



Shopping & Attractions in Dublin, Ireland

Below are some suggestions and attractions that are recommended to enjoy during your stay in Dublin, Ireland. If you have additional questions related to tours or any of these attractions, please contact our destination management company in Ireland. Please be sure to let them know that you are with the Innovative Captive Strategies group.

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Attractions

1. Saint Patrick's Cathedral – this Cathedral has contributed much to Irish life throughout its long history. Music has played an integral part in the life of Saint Patrick's since its foundation and it is the only cathedral in these islands to sing two services everyday. Living Stones is the cathedral's permanent exhibition.

Admission: Adults 5.50 Euro/ \$7.17 US

2. Old Jameson Distillery – re-live the story of John Jameson & Son throughout the history, the atmosphere and above all the taste. You will discover the time honored secret of how three simple ingredients – water, barley and yeast – are transformed into the smooth golden spirit that has always been and continues to be Jameson Irish Whiskey.

Website – <http://www.jamesonwhiskey.com/ojd/>

Admission: Adults 12.50 Euro/\$16.20 US

Reservations required

3. Powerscourt House & Gardens – a 45 acre bend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statuary and ornamental lakes together with secret

hollows, rambling walks, walled gardens and over 200 variations of trees and shrubs. Powerscourt Gardens is Ireland's highest waterfall tumbling 120 meters into the Dargle Valley.

Website - <http://www.powerscourt.ie/gardens/>

Admission: Gardens – 8.00 Euro/\$10.30 US

House – Free Admission

Waterfall – Adults 5.00 Euro/\$6.45 US

****Reservations required****

4. Ardgillan Castle - situated on the elevated coastline between Balbriggan and Skerries, and is unique among Dublin's Regional Parks for the magnificent views it enjoys. The park consists of 194 acres of rolling pastureland, mixed woodland and gardens, overlooking the bay of Drogheda. Ardgillan, meaning high-wooded area, is a sanctuary for many species of mammals and birds. The Castle, built in 1738, consists of two stories over a basement which extends out under the south lawns.

Admission: Adults 7.50 Euro/\$9.80 US

5. Carmelite Church Whitefriar Street – this is one of the best known places of worship in the city. The church is administered by the Carmelite Order. The current building dates to 1825. The church is well known for its many shrines and altars, the most famous of which is the Shrine containing the true remains of St. Valentine.

Admission is free

6. Christ Church Cathedral – this is Dublin's oldest building, the mother church of the dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in the Church of Ireland. The Cathedral was founded in the year c.1030 by the King of the Dublin Norsemen. The Cathedral is the most recognized landmarks.

Admission: Adults 6 Euro/\$7.80 US

7. Croke Park – this is a must for anyone interested in the history and development of Ireland's national games of hurling and gaelic football. The stadium is one of the most historic and modern sporting arenas anywhere in the world.

Admission: Adults 5.50 Euro/\$7.17 US

8. Dublin Tourism Centre – formerly St. Andrew's Church, the building currently is home to the Dublin Tourism Centre. It has a rich and complicated history and is one of the most beautifully restored and reconstructed buildings of its kind in the city.

Admission is free

9. Dublin Zoo – close to the city in the vast Phoenix Park, a wander around the 60 acres will take you on a voyage from the fringes of the Arctic, to the Plains of Africa, via the Indian Rainforest. Dublin's zoo is recognized as one of the most modern zoos in Europe, playing an important part in European Zoo breeding programs.
Admission: Adults 15 Euro/\$19.50 US
10. Irish Museum of Modern Art – Ireland's leading national institution for the collection and presentation of modern and contemporary art. The Museum is housed in the magnificent, 17th century Royal Hospital building, whose grounds include a formal garden, meadow and medieval burial grounds.
Admission is free
11. Kilmainham Gaol – this is an unoccupied jail, which gives the visitor a dramatic and realistic insight into what it was like to have been confined in one of these forbidding bastions of punishment and correction between 1796, when it opened and 1924, when it was closed. The visit includes a guided tour and exhibition.
Admission: Adults 6 Euro/\$7.80 US
12. Malahide Castle – set on 250 acres of park land in the pretty seaside town of Malahide, was both a fortress and a private home for nearly 800 years and is an interesting mix of architectural styles. The Talbot family lived here from 1185 to 1973, when the last Talbot died. The house is furnished with beautiful period furniture together with an extensive collection of Irish portrait paintings, mainly from the National Gallery. This Castle has many ghostly traditions. It is said that this Castle has five ghosts.
Admission: Adult 7.50 Euro/\$9.80 US
13. National Botanic Gardens – the garden contains many attractive features including an arboretum, sensory garden, rock garden area, large pond, extensive herbaceous borders, student garden and annual display of decorative plants, including a rare example of Victorian carpet bedding.
Admission: General access is free, but there is a charge for parking. Guided tours cost 2 Euro/\$2.60 US, available by reservation.
14. The Chocolate Warehouse – a unique, fun venue where visitors can enjoy the story and mystic of chocolate with hands on experience. The visitors are given a demonstration on how chocolates and Easter eggs are made. They are also shown the different machinery needed to make chocolate and the method of how to use a piping bag filled with chocolate.
Admission: Adults 12.50 Euro/\$16.20 US

Shopping in Dublin

1. Blanchardstown Centre – the core of shopping in Ireland. Besides offering its facilities for shopping, the centre also hosts a medical complex, and entertainment centre and a library.
For a listing of the stores in the centre, see their website at:
<http://www.blanchardstowncentre.com/>
2. Dundrum Town Centre – some of the best known names in modern European fashion will clamor for your attention and some of the lesser known names will welcome you with surprises well worth writing home about.
For a listing of the stores in the centre, see their website at:
<http://www.dundrum.ie/>
3. Jervis Centre – housing shops and outlets on all the floors, a visit to the Jervis Centre is worth it. With all the leading chain stores in the UK having their outlets in the Jervis centre, you get all that you need and much more all under one roof.
****This Centre is within walking distance of the Shelbourne Hotel****
For a listing of the stores in the centre, see their website at:
<http://www.dublinevents.com/dublin-shopping/jervis-centre.php>
4. Shopping at Grafton & O’Connell Street – two of Dublin’s best known shopping areas are Grafton St. and O’Connell St., and both of these venues host some of the best outlets for enjoying a day of shopping. Irish crystal and knitwear are some of the prominent items when it comes to enjoying the true spirit of Ireland. Both of these along with a wide assortment of crafts and souvenirs are available at these shops.
****This Centre is within walking distance of the Shelbourne Hotel****
For information regarding the shopping area, visit their website at:
<http://www.dublinevents.com/dublin-shopping/grafon-oconnell-street.php>
5. Powerscourt Centre – located in a beautiful Georgian building, the Townhouse is a treasure trove of designer fashion and jewelry. With its refurbished outlook, Powerscourt is the most popular and the most favorite when it comes to shopping.
For a listing of the stores in the centre, see their website at:
<http://www.powerscourtcentre.com/>