

How to get to Ardmore B&B

Arrival by bus into Belfast

If you arrive at the Belfast Europa Buscentre, follow the exit signs for Great Victoria Street. On the opposite side of the road, you will see a pub called The Beaten Docket and you can catch the number 7 bus to the Ormeau Road. Ask the driver to let you out at the Parador Pub or the Police Station on the Ormeau Road. The PSNI station is on the left and the Parador Pub is on the right. Ardmore B&B is two streets up from the Parador Pub. You will see a pharmacy and a Doctors Surgery on the corner. My house is number 7 Ardmore Avenue, with a green door and plants hanging outside the house.

The Buscentre is less than 2 miles from Ardmore B&B and, depending on traffic, takes less than 10 minutes on the bus.

A taxi will cost around £5-£6. Take the Glengall Street exit and there are taxis waiting there. Make sure you tell the driver to go to Ormeau Road as there are many Ardmore Avenues in Belfast. There is also an Ardmore Guesthouse in Finaghy, which is miles away so you do not want the driver putting this into his satnav.

Arrival by train into Central Station, Belfast

Central Station is less than 2 miles from Ardmore B&B. Head for the Albert Bridge Road exit and across the street is a bus stop. Bus Number 77 and 78 go up the Ravenhill Road. Ask the Driver to let you out at the entrance to Cherryvale Park at Fitzwilliam Avenue. Cross the road and walk along Fitzwilliam (2 minute walk) to the Ormeau Road. The Parador Pub is across the street and on the right and the pharmacy and a Doctor's Surgery is on the left. Ardmore Avenue is on the corner with the Doctor's Surgery. My house is number 7 Ardmore Avenue, with a green door and plants hanging outside the house.

A taxi will cost around £5-£6. There are taxis waiting outside and downstairs. Make sure you tell the driver to go to Ormeau Road as there are many Ardmore Avenues in Belfast. There is also an Ardmore Guesthouse in Finaghy, which is miles away so you do not want the driver putting this into his satnav.

Directions from George Best City Airport and Bangor

Translink operate an excellent express bus from City Airport – bus number 600, which runs every 20 minutes and goes to the Europa Buscentre. Follow directions below from Buscentre to my house.

Fares and information for bus is available on: <http://www.translink.co.uk/Services/Other-Translink-Services/Airport-Services/Airport-Express-600/>

By car from City Airport

Follow the A2 from City Airport towards Belfast city centre, pass a park on the right and when you are close to the huge shipyard cranes you take a turn off to the left signed for City Centre A2. About 100 yards further on take another signed for Newcastle A24. Keep following signs to Newcastle and you will be directed onto Ravenhill Road (you will pass an area called Short Strand on your left). Travel a further mile and a half and look out for a bollard in the middle of the road, opposite the entrance to the Cherryvale Park on the left. You will pass St. Judes Avenue. At the bollards, take a right up Fitzwilliam Avenue and you are now on the Ormeau Road. Take a left and an immediate right onto Ardmore Avenue and my house is number 7 with a green door and plants hanging outside the house. There is usually parking on the street.

Directions from Belfast International Airport

By bus:

The bus service from the International Airport is excellent. When you leave the Airport, cross the zebra crossing and the bus stop for Belfast City Centre is on your left.

Airport Express 300 operates a 24 hour service between the airport and Belfast with buses departing every 15 minutes for the majority of the day on weekdays, with reduced frequencies at off peak times and weekends. All coaches will travel from Belfast International Airport, stopping at Templepatrick, Royal Avenue, and the Belfast Europa Buscentre. Approximate journey time 30-40 minutes subject to traffic conditions.

For timetable and fares, please click the link: <http://www.translink.co.uk/Services/Other-Translink-Services/Airport-Services/Airport-Express-300/>

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By car:

From the north/airport, follow signs to Belfast via the M2 motorway. As you reach the outskirts of the city, get into the right hand lanes following signs for M3 and Newcastle. As you drive alongside the Royal Mail building and cross the river take the left slip road A2, and continue following signs for Newcastle and the A24. ('A24' is written on the road surface) You will be directed onto Ravenhill Road. Travel a further mile and a half and look out for a bollard in the middle of the road opposite the entrance to the Cherryvale Park, which is on the left. You will pass St. Judes Avenue. At the bollards, take a right up Fitzwilliam Avenue and you are now on the Ormeau Road and you will see the Parador Pub to your right and a pharmacy/Doctors surgery straight head. Take a left on to Ormeau Road and an immediate right onto Ardmore Avenue and my house is number 7 with a green door and plants hanging outside the house. There is usually parking on the street.

From the Ferry

By bus

Translink operate a limited Metro service (96) from the terminal to Upper Queen Street near Belfast City Hall from Monday to Friday. Take the number 7 bus to Ardmore, which you can catch outside Dean's Restaurant almost opposite Upper Queens Street. Follow the directions above.

Single adult fare is currently £1.70 single, children 85p single.

By Taxi:

A taxi-share scheme is in operation to the city centre offered by black public hire taxis just outside the terminal building. The taxis cover areas throughout the city including central railway station. You may share a taxi or have sole occupancy from £9 per taxi to the city centre. A taxi to Ardmore is around £12-£15.

Taxis may also be pre-booked through FonaCAB www.fonacab.com or phone Value Cabs on 02890 80 90 80

By car:

The Stena Line Belfast terminal is conveniently located close to the motorway network off Junction 1 of the M2 Motorway (Fortwilliam roundabout). Signs into Belfast are clearly posted. Going into Belfast, get into the right hand lanes and take the sign for The Odyssey, Bangor, Newcastle. You will see the Odyssey building on the left of the flyover. Get into the left hand turnoff which is marked Queen's Island/Newcastle and get into the middle lane. Take your time as this can be busy especially at rush hour. Follow the signs for Newcastle/A24. ('A24' is written on the road surface) You will be directed onto Ravenhill Road. Travel a further mile and a half and look out for a bollard in the middle of the road opposite the entrance to the Cherryvale Park, which is on the left. You will pass St. Judes Avenue. At the bollards, take a right up Fitzwilliam Avenue and you are now on the Ormeau Road and you will see the Parador Pub to your right and a pharmacy/Doctors surgery straight head. Take a left on to Ormeau Road and an immediate right onto Ardmore Avenue and my house is number 7 with a green door and plants hanging outside the house. There is usually parking on the street. The port is clearly signed 'Stena Line' on motorways and roads in the vicinity to help you find us.

By car from Dublin

Belfast is the focus of the road network in Northern Ireland. There are only three motorways in Northern Ireland (M1, M2 and M22); the rest of the country is very well provided for with high quality trunk roads.

Access to Belfast from the Republic of Ireland has never been better. Due to the great improvements the peace process in Northern Ireland has gained, crossing the border into Northern Ireland is now nothing more noticeable than a change in signposts and road markings. The M1 connects Dublin to Belfast and has one toll over the Boyne Cable Bridge near Drogheda (€1.90 for a car).

Coming into Belfast

Come off at the A55 turnoff (it will say Kings Hall). Take the third turnoff, which is Stockman's Lane. You will pass a petrol station on the right and come to traffic lights at Boucher Road. Go straight and cross the Lisburn Road and the next major junction is the Malone Road. Take a right on Malone Road and stay in the left hand lane, as you will come to a roundabout where you will keep to the left. Go straight up the road and pass the signs for Barnet's Demesne. Pass the Ramada Hotel on left and go through the traffic lights further on. You will see a junction ahead with a turnoff to the left (Knock dual-carriageway). This is a two lane straight road and you will pass a big Tesco on the right and Belvoir Park on the left. The next major junction is the Ormeau Road. Get into the left hand lane and go left. You will see Forestside Shopping Centre (M&S/Dunnes etc) straight ahead before you turn left and as you turn left down the Ormeau Road, the shopping centre is on your right. Keep going straight down the road until you come to the roundabout at Rosetta. Take the left hand fork at the roundabout, which is a continuation of the Ormeau Road. You will see Good Shepherd Catholic Church on your left. Ardmore Avenue is the first street past the Good Shepherd. Number 7 is on the right and there should be street parking depending on the time of day.