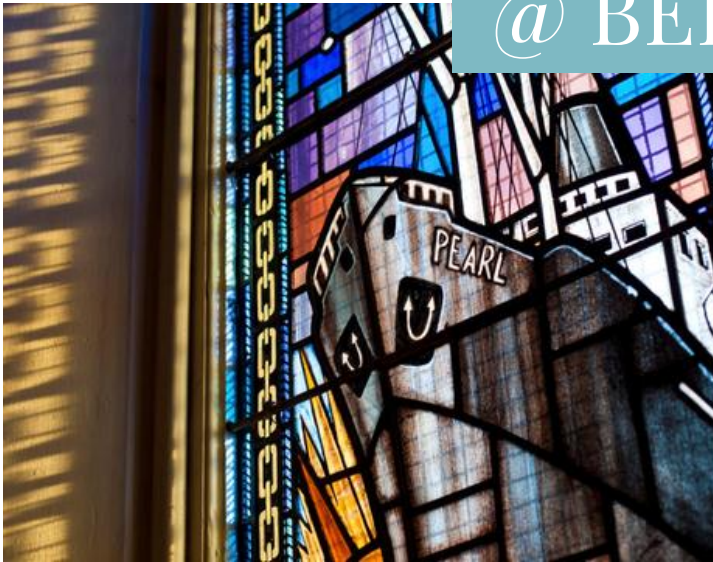


# TEN SQUARE STAYCATION ITINERARIES

## MARITIME HISTORY & HERITAGE

Belfast has a world-famous maritime history. As the home of Harland & Wolff, once the greatest ship builders in the world, the city was the birthplace of many iconic vessels including the renowned RMS Titanic. Today, the dockside offers plenty of sights, attractions and opportunities to delve into the history of the city. From award-winning exhibitions to historic docks, follow this bespoke itinerary over 1 or 2 days, to uncover the stories of Belfast's maritime past, the traditions, achievements, stories and adventures of a lifetime lived on the waterside.

### HERITAGE ROOM @ BELFAST HARBOUR



Start at the Port that Built the City exhibition in the Belfast Harbour offices in Corporation Square. This heritage space details Belfast's emergence as a major port and its subsequent growth as an industrial hub. The exhibition includes a unique art collection, the 'Titanic table' and artefacts from the Harbour's past. Then explore the rest of the surrounding Sailortown area; a dockside district home to the stunning St Joseph's Church, the Dividers sculpture and Sinclair Seaman's Church.

## BIG FISH



This 10m (32ft) salmon was commissioned in 1999 to celebrate the regeneration of the River Lagan and the historic importance of the site. If you're visiting the Lagan Lookout, or admiring the Customs House, you'll notice a big fish sculpture beside the Lagan. It was created by John Kindness, and the most interesting thing about this fish are its beautiful blue scales, which are made up of ceramic tiles describing different scenes from the city's history.

Stop by this piece of public art for a selfie and closer inspection of the tiled exterior, which tells the story of Belfast.

## SS NOMADIC

From there, cross the Lagan Weir footbridge and follow the dockside trail to SS Nomadic. As the tender ship for RMS Titanic and as White Star Line's last remaining vessel restored to her former glory, SS Nomadic is an original living relic of the city's maritime history. Explore the four decks and experience first-hand what it was like to be a passenger boarding Titanic. Tickets can be bought as standalone passes or as part of the Titanic Experience pass at Titanic Belfast.



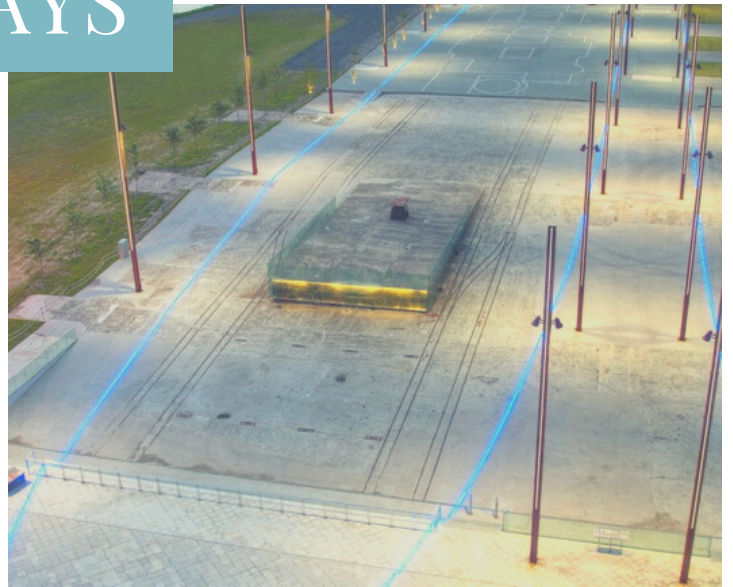
# TITANIC BELFAST



Titanic Belfast, named the World's Leading Tourist Attraction in 2016, is located next to the original drawing offices and slipways, in the very place where Titanic was designed, built and launched in 1912. It tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her maiden voyage and subsequent place in history.

## TITANIC SLIPWAYS

Behind Titanic Belfast is the Titanic Slipways, where Titanic and Olympic stood before they were launched over 100 years ago. Now fully restored, the slipways offer an illuminated outline of both ships and a life-size plan of Titanic's promenade deck. See where Titanic first touched the water in 1911 and enjoy stunning views of the Titanic Belfast building and surrounding shipyard.



## THE GREAT LIGHT



Follow the path to The Great Light, one of the largest optics of its kind ever built in the world that is around 130 years old. At seven metres in height and weighing 10 tonnes, it produces one of the strongest lighthouse beams to ever shine. The light is a unique maritime heritage object, with great significance to Belfast's economic, maritime and industrial past.

# HMS CAROLINE



HMS Caroline is a First World War-era ship now restored as a must-see floating museum with an amazing story to tell. The ship was the lone survivor of the Battle of Jutland in World War One, and on-board exhibitions detail the story of her time at war as well as the personal accounts of those that served on the 'Carry'.

# TITANIC DOCK & PUMPHOUSE

At the end of the trail you'll find Titanic Dock and Pump House. Stand in the huge Thompson Dry Dock where Titanic sat on the night before her maiden voyage and walk in the footsteps of the shipyard's workers in the pumphouse with original engineering that powered the dock.



# TITANIC MEMORIAL GARDEN



On your return to the hotel, pause at Belfast City Hall to visit this tribute, an opportunity to reflect on the greatest maritime disaster in history. A nine-metre-long long plinth bears the name of every person who perished in the Titanic tragedy.

**And so concludes this in depth, historical voyage back into the rich, layered, and sometimes troubled history and heritage of Belfast's maritime life. A fascinating itinerary, with some truly awe inspiring sights and stories – a wealth of new memories to make right on your doorstep.**