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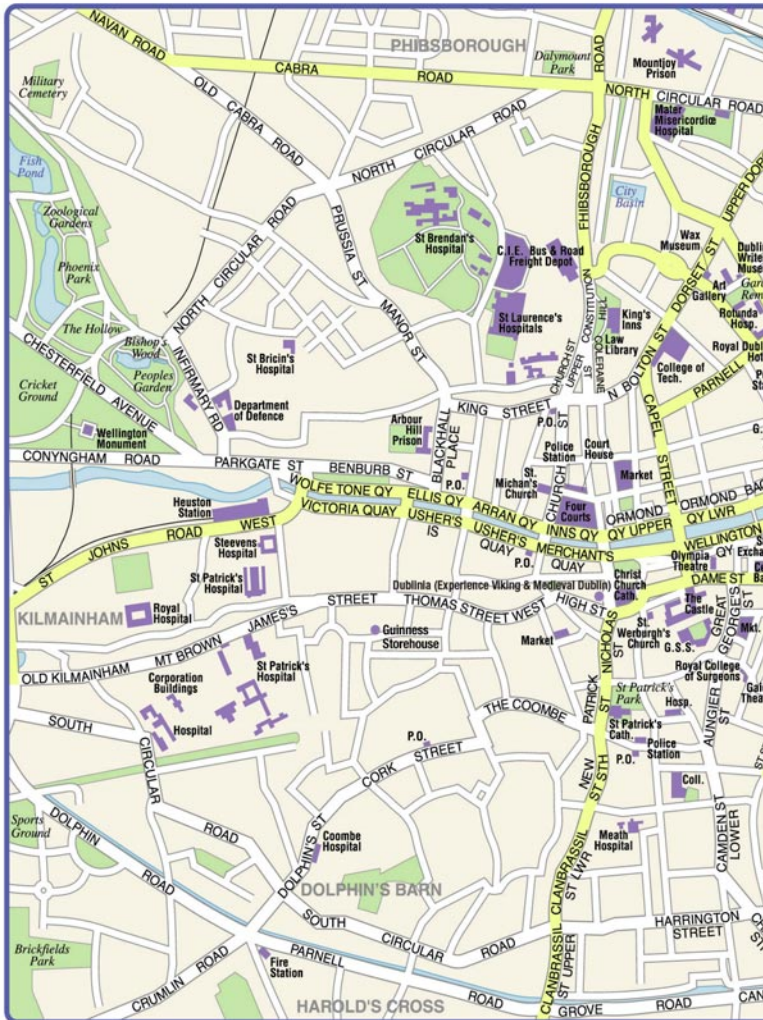
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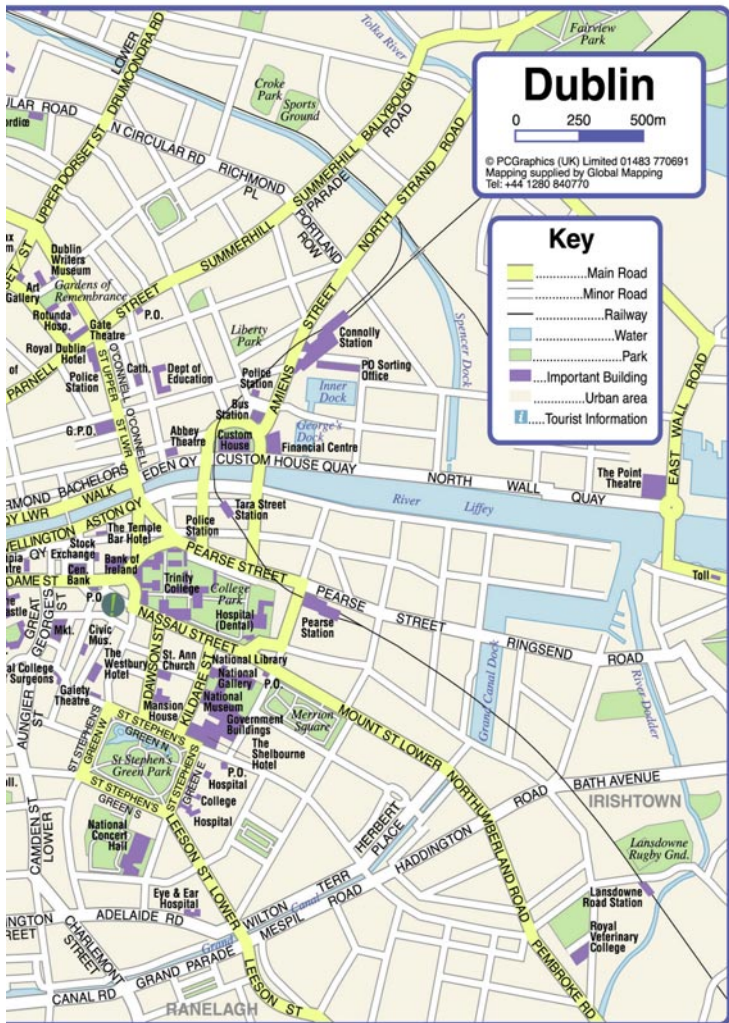
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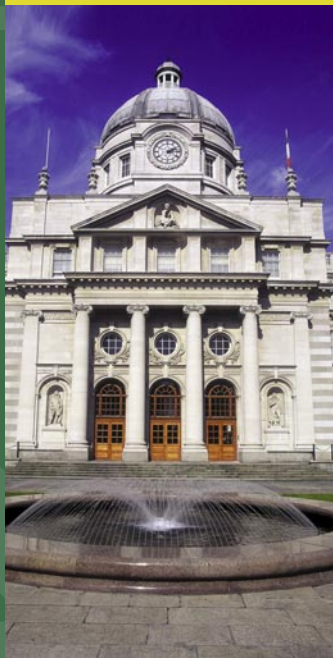
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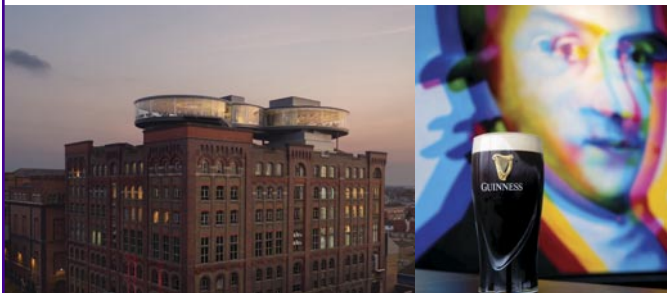
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River Liffey

A quick 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!



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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 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.

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

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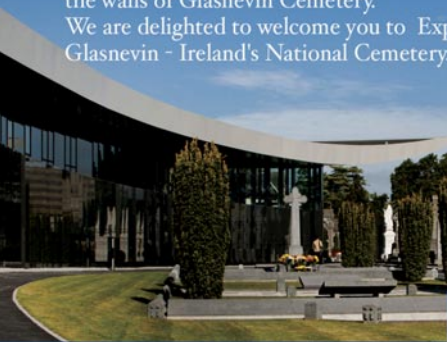
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celebrated satirist who wrote **Gulliver's Travels** and whose statue stands outside Trinity College, was also a native of Dublin and the Sligo-born poet WB Yeats lived at 82 Merrion Square for a time. The list, like much of the banter in Dublin's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

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 '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.

In Dublin, the electric rail system called the **DART** (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) is a quick and easy way to get around Dublin. It runs along the coast of the Irish Sea from Malahide or Howth in north County Dublin southwards as far as Greystones, Co Wicklow. There is a range of DART tickets and fares, including the TFI Leap Card that offer customers great value.

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.

Most buses run between 7am and 11.30pm and service all parts of the city. The **Nitelink** is a limited night service. You'll find information on this, and other bus routes, schedules and tours at the **Dublin Bus Office** in O'Connell Street and on their website.

Luas, Dublin's Tram System is a frequent, reliable and fast public transport option. There are two tram lines. The Red Line runs from Tallaght to The Point and from Saggart to Connolly. The Green Line runs from Brides Glen to Broombridge. Trams operate from early morning to late evening with trams as frequent as every 4 minutes at peak and roughly 10 minutes frequency off peak. Tickets are available from vending machines at each stop. See www.luas.ie for more information.



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Within the **NMI – Decorative Arts & History**, discover examples of silver, ceramics, glassware, weaponry, furniture, clothing, jewellery, coins and medals. Get more information about the life of a soldier in World War I or learn something about Eileen Gray, a modern self-taught architect and designer.

The **NMI – Archaeology** collection includes some of Ireland's most prized archaeological objects such as the Tara Brooch and the Ardagh Chalice. However, many other different treasures lie within the depths of this 19th century building.

The **NMI – Natural History** (known as the “Dead Zoo”) is an ecological haven in the heart of Dublin City. It houses a wide-ranging and comprehensive zoological collection of more than 10,000 exhibits. (This location is undergoing extensive renovation and is closed for the moment).

The **NMI – Country Life in Turlough Park** (Co. Mayo) charts the day-to day lives of Irish rural ancestors from the 1850s to the 1950s. Explore topics such as traditional crafts and skills, life in the home, farming and fishing, life in the community, festivals and customs. Visit Turlough Park House, a neo Victorian Gothic mansion and the ancestral home of the Fitzgerald family. The house offers a fascinating insight into how the gentry lived in 19th century Ireland.

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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**, 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 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

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

Erected in the early thirteenth century on the site of a Viking settlement, **Dublin Castle** served for centuries as the headquarters of English, and later British, administration in Ireland. In 1922, following Ireland's independence, Dublin Castle was handed over to the new Irish government. It is now a major government complex and a key tourist attraction. Opt for a guided or self-guided tour.

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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 Quays 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.

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**.

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In the heart of Temple Bar, you will find the **Irish Rock 'N' Roll Museum Experience**. Take an intimate tour with one of the guides and learn all about the Irish music industry. **Walk in the footsteps of your heroes** through a working music venue and recording facilities. Enjoy the displays of memorabilia from Irish Rock N Roll icons! Pick up an instrument yourself and you could become the next rock star!

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 is located at the crossroads of the medieval city at Christchurch, where modern and old Dublin meet. Dublinia is history brought to life in an exciting way for all to engage, learn and share. With four exciting exhibitions, you can visit Viking and Medieval Dublin, see Archaeology as a History Hunter and climb the medieval St Michael's Tower. At Dublinia, see Dublin from a new perspective and come away knowing more about its citizens throughout the ages!

The only Irish museum to win 'European Museum of the Year', one of the highlights of a trip to Dublin Castle is the **Chester Beatty**. Sir Alfred Chester Beatty was an American mining magnate and a discerning collector of manuscripts, art and rare treasures from across Asia, North Africa and Europe. With free admission and the onsite Silk Road Café and Gift Shop, the museum connects cultures, countries and communities through its exhibitions and public programmes.



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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 probably 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** nearby 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 baptised 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 Ireland - Archaeology** can be found on Kildare Street. It is home to an extraordinary range of priceless and iconic treasures, including the Ardagh Chalice, the Tara Brooch and the famous Derrynaflan Hoard. From Prehistoric Ireland to Ancient Egypt, visitors can see important archaeological artefacts dating from 7000 BC up to the 20th century, – a definite must-see. *Admission is free.*

**National Gallery
of Ireland**



The National Gallery of Ireland was founded by an Act of Parliament in 1854 and opened to the public in 1864. Today it houses over 16,000 works comprising the national collection of Irish and European fine art. Highlights of the Irish collection include works by James Barry, Nathaniel Hone I, Hugh Douglas Hamilton, Thomas Roberts, William Orpen, John Lavery, Roderic O'Connor, Paul Henry, Mainie Jellett, Louis le Brocqy and Gerard Dillon.

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**St Patrick's
Cathedral**

Also on Merrion Street is the **National Museum of Ireland - Natural History**. 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. This museum is currently closed for refurbishment.

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.

Jam Art Factory is an independent Irish art and design shop. The gallery and shop can be found on Patrick Street with a second shop in Crown Alley, Temple Bar. It showcases the best in Irish art and design including candles, notebooks, jewellery, street art, prints and much more. Jam Art Factory ships prints all over the world. Drop in to the shops or browse their art online.

St Stephen's Green is Ireland's best-known Victorian city park. It covers nine hectares of the city centre and is at its

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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 Markievitz and W.B. Yeats.

Once a common ground for grazing animals, St Stephen's Green 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 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 the World's Leading Tourist Attraction 2023.

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Kilmainham Gaol is one of the largest unoccupied gaols in Europe. It opened in 1796 as the new county gaol for Dublin and finally shut its doors as such in 1924. During that period it witnessed some of the most heroic and tragic events in Ireland's emergence as a modern nation. Among those detained – and in some cases executed – here were leaders of the rebellions of 1798, 1803, 1848, 1867 and 1916, as well as members of the Irish republican movement during the War of Independence and Civil War. Names like Henry Joy McCracken, Robert Emmet, Anne Devlin and Charles Stewart Parnell will always be associated with the building. Not to be forgotten, however, are the thousands of men, women and children that Kilmainham held in its capacity as county gaol. Kilmainham Gaol is now a major museum.

IMMA, the Irish Museum of Modern Art, is a dynamic Modern Art Museum housed in the magnificent 17th century Royal Hospital Kilmainham in the heart of Dublin 8. IMMA hosts the National Collection of Modern and Contemporary Art and presents groundbreaking exhibitions by Irish and international artists. Beyond the gallery space, you can explore their 48 acre site which includes an impressive cobblestone courtyard and stunning formal gardens. Throughout the summer months there is an extensive outdoor programme with artist commissions, performances, workshops and music events. A visit to IMMA can include time to discover and reflect in the galleries, explore the gardens and relax in the café.

The **War Memorial Gardens** in Islandbridge are dedicated to the memory of 49,400 Irish soldiers who died in the 1914-1918 war. The names of all the soldiers are contained in the beautifully illustrated Harry Clarke manuscripts in the granite book rooms in the gardens. Take a break from the busy city pace in this peaceful setting.

St Audoen's Church is sited in the heart of the walled medieval city. It is the only remaining medieval parish church in Dublin. It is dedicated to St Ouen the 7th century bishop of Rouen and patron saint of Normandy.

For those with a keen interest in the 1916 Rising, take a trip to the restored **Richmond Barracks**. Over 3,000 rebels, men and women of the Easter Rising, were held and sorted in the barracks buildings. Many of the architects of the new Irish state were held in the barracks including Michael Collins, Eamon De Valera, Arthur Griffith and William T. Cosgrave.



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 - Decorative Arts & History at Collin's Barracks is located along this walking route. It is our country's premier cultural institution and home to the greatest collections of Irish material heritage, culture and 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 Phoenix Park. *Admission is free.*

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.

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 four walls where John Jameson founded the distillery.

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 over time 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. And the most conspicuous and tallest structure in the city, Ian 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 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 the **GPO Witness History** exhibition, a unique exhibition space to celebrate our past, experience the present and embrace our future. Dublin's General Post Office is the main building on O'Connell Street, impossible to miss. Take a guided tour and experience the Witness History Interpretive Exhibition Centre and learn about the importance of the GPO in the 1916 Rising. Multilingual headsets are also available.

Visit the **Central Bank of Ireland Visitor Centre**. Access to the Visitor Centre is free and is a truly fascinating experience for young people and adults. Visitors are welcome on a self-guided basis. There is a coffee shop available to visitors located just beside the Visitor Centre in the main lobby of the building.

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St Michan's Church & Crypts on the north side of the River Liffey is also worthy of a visit. Founded in 1095, the present structure dates from 1685. Enjoy a tour of the vaults below the church, which contain the mummified remains of some of Dublin's most influential families. These tours of the underground of the church are the main draw. Bram Stoker himself is said to have visited these crypts.

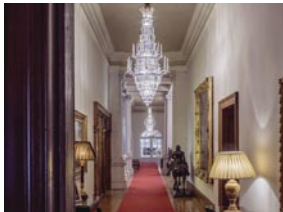
The ILAC opened in 1981 and was the first shopping centre in Dublin's city centre. It is a bright and airy shopping centre with 70 stores at ground floor level and 20 places to eat. The Dublin Central Library is located at first floor level.

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 & spectacular stained glass window.

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 Judge 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 Queen 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 during the Irish War of Independence.

The Ambassador Theatre is one of the city's most well-known venues, hosting many productions over the years



Farmleigh House

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 **James Joyce Cultural Centre**. No. 35 is an archive of portraits, photographs, books and tapes of Joyce. **Bloomsday** celebrates the great writer and **Ulysses** on June 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.



James Joyce
Copper Statue,
North Earl Street

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, Dublin, is one of the most stunning and commanding buildings on the river Liffey's quays, which were once Ireland's major trade route to the wider world. The architect James Gandon completed the building, a masterpiece of European neoclassicism, in 1791. Admire the decorative detail of Edward Smyth's beautifully executed stonework carvings on the exterior and the famous carved keystones depicting the dramatic heads of the 14 river Gods – one for every major river of Ireland. The Custom House witnessed not only the development of a great city, but also some of the most turbulent milestones in its history. The building was destroyed by fire during the War of Independence in 1921 and later restored to its former splendour.

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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.

If you really want to get under the skin of the Irish, a visit to **Croke Park** is a must. More than just a stadium, it's the home of Gaelic Games. Here, you'll find passion and history pumping around every corner. Go behind-the-scenes on the **Stadium Tour**, get breath-taking views of Dublin on the **Kellogg's Skyline Croke Park Tour**, and discover the story of Gaelic games at the **GAA Museum**. The GAA Museum & Tours are the perfect way to truly immerse yourself in Irish culture.

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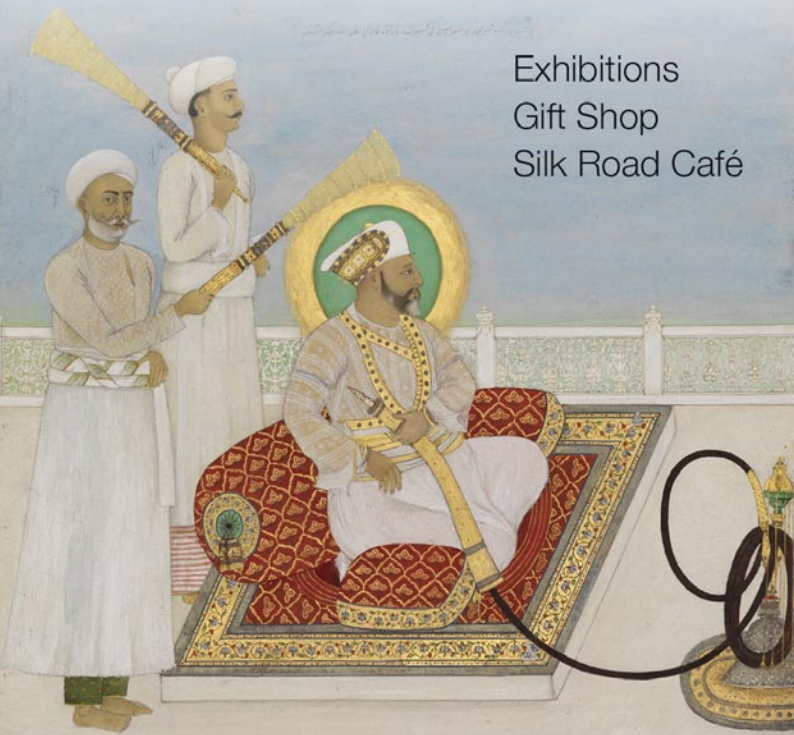
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Ireland's ever growing population and Dublin's magnetic appeal has meant that the capital has developed into a sprawling metropolis, rivalling Europe's major cities.

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 **Sandy Cove**, 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 Sandy Cove 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 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 male-only 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



**Killiney,
County
Dublin**

Bullock Harbour where you can take a boat out over Joyce'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!

Not to be missed is **Rathfarnham Castle**, which dates back to the Elizabethan period. With its four flanker towers it is an excellent example of the fortified house in Ireland. Recent excavations at the castle have shed new light on the earlier phases of the castle and its occupants.

Pay a visit to **Pearse Museum - St Enda's Park**, which is set in nearly fifty acres of beautiful parkland. The museum tells the story of Patrick and his brother William, both of whom were executed for their part in the 1916 Rising.

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 sweep of Dublin Bay, and further away still the Wicklow Mountains. And if you're feeling really energetic, walk or cycle along the northern shore of Dublin Bay between **Clontarf** and Sutton on to **Bull Island**, a man-made island built by Captain William Bligh (of Mutiny on the Bounty fame).

Visit beloved **Malahide Castle and Gardens**, one of the oldest castles in Ireland. Enjoy a historic guided tour that will take you on a journey through the dynasty of the

Talbot Family and the legacy they left behind. The botanic gardens and the exotic Butterfly House are a riot of colour. Over 5000 different species and varieties of plants are present; the perfect space to explore and lose yourself in!

At **Casino Model Railway Museum**, experience Europe's largest collection of model trains in the beautifully restored thatched cottage. Marvel at the intricate details of Cyril Fry's hand-painted models, considered Ireland's most elaborate. Explore the interactive display and witness the wonder of the Irish International Railway & Tramway System. Ready to engineer your own adventure? Try the train simulator.

Skerries Mills is a charming Visitor Centre at the heart of the community. The centre showcases the only site in Europe with two Sail Mills, a Watermill, and a bakery through daily Guided Tours. Visitors also enjoy the Watermill Café with fresh baked goods, a Craft Shop, a weekly Farmers Market, and local Art Exhibitions year-round.

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.

Visitors to **Newbridge House** can learn about its illustrious history on a guided tour through three centuries of history in Ireland's only intact Georgian mansion and estate. Get your Downton Abbey on, visit the Servants Quarters. **Newbridge Farm** is one of the few examples of a traditional working farm. Meet the rare breeds, the cute, the cuddly and take in the vast demesne.

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tour through three centuries of history in Ireland's only intact Georgian mansion and estate. Newbridge Farm is one of the few examples of a traditional working farm. Visitors can follow the interactive discovery trail through the courtyard, paddocks and pastures and meet the animals.



The Dublin Docklands 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.

Situated in the heart of Dublin's cultural quarter, **Dublin Citi Hotel** offers a warm atmosphere, cosy, comfortable accommodation and live entertainment.

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.

The **O'Callaghan The Mont Hotel** 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 The Alex 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.

Also recommended is the 5 star **The Fitzwilliam Hotel** on St. Stephen's Green.

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

The College Green Hotel, Autograph Collection 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. Enjoy the must see "Celtic Nights" show at The Arlington Hotel, O'Connell Bridge, a traditional Irish dance and music show with dinner. This exciting show takes place seven nights a week.

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.

In Ballsbridge in the heart of the business and embassy district and next door to the RDS is **The Clayton Hotel**.

Across the road is the 5 star **InterContinental 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.

Within easy walking distance to the city's museums, galleries and shops is **Grand Canal Hotel**, 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 Talbot Hotel Stillorgan** is one of Dublin's premier 4 star Fáilte Ireland and Automobile Association (AA) rated hotels.

Pubs in Dublin

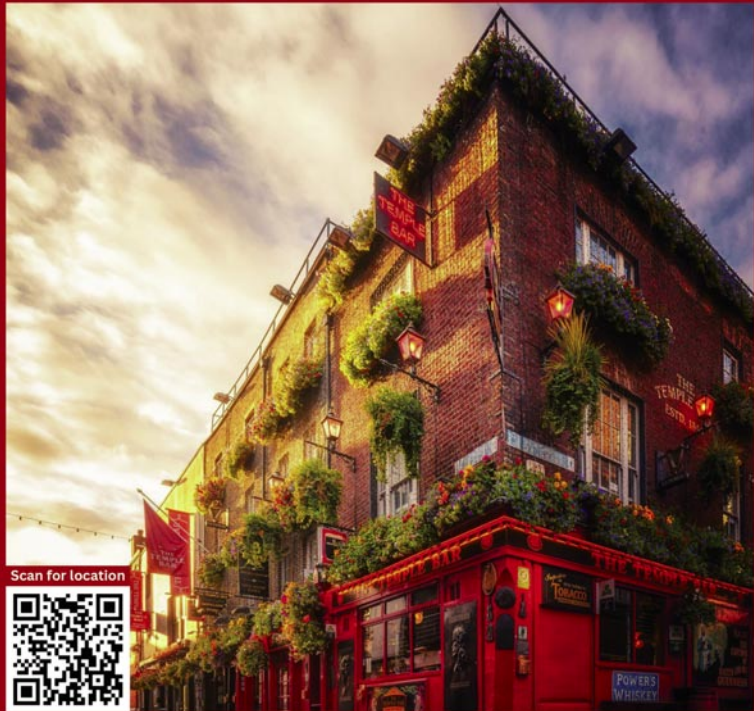
When it comes to Dublin, “are you going for a pint?” is not just a question, it’s an order! With Irish theme bars taking over every city across the globe, why not go back to basics and savour the sights, sounds and smells of an authentic Dublin pub?

Opening hours for pubs and clubs in Ireland vary. Pubs are permitted to be open between the hours of 10.30am and 12.30am on Fridays and Saturdays and nightclubs can remain open much later. If there is a particular bar or venue you’re interested in, keep an eye on their website or social media. 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.

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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'.

Situated in the heart of Dublin's cultural quarter, **Dublin City Hotel** guarantees a warm atmosphere, cosy, comfortable accommodation and live entertainment. **Trinity Bar Venue** is one of Dublin's finest sports bars in the middle of Temple Bar. Sample the best of Dublin's live music scene by popping in any night of the week and enjoying the live music on offer. The gastro pub offers a variety of delicious meals, whether it's the all-day Irish breakfast you're after, Beef Guinness Stew, traditional fish & chips or their famous Steak On the Lava Stone experience.

McDaid's is a classic pub on Harry Street (just off Grafton Street) and across from the Westbury Hotel. McDaid's 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, McDaid's 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.

Although most customers come to **Nancy Hands** for the best Guinness on this side of the River Liffey, there are excellent wines by the glass, signature cocktails and mocktails to be enjoyed. Live music and the best in live

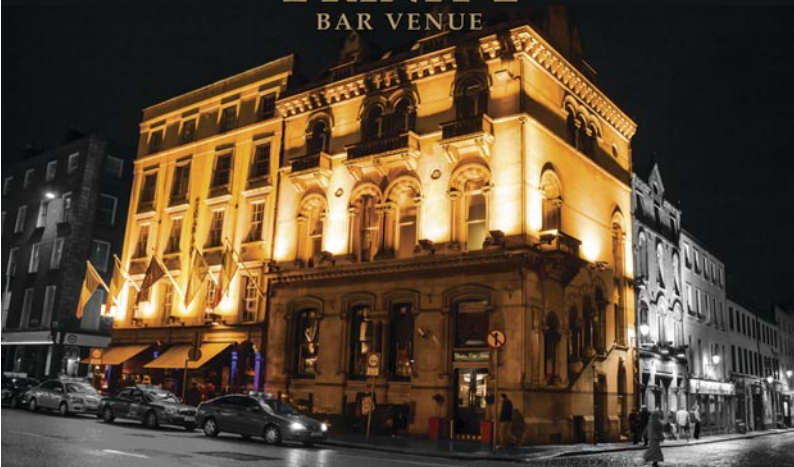
Also in Temple Bar is **Fitzsimons Bar**. Located in **Fitzsimons Hotel**, it has free, live traditional music and late night entertainment. It also offers the luxury of a large screen for watching live sporting events, a definite asset in a sports mad city. This hotel also has a lively and popular nightclub with nights hosted by some of Dublin's top DJs.

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If it's an historic pub in the heart of the city you're looking for, try **Sinnott's Bar**. Dating back to the 18th century, Sinnott's reopened in 1989 after St Stephen's Green Shopping Centre was built. It's a traditional Irish pub, home to a large collection of original literary pictures and prints from a number of well-known Irish artists and writers.



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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.

For a pub with a difference, head to **J.R. Mahon's Craft Brewery**, Dublin's original on-site brewery. For craft beer lovers, there is no better place to pay a visit to. Try their signature craft beer brewed on site and wash it down with a sharing platter or two. The building dates back to 1756, so this pub comes with a lot of history and many stories.

A well-known pub in Dublin is **McCaffertys at The Barge** on Charlemont Street where you will find a relaxed, contemporary setting and premium service. Their extensive range of delicious menus offer small bites and sharing platters as well as a variety of main courses. Enjoy their selection of craft beers and take in some live music at the weekend.

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

National
Concert Hall



become world famous for its **Celtic Rhythm “Irish Dancing Night”**. The Arlington Hotel offers live Irish music and dancing, entertaining guests & visitors 7 nights a week.

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.

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 the newly renovated **Bad Bobs**, whose bar encapsulates the spirit of a Temple Bar pub and what a night out in Dublin is meant to be. For something original, try the cabaret-style **Sugar Club** on Leeson Street.

The atmosphere is always buzzing in **TGI Fridays**, the popular authentic American style restaurant. Mix and match your food with appetizers to share with friends. 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.

Other Entertainment

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 the Grandstand Restaurant with pivotal views of the racing circuit, guaranteeing you a great night out. Please check their website for updated race times.

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.

The Olympia, located on Dame Street, is one of the oldest surviving theatres in Dublin and hosts a variety of shows from musicals to plays. **The Ark** in Temple Bar is Europe's first cultural centre for children with a gallery, workshop and theatre.

The National Concert Hall on Earlsfort Terrace, just off St Stephen's Green, is one of Europe's leading concert venues where many of the world's top artists have performed. Home to the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra, the Hall hosts a variety of concerts, operas and musicals as well as lunchtime recitals.

The Gaiety Theatre on South King Street opened in 1871. For well over a century it has provided the people of the city with opera, musicals, drama, festivals and more.

As a Town Centre, **Dundrum** is home to a wide range of leisure activities such as the 200 seat Mill Theatre, the 12 screen Movies@Dundrum cinema complex, the Rainforest indoor golfing range, the fun Giddy Studios pottery making studio and the host of other seasonal activities that take place throughout the year.

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If you've never experienced greyhound racing before then it's time you came up to speed! Nothing beats the flutter of excitement as you place your bet; the rush of adrenaline as you see your dog sprinting from the traps or the sheer exhilaration of watching your dog cross the finish line in pole position.

The stadium offers luxurious facilities with superb dining options, buzzing bars and great value packages to suit all budgets and tastes. For a complete evening out, book a table in the stadium restaurant. With a glass front, the restaurant allows you to see all of the racing action outside from the comfort of your table while you enjoy your meal. Visiting with a group, visit their website to view the latest group offers which often offer great value on admission, food and drink.

While booking in advance is recommended for restaurant and group offers, you can pay on arrival at the stadium. Admission rates are just €10 for adults, including your race programme which is a guide to all of the racing, and OAP's/Students are just €5. Admission customers can follow the racing action both indoors and outdoors so if the weather is not on our side, you can still enjoy racing in comfort. Shelbourne Park offers a variety of options for food & drink which can be purchased on the night too.

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Irish cooking has traditionally emphasised the use of fresh, local ingredients cooked with a minimum of fuss. A new generation of Irish chefs continues to make a virtue of this simplicity; many menus are based on fresh seafood and locally sourced meat and vegetables.

But, as well as modern Irish cuisine, the foods of many nations now compete for the diner's attention. Book your table ahead of time in Dublin – a requirement more so here than in most cities of comparable size – especially at weekends and during the summer.

Popular outdoor lunchtime hang-outs in good weather are the **Liffey Boardwalk**, St Stephen's Green, the lawn beside the Arts Block at Trinity College, or also the beautiful secluded **Iveagh Gardens** off Earlsfort Terrace.

Why not sample some of the city's rock culture at the **Hard Rock Café**. From fantastic memorabilia, fabulous drinks and great American food and service it has everything you're looking for and is also centrally located. Opened in 2004, Dublin's **Hard Rock** offers a selection of American cuisine and excellent cocktails. Like all Hard Rock Cafes, Dublin's restaurant hosts an impressive collection of memorabilia including a pair of Bono's sunglasses, also a favourite shirt of Elvis's and a Jimi Hendrix rug. Food and drinks are excellent and you can't beat the friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

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.

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Nancy Hands is a stunning pub where music, culture and history meet. The pub has recently changed ownership and is now overseen by leading Irish chef, Domini Kemp, so you can expect delicious pub grub – think gourmet burgers, fish and chips, beef & Guinness stew – alongside vegan dishes and signature favourites like their Nancy Hand's spice bag or sticky sesame chicken.

Captain Americas serve good quality American-style food at reasonable prices. Visit their branches in Grafton Street and Blanchardstown, where you will find delicious food and an extensive selection of cocktails, beers and wines. Try the loaded potato skins, Philly Cheese Steak or the chicken and cheese enchilada.

For a taste of Asian cuisine, visit any of the **Wagamama** noodle bars located in South King Street, Dundrum Town Centre and Blanchardstown Retail Park. Relax in informal style and dine on noodles served with a variety of ingredients including chicken, shrimp, egg, bean-sprouts and peppers or try their big bowls of noodle soup.

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

For a taste of Italy, visit **Pacino's Restaurant, Bar & Venue** on Suffolk Street near Trinity College. Pacino's offers an old world vibe – brickwork, wooden floors, mosaic tile and soft lighting combine to create a rustic atmosphere to complement the simple but fantastic authentic Italian food. Pacino's is a member of Good Food Ireland.

Other notable restaurants offering fantastic continental cuisine include **Salamanca Tapas Bar & Restaurant** on St. Andrew Street and **l'Ecrivain** on Lower Baggot Street.

The Good World Chinese Restaurant on George's Street specialises in Hong Kong style Sizzling and Hong Kong style Dim Sum. This iconic landmark in the heart of Dublin has

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The Lobster Pot Restaurant in Ballsbridge blends old world charm with intimate surroundings. Owned by the Crean family for 40 years, it is one of the longest running family restaurants in Ireland. This warm and very friendly local neighbourhood restaurant offers an extensive selection of fresh seafood, Irish meats, free range poultry and game when in season. Just some of the tasty dishes on offer include Rack of Wicklow Lamb Rosemary, deep fried plaice and fresh lobster. The menu uses only the freshest of ingredients. There is also an impressive wine list and a full licensed bar.

Bringing authentic Japanese culture and cuisine to Dublin since 1995, **Yamamori** is the perfect place to experience a true taste of Japan. Based in 3 locations in the heart of Dublin City, Yamamori's expert chefs have been treating locals and tourists alike for many years. This renowned restaurant with its bold black and red exterior features an extensive menu of fabulous, fresh Japanese food. Groups of all sizes gravitate to its long benches and tables while very efficient and friendly staff serve up traditional and inspired exotic eats. The vegetarian menu is just as fulfilling, with plenty alternative dishes for vegans too.

The fish & chips restaurant is a much-loved Irish institution and **Beshoff** is one of the best known names in Dublin. Beshoff which is located on O'Connell Street takes pride in serving top quality fish and real potato chip meals in relaxed and comfortable surroundings. Friendly, quick service and affordable tasty food makes this a treat to visit.

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The award-winning **Kilkenny Café** is located on the first floor of **Kilkenny Design** Nassau St, Dublin; it boasts beautiful views over the leafy grounds of Trinity College. They offer a splendid selection of hot food dishes, salads, pies, quiches, cakes and pastries are freshly made on site every morning. Gluten-free foods are available daily.

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For a little taste of Italy on South Circular Road in Kilmainham, try **La Dolce Vita**. This family-owned restaurant can be found above the Patriots Inn pub. All food and sauces are freshly prepared and cooked by their chef. Whether it's pizza, pasta or traditional spaghetti Bolognese you're after, a delicious

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With 40 restaurants to choose from **Dundrum Town Centre** offers a very extensive dining experience with everything from fine dining to the kids favourite, a family friendly meal or perhaps just a coffee stop. Authentic Italian, Mexican, tapas, burgers and steaks that melt in the mouth are all available. They have award-winning Indian food and Asian fusion and not forgetting that favourite cup of coffee. Dundrum can cater for all your culinary desires.

A trip to the farm and gardens of Airfield in Dundrum is not complete without a stop for a bite to eat at **Overends**. The

café, named after Letitia and Naomi Overend, provides delicious meals, taking inspiration from Airfield and its farm and gardens. Relax in a warm environment and enjoy a coffee with your meal. Airfield is only twenty minutes from the city centre on the Luas.

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If you're visiting Dundrum Town Centre or Blanchardstown Centre, drop into **Dante Pizza**. Before you dive into their delicious pizza, try their chicken wings or garlic and chilli prawns. When it comes to their selection of pizzas, you can't go wrong with the Dante Pizza: mushrooms, pepperoni, ham, mozzarella & tomato sauce. A chocolate brownie or their Eton Mess goes well for dessert.

Located on the promenade at The Pavilion in Dun Laoghaire, **Casper & Giumbini's** is a modern Irish brasserie serving the freshest Irish seafood, premium chargrilled steaks and their

trademark hamburgers. They also offer a range of draft and craft beers, signature cocktails and an extensive wine list focusing on sustainable, low intervention wine making.

Outside the city, in Glencullen on top of the Dublin mountains, is **Johnnie Fox's** pub. Their award-winning seafood and European kitchen offers fresh seasonal oysters, seafood chowder, feather-blade of beef and Johnnie Fox's vegetable stew, to name only a few dishes. Experience the Hooley Night menu served at their famous "Hooley Night" (dinner and show). Don't forget to book ahead to guarantee your seat at the show.

The **Avoca** stores found throughout Dublin and around the country are known for their award-winning restaurants and cafes. Avoca's raison d'être is great natural ingredients, many of which they grow themselves in their own polytunnels or in their huge kitchen garden at the Dunboyne store. Drop into their restaurant and foodmarket in Avoca Suffolk Street or Avoca Ballsbridge for a delicious bite to eat.

Whatever your taste is in cuisine, diversity and choice are certainly on the menu wherever you might find yourself in Dublin.

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SHOPPING

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 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.

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**.

**Powerscourt
Townhouse Centre**



Stephen's Green Shopping Centre is centrally located in the heart of the city at the top of **Grafton Street** and has over 90 shops all under one roof. There are a number of retail shops including TK Maxx, Dunnes Stores and The Art & Hobby Shop 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



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If you'd like to take home a bottle of the 'good stuff', the **Celtic Whiskey Shop & Wines on the Green**, has Ireland's largest selection of Irish, Scottish, Bourbon and world whiskeys as well as an eclectic range of spirits, liqueurs, wines and champagnes. Located at 27–28 Dawson Street in the heart of Dublin city, Celtic Whiskey Shop has frequently been voted the Best Single Outlet Whiskey Retailer and Online Whiskey Retailer at the Icons of Whisky Awards and it is managed by Ally Alpine who has almost thirty years experience in the trade. Worldwide shipping available, visit www.celticwhiskeyshop.com or call in-store!

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.

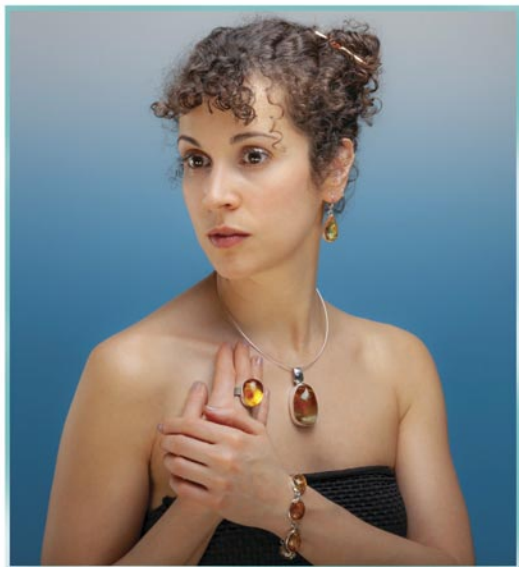
New Moon Jewellery store has a mesmerizing collection of sterling silver and gemstone jewellery from around the world, all ethically sourced by owner Philippe Benaksas. Check out the huge range of sterling silver pendants, rings and earrings set in a wide variety of gemstones including amber, amethyst, aquamarine, moonstone, opal, moldavite and many more rare stones. New Moon also has a large range of men's jewellery as well as a Celtic jewellery range, skull rings, Native American silver jewellery, antique Indian jewellery and much more. Centrally located in the historic George's Street Arcade with friendly and knowledgeable staff on hand.

Powerscourt 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

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shops, makes it well worth a visit. Open seven days a week. Powerscourt 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.

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.

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

Kilkenny Design is famous for promoting local makers and designers for over 50 years – located just opposite Trinity College this is a must see while in Dublin. Discover the best of Irish design including Waterford, pottery, linen, jewellery, fashion, accessories, souvenirs and more. You are sure to find the perfect gift at Kilkenny. Overseas visitors can avail of shipping promotions, tax free & a complimentary gift-wrapping service. Upstairs is the fabulous **Kilkenny Café** – delicious homemade delights served daily!

The Sweater Shop stores are Irish owned since 1987 and this family run business is proud to provide a vast selection of quality Irish Knitwear such as Aran sweaters and cardigans at the best prices, as well as accessories, gifts and kiddies Aran sweaters. In their stores you will find a large selection of Irish Aran knitwear to suit all tastes as well as soft cashmere and merino knitwear. Their **Store in Thomas Street** carries a large section of knitwear and also brands such as Official Guinness Merchandise, Trinity College, Mucros Weavers and much more.

Muji on Chatham Street opened its doors in 2002. It is a Japanese store selling stylish furniture and an array of

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The ILAC is also home to the Dublin Central Library, located up the stairs in our central square. With entrances from Henry Street, Parnell Street and Moore Street, the Centre is beside the famous Moore Street market and 1916 monuments as well as the Spire, the Hugh Lane Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art, The Garden of Remembrance and the Writers' Museum. You will also find a great selection of places to eat nearby including a wide range of ethnic options. Also located in this historic area are The Gate Theatre, the magnificent Rotunda Hospital, the Gresham Hotel, the GPO, the Leprechaun Museum, and The Church Café, Bar & Restaurant in Mary Street where Arthur Guinness was married.

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Carrolls Irish Gifts are a fully Irish owned company established in 1982 and are one of the leading retailers of quality Irish clothing, jewellery, souvenirs and gift products. You will find leading Irish products such as Guinness, Newbridge Silverware, Aran Knitwear, Solvar, Trinity, Mullingar Pewter and more throughout their many shops dotted throughout Dublin as well as shops in Galway, Cork, Kilkenny and Belfast.

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.

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** 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.

Extending off Henry Street are the **Jervis Street** and **Ilac Shopping Centres**, both which offer an exciting and varied shopping experience under one roof. Walking back towards the Spire brings you on to O'Connell Street, where the buildings of once **Clery's Department Store** and the current **Eason Bookshop** stand as Dublin institutions.

Jervis Shopping Centre is a major hub of activity for the enthusiastic shopper. Stores include M&S, New Look, Boots and Jack & Jones to name a mere few. For a bite to eat you are spoiled for choice with KFC, Brambles and Kay's Kitchen. Try a tasty sandwich in O'Briens or a slice of pizza in Sbarro Pizza Bar.

The ILAC on Henry Street in Dublin's city centre is open seven days a week. Home to over 70 stores including fashion, grocery, footwear, health & beauty as well as accessories and 20 different places to eat. Just some of the shops you may wish to visit include TKMaxx, Dunnes Stores, River Island, Foot Locker, Dealz, Boston Barbers, Yours Clothing, Smiggle, the Liverpool FC store, Diesel, Gerard, The Perfume Shop and Flying Tiger. Our cafés serve pizzas, salads, carvery lunches, noodles, curries, sandwiches, and much more. Open for breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

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.

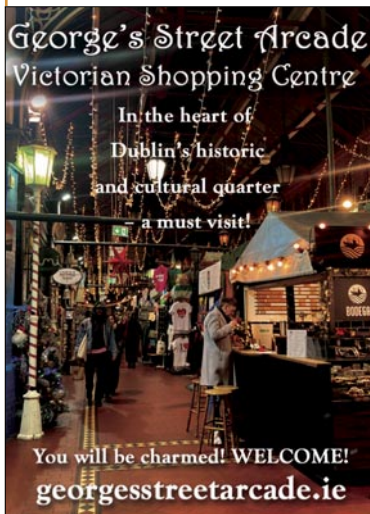
With 120 stores over 3 levels **Dundrum Town Centre** boasts Southern Ireland's only Harvey Nichols luxe boutique department store, Massimo Dutti, Hollister along with High Street names such as Marks & Spencer, Penney's, River Island, Zara, H & M and Next. Covered car parking services every level of 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.

Blanchardstown Centre offers a unique shopping & leisure experience. Home to over 180 stores, 3 Retail Parks and 25

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With 13 locations around the country **Avoca** is heralded as one of Ireland's most exciting retail stores. Avoca has a rich history and heritage boasting Ireland's oldest weaving mill, and they proudly produce a lot of their own products including their famous woven throws. In every store you'll find an abundance of beautiful products and a celebration of the best of Irish craft makers across beauty, jewellery, ceramics and homeware. Avoca offers a unique shopping experience as a destination store as well as boasting award-winning cafes, restaurants and foodmarkets. Find Avoca in Suffolk Street and Ballsbridge as well as many other locations throughout Dublin and beyond including Monkstown, Rathcoole and Malahide.

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Drogheda is the gateway to the world-famous Boyne Valley region. Call into the Tourist Office located in the Thosel and discover all there is to see in the area with the 'Drogheda, Gateway to the Boyne Valley' exhibition.

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Further north is **Dundalk**, the County town. The tourist office is located right in the town centre. Here you will find information on all Dundalk and its surrounds has to offer.

Midway between Drogheda and Dundalk is the town of **Ardee** which Irish mythology states as the site of the epic battle between Cúchulainn and Ferdia. Both Ardee Castle and Hatch's Castle built in the 1400's are sited on its main street.

To the North of the county is the **Cooley Peninsula** and the picturesque village of **Carlingford**, which is full of character and one of the best-preserved medieval villages in Ireland.

Louth offers a wonderful array of historical attractions, outdoor pursuits, festivals, top class accommodation and friendly locals. Here thousands of years of history, myth and legend combine with dramatic scenery and coastline, to produce a memorable holiday experience.

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OUTSIDE DUBLIN

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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. The valley of the two lakes has long been a draw to people from all over the country and beyond thanks to the area's stunning scenery and rich heritage.

At the **Glendalough Visitor Centre**, discover the history of this early Christian ecclesiastical settlement founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century through the exhibition and audio-visual show. Guided tours are available on request.

At **Russborough House & Park** in Blessington, experience an 18th century Palladian architectural masterpiece with fine art collections and beautiful parklands. Less than an hour from Dublin and set in beautiful countryside, this historic house is a must-see part of Ireland's history. Take a guided tour of the house, eat in the gorgeous café, explore the award winning gift shop and enjoy the outdoors with a Maze, Animal Trail, Playground & scenic walking trails.

At **Powerscourt Estate** in County Wicklow you will find Powerscourt House, home to some of the best of Irish design in gifts, clothes and furniture. Explore the stunning Gardens which stretch over 47 acres and grab a bite to eat in the Avoca Terrace Café. While in the area, visit Ireland's highest waterfall located just 6km from the main estate.

In County Wicklow, drop into the **Avoca** store in **Avoca Village** to take the tour and visit the weavers at work. The mill in Avoca Village was set up in 1723 and celebrates a rich history and heritage. Today, there are third generation weavers working at the Mill. Enjoy The Mill Store, cafe & visitor centre in Avoca. Whether it's good food or shopping

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County Waterford

Located in Waterford City's historic Viking Triangle, visitors to **House of Waterford** are immersed in the longstanding history and craftsmanship behind one of Ireland's most iconic brands. The guided factory tour takes approximately 50 minutes, showcasing all stages in the creation of Waterford's fine crystal. After the tour, experience the largest showcase of Waterford crystal in the world. Relax in the Waterford Café which serves an extensive menu of breakfast and lunch options, or indulge in a glass of wine or champagne at the Waterford Bar.

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.

Nowhere better symbolizes all that is great about County Kildare, the beating heart of Ireland's thoroughbred industry, than the **Irish National Stud & Gardens**, a unique attraction of outstanding natural beauty that is home to some of the most magnificent horses and sumptuous gardens to be found anywhere in the world.

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 Commons 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. Easily accessible by public transport and surrounded by acres of beautiful parklands, Castletown is the perfect day out.

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County Meath

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.

The World Heritage Site of **Brú na Bóinne** is Ireland's richest archaeological landscape and is situated within a bend in the River Boyne. Brú na Bóinne is famous for the spectacular prehistoric passage tombs of Knowth, Newgrange and Dowth which were built circa 3200BC. These ceremonial structures are among the most important Neolithic sites in the world and contain the largest collection of megalithic art in Western Europe. **Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre** is the starting point for all visits to Newgrange and Knowth. The Visitor Centre exhibition is a fully interactive visitor experience exploring the Neolithic culture, landscape and monuments of Brú na Bóinne.

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The **Battle of the Boyne** started on the Louth (north) bank when the forces of King William ("King Billy") crossed the river to outflank those of the ousted Catholic King James II. The battle ranged across the Oldbridge Estate on the Meath (south) bank, where there is now a display of replica weaponry and recreations of army life in the seventeenth century.

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Newgrange in
Co. Meath

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County Offaly

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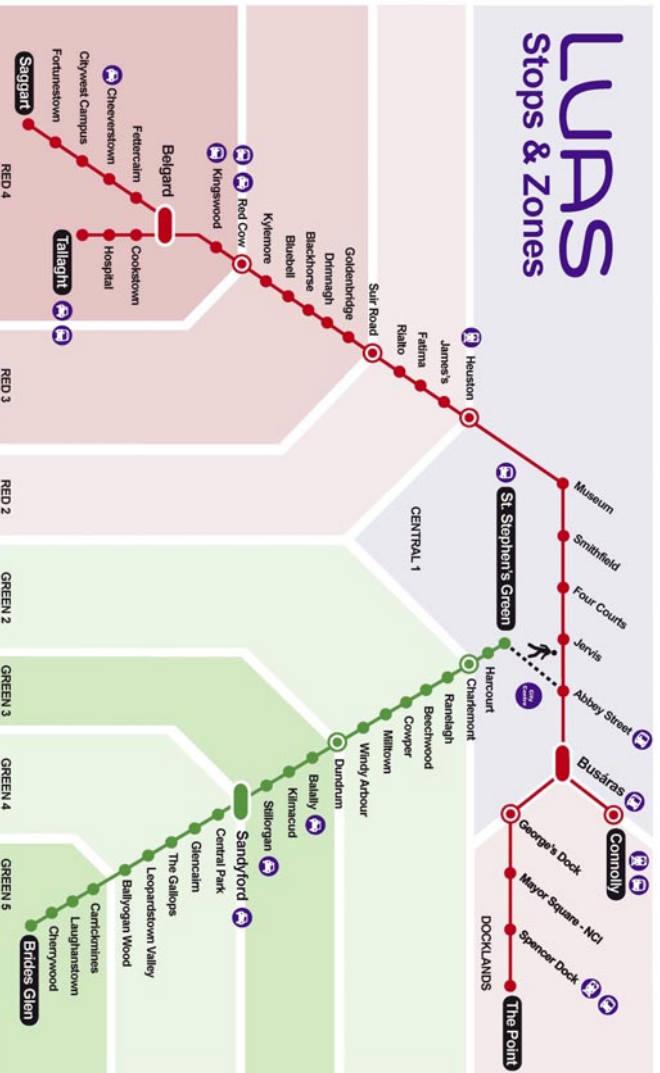
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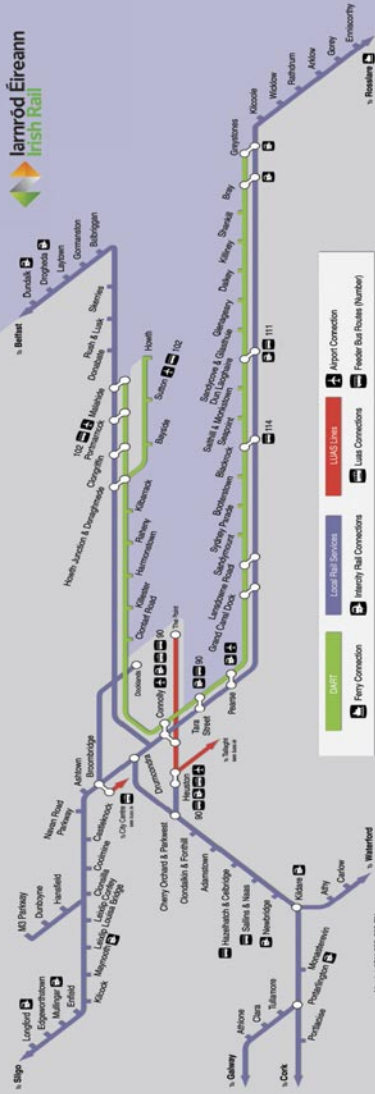
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