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## WELCOME TO DUBLIN

Dublin is a city that truly captures your imagination. Cobbled alleys, Viking remains, Georgian squares.

Dublin's history goes back over a thousand years. Step back in time in this city full of literary landmarks, from the James Joyce Centre to Trinity College, alma mater to many of Ireland's great past and present writers and poets. Dublin is a medieval city where an abundance of free museums and art galleries chronicle its long and colourful past, while the pubs and cafés buzz with traditional and contemporary entertainment. Bubbling with energy and excitement, this cool cosmopolitan capital has a vibe that will leave you gasping for more. From street art to live music venues, kite surfing to gentle strolls along the coast, Dublin has the perfect mix of culture and fun.

Just a 20 minute journey from the city centre will bring you to the charming coastal towns and picturesque fishing villages that dot over 25 miles of coastline. Here there are endless options for craft shopping, water sports, seafood dining and breath-taking walks against the spectacular backdrop of Dublin Bay. Did we mention Dublin is home to the friendliest people in the world? Dublin has everything you need for a truly enjoyable break.

#### THE DUBLIN PASS

The Dublin Pass is a sightseeing package which grants visitors free entry to over 25 top attractions, museums and monuments in Dublin, as well as a free 24 Hour hop-on hop-off bus tour.



With other benefits like Fast Track Entry and a free one-way airport transfer included, it's a great way to explore Dublin, saving both time and money. Choose from 1, 2, 3 or 5 day passes. The Dublin Pass also comes with a free guidebook, packed full of useful information, top tips and details on where to use your pass and how to make the most out of it.

From castles, museums and art galleries to the lively spirit of Temple Bar, there is something for everyone to enjoy with The Dublin Pass. Most of the city's main attractions are within easy walking distance of the city centre making your sightseeing easy and accessible. The Dublin Pass can be purchased in the Visit Dublin Centre, 25 Suffolk Street and the Discover Ireland Centre, 14 Upper O' Connell Street.

For more information and online ordering options, **visit www.dublinpass.com** 





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## Dublin A Breath of Fresh Hir

#### **ENJOY THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY!**

Their contents are priceless, but entry to Dublin's top museums and galleries is free. That means you could skip from bog bodies at the National Museum of Ireland - Archaeology to canvases by Caravaggio and Jack B Yeats at the National Gallery. You could check out four centuries of furnishings at the National Museum of Ireland - Decorative Arts and History, before visiting Francis Bacon's reconstructed studio at Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane. Seven thousand items were meticulously transplanted here from Reece Mews in London, including books, brushes and several pairs of corduroy trousers. "I feel at home here in this chaos", Bacon once quipped. It's a world of riches that won't cost you a cent!

#### **CONQUER THE COAST!**

With so much to do in the City Centre, it's easy to forget that Dublin is a city by the sea and Dublin Bay is an adventurer's paradise! Get pumped up before a night on the town - or head there the morning after, to help in your recovery! Roll with the waves in a kayak in Dalkey with Kayaking.ie and if you are feeling brave, why not take a dip in the famous Forty Foot in nearby Sandycove. Try out kite surfing in Clontarf with Pure Magic, who will allow you experience the heart-stopping thrills of being pulled along the water by nothing more than a kite! Take a hike around the Hill of Howth and soak up amazing views of Bull Island and Dublin's coastline before heading back down to the village where you'll find some of the freshest seafood in Dublin in any one of the lively restaurants that line the Howth quayside. Dublin Bay even has its own resident dolphins. How many capital cities can say that?

#### **DISCOVER DUBLIN'S STORIES**

Start your journey with Dublin Discovery Trails, a series of self-guided walking trails, extending from Kilmainham Gaol through to Trinity College and up to Parnell Square. From Dublin's glorious Viking origins to the havoc caused by the 1916 Rising, let magical tales of the city's colourful past weave their spell as you wander from trail to trail with the Dublin Discovery Trails app, free to download.

Or have a booze-soaked history lesson and do a Literary Pub Crawl which takes you from the Duke pub through the cobbled square of Trinity College and into several pubs in a maze of narrow streets.

#### **POP INTO A PUB**

There's not much to say about Dublin pubs that hasn't already been said! These trusty little tabernacles are famous for their creamy pints, cosy snugs and quick-witted craic. Think of Mulligan's, Kehoe's, Toner's or McDaid's, all dripping with character, all dotted about the city like time machines.

"In Dublin, you're never more than 20 paces from a pint," author, JP Dunleavy, once said. But today, yesterday's pints of plain are deliciously diverse. Gastropubs do great grub; hotel bars are shaking up the cocktail scene; quality music, wine and coffee are mixing it up with flip-out fun in Temple Bar.

Whatever your taste, there's a Dublin pub for you.

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Walking on Killiney Hill

Dublin Literary Pub Crawl

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# **DUBLIN'S HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Experience some of Dublin's Highlights

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## Dublin A Breath of Fresh Air

#### **ON YOUR BIKE!**

Get yourself some wheels and see Dublin in style! Hop on a Coca-Cola Zero Dublin bike and whizz your way around the city's hotspots. If you prefer a guided tour there are plenty of bike tour providers in Dublin; See Dublin by Bike, Dublin City Bike Tours and if you feel a little lazy there's always Lazy Bike Tours who will provide you with an electric bike so you won't have to work up too much of a sweat. If city centre cycling is not adventurous enough for you, why not try some mountain biking? With muck in your face, fire in your belly and nothing on your mind but making the bend...welcome to Ticknock Mountain Bike Trail courtesy of the guys at Biking.ie; a short and sweet 8km loop stitched into the Dublin Mountains, this rollercoaster ride of hairpin bends, wicked boulders and technical rocky bits is just a 30 minute trip from the city centre. Once you get to the top, the views of Dublin City are sensational.

#### **PLAY KING OF THE CASTLE**

If castles and cathedrals are your thing Dublin has you covered. Take Malahide Castle, home to an amazing banqueting hall, a mischievous ghost named Puck and one of the best playgrounds in the country. Then there is Dublin Castle, dating from 1204 AD and still central to the affairs of the nation. A tour of the State Apartments and Medieval Undercroft is essential here, but don't miss the Chester Beatty Library and its excellent Silk Road café, with Middle Eastern, North African, Mediterranean and vegetarian dishes. Dublin is also home to some beautiful cathedrals, two within a short walk of each other - St. Patrick's, where author and satirist, Jonathan Swift, famously served as Dean and Christ Church, a chandelier of a building containing the bones of Strongbow. St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral serves as the pro-cathedral of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin.

#### **BROWSE THE CITY OF WORDS**

Dublin is a UNESCO City of Literature. The words of Nobel laureates like Yeats, Shaw, Beckett and Heaney echo in its streets. Statues of writers stand in parks; their names have been given to bridges. Visitors can celebrate Joyce's Bloomsday and see the Book of Kells at Trinity College.

Literary Dublin is even one of Patricia Shultz's 1,000 Places to See Before you Die. Contemporary writers like Joseph O'Connor, Anne Enright and Paul Murray, continue to carry the flame, as indeed, do Dubliners themselves, every time they utter the immortal greeting: 'What's the story?'

#### AND FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT..!

Dublin is full of wacky and different things to do. Go underground and meet Tom and Jerry, the mummified cat and rat buried in the fascinating medieval crypt of Christ Church Cathedral! It is also home to the heart of St. Laurence O'Toole, the patron saint of Dublin. Take in an art house movie, or maybe some food and drink at the Irish Film Institute, based in the 17th century Quaker meeting house in Temple Bar. And did you know, St. Valentine's remains lie in a casket in Whitefriar Street Church? Come and pay homage to this loveliest of saints.

For a terrifying high, visit the sacred seat of Irish Gaelic games, Croke Park Stadium and literally get a bird's eye view of the city, 44 meters high, on the Etihad Skyline Tour. When you come back down to earth, slow it down and get up close and personal with majestic birds (of the feathered variety) on a Hawk Walk at Dublin Falconry in Balbriggan.

Malahide Castle

The Long Room, Trinity College Dublin

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## **DUBLIN'S TOWNS & VILLAGES**

#### **Dublin City Villages**

Dublin is a city of villages. You can haggle for a vintage treasure in Dublin's Antique Quarter, scuba dive from Howth Pier and grab a gourmet coffee in Ranelagh all within the same day, all within the same city. These distinct villages are connected by the winding streets, cobbled laneways and flowing waterways that make up the veins and arteries of this city. Read on for some of Dublin City's most vibrant villages!

#### **SMITHFIELD**

Centred around the newly developed market square on the North side of the River Liffey, Smithfield is where old Dublin tradition meets creativity. Bars like Frank Ryan's and Dice, tiptoe between the traditional and the hip, making Smithfield perfect for drinking in the culture. Take a walk across the central market square from Jameson Distillery Bow Street and you'll find the Lighthouse Cinema — voted by ArtInfo as one of the coolest cinemas in the world - that specialises in showcasing the best Irish and international films. The Cobblestone Pub stands as the authentic face of Irish trad sessions. This heady mix of Old Dublin charm and New Dublin cool, makes Smithfield the perfect place to go if you want to see what a city's creative revival looks like.

#### **STONEYBATTER**

Located just next to Smithfield, Stoneybatter is Dublin's original inner-city urban village. It stands as one of the last bastions of Old Dublin, meaning long cherished traditions and customs and a strong community spirit are central to life here. It is currently home to screen-printers, gallery spaces, an internationally-renowned independent publishing house, bookshop and a recording studio.

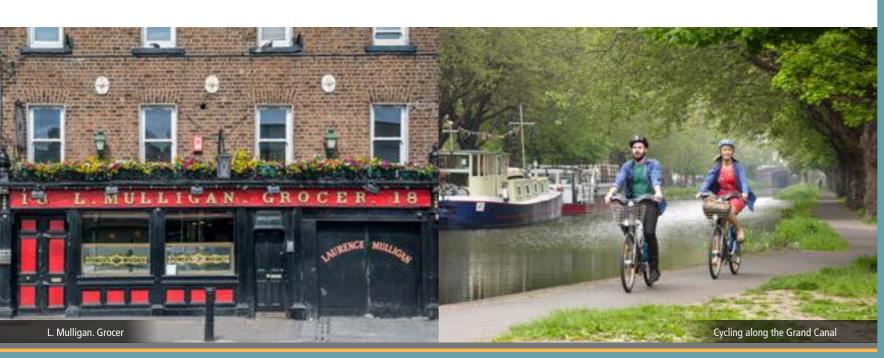
This tradition of local craftsmanship and creativity is fostered in this area with spaces like the Stoneybatter Guild providing places for independent artists and crafters to sell their wares and pass on their skills.

L. Mulligan Grocer is its culinary hub, combining Irish cuisine with impressive selections of craft beers and spirits.

#### **RANELAGH**

Ranelagh is Dublin's original village. Over the last century, as the city grew larger and its borders grew, it was adopted into the fabric of the city. Currently a haven for foodies and coffee connoisseurs, the original small-town feeling of this village has not been lost. Craft butchers and traditional bakeries still lie nestled amongst European style coffee houses and an array of enticing restaurants.

Worth investigating are Dillinger's Restaurant and its sister venture the Butcher Grill, Cinnamon Food Emporium and best-kept coffee secret, Nick's Coffee Company. The village's mix of youth and tradition creates a unique, effortlessly cool atmosphere that's just a couple of tram stops from the city centre.





## **DUBLIN'S TOWNS & VILLAGES**

#### **LIBERTIES**

Francis Street, one of the oldest areas in Dublin, is traditionally an antiques and art quarter. Many of the shops and galleries are family-run institutions. This vibrant area attracts a steady stream of young artists and designers from the nearby National College of Art and Design.

This mix of influences and aesthetics is played out on the myriad of shop fronts and art spaces that line the street. Contemporary art galleries and spaces like Pallas Studios, Cross Gallery and the NCAD Gallery, rub shoulders with the likes of the Iveagh Gallery, which houses a collection of 19th and 20th Century paintings and sculptures.

Also, here you'll find the Dublin Food Co-op, which hosts an array of Sunday markets. www.libertiesdublin.ie

#### **PORTOBELLO**

Portobello runs along the edge of Dublin's picturesque Grand Canal bridging the gap between Rathmines and the popular Camden Street area.

The old Jewish Quarter is café territory, with top tea experts Wall & Keogh, traditional bagel-makers the Bretzel and sweet-tooth ticklers the Cake Café, all finding their homes in its streets. Its restaurant scene is equally busy.

Portobello's most famous son is the playwright, George Bernard Shaw, born on Synge Street, in 1856. The Bernard Shaw pub includes an outdoor garden and a bus that serves pizza and some excellent cocktails and beers.



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#### **Dublin's Coastal Towns & Villages**

Dublin's charming coastal towns and villages are within a stone's throw of the city centre and are so easy to get to. Whether you want outdoor activities, great seafood, quirky local shops, historical castles, local festivals or a magical shoreline, Dublin's coastal villages really have it all.

#### **BALBRIGGAN**

With a rich maritime history, Balbriggan boasts a beautiful harbour, lighthouse, historic buildings, Ardgillan Castle, safe sandy beaches and magnificent coastal walks with views of offshore islands.

#### **DALKEY**

Discover Dalkey with gorgeous architecture built into the sheer landscape, stunning views and a cosy little village at its core. History comes to life at Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. A five minute boat ride will take you to Dalkey Island, home to a Martello tower and atmospheric church ruins. Dalkey boasts an array of art galleries and bookshops, with pubs and restaurants aplenty. The annual Dalkey Book Festival turns the town into a cultural hub.

#### **DOLLYMOUNT**

Located within the wider suburban area of historical Clontarf, where King Brian Boru fended off the Vikings in 1014, Dollymount is home to a 5km sandy beach perfect for kitesurfing, paddle boarding and more. Take a walk along Clontarf Promenade or get in touch with nature at Bull Island, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve that has over 180 different species of birds.

#### **DONABATE**

Donabate lies north of Dublin City centre on a small peninsula, which it shares with the townland of Portrane. Highlights included Balcarrick beach with its sand dunes and rock pools and Newbridge House & Farm.





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#### **DÚN LAOGHAIRE**

A vibrant seaside town, Dún Laoghaire offers various marine activities and some fine seafood dining. Enjoy afternoon tea in the People's Park or watch the white sails of the yachts racing on a summer's evening.

It's no wonder that some 1.3 million people walk Dún Laoghaire's East Pier every year, to take in the incredible views of Dalkey Island and Dublin Bay. Teddy's on the seafront is famous for the best ice-cream cones in Dublin.

The dlr Lexicon Central Library and Cultural Centre is worth a visit and be sure to visit The National Maritime Museum of Ireland.

#### **HOWTH**

Historically a fishing village, Howth has a working harbour where you can watch fishermen land their catch. Just 16km north of the city centre (that's 30 minutes on the DART rail service), it's a haven for foodies, as fresh seafood and traditional fish and chips are available in abundance — you'll need to refuel after walking to the peak of Howth Head!

Guided tours of Howth castle can be pre-booked or take a cliff walk, go sailing or scuba diving. Don't miss Ye Old Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio located in the restored Martello tower

#### **KILLINEY**

Killiney is a picturesque coastal village, located south of Dublin City. It is easy to see why some of Ireland's rich and famous have made it their home, including Bono, Enya and Van Morrison. Killiney Hill Park, which is 170 meters above sea level at its highest point, boasts spectacular views of Dublin Bay.

Vico Road has many literary associations, with writers, Hugh Leonard, Flann O'Brien and James Joyce.

#### **MALAHIDE**

Malahide is a pretty seaside town approximately 15 km north of the city centre. It boasts a fully serviced marina and a variety of restaurants, pubs and chic boutiques. Amenities include top-level golf courses. Not to be missed is Malahide Castle which dates back to as far as 1175. Malahide beach and coastal walk offer miles of beautiful rugged coastline, stunning views of Lambay Island, the Howth Peninsula and Dublin Bay.

#### **SANDYCOVE**

This seaside suburb is located around a pleasant harbour and has a famous Martello tower (now home to the James Joyce Museum) where the writer James Joyce once stayed for six nights as a guest of Oliver St John Gogarty. The opening scene of Joyce's Ulysses is set here. The famous Forty Foot bathing spot is just beside the tower, where if you are brave enough - you can have a dip all year round.

#### **SANDYMOUNT**

Just 3km south east of Dublin City Centre, the main draw of the area is Sandymount Strand, which featured in two episodes of James Joyce's Ulysses. The perfect place for a languid stroll, with the 19th century Baths and Martello tower offering interesting viewpoints. The beautiful Great South Wall walk is challenging. Luckily the village is brimming with cafés and pubs to warm up in afterwards!

#### **SKERRIES**

Whether you live for a bracing hike or just enjoy a casual stroll with stunning views, Skerries has it all including seafront trails, water sports, buzzing cafes and restaurants. Every trail and path in the area offers great views of the sea and surrounding nature. The 2.5km South Beach is a popular spot that leads to Shenick Island, on foot or by swimming if the tide is low and you fancy a dip. Large colonies of grey seals reside around the harbour. Discover Skerries' rich heritage at Skerries Mills.



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Overend Way, Dundrum, Dublin 14 Tel: 01 969 6666 www.airfield.ie

Airfield Estate is a charitable trust, set up by the Overend family in 1974.

The 38 acre working farm located in Dundrum incorporates beautiful food and ornamental gardens, an interactive heritage experience in the family home and vintage car garage, Overends restaurant which offers a true 'farm to fork' experience with produce coming from the farm and gardens 500 steps away, a children's 'nature scape' play area in a beautiful native tree woodland walk area and multifunctional event and educational spaces all set in a beautiful natural environment.

**OPEN:** Daily from 9.30. Please check website for seasonal hours. **ADMISSION:** Adult: €10, Group/Senior: €8, Child: €5



Balbriggan, Co. Dublin 01 849 2212 www.ardgillancastle.ie

Ardgillan Castle and Demesne is a hidden gem. It is set in spectacular parkland overlooking the Irish Sea. The 'castle' is a large eighteenth century country-style house with castellated embellishments.

The park consists of 194 acres of rolling open grassland, mixed woodland and gardens, overlooking the Irish Sea with views of Mourne Mountains to the north and Lambay to the south-east. Ardgillan is a sanctuary for many species of animals, mammals and birds for which the wooded areas provide a safe retreat from surrounding agricultural land.

**OPEN:** Apr - Aug, 10.00 - 18.00; Nov - Mar, 10.00 - 17.00. The last tour leaves 90 minutes before closing time. Park opening hours vary.

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €6.50; Child/Student/Senior: €5; Family (2+2-12s): €13; Group 10+: €5 (pre-booked only).

**OFFER:** 25% off admission for castle tours, on presentation of this guidebook.

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#### 3 Aviva Stadium Tours 🥮 🚯 🕒

Aviva Stadium, Lansdowne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 K5F9 Tel: 01 232 0878 www.avivastadium.ie

Aviva Stadium is a top tourist attraction. It is the oldest test rugby ground in the world, still in use. The views will take your breath away, the history will blow you away, oh, and the fun that you will have with our tour guides will make your day. We guarantee you a pure Irish experience at its best.

Not a sports fan? You will be surprised how much you will love our tour, we promise. You haven't experienced Dublin if you haven't been to us.

**OPEN:** Daily: 10.00 - 16.00: (Nov - Feb closing at 15.00): Closed when stadium is in use. Pre-booking is advisable to avoid disappointment.

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €10, Student/Senior: €7, Child (4 - 12yrs): €5, Family: (2+3): €25.

**OFFER:** Buy one get one free ticket, (cheaper ticket is free).



Cherrymount Crescent, Off Malahide Road, Marino, Dublin 3 Tel: 01 833 1618 / 086 606 2729 www.heritageireland.ie www.casinomarino.ie

Ireland's miniature 18th century architectural masterpiece, designed as a pleasure house for James Caulfield. 1st Earl of Charlemont in 1759.

The Casino, meaning 'small house', surprises visitors as they discover the remarkable secrets of this architectural gem. Entry to the Casino is by guided tour only and the interior is accessed by a stairway. Caution: Steep drops around the building, especially at lions. Parents/Guardians must strictly supervise children at all times. New exhibition: Tunnel Vision: Going underground at Casino Marino tells the intriguing story of the vaults and tunnels in the outside basement of the building. From 13th April, Thursday to Sundays inclusive, visitors can explore the long tunnel as part of the regular fee paying guided tour. Entry restrictions can apply due to weather/operational conditions.

**OPEN:** Daily, Mid-Mar - May & Oct incl: 10.00 - 17.00; Jun - Sept: 10.00 - 18.00. Tours on the hour from 10.00. Last admission is 45 mins before closing. **ADMISSION:** Adult: €7, Senior/Group: €5, Child/Student: €3, Family: €12. Dublin Pass and OPW Heritage Cards accepted.



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5 Chester Beatty Library 🥮 🚯 🕭



#### Dublin Castle, Dublin 2, D02 AD92 Tel: 01 407 0750 www.cbl.ie

With free admission and described by the Lonely Planet as 'not just the best museum in Ireland, but one of the best in Europe', the Library is a 'must see' on any Dublin visitor's itinerary. As the only museum in Ireland to win 'European Museum of the Year', the Library's breath-taking exhibitions show-case items from countries across Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe, opening a window on the artistic treasures of the great cultures and religions of the world.

**OPEN:** Mar - Oct: Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 17.00; Nov - Feb: Tues - Fri, 10.00 - 17.00, (closed Mondays); Sat, 11.00 - 17.00 (all year); Sun, 13.00 - 17.00 (all year). Closed: 1 Jan, Good Friday, 24, 25 & 26 Dec and Monday public holidays.

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge.

#### 6 Christ Church Cathedral 🥮 🚮



#### Christchurch Place, Dublin 8, D08 TF98 01 677 8099 www.christchurchcathedral.ie

Christ Church Cathedral is Dublin's oldest building, a leading visitor attraction and place of pilgrimage for almost 1,000 years.

Renowned for its breath-taking beauty, magnificent architectural features and stunning floor tiles, it is also popular as a venue and plays host to a range of concerts/ events throughout the year. Guided tours are available every day. Don't miss this fascinating insight into the history of this magnificent cathedral, before climbing up to the bell tower to ring the famous bells! Trails and themed drop-in activities take place throughout the year.

**OPEN:** Mar, Oct: Mon - Sat, 9.30 - 18.00, Sun, 12.30 - 14.30/16.30 - 18.00; Apr - Sept: Mon - Sat, 9.30 - 19.00, Sun, 12.30 - 14.30/16.30 - 19.00; Nov - Feb: Mon -Sat, 9.30 - 17.00, Sun, 12.30 - 14.30. Last admission is 45 minutes before closing. **ADMISSION:** Adult: €6.50, Concession: €5.00, Child (under 16): €2.50, Family (2 adults + 2 children under 16 years): €16



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#### 7 GAA Museum & Croke Park Tours 🕥

St. Joseph's Avenue, Dublin 3 Tel: 01 819 2323 www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum

Explore Europe's third largest stadium on the access all areas tour! Croke Park Stadium is home to Ireland's national games and is steeped in history - it has been at the heart of Irish sporting and cultural life for over 100 years. Ranked as one of the best things to do in Dublin, the Croke Park Stadium tour offers a truly unique and unforgettable day out!

The GAA Museum's exhibition galleries vividly illustrate Ireland's unique national games of hurling and Gaelic football. It is a self-guided experience which includes access to our Interactive Games Zone where visitors can test their hurling and Gaelic football skills and test their reflexes! Discover Dublin on the exciting Skyline roof tour that is 44 metres above ground level, to see breath-taking views of Dublin.

**OPEN:** See www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum

**ADMISSION:** Stadium tour: Adult: €14. Child: €9. Student/Senior: €11. Family (2+2): €38, Family (2+3): €40; Skyline tour: Adult: €20, Child: €12, Student/Senior: €18, Family (2+2): €52, Family (2+3): €60

**OFFER:** Senior Monday Stadium tour: €8.50. Special rate for combined Stadium & Skyline tours call 01 819 2323

#### **8** Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre 🥮 🚮 🕒

Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, A96 DE61 Tel: 01 285 8366 www.dalkeycastle.com

Travel back to the 1500s with Living History actors. Try your strength on the Longbow with the Archer. The Cook's specialty is hedgehog pie! The Barber Surgeon has ancient remedies and implements for curing all ailments! Writers' Gallery: Marvel at the number of writers and creative artists in the area from Joyce to Bono and Beckett to Maeve Binchy.

Maeve Binchy and Famous Irish Writers' Walks begin at Dalkey Castle on selected days. Minimum number required. Enquire for details.

**OPEN:** 6 days all year. Closed every Tuesday. Jan - Mar: Weekdays, 10.00 - 17.00; Weekends, Public Hols, 11.00 - 17.00; June, July & Aug: Weekdays, 10.00 - 18.00; Weekends, Public Hols, 11.00 - 18.00.

**ADMISSION:** Drop in rates, tours half hourly. Adult: €9, Student/Concession: €8, Child (4 -12 yrs): €7, Family (2 & 2 (4 -12 yrs)): €25. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.



9 Dublin Castle State Apartments

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Dame Street, Dublin 2 Tel: 01 645 8813 www.dublincastle.ie

Dublin Castle is at the historic core of Dublin City.
Viking Defences were established here in the 10th century and in 1204 AD, King John established a fortress. Renowned as the most important fortification in Ireland, it was the seat of British rule for over 750 years. In the 18th century, a Georgian palace was constructed and it was also the location of the handover to the new Irish State in 1922.

Today, it is the setting for significant State functions and is considered a place of national prestige.

**OPEN:** Mon - Sun & Public Holidays, 9.45 - 17.45 (Last admission, 17.15). Last minute closures are possible due to government functions.

**ADMISSION:** Guided Tour: Adult: €10, Student/Senior: €8, Child: €4, Family: €24 Self-Guided: Adult: €7, Student/Senior: €6, Child: €3, Family: €17

OFFER: Group bookings catered for subject to availability.

#### 10 Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane 📆 🕓

Charlemont House, Parnell Square North, Dublin 1 01 222 5564 www.hughlane.ie

Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane is the foremost Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art in Ireland.

The original collection, donated in 1908 by Sir Hugh Lane, now includes over 2,000 artworks, ranging from masterpieces by Manet, Monet, Renoir and Degas to works by leading national and international contemporary artists, as well as a Francis Bacon studio.

**OPEN:** Tues - Thurs, 9.45 - 18.00; Fri & Sat, 10.00 - 17.00; Sun, 11.00 - 17.00. Closed Mondays.

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge.



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# 11 Dublin City Hall - The Story of the Capital

City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2 Tel: 01 222 2204 www.dublincityhall.ie

City Hall is an outstanding example of Georgian architecture. A multi-media exhibition unlocks key moments in the history of the city. New additions include the 1916 Rising along with the original 1916 Proclamation and the Na Fianna Éireann Banner.

**OPEN:** Mon - Sat, 10.00 - 17.15; Closed: Sundays and Public Holidays **ADMISSION:** Free

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#### St. Michael's Hill, Christchurch, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 679 4611 www.dublinia.ie

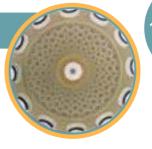
Dublinia is one of Dublin's top visitor attractions with three exciting exhibitions all located at the historic crossroads of Dublin. Viking Dublin and Medieval Dublin re-create the city through life-size reconstructions

including a Viking house and a medieval fair, while the Death and Disease of medieval times are also investigated. Finally, unearth the city's past at the interactive History Hunters exhibition, visit an excavation site and see medieval bugs under the microscope in the Lab. See Dublin from a new perspective, come away knowing more about its citizens throughout the ages.

**OPEN:** Daily: Mar - Sept, 10.00 - 18.30 (Last entry 17.30); Oct - Feb,

10.00 - 17.30 (last entry 16.30).

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €9.50, Student/Senior: €8.50, Child: €6.00, Family (2+2): €25






13 Dublin Zoo 🥌 🚻 🕭

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 474 8900 www.dublinzoo.ie

Dublin Zoo is Ireland's most popular family attraction and is home to some 400 animals.

**OPEN:** Daily, Jan: 9.30 - 16.30 (Last admission 15.30); Feb: 9.30 - 17.00 (Last admission 16.00); Mar - Sept: 9.30 - 18.00 (Last admission 17.00); Oct: 9.30 - 17.30 (Last admission 16.30); Nov - Dec: 9.30 -16.00 (Last admission 15.00). Closed 25th & 26th Dec.

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €17.50, Student/Senior: €13.50, Child: 3 - 15 years: €13.00, under 3 years: Free, Adult with Special Needs: €10; Child with Special Needs: €6.50; Family: (2+2): €49, (2+3): €53, (2+4): €57; Group (10+): Adult: €15, Child: €10

#### 14 Dublin Writers Museum 🥮 🚯 🕒

18 Parnell Square North, Dublin 1, D01 T3V8 Tel: 01 872 2077 www.writersmuseum.com

Enjoy a display of literary memorabilia, including portraits, first editions, manuscript items/objects which belonged to writers, from Samuel Beckett's telephone to Brendan Behan's typewriter.

**OPEN:** Mon - Sat, 9.45 - 17.00; Sun & P/H, 11.00 - 17.00; Last admission 16.45 (Sun & P/H 16.30).

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €7.50, Student/Senior: €6.30, Child: €4.70, Family: €18. Group rates: (20+): Adult: €6.50, Concession: €5.30, Child: €3.70

OFFER: Discount of €1 per admission, on presentation of this Guide.

#### 15 EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum 🥮 🕅 🕭

The chg Building, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1 Tel: 01 906 0861 www.epicchg.com

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum is an interactive experience. Step through 20 themed galleries on a journey to discover the stories of Irish emigration around the world. Find out why people left, see how they influenced the world they found, and experience the connection between their descendants and Ireland today.

**OPEN:** Daily: 10.00 - 17.00 (last entry)

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €14. Child: €7. Concession: €12. Family (2+2): €35

**OFFER:** Collect a voucher for a free tea/coffee/bottle of water (selected suppliers only).



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#### 16 Farmleigh House & Estate 🚯 🕭

Phoenix Park, Castleknock, Dublin 15 Tel: 01 815 5900 www.farmleigh.ie

Farmleigh was developed to provide accommodation for visiting dignitaries, for Government meetings and for the enjoyment of visitors. Many of the original artworks, etc., are on loan from the Guinness family.

**OPEN:** Farmleigh Estate is open daily 10.00 - 18.00. Please visit website for House opening times.

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge. Last admission through the front gate is at 17.00.

#### 17 Glasnevin Cemetery Museum 🥮 🚮 😉

Finglas Road, Dublin 11 Tel: 01 882 6550 www.glasnevinmuseum.ie

Glasnevin Museum & Tours proudly tells the story of modern Ireland through interactive exhibitions, dramatic re-enactments, lectures and daily walking tours visiting many of the renowned figures that shaped the country we live in today. Our new 'Dead Interesting' Tour at Glasnevin will give an alternative view of the varied heritage that Ireland's largest cemetery holds and the history within its walls.

OPEN: Daily including Bank Holidays: 10.00 - 17.00 Winter; 9.00 - 18.00 Summer **ADMISSION:** Guided Tour & Museum: Adult: €13, Child/Senior/Student: €10, Family (2+4): €35. (Includes guided tour, museum & €5 genealogy voucher); Museum only: Adult: €6.50, Senior/Child/Group: €4.50

#### 18 GPO Witness History 🥮 🚮 🕭



General Post Office, O'Connell Street Lower, Dublin 1, D01 F5P2

Tel: 01 872 1916 www.gpowitnesshistory.ie

GPO Witness History visitor centre is located in the historical and iconic GPO building (General Post Office). This highly interactive and spectacular visitor attraction focuses on the 1916 Easter Rising and modern Irish history. It features touch screens, video, authentic artefacts and much more! Relax afterwards in our café and retail store.

**OPEN:** Daily, check website for details.

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €12. Family 2+2: €26. Family 2 + 4: €29. Child 14 - 18 years: €8. Child 6 - 13 years: €6, Child 0 - 5 years: Free of Charge. Student/Senior (65+): €8





#### 19 Imaginosity, Dublin Children's Museum 🕅 🕒

The Plaza, Beacon South Ouarter, Sandyford, Dublin 18, D18 A7Y5 Tel: 01 217 6130 www.imaginosity.ie

Imaginosity is a child-centred, creative, educational

space for children (aged up to nine years) and their families. Alongside three floors of interactive, educationally-designed exhibits. Imaginosity hosts daily workshops and activities which encourage hands-on learning and education through play and exploration of the arts. Imaginosity always advises that you book ahead before visiting the museum; please note, we require a ratio of 1 adult for every 5 children over 3 years and 1 adult for every 3 children under 3 years.

**OPEN:** Mon: 13.30 - 17:30. Tues - Fri: 9.30 - 17.30. Sat & Sun: 10:00 - 18:00. Public Holiday Mon: 9:30 - 17:30 (times may be subject to change). **ADMISSION:** Adult: €8, Child (3yrs +): €8, Concession: €7, Toddlers (1-2 yrs.): €6 Babies (6-12 mths): €2, Babies under 6 mths: Free of charge.

#### 20 Irish Jewish Museum 🚻

3 Walworth Road, Portobello, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 453 1797 www.jewishmuseum.ie

Located in what was once the heart of "Little Jerusalem", the Irish Jewish Museum welcomes visitors to a unique experience exploring Irish Jewish history over the past 150 years. The museum contains the former Walworth Road Synagogue as well as an assortment of memorabilia and various artefacts relating to all aspects of Jewish life in Ireland.

**OPEN:** Oct - May: Sundays only, 10.30 - 14.30 or by advance appointment; June - Sept: Sun - Thurs, 11.00 - 15.00

**ADMISSION:** General Admission: €5; Guided Group Tour: €7

**OFFER:** Private and group tours available outside of opening hours.



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#### 21 IMMA - Irish Museum of Modern Art 🥮 🕅 🕒

Royal Hospital, Military Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8, D08 FW31 Tel: 01 612 9900 www.imma.ie

The Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA) is Ireland's leading national institution for the collection and presentation of modern and contemporary art. Visit IMMA and enjoy all that they have to offer - see a wide range of exhibitions featuring the work of leading Irish and international artists, including the IMMA Collection: Freud Project a major exhibition by one of the greatest realist painters of the 20th century, Lucian Freud. Participate in free public tours and curator talks; explore the IMMA shop, take a stroll through their stunning 17th century formal gardens and finally, sit back and relax in the IMMA

**OPEN:** Tues - Fri, 11.30 - 17.30; Sat 10.00 - 17.30; Sun & Bank Hols, 12.00 -17.30. Closed on Mondays & Good Friday 14 April

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge (except for occasional special exhibitions).

## 22 Irish Rock 'N' Roll Museum Experience 🥮 🕅

Curved Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2 Tel: 01 635 1993 www.irishrocknrollmuseum.com

Journey through Irish musical history and see recording studios, which have played host to the likes of Thin Lizzy. Hozier, The Script and more, You can check out iconic memorabilia/photographs.

**OPEN:** Daily. 11.00 - 17.30

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €16, Student/Senior: €14, Child: One Child Free per Adult admit (€12 thereafter), Family: €50

OFFER: 10% Discount on presentation of this guide.





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23 Irish Whiskey Museum 🚯 🕭

119 Grafton Street, Dublin 2 Tel: 01 525 0970 www.irishwhiskeymuseum.ie

Discover the origins of Irish whiskey, its rise to glory and its dramatic fall before new Irish whiskey brands are revealed. Enjoy the wonderful stories by our entertaining guides. They will bring you back through the ages of Irish whiskey.

At the end of your tour become a true master of whiskey tasting. This is an interactive modern experience that is sure to delight. Choose from our Classic or Premium Tours, the Whiskey and Brunch Tour or our Whiskey Blending Experience.

**OPEN:** Daily from 10.00; Open 364 days per year - Closed Christmas Day. First tour at 10.30 and last tour at 18.30

**ADMISSION:** Classic, Adult: €17, Student/Senior: €15, Group: €14. Premium, Adult: €20, Student/Senior: €18, Group: €17. Whiskey and Brunch, all €25, Whiskey Blending Experience, €28, Group: €26

#### 24 James Joyce Museum 🚯

Joyce Tower, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, A96 FX33

Tel: 01 280 9265 www.visitdublin.com

The Martello Tower at Sandycove, built in 1804 for defence against a threatened Napoleonic invasion, was lived in briefly by James Joyce in 1904 and is described in the opening of his novel Ulysses. One of the world's most famous literary landmarks, it opened in 1962, as the James Joyce Museum.

The collection includes first editions, letters, portraits, some of Joyce's personal possessions, etc. There is access to the top of the tower with its view over Dublin Bay and to the areas of the building described in Ulysses.

**OPEN:** 26 March - 28 October: Daily, 10.00 - 18.00; Rest of year: Daily, 10.00 - 16.00 **ADMISSION:** Free of charge, until further notice. See www.visitdublin.com for details.



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## 25 Jameson Distillery Bow St.

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Bow Street, Smithfield, Dublin 7 Tel: 01 807 2355 www.jamesonwhiskey.com

Since John Jameson's brave first steps into this building in 1780, we've been focused on his ambition to create unforgettable experiences. The new look Jameson Distillery Bow St. in Smithfield features three fully guided experiences: Bow St. Experience, The Whiskey Makers and The Whiskey Shakers – all of which are fully immersive, story rich and fun!

You will be invited to touch, taste, smell and interact with Jameson, in the original Bow St. Distillery buildings. An exciting part of our Whiskey Makers & Whiskey Shakers is a visit to our live Maturation Warehouse, where you'll get to taste Jameson straight from the barrel. Join us for a drink or two at JJ's Bar!

**OPEN:** Open 7 days, Mon - Sat from 9.00, Sundays from 10.00. Closed Good Friday. **ADMISSION:** Adult: €18.00, Senior/Student/Group 15+: €15.00, Child €9.00, Family (2 Adults, 3 Children): €45.00; The Whiskey Makers: €55, The Whiskey Shakers: €55

# 26 Jeanie Johnston Tallship & Famine Story

City Moorings, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1

Tel: 01 473 0111 www.jeaniejohnston.je

Be transported back to join the poverty stricken Irish emigrants of the mid-19th century. Re-trace their steps as they boarded the ship for the difficult transatlantic voyage. Listen to inspiring stories of human determination and hope.

**TOUR TIMES:** April - Oct: Daily, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00; Nov - Mar: Daily, 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00 **ADMISSION:** Adult: €10, Student/Senior: €9, Child (under 14 yrs.): €5.50, Family (2+2): €25

**OFFER:** 10% discount on admission with this guide (excluding family ticket).





#### 27 Kilmainham Gaol 🚯

Inchicore Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 453 5984 www.kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie

This historic gaol showcases some heroic and tragic events in Ireland's emergence as a modern nation. It comprises a restored prison and refurbished courthouse. Tours are available for visitors with special needs (by prior arrangement.) This is a busy visitor attraction, pre-booking at www.kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie is advised.

**OPEN:** All year round. Jul - Aug: 8.45 - 19:00, last tour 17:45; Sept - June: 9:30 -17:30. last tour 16:15

**ADMISSION:** Online Prices: Adult: €8, Senior: €6, Child/Student: €4, Family: €20. Walk-in prices: Adult: €9, Senior: €7, Child/Student: €5, Family: €23.

#### 28 Little Museum of Dublin 🤓 🚮

15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 X336

Tel: 01 661 1000 www.littlemuseum.ie

The Little Museum tells the remarkable story of Dublin in the 20th Century. There are over 5,000 artefacts in the collection. The Little Museum's famous guided tours take place on the hour every hour.

**OPEN:** Daily, 9.30 - 17.00; Open Thursdays until 20.00.

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €8, Senior/Student: €6, Family (2+3): €16, Jobseekers/Child under 3 years: Free of charge.

**OFFER:** Free Little Museum entry to DoDublin Hop on - Hop off Bus Tour ticket holders.



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#### 29 Malahide Castle & Gardens **●** (₩) (♣)

Malahide, Co. Dublin Tel: 01 816 9538 www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie

One of the oldest castles in Ireland and set on 260 acres of land, this historic 12th century castle has been home to the Talbot family for nearly 800 years. Friendly guides are on hand to help you explore its history.

The Walled Botanical Garden is home to some of the world's rarest species of plants, collected by Lord Talbot - the last Lord of Malahide Castle, who died in 1973.

The interactive garden exhibition tells the story of the botanical gardens, through the eves of Milo Talbot.

OPEN: 9.30 - 17.30, Last Castle Tour at 16.30. Nov - March, last castle tour at 15.30. **ADMISSION:** Adult:  $\leq$ 12.50, Child:  $\leq$ 6.50, Student:  $\leq$ 9, Senior:  $\leq$ 8, Family (2 + 2/3): €30; (2 + 4): €34; (2 + 6): €36. (Garden only tickets also available).

## 30 Marsh's Library 🚯

St. Patrick's Close, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 454 3511 www.marshlibrary.ie

One of Dublin's most beautiful tourist attractions - an unspoiled gem right in the heart of the city. Established in 1707. Marsh's Library is a wonderfully preserved library of the early Enlightenment complete with its original oak bookcases. Visitors often comment on the wonderful smell of the old bookcases and books.

The library contains over 25,000 rare and interesting books relating to the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, covering medicine, law, science, travel, navigation, mathematics, music and classical literature. See the website for details of the current exhibition.

**OPEN:** Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri, 9.30 - 17.00, Sat, 10.00 - 17.00; Closed: Tues, Sunday & B/hols.

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €3, Student/Senior: €2, Jobseekers & Children (under 16 yrs.):

OFFER: See website and social media for offers.





31 National Archives of Ireland 🕭

Bishop Street, Dublin 8, D08 DF85 Tel: 01 407 2300 www.nationalarchives.ie

The National Archives holds records of the modern Irish state including census returns, land valuation records of the 19th century, wills and related papers, records of national schools from 1832 onwards, plus other records essential for family or local history research.

The National Archives also provides a Genealogy Service, where members of the public may speak to a professional genealogist about possible sources relating to their family history. There is no charge for this service.

**OPEN:** Mon - Fri. 9.15 - 17.00: Closed: Public Holidays and for Media Preview in late November / early December.

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge.



Botanic Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 Tel: 01 857 0909 www.botanicgardens.ie www.facebook.com/nationalbotanicgardens

Located just 3 km from Dublin city centre, the National Botanic Gardens are an oasis of calm and beauty and entry is free. A premier scientific institution, the gardens also contain the National Herbarium and the National Botanical Art collection.

The gardens are famous for their fabulous Victorian glasshouses, including Ireland's only tropical rainforest, the Great Palm House and Richard Turners Curvilinear Range, all of which have been immaculately restored to their former glory.

Visitors can enjoy such features as the Herbaceous borders, rose garden, the alpine yard, the pond area, rock garden and arboretum. Conservation plays an important role in the life of the botanic garden and Glasnevin is home to endangered plant species from around the world.

**OPEN:** Mar - Late Oct: Mon - Fri. 9.00 - 17.00. Sat/Sun/PH. 10.00 - 18.00: Late Oct - Feb: Mon - Fri 9.00 - 16.30, Sat/Sun/PH, 10.00 - 16.30; (Glasshouses close at 16.15 in Winter).

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge. Guided Tour: €5 p.p. Car parking charge: €1 per hour for the first two hours and €2 per hour thereafter.



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#### **33** National Gallery of Ireland **● ⋒ હ**

Merrion Square & Clare Street, Dublin 2, D02 K303

Tel: 01 661 5133 www.nationalgallerv.ie

The National Gallery of Ireland first opened its doors to the public in 1864. Today the collection includes over 2,500 paintings and some 10,000 other works in different media including watercolours, drawings and sculpture. Every major European School of painting is represented.

It also houses a renowned collection of Irish paintings. The gallery's highlights include works by Vermeer, Caravaggio, Picasso, Van Gogh and Jack B Yeats. Facilities include: Free audio tour guides including children's audio tour, free public tours at weekends (check website for details), family activities, shop and restaurant.

**OPEN:** Mon - Sat, 9.15 - 17.30; Thurs, 9.15 - 20.30; Sun, 11.00 - 17.30.

Closed: Good Friday and 24 - 26 December.

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge. Admission charge applies to special exhibitions.



#### 7 - 8 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, D02 P638 Tel: 01 603 0200 www.nli.ie

With over ten million items in its collections, the National Library of Ireland is home to the most comprehensive compilation of Irish documentary material in the world.

Including books, newspapers, photographs, music, maps, manuscripts and digital media, the library provides free access to an invaluable representation of Irish heritage. The library has a free walk-in genealogy advisory service and a regular programme of events and exhibitions which are open seven

**OPEN:** Mon - Wed. 9.30 - 19.45. Thurs & Fri. 9.30 - 16.45. Sat. 9.30 - 16.45. Sun, 13.00 - 16.45. (Exhibitions only)

ADMISSION: Free of charge.





All website & email links are live.

Kildare Street, Dublin 2, D02 FH48 Tel: 01 677 7444 www.museum.ie

Opened in 1890, this Museum displays artefacts dating from 7,000 BC. Collections include the finest prehistoric gold artefacts in Western Europe, outstanding examples of metalwork from the Celtic Iron Age and the world renowned collection of medieval objects and jewellery.

The Broighter Hoard, The Ardagh Chalice, the Tara Brooch and Derrynaflan Hoard are among the masterpieces. The fascinating Kingship & Sacrifice exhibition centres on a number of recently found bog bodies. The Museum also houses a rich collection of Egyptian and Viking material.

Find us on Facebook, Google+, Twitter and Instagram.

**OPEN:** Tues - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00; Sun, 14.00 - 17.00 (Closed Monday, Christmas Day and Good Friday)

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge.

# 36 National Maritime Museum of Ireland 🖫 🕓

Mariners Church, Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin Tel: 01 214 3964 www.mariner.ie

The Maritime Institute collection of artefacts relating to Ireland's colourful maritime heritage is on display in a mid-18th century church, formerly used by the seafaring community of Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire).

The marine environment, people and ships come alive through objects, pictures and stories. Old and new technology can be seen and explored by all.

Many tragedies around the island of Ireland are vividly recalled. Student tours and groups are welcome to listen to the stories told by our volunteer guides. There is a coffee dock and souvenir shop.

**OPEN:** Daily, 1st Apr - 31st Oct: 10.00 - 17.00; 1st Nov - 31st Mar: 11.00 - 17.00 **ADMISSION:** Adult: €6, Senior: €5, Child (under 12 yrs): €3, Family: €12



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Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7, D07 XKV4

Tel: 01 677 7444 www.museum.ie

Collins Barracks could be said to be The National Museum of Ireland's largest Irish artefact, having had a unique history all of its own in another life. On display, you'll find fine examples of silver, ceramics, glassware, weaponry, furniture, folklife, clothing, jewellery, coins and medals.

All of these are displayed with imagination in innovative and contemporary galleries, which entice you to go further, look harder and examine more closely.

Find us on Facebook, Google+, Twitter and Instagram.

**OPEN:** Tue - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00; Sun, 14.00 - 17.00 (Closed Monday, Christmas Day and Good Friday).

ADMISSION: Free of charge.



The National Museum of Ireland — Natural History opened in 1857, as the museum of the Royal Dublin Society. It has developed as a cabinet style zoological museum with animals from all over the world. The history of collecting extends over two centuries and has

resulted in a rich variety of animals, many of which are now endangered or extinct. The tradition of collecting and research continues and only a fraction of the two million specimens are on display.

Find us on Facebook, Google+, Twitter and Instagram.

**OPEN:** Tue - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00, Sun, 14.00 - 17.00 (Closed Monday, Christmas Day and Good Friday).

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge.





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39 National Photographic Archive

Meeting House Square, Temple Bar, Dublin 2 Tel: 01 603 0373 www.nli.ie

Visit the National Library of Ireland's National Photographic Archive, home to the world's largest collection of photos relating to Ireland. The collection of more than 5 million photos dates from the 1840s to the present, covering most topics imaginable about Ireland.

Particular collection strengths are photojournalism, early Irish photography, topography and island wide historic events. See 47,000 photos free to view on: www.nli.ie. Four exhibitions are held annually in the NPA exhibition space and they are free to visit. The Reading Room is open by prior appointment only, enquiries to npaoffice@nli.ie

**OPEN:** Mon - Sat, 10.00 - 16.45; Sun, 12.00 - 16.45

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge.

## 40 National Print Museum 🚻 🕾

Old Garrison Chapel, Beggars Bush Barracks, Haddington Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 E0C9

Tel: 01 660 3770 www.nationalprintmuseum.ie

In this digital age where information is at our finger tips, the National Print Museum offers the opportunity to step back in time to discover the invention of the printed word and experience the craft of letterpress printing.

**OPEN:** Mon - Fri, 9.00 - 17.00, Sat, Sun, 14.00 - 17.00, closed Bank Holiday weekends. **ADMISSION:** Free admission. Guided Tours: Adult: €3.50, Concession: €2, Family: €7





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#### 41 National Transport Museum 🚻

Howth Castle Demesne, Howth, Dublin 13 Tel: 01 848 0831 www.nationaltransportmuseum.org

Created by the Transport Museum Society of Ireland, a totally voluntary organisation and registered charity, this collection is Ireland's only comprehensive assembly of public and commercial road transport. A hundred and fifty years separate the oldest of more than fifty exhibits from the newest, recording a Golden Age of transport.

Many are by extinct makers, several are rare or unique and some are sole survivors of once familiar types. The main exhibits are backed by a range of small artefacts and photographs depicting the history of road transport in Ireland.

**OPEN:** Sat/Sun/Public Holidays, 14.00 - 17.00. Closed during Christmas period. (Special openings can be organised by arrangement).

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €4, Child/Student/Senior: €2.50, Family: €9.50

# 42 National Wax Museum Plus

#### 22 - 25 Westmoreland St., Dublin 2 Tel: 01 671 8373 www.waxmuseumplus.ie

The National Wax Museum Plus in its newly located and reinvented location is a fun and interactive experience for all ages. Walk through the history of Ireland. Enter the chamber of horrors, have a pint with the great Irish writers. Open your mind in the Science & Discovery area.

Spend some time in the Family Zone. And of course, get up close and personal to Waxworks of the biggest stars in the world for amazing photo ops using the latest Augmented and Virtual reality. And much more! Whether you are young or old, a culture vulture or fun seeker, male or female, star struck or star studded, this is the ultimate entertainment experience for all.

**OPEN:** Daily, 10.00 - 18.15; Closed 24 - 26 Dec.

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €15, Child: €10, Student/Senior: €13, Family (2+2): €40

OFFER: 10% discount - online bookings, bus tours, discount cards & mini cards.



All website & email links are live.

43 Newbridge House & Farm 💮

Donabate, Co. Dublin, K36 VR90 Tel: 01 843 6534 www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com

Newbridge House and Farm is just a five minute drive from Dublin Airport, or a ten minute walk through the Park from Donabate Train Station. It is set in 370 acres of beautiful 18th century Parkland. The House was built in 1747 and still has its original furnishings and paintings.

The 18th century working farm has rare and Irish breeds and appeals to all the family. The Park has beautiful woodland walks, a Deer Park and an extensive adventure playground. There is an exciting range of events throughout the year.

**OPEN:** 1 Oct - 31 March: Tues - Sun & B/Hols, 11.00 - 16.00;

1 Apr - 30 Sept: Daily, 10.00 - 17.00

**ADMISSION:** House: Adult: €7, Senior/Student: €6, Child: €4, Family: €20. Farm: Adult: €5, Senior/Student/Child: €4, Family: €14. (Group rates available).

## 44 Pearse Lyons Distillery 🕅 🕭

121 - 122 James Street, Dublin 8, D08 ET27 Tel: 01 825 2244(Temporary) www.pearselyonsdistillery.com

The historic St. James Church, which has been closed since 1954, is set to open in the Summer of 2017 as the Pearse Lyons Distillery. Located on the Dubline, Dublin's newest tourist trail running from Trinity College to Kilmainham, the Pearse Lyons Distillery is a boutique distillery producing small batch, unique Irish whiskies in Dublin's Liberties.

The property can be identified from various locations due to its unique glass spire. The Pearse Lyons Distillery offers visitors the experience of a working, boutique distillery showcasing the rich traditions of distilling in the heart of Dublin.

**OPEN:** Opening August 2017

**ADMISSION:** €20, Concessions to be confirmed



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#### 45 Pearse Museum 🕅 👶

St. Enda's Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 Tel: 01 493 4208 www.pearsemuseum.ie

The Pearse Museum tells the story of Patrick Pearse, the leader of the 1916 Rising, who once lived and ran a school in this beautiful 18th century mansion. There is also a nature study room with attractive displays on Irish flora and fauna.

There is access for visitors with disabilities, with the exception of the Halla Mór. The Museum is located in St. Enda's Park, one of Dublin's most charming and atmospheric parks, with its riverside walks, waterfall, follies and walled garden.

**OPEN:** Daily, Mar - Oct: 9.30 - 17.30; Feb: 9.30 - 17.00; Nov - Jan: 9.30 - 16.00 **ADMISSION**: Free of Charge.

# 46 Phoenix Park Visitor Centre

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, D08 Y304 Tel: 01 677 0095 www.phoenixpark.ie

An exhibition on the history and wildlife of the Phoenix Park is on display in the Visitor Centre.

Free tours of Áras an Uachtaráin (Saturdays only), Ashtown Castle, The Magazine Fort and Grangegorman Military Cemetery.

**OPEN:** Apr - Dec: Mon - Sun, 9.30 - 17.30. Last admission, 17.00; Jan - Mar: Wed - Sun, 9.30 - 17.30. Last admission, 17.00. **ADMISSION:** Free of charge.






All website & email links are live.

47 Rathfarnham Castle 🕅 🕭

Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 Tel: 01 493 9462 www.rathfarnhamcastle.ie

This Elizabethan castle, built for Adam Loftus, Archbishop of Dublin, Lord Chancellor of Ireland and first Provost of Trinity College, is an excellent example of a fortified house in Ireland

In the late 18th century, the house was remodelled. Much work took place during the ownership of Henry Loftus, Earl of Ely, who employed some of the finest architects including Sir William Chambers and James 'Athenian' Stuart. The Castle collection includes family portraits by Angelica Kauffman, Sir Peter Lely and Hugh Douglas Hamilton.

**OPEN:** May - Sept: Daily 9.30 - 17.30. Last admission: 16.45 Oct - April: Weds - Sun, 10.30 - 17.00 Last admission: 16.15

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €5, Senior/Group: €4, Child/Student: €3, Family: €13

OFFER: Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month.



Off Bulfin Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8, D08 YY05 Tel: 01 222 8400 www.richmondbarracks.ie

Discover the unique history of Richmond Barracks, from British Army Garrison to internment centre of the 1916 Rising rebels and place in the local community for over 200 years. Guided tour includes a visit to nearby Goldenbridge Cemetery.

**OPEN:** Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 16.00; Sat, Sun & Bank Hols, 10.45 - 13.00

(pre-booked - minumum of 6 people)

**ADMISSION:** Guided Tour, Adult: €8, Senior/Child/Concession: €5, Family(2+3): €17; Self Guided Tour, Adult: €6, Senior/Student/Concession: €3, Family(2+3): €15

**OFFER:** €3 per person for groups of 10 people +



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49 Skerries Mills 🥮 🕅 🕭

Mill Hill, Skerries, Co. Dublin, K34 K293 Tel: 01 849 5208 www.skerriesmills.ie

Situated in the picturesque seaside town of Skerries in County Dublin, Skerries Mills offers visitors an opportunity to understand how Ireland's ancestors harnessed wind and water energies through the unique combination of onsite buildings that include the Four Sail Windmill, dating back to c.1460 and the Five Sail Windmill dating back to c.1821, a Watermill and Bakery (where flour was milled since the 12th century).

Today the mill operates as a visitor attraction with guided tours of the complex, the Watermill Café, Willow Terrace, Gift and Souvenir Shop and Artisan Courtyard.

**OPEN:** Winter 10.00 - 16.30; Summer 10.00 - 17.30

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €8.00, Senior/Student: €7.00, Child: €4.00, Family (2+4): €20.00 (Please note: Prices may change, please check website for updates).

50 Science Gallery Dublin 🚻 🕓

Science Gallery, Trinity College Dublin, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 AP03 Tel: 01 896 4091 www.dublin.sciencegallery.com

Science Gallery Dublin ignites creativity where science and art collide by encouraging visitors to discover, express and pursue their passion for science through an ever-changing programme of exhibitions, events and experience.

**OPEN:** Tues - Fri, 12.00 - 20.00; Sat, Sun, 12.00 - 18.00

**ADMISSION:** Free of charge. Please note that for groups of 10+ people, it is important

to contact us in advance.





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#### 51 St. Audoen's Church **Visitor Centre** (7)

Cornmarket, near High Street, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 677 0088 www.heritageireland.ie

Dating from 1190, this is the only medieval parish church still in use, in Dublin, Visitors can take a guided or self-guided tour. It contains many original features including 17th century wall memorials and the remains of a medieval laneway.

OPEN: May - late October, Daily 9.30 - 17.30. Last admission: 16.50

ADMISSION: Free of charge.



Church Street, Dublin 7, D07 XAC6 Tel: 01 872 4154 www.stmichans.com (Luas: Smithfield/Four Courts)

Built in 1685, on the site of - by some 600 years the oldest church on Dublin's North Side, this Church of Ireland parish houses what must be the city's most extraordinary attraction.

Due to an unusual combination of magnesium salts in limestone, the crypts beneath the church are without any moisture, resulting in the perfect preservation of those buried within. Four damaged coffins reveal their

The adjacent crypt contains the ornate coffins of The Earl of Leitrim's family as well as artefacts and coffins from the 1798 Rising and death mask of Irish revolutionary Wolfe Tone.

inhabitants, and the dungeon-like setting makes it quite a spine-tingling sight.

**OPEN:** Mar - Oct: Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 12.45 & 14.00 - 16.45 (closed 13.00 - 14.00); Nov - March: Mon - Fri, 12.30 - 15.30; Sat (all year), 10.00 - 12.45. May close for tours due to weddings, funerals and other church events.

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €6: Others/Concessions: €4



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53 Saint Patrick's Cathedral 🥮 🚻 🕒

Saint Patrick's Close, Dublin 8, D08 H6X3 Tel: 01 453 9472 www.stpatrickscathedral.ie

Constructed during the 13th Century, the Cathedral stands on a site associated with Saint Patrick from ancient times.

Many tombs, commemorative plagues and stained glass windows grace the Gothic interior and bear witness to Ireland's heritage and history. Saint Patrick's also houses

a selection of artefacts relating to Jonathan Swift, Dean of the Cathedral from 1713 to 1745 and author of Gulliver's Travels. The Cathedral also features a new Discovery Space with touch-screen technology illuminating the Cathedral's long history and rich musical heritage.

**OPEN:** Mar - Oct: Mon - Fri, 9.20 - 17.00; Sat, 9.00 - 18.00;

Sun, 9.00 - 10.30, 12.30 - 14.30, 16.30 - 18.00; Nov - Feb: Mon - Fri, 9.20 - 17.00;

Sat, 9.00 - 17.00; Sun, 9.00 - 10.30, 12.30 - 14.30.

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €6.50, Student/Senior: €5.50, Family (2+2): €16.00

## **54** Teeling Whiskey Distillery

17 Newmarket, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 531 0888 www.teelingdistillery.com

Located in the heart of Dublin City Centre, in the historic Liberties, the Teeling Whiskey Distillery is the first new Dublin Distillery in over 125 years. It is Dublin's newest destination for whiskey fans and for anyone with an interest in Dublin's long association with Irish whiskey.

Experience at first hand, the sound, smell and feel of a fully operational distillery (for over 40 years). The experience is topped off with a tasting of their award winning whiskeys.

**OPEN:** Daily, with tour running every 20 minutes from 10.00 - 17.40 **ADMISSION:** Prices start from €15 per person. Children are allowed entry under strict parental supervision.



55 The Book of Kells 🕅 🕒

Trinity College Library, College Street, Dublin 2, DO2 PN40 Tel: 01 896 2320 www.tcd.ie/visitors/

The Old Library and the Book of Kells exhibition, are a 'must see' on the itinerary of all visitors to Dublin. This magnificent 9th century manuscript of the four gospels, is on display in the 18th century Old Library building, along with a copy of the original proclamation of 1916 and the 15th century Brian Boru harp.

Other attractions on campus include Trinity Tours, The Science Gallery, the Zoological Museum – see www.tcd.ie/visitors/ for details.

**OPEN:** Daily, Oct - Apr: Mon - Sat, 9:30 - 17:00, Sun, 12.00 - 16.30; May - Sept: Mon - Sat, 8.30 - 17.00, Sun, 9.30 - 17.00

**ADMISSION:** Adult: €11, Concession: €9.50, Family (2 adults & 2 children aged 16 and under): €22, Child under 12 years old: Free.

**GUINNESS** 

### **56** The Guinness Storehouse



St. James's Gate, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 408 4800 www.guinness-storehouse.com

Located in the heart of the St. James's Gate Brewery, this fermentation site has been home to the Guinness Company since 1759, when Arthur Guinness signed the now-famous 9,000 year lease on the brewery.

Today, the Guinness Storehouse is Ireland's number one tourist attraction where visitors are taken on a magical journey into the world-famous Guinness brand. Behind these gates you can explore seven floors of the intertwining history of Guinness, Dublin and Ireland. Then top off your visit on the top floor Gravity Bar, where Dublin, quite literally spreads out beneath your feet, and the perfect pint awaits.

**OPEN:** Daily, 9.30 - 19.00 (last admission 17.00); Jul, Aug: Late opening 9.00 - 20.00 (Last admission 18.00); Closed: Good Friday and 24 - 26 December incl. **ADMISSION:** Adult: €20, Student over 18 yrs: €18, Student/Child (10 - 18 yrs): €13.50, Senior: €18, Child under 10 yrs: Free, Family (2 + 4): €48.50

OFFER: Discounts available online.



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#### **57** The James Joyce Centre



35 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1, D01 WK44 Tel: 01 878 8547 www.jamesjoyce.je

Discover the life and legacy of James Joyce in this beautifully restored Georgian townhouse. The James Joyce Centre also operates walking tours throughout the year as well as an exciting programme of activities including the annual Bloomsday Festival, which will run from 11 - 16 June in 2017.

**OPEN:** Apr - Sept: Mon - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00, Sun, 12.00 - 17.00; Oct - Mar: Tue - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00, Sun, 12.00 - 17.00.

(Closed: Mondays: Oct - Mar & 23 Dec - 3 Jan) Last admission: 16.30.

**ADMISSION:** Adult €5: Senior/Student: €4. Special group rates are available on request.

OFFER: Groups of more than 10 persons - entrance fee: €3.50 per person.

#### 58 National Leprechaun Museum 🚻 🕭

Jervis Street, Dublin 1

Tel: 01 873 3899 www.leprechaunmuseum.ie

The National Leprechaun Museum is the first of its kind, bringing Irish folklore and mythology to life through traditional story telling. Hear the legends and explore your surroundings in this unique interactive experience. Not suitable for under 6 year olds.

**OPEN:** Daily. 10.00 - 17.30

**ADMISSION:** Adult (18 yrs+): €14, Child: (up to 12 yrs): €10, Teenager (13-17 yrs): €10, Student (ID req.)/Senior: €12, Family (2+2): €40.

**OFFER:** Free gift when this Dublin Visitor Guide is presented.

#### 59 Tenement Museum Dublin &



Following a major conservation programme begun in 2016 the Tenement Museum Dublin will open its doors later this year (2017). In the museum visitors will experience Dublin's urban history and stories of tenement life from the mid-18th century to the mid-20th century mediated through immersive performances, soundscape tours, films and restored interiors. The museum is housed in 14 Henrietta Street, a mid-18th century Georgian house built for a member of Ireland's ruling elite. Converted to tenements in 1882, by 1911 there were 17 families amounting to 100 people living there.

**OPEN:** To be confirmed. **ADMISSION:** To be confirmed.






#### **Landmarks & Buildings**

Dublin is a place of wall-to-wall wonders. The statues, sculptures & landmarks dotted across the busy streets, open spaces and coastline serve not only as handy markers on a map; they are the very essence of Dublin and an integral part of every Dubliner's life.

## **ÁRAS AN UACHTARÁIN** Phoenix Park Visitor Centre, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 677 0095 www.president.ie www.phoenixpark.ie

Now the Residence of the President of Ireland, Áras an Uachtaráin, started as a modest brick house for the Phoenix Park Chief Ranger in 1751. Free guided tours are available on Saturdays only, Jan. to Dec. at 10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 13.30, 14.30 & 15.30. Tickets are limited and are issued on a first come first served basis on the day from the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. Phone 01 677 0095 for confirmation before arrival as there can be short notice closures.

#### **BRIDGES OF DUBLIN / RIVER LIFFEY**

Dublin lies on the River Liffey, the very river the Vikings sailed up in 837 to set up camp. Each of the many bridges that span the river has its own history and style; many of the names reflect the city's long history. The Ha'penny Bridge is Dublin's oldest pedestrian crossing over the River Liffey. It was erected in 1816 as the Wellington Bridge and it acquired its better known nickname from the halfpenny toll, levied on all users of the bridge up to 1919. It is one of the earliest cast-iron structures of its kind. O'Connell Bridge lies at the heart of the city centre and still retains some of its old-school charm. The contemporary Samuel Beckett Bridge was designed by Spaniard Santiago Calatrava, who was inspired by both the flip of a coin and the idea of an Irish harp rotating through the air. For other bridges, see www.bridgesofdublin.ie

#### DUBLIN DOCKLANDS Dublin 1 Tel: 01 818 3300

#### www.dublindocklands.ie

Dublin Docklands, the area known as Dublin's waterfront quarter, is a unique part of Dublin that is effectively extending the city centre down river.

From stunning modern architecture, to historic buildings, to some of Dublin's finest hotels and restaurants, there is something for everyone in Dublin's Docklands!

What's more, otherwise known as "Silicon Docks", Dublin's Tech Quarter can be found in the Grand Canal Dock area of the city.

#### **FAMINE MEMORIAL**

#### Custom House Quay, Docklands, Dublin 1

These statues commemorate the Great Famine of the mid-19th century. No event in history has had a more profound effect on Ireland and the worldwide Irish community than that of the Great Irish Famine, which lasted from 1845 until 1849.

During that time more than one million men, women and children died and a further one and a half million were forced to emigrate. The statues were designed and crafted by Dublin sculptor, Rowan Gillespie.

#### FISHAMBLE STREET

#### Temple Bar, Dublin 2

Fishamble Street was first laid down by the Vikings around the 10th century as a through passageway to connect the riverfront to the main market centre around High Street. It derived its name from the fish shambles or stalls which lined the street in the Middle Ages.

The Archway indicates the original entrance to the Music Hall in Fishamble Street, scene of the first performance of Handel's Messiah in 1742.



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#### **GREAT SOUTH WALL**

The Great South Wall, (also sometimes called the South Bull Wall), at the Port of Dublin, faces the later-built Bull Wall. It stretches 6km out into Dublin Bay, from Poolbeg Power Station in Ringsend, to the intrepid lighthouse at its tip.

Built to prevent the shipping lanes leading to Dublin Port, from filling up with sand and to provide shelter against the winds, it was the world's longest sea-wall, at the time of its building and remains one of the longest in Europe.

#### **LEINSTER HOUSE** Kildare Street, Dublin 2

#### Tel: 01 618 3271 www.oireachtas.ie

Leinster House has been Ireland's national parliament building since 1922. It was erected in 1745 from designs by Richard Castle. The public are admitted when the Parliament is not sitting.

Advance notice is required. Walk-up guided tours are also available on Mon & Fri (if house not sitting) at 10.30 & 14.30, limited to 30 pax. To book a tour or request more information, contact event.desk@oireachtas.ie or (01) 618 3271 / 3781.

#### MANSION HOUSE Dawson Street, Dublin 2

#### Tel: 01 222 6200 www.lordmayordublin.ie

The Mansion House has been the official residence of the Lord Mayor of Dublin for 300 years. It witnessed the formation of the new Irish State with the newly formed Dáil Éireann meeting for the first time in the adjacent Round Room on 21 January 1919.

The Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed in the Drawing Room on 6 December 1921. It is not open to the public.

#### **MERRION SQUARE**

#### Dublin 2

This elegant square, adorned by an attractive public park, retains much of its Georgian character. Inset in the railings is the restored Rutland Memorial.

Plaques on the walls of the Georgian mansions recall famous occupants, for example, Oscar Wilde, Daniel O'Connell and W.B.Yeats.

#### **MOLLY MALONE STATUE**

#### Outside St. Andrew's Church, Suffolk Street, Dublin 2

Molly Malone was a semi historical/legendary figure who was commemorated in the song 'Cockles and Mussels', a Dublin anthem. She worked as a fishmonger and died during one of the city's cholera epidemics. This iconic bronze statue was sculptured in 1988 by Jeanne Rynhart.

#### **MOORE STREET**

#### Dublin 1

This colourful and lively street is a must for visitors who wish to experience a slice of local life and get a flavour of Dublin's famous street vendors.

No. 16 Moore Street, is a traditional red-bricked building with a small plaque over the ground floor level which says 'Éirí Amach na Cásca 1916', or in English 'The Easter Rising, 1916'. It was into this house that the leaders of the rising retreated after the shelling of the G.P.O.



From medieval to modern, each of Dublin's squares offer something unique. Most notable are the five Georgian squares. Not only are these squares great places to escape city life, they have also become go-to alternative venues to host pop culture, historical and artsy events.



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#### **SPIRE OF DUBLIN**

O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

This huge, striking and innovative monument stands in the middle of O'Connell Street, just across from the famous General Post Office.120 metres high and 3 metres in diameter at the base, it is approximately 15 centimetres in diameter at its apex.

## **TAILOR'S HALL** Back Lane, off Christchurch Place, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 454 1786 www.antaisce.org

Tailor's Hall, near Christchurch Cathedral is an early Georgian guild hall, beautifully restored as the headquarters of An Taisce, The National Trust for Ireland. The Hall was the meeting place of the Guild of Merchant Tailors from 1706 to 1841.

#### WHITEFRIAR STREET CHURCH 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2

Tel: 01 475 8821 www.whitefriarstreetchurch.ie

One of the best known places of worship in the city, the Church is known for its many shrines and altars. The relics of St. Valentine rest here as does the Statue of Our Lady of Dublin, principal protector of the city.



Whether discovering a spellbinding museum on the way to the Phoenix Park or bumping into a friendly local as you cross the Ha'penny Bridge, or swaying to the rhythm of an enchanting street busker blasting out your favourite tunes, you'll quickly discover that Dublin is full of surprising moments where precious memories last a lifetime.

So, go on, take those extra few steps off the beaten track into a whole other Dublin. Dublin unfolds with the unexpected...

#### Some Iconic Coastal Landmarks

#### **BULL ISLAND NATURE RESERVE**

Dollymount www.dublincity.ie

The North Bull was declared a bird sanctuary in the 1930s. It is now a nature reserve and bird sanctuary of international importance with up to 25,000 wading birds using the area in winter. The island has an inimitable array of flora and fauna and a visit to the Visitor and Interpretative Centre is a must for anybody who wishes to understand the magic of this island.

#### **IRELAND'S EYE**

If you would like a retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life, then look no further than Ireland's Eye. Located just a mile from the coast directly north of Howth Harbour, Ireland's Eye is a small uninhabited island which is easily reached by regular tourist boats. The only signs of previous habitation on the island are the ruins of a Martello tower and an 8th century church. The island is a sanctuary for many forms of wildlife including Guillemots, Razorbills, Shags, Gannets, Grey Seals and even Puffins during the summer months.

## **SEAPOINT MARTELLO TOWER** Brighton Vale, Seapoint, Co. Dublin Tel: 01 204 7011 http://events.dlrcoco.ie

Seapoint is a restored early nineteenth century Martello tower, which was originally built to defend Dublin from Napoleonic invasion. Spectacularly located on the shore of Dublin Bay, the tower houses an exhibition on the history of Dublin's Martello towers. Guided tours are available during the summer months — please contact directly for opening times and event updates.



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#### Parks & Gardens

A retreat from the hustle and bustle of modern day city life, Dublin's parks and gardens provide refreshing opportunities for enjoyment, exploration and exercise in the heart of the city and beyond.

Explore the leafy oasis that is the **PHOENIX PARK** (www.phoenixpark.ie) on the edge of Dublin City Centre. This expansive green getaway has a good third of its 707 hectares covered in oak, ash, lime, beech, sycamore and horse chestnut trees. It was originally established as a Royal deer park in the 17th century and is still home today to herds of beautiful wild deer.

**ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN PARK** (www.ststephensgreenpark.ie) in the heart of the city is probably Ireland's best known Victorian public park. It is a sanctuary from the city streets and features tree lined walks, colourful flowerbeds, herbaceous borders, an ornamental lake, sculptures, children's playground, a garden for the visually impaired and 3.5 km of pathways.

A short stroll from the city-centre, Dublin's hidden treasure, the **IVEAGH GARDENS** (www.iveaghgardens.ie) were designed in 1865 and are popularly known as Dublin's 'Secret Garden'. A haven of peacefulness, many of the original landscape features are still in place, or have been restored and conserved since 1995. These include the yew maze, the rosarium, and the fountains. The cascade in particular is a stunning spectacle in summer.

In addition to extensive woodlands, water features and recreational facilities, the rose gardens (currently under restoration but remain open to the public) of **ST. ANNE'S PARK** (www.dublincity.ie) on Dublin's northside are of international importance and are at their peak from June through September. For a little hushed ambience, the **DUBH LINN GARDEN** in Dublin Castle is a grassy refuge interlaced with a Celtic design.

The **NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS** (see page 28) are not only intriguing to visit but play an important role in conservation. The Grand & Royal Canals encircle Dublin's inner city and are perfect for a scenic stroll or cycle or why not take time out to reflect at the following memorial gardens:

#### **GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE** Parnell Square East, Dublin 1

Tel: 01 821 3021 www.heritageireland.ie

Designed by Daithi Hanly and dedicated to the memory of all those who gave their lives in the cause of Irish freedom. The large sculpture by Oisín Kelly is based on the theme of the 'Children of Lir'. The garden is intended as a place of quiet remembrance and reflection. Open: Apr - Sept, Daily 8.30 - 18.00; Oct - Mar, 9.30 - 16.00; Christmas Day, 11.00 - 13.00.

#### WAR MEMORIAL GARDENS Islandbridge, Dublin 8

Tel: 01 475 7816 www.heritageireland.ie

These gardens are one of the most famous memorial gardens in Europe. They are dedicated to the memory of 49,400 Irish soldiers who died in the 1914 - 1918 war. The names of all the soldiers are contained in the beautifully illustrated Harry Clarke manuscripts, which are kept in the granite book rooms, in the gardens. Gardens Open: Mon - Fri, 8.00, Sat - Sun, 10.00. Gardens close according to daylight hours. Access to Bookrooms: by arrangement with local management.

Fun for all the family awaits at MALAHIDE CASTLE & GARDENS, NEWBRIDGE HOUSE AND FARM and ARDGILLAN CASTLE AND DEMESNE (see pages 27, 34 & 14).

With over 2,000 native trees, the landscape of **AIRFIELD ESTATE** (see page 14) provides important wildlife corridors which improve the habitats of Airfield's bird and insect populations. On the estate you will also find working farm, ornamental walled gardens and much more.

A little further afield but yet less than an hour from the city lies Dublin's natural playground, the **DUBLIN MOUNTAINS** - so head for the hills and discover mountain biking and walking trails, country paths and rural roads.



For information on these and other Parks, Gardens & Nature Spaces, see www.visitdublin.com



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# DISCOVER DUBLIN'S STORIES

#### **Tours of Dublin**

One way to find out more about Dublin is to take a tour with the experts. You can splash through canals with the Viking Tour, walk through locations in Joyce's Dubliners, relive the 1916 Rising, hear folk tales, discover ancient art or simply take in the sights. There's a fascinating tour for every interest!

Hop-on Hop-off Tour buses that criss-cross the city are always a popular option. Learn about the people, events and places that forged Dublin city with live commentary on **CITYSCAPE** sightseeing hop-on hop-off bus tours (www.cityscapetours.ie). With live storytelling by expert guides enjoy a DoDublin hop-on hop-off Bus Tour, exploring the heart of the city, top visitor attractions and following the famous River Liffey through the ever changing Docklands (www.dodublin.ie). With live commentary to guide you, the close proximity of Dublin's main attractions mean that each stop on the tour offers lots of activities and makes Dublin the ideal location for City Sightseeing Dublin's open top bus tour (www.citysightseeingdublin.ie).

There are many guided bus and rail tours to choose from and even opportunities to discover the darker side of Dublin on a ghost bus tour — for details see www.visitdublin.com Discover Dublin on an electric bike guided tour with LAZY BIKE TOURS (www.lazybiketours.com). DUBLIN CITY BIKE TOURS offer an easy paced eco-friendly bike tour with local guides to show you the sights (www.dublincitybiketours.com). SEE DUBLIN BY BIKE offers a relaxed, informative and fun guided bike tour of Dublin taking in the main sights and some hidden gems (www.seedublinbybike.ie). Stay fit and healthy and see the sights on a memorable, alternative sightseeing experience with SIGHT JOGGING DUBLIN (www.sightjoqqingdublin.com).

#### **Dublin Discovery Trails**

Unlock the treasures and stories of Dublin with the Dublin Discovery Trails, a new series of self-guided walking trails. Let magical tales of the city's colourful past weave their spell as you wander from trail to trail, each one supported by the Dublin Discovery Trails App. Available to download for iOS and Android devices, the app enables you to explore the city using a series of engaging audio guides and interpretive panels. Each trail shows a different side to historic Dublin, from its glorious Viking origins to the havoc caused by the 1916 Easter Rising. All of the experiences feature commentary, personal accounts, images and GPS-enabled maps, with the route and stops clearly marked. The app also includes a tool which allows you to customise your trail if you have limited time.

The Dublin Discovery Trails all revolve around the Dubline, an orientation route that connects the people, places and stories of Dublin. Extending from Kilmainham Gaol through to Trinity College and Parnell Square, it features a series of interpretive panels - large storyboards that open up the secrets of Dublin to locals and visitors alike.

Story of Dublin, Empire, Echoes of War, Rebellion, the Real Dublin and the Dubline trails each bring the past to life and, as you explore at your leisure, you'll find yourself seeing the city in a whole new light. Each Dublin Discovery Trail is easy to navigate — wander off the beaten track to uncover some secrets, before re-joining the Dubline, ready for your next adventure.



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For food themed walks, see page 66 of this guide.



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#### **River and Harbour Cruises**

Where else would you find a busy cosmopolitan capital surrounded by mountains, peaceful countryside and shimmering sea? Dublin is more than just a city; it's a living bay with astounding views, gorgeous food and inspiring culture. So why not take the opportunity to take to the water and discover Dublin's historic treasures and hidden gems.

Canal Boat Restaurant
Dublin Bay Cruises
Dublin Discovered Boat Tours
Go Sailing
La Peniche Grand Canal Experience
Viking Splash Tours

www.canalboatrestaurant.ie www.dublinbaycruises.com www.dublindiscovered.ie www.gosailing.ie www.lapeniche.ie www.vikingsplash.com

For further information, see page 55 of this guide.

TOP TIP! From its northward point at Skerries to Dalkey in the south, **Dublin Bay** is full of beauty and punctuated by charming coastal villages. What's more you'll be surprised how easy and quick it is to get to from the city centre. Why not download the official **Transport for Ireland Journey Planner app** to view Dublin's transport options. It's completely free and covers bus, Luas, taxis, ferries and even walking! **www.transportforireland.ie** 



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# **DUBLIN - THE CITY BY THE SEA**

#### **ANGLING**

With a variety of good quality fishing including river, lake, shore, reservoir, deep sea and rock fishing options available, it is easy to get hooked on fishing in Dublin!
Jutting out into the sea, Howth provides a natural boundary in the north of Dublin Bay and with Ireland's Eye just off its coast, it's a true sea lover's paradise with pier, rock and boat fishing. Dún Laoghaire and Malahide are popular boat and shore angling locations. Small boats can be launched at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush to fish around Lambay Island and over Rockabill grounds. For information on more locations, angling clubs, permits, ghillies, instructors, boat hire/charter and more, see www.fishinginireland.info

#### **BEACHES**

Not many capitals can boast the sandy stretches that Dublin enjoys! With numerous beaches to choose from, thrilling sports, historical ruins and crystal blue waters await. To catch kite surfing in full throttle, head to Dollymount Strand. When the tide is in Seapoint provides a glorious swimming spot right beside its own Martello tower. Portrane Beach is a long sandy beach flanked by sand dunes, to the north of which is a National Heritage Area, home to a large colony of migrating birds during the Winter months. From a brisk walk, to swimming to kite surfing, Dublin has a beach to suit everyone's taste. For information on more beautiful beaches including Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches, see www.visitdublin.com; www.blueflagireland.org

Tall Ships on Dublin Bay from the Baily Lighthouse on Howth Head

#### **RIVER & HARBOUR CRUISES**

Forget about traffic lights and traffic jams, just sit back and enjoy the best views of Dublin. Dublin has a host of waterways to cruise on, from Dublin Bay to the River Liffey and The Grand Canal.

See Dublin from a different perspective with **Dublin Bay Cruises** as they take in the panoramic views and discover the wonderful wildlife reserves that string the bay from north to south of Dublin's coastline. Glide along the River Liffey on board a **Dublin Discovered Boat Tour**.

Take a dining cruise on the Grand Canal with Canal Boat Restaurant or La Peniche Grand Canal Experience or experience a sailing adventure with Go Sailing. Join Viking Splash Tours on a thrilling tour around the main sights of Dublin City - by land and water! For more information, see page 53 or see www.visitdublin.com

#### **WATER SPORTS**

There's no end to the excellent range of water sports in Dublin so it's never been easier to make a splash! See Dublin from a different angle with day or night time kayaking on the River Liffey, explore the Grand Canal by canoe or kayak or dip into Dublin Bay with a kayaking tour of Dublin Bay. Exciting guided rafting trips are available on the River Liffey. If you fancy a lot of fun on the water, you can get to grips with sailing, windsurfing, kitesurfing, stand up paddle boarding and more.

For details on Dublin's water sports operators, call into our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centre or see www.visitdublin.com





## **DUBLIN LIFE'S A STAGE**

#### **THEATRES & VENUES**

Literature is in the very fabric of Dublin, in its river (Joyce's Anna Livia), in its conversation, its theatres and its very cobblestones. Three bridges that span the River Liffey are named after its literary giants and playwrights: James Joyce, Sean O'Casey and Samuel Beckett. The literary heritage of the city is also expressed by many fine statues of writers throughout the city including Wilde, Joyce, Shaw etc. Did you know that Dublin is the fourth UNESCO City of Literature, one of 20 UNESCO Cities of Literature worldwide?

Dublin surely boasts some of the world's most brilliant playwrights, while everyone from Irish rebels to movie stars have graced the fair stage of the elegant Olympia Theatre on Dame Street, whose atmosphere harks back to a glamorous era in Dublin and at over 130 years old is one of the oldest theatres in Dublin. You'll have your pick of stimulating performances at venues across Dublin such as the Gate Theatre, the Samuel Beckett Theatre at Trinity College and the Project Arts Centre tucked away in the historic cobbled streets of Temple Bar.

#### **THEATRES & VENUES**

As Ireland's national theatre the **Abbey Theatre** produces an annual programme of diverse, engaging, innovative Irish and international theatre and invests in and promotes new Irish writers and artists. Ireland's National Theatre comprising the Abbey and Peacock Theatres was founded in 1904 so why not delve deeper into this world and sign up for the Abbey Theatre backstage tour.

Explore the 17th century surrounds of **Smock Alley Theatre**, the first custom-built theatre in the city which opened in 1662 and still remains in substantially the same form, making it one of the most important sites in European theatre history.

Since the glamorous night of its opening in 1871, the "Grand Lady of South King Street", **The Gaiety Theatre** in the heart of Dublin has staged opera, musicals, drama, revues, comedy, concerts, dance, festivals and pantomime. **Vicar Street Theatre** has become a popular setting for a wide range of bands, stand-up comedy and a variety of concerts. An intimate 66 seat theatre on East Essex St., **The New Theatre** hosts ground breaking classics and new plays.



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Be entertained at The Stag's Head Pub Theatre by "Strolling Through Ulysses!"

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- a comic jaunt through James Joyce's famous novel. Presented by Robert Gogan, this one-man show will take you on a fun-filled 75 minute whistle stop journey through the fun and laughter which is the backbone of Joyce's extraordinary and celebrated novel, Ulysses. It tells the fun-filled story of Bloomsday, June 16th 1904, the iconic day around which the novel is based, guiding you through the curious events and guirky characters of Ulysses in a humorous, entertaining and informative manner - see www.strollingthroughulysses.com for details.

Get up close and personal with the work of some of Ireland's theatrical talents at a lunchtime performance at **Bewley's Café Theatre** which currently resides at the Powerscourt Townhouse Centre (for the duration of Bewley's Café reburbishment on Grafton St.)

Since the curtain rose for its inaugural performance on March 18th 2010 with The Russian State Ballet featuring stars from the Bolshoi performing Swan Lake, The Bord Gáis Energy Theatre, Grand Canal Quay has presented a very diverse programme of theatrical experiences including ballets, musicals, family shows, drama, concerts, comedy, orchestral and opera.

Children can enjoy performances in the unique child-sized theatre that is part of **The Ark** Cultural Centre, view engaging exhibitions or participate in creative workshops.

#### **THEATRES & VENUES**

Situated on Francis Street in the heart of Dublin, the **Tivoli Theatre** is one of Dublin's premier theatres. Converted from the old Tivoli Cinema, it has played host to a long line of highly revered and well-loved actors, playwrights, musicians and comedians from all over the globe.

Meeting House Square in Temple Bar is a multipurpose, flexible, outdoor performance space of endless possibilities. There are also opportunities to enjoy the spontaneous with "pop-up" events centred around food, film screenings, music and other fun activities springing up all across Dublin.

The **3 Arena**, North Wall Quay is a stunning state of the art entertainment venue, with the kind of world-class acoustics that great music deserves. The arena is the largest indoor venue in the country, with a capacity of over 14,000 (standing) or 9,500 sitting. Nearby is **The Convention Centre Dublin**, a world class purpose built international conference and event venue.







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Based in Dublin's city centre, **The National Concert Hall** is rated by performing artists as one of the finest in Europe. Since its opening in 1981, it has established itself as Ireland's premier centre for performance of live music, including weekly performances by their resident orchestra, the RTE National Symphony Orchestra. If you're lucky you may even catch a lunchtime performance. Home of the Dublin Horse Show, **The RDS** is Dublin's premier events venue for sport, concerts, exhibitions and entertainment events. What's more the **Aviva Stadium** hosts rugby and soccer matches whilst Gaelic Games can be enjoyed at **Croke Park**. No less exciting is a night of greyhound racing at **Shelbourne Park** or the thrill of a race meeting at **Leopardstown**.

Set in Dublin's Temple Bar, the **Contemporary Music Centre** is Ireland's national music archive and resource centre for new music. It includes a library and sound archive, as well as online reference services. **The Button Factory**, formerly known as the Temple Bar Music Centre is a venue that caters for every genre of music, dance, theatre and art.

**Wood Quay Venue** is an imaginative and exciting development which houses the **City Wall Space**. This is a spectacular state-of-the-art conference, meeting, exhibition and performance facility featuring a stretch of the original Hiberno Norse (Viking) City Wall dating from 1100AD.



For more information, call into our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centre (listed on page 1 of this guide) or see www.visitdublin.com

#### **THEATRES & VENUES**

Theatre buffs are also spoiled for choice with a host of theatres and venues located outside Dublin City Centre. The **Civic Theatre**, Tallaght is South County Dublin's premier venue with an artistic and challenging programme of contemporary and classical Irish and international work in Theatre, Dance, Opera and Music. Tallaght is also home to **RUA RED**, a cultural hub for South Dublin. Dún Laoghaire's **Dance Theatre of Ireland** is one of Ireland's finest contemporary dance companies performing nationally and internationally. Catch a show at the **Pavillion Theatre** after a stroll along the pier in Dún Laoghaire.

Choose from comedy, theatre, music, film, dance, family events, exhibitions and more at **Draíocht**, a multi-purpose arts and entertainment centre in the heart of Blanchardstown. See the best in theatre, visual art, comedy, music and more at **dlr Mill Theatre** in the heart of Dundrum Town Centre. Fun for all the family awaits at the **Lambert Puppet Theatre**, Monkstown. **The Helix** at Dublin City University hosts a whole range of shows with music, arts, theatre, family events to enjoy.

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Lovers of theatre need look no further than Dublin's great range of theatres and playhouses, both traditional and modern, with a busy programme of events happening across the year. The Dublin literary scene is certainly full of surprises and literary tours, readings, book festivals and events celebrating Irish literature of all kinds dot the city and beyond weekly. Keep your finger on the pulse of Dublin's theatre, literary and entertainment scene by calling into our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centre or see www.visitdublin.com









## **GET OUT & EXPLORE**

#### **ADVENTURE**

Dublin offers so much to see, but also so much to do! Seize life by the reins and plan an adventure in Dublin to suit you. Whether it's a hair-raising wakeboard experience, thrill of rock climbing and abseiling, or relaxing walk in the hills you're after Dublin can make it happen. Dublin is tailor made for cycling with windy lanes and generous cycle paths.

Why not see Dublin from a different angle by kayak along Dublin's historic waterways and coastline. Take the excitement up a notch with a zipline experience in Tibradden Wood. Enjoy the best views of Dublin from the roof of the iconic Croke Park stadium, whatever you do, don't look down!

For Dublin's adventure options, call into our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centre or see www.visitdublin.com

#### **EQUESTRIAN**

With Dublin's high quality Equestrian centres within easy reach of the city centre, it has never been easier to get in the saddle on your holidays! There is something to suit all abilities from treks along wooded lanes, country roads and forests to trail rides in the Dublin Mountains.

If you fancy a flutter, why not enjoy a "day at the races." Experience the unique fun and excitement of horse racing at Dublin's Leopardstown Racecourse www.leopardstown.com. The Dublin Horse Show at the RDS is one of the highlights of the summer each year www.dublinhorseshow.com

For more information on all things equestrian, see www.visitdublin.com www.aire.ie

#### **CYCLING**

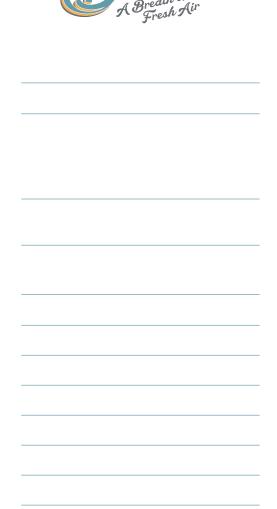
Enjoy Dublin's sights and sounds on two wheels!

Cycling gives you the freedom to be flexible and spontaneous and is a fun way to explore Dublin. On a bike you've got access to over 120km of cycle routes with parks, canals, the city-centre, the Docklands and more. What's more Dublin's compact nature means that the seaside and the mountains are just a short hop away.

A perfect starting point for those who never usually cycle is the 3.6km Canal Way Cycle Route, linking the Georgian elegance of Portobello to the modern tech hub of Spencer Dock and the Grand Canal. If you fancy going off track, then head to the nearby Dublin Mountains. **Ticknock Mountain Bike Trail** is a network of purposebuilt single-track trails and forest roads that are designated for use by mountain bikes on a waymarked circular route, 8km in length. The trails take the rider through beautiful forest and heath land with fantastic views over Dublin City and Bay and the Wicklow Mountains. Check out www.coillteoutdoors.ie for information on the trails.

For more details on cycling/mountain biking see www.visitdublin.com; www.biking.ie

TOP TIP! If you don't have your own set of wheels don't worry because Dublin has lots of options. **Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes** is a self-service bike rental system. The bikes have been designed for intense city usage and stations are distributed throughout the city centre to enable easy access and optimal use. Cyclists can collect a bike from any station and return it to any station on the network and pay a small fee for public bike use across the city. The first half hour of every journey is free, after this a service change applies. Visit **www.dublinbikes.ie** for full details. Private bike hire and tours are also available - see **www.visitdublin.com** for more details.





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#### **GOLF**

Dublin is ideally situated between the mountains and the sea and with boundless opportunities for golf, you are never far from a world class golf course. Tee off at championship links, with their sandy beaches and views of the Irish Sea, stroll down the fairway at stunning parkland courses set against a backdrop of a rugged landscape, with panoramic views of the Dublin Mountains or step on to the green at an historic city Club. The courses are always immaculate and provide a delightful challenge for those who are relaxed about their golf as well as those who are passionate.

And afterwards there's always a warm bar for that blow-by-blow account of the one that 'just rolled away from the green' or 'popped right into the hole'. Dublin is truly a place where playtime is taken seriously!



For world class golf courses and great golfing experiences call into our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centre or see www.visitdublin.com

#### WALKING

From parks, themed Discovery Trails (see page 51), rugged way-marked trails, canal bank walks and looped walks, you'll be spoiled for choice in Dublin. If you fancy a leisurely stroll in the largest urban park in Europe, the **Phoenix Park** is situated just 3km form the city centre.

The compact nature of the city also means that within half an hour of the city centre lies wonderful scenery with rolling hills, rugged coastline and breath-taking mountains. This provides fantastic opportunities for the more avid walker with a number of looped and linear walks in the region.

The Dublin Mountains is an exciting recreational facility for young and old alike. Whether you are interested in a walk with the family, a cross-country hike or a spin on a mountain bike, the trails and forests of the Dublin Mountains have something for everyone. Why not get out and enjoy it? To find out more, visit www.dublinmountains.ie

Why not have local guides show you the best sights? (See page 52) For details of guided full day excursions, walking holidays, walking routes, way marked ways and top tips for coastal, beach, cliff walks and more call into our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centre or see www.visitdublin.ie or www.irishtrails.ie



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## **FOODIE DUBLIN**

Dublin is home to a mouth-watering array of restaurants, pubs, pop-up eateries, stalls and markets. Dublin is positively packed with restaurants serving up all kinds of diverse and tasty dishes using freshly sourced local ingredients and catering to every budget.

Why not "eat your way" through Dublin by taking a foodie walking tour -

"Beefsteak and Oysters as Usual - The Story of Irish Food" is a rare and entertaining insight into how food and attitudes to food has shaped Irish Society. The tour, led by Historical Walking Tours of Dublin, traces the genius of Irish cuisine during a two hour stroll through Dublin's most historic quarters. www.historicaltours.ie

Find out where the locals go and discover the best food Dublin has to offer through **Delicious Dublin Tours** - a walking food tour lead by the Ballymaloe-trained, award winning food blogger Ketty Elisabeth aka French Foodie in Dublin. www.deliciousdublintours.com

Fab Food Trails take walkers on a delicious trip around Dublin where you can discover many unexpected culinary delights and leave with insider knowledge of the best of what is happening in Ireland's food scene, www.fabfoodtrails.ie

Irish Food Trail brings you closer to the heart of what it means to be Irish. This tour is steeped in our rich Irish history and of course our present, where Dublin is today! You will hear some folklore stories, hear how Dublin has become the great city it is, and chat to locals and learn about the city's history as you dine. www.irishfoodtrail.ie

The **Tapas Trail Dublin** walking tour is a fun and exciting way to explore Dublin's most popular and hidden Tapas restaurants. The Tapas restaurants are all kept secret until you arrive at their doorstep, so be prepared to be surprised as you discover Dublin through delicious food. www.tapastrail.com

From Howth Market to the Dún Laoghaire's People's Park Market to Temple Bar Market and everything in between, you can meet the farmers, chefs, growers and bakers, who all share a passion for quality Irish and international gourmet food.

**The Dine in Dublin Festival** is a recipe for a tasty break in the capital. It's a week in which top restaurants get involved with giveaways and of course, great value offers on meals. Have your fill with cooking demonstrations, pop-up theatre performances and more. www.dineindublin.ie For four days in June, the Iveagh Gardens transforms into the ultimate foodie destination with the **Taste of Dublin**. Enjoy signature dishes from Dublin's finest restaurants, learn tricks of the trade from world-class chefs and sample gourmet food and drink all in one stunning setting. www.tasteofdublin.ie

Savour the tastes of Howth at the **Dublin Bay Prawn Festival** www.dublinbayprawnfestival.ie The **Flavours of Fingal County Show** is a three day event jam packed with events, combining the sights and sounds of an agricultural show with an unforgettable food and family fun experience all taking place within the historic walled garden of Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate. www.flavoursoffingal.ie

Immerse vourself in Irish cuisine and more at one of Dublin's many **Cookery Schools**.

These are just some highlights of Dublin's food scene. However Dublin is positively packed with restaurants serving up all kinds of diverse and tasty dishes whatever your budget. No matter what you fancy, and regardless of your budget, you won't go hungry! For more inspirational ideas to tantalise your taste buds in Dublin, see www.visitdublin.com









## **FAMILY FUN**

Gear yourself up for all sorts of family fun in Dublin. Kick start your family visit to Dublin with a trip to **Dublin Zoo**, home to many of our cuddly, hairy and feathered friends! Home to Dublin Zoo, the **Phoenix Park** features a herd of fallow deer and is the perfect family amenity. Walk it or bike it with **Phoenix Park Bike Hire**.

At Imaginosity, Dublin Children's Museum, children have the opportunity to try out some possible future careers! Combine history with a little maritime on board the Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship & Famine Museum, the Natural History Museum is a city favourite, so much so, it has earned the term of affection 'the Dead Zoo'!

Enjoy a visit to the **National Wax Museum Plus**, comprising discovery, interaction and exhibits. Experience the sights, smells and daily routines of Viking & Medieval Dublin at **Dublinia** where history is brought to life in an exciting way for all to engage, learn and share.

Get pottering, painting, stamping and stencilling your very own pottery at Giddy Studios. Create your own robot at Makeshop by Science Gallery. The National Print Museum offers an exciting range of activities, events, workshops and educational resources for families and children. The Ark cultural centre is devoted exclusively to innovative arts programming for, by, with and about children. Savour the story of chocolate and make some of your own at The Chocolate Warehouse or Butlers Chocolate Experience.

Get stuck into a game of Gaelic Football or Hurling with a qualified trainer at **Experience Gaelic Games**. Experience the passion of a Gaelic Football or Hurling match locally or if you're lucky enough a championship game in Croke Park – visit www.gaa.ie for ticketing information. For something different, check out **FootGolf** at Deer Park Golf, Howth.

The farm, gardens, woodland, heritage, workshops and more at **Airfield Estate**, Dundrum provide enjoyable experiences for active learning. Whilst at Airfield, younger children will love the Grey Barn imaginative soft play area while 4 to 12 year olds can enjoy the interactive play experience that is Naturescape.

Jump on a **hop-on, hop-off** bus and see the sights of the city from the open top bus, or take a **Viking Splash Tour** to discover Dublin by land and water. For older children (from 14 yrs), **The Dublin Ghostbus** will send chills down your spine! Hop on **Toots, The Malahide Road Train** for a fun tour of picturesque Malahide.

**Dublin Bay Cruises** provides a unique opportunity to see Dublin from a different perspective. You can take in panoramic views and discover the wonderful wildlife reserves of Dublin's coastline. On board commentary will enhance your journey.

Extreme thrills, raging water adventures and loads of fun await you at **Aquazone**, Ireland's largest waterpark at the National Aquatic Centre, Blanchardstown. Rides include the Master Blaster (water roller coaster), Flow Rider (surfing machine), Pirate Ship (for the little ones), Dark Hole Flume and Green Giant Flume (water slides), as well as a Wave Pool, Lazy river and Bubble Pool.



For more Family Fun ideas call into our **Visit Dublin** or **Discover Ireland Centre** (listed on page 1 of this guide) or see **www.visitdublin.com** 





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## **DUBLIN IN A DAY**

Steeped in history and buzzing with youthful energy, Dublin tops the list of places to visit for many people who travel to Ireland. Medieval, Georgian and modern architecture provide a backdrop to a friendly bustling port, where the cosmopolitan and charming converge in the delightful diversity that is Dublin!

Even if you only have a day to spend in Dublin, there's so much to see and do all year round!

Here are our tips... create your own day in Dublin!

#### **Adventure**

**10.00:** Head to **Croke Park**, the home of Ireland's national games of hurling and Gaelic football. Visit the Museum, take a tour of the stadium and see behind the scenes. If you've a head for heights, take the **Etihad Skyline Tour** and enjoy the panoramic views of the city from the roof of the stadium. **Duration: 3 hours.** 



**14.00:** Get the **Luas** to **Heuston Station** and take the short walk to the Phoenix Park. Hire a bike and start exploring the largest urban park in Europe! **Duration: 2 hours.** 

**17.00:** Get the **DART** out to **Dún Laoghaire** and take the evening boat trip with **Go Sailing!** As well as experiencing the boat trip, learn how sails work, sailing terminology and some of the basic skills. Even steer the 54-foot yacht and enjoy seeing Dublin from a different perspective. **Duration: 2 hours.** 



#### Budget

**10.00:** Start out early and visit the **Chester Beatty Library**. One of the best museums not only in Ireland, but in Europe! **Duration: 1 hour**.

**11.00:** Visit **Dublin City Hall** and discover 'The Story of the Capital'. **Duration: 1 hour.** 

**12.00:** Visit the **National Library**, Kildare Street & see the **WB Yeats Exhibition** 

**14.00:** Visit the **National Museum of Ireland - Archaeology**, also in Kildare Street, followed by a visit to the **National Museum of Ireland - Natural History**. **Duration: 2 hours**.

**16.00:** There's always time for shopping and browsing! Take in Nassau Street and Grafton Street. **Duration: 2 hours.** 

#### Coastal

**10.00:** Jump on the **DART** and head out to **Sandycove** for an early morning dip in the Irish Sea. **Duration: 1 hour**.

**12.00:** Dalkey Village has a wonderful array of cafés and boutiques to browse in. Visit Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre and take a trip back in time to 16th century Tudor Ireland. Duration: 2 hours.



**15.00:** Back on the **DART** to the picturesque fishing village of **Howth**. From the harbour to Howth Head there's something for every level of walker. Seafood takes centre stage in many of the pubs and restaurants here so enjoy a fresh fish supper to finish off the day!

#### Cultural

**10.00:** Start in the **Dublin Writers Museum** and take in the **James Joyce Centre** and **Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane**, nearby. **Duration: 3 hours**.

**14.00:** Choose the **National Gallery** or the nearby **RHA** for a relaxing lunch, before you view the art! **Duration: 3 hours**.

**17.00:** Stroll through **Temple Bar**, Dublin's Cultural Quarter. **Duration: 2 hrs.** 

**19.00:** Take in some theatrical delights at the national theatre, the **Abbey Theatre**. **Duration: 2 hours**.





## **DUBLIN IN A DAY**

#### Family

**10.00:** Jump on a **hop-on, hop-off bus** and see the sights of the city from the open top bus. Duration: 1.5 hours.

**12.00:** Head to the **Phoenix Park** and check out the African Plains and City Farm at **Dublin Zoo**. **Duration: 2 hours**.

**14.00:** Visit **Dublinia** and take a trip back to Viking and Medieval Dublin. **Duration: 2 hours** 

**16.00:** Take in the **Science Gallery** with exhibits designed to excite everyone young and old and give them a sense of how the world works.

#### Film

**10.00: Kilmainham Gaol** has a long and dramatic history and was the setting for the prison scenes for 'In the Name of the Father' with Daniel Day-Lewis. Duration: 2 hours.

**13.00:** Many scenes from **'The Tudors'** were filmed in **Christ Church Cathedral**. See the exhibition of clothing from the TV series in the Crypt. **Duration: 2 hours**.

**16.00:** The very streets and alleys of the capital are locations in themselves. O'Connell Street features heavily in 'Michael Collins', Duration: 2 hours.

18.00: Head to Whelan's of Wexford Street, a location in 'P.S. I Love You' for a night of live music from up and coming talent. **Duration: 3-4 hours +**.

#### Food

**10.00:** Take the **DART** to **Howth** and watch the fishermen return to the harbour with their catch. Walk the paths of **Howth Head**. before you reward yourself with a tasty home cooked lunch in one of the many fine restaurants. **Duration: 4 hours**.

**15.00:** Back in the city, drop into the **Powerscourt Townhouse Centre** to sample a homemade tasty treat. **Duration: 1 hour.** 

**17.00:** Join up with **Fabulous Food Trails** for their Evening Tasting Trail Tour. **Duration: 3 hours.** (Please note: tours must be booked in advance.)

#### Georgian

**10.00:** Start out at **Fitzwilliam Square**, the smallest of the five Georgian squares in the city. Admire the grand houses and colourful doors. Close by visit the **Royal Hibernian Academy** an artist-led organisation supporting contemporary art and artists in Ireland. **Duration: 1 hour.** 

**12.00:** Visit the larger of the Georgian Squares, **Merrion Square** where on Sundays painting enthusiasts can enjoy the artworks on display around its perimeter. Visit the National Gallery and see Leinster House. Duration: 3 hours.

**15.00:** Cross the **River Liffey** to see the oldest Georgian street in Dublin, **Henrietta** Street. Kings Inns, Dublin Writers Museum and Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane are all nearby. Duration: 3 hours.

#### **Hidden Gems**

**10.00:** Discover the expansive grounds of the **Royal Hospital** Kilmainham. While in the vicinity visit Kilmainham Gaol and the Irish Museum of Modern Art. Duration: 3 hours.

**14.00:** Head out to **Glasnevin** and experience some Gaelic Games fun with **Experience Gaelic Games**. Learn the skills and history of Ireland's national sports. **Duration: 1.5 hours**.

**15.30:** Close by, visit **Glasnevin Cemetery Museum** offering interactive exhibitions and engaging cemetery tours, in Ireland's largest cemetery. A passageway will bring you from the back of Glasnevin Cemetery to the beautiful National Botanic Gardens which houses a huge selection of exotic plants and flowers. **Duration: 2 hours**.

#### Literary

**10.00:** Visit **Trinity College** and explore its treasures, the **Book** of Kells and the Old Library, as well as the cobbled squares and grounds. **Duration: 2 hours**.

**12.00:** Wander across the city to the **Dublin Writers Museum** and the James Joyce Centre. Drop into the Irish Writer's Centre to see their extensive library and art collection. Duration: 3 hours.

**16.00:** Visit Marsh's Library, the first public library in Ireland, opened in 1701. Duration: 1 hour.

**19.00:** Take in the **Literary Pub Crawl** for some craic and culture. **Duration: 2 hrs**.





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#### **Music and Dance**

**10.00:** Take a stroll around **Temple Bar** and check out the **Wall of Fame**, a tribute to some of Ireland's musical heroes.

Duration: 1 hour.

11.00: Visit the Rock 'n' Roll Museum in Curved Street, Temple Bar. Duration: 1 hour & 15 mins.

**14.00:** Stroll up **Grafton Street** and enjoy the many buskers that enliven the streets from classical to rock music!

Duration: 1 hour.

**16.00:** Close by visit the **Little Museum of Dublin** on St. Stephen's Green and the U2: Made in Dublin exhibition. Charting the story of the band over the last 40 years this fan-curated exhibition pays tribute to Ireland's greatest rock band.

**18.00:** Visit one of the many pubs that provide traditional Irish entertainment. Information is available at our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centre.

Duration: 3 hours.

#### On the Liffey

**10.00:** Start at the **Samuel Beckett Bridge**, opened in 2009 and designed by Calatrava.

**10.30:** Visit the **Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship** and retrace the steps of Irish emigrants. **Duration: 1 hour**. Later, take time at the Famine Memorial at Custom House Quay.

**12.00:** Visit Dublin's most famous bridge, the **Ha'penny Bridge**, one of the earliest cast-iron structures of its kind and the only pedestrian bridge across the Liffey until 2000, when the Millennium Bridge opened! From this iconic bridge, visit Temple Bar. **Duration: 1 hour**.

**14.00:** Take time at **Grattan Bridge** to see the beautiful tiles on **The Sunlight Chambers** on Essex Quay. Visit the Fr. Mathew Bridge, the site of the oldest crossing point of the Liffey. **Duration 30 mins**.

**15.00:** A short walk from the Fr. Mathew Bridge visit **Jameson Distillery Bow St.** and learn about the history of Ireland's well known Irish whiskey.

#### **Curious Churches**

**9.30:** Visit Dublin's oldest parish church, **St. Audoen's**, set in the heart of medieval Dublin and have a walk past the old city walls on **Cook St. Duration: 1.5 hours**.

**11.30:** Visit **St. Michan's Church** and Crypts, originally founded in 1095. **Duration: 1 hour**.

**14.00:** Make your way over to the **Carmelite Church** on **Whitefriar St.**, where you'll make a surprising find - the remains of **St. Valentine**, the patron saint of love. Then have a stroll over to the **Iveagh Gardens**, one of the city's finest, but least known parks, and enjoy a walk around this hidden paradise! **Duration: 2 hours** 



### **Royal Dublin**

**10.00:** Make your way to the **Phoenix Park Visitor Centre** to get free tours of **Farmleigh House** and **Áras an Uachtaráin** (Saturdays only). Queen Elizabeth II stayed in **Farmleigh House** during her state visit in 2011. **Duration: 3 hours.** 

**14.00:** Visit **Dublin Castle**, the seat of British power in Dublin for over 700 years. Take a tour of the state apartments which still house the **Royal Throne**. **Duration: 2 hours**.

**16.00:** Stroll to **College Green** and see the old **Irish House of Parliament**, now Bank of Ireland, and **Trinity College. Duration: 2 hours**.

#### Shopping

10.00: Hit the high street on Henry Street and don't miss Arnotts, ILAC Shopping Centre and the Jervis Shopping Centre. Grafton Street provides a myriad of temptations, the streets and lanes that surround Grafton Street offer many shopping delights including the Powerscourt Townhouse Centre.

Duration: 3 hours.

**14.00:** Wander the lanes of **Temple Bar** and discover the unique shops and boutiques, selling one-off pieces of design. Take in the shops of **Castle Market** and **George's Street Arcade**. **Duration: 2 hours**.

#### Museums

**10.00:** Visit the **National Museum of Ireland - Archaeology** on Kildare St. to witness 9,000 years of history brought to life. See Ór - Ireland's Gold Collection and the famous Bog Bodies! **Duration: 2 hours.** 

12.30: Just down the road is Ireland's National Library where you can see an exhibition on the life and works of W.B. Yeats. Pop into the Library's charming Café Joly for a nice artisan lunch.

Duration: 1.5 hours.

**14.00:** Take a short stroll over to Merrion Square and visit **Dublin's 'Dead Zoo' - the Museum of Natural History** - featuring galleries of animals from Ireland and overseas, presented in its famed Victorian cabinet style. **Duration: 1.5 hours**.

**15.30:** Walk around the corner and visit **The Little Museum of Dublin. Duration:** 1 hour. Times and durations indicated, are approximate.







#### **JUNE 2017**

#### Bloom

1- 5 June

#### http://bloominthepark.com/

Ireland's largest gardening, food and family festival, Bloom, comes to the Phoenix Park this June Bank Holiday weekend.

#### **You Bloom**

1 - 5 June

#### www.youbloom.com

Youbloom Dublin Music Summit and Festival includes top Irish and international music industry and artists with keynote, panels, masterclasses and networking. The festival showcases Dublin city centre venues with approx. 100 bands from Ireland and around the world and gigs taking place across the city.

#### **Bloom Fringe**

1 - 5 June

#### http://bloomfringe.com/

Think pop up parks, guerrilla gardening, and urban activations. It's all about greening the streets of Dublin over the June Bank Holiday weekend.

#### **Dublin Port River Fest**

3 - 5 June

#### http://dublinportriverfest.com/

The Dublin Port River Fest provides a wide range of activities on and around the River Liffey and the river quays for families over the June Bank Holiday Weekend 2017.

#### VHI Women's Mini Marathon

5 June

#### www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie

An annual event which started in 1983, The Vhi Women's Mini Marathon is the biggest all women's event of its kind in the world. In 2016 it is estimated that almost €6m was raised by the participants. See website for further information on the route.

#### **Howth Literary Arts Festival**

9 - 11 June

#### www.howthliteraryfestival.com

The Howth Literary & Arts Festival will take place in the beautiful environs of Howth Castle from June 9th to 11th, 2017. This, the third year of the Festival, we continue our literary and artistic programme to include drama, cultural history and literary arts events.

#### **Bloomsday**

11 - 16 June

#### www.bloomsdavfestival.ie

A lively celebration of all things Joyce, avid Joyceans from all over the world will descend upon Dublin for the week surrounding Bloomsday on 16th June.

#### **Dalkey Book Festival**

15 - 18 June

#### www.dalkeybookfestival.org

The annual Dalkey Book Festival hosts internationally renowned writers, including Booker Prize winners, a Nobel Laureate, Impac winners, Oscar winners and Costa winners. Dalkey has a rich literary heritage and is the perfect spot for a literary festival of books and ideas.

#### Taste of Dublin

15 - 18 June

#### http://dublin.tastefestivals.com/

Taste of Dublin is a stunning celebration of Dublin's unique and progressive dining scene and has earned a reputation as Dublin's ultimate indie food festival.

#### **Pride Parade**

24 June

#### http://dublinpride.ie/

Dublin Pride culminates in a parade that crosses the city centre in spectacular style, featuring the biggest and brightest stars from the Irish LGBT scene, and household names from every walk of life.

#### **JULY 2017**

#### Once the Musical

1 July - 26 August

## www.olympia.ie/whats-on/once-the-musical/

Once, the multi-award winning Irish musical drama is full of glorious music and authentic Irish charm. With songs including the Oscar winning Falling Slowly, this funny, moving and life-affirming love story has captured hearts around the world.

#### MCM Ireland Comic Con

1 - 2 July

#### www.mcmcomiccon.com

Dublin Comic Con is the biggest gathering of comic, movie and sci-fi fans in Ireland. With signings, cosplay, panels, film screenings and more, this event at the RDS is a cert to be the most fun convention of the year.

#### Inspirefest

6 - 8 July

#### http://inspirefest.com/

This festival is an exploration of pioneering thinking in leadership, technology, science,

design, society and the arts. If you are looking for fresh thinking and mind-expanding debate, this is the festival for you.

#### Volvo Dún Laoghaire Regatta

6 - 9 July

#### www.dlregatta.org

Now established as the biggest sailing event in Ireland over 400 boats and 2,500 competitors are expected to compete in Dublin Bay across the four days.

#### Laya Healthcare's City Spectacular

7 - 9 July

#### http://cityspectacular.com/dublin

With a host of exciting events, fantastic exhibitions and absorbing interactive workshops, Laya Healthcare's City Spectacular will once again transform Merrion Square in the heart of Georgian Dublin.

#### **Dublin Horse Show**

9 - 13 July

#### www.dublinhorseshow.com

The 144th Dublin Horse Show takes place in July 2017 and is one of Ireland's biggest annual sporting and social events which attracts over 100,000 visitors both domestic and foreign.

#### Longitude

14 - 16 July

#### www.longitude.ie

This three-day festival taking place in Marlay Park is one of the biggest dates on the live music calendar.

#### **Festival of Curiosity**

20 - 23 July

#### https://festivalofcuriosity.ie/

From playful days to curious nights, experience a feast of science, arts, design and technology at this lively and uniquely Dublin festival.

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#### **Dublin International Piano** Festival

22 - 30 July

www.pianofestival.ie

Now in its 5th year this festival will bring concerts from top class international pianists to the National Concert Hall and the Hugh Lane Gallery. The programme will bring with it an exciting concert series open to everyone.

U2

22 July www.mcd.ie

World renowned rockers U2 come home for a massive show at Dublin's iconic Croke Park stadium.

#### **AUGUST 2017**

#### **Dublin Blues, Roots and Brass Festival**

4 - 6 August

www.whelanslive.com

The Camden guarter welcomes the Dublin Blues, Roots and Brass Festival for its third year. Based around three genres of music that have taken centre stage in recent years not only in Ireland, but globally, this festival is both unique and exciting.

#### **Beatyard**

5 - 6 August

www.the-beatyard.com

Along with over 80 music acts and performers, Eatyard, the permanent street food yard on South Richmond Street, will again be popping up at Beatyard in Dún Laoghaire, with over 100 food vendors, demos, food competitions, cooks and stands, Craft beer fans can get in the carnival spirit at Brewtonic Carnivale, and 10 cocktail and wine bars will also roll into Tippletown for the weekend.

#### The Big Grill Festival

17 - 20 August

http://biggrillfestival.com/

Following the success of Ireland's first ever international BBO festival last year. The Big Grill Festival comes to the leafy surrounds of Herbert Park again this year in celebration of the art of cooking with fire and smoke, all washed down with a choice craft beer or cider. There will be demos and workshops from well-known chefs, chilli eating challenge, and a grand BBO cook-off and loads more.

#### **National Heritage Week**

19 - 27 August

www.heritageweek.ie

Heritage Week is about bringing heritage to life with over 1700 events taking place across Ireland.

#### Ironman

20 August

www.ironman.com

See website for full information.

#### **SEPTEMBER 2017**

#### **GAA Hurling All Ireland** Finals

3 September

www.crokepark.ie

This date decides which hurling team is the best in the country in 2017. Croke Park will become a sea of colour at this compelling day of sport.

#### Irish Craft Beer Festival

7 - 9 September

https://irishcraftbeerfestival.squarespace.com/

The event will feature independent Irish breweries and cider producers, showcasing niche brands and new products. International quest brewhouses will also join the fun tailored for beer fans at the RDS in Dublin.

#### **Dublin Fringe Festival**

9 - 24 September

www.fringefest.com

Dublin Fringe Festival is Ireland's leading multidisciplinary arts festival featuring performances in theatre, music, art, comedy, dance, circus, gaming and spectacle.

#### **Camogie All-Ireland Finals**

10 September

www.crokepark.ie

See the two top Camogie teams in the country battle it out for the biggest title in the sport.

#### Oktoberfest

14 September - 1 October

https://oktoberfest-dublin.de/ When would you get the chance to sing and dance along to an authentic Bavarian Brass Band...during Oktoberfest of course! If you can't nip out midday, wind down after a busy day with traditional Bavarian bands, excellent Erdinger Weiss Beer and some German sausages from the charcoal barbecue.

#### **GAA Football All-Ireland Championship Finals**

17 September

www.crokepark.ie

The most eagerly anticipated match days on the GAA calendar is the men's All Ireland Football Championship Finals.

#### **Culture Night**

22 September

www.cultureniaht.ie

Culture Night will return again for an evening of free late-night cultural activities. Keep an eye on their website for details of their programme.

#### **Canalaphonic Music &** Culture Festival

22 - 23 September

http://canalaphonic.com/

Canalaphonic Festival is a unique boutique festival in an urban location. It features a diverse array of independent performers across all genres from singer songwriters to heavy rock, barbershop choirs, trad musicians and lost more.

#### BlueFire Street Fest

22 - 23 September

www.bluefiredublin.ie

This annual festival held in Smithfield Square is a free festival of world music. arts and culture with a stellar line-up of musicians playing a variety of musical styles for every audience.

#### **Ladies Football All-Ireland Championship Finals**

24 September www.crokepark.ie

One of the biggest dates in GAA football is the Ladies All-Ireland Football Championship Finals which will take place in Croke Park Stadium.

#### Hard Working Class Heroes

28 - 30 September

http://hwch.net/

This is an independent showcase festival for Irish bands and musicians featuring over 100 bands in six venues over three

#### **Dublin Theatre Festival**

28 September - 15 October www.dublintheatrefestival.com

This annual event brings world class theatre to Dublin and provides a platform to showcase the best of Irish theatre to the world.



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#### **Barber Cut Festival**

30 September - 1 October http://barbercutdublin.com/

Featuring the biggest names in the business, and showcasing all aspects of traditional and modern barbering and shaving techniques. The whole day will end with a party like no other, live music and DJs into the night. This will be the biggest gathering of barbers in one place in Ireland.

#### **OCTOBER 2017**

#### **Red Line Book Festival**

11 - 15 October

www.redlinebookfestival.com

The Red Line Book Festival is a celebration of all things literary; be it spoken, written, sung, played, illustrated or even just thought! With a programme of events and workshops that will appeal to people of all ages and interests it's a festival not to be missed.

## SSE Airtricity Dublin Marathon

29 October

http://sseairtricitydublinmarathon.ie/ Running for decades, the SSE Airtricity Dublin Marathon has evolved into a movement with its training runs, expos and many other events taking place on the lead up to the big day in October.

## Bram Stoker Festival - Festival

Dates TBC

www.bramstokerfestival.com

Inspired by the heritage of Dublin-born Gothic author Bram Stoker and his notorious novel Dracula, Dublin city will get gloriously gothic this October 31st.

#### **NOVEMBER 2017**

#### **Dublin Gallery Weekend**

23 - 26 November

www.dublingallerymap.ie

Dublin Gallery Weekend is back again, with art galleries across the city throwing open their doors inviting visitors both old and new to experience the exciting and inspiring art on offer in Dublin art galleries. Exhibition openings, artist curator talks, walking tours, late opening and much more will take place over the weekend and almost everything will be free of charge.

#### **DECEMBER 2017**

#### NYF Dublin

Festival Dates TBC http://nyfdublin.com/

Bringing together some of the country's best talents, NYF Dublin offers you a host of free and family friendly activities and events to ring in the new year.







## **GETTING AROUND**

DART, Luas\* & Rail Map (\*see page 85)





## **GETTING AROUND**

#### **Getting Around - Go explore**

One of the best things about Dublin is its size and what makes Dublin unique to many other European capitals is how quickly you can escape the city. Even from the centre of Dublin you're never far from the mountains and the sea.

Getting around won't eat into your holiday time as the city has plenty of transport options from buses and trams to city trains and Dublin Bikes. **The Leap Card** is the answer for convenient travel and the perfect companion for any visitor to the city. The handy pay as you go smart card means you save money on travel and you don't have to carry cash.

If you are here for a few days, then the best value across bus and rail options is the **Leap Visitor Card**. A pre-paid ticket, it allows unlimited travel after first use over 1 day (24 hours), 3 days (72 hours) or 7 days (168 hours) on Airlink 747 & 757 (airport bus services), Dublin Bus scheduled services (not valid on tours), Luas (tram) services, DART and Commuter Rail in the Short Hop Zone (all of Dublin city and county).

The Leap Visitor Card is currently available to buy from a number of different agents — Dublin Airport — Bus & Travel Information Desk (T1 Arrivals), Spar (T2 Arrivals), Dublin City Centre: Dublin Bus, 59 Upper O' Connell St., Discover Ireland Centre, 14 Upper O' Connell St. and at the Visit Dublin Centre, 25 Suffolk St.

Visit: www.leapcard.ie for further information.



Get integrated information on transport services in the Journey Planner section of **www.transportforireland.ie** from where you can also download the free Journey Planner travel app.



All website & email links are live.



## **GETTING AROUND**

#### See the Sights at your leisure

Those who wish to discover experiences to treasure at their own pace will be glad to know that getting around the Dublin area is easy.

Use the extensive **public bus network** (www.dublinbus.ie) to travel the city and suburbs. There is an excellent network of bus services to and from Dublin Airport and Dublin Port and Dún Laoghaire as well as a Nitelink and Sightseeing Tours. Hop-on, Hop-off Tours and Day Tours are popular options. **Aircoach** (www.aircoach.ie) **Airport Hopper** (www.airporthopper.ie) also service the airport by bus. **Bus Éireann** (www.buseireann.ie) is Ireland's public bus service for destinations outside Dublin with discounted tickets available online.

**Dublin Bus** provides an extensive range of bus services, **DoDublin** Sightseeing Tours as well as the **Airlink Express** which serves Dublin Airport.

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The DoDublin Card is the all-in-one sightseeing and transport ticket and includes the DoDublin Hop-on hop-off tour bus, the Airlink Express, and unlimited use of the extensive Dublin Bus network (excluding Nitelink) for 3 days (72 hours). The ticket includes free map and guide, free Pat Liddy Walking tour, free entry into The Little Museum of Dublin and exclusive restaurant deals. Visit www.dodublin.ie for more details.

For other bus services and details of sightseeing tours, call into our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centre or see www.visitdublin.com

Take Dublin's coastal train, the **DART** (Dublin Area Rapid Transport) which is an electric train system, to discover the beautiful towns and villages dotted along Dublin's coastline. This scenic and speedy train line serves a whole host of stops along Dublin's picturesque coast. Jump on to the DART train from the city centre and watch as pretty seaside towns and villages whizz by. Spot a world famous Martello tower, press the green button, hop off and stroll by the sea. The picturesque coastal villages are must-sees but there are plenty more hidden gems just waiting to be explored along this beautiful stretch. For details visit www.irishrail.ie

**Luas** is Dublin's light rail transit service, a swift reliable tram system crossing the city on two lines — the Red Line and the Green Line. Both lines have Park 'n Ride and Cycle 'n Ride facilities. Tickets for Luas (the Irish word for "speed") can be purchased at street side vending machines located at each stop or alternatively use the convenient Leap Card.

Highlights along the Red Line include the 3 Arena, the National Museum of Decorative Arts & History at Collins Barracks and historic Kilmainham Gaol. Highlights along the Green Line include the foodie village of Ranelagh, the shopping mecca of Dundrum Town Centre and it also stops a short distance from Leopardstown Racecourse.

**Please note:** At time of going to print construction works were on-going on the Luas Cross City extension of the Green Luas Line that will create an interchange with the Red Line. For updates visit **www.luas.ie** or **www.transportforireland.ie** 



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## **GETTING AROUND**

Dublin's two main train stations Connolly Station and Heuston Station are vital hubs for rail travel to and from the capital — www.irishrail.ie

There is a wide range of **Car Rental** companies represented in Dublin — **www.carrentalcouncil.ie** Numerous **taxi operators** are available. Three of the main taxi ranks in Dublin City centre are located on O' Connell Street, College Green and at St. Stephen's Green. Private taxis and tours are also available. For details of taxis that provide a service to wheelchair users, see **www.goaccessible365.com** 

**Ecocabs** (www.ecocabs.ie) are a fleet of modern passenger tricycles, proving a green alternative form of city transport that is both free and fun!



Get integrated information on transport services in the Journey Planner section of www.transportforireland.ie from where you can also download the free Journey Planner travel app. Find departure times where you need them, plan a whole journey using the Trips feature, including Bus, Luas, Irish Rail and ferry times, zoom in using maps to find the transport stops by area and see timetable information for those services, get the latest transport updates to ensure you take the best routes.

Choice of **cycling** tours has made it easier than ever to enjoy Dublin on two wheels. **Coca Cola Zero dublinbikes** (self-service bike rental system) **www.dublinbikes**.ie are custom-designed for city cycling – see page 63 for more information. If you'd prefer to hire a bike privately, there are lots of options for that too with a range of hire companies based in the city and Phoenix Park, and even delivering to the new mountain bike trails in the Dublin Mountains!

Alternatively take a cruise in Dublin Bay and see Dublin from an entirely different perspective.



Ten of Ireland's eleven toll roads have conventional barrier toll plazas. Unless your car has an electronic tag, you will need to stop at the cashier's booth and pay your toll in cash. Dublin's M50 is a barrier-free toll road, traffic passes beneath a camera gantry between Junction 6 and 7 which records vehicles' registration numbers. Drivers must pay their M50 toll before 20.00 the following day to avoid incurring a late-payment penalty. Payment methods include:

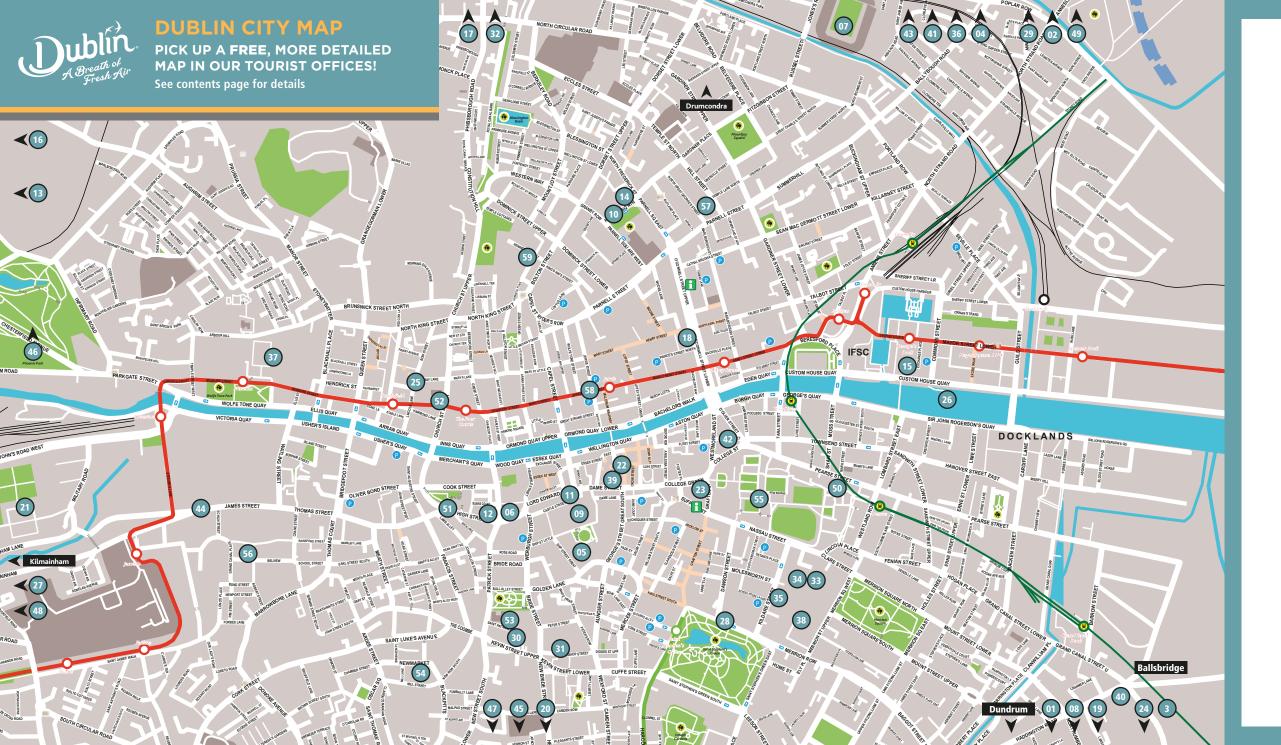
(1) Online at www.eflow.ie, (2) cash or card at any retail outlet that has the Payzone sign, (3) Lo-Call: 1890 50 10 50.



For further details of Rail, Luas and DART routes, please see our Map on page 82 of this guide. For more information on travel visit www.transportforireland.ie



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