

Annual Convention 2023

Key Information

Main conference: 20 – 21 September 2023

Fam trips: 22 – 24 September 2023



KEY DATES

We recommend arriving in Belfast on **Tuesday 19 September** and staying until **Friday 22 September**; the Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner will finish late on the Thursday!

Overnight fam trips for buyers will take place from Friday 22 September – Saturday 23 September, and Friday 22 September – Sunday 24 September.

A half-day fam trip open to all delegates will take place on Friday 22 September.

If you would like to attend a fam trip please keep these additional dates in mind when booking your travel.

GETTING TO BELFAST

Belfast International Airport is a 30-minute drive from the city centre, whilst George Best Belfast City Airport is just three miles from the city centre. There are plenty of flights to both airports from England and Scotland, operating on airlines including Loganair, EasyJet, Ryanair, Aer Lingus, Eastern Airways and British Airways.

For those preferring to travel by sea, Stena Line operate routes from Liverpool and Cairnryan, P&O Ferries operates a route from Cairnryan to Larne, and The Steam Packet Company operates a route from Douglas, Isle of Man to Belfast.

We are pleased to offer discount delegate rates from our Transport Partners, Loganair and Stena Line.

LOGANAIR

Loganair are offering 30% off best available fares on all Belfast and Londonderry routes, valid for travel between 18 – 23 September 2023.

The booking window is 11 May – 31 July.

To take advantage of the discount please use promo code **UKBHD2023** when making a booking via www.loganair.co.uk.

STENA LINE

Stena Line are kindly offering travel discounts for UKinbound delegates on the following routes:

Save 25% off

Liverpool – Belfast (10:30 sailings)

Save 15% off

Liverpool – Belfast (22:30 sailings)

Cairnryan – Belfast

Holyhead – Dublin

Fishguard – Rosslare

Active Stena Line account customers with 2023 bookings can **save 50% off**.

For bookings, please email concessions@stenaline.com, quoting “UKinbound Convention” along with the following information:

- Preferred route of travel (you can mix and match routes)
- Dates and times of travel – see www.stenaline.co.uk for timetable
- Name(s) and dates of birth for each individual
- Car registration
- Postal address including postcode
- E-mail address
- Mobile number (for emergency contact)
- State if any cabins or lounges are required
- If a Stena Line account customer – please state your account number

Valid for travel from 15 – 30 September 2023 on any day/sailing. Discounts are valid off Economy, Flexi or Premium base fares and subject to availability / T&Cs.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will not be available to book with your Convention ticket, however we are pleased to offer preferential rates for delegates at our UKiCon23 partner hotels.

Grand Central Hotel Belfast

Located in the heart of Belfast and just 4 minutes' walk from the main conference venue, the stunning Grand Central Hotel Belfast is designed for absolute comfort and relaxation and features Ireland's tallest cocktail lounge, Observatory.

Delegate rates are available at £135 per night for the Classic King Room, Deluxe Twin, and Deluxe Double rooms.

[Please click here to book](#). Valid for stays from 19 September – 21 September 2023.

**Rate is based on single occupancy and includes breakfast, service & VAT. For double occupancy a surcharge is payable at £30 per night.*

Leonardo Hotel Belfast

Situated across the road from the main conference venue, the stylish Leonardo Hotel Belfast is perfectly located for Convention delegates.

Delegate rates are available for Standard Rooms at £110 per night for stays from Monday 18 September – Thursday 21 September inclusive, and at £179 per night for stays on Friday 22 & Saturday 23 September.

[Please click here to book](#) and enter the group code **JIUKIN180923** to benefit from the delegate rate.

A limited number of Superior and Executive rooms are available for delegates who wish to upgrade, at £10 per room per night and £30 per room per night respectively. If you'd like to upgrade, please call the Reservations Team on 028 9053 3500 and select Option 1.

**Rates are based on single occupancy and include breakfast, service & VAT. For double occupancy a surcharge is payable at £10 per night.*

FAM TRIPS

Delegates can choose to join one of three fam trips to discover the best of Belfast and Northern Ireland:

[Half Day Belfast City Walking Tour](#) (Friday 22 September) - open to all delegates.

Join DC Tours and explore the unique history, beautiful architecture, stunning street art of Belfast and the fascinating stories of its citizens from across the centuries.

[Exploring the Causeway Coast](#) (Friday 22 – Saturday 23 September) - buyers only.

Explore must-see sights along the dramatic Causeway Coastal Route including the Giant's Causeway and Chocolate Manor in Castlerock, before spending the evening on the Ballycastle Music Trail. Day two features a visit to Titanic Distillers - located where *RMS Titanic* once stood - and lunch in the city before delegates depart for home.

[Discovering Belfast and Beyond](#) (Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September) - buyers only.

Discover the best of Belfast, Armagh, and Derry-Londonderry - visit iconic attractions such the Game of Thrones Studio Tour and Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, experience Belfast and Armagh through their food and drink scenes, and immerse yourself in the history and stories of Derry-Londonderry.

If you'd like to join a fam trip, please indicate your preference on the booking form.

Please note that itineraries are subject to change and availability.