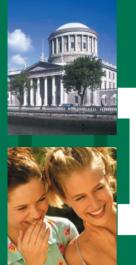
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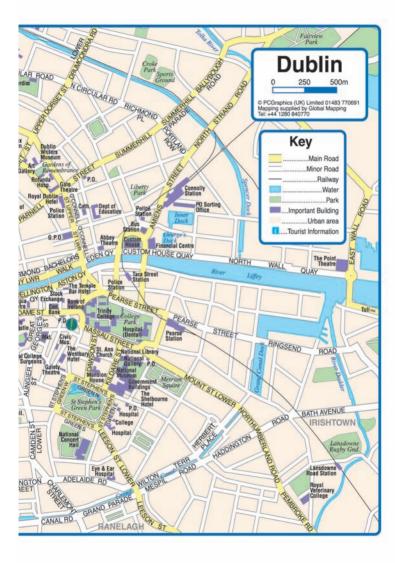


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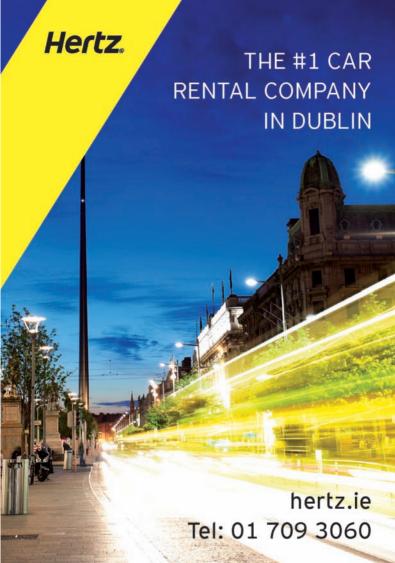
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Ha'penny Todav's Dublin is a swirling mixture of energy, culture Bridge, and excitement. Originally a small Viking settlement (its name comes from 'Dubh Linn', meaning dark pool) and then, for many years, a British stronghold, Dublin has once more undergone a complete metamorphosis and is now one of Europe's hottest capitals.

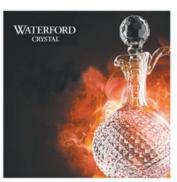
> A guick look around will confirm how this once insular, monocultural city has transformed itself into a fantastic destination for tourists, students, writers and musicians. Immigration has brought people from every destination imaginable to live and work in Dublin, giving the city a decidedly cosmopolitan air. Thousands more flood the capital at weekends for literary festivals, sporting events, bridal and grooms parties, or simply to experience the 1,000 or so pubs sprinkled liberally throughout the city (as the bridal and grooms parties do!).

> Dublin is synonymous with pubs and for many tourists the first item on the 'to-do' list is to order a pint of Guinness. That particular beverage is found in almost every one of the glut of pubs dotted around the capital, but whether the establishment is as traditional as the drink is another question! Of course, the old-style porter houses still exist. but many are giving way to hip new joints designed with Scandinavian minimalism or Manhattan chic in mind. Arthur Guinness would turn in his grave!

It's not just the pubs that have changed. Dublin's (and Ireland's) traditional image as a parochial, insular place has undergone a reappraisal in recent years. You're more likely to be served balti than bacon, and with the likes









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of Chanel, Hermès, Louis Vuitton and Jimmy Choo opening their doors to the fashion—conscious of Dublin, it seems the city has decidedly entered into the international cosmopolitan arena.

And yet, for all this, there is clearly much more to Dublin than trendy bars and designer labels. Here is a city with a history and legacy that goes back over a thousand years, a history which has been as tumultuous and tragic as it has been heroic and triumphant. Then there are the city's people. Whether it exists in poverty or prosperity, Dublin's greatest asset has always been its inhabitants. Possessed of a wit and charm that is uniquely Irish, Dubliners are the beating heart of this vibrant, fast–paced city.

And it was these very inhabitants which James Joyce would immortalise in his masterpiece **Ulysses**, an epic charting a day in the life of Dubliner Leopold Bloom. This odyssey through the streets of Dublin, recounted entirely from memory, chronicles not only the make—up of a city but the mentality of a nation. It is this undeniable literary heritage which still defines much of Dublin's spirit and identity today.

Trinity College One of Ireland's most renowned universities

One cannot wander through Dublin without taking into account its awesome literary past. This is the birthplace of the famously caustic playwright Oscar Wilde and of



Nobel Prize winner Samuel Beckett. Jonathan Swift, the celebrated satirist who wrote **Gulliver's Travels** and whose statue stands outside Trinity College, was also a native of Dublin and the Sligo-born poet WB Yeats lived at 82 Merrion Square for a time. The list, like much of the banter in Dublin's pubs, is endless.

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Sunlight Chambers, Parliament Street

A mention of Merrion Square brings us neatly onto another topic close to many a Dubliner's heart: its monuments and also architecture. One of Dublin's largest and most ornate squares, the architecture of Merrion Square is typical of the Georgian style seen in many of Dublin's buildings. Regarding monuments, whether it's the Molly Malone Statue on Grafton Street 'The Tart with the Cart' or the Millennium Spire on O'Connell Street 'The Stiletto in the Ghetto', Dublin's sculptures have always been a keen source of conversation and. at times, consternation!

There has been an extremely successful campaign to renew eighteenth-century Georgian Dublin. A 'Golden Age' in the city's past, this period saw Dublin become one of Europe's most prepossessing capitals, graced with magnificent squares, elegant public buildings and long, wide streets. The Georgian aesthetic helped develop the beautiful Fitzwilliam and Merrion squares, as well as the James Gandon masterpiece, The Custom House, and imbued Dublin with much of the character it retains today. Added to this has been the city's commitment to urban renewal, visible in previously neglected areas such as the fashionable Temple Bar.

Dublin retains an edginess that makes the city such a fascinating contradiction. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Dublin's music scene. From fresh-faced buskers on Grafton Street to the traditional melodies that emanate from many of the pubs around the city, Dublin lives for music. If you want to listen to something a little more contemporary, venues such as the Olympia and Vicar Street offer good home–grown talent as well as exciting international artists.

Dublin, the 'dark pool', has something for everyone. Don't be fooled by the frothiness it has acquired in recent years. Dublin is too unique and multi-faceted to be reduced to a single stereotype and that, of course, is its ever-lasting charm.

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Transport

With a population of over 1 million, Dublin isn't a large city by world standards, but it is an extensive, low-rise one. The centre is compact and easily explored, but it's worth venturing further afield. To get around, you can travel by **DART** (Dublin Area Rapid Transit – the suburban rail line), by tram **(Luas)**, bus or by car.

The **DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit)** is the rail line running along the coast of Dublin, from Malahide and Howth southwards as far as Greystones, Co Wicklow. Weekly tickets are available at all ticket offices and also from the Travel Centre, 35 Lower Abbey Street. Adult Rail, Adult Bus & Rail and Adult Luas & Rail are valid for one week's unlimited travel from date of purchase for 7 consecutive days.

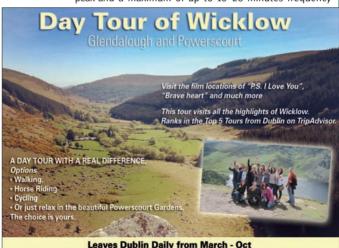
The **Arrow** suburban railway network serves stations out to Dundalk, Arklow, Maynooth and Mullingar (all from Connolly station) and Kildare (from Heuston station). The Route 90 bus connects Connolly, Heuston and Tara Street stations.

O'Connell Street



Most buses run between 7am and 11.3opm and service all parts of the city. The **Nitelink**, a limited night service, operates on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. You'll also find information about routes, schedules and tours at the **Dublin Bus Office** in O'Connell Street. If you don't pay the exact fare, you'll be given your change in the form of a receipt, which can only be redeemed at the Dublin Bus office. For this reason, it is often better to buy prepaid tickets at a newsagent.

Luas, Dublin's Tram System is a frequent, reliable and fast public transport option. There are two tram lines. The Luas Red Line runs from Tallaght or Saggart in the south west of Dublin to Connolly or The Point via Dublin's northem city centre. The Luas Green Line runs from Brides Glen in south Dublin to St. Stephen's Green in the centre of Dublin's south city centre; services operate from Brides Glens or Sandyford to St. Stephen's Green. Trams operate from early morning to late evening with trams as frequent as every 3 minutes at peak and a maximum of up to 10–20 minutes frequency



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Tours

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Dublin Bus runs open–top double-decker tours around the city throughout the year. Their Coast and Castle tours take you to the popular locations on the outskirts of the city, such as Malahide Castle and Howth. Check out the website located at **www.dublinbus.ie** for more details on tours.

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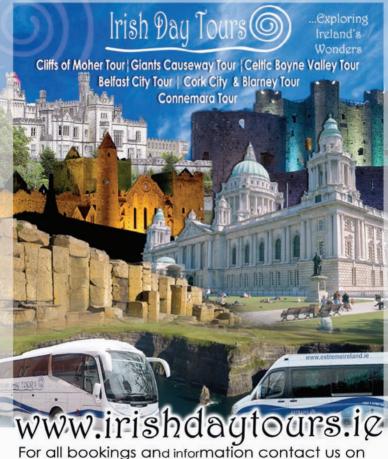
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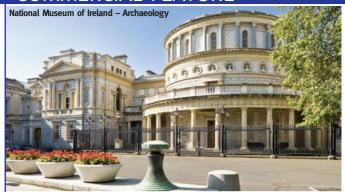


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Located at Collins Barracks, the Decorative Arts & History Museum houses an impressive thirteen permanent exhibitions in total. Among these, the museum examines the history of the Irish Military in the "Soldiers & Chiefs: The Irish at War at Home and Abroad since 1550" exhibition while also housing a large collection of silver, ceramics, glassware, costume and furniture, including works by the famous modern designer, Eileen Grav.

Housing over two million artefacts the Archaeology Museum's collection includes some of Ireland's most prized archaeological objects such as the Tara Brooch and the Ardagh Chalice. However, it is not only Irish treasures that lie within the depths of this 19th century building as exhibitions such as "Ancient Egypt" and "Life and Death in the Roman World" are also permanently on display.

An ecological haven in the heart of Dublin City the Natural History Museum exhibits not only species' of native Irish fauna such as badgers, deer, falcons and lobsters but also transforms into an exotic 'Dead Zoo' on the first floor housing creatures such as polar bears, kangaroos and tigers as well as suspending impressive whale skeletons from the museum roof.

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South of the Liffey

If you're visiting Dublin for the first time and want to see as much of the city as possible, it's advisable to start your tour south of the River Liffey. It is possible to take in many of the city's attractions on foot and do not be dissuaded by the fast and furious pace of your fellow pedestrians. The main tourist attractions on the south side of the river are Trinity College, Temple Bar, Dublin Castle, The National Museums and Gallery, the National Concert Hall and the Guinness Storehouse.

If Ireland's cultural and historical past eludes you and it's shopping you're after, you might want to start off on the pedestrianised, red brick thoroughfare of **Grafton Street**. As one of Dublin's busiest and most lucrative shopping areas, its paving is lined with prestigious and long-standing businesses.

As you travel toward **College Green** you'll encounter the bronze statue of Molly Malone 'wheeling her barrow through streets broad and narrow'. On your right, secure behind high stone walls, is **Trinity College Dublin (TCD)**, which occupies forty acres of the city centre and is the city's most famous tourist attraction.

Traditionally, Trinity was a Protestant university (founded The Long Room, by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592) and was then regarded by hidebound Catholics as a nest of dangerous ideas.



As late as the 1960's, Catholics could not attend the college without a special dispensation and many tended to continue their education at **University College Dublin (UCD)**. The college is built around a series of cobbled quadrangles. Its best-known landmark is the thirty-metre Campanile, which houses the university's bells and is surrounded by venerable maple trees in Library Square. The **Old Library** building holds Ireland's greatest treasure,

the **Book of Kells.** This illuminated copy of the Gospels, written by monks around A.D. 800, is one of the oldest books in the world. A decoratively illustrated work of art, it is a masterpiece and testament to the labours of its authors.

The Long Room, one of the oldest libraries in Ireland, houses a collection of marble busts as well as Ireland's earliest known harp, the Brian Ború harp, which dates back to the fifteenth century. With its enormous vaulted ceiling, the Long Room is home to 200,000 of Trinity's oldest books and manuscripts. The student libraries in Trinity – the Berkeley, the Lecky and its newest extension, the Ussher – house an extensive collection of books that Trinity, as a copyright library, receives.

Bram Stoker, Jonathan Swift and Oscar Wilde are among the great Irish writers who graduated from Trinity College. Samuel Beckett was a former alumnus and later spent a few miserable years lecturing at the college. He drank in the local pubs, and the famous episode in his novel

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More Pricks than Kicks, when the hero Belacqua vomits over a policeman's boot near the gates of Trinity College, may well be biographical.

Moving opposite Trinity College stands the classical Bank of Ireland. which was constructed in 1729 as the seat of the Irish Parliament. The former House of Commons has been absorbed into the bank. while the oak-lined House of

Molly Malone statue Lords has remained intact. Its centrepiece is an 18th century chandelier made from 1,223 pieces of glass.

> City Hall on Dame Street is an outstanding example of the Georgian architecture for which Dublin is world-renowned. Audioguides and leaflets are available in different languages e.g. English, Irish, German, Spanish, Italian and French. The building is fully wheelchair accessible. The vaults now host the multi-media exhibition, 'Dublin's City Hall: The Story of the Capital'. This exhibition traces the evolution of Ireland's capital city, from before the Anglo-Norman invasion of 1170 to the present day.

Behind the Bank of Ireland lies Temple Bar. Officially described as 'Dublin's Cultural Quarter', Temple Bar is bordered by Westmoreland Street, Dame Street, the Ouavs and Parliament Street. Check out the innovative modern architecture around Meeting House Square, which also hosts an outdoor food market on Saturday mornings and afternoons.

The National Wax Museum Plus is an exciting interactive visitor attraction located in the heart of Dublin's city centre Temple Bar district and just off Dame Street, designed to take you on a journey through Irish cultural heritage. If you are feeling brave, pay a visit to the Chambers of Horrors where Dracula and Hannibal Lector reside.

The Irish Museum of Modern Art is Ireland's leading national institution for the collection and presentation of modern and contemporary art. The museum is housed in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, the finest 17th—century building in Ireland. The permanent Collection of the Irish Museum of Modern Art comprises some 1,650 works. Admission is free except for occasional special exhibitions.

Marked by dereliction and rejuvenation, **Temple Bar** was revitalised in the 1990's; now it is the artsy, suave and expensive end of the city. Its cobbled enclaves are home to a host of trendy restaurants and pubs, eclectic galleries and shops. If **Temple Bar** is the heart of Dublin, it also connects spectacular and historically distinct areas: **Grafton Street** and **Trinity College** with **Christ Church Cathedral** and **Dublin Castle**.

The RHA Gallery (Royal Hibernian Academy), located just a 2 minute walk from St. Stephens Green, is one of Dublin's leading public art galleries. Open 7 days a week with free admission, the RHA gallery shows an innovative mix of Irish and International contemporary art. With an exhibition and education programme dedicated to developing, affirming and challenging the public's appreciation of traditional and innovative approaches to the visual arts, see www.rhagallery.ie to find out about their current exhibitions.

Viking Dublin extended over the area now bounded by **Dublin Castle** and Christ Church. Dublin was an important enough stronghold to merit mention in the Viking sagas.





A portion of a Viking fortress is on view in the undercroft of Dublin Castle, which is situated on Dame Street in the heart of historic Dublin. The city gets its name from 'Dubh Linn' (black pool), an area thought to be roughly where the Castle Garden is today. The south range of the Castle complex houses the State Apartments, which were once the residential quarters of the Vice Regal Court.

Dublinia & The Viking World is a heritage centre, located in central Dublin, at the heart of the medieval city. The exhibitions at Dublinia explore life in the medieval city and the world of the Vikings and contain life-sized reconstructions which will take you back to Viking and Medieval Dublin with a variety of sights, sounds, and smells. Housed in a beautiful neo-Gothic Victorian building, the former Synod Hall of the Church of Ireland, this landmark building was acquired in the late 1980's by parent body, The Medieval Trust. The Trust has worked to preserve this building as part of their ongoing work.

Another Viking must-see attraction are the Viking Splash **Tours.** which take you on a fun tour of Viking Dublin by Chester Beatty land and water by travelling on board the vintage, amphibious. Library military World War 11 vehicles called "Ducks". Tours depart



from Stephens Green North close to Grafton Street and are suitable for the whole family.

One of the highlights of a trip to Dublin Castle is the Chester Beatty Library. Sir Alfred Chester Beatty was an American mining magnate and a discerning and idiosyncratic collector of the religious treasures he encountered during his sixty years of travelling in Europe and the Far East. The collection is now commanding the attention it deserves, having been moved from a suburban house in Ballsbridge to the Clock Tower building at Dublin Castle in 1999.

Christ Church Cathedral predates Dublin Castle by a century, making it Dublin's oldest building. The original cathedral was built by the Viking king Sitric Silkenbeard. In 1169, the Norman Earl of Pembroke, Richard de Clare (Strongbow), ordered the present building to be built after his conquest of the city. He was not to live to see its completion. After many restorations the cathedral is a hybrid of architectural styles.

To the south of Christ Church Cathedral lies **Saint Patrick's Cathedral.** Founded in 1191, it is best–known for its association with the writer and satirist **Jonathan Swift** who was Dean there from 1713 to 1745. The combined choirs of St Patrick's and Christ Church first performed **Handel's Messiah** here in 1742. 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. The Cathedral is open to everyone as an architectural and historical site.

To appreciate more of Ireland's past, the **National Museum of Archaeology** and History can be found on Kildare Street. The museum's holdings represent the entire sweep of Irish history, from the Stone Age to the present day. One such display, **Ireland's Gold**, is one of the finest

collections of prehistoric, gold artefacts in Europe. The main exhibit is the exquisite Broighter boat, a gold vessel complete with oars, mast and spar found by a farmer a hundred years ago on the shores of Lough Foyle. The Treasury, is the museum's key attraction, contains outstanding examples of Celtic and Medieval art, such as the Ardagh Chalice, the Tara Brooch and the Dernynaflan Hoard – a definite must—see.

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Also on Merrion Street is the **National Museum of Ireland's Natural History Museum.**This

oldest part of the museum, which has been open for more than 150 years, houses a fine collection of both native and foreign fauna. A visit to the **Natural History Museum** is an excellent way to keep children (and adults) amused on a rainy Dublin afternoon.

Situated between two national institutes, the **National Library** and National Museum, **Leinster House** on Kildare Street, has been the seat of the Oireachtas, or Irish Parliament, since 1925. Completed in 1748, it was the first great eighteenth century house to be built south of the Liffey, and has been claimed as the prototype for the White House in the United States. Much of what you see around you in central Dublin dates back to the prosperous Georgian era of the eighteenth and late nineteenth centuries.

During the eighteenth century, as the city grew rapidly in size and population, the medieval walls were swept away and new broad streets and elegant squares were built on reclaimed land on either side of the Liffey. From the 1750's onwards, great town houses were erected around Fitzwilliam Square and Merrion Square, the centre of which was laid out as a public park. In the restored **Newman House** on St Stephen's Green, which joins two fine Georgian buildings, you'll see magnificent eighteenth century interiors and beautiful plaster decoration.

If it's culture of the musical variety that takes your fancy, the **National Concert Hall** on Earlsfort Terrace, just off St Stephen's Green, often holds lunchtime concerts.

Close by at 33 Synge Street, **The Shaw Birthplace** is a real gem. This Victorian home mirrors the early life of the renowned Irish playwright, George Bernard Shaw.

St Stephen's Green is Ireland's best–known Victorian city park. It covers nine hectares of the city centre and is at its best in the summer when the tree–lined walks, flowerbeds and ornamental lakes provide colourful relief from the hustle and bustle of the streets. The park is littered with statues that commemorate some of Ireland's literary and political heroes, like Robert Emmet, James Joyce, Countess Markiewitz and W.B. Yeats.

Once a common ground for grazing animals, it was transformed into a park in 1887, with the helpful funding of **Sir Arthur Edward Guinness**, later to be known as Lord Ardilaun. A statue dedicated to the latter stands with its head directed toward **St James's Gate**, where he was the proprietor of the family business, the Guinness brewery. No self–appraising tourist could come to



St Patrick's Cathedral



Dublin without stopping off at the **Guinness Storehouse**. Chances are you'll smell the place before you see it as the prevailing westerly winds carry the tang of roasting barley across the city. Located at the heart of the St. James's Gate brewery, **Guinness Storehouse** is Ireland's No.1 International visitor attraction.

From the Guinness Storehouse on Thomas Street to Inchicore to Military Road you can take in the finest sights to be seen south of the Liffey.

Forbidding **Kilmainham Gaol** on Inchicore Road is the largest unoccupied prison in the British Isles and was a place of punishment and execution for criminals and Nationalists between 1796 and 1924 when it closed. It's certainly recommended to anyone with an interest in Irish history.

Of equal historical merit is the magnificent seventeenth century **Royal Hospital Building** on Military Road, which now houses **The Irish Museum of Modern Art** (IMMA), Ireland's leading institution for the preservation and collection of modern and contemporary art. Its spacious grounds include a formal garden, meadows and medieval burial grounds.

VISITOR'S GUIDE



The Four Courts North of the Liffey

The Liffey is a useful reference point when trying to find your bearings in Dublin. If you're in a walking mood, follow the north quays of the Liffey from town, past the **Four Courts** and **Smithfield** right up to the entrance of the Phoenix Park on Parkgate Street. Alternatively, take the number 90 bus from Aston Quay to Heuston Station; these attractions are on the other side of the river.

The National Museum of Ireland at Collin's Barracks is located along this walking route and houses the Museum of Decorative Arts and History. It is our country's premier cultural institution and home to the greatest collections of Irish material heritage, culture and natural history in the world. With a frequently changing programme of exhibitions, as well as fabulous exhibitions of coins, furniture, costume and clothing, it is a great way to break up the walk to the Park.

The Park extends over 1,750 acres and it feels at times as if you're in open countryside. Deer, introduced during colonial times, roam freely. In case you and yours get separated, arrange to rendezvous at the **Papal Cross**, which was erected in 1979 for the visit of Pope John Paul II to Ireland.

Áras an Uachtaráin is the residency of Ireland's president and can be located by the beautiful **Phoenix Column**. The house was once the residence of the British Lord Lieutenant. In an infamous incident, two British officials were stabbed to death close to this area in 1882, one of the many violent episodes which led up to the 1916 Rising.

The fully restored **Ashtown Castle** in Phoenix Park is a medieval tower house that probably dates from the 17th century. There is also a restaurant in the grounds of the Visitor Centre. A lively and entertaining exhibition on the history and wildlife of the Park is on display in the Visitor Centre.

Dublin Zoo is one of Ireland's top visitor attractions and is located in the Phoenix Park. There's something for everyone at this spectacular Zoo. Look out for keeper talks and animal feeding times. Animals here include giraffes, zebras, Asian elephants, tigers, hippos, red pandas and orangutans to name only a few. Dine at the unique Meerkat Restaurant where you can look out for these inquisitive animals as you enjoy your meal.

Smithfield is at the centre of one of the most imaginative civic restoration projects undertaken in Dublin. Gas-lamps arranged around the square look like giant birds poised for flight. The Lighthouse Cinema offers a unique cultural aspect to the area, while the **Old Jameson Distillery** remains the largest footfall attraction. Hop on the Luas which will take you to The National Museum, the Old Jameson Distillery and to the bustling shopping area at Jervis.

Take a trip through the romantic past of Irish whiskey making at **The Old Jameson Distillery** in Smithfield, one of Dublin's top visitor attractions. Set in the heart of historic Dublin, the Old Jameson Distillery dates back to 1780 with the visitor centre being housed within the original

Hanging barrel at Iameson Distillery



four walls where John Jameson founded the distillery. Rich in history, the centre provides a wonderful insight into the fine art of whiskey making with an audio visual presentation, a walk through the recreated distillery and a whiskey tasting in the **Jameson Discovery Bar** where you can enjoy a complimentary glass of Jameson and a chance to become a "Qualified



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Moving down along the quays of the River Liffey, the influence of **James Gandon**, who is one of the greatest architects associated with the city, becomes apparent. Gandon designed **King's Inn** (1785) on Henrietta Street and the Four Courts (1802). All of these monuments date back to a period when Britain had briefly acknowledged the legislative independence of the Irish parliament. A brass plaque in **Drumcondra Churchyard** commemorates James Gandon (1742–1824).

The history of the **Four Courts** plays itself out in its occupation by the Nationalist anti–Treaty forces as part of their military headquarters. The Irish Civil War began when Michael Collins' pro–Treaty Free State army opened fire on the building on 28th June 1922, quickly reducing it to a blazing husk. During the attacks, vast amounts of valuable historical documents and records went up in smoke. The buildings have been overtime painstakingly restored, but the records of Irish history they once contained are long since gone.

O'Connell Street, the grandest boulevard in the city, had turned somewhat tatty over the last few decades but has recently undergone rapid restoration. The most conspicuous and tallest structure in the city, lan Ritchie's stainless steel Dublin Spire, was erected in the centre of O'Connell Street in January 2003 as a very belated replacement for Nelson's Pillar, which was a beloved Dublin landmark blown up by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) in 1966. Make what you will of this

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O'Connell Street & The GPO

soaring steel needle; for some it is flimsy and alien, for others it is a monument of pure, abstract power. The Spire is visible from many points outside the city. It looks best at night when the perforated top section, lit by small LEDs, casts a ghostly grey-blue satin sheen.

The **GPO** (General Post Office) is remembered for much more than just delivering mail throughout the country. It marks the seminal moment in 20th–century Irish history when the

Nationalist leader, **Padraig Pearse**, proclaimed Ireland a Republic on its steps on Easter Monday 1916. As he spoke, his heavily armed supporters were occupying and also reinforcing strategic positions around the city. The British finally dislodged them and forced their surrender after four days of bloody fighting which left hundreds dead and injured and much of the city centre in ruins. The secret executions of the leaders of the rising would later serve to increase and harden support for separatism in Ireland.

Visit **An Post Museum at the GPO**. This little museum looks at the remarkable influence of the Post Office on Irish life and society over the generations. Housed in Dublin's GPO, a beautiful building in its own right and headquarters of course of the 1916 rebels, it tells – through traditional display and clever interactive media – the fascinating story of Letters, Lives & Liberty.

While on O'Connell Street, look out for the famous **Clery's Department Store**. Lovers and friends alike have been 'meeting under Clery's clock', a famous Dublin landmark, for many years. The elegant **Gresham Hotel** is also a renowned meeting place on this famous old street.

The llac Centre opened in 1981 and was the first shopping centre in Dublin's city centre. The centre has undergone a €60m refurbishment in recent years and has been transformed into a bright and airy shopping venue all on one floor. The centre is home to the Central Library on the first floor with a small chapel underneath.

The former **St. Mary's Church of Ireland** is one of the earliest examples of a galleried church in Dublin. Built at the beginning of the 18th century, it boasts many outstanding features, such as the **Renatus Harris** built organ and spectacular stained glass window. The tasteful conversion and refurbishment of this Dublin landmark was acknowledged at the Dublin City Neighbourhood Awards 2006, where it won first prize in the category of Best Old Building. In September 2007 the building was acquired by new owners and renamed **The Church Bar & Restaurant**, and its range of services was expanded to include a Café, Juice Bar, Night Club and a Barbeque area on the terrace. The minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands has classified the building as one of intrinsic historical interest.

Important historical figures associated with St. Many's include: **Arthur Guinness** – Founder of Guinness Brewery was married here in 1761, **Sean O'Casey** – Playwright & Author of "The Plough & The Stars", "Juno & The Paycock" & "The Shadow of a Gunman" was baptised here in 1880. **Theobald Wolf Tone** –





lames lovce North Earl Street

United Irishmen Founder was baptised here in 1763, Also, John Wesley – Founder of the Methodist Church delivered his first Irish sermon here in 1747. **Jonathan Swift** – Author of Gulliver's Travels and Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral attended services. here as did The Farl of Charlemont an Irish Volunteer

George Frederic Handel's "Messiah" was first publicly performed in Dublin in April 1742 on Fishamble Street. and it is known that he regularly used the organ here to practice. Also, buried within the grounds are Mary Mercer -Founder of Mercer's Hospital and Lord Norbury. The Hanging ludge who ordered the execution of Robert Emmett in 1803.

Built by Daithi Hanly, The Garden of Remembrance can be found in the heart of the city and is dedicated to all those who lost their lives in the cause of Irish freedom. In 2011, the Oueen laid a wreath there. The 1916 Moore Street Monument was designated in 2007. It was on Moore Street that Irish Volunteers surrendered to British Forces Copper Statue, during the Irish War of Independence.

> The Ambassador Theatre is one of the city's most wellknown venues, hosting many productions over the years including cinema, concerts and theatre. Another landmark theatre is The Gate Theatre, which offers high quality performances in a historic venue.

The Rotunda Hospital was founded in 1745 and moved to a new location in 1757. It was the first maternity hospital in Britain and Ireland and included a garden and concert hall. The Ambassador and Gate Theatres are part of this building.

Moving off O'Connell Street into North Great George's Street, you'll find the lames lovce Cultural Centre, No. 35 is an archive of portraits, photographs, books and tapes of Joyce. Bloomsday celebrates the great writer and Ulysses on lune 16th every year, and the date had a particular significance for James Joyce as on that day in 1904 he and his girlfriend Nora Barnacle enjoyed their first act of intimacy.

Ulysses is set on this one day and charts the thoughts and reveries of two Dubliners, Leopold Bloom (a Jewish advertising clerk) and Stephen Daedalus (a young writer who was bitterly estranged from his father), as they wander through the city. To say that the novel was unfavourably received when it was first published in Paris back in 1922 would be an understatement: some critics found the loose experimental structure was unintelligible while others were revolted by the references to sex, adultery and bodily functions.

The English–speaking world would take a long time to embrace the novel. The US customs confiscated copies and British customs burned the book upon its arrival at the docks in Folkestone. The Irish authorities blacklisted it and **Ulysses** would not go on public sale in Dublin until the late 1960's. A few smuggled copies did circulate clandestinely among Ireland's writers, three of whom – **Anthony Cronin, Patrick Kavanagh**, & **Flann O'Brien** – celebrated the first Bloomsday on 16 June 1954 with a pub-crawl which started at the **Martello Tower** in Sandycove, where the first chapter of Ulysses takes place.

Today the tower is home to **The James Joyce Museum** which is devoted to the life and works of the acclaimed writer. **Bloomsday** (the centenary of which was celebrated in 2004 with numerous commemorative events) has become a renowned Dublin institution, with Joyce fans flocking to the city from all over the world.

The Dublin City Gallery, The Hugh Lane is housed in the grand eighteenth—century Charlemont House on Parnell Square and has the largest public collection of 20th century Irish art, as well as works by contemporary Irish and foreign artists. Its holdings include Impressionist masterpieces by Renoir, Degas, Monet and Berth Morisot.

A recent acquisition is the **Francis Bacon Studio**, which was moved, contents and all, from the late artist's home in Reece Mews in London to the Gallery. A few doors up, also on Parnell Square, is the **Dublin Writers Museum**. Housed in a magnificent 18th century mansion, this

museum is a celebration of Ireland's literary tradition and its many talented writers.

The Custom House, one of the most stunning and also commanding buildings on the north bank of the Liffey, is a telling example of history, warfare and restitution. Originally designed by James Gandon in 1781, the Custom House, the seat of the nine administrative departments, was destroyed by a five day fire during the greatest urban operation of the War of Independence. Fortunately, it was rebuilt according to its original design.

The Dublin Docklands Area is the focus of the new developments in the city. At the west end of the Docklands stands the highly successful and the impressively designed International Financial Services Centre (IFSC). In recent years, The Docklands' Walking Trail has been launched and trail maps and information are available from the Dublin Docklands offices and at Dublin Tourism.

The Croke Park Experience is a must–see for anyone interested in the history and development of Ireland's national games of **hurling** and **Gaelic football**. Go behind the scenes with this fantastic tour that offers an in–depth look at one of the most historic and modern sporting arenas in the world. Don't miss the **Etihad Skyline**, Croke Park roof-top tour and the panoramic views of the city.

The **Glasnevin Museum** which opened in recent years on the Finglas Road is another must—see Dublin attraction for anyone interested in Irish Heritage & Genealogy. The exhibitions on view seek to show the social, historical, political and artistic development of modern Ireland through the lives of the generations buried in Ireland's Necropolis. Glasnevin Trust offers walking tours led by Historian Shane MacThomais.

The Casino, located at Marino, Dublin 3 was designed by Sir William Chambers as a pleasure house for James Caulfield, 1st Earl of Charlemont and is one of the finest 18th century neo-classical buildings in Europe. Access is by guided tour only.



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DUBLIN SUBURBS

Ireland's ever growing population and Dublin's magnetic appeal has meant that the capital has developed into a sprawling metropolis, rivalling Europe's major cities.

South County Dublin

The Southside has a great deal of attractions. **Blackrock** (on the DART line) offers excellent shopping and bargain prices at its weekend market, and also swanky boutiques and lively pubs. **Dun Laoghaire** (also on the DART line) is a seaside suburb and the ferry gateway to the UK. One of its main features is its expansive harbour, marked by its East and West piers, each of which is punctuated with lighthouses. Dun Laoghaire also has a range of glass—fronted restaurants offering excellent views over the pier and out to sea.

Within walking distance of Dun Laoghaire is **Sandycove**, famous for its circular **Martello Towers**, which were part of a coastal defence system created by the British during the Napoleonic Wars. The tower at Sandycove was the residence of **Oliver St John Gogarty** in 1904, and it was here he invited his young friend James Joyce to stay with him.

Little has changed since 1904; the gun platform, with its views over Dublin Bay and the living room inside the tower are much as they were in Joyce's day. Some of his letters and possessions are on display here, alongside

Swimming at the Forty Foot



rare and first editions of some of his works. **Silvia Beach**, the first publisher of Ulysses, opened the **Joyce Museum** in 1962. The Edwardian main street of the adjoining village of **Glasthule** is an interesting mix of trendy cafés and pubs and shops selling designer labels, antiques, fine foods and much more. The nearby **Forty Foot** was once a popular spot for maleonly nude bathing. Today, skinny–dipping is now discouraged and some brave women can also be seen taking the icy plunge into the Irish Sea.

Further down the south coast, and only thirty minutes from the city centre by DART, **Dalkey** is an affluent residential area and a popular location for weekend excursions. You can work up an appetite for a visit to one of the many restaurants in the quaint village with a stroll down **Coliemore Road** to **Bullock Harbour** where you can take a boat out over lovce's 'snot-green sea' to **Lambay Island**.

A walk up to the obelisk on top of **Killiney Hill** is a great way to work off any over-indulgence in Dalkey Village and the views are well worth the effort! George Bernard Shaw thought the view from Killiney was as spectacular as anything he had seen on the Amalfi Coast. Continuing over the hill, you come to Sorrento Terrace, a brightly-coloured terrace of expensive homes, and precariously perched on a cliff side overlooking Killiney beach and out towards the Wicklow Mountains.

Rathfarnham Castle in Dublin 14 was built by Adam Loftus, an ambitious Yorkshire clergyman who rose to become Archbishop of Dublin, Lord Chancellor of Ireland and was involved in the establishment of Trinity College. Visitors can view the fine 18th century interiors by Sir William Chambers and James 'Athenian' Stuart.

The Pearse Museum in the beautiful St Enda's Park, Dublin 16 was a former school run by Patrick Pearse. Attractions include exhibitions, a nature study room with attractive displays on Irish flora and fauna and an audio visual show entitled "This Man Kept a School."

North County Dublin

If you follow your compass arrow and head to Dublin's northern suburbs, you'll find yourself in **Fingal**, comprising the northern area of old County Dublin. Among a number of suburb towns that stand out are **Castleknock** — where Hollywood hotshot Colin Farrell was born and reared and next door **Blanchardstown**, which has a large and expanding shopping centre.

If shopping isn't on your agenda, the fishing town of **Howth**, with its piers and marina on the seaward side of the peninsula, is a popular destination for Dubliners at weekends. Howth was once an island, but is now linked to the mainland by the prosperous, low-lying suburb of **Sutton**.

For a bracing walk and fantastic views, follow the signs for Howth summit. Once there, you'll see the **Bailey Lighthouse** on its jutting outcrop of rock below you. Beyond it is the





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Visit the historic landmark that is **Malahide Castle and Gardens**. Enjoy a guided tour that will take you on a journey through the history of the Talbot Family and the legacy they left behind. The ornamental gardens adjoining the castle cover an area of about 22 acres. Over 5000 difference species and varieties of plants are present.

Other Northside attractions which are vying for attention are **Portmarnock** and **Malahide**. Both the villages are famous for their beaches, but there are many other outstanding beaches in Fingal, including **Skerries**, **Donabate**, and **Portrane**, where the sea is very shallow and the sands are rarely crowded, even on the sunniest day.



OUTSIDE DUBLIN

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If you fancy extending your travels, there are also many attractions located within a one or two hour drive of the capital which are there to be enjoyed.

County Kildare

Kildare, the rich farming county to the west of Dublin, is the centre of Ireland's famous horse—breeding industry and is also an excellent golfing county. **The National Stud**, established by Colonel Hall Walker in 1945 to improve the quality of the national bloodstock, has been significant in establishing Ireland as a major player in world racing.

For a spiritual lift, visit the **Japanese Gardens**. These were laid out by Tassa Eida and his son between 1906 and 1910. Intending the garden to symbolise the soul's journey from oblivion to eternity, the Eidas planted oriental trees and shrubs along what they called 'paths of beauty'. Round off your tour with a visit to the acclaimed water-garden built to commemorate Saint Fiachra, the patron saint of gardeners.



Castletown house

Castletown House in County Kildare is Ireland's largest and earliest Palladian style house. It was built between 1722 and 1729 for William Conolly, Speaker of the Irish House of Commoner and the wealthiest commoner in Ireland. Take a tour and learn about the history of this house and view the fine architecture, original furniture and vast collection of paintings within Castletown.

If shopping grabs your interest a visit to **Kildare Village Outlet** shopping is advised. This is the ultimate shopping destination only sixty minutes from Dublin and features fabulous, year—round reductions on over 40 sought—after designer brands specialising in wardrobe and home luxuries, beauty products and premium accessories. Kildare Village has become a hot spot since its July

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County Meath is central to the history of Ireland and among its most popular tourist locations are the Neolithic site of **Newgrange** in the Boyne Valley and the **Hill of Tara**. From these sites the views of the surrounding countryside are spectacular.

Nearby is **Slane Castle**, home of the Earl of Mount Charles. Capability Brown planned the gardens and park, which are these days best–known as a venue for large open air rock music concerts.

County Wicklow

County Wicklow is nicknamed the 'Garden of Ireland' because of its lush and mountainous landscape and its picturesque villages and small towns. A must see is **Glendalough** (the Valley of the Two Lakes), an ancient monastic site located in a deep, glacial valley high up in the Wicklow Mountains.

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County Offaly

Among the attractions of County Offaly are **Birr Castle Demense** and **Kinnitty Castle**.

The beautiful structure and surroundings of **Birr Castle** has a whole range of attractions, such as the **Historic Science Centre** and the **Great Telescope**, a huge instrument designed by the Third Earl of Rosse in the 1840's.

Birr Castle itself is home to Lord and Lady Rosse and, although not open to the public, you can still wander round and also appreciate the beautiful grounds.

While in Offaly, make sure to drop in to the **Tullamore Dew Visitor Centre**. The Original classic tour takes you through the brand's history and the whiskey they craft. Enjoy the complimentary whiskey tasting at the end of the tour. Admission from €8.00. Before you leave, you might like to visit the gift shop and browse for a memento to take back home.





The Dublin The City Centre boasts a selection of quality hotels which have been part of the Dublin landscape for many years, including the world famous **Shelbourne** on St. Stephens Green. The Westbury. The Fitzwilliam all within close proximity to the hub of Grafton Street. Also recommended are the Merrion Hotel on Merrion Street close to Government buildings and the **Conrad** on Earlsford Terrace opposite the National Concert Hall.

> For a taste of five star luxury, stay at The Westbury Hotel on Grafton Street. Enjoy a warm welcome and relax in the magnificent setting of The Gallery and dine in one of their two fine restaurants. Right outside your door is the heart of Dublin City's cultural quarter with all the shops and pubs one could want.

The Camden Court Hotel is a modern 3 star hotel located in Dublin city centre. The hotel is just a short and pleasant walk from St Stephens Green and Grafton Street.

The Croke Park Hotel is a luxury hotel situated across the road from Croke Park Stadium. It is the preferred business and leisure hotel for GAA enthusiasts.

The 4 Star Hilton Dublin Kilmainham Hotel enjoys expansive views over the neighbouring Phoenix Park. Dine in the contemporary and stylish Cinnamon Restaurant.

You could also consider Jurys Inn Custom House in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC). The LUAS and Connolly Rail Station are just around the corner.

The **O'Callaghan Mont Clare** is a classically decorated, traditional 3 star Dublin hotel and a former favourite of James Joyce, nestled away in a peaceful Georgian Merrion Square.

The 4 star **O'Callaghan Alexander Hotel** is a hidden gem located in Dublin 2 within strolling distance of Grafton Street, Merrion Square and Trinity College. The **O'Callaghan Davenport Hotel** is a traditional elegant hotel with a historic facade that dates back to 1863. The Davenport is a well-known Dublin landmark.

Also in Dublin 2 is **Buswells**, an elegant and charming 67 bedroom, 3 star, Georgian hotel with special character.

Enjoy a delicious meal in **Thornton's** Michelin Star Restaurant in the 5 star **The Fitzwilliam Hotel**, St. Stephen's Green and relax afterward in the Inn On the Green Bar.

Ideal for your business or leisure needs is **The Gresham Hotel** situated on O' Connell Street and is close to the shopping district of Dublin.

The Westin Dublin, a luxury 5 star hotel, is located directly opposite Trinity College. Dine in the beautiful Atrium Lounge with its five–storey high glass ceiling.

The Arlington Hotel, located beside O' Connell Bridge along the River Liffey is world famous for its Celtic Rhythm Irish Dancing Night, while **The Arlington Hotel Temple Bar** offers 3 Star accommodation situated opposite Dublin Castle.

Or you could try the international award-winning 4 star **Ashling Hotel** adjacent to Heuston Station and on the Luas red line.

Right in the heart of Temple Bar you will find **The Riverhouse Hotel**. All of the rooms are tastefully decorated in a modern style with the emphasis on comfort. **Blooms Hotel** is a beautiful hotel with a charming atmosphere. Blooms also boasts one of the more popular nightclubs in Dublin, **Club M**, as well as the busy **VAT house Bar**. The **Temple Bar Hotel** is one of the city's most centrally located hotels in the cultural and entertainment heart of Dublin.

Also in Temple Bar on the banks of the River Liffey, you will find **Fitzsimons Hotel**, a boutique hotel situated in the heart of Temple Bar. Its location offers the visitor doorstep access to this vibrant, exciting locale and all it has to offer: theatres, galleries, bars, restaurants, live music venues and also alternative shops. Fitzsimons offers visitors a great place to socialise now with 5 floors of entertainment including their open air Roof Terrace with bar, bars on all floors, restaurant and nightclub, seven nights a week. At the Fitzsimons Hotel, they cater for a wide variety of visitors who pass through Temple Bar every year. Their level of service and customer commitment ensures that visitors return year after year.

If you require accommodation near the airport, there are a number of options. Located within the Dublin Airport complex, **The Clarion Hotel** is only 3 minutes from Terminal Two and is accessible by 24 hour coach pickup from the Airport. The four star **Radisson Blu Hotel** appeals to business and leisure travellers, providing elite access to the passenger terminal located just steps from the hotel.

Located on 85 acres of the mature woodlands of Northwood Park, Santry is the **Crowne Plaza Hotel Northwood**, a great Dublin Airport Hotel. The Hilton Dublin Airport Hotel offers nine flexible meeting rooms for up to 350 Guests, with WiFi and breakout rooms. Just a 10 minute drive from the airport is **The Best Western Dublin Skylon Hotel**, a modern, luxurious 126 bedroom hotel boasting free Wi–Fi and all non–smoking bedrooms.

Moving Southside, stay at **The Ballsbridge Hotel**, Dublin 4 and enjoy a relaxing meal in The Dubliner Pub or a

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more formal dining experience in Raglan's Restaurant. **The Clyde Court Hotel** formerly **The Berkley Court Hotel** offers deluxe rooms and fine dining in The Clyde, one of Dublin's most prestigious restaurants.

Also in Ballsbridge in the heart of the business and embassy district and next door to the RDS is **Bewley's Hotel Ballsbridge**.

Across the road is the 5 star **Four Seasons Dublin** which is an elegant hotel with spacious rooms, a range of bar and dining options, in a gorgeous, tranquil setting. You could also consider relaxing in luxury accommodation at the **Herbert Park Hotel** and take in the views over Herbert Park and Ballsbridge.

The Burlington Hotel is the largest conference hotel in Dublin City, just a short stroll from the RDS and the city centre. Within easy walking distance to the city's museums, galleries and shops is **The Grand Canal Hotel Dublin**, a modern, comfortable hotel.

Dating from 1750, the estate and mansion incorporating the Radisson Blu St. Helen's Hotel is only a short walk from University College Dublin. Also, The Stillorgan Park Hotel is one of Dublin's premier 4 star Fáilte Ireland and Automobile Association (AA) rated hotels.

In **Killiney Castle Hotel,** you will enjoy 18th century, four star castle accommodation in a tranquil atmosphere.

Bridges over The Liffey



ENTERTAINMENT

Pubs in Dublin

When it comes to Dublin, "are you going for a pint?" is not just a question, it's an order! With Irish theme bars taking over every city across the globe, why not go back to basics and savour the sights, sounds and smells of an authentic Dublin pub?

The official opening hours of pubs in Ireland are 10.30am to 11.30pm, Mondays to Thursdays and 10.30am to 12.30am, Fridays and Saturdays and 12.00pm to 11.00pm on Sundays. Many pubs in the city centre have been granted later licences at weekends. For a dawn tipple, try the 'early houses' around **Smithfield** fruit market.

If Dublin is the heartland of Ireland, **Temple Bar** is surely its pulse. With many and varied outlets fighting for your attention, Temple Bar is a flurry of excitement, entertainment and anticipation. **The Temple Bar** is one of the liveliest pubs in this area, hosting two or more scheduled and impromptu 'trad' sessions a day. Voted Traditional Pub of the Year 2002 and 2003, it offers a spacious beer garden which has proved popular since the introduction of the smoking ban in March 2004.

Also in Temple Bar is **Fitzsimons Bar**. Located in **Fitzsimons Hotel**, it has free, live traditional music and late night entertainment. It also offers the luxury of a large screen for watching live sporting events, a definite asset in a sports



McDAIDS PUB



Established in 1779, **McDaids** is situated off fashionable Grafton Street close to Dublin city centre.

One of the true literary pubs off Dublin it was frequented by many of the greats of Irish literature, including Patrick Kavanagh and Brendan Behan.

Today McDaids retains much of the character of an earlier age whilst managing to maintain its tradition of hospitality. Purveyors of fine beverages. Popular with locals and tourists alike.

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mad city. This hotel also has a lively and popular nightclub with nights hosted by some of Dublin's top DJs.

Blooms Hotel's VAT house Bar is a traditional pub which gets its name from the vat house in Guinness Brewery. Its warm and also relaxed atmosphere is complimented by a fine pint of 'the black stuff'.

Guinness and ovsters

McDaids is a classic pub on Harry Street (just off Grafton Street) and across from the Westbury Hotel. McDaids has proven to be very popular with tourists and locals alike, serving a selection of beers, with their Guinness second to none. A traditional Dublin pub, McDaids has been frequented by many of the literary greats such as Brendan Behan, Liam O' Flaherty and Patrick Kavanagh. With its distinctive Victorian exterior, this pub exudes old—style charisma. Famous guests include Hillary Clinton.

Other recommended locations in the Grafton Street area are **Nearys** on Chatham Street, **The Duke, The Bailey Bar and Davy Byrne's** on Duke Street. Davy Byrne's pub was a favourite of James Joyce and, perhaps more famously, of Leopold Bloom.

The Arlington Hotel O'Connell Bridge is one of the most centrally located hotels in Dublin city centre, offering superb accommodation in the very heart of the capital. The hotel has become world famous for its Celtic Rhythm "Irish Dancing Night". The Arlington Hotel offers live Irish music and dancing, entertaining guests & visitors 7 nights week.

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Late Night Entertainment

Late bars have become a popular option in Dublin and there is a fine variety to choose from ranging from jazz to Irish traditional music to dance and pop. Themed venues are sprouting up around the city centre.

The multi-level **Messrs Maguire**, which includes its own microbrewery, should not be missed. If jazz and blues are your fancy, **JJ Smyth's** on Aungier Street is worth a visit.

Club Nassau is home of the slow set and Dublin's original 80's Nightclub every Friday, Saturday and Bank Holiday Sunday night. With 2 floors, 2 dancefloors and also 4 bars including upstairs seating and air conditioning, this is the perfect place for a night of socialising.

City centre locations that should feature high on your list of nightclub priorities are **Club M** in Bloom's Hotel in Temple Bar, one of the most popular nights—out in Dublin and **Bobs**, formerly known as **Bad Bobs**, also in Temple Bar, which is a refurbished, multi—storied pub with plenty of atmosphere. For something original, try the cabaret—style **Sugar Club** on Leeson Street.

For evening entertainment, you should also consider the **Fitzwilliam Card Club** where you will experience the thrills

of playing the casino in comfortable surroundings. It is located in Clifton Hall, Fitzwilliam Street in the heart of Dublin 2 and well-deserved of a visit.

The Blarney Inn is only minutes away from all the main attractions in Dublin. This pub serves a selection of traditional Irish food, a great pint of Guinness and their World Champion Irish Coffee as well as having regular live Irish music. Specials change daily so be sure to check out the diverse menu. You can't pack more Irishness into one spot.

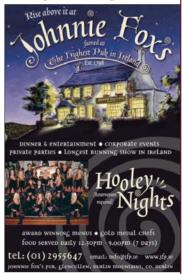
For a lively atmosphere in modern surroundings, try **ely gastro bar** in Grand Canal Square. You will be spoiled for choice when it comes to food. The menu includes Irish lobster pot, Irish guinea fowl terrine and duo of organic Burren lamb. To quench your thirst, try the traditional homemade lemonade or sample their excellent cocktails, beers and wine.

You should also visit the newly renovated, contemporary **Mao** restaurants in Dun Laoghaire, Dundrum or Chatham Row to enjoy an extensive Asian menu and sample a cocktail or two. Kids are always welcome. If you fancy a night in, order from **Mao At Home** and bring all the same great Thai and

Asian flavour straight to your door. The chefs use only the freshest of ingredients. Order from the Baggot Street, Donnybrook or Tallaght branches.

Try the Hard Rock Cafe and TGI Fridays for a lively dinner and cocktails to kick—start a night out. Enjoy mouth watering food in a chilled out environment in the Hard Rock Cafe. Sit back and enjoy the most up—to—date and cutting edge music and videos. Also the merchandise store on the ground floor of the restaurant sells Hard Rock Cafe collectibles, including souvenir glasses and teddy bears.

The atmosphere is always buzzing in **TGI Fridays**. Mix and match with appetizers to share, including their



championship wings coated in BBQ and Jack Daniel's sauces, tostado nachos and buffalo wings. Wash them down with a refreshing beer or smoothie.

Outside the city centre, **Johnnie Fox's** must be experienced. Situated in Glencullen on top of the Dublin mountains, Johnnie Fox's is one of Ireland's oldest and most famous traditional Irish pubs – and they are also famed as the highest pub in the country. At Johnnie Fox's they have Live Irish Music seven nights a week. You can also see one of the top dancing performances in the country at their famous dinner & show – Hooley Night. Their award – winning seafood restaurant is open daily.

The Merry Ploughboy Pub, which first opened its doors in the early 1730's, prides itself as being one of the best places in Dublin to experience Irish Culture and genuine Irish hospitality to this very day. The pub also exclusively hosts the "Merry Ploughboy Traditional nights", a highly entertaining night of Irish music, song and dance. The show runs seven nights per week, and practically all year round.

Theatres

Dublin's leading theatres include **The Gate**, on Parnell Square, and **The Abbey** at 26 Lower Abbey Street, which opened its doors to the public on Monday 18 July 1966, heralding the beginning of a new era for the National Theatre of Ireland. **The Peacock Theatre** lies beneath the Abbey foyer and the entrance is also on Lower Abbey Street.

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For alternative entertainment a visit to **Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium** is well–recommended. Whether it's corporate entertainment or a night out with friends, enjoy a delicious meal at Dobbins grand–stand restaurant with pivotal views of the racing circuit guaranteeing you a great night out.

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Family Entertainment

St. Patrick's Festival takes place all over Dublin city centre every year from around 11th–17th March. It is one of the main events of the Dublin calendar year and which the Dubliners are very proud of. The festival reaches its climax on St. Patrick's Day with a carnival parade through the city centre.

For a fun day out with family or friends, visit **Kylemore Indoor Karting**. This is Ireland's largest indoor Karting arena with a choice of three 360 mtr tracks with flyovers, underpasses, hills and banked corners. Kylemore Karting was established in 1992 as the first indoor track in the Republic of Ireland, and is now the country's market leader in indoor Karting. Experience the thrill of real racing!

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The stadium offers luxurious facilities with superb dining options, buzzing bars, carvery facilities and great value packages to suit all budgets and tastes. Dobbins Grandstand Restaurant packages on early week nights start from only €28.99 per person including admission and race—card, 4 course dinner in the Grandstand Restaurant offering a panoramic view of all the racing action with both tote and bar service to your table.

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Other American style restaurants include **T.G.I. Friday's**, found at centres around the city, including St Stephen's Green, Blanchardstown, Temple Bar, Dundrum Town Centre and Swords. Serving mouth watering burgers, steaks and a huge range of exotic cocktails, it is the ideal venue for a night out or a family gathering. For quality American food served in a fun atmosphere look no further than TGI Friday's. It's the perfect place to unwind after a hard day's sight—seeing.

For a bite to eat in the heart of Temple Bar, Dublin's cultural quarter, try **The Shack Restaurant**, a bustling and friendly place offering the best of Irish and European cuisine in a contemporary and relaxing atmosphere. Enjoy Irish cider mussels, deep fried potato skins, oak smoked Irish salmon, Dublin seafood chowder, Irish stew and lamb shank to name a few.

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Also a must stop is **Oliver St John Gogarty's Bar & Restaurant** where a carvery lunch operates daily until 3.30pm, after which an extensive bar food menu takes over. A sample of Ireland's traditional music scene is also available.

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For an authentic taste of Mexican cuisine, try **Tuzo Mexican Kitchen** on Dawson Street. Enjoy burritos, fajitas, tacos and salads or a bowl of chilli. If it's a small snack you're after, you can't go wrong with some chips topped with guacamole or salsa. Don't forget to order a Margarita or Corona with your meal.

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The Lobster Pot Restaurant in Ballsbridge blends old world charm with intimate surroundings. Owned by the Crean family for over 30 years, it is one of the longest running family restaurants in Ireland. This warm and very friendly, silver service restaurant offers an extensive selection of seafood sourced daily, Irish meats, free range poultry and game when in season. Just some of the tasty dishes on offer are lightly Smoked Wild West Cork Salmon, Carlingford Oysters Natural, Fresh Onion Soup and Lobster Pot Seafood Chowder. The menu uses only the freshest of ingredients. There is also an impressive wine list and a full licensed bar.

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7 For All Mankind, Anya Hindmarch, Cath Kidston, Church's, Coach, DKNY, Furla, Hugo Boss, Juicy Couture, Nicole Farhi, Kenneth Turner, L.K. Bennett, Pandora and Wolford are just a few of the international brands present, as well as the boutique of Ireland's leading international designer, Louise Kennedy. A selection of services at Kildare Village includes a Tourist Information Centre; tax free shopping and a complimentary shuttle service to the nearby Irish National Stud & Gardens.

With a range of restaurants and cafés, the Village has become a destination for visitors seeking a superior shopping experience and an enjoyable day out.

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When it comes to the world fashion stakes and lists of shopping outlets, Dublin has previously never been high on people's agenda. However, with the influx of UK chain stores and large American—style shopping malls, the city's retailers offer ample opportunities for Dubliners to stretch their credit cards.

The main axis for the die-hard shopper is Grafton Street in the south city centre, which has been compared to London and New York in recent polls. It is also fully pedestrianised, and you are afforded a range of shops like the high-end Brown Thomas.

Brown Thomas is Ireland's premier luxury department store and part of a global retail family, which includes Selfridges in the UK and Holt Renfrew in Canada. Celebrating creativity, luxury and service since 1849, Brown Thomas is home to the very best Irish and international brands in fashion, accessories, beauty and home. Featuring the world's most prestigious luxury boutiques such as Cartier, Hermés, Chanel and Louis Vuitton, Brown Thomas Dublin has achieved pre—eminent status, a store that is listed among the best in the world, yet remains quintessentially Irish and unique. Visit www.brownthomas.com for more details.

Stephen's Green



Just off the red brick carpet of Grafton Street you'll find the multi-storied **Stephen's Green Shopping Centre** and two smaller, but unique shopping complexes: **Powerscourt Townhouse Centre** and the **Royal Hibernian Way**.

Stephen's Green Shopping Centre is centrally located in the heart of the city at the top of Grafton Street and has over one hundred shops all under one roof. There are a number of retail shops including TK Maxx, Dunnes



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Stores and Swamp as well as places to relax in after your shopping spree. Whether you're after a quiet coffee in a cafe, burger and chips in a fast food joint or a three course meal in a restaurant, you won't have to go far. For presents to take home to your loved ones, try Celtic Spirit, The Donegal Shop, Carroll's Irish Gift Store and The Green Gallery.

Powerscourt Townhouse Centre located on South William Street is a specialty shopping centre that offers a mixture of restaurants, art, antiques and fashion. In 1774 Richard Wingfield 3rd Viscount Powerscourt and his wife Lady Amelia moved into number 59 South William Street. The Townhouse with its history and shops, makes it well worth a visit. Open seven days a week. The Powerscourt Townhouse Centre is also home to the Design Centre, founded over 20 years ago. It became a forum for up and coming and established designers to showcase their clothing.



www.celticwhiskeyshop.com International Shipping How to find us: 27-28 Dawson St. Dublin 2 -(01) 675 9744 www.winesonthegreen.com R & C McCormack is a family-run Jewellery shop on Grafton Street that prides itself on having the finest selection of Celtic Irish Jewellery including the traditional Irish ring of friendship, the Claddagh ring and Celtic Trinity Knot rings (the Trinity Knot is often found in Insular art such as metal work and in illuminated manuscripts like the Book of Kells). The staff are friendly and knowledgeable and the prices affordable for the high quality of the jewellery on offer.

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George's Street Arcade offers old world charm in this Victorian shopping mall that was Dublin's first shopping centre. This lively indoor market offers an abundance of charming shops and stalls in a unique bohemian atmosphere and is perfect for some exotic gift options. An eclectic and also unique shopping experience in the heart of Dublin city.

Located on Dawson Street and full of small, stylish shops, **Royal Hibernian Way** is a must see. If you'd like to take home a bottle of the 'good stuff', the **Cetic Whiskey Shop**, just around the corner, sells a fine selection of Irish, Scottish, Bourbon and world whiskeys as well as offering free whiskey tastings. Located at 27–28 Dawson Street, it is managed by Alastair Alpine who has over twenty years experience in the trade.

The Great Irish Shopping Experience can also be discovered on Nassau Street opposite Trinity College, where you will find **House of Ireland, The Kilkenny Store and Celtic Note**.

The beautiful **Kilkenny Shop** is famous for promoting Irish design and crafts for over 50 years – located just opposite Trinity College this is a must see while in Dublin. Offering a vast array of Waterford crystal, pottery, linen, jewellery, fashion, accessories and souvenirs you are sure to find the perfect gift at Kilkenny. Get crystal engraved free of charge, avail of shipping promotions, tax free shopping & a complimentary gift wrapping service. Upstairs is the fabulous Kilkenny Café – delicious homemade delights served daily!



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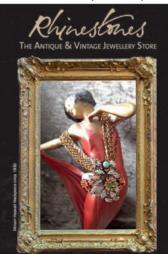
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The Sweater Shop stores are Irish owned and are proud to provide a vast selection of quality Irish Knitwear such as Aran jumpers, at great prices, as well as accessories, gifts and stylish casual wear. The Sweater Shop are also proud owners of Trinity Sweaters and Trinity Crafts, located directly opposite Trinity College. In their stores you will find a large selection of merchandise to suit all tastes. Trinity Crafts is also the official stockist of Dublin Harley Davidson clothing.

Muji on Chatham Street opened its doors in 2002. It is a Japanese store selling stylish furniture and an array of accessories for a modern lifestyle. They stock a wide range of products including stationery, storage, fashion and accessories, furniture, travel, health and beauty and kitchenware. Muji is open seven days a week.

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Carroll's Irish Gifts and Souvenirs are a fully Irish owned company established in 1982 and are one of the leading retailers of quality Irish sport and fashion clothing, souvenirs and gift products. They have many locations in Dublin including Westmoreland Street, 33 Lower O' Connell Street, Suffolk Street, 57/58 O' Connell Street, Henry Street and Talbot Street and stock many leading Irish brands such as FAI, Guinness, and Inis fragrances.

For the food shopping enthusiast, **Fallon & Byrne** on Exchequer Street is the perfect choice. Head to the Food Hall and shop for the highest quality meat, fish, cakes, coffee and fresh fruit and vegetables. If you're shopping for gifts to send home, why not order a hamper.

Temple Bar is now one of the most visited areas in the city and is widely regarded as the 'trendy' part of town; its selection of alternative clothes and record stores confirms this.

Celtic Designs is Dublin's newest Irish Craft and gift boutique shop, situated in the heart of Dublin's cultural quarter, Temple Bar. They feature a range of Irish Celtic and Claddagh Jewellery to suit every style, occasion and budget and stock only the best of Irish crafts and Irish Gifts. The crafters they work with are both guaranteed Irish and supported by the craft council of Ireland.

And on to **Henry Street**, the hunting ground of the sales fanatic. This area has undergone a costly facelift in recent years, attracting many new businesses and it now rivals Grafton Street as Dublin's favourite shopping venue. With UK stores such as **Marks & Spencer, Debenhams** and **Boots** all present, be careful not to overlook the many Irish department stores such as **Arnotts** – which could tempt the last euro out of your pocket.

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The Ilac Shopping Centre on Henry Street in Dublin's city centre is open seven days a week. Home to over 80 stores, the centre boasts over 28 fashion and accessory outlets and 13 eateries. Just some of the shops you may wish to visit include Angel, Diesel, Tierneys, Champion Sports, Debenhams and Dunnes Stores. For a bite to eat try Quigley's or O' Briens.

If you want to sample some shopping outside of the city centre, large suburban shopping malls have sprung up around Dublin in recent years, most notably: **Dundrum Towncentre, Liffey Valley, the Blanchardstown Centre** and **The Square** in Tallaght. In general, shopping hours are 9am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday, with late opening on Thursdays. City centre shops are usually open between 12pm and 6pm on Sundays.

With 120 stores over 3 levels **Dundrum Town Centre** boasts Southern Ireland's only Harvey Nichols luxe boutique department store, House of Fraser department store over 4 floors, Hamleys Toy Store, Massimo Dutti, Hollister along with High Street names such as Marks & Spencer, Penney's, River Island, Zara, H & M and Next. Covered car parking services every level of the shopping mall. Dundrum is extremely well serviced by public transport with the Luas Green Line stopping just 150 metres away from the centre. Whatever the weather Dundrum Town Centre has you covered.

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For shopping Outside Dublin, we highly recommend **The** Kildare Village, one of the Collection of nine Chic Outlet Shopping Villages in Europe. Some of the brands here include Juicy Couture, DKNY, Cath Kidston, Jack Willis, Ted Baker, Calvin Klein and Hugo Boss, After your day of shopping and browsing, relax with a coffee in Starbucks and go for a snack in Crêperie Amélie.

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An extremely popular tourist destination, with its close proximity to many bus routes, the Luas Green Line and Saint Stephen's Green itself, the shopping centre also acts as the gateway to the hustle of Grafton Street and the bustle of the city centre. It's hard to believe that this shopping centre, which is now so well established in the minds and memories of the locals, was nothing more than a derelict car park and rundown market only 26 years ago.

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE



The Ilac Centre is home to over 80 stores including names such as Debenhams, River Island, H&M, Dunnes Stores, Argos, Jack & Jones, Iceland and Euro50Stores as well as a host of boutique fashion retailers, jewellers, hair and beauty salons, gift shops and lots of places to eat including favourites such as Starbucks, Sbarro Pizza, McDonalds & Burger King.

Centrally situated in Dublin's premier shopping precinct, Henry Street, the Ilac has entrances from Moore Street and Parnell Street as well as Henry Street.

Close to the Garden of Remembrance, where Queen Elizabeth visited in 2011, to Moore Street with its famous market and the 1916 monuments, the Spire, the Hugh Lane Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art and the Writers' Museum you will also find two superb restaurants nearby: Chapter One Restaurant and the newly opened Hot Stove Restaurant both in Parnell Square. The Gate Theatre, the magnificent Rotunda Hospital, the Gresham Hotel, the GPO, the Leprechaun Museum, and The Church in Mary Street where Arthur Guinness was married and many other historic sites and buildings are also in this exciting area.

The Ilac Centre offers quality, variety and value in gifts, fashion, footwear, accessories and homewares. A visit to Dublin wouldn't be complete without a visit to the Ilac Centre.

Located 5 minutes' walk from O'Connell Street the Ilac Centre is also close to bus stops, Dublin Bike stations, Luas, Dart and taxi ranks and has a 1,000 space car park from only €2 per hour.

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Penney's and River Island.

Fallon & Byrne is housed in a stunning heritage building and considered THE food destination in Dublin. The ground floor Food Hall boasts the best Irish artisan produce, great for foodie gifts. There's also a deli & coffee counter, wine bar and restaurant to satisfy any hunger or thirst!

The Ilac Centre, in the heart of Dublin, is home to over 80 stores including Debenhams, River Island, H&M, Dunnes Stores, Argos and Iceland. It has over 13 cafés including Starbucks. Accessible by bus, Dart, and Luas the Ilac also has a 1,000 space car park with parking from only \(\frac{1}{2} \) per hour*.

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For a great day out, nestled within landscaped grounds and presented in an authentic village environment, Kildare Village Chic Outlet Shopping is label heaven. You will find it difficult to resist temptation with your favourite designer brands such as Louise Kennedy, DNKY, Juicy Couture, Brooks Brothers, Anda Hindmarch and Cath Kidston offering up to 60% off all year round.

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The Sweater Shop is a family run business & has been renowned for 30 years by locals & visitors alike. It stocks the largest collection of Irish quality knitwear for Ladies, Gents and Children, all at reasonable prices. Its flagship store is located in the heart of the city on Nassau Street, Dublin opposite Trinity College.

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Gaelic Games, which are indigenous to the Irish, are Ireland's national sports and a must-see for any tourist. For a good day out, catch a Gaelic Football match (think soccer, but using your hands as well as your feet), or a game of Hurling (like aerial hockey and reputedly the fastest field game in the world). Many games are held at Croke Park, now one of Europe's largest stadiums, with a capacity in excess of 80,000.

Rugby

There are many rugby clubs in Dublin but the centre of attention each season is always Leinster, the professional provincial side which plays in the Rabo Direct League and has had outstanding success in recent years in the Heineken European Cup. Leinster matches are played at the RDS and more recently at the Aviva Stadium in Landsdowne Road both on the south side of the city.

Horse Racing

If you put your mind to it, you could probably attend a horse race meeting somewhere in Ireland almost every day of the vear. The flat season runs from March to November, there are steeplechases all year round, and several courses (there are around 28 in all) are within easy reach of Dublin City.

Leopardstown, in South County Dublin, is one of Ireland's most modern racetracks, while to the northwest of the city, in County Meath, Fairyhouse is home of the Irish Grand National, In

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Kildare, the Curragh plays host to the annual Irish Derby. Naas and Punchestown racecourses are also nearby and can be easily reached by exiting the M7 motorway.

Greyhound Racing

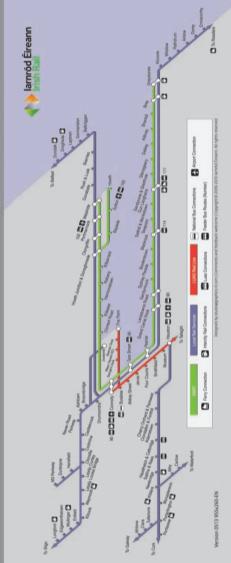
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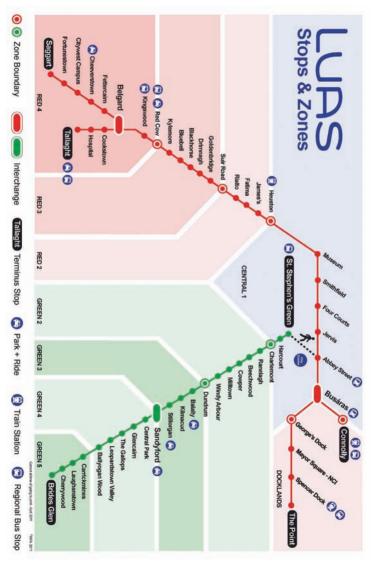
Golf

With six championship courses and eleven links, Dublin is an excellent base for your golfing holiday. A visit to Portmamock Links, Royal Dublin Golf Links and The Island Golf Club amongst others are well–recommended.

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