

An insider's guide to Dublin
the way the locals live it

Insider Guides Family Fun

Dublin's many exciting and interactive visitor attractions, activities, events and festivals means keeping the entire family entertained could not be easier! Activities such as bowling, cycling, horse-riding and participating in Gaelic sports are certain to entice the more energetic of visitors to Dublin. There is also a vast array of museums to intrigue and inform kids of all ages of Dublin's vibrant and cultural past, many of which have workshops specifically tailored for children.

Kick start your family visit to Dublin with a trip to **Dublin Zoo**! Located in the vast grounds of the Phoenix Park, Europe's largest urban park, Dublin Zoo is home to many of our cute, cuddly, hairy, and feathered friends! Spot the giraffes, zebras, hippos, rhinos, lions and chimpanzees on the African Plains or get up close and personal to donkeys, goats and ducks in the City Farm. Highlights of any visit will be the keepers' Tiger Talk, Chimpanzee Chat, and Sea Lion Splash. Bound to keep any little visitors captivated!

At **Imaginosity**, Dublin Children's Museum, children up to 9 years of age and their families can explore the museum's 2.5 floors of exhibits. When I grow up I want to be... at Imaginosity children have the opportunity to try out some possible future careers! Become a mechanic in the Garage, examine an x-ray in the Doctor's Surgery, dance and dress-up in costumes in the Theatre, present the news at the TV Station or become an engineer in The Construction Zone.

Malahide Castle, set on 250 acres of park land in the pretty seaside town of Malahide, is an ideal location for family fun. Take a tour of this 11th century fortress and discover the story behind the castle's history and its resident ghosts. Take a stroll around the Demesne, enjoy a family picnic or let the kids enjoy the swings and slides in the park's playground.

The Croke Park Experience is a must for any children (and adults!) interested in Ireland's national games of hurling and Gaelic football. Interactive and touch-screen technology help bring to life the unique moments, players and games from the past to the present day. Visitors can test their own skills in hurling

and Gaelic football in the specially-designed interactive games area and enjoy an all access tour of this magnificent stadium!

The National Leprechaun Museum takes visitors deep into Celtic culture to discover what really lies behind tales of leprechauns, rainbows and pots of gold. The first ever visitor attraction dedicated to the world of Irish myth, it opens up a magical world full of fascinating folklore and enchanting stories. A fairytale for adults and children alike, this captivating and interactive experience takes you to the heart of Irish cultural identity and imagination

Learn about Dublin's past in **Dublinia**, a heritage centre located in the heart of the medieval city of Dublin. The three exciting exhibitions take the visitor back to life in the city in Viking and Medieval times and show genuine artifacts including those found at the famous Wood Quay excavation.

Enjoy a visit to the **National Wax Museum Plus**, four floors of discovery, interaction and exhibition. Meet characters from all walks of life and discover the Chamber of Horrors, the Children's Enchanted World and the Hall of Fame.

Get the whole family high as kites when you take a spin on **the Wheel of Dublin** at the Point Village. With unparalleled views across the city taking in Croke Park, the Aviva Stadium, the Dublin coastline and stretching as far as the Dublin Mountains. Or take a short stroll down to the **Jeanie Johnston Famine Museum**, located on the Dublin Docklands and take a tour of the re-created tall ship, which enables visitors to see what it was like on board a

wooden tall ship during the Famine era.

To keep the more artistic of children amused why not take a trip to the **Artworks Café** and enjoy creative pottery fun for all the family. Located in the coastal village of Portmarnock, Artworks is ideal for anyone who has ever wanted to paint a tea-pot, decorate their own mug or have a go on the pottery wheel!

Explore the great outdoors with the entire family and visit **Airfield**. Situated in South Dublin on 35 acres of farmland with ornate gardens and a working farm, Airfield is home to cattle, sheep, donkeys and pigs. For anyone who fancies a bit more adventure **Xtreme.ie** is Ireland's Premier Outdoor Adventure & Team Building Company.

For the more active and adventurous visitors there are a number of thrilling tours to be experienced! **Viking Splash Tours** lets you discover Dublin by land and water in reconditioned World War II vintage amphibious military vehicles. For older children **The Dublin Ghostbus** will send chills down your spine!

Remember if you want to discover more suggestions and tips check out www.visitdublin.com for ideas for Family Fun in Dublin.

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Tours and Activities

Airfield
Upper Kilmacud Rd., Dundrum, Dublin 14
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www.airfield.ie
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Artworks Café
The Stables, Strand Rd., Portmarnock, Co. Dublin
T: 00353 1 828 4000
www.artworkscafe.ie
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Viking Splash Tours
64-65 Patrick's Street, Dublin 8
T: 00353 1 707 6000
www.vikingsplash.ie
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Dublin Ghostbus Tour
59 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1
T: 00353 1 873 4222
www.dublinsightseeing.ie
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City Sightseeing Tour
Dublin Tourism Centre, Suffolk Street, D2
T: 00353 1 605 7705
www.irishcitytours.com
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City Tour Hop On Hop Off
59 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1
T: 00353 1 873 4222
www.dublinsightseeing.ie
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The Boardwalk, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin 1
T: 00353 1 473 4083
www.liffeyvoyage.ie
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Xtreme.ie
Courtlyoung Shooting Grounds, Courtlyoung, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin
T: 00353 1 690 2070
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Dublin Zoo
Phoenix Park, Dublin 8
T: 00353 1 474 8900
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Malahide Castle
Malahide, Co. Dublin
T: 00353 1 846 2537
www.malahidecastle.com
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Croke Park Experience
The GAA Museum, St. Joseph's Ave., Dublin 3
T: 00353 1 819 2323
www.gaa.ie/museum
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The National Leprechaun Museum
Twilfit House, 1 Jervis Street, Dublin 1
T: 00353 1 873 3899
www.leprechaunmuseum.ie
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Imaginosity, Dublin Children's Museum
The Plaza, Beacon South Quarter, Sandyford, Dublin 18,
T: 00353 1 217 6130
www.imaginosity.ie
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Dublinia & the Medieval Viking World
St. Michael's Hill, Christchurch, Dublin 8
T: 00353 1 679 4611
www.dublinia.ie
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The National Wax Museum PLUS
The Armoury, 4 Foster Place, Temple Bar, Dublin 2
T: 00353 1 671 8373
www.waxmuseumplus.ie
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Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship / Famine Museum
Dublin Docklands, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1
T: 00353 1 473 0111
www.jeaniejohnston.ie
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Dublin Wheel
Point Village, East Wall Rd., Dublin 1
T: 00353 1 8559204
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National Museum of Archaeology
Kildare Street, Dublin 2
T: 00353 1 677 7444
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Newbridge House & Farm
Newbridge Demense, Donabate, Co. Dublin
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Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre
Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin
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Skerries Mills
Skerries, Co. Dublin
T: 00353 1 849 5208
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