

Bangor, County Down, Northern Ireland

A Victorian seaside town on Belfast Lough, Bangor punches above its size: the marina is steps from the pier, Belfast is 30 minutes by train, and the Giant's Causeway lies an easy coach ride along one of Europe's most scenic coasts.

Docked (Eisenhower Pier)

Typical call: 7-10 hrs

Currency: GBP (British Pounds)

Language: English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Eisenhower Pier — smaller ships berth pier-side; larger vessels may anchor and tender

Best For: Belfast day trips, Giant's Causeway, Titanic history, coastal walks

Walk to centre: 5–10 min from pier to Main Street and marina promenade

Don't Miss: Titanic Belfast museum and the WWII mosaics on Eisenhower Pier

Getting around: Taxi £4–£8 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Titanic Belfast & Titanic Quarter** — The world's largest Titanic visitor experience, built on the slipway where RMS Titanic was constructed.
- Giant's Causeway & Antrim Coast** — Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site — 40,000 interlocking basalt columns sculpted by ancient volcanism.
- Belfast Black Cab & Murals Tour** — Private black cab tours cover the Peace Walls, Falls Road and Shankill Road murals, and the story of The Troubles in a way no museum can match.
- Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge** — A rope bridge spanning a 20-metre chasm and suspended around 30 metres above the rocks, leading to a tiny island off the Antrim coast — originally...
- Game of Thrones Studio Tour** — Located in Banbridge, less than an hour from Belfast, this immersive tour takes fans through original sets, props, costumes, and weapons from the HBO...

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Pickie Seafront Stroll** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy · Flat — Walk from Eisenhower Pier along the marina promenade past the 'Pasty Supper' sculpture and the Guillemot Kitchen Café to Pickie Fun Park.
- North Down Coastal Path to Groomsport** 4 km one way · 1 hr · Easy · Coastal — Head east from the pier along the North Down Coastal Path with views over Belfast Lough and the Scottish hills on clear days.
- Town Centre & Bangor Castle Loop** 2 km · 30 min · Easy — From the pier walk up to Main Street, then into Castle Park to see Bangor Castle and the Walled Garden.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		51°	34°	13d
Jun		72°	54°	12d
Aug		78°	62°	11d
Sep		71°	55°	8d
Oct		59°	45°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:20AM–8:26PM · Jun 4:45AM–10:00PM · Aug 5:58AM–8:53PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:38PM · Oct 7:52AM–6:23PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Europe/London). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the train to Belfast. Bangor station is a 10-min walk from the pier; trains leave every 30 min and reach Belfast city centre in 33 minutes for ~£6-9 return. Far cheaper and often faster than taxis.
- Book Titanic Belfast in advance. The museum sells out on busy days; pre-booking online saves time and sometimes money.
- Layer up and pack waterproofs. Northern Ireland's weather changes fast — rain gear is essential even in summer. Temperatures rarely exceed 18°C in peak season.
- Use British Pounds (GBP). Northern Ireland is part of the UK. Euro is not accepted in shops or restaurants. ATMs are available on Main Street.
- Stay in Bangor for a relaxed call. If Belfast feels too hectic, the town centre, marina, museum, and coastal path make for a pleasant low-key day without boarding any transport.
- Look for the Bangor Penguins. Black guillemots nest beneath Eisenhower Pier — a quirky local highlight easily spotted from the pier walkway.

Bangor, County Down, Northern Ireland — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Ulster Folk Museum | Explore traditional Ulster life in an open-air museum. | 2 Bangor Aurora Aquatic & Leisure Complex | Modern complex with swimming pools, gym, and sports facilities. |
| 3 Bangor Castle Walled Garden | Beautiful Victorian walled garden with seasonal flowers and peace. | 4 Bangor Abbey | Historic abbey church founded by St. Comgall in 558 AD. |
| 5 Helen's Tower | Victorian folly tower offering panoramic views of the estate. | 6 Grey Point Fort | Explore a preserved World War II coastal defence fort. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |