

Belfast

September 2016: Belfast is the capital and largest city in Northern Ireland. It is known for Irish linen, higher education, shipbuilding and The Troubles.

Citizens are very proud the Titanic was built here. They say it was the perfect ship when it left Belfast only to be sunk by an Englishman.

After 28 bombings during The Troubles, The Europa Hotel became the most bombed hotel in the world. It was rebuilt each time and today is a 4-star hotel hosting Presidents, Prime Ministers and celebrities.

An execution chamber was added to Crumlin Road Prison in 1901. The condemned had a large cell and a toilet with a fake bookcase. On execution day the bookcase would slide open to reveal the gallows. Famous prisoners included Nationalist Bobby Sands and Unionist Ian Paisley.

Much violence of The Troubles has ended however large parts of the Peace Wall dividing the Nationalist and Unionist neighborhoods remain along with many provocative Murals, the Twaddell Avenue encampment and far too many political parades.



Belfast City Hall



Albert Clock



Queens College



Opera House



Europa Hotel



Crumlin Road Prison



Bobby Sands



Ulster Volunteers



Peace Wall



Union Encampment



Royal Black Parade