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OUR CITY AREAS



For locations, check out our handy maps on pages **66-68**.

Exploring a city can be tricky if you don't know your way around, or even what to look out for. Get a flavour of Belfast with this taster to help navigate your way around the city's areas and quarters.



CITY CENTRE

Home to the iconic Belfast City Hall, St George's Market and the main shopping district. You'll be spoilt for choice with the abundance of cool cafes, great pubs, trendy bars and an amazing restaurant scene. Start off in the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre (opposite City Hall) to pick up information, buy or top-up transport tickets or get event tickets from the Ticketmaster outlet.



LINEN QUARTER

Belfast was once nicknamed "Linenopolis" as it was the world leader in the production of linen in the 19th Century. Just south of City Hall, you can enjoy the architecture of the old linen mills which house a mix of offices, chic bars and renowned restaurants. This is a great part of town to enjoy dinner and drinks before an entertaining show at the Grand Opera House.



CATHEDRAL QUARTER

Packed full of fascinating architecture, buzzing beer gardens, trendy warehouse restaurants, cobblestoned streets, and colourful street art, this area of town is absolutely buzzing at night. It contrasts the old with the new, with St. Anne's Square, home to the Metropolitan Arts Centre (MAC) and a piazza of welcoming eateries, alongside some of the oldest streets in Belfast.



TITANIC QUARTER

Steeped in memories of a bygone era, the Titanic Quarter is now a fun and energetic urban waterfront development. Visit one of the many Titanic visitor attractions. explore the 100 year old history of HMS Caroline, be wowed by science in W5, experience weightlessness with the power of 120mph wind at Vertigo Indoor Skydiving or catch a show, concert or Ice Hockey game at the SSE Arena.



QUEEN'S QUARTER

The area around Queen's University is a treasure trove of eclectic shops, boutiques, cafes, bars and art galleries. Visit the collections of the Ulster Museum, stroll around Botanic Gardens or enjoy great live music or comedy at the Empire Music Hall. The neighbouring Lisburn Road offers designer shopping, cafes, artisan delis, salons and wine bars.



GAELTACHT QUARTER

The centre for Irish language, music and culture is in the west of the city. An Cultúrann showcases cultural Irish Gaelic traditions and contains a restaurant gift shop, theatre and gallery. Visit the James Connolly Visitor Centre to explore his role as a pioneer of the early trade union movement, visit the stunning Clonard Monastery or take a hike up Divis Mountain for spectacular views over Relfast



EAST SIDE

Home to Van Morrison, CS Lewis and George Best, EastSide was once the beating heart of the city's industrial past, and is now a hub of culture and creativity. In CS Lewis Square you'll find the EastSide Visitor Centre providing information on walking trails and key attractions in the area including Stormont Parliament Buildings, Victoria Park and the Museum of Orange Heritage.



THE SHANKILL

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 Peace Wall, the Old Shankill Graveyard, dating back to the 14th century, the Shankill Memorial Park and the ancient Bullaun Stone, The Spectrum Centre, a major landmark in the area, hosts a range of events and exhibitions





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Queen's Film Theatre, 20 University Square, Belfast, BT7 1PA

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CHECKLIST:

It's inevitable. As you transition from the comforts of living at home to single-handedly facing the big bad world, you will make your fair share of blunders. Here's a checklist of things not to forget as you pack up and wave goodbye to the folks.

BANK ACCOUNT

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Remember to shop around for a bank account that works for you, and one that can give you a good interest-free overdraft.

IDENTIFICATION



This is an obvious one, but it's easy to forget that I.D. will be necessary for registration and of course getting into clubs!

HEALTH



When moving to a new city, make sure that you register with a local GP and dentist, so that your medical details can be transferred.

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A staple for any student, laptops are essential for assignments, coursework and presentations.



MOBILE PHONE



Shop around for different mobile networks if you are looking for a contract of your own, be realistic about the number of texts and calls you are likely to make and the amount of data you will need.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX 66 Make sure to pack something



to store valuables in, e.g. passports, jewellery etc.

SET YOUR ALARM



Punctuality is key for university, especially if you've got 9 o'clock lectures to get to!

BOOKS



Prior to starting your course, you will most likely find that you have a required reading list, so it's worth checking what's on it before you arrive on campus, and seeing if you can source some of the books.

STATIONERY



Pens, paper, folders and files are going to be must-haves for your first few weeks so make sure you're stocked up!

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CLOTHES



A new city and a new university might give you a chance to re-invent your wardrobe, so keep an eye out for those all-important student shopping night events! Lots of stores offer student discount all year round, so make sure you always bring your student card when you're shopping!

INSURANCE

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Make sure you shop around for a decent student insurance provider, as loss of personal possessions in student housing can be a risk.

TV LICENCE



The law still applies to students, so check the TV licensing website to see if you're covered.





Bucket List:

No matter how long you are studying in Belfast, make sure to tick off our bucket list of must-do's during your time in the city.

Chill out in the grounds of City Hall

A popular green space right in the heart of the city, with park benches and a large lawn it's the perfect sunspot for lying around with a book, an ice-cream or takeout lunch

Kiss the Big Fish!

Legend has it that if you kiss The Salmon of Knowledge (affectionately known as The Big Fish), you'll gain all of its wisdom - it's got to be worth a try! The beautiful blue scales are made up of ceramic tiles describing different scenes from the city's history.



EXPERIENCE

Visit Titanic Belfast



Explore the shipvard, walk the decks and travel to the depths of the ocean to uncover the true legend of Titanic, in the city where it all began.

Take a trek up Cavehill

Spectacular views of the city await you at the top of this popular walking trail, so pack a picnic and pull on your hiking boots to see Belfast in all its glory.

SPORT



Go to an Ulster Rugby game Ulster play games regularly on Friday nights at the Kingspan Stadium, with a cracking atmosphere and plenty of action to follow. #SUFTUM



Try life behind bars with a fascinating tour of this 150 year old gaol. Paranormal tours and the Jail of Horror offer a spooky experience throughout Halloween.







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NIGHTLIFE

Rooftop Cocktails

Belfast is now home to an array of rooftop bars. a great way to take in the city views whilst having a sip. Some of our favourites include The Perch, Babel, The Observatory and The Loft.



COMEDY

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Laugh your leg off at The **Empire's comedy night**

Every Tuesday enjoy a great line-up from the comedy circuit. With plenty of drinks deals on offer, it's a night of all-round great fun.

Take a Game of **Thrones tour** Home to more locations

from the Seven Kinadoms than anywhere else in the world. Northern Ireland truly is Game of Thrones territory, so take a tour to experience it for yourself.

Discover some Urban Art

The Cathedral Quarter offers a distinctly varied and modern street art scene. Take some time to stroll around the area to view these amazing pieces of art and don't miss the fabulous ceiling of colourful umbrellas in the alley off Commercial Court, which contains a mural of some of Belfast's most famous faces.

Have a pint in one of **Belfast's oldest pubs**

Make a stop at one of the city's historic hostelries including the Crown Bar. Kelly's Cellars or McHugh's. where you can enjoy great beer and maybe a spot of traditional music



CAFÉS

Treat yourself to a Belfast Bap

Nothing says Belfast like an Ulster Fry or a good old Belfast Bap. The city is brimming with tasty spots for breakfast and brunch. but there's no greater spot to enjoy the 'bellybusting' Belfast Bap than St George's Market.

Hire a Belfast Bike

Hire a bike from one of the 40 docking stations located across the city to explore the flat paths along the trafficfree Lagan and Lough Cycle Way, for a picturesque day out on two wheels.

Feel an adrenaline rush like no other!

Fly at 120mph and experience complete weightlessness at Ireland's only indoor skydiving facility. Vertigo Indoor Skydiving can cater for all flying abilities. from first timers to pro flyers.



EXPLORE THE CITY



A great way of getting familiar with your new home city is to take a tour, and we've got a great selection of unique and quirky ways of getting to know the real Belfast.

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. Starts in the Dirty Onion at 4 pm every Saturday.

belfasttradtrail.com

2 Food & Drink Tours

There are a number of delicious food and drink tours on offer in and around the city. Choose from the Belfast Food Tour around the city's gastronomic hot spots, the Belfast Gin Jaunt around the best cocktail bars, the Belfast Craft Beer Crawl around the best beer bars or the Whiskey Walk around the Cathedral Quarter.

tasteandtour.co.uk

3 Belfast Noir

A walking tour that explores Belfast's influence and rich history in Film, TV and literature. Learn all about the bizarre and 'noir' side of Belfast with your tour guide - a local crime writer. Topics include The Fall, Line of Duty, Odd Man Out, Game of Thrones, Colin Bateman and the local 'Ulster Noir' literature scene

belfasthiddentours.com/ belfast-noir



4 Coiste Irish **Political Tours**

Experience a bus or walking tour with trained tour auides from the Republican and Loyalist ex-prisoner community who give a truly unique insight into the British - Irish conflict, and how it has shaped their communities. Recently listed as one of Europe's most alternative city tours.

coiste.ie

5 Belfast 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 quitar players, traditional and folk, to punk rock and Hollywood soundtracks. Finish up at the Belfast Music exhibition at the Oh Yeah Music Centre.

dedicated to telling the story of the great achievers of local music. ohveahbelfast.com/ bustour

6 Queen's University **Belfast Architecture Walking Tour**

Discover how Queen's University Belfast has evolved in the past 150 vears and how the differing architectural styles can co-exist without causing any disharmony. The tour is an excellent opportunity to learn about university life and is available in English, Mandarin and Cantonese.

archipedia.space

Titanic Boat Tour

Take a guided Boat Tour to learn the ever-changing story of Belfast's rich maritime heritage and industry and how the

Port has developed and changed from its industrial shipbuilding roots to a major tourist attraction. It embraces the RMS Titanic story both old and new within Belfast Harbour, allowing you to view the Titanic Quarter from the water

laganboatcompany.com

8 Belfast Free **Walking Tour**

Discover the history of the city and its people with a passionate and entertaining local guide. This tip based 2 hour walking tour is available in English or Spanish and departs daily at 11am from the front of Belfast City Hall - look out for the vellow umbrella!

belfastfreewalkingtour.com

For more inspiration, see visitbelfast.com



tips

Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves! Don't be wasting your money unnecessarily, when there are so many things you'll be wanting to do in your first term. Check out our top money saving tips.

RECEIPT TREATS

If you get a taxi with Value Cabs, don't forget to ask for a receipt. Their Receipt Treats scheme offers exclusive offers and discounts with a wide range of local businesses including restaurants, cafes, entertainment venues and clubs. Just present a Value Cabs receipt within 7 days of your journey.

SAVE ON TRAVEL!

With a Translink yLink card, you will get a massive 1/3 off all Translink bus (including Glider) and rail travel across Northern Ireland, plus up to 50% off the Belfast-Dublin Enterprise service.

DISCOUNT STORES/ POUND SHOPS

Key essentials like toothpaste, deodorant and shower gel are normally much cheaper here than in the supermarket or the local shop, so it's worth shopping around and stock up whilst you're there!

SUPERMARKET OWN BRANDS

Lots of own brand products taste exactly the same as their far more expensive counterparts – so have a think before you lift that big brand and pay double! Also, many supermarkets have great reductions on short-date items, so look out for the yellow stickers. Great for picking up bargains for the freezer or if you're looking for something to eat the same day.

TRIM THE COST OF A HAIR CUT

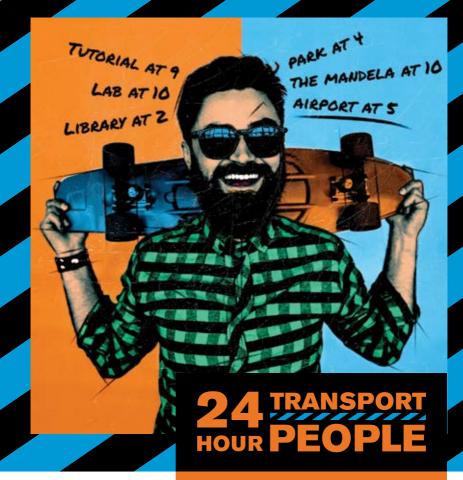
Many salons offer student discount, and it's even cheaper to get your hair cut at a training college. If you're happy to queue, head down to the Academy Hair & Beauty Training School on Brunswick Street or Rosemary Street, or book an appointment for the open clinics at Urban Escape in Belfast Met's Titanic Quarter campus.

FILL A TROLLEY AT IKEA

For all your kitchen, bedroom and living room essentials, it's definitely worth a trip to IKEA. You won't believe the bargains.

SCOUR DISCOUNT SITES

Students can access big savings with UNiDAYS, offering free discounts for sixth form, college and university students for everything from fashion and food to fitness. It's also worth checking out discount websites like Groupon, Treat Ticket and VoucherCloud. Sign up for the daily email alerts to keep an eye on the top offers.



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Shopping in Belfast is a dream come true for fashionistas, savvy shoppers and foodies alike, with a huge variety of high street favourites, independent retailers, speciality emporiums, exclusive boutiques and traditional markets.

RETAIL THERAPY



Victoria Square

Victoria Square is Belfast's premiere shopping destination featuring over 70 stores including House of Fraser, Apple, Ted Baker and Cruise. The centre is also home to a variety of cafes and restaurants as well as the Odeon cinema. Students get 10% off at Mango, Warehouse, Topshop and FatFace and 30% off at Pizza Express. Plus look out for special discounts at the Student Night on 1 October. from 6-9pm.

Castle Court

This one-stop shopping spot on Royal Avenue is home to a whole host of your favourite fashion stores. Jack & Jones, Miss Selfridge, New Look, Dorothy Perkins and Burton all offer 10% student discount. There's also a large Debenhams store and a tasty food court.

Don't miss their Student Night on Thursday 26 September – with tons of prizes, giveaways and discounts.

Donegall Place

In the heart of the City Centre you will find the main shopping district, lined by eight huge masts which represent famous ships that were engineered and built in Belfast. You will find everything from big brand chain stores and bijou boutiques to aourmet coffee shops and delectable local delis. Don't miss the historic and charming Queen's Arcade. containing many of the city's more opulent stores.

HIDDEN

From cool boutique to so unique. Belfast has some hidden gems on our side streets that are very worth exploring. Happy hunting!



Unique

Browse this student led art and design shop located at Ulster University in Cathedral Quarter, where you can purchase bespoke pieces from an array of art and design. ulster.ac.uk/artshop



SS Moore

To celebrate the start of the new sports season, you'll find all of the new season club kits and merchandise as well as a huge range of all the top sporting brands in SS Moore's, Chichester St.



Studio Souk

A unique treasure trove of local handmade products over three floors - filled to the brim with arts, crafts, gifts, food and home-ware, showcasing over 85 makers, artists and designers.



St George's Lisburn Market

Get down to St George's Market and experience the wonderful atmosphere. live music, street food from around the world, and an amazing selection of traders and stalls offering some of the finest local produce, arts and crafts. The Friday Variety Market is open 6am-3pm, the Saturday City Food & Garden Market is open 9am-3pm and the Sunday Market is open 10am-4pm.

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This walkable Queen's Quarter stretch has a sprinkling of designer boutiques, art galleries, home accessories and to-die-for shoes, iewels and lingerie. Bespoke baby aifts, melt-in-the-mouth chocolates and relaxing day spas are all there for the asking. With an assortment of cafes, bars and restaurants you can easily make a day of it.

Outlet Shopping

The Boulevard in Banbridge offers all your favourite brands at jaw-dropping prices in a relaxed and stylish setting. Make a day of it with a selection of eateries, an 8-screen cinema and the Ninia Boxx assault course. The Junction Retail & Leisure Park in Antrim is a bargain hunters dream come true with over 30 retailers, a wide range of places to eat and drink, activities for the kids and a 10-screen cinema

BELFAST ON A BUDGET

There are loads of fun, fascinating and free things to do around Belfast, so if you're on a budget, here are some tips for a day out that doesn't cost a bundle...







Belfast City Hall & Titanic Memorial Garden

Free tours are available of Belfast's most iconic building (1906). Outside, the Titanic Memorial Garden contains plaques listing the names of the 1,512 people who perished on RMS Titanic.

Ulster Museum & Botanic Gardens (01)

Enjoy the impressive galleries and interactive discovery zones that bring history, science and art collections to life. Plus visit Botanic Garden's stunning Palm House and refurbished Tropical Ravine.

St George's Market @2

Oozing Victorian charm, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday markets offer some of the finest fresh produce, local arts and crafts. Make a stop for brunch and soak up the atmosphere with some great live music.

The MAC

Open 7 days a week, the MAC includes three outstanding free admission art galleries within its impressive six-storey building, offering a wide-range of exciting exhibitions, newly commissioned works and monumental sculptures.

Cave Hill

Offering spectacular views over the city, a trek up to the top of Cave Hill is well worth the effort. At the base you can explore the gardens of the stunning Belfast Castle, one of the city's most beautiful buildings.

Linen Hall Library

The city's oldest library (1788) 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.

The Dome at Victoria Square (03)

Boasting 360° views across the city, don't miss taking the lift to the top of this stunning shopping destination. Its popular Student Discount Night takes place on 1st October 2019.

CS Lewis Square

Rediscover The Chronicles of Narnia with a walk through CS Lewis Square. Featuring seven bronze sculptures from 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe', it is a stunning display of public art.

Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich

Discover a varied programme of Irish language and cultural events as well as a cafe/restaurant, bookshop, art gallery and visitor information.

Discover Ulster-Scots Centre

Discover more about the Ulster-Scots heritage and how they emigrated around the world to become some of the more important world leaders and entrepreneurs in history.

Stormont Parliament Buildings

Home to the NI Assembly and one of the most striking pieces of architecture in Northern Ireland. Take a free tour, relax in the gift & coffee shop or enjoy a walk around the Stormont Estate.

Political Murals

You can learn more about the history of 'The Troubles' with a walk along two of the most prolific areas in Belfast, the Falls Road and the Shankill Road, to view these amazing works of art.

For more inspiration, see **visitbelfast.com**



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Belfast packs a punch when it comes to high quality speciality coffee, with excellent baristas, funky interiors and, of course, an excellent cuppa, you'll be kick starting your day the right way.

What's more, many of these local gems stay open late, hosting everything from craft circles and acoustic music to regular board game nights, dishing up fabulous treats and keeping the caffeine flowing for late nights in the library! Here are a few of the best ones to check out:

CLEMENTS

One of the longest established locally-owned coffee chains, Clements is a firm favourite offering great coffee and tasty treats. They pride themselves on being passionate about the products they sell, and you can visit them at a number of locations across the

city centre and Queen's Quarter including Queen's University's PEC, MBC, Elmwood Avenue and McClay Library and also The Mall at Ulster University.

ESTABLISHED COFFEE

Established was one of the first trailblazers on Belfast's coffee scene and is probably at the top of many a Belfast coffee lover's list. It's located in Belfast's trendy Cathedral Quarter and is a hipster's paradise, with industrial bare cement floors and walls and plenty of plug sockets to hook up your MacBook. Not only do they make amazing coffee, but the food is top notch also.

KAFFE O

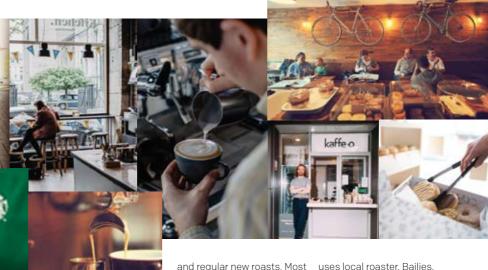
Kaffe O brings a little Scandinavian charm to Belfast — as well as great coffee. This Nordic-inspired coffee house has branches on Botanic Avenue, Ormeau Road as well as their kiosk on Donegall Square North opposite Belfast City Hall. Their coveted blend is the reason for their success, which is imported from Ricco's Kaffe bars in Copenhagen.

CURATED KITCHEN & COFFEE

Recently name Best Café in Co. Antrim at the Irish Restaurant Awards, this is a café and speciality coffee shop located in the Cathedral Quarter, directly opposite St Anne's Cathedral. They serve breakfast, brunch, lunch and coffee for the social and curious, with a weekly menu curated from different cookbooks that you're sure to love. All cookbooks are displayed in their library and are available for customers to browse.

MIEL ET MOI

Inspired by classical French bars and patisseries, Miel et Moi is Northern Ireland's first licensed Patisserie and café bar. Pastries are hand baked daily using locally sourced ingredients, or for a real treat check out their afternoon tea



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One of the smallest cafés on this list, but what it lacks in size it certainly makes up in heart. Located a stone's throw from Stranmillis College beside the Lagan towpath, it started off as a cyclist-focused café yet quickly became popular with people from all walks of life. It has a cosy atmosphere, great coffee, an Australian-inspired menu and its own little library of books in the corner.

THE DOCK CAFÉ

The Dock Café is perhaps one of the most interesting and eclectic cafés in Belfast. Run by volunteers and based in the Titanic Quarter, it's an 'Honesty Box' café which means it doesn't charge for the food and drinks served; it simply asks for donations based on what you think your order is worth.

ROOT & BRANCH CAFÉ & ROASTERS

A roastery & brew bar on the Ormeau Road, it's a place for creativity, experimentation of all, it's a place where you can have a wonderful cup of coffee or buy some beans to bring home. They also offer a carefully curated programme of events designed to elevate your coffee experience.

GUILT TRIP

This destination coffee and donut shop is the brainchild of Ulster Rugby stars, Callum Black and Darren Cave. Guilt Trip is one of the newest coffee spots in town, serving aeropress, batch and some seriously tasty donuts. Well worth the trip to East Belfast, you can even pre-order their donuts online.

DISTRICT

District is an independentlyowned coffee shop/deli serving fine coffee and great food on both the Stranmillis Road and Ormeau Road, with loads of vegan and vegetarian options. District uses local roaster, Bailies, with single-origins served on espresso and pour-over through the V60.

THE POCKET

A small, humble establishment overlooking Queen's University. Behind the bright yellow door is a quaint setting with exposed brick and group-friendly seating, offering great coffee, hot chocolate from award-winning chocolatier, Co Couture and a delicious food menu.

LAMPPOST CAFÉ

For something a little bit different, check out this CS Lewis-themed café on the Newtownards Road. With a Narnia twist on tea shop decor, a ragtime soundtrack and everything served on vintage crockery, you will feel as though you have stepped back in time (or into the wardrobel)



WE LOVE DONUTS!

The donut revolution has truly landed in Belfast, and one of our favourites is Oh! Donuts on Arthur Street. Feast your eyes on the delights of the display case or check out their espresso thick soft serve ice cream.

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KEEP FIT:

It can be hard staying fit and healthy if you are a student. Between exams, looming assignment deadlines and trying to maintain a social life, it's not always easy to eat well or fit in a workout. Here's some top tips to get some exercise into your new routine.



JOIN A STUDENT CLUB 🚳

There's a multitude of sports that you can take part in while studying in Belfast. whether you're interested in social, club or performance sport. Check out what's on offer through your students union where you can get involved in everything from hockey, rowing, tennis, golf and athletics to more unusual options like Wado Ryu Karate, cheerleading, Aikido, under-water hockey and lacrosse

JOIN A GYM

the price down.

If you are going to sign up to a gym, just make sure to get the best deal you can possibly get. Check which gyms offer student discounts, get an off peak membership, take advantage of free trials and do whatever you can to get

STRESS BUSTERS

You're much more likely to reach for the junk food when vou're feeling stressed. Download a mindfulness app, grab a yoga mat or go for a walk to clear your head. And during exam time in May, Streamvale Farm have student nights on Thursday's - so you can forget about revision and go and cuddle their pups and chicks, and feed their adorable lambs

TRY SOMETHING NEW @

It doesn't have to be all about treadmills and weights - try an indoor skydive or the Ninja assault course at WeAreVertigo. get together for a round of golf with a difference at rainforest-themed Lost City Adventure Golf, test vour head for heights with some challenging fun at Clip 'n Climb, or check out SKYTrek - Ireland's premier high and low ropes activity centre at Colin Glen Forest Park which also includes zip lines and a fan descender

5k PARKRUN

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Parkrun operate free 5km (3.1 mile) timed runs at 9 different locations in Belfast on a Saturday morning at 9.30am. You can sign up online, bring along your personalised barcode and track your performance, or just do it for fun! Many of the venues even offer refreshments afterwards. Find your local run at

parkrun.org.uk

TAKE A HIKE



Grab those walking boots, pack a picnic and set off on a hike – there's some great hiking trails on offer in the surrounding Belfast Hills. which offer fantastic views across the city and beyond. Download the Belfast Hills app to choose your trail and find out more.

GET 'APPY!



There are a load of fitness apps popping up all over the place that will help you track your progress and work towards different goals. Instagram is also full of its own fitness celebs with God-like status - check out Joe Wickes, Kayla Itsines or local girl Maeve Madden if you haven't already.



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SPORTS FANS
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FOR SPECTATING
AND TAKING PART!
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ULSTER RUGBY

Ulster Rugby competes in the Guinness PRO14 and the Heineken Champions Cup with home games played regularly on Friday nights at the Kingspan Stadium. The season kicks off in September and runs through to the final of the Pro 14 in May. Key European games this season will see the Ulster face Harlequins. Bath and ASM Clermont Auverane. There's always a cracking atmosphere and plenty of action to follow, so come along and 'stand up for the Ulstermen!' **#SUFTUM**

ulsterrugby.com

BELFAST GIANTS

Belfast Giants home games take place nearly every weekend in The SSE Arena from August until April, and with plenty of on and office entertainment, there's something for everyone. 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.

belfastgiants.com

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL The Northern Irela

The Northern Ireland international team will face Germany on 9th September and the Netherlands on 16th November at the National







Stadium at Windsor Park in the UEFA Euro 2020 Qualifiers. Follow the Green and White Army on social media with #GAWA irishfa.com

GAELIC GAMES

While Casement Park is closed for redevelopment, Gaelic games fixtures are currently being played in Corrigan Park in the west of the city. 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. Check individual fixtures online.

gaa.ie

HORSE RACING

There's nothing like a day at the races and Down Royal Racecourse, located just outside Lisburn, has plenty of dates to put in the diary including the 2 day Down Royal Festival in November (including ladies day), the annual Boxing Day, St Patrick's Day and May Day meetings and the Summer Festival of Racing in June. From great value Punters Packs to tapas and wine in the pavilion. vou can make it a truly memorable day out. downroval.com

16TH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE

With the best view of the finish line guaranteed and BBQ included in your ticket, Queen's Sport Boathouse is the place to be on the second Saturday in June as Queen's Rowing and Dublin University Boat Club (Trinity College Dublin) battle it out on the River Lagan for the 16th edition of this prestigious Race.

queenssport.com/ BoatRace2020

TAKE PART

GOLF

basking in the glory of hosting the 148th Open and there's plenty of courses scattered throughout the city to enable you to keep your handicap down, From challenging parkland courses including Malone. Belvoir Park and Roval Belfast to relaxed 9 hole courses at Ormeau and Colin Glen. For a great night's craic with your golfing buddies, the new Toptracer Range at Colin Glen offers a fun and techdriven experience or

Northern Ireland is still



eniov some fun in the

rainforest at the **Lost City Adventure Golf**.

UP FOR A
CHALLENGE?
The Belfast City Half
Marathon takes place on
Sunday 22 September,
or sign up for the annual
Belfast City Marathon,
taking place on Sunday 3
May 2020, and join over
20,000 runners from
all around the world.
belfastcity
marathon.com



BELFAST MAY BE COMPACT IN SIZE, BUT IT'S HUGE IN IMAGINATION!

MAKE SURE YOU SPEND SOME TIME INDULGING YOUR INTELLECTUAL SIDE AND SOAK UP SOME CULTURE IN THE CITY.

Ulster Museum

An inspiring piece of modern architecture set in the beautiful Botanic Gardens, the Ulster Museum is the largest museum in Northern Ireland and is free to visit. Impressive galleries and interactive discovery zones bring history, science and art collections to life and its unparalleled collection of Irish art is well worth seeing.

Galleries

visual art at the Golden Thread Gallery and contemporary photographic exhibitions at Belfast **Exposed** to the freshest modern art in The MAC. 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 and the Atypical Gallery is the only permanent exhibition space in Ireland dedicated specifically to highlighting the work of disabled and D/deaf artists.

Belfast has an impressive

displaying everything from

array of gallery spaces,

the most contemporary

Space Craft

Make a stop at the Fountain Centre where you'll find this lovely combination of shop and gallery, showcasing a range of ceramics, jewellery, sculptures, design items, fabrics, cards and art by local makers. The crafts exhibited change constantly and also showcase work by young, emerging artists.

The Murals

Once described as "the world's greatest open-air gallery", the murals of Belfast are a must-see experience. Artworks range from Republican and Loyalist political statements to colourful celebrations of the city's



famous sons and daughters. The Peace Wall that divides two communities in West Belfast is home to a vibrant mix of political murals, graffiti and commissioned public art – stop by to add your own message of peace and hope.

Public Art

Belfast has over 150 pieces of distinctive public art scattered across the city. Highlights include the 'Big Fish' on Donegall Quay, whose scales are made up of ceramic tiles decorated with texts and images relating to the history of Belfast, while the biggest art sculpture in the city is 'Rise' - its concentric globes symbolising the rising sun and new hope for the city's future.

Linen Hall Library

Founded in 1788, the Linen Hall Library is the oldest library in Belfast and the last subscribing library in Ireland. It is renowned for its unparalleled Irish and Local Studies Collection and is a tranquil reading nook in the heart of the city.



WORTH THE TRIP

Northern Ireland's Nobel Prize winning poet, **Seamus Heaney**, is celebrated with an exhibition space and world class programme of literary events at **HomePlace** in Bellaghy.

Terry Bradley is probably one of the most recognisable and collectable artists working in Ireland today, so take a trip to the Bangor seaside and visit the Bradley Gallery.

SAUE THE DATE



CULTURE NIGHTFriday 20 September 2019

Belfast's largest, most exciting and inclusive cultural celebration brings together over 300 free events across 150 locations in Belfast City Centre, with a packed programme of tasters, tours, talks, trails, demonstrations, activities and gigs. This year the organisers want to make a weekend of it, so as sure as day follows night, 'Culture Day' will take place for the first time on Saturday 21 September, #CNB19 #CNBNight&Day culturenightbelfast.com

ROYAL ULSTER ACADEMY OF ARTS

The RUA Annual Exhibition will be held at the **Ulster Museum** from **18 October 2019** to **5 January 2020**, showcasing original works across the disciplines of the visual arts by emerging and established artists. **royalulsteracademy.org**

LATE NIGHT ART

Late Night Art takes place on the first Thursday of every month, with a guided coach tour from Linen Hall Library to over a dozen galleries, which open their doors for an evening celebration of the vibrant visual arts scene in Belfast. Book online at: belfastarttours.co.uk



All university cities have student areas which tend to be swamped with offers and deals available exclusively by flashing your student card.

In Belfast, get familiar with the multitude of hotspots dotted along the leafy **Botanic Avenue** and around the Queen's Quarter. The majority of cafes and fast food outlets offer loyalty cards, so make sure you pick one up and get stamping for a well-deserved freebie. Keep an eve out for unlicensed eateries that allow you to bring your own bottle (BYO), so vou can eniov a nice meal out without worrving about the added cost of your drinks.

EAT OUT

From local cuisine and fusion cooking, the city's diverse cultural traditions are also showcased with the very best of Chinese. Indian, Mexican, Spanish, Italian and Japanese food all well represented, so there's plenty to choose from, Check out BaoBun on Botanic Ave for exciting Taiwanese street food or award winning ramen shop. Bia Rebel on the Ormeau Rd, who make their own noodles, mix their own salts and dressings and source meat from small-scale. traditional local farmers.

ST GEORGE'S MARKET

Swing by the market on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday and you can easily pick up a delicious and very affordable meal from one of the many different vendors. From filled crepes to paella and Indian food,

there's something to suit every taste bud. It's free to get in and is a great way to sample excellent local produce and eat great street food. Browse the stalls, grab a bite, enjoy the live music and soak up the cracking atmosphere in this Victorian gem.

COOK UP A STORM

With your brand new student cookbook firmly in hand, give your culinary skills free reign and whip up your own sumptuous feasts, with ingredients from around the world. Take, a trip to a local deli or one of the many specialist food emporiums, with Asian and Bangladeshi supermarkets, Eastern European and African stores all within easy walking distance around the Queen's Quarter and Ormeau Rd area, the only limit on what you can make is your imagination!



TREAT YOURSELF

Explore amazing delis such as Sawers on Fountain St and Avoca on Arthur St where you'll find a treasure trove of weird and wonderful ingredients. If you have a sweet tooth, don't miss a stop at Co Couture on Chichester St where you can buy locally made award-winning chocolates. Hotel Chocolat 'Ginaissance' with on Donegall Square North or Oh Donuts on Upper Arthur Street.

ART OF CRAFT

Craft beers and ciders continue to take the brewing world by storm. so join other beer lovers in sampling the delicious wares of local microbreweries and small scale producers. Some of the best places to sample some unusual brews are The Sunflower on Union St. The John Hewitt on Donegall St and The Errigle Inn on Ormeau Rd. You can also hop on a train to take a tour at Lisburn's Hilden

Brewery, which has been creating some of the finest quality craft beers for 35 years vou'll find many of their beers served in bars across the city.

DISTILLERY EXPERIENCES

Belfast is experiencing something of a many bars and restaurants across the city offering an entire menu dedicated to this increasingly varied spirit. While you're here, make sure to take a trip out to tour one of the local spirit distilleries including Rademon Estate (Shortcross Gin). **Echlinville Distillerv** (Jawbox Gin), Hughes **Craft Distillery & Gin** School (Ruby Blue spirits range) or Old Bushmills (Bushmills whiskey). The **Belfast Gin & Spirits**

School offers classes

where you can blend your own masterpiece.

TOP **PICKS**

HappyDOG

This award winning gourmet hot dog house can be found opposite the Ulster Museum on Stranmillis. Their menu showcases 6 delicious signature sausages which are made fresh in-house, and don't miss 'touchDOWN Tuesdays' when all hotDOGS are just £3!

Booium

Serving great burritos, tacos, bowls, salads and nachos at a very reasonable price. Be prepared to gueue - this is a student favourite, and make sure to pick up a Booium Addict loyalty card (free meal after every 10 stamps and hit 40 for a free t-shirt), Located on Botanic Ave. Lisburn Rd. Great Victoria St & Chichester St.

Build a Burger

Create your own masterpiece at this popular establishment on Botanic Ave. If you're brave and hungry enough book in for the 'Big Lad' challenge and gorge yourself on 36oz of Beef with your own choice of toppings there's a free tee if you beat the big lad in less than 30 minutes!

Maggie Mays

Another must is a Maggie Mays Ulster Frv. a plate loaded with bacon, sausage, egg, tomato, mushrooms, hash browns, soda bread, potato bread and pancake. Enjoy a vast menu of wallet friendly home cooking and seriously good milkshakes at their Stranmillis, Botanic Ave and Castle St locations.



MOUIE MA

Northern Ireland is currently the location of choice for many movie-makers, thanks to its tax relief incentives, funding, scenic backdrops and talented crews. There have been many top TV shows and Hollywood blockbusters filmed out on location and in the Titanic Studios in Titanic Quarter, but we also love a good old night at 'the flicks', so grab your popeorn and 3D specs to explore the cinema scene in Belfast!

BIG SCREEN BLOCKBUSTERS

You can enjoy the latest big screen movie releases at a range of multi-screen cinemas across the city. Odvssev Cinemas in Titanic Quarter has 12 big screens with Student Sunday tickets for only £3.50, or you can spend the whole day watching 3 films for just £9! It's also only £3 on Thursdays if vou're an Xtra cinema club member. Movie House Cinema at the Cityside Retail & Leisure Park on York Street offer a £4.50 ticket on 'Crazy Tuesdays' with regular student admission at £6. The Odeon in Victoria Square offers 8 screens of movie magic with student admission from £4.50 (ID required) or just £3.50 on 'Bargain Mondays'. **Omniplex Cinemas** have locations across

NI including the Kennedy Centre in West Belfast. Tickets are just £4 every Tuesday if you register with My Omni online, student admission is £6 or you can take out a 'My Omni Pass' subscription and see every movie once for £13.95 per month.

QUEEN'S FILM THEATRE (QFT)

Belfast's only fulltime provider of nonmainstream cinema shows the very best in new and classic world cinema as well as an interesting and diverse programme of excellent small-budget, foreign-language and unusual screenings. This intimate venue boasts two screens, a spacious coffee/ drinks bar and a modern lounge. With comfy seats and student tickets at just £4, it's a great night out! queensfilmtheatre.com

THE STRAND ARTS CENTRE

A jewel of art deco design, The Strand on Holywood Road dates back to 1935, with 4 screens offering new releases, classics, silver screenings, live events, a film club and heritage tours. On Wacky Wednesday tickets are just £3.50 and regular student admission is £4. strandartscentre.com

BELFAST FILM FESTIVAL

Film should be an experience, so, as well as presenting the best in new, short and classic cinema in their spring and summer festivals, the Belfast Film Festival also runs site-specific screenings to enhance and intensify your experience! Past screenings include 'The Evil Dead' in the Ormeau Park, 'Cool Hand Luke' in



Christchurch Library, 'Odd Man Out' at The Albert Clock, '2001: A Space Odyssey' at the Titanic Dry Dock and Jaws' in the Bangor Aurora swimming pool. They have also created stunning cinematic collaborations including a showing of La Traviata in the beautiful St Anne's Cathedral, with an accompaniment by NI Opera's Young Artists' programme, or the horror masterpiece Suspiria at the Waterfront with live soundtrack by Italian rock band Goblin, to name but a few. So, it's definitely worth giving the festival a follow on social media to keep an eye out on what weird and wonderful ways you can enjoy a movie masterpiece!

belfastfilmfestival.org

CINEMAGIC INTERNATIONAL FILM & TELEVISION **FESTIVAL FOR** YOUNG PEOPLE

This flagship festival takes place in venues across the city every October. There's an action packed screening and events programme for 16-25 year olds, showcasing the best of world cinema, presenting talent lab and creativity corner masterclasses with creative industry professionals, fun-filled film events, and the annual 'CineSeekers' and 'CineFocus' film juries which offer participants a chance to become movie reviewers and choose the winning films of the festival! Budding creative cinematographers can also submit a short film for the Young Film Maker Competition.

cinemagic.org.uk



VANDAL GEEK & MOVIE BAR

Located on Winecellar Entry, Vandal is Belfast's only dedicated 'geek and movie bar'. They have geek-themed events throughout the week, including tabletop games nights, retro video games nights, movie events and club nights of 80s & 90s music. There's also great pizzas, shakes, freak jar desserts and iam iar cocktails.

vandalbelfast.co.uk



THE DOFFER

Donegall Square South

In a city that celebrates its industrial heritage with pride, this downtown bar gives a nod to Belfast's linen heyday. Live music sessions and all the big screen sporting action can be enjoyed with great local beers and light bites.

ROBINSON'S

Great Victoria Street

Head up to the Pool Loft, a traditional sports bar hosting 8 Pool Tables and 5 mega surround screens showing all live sports. Pool, tasty grub and cold pints makes this just the spot for a quick lunch-time game, an after-work kickback or a weekend hideout!

SWEET AFTON

Brunswick Street

Named after the poem by Scotland's favourite son Robert Burns, Sweet Afton is a relaxed traditional bar showing all major sporting events.

Food includes weekend brunch, bar snacks, lunch, Sunday roast and dinner and there's great live music Thurs – Sun evenings.

HENRY'S Joy's Entry

Steeped in Belfast history, Henry's was named after Henry Joy McCracken, founder of the Society of the United Irishmen. As well as amazing pub grub, you can catch football, rugby, golf, boxing and more on the big screen behind the bar, giving you the perfect view!

THE KITCHEN BAR

Victoria Square

A Belfast institution dating back to 1859, you'll never miss a moment of the game at The Kitchen who claims to have the biggest screen in Belfast City Centre! Hearty home-cooked traditional food served all day.

THE HATFIELD

Ormeau Road Head up to The Liquor Library sports bar and lounge to catch all the sporting action. It boasts 30 LCD screens with the capacity to screen six live events simultaneously, along with four pool tables and a roof garden.



THE EMPIRE

Botanic Avenue

The atmosphere can get pretty electric in here when there's a big match on and the place is packed. They'll open the top floor for particularly big crowds, and if you're in the mood for celebrating come the final whistle you might as well hang about for some great live music.

THE ERRIGLE INN

Ormeau Road

Offering some of the best sports coverage



that Belfast has to offer over 26 HD and 4K screens. Ideal for the beer connoisseurs amongst you, choose from a variety of over twenty different beers on tap from big brands to more unusual craft beers.

CUTTERS WHARF Lockview Road, Stranmillis

Plasma screens and surround sound, showing all major sporting fixtures and events throughout the year, makes Cutters side terrace and sunset terrace area the perfect outdoor spot for all fans. Small plates, set menu and Sunday lunch menus available.

For more inspiration, see **visitbelfast.com**

discounted

STUDENTS

ENTRY TO TITANIC BELFAST AND SS NOMADIC

Explore the sights, sounds and stories of RMS Titanic at this world leading visitor attraction in the city where it all began.



BOOK NOW AT TITANICBELFAST.COM







Student discount rate available Mon-Fri only. Price subject to change from 31 Mar 2020. Only available with valid student ID.

Belfast Box Office

Belfast's entertainment scene attracts a combination of big-name stars while continuing to develop top home-grown talent. So, whether it's rising stars or established artists you're after, you'll find Belfast's entertainment scene in good shape!



Take a trip to the stunning, historical Grand Opera House which plays host to some of the greatest names in theatre and music, bringing the glitz of London's West End to the heart of Belfast, Shows to look out for this year include Broadway smash hit Cabaret, A Taste of Honey. To Da Bone and Curtains. You'll find a bit of local humour with Xmas for Dummies, the music of Gloria Estefan in On Your Feet and the iconic songs of the Bee Gees in Saturday Night Fever. Full programme online at goh.co.uk

The Lyric Theatre is the only full-time producing theatre in NI and has won a series of awards for its architecture. Choose from a superb programme taking place in their two performance spaces from dramas to talks and music to comedy.

Highlights include Derry Girls star Tara-Lynne O'Neill in a revival of the vibrant comedy, Shirley Valentine. The Playboy of the Western World, is about life on the margins and the lengths we go to, to create a reality more exciting than the place we find ourselves. Plus, Grimes and McKee are back with another hilarious Lyric Christmas special in Driving Home for Christmas.

Full programme online at lyrictheatre.co.uk

The SSE Arena, Belfast is the home of the Belfast Giants ice hockey team as well as hosting a top line-up of concerts, shows and sporting events. This year you can sing your heart with Khalid, Gerry Cinnamon, a-ha or Cher. Dance the night away at Lush! Classical or the Clubland Live Experience, enjoy a night of top comedy from Jack Whitehall

or Colin Geddis and experience top US college sporting action with the Friendship Four Ice Hockey tournament in November. Full programme online at ssearenabelfast.com

The MAC brings music, theatre, dance and visual art under one roof. Check out a packed programme this year with a feast of comedy including James Acaster and Sam Avery, superb theatre with The Man in the Woman's Shoes and Bouncers. There's music from Declan O'Rourke and an uplifting and reassuring evening about learning from our mistakes with Elizabeth Day: How to Fail. Open daily, you can also call in to browse the three free admission art galleries before relaxing in The MAC Café Bar

Full programme online at **themaclive.com**



The Waterfront Hall offers a packed programme of live entertainment throughout the year! Comedy highlights include Ardal O'Hanlon and Dave Gorman and there's live music from Keane, Foy Vance and the Proclaimers. The Dreamboys will heat up the stage with their brand new show or you can enjoy an evening with the world's greatest living explorer, Sir Ranulph Fiennes. The Whiskey Social returns showcasing the best of old, new and experimental Irish whiskey and make sure to soak up the festive season with the Ulster Orchestra performing The Magic of Christmas or their New Year concert, A Night in Vienna. Full programme online at

Full programme online at waterfront.co.uk

The Victorian **Ulster Hall** dates back to 1862 and is home to the Ulster Orchestra, who perform regularly with both evening and lunchtime concerts. You can also check out live music performances

from Mary Black, Divine Comedy, Lewis Capaldi and Primal Scream, If you're up for a laugh check out Ben Elton, Josh Widdicombe, Jason Byrne, Eddie Izzard, Russell Kane, Kevin Bloody Wilson or Micky Bartlett. You can dress up in your best suspenders and lab coat combination for Singalong Rocky Horror or there's a number of tribute shows celebrating the music of The Beatles, David Bowie, Dolly Parton, George Michael, Cher, the Bee Gees and Luther Vandross.

Full programme online at **ulsterhall.co.uk**

The **Black Box** is a multipurpose arts venue located in a Grade II listed building on Hill Street in the heart of Belfast's bustling Cathedral Quarter. A home for live music, theatre, literature, comedy, film, visual art, science, circus, cabaret and all points in between! Check out The Green Room Sessions and the Comedy Lab events. Full programme online at blackboxbelfast.com The Crescent Arts Centre

is a diverse community arts centre in the Queen's Quarter which serves the people of Belfast and beyond with a variety of arts and cultural activities. As well as providing classes and workshops in music, dance, spoken and written word for all ages and abilities, the centre offers live music performances, theatre and other events.

crescentarts.org

The **Duncairn Centre** for Culture and Arts is a cool arts and cultural venue, located on the Antrim Road in the north of the city, just a ten-minute walk from the Cathedral Quarter. It offers an intimate and authentic Belfast experience – from art exhibitions and workshops to concerts and live performances.

Full programme online at **theduncairn.com**

ROCKSHORE

LIGHT & REFRESHING TASTING LAGER



LAUGH OUT LOUD!

They say that laughter is the best medicine, and we have to agree. There are very few things a good laugh can't cure, and with Belfast's thriving comedy scene, there's always a load of gigs on to give you a giggle, so all you have to do is pick one.







COOL FM COMEDY CLUB (11) Waterfront Hall & Ulster Hall

Northern Ireland's home of stand-up, boasting an unrivalled selection of the latest and greatest stand up stars and the very best emerging new comedy talent. With an unmissable programme of comedy gigs throughout the year at both the Waterfront Hall and Ulster Hall. there is always something to tickle your funny bone! Already confirmed for this semester are Shane Todd. Paul Smith, Josh Widdicombe, Micky Bartlett, Russell Kane, Frank Skinner and Ardal O'Hanlon.

THE EMPIRE LAUGHS BACK @2 Potonio Avo

Botanic Ave

The granddaddy of Belfast's laughter scene with regular comedy nights every Tuesday from 8pm to late. Hosted by Colin Murphy or Jake O'Kane, featuring headline acts from the UK and international comedy circuit, top supporting acts, and open spots from across the country. Student admission only £8.

THE LIMELIGHT Ormeau Ave

The Limelight
Comedy Club takes
place every Thursday
in 'Limelight 2' with
MC Shane Todd &
friends, featuring UK,
Irish and International
performers every
week. Doors open
7.30pm, show
8.30pm. Student
ticket £6 (pay at the
door) and includes
free entry to Sketchy
Club Night.

PUG UGLYS Bedford St

You can't do much for a fiver anymore... except for Pug Uglys Comedy Club! Doors at 8.30pm and show at 9pm every Thursday, local talent and special guests. Check out Facebook for weekly listings or to reserve seats. Tickets £5.

THE BLACK BOX Hill St

A great venue to catch those starting out on their comedy journey, plus some well-known comedians from NI and around the world. The Comedy Lab takes place in The Green Room and offers a packed programme of comedy with tickets just £5.

ERRIGLE INN Ormeau Rd

The Errigle Inn
Comedy Club takes
place on the last
Friday of every month
at 9pm, compared
by Paddy McDonnell.
Taxi driver by day,
funny man by night,
Paddy has raked
up thousands of
gig miles since first
exploding onto the
stage in 2010 and

is one of the fastest rising talents on the Northern Irish comedy circuit. Tickets £7.50.

LAVERY'S COMEDY CLUB @3 Bradbury Place

Hosted by resident MCs Colin Geddis and Micky Bartlett in the first floor bar, Mister Tom's, Lavery's showcases the cream of local comedy on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Doors open at 7.30pm with the show starting at 9pm, admission is just £6.

THE PAVILION BAR Ormeau Rd

Monday Night
Comedy takes place
in the Boutique Bar
where established
acts mix with the
stars of tomorrow.
Everybody gets 7-10
minutes, capped off
with a longer set from
a headliner. Doors
open from 7.30pm
for the bargain price
of just £3 with your
student card.

MUSIC

Belfast is buzzing with cosy bars, craft beers and a vibrant live music scene. From up and coming talent daying in gigs across the city to toe-tapping traditional Irish sessions, you'll not be disappointed. Many of the bars across the city offer live music but here's some of our favourites.



THE LIMELIGHT Ormeau Ave

This establishment has two concert venues. Limeliaht 1 and 2 with a cosy Irish bar positioned between the two, Katy's Bar, with the popular rock beer garden on its roof. From small upcoming bands to headline acts. Limelight is a premier show venue with a tiny pub atmosphere, all year round

THE EMPIRE Botanic Ave

This converted church has provided live music and comedy since 1987, and has the best atmosphere anywhere south of the city, every weekend. Friday nights are dedicated to new local musicians, from folk to rock; the Empire Bar has staged many stars in their beginning, including Two Door Cinema Club and General Fiasco.

SUNFLOWER BAR

Union St Sunflower Public House has live music 7 nights a week and some of the best entertainment the city has to offer. Choose from Open Mic. Traditional Irish, Jazz & Blues or Appalachian and Americana sessions. The Folk Club meets every Thursday at 9pm and the Outlaw Country Music movement meets on the last Saturday of every month at 9pm.

MCHUGH'S Queen's Square

Located just across from Custom House Square, McHugh's Basement Bar truly is a hidden gem. With the same traditional feel as the main bar, the basement is often used as an intimate live music venue. Over the years it has hosted established artists such as Sea Sick Steve, Kodaline and more.

JOHN HEWITT

Donegall St Named after the legendary Northern Irish poet, this Cathedral Quarter har showcases some of the best live music in the city at least 6 nights a week. With so many great bars to choose from in the Quarter. why choose this one? A traditional atmosphere with fabulous live music makes this venue a cultural goldmine, from folk, jazz, blues, trad and everything in between. It's a must-see!

HE DIRTY ONION

Hill St

This rustic bar and beer garden puts the 'folk' in Belfast, lined with wooden benches, barrels and the finest whiskey in the city. The Dirty Onion inhabits one of Belfast's oldest buildings, honouring its Irish tradition with seven nights of music every week. You can even take part in their free bodhran lessons, which take place every Tuesday 8-10pm.



PUG UGLYS Bedford St

Pug Uglys offer over 15 live gigs a week. Resident artists and guests bring you a mix of Traditional Irish Sessions, acoustic sounds and DJ sets.

ITY



VOODOO

Fountain St Local music is at the heart of this wellestablished Belfast hotspot, adding a bit of spice for those who like things a little different. At night, the bottom <u>bar takes o</u>n a very relaxed and moody atmosphere with regular DJs, open mic nights and singer song writers adding to the ambience. Upstairs is the nightclub and venue where anything goes, from hip hop and drum & bass to hard rock

BLACK BOX Hill St

and bluegrass

This original landmark building,

built in 1850, is now home to a variety of traditional folk artists and modern musicians alike The Green Room Sessions are an opportunity to catch one-off performances from quest artists as well as regular slots from an esteemed cast of local selectors. Low lit, down-tempo DJ evenings where you can enjoy a continuous stream of well-curated music.

THE ERRIGLE INN Ormeau Rd

Ormeau Rd
The very first bar in
Belfast to receive
an entertainments
license, The Errigle
has a great history
for excellent music
and atmosphere,
and has earned
its reputation for
serving fabulous
food, drink and
entertainment.
Check out the
weekly traditional or
monthly bluegrass

sessions, plus a range of live acts and DJ's in the upstairs Arbele Lounge.

TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

The city hosts a wide variety of traditional music sessions where vou'll find chat, cheer and ceol. Some of the best venues to experience 'trad' include Kelly's Cellars, Bank Square, The Dirty Onion in Cathedral Quarter, Fibber Magee's in the city centre. Hatfield House on Ormeau Rd or An Cultúrlann in the Gaeltacht Quarter, The Points on the Dublin Road prides itself on having one of the best Irish music scenes in Belfast with artists from all over Ireland and beyond playing every night of the week.

BONUS GIGS



OH YEAH CENTRE Gordon St

Essentially a networking centre for bands and creative types, Oh Yeah hosts practice rooms, the renowned 'Start Together' studio, a music exhibition and the occasional gig.

SONIC ARTS RESEARCH CENTRE OUB

SARC is established in a purpose-built facility on campus and its Sonic Laboratory provides a unique space for cutting-edge initiatives in the creation and delivery of music and audio – check out one of their regular concerts!

LIVE MUSIC FESTIVALS

The main live music festivals take place in the summer months. Catch a great big name line-up in June at **Belsonic**, or in August check out **CHSq** at Custom House Square and **Belfast Vital** at Boucher Road playing fields.



terms and conditions) valid in dundonald or victoria sq until 30 june 2020, 20% off your total food bill, valid for dine in only, one voucher per bill, valid all week, offer available only upon presentation of valid student id. t₁c's apply



LGBTQ+ Belfast

Belfast's LGBTQ+ nightlife hub centres around the Smithfield & Union area, north of the city centre on the edge of Cathedral Quarter. Home to the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender festival in Ireland, the city has a thriving LGBT community and gay scene.







The Kremlin @ 96 Donegall Street

As the name suggests, a Sovietstyle industrial opulence exudes throughout the complex's extravagant decor. with the Tsar Cocktail lounge, the Long Bar and Red Square continuing the communistchic vibe. A huae variety of theme niahts, frequent celeb performances and the friendliest up-for-it clubbers gives Kremlin the reputation of the best gay venue in Ireland

kremlin-belfast.com

Maverick Bar @ 1 Union Street

From Drag cabaret to karaoke, The Maverick hosts free entertainment every night. Boasting a fun, colourful and relaxed environment. serving an extensive range of quirky & delicious cocktails, fine wines and international array of beers. More than just a bar. the venue proudly supports and gets involved within the entire spectrum of Belfast's vibrant LGBTQ+ community.

maverickbelfast.com

Union Street

8-14 Union Street
8-14 Union Street
Situated in a 19th
century shoe
factory, this is one
of the city's most
stylish bars and
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

unionstreetbar.com

BOOMBOX

108 Donegall

A vibrant and diverse range of club nights. regularly featuring internationally renowned D. Is and drag acts. The queens of 'RuPaul's Drag Race', Bianca Del Rio, Alaska and Trixie Mattel have all graced the stage, while Ana Matronic & Jake Shears from Scissor Sisters, Hercules & Love Affair and Derrick Carter are no strangers to the turntables.

THE BELFAST LGBT CENTRE



The Belfast LGBT Centre is located at 23-31 Waring Street in the Cathedral Quarter, which houses a number of charities including the Rainbow Project and Cara Friend, providing counselling, befriending, information, health and social space for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Trans community.

For more information, visit lgbtni.org





Belfast city does not disappoint when it comes to a night on the town, with an abundance of buzzing beer gardens, cosy pubs, stylish bars and cool clubs, there's something for everyone!

The Cathedral Quarter is full of character and one of the most enjoyable places to hang out on a Saturday night, with a mixture of bars, restaurants, theatre and live music, hidden along cobblestone and fairy light lined alleys. Check out the **Duke of York** boasting the largest whiskey collection in Ireland, the Dirty Onion in Belfast's oldest building with its huge beer garden 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, enjoy a pint in Belfast's oldest pub, **Kelly's Cellars** or browse the extensive craft beer menu and enjoy superb pub grub in the **Errigle Inn**.

There's nothing better than sipping a cool drink while basking in the sunshine, so make sure you make a stop at some of our favourite beer gardens or chic rooftop bars. The Perch is an architectural gem on the 5th floor of a historic building in the Linen Quarter with a trussed roof, brick clad walls and an island bar. The Parlour backyard in Queen's Quarter is decorated with palm trees, fairy lights and lots of seating, and there's a great range of budget-friendly food and drink deals on daily. Babel is Bullitt Hotel's rooftop bar and garden with panoramic city views across Belfast, mouth-watering



cocktails and delicious food. Close to Stranmillis College and the Queen's boathouse, **Cutters**Wharf is set on the banks of the River Lagan, where you can enjoy al fresco dining, cocktails and barbecues while watching the rowers glide by.

Shake it up at one of our

cool cocktail bars! Drop in to Filthy Chic, part of the Dublin Road's Filthy Quarter, where their mixologists have shaken and stirred a menu of contemporary classics and unique cocktail creations. Sample the sinfully good cocktails in Belfast's smallest bar - The Sagart, located on Chapel Lane. Revolución de Cuba is the ultimate in Cuban food, cocktails and fiesta experiences with a full on tropical party vibe. Or enjoy the relaxed atmosphere in the Linen Quarter's Sweet Afton,

named after one of Robert Burns' famous poems.

Belfast resonates to an ever changing soundtrack of live music and you're quaranteed to find something musical to enjoy on your night out, whether it be a packed live gig, DJ set or toe-tapping trad. You'll find an abundance of great local and international live acts at the Limelight and an array of home grown local talent at the Harp Bar. For some Irish culture, make sure to drop in to An Síbín on the Dublin Road where you can enjoy live trad music every night of the week as well as Irish language lessons and storytelling every Monday at 7.30pm.

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 Merchant Hotel is one of Belfast's most exclusive nightclubs.

Housed over two floors, Alibi in the Queen's Quarter showcases the very best in local DJ talent as well as quests from the Marbella and Ibiza scene. For something completely different check out Tutti Frutti in the Linen Quarter, with a host of fantastically unpredictable entertainment from live music to karaoke and side show acts to contortionists, no two nights are the same! Enjoy pizza, chicken wings and dirty fries which are served right up until 2am, washed down with Tutti's signature Goliath cocktails, 4 times larger than a regular cocktail, and officially Belfast's biggest!

Whatever nightlife you seek, Belfast is happy to oblige! For more inspiration, see visitbelfast.com



WITHIN AN HOUR'S DRIVE OF BELFAST YOU CAN ACCESS THE STUNNING COAST AND COUNTRYSIDE OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR WEEKENDS AND EXPERIENCE SOME GREAT OUTDOOR ADVENTURES!

Learn to surf on North Atlantic waves, climb the Mourne or Sperrin Mountains, enjoy lazy, long beach walks or charter a boat in the Fermanagh Lakelands. Take a Sea Safari on Strangford Lough, canoe on tranquil rivers or scramble up waterfalls, cannonball into plunge pools and body surf waves. From horse-riding to hovercrafting, mountain biking to combat games and Segway safaris to wakeboarding, there's some great outdoor fun for everyone! Here's a flavour of what's on offer.

Cable Wakeboarding Belfast

Northern Ireland's only Cable Wake Park is located just 6 miles out of Belfast at Knockbracken Reservoir in Carryduff. The instructors are on hand at all times throughout the session to provide advice and tips for improvement, to ensure you get the most out of your time on the water. Tubing, stand up paddle boarding and kayaking also available, or get a bunch of mates together for a game of Aqua Rugby. letsgohydro.com

Dragonboating

River Lagan, Belfast

Team spirit and the thrill of being out on the water are the joys of dragonboating. Up to 20 paddlers sit in pairs and face towards the bow of the boat, with a drummer at the front and a steerer at the rear. The drummer leads the paddlers with a rhythmic beat to indicate the timing and frequency of paddling strokes. Timing is the key difference between moving forward and spinning in circles.

brysonlagansports.org

Barnett Demesne Bike Trails

Belfast

The Barnett Demesne Trails consist of a shared-use 3.4km green trail and a 3.9km blue trail with 3 red loop options (1.5km). With Ireland's first official purposebuilt jumps park boasting no less than 6 lines of mouthwatering table-tops, doubles and hip jumps, if you like big air, you're in the right place!

mountainbikeni.com



Canoeing Shaw's Bridge, Belfast

Just ten minutes from Belfast city centre, the River Lagan is a top place for a good time on the water. No experience is necessary and all equipment is provided. Have a go on their canoe sessions every Saturday from April to September, or book a private session with a group of mates.

mobileteamadventure.co.uk

Causeway Coast, Portrush

There's nothing cooler than grabbing a surf board and hitting the beach - and the North Coast has some of the best surfaoina. Learn from expert instructors how to become 'totally awesome' on the waves on some of Northern Ireland's hest beaches

troggssurfschool.com

Karting

Hillsborough

Enjoy the thrills and excitement of karting at a fantastic, professionally run, fast flowing go-karting circuit at Lyons Karting. The track length is approximately 400 metres, offering a wide variety of karts - 160cc. 200cc and 270cc. Go-karting is available for arrive and drive, grand prix events, lapping sessions and private groups.

lyonskarting.co.uk

High speed Sea Safari Strangford Lough

Zoom across Strangford Lough aboard an exhilarating purpose built RIB boat and see the world's first electricity generating tidal turbine and the amazing surface whirlpool, the 'Routen Wheel'. You might even get to see seals, porpoises or a basking shark!

strangford-seasafari.com

Ireland's longest zipline Ballygawley

One of the many extreme outdoor activities at Todds Leap, the zipline hangs 50 metres above the ground and is a staggering 500m long. A custom 'ziprover' will take the daredevils along dirt tracks to the highest point before soaring through the skies over the impressive forest below on this unforgettable experience. There's a variety of thrillseeking experience available at this awardwinning activity centre to enable you to make a day of it.

toddsleap.com

Downhill Zorbing Moneymore

The only place in Northern Ireland where you can climb inside a giant inflatable PVC ball and roll down a hill. The laughs will be nonstop as you experience this unique adrenaline rush at the Jungle NI. With a huge number of activities on offer at this activity centre, why not make a weekend of it and stay in one of their Glamping Pods?

theiungleni.com



Wet bouldering Mourne Mountains. Newcastle

Prepare to take on waterfalls. rock slides and plunge pools at Bloody Bridge on this exhilarating activity. Sure to be talked about for ages after, wet bouldering involves walking, scrambling, jumping, swimming and sometimes crawling along a river.

onegreatadventure.com



For more inspiration. see visitbelfast.com



Northern Ireland is Game of Thrones® territory. From the Doors of Thrones, unique filming locations, tours and exhibitions, we really do have it all. Belfast, in particular has lots for a Thronie to enjoy - so make sure to discover all things Westeros while you're studying here.



FILMING LOCATIONS

Some of the stunning filming locations not to be missed include: Castle Ward which may be more familiar as Winterfell, Tollymore Forest Park which will be recognisable as North of Winterfell, Downhill Beach familiar as the Dragonstone exterior, Murlough Bay aka Stormlands and The Dark Hedges better known as the King's Road, and probably one of the most photographed landmarks on the Game of Thrones Map. All of these locations are within easy reach of Belfast and there are many more to discover during your time as a student in Belfast, so download the 'Game of Thrones® Filming Locations Northern Ireland' app to find out more.



TOURS & ACTIVITIES

There are some fantastic Game of Thrones inspired day tours and themed activities that have been created due to the popularity of the show, and you don't have to be a fan to join in the fun! You can dress up in costume and enjoy a day of archery or axe throwing with Winterfell Tours, meet the real Direwolves 'Summer' and 'Greywind' at Winterfell Castle or take the Westeros self-quided cycle tour of some of the show's film locations. You can even get a group together to experience a unique, authentic and very memorable Medieval Banquet Night at Winterfell.

GLASS OF THRONES TRAIL ®

Stroll from Belfast City Hall to Titanic Studios to take in the epic Glass of Thrones installations: six freestanding stained glass window 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 – it makes a great selfie!

DOORS OF THRONES @

Visit The Dark Horse cafe and bar (open late on weekends), where you'll find one of the famous Game of Thrones doors. Crafted from fallen trees of the Dark Hedges (King's Road), the ten doors dotted around Northern Ireland represent different aspects of the series – why not take a day trip to track them all down! The door in The Dark Horse celebrates the filming that took place in Belfast.

GOT TO ESCAPE

Take the escape room experience to a whole new level at GoT to Escape, Belfast's only dedicated Game of Thrones inspired escape room! Work your way through the clues to save King's Landing or choose to play the mystery game.

STEENSONS GAME OF THRONES JEWELLERY

This local jewellery store is home to a fabulous collection of handcrafted, Game of Thrones inspired necklaces, brooches, pins, earring and cufflinks, which make the perfect gift for a Game of Thrones fan, or a unique treat for yourself. Steensons were commissioned to make iconic costume pieces for the series, including Margaery Tyrell's wedding tiara and Joffrey Baratheons' golden crown.

For more inspiration and a list of tours and activities available, check out visitbelfast.com/ gameofthrones



CAVE HILL COUNTRY PARK

Whether you've been a dozen times or yet to go, Cave Hill in North Belfast never disappoints. Starting from the car park at Belfast Castle, it's a straightforward circular 4.5 mile route that'll stretch the legs with great views to clear the head - and not too much effort getting there. It's easy to see why it's so popular.

ORMEAU PARK

Not far from the River Lagan, this is the oldest municipal park in the city. Popular with walkers and joggers, with a range of eco trails and orienteering routes as well as a children's playground. There are also a range of sports facilities on offer including soccer pitches, bowling greens, a BMX track, and basketball, tennis and netball courts.

BELFAST BOTANIC GARDENS

This is a no brainer for students at Queen's. This beautiful park covers 28 acres and is easily accessible as it located right next to the McClay Library. near the main Lanvon Building. Home to the famous Palm House and Tropical Ravine. you'll also see a ton of people here on a sunny day out relaxing on the lawns. After all, what's better than a nice picnic or an ice cream with your mates when the sun is out?



VICTORIA PARK

This is a truly lovely park with a lake, great walks, viewing points, jogging trails and plenty of birds and ducks. It's also a short walk to Titanic Quarter or CS Lewis Square in EastSide. There are two possible circuits of the park, an inner and outer loop around the lake. A great place for aviation enthusiasts who can watch the planes flying in and out of the neighbouring Belfast City Airport.

LAGAN VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

Northern Ireland's only Regional Park covers an area of 4,200 acres and extends 11 miles. along both sides of the River Lagan between Stranmillis, in South Belfast to Union Locks. Lisburn. The towpath is a tranquil spot for an easy, level walk or cycle with plenty of attractions to stop at on the way including the Lock Keepers Cottage, Shaw's Bridge, Malone House, the Giants Ring and Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park.

For more inspiration, see visitbelfast.com

WORTH THE TRIP

Belfast is only just

over an hour's drive away from the worldrenowned **Giants Causeway**, Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. A geological wonder and home to a wealth of history and legend, the 40 n00 hasalt

World Heritage Site. A geological wonder and home to a wealth of history and legend, the 40,000 basalt stone columns left by volcanic eruptions 60 million years ago intrigue and inspire everyone who visits.

The Mourne

Mountains form the highest and most dramatic mountain range in Northern Ireland. With breathtaking views across the Irish Sea and an intricate map of weaving paths to explore, they are high on any keen hiker's to-do list. Starting from Donard car park it takes around 21/2 hours to get to the top. Keep an eye on weather conditions and ensure you have the appropriate footwear, equipment, food and water for the day.







SEPTEMBER

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Belfast International Tattoo

belfastinternational tattoo.com

European Heritage Open Days

discovernorthernireland. com/ehod

Autumn Fair (Botanic Gardens)

belfastcity.gov.uk/events

Culture Night

culturenightbelfast.com

Belfast City Half Marathon

belfastcitymarathon.com

OCTOBER

Cinemagic Festival cinemagic.org.uk

Belfast International Arts Festival

belfastinternational artsfestival.com

Belfast Fashion Week

belfastfashionweek.com

Halloween Metro Monster Mash

belfastcity.gov.uk/events

NOVEMBER

C.S Lewis Festival

eastsidearts.net

Autumn Twilight Market

stgeorgesmarket.com

Ladyboys of Bangkok ladyboysofbangkok.co.uk

Sound of Belfast

Journa of Demast

soundofbelfast.com

Belfast Design Week

belfastdesignweek.com

Outburst Queer Arts Festival

outburstarts.com

Fleadh Feirste -Gaeltacht Quarter Festival

visitwestbelfast.com

DECEMBER

Belfast Christmas Market visitbelfast.com/Christmas

Christmas Twilight Market

stgeorgesmarket.com

JANUARY

Out to Lunch Festival

cqaf.com

Belfast Burns Week

ulsterscotsagency.com/ events

Festival of Hurling (TBC)

visitwestbelfast.com

FEBRUARY

Four Corners Festival

4cornersfestival.com

Chinese New Year

cwa-ni.org

NI Science Festival

nisciencefestival.com

MARCH

BMS International Festival of Chamber Music

belfastmusicsociety.org

Belfast Nashville Songwriters Festival

belfastnashville.com

Feile an Earraigh

feilebelfast.com



Brilliant Corners Belfast Jazz Festival

brilliantcornersbelfast.com

Imagine! Belfast Festival of Ideas & Politics

imaginebelfast.com

St Patrick's Day

belfastcity.gov.uk/events

APRIL

Belfast Film Festival belfastfilmfestival.org

Easter Events

visitbelfast.com

Sonorities Festival of **Contemporary Music**

sonorities.org.uk

MAY

Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival

cgaf.com

Festival of Fools

foolsfestival.com

Belfast City Marathon

belfastcitymarathon.com

Belfast Maritime Festival belfastcitv.gov.uk/events

Belfast Craft Beer Festival helfastcraftheerfest.com

JUNE

Belsonic

belsonic.com

Belfast Photo Festival

belfastphotofestival.com

AVA Music Festival and Conference

avafestival com

Belfast Book Festival

belfastbookfestival.com

Fred Festival of Cycling

thefred co.

Belfast City Blues Festival

belfastcityblues.com

JULY

Orange Fest

visitbelfast.com

McCracken Summer Festival

mhicreachtain com

Belfast Pride

belfastpride.com

Belfast TradFest

belfasttraditionalmusic. com

Sunflowerfest

sunflowerfest.co.uk

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Feile an Phobail

feilehelfast com

Eastside Arts Festival eastsidearts net

Belfast Guitar Festival

belfastquitarfest.com

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androichead.com

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customhousesquare.com

Belfast Vital

ticketmaster.ie

Hilden Beer and Music Festival

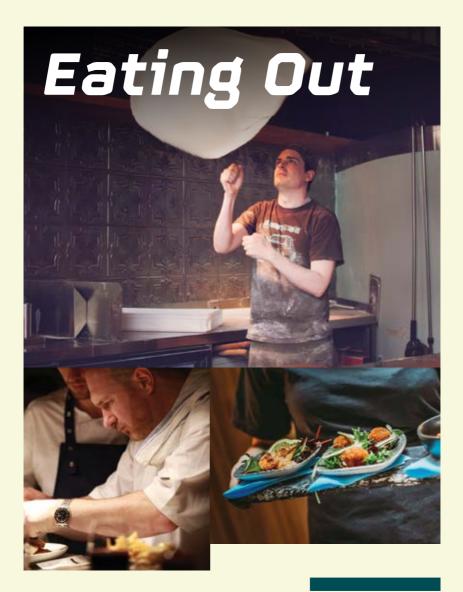
taproomhilden.com

Belfast Mela

belfastmela.org.uk

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Belfast boasts an amazing choice of places to eat, offering everything from the traditional Ulster Fry breakfast, gourmet coffee bars and express lunch deals to tasty gastro pub fare, cosy bistros and award-winning fine dining, showcasing the very best fresh local produce available.

KEY

- (D4) Map grid location
- CC City Centre
- (Q) Cathedral Quarter
- Titanic Quarter
- Linen Quarter
- Q Queen's Quarter
- (GQ) Gaeltacht Quarter

Eating Out

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MODERN CUISINE

AMPM 38-42 Upper Arthur Street

Known for its combination of unique, original, quirky décor, ambience & Irish fusion cuisine. The menu features global comfort food and old favourites with a new suit of clothes.

028 9024 9009 ampmbelfast.com



Bert's Bar High Street

Bert's Jazz Bar is the first authentic jazz bar in Northern Ireland, offering an excellent selection of live jazz and mouthwatering food.

028 9026 2713 themerchanthotel.com



Buba Belfast St Anne's Square

A fun and vibrant openplan eatery serving modern day Eastern Mediterraneaninspired food and cocktails. The menu is comprised of lots of small plate dishes, designed to share.

028 9568 0162 bubabelfast.com



Café Parisien Cleaver House Donegall Square North

Indulge in traditional French cuisine from classic crepes to brasserie and bistro dishes, with patisserie delights to curb your sweet tooth. Perfectly positioned in the heart of the city, opposite Belfast City Hall.

028 9590 4338 cafeparisienbelfast. com



Cellar Restaurant Belfast Castle, off Antrim Road

Whether you're looking for morning coffee, a quick snack or a full evening meal, there's something to suit all tastes in this intimate and quaint eatery within historic Belfast Castle.

028 9037 0133

belfastcastle.co.uk

Coco Restaurant 7-11 Linenhall Street

The chic boutique surroundings of Coco welcome those who love to eat well, in style. Relax and enjoy locally sourced food, cooked to perfection.

028 9031 1150 cocobelfast.com

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Cutters Wharf Lockview Road, Stranmillis

Relax overlooking the river with an intimate lunch or dinner. The extensive menu offers dishes ranging from reinterpreted classics to modern flavours, which are sure to tempt your taste buds.

028 9080 5100 cutterswharf.co.uk



Deanes at Queens 1 College Gardens

With its glorious terrace, Deanes at Queens takes full advantage of its enviable location. Chris Fearon of Great British Menu fame serves up a variety of menu options.

028 9038 2111 michaeldeane.co.uk



Deanes Deli Bistro 42-44 Bedford Street

Fun, relaxed and fabulous, a regular haunt for visiting celebrities wanting to wind down with great food and wine or a delicious weekend cocktail

028 9024 8800 michaeldeane.co.uk



Deanes Deli Vin Café

42-44 Bedford Street Café by day serving breakfast, sandwiches, lunch specials and an afternoon menu, it transforms by night into an atmospheric candlelit wine bar.

028 9024 8800 michaeldeane.co.uk



Deanes EIPIC 28-40 Howard Street

Michelin starred and possibly the most sophisticated restaurant in the Deanes portfolio. Chef Alex Greene serves the best quality local ingredients cooked to the highest standard.

028 9033 1134 deaneseipic.com



Deanes Meat Locker 28-40 Howard Street

When you combine the sheer skill of Deanes chefs with the superb quality of Hannan Meats and the accuracy of the Asador Grill you create a dining experience that simply excels.

028 9033 1134 michaeldeane.co.uk



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Upper Queen Street

A new, contemporary, European dining experience in the heart of the city offering tapas style sharing plates, robust meat and fish dishes and charcoal oven cooked steaks.

028 9031 3054 edorestaurant.co.uk



Flame Restaurant 46 Howard Street

Flame's custom built 10ft Asador Grill and Tandoori ovens bring cooking to life. Soak up the relaxed, friendly atmosphere as you sit at your table overlooking the open kitchen.

028 9033 2121 flamerestaurant.co.uk



Ginger Bistro

7-8 Hope Street

Head chef Simon
McCance specialises
in fish without
forgetting vegetarians
and meat eaters. The
award winning Ginger
has a strong reputation
for quality and value
for money.

028 9024 4421 gingerbistro.com



Eating Out

Granny Annie's Kitchen

81 Chichester Street

Casual destination for a comfort food menu served in front of a real fire in a brick-lined space. This Irish trad meets classic pub-grub diner brings the phrase "eat up, you're at your granny's" to a whole new belly-busting level!

028 9032 1331 grannyannies.co.uk (04) (cc)

Hadskis 33 Donegall Street

An eclectic little dining room with a great kitchen counter, where you can taste an ever changing menu of daily specials alongside some classic European dishes.

028 9032 5444 hadskis.co.uk

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Havana Bank Square 56-58 Berry Street

Serving seasonal food, the kitchen brings together its influences to create contemporary and ingredient led dishes. Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere with live music every Friday evening.

028 9031 0809

havanabanksq.com

44 Hill Street

A vibrant celebration of modern food influenced by the flavours of the Mediterranean, using local products from local, independent producers. Enjoy seasonal cuisine serving everything from casual lunch to plates you can share with your friends or family.

028 9590 8444 44hillstreet.com

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Holohan's Pantry

43 University Road
Located in the Queen's
Quarter you'll find
Belfast's only boxty
house! Whether you're
popping in for a quick
lunch or relaxing
dinner, you will find
true Irish hospitality at
its best in this family
run restaurant.

028 9029 1103 holohanspantry.co.uk

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Home Restaurant 22 Wellington Place

Feel good food, throughout the day with morning coffee and pastries, a deli serving a selection of soups, salads, sandwiches and home baked treats. Lunch and dinner served in the restaurant.

028 9023 4946 homebelfast.co.uk



Horatio Todds 406 Upper Newtownards Rd

Situated in Ballyhackamore, Horatio Todd's is an award-winning, comfortable and welcoming local bar serving delicious dishes with a real emphasis on local produce.

028 9065 3090 horatiotodds.com

Howard Street Restaurant

56 Howard Street

Serving up full-flavoured dishes created from the current season's ingredients sourced locally. Complementing the menu is a rejuvenated cocktail list and a range of artisan wines.

028 9024 8362 howardstbelfast.com



The Ivory Restaurant 3rd Floor, House of

Fraser, Victoria Square A mix of traditional and modern fare, The Ivory offers excellent service and stunning city views from its fabulous balcony area. For a more casual menu, try the new Ivory Champagne Café Bar.

028 9032 4577 theivorybelfast.com



Henry's Joy's Entry

Henry's, named after historic Belfast figure and United Irish man Henry Joy McCracken, has been a pub for over 100 years. Call into this Joys Entry bar for great drinks, traditional food, live music and plenty of history.

028 9032 6711 henrysbelfast.com



James St 21 James Street South

James St really is the place where good food, wine and service come together in relaxed surroundings. Enjoy lunch specials from 12pm, pre-theatre from 5pm, an extensive a la carte menu, alongside

weekend brunch and a great Sunday Roast.

028 9560 0700 jamesstandco.com



Molly's Yard 1 College Green Mews, Botanic Ave

Molly's Yard serves modern Irish cuisine and prides itself on using the finest local ingredients. Locally produced draught beers are available along with a select choice of wines. 028 9032 2600

028 9032 2600 mollysyard.co.uk



Novelli at City Quays

90 Donegall Quay Situated on the waterfront, with unparalleled views across Belfast Lough, the multi-Michelinstarred and 5-out-of-5 AA Rosette-winning chef Jean Christophe Novelli's Ireland début serves an authentic Mediterranean menu with locally sourced produce and all-day dining.

028 9531 3191 novellirestaurants. co.uk/belfast

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The Morning Star 17-19 Pottinger's Entry, Ann Street

Tuck into gargantuan steaks of quality assured Ulster beef and Irish stew. The kitchen also has a great sense of adventure - crocodile, shark and kangaroo all pop up from time to time.

028 9023 5986 themorningstarbar. co.uk



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The Muddlers Club Warehouse Lane. Waring St

Tucked away in the historic back streets of Cathedral Quarter is this modern. industrial-style restaurant named after a 200 year old secret society. The menus are a beautiful balance of local delicacies combined with the finest of international touches.

028 9031 3199 themuddlers clubbelfast.com (D3) (CQ)

Ox Restaurant 1 Oxford Street

With an enthusiastic approach to seasonality, Michelin starred OX works every day to provide the best possible fine dining experience in a relaxed, riverside environment.

028 9031 4121 oxbelfast.com

..... Ryan's Bar & Restaurant 116-118 Lisburn Road

A traditional menu with a fresh contemporary twist, from sharing platters to veggie grazers, farm quality assured steaks to Irish boxtys. A family friendly venue with a relaxed atmosphere.

028 9050 9850 ryansbelfast.com



Shed Bistro 467 Ormeau Road

The perfect lunch and dinner experience with a tantalising menu including chargrilled

steaks, lamb, fresh fish. pasta, Belfast's best burger, daily specials and more.

028 9064 2630 shedbelfast.com



Shu Restaurant 253 Lisburn Road

One of the most renowned eateries in Belfast, Shu offers simple French influenced food using the best seasonal ingredients, served at a reasonable price, in an elegant location.

028 9038 1655 shu-restaurant.com

Souls Restaurant 89a Dublin Road

From exquisite tandoori monk fish served with lemon infused Lyonnaise potatoes, to juicy rosemary chicken tikka with chilli and pepper risotto: the fusion menu offers a unique dining experience.

028 9508 5917 soulsrestaurant.co.uk



SQ Bar & Grill St Anne's Square

Relax in the beautiful surroundings of St Anne's square. Part of Ramada Encore. the restaurant offers a menu suitable for all tastes, with new interpretations of traditional Irish dishes made using local produce.

028 9026 1809 sabarandarill.co.uk

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The StillHouse of Moira

61 Main Street, Moira

The StillHouse is a family owned Distillery & Pub in the beautiful village of Moira, Co Down, Visit the GastroPub for delicious seasonal food, tour the Craft Distillery or book into the Spirit School to distil ain, vodka or cassis and take home your very own creation!

The Tap Room Hilden Brewery. **Grand Street, Lisburn**

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A working brewery with a licensed restaurant in a beautiful and historic Georgian setting. Enjoy a beer or two with a relaxed lunch or dinner in the converted stables of Hilden House.

028 9266 3863 taproomhilden.com •••••

TGI Fridays Victoria Square

The authentic American style restaurant makes every day feel like a Friday! The perfect venue for any occasion, with an extensive cocktail and delicious food menu.

028 9024 9050 fridavs.ie



Top Blade St Anne's Square

An affordable and accessible steak eatery

specialising in flat iron steak as well as other cuts, burgers and light bites. Vegetarian and vegan customers can enjoy Top Blade's speciality seitan steak.

028 9033 3311 topblade.co.uk (D3) (CQ)

Yardbird **3 Hill Street**

Yardbird is a free range rotisserie chicken restaurant. Here the chicken is marinated overnight before being cooked before vour eves on the restaurant's speciality Brazilian rotisserie. 028 9024 3712

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SEAFOOD

Deanes Love Fish 28-40 Howard Street

Seafood dominates the wide ranging menu but it is the extraordinary affordability of the signature dishes, excellent quality and presentation at Deanes Love Fish that will surprise and delight you.

028 9033 1134 michaeldeane.co.uk

Fish City 33 Ann Street

Open all day serving breakfast, lunch and dinner using local and sustainably sourced food. As well as the traditional and award winning fish & chips, enjoy an extensive menu of seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes.

028 9023 1000 fish-city.com (D4) (CC)

John Long's 39 Athol Street. **Grosvenor Road**

The longest established fish and chip shop in Belfast is a real hidden gem located just around the

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corner from the Grand Opera House. Drop in to experience the best 'fish supper' in the city.

028 9032 1848 johnlongs.com

Mourne Seafood Bar 34-36 Bank Street

Fresh, locally sourced seafood traditionally prepared with an Asian or continental twist. Enjoy local ingredients, value for money and friendly service with shellfish sourced from Mourne's very own shellfish beds.

028 9024 8544 mourneseafood.com (%) (6)

ITALIAN

Coppi St Anne's Square

Open seven days a week, Coppi specialises in simple Italian classics big on flavour and offers a range of cichetti (Italian style tapas), starters, main courses, pizzetta and pasta freshly made daily.

028 9031 1959 coppi.co.uk

Deane and Decano 537 Lisburn Road

A stylish buzzing restaurant/café/bar with a distinctly Italian flavour. Located on the ever fashionable Lisburn Road, Deane and Decano is open for lunch, afternoon snacks & dinner.

028 9066 3108 michaeldeane.co.uk (A8) (Q0)

Fratelli Belfast 60 Great Victoria Street

Oozing rustic Italian charm with a contemporary edge, Fratelli's serves traditional Italian dishes in a family friendly setting.

028 9031 0862 fratellibelfast.com

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Gusto è Restaurant 1 Lanyon Place

A new meeting place between great food lovers and traditional Italian producers. The Ristorante, Café & Pasticceria uses quality products from all regions of Italy combined with the best Italian traditions to provide a great new authentic dining experience.

028 9033 3393 gustobelfast.co.uk



Little Wing Pizzeria Ann Street/ Lisburn Road/ Upper Newtownards Road

Passionate about pizzas, Little Wing use time honoured methods to create traditionally made Naples style pizzas, prepared with the finest fresh ingredients.

028 9024 7000 littlewingpizzeria.com



Scalini 85 Botanic Avenue

Whether you are seated under the stars or up in Romeo & Juliet's balcony, diners will feel they are actually there. With a superb selection of pizza, pasta and extensive grill dishes,

enjoy this Italian experience.

028 9032 0303 scalinirestaurant .co.uk



Villa Italia Restaurant 37-41 University Road

In the heart of the bustling Queen's Quarter, Villa Italia, is a firm favourite with visitors and locals. The extensive grill, pizza and pasta menu offers a selection of authentic Italian dishes.

028 9032 8356 villaitaliarestaurant .co.uk



ASIAN

BaoBun 48 Botanic Avenue

Offering exciting, fresh, vegan friendly Taiwanese street food. All ingredients are cooked, steamed, baked and pickled in-house, with a mission to create fresh food fast.

028 9032 9686 baobunbelfast.com



Cosmo Victoria Square

From the Chinese countryside and fishing villages of Japan, to the food markets of Delhi and everywhere in between; experience your favourite dishes from around the world. **Q28 9023 6660**

cosmo-restaurants.

House of Zen

St Anne's Square
Bringing a little bit
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streets of Cathedral
Quarter. Offering a
unique blend of Asian
fusion cuisine, served
up in cool, funky and
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Sakura Sushi

82 Botanic Ave
Specialising in the
art of sushi as well as
offering a variety of
fusion food. Carefully
chosen dishes are
prepared using only
fresh ingredients;
creating deliciously
nutritious and naturally
low fat cuisine.

028 9043 9590 sakurabelfast.com



Wagamama Belfast Victoria Square

Inspired by delicious Japanese noodle bars and flavours, Wagamama offers an exciting and inclusive casual dining experience.

028 9023 6098 wagamamani.com

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Zen

55-59 Adelaide Street

The innovative menu offers a wide range of new and exciting Japanese style dishes including a plethora of 'Fusion cuisine' consisting of Japanese and Asian food with a Western twist.

028 9023 2244
zenbelfast.co.uk

MEXICAN

La Taqueria 274-276 Ormeau Road

Authentic Mexican street food paired with fresh, creative cocktails and Mexican beers. Enjoy Quesadillas, Tacos and Quesos Fundidos with condiments allowing you to add your own level of spice.

028 9064 4477 lataqueriabelfast.co.uk

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CAFÉS / TAKEAWAY

Avoca Café 41 Arthur Street

The perfect spot to chill out in between all that shopping. Spacious with an eclectic vintage style, it features lots of delicious, freshlyprepared favourites from our award-winning menu.

028 9027 9955 avoca.com

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The Bobbin Belfast City Hall

The Bobbin social enterprise cafe at Belfast City Hall is a popular spot with tourists visiting the new exhibition area and locals who love the food and atmosphere of the busy eatery.

028 9050 2068 loafcatering.com

Brights Restaurant 23/25 High Street

Award-winning Ulster fries, fish and chips, big bold burritos and tasty Tex Mex are among the many global classics served up at this fabulous café/deli.

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Clements' baristas are trained in the art of making great coffee. Staff passionately create divine drinks while heavenly bakers add to the pleasure with delicious treats.

028 9024 9988 clementscoffee.com

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The Dock

The Arc, Titanic Quarter Belfast's first Honesty Box Cafe offers a variety of treats from Suki tea, gourmet coffee, hot soup, fresh sandwiches, scones, buns and cakes. The price is totally up to you.

the-dock.org

HappyDog 11 Stranmillis Road

A gourmet hotDOG house serving you the best damn hotDOG you've ever tasted! All 5 signature sausages are made fresh onsite with top quality ingredients and veggie beanDOG also available.

028 9009 8999 facebook.com/ happydogstranmillis

The Lamppost Café 19 Upper Newtownards Road

A cosy, C.S Lewis themed cafe in the heart of East Belfast with vintage crockery and a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Family friendly and dog friendly.

028 9058 0059 thelamppostcafe.com

Miel et Moi 705 Lisburn Road

Northern Ireland's first licensed Patisserie and café bar. Inspired by classical French bars and patisseries, their drinks are lovingly developed by a devoted bar team, and their pastries are hand baked daily using locally sourced ingredients.

028 9068 2641 mieletmoi.com

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Oh! Donuts & Coffee 55 Upper Arthur Street

Incredible coffee and handcrafted donuts are a match made in heaven, so this slick city centre venue delivers a taste of paradise.

07790 907404 ohdonuts.co.uk

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Starbucks

Castle Lane/Great Victoria St/Cornmarket/ Wellington Place/ Victoria Sq/CastleCourt/ Botanic Ave/ Lisburn Rd

Starbucks are passionate about making perfect handcrafted beverages. Catch up with friends or just enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with a delicious range of coffee, tea and light bites.

028 9023 6679 starbucks.ie

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The Yellow Door 427 Lisburn Rd/ Market Sq. Lisburn/ Hillsborough Castle

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The Yellow Door Deli
pride themselves on
showcasing world
class produce grown
locally. Serving
flavoursome food
which is freshly baked
and cooked in house.

yellowdoordeli.co.uk

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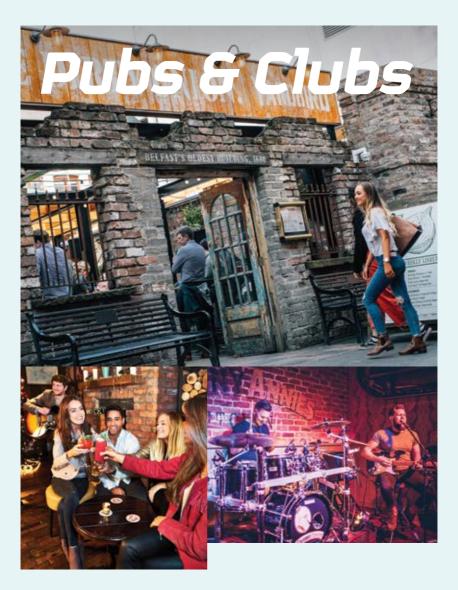
CULINARY EXPERIENCES

The Cookery School at James St

Run by Niall McKenna and his team of chefs at James St, offering a great selection of practical cookery classes for food lovers of all abilities and avid cooks who want to improve their skills.

028 9560 0701 cookinbelfast.co.uk ② @

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Belfast city doesn't disappoint when it comes to a night on the town, with an abundance of traditional pubs, smart and stylish bars, big screen sports, live music venues, nightclubs and gay venues, there's something for everyone!

KEY

- (04) Map grid location
- Serves food
- Traditional music
- Live music
- O DJ/Club

Pubs & Clubs

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CITY CENTRE

The Basement Bar & Grill

18 Donegall Square E.

A traditional pub offering traditional and contemporary food, whiskey and craft beers all accompanied with local traditional and folk music, with all the craic you can handle!

028 9031 5576 tensquare.co.uk



Cabaret Supper Club 38-42 Upper Arthur St.

A sophisticated evening of sumptuous dining is topped by a smorgasbord of refined cabaret acts. Dress to impress and soak up the elegant surroundings of this 1920s inspired Cabaret Club.

028 9024 9009 cabaretbelfast.com



The Jailhouse

Joy's Entry

The Jailhouse, and adjoining sister bar Henrys, offers a fantastic range of traditional food, local drinks and entertainment alongside the rich history of their name sake Henry Joy.

028 9032 6711 thejailhouse belfast.com



Kelly's Cellars

30-32 Bank StreetOne of the oldest pubs in Belfast, Kelly's Cellars remains resolutely old

fashioned, with vaulted ceilings and an elbow worn bar, providing food, traditional music sessions & plenty of craic.

028 9024 6058 kellyscellars.com



McHughs

29-31 Queen's Square
Housed in Belfast's
oldest building,
McHugh's offers
'traditionally modern
Irish cuisine' including
house specialty,
Boxty Potato Cakes.
Step down into the
basement for trad, folk,
blues, jazz and the best

alternative local music. 028 9050 9999 mchughsbar.com

mchughsbar.com

The Morning Star 17-19 Pottinger's Entry

This historic pub dates back to 1810 with the original mahogany counter and old terrazzo floor. The upstairs restaurant prides itself on serving freshly made food using the best ingredients sourced locally.

028 9023 5986 themorningstarbar.com

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The National

62-68 High Street
An airy and
sophisticated space
to relax and socialise
with friends, it offers
a paired back cocktail

menu, simple but bold

food menus and coffee that packs a punch. **028 9031 1130**

thenationalbelfast.com

OX Cave

3 Oxford Street

Browse a high quality, but not highly priced, extensive wine collection and pair with high quality Irish charcuterie and cheeses. All wines are available by the glass and wine tasting events are held monthly.

028 9023 2567

oxbelfast.com/cave

The Sagart 18a Chapel Lane

Enjoy artisan coffee, cocktails, wine and tapas at The Sagart. Enjoy live major sporting events and unmissable Gin tasting nights at one of Belfast's newest chic venues.

028 9031 0809 facebook.com/ thesagart

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Revolución de Cuba 25-39 Arthur Street

The ultimate Cuban food, cocktail and fiesta experience. With dazzling handcrafted cocktails, dishes loaded with exotic flavours and full on tropical party vibes unlike anything you've experienced before!

028 9590 9249

revoluciondecuba.com

Voodoo

9-11 Fountain Street

Relax in the intimate bottom bar or venture upstairs to the club and music venue. The lunch menu is a perfect blend of traditional and Cajun style dishes at very

affordable prices. **028 9027 8290**

voodoobelfast.com



CATHEDRAL QUARTER

Babel Rooftop Bar and Garden 70-74 Ann Street

Located on the top floor of Bullitt Hotel, Babel is a rooftop bar, garden and kitchen complete with panoramic city views across Belfast. Offering cocktails, sharing platters, live music and more.

028 9590 0555

bullitthotel.com



The Cloth Ear 35-39 Waring Street

The Cloth Ear's warm and welcoming interior provides the ideal environment to relax in style. Combining both modern and traditional elements with a healthy dose of the eccentric! Food served daily.

028 9026 2719 themerchanthotel.com

The Dirty Onion 3 Hill Street

A modern take on the traditional Irish pub with live entertainment and great 'craic', 7 nights a week including open workshops in singing and traditional instruments, to sessions with traditional musicians.

028 9024 3712

thedirtyonion.com



Pubs & Clubs

The Duke of York

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A traditional Belfast
bar, crammed with
original mirrors and
memorabilia. Cold beer,
great Guinness and the
largest selection of Irish
whiskeys in Ireland.

028 9024 1062 dukeofyorkbelfast. com



John Hewitt Bar 51 Donegall Street

The John Hewitt has a traditional style and is a popular venue for quality, live music with regular gigs and sessions ranging from jazz, traditional folk and cajun.

028 9023 3768 thejohnhewitt.com

The Northern Whig 2-10 Bridge Street

With a blend of luxury, comfort and glamour the Whig is dedicated to bringing you the best that Belfast has to offer in all aspects of hospitality with the best in local cuisine and specialist cocktails.

028 9050 9888 thenorthernwhig.com

Ollies

35-39 Waring Street

Opulence and luxury abound in this intimate space, which is one of Belfast's most sophisticated nightclubs. Situated in the basement of the five-star Merchant Hotel. 028 9026 7964

olliesbelfast.com

Sunflower Bar 65 Union Street

The Sunflower is free of gimmicks and themes, where music is very much part of the pub's life. Hearty bowls of stew are served at the weekends.

028 9023 2474 sunflowerbelfast.com

White's Tavern 2-4 Winecellar Entry

Built in 1630, Whites Tavern serves a great selection of Irish and traditional food, beers and of course, Guinness. They host live music every weekend including traditional Irish from local musicians with no cover charge.

028 9024 3080 whitesbelfast.com

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LINEN QUARTER

Brennan's Bar 46-50 Great Victoria Street

Beyond the modern red brick exterior lies an attractive old-style mahogany & brass bar, stained glass panels and traditional snugs. Live music at weekends upstairs and downstairs and food served daily.

028 9024 2986 facebook/ brennans-bar ©4 (4) (7)

The Bridge House 35-42 Bedford Street

A warm welcome awaits at The Bridge House where you can enjoy a pint of real ale and a full menu which includes breakfast, served from 7am.

028 9072 7890 jdwetherspoon.co.uk



Crown Liquor Saloon

46 Great Victoria Street
The ornate Victorian
exterior and delightful
interior make the
Crown Bar Belfast's
greatest treasure since
1884. Enjoy a unique
selection of real ales
and local brews with a
great seasonal menu.

028 9024 3187 nicholsonspubs.co.uk

Limelight Belfast

17 Ormeau Avenue
The Limelight complex
encompasses 2 great
live music venues,
as well as Katy's Bar,
hosting international
touring acts, sell out
club nights and local
bands every week.

028 9032 7007 limelightbelfast.com

The Perch

42 Franklin Street Enjoy cocktails

Enjoy cocktails and sangria in the summer or hot cider, winter warmer's and blankets in the winter at Belfast's highest rooftop bar.

028 9024 8000 theperchbelfast.com

Pug Ugly's 21 Bedford Street

Welcome to Pug Uglys, old dog, new tricks bringing you a quirky Irish venue in the heart of Belfast. Pub with grub, live music, trad, comedy, quizzes and more.

028 9032 0030 puguglys.com

Rita's

44 Franklin Street

Rita's is one of Belfast's most lavish cocktail dens, located in the historic Linen Quarter, beside sister bars The Perch, Sweet Afton and Chinawhite. Join the talented bartenders to enjoy one of their many gins, a crafted cocktail or light bite.

028 9024 8000 ritasbelfast.com



Robinsons 38-42 Great Victoria Street

Enjoy a pint in the Saloon Bar, fine food in the Bistro, live Irish music in Fibber Magees nightly, or even sing the night away in the Karaoke bar BT1.

028 9024 7447 robinsonsbar.co.uk



Sweet Afton Bar & Kitchen 12 Brunswick Street

Relax in this atmospheric American style bar offering an extensive beer & cocktail menu, a casual all day menu, big screen sports and live music every weekend.

028 9042 8000 sweetaftonbelfast.com

Tutti Frutti

43 Franklin Street

2 floors, 2 bars, pizzas, goliath cocktails and a dazzling variety of entertainment to surprise and delight drinkers and diners, no two nights are ever the same! Open Thurs-Sat, 6pm-late.

028 9024 8000 tuttifruttibelfast.com

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QUEEN'S OUARTER

An Síbín 44 Dublin Road

A hub for live quality traditional music and dance seven nights a week. Enjoy free Irish language classes every Monday evening and Whiskey tasting sessions every Wednesday.

028 9099 4124 sibinbelfast.com

Alibi Belfast **Bradbury Place**

A two floor venue offering the very best in liquor, food and music. The Bar Kitchen serves food all day while The Club showcases the very best in local talent and guest DJs from the Marbella and Ibiza scene.

028 9023 3131 alibibelfast.com



The Empire

40-42 Botanic Avenue The heartbeat of Belfast's live music scene, The Empire offers great live music, a weekly comedy club, food served daily and shows all major sporting fixtures.

028 9024 9276 thebelfastempire.com

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Filthy McNastys 45 Dublin Road

Live cover bands every night with Open Mic Night on Mondays. Relax in the outdoor 'Secret Garden' or enjoy innovative

cocktails in 'Filthy Chic'. 'The Gypsy Lounge' is open 5 nights a week, hosting some of NI's best D. Is

028 9024 6823 thefilthyquarter.com (C5) (W) (D) (C)

The Points

44 Dublin Road

Named after a notorious Irish neighbourhood in 19th century America, this is a truly traditional Irish venue that replicates Belfast's culture and history. Come and listen to traditional Irish and folk music 7 nights a week, engage in great conversation and share stories about the past.

028 9099 4124



Liquor XXX 49 Dublin Road

Liquor XXX is the newest bar added to Belfast's Queen's Quarter. With a drinks selection heavily based on tequilas, rums and piscos, this Latin themed bar with a racier exterior is the newest cocktail hot spot in Belfast.

028 9024 6823 liquorxxx.com



The Parlour 2-4 Elmwood Avenue

The ultimate student haunt, with entertainment every night, special drinks offers and reasonably priced food including the popular Parlour Pizzas.

028 9068 6970



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SOUTH **BELFAST**

The Albany Belfast 701-703 Lisburn Road

Based on the elegant sophistication of Old School America. enjoy a wide range of cocktails re-designed by drink specialists ranging from American classics to modern day twists. Choose from a simple snack to a three course meal or classic roasts on Sundays.

028 9066 4442 thealbanybelfast.com



The Chelsea 346 Lisburn Road

A modern gastropub serving quality bistro food & drinks seven davs a week, where vou can unwind with sophisticated cocktails, grab a lazy Sunday brunch, find the perfect spot for a date night, or simply celebrate the weekend in style.

028 9068 7177 thechelseabar.com

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Cutter's Wharf Lockview Road

Idvllically located on the banks of the Lagan. rowers and boats drift by this bright airy bar and restaurant making it the perfect spot for relaxing and enjoying the food and drink.

028 9080 5100 cutterswharf.co.uk

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The Doven 829 Lisburn Road

The Doven boasts a beautifully new designed traditional bar, perfect for listening to live music, sipping carefully crafted cocktails, watching the sport and enjoying a specially created gastropub menu.

028 9050 9950 thedoyenbelfast.com

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The Errigle Inn

312-320 Ormeau Road A famous traditional pub offering 5 bars, roof gardens and a beer garden, serving food throughout.

028 9064 1410 errigle.com

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Hatfield House 130 Ormeau Road

Enjoy fusion inspired food served 7 days a week, live traditional music, all the sporting action, a roof garden, friendly staff and brilliant craic!

028 9043 8764 hatfieldhouse belfast.com



TITANIC OUARTER

Hickson's Point at Titanic Belfast

Queen's Road Inspired by one of the first ship builders in the city, this authentic 1900's public house serves up the spirit of the shipyard with traditional music. entertainment, heritage décor and locally produced food.

028 9076 6386 titanicbelfast.com/ **Hicksonspoint**

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SURVIVAL **GUIDE:**

ACCOMMODATION



Whether you are an undergrad or postgrad, and whether you want to live on campus or rent privately, there are a wide variety of accommodation choices open to students throughout the city, from traditional Victorian redbrick houses to ultra-modern purpose built facilities. Queen's Accommodation offers options for students wishing to make a specific lifestyle choice, e.g. quiet living, no alcohol and single sex blocks, visit stayatqueens. com to help you get started. Ulster University provides apartment living in a modern student village full of facilities on the Jordanstown campus. iust seven miles from Belfast city centre. Visit ulster.ac.uk/ accommodation for further details Both universities have a residential team. on hand to offer students support and promote a weekly programme of social events

WEATHER/CLIMATE There's no such thing as

bad weather, only the wrong clothes! We might be more famous for our rainy skies and beautiful greenery than we are for our blazing sunshine but Belfast is a city with a moderate climate. The local climate is characterised by equability - bringing relatively mild winters and cool summers. July is the hottest month with an average temperature of 18°C (64°F) and the coldest is January at 4°C

(39°F) with the most daily

sunshine hours at 6 in June.

Tickets for any Belfast bus can be purchased on board in cash or cash-free in advance using the Translink App. However, a variety of bus and rail travel cards are also available to save you money as they take you around the city and beyond. Whether you opt for a Multi-Journey card for occasional travel, a daily unlimited SmartPass or want to take advantage of concessionary rates for under-23s, visit translink. co.uk/Fares/travel-cards to get started.





As Northern Ireland is part of the UK, the local currency is GBP. If you need to change money or to open an account, a number of global banks have branches on or near campus: Santander, Danske Bank. Bank of Ireland and Ulster Bank (NatWest). Western Union transfers can be received on Botanic Avenue. Both QUB and UU offer help and advice with any aspect of student finance, along with guidance and advice on general money management such as how to live on a budget or how best to deal with your student debt - at QUB visit the Students' Union Advice Centre on the 2nd floor of the Students' Union building, at UU visit Room BA-02-034 on the Belfast campus or Block 15G20A on the Jordanstown campus.





DISCOUNTS

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Many local shops and service providers offer great student discounts on everything from clothing and gym memberships to haircuts. You can sign up for a free UNiDAYS card online or as both QUB and UU are members of the National Union of Students, your student ID card functions as an NUS student card and entitles students to a wide range of deals and discounts across the city and beyond. For an additional £12 you can upgrade to an NUS Extra card to access even greater savings. Check out some top tips on the NUS website: nus.org.uk/en/nus-extra/

WHAT'S ON

There's normally plenty

discounts



of activity happening in and around the Student Union. Check online for the frequently updated programme of club nights, gigs, sports events and comedy, QUB: qubsu.org/ WhatsOn or UU uusu. org. Plus you can listen to the local radio stations for more ideas - Cool FM and Q105. Visit Belfast's website also has plenty of information on ways to keep you entertained - from bars, restaurants, tours and lots of visitor attractions in and around the city

visitbelfast.com.

PLACES OF WORSHIP @

Chaplains and other religious representatives are appointed by the Universities to represent and serve students and staff. The chaplaincy centres provide a focus for worship, a range of social events and activities, groups for prayer or study, in addition to pastoral care and counselling. Currently, 12 faiths and denominations are represented at Queen's: Baptist, Brethren, Catholic, Church of Ireland (Anglican), Congregational, Evangelical Presbyterian, Humanist, Methodist, Muslim, Non-Subscribing Presbyterian, Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian. Ulster University campuses in Belfast and Jordanstown have a prayer and meditation room. Belfast also has a Hindu Temple, located in the city's Indian Community Centre, a Synagogue on Somerton Road and a mosque in the Islamic Centre in Wellington Park, in Queen's Quarter.

PART-TIME WORK



Part-time work can be a useful way of earning money and developing skills which are valued by graduate recruiters at the same time. QUB offers an On-Campus JobShop which advertises part-time jobs available in QUB Schools and Departments. In addition the

off-campus JobShop helps students locate work with employers external to the university. You can also keep an eye out for opportunities at local retailers, bars and restaurants – many look for additional staff in the run up to Christmas. Just make sure that you don't over commit working hours which could impact on your studies.

UNLINTERING



Student life is all about the experiences - or at least so we are told! While studying and partying may take up a lot of your time, making space for some voluntary work can really add value to your overall experience. Student volunteering is of course a great way to make a real contribution to a cause you feel strongly about, or it can give you the chance to participate in new experiences, and when you go for a job interview, having student volunteering work on your CV is always a bonus! Keep an eve out on social media for volunteering opportunities or check online at: volunteernow.co.uk



Getting About

Belfast is compact and bijou, so getting around the city is easy on foot, by bike or by taxi. However, if you want to wander a little further afield then we've got a network of transport options which will get you to your desired destination.

TO/FROM AIRPORTS

George Best Belfast City Airport

is located 3 miles from the city centre. Airport Express 600 bus service runs from the airport terminal to the city centre every 20 minutes at peak times.

Belfast International Airport is a 30

minute drive from Belfast. The Airbus Express 300 operates between the airport and Europa Bus Centre in the city every 15 minutes at peak times.

JUST EAT BELFAST BIKES

Belfast Bikes is a simple, fun and inexpensive way to get around with 350 bikes and 45 docking stations positioned across the city centre. For just £6 you can get a three-day pass. The first 30 minutes of each trip is then free of charge, with 50p charges for each additional 30 minutes. To register, simply go online at

belfastbikes.co.uk, download the Nextbike app or call 034 3357 1551

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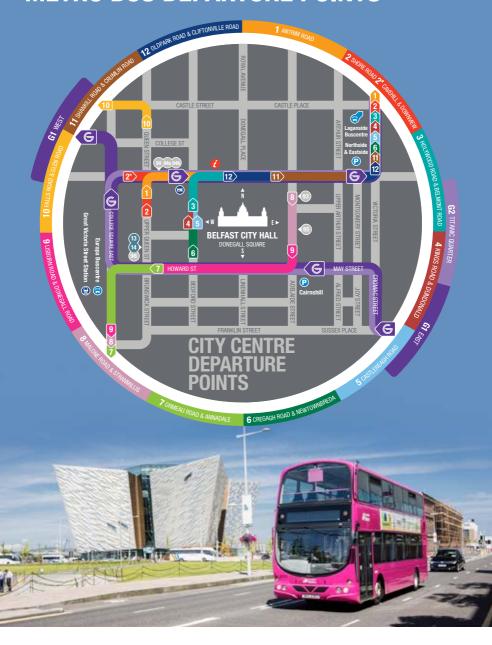




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BELFAST CITY CENTRE GLIDER AND METRO BUS DEPARTURE POINTS



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Belfast Route Map

WHICH SERVICE?

Metro – Bus services operating throughout the Belfast area. Metro and Glider tickets are interchangeable and can be used on both services.

Glider – A cross-city service, G1 runs between east and west Belfast and G2 runs between Belfast City Centre and Titanic Quarter. Glider and Metro tickets are interchangeable and can be used on both services.



Ulsterbus – Local bus services, serving all main towns and villages in Northern Ireland.

Goldline – Express coach services which link together the main towns and cities across Northern Ireland.

NI Railways / Enterprise -

Rail Services across Northern Ireland and from Belfast to Dublin.

Airport Services -

Bus services from Europa Buscentre to airports in Belfast, Dublin and Derry~Londonderry.

The Belfast Uni-Link Service

Uni-Link is a direct bus service between Queen's University, Ulster University York Street, Northern Regional College and Ulster University Jordanstown (also calling at Great Victoria St Belfast). Metro smart cards can be used on the Uni-Link bus service.

WHICH TICKET?

vLink Card

yLink is a travelcard for all 16-23 years olds in Northern Ireland. You get 1/3 off all Translink bus and rail travel in Northern Ireland and up to 50% off Enterprise for a one off payment of only £8! Plus you also get discounts and offers from Translink partner business!

*yLink holders should use a ticket vending machine to buy their discounted tickets before boarding Glider.

24+ Student Railcard

If you are 24 years of age or over and in full-time education you can get great savings on NI Railways with a massive 1/3 off single, day return, weekly and monthly tickets plus up to 50% off Enterprise fares. The 24+ Student Railcard is valid for the academic year (September to August) at a yearly cost of £8.

DayLink – unlimited day travel on Glider and Metro available for 1, 5 or 10 days.



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Buy NI Railways yLink & 24+ tickets and yLink Metro day tickets with the mLink app. Download now and get your free app on iPhone & Android.

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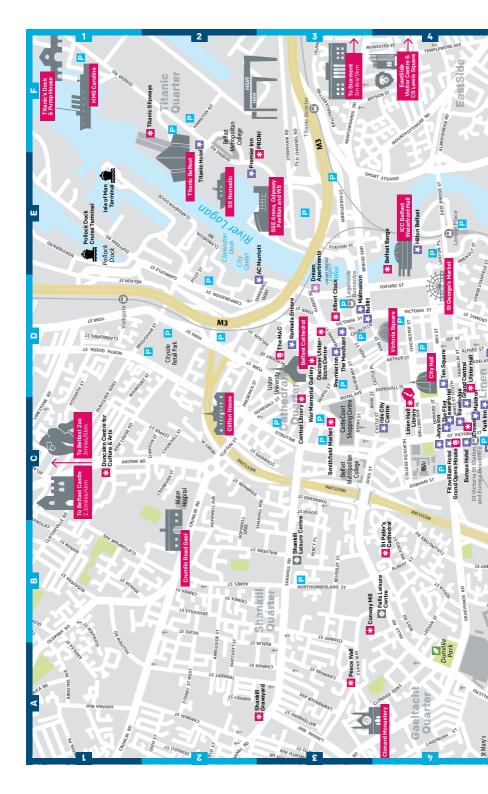
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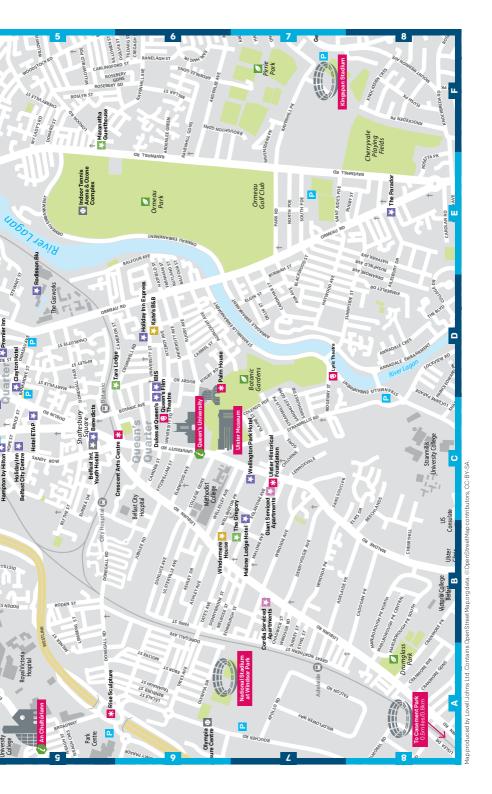
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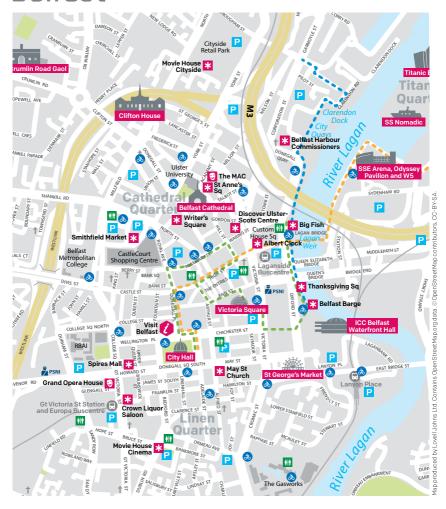
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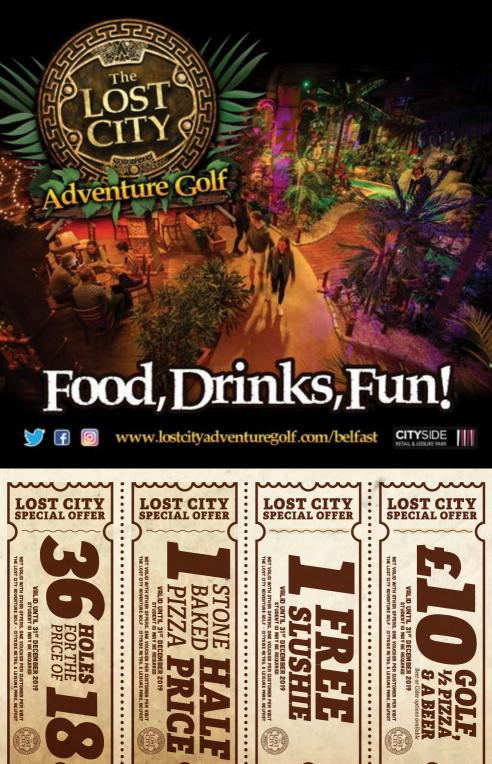


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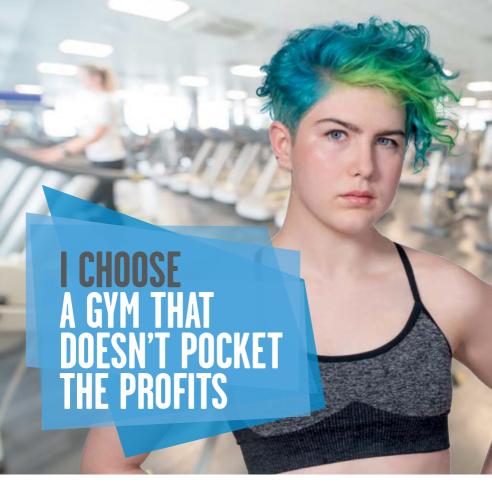












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