



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

Insider Guides Dublin on a Budget

You don't need to spend a fortune to have a great time in Ireland's capital. Dublin offers you an abundance of visitor attractions and experiences to discover and explore at minimal expense.

For the budget conscious visitor, Dublin has many free visitor attractions and endless free events year round, suitable for families and individuals.

Dublin's Georgian & Victorian history means that the city is dotted with green parks, the most famous being **St Stephens Green** situated at the top of Grafton Street, the city's premier shopping street. Only a stones throw away is one of the city's best kept secrets, **The Iveagh Gardens**, with its beautiful landscaped gardens, maze and a fabulous cascading water feature. It is a perfect place to escape the hustle and bustle of the city.

The Phoenix Park is one of the largest and most magnificent city parks in Europe. Why not rent a bike from **Phoenix Park Bike Hire** from as little as €5 and explore the many visitor attractions and amenities the park has to offer such as **Farmleigh House**, **The Phoenix Park Visitor Centre** as well as **Áras an Uachtaráin** the official residence of the President of Ireland, where free tours are available on Saturdays (advance booking necessary).

A hop on / hop off shuttle bus service is available within the park, stopping at all points of interest, with a day ticket costing €2 per adult and €5 per family. During the summer months why not sit back, relax and watch some of Ireland's national sports being played in the park, Gaelic football and Hurling. Phoenix Park is also home to a Cricket and Polo Club where many Dublin people go to watch games on Sundays.

Dublin prides itself on its rich cultural history. Home to some of the world's best known authors, playwrights and musicians, Dublin truly is a city of living culture. Dublin has so much to offer the culture-seeking visitor. Visit the **Chester Beatty Library**, Europe's Museum of the Year 2002. The Library houses a rich collection of manuscripts, prints, icons, miniature paintings, early printed books and objects d'art from countries across the world, offering visitors a visual feast, (located within the walls of **Dublin Castle**, just off Dame Street).

For Art lovers why not visit **Ireland's National Gallery**, the country's most renowned art museum located on Kildare Street. The National Gallery is home to over 2,500 paintings and some 10,000 other works in different media. The Gallery highlights include the Yeats Museum, and works by Vermeer, Caravaggio, Picasso, Van Gogh and Monet. And the great thing is that all four National Museums & Galleries in Dublin are free of charge!

A great way to get around Dublin, if you are only going a short distance, is by **Ecocab**, a new green and alternative form of city transport that is not only highly efficient for inner city commuting but also free and fun! Ecocabs are available to the public from April right through until December, daily between 10am and 7pm with the main pickup points outside the Dublin Tourism Centre, Suffolk Street and the Spire, O'Connell Street.

Experience some of Dublin's finest farmers markets where you will find the freshest produce, flowers, ethnic fare, sweet and savoury treats. The Coco markets are located in the wonderful seaside towns of **Dalkey** (Friday's), **Dun Laoghaire** (Sunday's) and the beautiful **Marlay Park** (Saturday's).

Dublin has a great range of restaurants offering a variety of cuisines from traditional Irish, Italian, Indian, French, and much more at great value for money. If you want to eat within a budget, look out for the many early bird specials available. If you want to experience what Dubliners opt for check out **Beshoffs** famous fish & chip shop on O'Connell Street. If it's something a little more substantial that you want, head to **O'Neil's Bar** for great value food! (located opposite the **Dublin Tourism Centre** on Suffolk Street).

For special offers on 'where to eat' in Dublin check out www.visitdublin.com/specialoffers

If you want to let your hair down you have come to the right city! Traditional Irish music sessions can be found in pubs throughout the region, many of which can be found in the cobbled streets of **Temple Bar**,

Dublin's cultural quarter.

Dublin is ideally situated on the east coast and just a DART (suburban rail) journey along Dublin's scenic coastline will bring you from the beautiful city to charming coastal towns. North of the city is the fishing village of **Howth**. Howth Head is a renowned destination for walkers, and gives you views back over Dublin Bay, while the village offers great seafood restaurants, fish and chip shops and a fine marina for you to take a stroll.

Travelling southwards on the DART pick up a one-day rail ticket for as little as €7 at any DART station and hop on and off as much as you like. Be sure to stop at the small village of **Dalkey**. This picturesque village will tempt you with its quaint shops and stunning views over Dublin Bay. Take the winding roads up to Killiney Hill, keeping your eyes open for celebs such as Bono and Enya, and relax while taking in the scenery of the Irish Sea and the Wicklow Mountains.

Dublin is a compact city best explored on foot, be your own guide and download one of the many **iWalks** available at www.visitdublin.com. These are a series of free downloadable podcasts and maps telling the story and history of the capital under several themes.

Insiders tip! Get yourself a **Dublin Pass** giving you free entry into 27 of Dublin's top attractions, over 25 special offers in retail, theatre, dining & tours as well as a free one-way Aircoach transfer from the airport to the city centre. Check out www.dublinpass.ie for more information and deals!

Why not plan your trip around one of the many **free Festivals and Events** happening in Dublin, for a listing of 'what's on' log on to www.visitdublin.com/events

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Irish Museum of Modern Art



Cow's Lane Market, Temple Bar



National Museum of Ireland - Archeology

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Parks & Places of Interest

St Stephen's Green

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The Iveagh Gardens

Clonmel Street, Dublin 2
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Phoenix Park

Dublin 8
www.heritageireland.ie
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Phoenix Park Bike Hire

Gate Lodge, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8
T: 00353 86 26 56 258
www.phoenixparkbikeshire.com

Temple Bar Cultural Quarter

Temple Bar, Dublin 2
www.templebar.ie
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Howth

County Dublin
www.howthismagic.com
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Visitor Attractions

Farmleigh House

Phoenix Park, Dublin
T: 00353 1 815 5900
www.farmleigh.ie
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Phoenix Park Visitor Centre

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8
T: 00353 1 677 0095
www.heritageireland.ie

Áras an Uachtaráin

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8
T: 00353 1 677 0095
www.gov.ie/aras
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Chester Beatty Library

Dublin Castle, Dublin 2
T: 00353 1 407 0750
www.cbl.ie
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Dublin Castle

Dame Street, Dublin 2
T: 00353 1 645 8813
www.dublincastle.ie
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National Gallery of Ireland

Merrion Square West, Dublin 2
T: 00353 1 632 5513
www.nationalgallery.ie
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National Museum of Ireland-Archeology

Kildare Street, Dublin 2
T: 00353 1 677 7444
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Irish Museum of Modern Art

Royal Hospital, Military Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8.
T: 00353 1 612 9900
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Eateries

Beshoff Restaurant

6 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1
T: 00353 1 872 4400
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O'Neill's Bar & Restaurant

2 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2
T: 00353 1 679 3656
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Dublin Tourism Information Offices

Drop into one of the four Dublin Tourist Information Offices for further suggestions and advice:

- Suffolk Street
- O'Connell Street
- Arrivals Hall Dublin Airport
- Dun Laoghaire Ferryport



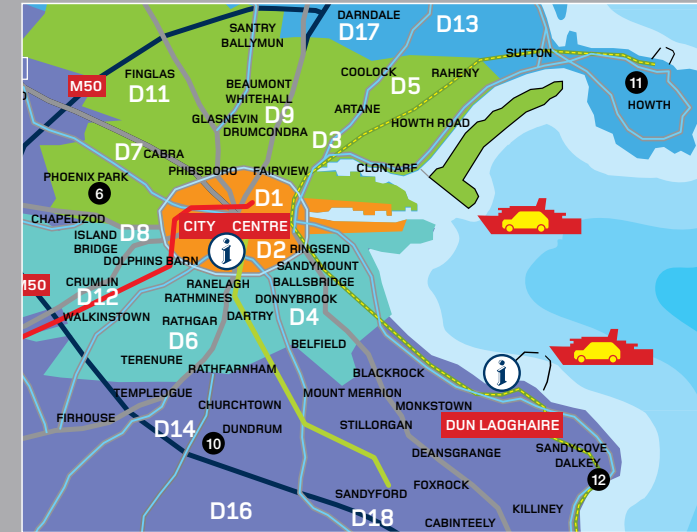
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City centre

