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PROMOTING WEST BELFAST TOURISM
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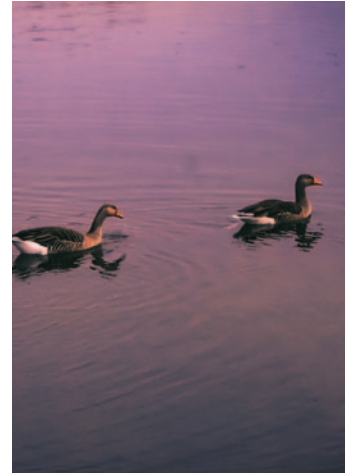
OPEN HILLS AND OPEN HEARTS

This visitors guide is a useful tool to assist visitors planning their trip to our wonderful city.



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THIS THEMATIC EXPERIENCE
'OPEN HILLS & OPEN HEARTS' IS
WHERE URBAN CITY LIFE MEETS
RURAL TRANQUILLITY.



OPEN HILLS AND OPEN HEARTS

Belfast (or BéalFeirste to give it its Irish name) is Ireland's second city and is unlike any other place on this Island. Ask anyone about Belfast and they'll tell you which part of it is the most bustling, happening and vibrant. Without a doubt, it's the West!

Known throughout the world as a hotbed of political invention and a platform for social progress; west Belfast is now a must-see destination for any visitor.



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A RIOT OF COLOUR, HISTORY AND EXCITEMENT

COLIN GLEN FOREST PARK

A beautiful wooded glen located in the southwest of the city, in the heart of the Belfast Hills. Visitors enjoy woodland walks, adventurous outdoor activities and superb state of the art leisure facilities with spectacular views over Belfast.

BELFAST HILLS (DIVIS AND BLACK MOUNTAIN)


A beautiful backdrop to the city's skyline. Explore this rich, varied archaeological landscape and discover how it is home to a host of wildlife. The walking trails through heath, on stone tracks, along boardwalks and road surface offer a diverse array of terrains to interest all walking levels. On a clear day, there are views of Strangford Lough, the Mourne and Sperrin mountain range and as far as Donegal and Scotland.

BELFAST CITY CEMETERY

Explore a range of backgrounds whose lives are woven through the fabric of the Belfast story. The cemetery reminds us, that the political and cultural identity of late 19th century Belfast was much more complex. The cemetery is the city's largest with around 250,000 burials and, curiously, has a sunken 6ft high wall, running for 100ft that divides the Protestant and Catholic sections.

BELFAST CITY'S GREEN LUNGS (BOG MEADOWS, FALLS PARK & SPRINGFIELD DAM)

Visit the UNESCO-awarded Bog Meadows Nature Reserve boasting a mosaic of species-rich meadows, reedbeds, ponds and hedgerows. Head to the Falls Park, the home of the West Belfast Féile (festival) where you can avail of many outdoor experiences and connect with Springfield Dam's beautiful views, fishing and cycling route.



URBAN AND
RURAL,
ENERGETIC
AND
RELAXING.

SAMPLE ITINERARIES

Full Day

HALF DAY

OVERNIGHT STAY

MORE INFORMATION 

MORNING

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AFTERNOON

LUNCH AT FLAX COFFEE



Enjoy friendliness and a cutting-edge refinement of a time-tested vision of how eating out can enrich and empower us.



AFTERNOON

CITY CEMETERY TOUR



The backgrounds of the buried may differ, but there is magic in the proximity of their many points of crossing.



MORNING

GUIDED TOUR OF BELFAST HILLS



Open the door to truly magical hinterlands and a showcase of rare flowers, archaeology, birds and butterflies.



Day 1

COLIN GLEN FOREST PARK



Experience the future, one that derives durability, character and identity from the past and its impetus and innovation from the present.



Day 2

BOG MEADOWS & ST JAMES' COMMUNITY FARM



A community farm surrounded by 50 acres of nature reserve comprised of meadows, ponds, woodland streams.





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