# Immersive Incentive Experiences in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland

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# Make no mistake: Northern Ireland is up and coming as a Meetings and Incentive destination.

What's driving this success? For such a compact destination, we really pack a lot in. We've been called the espresso of destinations, small but memorable!

Stunning scenery, compact walkable cities, immersive experiences and a continued investment in tourism means Northern Ireland is fast becoming a talked-about destination.

Our visitor experiences include the must-see Titanic Belfast, the largest Titanic visitor attraction in the world, as well as a major screen tourism offering, linked to the global phenomenon that is Game of Thrones®.

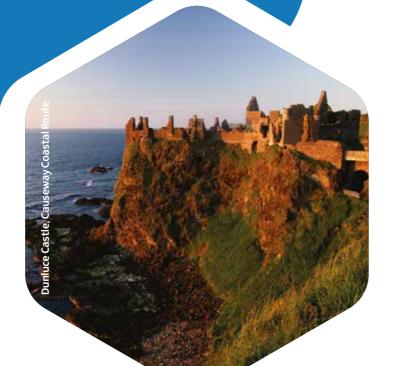
Together, our stunning landscape, exquisite built heritage, outstanding facilities, food and drink offering, retail, leisure and infrastructure continue to attract record visitor numbers year on year.

And of course, there's something else – the welcome. It's warm and genuine; and our visitors remember it and value it.

One word sums it all up, and that word is: more.

That's what this guide sets out – how Northern Ireland is delivering a meetings and incentive offer that constantly engages, surprises and delights. And there is always more to do and see.

Come and experience it for yourself!



## 6 Good reasons to chose Northern Ireland

### 1. Unique experiences

How can such a small place have so much packed in? It surprises us too, but we're incredibly proud of our plentiful offering. There's UNESCO World Heritage Site the Giant's Causeway, Titanic Belfast, recently named the World's Leading Tourist Attraction, plus the world's number 1 golf course Royal County Down.

We have one of the world's top coastal drives, the only complete walled city in Ireland, and 26 stunningly photogenic Game of Thrones® filming locations and... well, we're just getting started.

There's a lot to do, see and feel in this compact place, and much of it is still relatively undiscovered. Read on for more inspiration.







Flights per week

Europe 24

London Heathrow (LHR) 56

connecting to British Airways,
OneWorld and Aer Lingus

Amstersdam KLM hub connection 7

George Best
Belfast City Airport
10 mins from city centre

You can fly direct to Northern Ireland's capital Belfast from 39 national and international destinations. Or you can fly to Dublin, just 90 mins away by road, from 179 destinations. Either way, it couldn't be easier to reach us. There are also 45 scheduled bus transfers per day between Dublin Airport and Belfast

Once you're here, the road network is easy, smooth, well-signposted and rarely congested. Major cities Belfast and Derry~Londonderry are easily reached by road or air. Both cities are compact and walkable, and venues, accommodation and sights are surprisingly close to one another, which means your guests spend less time travelling around and more time experiencing unique and inspirational places.



Asia & Middle East

Flights per week

New York Stewart 3

Africa

233 139

Belfast International

**Airport** 30 mins from city centre

UK

Flights per week

USA

Canada

Europe GB Europe

Providence

178

33

1155

#### Flights from USA to Dublin Airport Airport No. of flights

		per week
1.	Atlanta	7
2.	Boston/Logan	21
3.	Charlotte/Douglas	7
4.	Chicago/O'Hare	28
5.	Hartford/Bradley	7
6.	Los Angeles	8
7.	Miami	3
8.	New York/JFK	28

### Flights from Canada to Dublin Airport

Airp	oort	No. of flights per week
17.	Halifax	1
18.	Montreal/Dorval	1
19.	Toronto/Pearson	28
20.	Vancouver	3

 Airport
 No. of flights per week

 9.
 Newark
 21

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 Stewart/Newbury
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 Orlando
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 Philadelphia
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 Providence Rhode Island
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 San Francisco
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**15.** Washington Dulles

16. Seattle

90 mins transfer to Belfast

Information correct at time of print, but subject to change.

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#### 3. Meet the locals

Northern Ireland is the ultimate destination where you can meet the locals, with a range of experiences on offer to interact with local characters. We're known for being friendly and welcoming but what really sets us apart is our willingness to go the extra mile and do more for people. We can't help it, it's in our nature.



### 4. Accommodation

Around 10,000 bedrooms available across a host of hotels, ideal for Incentive and Meetings Programmes. Choose from magnificent luxury hotels, authentic castles, cosy lodges, fun-filled glamping spots, historic homes, indulgent golf and spa resorts, thatched cottages, transparent bubbles... yes, we did say transparent bubbles. Whatever you're looking for, we have it. And more.





## 5. Our food so good

With one of the purest landscapes in the world, Northern Ireland produces genuinely beautiful food including grass-fed beef and lamb, glorious seafood, Armagh apples, Comber potatoes... and then there's unique local treats like griddle breads, fifteens, yellow man, dulse, champ and vegetable roll (a spiced beef sausage!) Having superb produce on the doorstep means we have more than our fair share of award-winning chefs and eateries.

Visitors can indulge in fine dining, snap up quick and quality street food, or head off on one of Northern Ireland's many food and drink tours, taking in craft beer, gin, whiskey, cider, artisan cheeses, succulent oysters, the list goes on... Northern Ireland is foodie paradise.

## 6. Value for money

You'll be genuinely surprised at how far your budget will stretch in Northern Ireland, with hire spaces much more reasonable than other destinations. Your money goes further whatever you spend it on: whether you want high-end, cosy or quirky, it's affordable. Award-winning food and drink doesn't cost the earth, and experiences and attractions are all remarkably good value for money.



## **Belfast: A Titanic City**

It's all happening in Belfast these days – with world-class attractions, great visitor accommodation, fantastic shopping, excellent restaurants and brilliant nightlife. And with the visitors, the accolades are coming too. In 2017 the city won the Rising Star award in the National Geographic Traveller Reader Awards. Lonely Planet named Belfast joint number-one region to visit in 2018 (along with the Causeway Coastal Route), and Condé Nast Traveller magazine has put us in the top 10 must-see UK cities.

Then of course there's Titanic Belfast – a truly world-class visitor experience named after the world's most famous liner, RMS Titanic, which was built on this very spot.

Named best European attraction and world's leading tourist attraction in 2016, it has already welcomed over three million visitors. From the emerging cultural hub of the

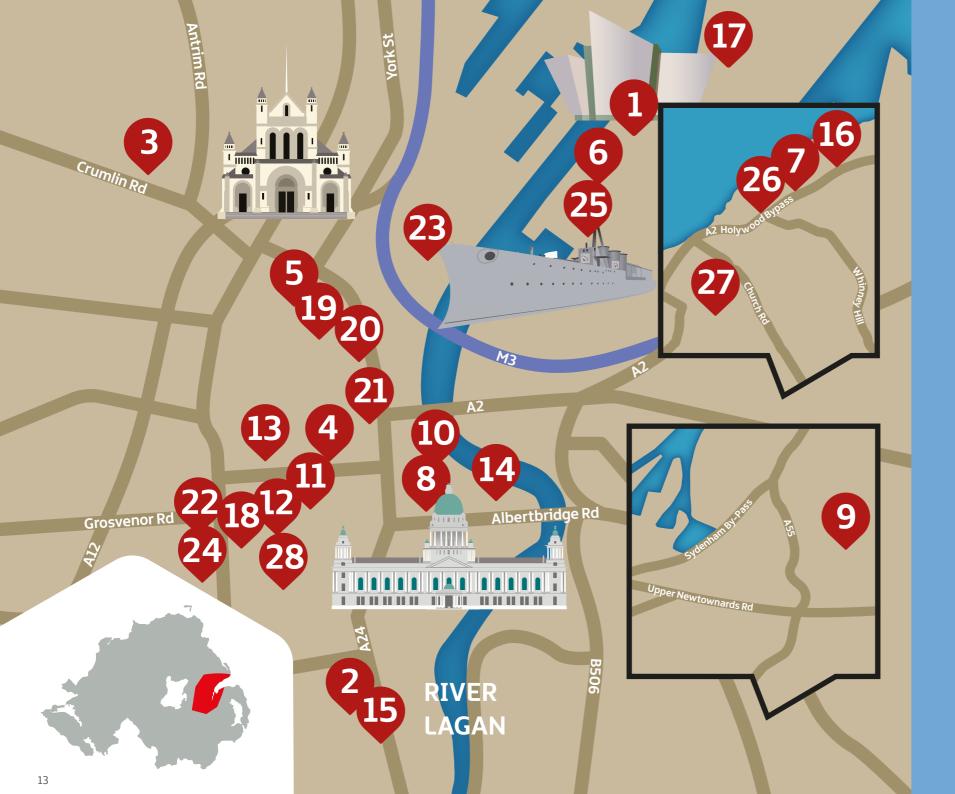
Cathedral Quarter to the bourgeoning Titanic Quarter, Belfast is a modern European city

that excites, with a non-stop energy

and above all, a distinctive spirit.

Northern Ireland's capital is a walkable city less than two hours from Dublin Airport by road, or you can fly into either of the city's two airports from 39 destinations.





#### Key to map

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- 6. SS Nomadic
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- 8. St George's Market
- 9. Stormont Parliament Buildings
- 10. OX
- 11. EIPIC
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#### Titanic Belfast & Hickson's Point



No other Titanic experience comes close. Titanic Belfast is the largest and most authentic Titanic experience in the world and is located right where the famous liner was built and launched over 100 years ago. Titanic Belfast was voted the World's Leading Visitor Attraction in 2016. The event suites offer superb levels of service within state of the

Guests can walk through the atmospheric Titanic galleries, learning about its creation and Belfast's maritime heritage. Programme Discovery Tours of the slipways where the Titanic was built. Maximum capacity for a banquet is 500 guests.

Hickson's Point is inspired by one of the first ship builders in Belfast, on the spot where Titanic was built, and where Titanic Belfast stands hospitality and entertainment.

There are evenings of whiskey tasting, storytelling from the era of the Titanic shipyard builders, tasty heritage food and dancing to traditional music. It's a place for all the senses and all the feels.

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## Queen's University Belfast



A smart venue for clever types. Designed by Sir Charles Lanyon and opening in 1849, Queen's is one of the oldest universities in the UK and in the top 1% of universities in the world. As a venue for corporate, civic or private functions, the dramatic Victorian architecture and air of learning create a wonderful experience. Guests can even find 19th century graffiti in the cloisters and quadrangle.

Beautiful and atmospheric, The Great Hall is a warm, powerful and theatrical space in the heart of the iconic Lanyon Building and can cater for up to 150 guests. The Sir William Whitla Hall is a magnificent Art Deco-style auditorium and is an ideal venue for up to 350.

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#### Crumlin Road Gaol



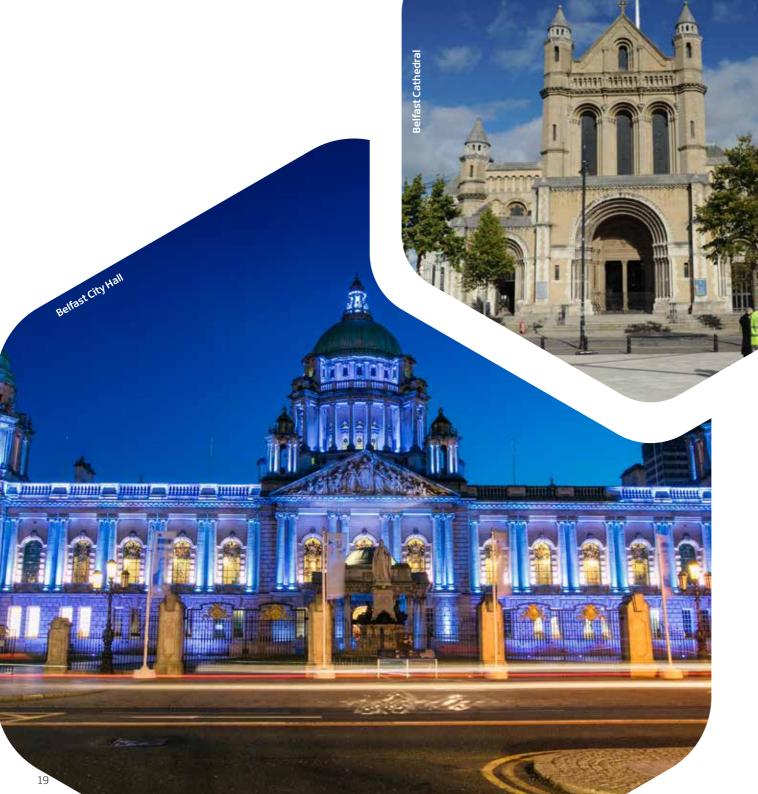
Built in 1846, this Grade A listed Victorian era prison is now a riveting and sometimes grisly visitor experience documenting over 150 years of Belfast's history. Guided tours allow guests to explore the building's colourful past and gain an insight into the daily lives of prisoners and prison officers over the Gaol's existence.

Hear about the history of the site from when women and children were held within its walls through to the political segregation of republican and loyalist prisoners. Alternatively, walk through the gates after dark to search for paranormal activity on the site which saw 17 men executed.

This unique venue offers some of the most surprising and atmospheric spaces to host an event. Maximum capacity for gala dinners is 200 quests.

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## Belfast City Hall 4



At Belfast City Hall, right in the heart of the city, private groups can enjoy refreshments in the Lord Mayor's Private Parlour in the company of the Lord Mayor of Belfast.

Built in 1906 to celebtrate Belfast's importance, City Hall is the home of Belfast City Council. A guided tour takes visitors behind the scenes and introduces them to a wealth of fascinating characters and facts. They can also visit Titanic Memorial Garden, the only memorial in the world that lists the victims regardless of their class of travel.

Look out for the Belfast City Hall illuminations as they light up the building in a variety of colours and combinations at night, showing off the building's beautiful architectural features.

There are 3 main event spaces where gala dinners and drinks receptions can take place: Reception Room (120 drinks/80 dinner), Banqueting Hall (250 drinks/150 dinner) and the Great Hall (700 drinks/400 dinner).

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#### Tours:

Contact Tours and Exhibitions Reception T: +44 (0) 28 9027 0456 E: visitcityhall@belfastcity.gov.uk www.belfastcity.gov.uk

### Belfast Cathedral 5



This is a heavenly venue! With its foundation stone laid in 1899, this iconic building gives the city's vibrant Cathedral Quarter its name. It features many distinctive artworks, dedicated to victims of all wars, as well as numerous fine textiles and carvings. The 40-metre 'Spire of Hope' was recently built above the choir stalls, allowing visitors to view it from the nave.

Private tours can be arranged for your group to see some fascinating things including the Baptistery which is composed of 159,000 individual pieces of glass mosaic that tell the story of creation. The cathedral's unique atmosphere makes it an ideal venue for gala dinners.

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## SS Nomadic 6



Brown, followed by a White Star Line dining experience. The evening

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#### Ulster Folk & Transport Museum



costume. They can also hop aboard spectacular locomotives from

In addition to the Folk Museum and Transport Galleries, there's entertainment. Or they can arrive at the Irish Railway Gallery on a

Capacities for gala dinner: Transport Gallery: 300 quests





## St George's Market 8



Here, quests can get a real flavour of the people of Belfast. Located in the city centre near the waterfront, the Market was built between 1890 and 1896 and has won numerous local and national titles and awards for its fresh, local produce and great atmosphere.

The Friday Variety Market has nearly 250 stalls selling fruit, vegetables, fish and meat, as well as some antiques and clothes. The Saturday City Food & Craft Market has speciality foods from around the world as well as local flowers, crafts, pottery, glass and metalwork. On Sunday there is a mixture of the Friday and Saturday markets, with an emphasis on local arts and crafts. There is often live music as well.

There is also an opportunity to hire the Market for Gala Dinners and events throughout the year.

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## Stormont Parliament Buildings 9



Just 20 minutes from the centre of Belfast, this iconic classical building seats the Northern Irish Assembly and can be seen from lots of vantage points across the city. An impressive 365ft wide (a foot for every day of the year), it's built from stunning white Portland stone and rests on a slope in Belfast's leafy east, seeming to glow in the sun at the end of its mile-long mall.

Spectacular inside and out, this huge and historic venue comes with five elegant meeting and events spaces, catering for 16 up to 300 guests. Beautiful award-winning restaurant on-site, plus 235 acres of estate with walking trails.

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From Über chic Bistros to Michelin-starred chefs and restaurants, Belfast's contemporary food scene both delights and surprises, providing the best in local and international cuisine. Or, if you're feeling adventurous, why not join in the fun and learn to cook like a professional in one of our excellent chef-run cookery schools? Like the gorgeous menus, the choice is yours.





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The creation of Michelin-starred EIPIC by renowned chef Michael Deane, continues to blaze a culinary trail through inventive menus which challenge and delight. No Belfast food experience is complete without a visit to EIPIC.

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#### **Cookery Schools**

What better way to work up an appetite than learning from an expert chef and creating your own dish.

## The Cookery School at James Street South

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## Belfast Cookery School



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## Belfast Waterfront



Belfast Waterfront is a vibrant world-class venue at the heart of Belfast, voted Best Event Space 2017. With 7000sqm flexible event space

to 1100, with a catering partner who works closely with organisers to

Contact Eimear Hone: T: +44 (0) 28 9033 4400

## Ulster Museum 🤨



Set within Belfast's beloved Botanic Gardens. the Ulster Museum illuminated, and no one else can roam the floors but your quests.

There are countless beautiful spaces to dine at the Ulster Museum. The spectacular open Atrium (capacity 170) spans four stories and collection. The Belfast Room (capacity 60) is one of the original art, and provide a stunning backdrop for gala dinners. Capacity for these is up to 300.

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## Royal Belfast 16

Founded in 1881, Royal Belfast is said to be the oldest golf course in Ireland. This beautiful and challenging course is just 20 minutes from Belfast City Centre on the shores of Belfast Lough. The present championship layout was designed by legendary course architect H.S. Colt in 1925 and provides a true test to even to the most experienced, low-handicap player. The setting is spectacular, with uninterrupted

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## HMS Caroline 💔



'Harbouring' thoughts of an inspired venue? Try HMS Caroline. Built in 1914, HMS Caroline is the only survivor from the world's fiercest naval battle, the Battle of Jutland and it's now a floating museum at Belfast docks, a place where 'shipmates' can experience life as a sailor over 100 years ago.

The team at HMS Caroline can create a super programme whether it's an intimate dinner in the engine room or a high energy scavenger hunt throughout the ship. For a truly unique experience, they can plan experience with the ship-keeper.

This one-of-a-kind venue can host a maximum of 350 people, with dining for up to 150 guests - perfect for both formal and informal

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## Crown Liquor Saloon



The noise, the smells, the tiled walls, ceilings and floors – guests can drink in much more than booze! The Crown is an absolute gem of Victoriana and without doubt one of the great bars of the world, now owned by the National Trust. Built right in the centre of Belfast, the pub dates back to 1826 and is a must-see for every visitor.

One delight in this magical place is the ten differently-shaped cosy and elaborately carved wooden snugs lettered from A to J. Here you'll find an antique bell system which alerts staff to your liquid needs. Snugs can be booked for your group so they can enjoy a pint of Guinness and some Irish stew, champ or oysters in their own little space.

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## Cathedral Quarter 🍄



Bustling with cool restaurants such as The Muddlers Club and Hadskis, craic-filled bars including The Duke of York and The Dirty Onion, the quirky and bohemian Cathedral Quarter is the beating heart of Belfast's vibrant social scene. Don't miss the street art and the hip-vibe in eclectic venues such as The Thirsty Goat, the John Hewitt and The Friend at Hand. For a really special night, The Dark Horse is available for private hire: your own Irish Pub for the evening!

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Contact: The Dark Horse T: +44 (0) 28 9023 7807 E: darkhorse@dukeofyorkbelfast.com www.dukeofyorkbelfast.com/venue/the-dark-horse/

Contact: The Friend at Hand T: +44 (0) 28 9032 9969 E: friendathand@dukeofyorkbelfast.com www.dukeofyorkbelfast.com/venue/friend-at-hand/

#### Taste and Tour NI

Taste and Tour NI takes visitors off the 'eaten' track to taste Belfast, talk to the people and learn about Belfast's food, brewing and distilling history. Their multi-award winning tours are as popular with locals as they are with visitors to Belfast. Enjoy Irish seafood in front of a turf fire and pour your own stout in a 1720 bar, bake your own traditional Irish breads and learn to pour the perfect Irish coffee. Visit Belfast's best Whiskey Bars in the historic Cathedral Quarter with an Irish Whiskey Expert, or try out seven gins across five pubs over three hours.

Contact Phil Ervine: T: +44 (0) 28 9045 7723 E: hello@tasteandtour.co.uk www.tasteandtour.co.uk

#### **Belfast Bred**

Meet Barney, the chef from the ill-fated Titanic as he makes his way around Belfast in search of the perfect ingredients. This tour is a perfect blend of food and theatre!

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#### **Traditional Music Trail**

On the Traditional Music Trail, two professional musicians guide guests through a number of venues in the Cathedral Quarter, where they'll experience their own personal 'session' of tunes, songs and stories. Guests can join in the fun at the end and dance to the traditional music.

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#### **Street Art Tour**

What do Belfast, Berlin and Bethlehem all have in common? A history of telling stories through art on walls around the city. The gently-paced Street Art Walking Tours around the Cathedral Quarter are guided by the local artists who are driving this vibrant and creative scene. Guests will meet the locals and come away refreshed and inspired by the stories and visuals.

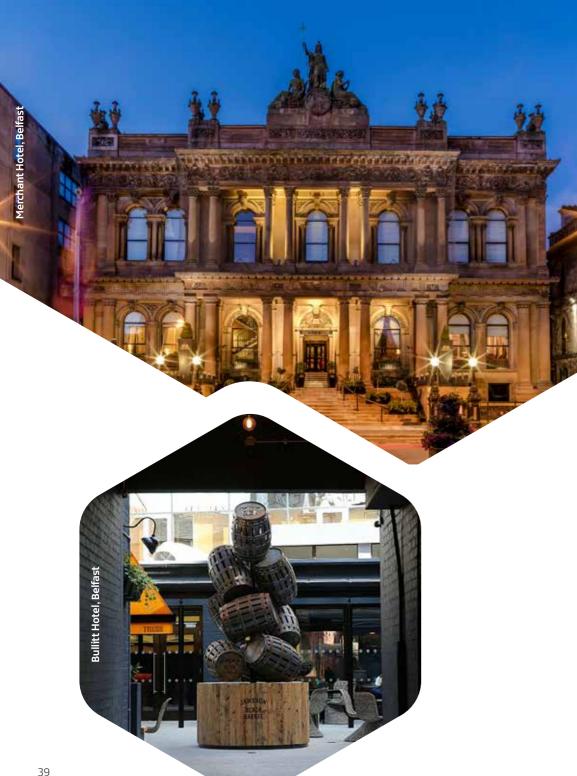
T: +44 (0) 78 4359 0097 E: info@seedheadarts.com www.seedheadarts.com/street-art-walking-tour

#### Black Taxi Tours

What better way to explore the city than with a local expert guide? Belfast Taxi Tours are educational and entertaining, and offer an original way to hear all sides of the story, discover the real city, its murals and political landmarks such as the Peace Wall, the longest in the world. Guides are also the drivers and the experience is relaxed, chatty, informative and very welcoming.

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## The Merchant Hotel 5\*



The AA 5 Red Star Merchant Hotel is a blissful spa hotel on Waring Street, one of the oldest and most historic areas of Belfast and right in the centre of the bustling Cathedral Quarter. This palatial space was built from sandstone in the mid 19th century and was formerly the headquarters of the Ulster Bank. It has 62 uber-indulgent bedrooms.

Guests can join owner Bill Wolsey MBE, one of Ireland's most successful publicans, for a bespoke cocktail in the private Roof Garden, and listen to his incredible journey from apprentice for Arsenal FC to icon of NI hospitality.

The AA Rosette awarded Great Room Restaurant is undoubtedly one of Northern Ireland's most extraordinary restaurants and has 130 covers. It's an architectural gem with lots of original features and is available for private hire. The restaurant offers a comprehensive selection of menus, using the finest local ingredients, to suit all tastes. The Rita Duffy Room can cater for 150 quests.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 11 mins
- Belfast International Airport 27 mins
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 45 mins

**Gala Dinner** Capacity 150

Bedrooms 62

## Bullitt Hotel 3\* 2



Inspired by the Steve McQueen movie of the same name, and right next to Belfast's Cathedral Quarter, this hotel sums up laidback, effortless cool. There's a smart-boho vibe to the 74 fun and stylish rooms, a cocktail bar, rooftop bar a 'living wall' of plants and herbs, and a restaurant serving Wagyu beef among other scrumptious things. Plus there's a calendar of events featuring photography classes, literary readings, exhibitions, live music, lectures and more.

For gatherings, there's 'The Good Room' - a unique meeting space for up to 40 people with its own bathroom, kitchen, living room, two flat screen TVs and pinball machine. Titanic Belfast, Belfast City Hall and St George's Market (food heaven) are all within walking distance of this hip, eclectic hotel. The rooftop bar is also available for private hire

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 11 mins
- Belfast International Airport **27 mins**
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 45 mins



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## The Fitzwilliam Hotel 5\* 22



Welcome to Belfast's five star superstar! Only 30 minutes from Belfast International Airport, the chic five star boutique Fitzwilliam Hotel is centrally located and overlooks the gothic revival, art nouveau and modern architecture of Belfast's buzzing Great Victoria Street.

147 top notch guestrooms, a much-loved bar, state-of-the-art conference rooms, incredible food including quail, rabbit, scallops, and the best service you have ever experienced.

Guests can have a ball at a local gin-making cocktail class, or get their thinking caps on at a murder mystery dinner in the private dining room overlooking the spectacular lobby. Walking food tours and the world-famous Titanic Belfast are on the doorstep.

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## AC Hotel Belfast 4\* 23

The AC Hotel Belfast is an urban retreat in an exceptional riverside location. It has an extensive glass façade, panoramic views and the buzz of 'Novelli at City Quays', where multi-Michelin starred chef Jean Christophe Novelli brings his flare to the dining experience.

It's a superb base for exploring Titanic Belfast, going on location with Game of Thrones® or golfing where our great local Major winners took their first putt.

With 188 bedrooms and easy access to roads leading into and out of the city, the hotel comes with three event rooms, the biggest of which has capacity for 40 quests. Marriott Hotels' Meeting Services App makes it easy for event organisers to create and manage the perfect meeting or event.

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- George Best City Airport 11 mins
- Belfast International Airport 27 mins
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 45 mins



Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport **11 mins**
- Belfast International Airport **27mins**
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 45 mins







## Europa Hotel 4\* 💝

Right in the centre of Belfast on bustling Great Victoria Street, the world-famous Europa Hotel is 30 minutes from Belfast International Airport. Since 1971 presidents, prime ministers and international celebrities have enjoyed its legendary welcome and hospitality.

Directly opposite the Europa, the ornate Crown Bar is a magnet for locals, glitterati, plus the odd world-leader or two, while Belfast City Hall, Linenhall Library and Queen's University are all just minutes away on foot.

There are 272 quest rooms, two restaurants, two bars, and 15 flexible meeting rooms. The Grand Ballroom, the largest hotel ballroom in the city centre, can accommodate a maximum of 500 guests for a gala dinner.

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## Titanic Hotel Belfast 4\*



Set sail for glory at this exceptional hotel, housed in the original drawing offices where the Titanic was conceived and designed. It's exquisitely designed, balancing original features with cool modern style. Situated in the heart of the Titanic Quarter, it has 119 bedrooms and offers an unforgettable experience for anyone visiting Northern Ireland.

Drawing Office One can host medium to largescale functions of every conceivable format. Providing bright and airy cathedral-like space for up to 300 quests, this breath-taking room is where many of the designs for the world's most famous ocean liners were created.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 11 mins
- Belfast International Airport 27 mins
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 45 mins

**Gala Dinner** Capacity **500** 

Bedrooms

272

Travel times to the hotel by car: George Best City Airport 9 mins

- Belfast International Airport **25 mins** Dublin Airport 1 hr 45 mins

**Gala Dinner** Capacity

**Bedrooms** 

## Culloden Estate & Spa 5\* 26



Six miles outside Belfast city centre and sheltered by the lush green Holywood Hills, this majestic 5 star gothic revival mansion picked up Luxury Hotel of the Year 2017 at the Irish Hotel Awards. Stunning inside and out, the mansion was originally built as an official palace for the Bishops of Down and stands in 12 acres of secluded gardens and woodland. It feels like a rural retreat, but it's just 10-15 minutes from the city and the nearest airport. The hotel has 98 bright, spacious bedrooms including suites, plus an excellent spa, and restaurant options that range from the casual to the very fine. It even has its own traditional Irish Pub, just a short stroll through the garden.

The Culloden offers two gala dinner options: the Stuart Suite, with magnificent views over Belfast Lough and capacity for 500 quests with private entrance and bar facilities, or the Holywood Suite with capacity for 120 quests, private bar and private terrace with access to the manicured gardens.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 12 mins
- Belfast International Airport 35 mins
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 50 mins

**Gala Dinner** 

Bedrooms -



### Rayanne House 5\* 27



A 5 star guest house with 10 bedrooms and private restaurant set within a beautiful old historic property dating from 1883, with views over Belfast Lough. This pictures que place is a few miles from Belfast City Centre, 7 mins from the nearest airport, and right next door to Holywood Golf Club, the home of pro-golfer Rory McIlroy.

Rayanne House was listed in the Top 10 Best Destination Restaurants in Ireland at the Restaurant of the Year Awards 2017, and picked up the Irish Restaurant Association Award for Best Hotel Restaurant and Customer Service 2017. The gourmet breakfast gained the AA Breakfast Award and Egg Cup Award and was described as 'The Best in the Business'.

Guests can experience the unique Titanic Menu, a meticulous recreation of the first-class menu served onboard the Titanic: nine lavish courses of sumptuous delicacies from the Edwardian era.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 9 mins
- Belfast International Airport **30 mins**
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 50 mins

Gala Dinner







## Grand Central Hotel



Newly opened June 2018, with 300 executive bedrooms and suites, the anticipated 4\* Grand Central Hotel is the largest hotel in Northern Ireland. It has two restaurants - the Grand Café and the Seahorse Bar & Restaurant - and 5 meeting rooms.

Just 10-15 minutes from the nearest airport and located in the heart of Belfast Linen Quarter, The Grand Central Hotel is just a 1 minute walk from Belfast City Hall and directly opposite one of Ireland's top concert venues, the Ulster Hall.

The Grand Central also boasts the highest bar in all of Ireland – the Observatory on the 23rd floor, offering unbeatable views across Belfast and beyond.

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- Travel times to the hotel by car:
  George Best City Airport 15 mins
  Belfast International Airport 30 mins
  Dublin Airport 1 hr 40 mins





## The Causeway Coastal Route

Lonely Planet loves Belfast and the Causeway Coastal Route, naming them Best in Travel 2018. This is a 200 mile epic driving route taking you along the northern edge of the island, you'll experience gloriously beautiful coastline, pretty fishing villages, ancient sites, ruined castles, luxurious spas, the best local food and more.

The route starts in the Norman town of Carrickfergus, just 30 mins from the capital city of Belfast, and continues around the coast until you reach Derry~Londonderry.

Here's a flavour of what

you can expect.









## Giant's Causeway



Just over an hour from Belfast, this spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site is an experience guests simply won't find anywhere else.

There are two explanations for the bizarre landscape, both equally jaw-dropping: some believe mighty volcanoes and flaming oceans of lava beneath the earth's crust cooled to form a vast stone forest of 40,000 basalt columns. Others say it was built by the fearsome Irish giant, Finn McCool, as an attempt to reach his rival in Scotland. You can still see the traces he left – the Giant's Boot, the Wishing Chair, the Giant's Granny, The Organ and The Camel. Guests can visit the awardwinning Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre to decide for themselves!

The Centre has innovative sustainability features including a grass roof grown from seeds collected from local fields, and a basalt exterior, guarried from the same lava flows that formed the Causeway. (Unless, of course, it really was Finn after all...).

Expert local guides lead groups from the Visitor Cenrte to the aweinspiring Causeway stones. CSR activities with National Trust rangers can be added to programmes on discussion with team.

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## Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge 30



It's narrow, it spans a 20-metre chasm, Atlantic waves crash on rocks 23 metres below, it wobbles about in the breeze and sea birds actually fly beneath you... it's no cakewalk! Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge was originally a single-rope handrail with widely spaced slats that local fishermen would use to transport freshly caught salmon. Today's bridge is a more stable structure, but the walk across is still a genuinely exhilarating experience. And once they've made it all the way across, your guests will find they want to do it again. Well... maybe!

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## The Gobbins 3



Just 40 minutes from the centre of Belfast, the Gobbins cliff walk takes will simply take your breath away. It's also a great place to witness rare

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## Steensons Jewellers 32



including the dramatic range inspired by Game of Thrones® for which

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## Scullion Hurls 3



Established in 1979, this family-run business specialises in the handcrafting of 'hurls', the sticks used in the fast-moving and ancient Irish sport of hurling. Scullion Hurls is an Économusée, a working museum where guests can tour the workshop and watch the soughtafter Scullion hurley sticks being hand-carved, shaped and finished.

Guests can try their hand at hitting a sliotar (a ball) with their recently crafted hurl. It's not as easy as it looks! There's also a gift shop and interpretive centre providing information about the history of this uniquely Irish sport.

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#### **Guided tours**

#### Away a Wee Walk

The team at Away A Wee Walk want to get your guests' blood flowing! Set up in 2013, the tour company runs walking tours through Northern Ireland's most spectacular scenery, including the Giant's Causeway, Causeway Coast and Cavehill in Belfast, providing exhilarating group experiences and some of the best cliff and coastal views in Europe. Guests will literally feel on top of the world. The company can also create bespoke tours for incentives clients.

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#### **Dalriada Kingdom Tours**

Have guests learn something completely new and surprising with Dalriada Kingdom Tours. They specialise in the ancient Kingdom of Dalriada, which covered north east Ireland and south west Scotland, peopled by the Gaelic Irish, the Ulster Scots, the Scots Irish and the Clan MacDonnell - 'the people of the shore'. Three generations of the same Causeway family are involved in the tours, offering an unmatched depth of local knowledge and insight. Key tours include the Giant's Causeway, Dunluce Castle and Rathlin Island.

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## Bushmills Distillery 34



Just over an hour from Belfast, this is a treat for whiskey lovers and history buffs alike. Bushmills Distillery, in the tiny village of Bushmills, is the oldest distillery on the island of Ireland, having been granted a licence to distil in 1608, and is now the most famous Irish whiskey in the world. It's also the only one to triple-distil its malt whiskey, making it uniquely smooth with a distinctive richness.

Guests can take a tour round the iconic distillery, and see the traditional copper pot stills and triple distillation process in action. They can explore the Mash House, Still House, Cask Store and Bottling Hall, and find out about the role of the River Bush and the importance of Madeira barrels and Spanish sherry casks. And after all that, enjoy a little dram by a roaring fire. What could be better?

You can also book private tasting sessions with Bushmills expert whiskey ambassadors.

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## Glenarm Castle 🐯



Guests' eyes will widen at this a real-life fairy tale castle! One of Ireland's oldest estates, 400 year old Glenarm Castle has been the home of the Earls of Antrim for hundreds of years, and it looks exactly like a magical scene from a picture book.

The Demesne is a working estate consisting of forest, farmland and the Glenarm River, and it's a gorgeous spot for walks through landscaped gardens. Plus there's quality home-cooked food in their Tea Room, housed in a former mushroom house where guests can dine on the famous Short-horn Glenarm beef, raised on the estate.

The castle offers private hire, bespoke accommodation and corporate dining, and they can also provide your own personal butler to help keep things running smoothly.

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#### Toast the Coast

It really is the perfect combination: sensational local food and breathtaking scenery - that's what Toast the Coast offers.

As part of the programme, visitors sample hand-reared, hooked and harvested food from the best local producers. There are wonderful baked goods, locally themed tapas and gin tasting, the best organic produce, a whiskey toast, and even a visit to one of Ireland's tiniest pubs.

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## Hot Milk Forge 😘



This is seriously hot stuff. As part of an interactive programme, guests get hands on learning how to forge metal, fashion a blade or make a longbow. How's that for a souvenir?

Hot Milk Forge offers bespoke courses for everyone from the beginner to the experienced smith. Guests can don their aprons and protective eye-wear and learn traditional craft skills that have been practised in this area for generations.

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#### Game of Thrones® Air Tours

Whether guests are Game of Thrones® fans or not, this tour is a thrill from start to finish, providing unique and remarkable views of the Causeway Coastal Route.

Cutting Edge Helicopters provide a dragon's eye view of key locations from Game of Thrones®, plus guests get a unique aerial perspective of fascinating places along the way - inaccessible cliffs, hidden villages, abandoned castles and more.

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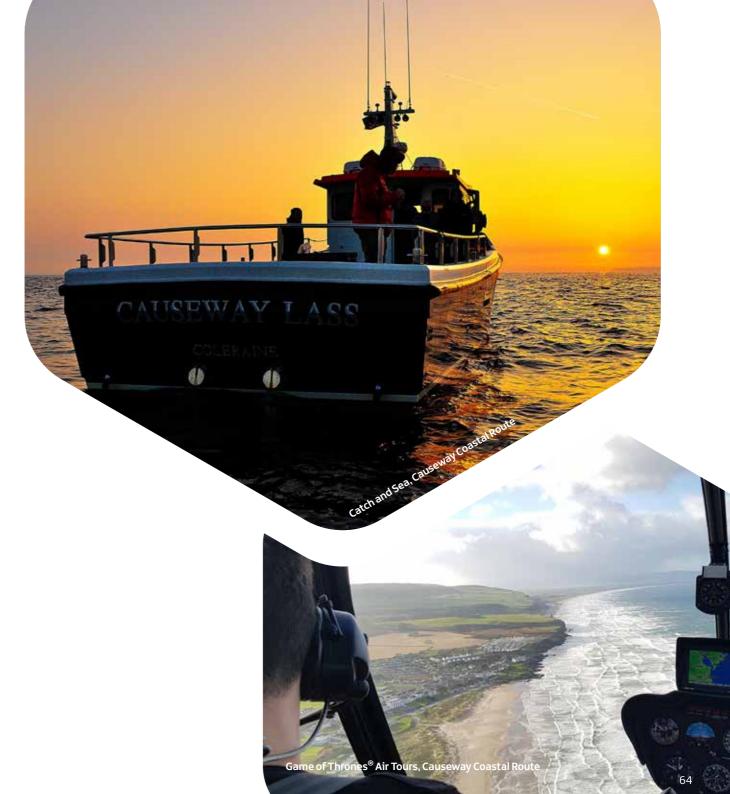
#### Catch and Sea

All aboard, shipmates, for a one-of-a-kind culinary tour! Visitors set sail at sunrise to catch their own breakfast - setting off from the seaside resort of Portrush out to the Atlantic Ocean.

Guests hear the dramatic history of the area as the boat's experiencec crew teach them how to fish. With expert guidance, they'll fillet their catch before bringing it back to be seasoned and cooked for a delicious breakfast at a local restaurant back on dry land.

The trip includes all equipment, as well as hot drinks and snacks on board, plus a goodie bag to take away!

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### Game of Thrones Sea Safari



Set sail for the Iron Islands with Aquaholics. Guests get a unique ocean perspective of many of the stunning locations featured in Game of Thrones®, like the fictional Lordsport Harbour on Pyke, the Iron Islands (which is really Ballintoy Harbour) where Theon Greyjoy was welcomed home, and where the pirate Salladhor Saan pledged his support for Stannis Baratheon, and lots more. The tour takes place on board Aquaholics II, the very boat used by the crew during production of the series.

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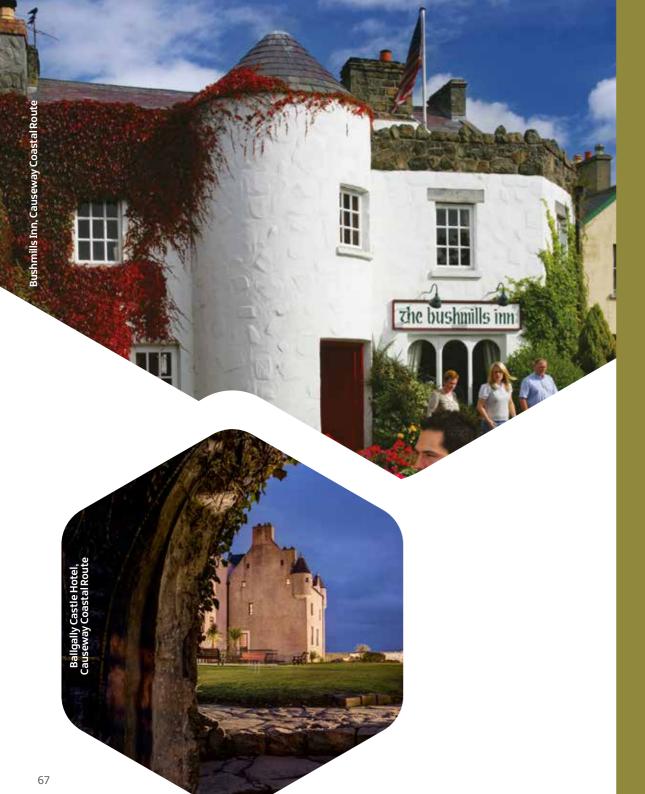
## Royal Portrush 🤫



Tee off at one of the world's top ten courses, and follow in the footsteps of major winners Rory McIlroy, Graeme McDowell & Darren Clarke as your group takes to the fairways at Royal Portrush.

The club boasts two championship courses: the renowned Dunluce and the smaller but equally taxing Valley. The 148th Open Championship will be held here in 2019, and players will need to be ready for this tough course. The greens are scattered among huge sand dunes. Over-hit your second stroke at the 5th, White Rock, and you're in the Atlantic. On the notorious 14th (the ominously-named 'Calamity'), you need to carry your ball over a vast ravine. Mis-hit this one and you'll be taking your next swing from at least 50 feet below the hole... with more thrills than a rollercoaster, this a real treat for golf lovers.

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### Bushmills Inn 4\* 39



The cosiest, most charming spot you're going to find, the Bushmills Inn is like a set from the Quiet Man, except everything is completely authentic. This quietly luxurious 4 star boutique hotel began life as an old coaching inn and mill house in the early 1600s, but now it's a member of Ireland's 'Blue Book', a prestigious collection of romantic hideaway hotels and country houses in unique and

The 41-room hotel is a stone's throw from the Giant's Causeway, Game of Thrones® locations, golf at Royal Portrush, and it's just over an hour from Belfast. It's regularly featured by travel writers and TV presenters not just because it's beautiful, but because the quality of the service and the local food are second to none. The restaurant in the Inn's 17th century stables has won an AA Rosette. With a traditional Gas Bar and roaring peat fires, this place epitomises the true spirit of

The award-winning restaurant covers 130

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1 hr 10 mins
- Belfast International Airport **1 hr**
- Dublin Airport 2 hrs 45 mins

Gala Dinneı Capacity

**Bedrooms** 

Top local attractions:

- Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge
- Catch and Cook Food Experience

## Ballygally Castle Hotel 4\*



Built in 1625, this 4 star Scottish baronial style castle is right on the Causeway Coastal Route and overlooks a long stretch of unspoilt beach and the Irish Sea. Just 35 minutes from Belfast, it's the only 400 year old Scottish-style castle still used as a residence in Northern Ireland. It comes with 54 recently-refurbished bedrooms, clear views of the Irish Sea. Scotland and the Antrim Hills.

The magical Ballygally Castle is a great base to explore the fishing villages along the Causeway Coastal Route, Glenarm Castle, the waterfalls at Glenariff, Bushmills Distillery, Carrickfergus Castle, Royal Portrush Golf Course, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and the popular Game of Thrones® Tour. Groups can also explore this world famous coastline by sea on 12 man Rib, visiting the Gobbins and the coastal villages of Cushendun and Cushendall.

The Kintyre Room with uninterrupted views along the Antrim Coast and across the Irish Sea is an atmospheric gala dinner venue. The rooms have access to the picturesque 17th century Walled Gardens and Rose Garden. The maximum the Kintyre room can accommodate is 200 quests.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport **35 mins**
- Belfast International Airport 38 mins
- Dublin Airport 2 hrs 10mins

Gala Dinne Capacity

Bedrooms

- Glenarm Castle
- Hot Milk Forge,
- Toast the Coast food experiences



## Galgorm Resort and Spa 4\* 41



With the largest thermal spa in Europe, this luxury resort is only 35 minutes from the city of Belfast. Based around a handsome old manor house, the resort is set in 163 acres of parkland next to the clear waters of the River Maine where salmon and trout swim.

The hotel has 122 bedrooms including suites, deluxe, superior and standard rooms, plus Riverside Log Cabins and Fishermen's Cottages. The resort's Thermal Village is an al fresco spa space and the first of its kind in Ireland. There's a Beltane hot tub and open fire, riverside hot tubs and Celtic sauna. The temperamental weather is part of the experience and there are plenty of covered, heated and steamy areas to stay warm.

The resort has indoor and outdoor, traditional and guirky event spaces, plus Ireland's largest gin collection, corporate wellness packages, classic team building experiences and a talented team who can come up with even more ideas.

Three top notch function spaces can accommodate up to 320 for a gala dinner or reception. Four restaurants on-site from Italian to 3AA Rosette, plus a Gin library, this is an ideal base for a memorable incentive programme.

The resort is adjacent to Galgorm Castle Golf Club, home of the Northern Ireland Open, a European Challenge Tour event.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 35 mins
- Belfast International Airport 20 mins
- Dublin Airport 2 hrs 10 mins



Bedrooms



Top local attractions:

- Hot Milk Forge
- Giant's Causeway
- Royal Portrush











# Winterfell Tours Castle & Demesne



Winter is already here - at Game of Thrones® filming location Castle Ward, an 18th century mansion and estate next to Strangford Lough, just 40 minutes from Belfast. Based on the estate, Winterfell Tours allows visitors to completely immerse themselves in HBO's mega successful fantasy series.

There are ten key filming locations on site, plus you can hire the venue privately for Game of Thrones® Banquet dining experiences. Guests can try out exhilarating activities such as Archery, Axe Throwing, Falconry and Boat Tours, and dress up in furs and elaborate costumes like those in the show. Capacity up to 200 quests.

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# Hillsborough Castle 43



Built in the 1770s, Hillsborough Castle is the official residence of the Queen in Northern Ireland. The castle has welcomed presidents and princesses and witnessed pivotal chapters in British and Irish politics for over three centuries. There are 96 acres of ornamental and informal gardens, peaceful woodland and waterways.

For the ultimate Hillsborough Castle experience, guests can enjoy an exclusive and private tour of the Castle's State Rooms, led by one of Historic Royal Palaces' expert Explainers. The tour can be tailored to suit a group's unique interests and passions, complete with an afternoon tea drinking from the Royal China!

Guests can enjoy dinner in the grand Throne Room (90 guests for dinner/150 for drinks), or an elegant reception in the State Drawing Room (50 guests for dinner and 70 guests for drinks reception) or garden terrace.

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## NI Food Tours



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# Montalto Estate







#### Rademon Estate Distillery 46



It's always a win when there's gin, which makes Rademon Estate in Co. Down a very tasty find! Only 30 minutes from Belfast, it's one of the oldest estates in Ireland and has been distilling the multi-award winning Shortcross Gin since 2014.

The uniquely aromatic flavour of Shortcross is created using fresh apples, elderflowers, elderberries and wild clover harvested from the estate, distilled alongside classic gin botanicals. Guests can take the Gin & Whiskey Experience Tour, talk with the Head Distiller, have a Gin & Tonic Masterclass with the brand ambassador, and learn the history of the estate.

With a fully licenced private indoor and outdoor event space, and great relationships with quality food and drink producers in the area, Rademon provides lots of scope for bespoke events, private dining and receptions in an events space that overlooks the low rolling hills of County Down.

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# The Echlinville Distillery 47



The Echlinville Distillery became Northern Irelands first licenced distillery in over 125 years distilling its first spirit in 2013. Their famous Jawbox Gin is a rare commodity, a spirit inspired by the essence of Belfast city itself: creative, adventurous and innovative. Jawbox is a gin brand for those who enjoy every moment.

Their extraordinary new still house is not only a functional space for production but can easily lend itself to entertaining quests and tours which can offer a real insight into the workings of an operational distillery.

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#### **Mourne Trails & Ales Tour Experience**

Got an adventurous and creative bunch to incentivise? Then Mourne Trails & Ales Tour Experience is perfect. Operated by a leading adventure activity company based in Castlewellan Forest Park, it's less than an hour from Belfast, and will keep your guests fully engaged and inspired from start to finish.

This fully guided electric bike tour takes them through the stunning Mourne landscape, exploring awesome local trails and sampling local craft ales along the way. Guests experience the spectacular landscape that inspired C.S.Lewis's Narnia and the rich local heritage, myths and legends (and the odd controversy!) that provided the inspiration for the ales themselves.

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#### Mourne Foods & Film Cycle Tour

The Mourne Mountains and surrounding landscapes are a haven for artisan food producers, as well as award-winning restaurants, delightful tea-shops, cafes and bistros. And what better way to discover them – and work up an appetite - than on two wheels? The Mourne Foods Cycle Tour combines gentle cycling, delicious local food and stunning scenery along the way.

Guests follow the trail to visit local producers and sample their fare, and then it's on to another destination and the next course. The routes are quiet rural roads and off-road trails, ideal for leisurely riding and relaxed eating.

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# Mount Stewart 48



Mount Stewart, nestled on the banks of Strangford Lough, not only boasts a most stunning example of an 19th century country home, but also the gardens are considered some of the top gardens in the world. It must be the climate which helps support a strong house itself is a joy; now re-opened after a multi-million restoration project by the National Trust. Whether it's the beautifully ornate halls and dining rooms, or bedrooms named after European capitals, the elegance and charm of Mount Stewart is there to discover. Your programme can include a private tour of the gardens with the resident head gardener.

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# Royal County Down



What is it about Royal County Down that prompted the panellists of Golf Digest to declare it the Number One course in the world for the third year in a row? Maybe it's the ribbons of fairways – so beautiful yet so punishing – that thread their way through the sand dunes amid the spectacular setting of Murlough Nature Reserve on the shores of Dundrum Bay.

It could have been the famous ancient 'bearded' bunkers edged with marram, red fescue and heather. Or the fast, domed greens.

Maybe it was, as golf writer Bernard Darwin said, because Royal County Down offers 'big and glorious carries, nestling greens, entertainingly blind shots, local knowledge and beautiful turf – the kind of golf that people play in their most ecstatic dreams'.

This unforgettable course has a worldwide reputation and is a real treat (and challenge) for golf lovers.

T: +44 (0) 28 4372 3314

#### Montalto Estate 50



Luxurious, low key and discreet, this beautifully restored Georgian house and 400 acre estate offer something luxurious and distinctively history come together in one of the most jawdroppingly gorgeous spots in Northern Ireland.

Both the estate and 18th century mansion are available for incentives groups. Montalto can host themed gala dinners, team building, treatments, individually tailored tours including dining experience with menus created by chefs using the finest local ingredients, catering for

bedrooms and 2 suites.

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For something totally unique, a real hidden Irish historic house and the home of Lord & Lady Dunleath. In the same family for 170 years, the Mansion House was built in the Italianate Palazzo and has been afforded Grade A\* listing.

12 ensuite bedrooms and original period rooms make this an evocative location for receptions venue for up to 80 quests. Dinners are prepared by the in-house team under the supervision of Lady Dunleath (who's also a professional food historian) using produce grown on the Estate, complemented by vintage wines from the

Guests also have use of the Demesne which extends to 270 acres, and is a great place for

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1 hr Belfast International Airport 1 hr 10 mins
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 40 mins

Gala Dinner Capacity **66** 

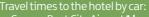






- Mount Stewart
- Castle Ward





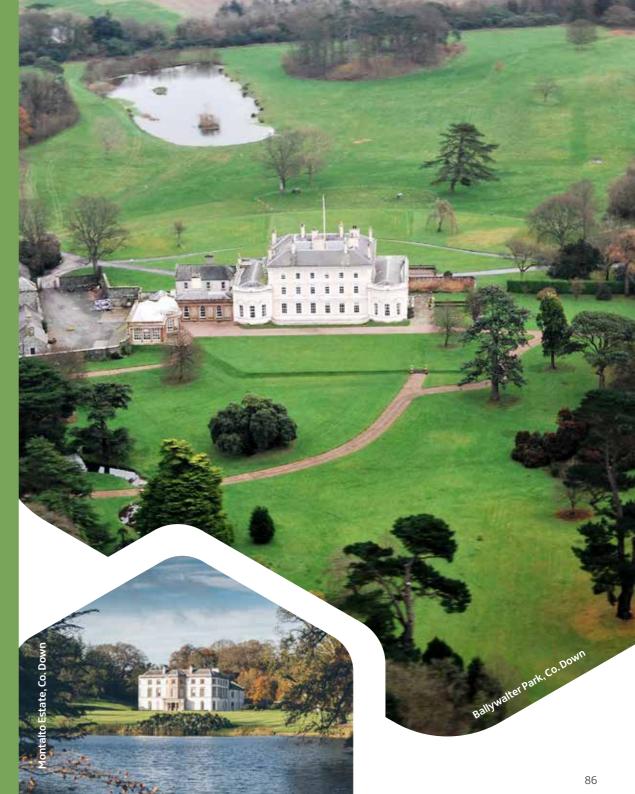
- Belfast International Airport 1 hr 10 mins
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 40 mins











Royal County Down

Life Adventure Company

# Slieve Donard Resort and Spa 4\*



30 miles from Belfast and 90 miles from Dublin, this plush and lovingly-maintained Victorian hotel lies at the foot the Mourne Mountains, right on a golden beach beside the Royal County Down Links course. Winner of the Irish Hotel of the Year at the Irish Hotel Awards 2017, it comes with 184 bedrooms including 100 new executive and resort rooms, and a deluxe ESPA spa and health club overlooking the beach and mountains, complete with 16

On-site restaurants and bars provide excellent fresh local food; options range from the gourmet, to the skinny and light, to the homely and comforting. There's loads to do nearby, with walking in the Mournes, biking, exploring Tollymore Forest Park (a Game of Thrones® location) and visiting St Patrick's Visitor Centre and Grave, a World Christian Heritage Site, just 30 minutes away.

The resort has two spectacular gala dinner options: the Grand Ballroom for 500 quests with private bar and entrance, or the Chandelier Suite for 150 quests with private bar, access to the lawns at the front of the resort and stunning views of the Mourne Mountains and Irish Sea. There's also a helipad with space for several helicopters.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1hr
- Belfast International Airport 1 hr 10 mins
- Dublin Airport 1 hr 40 mins





Top local attractions:

- Royal County Down
- Life Adventure Company
- Montalto Estate

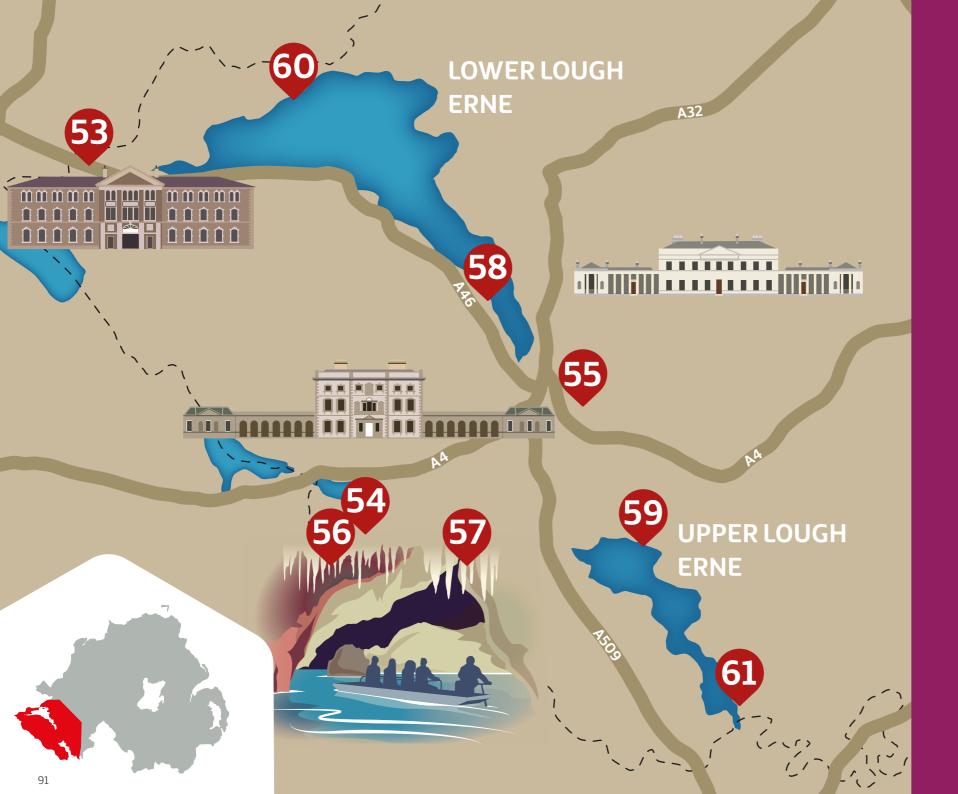


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# Way Out West in County Fermanagh

Fermanagh is a lush playground formed from drumlins and lakelands, with unexpected new experiences around every corner. It's reminiscent of the English Lake District, but even more serene. The main town is Enniskillen, a straightforward 1 hour 45 minute drive from Belfast or a 2 hour 30 minute drive from Dublin.





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#### Erne Water Taxi: Lough Erne Food Trail

Relax! But not too much, because there's loads to see while you're relaxing... quests can chill out on board an Erne Water Taxi which tours the islands of Lough Erne in 'chauffeur driven' boats. With seating for up to eight people, the boats are designed for pure comfort, with individual coach seating and unrestricted views of the Lough.

Over the course of the three-hour tour, guests are taken to some of the most beautiful island locations on the Lough where they'll explore the hidden history and enjoy superb local produce in serene surroundings.

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#### Belleek Pottery 53



Set in the pretty little village of Belleek, Belleek Pottery is recognised as Ireland's oldest working pottery and now celebrates 161 years of expert craftsmanship.

The Hand Crafted in Belleek Experience is a VIP treat. From the beginning, visitors see, hear and touch the product: there's a practical demonstration of 'the art of Belleek' by a Master Craftsman followed by a chance for guests to create their own unique piece of Belleek.

The tour takes approx 2 hours and is suitable for 5-20 quests.

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### Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark 54



Descend into the cool, mysterious underground world of Marble Arch Caves. Recognised as a UNESCO Global Geopark for its extraordinary geology and landscape, Marble Arch Caves offers a fascinating underworld of rivers, waterfalls, caverns and strange rock formations. Travel by boat and marvel at the stalagmites and stalactites, and the intriguingly named Moses Walk, Porridge Pot and Guardian Angel.

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# Castle Coole



Just a few minutes from the centre of Enniskillen and 1.5 hours from Belfast, Castle Coole is one of Ireland's finest neo-classical houses. Operated by the National Trust, this stunning 18th century mansion is set in a beautiful wooded landscape overlooking Lough Coole.

Castle Coole was built between 1789 and 1798 as the summer retreat includes the State Bedroom prepared for King George IV. Guests can also explore what life was once like 'below stairs' in the vast underground suite of servants' rooms and service quarters.

The Main Hall has gala dinner capacity for 60 quests, and the Breakfast Room has capacity for 25 guests.

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# Cuilcagh Boardwalk (Cuilcagh Legnabrocky Trail)



What an unforgettable place! Known as 'Fermanagh's Stairway to Heaven', the Boardwalk is about 1.6km and rises to a height of 665m above sea level, as part of a 7km walk.

It overlooks a designated conservation area and wetland of international significance, situated on the Fermanagh/Cavan border. The Boardwalk is a steady climb to the summit of Cuilcagh Mountain, and offers truly stunning views over Lough Atona and beyond.

This unique place in Northern Ireland is dramatic, moody and very photogenic.

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## Florence Court 🤣







# Lough Erne Resort 5\* 58



This is the site of the G8 summit in 2013 and it's the ultimate corporate playground, hiding away on its own 600 acre peninsula, with gorgeous views of wildlife, waters, lush greenery and rolling hills.

Expect 5 star accommodation and service, multiaward winning food from renowned chef Noel McMeel at the 3 AA Rosette Catalina Restaurant, two championship golf courses and a Thai Spa.

Bespoke experiences include golf master classes, a helicopter flyover, water cruise of Lough Erne, a tour of Boatyard Gin Distillery, blindfold driving, horse riding, clay pigeon shooting and more.

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#### Belle Isle Estate and 🧐 **Private Island**

This stunning spot is set on a 470 acre estate spread over 8 green and leafy islands in an area inhabited since the 12th century. There's a 17th century castle, with 13 bedrooms, plus coach houses, cottages and rustic stone courtyard apartments. The estate can accommodate up to 65 quests in total, while the castle can house 27.

The Drawing Room overlooking Lough Erne is the perfect place for pre-dinner drinks, before a 7 course banquet in the Grand Hall in the company of Lord Hamilton, surrounded by glittering candelabra and crystal. Belle Isle can host gala dinners for up to 60.

Guests can arrive by helicopter, enjoy an afternoon shoot or high tea in the drawing room, or experience an unforgettable whiskey adventure.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1 hr 50 mins
- Belfast International Airport 1 hr 50 mins
- Dublin Airport 2 hrs 15mins

**Gala Dinner** Capacity

Bedrooms

120

Top local attractions:

- Erne Water Taxis
- Castle Coole
- **Boatyard Distillery**



Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1 hr 40 mins
- Belfast International Airport 1 hr 35 mins
- Dublin Airport 2 hrs

**Gala Dinner** Capacity 60

Bedrooms



Top local attractions:

- Belle Isle Bear Grylls Survival Academy
- Florencecourt



# Finn Lough Resort 4\* 👵

Looking for something unusual? Then sleeping beneath the stars in luxury bubble domes on a private lakeside peninsula might be just the thing. Guests can take a speedboat or kayak to a secluded island for a gourmet picnic and whiskey tasting before returning for a two-hour spa trail. Then end the day by the fire pits, sampling fine Irish food, with the cellar master serving up Ireland's finest

Finn Lough can also provide a rustic Irish feast for up to 100 in a stargazing event dome. It includes locally grown and sourced food cooked over an open fire pit, enjoyed alongside traditional music. Guests can dine using locally hand-crafted wooden cutlery, eat and drink from hand-turned Fermanagh bog oak goblets and plates, all of which they can take home as part of their Finn Lough

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1 hr 50 mins
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- Dublin Airport **2 hrs**

Gala Dinner Capacity

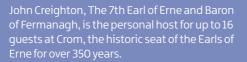




Marble Arch Caves

- Florence Court
- Erne Water Taxis

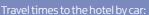
## The West Wing, Crom Castle 5\*



Crom is 30 minutes from County Fermanagh's main town of Enniskillen. Built in 1820 and designed by the same architect who created Buckingham Palace, Crom Castle is privately owned by the Earl and set on tranquil parkland amid an archipelago of wooded islands and peninsulae managed by the National Trust.

The 5 star West Wing of the castle can be hired for groups of up to 12 on a weekly or long weekend basis. It's separate from the rest of the castle with its own drive and front door. Filled with antiques and with a traditional décor, it's homely and comfortable, yet inspirational and uplifting. Leading off the West Wing is a spectacular 2,000 sq ft available for hire.

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- Marble Arch Caves
- Florence Court
- **Erne Water Taxis**



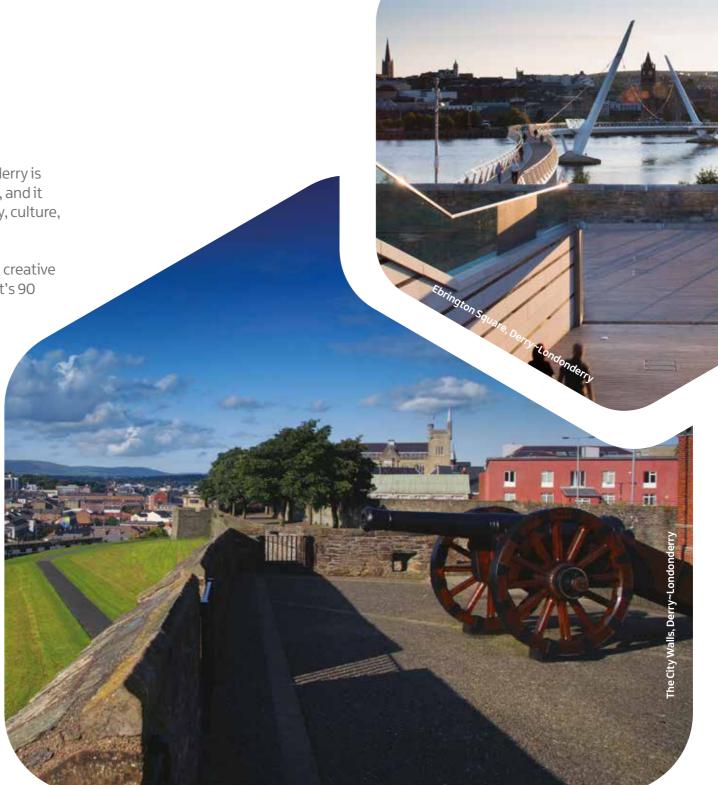


# The Walled City: Derry~Londonderry

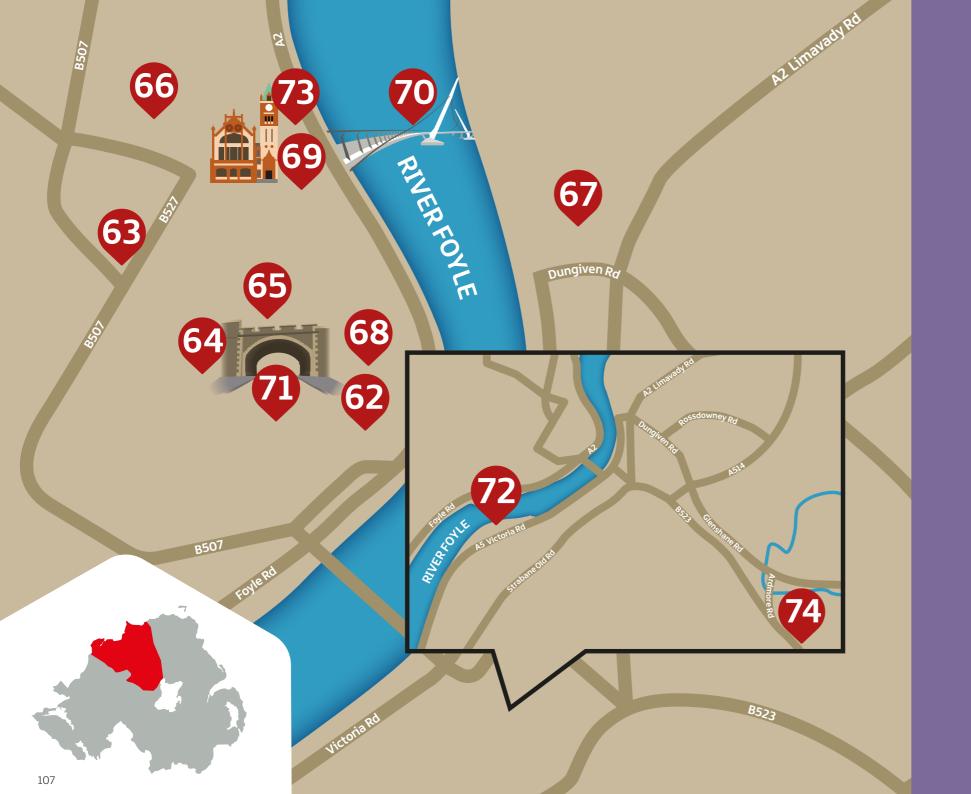
Cool, friendly and buzzing with youthful energy, Derry~Londonderry is where the Causeway Coastal Route meets the Wild Atlantic Way, and it has everything you might want and more – river location, history, culture, energy, unusual venues and a vibrant atmosphere.

Described by Lonely Planet as a 'Best in Travel' City, this historic, creative and cultural hub is the second biggest city in Northern Ireland. It's 90 minutes from Belfast and around 3 hours from Dublin.





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# Wonder Wall 🥹



Like a small-scale Dubrovnik, Derry~Londonderry is a walled city - the only one in Ireland to remain complete. Built by the Honourable Irish Society in 1613, and still owned by these London Livery Companies today, the city's iconic walls are one of the finest examples of their kind in Europe.

Guests can walk through time itself with a guide who leads them across the city, explaining over 400 years of compelling, complex and often entertaining history. The experience is brought to life with animated living history characters and music on every corner.

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# Traditions Meet 63 64





Uncover Derry~Londonderry's political history and transformational journey to peace with city native guides who have experienced life during the 'Troubles' and witnessed the city transform into the vibrant and buzzing destination it is today.

Guests can visit the Museum of Free Derry which narrates the 1960s civil rights era including the events of Bloody Sunday, then go on a guided tour of the iconic Bogside Murals, followed by a visit to the Siege Museum which details the Siege of Derry, when the citizens locked the king and his soldiers beyond the walls in 1689. It's the longest recorded siege in British military history.

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# The Irish Coffee Connoisseur 🚭



An engaging and entertaining masterclass on how to pour – and sample! – the iconic Irish Coffee, using locally distilled, award-winning The Quiet Man Whiskey.

Guests are welcomed to the quaint Thatched Cottage at the Craft Village with traditional Irish music before mastering the intricate art of pouring the iconic Irish Coffee.

This fun activity also includes a lively Irish music session where guests can join in the 'craic', pick up a Bodhran (Irish drum) and learn to play!

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# The Celtic Ceol Company 69



Home to many famous writers, singers and poets from The Undertones and Phil Coulter to Seamus Heaney and Bronagh Gallagher, Derry~Londonderry is affectionately known as the City of Song, having inspired many a tune including The Town I Love So Well and Teenage Kicks.

Guests can create their own Irish ceilidh with a lively Irish dance Guests work with a local craftsman to design and build their very own bodhran to recreate their magical music memories at home.

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# Walled City Brewery 🚭



This award-winning gastro-brewery offers local, authentic and flavoursome craft beers, produced in small artisan batches including Stitch, inspired by the city's extraordinary shirt factory history and Kicks, inspired by the greatest band ever to come out of the city, The Undertones!

Master Brewer James Huey leads the way with a sampling of locallybrewed craft beers, accompanied by a selection of delicious rustic food platters using organic local ingredients.

Each guest is presented with a bespoke brewery giftbox, with a specially crafted beer based on their chosen tastes and flavours.

The brewery can accommodate up to 65 guests seated or 100 guests for a standing reception.

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# St Columb's Hall 63



Create a gala dinner with the wow factor at St Columb's Hall. Built in 1886, this historic building is located in the heart of the walled city of Derry~Londonderry. It's a unique venue with magnificent elevated ceilings and impressive illumination facilities that allow you to transport your guests anywhere from a Game of Thrones® style medieval banquet to a Las Vegas casino night! The main auditorium can accommodate up to 800 in a theatre style capacity, or up to 330 for gala dinners.

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# The Guildhall 69



At the Guildhall, guests can enjoy an exclusive reception with the Mayor of City and Region. The Guildhall is one of Derry-Londonderry's most iconic landmarks and the civic and social hub since 1890.

The stunning Main Hall offers a superb setting for gala dinners with a capacity of 220. The venue has one of Ireland's largest stained-glass window collections, which throws coloured shafts of light on diners, plus there's a magnificent concert organ, described as the 'finest in Europe'.

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# Bishop's Gate Hotel 💯

This historic Grade B1-listed boutique hotel in the centre of the walled city is housed in a 19th century former gentleman's club which once attracted the likes of Winston Churchill and W. B. Yeats. It's been sensitively restored to retain its character, period details and class, and opened just two years ago. After only one year of trading, it was named the second best hotel in the whole of the UK by Tripadvisor and it's easy to see why. The 30 questrooms - including two suites – are very grand, yet wonderfully comfortable. Colour schemes, textures, technology – attention to detail is everything. Expect superb, locally sourced food from an inspired and multi award-winning chef and kitchen team in the hotel's The Gown restaurant - they recently picked up a coveted Rosette Award from the AA.

As a place originally designed for great minds to discuss great ideas, the hotel comes equipped with inspired rooms for gatherings and events. They can put together bespoke programmes for incentives clients.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1 hr 35 mins
- Belfast International Airport 1 hr 25 mins
- Dublin Airport 3 hrs

**Gala Dinner** Capacity 90



30

Top local attractions:

- Siege Museum
- Walk the walls
- Museum of Free Derry



A guick 5 minute drive from the centre of Derry~Londonderry on the south bank of the city's River Foyle, stands the modern 4 star Everglades Hotel. With views to the hills of Donegal and with Derry Golf Club on the doorstep, it's a great base for relaxing, golfing or exploring the north west of Ireland.

The hotel has 64 bedrooms including 3 suites, and an excellent restaurant where quests are treated to the freshest, locally sourced ingredients and local specialities like wheaten scones, Glenarm salmon, Portavogie prawns and Glastry Farm ice cream. Even breakfast is worth a mention: go big with the full Irish breakfast with potato bread and black pudding, or go (almost) healthy with Bushmills Whiskey porridge.

The hotel comes with a conference centre with 4 executive suites and a Grand Ballroom that can fit 650 theatre style or 400 at round tables. Quality food and excellent corporate facilities mean the hotel attracts many repeat clients.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1 hr 35 mins
- Belfast International Airport 1 hr 20 mins
- Dublin Airport 2 hrs 50 mins







Top local attractions:

- Walled City Brewery
- Museum of Free Derry
- Siege Museum





## City Hotel Derry 4\* (3)

This 4 star hotel is right on the riverbank with views of Derry~Londonderry's iconic Peace Bridge and the historic Guildhall. With 158 contemporary bedrooms, leisure and gym facilities, plus Coppins Bar & Thompsons Restaurant, this modern hotel is within walking distance of all the major cultural sights including the city's impressive 17th century walls, the Siege Museum, the Tower Museum and Free Derry Corner. It's also a great base to explore all the gems of the north west, including the

The Corinthian Ballroom can host up to 350 guests and has superb views overlooking the River Foyle and Guildhall. It can offer private dining and gala dinners no matter the size of event, with bespoke extras to make the evening extra special.

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1 hr 35 mins
- Belfast International Airport 1 hr 25 mins
- Dublin Airport **3 hrs**

**Gala Dinner** Capacity

**Bedrooms** 

158

Top local attractions:

- Walled City Brewery
- The Guildhall
- St. Columb's Hall

#### Beech Hill Country House Hotel 4\*



Set in 32 acres of woodland and gardens with ponds and waterfalls, this genteel Georgian hotel is just two miles from Derry~Londonderry's centre and can count Bill Clinton and Ted Kennedy among its patrons.

Built in 1729 on a site that has been inhabited since before the Plantation of Ulster in the 1600s, the hotel incorporates a 250 year old house and a new wing. It comes with 31 bedrooms and 5 suites, one with a four poster bed. The hotel's original walled garden is thought to be one of the oldest in the country and supplies fresh produce to the restaurant, where the head chef and his team use concepts from a historic recipe book found on the site, belonging to a previous owner of the house.

Guests can enjoy a tranquil horse-riding experience and gourmet packed lunch. Guides will keep them entertained with stories about the landscape and local characters as they meander along lush fields and peaceful country lanes.

Beech Hill can accommodate gala dinners for up to 350 quests in a luxurious marquee pavilion located next to the hotel. The marquee comes fully equipped with kitchen, bar and outdoor patio area

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Travel times to the hotel by car:

- George Best City Airport 1 hr 30 mins
- Belfast International Airport 1 hr 15 mins
- Dublin Airport 3 hrs

Gala Dinner



**Bedrooms** 

Top local attractions:

- Derry City Tours
- The Guildhall
- St. Columb's Hall







#### **Ulster American Folk Park**

Immerse guests in the story of Irish Emigration at the museum that brings it all to life - from the thatched cottages of Ulster, a full-scale emigrant sailing ship, to the log cabins of the American Frontier.

They'll meet an array of costumed characters on their way with tales to tell and food to share!

This is a wonderfully eclectic experience for guests, full of rustic charm, storytelling and outdoorsy beauty. They can get hands on with crafts, sample and perhaps bake some quirky foods, and enjoy in-depth chats with the costumed visitor guides. The team at the Ulster American Folk Park can curate an unforgettable experience in every sense.

With such a unique venue, dinner will be anything but ordinary too – guests can enjoy the whiskey or gin bar on Ulster Street before ambling along the cobbles to take in the sights and sounds of the Park. Whether you're turning down the lights in a cool marquee or turning up the music in our Ship & Dockside Gallery, an event here will definitely be unique.

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#### **Baronscourt Estate**

Just 90 minutes from Belfast, the home of the Duke of Abercorn is a beautiful Grade A listed Georgian house and estate in County Tyrone, built between 1779 and 1781. There's accommodation, salmon and pike fishing, mixed game shooting and Land Rover Experience Days. The gorgeous Carriage Rooms are available for event hire with capacity for up to 60 people.

For a distinctively memorable experience, you can treat guests to an elegant evening meal hosted by the Duke and Duchess, featuring Baronscourt's award-winning wild Sika venison.

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#### Blessingbourne

Blessingbourne is a magnificent 550 acre working farm and estate on the edge of the Clogher Valley in County Tyrone, just over an hour from Belfast. Guided tours are available of the manor house and the beautiful gardens.

The estate also contains a fascinating Costume & Carriage Museum, a unique collection of vehicles including penny-farthings, buggies, a Romany caravan, a stagecoach, antique horse-drawn farm machinery, and even UN helicopter transport. The vehicle collection is complemented by an extensive range of authentic Victorian costumes and military memorabilia.

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#### **Armagh Cathedrals**

An important ecclesiastical site, Armagh is a city with two cathedrals – one Church of Ireland, the other Roman Catholic. In keeping with another Armagh Christian link, both are named after Saint Patrick.

#### Saint Patrick's Cathedral (Church of Ireland)

Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, founded his main church on this site in 445 A.D., though the current structure dates back to the 12th century. It was to here that the body of Irish High King Brian Boru was brought to be buried in 1014. The cathedral features 24 aweinspiring stained-glass windows and an 11th century carved stone high cross.

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#### Saint Patrick's Cathedral (Roman Catholic)

With its twin spires visible for many miles, Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral was an epic 60 years in the making. Begun in 1840, it was finally completed and consecrated in 1904. The church was extensively restored in 2003 and its numerous impressive features include a magnificent gothic altar, as well as several large-scale works by contemporary Irish artists. Bespoke tours of the cathedral and choral singing are available.

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#### **Navan Fort**

For a fully immersive experience, travel back in time to at the Navan Centre & Fort, a place where myths and legends collide and stories are just waiting to be told. The ancient seat of Kings and the earliest capital of Ulster, the Navan Centre & Fort takes you back 2000 years to an Iron Age dwelling where you will meet the ancient Celts bringing history to life. Discover for yourself what life was truly like for our ancestors in this wonderfully interactive and exceptional experience.

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#### **Heaney HomePlace**

Experience an amazing journey through the world of Nobel Prize winning poet Seamus Heaney, and explore, through his words and imagination, the people and place that so inspired him; his mother, his father, his brother Hugh, Barney Devlin at The Forge, and many more friends and neighbours from the local area.

Immerse yourself in the full impact of his writing through the audiovisual displays in our multi-award winning exhibition, which also includes previously unseen artefacts.

Step into an interpretation of Seamus Heaney's Dublin based attic study where you can watch the emotional reactions of Seamus Heaney, family and friends when he was awarded his Nobel Prize in Literature.

Situated roughly halfway between Belfast and Derry, you will be moved by this emotional and illuminating journey, and be guided through Seamus Heaney's life and work, and understand why his poetry inspires such delight in readers globally.

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