



Let's Explore in '24

Dublin

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What to Explore in '24

CITY, MOUNTAINS AND SEA- DUBLIN'S GOT IT ALL!

Whether it's your first time here or you regularly frequent our vibrant city, Dublin is truly a treasure trove of activities and fun, with something new to discover and enjoy around every corner! From the decades of history woven into the Georgian architecture to the contrasting edge of the contemporary urban buildings, or the eclectic and diverse population that call the city home, there is always more to see, more to do and more to explore!

Let's Explore '24 takes a dive into Dublin's offering, highlighting new, upgraded and unforgettable experiences worth exploring. This year, we're also spotlighting businesses that put the focus on sustainability, so that we can keep the magic of Dublin alive in a way that benefits both the environment and our beloved city. No matter how long visitors are here for or who they're here with, this guide is bursting with recommendations and inspiration for an epic time.

But don't forget that this guide is designed as a starting point on the Dublin adventure and only covers a few of many places to discover. There's too much to cram into one guide, so head over to www.VisitDublin.com for details on upcoming events and even more recommendations on how to spend time in the capital city. We're also famous for our friendly locals, so Dubliners are always happy to offer advice and ideas for a memorable trip.

Liz Halpin

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Fáilte Ireland





The General Post Office, O'Connell Street



Christchurch Cathedral



The Icon Walk Temple Bar



Howth Adventures



East Pier Battery Light, Dún Laoghaire

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All information was correct at time of going to publication. Always call or check online for up-to-date information on opening times before visiting.

A photograph of four women wearing helmets and safety vests, standing with their bicycles in front of a modern building with a distinctive red pole structure. The scene is bright and sunny.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Sustainable Tourism

At Fáilte Ireland, we place a big emphasis on sustainable tourism. Our approach aligns with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation's definition of sustainable tourism;

"Tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social and environmental impacts, addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment and host communities."

Dublin Bikes

SPOTLIGHT ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

As the capital city, Dublin has an important part to play in Ireland's sustainability strategy and we know that our actions can make a big difference. Fáilte Ireland is currently developing sustainability initiatives so that we can lead the way in offering visitors to Dublin a sustainable way to explore the city.

We're helping businesses and tour operators across Dublin to become more environmentally-friendly, and celebrating the ones who are already taking huge steps in reducing their impact.

Get around & keep it green

We're a city of wanderers – we love to roam and explore every corner of our gorgeous county. Luckily for us, there's lots of ways to get around – trains, buses, trams and dedicated cycling routes to get us from A to B and everywhere in between! Below we've covered some of the main sustainable transport options to help you explore Dublin in an environmentally friendly way. For more information, visitdublin.com/plan/getting-around has you covered!

IARNRÓD ÉIREANN IRISH RAIL

Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail operate a vast number of daily routes by train, including intercity services



and commuter services in Dublin. Irish rail also run an electric rail system called the DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) which runs frequent services from Dublin's city centre to the coastal towns.

Iarnród Éireann are working to decarbonise transport in Ireland and reduce their impact on the natural environment to ensure climate change resilience. They have implemented a sustainability strategy, including working towards 100% renewable electricity, establishing pollinator plans at all stations, and minimising their intercity railcar fleet emissions to Stage V.

To find out travel information, live departures, station information and to buy tickets, irishrail.ie.

LUAS

The Luas is Dublin's Light Rail Transit System (trams). There are two lines – the red line and the green line.

The Luas offers a more sustainable option as it results in less air pollution, less noise and less vibration than road traffic. LUAS was awarded the Green Transport Award in 2018, and are continually striving to reduce their water, electricity and gas consumption, as well as lowering their CO2 emissions per passenger and increasing their recycling rate.

Tickets can be bought at all Luas stops and there are a number of different ticket options available. For live departure information, route maps, ticket information and customer care, visit luas.ie.



SPOTLIGHT ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



BUS SERVICES

Transport for Ireland operates a number of Bus services including Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, TFI Local Link and Go Ahead Ireland. Buses operate frequently 7 days a week, with some offering overnight services.

While minimising the amount of cars on Dublin's road, Dublin Bus have also introduced a fleet of 100 electric buses. Dublin Bus plan to phase out all hybrid and petrol/diesel by 2035 to achieve a full fleet of zero-emission vehicles.

The **TFI Journey Planner** can help you to plan your bus route. Timetables are available on the websites for each individual bus company.

TFI LEAP CARD

The TFI Leap Card is a prepaid travel card that can be used on most TFI services and commercial buses across Ireland. Visitors can avail of the Leap Visitor Card which gives unlimited travel for a selected time period – 1 day, 3 days or 7 days. Visitor Leap Cards can be purchased **online**, or from selected **TFI Leap Agents** in Dublin airport and in Dublin city centre.

Once you have your card, you won't need to worry about fares or cash, just tag on by touching your Visitor Card against the validator until you hear a tone.



TFI LIVE APP

There's an app for everything these days, including your own personal travel assistant, the TFI Live App! With the app you can access real time departure

information and journey planning information across the TFI network. The app can be downloaded on the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids.



DUBLIN BY BIKE

In our opinion, there's no better way to see the city sustainably than on two wheels! **Dublin Bikes** offer one-day bike hire, three-day bike hire and hybrid e-bike hire, so you can pedal to your hearts' content. There are also plenty of bike racks around the city for when you want to hop off and explore, including over 380 bicycle parking spaces **along the Luas** lines.

With a choice of four scenic cycle routes that span tranquil canalways, picturesque parklands and the dazzling Docklands, it's the perfect place to saddle up and go sightseeing. The four main cycle routes are: Canal Way Cycle Route, the Docklands and Ringsend, Old Town Dublin, and Phoenix Park and Smithfield. For more information and cycling inspiration, check out visitdublin.com/guides/scenic-dublin-cycle-routes.



Walk through Dublin's wonders

Dublin's bustling streets are full of surprises and fascinating stories. To explore the city in a sustainable way, lace up your comfiest walking shoes and head out on foot! There are plenty of fascinating walking trails to follow, where you'll learn all about the capital and its quirks.

Dublin's Talking Statues takes you to 12 of Dublin's statues that have been granted the gift of the gab! Follow the map on a self-guided walking tour and scan the QR code to hear the stories of Dublin legends like Molly Malone, Cú Chulainn, Oscar Wilde and James Connolly.

The **Dubline Trail** is a self-guided audio trail that runs through the heart of Dublin's city and gives you the inside scoop on the people, places and stories of Dublin, spanning from the Viking times through to the thriving cosmopolitan city it has become today.



Molly Malone Statue

For the music lovers, there are two separate Music Trails, one covering the **South of the City** and one taking you through the **Liberties**. Walk the streets where musical legends were born and bred, visit the pubs and clubs where they made their musical debuts and witness the sights and sounds that inspired many famous songs on this self-guided audio tour of Dublin. You never know, it might inspire you to write the next song (or 'belter' as Dublin folk call it) to top the charts!

The **Dublin Discovery Trails** take you on an entrancing journey of discovery through a free app with themed GPS enabled immersive walking tours. Learn about Dublin's iconic sites and stories through animation, narration and augmented reality. The **Doors Into Docklands** trail dives into Dublin's maritime history, taking you to famous landmarks and heritage sites in the urban and edgy Docklands. The **Castleknock Trail** and **Balbriggan Trail** illuminate the culture, heritage and riveting tales of times past that have shaped these areas. New routes are always being added, so you can keep revisiting the app to explore even more!



Ardgillan Castle, Balbriggan



Dublin Quays



EXPERIENCE & EXPLORE

Attractions, Activities, & Tours

Every time we think Dublin couldn't get any better, another attraction pops up, or an existing business adds an extra bit of excitement to their experience offering! Not only is Dublin full of vibrant experiences, many of our tourism businesses have integrated sustainability into their offering so that visitors can enjoy the city in a way that positively impacts the environment.

If you're looking to have a good time and make some memories in the capital city, you've come to the right place. The next few pages highlight just some of the attractions, tours and activities that'll help you discover Dublin and 'Get stuck in!' to its charm.



EXPERIENCE IRISH WHISKEY

experienceirishwhiskey.ie

The Irish word for whiskey is "uisce beatha", which directly translates to water of life and is it any wonder we call it that when it tastes so good?! Take a sip of Dublin's spirits at Experience Irish Whiskey, where you can sample Ireland's finest whiskeys in an authentic Victorian era pub or on a historic walking tour of Dublin's Liberties. This is the perfect tour for whiskey novices, aficionados and everyone in between.



ABBAY THEATRE

abbeytheatre.ie

There's no biz like show-biz and you get to be a part of it! The Abbey Theatre is the star of the show in this backstage tour of Ireland's national theatre, where the guides will pull back the curtains and bring the history and heart of the Abbey to life. Now is your chance to take to the stage and learn the ins and outs of a production, gaining insights on the backstage ingredients that make onstage magic.

EXPERIENCE GAELIC GAMES

experiencegaelicgames.com

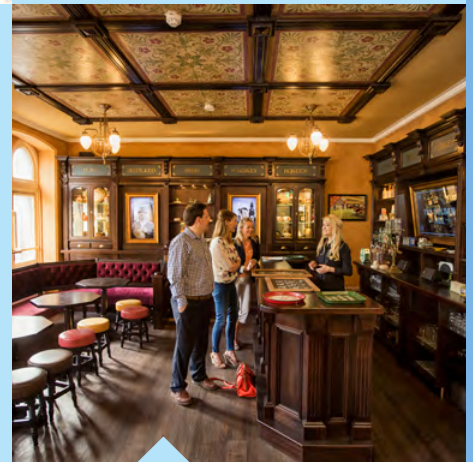
Grab your sports gear and get ready for a truly authentic Irish experience! The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) has been at the heart of Irish culture for centuries, bringing communities together through Gaelic football, hurling and handball. At Experience Gaelic Games, seasoned GAA coaches will train you up in the games, skills and excitement of these uniquely Irish sports. You will also get the chance to explore a GAA club and learn about their social contribution to the local towns.



MUSEUM OF LITERATURE IRELAND (MoLI)

moli.ie/visit/tickets

Here you'll discover how we earned the title of "The Land of Saints and Scholars". Ireland's literature comes to life before your eyes at the Museum of Literature Ireland. This amazing building is full of stories, from the handwritten letters of leading Irish authors in the new exhibition "Ink & Imagination", to the beautiful café and courtyard. The gift shop has lots of authentic, locally produced Irish crafts with a focus on sustainable creation and packaging.



DRIMNAGH CASTLE

drimnaghcastle.org

Ancient history meets modern sustainability in this medieval oasis. A visit to Drimnagh Castle is like stepping into a time machine, where you can take a guided tour through the restored Norman fortress, or take a leisurely stroll through the traditional gardens. Sustainable gardening practices such as composting, rainwater harvesting and companion planting keep the gardens in immaculate condition and listen out for the buzz of their very own beehive!



IRISH WHISKEY MUSEUM

irishwhiskeymuseum.ie

Dublin was once famous for its "Golden Triangle", nicknamed after the volume of whiskey distilleries in the area. A visit to the Irish Whiskey Museum will transport you back to the distilling era in the 18th and 19th century, when the whiskey trade was booming and the spirits were flowing! Discover the stories of Dublin's distilleries and learn how they have evolved and adapted right up to the present day.



CHESTER BEATTY

chesterbeatty.ie

Chester Beatty museum has been described as one of the best museums in Europe, and it's easy to see why when you explore their extensive collection of ancient art, manuscripts and books from a fascinating array of cultures across the globe. Step into the shoes of a voyager as you wander through the artefacts, gaining a glimpse into different parts of the world in this intriguing museum that is enjoyed by scholars, locals and visitors to Ireland.



IRISH MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (IMMA)

imma.ie

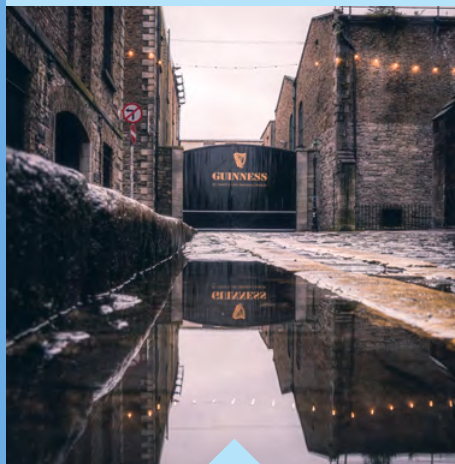
Nestled in the iconic grounds of the Royal Hospital Kilmainham is the Irish Museum of Modern Art, or IMMA as we locals call it. Home to the national collection of Modern and Contemporary art, IMMA hosts over 3,500 pieces of art made by Irish and international artists. With lots of fascinating temporary exhibitions taking place over the year, IMMA has a captivating charm that will make you want to keep going back.



GENERATOR SKYVIEW TOWER

staygenerator.com/hostels/dublin/skyview-tower

Dublin's skyline is quite the stunner, and the best place to admire it is from above in the Generator SkyView Tower, once the Boiler House Chimney for Ireland's famous Jameson Whiskey. Standing at 60 metres high, the tower is one of Dublin's tallest structures. Climb 259 spiral steps to get a breath-taking panoramic view of Dublin, from the urban hustle and bustle of the citycentre, to the serene green of the Wicklow Mountains and the sleepy slope of Howth Head.



GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

guinness-storehouse.com

Ireland is home of the world-famous "black stuff" and luckily for us, it's brewed right here in Dublin! With over 264 years of history, an immersive experience and dazzling 360° views of Dublin from the Gravity Bar, the Guinness Storehouse is one of Europe's leading attractions. In 2023, the storehouse was awarded a gold award for Green Tourism for their action plan "Diageo Society 2030: Spirit of Progress", a strategy for achieving a greener and more inclusive future.



Guinness Storehouse



AIRFIELD ESTATE

airfield.ie

Discover exactly what "farm fresh" means at Airfield Estate, a beautiful working farm and gardens with an ambition to be a sustainable food hub in Dublin. Airfield has it all- farmyard animals, vegetable gardens, a bee garden, an interactive tour of Airfield House and much more. They also offer classes, workshops, talks and free resources like a seasonal meal planner, to help visitors learn all about the land and how to sustainably use fresh produce to minimise food waste.



14 HENRIETTA STREET

14henriettastreet.ie

With its massive Georgian mansions housing the cream of Irish society, Henrietta Street was Dublin's most exclusive address three centuries ago. Over time, the pendulum swung in the opposite direction and the street became a tenement with dozens of families living in each building. Offering tours of the house itself and immediate area, 14 Henrietta Street tells this long and sometimes heart-breaking story. A tale which reflects the city's changing fortunes over time.



ROE & CO DISTILLERY

roeandcowhiskey.com

Shake things up and become a cocktail connoisseur at Roe & Co's cocktail-making Flavours Experience, or dive into the art of whiskey making at the Blending Experience. Tour the iconic distillery building that expertly contrasts modernism with history and raise a glass to George Roe, the whiskey-maker who helped to build the golden era of Irish whiskey in the 19th century. If you're feeling peckish, pop out to the Power House Garden for the perfect food pairings to match your Roe & Co cocktails.



HUGH LANE GALLERY

hughlane.ie

The Hugh Lane Gallery is an exciting and diverse collection of modern and contemporary Irish and international art, proudly displayed in an authentic Georgian house in Dublin's city centre. Founded by Sir Hugh Lane in 1908, the Hugh Lane Gallery is home to the studio of British figurative painter Francis Bacon. Immerse yourself in a world of impressionist paintings, portraits that pack a punch and a stained glass room that will take your breath away.



TEMPLE BAR GALLERY

templebargallery.com

In 1983, a group of artists came together to transform an old shirt factory into the Temple Bar Gallery + Studios, boasting a beautiful gallery space and 30 studios for the artists to work in. Head to the buzzy Temple Bar and take a ramble through this centre for creativity in the capital. Revel in the talent and imagination oozing from each art piece – it might just inspire you to create your own masterpiece!



DUBLINIA

dublinia.ie

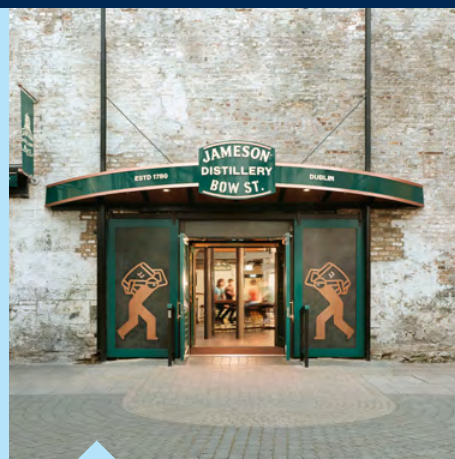
Voyage into Dublin's Viking heritage with a trip to Dublinia, the heart of Viking and Medieval Dublin. Learn what life was like aboard a Viking warship, see the weaponry used and discover how the Vikings dressed. Witness the sights, smells and sounds of Dublin in times gone by as you explore a medieval market and take part in medieval games. Dublinia is fun for all ages and packed with artefacts and intriguing stories of Dublin's Viking occupation.



SILVERWORKS

silverworks.ie

Trust us when we say this jewellery making class will be the jewel in the crown of your trip to Dublin! Silverworks offer fun and interactive workshops led by experienced Irish jewellers who will teach you how to forge your own unique silver ring. Perfect for groups, couples or even the solo traveller, create your own bespoke piece of jewellery, so you can keep a piece of Dublin with you wherever you go.



JAMESON DISTILLERY

jamesonwhiskey.com

Dublin afternoons are best spent at Bow Street, Jameson's Whiskey Distillery. This iconic factory was founded in 1780 and has since become famous for a tour that's almost as good as the whiskey itself. In the new Black Barrel Blending Experience, you'll learn the tricks of the trade as you expertly blend your own whiskey to take home. You'll also get to witness a cask draw and partake in an exclusive tasting in the Maturation Warehouse!

PAINT AND PROSECCO

paintandprosecco.ie

Can you think of a better combo? We can't! Paint and Prosecco is the perfect chance to tap into your inner Picasso while you sip on a delightfully fizzy glass of Prosecco. These hands-on classes are led by an artist who will help you create your own masterpiece. Whether you've never picked up a paintbrush or you're a painting pro, Paint and Prosecco is a great way to spend an afternoon in Dublin



SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

stpatrikscathedral.ie

Ireland's patron saint has a pretty big reputation, and needed an equally big cathedral to match! The current building of Saint Patrick's Cathedral has stood proudly at St Patrick's Close for over 800 years, on the site of an ancient well that is said to have been used by St Patrick himself. From orchestral events to night tours, workshops and educational talks, the Cathedral is always buzzing with life, made all the more magic by the majestic surroundings.



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

christchurchcathedral.ie

For over a thousand years, the doors of the magnificent Christ Church have been open to visitors. Adding to its countless historic features (including a mummified cat and rat!), a new listening experience can now be heard here. At the outdoor viewing platform's railing, bone conduction technology channels a cathedral-inspired immersive soundscape direct to your ears. Downstairs, vivid stories about life in today's cathedral can be heard at the crypt's new Listening Bench.



DUBLIN TOUR GUIDE

dublintourguide.ie

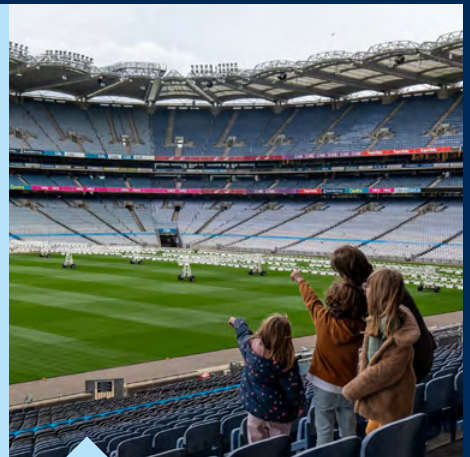
If you're looking for commitment, passion and flair, Dublin Tour Guide private tours offer unforgettable insights into the city's many dimensions. Besides their encyclopaedic knowledge, each of its select band of guides have been personally selected for their ability to tell fascinating stories that vividly conjure up Dublin's colourful past. Whether you choose a museums tour, a pub crawl or an art and architecture expedition, you can look forward to an enthralling and engaging experience.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND- ARCHAEOLOGY

museum.ie/en-IE/Museums/Archaeology

Dig into the stories of times past with a visit to the National Museum of Archaeology. Come face-to-face with an exquisitely preserved Iron Age Man in the "bog bodies" exhibition, and discover the skills of ancient Irish metalworkers as you admire the world-famous Tara brooch and Ardagh Chalice. The museum is home to an extraordinary range of iconic treasures that give us a glimpse into what life was like long ago.



CROKE PARK STADIUM AND THE GAA MUSEUM

crokepark.ie

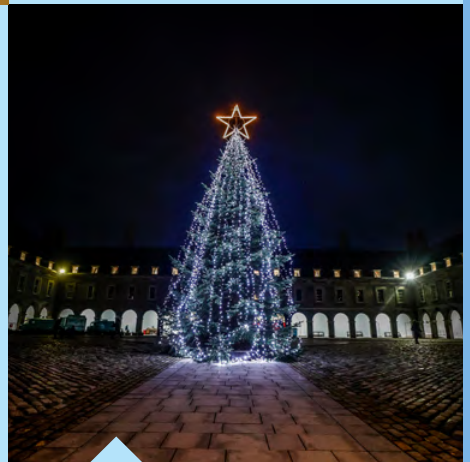
Score yourself an unforgettable day at Dublin's glorious GAA stadium, Croke Park, known affectionately to Dubliners as Croke. Whether you're in the mood to watch a match or you want to get a closer look behind the scenes, you'll always be at the centre of the action in Croke Park. Dig into the DNA of Ireland's native games in the GAA museum, take an inspiring tour of the stadium itself, or reach for the stars on the Skyline Tour.



GPO MUSEUM

gpowitnesshistory.ie

The General Post Office is the revered focal point of the 1916 Rising where Irish history was changed forever. While the GPO is still a functioning post office, its Museum vividly tells the story of the Rising and the building's role in this tumultuous event. Using a mixture of interactive screens, audio-visual booths and authentic artefacts, the dramatic events of Easter Week 1916 are recreated and explained in a way everyone can enjoy.



DUBLIN LIBERTIES DISTILLERY

thedld.com

This immersive whiskey tour focuses on Dublin's delicious dark side! Journey through the haunting and mysterious tales of the Liberties in times past as you explore one of Dublin's newest distilleries. Learn all about how whiskey is made as the entertaining guides let you in on the dark and twisted secrets and stories that inspired the names of their whiskey. Finish your tour with an intimate tasting in the cosy Tannery Bar.



ROYAL HOSPITAL KILMAINHAM

heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/royal-hospital-kilmainham

Standing on the site of a 7th century early Christian settlement, the Royal Hospital Kilmainham is a majestic example of Georgian architecture amidst Dublin's streets. At the heart of the iconic building is an impressive cobbled courtyard with stone cut cloisters, beautiful balconies and a magnificent clock tower. Royal Hospital Kilmainham has become a hub for locals to meet for coffee or take a leisurely stroll through the tranquil arboretum.



THE IRISH ROCK N ROLL MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

irishrocknrollmuseum.com

This is an experience that will rock your socks off! Enter the world of a musician in this immersive tour that takes you through the stages of a performer's lifestyle. This is your exclusive backstage pass to explore real rehearsal rooms and recording spaces, watch engaging short films on Irish rock history, admire memorabilia and take to the stage where some of Ireland's greatest acts have performed over the years.



NATIONAL CONCERT HALL

nch.ie

Sit back, relax and savour in the symphonies of the National Concert Hall, Ireland's National Cultural Institution for Music. Since it opened its doors in 1981, the National Concert Hall has hosted a multitude of captivating performances for the public. They also run diverse and engaging workshops to help visitors experience and learn about music. So grab your instruments, warm up your vocals and visit the National Concert Hall for a day of musical delights!



NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

nationalgallery.ie

Unleash your inner art critic at the National Gallery of Ireland, an expansive collection of European and Irish art from the 1300s up to the present day, housed in a stunning Georgian building. Get up close and personal with Ireland's art pieces, including works by Jack B Yeats, Lavinia Fontana and Caravaggio. Entry to the permanent collection is free and there are also talks, tours and workshops for people of all ages to enjoy.



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND

nli.ie

Get lost in the great stories at the National Library of Ireland. Spread over three sites in the city centre, there's an abundance of events and tales to enjoy. The site at Temple Bar is home to the National Photographic Archive, so you can deep dive into Ireland's past through pictures or learn through poetry at Seamus Heaney: Listen Now Again in the Bank of Ireland Culture and Heritage Centre, Westmoreland Street, or the Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats exhibition at Kildare Street.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND – DECORATIVE ARTS & HISTORY

museum.ie/en-IE/Museums/Decorative-Arts-History

In the iconic grounds of Collins Barracks, the National Museum of Ireland- Decorative Arts & History has an impressive range of perfectly preserved weaponry, furniture, silver, ceramics, glassware and costumes. The museum also has an exhibition on Ireland's civil wars that brings the story of the 1916 Rising to life and an exhibition on the historic Asgard yacht, the gun-running and sail training vessel. With an extensive events programme, workshops and online resources, learn all about the intriguing origins of a Dublin past.



RASCALS BREWERY

rascalsbrewing.com

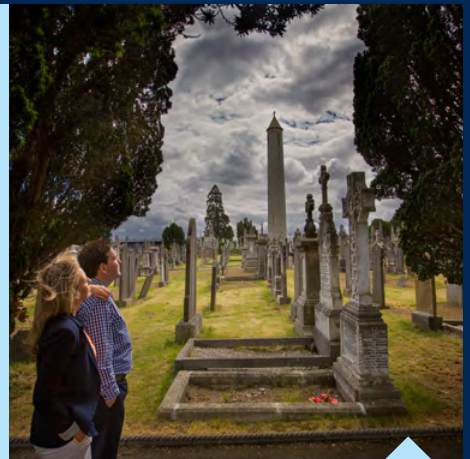
As its name suggests, Rascals Brewing Company always has a twinkle in its eye. So, during their 45-minute brewery tour, expect fun mixed with facts as they explain each step in the brewing process. With over 80 different brews in the Rascals repertoire, there's a lot to talk about – especially with options like 'Planet of the Apricots', 'The Breakfast of Champions' and 'Rice Rice Baby'. Naturally, there's also a very welcome chance to sample the award-winning end product.



STILLGARDEN DISTILLERY

stillgardendistillery.com

Based in hip and happening Dublin 8, Stillgarden is a modern distillery that understands how much it owes to nature – and always tries to repay this debt. As they say themselves, they're committed to using sustainably grown botanicals to create a range of spirits with a very modern attitude. You can check if these live up to their billing with a 20-minute distillery tour or dedicated tasting session that puts four Stillgarden spirits under the spotlight.



EXPERIENCE GLASNEVIN - IRELAND'S NATIONAL CEMETERY

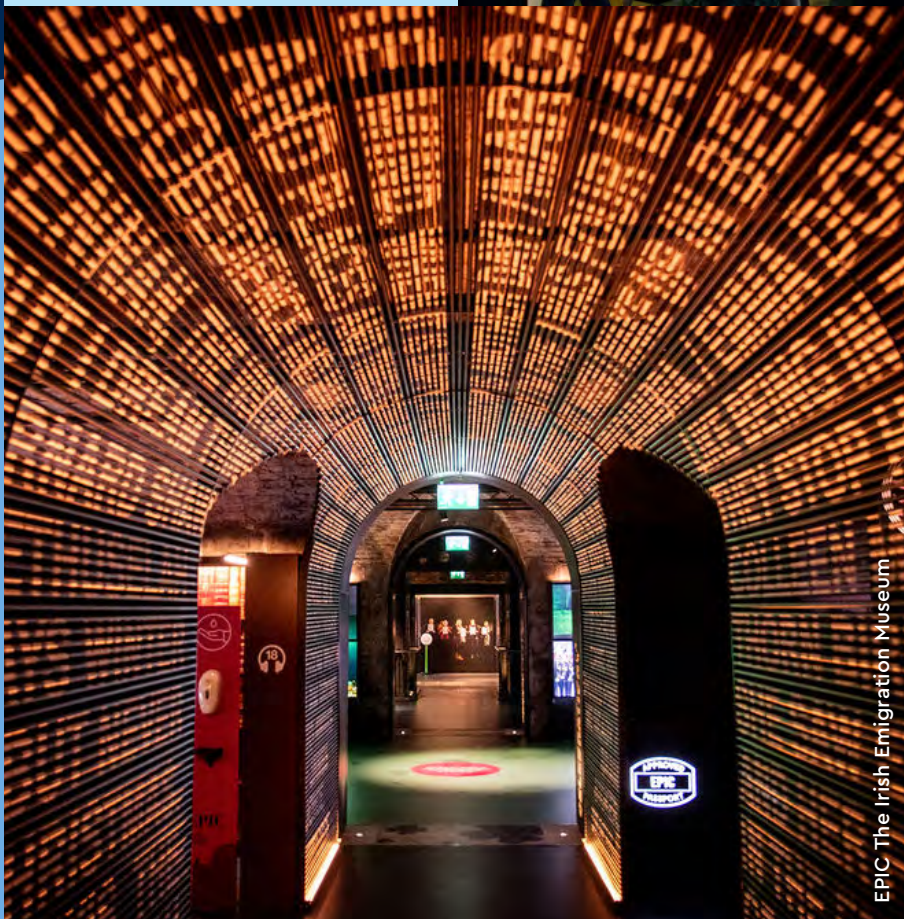
dctrust.ie/experience-glasnevin.html

Over 1.5 million people are buried in the beautifully tended Glasnevin Cemetery, Ireland's National Cemetery. These include many of the most iconic names from modern Irish history and a visit is a unique way to connect with their lives. Besides the vivid walking tours of the cemetery, Experience Glasnevin is an interactive interpretative centre that also tells the cemetery's story and connects you with the fascinating people who now lie there.

EPIC THE IRISH EMIGRATION MUSEUM

epicchq.com

Get under the skin of what it really means to be Irish at EPIC, the Irish Emigration Museum. EPIC explores the stories of the 10 million people that have emigrated from Ireland since the time of the famine. Discover Ireland from the outside in as you delve into Irish culture through immersive and interactive displays. You can also book a genealogy consultation at the Irish Family History Centre within EPIC to learn about your own ancestry.



EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum



THE ROUND TOWER CLONDALKIN

theroundtower.ie

Mystery still surrounds Ireland's round towers. Were they watch towers built to spot Viking raiders? Were they places of refuge? Or were they simple bell towers? The interpretive centre at Clondalkin welcomes everyone and a free self-guided tour tells the story of these thousand-year-old enigmas. There's also a heated outdoor terrace where you can relax, enjoy speciality coffees and treats and learn more about Clondalkin's long history.



CUSTOM HOUSE VISITOR CENTRE

heritageireland.ie

Since opening in 1791, the Custom House has been one of Dublin's most beautiful and iconic buildings. From its turbulent birth when rioters tried to prevent construction to its burning during the War of Independence, the Custom House's story has often been dramatic. Now, a fascinating exhibition tells the 230-year-old story of the building, its beautiful carvings, its impact on Dublin's development and the vital role it played at the heart of Ireland's international trade.



THE NATIONAL LEPRECHAUN MUSEUM

leprechaunmuseum.ie

Step into the Otherworld and discover ancient rocks, sacred trees, secret passages, time portals and ór, the leprechaun treasure that is famously found at the bottom of a rainbow. The National Leprechaun Museum introduces you to a fantastical world of Irish myth, folklore and legends. Let your imagination run wild as you learn about mesmerising tales from your storyteller guide, or visit at night to experience Darkland, a fascinating look at the twisted tales of Ireland's darker side.



THE NATIONAL WAX MUSEUM PLUS

waxmuseumplus.ie

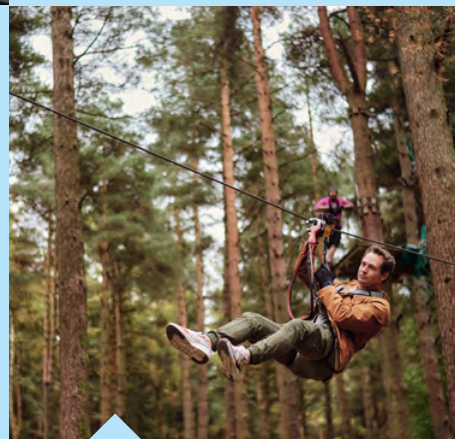
Come face to face with some of Ireland's most renowned characters, such as Liam Neeson, Phil Lynott and U2 in Ireland's premier wax museum. Wander through the Enchanted Forest to discover Ireland's rich folklore, or traipse through years of history in the Time Vaults. Meet the nation's greatest writers in the Great Irish Writers Room or if you're feeling brave, enter the Chambers of Horror for a spine-chilling journey into the world of horror, suspense and supernatural.



TEELING WHISKEY DISTILLERY

teelingwhiskey.com

The Teeling family have been renowned for whiskey-making in Dublin since 1782, when Walter Teeling set up a small craft distillery on Marrowbone Lane in Dublin's industrial centre. On a guided tour, you'll meet the master distillers and discover their vision to do things differently, embodying innovation and expertise in their delicious whiskeys. If you'd prefer to look around by yourself, their new app caters for self-guided tours with different language options available.



WINDMILL LANE STUDIOS

windmillanerecording.com

Since its establishment in 1978, Windmill Lane has been the legendary recording studio which nurtured the creation of many of the most successful albums of recent decades. Now located on Ringsend Road, a studio tour is a unique chance to see where and how the magic is captured. If there's something inspiring in its walls, perhaps a visit to Windmill Lane will spark your own journey to stardom...



ZIPIT FOREST ADVENTURES

zipit.ie/locations/tibradden-wood

Soar through a lush forest of pine trees with the wind in your hair on this zipline trail in the Tibradden Woods. Take on 12 ziplines totalling 500 metres in length and keep an eye out for spectacular views of Dublin City and Ireland's Eye. For a slower pace, clamber through the skies on swinging logs, cargo nets and rope bridges on the High Ropes circuits and immerse yourself in nature at Zipit Tibradden Wood.



PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY

pearselyonsdistillery.com

Located in the Liberties, in the restored 18th century church of St James, is an immersive visitor experience like no other in Dublin. The Pearse Lyons Distillery is named after whiskey innovator, Pearse Lyons, the first Irish man to hold a Masters degree in brewing and distilling. Tours are led by an expert team of whiskey connoisseurs, who give exclusive insights into the craft and passion that goes into the whiskey making process of the Lyons family.



DUBLIN ART BAR

dublinartbar.com

Roll up your sleeves and unleash your inner artist at the Dublin Art Bar. Whether you're a pro-painter or an art newbie, this event offers a chance to get creative and express yourself under the ultraviolet lights! Create your masterpiece using neon paints, while you listen to music and enjoy the venue's delicious food and drinks. There's also some prizes for the more competitive guests, so get ready, get set, and get painting!



THIS MUST BE THE PLACE

thismustbetheplacedublin.com

Why not craft your own hand-made memento from Dublin? This Must Be The Place is a funky art studio offering art classes for adults seven days a week. Whether you want to make a masterpiece out of clay or you prefer painting or felting, This Must Be The Place runs an array of events every day for all ability levels, with tea and coffee and lots of laughs to be had.



MARSH'S LIBRARY

marshlibrary.ie

Discover the books that inspired James Joyce, Dublin poet and Bram Stoker, author of Dracula, in Marsh's Library, Ireland's first public library. This iconic building was founded by Archbishop Narcissus Marsh in the 18th century and its exterior has remained unchanged ever since. Take your time poring over ancient leather-bound books, explore the intriguing exhibitions, try out a minifigure scavenger hunt, or breathe in the fresh air in the library's hidden courtyard garden.



Pearse Lyons Distillery



Hill Top Treks, Co Dublin



INSTA TOURS

[insta.tours](https://www.instagramtours.com)

This one's for all the travel bloggers! If you love to take in the sights while also getting aesthetic photographs for your Instagram feed, Insta Tours offer picture-perfect walking tours of Dublin. Your tour guide will bring you to Dublin's most Instagrammable locations and teach you all the tricks of the trade for taking beautiful pictures, while also giving you the inside scoop on the stories the local area has to offer.



THE PERFECT PINT TOUR

theperfectpinttour.com

So, which of the capital's pubs serve the creamiest pints of Dublin deliciousness? This is a serious question in Dublin and the subject of endless debate. However, the 3.5 hour Perfect Pint bus tour resolves the question by introducing the fab four hostellers with the city's stoutest stout. As a traditional music soundtrack sets the scene, you'll soon learn what the legendary "black stuff" should always taste like. In every sense, this tour sets the bar high.



VINTAGE TEA TRIPS

vintageteatrips.ie

Time to raise a glass- or a tea-cup- to a truly memorable afternoon in Dublin. Vintage Tea Trips are an afternoon tea experience with a difference. Sit back and relax on a fully restored vintage Routemaster bus as it makes its way around Dublin's lively streets. Take in the sights while you nibble on delicious sambos and treats made using local Irish ingredients, washed down with a good ol' cuppa!



WHISKEY ISLAND IRISH WHISKEY TOURS

whiskeyisland.ie

In its golden era, Dublin was the whiskey making capital of the world. There are still many fully operational whiskey distilleries, and Whiskey Island Irish Whiskey Tours will give you exclusive access to these. Follow the guides on a bespoke whiskey trail and learn all about the golden liquid, complete with tantalising tastings. With two tour options, you'll experience Dublin's must-see sights and learn the thrilling tales behind our most famous spirit.



ALTERNATIVE DUBLIN

alternativedublincity.com

This is Dublin like you've never seen it before. Alternative Dublin offers exciting tours that show Dublin at a different angle. From true crime tours, street art tours and amazing women of Irish history tours, to their legends, ghosts and ghouls tour, Alternative Dublin takes you away from the average tourist spots and uncovers the Dublin that the real locals know and love. Delve deeper into the city for an unusual tour that you'll never forget.





SONGWRITER TOURS

songwritertours.com

Let the sounds of the city spark your imagination on this walking tour of Dublin, designed to help you write your next chart-topper. Hear the inspiring stories of Dublin's songwriters and take in the views as you traipse the streets, visiting the famous statues of Molly Malone, Phil Lynott and Luke Kelly. Visit the sites where Dublin's musical legends made their start and finish the tour with a pint and some live music.



UNEARTHED TOURS DUBLIN

uneearthedtours.com

Explore 12,000 years of captivating history with a local expert guide on Unearthed Tours Dublin. This 2.5 hour tour takes you to Dublin's most iconic sites, including St. Stephens' Green, the Molly Malone Statue, Trinity College, Temple Bar, Christ Church Cathedral and Dublin Castle. Dublin's stories come to life as the guides narrate the rich history of the city, giving you an insider's perspective and revealing Dublin's hidden gems.



ORIGINAL DUBLIN TOURS

originaldublin.com

There's something for everyone with Original Dublin Tours, with different tour options for all interests. Original Dublin Tours are a collective of tour guides crafting unique and engaging experiences for visitors to tap into the best that Dublin city has to offer. Join them on a walking tour to witness a thousand years of humour, heartache, turbulence and triumph as you immerse yourself in Dublin's history, culture, characters and stories.



SILENT ADVENTURES

silentadventures.ie

Get your groove on with the ultimate party experience in Dublin. The Silent Adventures Disco Tour will have you bopping about the city centre with state-of-the-art wireless headphones delivering you your own private rave. Dance your way around Ireland's enticing capital in a flash mob with a hilarious guide who will show you the city's best sights – and the best dance moves! With no doubt, this is one of the most energetic tours of Dublin.



RAFTING.IE

rafting.ie

An exhilarating experience awaits just 15 minutes from Dublin's city centre. Explore Dublin from the water as you race along the River Liffey with Rafting.ie. As you navigate the weirs, bends and rapids, learn the intriguing stories of the passing sites like Shackleton's Mills, the Hermitage Estate, Kings Hospital and the Silver Bridge. Keep your eyes peeled for all types of wildlife like herons, kingfishers, swans, otters, deer and even the odd seal as you paddle along.



UNDERGROUND DONUT TOUR

undergrounddonuttour.com

Not only does Dublin have lots to do, we also have lots of delicious doughy treats! The Underground Donut Tour is a walking tour with many scrumptious snack stops along the way. Satisfy your sweet tooth on a donut-crawl of Dublin, tasting the city's donuts and churros as you wander through our famous streets, learning the history and local tales as you go.



PAT LIDDY'S WALKING TOURS OF DUBLIN LTD

walkingtours.ie

With their deep knowledge and love of the city, Pat Liddy and his team are the perfect guides to tell the story of Dublin. You'll hear vivid accounts of visionary building projects over 200 years ago, how the area declined and suffered neglect and its dramatic rebirth in the past 20 years. Generations of ordinary Dubliners plus global tech giants and even rock superstars all play a part in an exciting story that's still being written.



BIG BUS DUBLIN

bigbustours.com

Just like their big bright red buses do in major cities around the world, Big Bus Tours whisk you around Dublin's most striking sights in comfort and safety. As well as showcasing the city at night and distilling all the key information about what you're passing, they offer half-day tours to and around Howth. These give you ample time to explore the village and take a guided tour along the headland's spectacular cliff walk.



VIKING SPLASH TOURS

vikingsplashdublin.ie

It's back! Unleash your ferocious inner Norse raider on the ever-popular 75-minute Viking Splash tour, now under new management. Setting off from St Stephen's Green, a World War 2 DUKW amphibious vehicle trundles past Dublin's must-see sights, including Dublin Castle and St Patrick's Cathedral, before plunging into Grand Canal Dock. During your craft's 15 minutes on the water, you can roar loud enough to be heard through the walls of U2's new studio nearby.



WALKING FOOD TOURS

walkingfoodtours.ie

We hope you're hungry! Taste the tantalising cuisine of Dublin with Walking Food Tours as you explore the streets- and their best eats on this guided walking tour of the city. The guides will immerse you in Dublin's historical stories as you try out delicious street food that is loved by the locals. Starting from St Catherine's Church, Thomas Street and lasting 3 hours, this tour will work up an appetite- and satisfy it!



Trinity Trails, Guided Tour



The Dublin Coastal Trail

Seagulls are a common sight in Dublin. If you see any, be inspired to spread your own wings. With fascinating villages dotted along its coastline, there's far more to Dublin than just its city centre. The entire coastline is served by handy DART and train services, and with many bike-friendly areas, it's easy to get out and about sustainably...

THE DUBLIN COASTAL TRAIL

Nature At Its Best



Dublin's beautiful coast stretches from Skerries in North Dublin to Killiney in South Dublin. The bay is thriving with biological diversity with many species of wildlife and plants, and in 2019, Dublin Bay was officially named a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Head to any of the towns along the coast to discover nature at its best. Hop aboard one of the many boat tours available to watch the curious seals bobbing in the waves, admire the panoramic sea views as you stroll along the cliff walks, look out for pretty shells nestled among the sandy dunes, see if you can spot the shy shellfish in the rock pools, or get the heart racing with a quick dip in Dublin's refreshing waters.

With an abundance of breath taking beaches, cliffs and trails to enjoy, this is the perfect opportunity to get outdoors, breathe in the fresh air, and explore Dublin's coast in a eco-friendly way.

For more information on the Dublin Coastal Trail, visit visitdublin.com/guides/dublin-coastal-trail

DELIGHT IN DUBLIN'S COASTAL TRAIL

So where to go and what to do? **The Dublin Coastal Trail** takes you through the stunning seaside towns and must visit destinations north and south of the city. Each can be explored in a few hours and at every stop, informative signs highlight what makes the area unique. Head north of the city to see the fishing village of Skerries. Well used to visitors, Skerries welcomed (if that's the right word!) St Patrick and Viking raiders over a thousand years ago.



Howth Cliff Walk

SEA MORE!

The sea creates an everchanging backdrop all along Dublin's Coastal Trail. One of its most dramatic vantage points is on the Howth Cliff Walk. From here, you can gaze down at the Irish Sea crashing into the base of rugged cliffs and, on clear days, across the vast expanse of water to Wales. Close by, Bull Island lies at the heart of the **Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere**. This is a biologically diverse 300km² area that promotes a balanced relationship between people and nature. Today, the island's birds, butterflies, seals, bats and even moss are protected under the EU Habitats Directive.

KEEP COASTING!

Follow the Dublin Coastal Trail as it takes you across the bay to the vibrant Sandymount, birthplace of poet WB Yeats. The cultural energy is amplified even further in Dún Laoghaire where the striking Lexicon reinvents the idea of a library. At the same time, Dún Laoghaire's seafaring heritage is apparent everywhere, from the magnificent harbour walls to the fascinating National Maritime Museum of Ireland. Sandycove's Martello tower was the memorable setting for the opening chapter of James Joyce's 'Ulysses' and now houses the Dublin James Joyce Tower & Museum.



National Maritime Museum, Dún Laoghaire

DIVE DEEPER...

The historic and quaint village of Dalkey ticks many boxes. Is literature your thing? The 700-year-old Dalkey Castle features a 'Writers' Gallery that celebrates the many authors associated with the village. Are you into nature? Kayaking off Dalkey Harbour can bring you up front-and-personal with seals and even dolphins. And if you're up for some celeb spotting, familiar faces have a habit of being seen around the village.



Sea Kayaing, Dalkey

TAKE A HIKE!

The best way to discover Dublin Coastal Trail's many nooks and crannies – while also clocking up your daily steps count – is on foot. Strolling around Howth Village and along the Cliff Walk, exploring Dalkey's meandering lanes, tackling Killiney Hill and checking out the Trail's countless other twists and turns reveals what makes each area so individual and special. Worked up an appetite? Dublin Coastal Trail offers endless opportunities to stop and savour excellent local cuisine. Being so close to the sea, seafood lovers are spoilt for choice – especially in places like Skerries and Howth where incredible fresh from the sea flavours are a local speciality.



HOWTH ADVENTURES

shaneshowthadventures.com

The Howth Peninsula is an intriguing oasis of hidden beaches, magnificent sea cliffs, an abundance of wild blooms and a haven for wildlife, alongside a charming fishing village. Whether you prefer to explore on foot, by bike or by boat, the guides at Howth Adventures will help you discover the best viewpoints, sharing ancient stories from the area and teaching you all about the coastal habitats and animals who call Howth home.



MALAHIDE CASTLE AND GARDENS

malahidecastleandgardens.ie

Malahide Castle is a fascinating fortress in an oasis of lush parklands. Wander the castle to hear tales of the Talbot family who once occupied the space and look out for the mischievous ghosts who are rumoured to still haunt the castle corridors. Leave some time to explore the stunning botanical gardens, roam the fairy trails and pay a visit to the monarchs and red admirals in the butterfly house.



HOWTH SCHOOL OF FISH

howthschoollloffish.ie

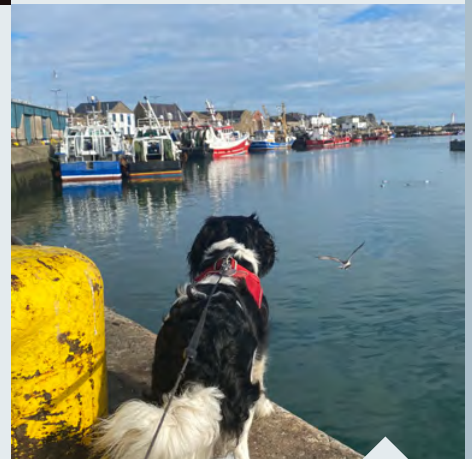
Howth School of Fish is the perfect tour for foodies, chefs and anyone interested in seafood and sustainable sourcing. The Dorans run a fishmongers and three fabulous seafood restaurants and have now developed an immersive and fun tour to teach visitors all things fish! Meet the local fishermen on a harbour tour of Howth and hear their stories of the sea, become a pro at tying fishermen's knots and mending nets, before wrapping up with some fresh seafood and a glass of wine!



DISCOVER SUP

discoversup.ie

What's SUP, you ask? Discover SUP is here to show you! SUP is short for stand-up paddleboarding, the water-based activity that has won the hearts of many Dubliners. Learn how to balance and go with the flow of the waves as you discover the beauty of Dublin from the water, starting from Howth Yacht Club. Float on a guided excursion to Ireland's eye, a small island off Howth, home to the remains of a Christian monastic settlement and a wealth of beautiful birds.



SKERRIES PADDLE TOUR

skerriespaddletours.com

Nothing is quite as beautiful as watching the sunset from the water on a stand up paddle boarding tour of the Skerries harbour. Whether it's your first time on a board or you're a paddle-boarding pro, make a splash and make some memories with the Skerries Paddle Tour. This is the perfect opportunity to take to the waters and take in the sights as the sun casts its final glow over the charming seaside town of Skerries.



HIDDEN HOWTH EXPERIENCES

hiddenhowthexperiences.com

Hidden Howth Experiences human guide Mark and his canine supervisor Missy reveal Howth's spectacular scenery, astonishing stories – and now its unmissable cuisine too. Their new Dublin Coastal Craft Beer & Seafood Trail visits handpicked eateries and hostels that serve mouthwatering fresh-from-the-sea delicacies plus new brews from a local microbrewery. Mark and Missy are Howth natives, so you can be sure of hearing the inside stories, myths and tall tales from this spectacular corner of Dublin.



DUBLIN COASTAL TOURS

[tripadvisor.ie](https://www.tripadvisor.ie)

Join Dublin native Marina as she takes you on a captivating coastal tour of her hometown. Starting from the enchanting seaside town of Dún Laoghaire, trek past castles, harbours, parks, beaches, cliffs, and stop for a stunning selfie at a rooftop viewpoint! Marina will teach you how the sea is essential to Dublin's past, present and future, as well as letting you in on the area's epic stories and insights on this sustainable walking tour.



DUBLIN BAY CRUISES

[dublinbaycruises.com](https://www.dublinbaycruises.com)

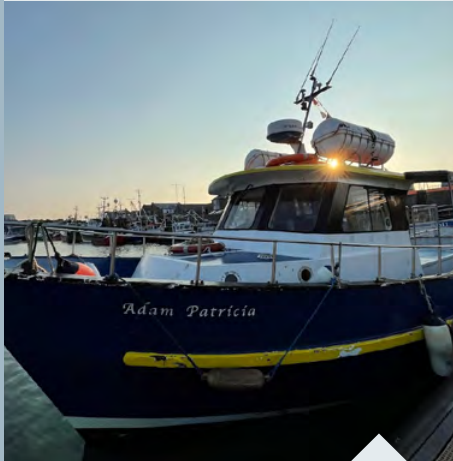
Located at the heart of the Dublin Biosphere, Dublin Bay is the perfect place to see the city from a whole new vantage point. Dublin Bay Cruises sail from Dublin City Centre and Dún Laoghaire to Howth, Dalkey Island and around Ireland's Eye. On board the St Bridget, you'll experience islands, lighthouses, landmarks and wildlife in a way that's just not possible on land - at the same time as enjoying all the exhilarating sea air you can breathe.



DALKEY CASTLE AND HERITAGE CENTRE

[dalkeycastle.com](https://www.dalkeycastle.com)

Chat with a Viking, perfect your aim with an Archer, learn the Cook's top tips for a medieval feast and watch the Barber Surgeon write potions on this immersive tour of Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. Admire the architectural wonders of this 14th century medieval fort such as the murder hole, stocks and battlements, stroll down to the 10th century graveyard nearby, or explore Dalkey's connection to Ireland's famous writers in the Writers' Gallery.



ISLAND FERRIES

[islandferries.net](https://www.islandferries.net)

Join Master Mariner Mark on a unique tour of the waters of Howth. Watch the seagulls soar as you sail past the Howth Cliffs and the picturesque Boscadden Bay on the Howth Cliff Cruise. Hop off at Ireland's Eye to get a closer look at the wildlife and discover an ancient Martello Tower on the Ireland's Eye Tour, or watch the sun shimmering off the water as it sets during the renowned Sunset Cruise.



Malahide Castle and Gardens



NEWBRIDGE HOUSE AND FARM

newbridgehouseandfarm.com

Dublin is well known for its Georgian townhouses, but the magnificent country houses are even more special. Newbridge House is Ireland's best intact Georgian mansion and estate, with stunning artworks, original furnishings and the personal possessions of the Cobbe family all waiting for you to explore. Journey through three centuries of history on a guided tour, explore the whimsical walled garden or get to know the friendly farmyard animals.



HOWTH CASTLE COOKERY SCHOOL

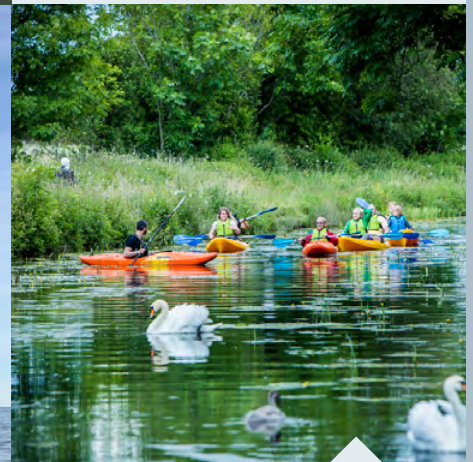
howthcastlecookeryschool.ie

Don your aprons and get your whisks at the ready! Howth Castle Cookery School's hands on cooking classes give you the opportunity to use locally sourced ingredients to whip up a culinary storm in the original 18th century Georgian kitchen in Howth Castle Dublin. Learn about the school's gardening and composting practices and discover how to maximise the use of all foods for an equally delicious and environmentally-conscious meal.

GOAT BOAT TOURS

goatboat.ie

Take to the wilderness and bask in the rich biodiversity of the Dublin Bay with Goat Boat Tours. This intimate boat tour takes you to stunning spots along the coastline, where you can get up close and personal with the Irish wildlife, from grey and harbour seals to the seabirds and sometimes even porpoises and dolphins! The fresh sea breeze is sure to give you a new lease of life as you learn all about the animals and the environment.



KAYAKING.IE

kayaking.ie

Whether you want to splash about with Dublin's famous seals in Dalkey, or glide alongside elegant swans on Dublin's Royal Canal, Kayaking.ie offer a range of unique guided kayaking tours. Suitable for beginners, experts, large and small groups and solo travellers, Kayaking.ie takes you on an unforgettable trip along Dublin's waters, where you can take in the stunning natural scenery and learn about how to protect the environment, all while having fun!

Kayaking at Dalkey Island with Jenny Kilbride of Kayaking.ie





NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM OF IRELAND

mariner.ie

Rock the boat on your trip to Dublin with a visit to the National Maritime Museum in Dún Laoghaire's iconic Mariner's Church. Standing proudly overlooking the pier for 180 years, the church now houses objects, instruments, pictures and paintings that tell the rich tale of maritime life in Ireland. Explore the Titanic Exhibit, the Prisoner's Dock and the recreated Radio Room, marvel at the 10-tonne revolving Bailey Lighthouse and take a selfie with a pirate!

SURFDOCK

surfdock.com

Don your wetsuit and take to the waters in Surfdock's engaging and entertaining watersports classes. Whether you want to try your hand at stand up paddle boarding or windsurfing, Surfdock offer beginner classes at Grand Canal Dock, where you can admire the contemporary buildings and urban surroundings from the tranquil waters. For the more experienced watersports fans, join the Surfdock instructors in an open waters class in Sandycove or Dún Laoghaire.



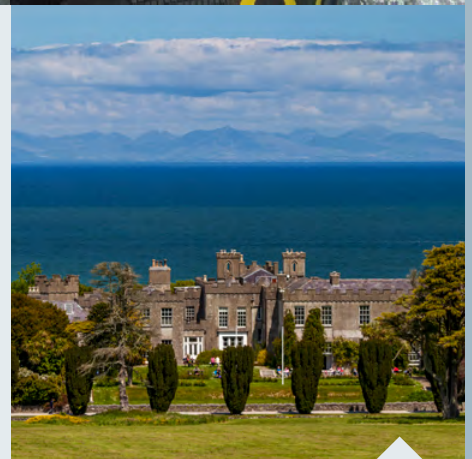
Coast Boat Tours



SKERRIES MILLS

skerriesmills.ie

Consisting of two windmills, a watermill, mill races, wetlands and a bakery dating back to the 1800s, the Skerries Mills are an iconic feature of Dublin's coastline and a truly different experience for visitors to Dublin. Try your hand at stone grinding flour or climb the steps of the iconic four sail windmill and five sail windmill for breath taking views of Skerries town, the Mourne Mountains and the offshore islands nearby.



CASINO MODEL RAILWAY

modelrailwaymuseum.ie

Get your Dublin Trip on the right track with a visit to the Casino Model Railway Museum. Put on your conductor's cap and explore this renovated cottage, thought to have been an old shooting lodge, now full of hand-crafted miniature train models made by Cyril Laurence Fry. Delve into an array of extensive interactive displays to learn all about Irish rolling stock and the history of Ireland's railway system.



ARDGILLAN CASTLE

ardgillancastle.ie

If the weather is fine and you fancy a walk outdoors, head to the picturesque grounds of Ardgillan Castle. Featuring exquisitely groomed gardens bursting with colourful blooms and panoramic views of the Dublin coastline and mountains, Ardgillan Park boasts over 194 acres of nature to explore. If you prefer the indoors, venture into the castle, where you can take a self guided tour of the ground floor rooms and kitchens and picture yourself living alongside the wealthy Taylor family in the 1700s.

Trail Treats

SKERRIES

St Patrick left his footprint on a rock here after leaping from a nearby island – see if you can track it down.

MALAHIDE

Malahide Castle is a treasure trove of heritage and historical tales, with its rooms echoing different styles and tastes from centuries past.

HOWTH

Hidden in the heart of Howth is 'Aideen's Grave', a massive dolmen reputedly the burial place of a mythical princess.

RAHENY

Check out the Tree of Life, a dying 200-year-old Monterey Cypress reborn as a spectacular sculpture.

BULL ISLAND

Dollymount Strand is a vast expanse of sand that's the perfect launch pad for kite surfers or simply stretching your legs.

GRAND CANAL DOCK

Strut your stuff on the city's "red carpet" at Grand Canal Dock, a paved red runway decorated with eye-catching glowing light sticks.

SANDYMOUNT

Ireland and Mexico's friendship is marked here with a 20 foot sculpture called Awaiting the Mariner, although Dublin has nicknamed it An Cailín Bán (the white girl)!

SALTHILL & MONKSTOWN

Peckish? Discover why Monkstown has earned a reputation as a home-from-home for hungry gastronomes.

DÚN LAOGHAIRE

Amble along the 1.2km harbour wall and let bracing sea breezes work their magic.

SANDYCOVE & GLASTHULE

There are no medals for taking a dip at the Forty Foot – but when temperatures drop, there probably should be!

DALKEY

Once a mighty stronghold built to defend the port's valuable cargo, Dalkey Castle is now home to a Writer's Gallery that commemorates Dublin's best storytellers.

KILLINEY

Can you see Wales? On a clear day it's as clear as day from the top of Killiney Hill.



Coastal Trail, Skerries



Coastal Trail, Monkstown

Saddle Up: Dublin's key cycle routes



BALDOYLE TO PORTMARNOCK

While some on-road cycling is required between Howth and Malahide, a 1.8 km dedicated cycleway from Baldoyle to Portmarnock is reserved for cyclists and pedestrians.



CITY CENTRE TO HOWTH

A dedicated cycle path runs along the North Liffey Quay, from Buckingham Street to the Clontarf Strand and on for the next 10 km or so.



GLASTHULE TO DALKEY

A shared pedestrian and cycle route, 'The Metals' runs for approximately 2 km between the seafront at Glasthule and Dalkey.



BOOTERTOWN TO BLACKROCK

Starting at Blackrock Park beside Booterstown Dart station, the route continues through the park and exits the park at Blackrock Dart station.



SPOTLIGHT ON



New Year's Festival, Performer

Dublin's fun-filled festivals

From pop-up markets to food events, live music and street spectacles, Dublin loves to host a festival! There's no better way to feel like a local as you mingle with the communities who come together to share special moments and fun in the capital. So get ready, because there's a whole calendar of events taking place in Dublin this year!

January to March...

We like to start the year in a celebration of traditional Irish music with TradFest, a five day festival throughout Dublin. Local pubs and music venues fill up with the sweet sounds of fiddles, bodhráns, accordions, tin whistles and singing, as the city's best trad musicians put on a show for all to enjoy.

People come from near and far to celebrate the St Patrick's Festival in March. On the days leading up to St Patrick's Day and the days following, there is a never-ending list of day-to-night spectacles and shows on in Dublin's Festival Quarter at the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks. The festival highlight is a lively display of performers and floats parading from Parnell Street to Kevin Street on the 17th March.



St Patrick's Day
Parade

SPOTLIGHT ON DUBLIN'S FUN-FILLED FESTIVALS

May...

Summer starts with a splash in the Liffey Descent Festival. The first canoe race took place on the River Liffey in 1960, and since then, the river marathon race has become a highlight for paddlers from all corners of the globe. Head to the River Liffey on the 11th May 2024 to see hundreds of racers in kayaks and canoes whizzing past on the rushing waters.

Dublin 8 encompasses some of Dublin's most historically significant sites, from Kilmainham Gaol to Phoenix Park and the sprawling Liberties. Culture Date with Dublin 8 is a neighbourhood initiative that encourages visitors and locals alike to explore and tap into the stories of the area, meet the characters, and see the places that are so key to the Dublin culture.

This festival takes place over a weekend in May, featuring free family events and workshops hosted in iconic locations such as the Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA), the Guinness Storehouse, Richmond Barracks and the Pearse Lyons Distillery.

In the neighbouring district of Phibsborough, you'll find Phizzfest, a vibrant community arts festival that showcases the diversity of our culture. Dublin's talent is amplified in Phizzfest with music, poetry, drama and fun for all of the community to enjoy. Watch Phibsborough come to life as you wander past art trails, live performances, clothes swaps, canal tours, outdoor yoga and more.

Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park



Bloomsday, Meeting Square

June to August...

In the peak of summer, why not head to the Bloomsday Festival, a commemoration of the world-famous Ulysses, written by Dublin writer James Joyce. The Bloomsday Festival sees the streets of Dublin spring to life in June with readings, performances, re-enactments and lots of literary fun.

The literary celebrations continue in Dalkey for the Dalkey Book Festival, taking place from the 13th-16th June 2024. Authors, comedians and podcasters come together to give talks and workshops in multiple venues across the seaside town of Dalkey.

If all of the celebrating has worked up an appetite, the Flavours of Fingal festival brings together farmers, foodies and family fun. Newbridge House & Farms showcases Dublin's best fresh produce in this free festival with agricultural displays, social dance gatherings, flower and gardening demonstrations, markets, live music, a wellness lawn and a dedicated Kids' Zone.

Finish your summer on a high at the RDS Dublin Horse Show in August, a 5-day festival with show-jumping, equestrian parades and performances, live entertainment, market stalls and delicious food and beverage options.



Bloomsday, James Joyce Centre

SPOTLIGHT ON
DUBLIN'S FUN-FILLED FESTIVALS



Dublin Theatre Festival



September & October...

Dublin celebrates the Autumn months with a theatrical flare. Culture Night invites visitors and locals alike to experience Dublin through arts, heritage, educational events. Discover our rich culture on the 20th September 2024 at one of the many activities taking place across the county.

In the Dublin Theatre Festival, talented actors take to the stage to perform outstanding Irish and international productions. This innovative and inspirational festival takes place at the end of September into October, so sit back and enjoy the show!

Things get a little spookier with the Bram Stoker Festival at the end of October, which celebrates one of Ireland's most renowned writers. This festival takes inspiration from Bram Stoker's love of the supernatural, Gothic and Victorian times, and what happens after dark, with a whole array of displays, shows and tours taking place on the streets and in venues across Dublin.

Right up 'til December...

As the winter months roll in, the fun remains with Winter in Dublin, a busy three months packed with events and festive celebrations. Dublin city truly twinkles with Christmas markets, big gigs, stand-up comedy and lots of live performances to light up the dark nights.

Wrap up warm and head to Dublin Castle for Christmas at the Castle, a boutique outdoor market with fairground rides, festive food and an array of market stalls where you can find the perfect Christmas gift for a loved one.

Take a walk on the wild side at Dublin Zoo's Wild Lights, a night-time spectacular for families and friends. Sip on a hot chocolate as you follow a trail of dazzling, larger-than-life silk lanterns that are sure to put a smile on your face.

Every year in the run up to the New Year's countdown, we give the previous year the ultimate goodbye party with lots of live acts performing exciting shows and spectacles for the public to enjoy as part of the NYF Festival.



Winter lights, Dublin Zoo



New Year's Eve Festival

Winter
in
Dublin

So no matter when you're here or what you're after, Dublin always has a festival or two for you to enjoy! For more information, check VisitDublin to see the full list of festivals and events taking place across the city.

Sip & Savour

Dublin is full of foodies and we're spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing where to eat and drink. With every type of cuisine right at our fingertips, there's something to satisfy everyone. Whether you need a pick-me-up to fill your rumbling stomach after a long day exploring Dublin's streets, or want to start your day with a hearty breakfast before you go off adventuring, Dublin offers a world of culinary delights.

THE MORGAN BUBBLY BRUNCH

themorgan.com

Eggs, waffles, pancakes, gourmet sandwiches...no matter what you're craving, the Morgan does it all! The Morgan bubbly brunch is a 3 course delight of a main, a cocktail and a dessert, situated in the historic and buzzing Temple Bar. You're in for a treat with the bubbliest brunch in Dublin!

GUINNESS OPEN GATE BREWERY

guinnessopengate.com

The Open Gate Brewery is where Guinness brewers get creative! Visit the taproom and beer garden to sample experimental and exclusive beers that are newly invented. Even better, there's an accompanying food menu made with local Irish ingredients, so you can have the best food to match your beer.

WRIGHTS FINDLATER

findlater.ie

Looking for some grub to top off a perfect day in Howth? Look no further than Wrights Findlater, a contemporary bar and restaurant in a landmark red brick building, complete with a heated outdoor terrace! Sit back and relax as you munch on glorious seafood classics and gaze out across the tranquil views of Howth Harbour.

STELLA COCKTAIL CLUB

stellacinemas.ie

1920's glamour meets trendy cocktails in the Stella Cocktail Club. Once a bustling ballroom in the 1920's, this sophisticated cocktail lounge has kept the art décor style and old-world charm, and taken it up a level by adding expertly made cocktails and exquisite finger food to the mix.

INDOCHINE

indochine.ie

IndoChine transports you to South East Asia with every bite. This is a funky eatery that brings flavours from Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Myanmar and Malaysia to the heart of Dublin 4. Paired with hand-crafted cocktails, this is a feast of flavour that's sure to please the palate!

FARRIER AND DRAPER

farrieranddraper.ie

Tantalising tapas, sophisticated cocktails and spirits and delicious local craft beers, served in a Georgian townhouse, converted into a stylish and buzzing bar – what's not to like?! Farrier and Draper is located at the heart of the lively South William Street and is the perfect spot for an exciting evening in Dublin.

RUSTIC STONE

rusticstone.ie

Take the best Irish ingredients and add creativity, fun, and international flavours and you get Rustic Stone. Michelin chef Dylan McGrath developed this multi-award winning food experience to explore tastes from Japanese, Spanish, Asian and South African cuisines and combine them with in the room cooking.

HAWKSMOOR DUBLIN

hawksmoor.ie

Hawksmoor burst onto the scene in May 2023, with a mission to bring the best steaks to the people of Dublin. Over 17 years, Hawksmoor's chefs Will and Huw travelled the world to figure out how to make the perfect steak, and then they used that knowledge to open a chic restaurant in Dublin city.

THE MERRY PLOUGHBOY

mpbpub.com

Take to the Dublin Mountains for panoramic views, luscious forests, wildlife...and an authentically Irish gastropub, complete with homemade food, live trad music and Irish dancing! The Merry Ploughboy is a 200-year old vintage pub, owned and run by musicians, and is the perfect place for tasty food and tunes after a day's exploring.

BLESS UP IRELAND

blessupireland.com

Dublin is blessed with a diverse variety of restaurants and cuisines, and Bless Up Ireland is a true gem on the list. This modern restaurant and lounge offers authentic Caribbean and African food, accompanied by amazing cocktails crafted by expert mixologists. If you love bold and spicy flavours, Bless Up is a must-try.

JADE RESTAURANT

jade-restaurant.ie

Jade Restaurant is a stylish new restaurant serving delicious food made with the best Irish ingredients and the best Chinese cooking. With experienced chefs who have worked in some of Hong Kong's best kitchens, every meal is guaranteed to be packed with flavour that leaves you wanting more!



2210 PATISserie

2210patisserie.ie

Mullingar's favourite bakery has arrived in Dublin! 2210 Patisserie is the go to for all things sweet, with fresh brownies, donuts and cakes. If you've got a special event or just want to treat a loved one, 2210's customised cupcakes, cakes and donut towers are show-stoppers that are equally as stunning as they are delicious.

IAN'S KITCHEN

[instagram.com/ians.kitchen](https://www.instagram.com/ians.kitchen)

Ian's Kitchen is the new hotspot for brunch in Dublin 12, serving delicious food, coffees, smoothies and even bubbles! Boasting countless 5 star reviews, this neighbourhood gem is a foodie's heaven that will have your mouth watering. Be sure to get there early as there's always a queue!

MASA

masadublin.com

Inspired by Mexico city, Masa is a trendy taco restaurant on the bustling Drury Street. Meaning "dough" in Mexican, stop by for the perfect tortilla, made with fresh ingredients lovingly cooked over a charcoal grill and washed down perfectly with a Mexican beer or a tasty tequila cocktail.



FABLE + STEY

fableandstey.ie

Fable + Stey is a cosy café serving brilliant breakfast from Tuesday-Saturday. Whether you're in the mood for a wholesome soup and sambo combo, a jumbo sausage roll, or a glorious granola bowl, Fable + Stey have a delectable selection of breakfast options, served alongside richly roasted brown coffee.

KICKY'S

kickys.ie

We know you'll get a kick out of Dublin's new Mediterranean restaurant, Kicky's. Head chef Eric Matthew has worked in Michelin star establishments for almost 20 years and has now brought the talent to this happening restaurant on George's Street. There's good food and good vibes aplenty to be found here!

BRIGHTON ROAD

brightonroad.ie

Listed as one of the top 100 places to eat in Dublin by the Irish Time magazine, Brighton Road bistro in Foxrock Village is the spot for hearty food and good wine. Dream team chefs Elaine and Alan have worked together for over 20 years, now serving delicious Irish, Italian and French cuisine.



PEPERINA BISTRO

peperinabistros.com

Peperina has two locations in Dublin, their garden bistro and the city bistro. The garden bistro has stood proudly in Ranelagh for 12 years serving all the classic bistro favourites with a twist, while their new city bistro in Portobello will add an Argentinian flair, offering exotic dishes like Empanadas and Milanese.

LITTLE LEMON

littllemon.ie

Little Lemon pride themselves on small plates with big flavours. This vibrant bar has an extensive wine selection and show stopping cocktails that wonderfully complement their tapas dishes. Their secret ingredient? Fresh seafood, succulent meats, flavourful charcuterie and locally sourced ingredients that come together to create a memorable Mediterranean dining experience.



Snooze & Slumber

Hyatt Centric The Liberties Dublin

Ireland is the land of a thousand welcomes, and these Dublin hotels will make you feel right at home. If you're just looking for somewhere to rest your head at night, or you want to relax, recharge and spend your time making the most of the hotels' amenities, Dublin is a gold mine of gorgeous places to stay.

So slow down, put your feet up and chill out in style at one of Dublin's heavenly hotels.

BROOK'S HOTEL

brookshotel.ie

Nothing feels better than putting your feet up after a busy day's shopping on Dublin's iconic Grafton Street and strolling around the beautiful Stephen's Green Park. And where better to relax than Brook's Hotel? This four star boutique hotel is located on Drury Street, just a 5 minute walk from Grafton Street.

HARVEY'S GUEST HOUSE

harveysguesthouse.com

Lay your head in a historic Georgian house built by Lord Mount Gardiner in 1787. Harvey's Guesthouse is a family-run guesthouse in walking distance of O'Connell Street and Croke Park. Renowned for the wonderful hospitality and the comfortable beds, the Flood family are always happy to welcome visitors to their home.

HYATT CENTRIC THE LIBERTIES DUBLIN

hyatt.com/hyatt-centric

This four star hotel overlooks the magnificent St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin's lively Liberties. The Hyatt Centric is a modern and stylish hub conveniently located near many of Dublin's top attractions. With comfortable, spacious rooms, a distillery inspired bar and a cosmopolitan restaurant, the Hyatt has everything you need for a delightful stay in Dublin.

LOCKE HOTEL

lockeliving.com/en/dublin

Locke Hotels boast cosy metropolitan aparthotel rooms in two locations in Dublin- one at the Ha'penny Bridge and one in the Docklands. There's always something going on, with fitness events and painting workshops for guests. So whether you want to go out and explore or stay in and revitalise, Locke Hotels are the best place to be.

RIU PLAZA THE GRESHAM

riu.com/en/hotel/ireland/dublin/hotel-riu-plaza-the-gresham-dublin

Opulence meets comfort at the Gresham, a four star hotel on the famous O'Connell street in the heart of Dublin. Take it easy in this historic building that's just a stone's throw away from Grafton Street and Temple Bar, and enjoy a hot whiskey or "hot toddy" in Toddy's bar, or a delicious meal in their Writers Lounge.

THE GIBSON HOTEL

thegibsonhotel.ie

After an exhilarating concert at the 3Arena or a dazzling show at the Bord Gáis Theatre, sink into a peaceful slumber at the Gibson Hotel, just a short walk away. The Gibson is a stylish hotel that puts music at its core, with murals of famous Dublin singers Bono and the Edge welcoming you at reception!

WREN URBAN NEST

wrenhotel.ie

Wren Urban Nest is a boutique hotel offering a true oasis of calm and comfort from the hubbub of the bustling city centre. These snug rooms or "nests" feature a Scandinavian design with soft, natural fabrics and earthy colours. And the cherry on top- this is the first net carbon hotel in Ireland.

IVEAGH GARDEN HOTEL

www.iveaghgardenhotel.ie

A modern take on traditional luxury, the four-star Iveagh Garden Hotel is an urban oasis just steps from Grafton Street. Opened in February 2018, this Dublin Hotel offers one of the lowest carbon footprints of any Irish Hotel and is Europe's first fully sustainable hotel.

SNOOZE & SLUMBER

GRAND MALAHIDE

thegrand.ie/en

The Grand Hotel was originally built in 1835 to service the new railway in Malahide and has since seen many owners, guests, and makeovers. The hotel now stands as a sanctuary overlooking the tranquil marina and is the perfect space for a peaceful coastal retreat after a day exploring Malahide's trails and beaches.

PORTMARNOCK HOTEL

portmarnock.com

For golf-lovers and beach-lovers, the Portmarnock Hotel is the perfect stay. Located on the stunning Velvet Strand beach, this award-winning hotel was once the family home of the Jameson Dynasty and now has a breath-taking championship links golf course, alongside a heavenly spa, the historic Jameson bar, and three dining outlets for guests to enjoy.

FITZPATRICK CASTLE HOTEL

fitzpatrickcastle.com

Live like a King or Queen in Fitzpatrick Castle, an elegant, family-run luxury castle hotel. Just minutes away from Killiney Beach and Killiney Hill, it is the perfect spot to relax after a day's exploring. Fitzpatrick Castle are also proud partners of Clean the World, where soap and plastic toiletry packaging from hotels are donated and recycled.

SANDYMOUNT HOTEL

sandymounthotel.ie

Not only is the Sandymount Hotel the largest independent family-run hotel in Dublin, it also boasts Europe's Leading Green Hotels award from the prestigious World Travel Awards. The hotel won the Energia Sustainable Family Business of the Year Award, as well as reaching the finals for Ireland's Leading Green Hotel at the Gold Medal Awards in 2021.

ALOFT DUBLIN

marriott.com/en-us/hotels/dubal-aloft-dublin-city

Whether you want to get a sweat on in the Recharge Fitness Centre, sing along to live music in the buzzy Tenter's gastropub, sip on luxurious G & T's from the Sassy Pink Gin Trolley, or just sink into a peaceful slumber in a plush bed, Aloft Hotel is the ideal stay for visitors to Dublin.

RADISSON BLU GOLDEN LANE

radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-dublin

Comfort, style and unparalleled service come to mind when we think of the Radisson Blu hotel. Located on Golden Lane, just moments away from St Patrick's Cathedral and the Chester Beatty Library, this contemporary hotel is a cosy refuge for visitors and a great place to kick back and relax on your next trip to Dublin.

PREMIER INN – GLOUCESTER STREET

premierinn.com

Conveniently located a stone's throw from Trinity College, the Premier Inn on Gloucester Street has everything you need for a relaxing stay in Dublin. The Premier Inn are working towards becoming a carbon net zero hotel, and their Force for Good initiatives support the local community, such as donating surplus food and responsibly sourcing their products.



Ashling

ASHLING HOTEL

ashlinghotel.ie

The Ashling is a sustainability-savvy hotel in the heart of Dublin. With motion sensor LED lighting and double-glazed windows, the hotel is 100% powered by a windfarm in Ireland. They are now focusing on removing all single use plastics and reaching net zero so that they can offer an eco-friendly accommodation option in Dublin.

THE ALEX

thealexhotel.ie

The Alex is a 4-star boutique hotel that has been perfectly designed for guests to rest, relax and roam in style. The O'Callaghan Hotel Collection are the first hotel group in Ireland to achieve the Green Key Award by continuously adapting and incorporating the most sustainable practices within the business, such as using fully renewable electricity.



THE CROKE PARK HOTEL

doylecollection.com/hotels/the-croke-park-hotel

Situated just steps away from the iconic Croke Park Stadium, the Croke Park Hotel has a lively bar, a sophisticated restaurant and a heated outdoor terrace for live music and summer BBQs. Spacious rooms and contemporary décor will make you feel like you've found a little piece of heaven in this Dublin hotel.



Radisson Blu Golden Lane

SNOOZE & SLUMBER

The Royal Marine Hotel



The Marker Hotel



ROYAL MARINE

royalmarine.ie

Irish politician Michael Collins is said to have hidden in Room 210 with his partner, Kitty Kiernan in this historic haven. The Royal Marine in Dún Laoghaire is an ode to a bygone era with high ceilings, ornate pillars, Victorian staircases and large sash windows with magnificent views across Dublin Bay adding to its grandeur.

COLLEGE GREEN HOTEL

thecollegegreenhotel.com

Bask in the opulence and history at the College Green Hotel, a five star hotel overlooking the world famous Trinity College. Each room contains elements that evoke the building's heritage, wonderfully contrasted with contemporary luxury. College Green has also partnered with a hospitality specialist environment accreditation partner, Green Tourism, and are rolling out reduced consumption strategies.

THE GRAFTON HOTEL

thegrafton.ie

This stylish art deco hotel has got a real buzz! The rooftop of the The Grafton Hotel is home to lots of busy bees. Guests can observe the Grafton's "bee-n-bee" on a live webcam and learn about their importance. This contributes to the conservation of bee populations, promoting biodiversity and supporting local food systems through pollination.

CONRAD DUBLIN

hilton.com/en/hotels/dubhcci-conrad-dublin

Not only is the Conrad Hotel comfy and chic, they also have some great sustainability initiative to give back to the community. In 2023, the Conrad partnered with reforestation charity Hometree to plant 200 trees on behalf of its guests. Their Green Team are working to carry out sustainable measures as part of their "Travel With Purpose" scheme.

TRAVELODGE PLUS CITY CENTRE

travelodge.ie

Travelodge Plus City Centre is a hip new hotel featuring an epic mural painted by Irish artist Shane Sutton on the outdoor terrace. The mural depicts a 19th century diving suit and metal helmet, so you can dive into the history of Dublin's Docklands as you sip on a hand-crafted cocktail.

ANANTARA THE MARKER

anantara.com/en/the-marker-dublin

The Marker is a sleek cosmopolitan hotel inspired by the surrounding Docklands. Embrace Dublin's charm on the hotel's immersive experiences. Tap into serenity at Rooftop Yoga, become a master mixer as you make a delicious Irish Coffee, join an enthralling walking tour of the Docklands, or take an invigorating dip in the Irish sea on a wild swimming experience.

THE MERRION

merrionhotel.com

The Merrion hotel is a proud member of The Leading Hotels of the World, made up of four restored Georgian townhouses and home to 2-star Michelin restaurant Patrick Gibaud. The Merrion is a member of the Clean the World Programme, uses 100% renewable energy, and also has its own beehives on the rooftop of the hotel!



The Merrion

EASYHOTEL DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

easyhotel.com/hotels/republic-of-ireland/dublin/dublin-city-centre

Located in the trendy and happening Smithfield, easyHotel Dublin City Centre is within walking distance of some of Dublin's most iconic attractions, such as the Guinness Storehouse and Temple Bar. With budget friendly rates and comfy beds, easyHotel is an ideal choice for those who want to save their money for activities, attractions and dining out!



Haddington House

HADDINGTON HOUSE

haddingtonhouse.ie

Marvel at the picturesque sea views of Dún Laoghaire Harbour in a restored Victorian townhouse at Haddington Hotel. Immerse yourself in the allure of your surroundings as you ponder over the curious artworks in the hotel, or head to the light-filled and luxurious Parlour for an elegant afternoon tea or a lavish cocktail.



A DAY OUT IN DUBLIN

Daycation ideas

Whilst the city is heaving with attractions, events, bars, restaurants and hotels, Dublin's wild side is also worth exploring. Our beautiful green spaces are the perfect place for eco-friendly tourism, from the rolling Dublin mountains to the stunning gardens and expansive parklands. There's an abundance of nature spaces for you to ramble, hike or bike. Here you can slow down, catch your breath, enjoy the fresh air and see the wonders that await you in Dublin's backyard.

Marlay Park Walled Garden

Iveagh Gardens



Merrion Square



St Patrick's Cathedral Garden



People's Park Market, Dún Laoghaire

We're all about the park-life!

Dublin's mighty mountains

Farmleigh, Phoenix Park

Mountain Biking Train, Ticknock

Hire a bike and pedal around the iconic **Phoenix Park**, an old 17th century hunting ground. Wander the walled gardens and see our version of the White House, Áras an Uachtaráin- the official residence of the President of Ireland, or take a break to relax on the steps of the Wellington Monument, a 19th century obelisk. Just south of Phoenix Park, the **Irish National War Memorial Gardens** stands serenely with its classical symmetric design. Sunken rose gardens and fountains lie as a monument to Ireland's fallen soldiers during World War 1.

The manicured lawns and teeming flowerbeds of **St Stephen's Green** make for a picturesque stroll on a sunny day. Watch the birds gliding along the lake in the centre of the park, or go on a history-filled scavenger hunt to find all of the park's monuments and busts of Ireland's important figures like James Joyce and Arthur Guinness.

Another famous statue resides in **Merrion Square Park**, a luscious green space in the centre of a Georgian square. Here you'll find a statue of Oscar Wilde, stretched lazily over a quartz boulder. Every Sunday, you'll find an open-air art gallery from local independent artists just outside the park, where you can pick a unique print to remind you of Dublin.

The **Dún Laoghaire CoCo Markets** take place each Sunday in the **Peoples Park**, around the **Lexicon Library & Cultural Centre**, where you can browse to your hearts' content and find handmade Irish gifts and produce, or head to the Red Stables Market in **St Anne's Park** to try some homemade chocolate, artisan cheese and handmade preserves.

Once you've had your fill, take a look for the **Herculean Temple**, **Pompeian Water Temple** and **Roman Viewing Tower** standing proudly amongst the greenery.

Imagine life in the medieval Dublin as you stroll past the city's original walls at **St Audoen's Park** or admire the magnificent **St Patrick's Cathedral** as you bask in the sunshine at **St Patrick's Park**.

So if the weather is fair and you have some time on your hands, Dublin's green spaces are full of stories and sights for visitors and locals alike to enjoy.

Pack some sambos and a flask of tea and put on your best walking shoes before you take to Dublin's magnificent mountains, the city's natural playground.

The **Dublin Mountains Way** is a national waymarked trail with 43km of mountain trails, country paths and rural roads to explore, with breath taking views of the city to be awarded to those adventurers that reach the summits. There are easier strolls and more challenging hikes for all capabilities, so take things at your own pace and unleash your inner explorer.

For a shorter walk with a mixture of equally stunning sea and city views, start your hike at **Shankill** village. Make your way through the trees at Rathmichael Wood and Carrickgollan Wood, where you'll find badgers, rabbits and birds nestling amongst the leafy branches. Keep a look out for the old Lead Mines Tower and follow the orange marked path to the tranquil Barnaslingan Woods. The real star of the show is the view at "Scalp" lookout, where you can drink in the views of the skies, the woods, mountains, grasslands, and the world below.

The trail at **Ticknock** forest offers a more challenging hike, taking you up the unusual rock formations at Three Rock Mountain. From Carthy's Green just off the Ballyedmonduff Road in Ballinteer, make your way through a forest of Japanese Larch, Sitka Spruce, Scots, Monterey and Lodgepole Pine trees.

Traipse past an ancient passage tomb, sometimes called the "Fairy Castle", to reach the highest point of the Dublin Mountains Way. Admire the stunning views of the city, 537m below before heading onwards to **Tibradden Mountain** to find a fascinating cairn from the Bronze Age.

The **Glenasmole and Tallaght** route takes you from the **Cruagh Wood** through Featherbed Forest and out to Piperstown Hill. Take in the vast Glenasmole Valley and revel at the historic Bohernabreena Waterworks, built in 1887 to supply water to the mills along the river. In Kiltipper Park, stop to snap some stunning pictures of the Dublin Mountains and finish at the Sean Walsh Memorial Park in Tallaght with its tranquil duck pond and ornamental formal gardens.

Whether you're a hiking enthusiast or this is your first time exploring the trails, a hike in Dublin's scenic mountains is the perfect way to spend the day. Remember to take all your rubbish with you and keep your distance from wild animals.

See www.leavenotraceireland.org for further information.

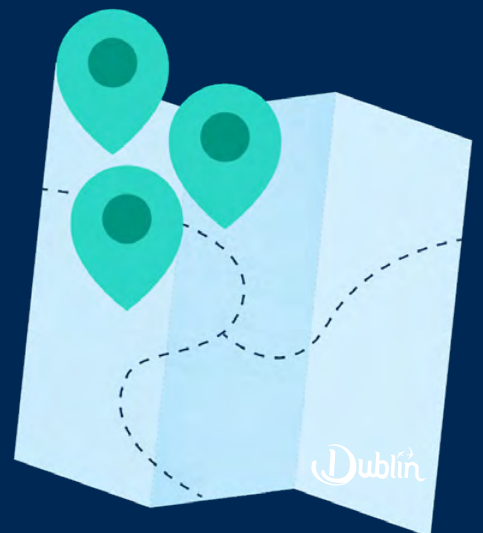
Sustainable Tourism Tips

Travelling has a positive effect on the societies and economies that we visit, but it can have a negative impact on the environment. By making small changes and simple choices, we can be more sustainable in how we travel. Below we've listed some easy tips and tricks that you can do to minimise your carbon footprint on your next visit to Dublin.



Try to pack light to reduce the amount of fuel used and emissions created by the planes, trains and cars to get you here.

Try to visit attractions that are near each other in the same day to minimise time spent travelling back and forth.



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM TIPS

Do your research and visit hotels, restaurants and attractions that are considerate of their impact on the environment- the businesses in this guide are a great place to start!

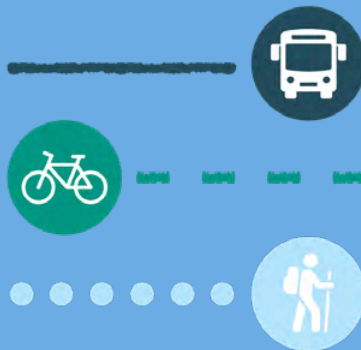


Pack a reusable water bottle and refill it in your accommodation, restaurants and refilling stations at some attractions, so you can minimise the amount of plastic bottles you buy during your trip.

If you are hiking or enjoying any of our glorious outdoor areas, try to **leave no trace** by bringing all rubbish with you and by keeping your distance from wild animals.

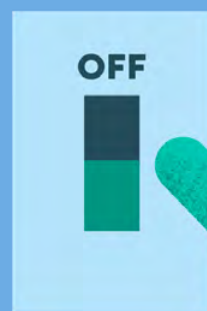


Bring a reusable tote bag with you to carry any souvenirs or produce you buy at the local markets to prevent the use of single use plastic bags.



Make use of the **public transport** options, **bike rental** and **walking routes** to make your way around the city and its surroundings sustainably.

Remember to turn off air conditioning, lights, and unplug any appliances in your accommodation before you head out for the day.



And while our visitors keep doing their part- we'll keep doing ours!
We currently offer a range of supports for tourism businesses, including guidance, training, tools and best practice at the individual business level.
We have developed climate action guides for businesses which are readily available online.

