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Welcome to Dublin

Ireland's capital city combines cultural venues, historic buildings and family fun with that world-renowned party spirit. Easily explored by expert-led walking, bus or boat tours, Dublin - and its surrounding area - abounds with unmissable sights and unforgettable experiences. The Luas tram lines, extensive bus network and DART suburban railway system

also provide affordable and convenient public transport links for independent -minded travellers. So intersperse your city sightseeing with trips to the beautiful seaside towns of Bray to the south and Malahide in the north. Further afield, several tour companies offer fantastic value-for-money daytrips to iconic Irish destinations such as Glendalough, the Cliffs of Moher and the Giant's

Causeway. Daytrips from Dublin has all the details to inspire your journey of a lifetime. Back in the city, take a walk along the River Liffey, escape to one of the tranquil urban parks or spend time enjoying the many great attractions and activities detailed in this map guide. And to help navigate your way around Dublin, check out the postal districts marked D1, D2 etc on all addresses. Destinations with odd numbers are found north of the River Liffey and even numbers to the south. Whatever your journey, enjoy your stay in this beautiful city and enchanting Emerald Isle. All quoted prices and times subject to change. Check ahead to confirm.

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Historic Attractions

C6 😳 GUINNESS STOREHOUSE St James's Gate, D8, t. (+353) (0)1 its literary heritage and, in 2010, was designated a UNESCO City of Literature. 1904, the Guinness Storehouse opened as this magnificent visitor experience

Guinness's ground-breaking advertising campaigns are showcased on the third floor. The newly refurbished Guinness Archive also displays specially selected March) at 11am and 2pm. The Centre also hosts an annual programme of events reproductions, including previously unseen press and poster advertisements, label including a lecture series and June's Bloomsday Festival when Ulysses' aficionados collections and original documentation dating from the 19th and 20th centuries. Hone your pint pouring skills in the brand new Guinness themed bar in the Acad- Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Oct to March Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun (year round) emy on the fourth floor. Or upgrade to enjoy samples of the four most popular 12pm-5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Adults €5, Conc. €4. variants, with an intimate tasting experience in the connoisseur experience. Then head to the Brewers Dining Hall on FIVE for a great range of wholesome and traditional dishes many of which are infused with the unmistakable Guinness taste The high point of your visit is the seventh floor GRAVITY Bar where a complimentary pint of creamy Guinness can be savoured against a stunning 360° backdrop of its home city. Back at the ground floor, the flagship Guinness Store sells a vast array of branded merchandise. The Guinness Storehouse is a 15min walk from the city centre. Open daily 9.30am-5pm. July & Aug until 7pm. Adult €16.50, 18+ with Student ID/Senior Citizen €13, U18 €10.50, 6-12 €6.50, Family (2+4) €40. 10% adult online discount.

G4 (7 THE AN POST MUSEUM **AT THE GPO** O'Connell St, D1, t. (+353) (0)1 705 7000, www.anpost.ie/heritage, Luas Abbey Street. Famous as the headquarters of the rebel leaders in the 1916 Rising, Dublin's iconic GPO (General Post Office) has been at the heart of Irish life for generations. The building was destroyed in 1916 but subsequently rebuilt and the beautiful Georgian façade is the original one from 1818. The GPO is still a working post office today and HO of the Irish Post Office. An Post.

nside, visitors can admire the spacious public office and statue of the legendary Irish hero, Cúchulainn. Letters, Lives and Liberty, the exhibition in the GPO Museum, blends traditional display with the latest in interactive technol ogy to reveal some of the fascinating stories behind the Post Office. From the F5 20 DUBLIN CITY HALL Dame St, D2, t. (+353) (0)1 222 2204, www. the place where history was made! Museum open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Admission €2.

D/E4 10 OLD JAMESON DISTILLERY Bow St, Smithfield, D7, t. (+353) (0)1 807 2355, www.tours.jamesonwhiskev.com, Luas Smithfield. the heart of historic Dublin, the Old Jameson Distillery dates back to 1780 and the recreated distillery, culminating in a whiskey tasting session in the Jameson **10% adult online discount.** Discovery Bar, with a complimentary glass of Jameson, and a chance to become a "Qualified Irish Whiskey Taster". As with all Irish whiskeys, it is triple distilled 🛛 H5 🙆 THE OLD LIBRARY & THE BOOK OF KELLS EXHIBITION produced by the company whose bottles bear the Jameson family motto "Sine Library/bookofkells, Luas St Stephen's Green. Founded in 1592, Trinity College is Ire-Metu" or "Without Fear"

trance with its exposed brick, glistening chandelier and Jameson family portraits. Written around the year 800AD by Columban monks and regarded as the finest surviving Enjoy lunch or dinner - with some dishes brandishing that Jameson flavour - or example of Irish Celtic art, the Book of Kells is a highly decorative vellum copy in Latin ocktail at JJ's Bar. And for a truly unique souvenir, - of the four gospels. Richly illustrated with Reserve (12 Year Old) which can only be bought at the exclusive Jameson gift inexhaustible wealth of supremely detailed ornamentation upon each close inspection. shop. Open Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10am-6pm. Last tour 5.15pm. Adult The Book's name comes from the Abbey of Kells in Co. Meath where it was reputed to €14, Student 18+ €10.60, Seniors €9.60, U18s €7.70, Family (2+4) €35. have been (at least partly) written, though its exact origins remain unclear. In the 1650s, Book online for discounts.

nevin, D11, t. (+353) (0)1 882 6550, www.glasnevincemetery.ie. Ireland's illustration. Visits are self guided (allow 40mins to 1hr), with displays telling the history of National Cemetery opened its gates in 1832 and is the final resting place for many the Book of Kells and other historic manuscripts. modern Irish heroes, among them statesmen Michael Collins, Daniel O'Connell The 18th century Long Room features a stunning 12.6m high timber barrel vaulted ceiling to keep out bodysnatchers operating in the 18th and early 19th century. Walking €8, Family (2+4) €18, U12 Free. Adult online discount. tours (90mins) are a great way to explore this large and fascinating space still in use today.

Museum & Tour Adult/Conc. €12/8, Family €25. You are welcome to walk March to Oct Mon-Fri 10am-12.45pm & 2pm-4.45pm (closed 1pm-2pm). Nov to H4 ④ PADDY WAGON TOURS Dept. Paddy's Palace Hostel, 5 Beresford round the cemetery by yourself free of charge.

G2 6 JAMES JOYCE CENTRE 35 North Great George's St, D1, t. (+353) (0)1 878 8547, www.jamesjoyce.ie. Dublin is world-renowned for

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DUBLIN'S CITY HALL DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2 Open: Monday- Saturday 10a.m.-5.15p.m. (last entry to exhibition is 4p.m.)



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EXHIBITIONS - WALKING TOURS - LECTURES

Penny Black to the 1916 Proclamation of Independence, uncover the past in **dublincity.ie/dublincityhall.** Located at the top of Parliament St, this grand Georgian building was originally the Royal Exchange, formerly used as the financial centre by Dublin's merchants, and became the centre of municipal government in 1852. Ascend the stone steps and take in the Rotunda, with its mosaic floor, domed ceiling and statues. This spectacular entrance hall can be hired as a venue for corporate events, filming, fashion shows and civil marriage or civil partnership ceremonies. Then head to the atmospheric vaults where "The Story of the Capital" multimedia exhibition unlocks the city's history the visitor centre is housed within the original four walls where John Jameson through medieval manuscripts, archive newsreel footage and precious artefacts. A gift founded his distillery. Rich in history, the centre provides visitors with a wonderful shop and Tir na nÓg Caife (café) top and tail your visit. Free guided tours are available by insight into the fine art of whiskey making, through an hour-long guided tour prior arrangement. Open Mon-Sat 10am–5.15pm. Last admission 4pm. Adult €4 which begins with an audio visual presentation, followed by a walk through (or €5 with tea/coffee), Conc. €2, Child €1.50, Family (2+4) €10. Rotunda Free.

giving it a distinctly smooth flavour. Blends of varying ages of maturation are Trinity College Library, College Green, D2, t. (+353) (0)1 896 2320, www.tcd.ie/

land's oldest university and alma mater of Wilde, Yeats and Beckett, among many other Irish The Mezzanine level 3rd Still Restaurant overlooks the effortlessly glamorous en- luminaries. It is also home to two must-see attractions, the Long Room and Book of Kells. many-hued letters and pictorials incorporatthe Book was moved to Dublin for safekeeping and presented to Trinity College Dublin's Library in 1661. Originally a single volume, for conservation reasons it has been rebound OFF E1 2 GLASNEVIN CEMETERY MUSEUM Finglas Rd, Glas- into four volumes, two of which are normally on display showing examples of script and

and Eamon De Valera, writer Brendan Behan, and courageous women like Maud and houses around 200,000 antiguarian tomes on 65 metres of open oak shelves. Rows of Gonne MacBride, Countess Markievicz and Ann Devlin, and many more. At 124 marble busts, Ireland's oldest harp, changing exhibits and an original copy of the 1916 acres, it is the largest cemetery in Ireland and also has the country's tallest round Proclamation of the Irish Republic are also on display. Open May to Sept Mon-Sat tower which marks O'Connell's tomb. The high walls and watchtowers were built 9.30am-5pm, Sun 9.30am-4.30pm, Oct to April 12pm-4.30pm. Adult €9, Conc.

E4 2 ST. MICHAN'S CHURCH Church St, D7, t. (+353) (0)1 872 4154, www. The modern three-storey Glasnevin Museum was built as part of the prepara- stmichans.com, Luas Smithfield/Four Courts. Built in 1685, on the site of - by some tions for the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Inside are details of the 600 years - the oldest church on Dublin's North Side, this Church of Ireland parish houses famous people buried here and a digital timeline charting its history and drawing what must be the city's most extraordinary attraction. Due to an unusual combination of connections between its most interesting inhabitants. The basement's City of the magnesium salts in limestone, the crypts beneath the church are without any moisture, Dead reveals how different religions commemorate and celebrate their deceased. resulting in the perfect preservation of those buried within. Four damaged coffins reveal The museum also has a café, shop and genealogical research facility. To get there their inhabitants, and the dungeon-like setting makes it quite a spine-tingling sight. The take 140 bus from O'Connell St. Museum open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat, Sun adjacent crypt contains the ornate coffins of The Earl of Leitrim's family as well as artefacts & Bank Holidavs 11am-5pm. Museum Only Adult/Conc. €6/4, Family €15. and coffins from the 1798 Rising and death mask of Irish revolutionary Wolfe Tone. Open

March Mon-Fri 12.30pm-3.30pm. Sat (all year) 10am-12.45pm. May close for tours due to weddings, funerals and other church events. Adult €5, Child €3.50, Conc. €4.

D8, t. (+353) (0)1 453 9472, www.stpatrickscathedral.ie. Over 800 years old, Ireland's largest church and the island's National Cathedral for the Church of Ireland was founded and entrance fees. If hostels aren't for you, a Deluxe Option is available on all overnights. beside a sacred well where Saint Patrick is said to have converted pagans to Christianity. A small wooden church was built to commemorate this visit and a cathedral erected posse also runs a chain of fun-loving hostels throughout the island. So not only do you between 1200 and 1270 - a feat begun by the first Anglo-Norman bishop, John Comyn. get to see the country and learn about its history, songs and customs but you also have "hrough years of decay and neglect, the building fell into disrepair but was restored by the Guinness family between 1860 and 1900. Jonathan Swift, author of *Gulliver's Travels*, are available from their Lwr. Gardiner Street head office, city centre registered hostels, vas Dean from 1713-1745 and is buried near the entrance. A selection of Swift artefacts and the Discover Ireland Tourist Offices at O'Connell Street and Suffolk Street. For deparis on display including his epitaph, death mask, writings and parchment awarding him ture details and prices, and to book your seat, click or ring ahead. Day tours €28-€65. he Freedom of the City of Dublin.

neighbouring Christ Church Cathedral gave the first public performance of Handel's *Mes*- fices, 37 College Green, D2 and 69 O'Connell St, D1, www.irishdaytours. siah. This strong singing tradition continues today with two sung services daily (except ie, t. (+353) (0)86 316 9788, (+353) (0)1 410 0700. Dublin's leading day tour Sat) during school term - the only Cathedral to do so in Britain and Ireland. rhaps more than any other building in Ireland, Saint Patrick's embodies the history and herit-

each vear over 300,000 visitors and pilgrims visit the Cathedral and its Living Stones exhibition the Celtic Boyne Valley and Connemara day tours. They even have a night-time celebrating its place in the life of the city, its history and role in the future. **Open March to** Gravedigger Tour around Dublin's most haunted spots. Drop into one of their Oct Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 9am-10.30am, 12.30pm-2.30pm, 4.30pm-6pm. Nov to Feb Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-10.30am, 12.30pm-2.30pm. Adult €5.50, Conc. €4.50, Family (2+2) €15. Group rates also available.



Place, Lwr Gardiner St, D1, t. (+353) (0)1 823 0822, www.paddywagontours. com, Luas Busáras. These one to nine-day tours whisk you round Ireland's iconic s in the company of like-minded, laid-back explorers. Tours run from daytrips to the E6 ③ SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL Saint Patrick's Close, off Patrick St, Cliffs of Moher, Ring of Kerry and the Giant's Causeway - among other destinations - to a great value nine-day all-Ireland expedition from just €463 including accommodation The average tourist age is 18-40 but everyone is more than welcome. The Paddywagon somewhere to stay and relive the trip with fellow travellers. Complimentary tour pick-ups

One of the Cathedral's most significant events was in 1742 when a combined choir with G4 & G5 10 EXTREME IRELAND IRISH DAY TOURS Tourism Ofmpany operates daily to the four corners of Ireland and back on one day. Their fleet of luxury coaches will take you on a day's adventure to The Cliffs of Moher, age of Irish people of all backgrounds from the earliest times to the present day. Which is why Giant's Causeway, Belfast, Cork and Galway. Tours leave daily all year round. As do city centre Tourism Offices at College Green or O'Connell St to book your day tour and get more help and information for your Dublin and beyond sojourn Day tours €25-€65.

408 4800, www.guinness-storehouse.com, Luas James's. Dating back to Among its writing greats, James Joyce singularly captures the essence of the city in seminal works such as *Ulysses, Dubliners* and *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young* in 2000. Your discovery of the world's most famous brew begins with the four Man. Built in 1784 for the Earl of Kenmare, this fine Georgian building is dedicated magic ingredients; water, barley, hops and yeast. Next a virtual master brewer to the life and work of Dublin's much-loved scribe. The Centre was founded by explains the alchemy that transforms them into the creamy pint. Here, too, you Senator David Norris and members of the Monaghan family, descendants of can Taste the Brew under the professional guidance of the Tasting Team. Histories Joyce's sister May. Today its permanent exhibition comprises touchscreens, video of the transportation process and the art of coopering (barrel-making) are also documentaries and room reconstructions, as well as original materials such as revealed. And a large projector illustrates the international reach of this iconic a copy of Joyce's death mask and the front door of No 7 Eccles Street, home to Ulysses protagonist Leopold Bloom.

Themed Walking Tours (€10/8) run Tues, Thur and Sat (April-Sept) and Sat (Octrelive the Dublin-based novel's events of 16 June 1904. Open April to Sept



Temple Bar Square, D2, also Tourist Office Dublin, 33 Bachelors Walk, D1, t. (+353 0)1 284 5560, www.wildrovertours.com.Visit Belfast's Titanic Experience or ake in a political Black Taxi Tour. Journey further north to the majestic Giant's Causeway. 💦 A stroll around town reveals cute boutiques, tasty delis, trad bars and some fine dining Aarvel at the amazing Cliffs of Moher, Burren and Galway Bay & City on Ireland's Atlantic options. And its 350-berth Marina attracts a yachting fraternity happy to hob-nob with coast. Or explore Kilkenny city, Glendalough and the wonderful Wicklow Mountains. local celebs and all you in-the-know tourists. Find it around 13kms, or around 25mins Whatever your tour, enjoy a relaxing day with the only day tour company in Dublin by DART, north of the city centre. with a driver and separate tour guide on all tours, ensuring a fact-fuelled and fun-filled ourney. Traditional Irish music and story-telling on the journey back to Dublin adds to L7 BRAY Around 20kms south of the city, this Co. Wicklow town celebrates its coastal the memorable experience. And if you fancy staying longer, accommodation can be location with Ireland's National Aguarium - the National Sea Life Centre. The town's arranged. Wild Rover Tours has two Dublin Tourist Offices where you can book the tours, Victorian Esplanade and panoramic cliff-top Bray Head Walk afford splendid sea views. hire bikes, book accommodation, organise city tours and find out lots more about the And its plethora of Irish pubs and restaurants ensure a daytrip to remember. Katie Taylor, city's Irish nights and visitor attractions. **Day Tours from €25-€65.**

City Tours

C7 5 DUBLIN HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS Meeting Point: Wild Rover Tourist Office, Temple Bar Square, D2, t. (+353) (0)85 133 4977, www. dublinloyaltours.ie. This award-winning two hour historical walking tour visits many of Dublin's historic buildings including Trinity College, old House of Lords, Dublin Castle and, uniquely for a tour of its kind, inside St. Patrick's Cathedral. Approved tour quides illustrate the rich history of Dublin's development over the centuries, particularly its Protestant, British and Orange roots. Get a heads-up on the tour's historic content by checking out their website, blog and cultural links. Tour operates year-round, rain or shine. Fixed daily schedule Apr-Aug at 2pm. Pay on day, however we recommend you purchase your ticket beforehand. Scan the advert's QR code (below) for online payment options. Adult/Student €12/10 incl. admission to St. Patrick's Cathedral as part of tour itinerary. All visitors on the tour can also avail of discounted entry into the National Wax Museum Plus of €6.50pp. C7 🕤



F/G3 22 REBEL WALKING TOURS Meeting Point: Sinn Féin Bookshop, 58 Parnell Square, D1, t. (+353) (0)1 814 8542, www.sinnfeinbookshop.com. ow in the footsteps of Michael Collins, James Connolly and Pádraig Pearse as Irish republicans recount Ireland's fight for freedom in these 90min historic walking tours. earn the story behind the 1916 Faster Rising when the Irish Citizen Army and the Irish Volunteers came together as the Irish Republican Army (IRA) to take on the British Empire. The tour takes in the events leading up to - and following - the Rising and visits places where Ireland's history unfolded and, in the words of Yeats, "a terrible beauty was born". Tours Mon-Sat 11.30am. Adult €10.

G6 😰 VIKING SPLASH TOURS Tours dept. Stephen's Green North, D2, t. (+353) (0)1 707 6000, www.vikingsplash.com, LUAS St. Stephen's Green. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang has nothing on this beast which has been roaming Dublin's streets and seas since 1999. Sporting a Viking helmet in homage to the city's Scandinavian prigins, and roaring at passers by like a pillager possessed, tourists take in land-based ights such as St Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals, Trinity College, Leinster House

Daytrips from Dublin

If you're in Ireland for a short time but want to see beyond the city, these day tours will transport you direct from your Dublin base to some of the island's Even closer to the big city, you'll find these two enchanting coastal destina-Belfast and the Giant's Causeway or Into the West with Connemara and the Area Rapid Transit rail system. Cliffs of Moher, you'll find a daytrip to satiate every Irish desire.

G6 G GLENDALOUGH WITH ST. KEVIN'S BUS SERVICE Dublin

Bus Terminus, Dawson Street (opp. Mansion House), t. (+353) (0)1 281 8119, www.glendaloughbus.com. Established 1927, St. Kevin's Bus Service operates daily ervices between Dublin and Glendalough. Sit back, relax and enjoy one of the most lelightful 50km journeys in Ireland, embracing every kind of mountain, moor, lake and Noodland scenery. Passing through south County Dublin, the route runs between the Dublin mountains and the sea coast, passing through the coastal town of Bray.

Soon after leaving Bray the road begins to rise into the Wicklow Mountains, ascending between the Great and Little Sugar Loaf Mountains, through the rugged Rockey Valley affording views of Powerscourt Estate, through Calary plain, past Roundwood Lakes, Annamoe Valley and Laragh Village where the beauty of Glendalough begins to unfold. Your stay at Glendalough affords you the opportunity to explore some, if not all, the famous Seven Churches where a Monastic settlement grew up around St. Kevin in the timetable, fares etc.) visit www.glendaloughbus.com.



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and Merrion Square before dipping into the water at the renovated Docklands. The tours take place in reconditioned amphibious WWII vehicles called "Dukws" which also took part in the Normandy D-Day landings. Each tour lasts around 75mins (55mins on land and 20mins in Grand Canal Harbour). Tours generally run from 10am. Every 30mins peak season, every 90mins off-peak. Check ahead for times or to book. Adult €20, Conc. €18, 3*-12 €12, 13-17 €16, Family (2+3) €65. *U3 can travel but must alight during water section of the tour.

14 😃 CITY KAYAKING, POWERBOATING AND SAILING TOURS Adventure Training Ireland (ATI), beside Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship, Custom House Quay, D1, t. (+353) (0)1 442 8234, www.atirl.ie, Luas George's Dock. See Dublin city from a different perspective on-board these unique water-based tours. The ATI guides are experienced and fully qualified, so you can enjoy the trip knowing you're in capable hands. Paddle along the River Liffey, under iconic bridges and past historic landmarks on a 2hr City Kayaking Tour. Waterproof and safety gear is provided, all you need is a change of clothes, towel, old runners and a camera! Or why not channel your inner Bond and jump behind the wheel on a 2hr Powerboat Experience. Feel the spray as you whip through the waves on these adrenalin-fuelled, open sea rides. And for the more sedate among you, how about a Half Day (4hr) or Day in the Bay Sailing Experience where you can learn the ropes and work the sails of a modern, comfortable boat. City Kavaking Adult/Child €25/20. Powerboat Experience €75pp. Sailing eriences Half Day Adult/Child €75/60, Day in the Bay Adult/Child €120/95. Exp

G3 🕹 DUBLIN BUS TOURS Dublin Bus, 59 Upr. O'Connell St, D1, t. (+353) (0)1 873 422, www.dublinsightseeing.ie. Explore the city at your leisure on these green hop-on, hop-off open-topped buses. Each 90min tour takes in 24 stops covering all the main tourist attractions, and includes live English and pre-recorded multi-lingual commentary. Adult €18, Conc. €16, 5-13 €8 15% online discount. Two U14s go free with each paying adult. Buses every 10-15mins 9am-5pm. Included with the tour: 2nd day free, Free Walking Tour, discounts at many attractions. All guides are Fáilte Ireland Trained.

Malahide & Bray

most iconic landmarks. So whether it's hitting the north with trips to Titanic tions - both of which are easily accessible from Dublin city by DART, the Dublin

L6 MALAHIDE Many Dublin visitors make this final stop on the Northern DART C7, G4, G5 🕸 WILD ROVER DAY TOURS Temple Bar Tourist Office, line their out-of-city base. Its grand Castle, coastal location and proximity to the equally attractive Howth make it easy to understand why. Malahide's charming village ambience and sweeping seascapes ensure its status as one of Ireland's most affluent addresses

> Ireland's 2012 Olympic boxing gold medallist, is the town's most famous native. Bray is around a 45min journey by DART from Dublin city centre, and St. Kevin's Bus Service and fantastic bird's eye views as far as the Dublin Mountains. Brave souls can also walk to Glendalough (see listing left) also stops here.

Dublin's Toll Roads

Drivers using Dublin's circuitous M50 - see inset map - should note its electronic barrier-free tolling system. For info on rates and payment options visit www. eflow.ie, t. (+353) (0)1 461 0011. Pay before 8pm the following day to avoid a penalty. The Dublin Port Tunnel (www.dublinporttunnel.com) greatly reduces travel time from the north. Payment for it, and Dublin Docklands' **East Link** Toll Plaza, can be made via a cashier or coin machine. Rates vary depending on dav and time

round Daytrips 11.30am. Adult €20, U14 €12. For all other information (full castle is set in 260 acres of land and is one of the oldest castles in Ireland. It has been Family (2+2) €65. Museum only Adult €6, U12 €4, Conc. €5, Family (2+2) ing short-term visitors to Dublin. Photo ID is required (passport or drivers licence) and home to the Talbot family for nearly 800 years from 1174, when Richard Talbot, a knight €16, U5 Free. of Henry II, accompanied the king to Ireland and was given the "lands and harbour of Malahide" for his "war-like" services in the Anglo-Norman conquest. Eleven years' later the Castle was built as the family seat, and remained so until 1975, save for ten years when it fell into Cromwell's clutches.

Today friendly guides and a brand new interactive exhibition help you explore its rich history and interior. Visit the Oak Room, Small and Great Drawing Rooms and the Great An authentic evening of traditional Irish entertainment is on many Dublin visi- Townhouse Centre), then make your way to the 2nd Floor. Phone or check online for avail-Hall before heading to the Walled Garden, home to some of the world's rarest plants. The interactive garden exhibition tells the story of Lord Milo Talbot – the visionary behind this fascinating collection and the last Lord of Malahide who died in 1973. The Demesne is very much the tradition. Enjoy! has marked pathways, a children's playground, picnic sites, and sports facilities including 9-hole golf course. Back at the Castle, a gift shop and Avoca foodhall, café and retail store complete this enchanting daytrip. Find it 13kms north of Dublin on the DART line. Open daily 9.30am-5pm. Last guided tour of Castle 3.30pm (Nov-Mar). Adult €12, Child €6, Student €8, Senior €7.50, Family (2+2) €26 (2+6) €30.

L7 3 NATIONAL SEA LIFE CENTRE BRAY Strand Rd, Bray, Co. Wicklow, t. (+353) (0)1 286 6939, www.visitsealife.com/Bray, DART Bray. Come face-to-face with Black Tip Reef Sharks, Octopus, Seahorses, Stingrays and Red-Bellied junior Jacques Cousteaus enthralled and entertained. The Centre's breeding, rescuing and conservation projects ensure these beautiful aquatic creatures will be around for many generations to come. Take the scenic 30min DART trip south from Dublin and discover a journey of the deep... without getting wet! **Open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm**, Sat-Sun 10am-6pm. Last admission 1 hour before closing. 15+ €12.50, 3-14 €9, Family (2+2) €43. 20% online booking discount.

L7 3 SEALIFE 28 amazing displays including Tropical Shark Lagoon Nemos Kingdom Bay of Rays cated on the Seafront in Brau. a 2min walk from DART station WWW.SEALIFE IE

As well as the listings below, check out our other attractions, tours and activities, most of which are extremely family friendly.

C7 20 THE ARK - A CULTURAL CENTRE FOR CHILDREN 11a Eustace St, Temple Bar, D2, t. (+353) (0)1 670 7788, www.ark.ie. The Ark is a unique purpose-built cultural centre in the heart of Temple Bar, where children aged 2 -12 can explore theatre, music, literature, art, film, dance and more. Its programme of world class performances, exhibitions and creative workshops changes every few weeks, so expect a different experience every visit! Open to families at weekends and during chool holidays. Phone or go online to see the current programme.

E5 **1** DUBLINIA St Michael's Hill, Christchurch, Lord Edward St, D8, t. (+353) (0)1 679 4611, www.dublinia.ie. Located at the historic crossroads of Dublin, this top

visitor attraction tells the story of the city with three exciting exhibitions. Viking Dublin and Medieval Dublin re-create the city through life-size reconstructions including a Viking nouse and warship, and medieval fair. Death, disease, crime and punishment of medieval times are also investigated as the exhibition envelopes you with the sights, sounds and smells of the era. Unearth the city's past at the interactive History Hunters exhibition, visit an excavation site, gaze at a medieval skeleton and inspect medieval bugs under the Lab microscope. Weather permitting, visitors can also ascend 96 steps to the top of St Michael's Tower for a panoramic city view. This late 17th century viewing tower belonged to the church of St Michael the Archangel, which once stood at the Synod Hall site now occupied by Dublinia. See Dublin from a new perspective and come away knowing more about its citizens throughout the ages. And pick up a timely reminder of your trip at the gift & book shop. Open daily March to Sept 10am-5pm, Oct to Feb 10am-4.30pm. Adult €7.50, Conc. €6.50, Child €5, Family (2+2) €23. Combination tickets with



Sports Stadiums & Tours

L7 🕑 AVIVA STADIUM & TOURS Lansdowne Rd, Ballsbridge, D4, t. (+353) (0)1 238 2300, www.avivastadium.ie, DART Lansdowne Road Station. Publin's latest sporting colossus replaced Lansdowne Road, the original home of Irish international rugby and football, in 2010. This magnificent piece of modern architecture holds 50,000 spectators and is instantly recognisable with its transparent facade and undulating wave-like roof. Get a sense of what it feels like to be a player with a behindthe-scenes tour transporting you from dressing room to pitch side and high into the top stand for spectacular views of the stadium and surrounding area. The stadium has also hosted American Football, and is a big-name concert venue. **Daily Tours hourly** (apart from big event days) Feb-Oct 10am-4pm, Nov-Jan 10am-3pm. Adult €10, Conc. €7, Child €5, U4 free.

H1 🔮 CROKE PARK- GAA MUSEUM, STADIUM TOURS & ETI-HAD SKYLINE Jones's Rd, D3, t. (+353) (0)1 819 2300, www.crokepark.ie.

The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) was founded in 1884 and is responsible for the four national games of Ireland: hurling, Gaelic football, camogie (hurling for women) and handball. Croke Park - the Association's magnificent showcase stadium (cap. 82,500) and HQ - is home to the GAA Museum celebrating the GAA's unique historic, sporting and cultural significance in Ireland. Stadium Tours bring you behind-the-scenes at this vast sporting facility which is also used as a major concert venue. Don't miss the Etihad Skyline Tour which whisks you up to the rooftop walkway with five viewing platforms out onto a walkway suspended above the pitch, if they dare... Croke Park is a c.20min walk from Connolly Station and served by several bus routes.

Holidays hourly 11am-3pm.

Sept daily (check skylinecrokepark.ie for times).

Irish Music & Dance

tors' 'must-do' lists. Our chosen four deliver all that and more, from the world- able dates and to book tickets. Doors open 20mins before each performance. Each show famous Riverdance show to award-winning nights where audience participation runs Wed-Sat, Jig at 8pm and Hop On at 3pm. Adult €17.50 (Hop On €15), Conc. €15,

G6 BRIVERDANCE AT THE GAIETY THEATRE Gaiety Theatre, South

to emerge from Ireland - in rock, music, theatre and film - nothing has carried the energy, Edmondstown Rd, Rathfarnham, D16, t. (+353) (0)1 493 1495, www.mpbpub. sensuality and spectacle quite like Riverdance. And this summer, visitors to Dublin can com. Awarded Ireland's best Traditional Dinner/Show event in 2010, 2011 and 2012, experience this legendary dance and music extravaganza as it returns to the Gaiety this authentic traditional Irish music, singing and dancing night is a must-see. This high Theatre for its 10th summer from **27 June to 1 Sept 2013**.

act at Dublin's 1994 Eurovision Song Contest, and has gone on to break global box office some other central stops. In fact if you contact the pub they will find a way to get you Piranha at this aquatic Zoo on Bray's seafront. Over thirty displays house more than records. Its innovative fusion of dance, music and song draws on Irish traditions and combines out to the show and back again for only €5.50pp round trip fare. The pub itself dates 1,000 creatures, and the aquarium is completely indoors making it a perfect rainy day the talents of the remarkable Riverdance Irish Dance Troupe, Riverdance Band and a spec-back to the 1780s and, uniquely, is owned and run by musicians - renowned Dublin folk activity. Feeding demos, an interactive rockpool and children's soft play area keep tacular array of international guest artists, all performing to the magic of Bill Whelan's music. group The Merry Ploughboys whose performance tops and tails the 2hr show. Midway As well as its theatre run, from 15 July, Riverdance – The Gathering week hits the city, through, champion Irish dancers perform a specially commissioned show. An excellent with Gaiety masterclasses from Mon-Fri and, on Sat 20 July, a major outdoor event in four-course traditional Irish meal is served from 7pm. As authentic Irish nights go, this Merrion Square. Enjoy a Céilí Mór and Riverdance screening with live band accompani- out-of-town option is hard to beat. Open all year. €49.50pp Dinner & Show. Shuttle ment. Then, on Sun 21, get involved in a Guinness record-breaking attempt for the longest transfer €5.50pp round trip. Kids under 16yrs €29.70pp and free shuttle seat. Riverdance line around the banks of the Liffey. On the same day, special quests will feature **Shuttle departs pub after show ends at 10.30pm. Book everything securely** in two Gaiety performances. Riverdance runs six days a week, eight shows a week online, including the shuttle bus. for ten weeks. Tickets €10-€55.

G3 🕹 MURRAY'S BAR IRISH MUSIC & DANCE NIGHTS 33-34 Upper

O'Connell St, D1, t. (+353) (0)1 878 7505, www.murraysbar.eu. This long-established ity centre bar presents free Irish Music & Dance seven nights a week, with folk bands Jug of Punch, Finnegan's Wake and Who's Missing providing the tunes. Fantastic Irish and global food, a large heated Beer Garden and plenty of live sports on Europe's only 3D Big creens keep locals and tourists coming back for more. Check out sister bar The Living Room, right around the corner on Cathal Brugha St. for lots more big screen sports action. Open Mon-Thur & Sun 8am-midnight, Fri & Sat 8am-2.30am. No cover charge.

G5/6 2 JIG - THE STORY OF IRISH DANCE Powerscourt Townhouse Centre, 59 South William St, D2, t. (+353) (0)1 611 1060, www.jig.ie. World class lancers introduce audiences to the history and evolution of Irish Dance in these exciting new Dublin Irish Dancing Shows. Jig is a multimedia Irish dancing show and Hop On gets audiences on their feet learning new dance moves. Visitors can also view intricate costumes and dance memorabilia, and discover the story of 18th century Dance Masters in the Irish Dance Museum. Irish Dance Classes are also available, and children aged 7-13 can enrol in the Jig Academy Camp - call ahead or go online to book. All in all, Jig is the ideal venue for anyone wanting to experience a world class piece of Irish dance theatre and come away with a new-found skill - what a great souvenir! Entry via Coppinger Row (side of Powerscourt



D7 10 NATIONAL WAX MUSEUM PLUS Foster Place, off College Green Temple Bar, D2, t. (+353) (0)1 671 8373, www.waxmuseumplus.ie. Housed in the historic landmark Armoury Building, your visit begins with a trip through Irish history with igures from Ireland's literary world. Irish legends and political figures. Sports and showbiz ans can have their photos taken with local heroes U2, Phil Lynott and George Best, among nany other VIPs. The atmospheric vaults are the ideal location for The Chamber of Horrors Look out for Buffalo Bill, Hannibal Lector and Dracula... not for the faint-hearted. In Children's Fantasy World, junior visitors can explore a tunnel of four worlds and meet the Simpson: and Harry Potter, or chill out on the padded floor to watch a movie or puppet show. Get interactive in the Science and Discovery Zone that celebrates Irish inventions and inventors And, if you dream of having your own waxwork one day, play the fame game in the Wax Factor video studio where you can make videos to upload online. Open daily 10am-7pm. Adult €12, 3+ €8, Student €10, Senior €9, Family (2+2) €35.

Family Fun

L6 DBUTLERS CHOCOLATE EXPERIENCE Butlers Chocolates, Clon shaugh Business Park, Dublin 17, t. (+353) (0)1 671 0599, www.butlerschocolates com/book. Ireland's iconic Butlers Chocolates has transformed its north Dublin factory into a delicious must-see visitor attraction. Explore a working chocolate factory, discover the origins of Butlers Chocolates and learn how they've been making their chocolate as sortments since 1932. A Butlers Chocolate Movie, Butlers Chocolate Museum, Chocolate Timeline and, of course, chocolate tastings keep everyone sweet. Add to that the intoxicating aroma from the chocolate gallery with panoramic views of the Butlers Chocolates factory. A chocolatier demonstrates the craft of chocolate making in the Experience Room before you decorate your own chocolate novelty, which you then get to bring home and devour Afterwards enjoy a relaxing hot beverage in the onsite Butlers Chocolate Café. And don' forget to look out for other Butlers Chocolate Cafés sprinkled around Dublin city centre. Tours Mon-Sat 10am, 12pm and 3.30pm. Please note the factory does not operate at weekends and tour times may be subject to change. Limited numbers per tour to get the most from the experience. All booking must be made in advance to avoid disappointment. 10% online discount on €13.50 entry price. See www butlerschocolates.com to book and for bus and driving directions.



Tours (except match/event days) Jan to May and Sept to Dec Mon-Fri 11am, 17 9 THE FITZWILLIAM CASINO & CARD CLUB Clifton Hall, Lower 1pm and 3pm, Sat hourly 10am-3pm, Sun & Bank Holidays hourly 12-3pm, Fitzwilliam St, D2, t. (+353) (0)1 611 4677, www.fitzwilliamcardclub.com. The Fit-June Mon-Fri 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 4pm, Sat hourly 10am-3pm, Sun & Bank zwilliam Casino & Card Club is Dublin's favourite Casino. The Club is open 2pm – 8am and Holidays hourly 11am-3pm, July & Aug Mon-Sat hourly 10am-4pm, Sun & Bank offers a wide range of live casino gaming including Roulette, Blackjack, Punto Banco, Brag and touchscreen Roulette in its large open plan gaming floor. Etihad Skyline Tours Jan to Apr and Oct to Dec Fri-Sun 11am & 2pm, May to Renowned for its friendly and welcoming atmosphere, "The Fitz" is the home of live poker in Dublin and hosts the biggest range of Texas Hold'em tournaments every night from 8:30pm. GAA Museum open Jan to May and Sept to Dec Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun The best poker cash game action in Ireland can be found here with games to suit all pockets & Bank Holidays 11.30am-5pm, June to Aug Mon-Sat 9.30am-6pm, Sun & from 6:30pm daily. The Club is 10 years old this year and both lucky and skilled players have taken Bank Holidays 10.30am-5pm. On match days the museum opens at the same home in excess of €10 million in poker tournament prize money since the Club first opened. time as the turnstiles and is accessible to Cusack Stand ticket holders only. Six big screens with live sports & pay per view events, a full menu service until 5am, free WiFi 6th century. There are also sign-posted walks of varied ability around the Valley and L6 3 (0)1 816 9538, www. Stadium Tour and Museum Adult €12, U12 €8, Conc. €9, Family (2+2) €32, and private event facilities add to the unique atmosphere of this modern Dublin institution. treat yourself or a super special mate to a personalised bottle of Jameson Distillery ing animals, humans and Biblical scenes, this exquisite manuscript reveals a seemingly Lakes of Glendalough which is part of Wicklow Mountains National Park. Daily year- malahidecastleandgardens.ie, DART Malahide. This magnificent 12th century U5 Free. Etihad Skyline Tour and Museum Adult €25, Child €15, Conc. €20, Free membership is available to everyone over the age of 18 and is open to all includyou can apply for membership online at www.fitzwilliamcardclub.com.



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Casino

Child €12, Family €45. 10% Discount for online group bookings. Prices include access to the Irish Dancing Museum. Museum & Shop open Tue-Sat 10am-6pm.

King St, D2, t. (+353) (0)1 677 1717, www.gaietytheatre.ie. Of all the performances K7 🔞 MERRY PLOUGHBOY PUB IRISH NIGHT DINNER & SHOW

energy show is suitable for all ages. A nightly shuttle bus departs the city centre from This fusion of Irish and International music and dance was initially performed as a 7min interval 6.30pm from stops beside O'Connell St and Trinity College (Nassau St - H6 on Map) plus

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Food served All Day + Breakfast Lunch Dinner