

### Sea Fares

Prices are checked each month for outbound and return fares on the following routes, for a family of four (two adults and two children) and a standard car. Three separate dates 2, 4 and 8 weeks in advance are chosen. Both weekend and weekday sailings are checked.

| Ferry         | Outbound Port | Inbound Port    |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| P&O Irish Sea | Larne         | Cairnryan       |
| Stena Line    | Belfast       | Cairnryan       |
| Stena Line    | Belfast       | Liverpool       |
| DFDS Seaways  | Dover         | Dunkirk         |
| P&O           | Dublin        | Liverpool       |
| Stena Line    | Harwich       | Hook of Holland |

Weekend prices are always taken on Saturdays. Weekday prices are always taken on Wednesdays. If there are no sailings on these days, the next available day is used. The cheapest available sailings on the selected days are chosen. A cabin is only necessary if the cheapest sailing is during the night.

There is a week between the selected outbound and return date.

## Air Fares

Prices are checked each month for outbound and return fares on the following routes, for one adult. Three separate dates 0, 4 and 8 weeks in advance are chosen.

| Airline         | Outbound airport      | Return airport           |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Aer Lingus      | Belfast City          | London Heathrow          |
| easyJet         | Belfast International | Edinburgh                |
| easyJet         | Belfast International | Glasgow                  |
| easyJet         | Belfast International | London Gatwick           |
| easyJet         | Belfast International | Liverpool                |
| easyJet         | Belfast International | London Stansted          |
| easyJet         | Belfast International | Luton                    |
| easyJet         | Belfast International | Newcastle                |
| easyJet         | Belfast International | Bristol                  |
| Loganair        | City of Derry Airport | London Stansted          |
| Loganair        | City of Derry Airport | Liverpool                |
| Loganair        | City of Derry Airport | Glasgow                  |
| Eastern Airways | Belfast City          | Cardiff                  |
| Flybe           | Belfast City          | Birmingham (from May 22) |
| Ryanair         | City of Derry Airport | Manchester (from May 22) |

Note that the bookings are always leaving on a Wednesday and returning the following day. If there is no available flight on the desired date, the next available date is chosen.

Please see example for reference:

Today is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**0 weeks in advance:** Outbound Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 / Return Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**4 weeks in advance:** Outbound Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 / Return Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

**12 weeks in advance:** Outbound Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 / Return Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

Basic fares only are selected (e.g. not flexi fares) and no additional fees (e.g. baggage charges).

\*Note that Ryanair air fares were monitored until June 2021. Ryanair now has only limited flights out of Northern Ireland.

## Car parking

The median value has been taken of Belfast city centre car parks run by Belfast City Council and private operators (NCP, Go Park, Castle Court, Q Park and Value Car Parks).

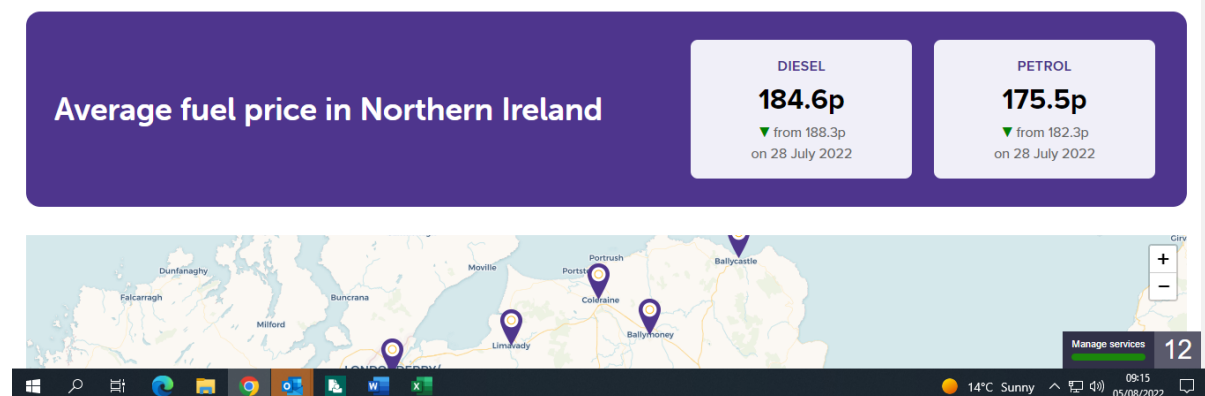
| Car Park                        | Operator                        | Ticket type   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Charlotte Street                | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Corporation Square              | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Corporation Street              | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Cromac Street                   | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Dunbar Street                   | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Exchange Street                 | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Hope Street North               | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Kent Street                     | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Little Donegall Street          | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Little Victoria Street          | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| Smithfield Winetavern Street    | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| York Street/ Lancaster Street   | <a href="#">BCC</a>             | Max daily rate                                      |
| City Quays                      | <a href="#">NCP</a>             | Earlybird ticket - parking pre 10am M-F for the day |
| Dublin Road                     | <a href="#">NCP</a>             | Earlybird ticket pre 9am paid via app               |
| Montgomery Street               | <a href="#">NCP</a>             | 5-12hr rate paid via app                            |
| The Tannery                     | <a href="#">NCP</a>             | Earlybird ticket - pre 9.30am                       |
| High Street                     | <a href="#">Go Park</a>         | Max daily rate                                      |
| Donegal Quay                    | <a href="#">Go Park</a>         | Max daily rate                                      |
| Great Northern (Europa)         | <a href="#">Go Park</a>         | Max daily rate                                      |
| Castle Court                    | <a href="#">Castle Court</a>    | Earlybird ticket - pre 9.30am                       |
| Victoria Square                 | <a href="#">Q Park</a>          | Up to 12hrs   |
| Grosvenor Road (Weaver's Cross) | <a href="#">Value Car Parks</a> | Business week ticket                                |

## Fuel prices

Average weekly NI prices for petrol and diesel are taken from the [Consumer Council Fuel Price Checker](#) each Thursday – example set out below:

### Fuel Price Checker

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Average UK unleaded fuel and diesel prices are downloaded from the website [Weekly road fuel prices - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) every Thursday (download the spreadsheet and go to the 2022 tab).

NOTE: Prior to January 2020, average unleaded fuel and diesel prices are downloaded each month from the website <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/driving-costs/fuel-prices>. Data was captured for Northern Ireland and for the overall UK average – example set out below.

## Northern Ireland public transport prices

Daily, weekly and monthly prices are taken from the Translink website: <https://www.translink.co.uk/>

Example – Search for Banbridge bus station – Belfast Europa buscentre into the journey planner. Select one of the options. Then select “I want to see all fares”.

09:12 ● — Direct — 10:03 51mn £7.20  
iLink £13.50

09:12 ● Banbridge, Banbridge Bus Station  
51mn ● Take Bus 238 towards Belfast, Europa Buscentre.  
View stops ▾ View timetable >  
10:03 ● Belfast, Europa Buscentre

Tickets and Fares

From Banbridge, Banbridge Bus Station  
to Belfast, Europa Buscentre

Adult Single (cash) £7.20

From Banbridge, Banbridge Bus Station  
to Belfast, Europa Buscentre

iLink £13.50

I want to see all fares

Tickets, eTickets and Travelcards  
Buy now | Discounts and savings | Tickets and travelcards

Buy online >

Daily, weekly and monthly fares will be displayed:

| Fare Data  |         |
|--|---------|
| Banbridge, Banbridge Bus Station<br>to Belfast, Europa Buscentre |         |
| Adult Single (cash)  | £7.20   |
| Adult Day Return (cash)  | £13.00  |
| Adult Smartlink (avg. per journey)                               | £4.95   |
| Adult Smartlink (10 journey)                                     | £49.50  |
| Adult Smartlink (20 journey)                                     | £99.00  |
| Adult Smartlink (30 journey)                                     | £148.50 |
| Adult Smartlink (40 journey)                                     | £198.00 |
| ylink Single (cash)  | £4.80   |
| Child Single (cash)  | £3.60   |
| Child Day Return (cash)  | £6.50   |
| Child Smartlink (avg. per journey)                               | £2.48   |

For the latest annual fare prices, email [pass.office@translink.co.uk](mailto:pass.office@translink.co.uk). Note that annual Translink prices quoted in the Transport Knowledge Hub are based on the customer paying direct debit for 10 months. The alink card is valid for 1 year's travel. If they pay in full, a further 5% will be saved on the prices quoted.

## Public Transport Price Comparison with GB and Republic of Ireland

Single cash fares and monthly fares to and from various towns in GB and RoI, using bus and trains, are provided for comparison in the hub. Further details on the selected fares is provided in the table below.

| Service Provider              | Service Type | Region            | Notes  | Source  |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Translink Metro (City Zone)   | City Bus     | NI                | Monthly ticket across Metro network.   | <a href="http://translink.co.uk/tickets-and-travel-cards">Tickets and Travel Cards (translink.co.uk)</a>  |
| First Bus Bristol             | City Bus     | England - SW      | Based on inner zone up to 3 miles.   | <a href="https://www.firstgroup.com/bristol-bath-and-west/tickets/ticket-prices">https://www.firstgroup.com/bristol-bath-and-west/tickets/ticket-prices</a> |
| Cardiff Bus (Cardiff Zone)    | City Bus     | Wales             | Monthly direct debit   | <a href="http://www.cardiffbus.com/english/faresandtickets.shtml">http://www.cardiffbus.com/english/faresandtickets.shtml</a>                               |
| Nottingham City Transport     | City Bus     | England - N       | Std cash fare / 1 month. Monthly ticket price based on Easyrider Everyday Pass.  | <a href="http://nctx.co.uk/fares-tickets">Fares &amp; tickets - Nottingham City Transport (nctx.co.uk)</a>  |
| Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach | City Bus     | England - S       | Monthly product is 'the Key' - Pay monthly (continuous payment until you cancel) is the cheapest option.                               | <a href="http://www.buses.co.uk/page.shtml?pageid=1313">http://www.buses.co.uk/page.shtml?pageid=1313</a>   |
| Reading Buses                 | City Bus     | England - S       | 30 days covering urban Reading, online or app purchase   | <a href="http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/fares/">http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/fares/</a>   |
| Lothian Buses                 | City Bus     | Scotland          | Based on a 4 wk ridacard for Bus and Tram  | <a href="https://lothianbuses.co.uk/tickets/ticket-options">https://lothianbuses.co.uk/tickets/ticket-options</a>   |
| Salisbury Bus                 | City Bus     | England - SW      | Cash fare based on Red 1 zone; monthly fare adult 30 day reds app  | <a href="https://www.salisburyreds.co.uk/period-tickets">https://www.salisburyreds.co.uk/period-tickets</a>   |
| Dublin Bus                    | City Bus     | ROI               | Based on 40 leap card journeys ie. Stages 4-13   | <a href="https://www.dublinbus.ie/Fares-and-Tickets/Adult/">https://www.dublinbus.ie/Fares-and-Tickets/Adult/</a>   |
| Translink Ulsterbus           | Regional Bus | NI                | Bangor - Belfast 50 mins; 1 month iLink card   | <a href="http://translink.co.uk/tickets-and-travel-cards">Tickets and Travel Cards (translink.co.uk)</a>  |
| Arriva Cymru (Wales)          | Regional Bus | Wales             | Flint to Chester - 46 Mins; 4 wk Chester Plus Ticket Zone  | <a href="http://www.arriva.co.uk/chester-plus-ticket-zone">Chester Plus Ticket Zone   Arriva Bus</a>  |
| First Devon and Cornwall      | Regional Bus | England - SW      | Falmouth to Truro Bus Station - 46 mins; No single tickets available; monthly ticket based on direct debit one month unlimited travel. | <a href="https://www.firstbus.co.uk/cornwall/tickets/price-ticket-guide">https://www.firstbus.co.uk/cornwall/tickets/price-ticket-guide</a>                 |
| Stagecoach Lincolnshire       | Regional Bus | England - Central | Lincoln to Market Rasen 40-45 mins; 4wk megarider  | <a href="http://www.stagecoachbus.com/ticket-results">Ticket Results   Stagecoach (stagecoachbus.com)</a>   |

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|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---|---|
| Stagecoach Scotland   | Regional Bus | Scotland    | Arbroath to Forfar 42 - 45 mins; 4wk megarider<br>Monthly ticket is East Scotland 28 day megarider.   | <a href="#">Ticket Results   Stagecoach (stagecoachbus.com)</a>   |
| Bus Eireann           | Regional Bus | ROI         | Dublin Airport - Drogheda - 40 mins; 4x10 journey ticket  | <a href="#">Bus Eireann</a>   |
| Translink NI Railways | Train        | NI          | Helens Bay to Belfast - 22 mins   | <a href="#">Tickets and Travel Cards (translink.co.uk)</a>  |
| First Scotrail        | Train        | Scotland    | Glasgow to Barrhead - 22 mins; Monthly smart card   | <a href="https://www.scotrail.co.uk/tickets/commuter">https://www.scotrail.co.uk/tickets/commuter</a>   |
| First Trans Pennine   | Train        | England - N | Huddersfield to Leeds - 22 Mins NB. Journey time based on express service, there is also one service per hour that takes 40 minutes with several changes en route.      | <a href="http://tickets.tpexpress.co.uk/tpe/en/journeyplanning/seasonmixingdeck">http://tickets.tpexpress.co.uk/tpe/en/journeyplanning/seasonmixingdeck</a>                   |
| East Midlands Trains  | Train        | England - C | Derby to Nottingham - 25 mins   | <a href="https://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/tickets-deals/ticket-types/season-tickets/">https://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/tickets-deals/ticket-types/season-tickets/</a> |
| Chiltern Railways     | Train        | England - S | Dorridge - Birmingham - 22 mins; Previously registered as N/A. However, After a phonecall. There is a monthly seasonal ticket that covers zones 1 - 5 of east midlands. | <a href="https://www.chilternrailways.co.uk/before-you-travel/buy-tickets-online">https://www.chilternrailways.co.uk/before-you-travel/buy-tickets-online</a>                 |
| Arriva Trains Wales   | Train        | Wales       | Caerphilly to Cardiff - 21 minutes  | <a href="#">Homepage   TfW</a>  |
| Northern Rail         | Train        | England - N | Cheadle Hulme - Manchester - 22 mins  | <a href="https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/tickets/season-tickets">https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/tickets/season-tickets</a>   |
| Irish Rail            | Train        | ROI         | Cork - Midleton - 23 mins; Monthly ticket   | <a href="https://www.irishrail.ie/en-ie/">https://www.irishrail.ie/en-ie/</a>   |