



A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL CULTURE

This visitors guide is a useful tool to assist visitors planning their trip to our wonderful city.



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THIS THEMATIC EXPERIENCE 'A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL CULTURE' SHOWCASES IRELAND'S BIGGEST COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL FÉILE AN PHOBAIL.



Belfast (or BéalFeirste to give it its Irish name) is Ireland's second city and is unlike any other place on this Island. Ask anyone about Belfast and they'll tell you which part of it is the most bustling, happening and vibrant. Without a doubt, it's the West!

Known throughout the world as a hotbed of political invention and a platform for social progress; west Belfast is now a must-see destination for any visitor.

FLAGSHIP AUGUST FESTIVAL

The August Féile is a magnet for locals and visitors alike, attracting interest from across the globe. The 2 week festival is packed with an eclectic mix of events ranging from headline concerts, lively debates and discussions and art exhibitions to massive community and sporting events showcasing the very best of Belfast.

FÉILE AN EARRAIGH

Infusing the hustle and bustle of the dynamic Gaeltacht Quarter with Irish Traditional Arts, Féile an Earraigh celebrates the Irish language, traditional music and culture through a range of events

including concerts, workshops, Irish language classes, tours, walks, sports and family events culminating with Belfast's St Patrick's Day festivities.

Draíocht Children's Festival

The Halloween festival provides a diverse range of activities for children and young people through Féile's dynamic youth and creative arts programme. Events take place during the Halloween school mid-term. The week long festival includes: Art exhibitions, outdoor family events, storytelling, dramas, workshops, the famous Féile Haunted House and concludes with a massive lantern parade and fireworks display at Fall Park Belfast.



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THE FÉILE AN PHOBAIL EXPERIENCE

IRELAND'S BIGGEST COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL

The August Féile is 2 week programme packed with community events across Belfast including concerts, exhibitions, children's events, sports and theatre. Look out for the annual Carnival Parade and Party in the Park where Féile welcomes thousands of locals and visitors for a pageant parade walking from Dunville Park to Falls Park Belfast for a massive party.

IRELAND'S BIGGEST SUMMER SCHOOL AT ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

One of the highlights of Féile, the debates and discussions programme welcomes speakers and visitors from around the world discussing topical issues of local and world politics. Highlights include the Leaders Debate and West Belfast Talks Back.

IRISH TRADITIONAL CULTURE & ARTS

Using historic and modern venues within the dynamic Gaeltacht Quarter, Féile showcases the very best in Irish Traditional music & cultural events and promotes the Irish language throughout. From world renowned artists performing at Clonard Monastery to trad sessions in our local bars and pubs to arts exhibitions at Cultúrlann and St Mary's University College you will be immersed and fall in love with the ancient Irish tradition.

WORLD CLASS CONCERTS AND EVENTS

The event space at Falls Park Belfast plays host to some of the best musical acts around. In recent years Féile have hosted acts including Boyzone, Olly Murs and The Wolfe Tones as well as welcoming the very best DJs for the annual Féile Dance Night. If your not at The Falls Park, your in Clonard Monastery where Féile uses the mesmerising surroundings of the Monastery to host world class talents.

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SAMPLE ITINERARIES

FÉILE AN PHOBAIL AUGUST FESTIVAL

Full Day

HALF DAY

OVERNIGHT STAY

MORE INFORMATION 

Morning

BELFAST CITY CEMETERY TOUR



Meet with renowned tour guide Tom Hartley for a guided tour of the historic Belfast City Cemetery.



Afternoon

D & D AT ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



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Evening

FÉILE LIVE CONCERT



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AFTERNOON

CARNIVAL PARADE & PARTY IN THE PARK



Join with thousands of spectators as the carnival parades to Falls Park for a day long celebration.

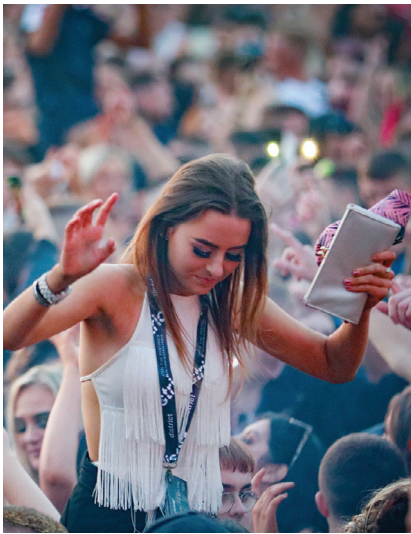


EVENING

CONCERT IN FALLS PARK



Enjoy an outdoor concert in Falls Park with world class acts. The event space can hold up to 15,000 people and usually does.



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Morning (Day 2)

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