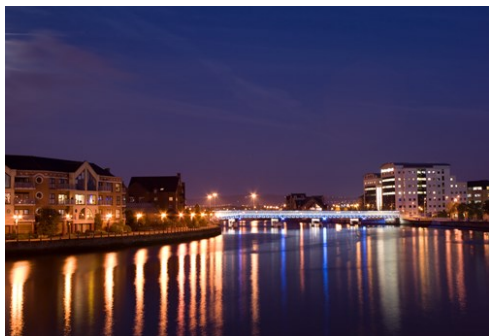


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Having survived almost three decades of conflict and division, Belfast is has emerged from its chrysalis with a newfound freshness and vibrancy. Carrying a deep sense of its history, yet boldly striding into the future, Belfast is an exciting juxtaposition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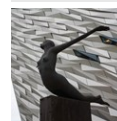
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## THE CITY



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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from the Irish *Béal Feirste*, or "the mouth of the Farset" — the river on which the city was built and has now been superseded by the River Lagan.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*. 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.

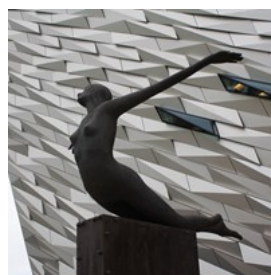
## DO & SEE



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There's 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 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](http://www.titanicbelfast.com)  
Email: [welcome@titanicbelfast.com](mailto:welcome@titanicbelfast.com)

### Grand Opera House

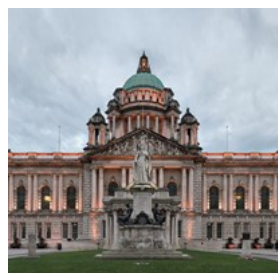


This beautiful and opulent Victorian theatre was designed in 1894 and restored in the 1970s, with a further significant modernisation in 2020.

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](http://www.goh.co.uk)  
Email: [info@goh.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/things-to-do/city-hall)  
Email: [visitcityhall@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.belfasttours.com)  
Email: [info@belfasttours.com](mailto: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](http://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.

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Address: 20 University Square, Belfast  
Phone: +44 28 9097 1097  
Internet: [www.queensfilmtheatre.com](http://www.queensfilmtheatre.com)  
Email: [qftmanager@qub.ac.uk](mailto: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.

Photo: William Murphy/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr (cropped)  
Address: Donegall Street, Belfast  
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 17:15. Sunday 13:00 - 15:00.  
Phone: +44 28 9032 8332  
Internet: [www.belfastcathedral.org](http://www.belfastcathedral.org)  
Email: [admin@belfastcathedral.org](mailto: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.

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Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-5pm  
Internet: [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/botanicgardens](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/botanicgardens)  
Email: [parksinfo@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto: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.

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Address: 80 Crumlin Road, Belfast  
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 16:30.  
Phone: +44 28 9074 1500  
Internet: [www.crumlinroadgaol.com](http://www.crumlinroadgaol.com)  
Email: [info@crumlinroadgaol.com](mailto: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.

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Address: Antrim Road, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9077 6277

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

Email: [info@belfastzoo.co.uk](mailto: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 finest handmade chocolates, fudge and boiled sweets, made using time-tested 100-year-old recipes.

Photo: Hitdelight / Shutterstock.com

Address: 60 Castlereagh Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 28 9073 2868

Internet: [www.auntsandras.com](http://www.auntsandras.com)

Email: [hello@auntsandras.com](mailto:hello@auntsandras.com)

### Belfast Castle



This majestic castle nestled in 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.

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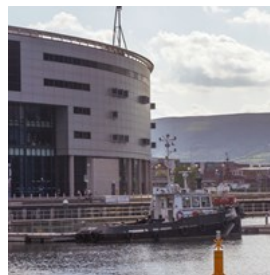
Address: Antrim Road, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9077 6925

Internet: [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/tourism-venues/belfastcastle/bcabout.aspx](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/tourism-venues/belfastcastle/bcabout.aspx)

Email: [bcr@belfastcastle.co.uk](mailto: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: 2 Queens Quay, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 - 17:00. Saturday 10:00 - 18:00. Sunday 12:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 28 9046 7700

Internet: [www.w5online.co.uk](http://www.w5online.co.uk)

Email: [info@w5online.co.uk](mailto:info@w5online.co.uk)

More Info: Last admission 1 hour before closing.

### 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 Castle Place in Belfast city centre 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

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 16:30.

Phone: +44 28 9032 1321

Internet:

[www.belfastcitysightseeing.com/belfast-city-sightseeing-tour](http://www.belfastcitysightseeing.com/belfast-city-sightseeing-tour)

Email: [info@citysightseeingbelfast.com](mailto: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.

### Café Conor



This modern bistro is one of the most attractive eateries in Belfast. Once, this was the studio of the painter William Conor. The space has kept its

artistic legacy with hanging artwork, gourmet food and a warm atmosphere.

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Address: 11a Stranmillis Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 22:00. Sunday 9:00 - 21:00.

Phone: +44 28 9066 3266

Internet: [www.cafeconor.com](http://www.cafeconor.com)

Email: [gic@cafeconor.com](mailto:gic@cafeconor.com)

### 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

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 12:00 - 21:30.

Phone: +44 28 9032 2600

Internet: [www.mollysyard.co.uk](http://www.mollysyard.co.uk)

Email: [info@mollysyard.co.uk](mailto: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

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 10:30 - 00:00. Friday - Saturday 10:30 - 1:00.

Phone: +44 28 9023 5986

Internet: [www.themorningstarbar.com](http://www.themorningstarbar.com)

Email: [info@themorningstarbar.com](mailto:info@themorningstarbar.com)

### Deanes Deli Bistro & Vin Café



This New York style deli serves great wine and delectable food for lunch and dinner. Deane's Deli can be found in the heart of Belfast, close to the City Hall, and is a relaxed establishment where to enjoy simple, stylish, elegant dishes made primarily with locally sourced ingredients.

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Address: 44 Bedford Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 12:00 - 15:00, 17:30 - 22:00.

Phone: +44 28 9024 8800

Internet:

[www.michaeldeane.co.uk/deanes-deli-bistro-and-vin-cafe](http://www.michaeldeane.co.uk/deanes-deli-bistro-and-vin-cafe)

Email: [deanesdeli@michaeldeane.co.uk](mailto:deanesdeli@michaeldeane.co.uk)

### Fresh Café and Restaurant



This café and dining venue is a well-known spot in Belfast, with new specials appearing on the menu regularly, and chefs remaining faithful to using only fresh products. The meat, for one, comes from the butcher's shop right next door.

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Address: 239 Cliftonville Road, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9075 2000

Internet: [www.freshcaferestaurant.co.uk](http://www.freshcaferestaurant.co.uk)

### 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: 25 Bruce Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 12:00 - 14:00, 17:00 - 23:00.

Saturday 17:00 - 23:00. Sunday 17:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +44 28 9024 4747

Internet: [www.nu-delhilounge.com](http://www.nu-delhilounge.com)

Email: [info@nu-delhilounge.com](mailto: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](http://www.villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk)

Email: [info@villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk](mailto: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.

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Address: 257 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Tuesday - Thursday 12:00 - 21:00. Friday - Saturday 12:00 - 22:00. Sunday 17:00 - 21:00.

Phone: +44 28 9029 6400

Internet: [www.acapulcobelfast.co.uk](http://www.acapulcobelfast.co.uk)

Email: [acapulcobelfast@gmail.com](mailto:acapulcobelfast@gmail.com)

More Info: Ballyhackamore.

### 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.

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Address: 3 St Anne's Square, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9027 8688

Internet: [www.houseofzenbelfast.co.uk](http://www.houseofzenbelfast.co.uk)

Email: [info@houseofzen.co.uk](mailto:info@houseofzen.co.uk)

More Info: Cathedral Quarter.

### 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: Tuesday - Saturday 12:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +44 28 9024 4421

Internet: [www.gingerbistro.com](http://www.gingerbistro.com)

Email: [info@gingerbistro.com](mailto:info@gingerbistro.com)

### Havana Bank Sq



A hidden gem tucked away in the city centre behind Bank Square, the 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

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 12:00 - 21:00. Sunday 12:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 28 9031 0809

Internet: [www.havanabanksq.com](http://www.havanabanksq.com)

Email: [enquiries@havanabanksq.com](mailto:enquiries@havanabanksq.com)



### Kathmandu Kitchen



Serving truly authentic Nepalese and Indian food at its best, Kathmandu Kitchen 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

Phone: +44 2890 249264

Internet: [www.kathmandukitchen.co.uk](http://www.kathmandukitchen.co.uk)

Email: [mail@kathmandukitchen.co.uk](mailto:mail@kathmandukitchen.co.uk)

### 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: 21 James Street South, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 12:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +44 28 9560 0700

Internet: [www.belfastbargrill.co.uk](http://www.belfastbargrill.co.uk)

Email: [info@belfastbargrill.co.uk](mailto:info@belfastbargrill.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.

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Address: 44-46 Fountain Street, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9032 8226

Internet: [www.groundcoffee.net](http://www.groundcoffee.net)

Email: [info@groundcoffee.net](mailto: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: Monday - Saturday 11:00 - 17:00.

Internet: [www.the-dock.org](http://www.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 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: Monday - Friday 7:00 - 18:00. Saturday 8:00 - 18:00. Sunday 9:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 28 9031 9416

Internet: [www.established.coffee](http://www.established.coffee)

Email: [hi@establishedcoffee.co](mailto: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: Monday - Sunday 14:00 - 17:00.

Phone: +44 28 9027 1066

Internet:

[www.hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast/afternoon-tea.html](http://www.hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast/afternoon-tea.html)

More Info: Price: approximately 30 £ per person.

### 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: 12-14 Ann Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 11:00 - 22:30. Sunday 13:00 - 20:00.

Phone: +44 28 9543 7070

Internet: [www.spoonstreet.com](http://www.spoonstreet.com)

Email: [info@spoonstreet.com](mailto: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.

Photo: aastock / Shutterstock.com

Address: 62 High Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Wednesday 8:30 - 23:00. Thursday 8:30 - 1:00. Friday - Saturday 9:30 - 3:00. Sunday 9:30 - 22:00.

Phone: +44 28 9031 1130

Internet: [www.thenationalbelfast.com](http://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.

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Address: 69 University Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 17:30. Saturday 9:00 - 17:00. Sunday 10:00 - 16:00.

Phone: +44 77 8887 8525

Internet: [www.thepocket.coffee](http://www.thepocket.coffee)

Email: [hello@thepocket.coffee](mailto: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

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +44 28 9543 8486

Internet: [www.mauds.com](http://www.mauds.com)

Email: [info@mauds.com](mailto: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: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 23:00. Saturday 9:00 - 22:00. Sunday 10:00 - 22:00.

Phone: +44 28 9068 3634

Internet: [www.sinnamoncoffee.co.uk](http://www.sinnamoncoffee.co.uk)

Email: [sinnamoncoffee@gmail.com](mailto:sinnamoncoffee@gmail.com)

More Info: Also located at 49 Botanic Avenue, Belfast.

### 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: Monday - Saturday 8:30 - 17:00. Sunday 10:00 - 16:00.

Phone: +44 28 9065 6384

Internet: [www.oliverscoffeebar.co.uk](http://www.oliverscoffeebar.co.uk)

### 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 / Flickr(image cropped)

Address: 2 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8:00 - 16:30.

Phone: +44 28 9068 3461

## 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. 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: Monday - Saturday 11:30 - 00:00. Sunday 12:30 - 23:00.

Phone: +44 28 9024 3187

Internet: [www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk](http://www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk)

Email: [contact@support.nicholsonspubs.co.uk](mailto: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.whitesbelfast.com](http://www.whitesbelfast.com)  
Email: [office@whitesbelfast.com](mailto:office@whitesbelfast.com)

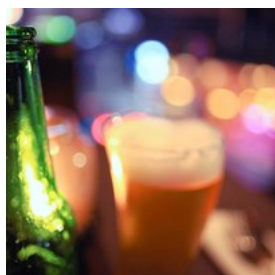
### The John Hewitt



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: Monday - Friday 11:30 - 1:00. Saturday 12:00 - 1:00. Sunday 19:00 - 00:00.  
Phone: +44 28 9023 3768  
Internet: [www.thejohnhewitt.com](http://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: Sunday - Monday 11:30 - 00:00. Tuesday - Saturday 11:30 - 1:00.  
Phone: +44 28 9024 6058  
Email: [kieran@kellyscellars.com](mailto: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: Monday - Thursday 11:30 - 01:00. Sunday 10:00 - 00:00.  
Phone: +44 28 9064 1410  
Internet: [www.errigle.com](http://www.errigle.com)  
Email: [info@errigle.com](mailto: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: Monday 11:30 - 00:00. Tuesday - Saturday 11:30 - 1:00. Sunday 13:00 - 21:00.  
Internet: [www.dukeofyorkbelfast.com](http://www.dukeofyorkbelfast.com)

Email: [info@dukeofyorkbelfast.com](mailto: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](http://www.thebelfastempire.com)

Email: [info@thebelfastempire.com](mailto: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: Monday - Saturday 11:30 - 1:00. Sunday 12:30 - 00:00.

Phone: +44 28 9024 7447

Internet: [fibbers.robinsonsbars.co.uk](http://fibbers.robinsonsbars.co.uk)

Email: [info@robinsonsbars.co.uk](mailto:info@robinsonsbars.co.uk)

More Info: [Robinsons Bars](#).

### 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: Monday 22:00 - 2:30. Wednesday - Sunday 22:00 - 3:00.

Email: [club@boomboxbelfast.com](mailto:club@boomboxbelfast.com)

More Info: Closed on Tuesday and Thursday.

### 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: Monday - Thursday 17:00 - 21:45. Friday 18:30 - 21:00. Saturday 11:00 - 17:00, 18:00 - 21:00. Sunday 11:00 - 21:45.

Phone: +44 28 9026 2713

Internet:

[www.themerchanthotel.com/bars-restaurants/berts-jazz-bar](http://www.themerchanthotel.com/bars-restaurants/berts-jazz-bar)

Email: [berts@themerchanthotel.com](mailto:berts@themerchanthotel.com)

More Info: Located at Merchant Hotel.

### 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: Monday - Saturday 10:30 - 1:00. Sunday 11:30 - 00:00.

Phone: +44 28 9023 4888

Internet:

[www.themerchanthotel.com/bars-restaurants/the-cocktail-bar](http://www.themerchanthotel.com/bars-restaurants/the-cocktail-bar)

Email: [info@themerchanthotel.com](mailto:info@themerchanthotel.com)

More Info: Located at The Merchant Hotel.

### 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: Monday - Saturday 11:30 - 1:00. Sunday 12:30 - 00:00.

Phone: +44 28 9087 1106

Internet: [www.laverysbelfast.com](http://www.laverysbelfast.com)

Email: [info@laverysbelfast.com](mailto: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: Friday - Saturday 20:30 - 23:00.

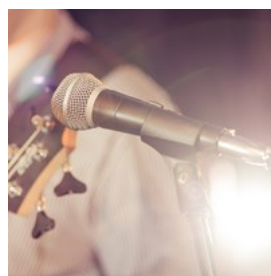
Phone: +44 77 3197 7774

Internet: [www.belfastcrawl.com](http://www.belfastcrawl.com)

Email: [belfastpubcrawl@gmail.com](mailto:belfastpubcrawl@gmail.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: Monday 11:30 - 23:00. Tuesday - Saturday 11:30 - 01:00. Sunday 11:30 - 22:00.

Phone: +44 28 9024 1062

Internet: [www.harpbarbelfast.com](http://www.harpbarbelfast.com)

Email: [harpbar@dukeofyorkbelfast.com](mailto: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: Monday - Tuesday 12:00 - 1:00. Wednesday - Saturday 12:00 - 2:00. Sunday 15:00 - 00:00.

Phone: +44 28 9027 8290

Internet: [www.voodooobelfast.com](http://www.voodooobelfast.com)

Email: [info.voodooobelfast@gmail.com](mailto:info.voodooobelfast@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 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

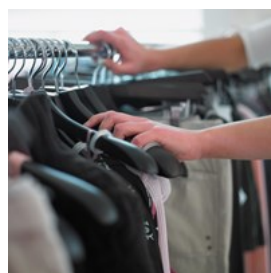
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9:00 - 18:00. Thursday 9:00 - 21:00.

Phone: +44 28 9023 4591

Internet: [www.castlecourt-uk.com](http://www.castlecourt-uk.com)

Email: [enquiries@castlecourt-uk.com](mailto: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: Monday - Saturday 8:00 - 19:00. Thursday 8:00 - 21:00. Sunday 13:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 28 9024 2288

Internet: [www.primark.com](http://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: 12-20 East Bridge Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Friday 6:00 - 15:00. Saturday 9:00 - 15:00.

Sunday 10:00 - 16:00.

Phone: +44 28 9043 5704

Internet: [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/tourism-venues/stgeorgesmarket/stgeorgesmarket-index.aspx](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/tourism-venues/stgeorgesmarket/stgeorgesmarket-index.aspx)

Email: [markets@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto: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: Monday 9:00 - 18:00. Tuesday 9:30 - 18:00.

Wednesday - Friday 9:30 - 21:00. Saturday 9:00 - 18:00.

Sunday 13:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 28 9032 2277

Internet: [www.victoriasquare.com](http://www.victoriasquare.com)

Email: [customerservices@victoriasquare.com](mailto: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: Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 17:30. Sunday 13:00 - 17:00.

Phone: +44 28 9031 9601

Internet: [www.noalibis.com](http://www.noalibis.com)

Email: [david@noalibis.com](mailto:david@noalibis.com)

### Carrolls Gifts and Souvenirs



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

Opening hours: Monday - Wednesday 9:30 - 18:30. Thursday 9:30 - 20:00. Friday - Saturday 9:30 - 18:30. Sunday 10:30 - 18:30.

Phone: +44 28 9023 8899

Internet: [www.carrollsirishgifts.com](http://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: Monday - Saturday 10:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 78 8889 9647

Internet: [www.cocouture.co.uk](http://www.cocouture.co.uk)

Email: [info@cocouture.co.uk](mailto: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-gearred shoes.

Photo: Dudarev Mikhail / Shutterstock.com

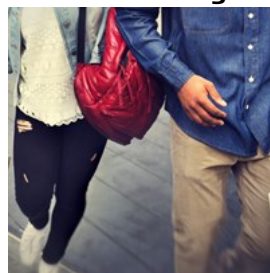
Address: 4-8 Donegall Place, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Wednesday 9:00 - 18:00. Thursday 9:00 - 21:00. Friday - Saturday 18:00. Sunday 13:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 28 9521 7500

Internet: [www.skechers.com](http://www.skechers.com)

### The Outlet Village



Situated just 25 minutes south of Belfast, The Outlet Village 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: Monday - Wednesday 10:00 - 18:00. Thursday - Friday 10:00 - 21:00. Saturday 9:00 - 18:00. Sunday 13:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 28 4062 5151

Internet: [www.the-outlet.co.uk](http://www.the-outlet.co.uk)

Email: [info@the-outlet.co.uk](mailto:info@the-outlet.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: Monday - Saturday 10:00 - 17:00.

Phone: +44 28 9023 0176

Internet: [www.oaklandantiques.co.uk](http://www.oaklandantiques.co.uk)

Email: [findit@oaklandantiques.co.uk](mailto:findit@oaklandantiques.co.uk)

### The Wicker Man



This art shop and gallery is a must-see in Belfast. It sticks works of local artists such as Jim Fitzpatrick, Mitch McDade and Hugh

Clawson as well as Celtics and Irish designed objects and handcrafts. Here you can also attend classes to learn the local crafts, or just explore their regular exhibitions.

Photo: [siso\\_seasaw/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 18 High Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Wednesday 9:30 - 18:00. Thursday 9:30 - 21:00. Friday - Saturday 9:30 - 18:00. Sunday 13:00 - 18:00.

Phone: +44 28 9024 3550

Internet: [www.thewickerman.co.uk](http://www.thewickerman.co.uk)

Email: [admin@thewickerman.co.uk](mailto:admin@thewickerman.co.uk)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Belfast International Airport



Belfast International Airport 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.

Car hire agents like Hertz and Europcar are located right in the terminal building.

Buses run between the airport and the city centre roughly every 20 minutes 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.

+44 28 9448 4353

[www.belfastairporttaxi.com](http://www.belfastairporttaxi.com)

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Airport Road, Belfast

Phone: +44 28 9448 4848

Internet: [www.belfastairport.com](http://www.belfastairport.com)

Email: [info.desk@bfs.aero](mailto:info.desk@bfs.aero)

### George Best Belfast City Airport



Belfast City Airport is located to the east of the city centre, about a 5 minute drive from the centre. You will find car hire companies at the airport, but other ways of reaching the city are available too.

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 takes you to the city centre and leaves every 20 minutes, but you can also take Metrobus number 3 or The Airporter. [www.translink.co.uk](http://www.translink.co.uk)

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

### Value Cabs:

+44 28 9080 9080

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

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Airport Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 4:30 - 22:00.

Phone: +44 28 9093 9093

Internet: [www.belfastcityairport.com](http://www.belfastcityairport.com)

### Passport / Visa



Citizens of the European Union member-states, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Switzerland, and Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) only

require a valid passport to enter the UK.

Residents of a further 10 countries do not require entry visas for stays under 6 months: the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, South Africa, Hong Kong, and Malaysia. Nationals of some further countries do not require a visa, but need to hold an entry certificate. Use the UK Government website to check for specific requirements: [www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa](http://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa)

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### Best Time to Visit



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

especially in the summer. Try to avoid the two weeks around the 12th of July: many people have their holidays during the period when the traditional Protestant marches take place.

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### Public Transport



Translink runs the public transport system in Belfast that consists of metro, bus and railway. 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, but you could also buy your ticket online.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +44 28 9066 6630

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

Email: [feedback@translink.co.uk](mailto: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.

+44 28 9080 9080

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

FonaCAB

+44 28 9033 3333

[www.fonacab.com](http://www.fonacab.com)

Photo: ArrivalGuides

## 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.

Post Office in Botanic Gardens:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 95 University Road, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 21:00. Saturday 8:00 - 16:00.

Phone: +44 28 9038 1309

Internet: [www.postoffice.co.uk](http://www.postoffice.co.uk)

Email: [social@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:social@postoffice.co.uk)

## Pharmacy



You can easily find a pharmacy in Belfast, such as the most important independent pharmacy chain in town, Gordons Chemist, that has stores

scattered all over Northern Ireland and Scotland:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 55 Castle Street, Belfast

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 - 18:00. Saturday 9:00 - 17:30.

Phone: +44 28 9032 0040

Internet: [www.gordonsdirect.com](http://www.gordonsdirect.com)

Email: [info@gordonsdirect.com](mailto:info@gordonsdirect.com)

## Telephone



Country code: +44 Area code: 028

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



230 V, 50 Hz. Type G plug.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## 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](http://www.visitbelfast.com)

## Newspapers

Belfast Telegraph – [www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk)

Irish News – [www.irishnews.com](http://www.irishnews.com)

News Letter – [www.newsletter.co.uk](http://www.newsletter.co.uk)

Sunday Life – [www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/sunday-life](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/sunday-life)

Belfast Live – [www.belfastlive.co.uk](http://www.belfastlive.co.uk)

## Emergency numbers

Fire, police and ambulance: 999

## Tourist information

Visit Belfast Welcome Centre

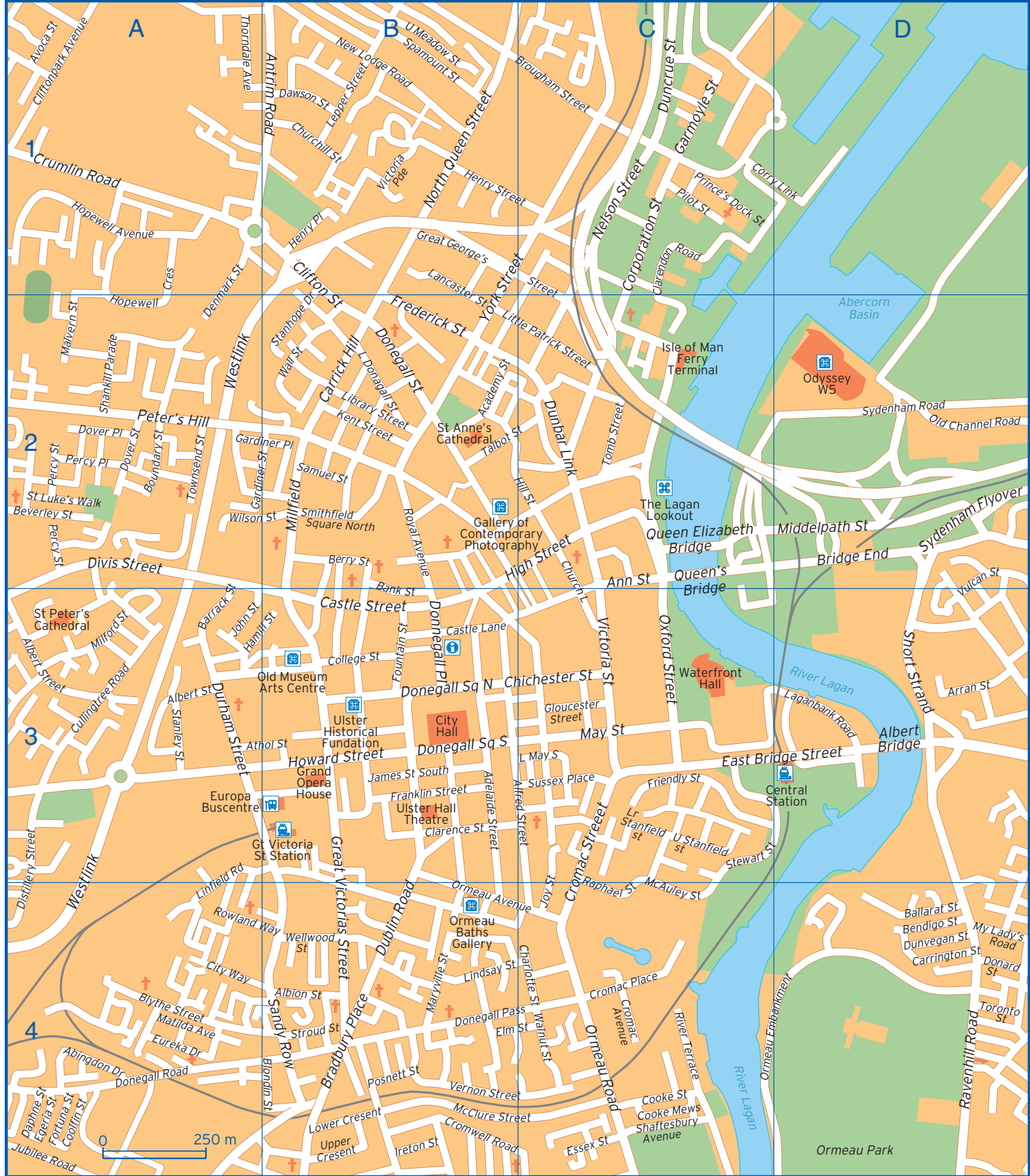
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Open Monday to Saturday 9am–5:30pm

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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	Spamount 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		