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Your guide to

# Dublin



## Overview:

Dublin is a bustling city located on the mouth of the river Liffey which splits the city into what is known locally as the “northside” and the “southside.”

Dublin is famous for its Georgian squares and parks. Phoenix Park to the northwest of the Liffey is the largest enclosed urban public park in Europe. In it you’ll find beautiful gardens and the presidential residence, along with Dublin Zoo, a deer park, and polo, football and rugby grounds. Croke Park stadium is located in Drumcondra to the north of the city. Take the chance to catch a Gaelic sports game here as it’s always a brilliant day out!

Nightlife in Dublin is famous throughout Europe (and the world!). The most popular pubs and clubs are located on the southside. Harcourt St. South William St. Wexford St. and Temple bar are vibrant and always good craic. There are great venues for gigs dotted around: The O2, Whelan’s, The Academy, and the Olympia to name a few.

Dublin really is a compact city and it’s easy to get around on foot. The tourist centre is on Suffolk St., just off Grafton St. and they are always welcoming and helpful.

### Banks:



There is an **AIB** branch on campus in UCD. For Trinity College students there is a **Bank of Ireland** branch on campus while there is a large **AIB** branch nearby on Grafton Street.

### Laundry:

There are **launderettes in residences** for **UCD** Students.

**Trinity** students have **facilities in their apartments**.

### Medical Care:

#### **UCD:**

The **UCD Student Health Service** provides on-campus medical, psychological and psychiatric care to registered students of the university. It is located in the **Student Centre**. There is also a **pharmacy** in the Student Centre which is open from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm.

The closest hospital is **St. Vincents University Hospital** which is a full service hospital. It is about a 15 minute walk from campus. [www.stvincents.ie](http://www.stvincents.ie).

#### **Trinity:**

**The Health Centre** is located in a modern, purpose built premises situated on Trinity Campus in House 47, a residential block adjacent to the rugby pitch. IFSA also have a recommended GP near Harcourt Terrace.

The closest hospital is **St. James’s Hospital**, a full service hospital which is also the largest hospital in the country. It is about a 20 minute walk from campus. [www.stjames.ie](http://www.stjames.ie).

## Pharmacy:

The nearest pharmacy to the Davenport hotel is the Prices Medical Hall Pharmacy on Clare Street. It is beside the National Gallery of Ireland. It is about a 5 minute walk from the hotel.

## Sights:

**Dublin Castle:** Accessed off Dame St. It is worth spending an afternoon in the Chester Beatty library, doing the tour of the castle or just relaxing in the gardens.

**Trinity College Dublin:** Near the bottom of Grafton St. Trinity is a must see. Home to the Book of Kells, the top university in Ireland also has fantastic grounds and stunning architecture.

**Guinness Storehouse:** Open 7 days a week from 9.30 – 5pm, this is one tour worth doing. The tour finishes with a complimentary pint of the black stuff in the Gravity Bar which has great views of the city.

**Kilmainham Gaol:** After the failed 1916 Easter Rising the rebel leaders, from Parnell to Emmet, were incarcerated in Kilmainham. Open 9.30 – 6pm

**St. Patricks Cathedral:** located on Patrick Street, this beautiful cathedral is the largest church in Ireland with a lovely public park in the grounds – close to Adelaide Sq! There is a small fee for visiting the Cathedral.

**Dáil Eireann:** The houses of parliament are located in Leinster House on Kildare St, close to the **Natural History Museum**.

**Moore Street:** Dublin's much loved Moore St. Market is one of the most organically diverse, culturally & historically layered streets remaining in Dublin city centre. The Moore Street market also serves as a strong anchor for the inner city working class communities.

## Museums:

**National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology:** The national repository for all archaeological objects found in Ireland and home to over two million artefacts. Kildare St. Open 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, Closed Mon. Admission: Free

**National Gallery of Ireland:** The gallery's highlights include the Yeats Museum, works by Vermeer, Caravaggio, Picasso, Van Gogh and Monet. Located on Clare St. Open: 9.30 – 5.30pm Sun 12pm -5.30 Admission: Free

**Science Gallery:** This new gallery located towards the rear of Trinity College is an exciting new initiative where today's white-hot scientific issues are thrashed out and you can have your say. A place where ideas and opinions collide. Open: 12-8pm Weekends 12-6pm Closed Monday. Admission: Free

**Dublin Writers Museum:** Dublin's literary celebrities from the past three hundred years are brought to life through their books, letters, portraits and personal items. Parnell Square. Open 10-5pm, Sun 11-5pm Admission: €6.50

**Irish Museum of Modern Art:** Ireland's leading national institution for the collection and presentation of modern and contemporary art. Military Road. Open 10am – 5.30pm Sun 12-5pm Mon: Closed. Admission: Free

## **Pubs and Clubs:**

**Porterhouse:** Nassau St. and Temple bar. Great cocktails! Huge range of homebrewed, world and weiss beers. Hugely popular so there's always a good atmosphere.

**Sweeny's:** Dame Lane. Everything from jazz to reggae. Great chilled out atmosphere, three floors with live music most nights, DJ on the ground floor and chill out area downstairs.

*\*Ger's recommendation\**

**Copperfacejacks:** Harcourt St. Ah coppers.... a trip to Dublin isn't quite complete unless you've ventured to this nightclub! Packed every night of the week, get your dancing shoes on!

**Tripod/Crawdaddy:** Harcourt St. Tripod boasts one of the biggest dance floors in Dublin, playing pop and chart hits while downstairs in the Crawdaddy vaults the DJ spins out electro/indie beats.

**The Hairy Lemon:** Stephen St. (near Stephens Green). One of the best pubs Dublin has to offer. There is always a warm atmosphere here and all in all, this is a great pub for a few pints with friends

**Bruxelles:** Harry St. (just off Grafton St.) Another one of Dublin's favourite pubs, upstairs is a casual pub playing the latest music, downstairs has both a rock music area and the Zodiac Bar. The bar staff are very friendly and always up for a bit of craic with customers.

**The Stag's Head:** Dame Court. Famous for music, comedy and a good pint. Does a lovely lunch as well!

**The Palace:** Camden St. Weekend nights in the palace club are notorious with Dublin students. Get there early or you'll join a very long queue!

**The Pav:** Trinity College. Now technically this is for Trinity students only but that hasn't stopped the majority of all Dublin students passing through and experiencing The Pav! Cheapest beer in town as you buy cans not pints!

**Accents Coffee and Tea Lounge:** Not technically a pub or club but very popular with former students. Opened until 11pm during the week so a great place for a late cuppa.

**The Bleeding Horse:** Located on Camden Street and established since 1649 the Bleeding Horse is one of Dublin's most historic pubs, and has been frequented over the years by literary greats such as Joyce, La Fanu, Gogarty and Dunleavy. Situated close to the City Centre, the Bleeding Horse is a very popular spot with IFSAs Trinity students.



If you're on a tight budget, but still want to indulge your fashionista side, try **Penny's** on O'Connell St and Henry St. Huge stores with cheap versions of high street fashion. But beware; you get what you pay for.

If you've a bit of money, hit Grafton St. or Henry St. for high street fashion. Topshop, Oasis, Zara, H&M and River Island are all favourites. Dundrum Shopping Centre is a must for UCD shopaholics!

## Grocery and Homeware Shopping:

### Dunnes Stores:

#### St. Stephens Green Shopping Centre –

This is one of the largest Dunnes in Dublin city centre. The basement food hall has all you'll need for groceries. The ground floor has clothing and the top floor has the home ware department which is great for inexpensive bed linen, crockery, kitchen utensils and items necessary for your bathroom/bedroom and kitchen.

**68 Georges St** – This is a slightly smaller food hall which does stock a small amount of kitchen utensils but there is no drapery section. However it is closest to the **Trinity** accommodation.



### Tesco:

**Merrion Shopping Centre** – This would be the nearest supermarket to those staying in **UCD**. Unfortunately there is no home delivery from this store but the **number 47** bus runs from the Stillorgan Road, down Nutley Lane and past the Merrion Shopping Centre.

**Dundrum Town Centre** – Tesco in Dundrum Town Centre is a very large 24 hour supermarket. The centre is one of the main shopping locations in the city, try not get sucked in!

It would be a wise idea though for those living in **UCD** to shop online at [www.tesco.ie](http://www.tesco.ie) as you'll be able to avail of their delivery service. You will need to register your address before being able to shop and there is a small delivery cost, starting from €4.

## Markets:

**Cow Lane** (just off Dame St.) – every Sat 10am -5pm

**Coppinger Row** (just off south William St.) – every Thurs, 10am -5pm

**Temple Bar Meeting House Square** – every Sat 10am – 4.30pm

**Dublin Food Co-op** – Newmarket Square– every Thurs 2pm – 8pm, every Sat 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Ha’Penny Flea Market** (Lower Liffey Street) – every Sat 12pm – 6pm

**Georges Arcade** (South Great Georges Street) – Daily – 9am – 6:30pm, Sun 12pm – 6pm

## Bookshops:

**UCD** has a very well stocked bookshop. There is also a second hand bookshop in the Student Centre.

For **Trinity** students, you have access to the two best book shops in the city, **Waterstones** and **Hodges Figgis** which are both on Dawson Street beside campus. You can find second hand books in the **Students' Union bookshop** in House 6. Also, **Books Upstairs** on College Green and the stalls in **George’s Arcade!**

## Phone shops:

All the main operators have stores on Grafton Street in the city centre. The main providers are **O2, Vodafone, Meteor and 3. Carphone Warehouse** stocks all 4 operators.

 **Transport:**



**LUAS**

There are 4 main public transport options in the city. The **DART** a rail line spanning the coast from Greystones in the south of Dublin to Malahide in the north. The **Luas** is a tram system which has two lines. The green line operates from Sandyford in the centre while the red line operates from Tallaght to the centre. **Dublin Bus** operates many routes all over the city and surrounding areas.

**Train:** 

There are two main inter-city stations **Heuston Station** which serves the south and west of the country and **Connolly Station** which serves the north of the country. Tickets are cheaper if booked online at [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie).

**Airport:**  **aircoach**

**Dublin Airport** is near the city and easily accessible by a number of routes. From the city centre a **taxi** should cost no more than €30. The **Aircoach** run buses every 15 minutes from various locations for €8 one way or €14 return [www.aircoach.ie](http://www.aircoach.ie). Dublin Bus also runs buses during the day for only €2.20.



## **Bike Hire:**

**Dublin by Bike** - [www.dublinbybike.ie](http://www.dublinbybike.ie) – A really interesting way to get to know Dublin city centre.

**Dublin Bikes Scheme** – [www.dublinbikes.ie](http://www.dublinbikes.ie) -Join Dublin Bikes for just €20 for the year. This entitles you to grab a bike from one of 40 stations around the city free of charge for a half hour. Charges apply if you take the bike for longer though. A 3 day ticket costs €5.

**The Belfield Bike Shop at UCD**, situated at Belfield House (opposite the athletic track), sells new and second-hand bicycles, cycling accessories and offers a bicycle repair service. Bicycles are also available for hire.

