



Christmas Lights on Grafton St, Dublin 2

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

# Insider Guides

## Festive Season in Dublin!

If you love shopping then you are going to fall in love with Dublin this Christmas! This festive season there is no better place to shop and explore. And the beauty of Dublin is that it is big enough to offer distinct shopping districts which are small enough to explore on foot! Unique offerings, choice, variety, fun and festive cheer await you!

Wander through the cobbled streets of the Old City **Temple Bar** where you will be tempted by the colourful craft shops, exclusive boutiques and popular weekend markets, one of which **Cow's Lane Fashion & Design Market** features a wealth of once-off pieces from emerging designers to suit everyone's budget.

**Grafton Street** and **Henry Street** in the city centre are the main pedestrianised shopping thoroughfares. Each offers the shopper the best choice in high street fashion and popular chain stores. There are many streets and lanes around Grafton Street to be explored, where you will discover hidden delights. **Suffolk Street** is home to **Avoca Handweavers**, three floors of Irish fashion and gifts. Across the street is the **Dublin Tourism Centre** where you will find an array of traditional books, clothes and crafts as well as all the information you could need to find all the shopping treasures! **Kilkenny Design Centre** specialising in Irish design wear and crafts is located nearby and not to be overlooked. With 8 stores throughout Dublin, **Carroll's Irish Gift Store** is a must for anyone looking to pick up traditional Irish souvenirs.

To revive yourself during your expedition head straight to **Bewley's Café**, a veritable Dublin institution in the heart of Grafton Street, and indulge in a heart-warming hot chocolate or more!

The **Celtic Whiskey Shop** on Dawson Street, has Ireland's largest selection of Irish, Scottish & world whiskeys. Why not coincide your shopping trip with one of their daily whiskey tastings! Or if it is amazing costume jewellery, from early

Victorian brooches, to romantic Edwardian keepsake lockets, **Rhinestones** on Suffolk Street offers all you could wish for. Walk through the door and you will experience a treasure trove of moments captured in time.

Not to be missed is the **Powerscourt Townhouse Centre**, a beautifully restored Georgian Townhouse which houses specialised shops, galleries, antique jewelry stores and restaurants. On the third floor is **The Design Centre**, home to leading contemporary Irish and international labels offering a unique choice of clothing.

Exquisite boutiques and independent stores are located throughout the towns and villages of the county. **Malahide**, **Dun Laoghaire**, **Blackrock** and **Dalkey** are just some of the places that offer a more relaxed and unique shopping experience.

Approximately one hour from the city centre is **Kildare Village Shopping Outlet**, the ultimate designer outlet experience with reductions on an exclusive selection of over 50 international brands. Need that knockout outfit for the Christmas festive season, a luxurious gift of last minute bargain... hop on the Kildare Village Outlet Express Bus and within one hour you'll be in a shoppers paradise!

The annual **Dublin Docklands Christmas Market** takes place from December 8th to 23rd, and promises to be a magical festive experience for families and shoppers alike. Thirsty shoppers can stay warm with deliciously indulgent hot chocolate, beers or traditional German mulled wine.

There's so much going on in Dublin this New Year. There's something for everybody from traditional Irish music, to beautiful choral performances, to top class events and gigs. The **Dublin New Year Festival** are putting on great entertainment over the New Year period including the **Dublin Gospel Choir at Christchurch** and **New Year Live at Guinness Storehouse**. The **NYE Dublin** (30th Dec – 1st Jan) will see three days of street performance, theatre, art, markets and entertainment that will illuminate the streets of Dublin!

**Capture Dublin's cultural side, cityscape, coastline, landscape or simply an image of you, your family & friends enjoying the sights of the City!** And you could win a fantastic **Canon Camera**, **Dublin Pass** Sightseeing Cards and City Tour Tickets! Enter online at [www.visitdublin.com/photocomp](http://www.visitdublin.com/photocomp)

**Take in the sparkling Christmas lights, the decadent window displays and visit Dublin this festive season for some special Christmas treats!**

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**Dublin**  
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# top tips

## Shopping, Food and Drink

### Avoca

11-13 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 677 4215  
www.avoca.ie  
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### Bewleys Cafe

78/79 Grafton Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 672 7720  
www.bewleys.com  
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### Carrolls Gift & Souvenirs

Head Office, 33 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin 1  
T: 00353 1 8745065  
www.carrollsirishgifts.com  
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### Celtic Whiskey Shop

27-28 Dawson Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 675 9744  
www.celticwhiskeyshop.com  
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### Cow's Lane Fashion & Design Market

Cow's Lane, Temple Bar, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 677 2255  
www.templebar.ie  
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### Powerscourt Townhouse Centre

59 South William Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 679 4144  
www.powerscourtcentre.com  
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### Kildare Village Outlet Shopping

Nurney Road, Kildare  
T: 00353 1 45 520 501  
www.kildarevillage.com  
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### Kilkenny Design Centre

5/6 Nassau Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 677 7066  
www.kilkennyshop.ie  
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### Rhinestones

18 Saint Andrew Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 679 0759  
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## Markets

### Dublin Docklands Christmas Market

George's Dock, Dublin 1  
T: 00353 1 818 3300  
www.dda.ie  
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## Dublin Tourism Information Offices

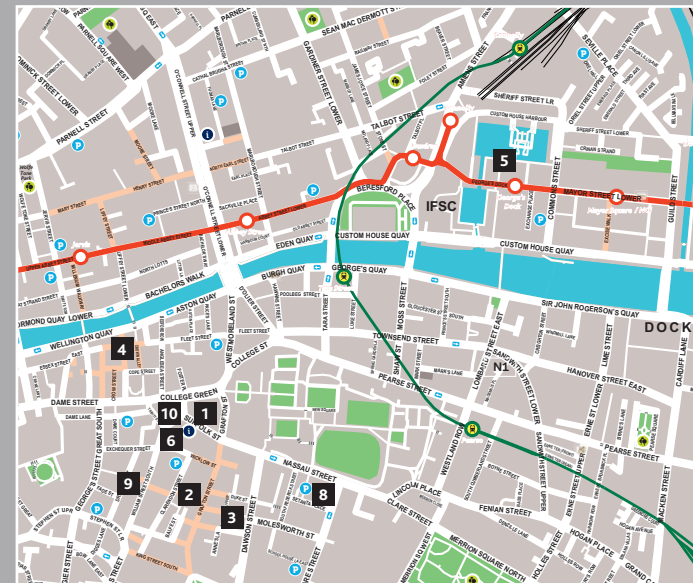
Drop into one of the four Dublin Tourist Information Offices for further suggestions and advice:

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

- 1 Avoca
- 2 Bewleys Cafe
- 3 Celtic Whiskey Shop
- 4 Cow's Lane Fashion & Design Market
- 5 Dublin Docklands Christmas Market
- 6 Dublin Tourism Centre, Suffolk Street
- 7 Kildare Village Shopping Outlet
- 8 Kilkenny Design Centre
- 9 Powerscourt Townhouse Centre
- 10 Rhinestones

**Vat Refunds;** One of the best things about shopping in Ireland for non-EU visitors is that you are entitled to get a refund of VAT paid. There are three major refund systems – Global Refund, Tax Back or in-store refunds. The prime rule is that you have to get a VAT – refund form at the time of purchase from each store in which you shop. On leaving Ireland bring the completed form to the relevant Global Refund or Tax back desk at the airport and they will organise a VAT refund to you.

# maps



City Centre

Dublin County

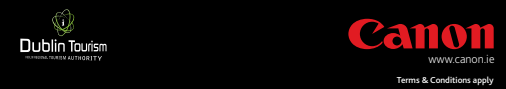


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