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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, cobbled 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 Belfast.

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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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**
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.

**LAPTOP**
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**
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!

**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**
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**
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**SEE**

**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.

**OUTDOORS**

**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.

**OUTDOORS**

**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.

**EXPERIENCE**

**Visit Titanic Belfast**
Explore the shipyard, 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.

**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

**EXPERIENCE**

**Visit Crumlin Road Gaol**
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 spooky Halloween.
## 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
### 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.

## See
### 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.

## Pub
### 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 'belly-busting' Belfast Bap than St George's Market.

## Outdoors
### 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 traffic-free Lagan and Lough Cycle Way, for a picturesque day out on two wheels.

## Fun
### 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.
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.

1. **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 4pm every Saturday. [belfasttradtrail.com](http://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](http://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](http://belfasthiddentours.com/belfast-noir)
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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, Mandarin and Cantonese.

Coiste Irish Political Tours
Experience a bus or walking tour with trained tour guides 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

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 guitar 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.

Queen’s University Belfast Architecture Walking Tour
Discover how Queen’s University Belfast has evolved in the past 150 years 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.

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.

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Make sure to check for deals! For example, Citysightseeing Belfast offers student discount on both their Belfast City and Giants Causeway Tours.
Money saving 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.

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.

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.
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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 gourmet 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.
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.

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St George’s 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.

Lisburn Road
This walkable Queen’s Quarter stretch has a sprinkling of designer boutiques, art galleries, home accessories and to-die-for shoes, jewels and lingerie. Bespoke baby gifts, 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 Ninja 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.

Hidden Gems
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

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.
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**
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**
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 Victory Square**
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 café/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
Save 25p in your local Starbucks when you enjoy your favourite drink in a reusable cup.

Continue to save all term by using your reusable cup.
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 University’s PEC, MBC, Elmwood Avenue and McClay Library and also The Mall at Ulster University.

**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.
and regular new roasts. Most 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 independently-owned 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 wardrobe!)

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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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

If you are going to sign up to a gym, just make sure you 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 the price down.

STRESS BUSTERS

You’re much more likely to reach for the junk food when you’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 your 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

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.
LOCAL SPORT

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BELFAST IS A GREAT CITY FOR SPORTS FANS WITH AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECTATING AND TAKING PART! HERE’S OUR GUIDE TO FINDING THE BEST TICKETS IN TOWN.

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 Auvergne. 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 ICE HOCKEY
Belfast Giants home games take place nearly every weekend in The SSE Arena from August until April, and with plenty of on and off-ice 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 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, you can make it a truly memorable day out.

downroyal.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

TAKING PART

GOLF
Northern Ireland is still 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 Royal 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 tech-driven experience or enjoy some fun in the rainforest at the Lost City Adventure Golf.

downroyal.com

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
Galleries
Belfast has an impressive array of gallery spaces, displaying everything from the most contemporary 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.

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.

CULTURE NIGHT
Friday 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

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.
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 eye out for unlicensed eateries that allow you to bring your own bottle (BYO), so you can enjoy a nice meal out without worrying 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 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 – you’ll find many of their beers served in bars across the city.

DISTILLERY EXPERIENCES
Belfast is experiencing something of a ‘Ginaissance’ with 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 Distillery (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!

Boojum
Serving great burritos, tacos, bowls, salads and nachos at a very reasonable price. Be prepared to queue – this is a student favourite, and make sure to pick up a Boojum 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 Fry, 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.
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 popcorn 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. Odyssey 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 you’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 full-time provider of non-mainstream 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 Hollywood 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
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 jam jar cocktails. vandalbelfast.co.uk

the Crumlin Road Gaol, ‘The Breakfast Club’ 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
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! Heartily 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.

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
STUDENTS

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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

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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 Fieness. 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 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 multi-purpose 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.

**Full programme online at 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 attheduncairn.com**
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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**
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 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.

**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.

**LAVERYS COMEDY CLUB**
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.
Belfast is buzzing with cosy bars, craft beers and a vibrant live music scene. From up and coming talent playing 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, Limelight 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.

**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.

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**JOHN HEWITT**  
*Donegall St*  
Named after the legendary Northern Irish poet, this Cathedral Quarter bar 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!

**THE 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.
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, QUB
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**The Errigle Inn**
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 you’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.

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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 Soviet style industrial opulence exudes throughout the complex’s extravagant décor, with the Tsar Cocktail lounge, the Long Bar and Red Square continuing the communist-chic vibe. A huge variety of theme nights, 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
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 Street
A vibrant and diverse range of club nights, regularly featuring internationally renowned DJs 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.

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 cobbledstone 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
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 guests 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

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 guaranteed 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 Sibín 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.
Adrenaline Junkies!

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 purpose-built jumps park boasting no less than 6 lines of mouth-watering table-tops, doubles and hip jumps, if you like big air, you’re in the right place! mountainbikeni.com

**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

**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

**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

**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 thrill-seeking experience available at this award-winning activity centre to enable you to make a day of it. toddsleap.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

**Surfing**

**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 surf going. Learn from expert instructors how to become ‘totally awesome’ on the waves on some of Northern Ireland’s best beaches. troggssurfschool.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? thejungleni.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.

HOME OF THRONES

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-guided 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 café 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
THE GREAT OUTDOORS
For a healthy dose of fresh air, we’ve got parks, hills, forests and even spots of tranquillity nestled neatly in the city centre.

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.

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 Lanyon 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?

WORTH THE TRIP
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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.

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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 2 1/2 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.

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.

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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.

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FESTIVALS

SEPTEMBER
- 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
  cinematic.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
  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
FESTIVAL FEVER

& EVENTS

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
cqaf.com
— Festival of Fools
foolsfestival.com
— Belfast City Marathon
belfastcitymarathon.com
— Belfast Maritime Festival
belfastcity.gov.uk/events
— Belfast Craft Beer Festival
belfastcraftbeerfest.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.cc
— 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

AUGUST

— Feile an Phobail
feilebelfast.com
— Eastside Arts Festival
eastsidearts.net
— Belfast Guitar Festival
belfastguitarfest.com
— Feile an Droichead
androichead.com
— CHSq
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.
Eating Out

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
ammbelfast.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 9024 8800
cocabelfast.com

**Cutters Wharf**
Lockview Road, Stranmillis
Relax overlooking the river with an intimate lunch or dinner. The extensive menu offers dishes ranging from re-interpreted classics to modern flavours, which are sure to tempt your taste buds.

028 9080 5100
cutterswharf.co.uk

**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

**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

**EDÔ**
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
dorestaurant.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

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

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
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

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

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 Todds is an award-winning, comfortable and welcoming local bar serving delicious dishes with a real emphasis on local produce. 028 9065 3909
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 Joy’s 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
mollysyard.co.uk

Novelli at City Quays
90 Donegall Quay
Situated on the waterfront, with unparalleled views across Belfast Lough, the multi-Michelin-starred 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

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

VISITBELFAST.COM
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
themuddlersclubbelfast.com

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 9031 4121
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

The StillHouse
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 gin, vodka or cassis and take home your very own creation!

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
fridays.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

Yardbird
3 Hill Street
Yardbird is a free range rotisserie chicken restaurant. Here the chicken is marinated overnight before being cooked before your eyes on the restaurant’s speciality Brazilian rotisserie.
028 9024 3712
thedirtyonion.com

### 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

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
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

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

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

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 9032 8356 villaitaliarestaurant.co.uk

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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 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
Inspired by delicious Japanese noodle bars and flavours, Wagamama offers an exciting and inclusive casual dining experience. 028 9023 6098 wagamamani.com

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

House of Zen
St Anne’s Square
Bringing a little bit of the Orient to the traditional cobbled streets of Cathedral Quarter. Offering a unique blend of Asian fusion cuisine, served up in cool, funky and relaxed surroundings. 028 9027 8688 houseofzenbelfast.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

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, freshly-prepared favourites from our award-winning menu.
028 9027 9955
avoca.com

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.
028 9024 5688
brightsrestaurantbelfast.co.uk

Clements
Donegall Sq West/ Royal Av/Rosemary St/ Botanic Av/ Ballyhackamore/ Stranmillis Rd/QUB
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

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 on-site with top quality ingredients and veggie beanDOG also available.
028 9009 8999
facebook.com/happydogstranmillis

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

The Lamppost Café
19 Upper Newtownards Road
A cozy, 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

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

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

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

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

visitBelfast.COM
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!
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 9024 6058
kellyscellars.com

McHugh’s
29-31 Queen’s Square
Housed in Belfast’s oldest building, McHugh’s offers ‘traditionally modern Irish cuisine’ including house specialty, Boxy Potato Cakes. Step down into the basement for trad, folk, blues, jazz and the best alternative local music.
028 9050 9999
mchughbar.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

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 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

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

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

Kelly’s Cellars
30-32 Bank Street
One 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

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

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

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
Commercial Court
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

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.com/brennans-bar

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 jd.wetherspoon.co.uk

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

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

Lincoln Bar
60 Donegall Street
The John Lincoln 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

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

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

The Perch
42 Franklin Street
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

Pungu’s
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 buttofruitibelfast.com

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

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**QUEEN’S QUARTER**

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 9024 6823
sibinbelfast.com

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
thepointsbelfast.com

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

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 DJs.
028 9024 6823
thefultripquarter.com

**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
thelbanbelfast.com

The Chelsea
346 Lisburn Road
A modern gastropub serving quality bistro food & drinks seven days a week, where you 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
thefilthyquarter.com

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2-4 Elmwood Avenue
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028 9068 6970
parlourbar.co.uk

**TITANIC QUARTER**

Cutter’s Wharf
Lockview Road
Idyllically 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

The Doyen
829 Lisburn Road
The Doyen 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
doyenbelfast.com

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
hatfieldhousebelfast.com

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parlourbar.co.uk

**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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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, just 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.

BANKING

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.

TRAVEL CARDS

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.
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.

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 eye out on social media for volunteering opportunities or check online at: volunteernow.co.uk

There’s normally plenty 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.
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
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
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.

TAXI HIRE

Value Cabs
Value Cabs have a fleet of over 650 vehicles offering a professional taxi service, sightseeing tours and executive vehicles. Debit/credit card payment facility in every vehicle. 028 9080 9080 valuecabs.com

fonaCAB
fonaCAB has 400 cars and over 40 years’ experience in the taxi industry. The services provided include airport transfers, executive cars and tours by taxi, on request. 028 9033 3333 fonacab.com

COACH SERVICES

Aircoach
High frequency, high quality non-stop express coach service connecting Dublin City and Dublin Airport with Belfast. 00353 1 844 7118 aircoach.ie

The Airporter
A direct scheduled service between both Belfast airports and Derry/Londonderry. 028 7126 9996 airporter.co.uk

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Translink is responsible for Metro, Glider, Ulsterbus and NI Railways, operating a network of bus and rail services throughout Northern Ireland and on cross border routes. 028 9066 6630 translink.co.uk
Are you aged 16-23?

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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 the Uni-Link bus service.

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?

yLink 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.

*yBefore you board Glider you must always buy your ticket or tap your Smartcard at the validator.

yLink Travel at Your Fingertips
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.

Smartlink Weekly or Monthly Travel Card – unlimited travel on Glider and Metro for 1 week or 1 month.

Multi Journey Smartlink Card – for inner, city or extended zone Metro and Glider journeys. Not valid for Glider journeys across the City Centre.

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.

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

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Lost City Special Offer

£10 Half Pizzas & a Beer

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Not valid with other offers, one voucher per customer per visit.
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