

Travelling to Northern Ireland

We advise delegates to book their travel as early as possible to ensure the best deal on fares.

By Air

Regular flights fly from many UK cities to City (George Best) Airport Belfast, and to Belfast International Airport.

City Airport is the closest airport to the Ulster Museum, our venue on the first day of the conference.

The following airlines fly from the following airports to City Airport:

- Air Lingus: London Heathrow and London Gatwick
- Flybe: Aberdeen, Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Jersey, Leeds/Bradford, London, Gatwick, Manchester, Newcastle, Newquay, Southampton, East Midlands
- British Airways: London Heathrow
- Manx2: Gloucester, Isle of Man, Blackpool, Oxford

Belfast International Airport is situated approximately 30 mins bus journey from Belfast city centre.

The following airlines fly from the following airports to Belfast International:

- Jet2.com: Leeds Bradford, Jersey, Blackpool
- Easyjet: Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London Gatwick, London Luton, London Stansted, London Southend, Manchester, Newcastle

By Sea

Stenaline offer competitive rates and special 'Rail and Sail' deals. This method of travel might be good value for anyone coming from the North-West or from Scotland. They do also offer discounted rail connections from larger British towns and cities.

See: <http://www.stenaline.co.uk/ferry/rail-and-sail/>

Cairnryan - Belfast

Prices to Belfast - valid until further notice		
Per Adult	Zone	Single
Ayr, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling	A	£29
Dundee, Leuchars for St Andrews	B	£33
Aberdeen, Inverness	C	£40
Carlisle	D	£37
Newcastle, Blackpool	E	£44
Leeds, Birmingham	F	£44
London, Southampton	G	£52



Travelling to and from the airport or port

Belfast City (George Best) Airport to Belfast city centre

The Airport Express 600 operates every 20 minutes from outside the airport to the Belfast Europa Bus Centre. The bus takes about 15 minutes. The Ulster Museum is a 30 minute walk from here.

The service, Airport Express 600, operates between 0545 and 2125, and costs £2.20 single and £3.30 return.

Taxis take 15 minutes to reach the Ulster Museum from City Airport and will cost approximately £8. The train is also an option, as Sydenham Station is just a short walk from the airport and you can get trains from there to Botanic Station, which is then just 10 minutes walk from the Ulster Museum.

We're at the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum on the Friday, and for those flying back on Friday evening the museum has its own station. From this station (Cultra) you can get back to Sydenham Station (City Airport) in less than 10 minutes.

Belfast International Airport to city centre

The Airport Express 300 from Belfast International to the Belfast Europa Bus Centre is £10 Return. The bus takes about 30-35 minutes. The Ulster Museum is a 30 minute walk from here.

Belfast Ferry port to city centre

The Translink Metro service 96 goes from Donegall Square West next to Belfast City Hall to the Norfolkline and Stena Line terminals. Also from the terminals to Belfast city centre. The service runs approx. 20 minute intervals taking 25 minutes. £1.80 each way.

City centre to Ulster Museum

By rail:

Botanic Station is only 10 minutes walk from the museum and frequent trains run between there and Belfast Central.

By bus:

Metro 8 Malone Road departs from Belfast city centre, Donegall Square East every 10 mins. Bus stop located at the side of the museum building. Adult tickets cost £1.60

There is unlimited Metro Day Travel for £2.70 after 9.30am.

Extending your visit to Northern Ireland?

How about a visit to Derry / Londonderry, The United Kingdom City of Culture 2013?

The City of Derry is hosting a number of unique cultural events as part of its city of culture programme. As a number of SHCG members plan to visit the city on Saturday 29th June, Staff at the Tower Museum in Derry/ Londonderry have kindly offered to host a behind the scenes tour of their museum and a guided walk of the social history of the city.

Provisional timetable for Visit to Derry/ Londonderry Saturday 29th June 2013:

11am Arrive and visit to Guildhall – self guided tour of Plantation Exhibition
12.30 Lunch
1.30 Tower Museum (including session with museum staff re collections/exhibitions)
2.30 Walking tour City Walls (focus on social history)
3.30 Finish

This trip is not a formal part of the conference programme and private transport to and from Derry/ Londonderry will not be organized or provided by SHCG. Delegates will need to arrange this themselves. However, public bus transport from Belfast to Derry is affordable and frequent.

The 212 Maiden City Flyer Service goes from Belfast Europa Station to Derry city centre every hour and takes approximately 1 hour 15 minutes.

Please contact Jude or Ciara if you would be interested in this trip to Derry. Everyone is welcome. judithh@ssgreatbritain.org or ciara.canning@colchester.gov.uk

For more information about the City of Culture in Derry/ Londonderry visit:
www.cityofculture2013.com