WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN MILE

The relaxing walk between City Hall Gardens and Botanic Park encompasses two historic districts, both of which combine stunning Victorian architecture with contemporary culture.

The Linen Quarter is characterised by beautiful red brick buildings, once used as Linen Warehouses, but now converted into high end offices, bars and restaurants.

Queen's Quarter, based around the University, is noted for its arts venues, hospitality and attractive park.



GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Belfast's majestic Grand Opera House has delivered laughter, tears and applause since 1895. Since opening its doors to the public, this beloved venue has played host to some of the biggest names from the world of entertainment. The opulent building is designed in high Victorian oriental style and is considered the best surviving example of the famous theatre architect Frank Matcham. The Opera House has just received a £12m refit and will reopen at Christmas 2021.

These distinctive districts have a fascinating story and there are many voices in which to tell it: from Opera House to Accidental Theatre; Empire Music to Crescent Arts; or simply a cosy drink with friends in the Crown Liquor Saloon.

Why not walk the Golden Mile and create your own experience?

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THE CROWN LIQUOR SALOON

The Bar was opened in 1826 and was called the railway tavern, it was renamed in 1849 to the Crown liquor Saloon and was refurbished into a grand Victorian gin palace in the 1880's. It remains one of the finest examples of a Victorian Gin palace and Sir John Betjeman led a campaign in the 1970's to preserve it for the nation because of the level of detail and its original Victorian features. The campaign was successful, and The National Trust took over the building in 1978.

FLAX AT LINEN QUARTER

Opening in September 2021, this vibrant hospitality space includes food and drink, outdoor games, and entertainment space. Why not enjoy a social drink over a game of French Boules on the adjacent Square? Flax at Linen Quarter is also surrounded by some of the best bars, restaurants and hotels in the City.



CITY HALL

This lavish building, constructed in Portland Stone, was designed in the Baroque Revival style. It serves to celebrate the city status bestowed upon Belfast by Queen Victoria in 1888 and subsequently opened in 1906. The site was previously occupied by the White Linen Hall. The perfectly manicured lawns surrounding Belfast City Hall contain a wealth of memorials to the history, people and events associated with the city and include the Titanic Memorial Garden.



The fountain was erected in 1885 to commemorate surgeon Thomas Thompson, one of Belfast's pioneers in the fight against cholera. The monument was designed by the preeminent Belfast architects Young and MacKenzie and opened by Lord Mayor Sir Edward Harland.



This imposing Victorian-era grand ballroom was designed by W.J. Barre in Italianate style and was completed in 1862. As one of the largest music halls in the British Isles, it has hosted a range of world famous artists including Led Zeppelin, the Rolling Stones, U2 and Rory Gallagher. The Ulster Hall's magnificent Mulholland Organ was donated by the local linen magnate Andrew Mulholland. The ground floor art gallery features thirteen scenes from Belfast history, produced by local artist Joseph W. Carey.



'FLYING FIGURES' BY ELISABETH FINK

This controversial public art work, commissioned by the Ulster Bank, was completed by Elisabeth Fink in 1964. It represents figures in flight that are referred to as "Draft and Overdraft" by Belfast locals.

12 CRESCENT GARDENS PARK

A lovely tree lined square surrounded by a historic church and Georgian terraces. The park is a peaceful, sunny oasis from the bustle of the city, and a great place for a takeaway coffee or simply to relax and read a book.

9 ACCIDENTAL THEATRE

Behind the yellow stage door of Accidental Theatre hides a modern black box Theatre and studio as well as a legendary Book Bar. Come take a picture at the Instagrammable yellow door, buy a book and have a drink in the Book Bar and stay for the yoga classes, life drawing, theatre, live music and so much more.

THE BELFAST EMPIRE MUSIC HALL

Opened in 1987, the Belfast Empire is an atmospheric entertainment venue, bar and restaurant housed in a former church building dating from c1880. As well as hosting vibrant music gigs for local, national, and international artists, The Empire has been a leading comedy venue for over 25 years.





ORMEAU BATHS

This beautiful Victorian building opened in the late 1880s as a public bath to improve personal hygiene for those living in the South Belfast area. It re-opened in 1995 as a contemporary art gallery and today hosts the Tech Hub, a co-operative networking centre for tech start-up companies.



CRESCENT ARTS CENTRE

The Crescent Arts Centre is a thriving arts centre which is located in a building that was built in 1873 by Margaret Byers, a pioneer for women's education as a school for girls at a time when academic education, for young women was not widely available. The Centre has a popular Creative Learning Programme that has been running for over 30 years and an Events space that showcases talent, ideas and conversations. Crescent Arts also runs the Belfast Book Festival and is home to 10 creative arts organisations.



QUEEN'S FILM THEATRE

This independent cinema was set up in 1968 to bring art house and world cinema to Belfast. It plays an important role in the cultural life of Belfast, serving as a venue for events such as the Belfast Festival, the Belfast Film Festival and the CineMagic Festival.



QUEEN'S LYNN BUILDING

This building, which now hosts Queen's University's Graduate School, was originally built in 1868 as a library. The building's distinctly ecclesiastical neo-gothic design perhaps aimed to provide the university with a chapel without breaching its non-denominational character.



QUEEN'S LANYON BUILDING

Completed in 1849, this impressive building was named after its architect, the renowned Sir Charles Lanyon. His design borrows from the Gothic and Tudor character of the great medieval universities. The building houses the Great Hall, while the Naughton Gallery was established in 2001 to showcase the University's collection of gifts, bequests, and art purchases since the foundation of Queen's College in 1845.

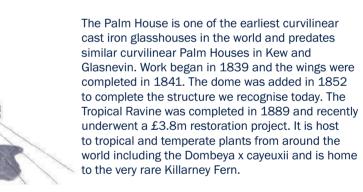
16 NAUGHTON GALLERY

Situated at the heart of Queen's University on the first floor of the Lanyon Building, the Naughton Gallery is one of Belfast's most exciting visual arts spaces. The gallery presents a rolling programme of original contemporary exhibitions, exhibiting work by both local and internationally renowned artists. Art can also be found beyond the gallery at Queen's, including the outdoor Sculpture Collection and the Great Hall Portrait Collection.



"ECO" BY MARK DIDOU

The French artist Marc Didou used MRI scanning as a medium to create this sculpture. It was acquired by Queen's University in 2008 to both mark its centenary as well as the opening of the Queen's University Library (The McClay Library) building that sits behind it.



PALM HOUSE

18 BOTANIC GARDENS

These 28- acre gardens opened in 1828 as the private Royal Belfast Botanical Gardens. It became a public park in 1895. A statue to Belfast physicist Lord Kelvin marks the entrance to the Park. It is home to the Palm House and the Tropical Ravine, giant bird feeders, a rose garden, an alpine garden, mature trees, flower beds and sculptures.



Located in the beautiful Botanic Gardens, Ulster Museum is the home of Northern Ireland's treasures – past and present. Since opening its doors in 1929, the museum has welcomed people from far and wide to explore its unique collections of art, history and natural sciences that take you on a journey across the globe and through the ages. You'll find everything from dinosaur bones, Spanish Armada treasure, incredible art, artefacts from Ireland's deepest history and sparkling rocks from the far reaches of space. Be sure to stop by its beautiful café on your visit and keep an eye out for the expertly crafted willow Dragons inspired by the hit TV show, Game of Thrones.

LINEN QUARTER

The historic Linen Quarter is one of the most vibrant, must-visit areas of Belfast. With 41 cafés, bars and restaurants, a dozen hotels, and three major music venues, we like to think we are home to the best of Belfast hospitality.

linenquarter.org



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21 FRANKLIN & JAMES

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perfect ocation in the heart of the Linen Quarter

facebook.com/weloveharlembelfast

44 CLAYTON HOTEL

claytonhotelbelfast.com

45 ETAP HOTEL

accorhotels.com

46 EUROPA HOTEL

hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast

The eclectic Harlem Café serves up a delicious menu in a

charmingly quirky setting, where visitors can lounge over coffee,

enjoy a glass of wine over brunch or perhaps a delicious evening

meal. With live music on Friday and Saturday nights - this is the

The 4-star hotel situated in Belfast's Linen Quarter boasts a fantastic

a la carte dining experience for guests, including a 15m pool, fitness

centre and spa. The perfect retreat for a mid-week or weekend break

A 5-minute walk from Great Victoria Street train station, this modern

to sleep 3 people. There's a contemporary lounge area with 24-hour

A great stay to be had, within a busy area – perfect for those seeking

snacks and drinks, and a breakfast buffet is offered for a surcharge.

The world-famous 4-star hotel is superbly located in Belfast's Linen.

Ouarter, offering luxurious rooms and next to the renowned Grand

Opera House. The hotel is that impressive, President Clinton once

stayed there - even a suite was named after his family!

budget hotel is bright, simply furnished and has rooms with bunk beds

caffenero.com/uk

22 HARLEM

The well-known Italian coffee chain is the perfect spot for you to enjoy

a slice of cake and great coffee - the welcoming café radiates comfort

Not your regular café, but one of the classiest establishments in the

city, offering light bites, coffee, and sweet treats - perfect spot for an

ACTON & SONS

A modern restaurant which offers a significant menu to appeal to all dietary requirements, the relaxed restaurant is perfect for after-work dining or a catch-up with friends. actonandsons.com

2 BELLA VITA

This multi-cuisine restaurant located on the vibrant Dublin Road is the ideal setting for groups, parties and children, offering outdoor seating and a takeaway service with fantastic food. facebook.com/pg/bellavitabelfast

Head to Boojum for quality, fresh, authentic Mexican food. The perfect spot for a quick bite or to sit and enjoy a cold beer. boojummex.com/great-victoria-st

Situated in Belfast's historic Linenhall Street, Coco is a combination of sexy-chic and casual-cool. With stunning interior and a delicious menu, the surroundings make sure you'll be dining in style! cocobelfast.com

5 DEANES DELI

Café by day, wine bar by night, Deanes Deli offers top-notch nosh all day and is the perfect setting for a business meeting or a social gathering. michaeldeane.co.uk

6 FRATELLI

Fratelli Pizzeria and Bar oozes rustic Italian charm with a contemporary edge.

7 GINGER BISTRO

Classic food with an intercontinental twist, Ginger Bistro produces an excellent menu from home-grown sources. From lunch to dinner, there's so much on offer for that perfect meal. gingerbistro.com

Hope Street offers a delicious menu, spacious interior and a 'bring your own' option. opestreetbelfast.co.uk

9 JAMES STREET

James Street offers a delicious grill style menu with the touches of fine dining. With dishes from crab to linguine, the food really does speak for itself and is a dining experience everyone must try! amesstandco.com/james-street

10 JOHN LONG'S

The longest established fish and chip shop in Belfast, John Long's is the place to go for a traditional fish supper. The café offers fresh, quality meals at a very reasonable price, this really is a hidden gem! johnlongs.com

11 JOY INN

The Joy Inn Chinese restaurant is the ideal setting for all amenities in the city. Serving a variety of popular Chinese dishes and desserts, the restaurant is fully licensed and caters to all taste buds. facebook.com/joy-inn

12 NANDO'S

Dine in the renowned chicken chain, home of the legendary Portuguese flame-grilled PERi-PERi Chicken. This restaurant is perfect for a delicious meal – there's lots on offer and full of flavour. Oh and don't forget your sauce - can you go HOT?! nandos.co.uk

13 NORA'S PALACE

Dine in this comfy spot, where you are sure to find great falafels, kebabs, salads and delicious Mediterranean dishes, all from an open kitchen. With friendly service and quality food at a great price - you'll be sure to enjoy! noras-palace.co.uk

14 NU DELHI

The taste of India in Belfast is exactly what you'll find here. Situated towards Dublin Road, Nu Delhi offers flavoursome dishes and yummy cocktails. nu-delhilounge.com

15 PIZZA EXPRESS

The much-loved pizza chain brings Italian dining to Bedford street. Whether it's a family meal, a romantic rendezvous or even a social gathering, the Italian cuisine is hard to beat.

16 RED PANDA

The Red Panda is an authentic Chinese restaurant and serve delectable Chinese cuisine. The food and cocktails are full of flavour and creatively presented. theredpanda.co.uk

With wonderful Japanese dishes, splendid cocktails and a karaoke room, this is the best place to go for an evening full of entertainment. zenbelfast.co.uk

18 CHICKN LICKN

Serving a vast, delicious range of fried chicken, wraps, burgers and more - this is the place to go for your chicken fix! facebook.com/chicknlicknbelfast

32 BRENNAN'S BAR

A friendly welcome awaits you at Brennan's Bar, along with a generous helping of entertainment. Live music, hearty food and drink promos make Brennan's the place to be for a day's craic in the city. visitbelfast.com/eat-drink/partners/brennans-bar

33 CROWN BAR

Run by the National Trust, this Victorian bar is decorated with ornate mosaics and engraved glass. A must-see bar for tourists and for locals to enjoy. It really does wear the crown when it comes to bars in the city!

34 FILTHY MCNASTY'S

The quirky décor of Filthy McNasty's creates a unique charm. Home to Filthy McNasty's, The Secret Garden, Filthy Chic and The Gypsy Lounge it is a superb location to hit when on Dublin Road. thefilthyquarter.com

35 KATY'S BAR

Situated in the hub of Belfast's exciting music scene, Katy's Bar is ideal for after-work drinks and a seat in the sun in the Rock Garden roof terrace. limelightbelfast.com

23 LAVA HOUSE

Lava House is a cosy café on the Dublin Road and is the perfect place to call in for a delicious all-day breakfast, or a coffee. Take your laptop or relax with a book, it's a welcoming place to unwind! facebook.com/LavaHouseBelfast

24 NAPOLEON COFFEE

A vibrant, independent speciality coffee bar located in the beautiful Victorian setting of Ormeau Baths. The quaint café offers everything from exciting local and guest coffees, to breakfast, lunch and sweet treats! facebook.com/napoleonbelfast

25 PANAMA

A warm welcome awaits at Panama café. With an artistic interior and a beautiful outdoor seating area, Panama is the perfect spot for a scone and coffee in the mid-morning, a quick and delicious brunch for lunch, with a BYO option also available. panamabelfast.com

26 SNAX 'N THE CITY

47 FITZWILLIAM HOTEL

48 GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL

fitzwilliamhotelbelfast.com

grandcentralhotelbelfast.com

hamptoninn3.hilton.com

50 HOLIDAY INN

ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels

49 HAMPTON BY HILTON

those seeking adventure in the city alike!

travellers and those on a short city break.

delicious dinning and fabulous fizz from the bar.

Serving freshly made food-to-go, hand-crafted in-house, the gourmet sandwich bar is a popular location for whatever you fancy at lunchtime. Serving healthy options and locally sourced food, you'll be sure to find something tasty in this charming spot. snaxncity.com

The boutique 5-star Belfast hotel takes elegance to another level.

Set in the heart of the city, the hotel offers guests luxurious rooms,

More than just a hotel, the latest Hastings Group offering really does

live up to its name and is an ode to the city. Standing tall in Bedford

The renowned hotel chain has landed in Belfast's Linen Quarter and

offers contemporary rooms, lobby bar dining and even a 24/7 snack

hub for those on the go. The perfect stay for business travellers, and

The central Belfast hotel resides in the busy transport area of

Belfast's Linen Quarter. Offering a 24 hour to-go café and a gym for

those guests into fitness, the hotel is the perfect stay for business

street, the city views from the Observatory bar on the 23rd floor

are something else. Offering luxurious rooms, superb dining and

27 28 STARBUCKS

This café is ideal for grabbing a coffee on the go, or sit with your laptop and sip on something hot or cold. Open late each night, the loval chain strikes again! starbucks.co.uk

29 URBAN RETREAT

36 THE BONE YARD

theboneyardbelfast.com

37 THE PERCH

theperchbelfast.com

38 PUG UGLYS

puguglys.com

39 RITA'S

ritasbelfast.com

sport, comedy, guizzes and weekday events

Serving delicious burgers and a wide range of drinks including local

spirits and seasonal cocktails - The Bone Yard is the place to be! The

quirky outdoor venue is situated in the heart of LQ and offers a cool

vibe, with picnic tables and living room containers available to book.

Looking to perch yourself somewhere on the roof? This pretty, floral

and 'instagrammable' location is a total hotspot for those seeking a

glimpse of the summer sun and city lights at night. Situated in what

Pug Uglys is a quirky Irish venue serving pub grub, pizzas, live music,

Think 1940's 'IT Girl' and you'll understand the vibe! Situated in Linen

dark interior to sumptuous cocktails and tipples, this is a total hotspot

for those after a drink or two in extravagant surroundings. With a very

House, the luxurious retreat is a delight worth visiting. From velvet,

tempting cocktail menu – you'll be thirsty for more!

was once a linen mill, the bar produces the best cocktails around!

For all your breakfast and lunch needs, this really is the perfect little retreat. From bagels to soups, sandwiches to salads, there's something to satisfy those food cravings! facebook.com/urbanretreat.sandwichco

30 VENTNORS GREENHOUSE

Situated in Bedford House, Ventnors is a great lunch spot for those looking something healthy and convenient! Using fresh, seasonal, and local produce, you can opt for daily specials or choose from a fantastic menu to create your own sandwiches, subs, and salads. facebook.com/urbanretreat.sandwichco

Located in the Great Northern Mall, at Yahi you can pick up a wholesome, nutritious bite to eat, to refuel when on the go. YAHI offer the very best fresh produce from local suppliers to create delicious breakfasts, lunches coffee and sandwiches. facebook.com/YAHIcafe

51 JURY'S INN

Jury's Inn is perfect for a business conference, a romantic weekend or family city break. The hotel is located a minute's walk away from the Grand Opera House and is convenient to transport and other tourist attractions. Offering burgers, artisan pizzas, healthy salad options the dinner menu proposes a superb variety from 6pm-9.30pm daily. jurysinns.com/hotels/belfast

52 MALDRON HOTEL

Suitably located, the sophisticated hotel offers 237 guest rooms. along with a delectable dining experience and attractive lobby bar. Offering comfort and excellent facilities, the hotel is the perfect location for all needs. maldronhotelbelfastcity.com

53 PARK INN

A vibrant hotel in a prime location, the Radisson offers 145 rooms, an on-site bar and grill, with a fitness centre for those keen to work out during their stay. The hotel is a great place to stay for visiting local city attractions - the famous Ulster Hall is a short walk away. parkinn.co.uk/hotel-belfast

54 PREMIER INN

A relaxing hotel within the hustle and bustle of Belfast City the Premiere Inn is a well-known chain, offering reasonable accommodation, comfortable rooms, breakfast for hotel guests and all in an excellent location - this hotel is a great spot for city premierinn.com

40 ROBINSONS BARS

Said to be one of Belfast's oldest bars, Robinson's offers five venues under one roof - you won't need to go anywhere else. From the Saloon to Fibbers and even a bistro for those looking a bite to eat, it's a super place to visit, ensuring great craic for everyone.

41 SWEET AFTON

Named after the lyrical poem by Robert Burns, the bar is a prime location for excellent food, live music and sport on the big screen. From a mid-week pint to a gathering with friends, this go-to is suitable for the lot - you'll be sure to enjoy your day into night. sweetaftonbelfast.com

42 FRANKLIN'S SPORTS BAR

If you are into sport, then be sure to give Franklin's a visit. Showing everything from rugby to racing, football to basketball on the big 6.5 metre screen, Belfast's newest sports bar offers a cool games area and a tasty menu – ensuring no sports fans go hungry! franklinsbelfast.com

43 WETHERSPOON'S

With daily deals and an extensive menu, Wetherspoon's Bridge House offer superb prices for food and drink, and great value for money. With steak club, chicken club, curry club and fish club, there's lots on offer across the week – perfect for washing down with a pint! jdwetherspoon.com

56 GRAND OPERA HOUSE

The Grand Opera House is Northern Ireland's premier theatre. which presents an outstanding programme of drama, dance, opera, comedy, musicals, pantomime and family shows. Located on Great Victoria Street, the venue is the perfect place to enjoy a matinee show with the kids, or an evening show with friends or the other half! The recently restored Victorian auditorium is simply magnificent. goh.co.uk

57 FLAX AT LINEN QUARTER

Opening in Sept 2021 this vibrant hospitality space includes food and drink, outdoor games, and public entertainment space.

LINENHALL ST BOARDWALK

Enjoy outdoor lunch, coffee, or perhaps even a pre-theatre dinner, on this stylish new boardwalk with a fine view of City Hall.

59 BBC PARKLET

Enjoy a take-away coffee at a tranquil parklet in the heart of the city. It's beside the BBC so you might even be lucky enough to see live news reports in action!

LIMELIGHT

The Limelight is established as a famous venue for live music, hosting many big acts over the years. The venue is split into four spaces - giving visitors plenty to choose from! As well as regular gigs, Limelight offer great club nights for students.

61 ULSTER HALL

The Ulster Hall is one of Belfast's most iconic venues. Sitting right in the heart of the city's vibrant entertainment scene, the venue has it all - laugh until you cry comedy, monumental gigs, fantastic family shows & must-see sports & entertainment, there is so much on daily that will be sure to entertain you and the family!

55 TRAVELODGE

This central hotel is situated in the bustling city centre, opposite trendy eating-out spots. The hotel is ideal as a base for an impromptu trip to see a show or simply just enjoy the city atmosphere. Eating out options available at both Acton & Sons and James Street - both just a stone's throw away from the hotel. travelodge.ie/hotels/224/Belfast-Central-hotel

QUEEN'S

CAFÉ

62 QUB HOPE CAFÉ

Hope café is located in the McClay Library at Queen's University. Here you will find delicious breakfast, lunch, and allday snack options, with specials served all day and orders can be made to go! It is a great place to chill out, relax and socialise with friends.

facebook.com/hopecafeatqueens

63 CRESCENT ARTS CENTRE CAFÉ

Whether you are visiting Crescent Arts for a performance or to participate in a course, enjoy a trip to The Pantry Cafe & Kitchen! Open 7 days a week, the café offers a delicious menu with locally sourced produce with lots of vegan and gluten free options - the café is a cosy spot, perfect for a catch up over lunch with friends or a meeting over delicious coffee. crescentarts.org/about/plan-visit/the-pantry

64 ULSTER MUSEUM'S LOAF CAFE

A visit to the Ulster Museum isn't complete without a stop at its beautiful café overlooking the Botanic Gardens. Serving light bites, snacks and refreshments, it's the perfect place to unwind after a stroll around the museum or to find solace after a walk through the city. Welcoming locals and tourists alike, you don't have to visit the museum to enjoy its quality food located in a unique setting, it's a haven for all! nmni.com/um

65 CAFFÉ NERO

The well-known Italian coffee chain is the perfect spot for you to enjoy a slice of cake and great coffee - the welcoming café radiates comfort and warmth. caffenero.com/uk

66 STARBUCKS

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BARS

67 POINTS BAR

The Points Whiskey and Alehouse is situated on the busy Dublin Road and is home to over 80 local and international whiskeys and ales. With live music performances seven nights a week, showcasing a variety of Irish folk bands from across the country, the exceptional bar with its homely decor and daily servings of Irish stew, is one for your must-visit list!

thepointsbelfast.com



68 DEANES AT QUEEN'S

Dine in the much-loved Deanes at Queens and take full advantage of its enviable leafy location, overlooking the superb architecture of Methodist College. With a glorious outdoor terrace and a smart dining room indoors, you will find delicious dishes packed with flavoursome local produce. michaeldeane.co.uk/deanes-at-queens

69 THE OTHER PLACE

Based in Botanic, The Other Place provides an Irish family-style restaurant, serving delicious breakfast, lunch, and dinner. With a BYO option available and fantastic daily menu offers; this comforting hub is sure to become a family-favourite. theotherplacebotanic.co.uk

VENUES

70 QUEEN'S FILM THEATRE

When visiting Queen's Quarter, why not pop into Queen's Film Theatre and watch the latest film releases on the big screen? The renowned Queen's Film Theatre boasts two screens, along with a spacious café/bar area for those keen to have a drink and nibbles on arrival. Visit their website for screening times and availability. queensfilmtheatre.com

71 BELFAST EMPIRE

Once a church in the heart of Botanic Quarter, the Empire is now the perfect place for those looking an evening of fantastic entertainment, from the Empire Laughs Back Comedy Club to Blues nights, quiz nights and live music. There is a cool theatre style interior, and a heated walled beer garden outside to enjoy a drink or two! thebelfastempire.com



