

# KUDOS

## Executive Transfer

### Belfast City Day Tour

#### Belfast Day Tour – Duration 8 hours

Belfast has a wide and varied history from being the world leading ship manufacturer to now being able to boast the Number 1 tourist attraction in the world.

Your tour will commence at 0900 (or a time of your preference), and last for a duration of 8 hours. We have many sights to see during this tour and we can cover almost any interest in Belfast that you may have. From the new Titanic Visitors Centre to The Troubles areas of Belfast, KUDOS will give you a memorable tour and you will, doubtless, leave Belfast with a very different impression than what you may be expected.

The sights included in this tour will include:

#### TITANIC VISITORS CENTRE



*Titanic* Belfast is a visitor attraction and a monument to Belfast's maritime heritage on the site of the former Harland & Wolff shipyard in the city's Titanic Quarter where the RMS *Titanic* was built. It tells the stories of the ill-fated *Titanic*, which hit an iceberg and sank during her maiden voyage in 1912, and her sister ships RMS *Olympic* and HMHS *Britannic*. The building contains more than 12,000 square metres (130,000 sq ft) of floor space, most of which is occupied by a series of galleries, plus private function rooms and community facilities.

## **STORMONT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**



Parliament Buildings is home to the Northern Ireland Assembly, the legislative body for Northern Ireland established under the Belfast Agreement 1998 (Good Friday Agreement).

Built in 1921 at a cost of nearly £1.7 million, it was designed to house the newly formed Government of Northern Ireland and was officially opened on 16th November 1932 by the then Prince of Wales, on behalf of King George V.

## **BELFAST CITY HALL**



Belfast City Hall is Belfast City Council's civic building. It is located in Donegall Square, in the heart of Belfast city centre. It first opened its doors on 1 August 1906.

Inside City Hall, you can register births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships, take a tour, and admire the public art.

In the grounds of City Hall you can visit the Titanic Memorial Gardens, picnic on the lawns while watching The Big Screen or see the building lit up at night.

## **ULSTER HALL**



Ulster Hall is a concert hall and grade B1 listed building in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Situated on Bedford Street in Belfast city centre, the hall hosts concerts, classical recitals, craft fairs and political party conferences. Despite the opening of larger concert halls in the city, such as the Waterfront Hall and the Odyssey, the Ulster Hall has remained a very popular venue, and is considered to evoke much more atmosphere than the newer venues

### **CROWN LIQUOR SALON**



www.alamy.com - CY07F3

Opened by Felix O'Hanlon as The Railway Tavern, the pub was then bought by Michael Fanigan. Fanigan's son Patrick renamed and renovated the pub in 1885.

The Crown owes its elaborate tiling, stained glass and woodwork to the Italian craftsmen whom Fanigan persuaded to work on the pub after hours. These craftsmen were brought to Ireland to work on the many new churches being built in Belfast at the time. It was this high standard of work that gave the Crown the reputation of being one of the finest Victorian Gin Palaces of its time.

In 1978, the National Trust, following persuasion by people including Sir John Betjeman, purchased the property and three years later completed a £400,000 renovation to restore the bar to its original Victorian state. Further restoration by the National Trust was done in 2007 at a cost of £500,000. This work is the subject of a BBC Northern Ireland documentary, *The Crown Jewel*, screened in 2008.

A recognisable landmark of Belfast, the pub has featured as a location in numerous film and television productions, such as David Caffrey's *Divorcing Jack* (1998) and Carol Reed's classic 1947 film *Odd Man Out*.

### **TROUBLES AREA (Falls Road & Shankill Road)**



The Troubles (Irish: *Na Trioblóidí*) is the common name for the ethno-nationalist conflict in Northern Ireland during the late 20th century. Also known internationally as the Northern Ireland conflict, it is sometimes described as a "guerrilla war" or "low-level war". The conflict began in the late 1960s and is usually deemed to have ended with the Good Friday "Belfast" Agreement of 1998. Although the Troubles mainly took place in Northern Ireland, violence spilled over at times into parts of the Republic of Ireland, England and mainland Europe.

The conflict was primarily political and nationalistic, fuelled by historical events. It also had an ethnic or sectarian dimension, although it was not a religious conflict. A key issue was the constitutional status of Northern Ireland. Unionists/loyalists, who are mostly Protestants and consider themselves British, generally want Northern Ireland to remain within the United Kingdom. Irish nationalists/republicans, who are mostly Catholics and consider themselves Irish, generally want it to leave the United Kingdom and join a united Ireland. The conflict began amid a campaign to end discrimination against the Catholic/nationalist minority by the Protestant/unionist government and police force in 1968. The campaign was met with violence, eventually leading to the deployment of British troops and subsequent warfare

### **CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL**



HMP Belfast, also known as Crumlin Road Gaol, is a former prison situated on the Crumlin Road in north Belfast, Northern Ireland. It is the only Victorian era prison remaining in Northern Ireland since 1996. It is affectionately known as *the Crum*.<sup>[1]</sup>

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency has given it a grade A listed building status because of its architectural and historical significance. The Crumlin Road Courthouse, which is currently derelict, stands opposite the Gaol. A tunnel under the main road connects the two buildings and was used to transport the prisoners to the courthouse.

In addition to the above mentioned attractions, we can also visit the following attractions :

Ulster Museum

Queens University

Belfast Castle

Hollywood Golf Club (Where "Rory" learned his profession)

Long's Fish & Chip Shop (Opened in 1914 - still original staff)

Europa Hotel (Reported to be most bombed hotel in the world – Bill & Monica stayed here)

So much to see – so little time

At this time, 8 hotels are currently being built in Belfast city centre, this is testimony to the fact that Belfast is a "must do" city for the day visitor and weekend visitor alike. In addition to this, the many conference centres and the excellent transport infrastructure, may Belfast be the first choice for many world hostings of professional conferences.

Belfast boasts excellent hotels, and indeed our restaurants along with the bars, are on a par with the best in the world - but we have that added "craic", and everyone is assured of welcome..... wherever they go

Belfast is a compact, yet very much an up and coming city, primarily a legacy of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement (Peace Agreement) and you will leave Belfast with a broader knowledge of the wonderful and sometimes painful history of the city.

Your tour does not include the following:

Visitor Attraction Fees

Refreshments & Lunch

Drivers Gratuity