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Welcome to Dublin

Places of interest in Dublin City

Trinity College & the Book of Kells

Trinity College builds on its four-hundred-year-old tradition of scholarship to confirm its position as one of the great universities of the world, providing a liberal environment where independence of thought is highly valued and where staff and students are nurtured as individuals and are encouraged to achieve their full potential.

The College is committed to excellence in both research and teaching, to the enhancement of the learning experience of each of its students and to an inclusive College community with equality of access for all. The College will continue to disseminate its knowledge and expertise to the benefit of the City of Dublin, the country and the international community.

The Book of Kells, housed in the Old Library building, was written around the year 800 AD and is one of the most beautifully illuminated manuscripts in the world. It contains the four gospels, preceded by prefaces, summaries, and canon tables or concordances of gospel passages. It is written on vellum and contains a Latin text of the Gospels in insular majuscule script accompanied by magnificent and intricate whole pages of decoration with smaller painted decorations appearing throughout the text. The manuscript was given to Trinity College in the 17th century and since 1953 has been bound in four volumes. It has been on display in the Old Library since the 19th century. Two volumes can normally be seen, one opened to display a major decorated page, and one to show two pages of script.



Mo to Sa – 9.30am to 5pm

Sun (May to Sept.) – 9.30 to 4.30pm

Sun (Oct. to April) – 12pm to 4.30pm

October Bank Holiday (26th October) 12pm to 4:30pm, all other holidays – 9.30am to 5pm

Adult – €9, Student/Senior – €8, Family (2 adults plus 4 children) – €18, Child (under 12) – Free

The National Wax Museum Plus

The museum is an outstandingly original visitor attraction which has been completely re-imagined and designed focusing on a fun and interactive visitor experience. While remaining true to the ethos of a wax museum, The National Wax Museum Plus presents a snap shot of Irish cultural heritage but with a very modern twist!

Visitors to the museum are taken on a journey through Irish history, an enchanting children's zone of discovery, Ireland's only dedicated tribute to our top scientific inventors, a Green screen video room, a recording studio and all the exceptional life-like wax work characters you can expect at the national museum.

Mo to Su – 10am to 7pm

Closed 25 December

Adult – €10, Student/Senior – €9, Family (2 adults plus 2 children) – €30, Child (under 12) – €7



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Chester Beatty Library

Described by the Lonely Planet as *not just the best museum in Ireland, but one of the best in Europe*, the Chester Beatty Library is an art museum and library which houses the great collection of manuscripts, miniature paintings, prints, drawings, rare books and some decorative arts assembled by Sir Alfred Chester Beatty (1875-1968). The Library's exhibitions open a window on the artistic treasures of the great cultures and religions of the world. Its rich collection from countries across Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe offers visitors a visual feast. Chester Beatty Library was named Irish Museum of the year in 2000 and was awarded the title European Museum of the Year in 2002.

1 May to 30 September: Mo to Fr – 10am to 5pm

1 October to 30 April: Tu to Fr, 10am to 5pm

(All year) Saturday – 11am to 5pm

(All year) Sunday – 1pm to 5pm

Closed 1 January, Good Friday, 24, 25 and 26 December and Monday public holidays

ADMISSION IS FREE

Christchurch Cathedral

Standing on high ground in the oldest part of Dublin, Christchurch Cathedral is one of the city's finest historic buildings. Part of the Anglican Church of Ireland, the cathedral is the mother church for the diocese of Dublin and Glendalough. It is one of two Protestant cathedrals in Dublin; the other being St. Patrick's Cathedral, just to the south.

Highlights of the interior include magnificent stonework and graceful pointed arches, with delicately chiseled supporting columns.

Remains from the 12th-century building include the north wall of the nave, the west bay of the choir, and the fine stonework of the transepts, with their pointed arches and supporting columns. Strongbow is buried in the cathedral beneath an impressive effigy.



The vast, sturdy crypt, with its 12th and 13th Century vaults, is Dublin's oldest surviving structure and the building's most notable feature.

The Treasures of Christ Church exhibition in the crypt includes manuscripts, various historic artifacts, and the tabernacle used when James II worshipped here.

September to May: Mo to Sa – 9.45am to 4.15pm, Sun – 12.30pm to 2.30pm

June to mid-July: Mo, Tu, Fri – 09.45am to 6.15pm, We, Th, Sa – 9.45am to 4.15pm, Sun – 12.30pm to 2.30pm & 4.30pm to 6.15pm

Mid-July to end-August: Mo to Fri – 9.45am to 6.15pm, Sa – 09.45am to 4.15pm, Sun – 12.30pm to 2.30pm & 4.30pm to 6.15pm

Adult – €6, Senior – €4, Student – €3



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St Patrick Cathedral

St Patrick's Cathedral is traditionally the site of a holy well used by St Patrick for baptisms and a church was established here as early as the late fifth century - a stone marking the site of the well was found in 1901 after the demolition of buildings nearby to form the park beside the cathedral. The present cathedral was founded in 1192 by Archbishop John Comyn. As Archbishop, he resided in the priory of Christ Church Cathedral - unwilling to submit to the jurisdiction of the City Provosts, he started a cathedral and palace outside the city walls.



March to October: Daily – 9am to 5.30pm
November to February: Mo to Sa – 9am to 5pm, Sun – 9am to 3pm
Last admission is 30 minutes before closing
Adult – €5.50, Student/Senior – €4.50, Family (2 adults + 2 children under 16) – €15

Guinness Storehouse

The Guinness Storehouse is located in the heart of the St. James's Gate Brewery in Dublin, and is, according to the Guinness Storehouse Website, "Ireland's No. 1 international visitor attraction.



It is laid out over seven floors surrounding a glass atrium taking the shape of a pint of Guinness. On the ground floor the massive exhibit introduces you to the four ingredients; water, barley, hops and yeast, all of which combine together to make a pint of Guinness. Visitors are also introduced to the fifth and vital ingredient, Arthur Guinness himself

The seventh floor is dedicated to the Gravity Bar, and also forms the head of the giant pint of Guinness formed by the atrium. The Gravity Bar offers a place to relax,

enjoy a complimentary pint of Guinness and enjoy the 360 degree views over Dublin City.

September to June: Daily (including Bank Holidays) – 9.30am to 5pm (last tour at 5pm)
July and August: Daily (including Bank Holidays) – 9.30am to 7pm (last tour at 7pm)
Closed: Christmas Eve Dec 24th, Christmas Day Dec 25th, St Stephens Day (Boxing Day) Dec 26th and Good Friday
Adult – €15, Student (over 18's)/Senior – €11, Student (under 18's) – €9, Child (6 to 12) – €5, Family (2 Adults, 4 children under 18) – €34



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Modern Art Museum

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 and its award-winning Education and Community Department. It also creates more widespread access to art and artists through its Studio and National programmes.

Tu to Sa – 10am to 5.30pm, except We – 10.30am to 5.30pm, Sun & Bank Holidays – 12pm to 5.30pm
Closed: Mondays, Good Friday, 24 - 26 December
Last admission 5.15pm
ADMISSION IS FREE

Kilmainham Gaol

One of the largest unoccupied jails in Europe, covering some of the most heroic and tragic events in Ireland's emergence as a modern nation from 1780s to the 1920s. Attractions include a major exhibition detailing the political and penal history of the prison and its restoration. The tour of the prison includes an audio-visual show. Tours may be arranged for visitors with special needs by prior arrangement.

April to September: Daily – 9:30am to 6pm (last admission at 5pm)
October to March: Mo to Sa – 9:30am to 5:30pm (last admission at 4pm), Su – 10am to 6pm (last admission at 5pm)
Average Length of Visit: 1.5 hours
Adult – €6, Senior – €4, Student/Child – €2, Family – €14

National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts & History

This beautifully restored 17th century building is the oldest military barracks in Europe. As if that isn't enough, Collins Barracks also acts as the second site of the National Museum in Dublin, housing the institution's collections of decorative art. Of particular note are the collections of Irish silverware and furniture, while an exhibition entitled "The Way we Wore" provides a fascinating insight into fashion through the ages. Collins Barracks is also often home to interesting touring exhibitions, and is only a short stroll from the newly revitalized Smithfield area.

Tu to Sa – 10am to 5pm, Sun – 2pm to 5pm
Closed: Mondays, Christmas Day and Good Friday
ADMISSION IS FREE

Old Jameson Distillery

A unique tour of its kind, The Old Jameson Distillery tour covers the true spirit of Ireland. Originally built in 1780, this Distillery was once considered one of the largest and finest Distilleries in the world. Complete the journey of whiskey making ending with whiskey tasting in the Jameson Bar. An hour-long guided tour of this ancient distillery, gives the tourists an insight to the fine art of whiskey making.

Daily (including Bank Holidays) – 9am to 6.30pm (last tour at 5.30pm)
Closed: Good Friday & Christmas Holidays
Adult – €13.50, Student (over 18's)/Senior – €10, Student (under 18's) – €10, Child – €8, Family (2 Adults, 3 children under 18) – €30





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Irish Writers Museum

Dublin is very proud of its literary heritage and the Writers Museum is a must for people wanting to explore some of the literary history of the city. The museum gives you detailed information about the most famous Irish writers like James Joyce, Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift, Bram Stoker, ... in a chronological way.

Mo to Sa – 10am to 5pm, Sun & Public Holidays – 11am to 5pm

Adult – €7.50, Student/Senior – €6.30, Child – €4.70, Family (2 adults + 3 children under 12) – €20

James Joyce Center

The James Joyce Centre is located on North Great George's Street around the corner from O'Connell Street in a beautifully restored 18th century townhouse. The James Joyce Centre is dedicated to promoting an understanding of the life and works of James Joyce through an imaginative combination of exhibitions, events, reading and educational programmes.

Tu, Th & Sa at 11am & 2pm

Average Length of Visit: 1.5 hours

Adult – €10, Student/Senior – €8

National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology

The National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology is the national repository for all archaeological objects found in Ireland and home to over two million artefacts.

Tu to Sa – 10am to 5pm, Sun – 2pm to 5pm

Closed: Mondays, Christmas Day and Good Friday

ADMISSION IS FREE

Castles

Dublin Castle

Built between 1208 and 1220, this complex represents some of the oldest surviving architecture in the city, and was the centre of English power in Ireland for over seven centuries until it was taken over by the Irish Free State in 1922. Highlights include the 13th-century record tower, the largest visible fragment of the original Norman castle and the State Apartments, once the residence of English viceroys and now the focal point for government ceremonial functions, including the inauguration of Ireland's presidents. The newest developments for visitors are the Undercroft, an excavated site on the grounds where an early Viking fortress stood, and the treasury, built between 1712 and 1715, believed to be the oldest surviving purpose-built office building in Ireland. It houses a new visitor centre in its vaulted basement.



Mo to Fr – 10am to 4.45pm, Sa, Sun & Public Holidays – 2pm to 4.45pm

Closed: Good Friday, 25th-26th December, 1st January

Fees: Adult – €4.50, Student/Senior – €3.50, Child (under 12) – €2



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Malahide Castle

Malahide Castle is one of the oldest and most historic castles in Ireland. From 1185 until 1973, it was the home of the Talbot family. This was a remarkable tenure by a single family and is one of the longest in Ireland. The estate survived such losses as the *Battle of the Boyne*, when fourteen members of the owner's family sat down to breakfast in the Great Hall, and all were dead by evening, and the Penal Laws, even though the family remained Roman Catholic until 1774.

April to September: Daily – 10am to 5pm

October to March: Mo to Sa – 10am to 5pm, Sun – 11am to 5pm

Last admission is 30 minutes before closing

Adult – €7.50, Student/Senior – €6.30, Child (under 12's) – €4.70, Family – €20

