



Peace Walls Tourism Project

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The visitor attractions, hospitality and accommodation in the Fountain, Bishop Street and Bogside areas of Derry.

WELCOME

This brochure aims to signpost you towards the wide range of attractions, accommodation, services and hospitality available in the Lower Bishop Street/Bogside and Fountain areas of Derry City.

The Bishop Street/Bogside area was affected greatly by the modern political conflict. It was the area where the Troubles began in 1968 and played host to seminal and tragic events such as the Battle of the Bogside and Bloody Sunday. One of the ten men who died on the 1981 republican Hunger Strike also resided in the area. Today, however, its most famous residents are known for their involvement in the peace process. Martin McGuinness is currently the deputy first minister in the new power sharing executive at Stormont whilst Nobel peace prize winner John Hume also continues to reside in the area.

The Fountain estate is the only remaining working class unionist district on the west bank of the city. Like the Free Derry area, the Fountain has suffered heavily as a result of the conflict but today is aiming to attract more visitors to the area to learn about its social history, the impact of the recent political conflict and its strong unionist traditions including its links to the Apprentice Boys and Orange Order

who still parade through the area every year to celebrate the Siege of Derry (1689) and the Battle of the Boyne (1690). The area also houses several visitor attractions containing the areas social history and memorabilia from the two World wars which saw many locals enlist with the British army and, in many cases, lose their lives.

This brochure (funded by the Office of First and Deputy Minister and the Housing Executive) lists all of the attractions in the area as well as links to website, facebook and app platforms containing information on the areas tour guides, hospitality and accommodation.

We look forward to seeing you!



Fountain Heritage Tower



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Welcome
Velkommen
Welkom
Bienvenue
Herzlich
Willkommen
üdvözlet
Fáilte
Benvenuto
Bem-vino
Croeso



Aras Colmcille



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1 St. Columb's Cathedral



OPENING TIMES & PRICES

All Year

Monday - Saturday
09:00 - 17:00
Closed on Sundays for services
All welcome

Prices:

Admission is free, but a donation towards the upkeep of the building is requested.
Group tours and guided tours rates available on request.
School & youth groups are welcome.

All group tours must be booked in advance.

Saint Columb's Cathedral was the first Cathedral built after the Reformation. It is the city's most historic building containing displays of artefacts from the Siege, a fine collection of silver Communion plates and information on famous personalities, e.g. Cecil Francis Alexander (the internationally renowned hymn writer), the Earl Bishop and the philosopher George Berkeley. An exhibition of facsimiles of the Book of Kells was recently opened. It is dedicated to the name of St. Columba (Columb), the Ulster monk who established a Christian settlement here in the sixth century.

Contact:

London Street
Londonderry
County Londonderry
BT48 6RQ

Tel: (028) 7126 7313

Email: stcolumbs@ic24.net

Web: www.stcolumbscathedral.org

3 Thiepval Gallery



OPENING TIMES & PRICES

Opening time by arrangement only please contact the gallery directly.

The Gallery, located in Georges Street in the Fountain, contains an exhibition and displays of artefacts charting the social history of the Fountain estate throughout the 20th century.

The gallery also plans to host musical lectures/masterclasses by the local multi-award winning William King Memorial Flute Band. (Please contact the gallery in advance to book).

Address:

Thiepval Gallery
18 George's Street
The Fountain
Derry, Co. Londonderry, BT48 6QL

Tel: 71 279928

3 Fountain Heritage Tower



OPENING TIMES & PRICES

Viewing of this museum attraction is by appointment only.

One of the smallest museums and galleries in the country, the tower was originally part of the old City Gaol until the rest of the building was demolished in 1971. The gaol once held the famous Irish leaders, Wolfe Tone and Eamonn De Valera. Located in the Fountain area of the City, the tower houses exhibits, artefacts and memorabilia dating from World War One to the present day.

Contact:

Heritage Tower
129 The Fountain
Derry
Co. Londonderry
BT48 6QL

Tel: 028 7136 3419

4 Saint Augustines Church



This small Anglican church, affectionately known as 'The Wee Church on the Walls', is reputed to stand on the site of the 6th century monastery founded by Derry's patron saint Columba. Destroyed and rebuilt on numerous occasions, the present church was built in 1872. There are many famous graves in the church's cemetery and staff will be delighted to show you around this most historical and sacred little building.

OPENING TIMES & PRICES

May - Oct

Monday- Saturday:
10.30am - 4.30pm
Sunday Services 11am
All welcome

Prices: Free

Contact:

Located at end of Palace Street, off Bishop Street
Palace Street
Londonderry
BT48 6PS

Tel: (028) 7136 6041

Email: office@derry.anglican.org

Web: www.staugustines.co.uk



5 Apprentice Boys of Derry Memorial Hall



The Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall and museum is dedicated to the history and heritage of the Siege of Londonderry 1688-1689. The Hall was built originally in 1873 and extended in 1936. Built in neo-gothic style, with a strong Scottish baronial façade. Its massive collection of artefacts from the siege and the history of the Apprentice Boys are a must see for visitors to the city.

OPENING TIMES & PRICES

All Year

Open to the public Mon-Sat 10am-4.30pm-closed Sundays-Group tours by arrangement

Prices:

Entry is £3 per person.

Please note: Due to renovation work taking place in 2015 - the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall will be closed. A temporary location will operate at St. Augustine's Church Hall located beside the Memorial Hall. The new Siege Heroes Museum will open following renovations in late 2015.

Contact:

13 Society Street
Londonderry
BT48 6PJ

Tel: (077) 1327 3011

Email: tours@apprenticeboys.co.uk

Web: www.apprenticeboys.co.uk

6 First Derry Presbyterian Church and The Blue Coat School Visitor Centre



The current First Derry Presbyterian Church was opened in 1780, and is on the site of the earlier Church of 1690.

The Church has recently been re-opened following a programme of restoration works. This restoration has totally renovated the building yet retained its 18th century character. It continues to thrive as a place of Worship and a shared space for all the community. Adjoining the Church is the Blue Coat School Visitor Centre. This new facility tells the history behind the Church, the arrival of Presbyterianism in the North East of Ireland in the early 1600s, the history of Presbyterians in the city (and beyond), the role they played in the great siege and much more!

Contact:

Upper Magazine Street
Londonderry
BT48 6HY

OPENING TIMES & PRICES

May - Sept 11am - 4pm

Sunday Service - 11.30am

All welcome

Donations greatly appreciated

Tel: (028) 7126 1550

Email: bluecoatvisitor@btinternet.com

Web: www.firstderrypresbyterianchurch.com

7 Museum of Free Derry



The Museum of Free Derry focuses on the civil rights campaign which emerged in the 1960s and the Free Derry/early Troubles period of the early 1970s.

It tells the people's story of the civil rights movement, the Battle of the Bogside, Internment, Free Derry and Bloody Sunday.

The museum has an archive of over 25,000 individual items relating to this period in the city's history. Most items with immense historical significance were donated by local residents.

Located in Glenfada Park off Rossville Street a few minutes walk from the city centre. - **From March 2015 the museum will be temporarily relocated to 39 Shipquay Street**

Contact:

39 Shipquay Street
Derry
BT48 6PE

Tel: (028) 7136 0880

Email: info@museumoffreederry.org

Web: www.museumoffreederry.org

OPENING TIMES & PRICES

All Year - Excluding Christmas & New year
Monday - Friday
09:30 - 17:00

Saturday - (Apr - Sept)
13:00 - 16:00
Sunday - (Jul - Sept)
13:00 - 16:00

Prices:

Adult - £3.00

Concessionary/Group (10+)

£2.00pp

Euro Welcome

Joint tickets with Free Derry Tours

8 Gasyard Heritage Centre



Exhibitions Include

- The Prison Story
- The Chronology of the Prison Struggle inc. the 1981 Hunger Strikes
- The Peace Process Chronology
- The Republican and Loyalist timeline of the peace process
- Columba to Conflict
- The Story of the Bogside/Brandywell from early Christianity to the beginning of the conflict
- The Gasworks
- The Story of the Derry Gasworks which once occupied the site.

The centre also houses a range of rare prison artefacts and hundreds of hours of archive footage from the conflict and the wider history of Derry.

OPENING TIMES & PRICES

All Year - Excluding Christmas and bank holidays

Prices:

Admission Free -
Donations Welcome

Contact:

128 Lecky Road Derry BT48 6NP

Tel: (028)71262812 or **Mob:** 07743175709

E-mail: linsmckinney@yahoo.co.uk

Web: www.gasyardheritagecentre.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GasyardHeritageCentre

9 Saint Columba Heritage Centre (Áras Cholmcille)



The Saint Columba's Heritage Centre is located in the restored listed school building in the grounds of the Long Tower Church. The Saint Columba's National School, known affectionately locally as the "Wee Nuns' School", dates from 1813 and after major restoration now provides the city with a centre to promote the heritage and history of Saint Columba, the city's founding father.

OPENING TIMES & PRICES

May - September
Monday - Friday
9.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday & Sunday
1pm - 4pm

October - April
Tuesday - Friday
9.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday 1pm - 4pm

Prices:
Adults £3
Concession £2
Children £1 (Under 5 free)
Group/Family Rates available

Contact:

59 - 61 Long Tower Street

Derry

BT48 6QQ

Tel: (028) 7136 8491

Email: info@stcolumbaheritage.org

Web: www.stcolumbaheritage.org

10 Long Tower Church



The oldest catholic church in the city, the 18th century church was restored in the early 20th century and again several years ago. It contains an original pre-Vatican II altar rail, copies of Old Masters paintings, a facsimile of the Book of Durrow and distinctive Corinthian columns in its altar. A must see for those interested in religious, architectural and art history.

OPENING TIMES & PRICES

MAY - SEPTEMBER
Monday - Friday
9.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday & Sunday 1pm - 4pm

OCTOBER - APRIL
Tuesday - Friday
9.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday 1pm - 4pm

Prices:
Adults £3
Concession £2
Children £1 (Under 5 free)
Group/Family Rates available

Contact:

Longtower Street

Derry

BT48 6QQ

Tel: 028 7126 1946



Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin



Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin is an Irish language arts and cultural centre, housed in a landmark building which incorporates a performance space, café, language classrooms and an urban roof garden.

The building is a space for learning, creativity, exploration and enterprise and a beacon for Irish speakers throughout the island of Ireland. At the heart of Derry's developing Gaeltacht Quarter, the venue runs regular concert and festival events featuring the best in Irish traditional and folk music.

Contact:

37 Mórshráid Shéamais

Doire BT48 7DF

Tel: 02871 264132

E-mail: eolas@culturlann-doire.ie



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Download our new App to view complete listings.



The app also contains a historical archive and interactive features including a virtual trail through the area.

Further information is also available at our website and facebook pages

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www.facebook.com/pages/Visit-Bishop-Street-and-the-Fountain-Derry-Londonderry/





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