# Accommodation:

#### In Hillsborough:

Arthurs is blocked for conference participants and book via email as the website will show no availability. <u>Arthur's Boutique Guesthouse</u>, 4 Main Street, Hillsborough BT26 6AE, within walking distance from AFBI, Price £120 per night B&B, *mention CRNS when booking via email at: hello at arthurshillsborough.com* 

#### Nearby:

<u>Lisnacurran Country House</u>, 6 Listullycurran Rd, Dromore BT25 1RB, 6 km from workshop venue in the countryside, approximately £10 for a taxi to workshop venue. Price £85 per night B&B, *mention CRNS when booking*. (Same owners and contact as Arthur's)

Lisburn is the nearest town to Royal Hillsborough village and is within a short ( $\sim$ 15 minute) taxi ride.

Premier Inn, 136-144 Hillsborough Road, Lisburn, BT27 5QY (8km from workshop venue)

Haslem Hotel, Lisburn Square, Lisburn, BT28 1TS, in the center of Lisburn, 10km from workshop venue. Price £136.00 per night, Single occupancy B&B, mention CRNS when booking

# How to get to Hillsborough:

The closest Airports to Belfast are Belfast City Airport and Belfast International Airport. Belfast City Airport is a 30 minute drive to Hillsborough and has daily flights to all major mainland UK airports. Taxis from both airports to Hillsborough are approx £40.

International guests can also fly into Dublin Airport and travel north to Belfast (90 minutes drive, 2 hours 30 minutes public transport to Belfast) then travel to Hillsborough.

#### Airport:

Dublin Airport

Belfast International Airport

Belfast City Airport - good connection from UK and flights via London

#### Bus transfers from Dublin Airport to Belfast City

https://www.aircoach.ie/belfast

https://www.translink.co.uk/usingourservicesandproducts/airportservices

## Bus transfers from Belfast international Airport to Belfast, etc.

https://www.translink.co.uk/usingourservicesandproducts/airportservices

#### **Train from Dublin to Belfast**

https://www.irishrail.ie/en-ie/

Irish Rail operates regular services from Dublin Connolly station to Belfast.

#### Bus Services from Dublin City to Belfast city

There are several bus service providers

https://www.dublinexpress.ie/belfast

https://www.dublincoach.ie/all-timetables/m1-express-service

https://www.aircoach.ie/belfast

## Bus Service from Belfast city to Hillsborough/Lisburn

From the Europa Bus Centre in Belfast take a 22 minute bus journey with Translink Goldline 238 to Royal Hillsborough War memorial and walk 1.8 km or take a taxi to AFBI workshop venue. To buy tickets and more info, visit <u>https://www.translink.co.uk/</u>

Bus Service from Lisburn to Hillsborough

The bus <u>Translink Goldline 238</u> stops near the Premier Inn at the outskirts of Lisburn and the next stop is Royal Hillsborough War memorial and walk 1.8 km or take a taxi to AFBI workshop venue. But the service is only every 30 minutes.

#### **Local Taxi Service**

Marks Taxis +44 7702 581558 (Whats up number, also has 8 seater taxis)

Borough Taxi +44 7710 806515 (Whats up number)

Value Cabs +44 28 9080 9080

Fonacab +44 28 9070 9520

# Things To Do

**<u>Royal Hillsborough</u>** is a picturesque Georgian village full of history, and has an impressive <u>castle and gardens</u>. There is an optional private group tour on Friday morning 27.9.

<u>Hillsborough Forest Park</u> is a few minutes walk from the castle, adjacent to Hillsborough Fort, and is popular among walkers, bird-watchers and nature lovers.

For info on local attractions nearby and some background on the history of the area, visit <u>https://www.visitlisburncastlereagh.com/royal-hillsborough-and-historic-moira</u>

Hillsborough is a gateway to the beauty and history of Northern Ireland and the capital city Belfast, as well as Ireland and Dublin, with an amazing array of experiences available. Some of these include:

### Belfast:

**The Titanic Experience**: named the World's Leading Tourist Attraction at the prestigious World Travel Awards in 2016, is located beside the Titanic Slipways, the Harland and Wolff Drawing Offices and Hamilton Graving Dock, the very place where Titanic was designed, built and launched in 1911. Make sure to book tickets in advance.

**Belfast Taxi Tours**: A unique look at the complex history of Belfast from the perspective of those who've lived through the Troubles. These tours are a must for those interested in the fascinating history of Northern Ireland <u>https://belfasttours.com/, https://belfastblackcabtours.co.uk/</u>

What's On: https://visitbelfast.com/whats-on

### Northern Ireland:

<u>Giant's Causeway</u>: Discover the Giant's Causeway - a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where myth meets marvel on Northern Ireland's coast. Delve into the geological wonder of perfectly formed basalt columns while immersing yourself in captivating folklore. Book tours from Belfast <u>here</u>.

**Distillery and Brewery Tours:** There are plenty of distilleries around Northern Ireland which offer tastings and tours, allowing visitors to experience the unique taste of Northern Ireland. There's even a <u>Spirits Trail</u> for enthusiastic tourists.

<u>Game of Thrones Tours</u>: Fans of the HBO TV hit series Game of Thrones can explore the Seven Kingdoms across Northern Ireland.

## **Dublin:**

<u>Guinness Storehouse</u>: Experience the iconic Guinness Storehouse, a must-visit destination in Dublin. Immerse yourself in the rich history and brewing legacy of Ireland's most famous stout. From the gravity-defying pint-pouring experience to panoramic views of Dublin from the Gravity Bar, indulge in the ultimate Guinness experience.

#### Ireland:

<u>Wild Atlantic Way:</u> Embark on a breathtaking journey along the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's rugged coastal masterpiece. Marvel at dramatic cliffs, pristine beaches, and charming villages nestled along the untamed Atlantic coast.