

Belfast is one of Europe's most friendly and fashionable regional capitals. Described by Lonely Planet as a 'must-see visitor destination', it was also voted one of the world's top 10 destinations by National Geographic Traveller in 2012. Referred to as a 'treasure with an incredible atmosphere', Belfast offers a variety of cultural, sporting, educational and social opportunities.

Belfast boasts a wide range of entertainment venues: arenas, concert halls, theatres and clubs. Together they play host to stand-up comedy and theatrical performances, international artists, as well as world-class music festivals and events such as the MTV Europe Music Awards.

Titanic Belfast is the world's largest Titanic visitor experience and a "must see" visit in any tour of Belfast and Northern Ireland. It is located in Titanic Quarter, right beside the historic site of this world famous ship's construction.

The City offers shoppers a mix of big-name stores, designer boutiques, innovative arts and crafts shops and rejuvenated markets. City Centre shopping centres such as Victoria Square and Castle Court offer a wide selection of High Street shops to suit all tastes, and there is also a variety of vintage, charity and low-cost outlets throughout this stylish city.

From the finest European and world cuisine, to Michelin-starred local restaurants and budget cafes, Belfast offers something to suit every culinary taste and budget.

The friendliness of the people is what's most appealing in this small and very walkable city, from smiling servers to talkative bartenders to helpful strangers on the street. Visit Belfast to soak up good vibes, to eat well and to drink unstintingly.

Getting to Belfast

By Air: There are two Airports in Belfast,

George Best Belfast City Airport which is a 15 minute bus ride to the City Centre on the 600 bus service, timings can be found here and

Belfast International Airport which is a 35 – 45 minute bus ride to the City Centre on the 300 bus service, timings can be found here. Flybe depart from the following England Airports: Birmingham, East Midlands, Exeter, Leeds/Bradford, Liverpool, London City, Manchester, Newquay, Southampton, Scotland Airports: Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Wales Airport: Cardiff. Easyjet depart from the following England Airports: Birmingham, Bristol, Liverpool, London Gatwick, London Luton, London Stansted, Manchester, Newcastle, Scotland Airports: Edinburgh and Glasgow. George Best Belfast City Airport: <https://www.belfastcityairport.com/>

Belfast International Airport: <https://www.belfastairport.com/>

By Sea:

From Scotland, England and Isle of Man

Belfast is easily accessed by sea, with crossings from both Scotland and England. Travel by superfast ferries with journey times from just 1 hour.

Stena Line (travelling from Liverpool and Cairnryan)

P&O Irish Sea (travelling from Cairnryan)

Isle of Man Steam Packet Company (travelling from Isle of Man).

Getting to Belfast from Dublin:**By Rail:**

Irish Rail operates services from towns and cities across the Republic of Ireland to Dublin's Connolly Station, where you can then catch a connecting train to Belfast.

The Enterprise Train service (provided jointly by Translink and Irish Rail), from Dublin's Connolly Station to Lanyon Station (previously known as Belfast Central Station), runs eight times daily (five times on Sundays) and takes 2 hours 15 minutes. Book in advance at www.irishrail.ie for the best value fares.

By Coach:

From Dublin, the X1 bus service (provided jointly by Translink and Bus Eireann) operates from Dublin Busáras in the city centre and Dublin Airport to Belfast, with 21 departures every day.

The journey time from Dublin to Belfast is approximately 2 hours.

For more information on routes and fares, visit www.buseireann.ie.

By Road:

Starting out at Dublin Airport, the M1 Motorway is well signposted for Belfast; this is a toll road and there is one toll plaza approximately 31 km from Dublin Airport. Continue on this motorway signposted for Belfast.

Just after passing the city of Newry, the road becomes a dual carriageway (A1) and motorway regulations fall away. At the Sprucefield roundabout (approximately 137 km from Dublin Airport) the A1 joins the M1 motorway (signposted The North, Belfast).

Once within the Greater Belfast area, the signs will display as City Centre. At Grosvenor Road Junction (approximately 152 km from Dublin) leave the motorway and follow signs for City Centre onto the B38.

Taxi Fares

Belfast City Airport £10 approx

Belfast International £30 approx