



DUBLIN

Céad Míle Fáilte – A hundred thousand welcomes to Ireland’s capital city from the team at Visit Dublin. We are delighted to bring you our guide to our fair city; the home of lively nightlife, stand-out culture, adrenaline-pumping action and much more. While it’s hard to capture all the great things you can experience during your trip to Dublin, in this guide, you’ll find snapshots of all the great things to see and do including some of Dublin’s best kept secrets. We think you’ll #LoveDublin just as much as we do.



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Navigate your way around Dublin with ease using our top tips:

DUBLIN PASS - OFFICIAL SIGHTSEEING CARD

Dublin Pass has been designed to help visitors to Dublin see more of the city's attractions and amenities while saving time and money in the process.

www.dublinpass.ie

FREE INSIDER GUIDES

Get ideas, tips and suggestions to help you explore Dublin with our free insider guides that are available for download from the visitdublin.com website.

www.visitdublin.com/dublin/downloads/insider_guides

DUBLIN BY BIKE

Dublin is one of the top ten bike-friendly cities on earth. 120km of cycle lanes, an ace city bikes scheme and a choice of cycling tours has made it easier than ever to enjoy Dublin on two wheels. Dublin Bikes are custom-designed for city cycling. The 40 dublinbikes stations are distributed throughout the city centre to enable easy access.

www.dublinbikes.ie

DART AND RAIL

DART:

DART is an electric rail system following the eastern coastline from Malahide and/or Howth in north Dublin, right through the city centre to southern suburbs like Blackrock, Dun Laoghaire, Dalkey and onwards to the coastal towns of Bray and Greystones in County Wicklow. Trains run regularly both on and off-peak, are kitted out with free Wi-Fi and provide one of the speediest ways to transport you around the city, not to mention the hidden beaches, seaside villages and harbour restaurants secreted away along Dublin's surprising coastline.

RAIL:

Dublin is also a central arrival and departure point for visitors looking to explore the rest of the country by rail. Cork, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, Belfast and Sligo are just some of the intercity routes served from the city's two main stations: Heuston and Connolly

www.irishrail.ie

DUBLIN LUAS

Luas is Dublin's light-rail transit service - a swift, reliable tram system crossing the city on two lines. Tickets for Luas can be purchased at street-side vending machines. They're available for single/return journeys or as flexi-tickets covering travel for seven or 30 days. Check the destination on the front of the tram before boarding, and you're all set for a smart light-rail system serving not just stops along the River Liffey, but some of Dublin's best sights.

<http://www.luas.ie/>

DOWNLOAD FREE MAPS

Find your way with free maps of Dublin's streets, buses, trains & more.

www.visitdublin.com/dublin/downloads/maps

DUBLIN BUS

Dublin has an extensive network of public bus routes, making it super-easy to get around not just the city centre, but the inner and outer suburbs too. First port of call is the Dublin Bus website. Its route, timetable and fare information make it easy for visitors to bus around the sights, and a real time information service shows when buses are due to arrive at stops.

www.dublinbus.ie

IWALKS SERIES

Our FREE podcast audio guides tell the many stories of Dublin as spoken by their author, historian and artist, Pat Liddy. The sixteen themes cover many fascinating aspects of the region. Each iWalk comes with a FREE full colour brochure featuring maps and illustration. Use the iWalks as walking tour guides to the city, or just listen to them to discover the fascinating story of Dublin.

www.visitdublin.com/Dublin/downloads/Dublin_Podcasts

VISIT DUBLIN APP

The FREE Visit Dublin App, with no roaming costs, is a must have tool to ensure you make the most of your visit to our vibrant capital. Get up-to-date information on 100s of events, browse places to visit, find out what's nearby you, discover restaurants, cafes, points of interest, historic sites, special offers and much more.

The Visit Dublin App is available on the Apple Store.

TAXI

Taxis can be hailed on the street and at taxi stands throughout the city.

TOP 5



It's hard to whittle Dublin's attractions down to just five, but here are a few to kick off your visit:

THE NATIONAL GALLERY

The National Gallery of Ireland was established by an Act of Parliament in 1854 and first opened its doors to the public in January 1864. Today the collection includes over 2,500 paintings and some 10,000 other works in different media including watercolours, drawings, prints and sculpture.

Merrion Square West, Dublin 2

+353 1 661 5133

www.nationalgallery.ie

Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 5.30pm Thursday
9.30am - 8.30pm Sunday 12pm - 5.30pm Public
Holidays 10am - 5.30pm

Admission free to permanent collection.

DUBLIN MARKETS

Dublin's markets have been part of the fabric of city life for hundreds of years. There's now dozens of eclectic markets with everything from art, antiques, gourmet food, vintage and designer clothes, books and good old-fashioned fruit and veg. So explore the stalls and don't forget to haggle!

Various Locations

www.visitdublin.com

THE LITTLE MUSEUM OF DUBLIN

Dublin's newest museum tells the amazing story of the city in the 20th Century, and we can't wait to share it with you. Come and experience the warmth of a real Irish welcome in a beautiful Georgian townhouse on St Stephen's Green, right in the heart of Dublin.

15 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

+353 1 6611000

www.littlemuseum.ie

Monday - Sunday 9.30am - 5.00pm (last tour at 4.00pm) Thursday 9.30am - 8.00pm

Adult: €6.00 Senior citizen: €5.00 Student: €4.00
(free for Job Seekers)

ABOVEBOARD

Dubliners love of sport and sense of adventure coupled with the backdrop of beautiful mountains and rugged coastline, just minutes away from the city centre, provide the perfect arena for an action packed stay! 'Aboveboard' is a water sports adventure centre located in the heart of Dublin's south coast in Dun Laoghaire. The club offers kitesurfing and stand up paddle boarding lessons and rentals.

The West Pier, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin

+353 1 2804774

www.aboveboard.ie

Courses run from April to November

DUBLIN LITERARY PUB CRAWL

This is an award-winning show that crawls from pub to pub with professional actors performing from the works of Dublin's most famous writers - Joyce, Beckett, Oscar Wilde, Brendan Behan and many more.

9 Duke Street

+353 1 670 56 02

www.dublinpubcrawl.com

From 7:30pm

Adults: €12 Students: €10

CAFES



The pub is a place dear to the heart of every Dubliner but you'll find that cafés, coffee shops and tea shops come in a very close second! There are hundreds of cafés in Dublin offering the finest coffees and teas from around the world along with a wide selection of delicious food and sweet cakes to accompany them.

BEWLEY'S ORIENTAL CAFÉ

A veritable institution in Dublin Bewley's Cafe has played an essential part in the literary, cultural, artistic, architectural and social life of Dublin since it opened in 1927. Today Bewleys Grafton Street still keeps its traditions of coffee roasting and baking along with its famous breakfast. A contemporary Mediterranean menu is also available until late evening. Bewleys is

78-79 Grafton Street, Dublin 2
www.bewleys.com
 7.30 am - 10.00 pm every day.

MURPHYS ICE CREAM

Murphys Ice Cream offers award-winning, artisan ice cream (made from scratch in Dingle), micro-roasted coffee, and delicious desserts. Come for a free taste of their ice creams and linger with a coffee in the seating area on the square.

27 Wicklow St, Dublin 2
<http://www.murphysicecream.ie/>
 Winter Opening Hours: Mon - Thurs: 12:00 pm - 8:30 pm Fri - Sun: 12:00 pm - 9:30 pm
 Summer Opening Hours: Mon - Thurs: 12:00 pm - 9:30 pm Fri - Sun: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm

THE DECENT CIGAR EMPORIUM HAVANA CAFÉ

The coffee aficionado will enjoy a trip to Havana Café in The Decent Cigar Emporium. Havana serves a range of Cuban coffees including Cubita, Serrano and Santiago.

46 Grafton Street , Dublin 2
www.decent-cigar.com
 Mon - Wed, Fri & Sat: 10am till 6pm | Thurs: 10am til 8pm | Sun: 12 Noon til 5pm

THE PEPPER POT

The Pepper Pot specialises in homemade organic food and only uses seasonal stock in their delicious recipes and offers a versatile menu including gluten free options and a delicious range of sandwiches, soups, breads and cakes.

Powerscourt Centre, 59 South William Street, Dublin 2
www.thepepperpot.ie

SILK ROAD CAFÉ

The Silk Road Café is one of Dublin's best hidden treasures. It's located in the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin Castle with a view over the Castle garden and next to the Coach House. Proprietor and Chef Abraham Phelan bases the menu on some of the countries represented in the museum. Middle Eastern, North African, Mediterranean and vegetarian dishes are created using only the freshest ingredients.

Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle, Dame St, Dublin
www.silkroadcafe.ie

EPICUREAN FOOD HALL

Dublin's Gourmet Food Hall enjoys a multiplicity of food from all corners of the globe including Mexican, Italian, Greek, and traditional Irish. With numerous units offering cuisine from around the world and all under one roof there is something to suit even the most discerning taste and pocket. It offers outstanding value in contemporary surroundings and is open 7 days a week.

Lower Liffey Street, Dublin 1
www.epicureanfoodhall.com
Mon-Sat 9am-8pm Sun 11am-8pm

THE CAKE CAFE

This award winning cafe can be accessed through the Daintree paper shop. The Daintree Building is one of a kind. Inspired by the rain-forest in Australia after which it is named, Daintree meets some of its own energy, material, food and water needs. The leafy courtyard is an oasis of calm in a busy area of the city, it stretches from Camden Street to Pleasants Place. It is the perfect place to relax with a savoury tart and a glass of wine.

The Daintree Building, Pleasants Place, Dublin 2
+363 01 478 9394
http://www.visitdublin.com/Asset/dining/cafes/The_Cake_Cafe
Monday 8.30am - 6pm (Baking or cookery evening after 6pm) Tuesday - Friday 8.30am - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm

BROTHER HUBBARD

Since throwing open its doors in 2012, Brother Hubbard has firmly established itself as one of the go-to cafés in Dublin with a menu fully stocked with culinary delights including delicious sandwiches, scrumptious salads and tempting pastries.

153 Capel Street, Dublin 1
+35314411112
www.brotherhubbard.ie

FOAM CAFÉ

Tucked away among the buzzing streets of Dublin, there survives, and thrives, Foam Cafe and Gallery. Upon entering the cafe, visitors are immediately at ease in its warm, comforting atmosphere. Foam Cafe is a refreshing relief compared to the modern and mundane interiors of today's typical coffee shops. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the decor, food and calm mood enhanced by the chatter of nearby customers.

24 Strand Street Great, Dublin 1
www.foamcafe.ie
Mon - Fri: 10:00 - 21:00 Sat: 11:00 - 21:00 Sun:
11:00 - 19:00

QUEEN OF TARTS

This is a real gem. Scones, meringues, cheesecakes, brownies are all baked on the premises. Queen of Tarts is also great for sturdy breakfasts including potato cakes.

Dame Street, Dublin 2
+353 1 633 4681
www.queenoftarts.ie

DO & SEE



Our pick of things to see and do during your trip to Dublin:

IVEAGH GARDENS

We shouldn't be telling you about Dublin's majestic Iveagh Gardens: they're Dublin's best-kept secret. Enter a floral world of rustic grottos, twinkling fountains and sunken lawns. They were designed by Ninian Niven in 1863 and include a rustic grotto, cascade, fountains, maze, rosarium, archery grounds, wilderness and woodlands. You'll love this little slice of city heaven.

Clonmel Street, Dublin 2
+353 1 475 7816

Mon-Sat: 08.00 Sunday and Bank Holidays: 10.00
Gardens Closing times are - December - January:
15.30 February and November: 16.00 March -
October: 18.00 Average Length of Visit: 1 hour
Free of charge

BOOK OF KELLS

Glimpse at the detail in the renowned Book of Kells in Trinity College. This lavishly illustrated manuscript of the Gospels dates from the 9th century, and is simply a marvel of Early Christian art carried out by the monks' steady hands. The 65-metre Long Room in the Old Library is an incredible sight, and is filled with old books, marble busts and a barrel-vaulted ceiling. This is also the room that inspired the imagery of the Jedi Archive in Star Wars Episode II.

Trinity College Library, Trinity College, College Street

+353 1 896 2320

www.bookofkells.ie

Adult: €9.00 Students/OAP: €8.00 Family Ticket:
€18 Under 12 years old Free.

IRISH MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

The Irish Museum of Modern Art is Ireland's leading national institution for the collection and presentation of modern and contemporary art. The Museum presents a wide variety of art in a dynamic programme of exhibitions, which regularly includes bodies of work from its own Collection.

Military Road, Kilmainham
+353 1 612 9900

www.imma.ie

Monday: 10.00am - 3.00pm, Tuesday-Saturday:
10.00am - 5.00pm, Sunday: 12noon - 5.00pm, Bank
Holiday Mondays: 10.00am - 5.00pm
Free Admission

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral (founded c.1028) is the spiritual heart of the city, and one of the top visitor attractions in Dublin. Step inside and you can enjoy the cathedral's beautiful interior and fascinating medieval crypt.

Christchurch Place, Dublin 8
+353 1 677 8099

www.christchurchdublin.ie

Guided tours of the cathedral and belfry are available throughout the year.

Adult: €6.00 Concession: €4.50 Child: €2.00 Family:
€15.00

GLASNEVIN CEMETERY MUSEUM

There are over one million stories buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, Gravediggers, Body Snatchers, Rebels and Revolutionaries, ordinary and extraordinary people. Glasnevin Cemetery Museum is a wonderful introduction to the wealth of national history within the walls of Glasnevin Cemetery. This interactive visitor attraction offers a fascinating view of Ireland's Necropolis and the many renowned figures that shaped the country we live in today. Glasnevin Cemetery Museum also offers guided tours of the cemetery which is a unique opportunity to learn more about Ireland's complex history.

Glasnevin Cemetery, Finglas Road , Dublin 11
+353 1 882 6500
www.glasnevintrust.ie
Public Tours take place daily @ 11.30am
& 14.30pm
Combined Museum and Tour Ticket - €12.00

DUBLIN ZOO

Located inside the equally wonderful Phoenix Park, Dublin Zoo's spacious 28-hectare site is home to more than 400 amazing animals from around the world. Whatever time of year you find yourself in Dublin, it's always worth a visit.

Dublin Zoo, Phoenix Park
+353 1 474 8900
www.dublinozoo.ie
Adults: €15 Child: €10.50 Students: €12.50 OAPs:
€12 Family tickets from: €43..50

GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

Year in, year out, The Guinness Storehouse is Dublin's most visited attraction, and with many good reasons. You can learn about the history of 'the black stuff' and discover how it's made, pull your own pint, enjoy The Gravity Bar's stunning panoramic views and more.

St. James' Gate, Dublin 8
+353 1 408 4800
www.guinness-storehouse.com
Adult: €16.50 Student over 18: €13 Student under 18: €10.5 Senior citizen: €13 Group (over 15 pax): €14.85 Children between 6 - 12 yrs: €6.50 Children under 6 yrs: Free Family (2 adults+4 children): €40

MALAHIDE CASTLE

Malahide Castle, set on 250 acres of park land in the pretty seaside town of Malahide, was both a fortress and a private home for nearly 800 years and is an interesting mix of architectural styles. Many additions and alterations have been made to this romantic and beautiful structure, but the contours of the surrounding parklands have changed little in 800 years, retaining a sense of the past.

Malahide Demesne, Malahide. Co. Dublin
+353 1 890 5000
www.malahidecastle.com
Open each day from 9.30am – 5.30pm, last admissions @ 4.30pm
Adult: €12.00 Child: €6.00 Student: €8.00 Senior: €7.50

DUBLIN CASTLE

Dublin Castle is the heart of historic Dublin. In fact the city gets its name from the Black Pool - 'Dubh Linn' which was on the site of the present Castle garden. The Castle stands on the ridge on a strategic site at the junction of the River Liffey and its tributary the Poddle, where the original fortification may have been an early Gaelic Ring Fort.

Dame Street, Dublin 2
+353 1 645 8813
www.heritageireland.ie/en/Dublin/DublinCastle
Monday-Friday: 10am-4.45pm Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays: 2pm-4.45pm Closed Good Friday, 25th-26th December, 1st January.
Adults: €4.50 Senior Citizens & Students (with I.D.): €3.50 Children (under 12 years): €2

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND-ARCHAEOLOGY

Walk into the National Museum of Ireland on Kildare Street and you are magically transported back in time to 7,000BC. Take time at The Treasury which features outstanding examples of Celtic and Medieval art, such as the famous Ardagh Chalice, the Tara Brooch and the Derrynaflan Hoard.

Kildare Street, Dublin 2
+353 94 9031773 / +353 1 6484 392
www.museum.ie

Tuesday-Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 2pm to 5pm. Closed Mondays.

Buses: Collins Barracks: 90 (Aston Quay), 25, 25A, 66, 67 (Wellington Quay) Kildare Street/Merrion Street: 7, 7A, 10, 11, 13 (O'Connell Street)
Free Admission

DUBLINIA

Dublinia is a heritage centre located in the heart of the medieval city of Dublin. There are three exciting exhibitions in Dublinia. Viking Dublin takes the visitor back to life in the city in Viking times. See what life was like on board a Viking warship, visit a Viking house and take a trip down a Viking street. Investigate burial customs; explore the Viking legacy and much more.

St. Michael's Hill, Christchurch, Dublin 8
+353 1 679 4611

www.dublinia.ie

Adult: €7.50 Child: €5 Student / Senior: €6.50
Family (2x2): €23

DUBLIN BAY CRUISES

Dublin Bay Cruises sail between Dun Laoghaire and Howth up to six times a day from March to October. Your 90 min trip brings you not only around the beautiful vista of Dublin Bay, but it also helps you to travel through time and to understand how and why the modern city of Dublin developed to become the capital city of Ireland.

Dun Laoghaire and Howth Harbours
+353 1 901 1757

www.dublinbaycruises.com

From Dun Laoghaire (St Michael's Pier Dun Laoghaire) 11am and 3pm From Howth (West Pier Howth Harbour) 1pm and 5pm

DART (commuter train) to Howth or Dún Laoghaire
Adult: €19.00 / Children: €11.00 / Students €16.00
Family rate: €45.00 (2 Adults 1 Child) / Children under 3 years Free

KILMAINHAM GAOL

Get a dramatic and realistic insight into what it was like to have been confined in one of these forbidding bastions of punishment and correction between 1796 when it opened and 1924 when it closed and offers a panoramic insight into some of the most profound, disturbing and inspirational themes of modern Irish history.

Inchicore Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
+353 1 453 5984

http://www.visitdublin.com/Asset/see_and_do/historic_sites/Kilmainham_Gaol

Apr - Sept: 09.30 - 18.00 daily (last admission 17.00) Oct - Mar: Mon - Sat: 09.30 - 17.30 (last admission 16.00) Sundays: 10.00 - 18.00 (last admission 17.00) Closed on the 24th, 25th & 26th December.

Buses: 51B, 51C, 78A, 79, 79A from Aston Quay.
Adult: €6 Senior / Group: €4 Child / Student: €2
Family Rate: €14

CROKE PARK SKYLINE TOUR

Enjoy the best views of Dublin from the roof of the iconic Croke Park Stadium on the exciting Etihad Skyline tour. Accompanied by an experienced tour guide, you can ascent to a walkway 44 metres above the ground to take in panoramic views of the Irish capital and find out more about Dublin's key landmarks. Etihad Skyline includes stops at five viewing platforms along Croke Park's 0.6km rooftop walkway.

GAA Museum, St Joseph's Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 3

+353 1 819 2323

www.skylinecrokepark.ie

Visit skylinecrokepark.ie for tour times
Adult €25 Child €15 (up to 12 years old) Student €20 Family €65 (2 adults 2 children)

CHESTER BEATTY LIBRARY

Situated in the heart of the city centre, the Chester Beatty Library's exhibitions open a window on the artistic treasures of the great cultures and religions of the world. The Library's rich collection of manuscripts, prints, icons, miniature paintings, early printed books and objects d'art from countries across the world offers visitors a visual feast.

Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

+353 1 407 0750

www.cbl.ie

Free admission

DINING



Dublin has an exciting food scene – there’s naturally lots of good Irish grub, in both traditional and modern forms, but you’ll also find a tasty selection of ethnic eateries spanning most global cuisines.

FALLON &BYRNE

Simple modern European food with a classic French influence. Our service is friendly and knowledgeable. The dining room is spacious, bright and airy in the style of a French Brasserie. It has a bustling atmosphere every day of the week. Signature Dish: Aged Irish Angus Sirloin & Fillet Steaks and Burgers

11-17 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2
+353 1 472 1000

www.fallonandbyrne.com

12.30 - 3 pm 6 - 10 pm

From the Trinity College end of Grafton Street take the first right, then we are at the end of that street on the right hand side.

FADE STREET SOCIAL

Fade Street Social by Dylan McGrath

Fade Street Social celebrates Irish food and character. In this huge 8000sq ft. space, again, Dylan’s fantastic creative team has captured a number of uniquely different yet subtly connected brands all under one roof.

Fade Street, Dublin 2
+353 1 604 0066

www.fadestreetssocial.com

THE EXCHEQUER

With two late night bars, lunch and dinner being served seven days a week, vintage sofas and armchairs, comfortable high seating, a funky dining room perfect for private functions and even a floating steel booth, The Exchequer is one of Dublin’s best gastro pubs.

3-5 Exchequer St, Dublin 2,
+353 1 6706787

www.theexchequer.ie

DAMSON DINER

One of Dublin’s newest trendy dining experiences located on South William Street, the heart of the Creative Quarter. Great cocktails, superb food, and buzzing atmosphere.

52 South William Street, Dublin 2
+353 1 6777 007

www.damsondiner.com

SABA

Saba offers wonderful Thai and Vietnamese cuisine in a fantastic setting. As well as their amazing food and their “must have” cocktails, the service is excellent and the prices are reasonable.

26-28 Clarendon Street, Dublin 2
+353 1 679 2000

www.sabadublin.com

COPPINGER ROW

Coppinger Row is a social hub for diving in, sharing the best food + drink with your friends and family. Fresh Mediterranean flavours sourced from local seasonal produce

Coppinger Row, Dublin 2
+353 1 672 9884

www.coppingerrow.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Dublin's pubs are slices of our living culture. There's so much we could say about the craic, atmosphere, culture and history of Dublin pubs but really, there's no substitute for experience. We've got over 1,000 pubs to spend some time in – here are just a few to get you started.

O' DONOHUGUES

A favourite haunt for Dubliners and visitors from every corner of the world, who come to share the authentic character of one of Dublin's oldest bars, and to admire the artistry of real Irish musicians. Seven nights a week, musicians from all over Ireland come together to share their love of Irish traditional music in one of Ireland's most famous bars.

15 Merrion Row
+353 1 660 7194
www.odonoghues.ie

THE BERNARD SHAW

Live DJs and bands 6 days a week playing across the board from house to drum and bass, Baltimore to grime, roots reggae to disco, hip hop to rock. Events-wise, on any given day you could walk into a back yard car boot Sale, an exhibition launch, a marathon 10hr set from a Detroit DJ legend, a hot-tub party, dinner on a double decker bus, a live show from emerging Dublin bands, graffiti battles, jazz band in the smoking yard, or even just a simple pint of plain and a chat.

11 South Richmond Street, Dublin 2
www.bodytonicmusic.com/thebernardshaw

THE LIBRARY BAR AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL

The Library Bar at The Central Hotel combines the charm and elegance of a bygone age with the most modern facilities and services. The welcoming atmosphere and the fine furnishings make it a popular venue for morning coffee, light lunches, afternoon tea and drinks.

Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin 2
+353 1 6797302
www.centralhoteldublin.com

GROGAN'S

In a city of full of pubs, it's hard to stand out from the crowd. But that's exactly what Grogan's does. The perfect place to grab a sandwich and a pint and escape the bustle of the city. Or, come night time, a buzzing spot with a traditional heart. Unfussy and authentic, it's a winner.

15 South William Street, Dublin
+353 1 6779320
www.groganspub.ie

MULLIGAN'S

Some think it's a dive, some think it's a gem. Either way, when John F. Kennedy worked as a journalist in Dublin, he was a regular at this pub. It was also featured in the movie My Left Foot. Many think that the best Guinness in Dublin is served at Mulligan's.

8 Poolbeg Street
+353 1 677 5582
www.mulligans.ie

THE STAG'S HEAD

This is probably Dublin's best preserved Victorian pub - and everything here is of authentic Victorian origin. Take time to look around and savour the sumptuously carved Victorian mahogany fittings, the mosaic marble tiled floors and granite table tops. Dating back to 1770, the pub was rebuilt in 1894-95, and was the first pub in Dublin to be lit by electricity. Magnificent stained glass depicts the Stags Head theme throughout eight windows. This was a pub Joyce drank in from time to time.

1 Dame Court, Dublin 2

+353 1 671 3701

www.louisfitzgerald.com/stagshead

PALACE BAR

Unspoilt and unmodernised, this small pub has fame vastly out of proportion to its size. It was established in 1823; making it one of Dublin's oldest pubs. Take a seat in the snug where many a historic meeting has taken place or the backroom with its high ceiling and stained glass, where literary stock used to gather.

21 Fleet Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2

+353 1 671 7388

www.thepalacebardublin.com

THE COBBLESTONE

The Cobblestone Pub and Music Venue is based in Smithfield, close to the Four Courts, a few hundred yards from the North bank of the Liffey. The pub has music seven nights a week, two informal sessions down stairs and a pay-in listening venue on the upper floor. One of the best and most loved pubs for trade sessions in the city.

77 King Street North, Dublin 7

+353 1 872 1799

www.cobblestonepub.ie

MCD AIDS

The building that houses McDaid's can be traced back to the late 18th century and is reputed to have housed the City Morgue and later converted into a chapel for the Moravian Brethren, hence the high ceilings and the Gothic style windows. McDaid's has been identified by Joycean scholars as the setting for the opening of his story, Grace. Brendan Behan was a regular in the pub and he would regularly entertain the crowd with his vast repertoire.

3 Harry Street, Dublin 2

+353 1 679 4395

<http://www.visitdublin.com/Asset/dining/pubs/McDaid's>

NIGHTCLUBS

Dublin's a great city for night people. Dedicated club venues vie with pubs that morph into clubs, and whether it's chart music, cocktails and classics, live jazz, or the latest cutting edge genres, Ireland's best DJs, musicians and visiting international names will always send you home happy.

There are too many to list individually but be sure to check out: 4 Dame Lane, Cafe En Seine, Howl at the Moon, The Lost Society.... Dublin's a local institution, Coppers.

Dublin City Centre

www.visitdublin.com

SHOPPING



Everything from high street, unique boutiques, shopping centres, shopping districts, markets plus a whole lot more... Dublin is a great location for a spot of retail therapy, and it's easy to see why. The city centre itself is compact and you can pack in a great day's shopping on foot, and a short bus or LUAS trip opens up even more choice in our many suburban shopping centres.

GRAFTON STREET

Grafton Street is Dublin's top thoroughfare for high street shopping where you will find the best of Irish and international fashion to Irish gifts and craft ware. Book-ended by Trinity College and St. Stephens Green, highlights from the streets and lanes that surround Grafton Street include Suffolk Street which is home to Avoca Handweavers and South William Street which is the beating heart of our Creative Quarter. This short, sweet strip was traditionally home to Dublin's rag trade, and the tradition lives on in collectives like Project 51 and boutique malls like the Powerscourt Townhouse Centre, a beautifully restored Georgian townhouse home to specialist shops, galleries, antique jewellery stores and restaurants. Nassau Street has a vast selection of Irish craft stores, such as Kilkenny Design Centre and House of Ireland, which specialise in Irish design ware, glass, ceramics and more.

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HA'PENNY FLEA MARKET

The Grand Social on Lower Liffey Street hosts a weekly Indoor Flea Market every Saturday from 12 noon - 6 pm where you will find the best in vintage clothes, vinyl, chic jewellery and hipster books.

COW'S LANE DESIGNER MART

The Designer Mart takes place every Saturday from 10 am - 5pm on Cow's Lane which is located in the Old City area of Temple Bar. If you're peckish, a little further down the Temple Bar drag, the Temple Bar Food Market purveys the finest artisan nibbles.

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HENRY STREET

Henry Street is located North of the river and is a pedestrian-friendly zone. As well as oodles of shops from H&M to Zara, there are department stores such as Arnotts and nearby favourite Clerys, as well as shopping centres, Jervis Street and the Ilac Centre. Take a moment to look up between bargains at The Spire, one of Dublin's iconic monuments. It soars to a needlepoint on O'Connell Street.

Henry Street, Dublin 1

GEORGE'S STREET ARCADE

The George's Street Arcade may be Ireland's oldest shopping centre, but there's always something new to discover. A feast of eclectic stores, galleries and eateries are housed within the old Victorian building, from Bollywood belly dancing gear at Maharani to awesome iced teas at Bubblicity and good honest sandwiches at Honest to Goodness.

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SHOPPING CENTRES

Dublin has no shortage of shopping centres and city centre options include Stephen's Green, the Jervis and Debenham's. Out of town alternatives are the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Dundrum Town Centre and Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.

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