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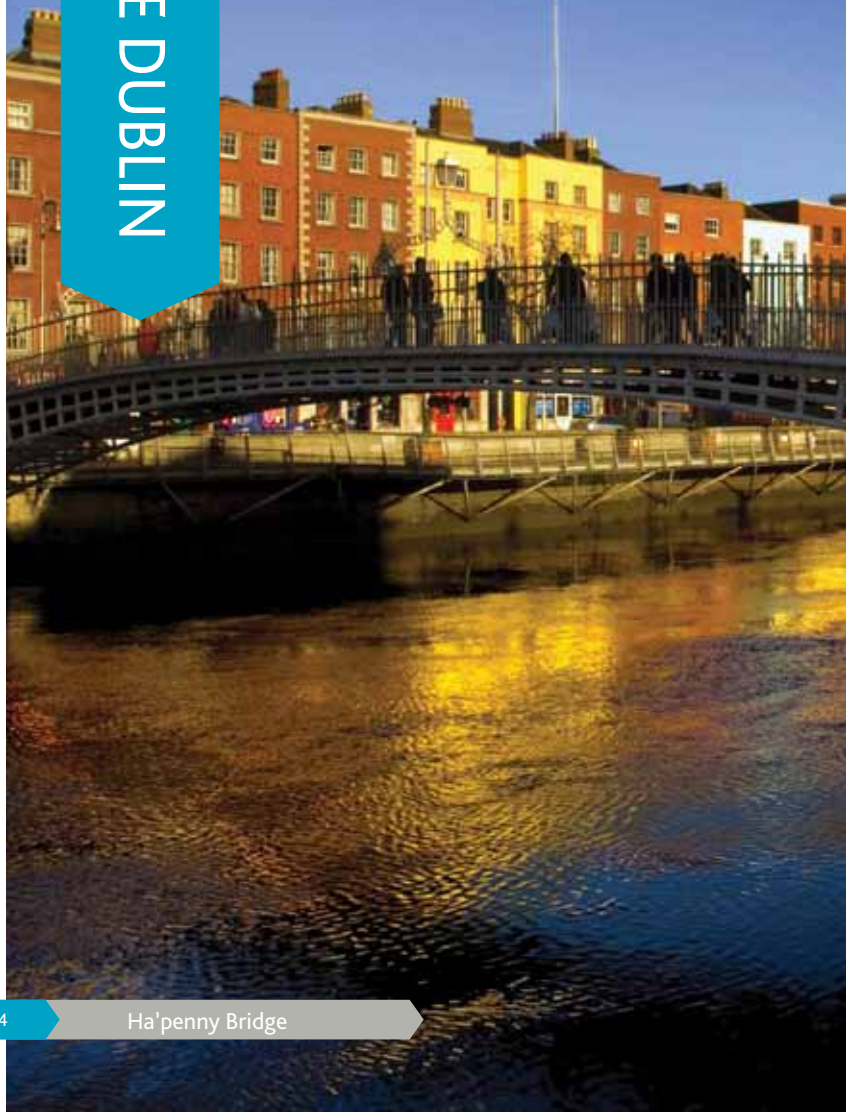


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EXPERIENCE DUBLIN



Experience Dublin

Dublin is one of Europe's oldest and greatest cities, one that retains its historical and cultural charms. But it is also bubbling with energy and excitement! This cool, cosmopolitan capital has a vibe that will leave you gasping for more. Lap up the lively nightlife, immerse yourself in stand-out culture and clear away the cobwebs with adrenaline-pumping action.

The home of Guinness, street festivals, live music, exhilarating coastal adventures and of course the legendary Irish 'craic,' it's the perfect mix of culture and fun.

From street performances to sea safaris, from kite surfing to kitsch cool cocktail bars, from gentle strolls along the coast to prawns straight from the sea. Once you get a taste for Dublin you'll realise it's got a personality you won't find anywhere else.

Dublin Bay and Mountains is where the Metropolis comes smack up against Mother Nature. It's a natural playground in one of Europe's favourite cities, urban life with the salt spray in its face. This is where Dubliners go when they want to awaken their senses, leaving town, beyond the city's core, out along the shoreline or up into the hills.

Whether your interest is sport, history, art or literature, whether you want to unearth a hidden gem or quirky outdoor market or step back in time and visit a heritage town, Dublin is jam-packed with thrilling things to do.

Come write your own Dublin story!

Because you know what? You can do it all in Dublin.

Dublin Pass Sightseeing Card

Enjoy great savings with the Dublin Pass Sightseeing Card, which can be purchased in the Visit Dublin Centre, 25 Suffolk St. and also in the Discover Ireland Centres at T1 & T2 in Dublin Airport. Choose from 1, 2, 3 or 6 day passes. With **FREE admission to many of Dublin's top visitor attractions**, the possibilities are endless.

From castles, museums and art galleries to the lively spirit of Temple Bar there is something for everyone with the Dublin Pass. Most of the city's main attractions are within close proximity and within easy walking distance of the city centre, making your sightseeing experience easy and accessible.



Visit: www.dublinpass.com

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CHAMPTON COURT



INTO
THAT
DAY



Poolbeg Lighthouse

Experience some of Dublin's Highlights

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 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 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?



Street Art, Grand Canal Docks

Follow a Funky Tour!

Try a walkabout with a difference with the Le Cool Experience. No two outings are the same – you could find yourself in a tattoo parlour, dropping into Dublin's oldest barber or being brought to a back street art exhibition. 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. Your guide will regale you with quotes from Joyce, Behan, Beckett, and Yeats. How about a tour of the city's ghoulish ghettos with Hidden Dublin Walks? Follow the guides through cobblestoned streets and dark alleyways as they conjure up characters like Darkey Kelly, discuss the Irish origins of Dracula (Bram Stoker was born in Dublin) and take you to the gates of Hell at St. Audeon's Church. Finally, if you're in the mood for whooping and wailing, the Viking Splash Tour is the tour for you...Harking back to Dublin's Viking foundations with pizzazz, the tours are an educational way of seeing all that Dublin has to offer, by land and by water! The guides are like walking history books, so test them to the limits!

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.



Exchequer Street

On your bike!

Get yourself some wheels and see Dublin in style! Of all the new Dublin living trends, the cycling one looks like it's here to stay. Hop on a Coca Cola Zero dublinbike and whizz your way around the city's hotspots, it's a great way to spend a few hours. Dublin by Bike offers a 2.5 hour taster tour around several of the big sights (think Merrion Square, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle and more!) with lots of fun and photo opportunities along the way. 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 next bend... welcome to Ticknock Mountain Bike Trail courtesy of the guys in 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

You want castles and cathedrals? 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 unique in boasting two landmark cathedrals 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.



Sweeney Pharmacy

Browse the City of Words

Dublin is one of just seven UNESCO Cities 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. But don't let this tempt you into thinking it's all about dead guys. 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 sea of Irish gaelic games, Croke Park Stadium and literally get a birds eye view of the city 44 meters high on the 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.

DUBLIN CITY



Dublin City

From her humble beginnings as a Viking trading port to a walled medieval city and then, in a glorious century of expansion, to an elegant Georgian metropolis with wide streets, gracious squares and great houses, neatly bordered by its two canals, Dublin is a city that will capture your heart.

Home of the Book of Kells, birthplace of James Joyce and Nobel Prize winners William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw and Samuel Beckett and now a UNESCO City of Literature, Dublin is a truly inspirational city with a literary tradition dating back over a thousand years!

To visit Ireland's capital city is to visit a place rich in history and culture and one which prides itself with a long tradition in music, theatre and literature. To truly experience Dublin is to immerse yourself in its rich, vibrant and absorbing culture!

Dublin's numerous parks and gardens are the life and lungs of the city. The 2,000 hectares of green space range from the historic Phoenix Park, to nature reserves, Georgian Squares and sports grounds. A retreat from the hustle and bustle of modern day city life, Dublin's parks and gardens provide unparalleled opportunities for enjoyment, exploration and exercise in the heart of the capital!

Need a break to recharge your batteries? Looking for something extra special and indulgent? Or do you just need some timeout? From fashionable shopping and sumptuous restaurants to luxurious spas, a truly memorable experience is guaranteed for all! Dublin's indulgent side is expecting you and is just waiting to be discovered!

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Smithfield Festival

Dublin City Villages

Dublin is a city of villages and each village serves a different purpose and houses a particular breed of Dubliner. The poets, the artists, the dreamers, the fashionistas, the foodies, the storytellers and the true-blues, have all carved out little havens, villages of like-mindedness within the patchwork of the city. 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. Every corner, every twist and every turn offers explorers the possibility of surprise, the opportunity to uncover the true character of the city. Here are 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 post-Celtic Tiger creativity. Bars like **Frank Ryan's** and **Dice** tiptoe between the traditional and the hip, making Smithfield perfect for drinking in the culture, whilst urban art project the **Smithfield Art Tunnel** and **Block T** provide gallery, studio and community spaces for locals and visitors alike.



Smithfield Art Tunnel

Take a walk across the central market square from the **Old Jameson Distillery** 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.

And if you like the sound of Smithfield you could decide to rest your head at Dublin's largest hostel, **Generator**. This is situated on the square itself and provides much more than a bed with a lively bar, nightly events and a variety of tasty food options.

Stoneybatter

Located just next to Smithfield, Stoneybatter is Dublin's original inner-city urban village. Situated in the midst of a city that was heavily reshaped by the Celtic Tiger, Stoneybatter 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. Stoneybatter 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 Joinery** and the **Stoneybatter Guild** providing places for independent artists and crafters to sell their wares and pass on their skills. **L Mulligan Grocers** is its culinary hub, spinning traditional Irish cuisine into something wholly modern and matching it up with one of the most impressive selections of craft beers and spirits going.



Guinness Storehouse, St. James's Gate

Ranelagh

Once located on the very outskirts of the city, Ranelagh is Dublin's original village. Over the last century, as the city grew larger and its borders grew, Ranelagh was adopted into the fabric of 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 restaurants that offer the best of world cuisines. Especially worth investigating are **Dillinger's Restaurant** and its sister venture the **Butcher Grill**, **Cinnamon Food Emporium** and best-kept coffee secret, **Nick's Cafe**.

Ranelagh's locals are some of the most culture-conscious around, as the antiques and bookshops go to show. 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.

Liberties

Francis Street is one of the oldest areas in Dublin and many of the shops and galleries here, are family-run institutions, that have been thriving for generations! Although traditional in its appearance, this area is in no way stagnant as it attracts a steady stream of young artists, designers and makers from the nearby **National College of Art and Design**.

This mix of influences and aesthetics is played out on the myriad shop fronts and art spaces that line the street. Contemporary art galleries and spaces like **Pallas Studios**, **South Studios** 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. Just around the corner from South Studios you'll find the **Dublin Food Co-Op**, which hosts an array of Sunday markets including the city's monthly answer to Mauerpark.



The Bernard Shaw, Portobello

Portobello

Portobello runs along the edge of Dublin's picturesque Grand Canal bridging the gap between Rathmines and the popular Camden Street area. When the sun is out, the waterside plays host to many relaxing lunches and post work drinks with crowds stretching from **The Barge** to **The Portobello** and beyond.

The old Jewish Quarter is café territory, with top tea experts **Wall & Keogh**, the beautiful **BiBi's**, the wholesome **Nelly's**, traditional bagel-makers the **Bretzel** and sweet-tooth ticklers the **Cake Café** all finding their homes in its maze of streets.

Its restaurant scene is equally busy. **Locks Brasserie** is one of the most highly-regarded fine dining restaurants in the city. **Rotana Café** serves some of the best falafel in town and also offer flavoured Shisha pipes for those who want to try something a little different. Right next door is **Seagrass** which uses the finest Irish produce to create simple but imaginative dishes.

Portobello's most famous son is the playwright, George Bernard Shaw, born on Syngé Street in 1856. Just around the corner from here is one of Dublin's best bars named in the gentleman's honour: **The Bernard Shaw** is the perfect chill-out spot with a vast outdoor garden, house, soul and disco nights, a bus that serves pizza and some excellent cocktails and beers.

Elsewhere the **Thomas House** has stood the test of time as one of the city's most enduring rock bars, hosting punk, goth and garage weeks in true dive bar style. **Vicar Street** hosts some of the world's leading bands and comedians, and **Fallon's Capstan Bar** is the perfect quiet watering hole.

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www.visitdublin.com / www.discoverireland.ie

Visitor Attractions

1 An Post Museum

General Post Office,
O'Connell Street,
Dublin 1

Tel: 01 705 7000

www.anpost.ie/heritage



Located inside the General Post Office, the An Post Museum tells the story of the Post Office in Ireland. From stamp design and letters to railways, telephones and the 1916 Proclamation, visitors learn how the Post Office and its employees have helped to shape Ireland's social and cultural heritage over many generations. The GPO itself, celebrating 200 years in its current location, is one of Ireland's most famous landmarks: headquarters of the 1916 rebels and an icon of Irish independence, it is also a building of architectural distinction and a symbol of faithful public service.

Open: Mon - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00. Closed Public Holidays & Sundays.

Admission: €2 per person.

2 Aviva Stadium Tours

Aviva Stadium, Lansdowne Road,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4.

Tel: 01 238 2300

www.avivastadium.ie



Aviva Stadium is the culmination of 150 years of Irish Sporting Heritage; it is the birthplace of Irish Rugby and the spiritual home of Irish football and rugby. Aviva Stadium is unique in its architecture, advanced engineering and a world leader in sustainability. Aviva Stadium inspires visitors of all ages and interests.

Experience intimately 'behind the scenes' areas normally only occupied by players and officials, such as the home dressing rooms, players' tunnel and media centre.

Aviva Stadium is a Premier Tourist Attraction.

Open: Daily; Tours run on the hour from 10.00 - 16.00. Last tour is 16.00. (Nov - Feb Last tour is at 15.00.)

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



Offer: Free gift to every Stadium Tours Visitor upon presentation of this Pocket Guide.

3 Chester Beatty Library

Dublin Castle,
Dublin 2

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 Chester Beatty Library is a must-see on any Dublin visitor's itinerary.

As the only museum in Ireland to win **'European Museum of the Year'** and rated at number 2 in TripAdvisor's list of recommended Dublin cultural attractions, the library's rich collections from countries across Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe open a window on the artistic treasures of the great cultures and religions of the world.

Open: 1 May - 30 Sep; Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 17.00. 1 Oct - 30 Apr; Tue - Fri, 10.00 - 17.00. (Closed Mon.) Sat; 11.00 - 17.00 (All year) Sun; 13.00 - 17.00 (All year) (Closed 1 Jan; Good Fri; 24, 25 and 26 Dec; and Mon public holidays.)

Admission: Free of charge.

4 Christ Church Cathedral

Christchurch Place,
Dublin 8

Tel: 01 677 8099
www.christchurchdublin.ie



Christ Church Cathedral is Dublin's oldest building, a leading visitor attraction and place of pilgrimage for almost 1000 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 and events throughout the year.

Guided tours of Christ Church Cathedral, which incorporate the belfry, are available every day – please visit www.christchurchcathedral.ie for more details. 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! Special fun trails for families and themed drop-in craft activities take place at special times throughout the year.

Open: Mon - Sat; Mar - May & Oct 9.00 - 18.00, Jun - Sep 9.00 - 19.00, Nov - Feb 9.00 - 17.00. Sun; Mar - May & Oct 12.30 - 14.30 & 16.30 - 18.00, Jun - Sep 12.30 - 14.30 & 16.30 - 19.00, Nov - Feb 12.30 - 14.30. Please note that opening hours may be affected by service times.

Admission: Adult: €6, Concession: €4.50, Child (under 16): €2, Family (2+2): €15.

Visitor Attractions

5 Croke Park Visitor Attractions

St. Joseph's Avenue, Dublin 3

Tel: 01 819 2323

www.skylinecrokepark.ie



Explore the home of Gaelic sport on the **Croke Park Stadium Tour** with an access-all-areas visit to this 82,300 capacity venue. Walk in the footsteps of legends as you visit the team dressing rooms, experience the excitement of walking through the player's tunnel and enjoy

panoramic views from the top tier of the stand. Discover Dublin from the roof of Croke Park on the exciting **Ethihad Skyline** roof top tour where you will ascent to a walkway 44 meters above ground level to take in breath taking views of the Irish capital. The **GAA Museum** celebrates Ireland's national games of hurling and Gaelic football. Trace Irish social history and test your skills in the interactive games zone – a must for museum visitors of all ages!

Open: See www.crokepark.ie and www.skylinecrokepark.ie for opening times.

Admission: Croke Park Stadium Tour: Adult €12.50, Child (U12) €8.50, Student/Senior €9.50, Family (2+2) €34, Child (U3) FREE. **Ethihad Skyline:** Adult €20, Child €12, Student/Senior €18, Family (2+2) €52, Family (2+3) €60.

★ **Offer:** Special rate for combined Stadium & Skyline tours, call 01 819 2323.



6 Dublin Castle

Dame Street, Dublin 2

Tel: 01 645 8813

www.dublincastle.ie



Dublin Castle: Originally built in the 13th century on a site previously settled by the Vikings, it functioned as a military fortress, a prison, treasury, courts of law and served as the seat of British Administration in Ireland for 700 years. Rebuilt in the 17th and 18th centuries, Dublin Castle now serves as a place of national prestige, hosting important State events including the inauguration ceremony of the Irish President every seven years. Tours of the State Apartments, Medieval Undercroft and Chapel Royal are available.

Open: Mon - Sat; 10.00 - 16.45, Sun and P/H; 12.00 - 16.45. Closed 24 - 28 Dec, 1 Jan and Good Fri. Please see www.dublincastle.ie for updates. Access to the Medieval Undercroft and Chapel Royal is by guided tour only.

Guided Tour Prices: Adult: €8.50, Student / Senior: €6.50, Child aged 7 - 12: €3, Child aged 6 and under: Free of charge.



7 Dublinia

St. Michael's Hill, Christchurch,
Dublin 8

Tel: 01 679 4611

www.dublinia.ie



Dublinia, 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 and come away knowing more about its citizens throughout the ages.



Open: Daily; Apr - Sep, 10.00 - 18.30 (Last entry 17.30) Oct - Mar, 10.00 - 17.30 (Last entry 16.30).

Admission: Adult: €8.50, Student/Senior: €7.50, Child: €5.50, Family (2+2): €24.

8 Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane

Charlemont House,
Parnell Square North,
Dublin 1

Tel: 01 222 5550

www.hughlane.ie



Located in Dublin's city centre, Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, originally called The Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, houses one of Ireland's foremost collections of modern and contemporary art. The original collection, donated by the Gallery's founder Sir Hugh Lane in 1908, has now grown to include over 2,000 artworks, ranging from the Impressionist masterpieces of Monet and Degas to works by leading national and international contemporary artists. The Gallery presents dynamic schedules of temporary exhibitions, seminars and public lectures, publications and educational projects.



The Hugh Lane's role as a leading museum of modern and contemporary art was enhanced with the acquisition of the entire contents of Francis Bacon's Studio, this was donated by Bacon's sole heir, John Edwards.

Open: Tue - Thu; 10.00 - 18.00. Fri & Sat, 10.00 - 17.00. Sun, 11.00 - 17.00. Closed Mon.

Admission: Free of charge.

Visitor Attractions

9 Dublin City Hall - The Story of the Capital

City Hall, Dame Street,
Dublin 2

Tel: 01 222 2204

www.dublincity.ie/dublincityhall



City Hall, designed by Thomas Cooley, was originally built as the Royal Exchange between 1769 & 1779. The building is an outstanding example of Dublin's Georgian splendour. The lower ground floor houses the permanent exhibition **Dublin's City Hall 'The Story of the Capital.'** This multimedia exhibition traces the development of Dublin City from the arrival of the Anglo – Normans in the 1170's to the present day.

Artefacts on display include the original moulds for Dublin's medieval City Seal, The Great Dublin Civic Sword and The Great Chain, worn by former Lord Mayors of Dublin.

Open: Mon - Sat; 10.00 - 17.00. (Last admission 15.45.) Closed; Sun & Public/H., Dec 25 to Jan 2.

Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/Student/Concession: €2, Child: €1.50, Family (2+4): €10.

★ **Offer:** Entry to Exhibition with Tea/Coffee €5.



10 Dublin Writers Museum

18 Parnell Square North,
Dublin 1

Tel: 01 872 2077

www.writersmuseum.com



This splendidly restored eighteenth-century townhouse became home in 1991, to the Dublin Writers Museum. The collection, featuring a display of literary memorabilia going back more than three hundred years, includes portraits, first editions, manuscript items and objects which belonged to writers, from Samuel Beckett's telephone to Mary Lavin's teddy bear and Brendan Behan's typewriter. It provides an accessible introduction to Ireland's unrivalled literary tradition - Swift and Sheridan, Shaw and Wilde, Yeats, Joyce, Beckett and many more. The museum includes a bookshop and a children's room, and there are occasional special exhibitions and lunchtime performances.

Open: Mon - Sat; 10.00 - 17.00; Sun & P/H 11.00 - 17.00. Last admission 16.15.

Admission: Adult: €7.50, Student / Senior: €6.30, Child: €4.70, Family: €18.00. (Group rates (20+): Adult: €6.50, Concession: €5.30, Child: €3.70)

★ **Offer:** Discount of €1 per admission with this guide.



11 Dublin Zoo

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8

Tel: 01 474 8900

www.dublinozoo.ie

Discover a world full of fun and adventure! Dublin Zoo is much more than a fun-filled, stimulating day out for all the family... It's a place to learn about wild animals, especially those which are endangered. Dublin Zoo is Ireland's most popular family attraction, and welcomed over one million visitors last year.



As one of the world's oldest, yet modern zoos, the 28 hectare park in the heart of Dublin, is home to some 400 animals in a safe environment where education and conservation combine for an exciting and unforgettable experience!

Open: Jan; 9.30 - 16.30. (Last admission 15.30). Feb; 9.30 - 17.00. (Last admission 16.00) Mar - Sep; 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)

Admission: Adult: €16.80, Student/Senior: €13, Child (3-15years): €12, Family (2+2): €47, (2+3): €51.50, (2+4): €55.50.

12 Farmleigh House and EstatePhoenix Park,
Dublin 15

Tel: 01 815 5900

www.farmleigh.ie

Farmleigh is an estate of 78 acres situated to the north-west of Dublin's Phoenix Park. It was purchased by the Office of Public Works on behalf of the Government in June 1999 and developed in order to provide accommodation for visiting dignitaries and guests of the nation, for high level Government meetings and for enjoyment by the public. Many of the original artworks and furnishings remain in the house on loan from the Guinness family to the State. The Benjamin Iveagh collection of rare books, bindings and manuscripts is held in the Library. The extensive gardens have a wonderful collection of Victorian and Edwardian ornamental features with walled and sunken gardens.



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 17.00.

Visitor Attractions

13 Glasnevin Museum

Finglas Road, Dublin 11

Tel: 01 882 6500

www.glasnevinmuseum.ie



Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum are both the guardians and storytellers for over 1.5 million people. From the ordinary to the truly extraordinary, these people helped shape the Ireland of today. We want to share their stories and times with you through tours of the cemetery or a visit to the Museum.



Glasnevin Museum, an intriguing journey through Ireland's past.

Open: Mon - Fri; 10.00 - 17.00. Sat, Sun, P/H; 11.00 - 17.00. Public Walking tours daily: 11.30 and 14.30.

Admission: Museum Entrance; Adult: €6, Senior/Student/Child: €4, Family (2+2): €15. Museum & Guided Tour: Adult: €12, Senior/Student/Child: €8, Family (2+2): €25.

14 Guinness Storehouse

St. James's Gate,
Dublin 8

Tel: 01 408 4800

www.guinness-storehouse.com



Located in the heart of the legendary St. James's Gate Brewery in Dublin, this production site has been home to the Guinness Brewery since 1759, when Arthur Guinness signed a lease for 9,000 years.

The Guinness Storehouse was once the fermentation plant of the brewery and is now re-modelled into a visitor centre, dedicated to the history of Guinness. At Guinness Storehouse visitors can learn how to pour their very own pint of Guinness and enjoy 360 degree panoramic views over Dublin from the spectacular Gravity Bar.



Open: Daily; 9.30 - 17.00. Jul & Aug, 9.30 - 19.00. Closed Good Fri, and 24 - 26 Dec.

Admission: Adult: €18, Student over 18: €14.50, Student under 18: €12, Senior: €14.50, Child 6-12 years: €6.50, Family (2+4): €42.50.

★ **Offer:** Book online to receive 10% discount off adult admission.

15 Irish Museum of Modern Art

Royal Hospital, Military Road,
Kilmainham, Dublin 8

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 we have to offer – see a wide range of exhibitions featuring the work of leading Irish and international artists; listen to free public tours and curator talks; explore the IMMA Shop, take a stroll through our stunning 17th century formal gardens and finally sit back and relax in the IMMA Café.

Open: Tue - Fri 11.30 - 17.30, Sat 10.00 - 17.30. Sun/PH 12.00 - 17.30. Closed on Mondays.

Admission: Free of charge (Except for occasional special exhibitions.).

**16 Imaginosity,
Dublin Children's Museum**

The Plaza, Beacon South Quarter,
Sandyford, Dublin 18

Tel: 01 217 6130

www.imaginosity.ie



Imaginosity is a child-centred, creative, educational space for children up to the age of 9 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, Tue - 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.



Visitor Attractions

17 The James Joyce Centre

35 North Great George's Street,
Dublin 1

Tel: 01 878 8547

www.jamesjoyce.ie

The James Joyce Centre is located on one of Dublin's most handsome Georgian streets and the building itself dates back to 1784. Beautifully refurbished to its former glory, this literary and cultural centre offers an in-depth look at James Joyce and his work through physical and digital exhibitions. The Centre also operates fascinating walking tours of Joyce's Dublin throughout the year as well as an exciting programme of activities including the annual Bloomsday Festival which attracts literary pilgrims from across the globe each June. Free audio guide available for in-house tours.

Open: Apr - Sep: 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; Mon Oct - Mar & 22 Dec - 2 Jan.) Last admission is 16.30.

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

★ **Offer:** Groups of more than 10 can avail of entrance rate of €3.50p.p.



18 Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship & Famine Museum

City Moorings, Custom House Quay,
Dublin 1

Tel: 01 473 0111

www.jeaniejohnston.ie



Step Aboard the Jeanie Johnston...and get a sense of the experience of the millions of people who crossed the Atlantic in tall ships, seeking survival and hope in the 'New World.' Once on board, visitors are transported back in time to join the poverty stricken Irish emigrants in the 1850s as they boarded the sturdy ship for the difficult transatlantic voyage and uncertain future in the 'New World'.

Tour Times: Apr - Oct: Daily; 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00.
Oct - Apr: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon; 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00.

Admission: Adult: €9, Student/Senior: €8, Child (under 14): €5, Family (2+2): €23.

★ **Offer:** 10% discount on admission with this guide. (Excluding Family Ticket)



19 Kilmainham Gaol

Inchicore Road, Kilmainham,
Dublin 8

Tel: 01 453 5984

www.heritageireland.ie/en/Dublin/KilmainhamGaol



One of the largest unoccupied gaols in Europe, covering some of the most heroic and tragic events in Ireland's emergence as a modern nation from 1780s to the 1920s. Attractions include a major exhibition detailing the political and penal history of the prison and its restoration.



Please note that due to major building works being undertaken at Kilmainham Gaol in 2015, certain areas of the Gaol, principally the East Wing and the Exhibition/Museum area will not be accessible from time to time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the re-development works. Please check website for updates.

Open: Apr - Sep; Daily, 9.30 - 18.00 (last admission 17.00). Oct - Mar: Mon - Sat, 9.30 - 17.30 (last admission 16.30), Sun: 10.00 - 18.00 (last admission 17.00) Closed 24th, 25th & 26th Dec.

(Reduced fees below are applicable during re-development works)

Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/Group: €3, Child/Student: €2, Family: €10.

20 Little Museum of Dublin

15 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2

Tel: 01 661 1000

www.littlemuseum.ie



The Little Museum tells the remarkable story of Dublin in the 20th Century. The museum was launched in 2011 with a public appeal for historic objects. The response to that appeal illustrates the generosity of the Irish people: today



there are over 5,000 artefacts in the collection. Named as "Dublin's best museum experience" by the *Irish Times*, and having just won the Judges Special Recognition Award at the Allianz Business to Arts Awards 2014, the museum's famous guided tours take place on the hour every hour.

Open: Daily 9.30 - 17.00, Open on Thu until 20.00.

Admission: Adult: €7, Senior: €5.50, Student: €4.50, Family (2+3): €14, Jobseekers/Child under 3 years: Free of charge.

★ Offer: Free entry to Dublin Bus Hop On - Hop Off ticket holders.

Visitor Attractions

21 Marsh's Library

St. Patrick's Close,
Dublin 8

Tel: 01 454 3511

www.marshlibrary.ie



Unchanged for three centuries, this perfectly preserved library of the early Enlightenment, with its original oak bookcases, houses more than 25,000 rare and fascinating books.



The library is open to the public and children are particularly welcome. Our exhibition for 2015 is James Joyce: Apocalypse & Exile.

Open: Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri 9.30 - 17.00, Sat, 10.00 - 16.00. Closed: Tue & Sun.

Admission: Adult: €3, Student/Senior: €2, Child: Free of charge.

★ **Offer:** Free entry to Jobseekers and children under 16 (including school tours).

22 National Archives of Ireland

Bishop Street, Dublin 8

Tel: 01 407 2300

www.nationalarchives.ie



The National Archives holds records of the Irish state over thirty years old, 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.



Facilities – self-service microfilm production, reader/printer microform machines, on-the-spot photocopying (small orders).

Open: Mon - Fri; 9.15 - 17.00. Closed: Public Holidays and for Media Preview in early Dec.

Admission: Free of charge. (Facilities only available to those holding a valid Reader's Ticket, see website for details.)

23 National Botanic Gardens

Botanic Road, Glasnevin,
Dublin 9

Tel: 01 857 0909

www.botanicgardens.ie



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 several historic wrought iron glasshouses which have been exquisitely restored.



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: €2.

24 National Gallery of Ireland

Clare Street, Dublin 2

Tel: 01 661 5133

www.nationalgallery.ie



The National Gallery of Ireland first opened its doors to the public in January 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 to permanent collection, including children's audio tour, free public tours at weekends (check Gallery website for details), family activities, family drawing packs, shop and restaurant.

Open: Mon - Sat; 9.30 - 17.30, Thu; 9.30 - 20.30, Sun; 12.00 - 17.30. Public Holidays 10.00 - 17.30. Closed Good Friday and 24 - 26 December.

Admission: Free of charge.

Visitor Attractions

25 The 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, run through rainbows and explore your surroundings in this unique interactive experience.

Open: Daily; 10.00 - 17.45.

Admission: Adult: €12, Child: €8, Student/Senior: €10, Family (2+2): €34.

★ **Offer:** Free Gift when Dublin Pocket Guide is presented.



26 National Library of Ireland

Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Tel: 01 603 0200

www.nli.ie



With over eight million items in its collection, the National Library of Ireland in Dublin City is home to the most comprehensive compilation of Irish documentary material in the world. From music, periodicals and photographs to maps, manuscripts and genealogical material, the library offers and provides free access to an invaluable representation of Irish heritage.

The National Library has dedicated exhibition spaces and in addition to the major exhibitions on display, the Library regularly mounts smaller exhibitions in other parts of its building.

Open: Mon - Wed; 9.30 - 19.45, Thu & Fri, 9.30 - 16.45, Sat, 9.30 - 16.45, Sun, 13.00 - 16.45.

Admission: Free of charge.



27 National Museum of Ireland Archaeology

Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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*



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

Admission: Free of charge.

28 National Museum of Ireland Decorative Arts and History

Collins Barracks, Benburb Street,
Dublin 7

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*



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

Admission: Free of charge.

Visitor Attractions

29 National Museum of Ireland Natural History

Merrion Street, Dublin 2

Tel: 01 677 7444

www.museum.ie



The National Museum of Ireland - Natural History, has galleries of animals from Ireland and overseas, also geological exhibits from a total collection of about 2 million scientific specimens. It is home to a rich variety of animals, many of which are endangered or extinct. The zoological exhibitions boast outstanding examples of wildlife from Ireland and the far corners of the globe. The upper floors house everything from an armadillo to a zebra - indeed the best place to see *Spoticus the Giraffe* or the 20m long whale skeleton suspended from the roof!

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

Admission: Free of charge.

30 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 5m 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 of these 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 - 17.00, Sun; 12.00 - 17.00.

Admission: Free of charge.

31 National Wax Museum Plus

4 Foster Place, Temple Bar,
Dublin 2

Tel: 01 671 8373

www.waxmuseumplus.ie



The National Wax Museum PLUS is an exciting interactive visitor attraction located on Foster Place, just off Dame Street, in the Temple Bar district at the heart of Dublin's city centre. The museum is housed in the historic landmark Armoury Building, previously the home of Ireland's bullion and arms stores.



This attraction offers a museum experience unlike any other, whether you are young or old, a culture vulture or fun seeker, male or female, star struck or star studded, The National Wax Museum Plus is the ultimate entertainment experience for all.

Open: Daily; 10.00 - 19.00. Last admission 18.15. (Closed 24 - 25 Dec.).

Admission: Adult: €12, Child: €8, Student/Concession/Teenager: €10, Family: (2+2) €35.

32 Number 29 Georgian House Museum

29 Lower Fitzwilliam Street,
Dublin 2

Tel: 01 702 6163

www.esb.ie/no29



Number Twenty Nine is Dublin's Georgian House Museum. Visitors take a self guided tour from the basement to the attic, through rooms which have been furnished with original artefacts as they would have



been in the years 1790 to 1820. Visiting the exhibition gives young and old alike a chance to experience what life was like for the fortunate who lived in such elegant townhouses and the less fortunate who worked in them. An ideal visit for history buffs of all ages or the plain curious!

Open: Mid Feb - Mid Dec; Tue - Sat; 10.00 - 17.00. Last admission 16.30.

Admission: Adult: €6, Student/Senior/Group Leader/Concession: €3, Child under 12: Free of charge.

Visitor Attractions

33 Old Jameson Distillery

Bow Street, Smithfield Village,
Dublin 7

Tel: 01 807 2355

www.tours.jamesonwhiskey.com



The original Old Jameson Distillery was established in 1780 by its founder John Jameson, and was a working distillery until the early 70's. Refurbished in 1997 and no longer a working distillery, the Old Jameson Distillery has been restored and a re-created distillery scene takes visitors through the seven stages of whiskey making. Offering guided tours 7 days a week, this hour long tour includes a signature Jameson drink and lucky volunteers can participate in a whiskey tasting at the end of the tour.

Open: Daily; Mon - Sat, 9.00 - 18.00, Sun 10.00 - 18.00.

Admission: Adult: €15, Child: €8, Senior/Student with ID/Groups 15+: €12.
Child under 6 yrs: Free of charge.



34 Old City, Temple Bar

Dublin 8

Tel: 01 677 2255

www.templebar.ie



The architecturally award winning Old City area of Temple Bar offers a welcome calming alternative to the rush and bustle of the busy, city centre. With its outdoor café terraces, delicious eateries and pedestrianised streets this historic area is the place to visit for the discerning and adventurous shopper with high quality fashion, footwear, furniture, food and culture.

Visit the Designer Mart at Cow's Lane, where Irish-based designers showcase an eclectic mix of contemporary and vintage crafts, handmade clothing, ceramics, visual art, jewellery and crafts. Take some time and experience Dublin's new 'Old City' for yourself. It's only a five minute walk from anywhere in Temple Bar and is well worth a visit!

Location: Between Parliament Street and Fishamble Street in the west end of Temple Bar.



35 Phoenix Park Visitor Centre

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8

Tel: 01 677 0095

www.phoenixpark.ie

A lively and entertaining exhibition on the history and the wildlife of the Phoenix Park is on display in the Visitor Centre. Here the visitor can enjoy a historical interpretation of the park from 3500 B.C. to the present day and can also view an audio-visual presentation on the Phoenix Park through the ages. Adjoining the Visitor Centre is the fully restored Ashtown Castle, a medieval tower house that probably dates from the 17th century. There is also a restaurant in the grounds of the Visitor Centre. The Centre is sign-posted from the Phoenix Monument.



Open: Apr - Dec; Daily, 10.00 - 18.00. Last admission 17.15. Jan - Mar, Wed - Sun, 9.30 - 17.30. Last admission 16.45.

Admission: Free of charge.

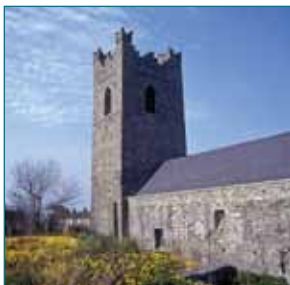
36 St. Audoen's Church Visitor Centre

Cornmarket, High Street, Dublin 8

Tel: 01 677 0088

www.heritageireland.ie

This fascinating medieval church contains many surprises including the atmospheric ruins of the Portlester Chapel, the remains of a medieval laneway and the 'lucky stone' of Dublin. Sited in the heart of the walled city, St. Audoen's is the only remaining medieval parish church in Dublin. It is dedicated to St. Ouen (or Audoen), the 7th century bishop of Rouen and patron saint of Normandy.



The site is partially accessible to people with disabilities.

Open: 24 Apr - 21 Oct; Daily, 9.45 - 17.30. Last admission 17.00.

Admission: Free of charge.

Visitor Attractions

37 St. Michan's Church & Crypts

Church Street, Dublin 7

Tel: 01 872 4154

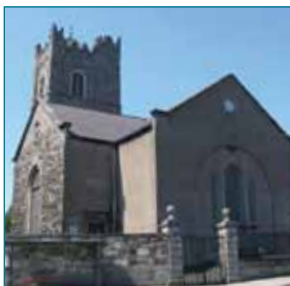
www.stmichans.com



St. Michan's Church is the oldest Parish Church (still in active use) on the north side of the River Liffey. Originally founded in 1095, the present church dates from 1685 and was renovated in 1825. The peculiar dry atmospheric condition in the vaults has resulted in the mummification of the corpses and visitors may see the result of this mummification on their guided tour. Also on display in the vaults is the death mask of Wolfe Tone and the coffins of the 1798 rebels, John and Henry Sheares.

Open: Mar - Oct; Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 12.45, 14.00 - 16.45. Nov - Mar; Mon - Fri, 12.30 - 15.30. Sat: (all year) 10.00 - 12.45.

Admission: Adult: €5, Student/Senior: €4, Child: €3.50, Family: €15.
Group Rates available.



38 St. Patrick's Cathedral

Saint Patrick's Close,
Dublin 8

Tel: 01 475 4817

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie



Saint Patrick's Cathedral has contributed much to Irish life throughout its long history. Built in honour of Ireland's patron saint, Saint Patrick's Cathedral stands adjacent to the famous well where tradition has it Saint Patrick baptized converts on his visit to Dublin. Jonathan Swift, Irish author and journalist, was dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral from 1713, the foremost prose satirist in English language. Swift's most famous work is *Gulliver's Travels* (1726), where the stories of Gulliver's experiences among dwarfs and giants are best known.

Open: Mar - Oct; Mon - Fri, 9.30 - 17.00, Sat, 9.00 - 18.00, Sun, 9.00 - 10.30, 12.30 - 14.30, 16.30 - 18.00. Nov - Feb; Mon - Fri, 9.30 - 17.00, Sat 9.00 - 17.00, Sun 9.00 - 10.30, 12.30 - 14.30.

Admission: Adult: €6, Student/Senior: €5, Family (2+2): €15



39 St. Stephen's Green

Dublin 2

Tel: 01 475 7816

www.heritageireland.ie

St. Stephen's Green is probably Ireland's best known Victorian public park, re-opened by Lord Ardilaun in 1880 for the citizens of Dublin. This 9 hectare park is a sanctuary from the bustle of the city streets with tree lined walks, shrubberies, colourful flowerbeds, herbaceous borders and an ornamental lake.



Over 3.5 km of pathways are accessible for all users. The waterfall and Pulham rock work on the western side of the green are worthy of a visit, likewise the ornamental lake which provides a home for waterfowl and a garden for the visually impaired. A number of sculptures are located throughout the green. A children's playground is a popular attraction of the park. Lunchtime concerts are performed during the summer months.

Gardens Open: Mon - Sat 7.30, Sun & Holidays 9.30.
(Christmas Day 10.00 - 13.00.)

Gardens Close: According to daylight hours.

40 Trinity College LibraryTrinity College, College Street,
Dublin 2

Tel: 01 896 2320

www.bookofkells.ie

Trinity College is the oldest university in Ireland and on its 40-acre site retains some of its ancient seclusion of cobbled squares, gardens and parks. The College is famed for its great treasures. These include the Book of Kells, a 9th century illuminated manuscript, the Books of Durrow and Armagh and an early Irish harp. These are displayed in the Treasury and the Long Room which houses over 200,000 of Trinity's oldest books. For other attractions on campus please refer to www.tcd.ie/visitors



Open: Mon - Sat; 9:30 - 17:00. Sun: (May - Sep) 9:30 - 16:30. Sun: (Oct - Apr) 12:00 - 16:30.

Admission: Adult: €10, Student/Senior: €9, Child (U12): Free of charge, Family (2+4): €20, Group Rate: €7 per person for groups of 10 or more.



Grand Canal, Dublin Docklands

More to Experience

While Dublin is renowned for its excellent architecture, art, nightlife and culture there are also many other wonderful sights and sounds to behold throughout the city. From the hustle and bustle of Moore Street to the elegance of Merrion Square, something new and different awaits you around every corner.

Áras an Uachtaráin (A1) Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.

Tel: 01 677 0095 www.president.ie

The residence of the President of Ireland, Áras an Uachtaráin is open only on Saturdays, with tours from 10.30 – 15.30. Free admission tickets are issued at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre on the day. Please check website for Christmas and New Year opening arrangements.

Carmelite Church Whitefriar Street (C3) 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 475 8821 www.carmelites.ie/Ireland

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.

Dublin Docklands (B4) 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!

Famine Memorial (B4) 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.

* Brackets () indicate the grid references on the map on pages 48 & 49.



Ha'penny Bridge

Fishamble Street (B2) 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 still remains of the original entrance to the Music hall in Fishamble Street, scene of the first performance of Handel's Messiah in 1742.

Garden of Remembrance (A3) 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 (as the garden contains steps there is restricted access for visitors with disabilities). **Open:** Apr - Sep; Daily 8.30 - 18.00, Oct - Mar; 9.30 - 16.00. Christmas Day 11.00 - 13.00.

Great South Wall (E4 see map on inside back cover)

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. The Great South Wall was 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.

Ha'penny Bridge (B3) City Centre, Dublin 2.

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.

Henrietta Street (A3) Dublin 1.

Henrietta Street is the earliest Georgian Street in Dublin. Developed by Luke Gardiner during the 1720s, it included a number of very large red-brick city palaces of Georgian design. The street fell into disrepair during the 19th and 20th centuries, with the houses being used as tenements. There are currently 13 houses on the street, which is a cul-de-sac, with the Law Library of King's Inns facing onto its western end.



Outdoor Art Gallery

Irish Jewish Museum (C3) 3 Walworth Road, Portobello, Dublin 8.

Tel: 01 453 1797 www.jewishmuseum.ie

The Museum is located in a former Synagogue and contains a substantial collection of memorabilia relating to the Irish Jewish communities and their various associations and contributions to present day Ireland. **Open:** 1 May - 30 Sep: Sun - Thu; 11.00 - 15.30. 1 Oct - 30 Apr: Sun only; 10.30 - 14.30 and on other dates as pre-arranged for groups of ten or more. **Admission:** Free of charge, but donations gratefully accepted.

Irish Whiskey Museum (B3) 119 Grafton Street/37 College Green, Dublin 2,

Tel: 01 525 0970 www.irishwhiskeymuseum.ie

The Irish Whiskey Museum tells the intriguing tale from whiskey's rise to glory, its dramatic fall and, of course, the current revival of new Irish whiskeys.

Open: Jan - Feb: 11.00 - 18.00, Mar - Dec 9.00 - 19.00. Closed Good Fri & 24-25th Dec. For tour times see website. **Admission:** Adult: €15, Child €7.50; Student/Senior €13, Family: €38, Under 4: Free of charge, VIP Tour: from €16

Leinster House (C4) Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 618 3000 www.oireachtas.ie

Seat of Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives) and Seanad Éireann (The Senate), which together with the President, constitute the Oireachtas (National Parliament). It was erected in 1745 from designs by Richard Castle. The public are admitted when the Parliament is not sitting. Advance notice is required.

Mansion House (C3) Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 676 7200 www.mansionhouse.ie

The Mansion House is the residence of the Lord Mayor of Dublin and it was here that the first Dáil Éireann, the parliament of the Irish people, assembled in 1919 to adopt Ireland's Declaration of Independence and ratify the proclamation of the Irish Republic by the insurgents of 1916. (Not open to the public).

Merrion Square (C4) 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 Fountain. Plaques on the walls of the Georgian mansions recall famous occupants, for example Daniel O'Connell and W.B. Yeats.

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Liffey Boardwalk & O'Connell Bridge

Molly Malone Statue (B3) 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 in one of the outbreaks of cholera that regularly used to sweep the city of Dublin. This iconic bronze statue was sculptured in 1988 by Jeanne Rynhart.

Moore Street (B3) Dublin 1.

This colourful and lively street is a must for visitors who wish to experience a slice of 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 'Éiri Amach na Casca 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.

My City Exhibition (B2) Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Tel: 01 222 2222 www.woodquayvenue.ie/myCity.php

My City is a modern multimedia exhibition that provides information on Dublin today and describes the dynamic vision for the future development of the city.

National Print Museum (C4) Beggars Bush Barracks, Haddington Road, Dublin 4. Tel: 01 660 3770 www.nationalprintmuseum.ie

The National Print Museum collects, documents, preserves, exhibits, interprets and makes accessible, the material evidence of printing craft and fosters associated skills of the craft in Ireland. The Museum also hosts a variety of exciting workshops for adults and children throughout the year.

O'Connell Bridge (B3) Dublin 1.

The first O'Connell Bridge was completed in 1795 to the designs of James Gandon. This first bridge was found to be too steep and narrow for the increased traffic of the 1870s so a new bridge was commissioned. Copying Gandon's original architectural details, the replacement was flat and as wide as O'Connell Street. The bridge is fairly unusual in that its width is slightly greater than its length.

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Science Gallery Exhibition

River Liffey (B1 - B4)

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. They also serve as gateways to a trail of sightseeing delights and activities such as cruises and water sports. For more information of the Liffey Bridges, visit www.visitdublin.com/insiderguides/liffeybridges.pdf

Science Gallery (B4) Trinity College, Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 896 4091 www.sciencegallery.ie

The Science Gallery is a world first. A new type of venue where today's white-hot scientific issues are thrashed out and you can have your say. A place where ideas meet and opinions collide. Please check the website for details of exhibitions.

Spire of Dublin (B3) 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 meters high and 3 meters in diameter at the base, it is approximately 15 centimetres in diameter at its apex.

Tailor's Hall (B2) Back Lane, off Christchurch Place, Dublin 8.

Tel: 01 454 1786 www.tailorshall.ie

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.

War Memorial Gardens (B1) South Circular Road, 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, located at either end of the central lawn. **Open:** Mon - Fri 8.00, Sat - Sun 10.00. Gardens close according to daylight hours. **Access to Book rooms:** by arrangement with local management.

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Spire, O'Connell Street

Theatres

Dublin was the home of some of the world's greatest playwrights and theatre is always available in Dublin. The city's theatres provide a variety of shows with well known Irish and visiting artists. As well as major Irish and international plays which run in the larger venues, there are many smaller theatre spaces in the city where you will find an array of new and experimental works.

Abbey Theatre (B3) 26 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

Tel: 01 878 7222 www.abbeytheatre.ie

The Abbey Theatre is Ireland's National Theatre. It was founded by Nobel Laureate, William Butler Yeats and Lady Augusta Gregory in 1904 and has played a vital and often controversial role in the literary, social and cultural life of Ireland.

Ambassador Theatre (A3) Upper O'Connell St, Dublin 1.

Tel: 01 672 5883 www.ambassador dublin.com

Located at O'Connell St., the Ambassador Theatre hosts a variety of productions, which not only include theatre, but also acts as a cinema and a venue for concerts.

Bewley's Café Theatre (C3) 2nd Floor, 78 Grafton St, Dublin 2.

Tel: 086 878 4001 www.bewleyscafetheatre.com

An intimate and stylish theatre, nestled away on the second floor of Bewley's famous Grafton St. Café. There is no better way to enjoy the work of some of Ireland's leading theatrical talents, than up-close-and-personal at one of the lunchtime performances.

Bord Gáis Energy Theatre (B4) Grand Canal Square, Docklands, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 677 7999 www.bordgaisenergytheatre.ie

This 2,111 capacity purpose-built theatre was designed by world renowned architect, Daniel Libeskind and is an outstanding addition to Ireland's theatre world. It hosts the best of national and international theatre, classical concerts and has the facility to accommodate world class West End and Broadway productions for the first time in Ireland.



Gaiety Theatre

Gaiety Theatre (C3) South King Street, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 677 1717 www.gaietytheatre.ie

Located just off Grafton Street in the heart of Dublin, for 143 years the Gaiety Theatre has given the people of Dublin opera, musicals, drama, revues, comedy, concerts, dance, festivals and pantomime. The theatre has also earned its pride by bringing international stars to Dublin, while continuing to champion the talents of Irish icons.

Gate Theatre (A3) Cavendish Row, Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

Tel: 01 874 4045 www.gate-theatre.ie

The Gate Theatre started life in 1786 as part of the Rotunda hospital and was then known as the Assembly Rooms. The Gate Theatre Company was founded in 1928 and it is said that Orson Welles and James Mason began their careers there.

Olympia Theatre (B3) 72 Dame Street, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 679 3323 www.olympia.ie

At more than 130 years old, the Olympia Theatre is one of the the oldest theatres in Dublin. While still maintaining its roots in professional theatrical productions, in recent years it has developed into one of Dublin's most famous music venues.

Peacock Theatre (B3) Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

Tel: 01 878 7222 www.abbeytheatre.ie

Ireland's National Theatre, comprising the Abbey and Peacock theatres, was founded in 1904.

Project Arts Centre (B3) 39 East Essex Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 881 9613 www.projectartscentre.ie

Tucked away in the historic cobbled streets of Temple Bar is Project Arts Centre. With two theatres and a gallery, the centre offers a huge variety of events at great value and the gallery presents a series of free exhibitions throughout the year.

Samuel Beckett Theatre (B3) Trinity College, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 896 1334 www.tcd.ie/beckett-theatre

The Samuel Beckett Theatre, named after one of the most innovative playwrights of the 20th century, is the campus theatre of the University's Department of Drama.

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Smock Alley Theatre

Smock Alley Theatre (B3) 6/7 Exchange St. Lower, Dublin 8.

Tel: 01 677 0014 www.smockalley.com

The Smock Alley was the first **Theatre Royal** built in Dublin. John Ogilby opened it in 1662 as part of the restoration of the British monarchy. It was the first custom-built theatre in the city and still remains in substantially the same form, making it one of the most important sites in European theatre history.

The New Theatre (B3) 43 East Essex Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 670 3361 www.thenewtheatre.com

This professional intimate 66 seat theatre hosts ground breaking classic and new plays. It also provides a platform for young and emerging writers, actors, directors and technicians.

Vicar Street Theatre (B2) Thomas Street, Dublin 8.

Tel: 01 775 5800 www.vicarstreet.ie

Vicar Street has become a popular setting for a wide range of acts including stand-up comedy, drama performances and a variety of concerts.

Venues

3 Arena (B4) North Wall Quay, Dublin 1.

Tel: 01 819 8888 www.3arena.ie

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 (seated).

Contemporary Music Centre (B3) 19 Fishamble Street, Old City,

Temple Bar, Dublin 8. Tel: 01 673 1922 www.cmc.ie

The Contemporary Music Centre is Ireland's national music archive. Its library and sound archive, is open to the public free of charge, containing the only comprehensive collection in existence of music by Irish composers.

National Concert Hall (C3) Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 417 0000 www.nch.ie

Since its opening in 1981, the Hall has established itself as Ireland's premier centre for the performance of live music including weekly performances by our resident orchestra, the RTE National Symphony Orchestra.



National Concert Hall

RDS (C4) Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Tel: 01 668 0866 www.rds.ie

The RDS is Dublin's premier events venue for sport, concerts, exhibitions, and entertainment events. Some of the biggest names in rock, pop and classical music have played outdoor concerts at the RDS Arena, which is also home to Leinster Rugby (Sep - May) and the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show.

The Button Factory (B3) Curved Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 670 9202 www.buttonfactory.ie

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.

The Convention Centre Dublin (B4) Spencer Dock, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1. Tel: 01 856 0000 www.theccd.ie

The C.C.D. is Ireland's new world class purpose-built international conference and event venue.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral (A3) 83 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Tel: 01 874 5441: www.procathedral.ie

Saint Mary's was constituted in 1825 from Saint Mary's Chapel, Liffey Street, the present church is built on a site which was part of the ancient monastic foundation. The Pro-Cathedral also hosts concerts and choir events.

Wood Quay Venue incorporating City Wall Space (B2)

Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Tel: 01 222 3329 www.dublincity.ie

City Wall Space is a spectacular state-of-the-art conference/meeting/exhibition/performance facility featuring a stretch of the original Hiberno Norse (Viking) City Wall dating from 1100 AD.

Sporting Events

A warm welcome awaits sports enthusiasts of all descriptions to Dublin. Throughout the year visitors can experience the passion of a Gaelic Games match in Croke Park www.gaa.ie, the thrill of a race meeting in Leopardstown www.leopardstown.com, or the excitement of rugby or soccer match at the Aviva Stadium www.avivastadium.ie. Or how about something no less exciting, a night of greyhound racing at either Shelbourne Park Stadium www.shelbournepark.com or Harold's Cross Stadium www.igb.ie/harolds-cross. For further information on Greyhound Racing, contact: www.igb.ie

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Bike & Tour Bus

Dublin Tours

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!

Bus & Rail Tours

Hop-on Hop-off Tour buses that criss-cross the city are always a popular option. Dublin's location means it is the perfect gateway to the rest of Ireland and there are many guided bus and rail tours to choose from that will take you to the most beautiful sights Ireland has to offer! For details, visit our websites: www.visitdublin.com www.discoverireland.ie

Or why not try a more unusual tour?

Dublin City Bike Tours Tel: 087 134 1866 www.dublincitybiketours.com

Dublin city bike tours offers an easy paced eco-friendly bike tour of Dublin's fair city and surrounding areas with local guides to show you the sights.

Dublin Road Train Tours Tel. 087 699 7377 / 087 677 8832.

www.dublinroadtraintours.ie

Hear all about the sights on this fully narrated tour and sing along to many favourite traditional songs and music played onboard.

Sight Jogging Dublin www.sightjoggingdublin.com Tel: 086 200 2480

Sight Jogging Dublin combines a memorable sightseeing experience of Dublin, you can enjoy the city's sights and history with a unique local guided tour and also get your daily dose of exercise, whatever your level of fitness.

Self-Guided Walking Tours www.visitdublin.com/iwalks.

Available as free mp3 downloads with printable accompanying maps from the Visit Dublin website.

For more information see our Walking and Cycling section on pages 124 - 131.

For a complete list of tours and tour operators, call into one of our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centres (listed inside front cover); or visit:

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Guided Walking Tours

Why not explore Dublin by foot on one of the many Guided Walking Tours that showcase the city under a variety of themes. Daytime and night time tours are abundant and will lead you to discover cobbled alleys, Viking remains, Georgian Squares and even a pub or two! Discover Dublin through the eyes of the experts - the locals! Experienced tour guides will guide you through our magnificent city. From sightseeing tours to themed tours, don't miss a thing on your visit to Dublin.

Guided Walking Tours

NAME	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
1916 Rebellion Walking Tour	086 858 3847 www.1916rising.com	Historical Walking Tour
Architecture Tours Ireland	01 676 1703 www.architecturetours.ie	Architectural Tours of Dublin's Landmark Buildings
Art Impressions	083 375 6668 www.dublinarttours.ie	Art and Art History Walking Tour
Dawn2Dusk Guided Photography Tours	086 065 8049 www.dawn2dusk.ie	Walking Tour with Photo Opportunities
Decouvrez Dublin en Francais	089 421 4085 www.decouvrezdublinfrancais.ie	Walking Tour of City Centre in French language
Dublin Literary Pub Crawl	087 263 0270 www.dublinpubcrawl.com	Guided Pub Tour with Literary Performances
Dublino a Piedi	087 941 9048 www.dublinoapiedi.com	Walking Tour of city in Italian language
Eirewalk / Dublin a Pied	087 759 5378 www.eirewalk.com	Walking Tour in French language
Fab Food Trails	01 497 1245 www.fabfoodtrails.ie	Tasting, Culinary, Food & Fashion Walking Tours
French Foodie in Dublin Tour	085 730 4598 www.frenchfoodieindublinblogspot.ie	French Food and Wine City Walking Tour
Hidden Dublin Walks Ltd.	085 102 3646 www.hiddendublinwalks.com	Night Walking Tours of Dublin
Historical Walking Tours	087 688 9412 www.historicaltours.ie	History of Dublin and Ireland Walking Tours
Ingenious Ireland	www.ingeniousireland.ie	Science and Invention Walking Tours
Irlanda en Espanol	01 667 8834 www.irlandaenespanol.com	Walking Tour of city in Spanish language
James Joyce Walking Tours	01 878 8547 www.jamesjoyce.ie	Walking Tour of historic Joycean Dublin
Le Cool Dublin Walking Tours	www.lecool.com	Contemporary City Culture Walking Tour
Let's Walk & Talk	01 222 2148 www.letswalkandtalk.ie	Weekly scheduled group Walking Tours
Pat Liddy's Walking Tours of Dublin	01 832 9406 www.walkingtours.ie	Walking Tours of historic Dublin
Sandeman's New Dublin Tours	www.newdublintours.com	A free City Walking Tour
Sight Walking Dublin Tours	086 200 2480 www.sightwalkingdublin.com	Walking Tour of the city
The Dublin City Pub Crawl	www.thedublincitypubcrawl.com	Walking Tour of city pubs
Traditional Irish Musical Pub Crawl	01 475 3313 www.discoverdublin.ie	Walking Tour led by professional musicians

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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 the Irish Sea to the River Liffey to The Grand Canal!

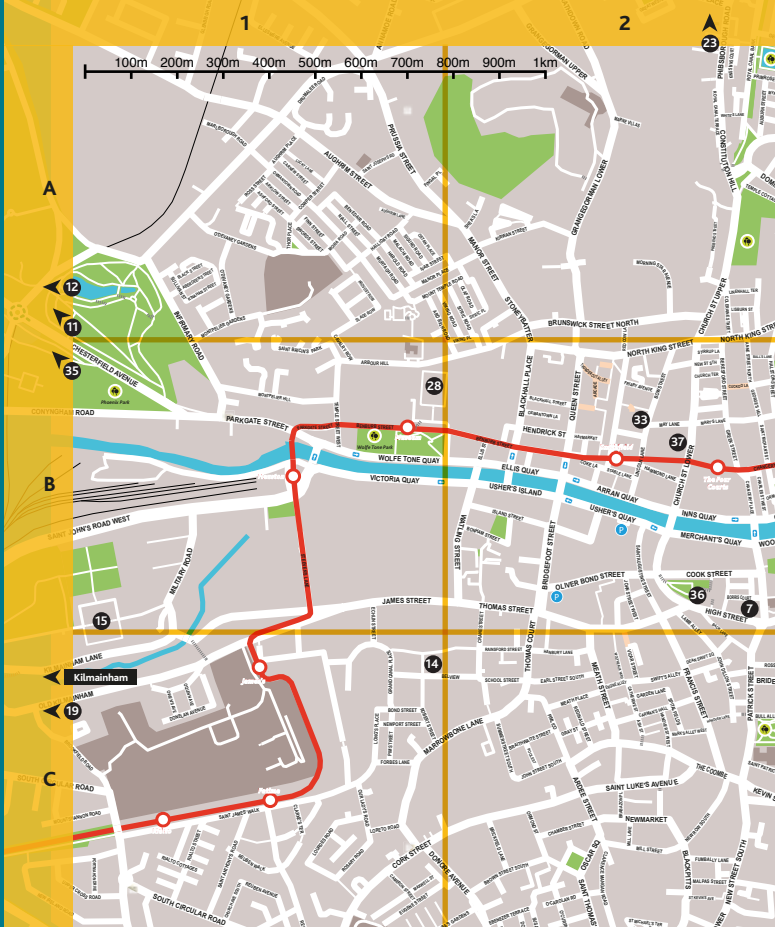
River & Harbour Cruises		
NAME	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Canal Boat Restaurant	01 473 1000 www.canalboatrestaurant.ie	Dining Cruise on the Grand Canal
Dublin Bay Cruises	01 901 1757 www.dublinbaycruises.com	Cruises across Dublin Bay & the River Liffey
Dublin Discovered Boat Tours	01 473 0000 www.dublindiscovered.ie	Sightseeing Tour on the River Liffey
Extreme Time Off	086 777 8170 www.time-off.ie	Kayak, Canoe and Boat Trips on the Grand Canal
Go Sailing	087 092 2913 www.gosailing.ie	Sailing Trip in Dublin Bay
RIASC Grand Canal Experience	087 790 0077 www.riasc.ie	Dining Cruise on the Grand Canal
Sea Safari	01 668 9802 www.seasafari.ie	Fun Sea Tour of Dublin Bay
Viking Splash Tours	01 707 6000 www.vikingsplash.com	Land and Water Tour

For more information on cinema locations and an up to date list of pubs with traditional music, please call into one of our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centres (listed inside front cover); or visit:

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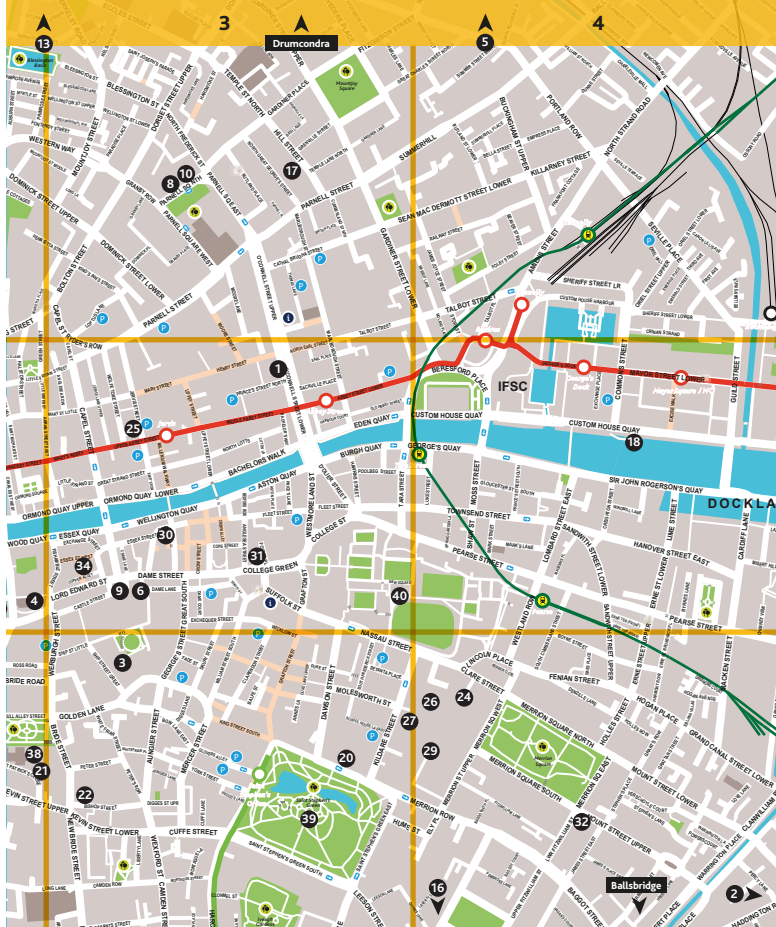


Go Sailing, Dublin Bay



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10	Dublin Writers Museum	A3
11	Dublin Zoo	A1

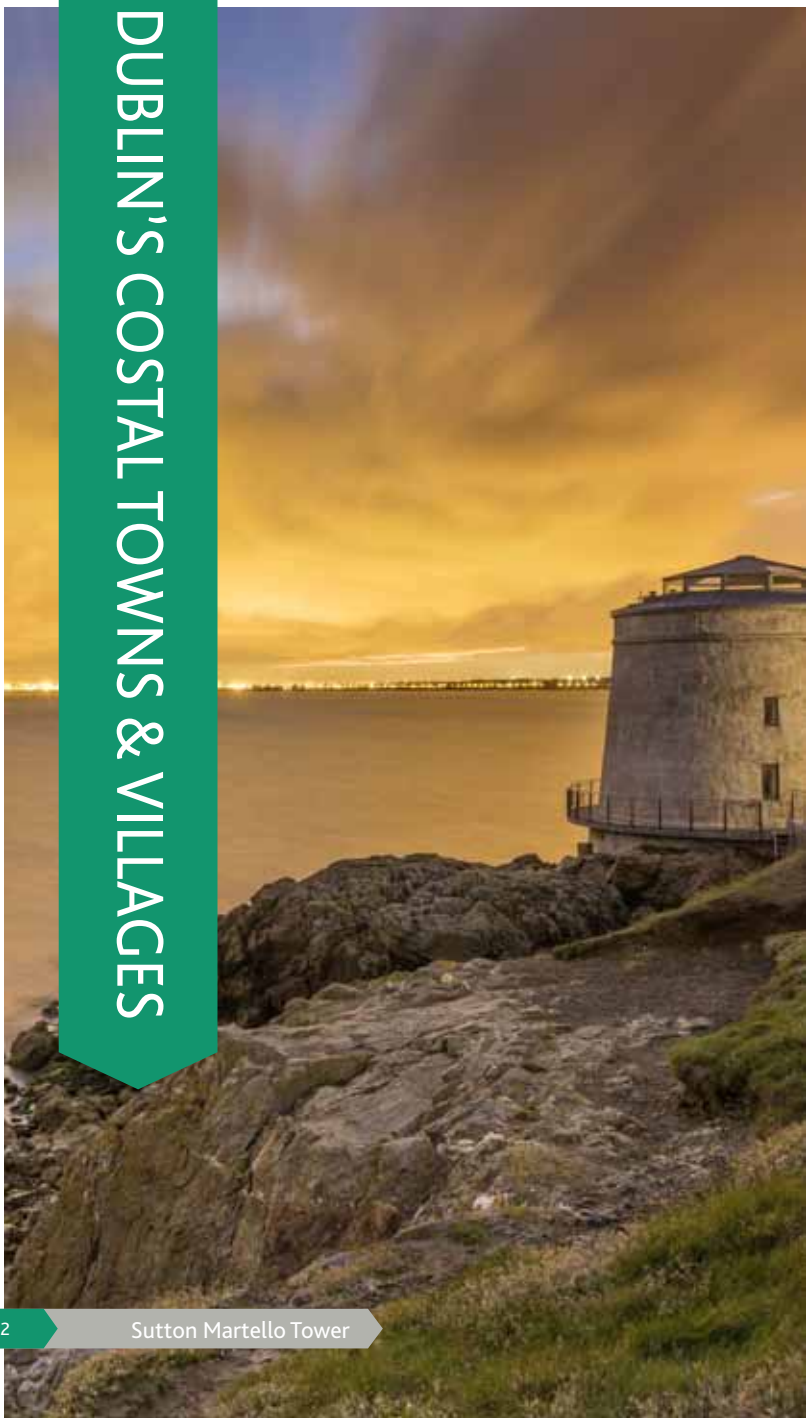
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12	Farmleigh House and Estate	A1
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14	Guinness Storehouse	C1
15	Irish Museum of Modern Art	B1
16	Imaginosity, Dublin's Children's Museum	C4
17	The James Joyce Centre	A3
18	Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship & Famine Museum	B4
19	Kilmainham Gaol	C1
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24	National Gallery of Ireland	C4
25	The National Leprechaun Museum	B3
26	National Library of Ireland	C4
27	National Museum of Archaeology	C3
28	National Museum of Ireland Decorative Arts and History	B1
29	National Museum of Ireland Natural History	C4
30	National Photographic Archive	B3
31	National Wax Museum Plus	A3
32	Number 29 Georgian House Museum	C4

Map No.	Attraction	Map Ref.
33	Old Jameson Distillery	B2
34	Old City, Temple Bar	B3
35	Phoenix Park Visitor Centre	B1
36	St. Audoen's Church Visitor Centre	B2
37	St. Michan's Church & Crypts	B2
38	St. Patrick's Cathedral	C2
39	St. Stephen's Green	C3
40	Trinity College Library	B3

DUBLIN'S COSTAL TOWNS & VILLAGES



Dublin's Coastal Towns & Villages

Just minutes from the vibrant and bustling city centre are miles of stunning coastline, the wilderness of the Dublin Mountains and so much more. Dotted along the coast is a string of picturesque charming villages and fishing harbours, which offer a calmer and relaxing alternative to the busy city streets. Shop 'til you drop in Dundrum Town Centre, explore the medieval streets of Dalkey, go sailing in Howth or walk the pier in Dún Laoghaire!

Jump on our coastal train, the DART and visit some of the country's most charming coastal villages! Browse Malahide's boutiques and gift shops before you head to the 'Velvet Strand', in Portmarnock, a perfect spot to while away a sunny afternoon. Bull Island is home to miles of gorgeous sandy beach and is also an impressive nature reserve, complete with interpretive centre; perfect for wildlife-watching!

A 15-minute southbound ride on the Dart will take you to Seapoint, a picturesque seaside location. Close by in Monkstown you might catch a candle-lit gig by Glenn Hansard or Irish singer, Mark Geary. For a vintage experience, visit the nearby Blackrock Market, where you can buy some vinyl, second-hand books, or even visit a tarot reader!

The Forty Foot in Sandycove, once a gentleman's bathing area, is perfect for a refreshing leap into the sea. Birthday suits acceptable, but not essential! And whether you're a diehard literature fan or not, be sure to check out the iconic Martello Tower, as featured in Ulysses (now home to the James Joyce Museum).

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Tramyard Market, Dalkey

Dublin's Coastal Towns & Villages

Dublin is ideally situated between the mountains and the sea, where just a 20 minute journey will bring you from the bustling city to the charming coastal towns and villages which dot the coastline.

Balbriggan (A4)

Located along the east coast, Balbriggan boasts a working harbour, historic buildings, safe sandy beaches and magnificent coastal walks with views of offshore islands. Balbriggan is also home to **Ardgillan Castle**. Ardgillan is situated on the elevated coastline between Balbriggan and **Skerries** and is unique among Dublin's regional parks for the magnificent views it enjoys. The park consists of 194 acres of rolling pastureland, mixed woodland and gardens, overlooking the bay of Drogheda.

Dalkey (F4)

Built in homage to more Mediterranean climes, Dalkey is Dublin's original seaside resort village. With gorgeous architecture built into the sheer landscape, stunning views and a cosy little village at its core, it's no wonder stars both local and foreign make their homes along this south coast stretch. For those looking for a bit of adventure, Dalkey offers a wide range of outdoor activities for the brave-at-heart. You can take a boat from **Bullock Harbour** to **Dalkey Island**, go abseiling in **Dalkey Quarry** or even take a quick dip in the nip at The Vico outdoor swimming spot. It may take a bit of exploration to find it, but **White Rock Beach's** secluded sands are worth the climb: keep an eye out for a school of dolphins that've been known to stick their bottle-noses out of these waters on occasion. In the Village proper, check out **The Club** a 19th Century traditional tavern that started life as a morgue, and President Obama's favourite pub, **Finnegan's**. At the weekend Dalkey also plays host to **The Tramyard Artisan Market**, a multicultural food market that has become a hotspot for foodies in recent years, while the annual **Dalkey Book Festival** turns the town into a cultural hub.



Dún Laoghaire, East Pier

Dollymount (E4)

Dollymount is a Dublin coastal village located within the wider suburban area of historical Clontarf, where King Brian Boru famously fended off the Vikings in 1014. Dollymount is home to a 5km long sandy beach that serves as the perfect location for water sports and swimming with activities such as kite surfing and paddle boarding being offered locally. For those content with walking and cycling **St. Anne's Park** and **Clontarf Promenade** offer spectacular views and beautiful scenery.

Dollymount is also home to **Bull Island**, a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve** that has over 180 different species of birds, as well as the endangered Irish Hare. A visit to the island, is the perfect way to get in touch with nature during a city break.

Donabate (C4)

Donabate lies north of Dublin City centre on a small peninsula, which it shares with the townland of Portrane. **Balcarrick Beach** in Donabate is a long sandy beach, consisting of a large sandy dune area, with a number of pedestrian accesses to the beach. **Newbridge House and Traditional Farm** set within 350 acres is well worth a visit.

Dún Laoghaire (F4)

Dún Laoghaire is a vibrant exciting place; a mélange of the old and new nestled beneath the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains. You can partake in various marine activities or just enjoy some fine seafood dining. Watching the white sails of the yachts racing on a summers evening or absorbing the rich maritime heritage. 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**. You will pass jangling masts and an elegant bandstand en route to the 19th-century battery at the harbour mouth. It is tradition to touch (or kick!) the wall here before turning back and remember that the pier is 1.6km long, so you can fully justify that ice-cream cone at **Teddy's** afterwards !

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Howth Harbour

Howth (D5)

Centered around the picturesque harbour, Howth is arguably one of Dublin's most scenic villages. Even though it is just 16 kilometers north of the city centre (that's 30 minutes on Dublin's light rail service), Howth feels like another world entirely. Historically a fishing village, Howth is 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!** Howth is the perfect spot for those looking to do something completely different during a city-break. Here you can take a hike, scuba dive and go sailing. Follow it up with a visit to an award-winning restaurant or relax in tea rooms overlooking the Irish Sea. You might even want to finish up with a pint in your hand, in one of Howth's cosy pubs!

Killiney (F4)

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. The area has been likened to the Bay of Naples. **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. **Killiney Beach** is a popular place for walking and relaxing.

Malahide (C4)

Malahide is a pretty seaside town approximately 15 kilometers north of the city centre. Marine activities are extremely popular as Malahide boasts a fully serviced marina with 350 berths and a boatyard, complete with 30-ton travel hoist. Malahide has everything for the visitor, with a wide variety of restaurants, pubs and accommodation to suit all tastes. There is also an abundance of local activities and amenities including numerous top-level golf courses.

Malahide Castle is not to be missed if you are in the area. Set on 250 acres of parkland, the castle was both a fortress and a private home for nearly 800 years and is an interesting mix of architectural styles.



Forty Foot, Sandycove

Sandycove (F4)

Sandycove is a small, bustling coastal village located south of Dublin City, with a variety of restaurants and bars. **The Martello Tower** at Sandycove has famous literary connections. It was built in 1804 and is known as James Joyce's Tower. He once spent six nights there at the invitation of Oliver St. John Gogarty. It is now a museum known as the '**James Joyce Museum.**' The opening section of Joyce's *Ulysses* is set here, with the characters Stephen Dedalus and Buck Mulligan being partly based on Joyce himself and Gogarty, respectively.

The popular '**Forty Foot**' bathing spot is located just beside the tower, from here people have been swimming in the Irish Sea all year round for some 250 years. In former times it was kept solely as a gentlemen's bathing place, but is now open to women and children as well.

Sandymount (E3)

Just 3km South East of Dublin City Centre lies Sandymount, a mainly suburban village with a few hidden gems. The main draw of the area is **Sandymount Strand**, arguably the most famous beach in Irish fiction, being featured in two episodes of **James Joyce's Ulysses**. It is easy to see why this beach has been so inspirational, as when the tide is out the sand stretches out towards the horizon as far as the eye can see. Sandymount is a perfect place for a languid stroll, with the 19th century Baths and **Martello Tower** offering interesting viewpoints along the way. On days, when the wind whips up the waves, the beautiful **Great South Wall** walk is challenging. Luckily the village is brimming with cafés, pubs and shops to warm up in afterwards!

Skerries (A4)

Skerries Harbour is a major landing port for Dublin Bay prawns and in season is a hive of activity. Large colonies of grey seals reside in and around the harbour, which is also the location of the sailing club and several of the town's restaurants and pubs. Skerries has a long sandy beach, ideal for children and safe bathing, patrolled by lifeguards during the summer for that extra peace of mind. A grass promenade runs the length of this beach, joining it to **Red Island Scenic Park**, with its fine views and free children's playground. Skerries is served from city centre by a regular bus and rail transport service.

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Visitor Attractions

1 Airfield

Overend Way, Dundrum,
Dublin 14

01 969 6666

www.airfield.ie



Airfield is a charitable organisation established by the Overend family in 1974, for educational and recreational purposes. The 35 acre farm, gardens, café and heritage experience in the Overend family home, offers visitors a wonderful opportunity to enjoy and learn about food, farming, gardens, growing, history and heritage in a natural and relaxed environment.

A brand new farmyard with livestock housing and stables allows easy access to all visitors to experience the animals, the milking parlour and dairy kitchen. Throughout the year there will be specialised events like lambing, calving and shearing, many of which highlight what is happening on farms around the country.

Open: Sep - Apr 9.30 - 17.00 (Last admission is 16.00.) May - Aug 9.30 - 20.00 (Last admission is 19.00.).

Admission: Adult: €10, Senior/Student: €8, Child: €5. (Group rates also apply)



2 Ardgillan Castle & Demense

Balbriggan,
County Dublin

Tel: 01 849 2212

www.ardgillancastle.ie



Ardgillan Demense is situated on the coastline and is unique among Dublin's Regional Parks for the magnificent views it enjoys. The park consists of 194 acres of rolling pastureland, mixed woodland and gardens. The Castle, built in 1738 consists of two stories over a basement which extends out under the south lawns. The first floor area of the Castle is used for an annual programme of exhibitions. As well as the castle, the demesne features a walled and rose garden both of which present an orderly profusion of colour. There is also Medieval stocks and Tudor stand-ins, tea rooms, state-of-the-art children's playground, and spectacular cycle and walking paths.

Open: Park: Nov - Jan; 9.00 - 17.00, Jun - Aug; 10.00 - 21.00, Feb - Mar; 9.00 - 18.00, April; 9.00 - 19.00, May; 9.00 - 20.00, Sep; 10.00 - 20.00, Oct; 10.00 - 19.00.

Gardens: Daily; Summer; 9.30 - 18.00, Winter; 9.30 - 16.30.

Admission: There is a charge to visitors for the guided tour of the Castle.



3 Casino Marino

Cherrymount Crescent, Off Malahide Road, Marino, Dublin 3

Tel: 01 833 1618

www.heritageireland.ie



The Casino is 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. Its lavishly decorated and compact exterior, cleverly disguises an interior of intimate rooms displaying intricately ornate Georgian motifs. Cared for by the OPW, it is highly regarded for its exquisite craftsmanship. Entry to the Casino is by guided tour only and the interior is accessed by a stairway. Parents/Guardians must strictly supervise children at all times especially near steep steps.



Open: Daily; Mid Mar - 31st Oct; 10.00 - 17.00. Last admission is 45 mins before closing.

Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/Group: €3, Child/Student: €2, Family: €10.

4 Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre

Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Tel: 01 285 8366

www.dalkeycastle.com



Dalkey Castle where 21st century technology meets 15th century living history! Living History actors are ready to welcome you! Great Fun for all ages!



Let your imagination flow. Travel back to the 1500s with Living History actors. See the extraordinary work of the **Archer** as he shows you his skills with the Longbow. Hear of Tudor recipes at the **Cook's table** including hedgehog pie! The **Barber Surgeon** has special offers most days! Join in the fun and hear about ancient remedies and marvel at the implements for curing all ailments!

Open: Jan - Mar & Nov - Dec: Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 17.00, Sat/Sun/PH, 11.00 - 17.00. Apr, May & Sep - Oct: Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 17.30, Sat/Sun/PH, 11.00 - 17.30. Jun - Aug: Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 18.00, Sat/Sun/PH, 11.00 - 18.00.

Admission: Adult: €8.50, Student/Senior: €7.50, Child (4 - 12 yrs): €6.50, Family (2+2): €25.00. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Visitor Attractions

5 James Joyce Museum

Joyce Tower, Sandycove,
County Dublin

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 great novel Ulysses.

One of the world's most famous literary landmarks, it was opened in 1962 as the James Joyce Museum. The collection includes first editions, letters, portraits, some of Joyce's personal possessions and items mentioned in his books. 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: See www.visitdublin.com for current opening hours.

Admission: Free of charge, until further notice.

See www.visitdublin.com for details.



6 Malahide Castle and Demesne

Malahide,
County Dublin

Tel: 01 816 9538

www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie



Malahide Castle is one of the oldest castles in Ireland and is set on 260 acres of land.

This magnificent & historic 12th century castle has been home to the Talbot family for nearly 800 years. Friendly guides are on hand to help you explore the history of the castle. The Walled Botanical Garden is home to some of the world's rarest species of plants, collected by Lord Milo Talbot - the last Lord of Malahide Castle who died in 1973. The interactive garden exhibition tells the story of the botanical gardens, through the eyes of Milo Talbot.

Open: Daily; 9.30 - 17.30. Last Castle Tour: Nov - Mar 15.30, Apr - Oct 16.30.

Admission: Adult: €12, Child: €6, Student: €8, Senior: €7.50.

Family (2 + 3): €26, (2 + 4): €30, (2 + 5): €32. (Garden only tickets also available).



7 National Maritime Museum of Ireland

Old Mariners Church, Haigh Terrace,
Dún Laoghaire,
County Dublin

Tel: 01 280 0969

www.mariner.ie



The museum's greatest artefact is probably the building itself, as it is one of a few custom built places of worship for sailors remaining intact in the world today. There are interesting mechanical exhibitions on many aspects of Irish maritime, including first class artefacts, wildlife around the Irish coastline including fish, birds and small animals, a maritime art gallery, a recreated ship's radio room and a Titanic exhibition. There is also a coffee dock and a souvenir shop.

Open: Daily; 11.00 - 17.00.

Admission: Adult/Senior: €5, Child under 12: €3, Group Rate: €4.50, Family: €12.

8 National Transport Museum

Howth Castle Demense, Howth,
Dublin 13

Tel: 01 832 0427

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: €3, Family: €9.50.

Visitor Attractions

9 Newbridge House & Farm

Donabate, County Dublin

Tel: 01 843 6534

www.newbridgehousenandfarm.com



Newbridge House and Farm is a visitor attraction just a five minute drive from Dublin Airport, or a ten minute walk through the Park from Donabate Train Station, set in 370 acres of beautiful 18th century Parkland. The House was built in 1752 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: 1st Oct - 31st Mar; Tue - Sun & P/H 11.00 - 16.00, 1st Apr - 30th Sep; 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 are available.)

10 Pearse Museum

St. Enda's Park, Grange Road,
Rathfarnham, Dublin 14

Tel: 01 493 4208

www.heritageireland.ie



A former school run by Patriot and Educationalist Patrick Pearse, it is now a museum in beautiful grounds. Attractions include exhibitions, a nature study room with attractive displays on Irish Flora & Fauna and an audio-visual show titled 'This



Man Kept a School'. There is access for visitors with disabilities to the nature study centre and the museum, with the exception of the Halla Mór. St. Enda's Park is the setting for this Museum, one of Dublin City's most charming and atmospheric parks, with its riverside walks, waterfall and walled garden.

Open: Daily; Mar - Oct; 9.30 - 17.30, Feb; 9.30 - 17.00, Nov - Jan; 9.30 - 16.00. (Closed on Tue)

Admission: Free of Charge

11 Rathfarnham Castle

Rathfarnham, Dublin 14

Tel: 01 493 9462

www.heritageireland.ie

Rathfarnham Castle has a very colourful and interesting history. A 16th century fortified house built for Archbishop Adam Loftus and remodelled in the late 18th century. It was built as a comfortable defensible residence and by the end of the 16th century it was acknowledged as one of the finest castles in County Dublin. Rathfarnham Castle contains fine ceilings by Sir William Chambers and James 'Athenian' Stuart.



Open: Late May, times to be confirmed. Please check website or contact the site for updates.

Admission: Free of charge.

12 Skerries Mills

Skerries, Fingal, Co. Dublin

Tel: 01 849 5208

www.skerriesmills.org

The Skerries Mills Industrial Heritage Centre and town park comprises a watermill, 5-sail windmill and 4-sail windmill with associated mill races, mill pond and wetlands. Visitors can try their hand at grinding, read about the history of milling and observe the stones, shakers, sieves and elevators powered by wind and water. The fully functioning waterwheel is one of the great photo opportunities that visitors have. Visitors will also see the sack hoist, winnower and powered seed dressing in action.



Open: Winter 10.00 - 16.30. Summer 10.00 - 17.30.

Admission: Adult: €6.25, Senior/Student: €4.80, Child: €3.35, Family (2+4): €12.50.
(Please note: Prices may change, please check website for updates.)

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Bailey Lighthouse, Howth Harbour

More to Experience

Bull Island Nature Reserve, Dollymount (E4)

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 (D5)

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 (F4) Brighton Vale, Seapoint, Co. Dublin.

Tel: 01 205 4868 www.dlrcoco.ie/heritage

Seapoint Martello Tower is a restored early nineteenth century Martello Tower that 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 and guided tours are available during the summer months featuring access to the roof and its eighteen-pound cannon. (Please contact directly for opening times and admission prices.)

The Shackleton Endurance Expedition (F4) Ferry Terminal, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Tel: 086 852 3498 www.shackletonexhibition.com

Come and visit the exhibition to learn about the most extraordinary maritime rescue in history. The story of the Endurance Exhibition is told through Frank Hurley's photographs, unique video footage, a life-size replica of the rescue boat, the James Caird, and much more!

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www.visitdublin.com / www.discoverireland.ie



Malahide Marina

Rua Red Arts Centre (F2) Tallaght, Dublin 24. Tel: 01 451 5860 www.ruared.ie
 RUA RED is a dynamic home for the creation and enjoyment of the arts. Along with partner organisations and tenants, the centre hosts a programme of events aimed at all members of the community, locally, nationally and internationally.

Theatres

Civic Theatre (F2) Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Tel: 01 462 7477 www.civictheatre.ie
 The Civic Theatre 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 for the community of South County Dublin.

Dance Theatre of Ireland (F4) Bloomfields, Lower Georges St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Tel: 01 280 3455 www.dancetheatreireland.com
 Dance Theatre of Ireland is one of Ireland's finest contemporary dance companies performing nationally and internationally.

Draiocht (D2) Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15. Tel: 01 885 2622 www.draiocht.ie
 Draiocht is a receiving house which programmes local, national and international shows from all performance disciplines.

The Helix, DCU (D3) Collins Avenue, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.
 Tel: 01 700 7000 www.thehelix.ie

Come and enjoy a whole range of shows with us! Music, Arts, Theatre, Classical, Family events and much more!

Lambert Puppet Theatre (F4) Clifton Lane, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.
 Tel: 01 280 0974 www.lambertpuppettheatre.ie

Ireland's only purpose-built puppet theatre, established in 1972. Puppet theatre for all of the family. Programme changes every month, see website for details.

Mill Theatre (F3) Dundrum Town Centre, Dundrum, Dublin 14.
 Tel: 01 296 9340 www.milltheatre.ie

The Mill Theatre is located in the heart of the Dundrum Town Centre. Since opening in May 2006 it has staged the best in theatre, visual art, comedy, music, kids stuff and much, much more.

Pavilion Theatre (F4) Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
 Tel: 01 231 2929 www.paviliontheatre.ie

The Pavilion Theatre is located in Dún Laoghaire. Catch a show after a stroll down the pier or relax with a pre-show drink and a harbour view.

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County Meath



Etihad Skyline Tour

Dublin in a Day

Ireland's capital city, steeped in history and buzzing with youthful energy 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 a 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.**



Ask our Travel Advisors for a comprehensive listing of **"Whats On"** in the local area!



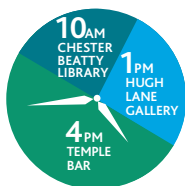
Street Food, Temple Bar

Budget

10.00: Start out early at the **Chester Beatty Library**, European Museum of the Year 2002. *Duration: 2 hours.*

13.00: Pick up a **Rental Bike** on Dame Street and cycle across the city to **Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane** and the **An Post Museum**. *Duration: 2 hours.*

16.00: There's always time for shopping and browsing! Take in **Temple Bar's** eclectic mix of shops and the **Market Arcade** on South Great George's Street. *Duration: 3 hours.*



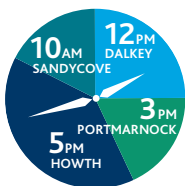
Coastal

10.00: Jump on the **DART** and head out to **Sandy Cove** 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 **Portmarnock** for a walk on the **Velvet Strand** to enjoy views of **Ireland's Eye** and **Lambay Island**. *Duration: 2 hours.*

17.00: Head for the fishing village of **Howth** for a fresh fish supper! *Duration: 2 hours.*



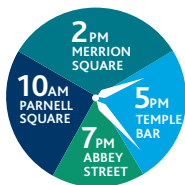
Cultural

10.00: Start in the **Dublin Writer's 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 hours.*

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





Elephants at Dublin Zoo

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 **Butlers Chocolate Experience** for the ultimate chocolate discovery tour! **Duration: 2 hours.** (Please note: tours must be booked in advance.)



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 +.**

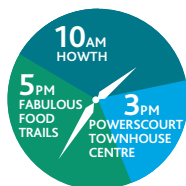


Food

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.**





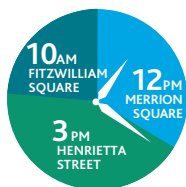
Long Room, Trinity College

Georgian

10.00: Start out at **Fitzwilliam Square**, the smallest of the 5 Georgian squares in the city. Visit **Number 29 Georgian House**. *Duration: 1 hour.*

12.00: Just a stroll away through Georgian streets is the much larger **Merrion Square**. Admire the grand houses and colourful doors. 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 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: 2 hours.*

16.00: Close by, a visit to **Glasnevin Museum** will introduce you to the wealth of national history within the walls and grounds of the cemetery. Walking tours are available. *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: Stroll down to **Temple Bar** and browse through the bookshops. *Duration: 2 hours.*

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





Cows Lane Market, Temple Bar

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.*

12.00: At the **Powerscourt Townhouse**, check out the **Museum of Irish Dance** and enjoy **Jig - The Story of Irish Dance Show**. *Duration: 3 hours.*

16.00: Stroll up **Grafton Street** and enjoy the many buskers that enliven the streets from classical to rock music! *Duration: 1 hour.*

18.00: Visit one of the many pubs that provide traditional Irish entertainment. *Duration: 3 hours.*

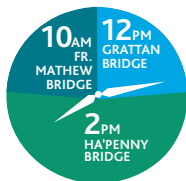


On the Liffey

10.00: Start at **Fr. Mathew Bridge**, the site of the oldest crossing point of the Liffey. Take time to visit **St. Michan's Church and Crypts** close by. *Duration: 1 hour.*

12.00: Take time at **Grattan Bridge** to see the beautiful tiles on **The Sunlight Chambers** on Essex Quay. Visit **Dublin City Hall** just a 5 minute stroll away. *Duration: 1 hour.*

14.00: Dublin's most famous bridge the **Ha'penny Bridge**, is 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: 2 hours.*

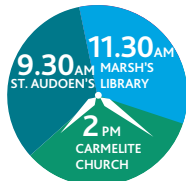


Curious Churches

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: Head over to **Marsh's Library**, nestled behind **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, the oldest public library in Ireland, housing almost 30,000 rare books and pamphlets. *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.*





Powerscourt Townhouse Centre

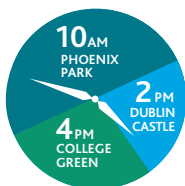
Royal Dublin

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.

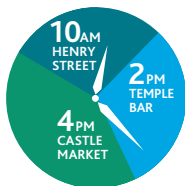


Shopping

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. **Duration:** 2 hours.

16.00: Discover the shops of **Castle Market** and the **Market Arcade**. **Duration:** 2 hours.



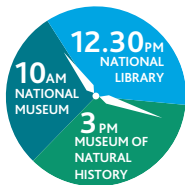
Museums

10.00: Visit the **National Museum of 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:** 2.5 hours.

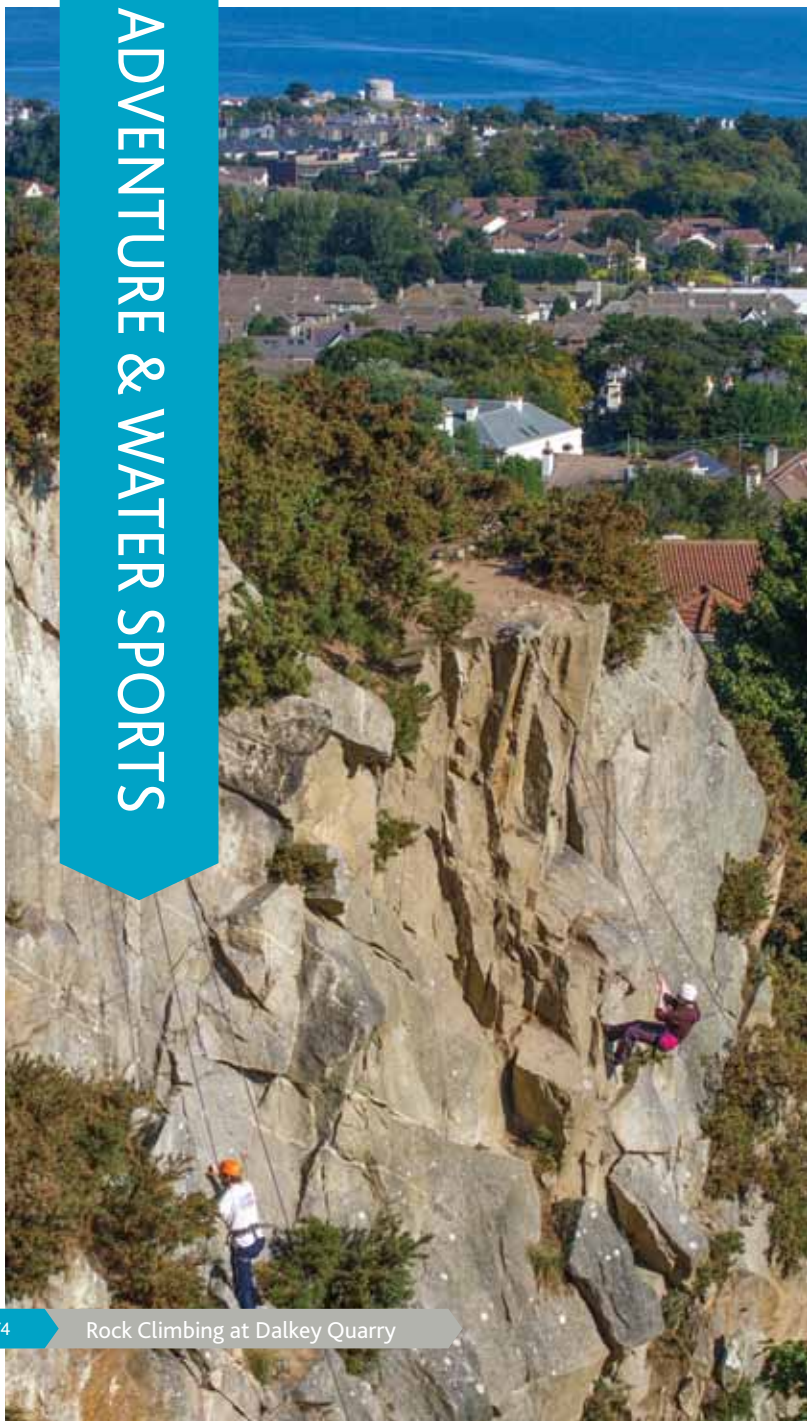
12.30: Just down the road is **Ireland's National Library** where you can see an exhibition on the life and works of W.B. Yeats. Pop into the Library's charming **Café Joly** for a nice artisan lunch. **Duration:** 2.5 hours.

15.00: 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:** 2 hours.

Times and durations indicated are approximations and we've allowed plenty of time between for lunches, snacks and other distractions!



ADVENTURE & WATER SPORTS



Adventure & Water Sports

For those who like to pack adventure into a break, Dublin has lots to offer whether you're a thrill seeker or a shell seeker! Dubliners' love of sport and sense of adventure coupled with the backdrop of beautiful mountains and rugged coastline, just minutes away from the city centre, provides the perfect arena for an action packed stay in the capital!

If you favour fear factor over sun factor then Xtreme.ie was created with you in mind. With adrenaline-fuelled escapades ready to challenge the pluckiest, you can expect thrills and spills in equal measures. For many people, birds of prey are best admired from a distance. But if you want to get up close and personal, a Hawk Walk with Dublin Falconry will let you experience the majestic raptors first hand, literally!

Fancy a little fun on the water? Sea Safari Tours are a thrilling way to take in Dublin Bay. You can learn your rope from your rigging or just cruise on board a 54 foot luxury yacht with Go Sailing. If river rafting is more your drift, Rafting.ie offer a guided Liffey trip. For a different paddling pace, kayaking is also an option with Deep Blue Sea Kayaking. You can get to grips with windsurfing, kite surfing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding or wakeboarding at SurfDock; just five minutes from the city centre.

Enjoy the best views of Dublin from the roof of the iconic Croke Park Stadium on the exciting Etihad Skyline Tour; whatever you do don't look down!

For more information please visit:

www.discoverireland.ie/adventure or www.visitdublin.com



Sea Safari



Sea Kayaking in Dún Laoghaire

Adventure & Water Sports

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Aboveboard, West Pier, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	01 280 4774 www.aboveboard.ie	Kite Boarding & Stand-Up Paddle Boarding Lessons & Rentals
City Kayaking, beside Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1	01 442 8234 www.adventuretrainingireland.com	Kayaking, Powerboat & Sailing Training
Clondalkin Leisure Centre Nangor Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	01 457 4858 www.clondalkinleisure.com	Outdoor Education Centre, Canoeing, Water Sports, etc.
Courtclough Shooting Grounds, Courtclough, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	01 841 3096 www.courtclough.ie	Clay Pigeon Shooting, Rifle Range & Trout Fishing

Deep Blue Sea Kayaking, Dun Laoghaire Harbour, Co. Dublin	086 820 5627 www.deepblueseakayaking.com	Kayaking
Dublin Falconry, Courtlough, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	087 634 1574 www.dublinfalconry.com	Falcon Displays, Hawk Walk
Dun Laoghaire Powerboat School, West Pier, Dun Laoghaire Harbour, Co Dublin	01 280 4422 www.powerboatschool.ie	Power Boating
Etihad Skyline Tour, Croke Park, Dublin City	01 819 2323 www.skylinecrokepark.ie	Roof Top Tour of Croke Park
Extreme Time-Off, Harolds Cross, Dublin 6W	086 777 8170 www.time-off.ie	Kayaking, Canoeing, Boating
Fingal Sailing School, Upper Strand, Malahide, Co. Dublin	01 845 1979 www.fingalsailingschool.ie	Sailing, Kayaking, Windsurfing, SUP, Powerboating
Fort Lucan Outdoor Adventureland, Westmanstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin	01 628 0166 www.fortlucan.com	Adventure Centre
Go Sailing, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	087 092 2913 www.gosailing.ie	Sailing Trips & Yacht Charter
Irish Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin	www.iropa.ie	Paragliding & Hang Gliding Association
Irish National Sailing School, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	01 284 4195 www.inss.ie	Sailing
Kart City Raceway, Old Airport Road, Santry, Dublin 9	01 842 6144 www.kartcityraceway.com	Go-Karting
Kylemore Karting, Kylemore Ind. Estate, Killeen Road, Dublin 10	01 626 1444 www.kylemore-karting.com	Indoor Karting track
Mountain Training.ie, Swords, Co. Dublin	087 665 7790 www.mountaintraining.ie	Rock Climbing, Hill Walking and Mountaineering Courses.
Pure Magic Kitesurfing, 370 Clontarf Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3	01 805 4912 www.puremagic.ie	Powerkiting, Sailboarding, Windsurfing & Kite-surfing
Rafting.ie, Canoe Centre, Mill Lane, Palmerstown, Dublin 20	01 626 4363 www.rafting.ie	Guided Raft Trips on the River Liffey
Sea Safari Tours Ltd., Dublin City	01 668 9802 www.seasafari.ie	Boat Tours
Shearwater Sea Kayaking, Howth, Co. Dublin	086 836 8736 www.shearwaterseakayaking.ie	Sea Kayaking Courses
Ski Club of Ireland, National Snowsports Centre, Kiltarnan, Co. Dublin	01 295 5658 www.skiclub.ie	Ski Lessons & Snowboarding
The SurfDock Centre, Grand Canal Dock, Dublin 4	01 668 3945 www.surfdock.ie	Surfing, Wind-surfing, Kayaking
Sutton Dinghy Club, Strand Road, Sutton, Co. Dublin	01 839 3135 www.sdc.ie	Sailing & Powerboat Training
Wake Dock, Cable Wakeboard Park, Grand Canal Dock, Dublin 4	01 664 3883 www.wakedock.ie	Cable Wakeboard Tuition and Cable Riding
Xtreme.ie Adventure Centre, Courtlough, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	01 690 2070 www.xtreme.ie	Archery, Climbing Wall, Zip Wire, Abseiling, Paintball, Aerial Trekking, Fan Descender

ANGLING



Angling

Game Angling

The rivers, lakes and reservoirs in Dublin can provide good sport for anglers. The Liffey, Dargle, Dodder, Rye Water and Tolka are all popular river venues whilst the reservoirs at Bohernabreena, or a visit to Corkagh Park Fishery will satisfy any angling devotee! Game angling is controlled by Angling Associations and anglers should ensure they seek the necessary permission before fishing.

Sea Angling

Dublin offers sea anglers a fantastic variety of good quality fishing, including shore, small boat, charter boat and rock fishing. Balbriggan, Skerries, Lough Shinny and Rush are locations where small boats can be launched to fish around Lambay Island for conger, dogfish, codling, whiting and occasional tope. Malahide is a good shore angling location for mullet, flounder and eels. Howth offers pier, rock and boat fishing for pollock, dogfish, mackerel and whiting. At Red Rock in Sutton, bass and flatfish can be found. On Dollymount Strand you can fish for bass, flatfish, and the occasional codling. From North Bull Wall Pier, small pollock, codling, whiting and bass can be caught.

South Bull Wall is a popular area for catching conger, small pollock and mackerel in season. Sandymount Strand is popular for shore fishing for bass and flounder. Dún Laoghaire is a popular boat and shore angling location, for mackerel, whiting, plaice and conger. At Bullock and Coliemore Harbour, self drive boats are available for hire for general ground fishing around Dalkey Island for mackerel, dogfish, plaice, dabs, codling and whiting. Also at Colimore Harbour, codling, small pollock and conger may be caught from the pier. Killiney Beach offers shore fishing for plaice, bass, codling, dogfish, coalfish and pollock.

For more information visit: www.fishinginireland.info



Fishing at Coliemore Pier, Dalkey



Rod & Reel



Mackerel Fishing , Howth. Credit: Paul Lacey

Angling

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Bohernabreena Reservoirs, Tallaght, Dublin 24	01 454 3444 www.discoverireland.ie	Fly Fishing
Broad Meadow Water, Swords, Co. Dublin	www.discoverireland.ie	Game Angling
Corkagh Park Fishery, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	01 459 2625 www.fishinginireland.info	Coarse and Game Angling
Delvin River, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	087 410 1238 www.gormanstonanglers.com	Game Angling
Dodder River Anglers' Club	01 298 2112 www.fishinginireland.info	Game Angling
Double or Quits, Howth Boats, Howth, Co. Dublin	085 813 5193 www.howth-boats.com	Sea Angling Charter
Grand Canal, Clondalkin & District Angling Club	01 457 3793 www.fishinginireland.info	Coarse Angling
Grand Canal, Dolphin's Barn to Portobello Coarse Angling Club	087 220 1578 www.portobelloangling.com	Coarse Angling
Lady Clare, Malahide Marina, Malahide, Co. Dublin	086 3061236 / 01 807 9835 www.malahideangling.com	Sea Angling Charter
Pinalia, Dublin Bay	086 077 3021 www.howthboattrips.com	Sea Angling Charter
Prospector 1, Rogerstown Harbour, Rush, Co. Dublin	087 257 6268 www.bayangling.freesevers.com	Sea Angling Charter
Rye Water, Leixlip, Co. Kildare	01 278 7022 www.fishinginireland.info	Game Angling
Tolka River, North County Dublin	01 278 7022 www.fishinginireland.info	Game Angling
Wavin Lake, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	087 410 1238 www.gormanstonanglers.com	Game Angling

More detailed information on locations, angling clubs, permits, ghillies, instructors and boat hire can be obtained on www.fishinginireland.info

Inland Fisheries Ireland - HQ
3044 Lake Drive, Citywest, Dublin 24
Email: info@fisheriesireland.ie
Tel: 01 278 7022

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BEACHES IN DUBLIN



Beaches in Dublin

Often a surprise for visitors, Dublin has many beaches dotted along the coastline. Not many capitals can boast the sandy stretches that Dublin enjoys! There are numerous beaches to choose from, these include 6 Blue Flag beaches (Year 2014).

To catch kite surfing in full throttle, head to **Dollymount Strand**, where the nearby North Bull Island is listed by UNESCO as a biosphere reserve. When the tide is in, **Seapoint** provides a glorious swimming spot right beside its own Martello Tower and in **Sandycove**, the famous **Forty Foot** (a former gentlemen-only territory) is a bathing spot popular with seals and swimmers alike.

Burrow Beach, in Sutton is an unspoiled stretch of golden sand where on a clear day you just might spot the Mourne Mountains. You can walk from here to **Claremont Beach**, a small cove like beach situated close to the harbour in Howth. **Portmarnock** is a very popular beach for swimming, sun-bathing and horse-riding. It stretches all the way to Baldoyle and adjoins **Malahide Beach**.

Killiney Beach has probably the best view of any beach in Dublin with Bray Head to the south and the salubrious Sorrento Terrace to the north. **Skerries North Beach** is a cove-like beach, adjoining the beautiful harbour area and Red Island Coastal Walkway, while **Skerries South Beach** is a long sandy beach. **Portrane Beach** is long sandy beach flanked by sand dunes. There is a National Heritage Area (NHA) to the north of this beach, a site of local importance; it is 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!

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Portrane Beach



Rush Beach



Skerries South Beach

Beaches in Dublin

The International Blue Flag programme is operated in Ireland by An Taisce with the support of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education. Each location meets a range of environmental and safety criteria which collectively represent a high level of environmental quality.



The Blue Flag is an international, voluntary eco-label for beaches and marinas and is awarded to beaches and marinas that meet a specific set of criteria: Environmental information & education, water quality, safety & services and environmental management.



Green Coast Awards are awarded to beaches for their natural beauty, clean environment and water quality. These beaches may not have the necessary built infrastructure to meet criteria set for Blue Flag status, however Green Coast Award beaches are exceptional places to visit and to enjoy our rich coastal heritage and diversity.



For more information on Blue Flag and Green Coast Award beaches, please contact An Taisce: T: 01 400 2210 www.beachawards.ie

Blue Flag Beaches in Dublin

The Following is a listing of Blue Flag Beaches in Dublin

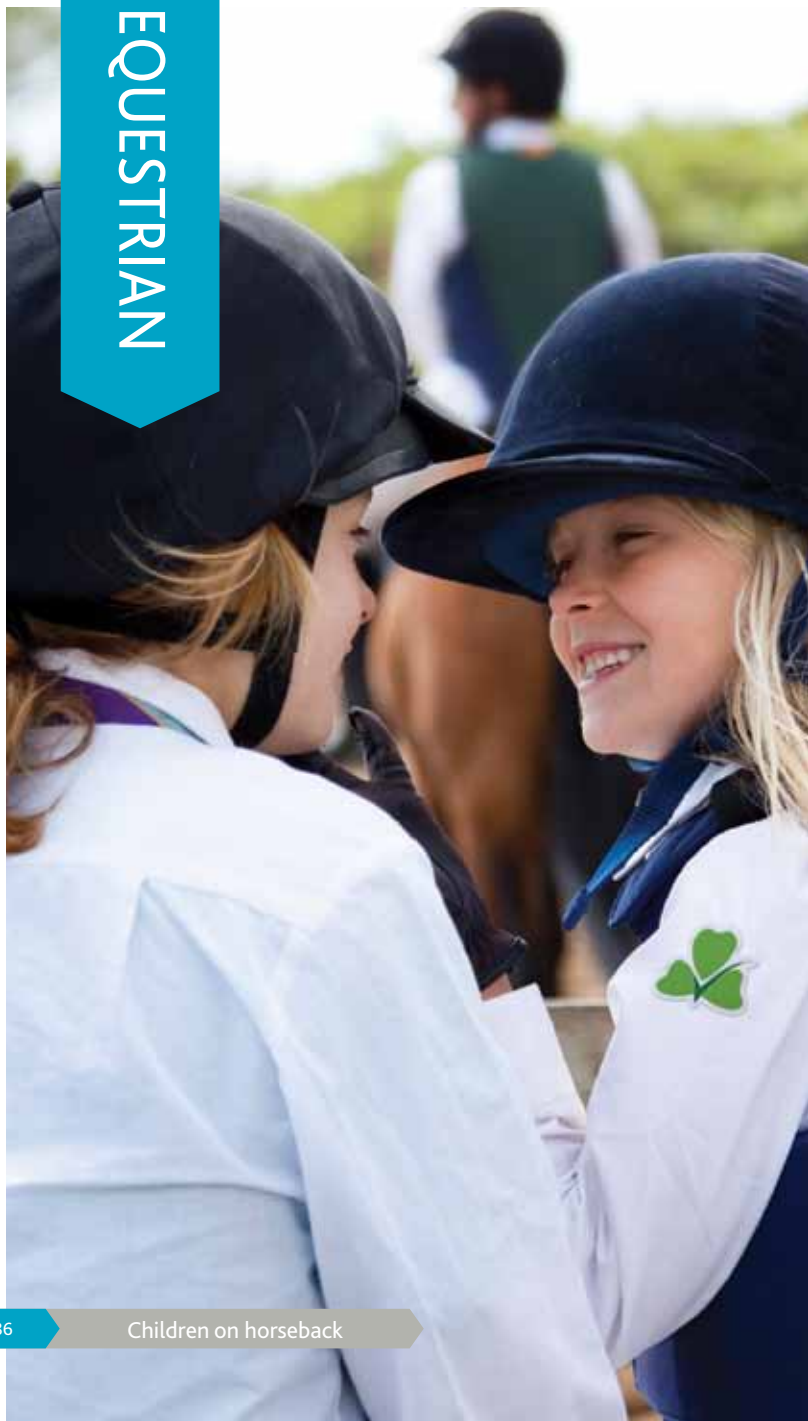
NAME	LOCATION
Balclarrick Beach	Donabate
Killiney Beach	Killiney
Portrane Beach	Portrane
Seapoint Beach	Dún Laoghaire
Skerries South Beach	Skerries
The Velvet Strand	Portmarnock

Green Coast Beaches in Dublin

The Following is a listing of Green Coast Beaches in Dublin

NAME	LOCATION
Balclarrick Beach	Donabate
Portrane Beach	Portrane
Skerries South Beach	Skerries
The Velvet Strand	Portmarnock

EQUESTRIAN



Equestrian

There is an old saying that states, 'There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man'. In no other sport is there a connection between beast and man where they cooperate to work as one. It is for this reason that horse riding is such a satisfying endeavour and with Dublin's high quality Equestrian Centres, it's never been easier to get in the saddle on your holidays!

Follow the Shamrock



Independently Assessed and Quality Assured by Fáilte Ireland, the National Tourism Development Authority. 'Whenever you see this symbol you can be assured this Equestrian Centre is visitor friendly and committed to delivering high quality services and facilities'.

Visit: www.discoverireland.ie/equestrian for current listings.

Horse Racing in Dublin

If you don't want to get on a horse, you can just enjoy a 'day at the Horses', if that's more up your street! Experience the unique fun and excitement of horse racing at Dublin's Leopardstown Racecourse. Located south of the city centre, Leopardstown is one of Europe's premier race courses offering both national hunt and flat racing. Visit: www.leopardstown.com

Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show

The Horse Show is a Dublin institution. A celebration of Ireland's affinity with the horse, the Dublin Horse Show has the best show horses and the best international show jumpers competing for honours. It is one of Ireland's largest events, a highlight of the summer, each year welcoming tens of thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

www.dublinhorshow.com



Calliaghstown Equestrian Centre



Coolmine Equestrian Centre



Leopardstown Racecourse

Equestrian

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS
Balcultry Stables, Balcultry Rd, Swords, Co. Dublin	086 852 3405 www.balcultrystables.com
Calliaghstown Equestrian Centre, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin	087 272 5913 www.aire.ie
Carrickmines Equestrian Centre, Glenmauck Rd, Foxrock, Dublin 18	087 990 0150 www.carrickminesequestrian.ie
Cherry Orchard Equine Centre, Cherry Orchard Green, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10	01 620 9160 www.aire.ie
Coolmine Eq Centre, Coolmine House, Coolmine, Saggart, Co. Dublin	087 618 3363 www.coolmineequestrian.com
Dymphna's Equestrian Centre, Suralstown, Swords Co. Dublin	086 865 0095 www.aire.ie
Kellystown Riding School, Kellystown Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18.	087 673 5205 www.kellystownequestrian.com
Kilronan Equestrian Centre, Cloghran, Swords, Co. Dublin	087 259 6020 or 087 749 6247 www.kilronanequestriancentre.ie
Oldtown Riding Stables, Wyestown, Oldtown, North Co. Dublin	01 835 4755 www.aire.ie
Rathfarnham Equestrian Centre, Killakee Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	087 633 2963 www.aire.ie
Sallows Wood Stables, Castlefarm, Kilsallaghan, Co. Dublin	087 410 6954 www.sallowswoodstables.ie
The Paddocks Riding Centre, Woodside Rd, Sandyford, Dublin 18	087 223 7981 www.paddocks.ie
Thornton Park Equestrian Centre, Kilsallaghan, Swords, Co. Dublin	087 234 2730 www.thorntonpark.ie
Horse Racing in Dublin	
Leopardstown Racecourse, Leopardstown, Dublin 18.	01 289 3607 www.leopardstown.com

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Horse Racing Ireland, visit: www.goracing.ie

For Road Trotting info, visit: www.irishtrotting.com

For info on the Association of Irish Riding Establishments visit www.aire.ie

Pick up your
FREE local Town or City map
in our Discover Ireland Centres!

FAMILY FUN



Family Fun

Dublin is a family friendly city geared for all sorts of fun! Kick start your family visit to Dublin with a trip to **Dublin Zoo**, home to many of our cute, cuddly, hairy, and feathered friends! **The Phoenix Park**, home to **Dublin Zoo** as well as a herd of fallow deer, 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's earned the term of affection 'the Dead Zoo!'

Enjoy a visit to the **National Wax Museum Plus**, four floors of discovery, interaction and exhibition, or check out the little people at the **National Leprechaun Museum!**

Experience the sights, smells and daily routines of Viking & medieval Dublin at **Dublinia! The Croke Park Experience** is a must and there you can get the whole family high as kites when you take them on the **Etihad Skyline Tour!**

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 **The Dublin Ghostbus** will send chills down your spine!

Get stuck into a game with a qualified trainer at **Experience Gaelic Games**. Get pottering, painting, stamping and stencilling your very own pottery at **Artworks Café** or **Giddy Studios**, and then take home your masterpiece as a unique souvenir. Savour the story of chocolate and make some of your own at **The Chocolate Warehouse** or **Butlers Chocolate Experience**.

There's lots of family fun awaiting you in Dublin, visit www.visitdublin.com or www.discoverireland.ie for more ideas.



Laya City Spectacular



Viking Splash Tour

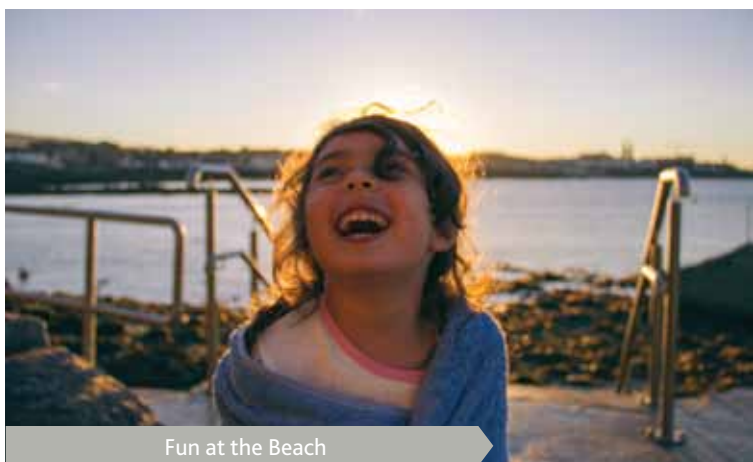
Family Fun

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Airfield, Overend Way, Dundrum, Dublin 14	01 969 6666 www.airfield.ie	House, Gardens and Farm
Ardgillan Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	01 849 2212 www.ardgillancastle.ie	Castle and Gardens
Artworks Cafe, The Stables, Strand Road, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin	01 828 4000 www.artworkscafe.ie	Creative Pottery Fun
Butler's Chocolate Experience, Clonshaugh Business Park, Dublin 17	01 671 0599 www.butlerschocolates.com	Chocolate Experience
Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2	01 407 0750 www.cbl.ie	Library holds Educational Exhibitions

City Kayaking, Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1	01 442 8234 www.adventuretrainingireland.com	Kayak Tour and Lessons
Croke Park, St Joseph's Avenue (off Clonliffe Road), Dublin 3	01 819 2323 www.crokepark.ie	GAA Museum, Stadium Tour, Etihad Skyline Tour
Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin	01 285 8366 www.dalkeycastle.com	Castle with Living History Tours
Dublin Discovered Boat Tour, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin 1.	01 473 0000 www.dublindiscovered.ie	River Cruises along the Liffey
Dublin Falconry, Courtlough Shooting Grounds, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	087 634 1574 www.dublinfoalconry.com	Falconry and Wild Bird Displays
Dublinia, St. Michael's Hill, Christchurch, Dublin 8	01 679 4611 www.dublinia.ie	Interactive Viking Exhibitions
Dublin Writers Museum, 18 Parnell Square North, Dublin 1	01 872 2077 www.writersmuseum.com	Literary Museum
Dublin Zoo, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8	01 474 8900 www.dublinzoo.ie	Zoo
Experience Gaelic Games, Na Fianna GAA Club, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9	01 254 4292 www.experiencegaelicgames.com	Learn & Play Gaelic Games
Farmleigh House and Estate, Phoenix Park, Dublin 15	01 815 5900 www.farmleigh.ie	House and Gardens
Giddy Studios, Level 2, Red Car Park (Unit 2/42b), Dundrum Town Centre, Dundrum, Dublin 14	01 296 0303 www.giddystudios.com	Creative Pottery Painting
Glasnevin Museum, Glasnevin Cemetery, Finglas Road, Dublin 11	01 882 6500 www.glasnevintrust.ie	Museum, Exhibitions, Tours
Gravity Climbing Centre, 6A Goldenbridge Industrial Estate, Inchicore, Dublin 8	01 707 8585 www.gravityclimbing.ie	Indoor Climbing Wall
Imaginosity, The Plaza, Beacon South Quarter, Sandyford, Dublin 18	01 217 6130 www.imaginosity.ie	Interactive Museum for the under 9 year olds
Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship, Dublin Docklands, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1	01 473 0111 www.jeaniejohnston.ie	Tall Ship and Famine Museum
Lambert Puppet Theatre, Clifton Ln, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.	01 280 0974 www.lambertpuppettheatre.ie	Puppet Theatre
Makeshop by Science Gallery, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2	01 662 4416 www.sciencegallery.com/makeshop	Children's Workshops
Museum of Modern Art, Royal Hospital, Military Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8	01 612 9900 www.imma.ie	Modern Art Exhibitions & Tours
No. 29 Georgian House Museum, 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin 2	01 702 6163 www.esb.ie/no29	Georgian House Museum
National Aquatic Centre, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	01 646 4300 www.nationalaquaticcentre.ie	Indoor Water World
National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9	01 804 0300 www.botanicgardens.ie	Gardens
National Gallery of Ireland, Merrion Square West, Dublin 2	01 661 5133 www.nationalgallery.ie	Art Gallery
National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2	01 603 0200 www.nli.ie	National Library of Ireland



National Wax Museum Plus



Fun at the Beach



Tigers playing at Dublin Zoo

National Leprechaun Museum, Twilfit House, 1 Jervis Street, Dublin 1	01 873 3899 www.leprechaunmuseum.ie	Leprechaun Museum
National Museum of Ireland - Archaeology, Kildare Street, Dublin 2	01 677 7444 www.museum.ie	Archaeology Museum
National Museum of Ireland - Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7	01 677 7444 www.museum.ie	Decorative Arts & History Museum
National Museum of Ireland - Natural History, Merrion Street, Dublin 2	01 677 7444 www.museum.ie	Natural History Museum
National Transport Museum, Howth Castle Demesne, Howth, Co. Dublin	01 832 0427 / 01 847 5623 www.nationaltransportmuseum.org	Transport Museum
National Wax Museum PLUS, The Armoury, 4 Foster Place, off College Green, Dublin 2	01 671 8373 www.waxmuseumplus.ie	Wax Museum and Interactive Attraction
Newbridge House and Farm, Hearse Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin	01 843 6534 www.newbridgehousenandfarm.com	House and Traditional Farm
Pearse Museum, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	01 493 4208 www.heritageireland.ie	Museum and Park
Phoenix Park Visitor Centre, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8	01 677 0095 www.phoenixpark.ie/visitorcentre	History and Wildlife Exhibition
Pine Forest Art Centre, Glencullen, Kiltarnan, Dublin 18	01 294 1220 www.pineforestartcentre.com	Art and Craft Courses
Rainforest Adventure Golf, Unit 6 Dundrum South, Dundrum Town Centre, Dublin 14	01 296 4588 www.rainforestadventuregolf.ie	Indoor Adventure Mini Golf
Skerries Mills, Skerries, Fingal, Co. Dublin	01 849 5208 www.skerriesmills.org	Watermill and Windmills
Surfdock Watersports, Grand Canal Dock, Dublin 4	01 668 3945 www.surfdock.ie	Water Sports
The Ark, 11a Eustace Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	01 670 7788 www.ark.ie	Cultural Events for Children
The Chocolate Warehouse, Greenhills Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12	01 450 0080 www.chocolatewarehouse.ie	Chocolate Workshops
The Dolls Store Hospital and Museum, Powerscourt Townhouse, 59 South William Street, Dublin 2	01 675 3878 www.dollstore.ie	Doll and Teddy Bear Store and Museum
Viking Splash Tour, St. Stephen's Green North, Dublin 2	01 707 6000 www.vikingsplash.ie	Tour on Land and Water
Xtreme.ie Adventure Centre, Courtlough, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	01 690 2070 www.xtreme.ie	Adventure Activities Centre

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FOOD AND CULINARY



Food and Culinary

Go on, you're worth it... holidays are a time for indulgence...

No slaving over a hot stove and no wash up, two great reasons to treat yourself to a nice meal out! And what about having the time to pick and choose from a fine menu or luxuriate over a nice glass of wine or a soothing coffee? That's what holidays are made for!

If you still need persuasion, might we tempt you with sizzling black west coast mussels with shallots, garlic, herbs, fresh lemon and butter? Or home smoked chicken breast mildly spiced with coriander, star anise, cinnamon and peppercorns served with a scallion risotto and cucumber salad? These are just some of the dishes on offer at some of Dublin's top-class restaurants. And there are many more of these mouth-watering temptations made from the highest-quality fresh local ingredients.

For more inspiration, choose from the great food websites below:

www.wheretoeat.ie

www.goodfoodireland.ie

www.menupages.ie/dublin

www.ireland-guide.com

www.tripadvisor.ie/Restaurants

Food Trails

In Dublin, Fabulous Food Trails run walking tours that will make sure you're armed with the kind of information that usually only serious local foodies have unearthed. Discover where you can treat yourself to the finest lemon drizzle cake and what restaurant to pick for the best grub! www.fabfoodtrails.com

Food Festivals

Dine in Dublin week takes place twice annually in October and March, while in April the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival celebrates the world renowned prawn! Taste of Dublin takes place each June in the equally delectable Iveagh Gardens. www.visitdublin.com



Alix Gardner's Cookery School



Baking Academy of Ireland Cookery School



Cooks Academy Cookery School

Cookery Schools

Alix Gardner's Cookery School

71 Waterloo Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 668 1553 www.dublincookery.com

This popular cookery school offers tailored private classes for individuals and groups as well as regular day classes & evening courses. Classes take place in the intimate environment of a large Georgian kitchen in a traditional Dublin townhouse.

Baking Academy of Ireland

Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown, Dublin. Tel: 01 845 1214 www.bakingacademyireland.ie

The Baking Academy offers a wide range of courses. 'Pastry Baking', 'Bread for Beginners', 'Sugar Craft' and 'Chocolate' are just a few courses on offer. They also run specialized courses throughout the year, for example 'Children's Midsummer Baking Baketacular', 'Father's Day Baking' and 'Teenager Baking Camp'.

Cooks Academy Cookery School

19 South William Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 611 1666 www.cooksacademy.com

Cooks Academy offer a variety of courses, including 'Men Only', 'Discover Morocco' and 'Cute Cupcakes and Icing,' to name but a few. The school has a demonstration theatre to fit up to 80 people and hands on facilities for up to 72. It is a purpose built premises with state of the art equipment and resources.

Greg O'Rourke Cookery Classes

Nicky's Plaice, West Pier, Howth, Dublin. Tel 086 334 6485 www.gregorourke.com

Greg O'Rourke has a great passion for food and passing on all the great ideas and recipes he has learnt working for over 25 years in kitchens all over the world. Greg's classes are very relaxed and open to all standards of cooks, with varied courses available.

Lynda Booth's Dublin Cookery School

2 Brookfield Terrace, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Tel: 01 210 0555

www.dublincookeryschool.ie

Lynda Booth's Dublin Cookery School is the top venue for cookery courses teaching great modern Irish and International cooking in a cutting-edge location, the emphasis is on having fun while learning. Whether you're a beginner or experienced cook, we have courses to suit all abilities.

The Cookery School@Donnybrook Fair

89 Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. Tel: 01 668 3556

www.donnybrookfair.ie

This purpose built state of the art cookery school has plenty of courses to offer, including 'Tapas', 'The Art of Bread Making', 'How to make Sushi' and 'Easy Seafood', to name a few. Students can choose to study for a half day, full day or in the evenings and weekends.

The Kitchen in the Castle

Howth Castle, Howth, Co. Dublin. Tel: 01 839 6182 www.thekitcheninthecastle.com

The Kitchen in the Castle caters for all abilities, giving students the confidence to take their first steps in cooking, or to improve on cookery skills they already possess. 'Fish in a Minute', 'Moroccan Feast', 'A Chinese Feast' and 'Traditional Family Recipes' are just some of the classes on offer.



Dine in Dublin Festival

Food Markets in Dublin

From carrots to cupcakes and butchers to baristas, some of the most famous food markets in Ireland are to be found in the heart of our thriving city. Infused with history and character, some of these gathering places can be traced back to Victorian times. But all have adapted to embrace the future of food, with superstar growers and artisan producers offering their delectable treats. And you'll love the friendly and personal experience of one-to-one shopping.

The Irish village lunchtime markets, food markets and farmers' markets offer the freshest local food every week. At weekly lunchtime markets in locations across the city, locally sourced produce is cooked and served on site to provide the most authentic and iconic street food available. Meet the farmers, chefs, growers and bakers who all share a passion and appreciation for quality Irish and international gourmet food!

Farmers' & Food Markets

Balbriggan Market, George's Square, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin: Fri; 10.00 - 15.00

Ballymun Farmers' Market, Ballymun Shopping Centre: Thu; 9.00 - 15.30

Carmanhall Road Village Market, Sandyford Industrial Estate (Feb - Dec):
Fri; 11.00 - 14.30

Coppinger Row Outdoor Food Market, Coppinger Row (beside Powerscourt Townhouse Centre), Dublin 2: Thu; 11.00 - 18.00

Donabate Market, Parish Hall, Donabate, Co. Dublin: Sat; 10.30 - 15.00

Dublin Food Coop, 12 Newmarket, Dublin 8: Sat; 9.30 - 16.30, Thu 12.00 - 20.00

Dún Laoghaire Farmers' Market, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire: Fri; 11.00 - 16.00



Howth Market, Paddy's Irish BBQ

Dún Laoghaire People's Park Market, People's Park: Sun; 11.00 - 16.00

East Point Village Market, East Point Business Park: (Feb - Dec) Wed; 11.30 - 14.00

Farmleigh Food Market, Farmleigh House: Sun; 10.00 - 17.00

Fingal Food Fayre, Fingal Arts Centre: Last Sun every month; 12.00 - 17.00

Grand Canal Lunchtime Market, The banks of the Grand Canal at the junction of Northumberland Road and Percy Place: (Feb - Dec) Fri; 11.30 - 14.00

Harcourt St. Farmers' Market, Park Place, Station Buildings, Upper Hatch St: Thu; 10.00 - 16.00

Honest2Goodness, 136a Slaney Close Dublin Industrial Estate, Glasnevin: Sat; 9.30 - 16.00

Howth Harbour Market, The Harbour, Howth: Sun; 10.00 - 17.00

Leopardstown Farmers' Market, Leopardstown Racecourse: Fri; 10.00 - 16.00

Malahide Village Green Market, Village Green, Malahide: Sat; 10.00 - 17.00

Marlay Park Food Market, Marlay Park Craft Courtyard: Sat & Sun; 10.00 - 16.00

Mespil Rd Gourmet Food Market, Mespil Rd, Dublin 4 (opposite Mespil Hotel) Banks of the Grand Canal: Thu; 11.00 - 14.00

Pearse Street Market, St Andrews Centre: Sat; 9.30 - 15.30

Skerries Mills Market, Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co. Dublin: Sat; 10.00 - 16.00

Spencer Dock Village Market, Art Park (rear of National Convention Centre): (Mar - Dec) Wed; 11.30 - 14.00

Stillorgan LUAS Lunchtime Market, Stillorgan LUAS Station: Mar - Sep Tue; 11.30 - 14.00

Swords Market, Main Street, Swords: Fri; 10.00 - 17.00

Temple Bar Market, Meeting House Square: Sat; 10.00 - 16.30

The Red Stables Food Market, St Anne's Park, Clontarf: Sat; 10.00 - 17.00

Note: Market Days may change, please check before attending.

GOLF



Golf

Dublin is ideally situated between the mountains and the sea where just a 20 minute journey, will bring you from the bustling city to the charming coastal towns and villages which dot the coastline providing boundless opportunities for golf.

There are championship links, with their sandy beaches and views of the Irish Sea, to stunning parkland courses set against a backdrop of a rugged landscape, with panoramic views of the Dublin Mountains. 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!

Quality Assured Courses - Choose the Shamrock



Whenever you see this symbol you can be assured this golf club is visitor friendly and the club is committed to delivering high quality services and facilities. Ireland is the first country to set up such a nationwide approval scheme for golf courses. This scheme was launched by Fáilte Ireland in 2010 to navigate consumers towards an excellent Irish golfing experience. Visit www.golf.discoverireland.ie for current listings.

Dublin Golf Passes

Experience top courses in Dublin at competitive rates with an Irish Golf Pass. Get a feel for some of Ireland's most beautiful courses with the wonderful value packages available. Visit www.golf.discoverireland.ie for special offers, tee time availability, golf passes, trip planner, where to stay and things to see and do.



Portmarnock Golf Club



8th Hole, Howth Golf Club



The Island Golf Club

Golf

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	HOLES
Balbriggan Golf Club, Co Dublin	01 841 2229 www.balbriggangolfclub.com	18
Balcarrick Golf Club, Donabate, Co. Dublin	01 843 6957 www.balcarrickgolfclub.com	18
Balheary Golf Course, Balheary, Swords, Co. Dublin	01 840 9655 www.balhearypar3.ie	18
Ballinascorney Golf Club, Kilmashogue Lane, Dublin 16	01 493 7755 www.ballinascorneygc.com	9
Beaverstown Golf Club, Donabate, Co. Dublin	01 843 6439 www.beaverstown.com	18
Beech Park Golf Club, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin	01 458 0522 www.beechpark.ie	18
Carrickmines Golf Club, Dublin 18	01 295 5972 www.carrickminesgolfclub.ie	9
Castle Golf Club, 14 Woodside Drive, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	01 490 4207 www.castlegc.ie	18
Castleknock Golf Club, Porterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15	01 640 8736 www.castleknockgolfclub.ie	18
Citywest Golf Club, Saggart, Co. Dublin	01 401 0878 www.citywesthotel.com	18
Clontarf Golf Club, Malahide Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3	01 833 1892 www.clontarfgolfclub.ie	18
Corrstown Golf Club, Kilsallaghan, Co. Dublin	01 864 0533 www.corrstowngolfclub.com	27
Corballis Golf Club, Corballis, Donabate, Co. Dublin	01 843 6583 www.corballislinks.com	18
Deer Park Golf Club, Howth, Co. Dublin	01 832 3487 www.deerparkgolfclub.com	18
Donabate Golf Club, Balcarrig, Donabate, Co. Dublin	01 843 6346 www.donabategolfclub.com	27
Dublin Mountain Golf Club, Gortlum, Brittas, Co. Dublin	01 458 2622 www.dublinmountaingolf.com	18
Edmondstown Golf Club, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16	01 493 1082 www.edmondstowngolfclub.ie	18
Elmgreen Golf Club, Castleknock Dublin 15	01 823 4671 www.elmgreengolfclub.ie	18
Elm Park Golf Club, Donnybrook, Dublin 4	01 269 3438 www.elmparkgolfandsportsclub.ie	18
Forrest Little Golf Club, Swords, Co. Dublin	01 840 1763 www.forrestlittle.ie	18
Foxrock Golf Club, Torquay Rd, Co. Dublin	01 289 3992 www.foxrockgolfclub.com	18
Glencullen Golf Club, Co. Dublin	01 294 0898 www.glencullengolfclub.com	9
Grange Castle Golf Club, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	01 464 1043 www.grangecastlegc.com	18
Grange Golf Club, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16	01 493 2889 www.grangegolfclub.com	18



Luttrellstown Castle, Golf & Country Club



Royal Dublin Golf Club, North Bull Island

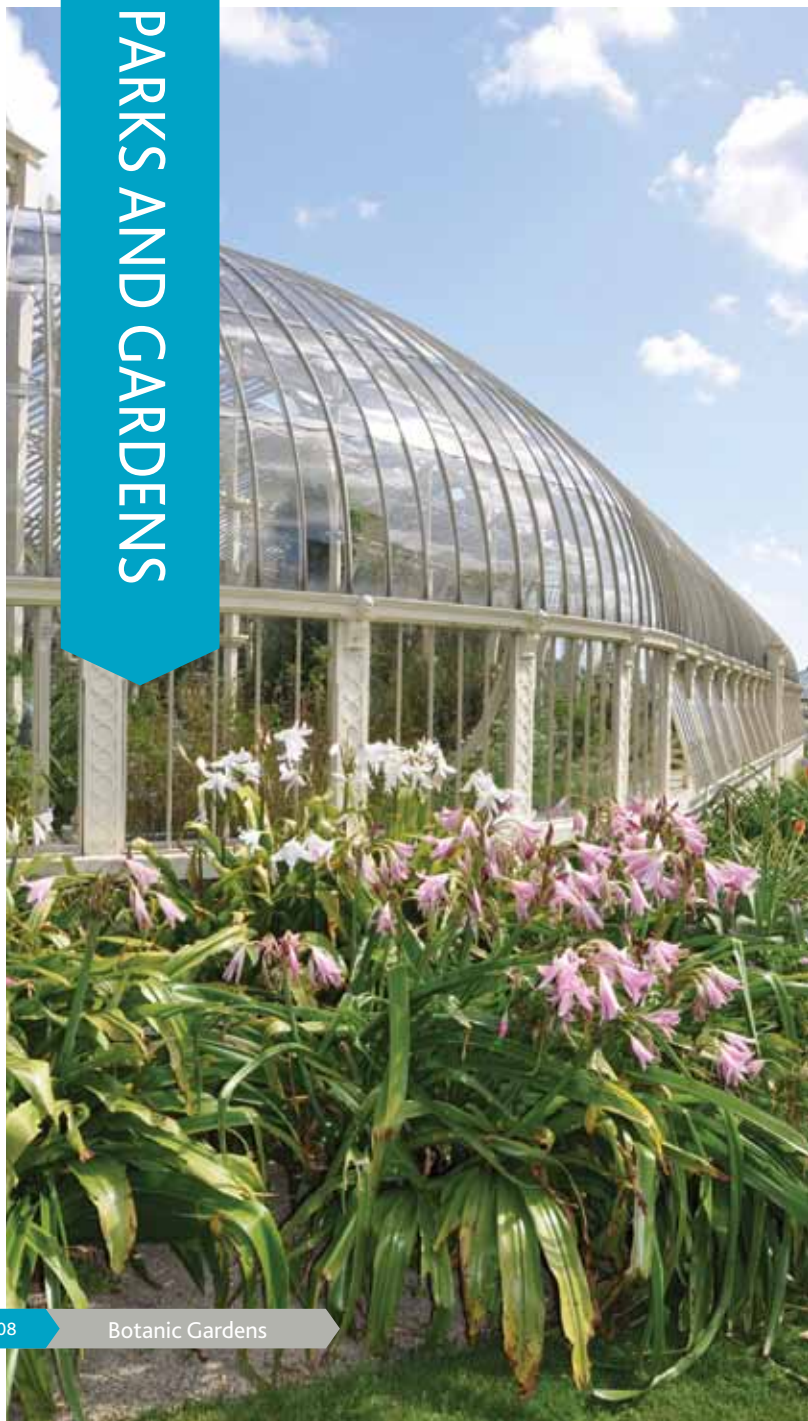


Newlands Golf Club

Hazel Grove Golf Club, Tallaght, Co. Dublin	01 452 0911 www.hazलगrove.ie	18
Hermitage Golf Club, Lucan, Co. Dublin	01 626 8491 www.hermitagegolf.ie	18
Hollystown Golf Club, Dublin 15	01 820 7444 www.hollystown.com	27
Hollywood Lakes Golf Club, Naul, Co. Dublin	01 843 3406 www.hollywoodlakesgolfclub.com	18
Howth Golf Club, Carrickbrack Road, Sutton, Co. Dublin	01 832 3055 www.howthgolfclub.ie	18
Killiney Golf Club, Ballinclea Rd., Co. Dublin	01 285 1983 www.killineygolfclub.ie	18
Leopardstown Golf Course, Dublin 18	01 289 5341 www.golf.leopardstown.com	18
Lisheen Springs, Brittas Village, Co. Dublin	01 458 2965 www.lisheenspringsgolfclub.ie	18
Lucan Golf Club, Lucan, Co. Dublin	01 628 0246 www.lucangolfclub.ie	18
Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club, Castleknock, Dublin 15	01 860 9600 www.luttrellstowncastleresort.com	18
Malahide Golf Club, Beechwood, Malahide, Co. Dublin	01 846 1611 www.malahidegolfclub.ie	27
Marlay Golf Course, Marlay Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	01 406 9745 www.marlaygolfcourse.com	9
Milltown Golf Club, Lower Churchtown Road, Dublin 14	01 497 6090 www.milltowngolfclub.ie	18
Newlands Golf Club, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	01 459 3157 www.newlandsgolfclub.com	18
Portmarnock Golf Club, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin	01 846 2968 www.portmarnockgolfclub.ie	27
Portmarnock Hotel Golf Links, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin	01 846 0611 www.portmarnock.com	18
Rathfarnham Golf Club, Stocking Lane, Dublin 16	01 493 1561 www.rathfarnhamgolfclub.ie	18
Roganstown Golf Club, Swords, Co. Dublin	01 843 3118 www.roganstown.com	18
Rush Golf Club, Co. Dublin	01 843 8177 www.rushgolfclub.com	9
Silloge Park Golf Course, Swords, Co. Dublin	01 842 9956 www.sillogeparkgolfclub.com	18
Skerries Golf Club, Hacketstown, Skerries, Co. Dublin	01 849 1567 www.skerriesgolfclub.ie	18
Slade Valley Golf Club, Brittas, Co. Dublin	01 458 2183 www.sladevalleygolfclub.ie	18
Stepaside Golf Centre, Stepaside, Dublin 18	01 295 3326 www.stepasidegolfcentre.ie	18
Stackstown Golf Club, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16	01 494 1993 www.stackstowngolfclub.ie	18
St. Anne's Golf Club, North Bull Island, Dollymount, Dublin 5	01 833 6471 www.stanneslinksgolf.com	18
St. Margaret's Golf and Country Club, Co. Dublin	01 864 0400 www.stmargaretsgolf.com	18
Sutton Golf Club, Dublin 13	01 832 3013 www.suttongolfclub.org	9
Swords Open Golf Course, Swords, Co Dublin	01 840 9819 www.swordsopengolfcourse.com	18
The Island Golf Club, Corballis, Donabate, Co. Dublin	01 843 6205 www.theislandgolfclub.com	18
The Royal Dublin Golf Club, North Bull Island, Dollymount, Dublin 3	01 833 6346 www.theroyaldublingolfclub.com	18
Westmanstown Golf Club, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	01 820 5817 www.westmanstowngolfclub.ie	18

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PARKS AND GARDENS



Parks & Gardens

Enjoy the outdoors in the city! Dublin's numerous parks and gardens are the life and lungs of the city. The 2,000 hectares of green space range from the historic Phoenix Park, to nature reserves, Georgian squares and sports grounds.

Dublin has an enviable patch of tree-filled green spaces in which you can draw breath. The **Phoenix Park** has a good third of its 707 hectares covered in oak, ash, lime, beech, sycamore and horse chestnut trees.

St. Stephen's Green is probably Ireland's best known Victorian public park. A number of sculptures are located throughout the green's 3.5km of pathways. The waterfall and Pulham rock work on the western side of the green are worthy of a visit, likewise the ornamental lake which provides a home for waterfowl and a garden for the visually impaired. A children's playground is a popular attraction of the park and lunchtime concerts are performed during the summer months.

The Georgian greenbelt is one of the most impressive legacies of the period. The **Iveagh Gardens**, considered among Dublin's finest and least known, is a haven of peacefulness. The **National Botanic Gardens** are not only intriguing to visit but they are also involved in biodiversity conservation. For a little hushed ambience embedded in history, the **Dubh Linn Garden** in Dublin Castle is a grassy refuge interlaced with a Celtic design.

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

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Spring Tulips in St. Stephen's Green



Fountain in the Iveagh Gardens

Parks & Gardens

NAME & LOCATION

CONTACT DETAILS

Ardgillan Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

01 849 2212
www.ardgillancastle.ie

Blessington St. Basin, Blessington Street, Dublin 7

www.dublincity.ie/recreationandculture

Bushy Park, Terenure, Dublin 6.

www.dublincity.ie/recreationandculture

Cabinteely House & Park, Old Bray Road, Cabinteely, Dublin 18.

www.drcoco.ie/parks/cabinteely.html

Carmel Duignan's Garden, 21 Library Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin

01 282 4885
www.dublingardens.com

Carysfort Lodge Gardens, 49 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin

01 288 9273
www.dublingardens.com

Dodder Valley Linear Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14

www.sdcc.ie

Dubh Linn Garden, Dublin Castle, Dame Street, Dublin 2	01 645 8813 www.heritageireland.ie
Fr. Collins Park, Donaghmede/Clongriffin, Dublin 13	www.dublincity.ie/recreationandculture
Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square East, Dublin 1	01 821 3021 www.opw.ie
Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	01 668 4364
Killiney Hill Park, Killiney Hill Road, Co. Dublin	www.dlrcoco.ie/parks
Knockrose, The Scalp, Kilternan, Dublin 18	01 295 8371 www.dublinalgardens.com
Malahide Castle & Gardens, Malahide, Co. Dublin	01 866 6780 www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie
Marlay Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16	www.dlrcoco.ie/parks
Merrion Square, Dublin 2	www.dublincity.ie/recreationandculture
Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1	www.dublincity.ie/recreationandculture
National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9	01 804 0300 www.botanicgardens.ie
Newbridge Demense, Donabate, Co. Dublin	01 843 6534 www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com
North Bull Island, Dollymount, Dublin 5	www.dublincity.ie/recreationandculture
People's Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	www.dlrcoco.ie/parks
Phoenix Park, Dublin 8	01 677 0095 www.phoenixpark.ie
Primrose Hill, Primrose Lane, Lucan, Co. Dublin	01 628 0373 www.dublinalgardens.com
Rathfarnham Castle Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	www.sdcc.ie
Rathmichael Lodge Gardens, Ballybride Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin	01 282 2203 www.dublinalgardens.com
Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	www.sdcc.ie
Shanganagh Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin	www.dlrcoco.ie/parks
Skerries Mills, Skerries, Fingal, Co. Dublin	01 849 5208 www.skerriesmills.org
St. Anne's Park and Rose Garden, Raheny, Dublin 5	www.dublincity.ie/recreationandculture
St. Audoen's Park, High Street, Dublin 8	www.dublincity.ie/recreationandculture
St. Enda's Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	01 493 4208: www.heritageireland.ie
St. Patrick's Park, Patrick Street, Dublin 8	www.dublincity.ie/recreationandculture
St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2	01 475 7816: www.heritageireland.ie
The Dillon Garden, 45 Sandford Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6	01 497 1308 www.dillongarden.com
The Iveagh Gardens, Clonmel Street, Dublin 2	01 475 7816 www.heritageireland.ie
Tymon Park, Greenhills, Dublin 24	www.sdcc.ie
War Memorial Gardens, South Circular Road, Islandbridge, Dublin 8	01 475 7816 www.heritageireland.ie

Please note that many of the gardens are open by appointment only so it is advisable to check directly with the garden before you visit. For more information, visit our websites: www.visitdublin.com www.discoverireland.ie

RAINY DAY DUBLIN TOP 10



Rainy Day Dublin Top 10

It's Dublin and, let's be honest, there is a slight chance you might get caught in the rain but don't worry there's an abundance of weatherproof activities to keep you entertained, and, who knows, you might not want to save these for a rainy day!

Dublin offers endless visitor attractions, museums, Europe's largest indoor water world, cinemas, activities and events to keep children entertained as well as dry!

Pottery painting is a great way for both adults and children to spend time together, and is an ideal activity for a family on a rainy day! So why not visit **Giddy Studios** or **Artworks Pottery Studio** where you can create your own special memories of your trip to Dublin.

Experience Dublin in your own language! Hop on board a **City Sightseeing Hop On/Off** bus tour for a fun, friendly tour with live English commentary or multi-lingual commentary. With over 25 stops this tour will take you past the best visitor attractions in Dublin.

If you would like a chill out day, check yourself in for a few hours of total relaxation in one of Dublin's many spas. Dublin's indulgent side is expecting you and is just waiting to be discovered!

Read on for more suggestions for a fun-packed and vibrant rainy day that only Dublin can provide!

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National Museum of Natural History

1. Visit the National Museums

Dublin's **National Museums** are bursting with culture and provide endless sources of fascinating knowledge. Do some genealogy research at the National Library, view the Kingship and Sacrifice exhibition at the **National Museum of Archaeology**, visit the Discovery Zone at the **National Museum of Natural History** and see an original Caravaggio, Vermeer, Le Brocquy or Leech at the **National Gallery**. All these Museums are within the same block, with only a few minutes' walk between them.

2. Shop 'till you drop!

Dundrum Town Centre offers over 120 shops, more than 30 dining venues, a night club, a 12 screen cinema and a theatre, all under the one roof. In the city centre, there are other shopping centres to spend a few hours in, such as **Jervis Shopping Centre**, **Stephen's Green Shopping Centre**, **Arnotts** and the historical **Powerscourt Centre**. Boasting over 40 shops and restaurants, the centre also has two interesting attractions, **The Dolls Store Hospital & Museum** and **Jig** the multimedia Irish Dancing Show.

3. National Aquatic Centre

The National Aquatic Centre is Europe's largest indoor water world, where the weather will be great every day of the year! **Aqua Zone** at the National Aquatic Centre is great for the whole family for extreme thrills and raging water adventures on the biggest and best water rides in Europe. You can easily reach the National Aquatic Centre by taking a bus direct from the city centre.

4. Pamper yourself

Dublin boasts many luxury spas to tempt you during your stay. Escape the rain and book yourself into one of **Dublin's Hotel Spas** and combine it with afternoon tea. A real treat! For more information see Dublin's Indulgent Insider Guide www.visitdublin.com/insiderguides to discover more ways to indulge while in Dublin.

5. Ski Indoors

Visit Dublin's indoor **Ski Centre** in Stillorgan! The Ski Centre offers both beginner lessons and intermediate/advanced lessons. **Imaginosity**, Dublin's Children's Museum is also found in Sandyford Industrial Park. Imaginosity offers a great child-centred creative, educational & interactive space for children and their families. Another great indoor attraction for kids is the **Rainforest Adventure Golf**, which is located close by in Dundrum Town Centre.



Dame Lane

6. Get cooking

Spend the day escaping from the rain by taking part in a cookery course! Dublin is bursting with culinary delights and home to some of the best food with so many world-class fresh ingredients. So if you fancy indulging your creative side and donning a chef's hat, there's a whole host of excellent cookery schools to choose from! Why not brush up on your culinary skills by spending the day in one of **Dublin's Cookery Schools'** cutting edge kitchens!

7. Afternoon tea

Treat yourself to Afternoon tea in one of **Dublin's luxury hotels** and have the most luxurious cup of tea you'll have in Dublin while enjoying pastries and sandwiches. Enjoy the indulgent experience while soaking in the atmosphere of one of Dublin's luxury hotels and have the ultimate lunchtime treat!

8. A Chocolate Experience!

Visit the **Butlers Chocolate Experience** and take part in the wonderful chocolate discovery tour! Spend a rainy day enjoying the chocolate movie, wander around the chocolate museum, experience the working chocolate factory and become a chocolatier in the experience room. Get hands on experience at **The Chocolate Warehouse!** Make your own box of chocolates to bring home, see how hand made Easter Eggs are made, take part in the Chocolate quiz and more! Great fun for all of the family. (Please note: Tours must be booked in advance.)

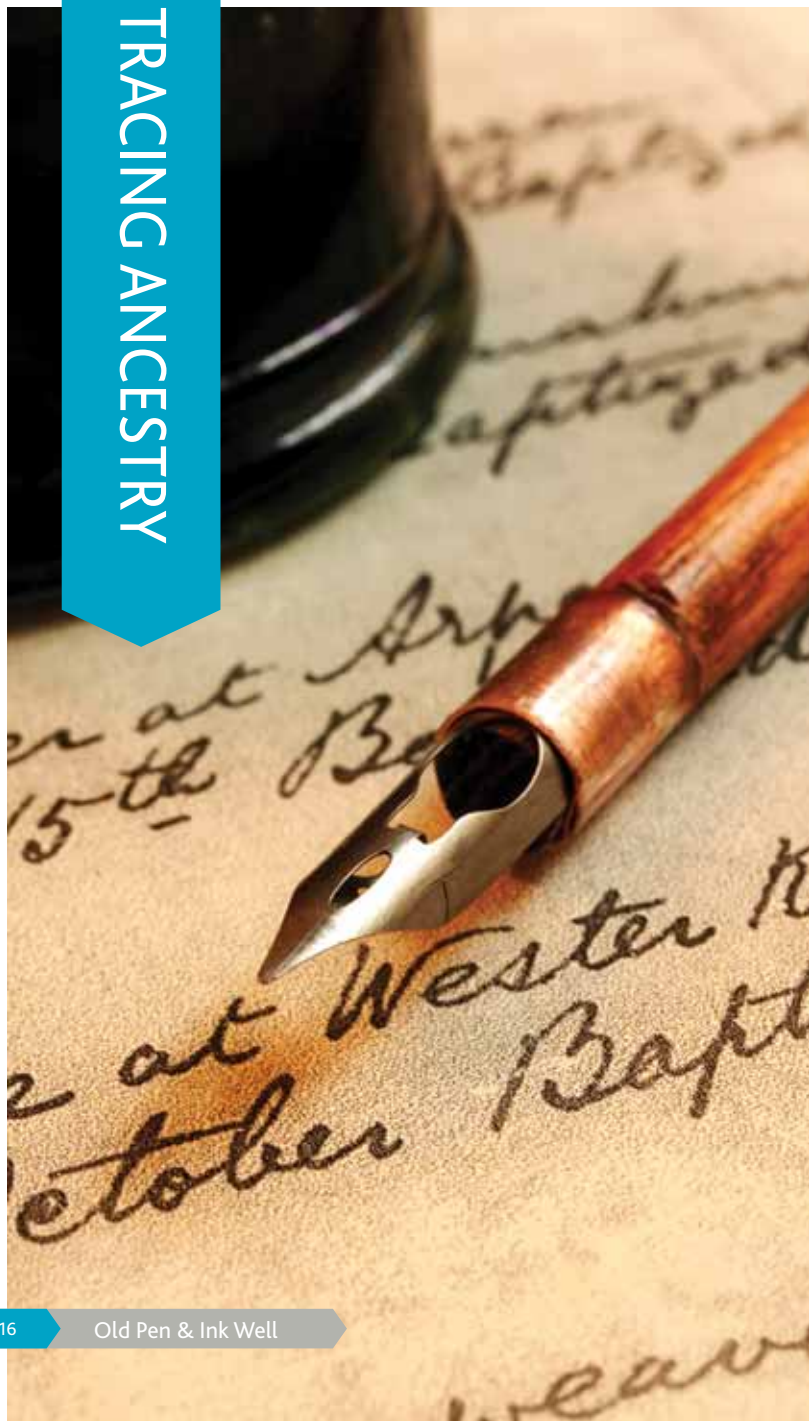
9. Evening entertainment

If you're faced with a wet evening don't let that dampen your spirits! There are plenty of things to do and see once the sun goes down. Enjoy a **traditional Irish pub experience** with live music or take in one of Dublin's **traditional dance evenings!** **Theatre** is also alive and well in Dublin; check out Visit Dublin's theatre event listings to see what is on in one of Dublin's many theatres.

10. Take sanctuary in one of Dublin's Cinemas

Choose from one of Dublin's many cinemas to catch a movie while keeping dry and warm! If you're looking to see the latest blockbusters visit **Cineworld**, Ireland's largest cinema located on Parnell St., or the **Savoy Cinema**, Dublin's oldest operating cinema. If independent movies are your thing then a trip to the **Irish Film Institute** or the **Light House Cinema** is a must! Both cinemas offer diverse and individual programmes of the best Irish, independent, foreign language, arthouse and classic cinema.

TRACING ANCESTRY



Tracing Ancestry

With around 80 million people around the world claiming Irish ancestry, it's no wonder that family history research is such a popular activity in Ireland. There is a wide range of resources available in Dublin for people who wish to trace their ancestry in Ireland. From census records and marriage certificates to land deeds and Church records, with many helpful genealogy specialists in the city who will be able to assist you, Dublin is a key place to begin your family research for anywhere in the country.

When you start researching your family history you never know what you're going to find, and with no fewer than four recent US presidents claiming Irish family connections, the chances of discovering an influential relative are not as slim as they might at first seem!

So why not take the opportunity to track down your own Irish heritage. Perhaps you will discover Irish roots you never knew existed and you may even be able to lay claim to the Irish Government's Official Certificate of Irish Heritage! www.heritagecertificate.com

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Old Family Artefacts

Irish Genealogical Resources:

National Archives, Bishop St, Dublin 8. Tel: 01 407 2300 www.nationalarchives.ie

The National Archives hold many records that are relevant to Irish genealogy and local history, including the surviving census records. Members of the public are welcome to visit and explore the sources available, and can avail of an in-house Genealogy Service, which offers a free, short personal consultation with a professional genealogist. The complete 1901 and 1911 census records are also available online at the National Archives website.

National Library of Ireland, Kildare St, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 603 0200 www.nli.ie

The National Library offers a free Genealogical Advisory Service, making it the perfect place to start your research. The Genealogist on duty will provide you with an overview of Irish genealogical records and explain how to locate finding aids and access the records. Resources available include civil records, microfilm of Catholic Church records, land and property records.

General Register Office, Werburgh St., Dublin 2. Tel: 01 635 4000
www.groireland.ie

The General Register Office holds all civil birth, marriage and death records from 1864 onwards (records for the six counties of Northern Ireland are only held as far as 1921).

Glasnevin Trust, Glasnevin Cemetery, Finglas Road, Dublin 11.
Tel: 01 882 6550 www.glasnevintrust.ie/genealogy

The Glasnevin Trust has about 1.5 million records available for Glasnevin, Dardistown, Newlands Cross, Palmerstown and Goldenbridge cemeteries as well as Glasnevin and Newlands Cross crematoria. Due to the meticulous record keeping of Glasnevin Trust over the years, coupled with advances in technology, the Trust can help you find your relatives, family history or discover more about the stories of the people buried in Glasnevin Trust Cemeteries.

Registry of Deeds, Henrietta St, Dublin 1. Tel: 01 804 8429
www.irlgov.ie/landreg

The Registry of Deeds was established in 1708 to regulate land and property transactions. Registration of deeds was not obligatory and was mainly carried out by property-owning classes such as landowners, merchants and traders.



National Library of Ireland

Dublin City Library and Archives, 138-144 Pearse St, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 674 4888 www.dublinheritage.ie

The Dublin City Library provides several archive collections, including historical maps of Dublin, Dublin City Council records, local parish records and online access to historic electoral rolls and electoral lists and a directory of Dublin graveyards.

Valuation Office, Block 2, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey St, Dublin 1.

Tel: 01 817 1000 www.valoff.ie

The Valuation Office houses maps and cancelled and current land books which are based on Griffith's Primary Valuation. The cancelled and current land books document all changes of occupancy of land and property from the time of the original survey (1848 - 1864) to the late 20th century.

Representative Church Body Library, Braemor Park, Dublin 14.

Tel: 01 492 3979 www.ireland.anglican.org

The Representative Church Body Library is the principal repository of archives and manuscripts of the Church of Ireland (Anglican Church). It holds the registers of over 600 parishes from counties now in the Republic of Ireland as well as microfilm copies of many others.

Religious Society of Friends Library, Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.

Tel: 01 495 6890 www.quakers-in-ireland.ie

The Society of Friends (Quakers) has been keeping records since the seventeenth century. Of particular interest are the transcribed registers of births, marriages and deaths held at this library.

Irish Jewish Genealogical Society, Jasonia Centre, 76 Dame Street, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 677 3808 www.irishjewishroots.com

Individual entries cover over 105 fields of information ranging from date and place of birth, school, marriage and occupation details where available as well as links to parents, children and siblings.

Other Useful Websites include:

www.apgi.ie www.rootsireland.ie www.familysearch.org

TRAVEL OPTIONS





Sightseeing Tour

Travel Options

Planes, boats, buses, trains, let's start planning your trip! Don't forget Dublin is much more than just a city, it's a county with spectacular mountains, woods, rolling countryside and stunning coastline, so get out there and explore! Getting around Dublin is so easy!

Jump on our coastal train, the DART, to discover the beautiful towns and villages dotted along the coast, or use our extensive public bus network to travel the city and suburbs. **Hop-on, Hop-off Tours** are always a popular option, or take a day tour out of the city. Meanwhile, the LUAS tram system gets you out to the shopping centres! For those a little more energetic, the city is also easily traversed by bicycle.

Leap Card

A Leap Card is a reusable plastic pre-paid smart card, which can be used instead of cash to pay-as-you-go, for transport in Dublin.

Visit: www.leapcard.ie

If you are here for a few days, then the best value across bus and rail options is the **Leap Visitor Card** which can be purchased at the Spar shop in the arrivals hall in Terminal 1 or Terminal 2 of Dublin Airport; or at the Travel Information desk in Terminal 1.

The Leap Visitor Card is a pre-paid ticket that allows, unlimited travel for 72 hours (3 days) after first use on: Airlink 747 (airport bus service), 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).

Visit: www.transportforireland.ie/leap-card/leap-visitor-card



Rail

Iarnrod Eireann Irish Rail Network. Tel: 1850 366 222 www.irishrail.ie

Dublin's two main train stations **Connolly Station** and **Heuston Station** are vital hubs transporting thousands of commuters and visitors to and around the city everyday.

Intercity services run from Dublin's **Heuston** and **Connolly** Stations to the major towns and cities in the country.

See above map for Railway Network Routes.



Bus Éireann Coach, passing the Shelbourne Hotel

Bus

Dublin has an excellent network of public bus services that provide frequent, reliable and cost effective travel throughout the city and region. There is an excellent network of services from Dublin Airport, Dublin Port and Dún Laoghaire as well as a Nitelink and Sightseeing Tours.

Aircoach Tel: 01 844 7118 www.aircoach.ie

Operates services from Dublin Airport to the City Centre, Killiney/Dalkey, Greystones/Bray, Leopardstown/Sandyford. Also a 24 hour expresses service to both Cork and Belfast.

Airport Hopper Tel: 086 023 4620 www.airporthopper.ie

Daily Shuttle Service with links from Tallaght, Clondalkin, Liffey Valley, Maynooth, Leixlip and Lucan to and from Dublin Airport.

Bus Éireann Tel: 01 836 6111 www.buseireann.ie

Bus Éireann is Ireland's national bus service for destinations outside Dublin. Tickets can be purchased at Bus Áras, Store Street, Dublin 1. Discounted tickets are available online.

Dublin Bus Tel: 01 873 4222 www.dublinbus.ie

Dublin Bus provides an extensive range of bus services including a **Nitelink** late service, as well as the **Airlink Express** which serves both Terminal 1 and 2. Dublin Bus now operates an exact fare policy so it is advisable to have your correct change ready when boarding the bus as the driver cannot accept euro notes or give change.

The 3-Day (72 Hours) **DUBLIN BUS FREEDOM TICKET** gives you the freedom to explore the treasures and sights of the city at your leisure. Valid on Airlink Express, Xpresso, Green Hop on Hop off Bus tour and all Dublin Bus public transport, **excluding Nitelink**. The ticket includes: FREE map and guide, FREE Pat Liddy Walking tour and Discounts at attractions on production of your ticket! Tickets can be purchased online, or at various outlets throughout Dublin. Visit website for more details and **Real Time Information** which shows when buses are due to arrive at bus stops, so you can plan your journey more accurately.

For other nationwide bus services and details of sightseeing tours, enquire at one of our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centres (listed inside front cover); or visit: www.visitdublin.com / www.discoverireland.ie



Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes

Car Hire

There is a wide choice of Irish and international car rental companies represented in Dublin. Bookings can be made online at www.visitdublin.com.

Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes Tel: 1850 777 070 www.dublinbikes.ie.

Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes is a self-service bike rental system open to everyone from 14 years of age. Located in close proximity to each other, every station has a minimum of 15 stands in situ making it easy to enjoy the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes service. (See page 130)

DART www.irishrail.ie

The capital's iconic DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) is an electric rail system following the eastern coastline from Malahide / Howth in north Dublin, right through the city centre to southern suburbs like Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire, Dalkey and onwards to the coastal towns of Bray and Greystones in County Wicklow. The DART hugs the Irish Sea coast for much of its journey, making for one of the most scenic suburban rail routes in Europe. Trains run regularly both on and off-peak, are kitted out with free Wi-Fi and provide one of the speediest ways to transport you around the city, not to mention the hidden beaches, seaside villages and harbour restaurants secreted away along Dublin's surprising coastline.

Dublin City centre has 3 DART stations: **Pearse Station**, **Tara Street Station** and **Connolly Station**. Both Connolly and Pearse Stations connect with intercity and commuter lines. Connolly Station is also connected with the LUAS Red Line.

Dublin Airport

Dublin Airport is located close to the M50 and M1 motorways, about 10km from the city. A range of bus services from both terminals connect directly with the city centre and suburbs. Metered taxis are also readily available; there is currently no direct rail link between airport and city.

Ecocabs www.ecocabs.ie

Ecocabs are a fleet of modern passenger tricycles, providing a new green and alternative form of city transport that is both free and fun!

Ferry Terminals

Dublin Bus connects **Dublin Port** with the city's main bus station, metered taxis are also readily available. **Dún Laoghaire Harbour** is just 22 minutes south of the city centre on the DART light rail commuter train. Buses and metered taxis are also readily available.



LUAS in city centre

LUAS www.luas.ie

LUAS is Dublin's light-rail transit service - a swift, reliable tram system crossing the city on two lines. Tickets for LUAS (the Irish word for 'speed') can be purchased at street side vending machines. They're available for single/return journeys or as flexi-tickets covering travel for seven or 30 days.

The LUAS Red Line (32 stops) runs from Tallaght OR Saggart through the city centre, serving Busaras, Connolly Station, Dublin Docklands and the Point Village. Highlights along the Red Line include the **3 Arena**, the **National Museum of Decorative Arts & History** at Collins Barracks and the historic **Kilmainham Gaol**.

The LUAS Green Line (22 stops) runs from Stephen's Green out through Ranelagh and Dundrum to Brides' Glen in the south. Highlights along the Green Line include the foodie village of **Ranelagh**, the shopping Mecca of **Dundrum Town Centre**, and stops a short distance from the **Leopardstown Racecourse**.

Taxis

Three of the main taxi ranks in the city centre are located on **O'Connell Street**, **College Green** and at **St. Stephen's Green**. It is also possible to hail taxis on the street and numerous private taxi companies also operate throughout Dublin City and county. For details of taxis that provide a service to wheelchair users visit: www.wheelchairtaxi.ie.

Toll Roads

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 Junction 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 of €3. Some car rental companies will include payment of toll charges in their rental agreement. If you are required to pay toll charges yourself, you can pay for your M50 journey in three simple ways: Online at eFlow.ie, with cash or card at any retail outlet that has the **Payzone** sign or Phone on LoCall: **1890 50 10 50**.

For further details of Rail, LUAS and DART Routes, please see our Map on page 65 of this guide. For more information on travel visit:

www.visitdublin.com/travel or www.transportforireland.ie.

WALKING & CYCLING



Walking & Cycling

Dublin offers a variety of walking options. From parks, themed iWalks, rugged way-marked trails and looped walks, you will be spoilt for choice.

If you fancy a leisurely stroll in the largest urban park in Europe! The **Phoenix Park** is situated just 3km from the city centre. There are a number of walking and cycling routes, so why not hire a bike and start exploring the 1,752 acres or just go for a walk in the park! 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 breathtaking mountains. This provides fantastic opportunities for the more avid walker with a number of looped walks in the region.

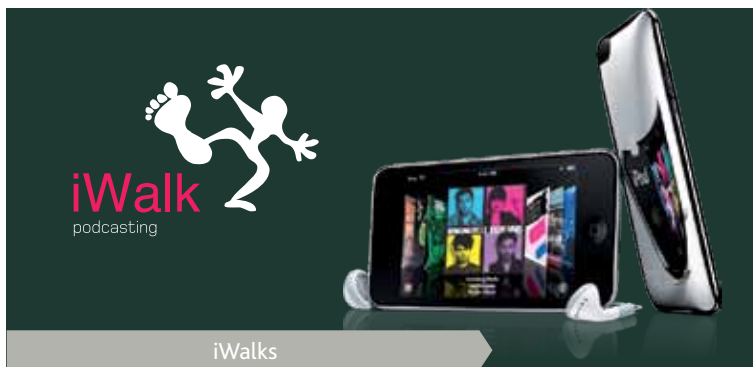
The Dublin Mountains is an exciting recreational facility for the young and old. Whether you are interested in a walk with the family, a cross-county hike or a spin on a mountain bike, the trails and forests of the Dublin Mountains have something for everyone. Home to many recreational sites where visitors can enjoy a range of activities such as **Hiking, Family Activities, Orienteering, Mountain Access Routes, Mountain Biking, Running** and the **Dublin Mountains Way**. Why not get out and enjoy it?

To find out more about the Dublin Mountains, visit www.dublinmountains.ie

iWalks

Fáilte Ireland's iWalks series are free podcast audio guides to Dublin created to help you discover Dublin at your own pace! Download the FREE iWalks: www.visitdublin.com/iwalks

For more walking information visit www.discoverireland.ie/walking



iWalks

Bring the history of the capital to life with **Visit Dublin's iWalks series!** Our **FREE podcast audio guides** tell the many stories of Dublin as spoken by their author, historian and artist, Pat Liddy. Each iWalk comes with a **FREE** full colour brochure featuring maps and illustration.

1. Viking & Medieval Dublin iWalk

This walk will take you around the part of Dublin which was the cradle of its origins, from a small Celtic village to an important Viking town.

2. Georgian Dublin iWalk

This walk will bring you into some of the best preserved quarters of Georgian Dublin.

3. Dublin on the Dart – Northside & Southside iWalk

Explore Dublin on the DART with this audio guide.

4. A Day in Dublin iWalk

Explore Dublin in a day with this audio guide.

5. The Historic Northside iWalk

This circular journey will take you around the central shopping district north of the River Liffey and will also investigate many of the side streets, which were once very fashionable in the 18th century.

6. Castles and Cathedrals iWalk

The city of Dublin can trace its origins back over 1,000 years. Why not take a step back in time and explore Dublin's historical past for yourself?

7. In the steps of Ulysses iWalk

You can explore the world of James Joyce's masterpiece Ulysses for yourself with the 'In the Steps of Ulysses' iWalk.

8. Temple Bar to the Docklands iWalk

This walk charts the maritime history of Dublin from the famous Temple Bar area, to the modern day Docklands.

9. Kilmainham; a special place in history iWalk

This walk takes in a lot of historical sites, including the Royal Hospital, Europe's best preserved 18th century prison and the Irish National War Memorial.



The Scalp, Dublin Mountains

10. Howth iWalk

The Howth walk takes you along the magnificent coastline and cliff walks of the Howth peninsula to the fishing port of Howth.

11. Dalkey to Sandycove iWalk

This walk offers breathtaking views as you walk past historic sites and quaint little harbours before finishing at one of literary history's most famous landmarks, the James Joyce Tower at Sandycove.

12. A Bracing Walk, Portmarnock to Malahide iWalk

The Portmarnock to Malahide walk is an invigorating coastal walk, which brings you along the magnificent coastline of the northern shores of Dublin Bay.

13. City of Literature iWalk

Dublin is famed for its authors. Explore Literary Dublin with this audio guide.

14. Dublin in Film iWalk

Find out more about Dublin in Film with this audio guide.

15. Dublin Rock 'n' Stroll iWalk

Learn about our famous musicians with the 'Rock 'n' Stroll' audio guide.

16. Dublin in a Half a Day iWalk

Explore Dublin in half a day with this audio guide.

Other iWalks

CNCI iWalk

See and soak up our cultural heritage, you can devise your own cultural experience of Ireland using the map at the end of the guide.

Croke Park iWalk

Explore the history of Dublin and the connection between the city, Croke Park Stadium and the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA).

Guinness iWalk

iWalk GUINNESS® will guide you through Dublin's city centre, telling you the fascinating story of how GUINNESS® has been intertwined in the city for centuries.

Download the FREE iWalks: www.visitdublin.com/iwalks.

Looped Walks

NAME	LOCATION	CATEGORY	TIME (HRS)	LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
Black Linn Loop	Howth	Coastal	2 - 3	Moderate
Bog of Frogs Loop	Howth	Coastal	3	Hard
Cliff Path Loop	Howth	Coastal	1.5 - 2.5	Moderate
Sandycove Heritage Trail Loop	Sandycove	Coastal	1	Easy
Tramline Loop	Howth	Coastal	1.5	Easy

For further information & downloadable maps visit:

www.discoverireland.ie/walking

Linear Walks

The Dublin Mountains Way, www.dublinmountains.ie

The Dublin Mountains Way is a long distance trail across the mountains, travelling in a westerly direction. The trail starts on the main street in Shankill beside Brady's pub and covers in all, approximately 43km of trail (plus an additional 12.3km round trip for the Hell Fire/Massy's spur). It finishes at Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght close to the Luas Red Line.

The Grand Canal Way, Lucan, County Dublin. Tel: 01 860 8800

www.walkireland.ie

The Grand Canal Way is a 114km, long-distance walking trail. The trail starts at the Lucan Road Bridge and ends at Shannon Harbour (36th lock).

The Royal Canal Way, Ashtown, Dublin 15. Tel: 01 860 8800

www.walkireland.ie

The Royal Canal Way is a 77km, long-distance walking trail, the trail starts at Ashtown (lock 10) and ends in Mullingar.

Howth Coastal Path, Howth, Co. Dublin. www.howthismagic.com

At the northern tip of Dublin Bay, prepare yourself for a picturesque 7km walk over cliff tops as you circle Howth Head. With its stunning panoramic views, glance north to County Down's Mountains of Mourne, south to the lush green Wicklow Mountains, and straight ahead for the expanse of Dublin City and its bay in between.

Walking Operators

Why not have local guides to show you the best sights? See page 46 for city guided walking tours. For details of guided full day excursions or walking holidays, call into our Visit Dublin Centre or one of our Discover Ireland Centres, or visit the **Discover Ireland Walking Site** www.discoverireland.ie/walking

This website contains comprehensive information about walking, accompanied by route maps and details of starting points. Information on walking operators and guides is also available on this useful website.



Mountain Biking in the Dublin Mountains



Mountain Biking on Killiney Hill

Cycling

Getting around Dublin by bike means you don't have to worry about sticking to bus timetables, or being restricted by parking meters.

Cycling gives you the freedom to be flexible and spontaneous. Cycling with kids is a great family day out and Dublin is packed with child-friendly parks and trails for all abilities.

Public Bike Scheme

Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes is a self-service bike rental system open to everyone from 14 years of age. It enables you to travel through the city centre and enjoy Dublin City at your leisure. Cyclists can collect a bike from any station and return it to any station on the network, and pay only small fee for public bike use across the city. The first half hour of every journey is free, after this a service charge applies. Visit: www.dublinbikes.ie. The scheme operates from 5.00 - 00.30, daily.

Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes have been designed for intense city usage, and stations are distributed throughout the city centre to enable easy access and optimal use. Located in close proximity to each other, every station has a minimum of 15 stands in situ making it easy to enjoy the service.

For more information on cycling in Dublin, visit www.visitdublin.com

Mountain biking

The Dublin Mountains Partnership and Coillte opened the first 8km section of mountain bike trail at Ticknock Forest near Sandyford on 8th May 2011. Ticknock Mountain Bike Trail is a network of purpose-built single-track trails and forest roads that are designated for use by mountain bikes on a waymarked circular route of 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 beyond. Forest road climbs lead you into tight twisty single-track with loads of fast descents, ups and downs, tight turns and technical rocky bits, guaranteed to leave you smiling! The trails are way marked in one direction, please follow the red arrows.

Check out www.coillteoutdoors.ie for maps and information on the trails. For more details on mountain biking in Ireland see www.mountainbiking.ie

Hire a bike and explore the city on two wheels!

Dublin is one of the top ten bike-friendly cities on earth. 120km of cycle lanes, an ace city bikes scheme and a choice of cycling tours has made it easier than ever to enjoy Dublin on two wheels. Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes are custom-designed for city cycling. If you'd prefer to hire a bike privately, there are lots of options 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!

Cycling Operators

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Biking.ie, Ticknock, Co. Dublin	083 414 7627 www.biking.ie	Bike Tours
Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes, Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes Stations, Dublin City	1850 777 070 www.dublinbikes.ie	Bike Rental
Dublin City Bike Tours, Isaacs Hostel, Frenchman's Lane, Dublin 1	087 134 1866 www.dublincitybiketours.com	Bike Tours
Greenaer Electric Bikes	01 674 7849 www.greenaer.ie	Electric Bike Hire
Irish Cycling Safaris, Belfield Bike Shop, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4	01 260 0749 www.cyclingsafaris.com	Bike Rental and Tours
Phoenix Park Bike Hire, Phoenix Park Gate, Dublin 8	086 265 6258 www.phoenixparkbikehire.com	Bike Rental

Useful National Websites

Fáilte Ireland Walking Site: www.discoverireland.ie/walking

Fáilte Ireland Cycling Site: www.discoverireland.ie/cycling

National Parks & Wildlife Service: www.npws.ie

Irish Forestry Walks: www.coillteoutdoors.ie

Slí na Sláinte (Health Walks): www.irisheart.ie

Irish Trails: www.irishtrails.ie



Cycling in Clontarf

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS



Festivals and Events

Dublin is Festival Fitter than ever! Every year seems to add a new festival to Dublin's bulging list of must see events. Throughout the year, you'll find a festival dedicated to Irish Design, Theatre, Film, Food, Literature, Dance and that sweet soul music at the Dublin City Soul Festival. Whatever time you visit, you are guaranteed fun and craic. It is hard to do it all, but we have rounded up some Dublin highlights for 2015!

Sample a taste of the capital!

Dublin City becomes a food haven during **The Dine in Dublin Restaurant Week**, (February 23rd - March 1st) a recipe for a tasty break in the capital. Top restaurants get involved in this week-long gastronomic event with giveaways, and of course, great value offers on meals. Have your fill with cooking demonstrations, prosecco evenings, wine-tastings, pop-up theatre performances, and cocktail master classes. Oh and did we mention belly dancing?! Whatever way you like your prawns – barbecued, whole, shelled, fried, skewered, marinated, sauced – Howth's many award winning restaurants will serve your favourite prawn dishes in bite sized portions at the food village of this year's **Dublin Bay Prawn Festival**, (April 24th - 26th) **Bloom in the Park** over the June Bank Holiday weekend, features an artisan food market and food village. Or at any time do a **Tapas Trail** or **Fab Food Trail** where you get to sample delicious tastings on a leisurely walk, peppered with fascinating snippets of information on the city's history and architecture.

Note: Dates for any of the events listed may be subject to change, please check before attending.

For more details on Festivals & Events, call into one of our Visit Dublin or Discover Ireland Centres (listed inside front cover); or visit: www.visitdublin.com / www.discoverireland.ie



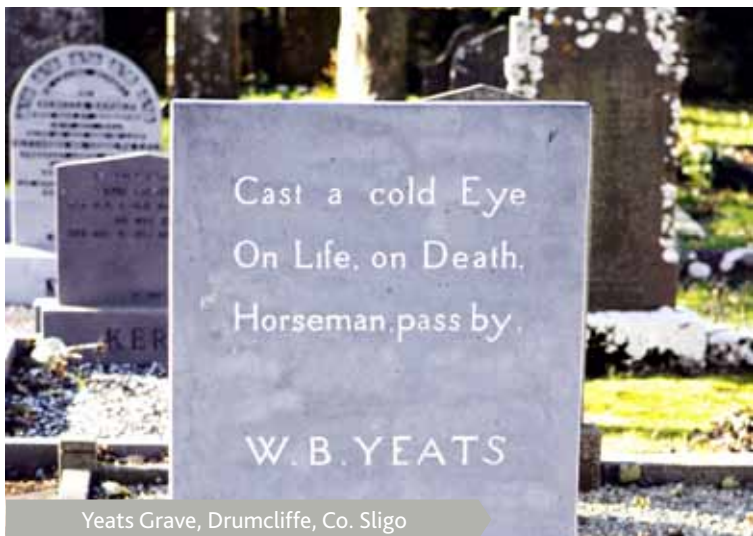
St. Patrick's Festival

Celebrate St. Patrick!

Dublin is the best place in the world to be to celebrate our patron saint. The capital turns green for the **St. Patrick's Festival**, (March 13th - 17th) an action-packed, Celtic Fiesta of pageantry and fun. Enjoy street theatre, giant puppetry, funfairs, outdoor concerts, comedy shows and music sessions in the city's lively pubs. The main event is the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** when hundreds of floats and marching bands take over the city for one of the most spectacular outdoor events of the year. Four Days and Nights of Culture, Music and Entertainment! As the one national holiday that is celebrated in more countries around the world than any other, St. Patrick's Day is the day when everyone wants to be Irish.

Be a culture culture!

Culture seekers won't be disappointed with a visit to Dublin any time of the year. Established in 2003, the **Jameson Dublin International Film Festival (JDIFF)** (March 19th - 29th) has fast become Ireland's premier feature film festival and takes place in Ireland's capital city over the course of eleven days and nights each February. **Irish Design 2015** is a year-long programme exploring, promoting and celebrating Irish design and designers on the island of Ireland and internationally. The **ID2015** core programme will be showcasing and promoting Irish design with a series of exciting commissioned and international exhibitions hosted in Ireland, for details of upcoming events in Dublin visit: www.irishdesign2015.ie Dún Laoghaire attracts some of the world's leading authors to the **Mountains to Sea Book Festival**, while the mighty **Dublin Theatre Festival**, is the country's largest multi-disciplinary arts event with hundreds of stage events. The **Dublin Fringe Festival**, is a 16 day festival of theatre, comedy, dance and spectacle, which takes over more than 40 venues and celebrates the new and the next. **Culture Night**, is a magical opportunity to visit the city's museums, galleries, churches, historic houses, artists' studios and cultural centres, all for free!



Yeats Grave, Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo

About Yeats!

Yeats2015 is a yearlong programme of cultural and artistic events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Irish Nobel prize-winning poet William Butler Yeats. In Dublin, **The Yeats Collection**, an award winning exhibition is running at the National Library of Ireland. It features drafts of the writer's most famous works, in addition to personal papers ranging from diaries and letters to royalty statements and tax returns; from school reports and news clippings to automatic writing and WB's personal library of books. The **Dublin Writers Museum** and the **Backstage Tours at the Abbey Theatre** are also worth a visit. **The National Gallery of Ireland** is running an exhibition featuring the work of **John Butler Yeats** from the 24th Oct 2015 to the 24th Jan 2016. For more information on events taking place see www.Yeats2015.com

Be a runaway success in Dublin!

Make your visit to Dublin a runaway success and combine it with some marathon action! You can tog out and take part – or be an onlooker, soaking up the electric atmosphere on the streets. The **Flora Women's Mini Marathon**, is the biggest all-women's race in the world, with 40,000 participants each year. The city streets will be thronged with well wishers. A new event on the running calendar is the **Rock & Roll Half Marathon**, which had a hugely successful start last year with 6500 athletes from home and abroad. But the big one of the year is the **Dublin City Marathon**, which takes professional and amateur runners alike through some of the city's historic landmarks. Just watching them file by is exhausting! But the craic afterwards is mighty!



New Year's Festival

Move to the music!

Dublin is a city rich in home grown music from our rock roots of Thin Lizzy and U2 to our vibrant trad scene. The **Temple Bar TradFest** (January 28th - February 1st) has gained a reputation as the one of the biggest and best traditional Irish music and culture festivals in Ireland, attracting national and international visitors. More intimate scale venues like Whelan's, the Button Factory and the Twisted Pepper showcase new and exciting acts on a nightly basis around the city. Soak up the Summer atmosphere at festivals like the **Dublin City Soul Festival**, a free event that takes place around Dublin City in May and **Longitude** music festival in July. You can try the trad experience at any time of the year with the **Bodhrán Experience** in Monkstown, a unique opportunity to learn to play our native drum!

Festival Fever!

There is nowhere quite like Dublin for rocking that festival feeling. Rain or shine, broke or flush, Dubliners are always game for a celebration. Time your visit for **Hard Working Class Heroes**, a celebration of up-and-coming music acts from all across Ireland. This festival presents three days of emerging bands in some of the city's best live venues. Easily scared? Try the **Bram Stoker Festival** in October. From conversations with international writers to readings in macabre locations, to street and outdoor events, this festival has something for everyone. Love fashion? The annual **Dublin Fashion Festival** is really starting to strut its stuff in the city, swishing its hair and placing its hands firmly on stylish hips. This festival is more than just a fashion conscious carnival as over 250 retailers, restaurants, bars and hotels also take part in adding some lip gloss to the city streets. Fancy welcoming the New Year in the Irish Capital? Hit **NYF Dublin** where the city is transformed into an outdoor playground of music, comedy, fireworks and fun. **NYF Dublin** is the ultimate New Year's Eve party, the new and exciting city wide music and arts festival boasting three days of festivities in Dublin, kicking off on the 30th December, running right through to January 1st.

Festivals and Events in Dublin

SYMBOLS



Family



Music



Sport



Heritage



Educational



Food



Arts



Garden



Agriculture



Miscellaneous

MAY 2015

Irish Year of Design 2015

1 Jan - 31 Dec

Throughout Ireland

www.irishdesign2015.ie

The ID2015 programme includes events across the island of Ireland, as well as activities and showcases at design weeks, fashion weeks and architecture biennales in international design capitals.



Wings for Life World Run 2015

3 May

Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com

How long would it take you to run around the world? Just one day, this May! Join thousands of runners of all abilities in the Wings for Life World Run, a race a world beyond any other.



Essential Gathering Festival

3 - 4 May

Ardgillan Castle, Balbriggan

www.essentialgatheringfestival.com

Our Mission is to build awareness of natural health through education, nutrition, natural therapies and the arts.



Skerries Traditional Music Weekend

15 - 17 May

Skerries, Co. Dublin

www.skerriestraditionalmusic.com

A festival weekend of traditional music, song and dance with top class tutors, performers and players catering for all ages. Enjoy concerts, recitals, workshops, a Céilí and music sessions!



Waterways Ireland Docklands Summer Festival

16 - 17 May

Grand Canal Square & Basin, Dublin 2

www.docklandsummerfestival.com

An exciting outdoor, high energy, positive lifestyle event for all the family which showcases both Dublin's regenerated Docklands and Ireland's inland waterways.



Dublin Writers Festival

16 - 24 May

Dublin City

www.dublinwritersfestival.com

Founded in 1998, this is Ireland's premier literary event which gathers the finest writers in the world to debate, provoke, delight and enthral.



Festivals and Events in Dublin

Family Day

17 May

Iveagh Gardens, Clonmel St.

www.familyday.ie

Family Day is celebrated at a day-long festival in Dublin's beautiful Iveagh Gardens and throughout Ireland with lots of smaller activities. The programme offers entertainment, fun activities and useful information for all types of families and for the young and old. Come along, join in the fun and celebrate your family!



Dublin Dance Festival

19 - 30 May

Abbey Theatre, 26 Lower Abbey St.

www.dublindancefestival.ie

Dublin Dance Festival is the leading dance event on the Irish arts calendar. Each year in May, the Festival brings together dance artists and choreographers from across the world to share vibrant contemporary dance with audiences in Ireland.



Words on the Street - European Literature Night

20 May

Parnell Square, Dublin 1

www.dublincityofliterature.ie

Celebrity readings of works by contemporary European authors in beautiful and unusual locations around the Parnell Square area in Dublin City.



Pure Magic Battle for the Bay Water Sport & Music Festival 2015

22 - 24 May

Dollymount Beach, Dublin 3

www.battleforthebay.com

Join Puremagic for a very unique weekend at the beach, blending sports and music. Includes the 9th annual Battle For The Bay Dublin Kitesurfing, Wakeboarding, SUPing and Extreme Sport Competition.



Dublin Dance Festival

For more details on Festivals & Events, check out:

DISCOVERIRELAND.IE

Note: Dates for any of the events may be subject to change. Please check before attending.

Dublin City Soul Festival

23 - 24 May

Merrion Square Park, Dublin 2

www.dublincitysoulfestival.ie

Dublin City Soul Festival is Ireland's feel-good festival celebrating the best live music in the heart of Dublin.



Bloom in the Park

28 May - 1 June

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8

www.bloominthepark.com

Ireland's leading flower, food and family festival with cookery and craft demonstrations, free gardening advice and workshops, Irish food produce, live entertainment and spectacular show gardens.



Forbidden Fruit Music Festival

29 - 31 May

Grounds of Irish Museum of Modern Art, Royal Hospital, Kilmainham

www.forbiddenfruit.ie

The Irish Museum of Modern Art is the perfect setting for a modern day Garden of Eden.



Dublin Port River Fest

30 May - 1 June

North Wall Quay, River Liffey, Dublin City

www.dublincityriverfest.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 2015.



Glitch Digital Arts Festival

30 May - 6 June

Tallaght, Co. Dublin

www.ruared.ie

Ireland's only digital arts festival. Consisting of an exciting programme of exhibitions, workshops and events, there is something here for all ages and interests.



JUNE 2015

VHI Women's Mini Marathon

1 June

Dublin City & Dublin 4

www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie

The Women's Mini Marathon, taking place since 1983, has a new sponsor this year and is now called VHI Women's Mini Marathon! This 10k event for women has the biggest number of female participants in the world, with approximately 40,000 women taking to the streets. Since its inception, the marathon has raised millions of Euro for various charities.



Howth Midsummer Literary & Arts Festival

4 - 7 June

Howth, Co. Dublin

www.discoverireland.ie

The Howth Midsummer Literary & Arts Festival will mediate to the public the cultural heritage of Howth. The artistic objectives of the festival are to introduce a programme which illuminates perspectives on literature, history and architecture.



Festivals and Events in Dublin

Republic of Ireland V England: International Friendly

7 June

Aviva Stadium, Lansdowne Road
www.avivastadium.ie

Our old arch-rival England come to Dublin to battle against the Boys in Green in this international soccer friendly, 7th June. Although there is no title or trophy on the line, any competition against our neighbours is sure to be an adrenaline-fuelled, fiery clash.



Bloomsday Festival

9 - 16 June

Dublin City Centre

www.jamesjoyce.ie

A weeklong celebration of all things Bloom takes place from the 9th - 16th giving you plenty of time to enjoy some of the inspiring events scheduled. June 16th is Bloomsday, the very day in 1904 on which all the action of James Joyce's renowned novel Ulysses takes place. A lively celebration of all things Joyce, join avid Joyceans from all over the world as they descend on Dublin on June 16th.



Dalkey Book Festival

11 - 14 June

Dalkey, Co. Dublin

www.dalkeybookfestival.org

Take Booker, Oscar, Perrier, Pulitzer and Tony winners, add a Nobel Laureate, in historic venues and you have Dalkey Book Festival.



Taste of Dublin

11 - 14 June

Iveagh Gardens, Dublin 2

www.tasteofdublin.ie

A four day celebration of fine food and drink, set in the Iveagh Gardens.



Bulmers Live at Leopardstown - Music and Racing Festival

11, 18 & 25 June

Leopardstown Racecourse

www.leopardstown.com

Evenings of top class racing and music featuring the cream of Irish and international music talent.



Bizarre Bloomsday brunch

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Republic of Ireland V Scotland: Euro 2016 Qualifier

13 June

Aviva Stadium, Lansdowne Road

www.avivastadium.ie

Will Ireland qualify for the 2016 European Championship? This match may hold the answer.



Inspire Fest

18 - 19 June

Bord Gais Energy Theatre

www.inspirefest2015.com

Inspire 2015 is a two day international event that connects professionals interested in the future of science, technology, engineering and mathematics with new perspectives on innovation, leadership and success.



Dublin Garden Festival 2015

19 - 21 June

Christ Church Cathedral,

Christchurch Place, Dublin 8

www.facebook.com/DublinGardenFestival

The Festival combines stunning floral displays with informative talks given by Ireland's gardening experts.



John Ford Ireland Symposium

June (Date TBC)

Various venues in Dublin City Centre

www.johnfordireland.org

This film symposium honouring Irish American film director, John Ford attracts modern day filmmakers, writers, actors and more.



Dublin Pride

27 June

Dublin City

www.dublinpride.ie

The parade is a celebration of the rich diversity of the LGBTQ community in Dublin, Ireland and the world, with an expanded arts, social and cultural content.



Flavours of Fingal County Show

27 - 28 June

Newbridge House and Farm,

Donabate, Co. Dublin

www.flavoursoffingal.ie

The Flavours of Fingal County Show is a fun filled family event offering everything you would expect from a traditional county show.



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Festivals and Events in Dublin

Dublin Triathlon - Skerries

28 June

Skerries, Co. Dublin

www.dublintri.com

This year Skerries Triathlon will celebrate its 30th year since the first Triathlon held in the village of Skerries. Three different distances to suit all competitors.



JULY 2015

PhotoIreland Festival 2015

1 - 31 July

Environs Dublin City

www.photoireland.org

Celebrating its sixth edition in 2015, PhotoIreland Festival is Ireland's international festival of photography and image culture, and the only festival dedicated to photography in Ireland.



Joe Duffy BMW Clontarf Half Marathon & 5 Mile

4 July

Clontarf, Dublin 3

www.runclontarf.com

Clontarf Half Marathon & 5 Mile Run is not only Ireland's flattest race but it is also one of the most popular, having sold out three years in a row. Secure your place now as spaces are limited!



Leinster GAA Hurling Championship Final

5 July

Croke Park Stadium, Dublin 3

www.gaa.ie

An integral part of the GAA Hurling All-Ireland Championship with the winners of the Leinster final advancing directly to the semi finals of the All-Ireland series.



Bulmers Live at Leopardstown - Music and Racing Festival

9, 16 & 23 July

Leopardstown Racecourse

www.leopardstown.com

Evenings of top class racing and music featuring the cream of Irish and international music talent.



Laya Healthcare City Spectacular

10 - 12 July

Merrion Square, Dublin 2

www.spwc.ie

Hold onto your socks and get ready for an action packed FREE festival full to the brim with jaw-dropping jugglers, awe-inspiring acrobats and spine-tingling sword swallows!



Laya Healthcare City Spectacular

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Leinster GAA Football Championship Final

12 July

Croke Park Stadium, Dublin 3

www.gaa.ie

Two teams do battle to claim the honour of being crowned Leinster Football Champions.



Longitude

17 - 19 July

Marlay Park, Dublin 16

www.longitude.ie

A three-day festival which will include performances by Hozier along with Chemical Brothers and Alt-J.



Rose Festival

18 - 19 July,

St. Anne's Park, Raheny

www.dublincity.ie

Enjoy the rose garden as well as music and lots more free entertainment.



Festival of Curiosity

23 - 26 July

Various City Centre Locations

www.festivalofcuriosity.ie

The first of its kind, this festival features a packed programme of arts and science activities, innovative technologies and cultural performances to wow all the family.



GAZE Film Festival

30 July - 3 August

Lighthouse Cinema,
Smithfield, Dublin 7

www.gaze.ie

GAZE at the Lighthouse Cinema, Smithfield: Dublin International LGBT Film Festival. Showcasing the best in LGBT from shorts to feature lengths. GAZE has grown from strength to strength to become the largest LGBT film festival in Ireland, and one of the most respected in the world.



O' Donovan Rossa Funeral Centenary

31 July - 3 August

Various venues in Dublin

www.directingtourism.ie

The O' Donovan Rossa Funeral Centenary is a celebration of the centenary of a key event in the lead up to the 1916 Rising.

Events include a religious service at the Pro Cathedral; lying in state at City Hall Rotunda; re-enactment of funeral procession and march to Glasnevin.



AUGUST 2015

Opera in the Open

Thursday lunchtimes, in August
Amphitheatre, Civic Offices,
Wood Quay

www.dublincity.ie

Nestled in the heart of the city, what better way to soak up this beautiful summer in Dublin than to catch an aria or two at lunchtime every Thursday during the month of August at the Civic Office Amphitheatre.



Festivals and Events in Dublin

Rock 'n' Roll Dublin Half Marathon

2 August

Dublin City Centre

www.rockrolldublin.com

A spectacular race combining the sights of central Dublin and the world famous Rock 'n' Roll Marathons.

Expect entertainment every mile, finish line festival, headline concert and a fantastic finisher's medal.



Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show 2015

5 - 9 August

RDS, Showgrounds, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

www.dublinhorseshow.com

Live music and entertainment, art, fashion, shopping, food and the best in national and international equestrian competitors.



Bulmers Live at Leopardstown - Music and Racing Festival

6 & 13 August

Leopardstown Racecourse

www.leopardstown.com

Evenings of top class racing and music featuring the cream of Irish and international music talent.



Ironman Triathlon

9 August

Dun Laoghaire/Phoenix Park

www.ironman.com

Competitors will be racing the clock to ensure they finish within the 8 hours 30 minute time limit.



Samuel Beckett Summer School

9 - 14 August

Trinity College, Dublin 2

www.beckettsummerschool.com

Summer school providing a unique experience for students, scholars and lovers of Beckett's works, presented through a week of lectures and seminars by the world's foremost Beckett scholars.



Big Grill

13 - 16 August

Herbert Park

www.biggrillfestival.com

The Big Grill-BBQ & Craft Beer Festival is back with lots more this year including; an extra day, Ireland's first ever USA style low 'n' slow BBQ competition, International BBQ legends and Pitmasters, heaps of sample-sized dishes, talks, live music, loads of new drinks, whole animal cooks, more eating competitions and a whole lot more!



Jack of Diamonds Rhythm & Roots Festival

August (Dates TBC)

Various venues in The Dame District & Temple Bar, Dublin City

www.jackofdiamonds.ie

A three day multi-venue event based around The Dame District and Temple Bar areas, showcasing the finest roots, blues, rockabilly and Americana music in Dublin.



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Ukulele Hooley 2015

22 - 23 August

People's Park,

Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

www.ukulelehooley.com

Ukulele Hooley is one of Europe's most popular ukulele festivals.

Ukulele players and performers come from all over the world to the seaside town of Dun Laoghaire for a weekend of ukulele fun!



National Heritage Week

22 - 30 August

Nationwide

www.heritageweek.ie

Heritage Week is about bringing heritage to life with 1700 events taking place across Ireland - from medieval fairs to night-time bat walks and traditional music sessions to kids' workshops, there is something for everyone.



Dalkey Lobster Festival

28 - 30 August (Dates TBC)

Dalkey, Co. Dublin

www.ilovedalkey.com

A celebration of Dalkey, local lobster, local seafood & the world of Jazz.



The Great Pink Run

29 August

Phoenix Park

www.greatpinkrun.ie

The 2015 Great Pink Run is to be held in the beautiful Phoenix Park which for years has hosted some of Ireland's highest profile running events and we are pleased to join them again this year.



SEPTEMBER 2015

Dublin Fashion Festival

1 - 6 September

Various venues in Dublin 1 & Dublin 2
www.dff.ie

A stylish date for your 2015 calendar, Dublin Fashion Festival is a must for fashionistas and shoppers alike. Dublin city centre will see the streets taken over by fabulous fashion.



Grant Thornton Run

1 September

Docklands Area

www.grantthorntoncorporatechallenge.ie

One lap 5km course - a great distance for beginners and the experienced runner alike so there is no excuse for work colleagues not to give it a try!



The GAA All Ireland Hurling Final

6 September

Croke Park Stadium, Dublin 3

www.gaa.ie

Catch the exciting action packed All Ireland Final being staged at the GAA's national stadium.



Tiger Dublin Fringe Festival

7 - 20 September

Various venues in Co. Dublin

www.fringefest.com

A multidisciplinary arts festival featuring performance, music, theatre, live art, comedy, dance, circus and visual art.



Festivals and Events in Dublin

Dublin Coffee and Tea Festival

11 - 13 September

RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

www.dublincoffeefestival.com

The Dublin Coffee & Tea Festival is a show dedicated to celebrating all that's new and exciting on the Coffee and Tea scene. From harvesting to brewing and artisan catering to equipment, this show will showcase every aspect of the coffee & tea world and all the enjoyment that goes with it....



Irish Champions Weekend

12 - 13 September

Leopardstown Racecourse, Foxrock, Dublin 18

www.leopardstown.com

Taking place at Leopardstown on Saturday and The Curragh on Sunday, the event will be a combination of history, glamour, excitement and prestige showcasing the Irish Horse Racing industry to the world.



Oktoberfest

17 September - 4 October

George's Dock, Dublin 1

www.oktoberfest-dublin.de

Dublin's ode to the great German party takes place in Dublin's Docklands in a traditional Oktoberfest tent making for a typical and welcoming atmosphere.



Skerries Soundwaves Festival

17 - 27 September

Various venues around Skerries, Co.Dublin

www.SkerriesSoundwavesFestival.com

Join the people of this seaside town for the annual music and arts festival!



Culture Night

18 September

Various venues around Dublin

www.culturenight.ie

For one night only the city's museums, galleries, churches, historic houses, artists studios, cultural centres and more, will open their doors late for a free night of entertainment, discovery and adventure.



Liffey Swim

19 September

River Liffey

www.leinsteropensea.ie

The Dublin City Liffey Swim provides a great spectacle for the Dublin public who line the quays, boardwalks and bridges along the mile and a quarter course to catch a glimpse of this unique event.



Boylesports.com Irish Greyhound Derby

19 September

Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium

www.shelbourneparkgreyhoundstadium.ie

The Irish Greyhound Derby is one of the most famous greyhound races in the world and takes place annually at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium, the home of greyhound racing in Ireland.



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The GAA All Ireland Football Final

20 September

Croke Park Stadium, Dublin 3

www.gaa.ie

The All Ireland Gaelic Football Final, which takes place in Dublin's Croke Park, is the climax of Ireland's most popular sporting season. But which colours will you be waving on the day? It's a brilliant sporting occasion, with a great atmosphere around the city.



Dublin Festival of History

24 September – 3 October

Dublin City branch Libraries, Dublin Castle and various other Dublin City venues

www.dublinfestivalofhistory.ie

Join historians and writers of national and international renown for lectures, debate and much more in the historic setting of Dublin City.



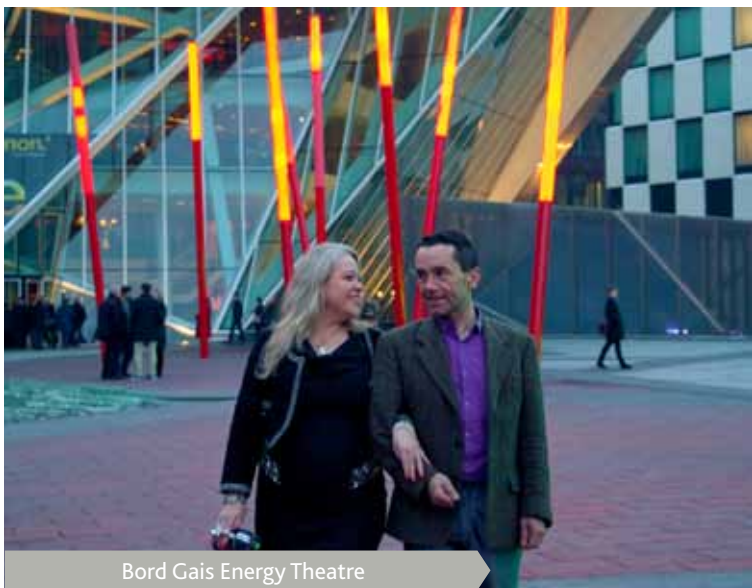
Dublin Theatre Festival

24 September - 11 October

Various venues in Dublin City

www.dublintheatrefestival.com

Dublin Theatre Festival brings the world's best theatre to the city's stages each autumn, staging classic plays by celebrated companies alongside work by exciting, emerging theatre-makers from home and abroad.



Bord Gais Energy Theatre

Festivals and Events in Dublin

The Frank Harte Festival

25 - 27 September (Dates TBC)
Club na Múinteoirí/The Teachers' Club, 36 Parnell Square, Dublin 1
www.goilin.com

The Frank Harte Festival, organised by An Góilín Traditional Singers' Club, is dedicated to the memory of Frank Harte who promotes Irish traditional singing in the English and Irish languages. All are welcome who wish to listen to or sing songs in this genre.



Fingal Film Festival

25 - 27 September
Swords, Co. Dublin
www.fingalfilmfest.com

Fingal Film Festival encourages and promotes the works of the local film community and allows national and international emerging filmmakers to showcase and platform their work.



OCTOBER 2015

Hard Working Class Heroes 2015

1 - 3 October
Dublin City Centre
www.hwch.net

Hard Working Class Heroes is a music festival with a difference. No porta-loos, no leaky tents and no trying to watch your favourite band through a sheet of bone-chilling rain.



The Dublin Book Fair

3 - 4 October
Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2
www.pbfa.org

20 booksellers from across the UK and Ireland converge in Dublin with books, posters, prints, manuscripts and ephemera selling everything from antiquarian tomes to modern first editions, from Beckett to Wilde.



Dalkey Creates Writing Festival

15 - 18 October (Dates TBC)
Dalkey, Co. Dublin
www.dalkeycreates.com

Dalkey Creates features writing workshops and events. Its purpose is to inspire and motivate writers, and to nurture and create new writing. The event is open to anyone who writes or wants to write.



Back To Our Past

16 - 18 October
RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
www.backtoourpast.com

Back To Our Past is a genealogy, family and social history event for people interested in tracing their Irish roots and learning more about Irish History. It includes a range of presentations and workshops.



Ask our Travel Advisors for a comprehensive listing of "Whats On" in the local area!

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LINGO Spoken Word Festival

16 - 18 October

Dublin City Centre

www.lingofestival.com

LINGO, Ireland's first ever spoken word festival was inaugurated in 2014. The 2015 festival will showcase some of the best Irish and International spoken word artists in events throughout the weekend across Dublin city centre. As well as top class performances, the festival will include a super Slam Poetry Competition, workshops, open mics, discussion sessions, interviews, music and other related events. There will also be a late night Festival Club featuring festival spoken word performers and the best of hip-hop specially curated for the occasion. This festival is not just for poets and poetry-lovers, it is for everyone. Even if you think you don't like poetry, come along and be surprised.



Open House Dublin

16 - 18 October

Various venues in Dublin

www.architecturefoundation.ie

The Irish Architecture Foundation is delighted to announce the dates of Open House Dublin 2015, our 10th birthday!

From the 16th to 18th of October our extended anniversary programme will include building tours, events, exhibitions and workshops, inviting you to explore the rich architecture of Dublin. As always, the events are completely free!



IFI Horrorthon

22 - 27 October (Dates TBC)

IFI, Temple Bar, 6 Eustace Street, Dublin

www.ifi.ie

IFI Horrorthon returns for its 17th edition, providing audiences with the opportunity to enjoy the best of new international genre productions, as well as a number of judiciously selected classics.



Bram Stoker Festival

23 - 26 October

Dublin City Centre

www.bramstokerfestival.com

This eerily exciting festival is inspired by the heritage of world-famous Dublin horror novelist Bram Stoker and his notorious novel Dracula. This October, Dublin city will get gloriously gothic.



SSE Airtricity Dublin Marathon

26 October

Dublin City

www.dublinmarathon.ie

SSE Dublin Marathon, now in its 36th year, is known as the 'friendly marathon' because of the great welcome the participants from the people of Dublin. The course is largely flat, a single lap, and starts and finishes in the city centre.



Festivals and Events in Dublin

NOVEMBER 2015

Dublin Book Festival

1 - 30 November

Smock Alley Theatre, Temple Bar, Dublin 2

www.dublinbookfestival.com

Dublin Book Festival is one of Ireland's largest and most vibrant book festivals and a showcase for the world of Irish publishing. Dublin's largest book festival celebrates Irish published authors and Irish publishing across the whole range of genres - from comedy and literary fiction, business, cookery and travel, to poetry and Irish language events.



Dublin Web Summit

3 - 5 November

RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

www.websummit.net

It's been called "the best technology conference on the planet". But we just think it's different. And that difference works for our attendees, ranging from Fortune 500 companies to the most exciting startups in the world. Our speakers may be world class, but our networking is "simply legendary".



Dublin Beatles Festival

6 - 8 November

Dublin City Centre

www.dublinbeatlesfestival.com

The Dublin Beatles Festival, now in its 3rd year, will feature Beatle gigs, film, theatre, a table quiz, public interviews, art, memorabilia, merchandise and lots more!



Run In the Dark

11 November

Dublin City

www.runinthedark.org/dublin

Join the Mark Pollock Trust and thousands of fellow runners in this unique multi location event and run in the dark for 5k or 10k. If your trainers are a little dusty you can even walk the route. Support our on-going research to find a cure for spinal cord injury.



Greyhound Racing @ Harold's Cross Stadium

25 November - 31 December

Harold's Cross Stadium

www.haroldscrossgreyhoundstadium.ie

For an adrenalin rush that's near impossible to resist, you can't beat a night at the dogs. Experience the thrill of the chase at Harold's Cross Greyhound Stadium, and you might enjoy some sweet victory too.



DECEMBER 2015

Irish Badminton Open

2 - 5 December

Baldoyle Badminton Centre, Grange Road, Dublin 13

www.badmintonireland.com

A four day event for badminton players across the World including the top Irish players from around the country. Don't miss out because the chance to see badminton at this level does not come around too often!



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Simon House of Light

11 - 13 December

Powerscourt Townhouse Centre,
59 South William Street, Dublin City
www.dubsimon.ie

The Simon Community is inviting you to the brightest event in Dublin this Christmas.



Leopardstown Christmas Racing Festival

26 - 29 December

Leopardstown Racecourse, Foxrock,
Dublin 18

www.leopardstown.com

Four great days and four great reasons to go to Leopardstown this Christmas, with Racing Post Day, Paddy Power Day, The Lexus Chase & Ladies Day, and a family day.



NYF Dublin

30 December 2015 - 1 January 2016

TBC Dublin City Centre

www.nyfdublin.com


Celebrate New Year's Eve in Dublin with the street party to beat them all! The city will be buzzing as we bring the music straight to you with a host of world class acts taking to the College Green stage for the Countdown Concert.



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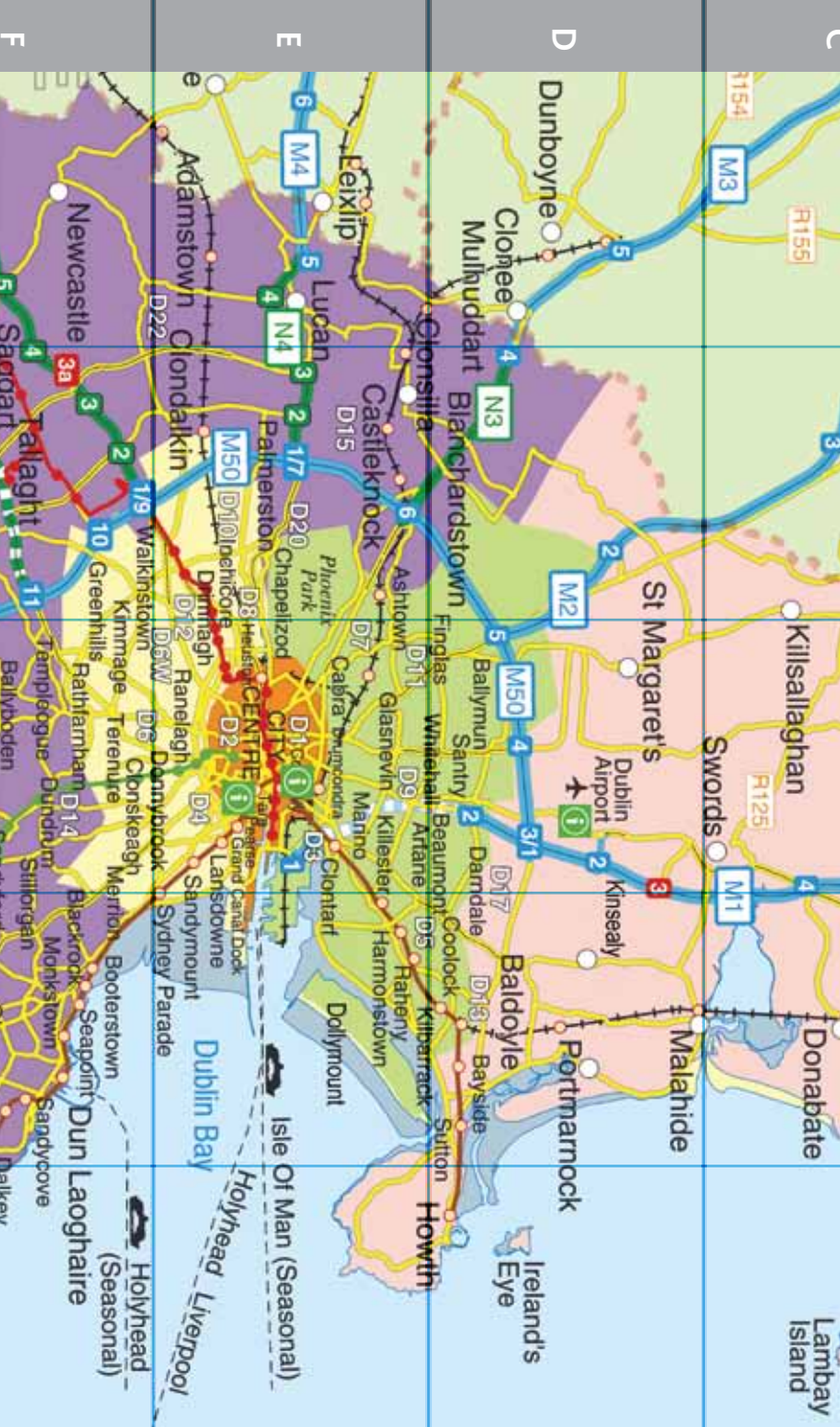


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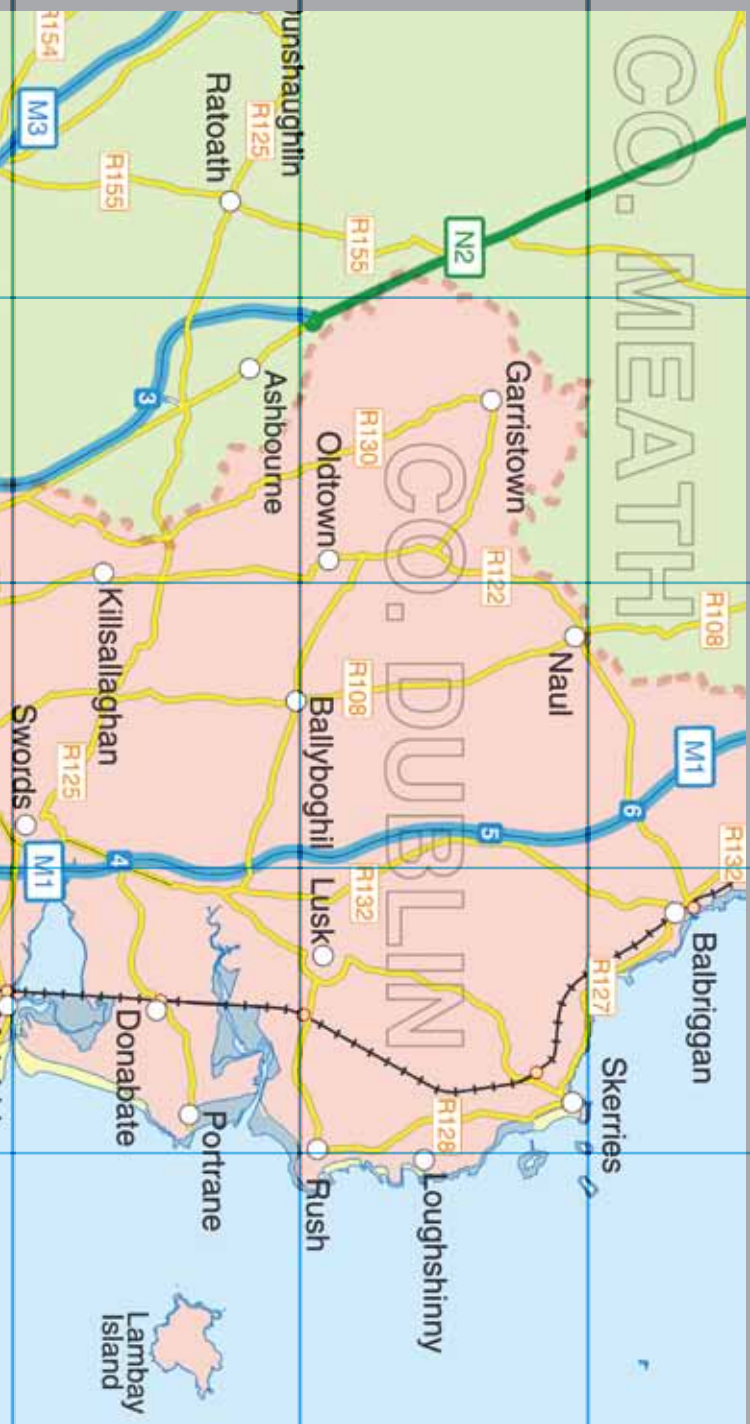
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