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INTRODUCING DUBLIN
Dynamic, creative and famously friendly, Dublin has all of the cultural facilities, fantastic shopping and first-rate infrastructure you’d expect of a global capital. Yet it retains the community spirit of a village, with time-honoured traditions, from iconic festivals and sporting fixtures to electrifying live music.

The gateway to spectacular surrounding countryside (and the entire Emerald Isle), Ireland’s largest and most visited city was ranked as one of the world’s top destinations in Lonely Planet’s Best in Travel 2016. It’s beloved by residents for its green spaces, cosy venues, winding river crisscrossed by distinctive bridges, and multilayered heritage, spanning the Celtic, Viking and medieval eras through to today’s energetic student life. Cutting-edge technology initiatives have made it a red-hot start-up hub, which is rapidly attracting top-tier international organisations.

Contemporary Dublin is a young metropolis (the median age is 35.7 years) with an inspiring past, present and future.
LIVING HISTORY

The city’s history isn’t consigned to museums and archives – it’s everywhere you look, from statues commemorating influential inhabitants throughout the centuries to landmark buildings such as the still bullet-scarred General Post Office, which served as command HQ for the rebels during the Easter Rising of 1916, and parliamentary Leinster House.
Dublin’s defining gems are exquisite Georgian buildings constructed between George I’s 1714 accession and George IV’s 1830 death. Although little traces of the city’s Celtic- or Viking-era settlements remain, its medieval history is visible in its two cathedrals and castle. Stunning new-millennium developments include glittering entertainment and sporting venues.
HIGHLIGHTS

THE ARTS

Dublin’s artistic soul is evident everywhere, from its fabled literary scene, which has made it a Unesco City of Literature, to its cache of museums filled with priceless works, as well as theatres, comedy venues and art-house cinemas. The city’s streets are also alive with buskers, dancers and performance artists.
There’s more to Dublin’s nightlife than pints in its famed pubs. The city is a fantastic place for fans of live music – from trad to jazz, rock to reggae – and is crammed with stylish bars and nightclubs, student hangouts, revered theatres, concert halls and comedy clubs.
FOOD & DRINK

Food trucks, farmers markets, festivals, cheap eateries, hip hole-in-the-wall cafes, gastrobars and cuisines from around the globe, are all part of Dublin’s booming food scene, while its most celebrated beverages (Guinness and whiskey) have their own museums. Craft beer is experiencing unprecedented popularity, with a dedicated craft beer festival.
THE OUTDOORS

Getting fresh air is a breeze in Dublin, thanks to its proliferation of parks – from elegant squares such as St Stephen’s Green to the 707-hectare expanse of Phoenix Park. The flat terrain makes it perfect for cycling, while popular spectator sports see the city’s state-of-the-art stadiums fill with fans.
Dublin’s history comes alive at the centre’s western edge. Adjacent to Christ Church Cathedral and Dublin Castle is the gentrifying former industrial area the Liberties, home of the Guinness Storehouse. Further west, near sprawling Phoenix Park, Kilmainham is packed with National Heritage sites, including Kilmainham Gaol. To their south is bohemian Portobello.
SMITHFIELD AND STONEYBATTER

On the northern bank of the River Liffey, adjoining the Old Jameson Whiskey Distillery, Smithfield centres on its vast former livestock market. The redeveloped plaza is now surrounded by chic new apartments. Terraced houses line the streets of neighbouring Stoneybatter, along with an influx of cool new cafes.
GRAND CANAL DOCK
Gleaming new glass-and-steel buildings dominate Dublin’s once-derelict docklands immediately east of the centre on the Liffey’s southern bank. Nicknamed ‘Silicon Docks’ for multinational tech giants such as Facebook, Twitter and Google, which have their European headquarters here, the regenerated waterfront is now also flanked by glitzy apartments, shops and restaurants.
DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

Dublin’s heart beats in its bustling centre. Straddling both sides of the River Liffey, it’s where the city socialises: at the pedestrianised shopping strips of Grafton St and Henry St, Temple Bar, Trinity’s central campus, and urban oases, including leafy Georgian squares Merrion Square and St Stephen’s Green.
With excellent public transport links, this quartet of southern neighbourhoods contains some of Dublin’s most popular addresses. Lively Rathmines has a slew of pub/clubs and cheap eateries, while Ranelagh has a village-like charm. Peaceful, leafy Rathgar is residential, as is neighbouring Dartry, home to Trinity’s student residences.
‘Dublin is a beautiful, student-friendly city, at the heart of which is Trinity College. It’s hard to imagine Trinity without Dublin or Dublin without Trinity.’

Navika Mehta, PPES

‘Trinity is one of the most diverse universities in Ireland, with students from over 125 countries currently enrolled, providing a melting pot of cultures and perspectives. Yet any student will tell you there’s something special about walking through the front gates – it’s a bit like coming home.’

Sally Bourne, Psychology

‘Studying at Trinity means spending every day in the centre of one of Europe’s youngest and most vibrant cities. Trinity is the heart of Dublin; from its front gate you can feel the history, culture and hustle and bustle of Ireland’s capital all around you.’

Elli Brennan, PPES
Enjoying Dublin’s abundance of eating, nightlife, cultural, shopping and sporting opportunities is easy: the city’s population of just over half a million inhabitants, along with its condensed size and handy public transport links, give it a fantastic quality of life that encourages spur-of-the-moment socialising with friends you’ll invariably run into around town.
Dublin’s diversity is reflected in its thriving food scene, with a smorgasbord of choices, from traditional Irish specialities and farmers markets, to food festivals and international eateries.

Pop-up canteens, lunchtime markets and food trucks are run by Irish Village Markets (www.irishvillagemarkets.ie). The website Lovin Dublin (www.lovindublin.com) has a handy restaurant guide searchable by location and/or cuisine (and, if you’re heading home from the markets, recipes).
LIGHT BITES

Kick-start the day with breakfast, brunch or lunch (brioche French toast, Turkish eggs...) at local Portobello cafe Bibi’s. Liston’s Food Store, also in Portobello, makes magnificent sandwiches and has a fully stocked deli.

Bobo’s Gourmet Burgers, with two city-centre locations, creates towering burgers from locally sourced ingredients. Leo Burdock Fish & Chips is a city institution for a variety of freshly caught fish and crispy, fluffy chips.
Amazing flavours at **Murphy's Ice Cream** include Dingle Sea Salt, using salt distilled from the Atlantic Ocean; Brown Bread, made with traditional Irish soda bread; and Irish Coffee, incorporating Irish Whiskey.

**TRADITIONAL AND MODERN IRISH CUISINE**

Pubs serving food made from local ingredients are plentiful; favourites include **Rody Bolands Bar**, in Rathmines, for classics like steak-and-Guinness pie, and **L Mulligan Grocer**, in Stoneybatter, for contemporary twists like black pudding with almond-crumbled sweet potato.

In the city centre, **Fade Street Social** has a fabulous modern Irish tapas bar, along with a more upmarket restaurant and glamorous cocktail bar. Upstairs from its namesake bookshop, the **Winding Stair** serves premium Irish produce like luscious smoked salmon, with good weekend brunch deals.
INTERNATIONAL FLAVOURS

Dublin dining spans the globe; try Asian street food at **Neon** near Portobello; Mexican street-food truck **K Chido** in Smithfield; fragrant Korean stews at **Han Sung Asian Market**, at the back of its central Asian supermarket; steaming-hot clay-oven-cooked pizza at **Basil Pizza** at Grand Canal Dock; made-to-order sushi at city-centre **Musashi**; and feisty Spanish tapas at **La Bodega** in Ranelagh.
VEGGIE FARE
Dedicated veggie venues with vegan options include the central wholefoods deli Blazing Salads, with soups, salads and a hummus of the week; long-established Cornucopia, serving huge salads, sandwiches and wholesome hot dishes; and Hare Krishna-run Govinda’s, with three city-centre restaurants.

FOOD MARKETS
In addition to the markets in Temple Bar and Moore St (see Shopping), food stalls continue to flourish throughout the city.

Everything at the community-run market hall Dublin Food Co-op, south of the Liberties, is organic and/or ecofriendly. From Thursday to Saturday, the small, central Coppinger Row Outdoor Food Market has a host of freshly baked goodies – look out for the Cupcake Bloke.

Aromatic stalls wedge into old railway station viaducts at Thursday’s lunchtime Harcourt St Food Market, operated by Irish Farmers Markets (www.irishfarmersmarkets.ie), near Portobello. Irish Farmers Markets also hosts its original, producer-driven Leopardstown Farmers Market in Foxrock, south of the centre, on Fridays.
FOOD FESTIVALS

The biggest event on Dublin’s food calendar is Taste of Dublin (dublin.tastefestivals.com), held in the fountain-filled Victorian-era Iveagh Gardens near Portobello in mid-June, with talks, demonstrations, lessons and intricate chef-prepared dishes.

Dublin Bay is famed for its eponymous prawns (or, more technically, nephrops norvegicus, also known as Norway lobster, langoustine or scampi). Just after St Patrick’s Day in mid-March, the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival (www.dublinbayprawnfestival.ie) takes place in seaside Howth – an idyllic day trip from Dublin.

Artisan food, along with live music and over 200 beers, ciders and whiskeys, is celebrated at the Irish Craft Beer Festival (www.irishcraftbeerfestival.ie) in the swish southern neighbourhood of Ballsbridge, near Ranelagh.
Coffee and hot chocolate can be found in cafés on every corner in Dublin – my usuals being KC Peaches or Lemon, located very close to the Arts Block.

Navika Mehta, PPES

I could spend hours catching up with friends over a cup of coffee in the basement of Costa outside the Arts Block and even longer trying all the delicious dishes at Fallon & Byrne or Staple Foods.

Elli Brennan, PPES

Up-and-coming restaurants serving food from around the globe include Yamamori, Carluccios, Little Ass Burrito and Diwali. Great cafes are also popping up around Trinity, like Coffee Angel and Kaph.

Sally Bourne, Psychology
NIGHTLIFE

The high-spirited Irish capital is awash with low-ceilinged pubs, where you’ll find impromptu trad music sessions and fantastic *craic* (fun), along with mythical concert stages hosting emerging and legendary musicians, venerable theatres, comedy venues and pulsating nightclubs.
LIVE MUSIC
Music is intrinsic to the local lifestyle. Upcoming gigs are listed at www.dublinconcerts.ie.

Catch blues and jazz at JJ Smyth’s, and old-school and contemporary rock at Bruxelles, Fibber Magee’s and the Foggy Dew. Punk, indie, ska reggae and alternative music heads up the Thomas House. Intimate Whelan’s on Wexford St is the cherished stage of singer-songwriters. Mid-size Vicar Street near Christ Church Cathedral hosts folk, soul and international artists.
Diverse live acts and DJs play at multipurpose central venues, including the **Button Factory**, the **Academy**, **Grand Social** and the **Workman’s Club**; all also host club nights.

Irish and international acts headline the **3 Arena**, just north of the Liffey from Grand Canal Dock, and **Aviva Stadium** in Ballsbridge. Classical, opera, choral and ballet performances take place at the central **National Concert Hall**.

Look out for summertime concerts in the beautiful **Iveagh Gardens** ([www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie)).
PUBS

The pub – or indeed anywhere people gather to have a drink and a chat – remains the heart of the city’s social existence. With over a thousand pubs Dublin-wide, there’s one for every taste and sensibility.

Unchanged-in-generations treasures include Ireland’s oldest, the Brazen Head, dating from 1198, and the postcard-perfect Stag’s Head, mentioned in James Joyce’s Ulysses – both in the city centre, along with the Bleeding Horse. All have traditional music. Another winner for trad sessions is the country-style Cobblestone in Smithfield.

The Bernard Shaw in Portobello is a favourite student haunt with a big beer garden, where a bright-blue double-decker bus dishes up pizzas. Students also descend on the Beer Market in the Liberties, and its sister pub Against the Grain in Portobello, for Irish and international craft beers.

In the city centre, the George is all-welcoming and especially popular with Dublin’s gay and lesbian crowd for its bingo nights, drag shows and DJs who fill the dance floor.
NIGHTCLUBS
A number of Dublin’s clubs have an over 20s or higher minimum age policy, but plenty welcome younger clubbers.

Near Portobello, Copper Face Jacks, better known as ‘Coppers’, is a Dublin institution (bear in mind that it’s over 20s from Sunday to Thursday, and over 21s on Friday and Saturday.) Close by, D Two has a two-tier beer garden and 400-capacity nightclub spinning electronica, funk and R&B downstairs.
Pygmalion, aka ‘Pyg’, in the city centre, morphs from a restaurant and bar into a club and music venue with a fab roster of DJs and drinks specials. Also in the city centre, on Trinity’s doorstep, Doyle’s is equally good as a place to chill or dance up a storm.

THEATRE
North of the Liffey, Ireland’s national theatre, the Abbey Theatre and the grand 18th-century Gate Theatre, are the city’s main theatres, along with the striking Bord Gáis Energy Theatre at Grand Canal Dock. Check upcoming performances at www.irishtheatre.ie.

COMEDY
Craic-loving Dubliners are always up for a laugh and comedy is hugely popular. Top city-centre venues include Chaplins Bar and the International.
Dublin’s true character is most evident at night when the city comes alive with music, laughter, and Guinness. Pubs proudly sit on nearly every corner, acting as communal living rooms for their neighbours to celebrate life together. My favourite is The Bernard Shaw, named after the famous Trinity alumnus, and filled to the brim with students from near and far.

Elli Brennan, PPES

Dublin is a historic city where you can drink in the same pub that Oscar Wilde frequented or a place that inspired Jonathan Swift.

Navika Mehta, PPES

With pubs like Doyle’s as our neighbour, and Whelan’s up the road, there’s no shortage of live music, pub quizzes and more; club nights around the city centre, like Workman’s and Pygmalion, cater to every preference.

Sally Bourne, Psychology

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Dublin’s vibrant cultural life is one of the city’s biggest draws. A Unesco City of Literature, it teems with fascinating museums and galleries, animated festivals and exceptional architecture.
LITERATURE

Storytelling is in the Irish DNA and the country’s literary expression reaches its peak in Dublin, which was recognised by Unesco as a City of Literature in 2010. Writers associated with Dublin have won an unprecedented four Nobel Prizes for Literature (George Bernard Shaw, WB Yeats, Seamus Heaney and Samuel Beckett), as well as four Man Booker prizes (Anne Enright, John Banville, Roddy Doyle and Iris Murdoch). And Dublin’s roll-call of local luminaries spans Jonathan Swift, Oliver Goldsmith, Thomas
Moore, Oscar Wilde, Bram Stoker and James Joyce, through to current writers such as Colm Tóibín, Rob Doyle and Léan Cullinan.

Libraries sheltering literary treasures include **Trinity’s Old Library**, home to the circa AD 800 illuminated manuscript the *Book of Kells*. Upstairs is the magnificent 65m **Long Room**, with 200,000 of the library’s oldest manuscripts. The 1701-founded **Marsh’s Library** contains more than 25,000 books and manuscripts dating back to the 1400s. In the grounds of Dublin Castle, the **Chester Beatty Library** houses over 20,000 manuscripts and rare books. Or check out the extensive collections at the **National Library of Ireland**.

Among Dublin’s literary events are the nine-day **International Literature Festival Dublin** ([www.ilfdublin.com](http://www.ilfdublin.com)) in late May, costumed **Bloomsday** celebrations on 16 June in tribute to James Joyce’s famous Dublin-set novel, and the four-day **Dublin Book Festival** ([www.dublinbookfestival.com](http://www.dublinbookfestival.com)) in mid-November.

Dedicated literary museums include the wonderful **Dublin Writers Museum**, adjacent to the **Irish Writers Centre**, and the **James Joyce Cultural Centre**, which also hosts walking tours, lectures and events.
MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Dublin has a wealth of museums, galleries and attractions. Just some of the city’s highlights include incredible Bronze and Iron Age gold artefacts, medieval Celtic metalwork and Viking finds at the free National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology. Its sister properties in Dublin (also free) are the National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts & History, housed in the ex-military Collins Barracks, and covering everything from Irish fashion to the country’s
political history; and the National Museum of Ireland – Natural History, or ‘dead zoo’, stuffed with taxidermied beasts.

Irish and European art are displayed at the sublime (and free) National Gallery. Catch contemporary and classic works at the Dublin City Gallery – The Hugh Lane, and the Irish Museum of Modern Art. For an insight into recent Irish history, don’t miss the Dubliner-donated memorabilia at the Little Museum of Dublin. And for a lively and informative exploration of the relationship between art and science, head to Trinity’s Science Gallery.

Attractions based around Dublin’s favourite beverages include the Guinness Storehouse, Old Jameson Distillery and, opposite Trinity, the brand-new Irish Whiskey Museum.

CULTURAL FESTIVALS
Dublin’s calendar is jam-packed; cultural festivals include the world-famous street party of St Patrick’s Festival (www.stpatricksfestival.ie) over four days from St Patrick’s Day (17 March).
For one night in mid-September, **Culture Night Dublin** (www.culturenight.ie) sees venues open their doors for free events.

Then there are music festivals, such as the **Temple Bar Tradfest** (www.templebartrad.com) in late January, and the alternative music festival **Forbidden Fruit** (www.forbiddenfruit.ie) around late May/early June; theatre festivals including September’s **Dublin Fringe Festival** (www.fringefest.com) and October’s **Dublin Theatre Festival** (www.dublintheatrefestival.com); film festivals such as February’s **Dublin International Film Festival** (www.diff.ie); street-performance festivals; comedy festivals, and more. Find out what’s happening at www.entertainment.ie/festivals.

**ARCHITECTURE**

Wandering the streets of Dublin, you’ll see architecture across the eras, but there are some standout buildings you’ll want to delve inside: the 1030-founded **Christ Church Cathedral**, the immense 1191-commenced **St Patrick’s Cathedral**, the palace-like 18th-century **Dublin Castle**, and the history-shrouded **Kilmmainham Gaol**.
Dublin spills over with shops selling everything imaginable, from one-off design and vintage boutiques to massive malls, historic department stores and arcades, and colourful indoor and outdoor markets.
Popular shopping streets in Dublin’s city centre include Grafton St and Henry St, both of which are pedestrianised and lined with high street stores; you’ll find specialist and individual shops tucked into surrounding side streets.

Boho Wexford St in Dublin City Centre is a prime place to hunt for antique and second-hand furniture, and vintage clothes. Busy Rathmines Rd has everything from phone shops to Asian grocers. Rathgar Rd has more upmarket gourmet and organic health food shops, cycle shops and florists. Ranelagh Rd has a trove of villagey shops.
SHOPPING MALLS

Dublin’s first-ever purpose-built ‘shopping mall’ is the central 1881-built Victorian Gothic George’s Street Arcade, with stalls selling new and vintage clothes, secondhand books, hats, jewellery and records.

A gorgeous 1744-completed Georgian townhouse now contains the Powerscourt Townhouse Shopping Centre, showcasing fashion, accessories and crafts.
Adjoining Grafton St, **St Stephen’s Green Shopping Centre** has a stunning balconied interior and scores of chains such as **Trespass** (outdoor and sports gear) and retailer **TK Maxx**. Chains also dominate **Jervis Street Centre** between Henry and Mary Sts.

For incredible savings on prestige labels from Levis to Calvin Klein, Cath Kidston homewares and even Armani, head to **Kildare Village** in County Kildare. Trains link Dublin’s Heuston Station with Kildare town, where a free shuttle bus runs to the village (call ahead for schedules).

**DEPARTMENT STORES**
Locally loved (and relatively affordable), the 1843-established **Arnotts** stocks virtually everything, from garden furniture to high fashion. The city’s swankiest department store, **Brown Thomas**, often has good sales.
MARKETS

Effervescent crowds give the city’s markets a carnival atmosphere. Market, event and street trading organisation IOMST (www.iomst.ie) has a comprehensive list of markets in and around the city including opening hours/months – search Markets/County Dublin.

Markets not to miss include three in Temple Bar: a book market (Saturday and Sunday), food market (Saturday), and the Designer Mart at Cow’s Lane (Saturday).
On the Liffey’s northern banks, step into ‘old-world’ Dublin at the wonderful Moore Street Market (Monday to Saturday), with traders selling fruit and veggies, fish and flowers, along with assorted household items.

Brilliant markets for retro and vintage gear (as well as hip new artistans) include Saturday’s Ha’Penny Vintage & Craft Market at the central Grand Social. South of the Liberties at the Dublin Food Co-op, the Pure Vintage Fair takes place on the first Sunday of the month, the multi-ethnic Fusion Fair on the second Sunday, the retro and vintage Brocante Market on the third Sunday, and the bargain-filled Dublin Flea Market on the last Sunday of the month.
Dubliners’ passion for sport reaches fever pitch, and watching a game in a pub or, better yet, taking a seat in the stands and cheering the team on, is one of the best ways to experience local life.

The most popular sports are the fast-paced, high-contact GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) sports, especially Gaelic football and hurling; football (aka soccer); rugby; and racing – both greyhounds (at venues including Harold’s Cross just east of Rathmines, and Shelbourne Park near Grand Canal Dock), and horses (at prestigious tracks like Leopardstown Racecourse in Foxrock).
GAA SPORTS

Gaelic football and hurling are played by two teams of 15 players whose aim is to get the ball through what resembles a rugby goal: two long vertical posts joined by a horizontal bar, below which is a netted goal, guarded by a goalkeeper. Goals (below the crossbar) are worth three points, whereas a ball placed over the bar between the posts is worth one point.
Gaelic football is played with a round, soccer-sized ball, and players are allowed to kick it or hand-pass it, like Australian Rules football. Hurling is played with a flat stick known as a hurl, hurley or camán. The small leather ball, called a sliotar, is hit or carried on the hurley; hand-passing is also allowed. Both games are played over 70 action-packed minutes.

Games are played from February to September at the country’s largest sporting stadium, the 82,300-capacity Croke Park in Drumcondra, which also has a GAA museum, stadium tours and a dizzying Skyline Tour walk along its 17-storey-high roof.

Dublin GAA (www.dublingaa.ie) lists details of fixtures and venues for local games where you can get close to the action.

**FOOTBALL (SOCCRER)**

Many Dubliners support teams in the English Premier League (which often snap up the best Irish players), but teams from Dublin and the country compete in the League of Ireland’s Premier and First Divisions, which is merged with the Football Association of Ireland (www.fai.ie). The season runs from around March to October; tickets are available at the grounds.
Ireland’s national side plays its home games at the 51,700-capacity Aviva Stadium in Ballsbridge, which also runs stadium tours.

**RUGBY**

Traditionally rugby was only played in wealthier neighbourhoods south of the Liffey, but the game has an increasingly broad following thanks to the success of the provincial side Leinster, which plays at the Royal Dublin Society Showgrounds in Ballsbridge, as well as the Irish national team, which plays at Aviva Stadium. Information about fixtures for both teams is available from the Irish Rugby Football Union (www.irishrugby.ie).
Ireland’s compact size (the entire island covers just 84,421 sq km) offers limitless opportunities to get out and explore. Cities, including Cork (the Republic’s second-largest), music-filled Galway, historic Kilkenny, and Northern Ireland’s buzzing capital Belfast, are just a few hours by road or rail, along with breathtakingly varied landscapes.

In Dublin’s immediate surrounds, otherworldly Neolithic passage tombs, the remains of an early Christian monastic settlement in a glacial valley surrounded by mountains and moors, and a string of picturesque seaside towns and villages with invigorating coastal walks, are all within easy reach.
BRÚ NA BÓINNE

Under an hour north of Dublin in County Meath, the vast Neolithic necropolis Brú na Bóinne (pronounced ‘brew nah boy-nya’; the Boyne Palace) predates Stonehenge by over 1000 years. Its tombs were the largest artificial structures in Ireland until the construction of Anglo-Norman castles 4000 years later.

The three main sites are Newgrange, a startling 80m in diameter and 13m high, with white round stone walls topped by a grass dome, which is aligned with the winter solstice; Knowth, containing an incredible collection of passage-grave art; and Dowth, whose tombs are closed to the public (you can freely visit the surrounding site).

The countryside around these sites is home to countless other ancient burial mounds and standing stones.

Buses (www.buseireann.ie) link Dublin with the whizz-bang Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre – which has interactive exhibits on prehistoric Ireland and an observation mezzanine, and operates shuttle buses to the tombs.
GLENDALOUGH

The spine of the Wicklow Mountains stretches south of Dublin. There’s fantastic walking here, especially along the 132km long-distance trail the Wicklow Way (www.wicklowway.com).

The main goal for day trippers is Glendalough, a magical spot one-and-a-half hours from Dublin, whose name derives from the Irish Gleann dá Loch, meaning the ‘Valley of the Two Lakes’. East of the Lower Lake are the remains of the monastery founded by St Kevin in the 5th century, which fell into ruin from 1398. Highlights include a near-perfectly preserved 10th century round tower, cathedral dedicated to Sts Peter and Paul, and St Kevin’s kitchen (actually a church). A 1.5km walk leads to the Upper Lake, with another clutch of sites on its southern shore, including the 11th century Romanesque Reefert Church, and St Kevin’s Cell, where the saint is believed to have lived.

From Dublin, buses (www.glendaloughbus.com) serve the Glendalough Visitor Centre.
HOWTH

Heading 15km northeast of central Dublin brings you to the fishing village and yachting harbour of Howth (rhymes with ‘both’), at the foot of a rounded peninsula. Stunning views over Dublin Bay extend from the gorse-covered hill, from where you can walk to the top of the Ben of Howth headland. The 1814 Baily Lighthouse can be reached by a spectacular clifftop walk.

Howth’s waterfront is a perfect place for a picnic or meal, with a weekend seafront farmers market (www.howthmarket.ie) and fresh-as-it-gets seafood – try laidback pub O’Connell’s, which grows its own herbs and veggies.

Most of the town backs onto the sprawling grounds of 1564-built, privately owned Howth Castle. Hidden in its grounds is the endearing National Transport Museum of Ireland, whose nostalgic collection features double-decker buses, a bakery van, fire engines and trams. Howth is easily reached from Dublin’s Connolly or Pearse Stations by DART.
DALKEY

Just 14km southeast of central Dublin via the coast, this quaint medieval port is now home to the rich and/or famous, but reminders include the remains of three of its original eight castles. Overlooking Bullock Harbour is 12th-century Bulloch Castle. On Castle St are the 15th-century Archibold’s Castle and Goat Castle (aka the Towerhouse). Together with the adjoining St Begnet’s Church, Goat Castle has been converted into the Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre (www.dalkeycastle.com), with displays, exhibitions, galleries and theatre performance tours covering Dalkey’s heritage.

A great way to take in the panoramic views is to take the DART (train) from Connolly or Pearse Stations, get off at Killiney and walk up to Killiney Hill Park. From its obelisk, you’ll have 360-degree views, including of Dalkey Island (home to St Begnet’s Holy Well), Dublin, Wicklow and, on a clear day, Wales. Then walk downhill to Dalkey (around 4km all up).
GETTING AROUND

Compact and flat, Dublin is ideal for walking and cycling, but there’s also an excellent public transport network of buses, trams and trains.

The refillable Dublin Leap Card (www.leapcard.ie) provides capped-fare, integrated ticketing for bus, tram and train services.
BIKE
Everything you need to know about cycling in Dublin – including maps of cycle lanes, bus lanes that cyclists can use, cycle tracks, and safety tips for you and your bike – is covered on the excellent website Cycle Dublin (www.cycledublin.ie). It also has details of Dublin’s public bike-share scheme, Dublinbikes (www.dublinbikes.ie), with 1500 bikes at 100 docking stations citywide. Bikes can be taken on DART and commuter trains outside peak times.
**BUS**

Buses throughout the city and county are operated by Dublin Bus. Each bus stop has an identifiable number, which you can enter online at [www.dublinbus.ie/rtpi](http://www.dublinbus.ie/rtpi), text to 53035, or type into the free Dublin Bus app, to find out when the next four buses are due.

**TRAM**

Dublin’s tram is known as the Luas ([www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie)), a light transit service that runs on two separate lines (red and green). The lines are currently being linked up in the city centre; completion of the link is due in late 2017. Check [www.luascrosscity.ie](http://www.luascrosscity.ie) for updates.

**TRAIN**

The DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transport; [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)) network covers the length of Dublin Bay, plus commuter services to outlying towns. In central Dublin, Pearse Station is handy south of the Liffey, and Connolly Station north of the Liffey.
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BEYOND THE GATES


94% of Trinity graduates employed or in further education 6 months after graduation

Top **1%** worldwide in **18** fields  
*(Thomson Reuters Essential Science Indicators, 2013)*

18% of graduates classified as director, VP, owner or partner

400 industry partners

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Dublin doesn’t get much sun, but when it does, it’s worth the wait. The bright rays highlight the lush, green parks and turn the grey Trinity buildings to gold.

Navika Mehta, PPES

On precious sunny days, Dublin’s many parks, like St Stephen’s Green, light up and become warm and happy oases within the bustling city centre.

Elli Brennan, PPES

Trinity itself is stunning, and the architecture and museums are something else. Popular spots to visit, like the National Gallery and the National Museum of Ireland, are right on Trinity’s doorstep.

Sally Bourne, Psychology

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