

The spirit of Northern Ireland is giant.

And we can all take small steps to protect it.
So let's make a pledge to do what we can.



Take Care of each other

1. I will care for myself. I will regularly wash and sanitise my hands.
2. I will keep a safe distance. I will avoid crowded areas and choose quiet open spaces.
3. I will be responsible. I will wear a face covering when required and I will act immediately if I feel unwell or present symptoms.



Take Care of the land

1. I will guard its natural beauty. I will love the place by leaving no trace behind.
2. I will be outdoor smart. I will plan ahead, park responsibly and respect local rules.
3. I will not disturb the land. I will respect people around me. I will keep dogs on a lead when needed and leave gates as I've found them.



Take Care of local businesses

1. I will support the local business community. I will enjoy local attractions and culture and choose to support local produce, food and drink.
2. I will plan ahead. I will book ahead to help places prepare for my visit and I will be patient as we adjust to longer waiting times and new guidelines.
3. I will respect guidelines. I will stay informed about current travel restrictions and local government guidelines and I will respect the wishes of businesses that are following them.

Because though our steps may be small, when we take them together, and we take them every day, the difference we make will be giant.

Giant, like our spirit.



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Northern Ireland  Embrace a Giant Spirit

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Your giant guide to short breaks in Northern Ireland!

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Finnebrogue Woods Bushcraft, Co. Down

Seeking a break or a badly needed escape? Craving adventure? A giant getaway is always just around the corner - and super easy to plan. Inside we've packed in lots of ideas and great value offers to get you moving in the right direction - from short break inspiration, activities, places to stay, amazing events and more. So, open up and take a small step to a giant adventure.

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Visitor Information Centres



There's lots of things to see and do in Northern Ireland; so much so it's hard to describe them all in the one place. That's why we direct visitors to our Visitor Information Centres dotted around the region. You'll meet friendly staff who love every inch of the place and who will be happy to wax lyrical about the hidden gems, must-sees and top tips for exploring their area. For a full list of Visitor Information Centres, check out the Visitor Information section on discovernorthernireland.com/plan-your-trip/visitor-information



Visitor Information Centre, Derry~Londonderry

All information is correct at the time of printing. In line with government guidelines and changing restrictions. Please check ahead with providers before you travel. While every effort has been made to ensure information is correct and accurate, we strongly advise checking in advance before you travel to your intended location to ensure it is open, and pre-book tickets where applicable. 'We're Good to Go' registrations are updated weekly.

Northern Ireland is good to go!

We want your break in Northern Ireland to be as safe and enjoyable as it can be, so you can relax and embrace a giant spirit with total confidence.

That's why we teamed up with the national tourism bodies of England, Scotland and Wales to create the 'We're Good to Go' safety mark.

Since launching in 2020, over 1,600 businesses across Northern Ireland have been accredited with the 'We're Good to Go' safety mark. From attractions and activity providers to restaurants and accommodation providers, businesses up and down the country are working hard to welcome back each and every visitor safely.

Whenever you see a business displaying the 'We're Good to Go' mark, you know they have agreed to comply with Covid-19 safety guidelines like:

- social distancing and safety measures
- recommended cleaning processes
- agreeing to undergo spot checks
- carrying out a Covid-19 risk assessment.



To see businesses that are 'Good to Go' please visit discovernorthernireland.com/good-to-go

In Northern Ireland, we put your safety at the heart of everything we do. We've taken lots of small steps, so you can still have a giant adventure. Look for the 'We're Good To Go' mark on all accommodation, visitor attractions, restaurants and pubs, conference and events venues, and tour and coach operators.

How to enjoy your short break safely



Practise social distancing



Wear a mask in indoor spaces and public transport



Wash and disinfect your hands regularly



Look for the 'We're Good to Go' mark



Respect the rules of wherever you are visiting



Book ahead wherever possible



Allow extra time - some experiences may have to limit capacity or opening hours



Check latest government guidelines before you travel



Be outdoor smart. Love the place. Leave no trace.

Mini Maegden,
Causeway Coastal Route

A Giant Taste Awaits Giant Places to Dig in

The Brewer's House,
Co. Tyrone

Muddlers Club,
Belfast

With so much to do and see in Northern Ireland, chances are you'll need a place to stop and refuel to keep your giant adventure going. Or maybe it's a family meal you're after – or a romantic dinner for two. Whatever you're hungry for, Northern Ireland has an abundance of tasty food and drink spots to keep everyone satisfied.

Pyke 'n' Pommes

If you're looking for something on the move, keep your eyes peeled for street food legend **Pyke 'n' Pommes** down at the Foyle Marina in Derry~Londonderry. This quirky spot is an adapted

van that serves up top-quality organically sourced street food – straight from the hatch. Sink your teeth into their 'Legenderry Burger' ... it has that name for a reason.

Muddlers Club

Tucked away in an alleyway between Waring Street and Exchange Place in Belfast, you'll find the ever-tasty Michelin starred **Muddlers Club**. Named after a secret society that met there over 200 years ago, it's become something of a Belfast institution. Though there's nothing secretive about this place today as everything is cooked and prepared in front of you in a lively open kitchen. Their terrific tasting menu is a thing of mouth-watering beauty.

Mourne Seafood Bar,
Co. Down

Balloo House,
Co. Down

Pyke 'n' Pommes,
Derry~Londonderry

Mourne Seafood Bar

Mourne Seafood Bar in Belfast and Dundrum has garnered quite the reputation over the years. Known for delivering a phenomenal taste of the sea, they only use the finest ingredients and even source their own shellfish. Every dish represents the absolute best the local seas and chefs have to offer. Their fried whole bream will have you clearing your plate in no time.

Balloo House

Balloo House, in Killinchy, is a top-quality bistro in an old country pub that combines history, tradition and comfort with a passion for excellence in food. They serve up nothing but good value tasty meals with an emphasis on locally sourced fish. Their crab claws and seafood platters are definitely worth getting your claws on.

Panama Belfast

If you're big on brunch, you'll love **Panama Belfast** – they serve it all day. So whatever time of day you fancy eggs and avocado, this place will deliver and then some. You can also wet your whistle with a wonderful selection of delicious juices and power shots. On your way out, be sure to grab one of their many tasty pastries for the road too.

Mini Maegden

If you're looking for somewhere to refuel along your Causeway Coastal road trip, **Mini Maegden** is sure to fill your tank. A feel-good 1950s food truck, they serve up gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, handmade sweet treats, and speciality drinks from the hatch. Always hits the spot!

The Brewer's House

If you're in search of some gastropub goodness, look no further than **The Brewer's House** in the village of Donaghmore. Dating back well over 150 years, they know a thing or two about welcoming visitors. A taste of the food and drinks menus on offer and you'll see just why they've picked up so many food and chef awards over the years too. Their delicious chargrilled burger is a thing of beef beauty.

Browns Bonds Hill

If you're in the mood for some fine dining in Derry~Londonderry, head over to the exquisite **Browns Bonds Hill** on the banks of the River Foyle. This place regularly picks up food awards across Northern Ireland, and if you sample their terrific six-course tasting menu, you'll soon understand why.

Plenty more on the table

For more information and advice on the best food and drink places to go during your stay in Northern Ireland, visit discovernorthernireland.com/food-and-drink. You'll find everything from fine dining to gastro pubs, local gems and much more. Dig in!

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Embrace a Belfast City escape

Titanic Belfast, Belfast

Great Value Short Breaks



Belfast Zoo, Belfast



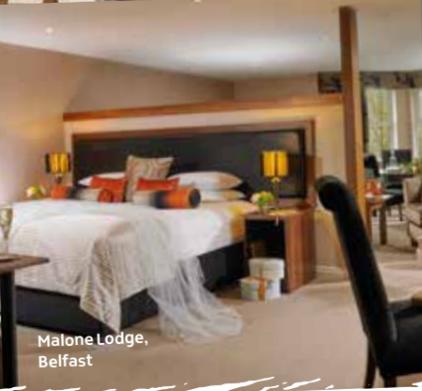
Hidden Huntley, Belfast



Botanical Gardens, Belfast



Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast



Malone Lodge, Belfast



Grand Central Hotel, Belfast

City shopping at its best

There's always an opportunity to treat yourself with a spree, with incredible offers and savings to be had. Take in scenic views of the city from the Dome atop **Victoria Square**. Don't forget a stop off at **CastleCourt Shopping Centre** at the end of Royal Avenue or the always brilliant boutiques on **Lisburn Road** for a final retail fix.

Best of Belfast Walking Tours

Experience the rich culture of Belfast as it takes shape around you on **DC Tours** brand new 'Best of Belfast' tour.

It's the perfect introduction to the city, past and present, offering you a rich insight into Belfast City from expert local guides.

Touring Around Belfast – The City Tour

Kick back and relax as **Touring Around Belfast** shows you the city highlights by coach, cab or car. From the Titanic Quarter to the Parliament Buildings at Stormont, and everything in between, you'll know the whole city like the back of your hand. No harm having a map too just in case.

Stock Kitchen & Bar

To get a sense of a place, you want to eat like a local. **Stock Kitchen & Bar**, in St George's Market, serves up incredible local dishes, all day long, with brilliant views of the bustling market below.

All paired nicely with craft gins, beers, and whiskey.

Grand Central Hotel

As the name suggests, the Grand Central Hotel overlooks the skyline of Belfast from the heart of the city centre. Designed for absolute comfort and relaxation, you can kick back and soak in unforgettable city views from the Seahorse Restaurant and the Observatory, Ireland's tallest cocktail lounge.

The Maritime Mile Treasure Trail

For little explorers, and adults who never grew up, **The Maritime Mile Treasure Trail** is your kind of fun. The unique experience combines

maritime-twisting clues and fascinating facts for anyone with a sense of adventure. Make your way to each of the 18 stops and uncover exciting curiosities and facts about the Maritime Mile. Pure gold.

Titanic Quarter

Follow the Maritime Mile and explore Belfast's seafaring and industrial history. You'll spot the Great Light, weighing a whopping 10 tonnes. It once produced one of the brightest beams ever to shine.

Titanic Belfast

The first port of call for most visitors is the stunning 5 star **Titanic Belfast** visitor experience. Inside, you'll discover the story of the most famous ship in the world, the people who built it, and its ill-fated journey across the Atlantic Ocean.

Crumlin Road Gaol

Only 25 years ago, the heavy gates of **Crumlin Road Gaol** slammed shut for the final time. Today, you can explore its 150-year history of tension, imprisonment and executions. Learn first-hand about

the gaol's colourful past and gain a memorable insight into its daily routine.

Botanic Gardens and Palm House

For the horticulturalists among us, or really anyone who appreciates beauty, take a leisurely stroll through the **Botanic Gardens** and visit the glorious **Tropical Ravine**. Stunning stuff.

Ulster Museum

If you're a history buff, or a lover of art, the **Ulster Museum** is sure to spark your curiosity. Get up close and personal with dinosaurs, meet an Egyptian mummy and see modern masterpieces in the flesh at this fascinating museum.

Hidden Huntley

If you promise to keep it a secret, we can tell you about **Hidden Huntley**. Join Walk It Off NI as you explore the Secret Garden of Hidden Huntley, on this charming and curated stroll through magnificent Georgian grounds – just outside the city centre.

Windsor Townhouse

Within walking distance of Queen's University and the Ulster Museum, you can enjoy a private 4* stay in the prestigious suburbs of South Belfast at the **Windsor Townhouse**. Complete with private parking, a cosy open fire and a large garden for barbecues, this is self-catering accommodation with flair.

Malone Lodge

With your choice of luxury suites and spacious hotel rooms, **Malone Lodge** sets you up nicely in the University Quarter of South Belfast. Discover why award-winning goes hand in hand with comfort when you book in for your relaxing stay.

Belfast Zoo

If wildlife is more your thing, the **Belfast Zoo** is your natural habitat. With over 55 acres to roam around and over 130 species to see, you'll be needing to remind yourself that you're still in Belfast and not the Amazon rainforest.

What's next?

Start planning your Belfast adventure with our handy Plan Your Trip tool at discovernorthernireland.com/plan-your-trip. Discover more things to do, places to stay and spots to eat and build your own giant itinerary while you are at it.

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Far and Wild's Freedom Cycles Tour,
Derry~Londonderry

Unlock the Walled City and Beyond

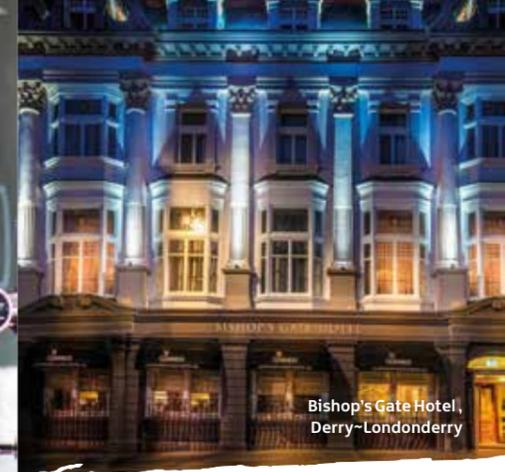
Great Value Short Breaks



OM Dark Sky Park and Observatory,
Co. Tyrone



Walled City Brewery,
Derry~Londonderry



Bishop's Gate Hotel,
Derry~Londonderry

Palace Street Apartments

You'll rest easy in your 5* luxury self-catering townhouse. The **Palace Street Apartments** are situated within the old walled city, giving you doorstep access to all the comforts and excitement of a city break.

The Guildhall

From your very first visit, you'll spot the stunning **Guildhall**. This beautiful 19th century building has seen its fair share of history. Recently restored, it has become the picturesque backdrop for events all across the city.

The Tower Museum

The **Tower Museum** is such an iconic part of the city, it's literally built into the walls. With over 400 years of history and legacy, the Tower Museum is your answer to 'if the walls could talk'. And at the top, you'll enjoy stunning panoramic views, right in the heart of the city centre.

Void

Charmingly located in an old shirt factory, **Void** is an artist-led contemporary art space that showcases established

international and Irish artists, free of charge. Easy on the eyes and the pocket.

The Peace Bridge and The Walled City Brewery

A stroll across the iconic **Peace Bridge** takes you into **Ebrington Square**.

It's here you'll find the **Walled City Brewery**. This award-winning brewhouse will quench your thirst for both local stories and local craft beers, and offers top-quality dishes to satisfy your cravings.

Roe Park Resort

Step out of the city and into the relaxing surroundings of the 4* **Roe Park Resort**. With rooms overlooking its stunning 18 hole golf course and a luxurious spa on the grounds, you'll find it easy to unwind and pamper yourself. All the elegance of a country house estate, nestled in the gorgeous surrounds of the Roe Valley Country Park – sounds like pure bliss.

Foyle Trails

The Walled City is surrounded by ancient natural beauty and prehistoric landscapes.

And **Foyle Trails** takes you there. On a day excursion, you explore the fascinating myths and folklore of the land around us. Step off the beaten track and back in time.

Seamus Heaney HomePlace

Drop in to our beloved Nobel laureate's hometown of Bellaghy.

The life and works of Seamus Heaney are open to you, right where the people, place, and landscape inspired him.

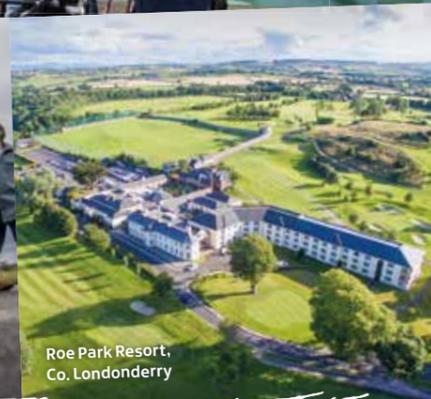
This multi-award-winning exhibition immerses you in Seamus Heaney's world, from childhood to global appreciation.

Om Dark Sky Park and Observatory

See the night sky in a whole new light (or should that be dark?) at the **Om Dark Sky Park and Observatory**, Northern Ireland's only 'dark sky' park. With holographic installations, virtual reality headsets and audiovisual shows at the park's high-tech centre, it's the perfect spot to take in the cosmos – as well as our place in it all!



Cutting Edge Helicopter Tours,
Derry~Londonderry



Roe Park Resort,
Co. Londonderry



Seamus Heaney HomePlace,
Co. Londonderry

Derry Girls Tour

If you'd like to get to know the girls a little better, the **Derry Girls Tour** will tell you everything you need to know about the famous five. Local guides take you across the city, as an honorary Derry Girl, exploring locations and stories from the show. Grab a selfie beside the giant mural of the girls on the side of Badgers Bar while you're at it. Serious craic.

Derry City Tours

Next, another absolute must. A visit to Derry~Londonderry without a stroll around its famous walls is no visit at all. Join a guided walking tour with **Derry City Tours**, or go it alone, discovering a city

packed with history, heritage and culture. A walk around these legendary walls is something you're not soon to forget.

Far and Wild

Take things up a gear with a **Far and Wild** tour. From moonlight kayaking to skating through the city, you'll find a tour that matches your pace.

You can even go your own way with a self-guided Freedom Cycles tour. Whatever you choose, adventure awaits!

Cutting Edge Helicopter Tours

Soar above the coast and soak in majestic views from the sky.

Cutting Edge Helicopter Tours will give you a new perspective on what it truly means to go sightseeing.

Bishop's Gate Hotel

Within the city walls the **Bishop's Gate Hotel** provides you with the ultimate retreat after a busy day exploring your surroundings. As a proud member of Ireland's Blue Book, you'll see the hotel's Edwardian heritage reflected in the serene yet contemporary rooms.

You can enjoy a delicious, seasonally inspired menu at The Gown restaurant, or retire to the stylish and judiciary-themed Wig Champagne Bar for an elegant nightcap.

Unlock Adventure in the Walled City

As you can see, there is so much to do in one of the finest examples of a walled city in Europe. Just be sure to give yourself plenty of time to see it all.

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Surround yourself with breathtaking views

Strangford Lough Activity Centre, Co. Down

Great Value Short Breaks



Exploris Aquarium & Seal Sanctuary, Co. Down



Mount Stewart House and Gardens, Co. Down



The Cuan, Strangford



Cranfield Alpacas, Co. Down



Mourne Trails and Ales Tour, Co. Down



Newcastle, Co. Down

Cranfield West Beach

Cranfield West Beach is a hot spot for families and water sport enthusiasts alike. Located at the mouth of Carlingford Lough, backdropped by the magnificent Mourne Mountains, this picturesque Blue Flag beach is perfect for those looking to unwind, or make a splash.

Cranfield Alpacas

If you're a lover of animals, you've got to meet and greet the gentle alpacas at **Cranfield Alpacas** in Killeel. Go on one of their guided tours and get up close and personal with these friendly furry creatures, with stunning panoramic views of the Mourne Mountains as your backdrop.

Glide with the Tide

Still your senses and feel at one with the waves as you kayak across Strangford Lough with **Glide with the Tide**.

The stillness you feel on the lake, away from the world's distractions, is truly magical. As you glide softly along, you might meet a few curious seal pups welcoming you to their beautiful home, or spot an otter bobbing along beside you.

The Briers B&B

If the adventurous Mournes are calling to you, set your base at the **Briers B&B**, nestled right at the foot of the mountains in south Co. Down. It will be your home away from home, freeing you up

to explore epic surroundings and recharge your batteries in one of the nearby seaside spas.

Mourne Sea Tours

Set off from Newcastle and take in views of the mighty Mourne Mountains from the Irish Sea.

Mourne Sea Tours gives you a view that's impossible to capture from the shore. Bring your own playlist of sea shanties and hop aboard!

Mourne Trails and Ales

Meet up with Martin from **Life Adventure** for an incredible cycling tour through Castlewellan Forest Park. Doesn't hurt that you'll finish up at Whitewater Brewing Company for a tour and beer tasting.

Clandeboyne Lodge Hotel

For those in search of luxury, **Clandeboyne Lodge Hotel** in Co. Down is just the place. Only a short drive from Belfast but fully immersed in the tranquillity of nature, it's the ideal base for lovers of the outdoors who are looking to stay close to the city. Surrounding the hotel are glens, forests, rivers, paths, meadows and great golf courses, all ready to be discovered. Simply divine!

Strangford Village

Make your way to the spectacular **Strangford**, especially if you're a history and heritage buff. Tower houses and ancient monuments dot the landscape, and there's a wealth of wildlife along the shores of the lough and the Irish Sea.

The Cuan

The Cuan hotel nestled on the shores of Strangford Lough, gives you views of the lake and across the shore to Portaferry. You'll be ideally located if you're looking to get in some kayaking, sailing, walking trails or a round of golf. The Cuan is also home to the first door on the Door of Thrones tour.

Strangford Lough

If you're a nature and wildlife nut, be sure to head over to the spectacular **Strangford Lough**. As the largest sea lough in Britain and Ireland, this place is filled with extraordinary wildlife and beauty. With over 2,000 marine species in the lough alone, it's a hugely important home for biodiversity. The more eye-catching animals include octopus, conger eels, angler fish and multicoloured wrasse.

Exploris Aquarium

Across the water in Portaferry, you're a short drive from **Exploris Aquarium** and seal sanctuary. Get a fascinating diver's view of marine life around the globe, from the native species in Strangford Lough to the colourful coral reefs of the tropical oceans.

Mount Stewart House and Gardens

You can enjoy stunning views over the water with a stop at the beautiful **Mount Stewart House and Gardens**.

Stroll around the award-winning gardens, then have a stroll in the stately home.

Hinch Distillery

Get a taste for Co. Down at the exciting new **Hinch Distillery**. Sitting pretty on the Killaney Estate, in the beautiful countryside, their visitor centre is well worth a swig. On their distillery tour you'll learn of their unique distilling methods, meet their three handcrafted copper stills, named Donard, Croob and Wee Binnian (named after their magnificent local mountains) and, of course, sample the liquid for yourself. Bottoms up!

Strangford Lough Activity Centre

Let's jump right in with a visit to **Strangford Lough Activity Centre**.

Explore the lough and the Mourne Mountains with their long list of activities suitable for thrill-seekers, family fun, or first-time tryers.

Why not embrace that morning stretch with sunrise yoga, or wrap yourself in breathtaking views of the lough with a stand-up paddle boarding lesson?

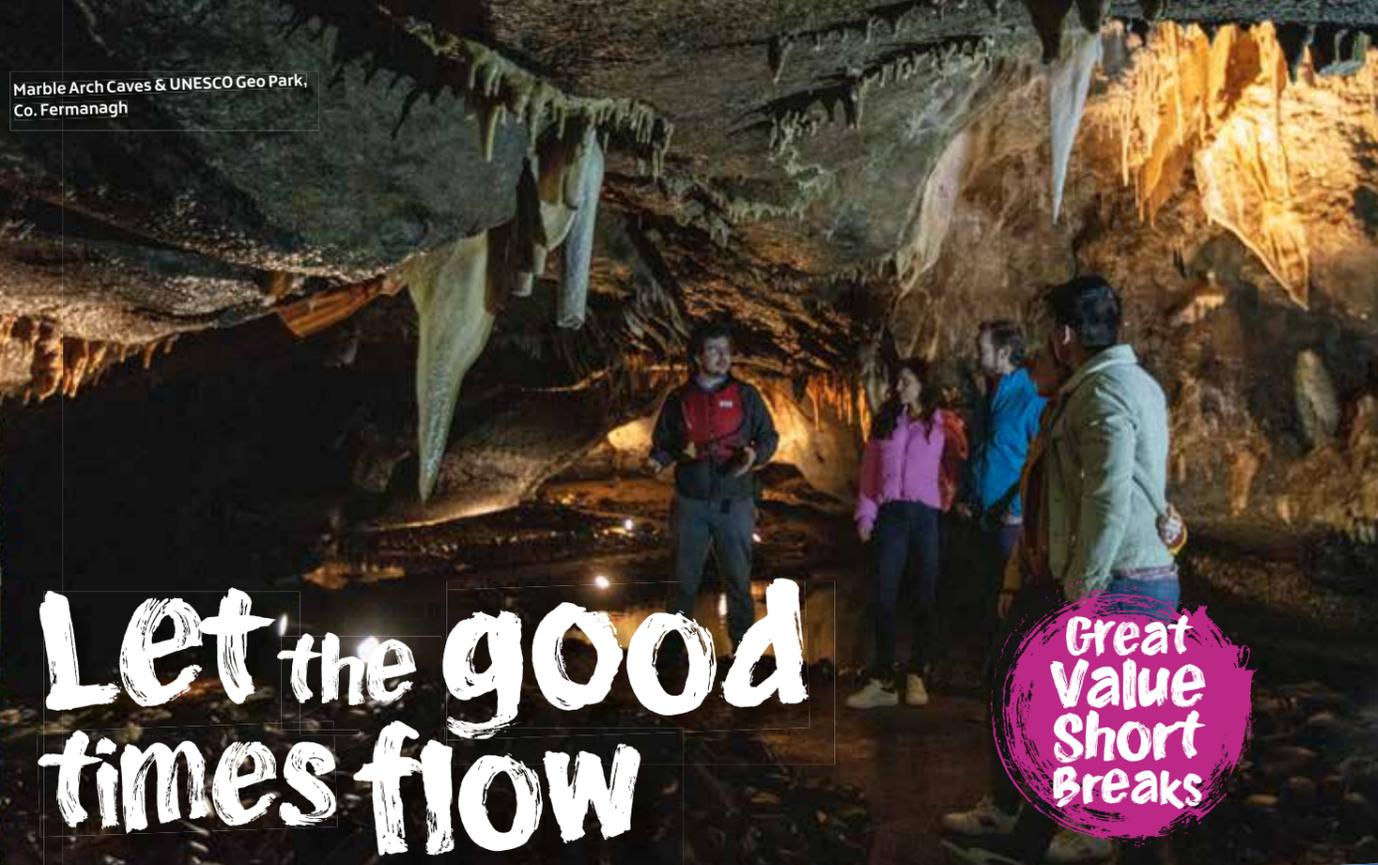
Plenty more in the Mournes

With so much natural open space to explore in the surrounding areas of the magnificent Mournes and stunning Strangford, there's no shortage of amazing outdoor opportunities. From wonderful walks to heart-pumping hikes, this place has it all. But don't take our word for it, go and see for yourself.

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Marble Arch Caves & UNESCO Geo Park, Co. Fermanagh



Let the good times flow

Great Value Short Breaks



Blessingbourne Estate, Co. Tyrone



Killyhevlin Lakeside Hotel, Co. Fermanagh



Enniskillen Taste Experience, Co. Fermanagh

Castle Coole

Castle Coole takes top place on your list if you love exploring magnificent 19th century mansions and wandering through enchanting lakeside woodlands. It's home to both an impressive art collection inside the mansion, and a wealth of wildlife around the grounds.

Marble Arch Caves & UNESCO Geo Park

Jaw-dropping natural beauty doesn't come close. Exploring the **Marble Arch Caves**, you see first-hand the magic of its underground river bouncing light along this subterranean wonder. You'll be guided along a carefully constructed path into awe-inspiring

passages and underworld waterfalls. If you'd like to dive a little deeper, their next-level 360 VR experience is nothing short of amazing.

Enniskillen Taste Experience

Start your day with a culinary adventure on the **Enniskillen Taste Experience** – a three-hour walking tour, stopping to sample an indulgent mix of food and alcoholic drinks (leave the car keys behind). Beginning at the Enniskillen Castle, you'll be guided around the town to meet local producers and learn a few foodie facts along the way.

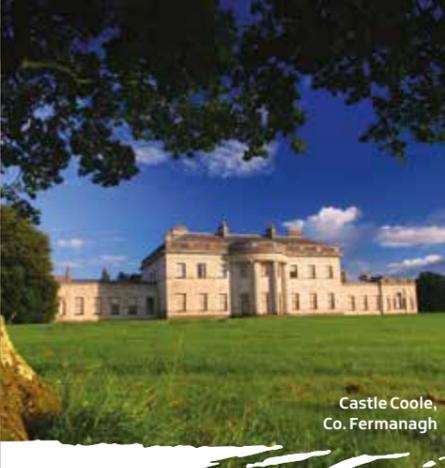
Blue Green Yonder

Wherever you go in Fermanagh, you'll find water at every turn.

And no trip to the Lakelands County would be complete without getting your feet wet. **Blue Green Yonder**, based at the Enniskillen Blueway Water Activity Zone, have boatloads of water activities for everyone to jump into, from kayaking to paddle boarding. Dive in!

Killyhevlin Lakeside Hotel

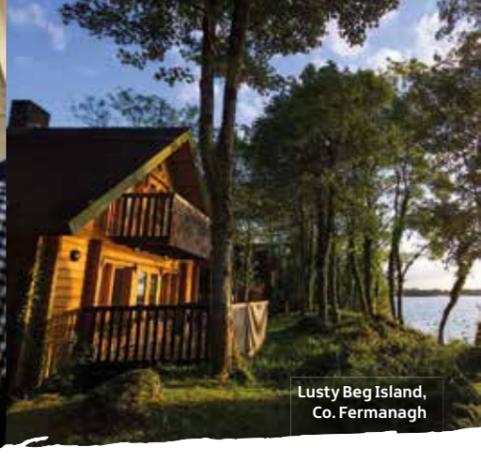
Killyhevlin Lakeside Hotel (4*) is set on the shores of the idyllic Lough Erne. Residents can enjoy full use of the health club, with its indoor swimming pool and outdoor hot tub. Or, if you want to wind down, there's the heavenly Kalm Spa. If you prefer your own space, their secluded self-catering cottages will have you in a world of your own.



Castle Coole, Co. Fermanagh



Ulster American Folk Park, Co. Tyrone



Lusty Beg Island, Co. Fermanagh

Blessingbourne County Estate

A magnificent 17th century estate, **Blessingbourne** is welcome to both pets and people alike. On the edge of the Clogher Valley, you can stroll through its tranquil woodlands or tackle the impressive 13km mountain bike trail. You can even enjoy a cosy stay in self-catering accommodation.

Painting Breaks with Dermot Cavanagh

Head to Moy and let your creativity shine at **Painting Breaks with Dermot Cavanagh**. Whether you're a dab hand at painting or a pure beginner – Dermot can bring the artist out in anyone.

Dulrush Fishing Lodge

Nestled on the shores of Lough Erne, the **Dulrush Fishing Lodge** is where you can cast off and afterwards catch a wink of sleep in picturesque lakeside surroundings. With stunning accommodation and breathtaking waterways, it's the perfect spot, even if you've no intention of putting up a gone fishin' sign.

Todds Leap

Big and small adventurers can jump into over 20 action packed activities at **Todds Leap**. You'll soar over the forest on a 500m zip line, and steady your aim with clay-pigeon shooting at this purpose-built activity centre. Even getting around is an adventure, with activities spread across an off-road track. And there's glamping on site, with log cabins and funky 'snooze boxes'.

Belleek Pottery

If you visit Fermanagh, you simply have to make a trip to Belleek. This pretty village sitting on the River Erne along the border with Co. Donegal is world-famous for the pottery which bears the village's name. Founded in 1857 by John Caldwell Bloomfield, **Belleek Pottery** is Ireland's oldest working pottery. Visit the museum in the visitor's centre and step back into history. Then learn from the master craftsmen as you paint your very own piece of Belleek tableware.

Ulster American Folk Park

Feel yourself step back in time to the Old World and uncover tales of the brave emigrants who set sail

across the Atlantic towards the New World.

At the **Ulster American Folk Park**, near Omagh, you can feed your curiosity exploring thatched cottages, meeting traditional costumed characters and stepping aboard a full-scale emigrant ship for an immersive first-hand experience.

Woodlab Distillery

If you're a lover of all things gin, be sure to pay a visit to the wonderful **Woodlab Distillery**. Take a peek behind the scenes of the distillery and see how their award-winning liquid is made on their Symphonia Gin tour.

Lusty Beg Island

Lusty Beg Island is the perfect location to relax and unwind. A five minute ferry ride transports you to a natural haven set amongst the beautiful lakeside woodlands.

There is a selection of accommodation including self-catering houses and en-suite rooms, a restaurant, a spa retreat, an activity centre, nature trail and even a fairy trail.

You're on your way

It's clear that there's no shortage of things to do and see in this area. With that said, away you go.

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Get lost in a natural wonderland

Great Value Short Breaks

Finnebrogue Woods, Co. Down

XHale, Co. Down

Armagh City Hotel, Co. Armagh

Montalto Estate, Co. Down

The Narnia Trail

If you're in search of something magical, head west to the land of Narnia, Kilbroney Park in Rostrevor. The **Narnia Trail** weaves through a forest path with citadels, tree folk and a beaver's house along the way. The C.S Lewis inspired trail has no shortage of wonders to keep kids and grown-up kids enthralled.

Finnebrogue Woods

Go wild and feel yourself reconnect with nature on a bushcraft and foraging tour of Finnebrogue Woods.

At the **Bushcraft & Wild Sleeping**, expert bushman Robert Hill will take you through the fundamentals of food foraging

and survival. Afterwards, tuck into a mouth-watering Dexter burger flame grilled over a campfire which you've built!

It won't take much to coax Rob into a story from his adventurous past, carving across the Antarctic or trekking through the jungles of Central America. Adventure calls from the relaxing surroundings of Finnebrogue Woods. Are you ready?

Montalto Estate

Nestled in the heart of the picturesque countryside, **Montalto Estate** in Ballynahinch has a colourful history dating back to the 1600s.

Today, Montalto offers visitors the use of 400 acres of rolling countryside, including a fantastic

childrens' play park, and plenty of tranquil walks as delightful as your surroundings.

The views around the Garden Walk and Lake Walk are just stunning.

The Legendary Navan Fort

Home to the gods and goddesses of ancient Ireland, and training grounds to the warrior Cú Chulainn, Emain Macha, or as it's known now **Navan Fort** is steeped in lore. Step back in time to the Iron Age with interactive experiences that bring you face-to-face with ancient Celts. Be sure to bring your sense of adventure! After all, you're at the court and ancient seat of the Kings of Ulster.

Hillsborough Castle & Gardens, Co. Down

Slieve Gullion Forest Park, Co. Armagh

Donna Fox Tours, Co. Armagh

Millbrook Lodge Hotel

The newly renovated **Millbrook Lodge Hotel** has maintained all its Victorian charm while offering you a modern comfortable stay. Just 20 minutes from Belfast City, you get the best of both a city break and a rural retreat.

Enjoy dining in The Gilmore, a Taste of Ulster restaurant, run by its award-winning head chef.

Hillsborough Castle and Gardens

You never know who you might bump into at **Hillsborough Castle and Gardens**, the official residence of the royal family when they visit Northern Ireland.

Immerse yourself in the history of this Georgian castle as you explore from the throne room to the state dining room. Afterwards, you can contemplate, socialise and seek inspiration in the stunning stately grounds.

Mount Ida Pottery

Get hands on with **Mount Ida Pottery**, a family-run ceramics school in Banbridge, Co. Down. Suitable for all levels, you can learn the ins and outs of working with ceramics from the resident owner and artist, Trevor Woods.

Just the start of it

That should be more than enough to get you going, so add some or all of these fantastic places into your own itinerary and see how you go.

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Trevor and his team offer group bookings and will cater the class to your needs.

Book in advance and get ready to play the day away!

Donna Fox Tours

There's nothing quite like discovering a place through its people.

With a witty and inquisitive, personal guide, offering everything from Georgian walking tours to uncovering hidden gems of Armagh City, the award-winning **Donna Fox Tours** has you covered.

Armagh Cider Company

Armagh is also affectionately known as the Orchard County, so it's no surprise to find cider and apple juice brewing around these parts. Started in 2005 by husband and wife duo Philip and Helen Troughton, **Armagh Cider Company** is the first commercial cider company in Northern Ireland. Take their cider tour and learn all about the craft of cider fermentation, from blossom to bottle. And of course, you'll get the chance to sample the cider for yourself!

Armagh City Hotel

The **Armagh City Hotel** can be found right in the heart of Armagh

city, giving you the perfect base to explore everything the city has to offer. After you've checked in, you can enjoy the hotel's leisure and fitness centre, award-winning food in the Callan Bar and the Friary Restaurant, as well as the scenic surroundings of the hotel's spacious outdoor seating.

Slieve Gullion Forest Park

It doesn't get more magical than a morning walk through a forest, and **Slieve Gullion Forest Park** is as enchanting as they come. Take a leisurely stroll through a mile-long trail of fairy houses, dragons, giants and, of course, fairies. It's the perfect place to leave the world behind, without spending a penny.

XHale

Shinrin-yoku, or forest bathing, is a form of cleansing meditation known for its numerous health benefits and relaxing qualities.

And we think you'll agree, holidays are a perfect opportunity to feel the stress melt away and to wrap yourself in calm natural surroundings.



Conquer the Causeway Coastal Route

Great Value Short Breaks

The Gobbins, Causeway Coastal Route

Catch and Sea, Causeway Coastal Route

Bushmills Inn Hotel, Causeway Coastal Route

Sheans Horse Farm, Causeway Coastal Route

Glenariff Waterfall, Causeway Coastal Route

Glenarm Castle, Causeway Coastal Route

Away a 'Wee' Walk, Causeway Coastal Route

The Gobbins

Stretching across the beautiful Islandmagee Peninsula, **The Gobbins** cliff walk is not for the timid. With challenging paths, spectacular suspension bridges, caves, steps and tunnels, this is one experience you will never forget.

The Glens of Antrim

Stretching from the Antrim Plateau down to the coast between Larne and Ballycastle, the Nine Glens, or 'valleys', offer some of the best hiking trails in Ireland. **The Glens of Antrim** are made up of Glenarm, Glencloy, Glenariff, Glenballyeamon, Glencorp, Glanaan, Glendun, Glenshesk, Glentaisie. So get your boots on and let's get going!

Steensons Économusée

Game of Thrones® enthusiasts be sure to head over to **Steensons Économusée** in Glenarm Village. Their artisan jewellers are famous for the handcrafted pieces they made for the iconic series.

Glenarm Castle

Looking for somewhere to unwind? Spend an afternoon visiting the walled garden in **Glenarm Castle** before indulging in their famous cream tea. If that isn't enough, spend the night relaxing in the new glamping pods overlooking the Castle estate. Perfection!

Glenariff Waterfall

Glenariff, the Queen of the Glens, is one of the nine glens of Antrim

in Northern Ireland. You'll discover breathtaking trails nearby, taking in the otherworldly **Glenariff Waterfall** where you can pause for a moment of peace, to snap a pic or even to make a wish.

Ballycastle Marina

If outdoor activities are your thing, the spectacular **Ballycastle Marina** is the perfect spot. With plenty of restaurants and cafés nearby to dive into when you need a break, there's no better place to be on a sunny day!

Marine Hotel Ballycastle

You'll be hard pushed find a hotel closer to the beach than the **Marine Hotel Ballycastle**. Enjoy all your hotel comforts, with a bar and bistro by the lobby, as well as

unrivalled views of Rathlin Island on the horizon. For all you mythology-hunters, you'll spot four famous swans taking flight across the sea, the iconic Children of Lir.

Aquaholics

If you prefer to spend your time in the water, **Aquaholics** based in both Portstewart and Ballycastle, is an absolute splash! They offer a full range of scuba diving courses along the Causeway Coast – a first class experience.

Causeway Coast Kayaking Tours

Carve along the coast and see the wild, beautiful cliffsides with fully guided **Causeway Coast Kayaking Tours**. Take in spectacular views as the legendary Tuatha Dé Danann once did, landing on the shores of Northern Ireland.

Dalriada Kingdom Tours

Internationally recognised as the 'Causeway Guide', Mark Rodgers brings you on a deeply personal and carefully crafted tour of his beloved **Giant's Causeway**.

You'll feel the historic heartbeat of this epic landscape, enriched by

your sense of place at the historic basalt columns where you will discover the legends and stories at the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Away A 'Wee' Walk

Get moving with the always engaging **Away A 'Wee' Walk**. Let local guide Eimear Flanagan take you along the spectacular Giant's Causeway cliffs, where you'll go off the beaten track, taking lesser-known routes.

Bushmills Inn Hotel

Originally a coaching inn from the 1600s, the **Bushmills Inn Hotel** is a 4* boutique hotel for those who love their accommodation steeped in charm and exceptional service. As you'd expect, you're a stone's throw away from Bushmills, the world's oldest whiskey distillery.

Causeway Lodge

Just three miles from its Giant namesake, the **Causeway Lodge** provides you with a perfect base for exploring all the natural beauty along the Causeway Coastal Route. You've a restful stay ahead when you book in to this 5* contemporary guest house and wellness centre.

Sheans Horse Farm

Explore the coastline just like the ancient warriors of Irish folklore, with a bespoke individual horseback tour from **Sheans Horse Farm**. Take in the stunning panoramic views along the Causeway Coastal Route on this awesome guided tour.

The Barn @ Ballycairn

You're in for a cosy 4* stay at **The Barn @ Ballycairn**. Sleeps six and is perfect for those who love the freedom of self-catering, all within easy access of the Antrim hills, glorious beaches, and the amazing cliffside walkways of The Gobbins.

Catch and Sea

The **Catch and Sea** tour in Portstewart offers a food experience like no other. Guided by passionate local foodie Wendy Gallagher, you'll set sail at dawn, see the extraordinary coastline from a new angle, catch your own breakfast and even have it cooked to perfection right in front of you. Now that's fresh!

The Route doesn't end here

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A not so lazy Sunday morning in Northern Ireland

Who says Sunday mornings have to be lazy? In Northern Ireland, there's no shortage of things to do, places to see and brekkies to eat on any given Sunday morning. Here's a few places worth rising early for.

Cave Hill

With stunning panoramic views across Belfast on a clear day, **Cave Hill** is the perfect spot to catch a Sunday morning sunrise. You can conquer this mountain from various roads, but just be sure you leave via Belfast Castle so you can explore this beautiful estate and its gorgeous gardens.

Maritime Mile

Explore Belfast's seafaring history with a morning meander along the **Maritime Mile**. This wonderful waterfront trail connects key attractions along both sides of the River Lagan.

You'll start on the city side of the river and follow the historic trail from Sailortown and St Joseph's

Church to Clarendon Buildings, passing key sites including the dry and wet docks, the Salmon of Knowledge (known locally as 'the big fish'), the *SS Nomadic*, Titanic Belfast, the Great Light, and Thompson Dock which is the 415ft long dry dock where RMS *Titanic* was fitted out.

Peace Bridge and Brunch at Primrose on the Quay

When in Derry~Londonderry, start your day sunny side up with a dander across the iconic **Peace Bridge** on your way to **Primrose on the Quay**. As late morning sunshine flickers across the River Foyle, their incredible brunch menu is sure to have you beaming too. With freshly cooked local ingredients, all lovingly prepared in this family run bistro, you've set the day up right starting here. And don't worry if the rest of your Sunday isn't stacked with plans, the pancakes are stacked enough as it is!

St George's Market

Jump-start your Sunday morning with a quick breakfast in Belfast at **St George's Market**. The famous market, situated in a stunningly beautiful Victorian building, is one of Belfast's oldest and certainly most colourful attractions. Grab a coffee from Drop Hopper Coffee Roasters and a brownie from Check Out My Buns before you sit your buns down and watch the world go by inside this wonderful space.

Those looking for something more substantial should take this chance to try a Belfast Breakfast Bap from the Belfast Bap Co.

Ulster Museum

Come face to face with dinosaurs, ancient Egyptian mummies and modern masterpieces with a Sunday morning visit to Belfast's **Ulster Museum**. Whether you're an art lover, a history enthusiast, a science fanatic or a child in search of interactive activities, there's something here for you. After



expanding your horizons, why not get a bit of fresh air with a scenic stroll through the nearby Botanic Gardens and grab a well-deserved lunch at Botanic or Stranmillis Cafés.

Hillsborough Castle and Gardens

It would be hard to find a more spectacular setting to spend a Sunday morning than **Hillsborough Castle and Gardens**, Co. Down. Originally completed in the 1790s, the magnificent Hillsborough Castle is the official residence of the royal family when they visit Northern Ireland. Take a tour through the elegant staterooms and into the majestic throne room and drawing room while finding out every inch of its fascinating history with your well-informed guide.

Mount Stewart

A serene Sunday morning stroll awaits at **Mount Stewart**, Co. Down. Voted one of the top ten gardens in the world, Mount Stewart owes its artistry and inspired planting to Edith, Lady Londonderry – wife of Charles, the 7th marquis of Londonderry. Her passion for bold planting schemes, and a climate in which rare and tender specimens thrive, make it one of Northern Ireland's most loved stately homes.

An Creagán

If you find yourself heading up one of the many trails in the beautiful Sperrin Mountains for a Sunday morning hike, why not fuel up at **An Creagán** near Omagh. Sit and relax outdoors overlooking the pond while your brekkie is prepared using local produce garnished and flavoured with herbs and vegetables from the gardens.

Harry's Shack

If you're looking for somewhere to refuel along the Causeway Coast, then **Harry's Shack** in Portstewart demands a visit. Located right on the beach, few settings could be better to enjoy a coffee after a Sunday morning meander beside the sand dunes and sprawling ocean.

Lost & Found

If you love nothing more than fresh coffee on a Sunday morning, then a visit to **Lost & Found** in Coleraine is sure to give you a boost. This beautifully modern and hip space would not look out of place in Manhattan. More importantly, they have great morning coffees and super breakfast dishes. Here you'll find the best artisan breads and seasonal ingredients, and the aroma of freshly ground coffee

beans wafts right through the easy air.

Beaghmore Stone Circles

Make your Sunday morning an intriguing one with a visit to the wonderful **Beaghmore Stone Circles**. These timeless beauties will pull you back to a time when people marked time by the sun, stars and planets. With a local storyteller as your guide, hear ancient tales connected with the stones and see the stars our ancestors would have done 6,000 years ago.

Oxford Island Nature Reserve

Explore the stunning beauty of **Oxford Island**, a designated national nature reserve sitting pretty on the peninsula in the southern shores of Lough Neagh. You'll be spoiled for choice with miles of walking paths, birdwatching hides, ponds, meadows and play areas. See if you can spot mute swans, mallards or grey herons. Or watch out for sparrowhawks and buzzards soaring over the treetops.

The best brunch guide

There are plenty of hidden gems to uncover when planning your Sunday itinerary.

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Accommodation

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Ballygally Castle Hotel **** Causeway Coastal Route



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Féile, Belfast



Open House Festival, Bangor, Co. Down



Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival, Belfast



Craft Village, Derry-Londonderry



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Summer events on the horizon

We all can't wait to be back enjoying and experiencing live events again. This wee list is just a taste of what's to come in Northern Ireland in the coming months each of which will, of course, have the appropriate safety measures in place to make sure you have a safe and memorable experience. Dive in and see what's on!

Open House Festival

Set under a canopy in the wonderful walled garden at Bangor Castle in Co. Down, **Open House Festival** is a three-week long series of cultural events and activities throughout the month of August. From music to comedy to spoken word, this festival is jam packed with an exciting mix of international artists, home-grown talent and big-name headliners. This year will feature the likes of Mary Coughlan, Duke Special, Celtic Soul, Dana Masters, Paddy Raff, Colin Geddis and Shane Todd, to name a few, with many more to be announced. The festival will include walks, talks and tours around the stunning seaside town, such as the hugely popular Folk on a Boat, plus free concerts in Ward Park on Sunday afternoons (restrictions permitting). Every event of this eclectic festival will be fully seated and at reduced capacity for the year that's in it. So you can sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival

Live music, laugh-out-loud comedy and awe-inspiring visual art is just

the start of what you can expect at one of the liveliest events in Northern Ireland, the **Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival**. Now in its 21st edition, the popular festival returns to Belfast every year and has played a pivotal role in the regeneration of the Cathedral Quarter through arts and culture. This year's festival will run from 2-12 September, with a plan to make much more use of outdoor spaces and larger venues to facilitate social distancing. With a bumper programme of music, comedy, literature, theatre, film, visual art and more, this year's 11-day extravaganza is one for the calendar. Bell X1, Camille O'Sullivan, Luka Bloom and The Handsome Family are just some of the amazing acts descending on the city this year, with much more to be announced. In the Festival Marquee in Writer's Square, you can catch the remarkable chanteuse Camille O'Sullivan singing the songs of Nick Cave, as well as festival hell-raisers King Kong Company, while over in St Anne's Cathedral, you can expect to see Bell X1 perform a special show with Dowry Strings. If

folk and Americana are more your cup of tea, Luka Bloom and The Handsome Family are set to make an appearance at the Black Box. If you can't attend in person, no worries! Many of the festival shows will also be livestreamed this year so everyone can join in on the fun.

Féile

Ireland's largest community arts festival, the **Féile** is set to return this summer from 5-15 August. Celebrating its 33rd anniversary this year, the Féile showcases the positives of West Belfast and the incredible talent and creativity of the community. This 10-day international festival takes place on and around the Falls Road and invites people to enjoy an eclectic mix of arts and cultural activities, such as headline music acts, international sporting events, Irish traditional music, comedy, theatre, visual arts and much more. You'll also find tons of youth and family events throughout the 10 days too. So whatever you and yours are into, you'll find it in buckets at the Féile!

Local Expert Guide

Belfast

With so much to do and see in Belfast City, the only challenge might be where to begin. Stephanie Swail from **Visit Belfast's Visitor Information Centre** is here to give you a steer on how to get the most out of your 24-hour visit.



Stephanie Swail, Visit Belfast

Begin your trip with breakfast at **St George's Market** (open Friday to Sunday), where you can choose from a variety of tasty local and international food stalls.

Don't forget to call into the state-of-the-art **Welcome Centre** to purchase a Belfast Visitor Pass which includes unlimited travel on bus and rail services within the Belfast travel zone, plus discounts to many attractions and shops.

Next, discover Belfast's fascinating

Martine heritage in the docklands of the **Titanic Quarter**. Explore the **Maritime Mile** from Sailortown to the Great Light, making sure to stop for a selfie with the big fish!

After all that splashing about, head to the **Linen Quarter** to cap the day off with some marvellous Michelin-star dining in **EIPIC**.

Go to visitbelfast.com for information on everything you need to plan your Belfast city break.

Derry~Londonderry

In a city like Derry~Londonderry, you will want to catch every sight and sound. Catherine Crawley from **Visit Derry's Visitor Information Centre** gives the low-down on how to maximise your time when visiting for 24 hours.

The newly opened Visitor Information Centre is a great place to start. Here, you can pick up the official sightseeing Visit Derry Pass which provides discounted entry to the City's top attractions.



Next, take a walking tour of the famous **Derry Walls**, where you can discover everything to know about Ireland's only remaining walled city.



Catherine Crawley, Visit Derry

With over 70 local crafters, **The Craft Village** is the perfect spot for a bite to eat and a leisurely browse. Enjoy lunch in the quaint **Thatched Cottage** or soak up the atmosphere of the Village Square. After a quick rest, take a stroll across the **Peace Bridge**, one of the must-sees in the city. Then head to the award-winning **Walled City Brewery** to finish the day with some well-earned grub.

Go to visitderry.com for information on everything you need to plan your Derry~Londonderry city escape.