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Visit West Belfast Summer Guide 2022

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Belfast (or Béal Feirste 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!

Packed full of urban escapes, family adventures, world class historical and cultural tours, experiences and festivals and our dynamic Gaeltacht Quarter, West Belfast is a must see destination for any visitor in Ireland.

From Bank square on the outskirts of Belfast City Centre to the Belfast Hills & Colin Glen Forest Park, there is no shortage of World Class and award winning visitor attractions and places of interest.

Our new publication provides visitors a useful guide to the many many wonderful attractions we have in west Belfast.

ACCESS

West Belfast is accessible by foot, car, bus, train and cycling.
We are 100 miles from Dublin & 70 miles from Derry.

Car

West Belfast has multiple access points from Westlink and M1 motorways.

Taxi

All seven Belfast Taxi CIC routes through West Belfast depart from the King Street depot in the city centre.

Bus

The new Translink Glider service departing City Centre travels along West Belfast's main arterial routes Falls Road, Andersonstown Road and Stewartstown Road until it reaches the Colin Transport Hub.

By Foot

west Belfast is only a few minutes walk from Belfast City Centre. Exit from Castle Street, or Grosvenor Road to reach The Falls Road.

For more information go to:

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Welcome to Belfast's Gaeltacht Quarter

West Belfast

- 1 Black Taxi Depot *Iosta na dTacsaithe Dubha*
- 2 Raidió Fáilte *Raidió Fáilte*
- 3 St Peter's Cathedral *Ardeaglais Pheadair*
- 4 International Wall *An Balla Idirnáisiúnta*
- 5 The Conway Mill *Muileann Mhíc Con Mídhe*
- 6 Bobby Sands Mural *Múrghaisiú Bobby Sands*
- 7 Clonard Monastery *Mainistir Chluain Ard*
- 8 St Mary's College *Coláiste Ollscoile Naomh Muire*
- 9 An Chultúrlann *An Chultúrlann*
- 10 Farset International *Brú Óige Idirnáisiúnta na Feirste Youth Hostel*
- 11 The Bog Meadows *Anaíann Dúlra Chluain an Bhogaidh Nature Reserve*
- 12 Belfast City Cemetery *Reilig Chathair Bhéal Feirste*
- 13 Milltown Cemetery *Reilig Bhaile an Mhuilinn*
- 14 Kennedy Centre *Ionad Uí Chinnéide*
- 15 Felons Club *Cumann na Meirleach*
- 16 Colin Glen Forest Park *Páirc Foraoise Ghleann Chollann*
- 17 Gruffalo Trail *Conair an Ghrufalo*
- 18 Roddy McCorley *Cumann Sóisialta Rodaí Mhíc Corlaí Social Club*
- 19 Falls Park *Páirc na bhFál*
- 20 Peace Walls *Na Ballaí Síochána*
- 21 Balmoral Hotel *Óstán Balmoral*
- 22 Black Mountain *An Sliabh Dubh*
- 23 Divis *Duibhis*
- 24 Colin Glen Allotments *Garraithe Scóir Ghleann Chollann*
- 25 James Connolly Statue *Dealbh Shéamuis Uí Chonghaile*
- 26 Johnny Caldwell Statue *Dealbh Johnny Caldwell*
- 27 James Connolly Visitor Centre *Áras Uí Chonghaile*



Place Names of West Belfast

- Divis - Duibhis (The Black Ridge)
- Shankill - An tSeanchill (The Old Church)
- Falls - Tuath na bhFál (The territory of the enclosures)
- Ballymurphy - Baile Uí Mhurchú (Murphy's Townland)
- White Rock - An Charraig Bhán (The White Rock)
- Turf Lodge - Lóiste na Móna (The Turf Lodge)
- Andersonstown - Baile Andarsan (Anderson's Town)
- Ladybrook - Sruthán na Bantiarna (The Lady's Brook)
- Finaghy - Baile an Fhionnachaidh (Townland of the White Field)
- Poleglass - An Poll Glas (The Green Hollow)
- Dunmurry - Dún Muirigh (Muirloch's Fort)
- Twinbrook - Cill Uaighe (the name of an ancient church which formerly stood in the neighbouring townland)

Legend

- Tourist Information
- Church
- Artpiece
- Mural
- Peace Wall
- Historic Building/Place
- Historic Person
- Coincidence Meeting Point
- Graveyard/Monument
- Hospital
- Leisure Centre
- Accommodation
- Black Taxi Rank
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Féile An Phobail

Ireland's Biggest Community Arts Festival

In the city of Belfast, the month of August means its Féile time!

The August Féile is a magnet for locals and visitors alike, attracting interest from across the globe. The 2 week festival is packed with an eclectic mix of events ranging from headline concerts, lively debates and discussions and art exhibitions to massive community and sporting events showcasing the very best of Belfast.

This years festival programme running from 4th - 14th August, will have a staggering 300 events over 11 days including the return of the renowned Féile An Phobail Debates & Discussions at St Mary's University College, Visual Arts Exhibitions, World Class concerts in Falls Park and a massive programme of family and community events to look forward to.

Full Digital programme is available now at www.feilebelfast.com





Colin Glen Forest Park

Tripadvisor 2022 Travellers' Choice award for Outdoor Activities and Attractions

Tucked away at the foot of the Belfast Hills is Colin Glen Forest Park, where your urban adventure awaits. Enjoy beautiful scenery in what is affectionately known as Belfast's Green Lung. Walk with wildlife or zipline through the trees, follow Ireland's official Gruffalo Trail or take a heritage trail through an oasis of tranquillity.

Travel through the forest, twisting and turning, downhill and up, through tunnels and in and out of the trees – while you control the speed on Ireland's First Alpine Coaster. Suitable for ages 3+ the new coaster has a length of 565 metres reaching speeds of almost 30mph.

Climb the 100ft tower and zip through the trees, at up to 50mph on Ireland's Longest Zipline, taking in the mind-blowing views over the city! The new world class attractions are located at the Mountain Entrance in the 200-acre forest park.

Book now at:
www.colinglen.org





Andersonstown Leisure Centre

Only surf simulator available in the North of Ireland

Andersonstown Leisure Centre Aqua Park is home to the North's first and only surf simulator and one of the largest indoor aqua parks on the island.

Enjoy a fun-filled day out for all the family at the new aqua park which includes an adventure play area with water jets, slides, rope bridges and lots of family water fun and is suitable for children up to the age of 12.

The Little Lagoon is the perfect spot for toddlers to splash around and for the thrill seekers, the centre offers 3 world class high-speed water slides Torrent, Vortex and the first drop slide in Britain Abyss.

The new Andersonstown Leisure Centre is just the place to blow off steam this Summer!

Book now at:

www.better.org.uk





Áras Uí Chonghaile The James Connolly Visitor Centre

Awarded RSUA Building of the Year 2022

Áward winning Áras Uí Chonghaile is based in the heart of Belfast's Gaeltacht Quarter and located only yards from where James Connolly lived on the Falls Road.

The centre offers a thought provoking insight into James Connolly's life, his politics and the impact he had on the history of the Island of Ireland.

The James Connolly Experience immerses you into the life and history of one of Ireland's greatest trade union and political leaders. Áras Uí Chonghaile's brand new audio tour guides you through the world class exhibition, to the unique library, Leabharlann Uí Chonghaile and through the art and historic collections. Lasting approximately 40 minutes, the tour introduces you to many interactive features and historic artefacts including the RTÉ video archive, the Transatlantic Voyager and an original Irish Proclamation and the rare printing blocks the printed it.

Free for Belfast citizens

Book at: www.arasuichonghaile.com





West Belfast Wall Murals

Europe's largest public art gallery

Along the Falls Road are the walls murals of west Belfast. Described as Europe's largest public art gallery our world famous murals highlight political and social issues across the globe and pay tribute to revolutionary leaders including Frederick Douglass, Nelson Mandela and Bobby Sands.

The best way to experience the artwork is with our West Belfast Mural Map, available to download at www.visitwestbelfast.com

With this map you can spend an entire day meandering your way through the streets of west Belfast being captivated by the people and communities that inspired our renowned artists.





Political Tours

Coiste - Trip Advisor Travellers Choice 'Best of the Best' Award winners

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Coiste Irish Political Tours

Your Coiste Irish Political Tour Guides will be former political prisoners from the Republican community, who will weave their personal account of the British/Irish conflict into the wider history of this centuries old conflict.

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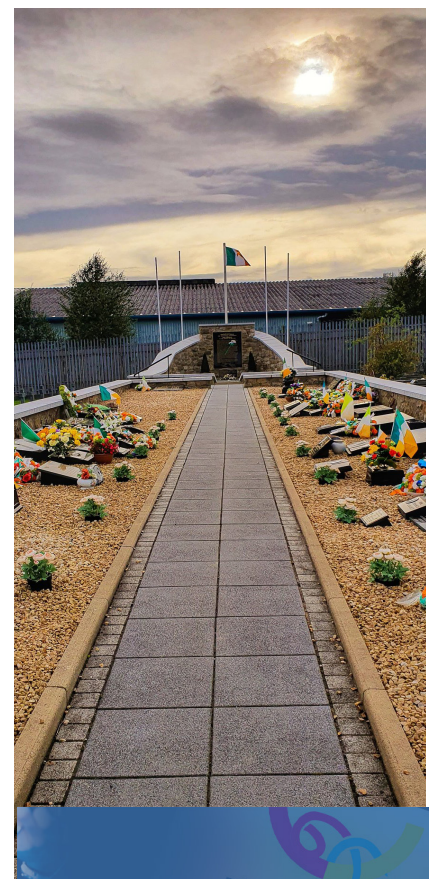
TaxiTrax Black Taxi Tours

The award winning TaxiTrax Tours are the Largest and Original taxi tour company in Belfast. Guides will take you through sites of historical and political interest, explaining the significance of the Belfast murals.

Eyewitness accounts that have not yet reached the history Books. Real stories from real people living real lives. Belfast black taxi tours will entertain, educate, enlighten and challenge.

Book Today at:

www.taxitrax.com





Bog Meadows Nature Reserve & St James' Community Farm

UNESCO awarded heritage site

Bog Meadows Nature Reserve

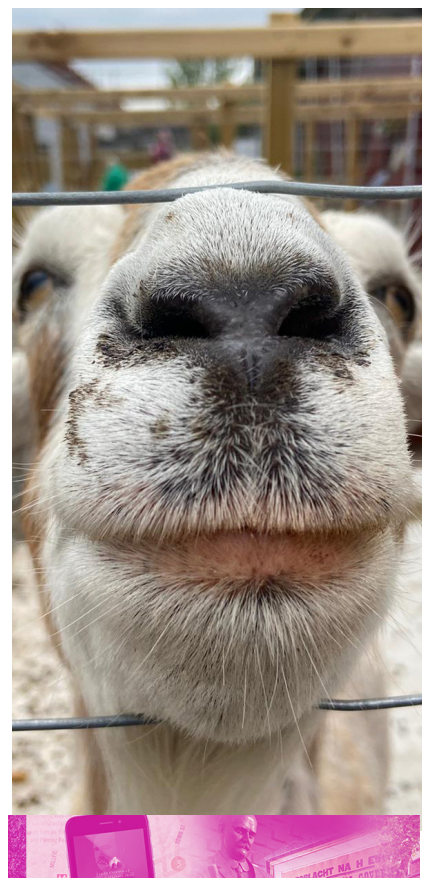
Meandering its way from the mountains to the motorway lies the last surviving remnant of the extensive flood plain of the river Blackstaff covering 50 acres and comprises a mosaic of reedbeds, meadows, ponds, woodland streams and hedgerows.

During the Autumn months the Bog Meadow Nature Reserves, a variety of waders are attracted to the ponds when water levels are low. Winter is the best time to see the variety of ducks, geese and swans that overwinter here.

St James' Community Farm

St James' Community Farm is a fantastic initiative led by volunteers and residents. The community farm has been in operation for over six years and has recently launched a new community hub.

The farm houses many farm animals including goats, sheep, ducks, chickens and many more.





Taste of West Belfast

Over 20 restaurants to tickle your taste-buds

Get a taste of West Belfast this Summer!!

Our restaurants offer mouth-watering menus catering for all tastes and requirements, serving a wide variety of delicious dining experiences to tempt your taste buds.

Dozens of mouth-watering offers will cater for a variety of tastes and requirements, serving a diverse range of dishes to tickle your taste buds whether you're seeking scrumptious steaks, Vegan feasts and delicious dining experiences with Mexican, Italian and Mediterranean influences interspersed with fine Irish cuisine.

For more information go to:
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Cultúrlann Mc Adam Ó Fiaich

Irish language culture and arts centre

Cultúrlann Mc Adam Ó Fiaich is Belfast's leading Irish language, arts and cultural centre located at the heart of West Belfast on the Falls Road.

Based in a former Presbyterian church, the building has had a number of incarnations during its often troubled history. As an arts centre, it is at the heart of the thriving Gaeltacht Quarter in Belfast. An Cultúrlann houses An Ceathrú Póilí book and gift shop, West Belfast's tourist information point and Biá café and restaurant where visitors can enjoy a relaxed & homely atmosphere mixed with great hearty food.

The dramatic curved extension includes the Gerard Dillon art gallery, a must-see for art lovers.

The Gaeltacht Experience welcomes visitors into a vibrant Irish language community giving you a taste of life in the Gaeltacht Quarter of Belfast.





Belfast Hills & Springfield Dam

Spectacular views over Belfast

Surrounding the city lie the majestic Belfast Hills, where urban city life meets rural tranquility.

Resting in the heart of the Belfast Hills, Divis Mountain and Black Mountain provide 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 ranges and as far as Donegal and Scotland.

Located at the foot of the Belfast Hills connecting North and West Belfast is the picturesque Springfield Dam. Enjoy the tranquil surroundings of the large pond connected by a wooden bridge that overlooks an abundance of wildlife from swans, ducks and cormorant to heron and moorhens complete with pontoons attracting local angling fishermen.





West Belfast Shoppers Guide

4 large shopping centres with excellent links to M1 motorway

Park Centre

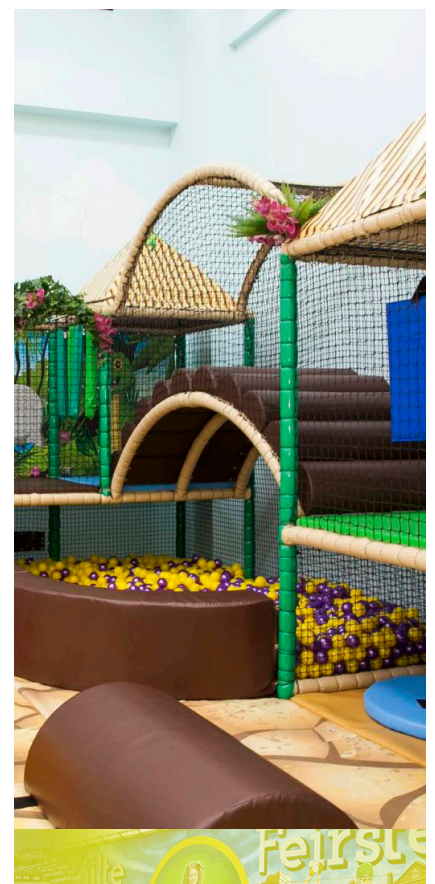
Anchored by Home Bargains, B&M Bargains and Iceland, The Park Centre is one of Belfast's most successful shopping destinations. Situated approximately 2 miles west of Belfast City Centre, located at the start of the M1 Motorway.

Dairy Farm

Dairy Farm Shopping Centre is located on the Stewartstown Road in the highly populated Colin Area. This bustling shopping centre offers quality Retail Units and Office Space within an ever growing catchment population.

Westwood Centre

Covering over 100,000 sq ft, with anchor tenants ASDA, Harry Corry, B&M and Jollies Pet Store.





Kennedy Centre Belfast

Biggest shopping centre in West Belfast

Located in the heart of West Belfast with excellent links to M1 & Westlink motorways, the Kennedy Centre is home to 45 stores ranging from fashion and beauty to entertainment and dining. Stores include anchor tenant Sainsburys and Argos, Iceland, Costa Coffee Greggs and 26 West Bar & Grill. Other stores include Boots UK, Peacock, O'Neill's, DV8, JD Sports, Home Bargains, CEX & Poundland.

The Kennedy Centre first floor is a leisure haven boasting a foodcourt area (Burger King, Subway and banjaxed Fried chicken) opposite Funky Monkeys Soft Play Area, a Family Entertainment Centre and Omniplex Cinemas.

The centre offers free parking with over 800 car park spaces split between a bright clean underground car park and 2 surface car parks including parking spaces for people with disabilities and parents and toddlers.





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