

Northern Periphery Programme Partenariat: **Travel Guidance**

We are delighted to welcome you to Portrush for the Northern Periphery Partenariat on 21st and 22nd April 2010. We hope that this information will be useful in planning your visit.

Portrush is approximately a 90 minute drive from Belfast. For the convenience of delegates, private transport will be arranged between Belfast and Portrush to facilitate the use of afternoon and early morning flights to and from Belfast's airports. We have therefore provided advice on accommodation both at the venue in Portrush and in Belfast City Centre.

Partenariat Venue:



**Ramada Hotel
73 Main Street
Portrush
BT56 8BN**

www.ramadaportrush.com

Tel: 004428 70826100

Commencing 21st April at 9.00am to 22nd April at 3.00pm.

For the evenings of 20th & 21st April, the Hotel is offering a room rate of £60 (including breakfast) for delegates (**when booking please quote either reference ED2104 OR Northern Periphery Conference to avail of this offer**). This allocation of rooms will be held available for booking until 29 March 2010. Any delegates contacting the hotel after this date will be subject to normal hotel rates. *Delegates should allow sufficient travelling time from the International Airport (45 minutes) therefore should arrange to arrive on flights before 5.00pm.*

Provided Transport from Belfast to Portrush:

A coach for delegates has been arranged from Belfast City Centre to Portrush. Delegates wishing to use the coach should meet outside:

The Jury's Hotel, Great Victoria Street (see map on page 5) at 7.45pm for 8.00pm departure.

A coach will also return delegates from the Ramada Hotel to Belfast on 22 April at the close of the Partenariat arriving in Belfast around 5.30pm.

Anyone wishing to use the coach should indicate this when registering for the event.

Public Transport from Belfast to Portrush

Train: NI Railways Service from Belfast to Londonderry changing trains at Coleraine for the Portrush service. *Approximate journey time 1hr 30min.*

Bus: No. 218 from Europa Bus Station, Great Victoria Street, Belfast to Coleraine changing to Bus No. 139/140A/140B from Coleraine to Portrush. *Approximate journey time 2hr 15min.*

Details on both these options can be found on: www.translink.co.uk

Flights:

There are two airports from which to access Belfast. Flights to Belfast from most UK regional airports take approximately one hour and there are over 30 flights per day between Belfast and the major UK hubs of Heathrow and Gatwick. Additionally, Dublin International Airport is two hours away with regular direct coach transfers running from the airport to Belfast city centre.

George Best Belfast City Airport (3 Miles to Belfast City Centre)

Flights to Belfast City Airport are available with BMI, Flybe and Ryanair from most major UK airports including London Gatwick and Heathrow.

Website: <http://www.belfastcityairport.com>

Taxi: Belfast City Airport is within 10 minutes of the City Centre by taxi. Taxis operate from outside the terminal building. The fare to Belfast City Centre is approximately £8.00.

Bus: Bus Route No. 600 from Belfast City Airport to Europa Buscentre (Just beside the Europa Hotel). Services operate every 20 min at peak times.

Website: www.translink.co.uk

Belfast International Airport (17 Miles to Belfast City Centre)

Flights to Belfast International Airport are available with Aerlingus, Bmibaby Jet2 and EasyJet from most major UK airports including London. Stansted, Gatwick, Luton and Heathrow. In addition flights are available with Jet2 and Easyjet from a number of European destinations.

Website: <http://www.belfastairport.com/en/>

Bus: Ulsterbus, Bus Route No. 300 from Belfast International Airport to Europa Buscentre (Just behind the Europa Hotel). Services operate every 10 minutes at peak times.

Website: www.translink.co.uk

Taxi: The International Airport Taxi Company, official taxi operator for the airport, are available for hire outside the right hand door of the airport Exit lobby. The fare to Belfast City Centre is approximately £27.00.

Additionally, Dublin International Airport is two hours away with both Translink and Aircoach running buses from the airport to Belfast city centre.

Aircoach - Leaves Dublin Airport every hour between 6.00am – 9.00pm and returning from Belfast(Jurys Hotel) on the half hour from 6:30am – 8:30pm
Website: www.aircoach.ie

Translink - Bus Route No. 200 leave at 20 past the hour, 24 hours per day. Return from Belfast(Europa Bus Centre) every hour between 6.00am – 11.00pm
Website: www.translink.co.uk

Accommodation – Belfast City Centre:

For the evening of 22nd April, the Park Inn Hotel, Belfast is offering a room rate of £70 for a single room (including breakfast) for delegates (**when booking please quote either reference Partenariat – SEUPB**). This allocation of rooms will be held available for booking until 8th April. Any delegates contacting the hotel after this date will be subject to normal rates.

Park Inn – Room rate £70

Clarence Street West, Belfast, BT2 7GP Tel 004428 90677700

<http://www.belfast.parkinn.co.uk>

If you require any advice on arrangements for your visit to Northern Ireland please contact Robin Ramsey or David Wilkinson of European Division Department of Finance and Personnel Northern Ireland:

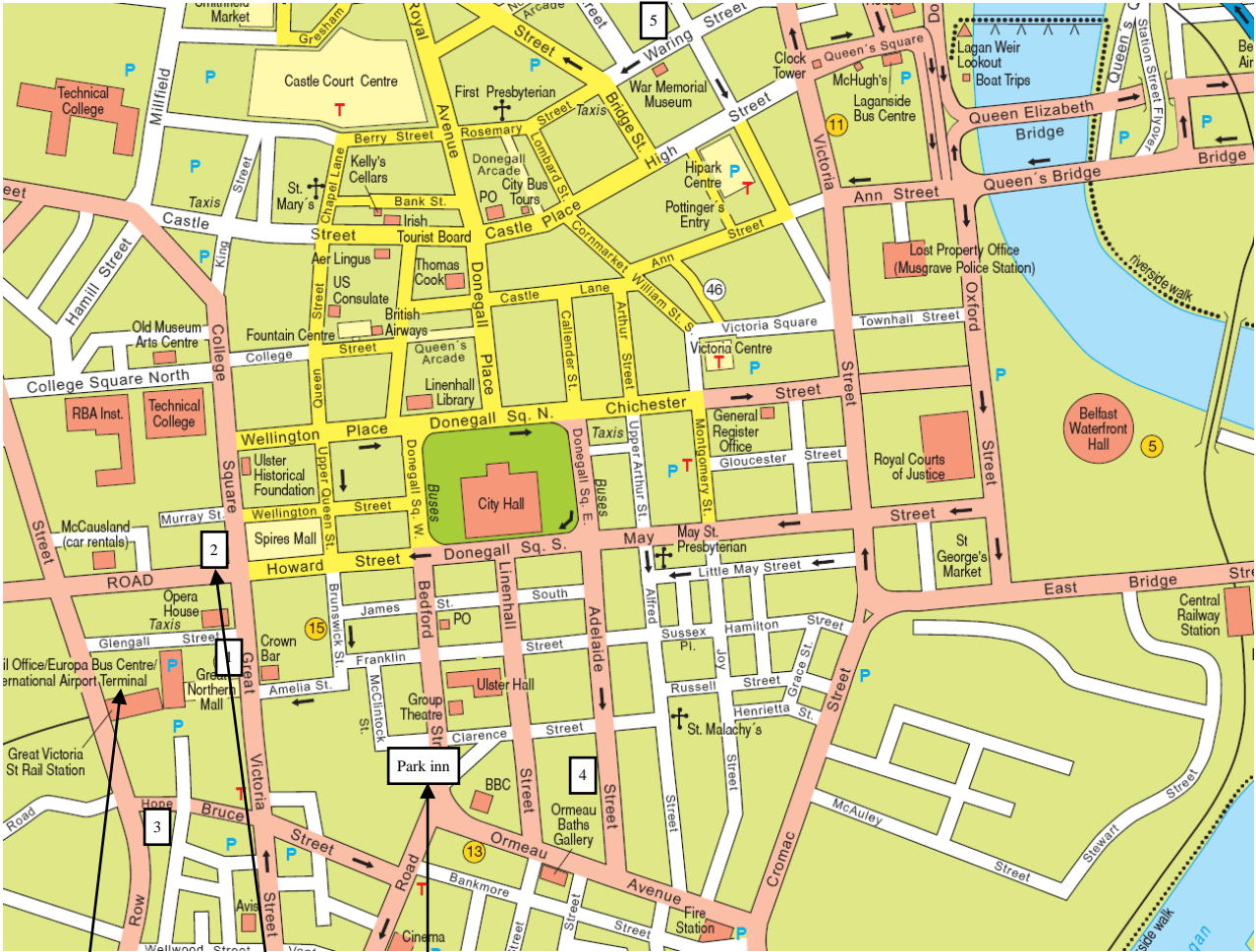
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Portrush



Belfast



Europa Bus Centre

**Jury's Hotel
(Coach Pick-up point)**

**Park Inn
Hotel**