

Belfast, Ireland

Belfast Cruise Terminal is an industrial port, with no attractions in walking distance. The cruise lines provide a shuttle bus from the port to the Visit Belfast Welcome Centre, 9 Donegall Square North (opposite Belfast City Hall). The precise timings of these shuttle buses will be available on the day you arrive. There may be a charge for the shuttle bus service, which is set by the cruise ship company.

History

Belfast is the capital and second largest city of Northern Ireland, located on the banks of the Lagan river. First established as an English settlement in 1613.

Local Flavors

- Pastie - minced meat patty, onion and potatoes mixed together, dipped in batter, and deep fried.
- Ulster Fry - including fried eggs, sausages, bacon, black pudding, soda and potato bread.
- Oysters and Guinness
- Seafood Chowder - base of potatoes, cream, and smoked bacon, then add cod, smoked haddock, salmon, mussels, and clams.
- Colcannon and Champ - Colcannon is mashed with kale or cabbage. Champ is mashed with butter and chopped scallions.
- Irish Stew - beef or lamb, slow-cooked with potato, carrots, and onions; baked.
- Breakfast Bap - large bun is filled with bacon, sausage, fried egg, grilled onions, mushrooms, and cheese.
- Traybakes - crushed biscuits with condensed milk, chocolate, and dried fruit; bake. Traditionally served with tea.
- Yellowman Candy - honeycomb candy
- Lamb - shank with rosemary potatoes.

Unique Animals

- Red Deer - Ireland's largest land animal, thought to have been present in Ireland for at least 12,000 years.
- Red Fox
- Irish Hare
- Irish Setter
- Basking Shark
- Galway Sheep
- Connemara Pony
- Pygmy Shrew - Ireland's tiniest animal sometimes mistaken for mice.
- Peregrine Falcon
- Viviparous Lizard - Ireland's only lizard, small with a lengthy tail.
- Daubenton's Bat - seen flying low over the surface of the water, small in size.
- Glen of Imaal Terrier - robust, independent dog named after an isolated valley in Ireland's Wicklow Mountains, a clever hunter they were bred to hunt foxes and badgers.



Unique Plants

Himalayan balsam, Creeping buttercup, Common foxglove, European ash, Common hawthorn, European beech, Bigleaf hydrangea and Common rush.



Language

English

Currency

British Pound Sterling

Driving

Left side of the road. Your US driver's license is valid here.



Sites to See

Titanic Belfast	Ulster Museum	Crumlin Road Gaol	Giant's Ring
The Botanic Gardens	St. George's Market	Belfast murals	Cave Hill
Albert Clock	Antrim Castle Gardens	Belfast Castle	Belfast City Hall
Belfast Cathedral: St. Anne's	Grand Opera House	Waterfront Hall	Dark Hedges
Giant's Causeway	Belfast Murals	Dunluce Castle	Carrickfergus Castle

Guided Tours

Giant's Causeway Tour Including Belfast City Tour

From \$40pp

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Belfast/Belfast-Shore-Excursion-Giants-Causeway-Tour-Including-Belfast-City-Tour/d738-22567P16?pid=P00002881&uid=U00204439&mcid=58086¤cy=USD>

City Sightseeing Belfast Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tour

From \$26pp

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Belfast/City-Sightseeing-Belfast-Hop-On-Hop-Off-Tour/d738-2065BFS?pid=P00002881&uid=U00204439&mcid=58086¤cy=USD>

Free Walking Tour (Tips accepted)

[Belfast Free Walking Tour](#)

Giant's Causeway and Titanic Experience from Belfast Port

From \$85pp

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Belfast/Belfast-Shore-Excursion-Giants-Causeway-and-The-Best-of-Northern-Ireland/d738-50589P14?pid=P00002881&uid=U00204439&mcid=58086¤cy=USD>



Bus Stops

Please enquire about **excludes discounts** to attractions and tours on route

- 1 **Castle Place** Carricks Gin Shop, Albert Clock, Starbucks Coffee, Fish City, Award winning fish and chips
- 2 **Customs House** Customs House, The Big Fish
- 3 **SSB Arena** Odyssey Pavilion, Premier Inn, W5 Interactive Discovery Centre, Odyssey Cinema, Ten Pin Bowling
- 4 **Thistle Belfast** Thistle Museum, SS Nornalco, Wile Tram Tickets on sale at The Wile Tram and East and Green Cast
- 5 **HMS Caroline** Hop Off for HMS Caroline, Thistle Dock and Pump House
- 6 **Parliament Buildings*** Stormont Estate, Stormont Hotel, CS Lewis / Campbell College
(This stop only operates between 1000 and 1800 daily)
- 7 **Brimont Road** Park Avenue Hotel, Shops, Restaurants and Cafes
- 8 **Hollywood Road** CS Lewis Square, East Side Visitor Centre
- 9 **Lower Newtownards Road** Freedom Corner, Wall Murals, Thane Mural, Yordman Statue
- 10 **St George's Market** Market Days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- 11 **May Street** Belfast City Hall, Thane Memorial Garden
- 12 **St. Mark's Street** Irish Tour, Thistle Tourist Information, Crown Bar, Europa Hotel, Europa Train and Bus Station, Grand Opera House, Holiday Inn Hotel
- 13 **Duchin Road** 5 Points Bar, Golden Mile, Elap Hotel, Movie House Cinema, Soule Restaurant
- 14 **Shakespeare Square** Lavery's Bar, Shakespeare Square, Brindley Hotel, Crescent Arts Centre
- 15 **Queens University** Queens University, Botanic Gardens, Ulster Museum
- 16 **Edgarth Avenue** Windsor Park, Melrose Lodge Hotel, Lisburn Road Shopping
- 17 **Culturalbus Midland Quarter** (Cafe & Tourist Information) St. Mary's Teacher Training College, James Connolly Memorial Statue
- 18 **Falls Road** Falls Memorial Garden, Bobby Sands Mural, Sinn Féin Centre
- 19 **International Wall Murals** PeaceWall
- 20 **Spectrum Information Centre** Spectrum Information Centre, Shankill Road Wall Murals
- 21 **Shankill Memorial Garden** Shankill Memorial Garden, WWI Murals, Queen Elizabeth Mural
- 22 **Crumlin Road** Crumlin Road Jail
- 23 **Deregal Street** Clifton Street Poor House (Tour), St Patrick's Church, St Anne's Cathedral (Tour), Cathedral Quarter

Welcome to Belfast

Please Note: Some stops are request only and you should signal if you wish to board or leave the bus.

