



WHAT'S ON UP NORTH





WONDERING WHAT TO DO IN ULSTER THIS SUMMER? WELL, WITH EVERYTHING FROM GREAT LIVE MUSIC TO CULTURE, MOTOR RACING AND THE TITANIC FESTIVAL, YOU WON'T BE STUCK FOR CHOICE

One of the biggest events, we all know, coming up this summer is the Irish Open at Royal Portrush. However, it is not alone. All year Northern Ireland will be putting on massive exhibitions, festivals, concerts, races and more. Some are brand new while others have grown bigger than ever before. Its Northern Ireland's part in the kickoff to the 2012 Olympic Games in London. When you travel to see the Open, don't miss these events happening all over the north.

Titanic Belfast

titanicbelfast.com

Opened on 31 March this year, the Titanic Belfast is a beautiful museum that immerses you in the stories surrounding the majestic Titanic cruise-liner. Although the festival celebrating its opening is now over you can still visit the area and see the Titanic exhibition. Every detail about the ship is explored – from construction to demise and beyond its discovery. This building and exhibition is something to behold, check out their website for more details.

TITANICa the Exhibition

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If you can't get enough of the history of the Titanic, get yourself over to the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum for TITANICa the Exhibition. This exhibition, featuring over 500 original artifacts, carries you further into the world of the Titanic. From the original porthole and design blueprints to the trains and cars used to transport workers and first-class passengers, TITANICa the Exhibition has them all. And to make the experience more real they have created TITANICa the People's Story. Here you can walk through historic streets talking to the riveter who worked on the ship or print out your ticket at the print shop. Its a great experience for everyone in the family.



The Titanic Boys

goh.co.uk/the-titanic-boys

Celebrating 100 years since the sailing of the Titanic, this musical written by Belfast's own Martin Lynch, tells the untold story of nine boys who worked, sailed, and died on the famous ship. The show is held at the Belfast Grand Opera House with tickets starting at £16.50. The play will run from 8 August to the 25. This is a story not to be missed. It will warm and break your heart.

Peace Camp

peacecamp2012.com

Installed all around the coast of the UK, Peace Camp 2012 is an experience like no other. In specially chosen locations along the coast of Northern Ireland and England, illuminated tents will be erected where visitors can walk through listening to love poems and the distant roar of the waves. Peace Camp 2012 is a production from director Deborah Warner and actor Fiona Shaw. Currently you can send in audio files to their website of yourself reading your favorite love poem. The goal of the program is to bring people together through peace and imagination. Locations in Northern Ireland include White Park Bay and Mussenden Temple and Downhill Beach. It runs from 19-22 July from dusk to dawn.

Belsonic 2012

belsonic.com

Music fan? Over the summer Northern Ireland will be jam packed with music festivals and concerts. But one you definitely should check out is Belsonic 2012. As the biggest its

been in years, Belsonic 2012 will have headline artists the likes of Skrillex, David Guetta, Noel Gallagher, Thin Lizzy, Paramore, and Tom Jones. Concerts start 15 August to the 26 at Belfast's premier outdoor venue, Custom House Square. Tickets are on sale now from their website.

Dalriada Festival

dalriadafestival.co.uk

Growing from the Highland Games held every year at Glenarm Castle, the Dalriada Festival is a combination of sport, music and food. Running from the 13th -21 July, this festival should be tons of fun for the whole family. The event is focused on highlighting the food, music and sport cultures of Scotland and Ireland. Some sights to while there include the Fabulous Baker Brothers, Northern Ireland band Freefall, the Highland games and a concert from Ronan Keating. Tickets are on sale now for £39.95 from gotobelfast.com.

Ulster Rally

ulsterrally.com

Have the need for speed? Get to the Ulster Rally taking place 17-18 August in Antrim. Watch professional rally drivers fly through the narrow streets of Antrim at high rates of speed. The rally, which has run every year, is in its 36th year and has expanded to five categories including historic, challenge and Rally NI. The roads these guys drive on are some of the best rallying roads in Northern Ireland. Bring a camera to capture the cars flying over crests and sliding around corners. Spectator entry is free.

Armoy Race of Legends

amrrc.com

The Armoy Race of Legends is an adrenaline-filled weekend event. Soaked in sweat and history, this motorcycle road race takes place every year in in Armoy in Co. Antrim. The course is based on the roads that the famous Armoy Armada used to tune their bikes before a road race. Spectators can get up close and personal with the riders. The event is always exciting with the action happening right in front of you. Whether you are a die-hard motorcycle fan or just love a spot of friendly competition head over to Armoy for the Race of Legends.

