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Duration

Ireland, Northern Ireland

Destination

**Level 1 - Introductory to
Moderate**

Activity

Belfast City Tour

Sep 07 2023 to Sep 11 2023

Belfast City Tour | Short Tour for Seniors

Explore the city of Belfast on a short small group tour with Odyssey Traveller.

Belfast, capital city of Northern Ireland in the United Kingdom, takes its name from the Gaelic Béal Feirste (“mouth of the sandbank”). The city has seen human settlement since the Stone Age, but its modern history began when Baron Arthur Chichester built a castle in 1611 and encouraged the growth of the town. Belfast received its charter of

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incorporation in 1613, and it blossomed into an important commercial and industrial centre in the 17th century. It was home to a busy port and shipyard and became one of the greatest linen production centres in the world. Since the Industrial Revolution, Belfast's chief shipbuilding firm has been Harland and Wolff, which built the ill-fated *Titanic*. The issue of home rule divided the city, turning Belfast into the site of intense riots in the 19th century and the violence of "The Troubles" during the late 20th century. The three-decade conflict between nationalists and unionists led to bombings and street riots, giving Belfast the reputation as a dangerous city in the 1970s and 80s. After the peace accord (Good Friday Agreement of 1998), Belfast transformed to regain its place as an economic and cultural powerhouse in Northern Ireland, welcoming visitors interested to learn more about its rich history and see its main sights.

This small group tour is offered to travellers who are seeking a five-day extension in the city as part of an Odyssey Traveller escorted small group tour.

The tour stays in a centrally located hotel in Belfast. Each day we set out to explore various parts of the city, typically using public transport, taxis and the rail network to reach the destinations selected, taking in 2-3 key features or attractions of the city. We will be aided by knowledgeable, local guides who share the ancient, classical, and recent history of the city with the group as we explore.

Typical Highlights of the Belfast Short Tour:

- **Titanic Belfast** is the world's largest Titanic visitor experience, an award-winning attraction located at the very place where the RMS Titanic was designed, built, and launched in 1912. This attraction, using special effects and full-scale reconstructions, tells the story of Belfast's shipbuilding industry and the tragic maiden voyage of the great ship.
- Located on the east side of **Belfast City Hall** is the **Titanic Memorial Garden**, commemorating the 1,512 people who perished in the Titanic tragedy. The city hall itself is an iconic

building, which offers one-hour tours. The Belfast City Hall is illuminated at night in a variety of colours and combinations of lights.

- The **Linen Hall Library** is the oldest library in Belfast, renowned for its Irish and Local Studies Collection with a definitive archive of “The Troubles”. The library is housed in a Victorian-era linen warehouse.
- Learn more about Northern Ireland by exploring the **Ulster Museum**.
- One of the city’s oldest attraction is the **St. George Market**. Though completed in 1896, there has been a Friday market at this site since 1604. Go shopping for fresh fish and sample the variety of produce on display.
- Go on a guided campus tour of **Queen’s University**, founded in 1845.
- View the Romanesque **Belfast Cathedral**.
- Stroll through the 17th century **Antrim Castle Gardens**.
- To travellers who want to go on a longer walk, there is the **Stormont Estate** with its woodland park dotted with historic buildings and memorials.
- Climb up to the **Dome at Victoria Square** for a stunning view of the Belfast skyline.

Odyssey has published the following articles

To assist you with your planning and touring around Ireland and Northern Ireland, then the following articles may be of interest.

- [Northern Ireland; A region reborn](#)
- [A history of Ireland](#)
- [Ireland’s Gems](#)

Articles of interest from external sites

The following links to External sites provide some good history and an understanding of the city of Belfast.

- [12 places to take the best photographs in Belfast – Visit Belfast](#)
- [The Belfast Agreement/Good Friday Agreement 1998 | Northern ...education.niassembly.gov.uk](#)
- [The Ultimate Guide to Belfast – a cultural food and drink gem](#)

Odyssey has more information about [Northern Ireland](#) to read.

Itinerary

Day 1

Locations: Belfast

Overview:

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Day 2

Locations: Belfast

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Day 3

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Day 4

Locations: Belfast

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Day 5

Locations: Belfast

Overview:

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Inclusions / Exclusions

What's included in our Tour

- 5 nights of hotel accommodation.
- 5 breakfasts and 2 dinners.
- All entry fees and services of local expert/guide where relevant.
- Services of a Tour Leader for the duration of tour.
- Gratuities and necessary tips.
- Detailed preparatory information.

What's not included in our Tour

- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Return economy class international airfare and departure taxes.
- Items of a personal nature, such as telephone calls and laundry.
- Porterage.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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Participants must be able to carry their own luggage, climb and descend stairs, moderate walking on uneven surfaces for 3 - 5 kilometres per day. Suitable for most fitness levels.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any requests for further information about this tour or any others offered by Odyssey Travel.