

## Belfast - Entertainment & Tourist Information Guide + where to eat locally

Modern Belfast offers cosy cafés, animated streets, buzzing restaurants, and bars spilling onto the waterfront. Popular attractions include the Botanic Gardens, the City Hall, and the Albert Clock. Wherever you go, the familiar landmark of Belfast Castle overlooks the city from Cave Hill. A lot of nightlife is found around the Queen's University area – obviously considerably quieter at the moment being a vacation period.

Attached is the August list of events in and around Belfast

For more information, suggest you try some of the following web sites:

try - <http://www.belfast.net/> - select an attraction - "tourist information" and "pubs & clubs" – loads of good information on all sorts of things

try - <http://www.gotobelfast.com> – especially view the following

[http://www.gotobelfast.com/thingstodo/index.cfm/level/page/category\\_key/197/Page\\_Key/279/Parent\\_Key/0/Content\\_Key/634/type/Page/PaGeName/Things\\_to\\_do](http://www.gotobelfast.com/thingstodo/index.cfm/level/page/category_key/197/Page_Key/279/Parent_Key/0/Content_Key/634/type/Page/PaGeName/Things_to_do) plus try

[http://authenticate1.belfastcityonline.net/portal/page?\\_pageid=41,107459&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://authenticate1.belfastcityonline.net/portal/page?_pageid=41,107459&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL) as well as

[http://authenticate1.belfastcityonline.net/portal/page?\\_pageid=41,61405&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://authenticate1.belfastcityonline.net/portal/page?_pageid=41,61405&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)

try – Expedia, <http://www.expedia.co.uk/pub/agent.dll?qscr=tshw&rfr=-13007&&zz=1154415225906&> - enter Belfast in the "locations - city" box

try [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/celebratebelfast2006](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/celebratebelfast2006)

For jazz lovers try J2Z Festival (17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August) – [www.j2z.net](http://www.j2z.net)

Local (to the University of Ulster) restaurants & bars for evening meals, relaxation etc.

There is no place on campus that does food in the evening – unless you are cooking! As I have only been in Belfast for a month I can't claim to have the inside knowledge of the local area (mainly because I have been trying to organise some summer school!) - but I have tried to find a few places locally that you can enjoy your few hours away from the lecture room. The following are worth a visit but your choice of how many visits - I would appreciate your feedback nearer the end of the course.

**Bureau Bar Bistro** (tel: 028 90866111), within walking distance (5-10mins), friendly bar with reasonable food, bands on some nights. Located on the Shore Road (No. 637) going back towards Belfast - the original Shore Road curves away from the main dual carriage coast road and leads to a parade of shops including the Bureau and a Spa shop at the Belfast end (where it reconnects to the coast road again) – see map. Open most of the day until 11:00pm.

**Kinara Indian Restaurant** (tel: 028 9036 5800), located at 675, Shore Rd, as above but slightly closer to the university. Open 5:00pm – 11:00pm every day. Good value food, friendly service, if you like Indian food – see take away menu and map. They also deliver locally.

### Carrickfergus

In the opposite direction to Belfast and about 4 miles away in Carrickfergus are a larger range of restaurants- too many to list here and at all price ranges, worth exploring. Plus larger supermarkets (Tesco etc.)

