



# Linen Hall Library Guided Tours



The Linen Hall Library is one of the jewels in Northern Ireland's cultural crown. Since 1788 it has been home to many internationally renowned collections and archives as well as operating as a modern, fully-functioning library. There is also a gift and coffee shop, and a packed calendar of cultural events for all age groups.

Steeped in history and tradition, a tour of the Library not only unlocks the secrets of our archives, but also takes the visitor back through the early days of the great city of Belfast.

The building itself is a stunning listed Victorian structure that started life as a linen warehouse at a time when Belfast was the linen capital of the world. The Linen Hall Library moved into the building in 1892.

“I love #linenhalllibrary, there is something truly peaceful about it.”  
@4RadioChamp

“Visited the wonderful #LinenHallLibrary #Belfast this morning. Recommend. @thelinenhall #library #independentlibrary”  
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To arrange any of the tours overleaf, please contact the Library:

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## General Library Tour

**Price: £5 per person • Tour size: maximum 15 people • Duration: 45 minutes**  
**Monday to Friday at 10.30am**

**Group tours available on request – £8.50 per person (includes tea/coffee/scone)**

Familiarise yourself with one of the most important and fascinating cultural institutions in Northern Ireland. This tour gives an insight into the history of the Library, taking in the wealth of collections available and the stunning listed Victorian building in which they are housed. Get a sense of the burgeoning city of Belfast and the vital role the Library has played in it since its beginning in 1788.

## Genealogy Workshops for Small Groups *Advance Booking Essential*

**Price: £17.50 per person (includes tea/coffee/biscuits) • Tour size: minimum 4 people**  
**Duration: 3 hours • 2nd Tuesday of every month (2pm to 5pm)**

**Who do you think you are? Find out in the Linen Hall Library!**

The Library holds an excellent collection of genealogical material. Our staff will inspire you to begin your 'family tree' by introducing you to the numerous reference sources available in the Library and giving an overview of how you can utilise them to research family history.

## Tours on Request – Advanced booking essential

**£10.00 per person – minimum of 6 persons • All tours last approximately one hour.**

### Northern Ireland Political Collection

This world-famous archive contains over 350,000 items collected during the 'Troubles' and subsequent Peace Process.

### Irish Language and Ulster Scots 'Beyond Burns' Tour

The Linen Hall has significant holdings in the Irish and Ulster Scots languages. This tour will familiarise visitors with these archives and the history of the collections.

### Treasures of the Linen Hall Library

An opportunity to get a closer look at some of the rare archive material that makes the Linen Hall Library so unique.

**Members of the Library receive a 10% discount on all tours.**  
**New members receive a free induction tour.**