



Artistry from industry

Explore how Belfast's international heritage is shaping its future

Birthplace of the Titanic and known as 'Linenopolis', in the 1900s Belfast was home to the world's largest linen industry and shipyard. For many years that followed, though, Northern Ireland's capital city was riven by political conflict and violence.

Since the end of the Troubles however, Belfast has begun a process of regeneration and renewal. It has been transformed from a city of industry to a centre of culture. This walk explores the international stories of Belfast's evolution.



The Big Fish sculpture at Lagan Weir
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The city centre route takes in sights that include a 300-year old pub, a sinking clock, a giant fish on land and the giants Samson and Goliath! Each one reveals how despite an illustrious yet turbulent history, Belfast remains an international city looking to the future.

Location	Belfast	Suitable for	Families - major roads and riverside section
Start point	Spirit of Belfast, Arthur Square		Dogs - must be kept on a lead
Postcode	BT1 2LB		Wheelchairs - an entirely step-free route
Finish point	Belfast City Hall	Refreshments	Plenty of city centre cafes
Distance	3 miles	Facilities	Toilets in city centre
Level	Gentle - one steep hill		

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