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We are all working together to safely welcome visitors to the city region.

The Belfast City Region is renowned for its resilience, innovation and creativity; and we’re constantly adapting to provide you with the confidence to return to the city. Partnership is at the heart of everything we do and we’re ready to offer the warmest of welcomes and incredible experiences we’ve become known for in a responsible and safe way.

Our guide provides all the information you need to discover everything that Belfast City Region has to offer - from the city centre and eclectic city neighbourhoods; to our rivers, lough shores, stately home and outdoor spaces that’s all within a short journey time, there’s something special and plenty to uncover and enjoy. From history to art to music to great food, friendly faces and welcoming places and everything in between, uncover the heritage and stories and much, much more.
At the heart of the city centre is Belfast City Hall. Opened in 1906, it hosts a visitor exhibition that tracks the city’s history, offers guided tours of the Council Chambers and is home to the Titanic Memorial Garden. After exploring the shops and stores on Donegall Place and Royal Avenue, or the Victorian St George’s Market, hunt out the many cool cafés, cosy pubs and tasty restaurants hidden in the surrounding entries, streets and avenues.

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

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

Steeped in memories when Belfast was a world centre of maritime trade, ship-building and commerce, the Titanic Quarter is one of the World’s largest urban waterfront regeneration schemes. Visit or take a tour of the many Titanic related visitor attractions, be wowed by the interactive visitor centre W5 or discover the fascinating history of World War One survivor, HMS Caroline or explore the Maritime Mile Treasure Trail.

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

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

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

Enjoy afternoon tea in the opulent ‘Drawing Office Two’ at the Titanic Hotel Belfast, where many of the world’s most famous ocean liners were designed.
Home to Queen’s University Belfast, the area is abound with tranquil parks and gardens. Come face to face with dinosaurs, get up close with an Egyptian mummy, or marvel at some of the best Irish art, there’s plenty to enjoy and loads to love at the Ulster Museum. Stroll through the Victorian Palm House in Botanic Gardens, take in an art-house movie at QFT, relax in one of the many cool coffee shops or enjoy great live music or stand-up comedy at the Empire Music Hall.

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

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

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

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

TOP TIP
Don’t miss the James Connolly Visitor Centre (Áras Uí Chonghaile) which offers a thought provoking insight into his life, politics and the impact he had on the history of the island of Ireland.

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

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

For locations, check out our handy map on page 58.
Belfast’s Titanic Quarter is steeped in the rich history and tradition of the city’s shipbuilding heritage – much of which now stands on reclaimed land built on top of the very shipyards where these ships were built and launched.
Alongside the Titanic and Olympic slipways and the impressive Edwardian Dock and Pumphouse, sit high tech developments including the Titanic Exhibition Centre, Public Records Office of NI, and the internationally acclaimed Titanic Studios, home to the Game of Thrones film set.

The jewel in the Quarter’s crown, however, is Titanic Belfast, which has welcomed over 6 million visitors from over 145 countries since it opened in 2012. This architectural triumph houses the world’s largest Titanic visitor experience, featuring nine interpretive and interactive galleries that explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of Titanic, as well as the city and people who made her.

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

Then it’s all aboard to experience an eclectic range of exhibits, models, interactive databases and elaborate computer generated imagery which illustrate the ship’s opulent fit-out including exact replicas of the cabins,
and journeys through the dining areas, the ship’s engine rooms, working interiors and deck promenade, where you can see and hear the ocean and feel the engines rumbling.

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

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

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SS Nomadic

Explore the restored last remaining White Star Line vessel and the biggest Titanic artefact in the world. Built by Harland and Wolff in 1911, SS Nomadic served as the tender ship for Titanic on her maiden voyage, carrying first and second class passengers from the port of Cherbourg to the ship. The vessel also served in World War I and II, as well as luxury liners Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth.
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Starting in the ‘Sailortown’ area, stop at the Belfast Harbour offices in Corporation Square to see the ‘A Port that Built a City’ exhibition detailing Belfast’s emergence as a major port and its subsequent growth as an industrial hub. Then explore the rest of the surrounding area where you will find the stunning St Joseph’s Church, the Dividers sculpture and Sinclair Seaman’s Church.

Walk to Donegall Quay to find Belfast’s iconic ‘Big Fish’, a 10m-long sculpture celebrating the regeneration of the River Lagan. The fish is made up of beautiful blue scales of ceramic tiles that depict different scenes from Belfast’s history.

Cross the Lagan Weir footbridge and follow the dockside trail to SS Nomadic, the tender ship for RMS Titanic and White Star Line’s last remaining vessel. Explore the four decks and experience first-hand what it was like to be a passenger boarding Titanic.

Belfast has a world-famous maritime history. As the home of Harland & Wolff, once the greatest ship builders in the world, the city was the birthplace of many iconic vessels including the renowned RMS Titanic. Today, the dockside offers plenty of sights, attractions and opportunities to delve into the history of the city. Walk the Maritime Mile and uncover the stories of Belfast’s maritime past.
Titanic Belfast, is located in the very place where Titanic was designed, built and launched in 1912. It tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her maiden voyage and subsequent place in history. Behind this iconic building you will find the Titanic Slipways, where Titanic and Olympic stood before they were launched over 100 years ago. Now fully restored, the slipways offer an illuminated outline of both ships and a life-size plan of Titanic’s promenade deck.

Follow the path to The Great Light, one of the largest optics of its kind ever built in the world that is around 130 years old. At seven metres in height and weighing 10 tonnes, it produces one of the strongest lighthouse beams to ever shine. The light is a unique maritime heritage object with great significance to Belfast’s economic, maritime and industrial past.

HMS Caroline is a First World War-era ship now restored as a must-see floating museum with an amazing story to tell. The ship was the lone survivor of the Battle of Jutland in World War One, and onboard exhibitions detail the story of her time at war as well as the personal accounts of those that served on the ‘Carry’.

At the end of the trail you’ll find Titanic Dock and Pump House. Stand in the huge Thompson Dry Dock where Titanic sat on the night before her maiden voyage and walk in the footsteps of the shipyard’s workers in the pump-house with original engineering that powered the dock.

Maritime Tips
The stunning Titanic Hotel Belfast is located in the former headquarters of Harland & Wolff. Drop in for a drink or afternoon tea in the breathtaking ‘Drawing Office Two’ where many of the world’s most famous ocean liners, including RMS Titanic, were painstakingly designed.
Over four hundred years have passed since the first settlers made Belfast their home: historic buildings, museums and visitor centres will let you discover the city’s rich history and heritage. Here are a few highlights...

**History & Heritage**

**Belfast City Hall**
Founded by Alfred Brumwell Thomas in the Baroque Revival style and constructed in Portland stone, it first opened its doors in August 1906. The Visitor Exhibition offers a historical journey from the city’s past to present, showing the vibrancy and diversity of Belfast City Hall across six themed zones.

**Crumlin Road Gaol**
Built between 1843 and 1845, the gaol was designed by the renowned architect Sir Charles Lanyon. The black basalt rock prison was modelled on London’s Pentonville Prison. Visitors can take a tour of this nineteenth century Grade ‘A’ listed building and experience life behind bars.

**Clifton House**
Established as Belfast’s Poor House in 1774 and where thousands of people sought sanctuary within its walls right up until 1882. The Belfast Charitable Society and its home in Clifton House, has survived rebellions and revolutions, while looking after the welfare of the people of the city.

**The Linenhall Library**
Located opposite Belfast City Hall, this is the city’s oldest library (1788) and houses one of the most renowned collections.
of Irish material in the world. Browse the collections, visit the gift shop or relax in the coffee shop.

**St Anne’s Cathedral**  
Romanesque in style with exquisite mosaics, carvings and stained glass. You can explore this stunning building to learn about its history and the people who helped shape this sacred place.

**Belfast Castle**  
Built in the 1860s Belfast Castle is one of the city’s most famous landmarks. Located in the Cave Hill area of north Belfast, the estate contains landscaped gardens and mature mixed woodland offering superb views of the city from a variety of vantage points.

**Queen’s University**  
The UK’s ninth oldest university has a distinguished heritage and history. Its main building was also designed by Sir Charles Lanyon, and opened in 1849. Take a stroll around the open campus or enjoy a guided campus tour.

**Hillsborough Castle**  
As the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland this building has welcomed the world and witnessed pivotal chapters in politics. The splendid late Georgian house is set in 100 acres of breath-taking gardens and has been restored to conserve and represent the heritage for visitors to explore.

**Mount Stewart**  
Situated on the east shore of Strangford Lough, this neo-classical family home has some of the most unique gardens in the world. After a major restoration project, it now reflects the era when Charles and his wife Edith made it their much-loved Irish home from the 1920s to the 1950s.

**Irish Linen Centre**  
The linen industry played an important role in the geographical, social and industrial heritage of Ulster. At the Irish Linen Centre you can explore the rich history of Irish linen through friendly guides, interactive displays, and live spinning and weaving demonstrations.
Enjoy our green spaces

Just a short distance away from the hustle and bustle of the city centre, you can enjoy a range of parks, gardens, country estates and exhilarating coastlines. Time slows down as you revel in the sound of birdsong, the smell of freshly cut grass or the waves washing up on the shore.

These well-tended green spaces are our pride and joy and often showcase fragrant rose gardens, exotic plants and a huge array of rare trees and shrubs. From botanical gardens to riverside towpaths or simple municipal spaces, the opportunity to recharge are plentiful and picturesque.

For a city of its size, Belfast punches well above its weight in terms of the variety and accessibility of green space. You can choose from over 70 parks and open spaces within the city boundary, including the historic Botanic Gardens in Queen’s Quarter, the stunning Stormont Estate in EastSide and Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park in the south of the city, which is renowned for its International Rose Garden.
Green Flag
78 of Northern Ireland’s best-managed parks and open spaces have been recognised with the international standard of excellence, the Green Flag Award.

The city is bordered on three sides by hills and mountains where you can enjoy hiking trails and magnificent views of the Irish Sea to the east. In the north of the city, Cave Hill Country Park offers a more adventurous hike which rewards visitors with some of the best views over Belfast and beyond. Divis and Black Mountain offers a flatter Ridge Trail where on a clear day you can see the Mourne Mountains, Strangford Lough, the Isle of Man and the coast of Scotland.

For runners and cyclists, the Lagan Towpath runs for nearly the entire length of the River Lagan, from the centre of Belfast to the neighbouring city of Lisburn or the Connswater Community Greenway offers a 9km linear park through East Belfast. To enjoy one of the finest shoreline walks in Ireland, hop on a train to Holywood to the start of the 25km North Down Coastal Path, where you can find a variety of geological features, wildflowers, birds and seals.
The mesmerising fantasy lands of Westeros have been created using Northern Ireland’s rugged coastlines, historic castles and breathtaking countryside and forests. The dramatic scenery of the Causeway Coast and Glens, and Counties Down, Fermanagh and Armagh form the backdrop of much of the show’s action and fans can easily access many of the locations from Belfast and follow in the footsteps of a favourite character. Some of the filming locations not to be missed and to name but a few include Castle Ward and Tollymore Forest Park (Winterfell), Downhill Beach (Dragonstone) and Murlough Bay (Stormlands).

*All tours are independently operated by each provider. They are not sponsored, endorsed or affiliated with HBO® or anyone associated with Game of Thrones®.
Glass of Thrones Trail
Stroll from Belfast City Hall to Titanic Studios to take in the epic Glass of Thrones installations: six free-standing stained glass windows depicting scenes from seasons one to eight of the show. Each window represents the trials and tribulations of a different house and at the final window you can pretend to be the ruler of the Seven Kingdoms, by taking your seat on a version of the throne!

GAME OF THRONES STUDIO TOUR (PROPOSED 2021)
In collaboration with Warner Bros. Consumer Products, Linen Mill Studios in Northern Ireland are set to throw open the doors to the world’s first and only Game of Thrones Studio Tour in 2021.

Inspired by the global smash hit TV series, this immersive Studio Tour experience will soon reveal the world of Westeros like never before, giving visitors the chance to step behind the scenes of the famous sets of King’s Landing, Winterfell, Dragonstone, The Wall and beyond. The Studio Tour experience will showcase the exquisite costumes of the show’s leading characters and delve into the crafts and skills behind the incredible props, weaponry and visual effects which helped bring the story of Game of Thrones to life on screen. Rally the realm – Game of Thrones Studio Tour is coming! PG rated experience. linenmillstudios.com

DON’T MISS
GAME OF THRONES STUDIO TOUR (PROPOSED 2021)

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

For more information on tours and experiences, see: visitbelfast.com/gameofthrones
TAKE A TOUR:

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

CITY TOURS

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

MUSIC TOUR

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

FOOD & DRINK TOURS

There are a number of delicious food and drink tours on offer in and around the city and region. Take a walking tour around the city’s gastronomic hot spots or learn the art of craft by visiting one of the top-class producers of craft beer and cider or whiskey and gin at a local distillery, including Hilden Brewery, Bushmills Distillery, Copeland Distillery, Hughes Craft Distillery & Gin School, Echlinville Distillery, Rademon Estate and The Hinch.

WALKING TOURS

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

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

**Coiste Irish Political History Tours**

Experience a bus or walking tour with trained tour guides from the ex-prisoner community who give a truly unique insight into the Northern Ireland ‘Troubles’, and how it has shaped their communities. Recently listed as one of Europe’s most alternative city tours.

**Titanic Boat Tour**

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

**Bike Tours**

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

**Belfast Traditional Music Trail**

A unique way to experience Irish music. With two professional musicians as your guides, walk through cobbled alleyways, past famous landmarks and on to private bars in some of the city’s oldest buildings. At each of the three stops you will be treated to a performance of traditional tunes, songs and stories.

For more inspiration, see: [visitbelfast.com/tours](http://visitbelfast.com/tours)
Belfast may be small in size, but it’s huge in imagination! Explore some of the cool art spaces and creative places just waiting to be discovered.

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

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

*Restrictions currently in place due to COVID-19*
Performing Arts
Enjoy the tranquil river views as well as superb local productions at the stunning Lyric Theatre in the Queen’s Quarter or enjoy a mixed programme of theatre, music, dance and visual art at the MAC in the Cathedral Quarter. The Ulster Hall (1862) in the Linen Quarter is home to the Ulster Orchestra as well as offering a programme full of all genres of music and comedy, or the Waterfront Hall provides stunning views with a fantastic programme offering concerts, comedy, theatre, ballet, dance and much more. In the Gaeltacht Quarter, Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich is an Irish language arts and cultural centre where you can experience traditional music, poetry readings, céilís, workshops and a children’s arts programme, and although the stunning Grand Opera House is currently closed for restoration, its red stage curtain will rise once again in 2021.

Literary Scene
The Linen Hall Library is the oldest library in Belfast and the last subscribing library in Ireland, renowned for its unparalleled Irish and Local Studies Collection. Northern Ireland’s Nobel Prizewinning poet, Seamus Heaney, is celebrated with an exhibition space and programme of literary events at HomePlace in Bellaghy.

Calendar of Culture
Our vibrant, cosmopolitan buzz can be experienced through the city’s jam-packed programme of annual events and festivals. Having been forced to move online in 2020, many are hoping to return bigger and better in 2021! Highlights include: Culture Night, a unique explosion of energy, arts, creativity and fun; Belfast Mela, Northern Ireland’s biggest annual celebration of cultural diversity; Belfast Pride, a colourful, award-winning LGBTQ+ festival that’s the biggest of its kind on the island of Ireland and the Belfast International Arts Festival, offering a programme of music, film, art, ideas, politics and music which is also the city’s longest running international arts event.
Urban Art

Spend just a few minutes in Belfast and you’ll notice the walls - there is street art everywhere.
Described as “the world’s greatest open-air gallery”, Belfast is home to hundreds of powerful and thought-provoking historical murals. Found on the sides of houses and walls across East and West Belfast, many pieces of artwork are closely associated with the Troubles. These Republican and Loyalist political statements present visitors with a fascinating picture of how two communities, living side by side, can have such a different sense of history. Yet, in recent years, a new breed of mural has evolved containing messages of hope and achievement, depicting colourful celebrations of the city’s famous sons and daughters.

Modern Belfast has become a place where street artists from across the world gather to produce their work. Spend just a few minutes in the city centre and you’ll notice the walls - there is street art to be explored everywhere. This generation of street artists are creating a vibrant and new narrative for the city.

The charming and historic Cathedral Quarter has the highest concentration of street art in Belfast. Some of the most iconic pieces include ‘Blurry Eyed’ on Talbot Street, ‘Belfast Romances’ on Victoria Street, ‘The Chef’ on High Street, ‘Forzan’ on Gresham Street, ‘Pandora’s Jar’ on Donegall Street and ‘The Duel of Belfast, Dance By Candlelight’ on Hill Street.

Belfast’s answer to Portugal’s Umbrella Sky Project can be found just off Commercial Court, facing the Duke of York Pub, but this hidden entry is much more than a few umbrellas in the sky. Stand beneath these vibrant yellow brollies and look around and you will see caricatures of some of Belfast’s most famous faces.

SEE IT ALL

You can delve into this colourful world with the Google Map Street Art Guide, which is a great way of enjoying these wonderful art pieces at your own pace, or take the Belfast Street Art Walking Tour to gain an entertaining insider’s view to the art, the artists, the process, and the political and cultural history of the area.
Eating out in the Belfast Region is an exciting mix of home-grown flavours, modern techniques and the very best local produce, with a restaurant scene that takes in everything from Michelin starred fine dining to the simple tastes of traditional fish and chips, so tuck in and get ready for a taste sensation!

A Taste of Belfast Region
Dining Out
Great chefs, superb local produce and great value means the Belfast Region has one of the tastiest food scenes in the UK or Ireland. Enjoy an exquisite fine dining experience at Michelin Star restaurants EIPIC, Ox or The Muddlers Club or soak up the welcoming atmosphere of some of the city’s chic bistros such as Home, Deanes at Queen’s, Coppi, Hadskis, James Street, Mourne Seafood Bar, EDŌ and Howard Street. The city’s diverse cultures are showcased with the very best of Asian, Indian, Mexican, Spanish and Italian food, so there’s plenty to choose from!

Ginaissance
From distillery tours to tasting experiences, the Belfast Region is a gin-lover’s dream. You can enjoy an exciting range of gin drinking and making experiences including the Belfast Gin & Spirit School, Copeland Distillery, Hughes Craft Distillery & Gin School, Echlinville Distillery, Rademon Estate and The Hinch or take a guided ‘Belfast Gin Jaunt’ around the city’s top gin bars to sample them for yourself.

Fabulous Fish & Chips
Incredible fresh local fish from the waters around Northern Ireland is turned into the stuff of magic at the various seafood restaurants in the city. Multi-award winning casual favourite Fish City, is a must go-to, or if you're after something a little more upscale, try Deanes Love Fish or Mourne Seafood Bar.

Incredible Food Markets & Delis
A good market reflects a city’s attitude to its food and award winning St George’s Market is one of the best around. Step inside on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday and you’ll be bowled over with the incredible array of local produce. It’s worth taking the time to explore some of the Regions charming towns such as Bangor, Moira, Comber and Hillsborough which also host regular food markets and are home to some fantastic gastro pubs and restaurants.

Make it yourself
Experiencing local cuisine is a great way of seeing what makes the place so special, so why not learn how to create that food yourself? There are some amazing cookery experiences on offer including the cookery school at James Street, with a range of classes to suit all abilities and tastes. At Tracey’s Farmhouse Kitchen, learn how to make some traditional favourites such as Irish soda bread, wheaten bread and potato bread in her 17th century thatched cottage on the shores of Strangford Lough.
Sport is an important part of culture in Belfast, and the city has several notable sports teams playing a diverse variety of sports that are worth following, or why not take part to create your own action packed break!

Made for Golf
Northern Ireland has established itself with superstar status in the world of golf during the past couple of years, aided by Rory McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Darren Clarke. Not only does Northern Ireland produce golf champions, it also boasts an enviable collection of some of the world’s very best golf courses. Belfast itself has fourteen courses and golf centres, including picturesque parkland courses such as Royal Belfast, Belvoir Park, Malone and Shandon, while the world renowned links courses of Royal Portrush (host of the recent 148th Open) and Royal County Down are just over an hour’s drive away.

Keep on running!
The annual Belfast City Marathon is scheduled to take place on Sunday 19 September 2021. There’s a line-up of events for all levels including the Marathon and Wheelchair Race, Team Relay, 8 Mile Walk and Fun Run. To register visit: belfastcitymarathon.com

On your bike
Belfast is very bike friendly, with plenty of riverside cycle trails to explore at your leisure, or take a guided bike tour to learn about the city while you peddle. Belfast Bikes offer easy cycle hire at over 40 docking stations located around the city centre.

Take a hike
Stretch your legs and see the city from up high with a hike up Black Mountain or the iconic Cave Hill, and enjoy the fresh air, history, nature and fantastic city views, or choose from a variety of walking trails in public parks and gardens or peaceful canal side towpaths, there’s something to suit everyone.

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

We look forward to the safe return of spectators attending sporting events, so here’s a guide to where you can catch the very best of the action.

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

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

Football
The Northern Ireland international team are competing to qualify for the World Cup 2022 in Qatar with matches taking place between March and November 2021. The Danske Bank Premiership has weekly league matches taking place throughout Northern Ireland.

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

Ice Hockey
Belfast Giants home games take place most weekends at The SSE Arena from August until April. The season promises plenty of fast and furious action that will have you on the edge of your seat, from bone-crunching hits to last minute game winning goals.
Go wild at Belfast Zoo with spectacular wildlife, fun feeding times and trails to follow, as well as panoramic views across Belfast. Get up close and cuddle the little animals at the Ark Open Farm, visit Ireland’s largest collection of native and exotic waterbirds at Castle Espie or view wildlife from all over the world at Belfast’s Window on Wildlife.

If prehistoric beasts are of more interest, head over to the Ulster Museum, with its interactive learning zones full of great activities to keep the kids happy. Enjoy an afternoon strolling around the Ulster Folk Museum, which allows visitors to experience what

Belfast is a great holiday destination with plenty of attractions for the young, and not so young, from the city centre to right across the city region.
life would have been like 100 years ago in its outdoor folk park, and the neighbouring Ulster Transport Museum has one of the best rail galleries in Europe.

Enjoy a waterfront adventure by unlocking the 18 clues on the Maritime Mile Treasure Trail to discover and explore Belfast’s seafaring history. For some water based action, don’t miss Let’s Go Hydro where visitors can enjoy the inflatable aqua park, paddleboarding, wakeboarding, kayaking and open water swimming – why not stay the night in one of the resort’s glamping pods.

For some wet weather respite there are some great indoor attractions. Experience life under the sea at Exploris Aquarium, scale the walls at Clip ‘n Climb, test your team skills at Prison Island or they can get their skates on at Dundonald Ice Bowl. To burn off some energy make a stop at We are Vertigo where they can bounce at the Inflata Park, overcome challenging obstacles at the Ninja Master Course or even give Indoor Skydiving a go!

For some world class outdoor adventure make sure to visit Colin Glen. With a fantastic range of forest walks, sports facilities and activities, this summer sees the exciting addition of Ireland’s first Alpine Coaster and two Dual Ziplines, which will be opening at the top of the 200 acre park with amazing views over the city.

The £12 million reefLIVE Aquarium will be opening in Belfast’s Titanic Quarter in 2022, offering an immersive, fully engaged visitor experience with live displays and cutting-edge narrative technology.
City of Music

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

Traditional Music
The city hosts a wide variety of traditional Irish music sessions and on any given night you’ll find locals and visitors alike toe-tapping to trad music in a pub. Enjoy a pint and a bowl of Irish stew while listening to a few tunes at Kelly’s Cellars, one of Belfast’s oldest pubs. Better still, try the hands-on approach, with a beginner’s bodhran lesson (a traditional Irish drum) at The Dirty Onion. Or experience a full night of Irish culture at An Síbín where you can enjoy live trad music every night of the week as well as Irish language lessons and storytelling every Monday evening.

Concerts and Gigs
It’s not just about the music but how you experience it. Belfast has some incredible live music venues, so whether you’re looking for an intimate gig or bagging tickets to top international artists, you’ll find it here. Smaller venues worth a visit include the Black Box in the bustling Cathedral Quarter, the Belfast Empire, a beautifully converted church which hosts regular gigs and their popular Empire Laughs Back Comedy Club, and Voodoo which adds a bit of spice for those who like things a little different! For international touring acts, sell out club nights and local live bands, head to The Limelight.
For larger events, there’s the Waterfront Hall on the edge of the River Lagan and the SSE Arena, which has played host to the MTV Europe Music Awards, Beyoncé, U2 and many more. The historic Ulster Hall, which dates back to 1862, is one of the oldest purpose-built concert halls in the UK and Ireland, and is home to the Ulster Orchestra. It’s also where Led Zeppelin famously took to the stage to debut Stairway to Heaven in 1971.

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

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

*Restrictions currently in place due to COVID-19*
One of Belfast's most popular areas for evening entertainment is the Cathedral Quarter, where you’ll find everything from live music to local theatre, classy cocktails to micro beers, cool jazz to traditional Irish music, atmospheric beer gardens and gourmet cuisine to tapas on the go. Check out the Duke of York boasting the largest whiskey collection in Ireland, the Dirty Onion in Belfast’s oldest building and the John Hewitt for its extensive craft beer selection and diverse range of live music.

Find the best traditional pubs to enjoy the perfect pint of Guinness. With original features, a warm atmosphere and friendly welcome there is no better place to meet friends and enjoy the local craic. Relax in a cosy snug in the Crown Liquor Saloon, an ornate Victorian gin palace dating back to 1826 and one of the best known landmarks in the city, or enjoy a pint in one of Belfast's oldest pubs, Kelly’s Cellars.

Love a laugh? Then head to The Empire in the Queen’s Quarter for its weekly comedy night. Want to catch a night of big screen sports? Make a stop at the Kitchen Bar behind Victoria Square, The Doffer behind Belfast City Hall, Sweet Afton in the Linen Quarter or Cutters Wharf in Queen’s Quarter, or for something a little different, book a table at Cabaret, where you can enjoy a 1920’s Hollywood style supper club with a variety of entertaining dinner shows.
Café Culture

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

Whatever nightlife you seek, Belfast is happy to oblige!

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

For those that want to party on into the small hours, there’s a vibrant club scene on offer. In Cathedral Quarter, Ollie’s Club in the basement of the stunning Merchant Hotel is one of Belfast’s most exclusive nightclubs and plays host many celebrities, VIPs and socialites. Alibi in the Queen’s Quarter is housed over two floors and showcases the very best in local DJ talent as well as guests from the Marbella and Ibiza scene. Tucked away below street level at the side of City Hall you’ll find chic cocktail bar Margot, which hosts the Late Late Club every Friday and Saturday with a crew of local DJ’s who keep the party vibe going into the small hours.

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

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

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

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EVENTS & FESTIVALS

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Belfast is famous around the world as a city that’s full of life. From world music and theatre to food festivals, and dance, and everything in between, there is always something for everyone. But 2021 may be a little different. We are hopeful that our streets and venues will once again be full and vibrant. However, we recommend that you keep up-to-date with everything happening in the city by visiting our website before you travel.
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH

Visit Lisburn Castlereagh for award winning attractions, serious shopping and fantastic food. Entertain the kids with a host of family friendly venues from Lisburn to Dundonald or immerse yourself in our rich heritage in historic villages such as Hillsborough and Moira.

Discover the History
Explore the beautifully restored Castle Gardens as you embark on a self-guided tour of Lisburn’s Historic Quarter or learn about our impressive industrial heritage with a visit to the award winning Irish Linen Centre, where our spinning and weaving traditions come alive through fascinating displays and artefacts. Discover the magic of traditional brewing by visiting Ireland’s oldest independent brewery in the 19th Century courtyard of Hilden House.

Villages, Castles & Gardens
Visit the picturesque villages of Hillsborough and Moira, with their mix of boutique shops and popular gastro pubs and coffee shops offering superb local produce. Explore the beautiful parkland of Moira Demesne, or try your hand at distilling your own gin at The StillHouse Gin School. Hillsborough is also home to the historic Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland. While you’re here, stop off at the oldest pub in the village, The Hillside, open since 1752!

Shop and Dine
Whether you’re a seasoned foodie or want a quick bite, you’ll love our vibrant restaurants, cafés and farmers markets, featuring produce from the area’s many award winning growers and producers. Memorable shopping opportunities await you at some of Northern Ireland’s best-known retail outlets such as Bow Street Mall, Sprucefield and Forestside Shopping Centres.

Events and Festivals
There is a packed calendar of events on offer all year such as Balmoral Show, The Ulster Grand Prix and Hilden Beer and Music Festival. Whether you’re fascinated by the arts or excited by engineering – Lisburn Castlereagh has it all!

Family Fun
The Lagan Valley Leisureplex provides fun for kids of all ages, get active at Dundonald International Ice Bowl or climb the walls at Clip ‘n’ Climb. Kids (and parents!) can burn off some energy at We Are Vertigo. For something completely different, check out Ireland’s first indoor electric motocross park, E-Trax.

For full events info see visitlisburncastlereagh.com
DISCOVER ARDS AND NORTH DOWN

Within minutes of Belfast, this region is characterised by lush fertile fields and beautiful sweeping Lough shores - this is the place to escape to, slow down and feed your spirit. Picturesque towns and villages will surprise you with our rich heritage and embrace you with our warm welcome.

Share our beautiful scenery
• Immerse yourself in over 100 miles of scenic shoreline, including Strangford Lough, An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with panoramic views from Scrabo Tower and award winning beaches.
• Discover the most easterly spot in Ireland, Burr Point on the Ards Peninsula.
• Enjoy a stroll along the North Down Coastal Path, skirting Belfast Lough from Holywood to the seaside town of Bangor.

Rich heritage and history
• Visit magical Mount Stewart the National Trust's recently refurbished 19th-century stately home, world class gardens and walking trails.
• Explore ruined castles, holy wells, abbeys and military forts and learn about our history stretching back as far as the Bronze Age, via the Vikings and the early Ulster-Scots planters to World Wars.

Make memories with family
Step back 100 years at the Ulster Folk Museum and Ulster Transport Museum, and visit Northern Ireland’s only aquarium and seal rehabilitation centre, Exploris. Get up close to Ireland’s largest collection of native and exotic waterbirds, and migrant birds at Castle Espie Wetland Centre or spend the day at Pickie Funpark, with family favourites the ‘Pickie Puffer’, giant pedal swans and more.

Great food
Savour the tastes of our lands and loughs in the region’s many award-winning restaurants and artisan food shops. Local menus feature Comber Earlies (seasonal potatoes), Portavogie prawns, Strangford Lough oysters and County Down beef. Enjoy a ‘wee dram’ of local ale, gin or whiskey. Book a foodie tour to sample our produce, learn artisan bread making or experience spirits production at our local distilleries.

Our warm welcome
Relax in the beauty of our place with accommodation ranging from unique self – catering options, cosy guest houses and a range of three, four and five star hotel and spa facilities.

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Belfast: Gateway to Northern Ireland

Belfast makes a great base for exploring the rest of Northern Ireland

Within an hour’s drive of Belfast, visitors can discover pristine seafronts, country parks, rugged hill tops or enjoy a variety of country house experiences.

Uncover the myths and legends of the world-renowned Causeway Coastal Route which runs from Belfast, past Carrickfergus and its Norman Castle, Larne and the spectacular Gobbins footpath through the Nine Glens of Antrim to the Giant’s Causeway, Northern Ireland’s only World Heritage Site. At the Causeway, hire an audio tour from the state-of-the-art visitor centre, explore the interactive exhibition spaces, watch Finn McCool on the big screen and unlock the secrets of this inspirational landscape. Nearby, take a tour of the oldest licensed distillery in the world; Bushmills and challenge yourself to cross the 100 ft. high Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge.

Jump on a train or bus and head to the historic walled
city of Derry~Londonderry, with its lively cultural scene, impressive architecture, carnivals, festivals and visitor attractions.

Shrouded in magic and majesty, the Mourne Mountains is an area of outstanding natural beauty, filled with dizzying peaks, rolling valleys, tranquil forests and golden coastline. Don’t miss the unspoilt lakeland beauty of Fermanagh, or pay a visit to a number of stunning National Trust properties including Florence Court, Castle Ward and Mount Stewart.

Step inside the doors of Hillsborough Castle, a working royal residence of the Royal Family, which has a rich tapestry of stories to tell. Take a tour to explore the elegant State Rooms and wander through the 100 acres of breath-taking gardens.
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Make the state-of-the-art Welcome Centre your first stop when you arrive in the city or contact the team for information in advance of your stay. Located on Donegall Square North (opposite Belfast City Hall), our friendly Travel Advisors are here to help you plan your perfect trip to Belfast and Northern Ireland.

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

Colour Coding
All premises are listed alphabetically by grade and in coloured sections denoting the type of accommodation.

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**Communications**
The international code for Northern Ireland is 00 44 28. The number for emergency services is 999. If you need to speak to police about a matter that does not need an immediate urgent response, call 101. Internet and Wi-Fi access is widely available throughout the city.

**Banking**
Most banks are open Monday – Friday 9.30am – 4pm. All major credit cards are widely accepted in the city and some shops will accept euro. There are foreign exchange facilities in the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre and various retail outlets across the city.

**Tipping**
Most restaurants add a discretionary service charge to the bill for parties of six people or more. If this charge is added to your bill, tipping is not necessary. If a service charge is not included, a discretionary tip of 10-15% is customary. Pre booking restaurants is recommended and card payments are currently preferred.

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

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

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

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Lough Belfast
Belfast Castle
Stormont Dock
Stena Line
HMS Caroline
Titanic's Dock & Pump-House
Vertigo Indoor Skydiving
Harland & Wolff

North Belfast
M2 to Belfast City Airport

Crumlin Road
Antrim Road
Ballysillan Road
Yorkgate Waterworks Park

Belfast Zoo
A4

Cave Hill Country Park
Cradock Road
Carrickfergus

Belfast Met
Vertigo Indoor Skydiving

Clement Wilson Park
Ormeau Park

Belfast City Hospital
Ulster University
Queen's University Belfast
Ulster Museum
City Hall

Victoria Park
EastSide Visitor Centre

Malone House
The Mater Hospital
Royal Victoria Hospital

M1 to Lisburn and Dublin

Belfast City Centre
Cathedral Quarter
Titanic Quarter
Linen Quarter

Gaeltacht Quarter
Queen's Quarter
Casement Park

Balmoral
Musgrave Park

Lagan Meadows
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