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B part of it

Easter is almost here and the city is alive with an array of activities and events to entertain the whole family including egg trails, face paintings and Easter bunnies. Plus Titanic Made in Belfast Festival takes place 11-19 April with opportunities to enjoy bus, boat and walking tours as well as a special exhibition at W5 to commemorate the famous liner. Belfast's first-ever Shopping Festival offers bags of fun whatever your age and check out a special family event on 18 April as Ormeau Road is the focus of retail celebrations beginning on Easter Monday. Plus there are plenty of other opportunities to shop around the city over Easter. Don't forget to collect your meal deal tokens in the Belfast Telegraph for £6.95 per person (main course and small glass of wine - 5pm-7.30pm) at restaurants including 2Taps, Aldens, Inntro (Jurys Inn) Four Corners (Premier Inn) Filini (Radisson SAS) Ba Mizu, Potthouse, Ryan's and more.



Belfast Welcome Centre (028 9024 6609) is open all over Easter for enquiries on what's happening in the city or check www.gotobelfast.com Happy Easter!

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Belfast Shopping Festival

The Belfast Shopping Festival encompasses a unique mix of events, competitions, on street entertainment and in store promotions as well as fantastic family fun. Offers including 15% off at Liberty Blue, La Perla at House of Fraser and at Swarovski, Buy one Get One Free on all in-store shirts at Smyth & Gibson and 20% off Monica Vinader & Kenzo products at Thomas Goldsmiths. View more offers on www.gotobelfast.com

Shopping Festival Car Parking Specials

Park for £3 all day Saturday in April at Great Northern Multi Storey and Donegall Quay Car Park
Park & save - Get the 3rd hour free when you park for 2 hours at CastleCourt

For full details on what's happening during the Belfast Shopping Festival plus a whole range of discounts and offers check www.gotobelfast.com/belfastshoppingfestival

Note: Easter opening times for many Belfast shops may vary to usual opening hours

Easter at CastleCourt

Easter chicks, face painters, Easter Egg giveaways and of course our very own Easter Bunny will be on hand to help children celebrate the holidays while mums and dads can enjoy leisurely shopping in any of the centre's great 80 stores. Free surprise gift when you join Westfield Kids

Win a Pamper Day at Debenhams

Look fabulous with £200 worth of clothes at Debenhams and your very own Personal Shopper to help you spend it. You'll then be taken to the Cosmetics brand of your choice and be given a beauty consultation and makeover. Finish the day off with a manicure, paint and shape with Nails Inc and a Massage with Elemis. Simply complete an entry form and hand it in at the Customer Relations desk on the lower mall opposite Boots. Closing date: Sunday 19 April

Roses Fashion Shows at Victoria Square

Saturday 11 April - Complimentary Fashion Shows at 1pm and 2pm under the Dome in Victoria Square

House of Fraser Offers

Gift With Purchase- Spend £250 receive a purse worth £100

Bobbi Brown- Platinum Event- new shimmer brick palette, cream eye shadows and lip gloss on counter now

Complimentary Bronze goddess Makeovers on Estee Lauder with a new colour collection 10 day sample of foundation with every completed makeover

Lancôme- gift with purchase of any two items (until 18th April)

Fragrance- Many new and exclusive fragrances now in stock

Made to Measure suits from Alexandre now £200 from £395

15% off Tommy Hilfiger(Mens Dept)

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Belfast Welcome Centre Ticketing



Crumlin Road Gaol tours

The Crumlin Road Gaol tours are running every Thursday-Sunday from 16 April- 27 September. Cost £5 per adult and £3 Group (per person), concessions free. This tour is not suitable for very young children. 1st tour 10am. Last tour 4pm. Sunday first tour 11.15am, last tour 3.45pm.

Bus Tour of Queen's Island

Titanic made in Belfast Festival

Daily tours 11-19 April

Titanic Dock & Pump-House Tours

Daily Tours at 11.00am & 2.00pm

Titanic Walking Tour

Tours for a minimum of 2-4 persons by arrangement with guide only

Departing from the Odyssey. Tour price includes a guided tour of Thompson Dock & Pump-House

Walking Tour

Titanic Made in Belfast Festival Daily @ 2pm 11-19 April

Free Walking Tour of buildings & places associated with Titanic

The Belfast Music Tour

Tour begins at Ulster Hall, Bedford Street and ends at the Oh Yeah Music Centre Gordon Street. Tickets £8

Late Night Art Bus & Walking Tours

Next tours 7 May

Easter Eggspress Steam Train

Easter Monday 13th Apr Belfast to Whitehead

All tickets £9 and all children with a ticket will receive a chocolate egg

[The 10th Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival](#)

30 April - 10 May

[Book tickets here](#)

Tour of Friars Bush

Tour of Friars Bush Cemetery

Mirth & Melancholy

24 April Ulster Hall @ 7:45pm

The Glen Miller Tribute Orchestra

Springhill House, Moneymore 25 April

Tickets £10 Adult £5 Child under 16 years.

Coiste Political Walking Tour

Guided walking tour of murals and interface areas of west Belfast

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Easter events

[Belfast Zoo - Easter Extravaganza](#)

Until 14 April

Celebrate Easter with the animals at the Zoo with a wide range of activities, including face painting and our animal characters.

[Ulster Folk and Transport Museum - Easter Celebrations](#)

Until-14 April

Enjoy a feast of traditional activities including eggrolling, Easter treasure hunt, Easter art and street entertainers.

[WWT Castle Espie -Spring has sprung](#)

Until 14 April

Easter Crafts, Face Painting, and Easter trail. 11am -1pm and 2pm - 4pm. Normal admission.

[Mount Stewart - The White Rabbit Trail](#)

11-18 April

Fun for all the family, with prizes for everyone! Follow the white rabbit trail around this magical garden.

[W5 @ Odyssey - Intergalactegg Invaders](#)

Until 19 April

Come along, hatch an Egghead and race it down the W5 Egg Racing course. When it is over, take home your new Alien friend to colonise your windowsill!

[Titanic Made in Belfast Festival](#)

Until 19 April

City-wide events including the Titanic Designed and Built in Belfast exhibition at W5, Titanic boat, bus and walking tours and much more

Stena Line - Lazy Sunday Cruises on Belfast Lough

12 & 19 April

Spend a relaxing Sunday afternoon on a Belfast Lough cruise onboard the Stena Caledonia. There'll be live music, film in the cinema and activity packs to keep the kids entertained £10 per adult or £5 per child (4-15). Infants travel for free.

Streamvale Open Farm -Spring at the Farm

Throughout Easter

Visit the new animals to the farm and enjoy feeding and cuddle times throughout each day.

Castle Ward - Easter Family Day & Craft Fair< b>

12 & 13 April

A weekend full of Easter fun, activities and crafts for all the family. Easter egg trails both days and Easter Egg Hunt Monday only.

Clearsky Adventure Centre

Water sports and Biking Extravaganza – 12th April

Family Adventure Day – 19th April

Archery Afternoon – 19th April

Places limited. Booking essential

Colin Glen Forest Park -Spring to Life – a woodland exploration

Mon 13 April, walk begins at 2pm

Enjoy a day out for the whole family with an exploration through Colin Glen Forest Park during one of the most magical times of the year. Admission: £2 per adult, £1 per child

Bangor Easter Parade & Family Fun Day< b>

13 April

Bangor comes alive every Easter Monday with a parade, fun-filled day packed with activities and attractions for all ages.

Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre - Bunji Bunny's Easter Show

13 April

Fun filled afternoon Easter treats this Easter Monday for all the family. Easter themed entertainers, face painters, balloon modellers and a treasure hunt! 1pm-4pm. Free admission.

www.carrickfergus.org

Rowallane Garden -Easter Chick Trail 14 April

Follow the trail, solve the puzzle and get an Easter surprise. There will also be face painting and storytelling. Easter Trail £1 per Child 10.30am - 3pm

For King & Country @ Grand Opera House< b>

14-18 April

The Valley Leisure Centre - Easter Arts & Crafts

15 & 16 April

Have fun in Art and Craft Events. Two age categories 4 – 7 and 8 – 12. Places are limited. Ticket Price: £2 per child

Odyssey Arena - Disney on Ice: Finding Nemo

16-19 April

King's Hall - The Stitch & Creative Crafts Show

16-18 April

This show covers all aspects of quality stitch craft and more stitch and creative crafts

Learning Space - Plasticine Party

18 April

The plasticine is supplied so you supply the imagination. Create a modelling masterpiece to take home

St. George's Market -Festival of India

19 April

A festival portraying Indian Culture through dance, music and various activities.

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Dining & other offers

Easter at The Merchant Hotel

Easter Sunday Lunch : Sunday 12 April

Enjoy a three course Easter Sunday Lunch at The Merchant Hotel. Relax in the Great Room and enjoy the charming sounds of a classical pianist. £35 per person.(Children's menu available.) A discretionary service charge of 10% will be added to all food and beverage bills.



Easter Monday

An afternoon of live Jazz from 3pm – 6pm. Food served from 12-9pm.

Dine with Wine: 5-9pm enjoy 2 main courses and a bottle of house red or white wine for £22.50.

Easter Sunday menu at Ten Square

£23.95 for a 3 course meal

Park Inn - RBG Bar & Grill

Open throughout Easter

Easter Carvery at La Mon

Sunday 12th April 2009 - 5 sittings available

£20 per Adult,£10 per Child

Additional dining offers

Set Menu at Cayenne

£20 & £25 set 3 course dinner menu

Set Menus available Sun-Fri 6pm-late. A la carte menu available 7 nights

Menu by Kevin Thornton at The Fitzwilliam Hotel

Lunch everyday 12.30 - 2.30pm

Dinner Sun - Thursday 5.30pm - 10pm

Fri and Sat 5.30pm - 11pm

Main courses from £14.50

Champagne Cocktails at the Bar from £10.50

Hilden Brewery's Supper Theatre nights

Taking place on the 7th and 8th May, these unique evenings will offer guests a meal followed by an exclusive performance of David Ireland's satire Arguments For Terrorism. The evening will be staged by Belfast's award-winning theatre company Ransom Productions. To purchase tickets contact Hilden Brewery directly on 028 9266 3863.

Holiday Inn Dining Deals

Lunch Meal Deal - Meal & a soft drink or tea/coffee £4.95 - Monday to Friday, 12.30pm-2.30pm

2 can dine for £20 - 2 main courses & a bottle of wine - Monday - Sunday, 6.30pm-9.30pm

Holiday Live - Niall Rice Accoustic Session 5pm - 8.30pm - drinks offers & free light bites 5pm-6pm

Thursday Special Menu at Benedict's Hotel

4 Course Meal For Two £29.95 add a Bottle Of Wine £34.95

Ramada Encore

SQ Restaurant & Grill & The Hub Bar & Longe now open [Equinox Café, Howard Street](#)

Lunch Offer -Served Mon – Fri 12 – 2.30pm

Homemade soup and filled bagel £5.95

Afternoon Special -Served Mon – Fri 2.30 – 4pm

Tea or Coffee and homemade scone £2.25

The "100 Piazze" project at Equinox

Customer Event – Irish launch - The "100 Piazze"project - designed by Fabio Novembre for Italian design company, Diade on 7th May 5-9pm

Exhibition continues 8-23 May -open to the public

Shop & Stay at Hilton Belfast

10% off best available B&B rates (Includes a cocktail in the bar and complimentary room service breakfast) when you use special promotion code PR22HC on www.hilton.co.uk/belfast

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Transport offers

Translink Easter Family Day Ticket

For £18.50, this ticket is available to any two adults travelling with up to four children giving more flexibility to bring friends as well as family members on a great day out. Valid until 19 April.

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Translink's Metro Fridays is back

The special after 7pm £1 cash fare returns continues until 26 June. Metro customers can also avail of extra offers on Fridays including:-

Botanic Inns/Cool FM – Selected pints £2 or buy a vodka and get a free Pepsi mixer

Metro Fridays Menu - Main Course and Glass of Wine or Bottle of Beer for £9.95 at 2Taps, No 27 Talbot Street, Roscoff Brasserie, Hill St Brasserie, Nick's Warehouse, The Spaniard and Victoria Square Restaurants – Between 10% - 50% off total food bill

Andrew Mulvenna Hair MetroSpa - Free Kerastase Luxury Hair Ritual with Shiatsu massage with any service of £15 and over (worth £15).

The Streat Café (Belfast Cafés) - Free regular size coffee with any other purchase. (minimum spend £2). LA Fitness (Adelaide St) - Free Day Pass on Fridays (worth £10).

Bunk Campers Spring Offers Free bedding & towels (worth £30) on all rentals during April. Dates of rental must be between 1 -30 April. Contact enquiries@bunkcampers.com for promotional codes before booking online.

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