



Dublin Guide

Hi all,

Travelling to a new country can often mean a lot of Googling before you arrive. We thought a Dublin Guide might be useful when you are getting ready to travel to Ireland for IAYMH 2017. We gathered the best tips from locals and did our best to answer the key things that you wanted to know about Dublin City.

How to get around - transport around the city

By foot and/ or aid:

Dublin City Centre is pretty pedestrian friendly and as a small city, things aren't too far away. There are some major roadworks around the city at the moment, so not all pavements and walkways are wheelchair friendly. There are also areas in the city which have cobblestones and uneven pathways which can be troublesome for those using wheelchairs or walking aids.

Trains:

Dublin City Centre is well connected with trains that link the North and South side of the city. The public train system is called the 'DART'. You can use a Leap Card on the public trains. You can buy tickets from station kiosks - the average cost would be €3.20 for a single fare (prices vary depending on where you are travelling to/from). Website [here](#).

Buses

The bus is a handy way to get around the city. The public bus is called 'Dublin Bus' which covers the city centre and surrounding areas. You can use your Leap Card on Dublin Bus. You can pay your fare on board the bus using coins only (card and bank notes are not accepted). The average city centre single fare is €1.90 (prices vary depending on where you are travelling to/from). Website [here](#).

- There are buses which link to/from Dublin city centre and the Airport. One company is 'Aircoach' who pick up & drop off in many city centre locations (it stops outside of the Conference Hotel too). Website [here](#).
- The '747' bus is operated by 'Dublin Bus' and goes to/from Dublin City Centre to the Airport. The fare is €7 but usually takes about 30 mins to/from the city to the airport. Website [here](#).



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Taxis

Taxis can be quite expensive in Dublin City Centre when the traffic is heavy. The average fare from Dublin Airport to O'Connell Street (city centre) is €20-30. According to the Conference Hotel website, the average cost to/from the Airport to the Hotel is €35. Taxis can be hailed on the street, using Uber or MyTaxi. All taxis accept cash payment but not all accept card payment.

Trams

There is a tram system that operates on the North and South side of the city centre. The 'LUAS' is an overground train which goes to/from the city centre to the surrounding areas. The LUAS accepts Leap Card or tickets can be purchased at the kiosks by the LUAS stations. Website [here](#).

Tips:

- There is no train which goes to Dublin Airport- the only transport from the Airport is taxi or bus.
- Public buses only accept payment by coin - it does not accept card or cash payment on board.
- Google Maps usually has the best information on getting around the city and will let you know if you can get a bus/ tram/ train.
- Pick up a Leap Card when you get to Dublin - it is a top up travel card which you can use on public buses, trains and trams. Using a Leap Card also gives you a discounted travel fare so you save money by using it.
- How to get to/from the Airport to the Conference Hotel - [here](#).
- Public transport operates on reduced hours on a Sunday - best to check timetables.
- Public transport generally stops around 11:00-11:30PM so check timetables to ensure you have a way to get back to your accommodation.



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Where to eat

Dublin has some fantastic places to eat covering all dietary requirements, budgets and tastes. Generally, restaurants have good options for vegetarians and those looking for Without Gluten options. Overall, Dublin can be an expensive city so dining out can be somewhat costly - average price of a dinner meal would be €15-20.

- Cheap and cheerful: Umi Falafel (Dame Street), Crackbird (Dame Street),
- Fancy: Las Tapas del Lolas (Camden Street), FIRE @ Mansion House (Dawson Street), Chapter One (Parnell Square),
- Vegetarian & Vegan: Cornucopia (Wicklow Street), Umi Falafel (Dame Street), Chopped (many around the city centre), Sprout (Dawson Street).
- Hallal: Zaytoon (multiple city centre locations), Umi Falafel (Dame Street), Dada (South William Street), Keshk Café (Mespil Road - near the Conference Hotel)

Tips:

- Try 'Eatyard' which is an outdoor food market on Richmond St for a great mix of food (open Thursday - Sunday from 12:00noon). Website [here](#).
- FOAM Café (Great Strand Street) has a super funky interior and good food too.
- Cake Café (Pleasants Place) do amazing homemade food and brilliant baked treats.
- Tea Lovers should check out Palais de Thés (Wicklow Street) and the Tea Gardens (Ormonds Quay).
- Coffee Lovers should check out 3FE (Grand Canal Street) which is a Dublin based coffee micro-roastery.
- If looking for an area with plenty of restaurants try South William Street/ Drury Street, George's Street/ Dame Street, South Anne Street, Capel Street, Camden Street.
- Booking a table for 4+ is advised to avoid waiting long for a table.
- Tipping in Ireland is not mandatory but usually 10-15% is the tip rate for good service. Some places will automatically charge a service charge for group bookings (usually 6+ people)
- There are supermarkets dotted around the city where you can pick up breakfast/lunch/dinner/snacks at a reasonable price. The main supermarkets are Tesco, Dunnes Stores and SuperValue - there are also large stores such as Spara and Centre where you can get food-on-the-go.



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Where to visit & what to see

Dublin, and Ireland, are known internationally for their culture and heritage. There are so many different things to see and do around Dublin city - and further afield around the country for those who have some spare time. There are a great mix of things from historical tours to adventure to free things to do.

Dublin- FREE:

- Check out the parks: St. Stephen's Green, Iveagh Gardens, St. Patrick's Cathedral Park, the Phoenix Park (and check out the President's house!), the Garden of Remembrance, Herbert Park (near the Conference Hotel), National Botanic Gardens and Merrion Square.
- Check out the beaches and canal: The weather isn't exactly warm enough for a day by the beach but the scenery is stunning. The bus & train run along the coastline. Take a stroll on Sandymount Strand, Dollymount Strand, Malahide, Howth Pier, there is a canal which runs through the South side of the city (near the hotel) which is a lovely walk and inspired some very famous Irish poets.
- Museums: Most of the museums around the city are free to enter - some do have a cost to enter certain exhibitions though. The majority of museums are open Tuesday - Sunday. Check out the National History Museum, Natural History Museum, the Irish Museum of Modern Art, the National Gallery of Ireland, the National Photographic Archive, the Science Gallery (in Trinity College Dublin), Hugh Lane Gallery and the Chester Beatty Library.
- The free walking tour of Dublin - <http://www.dublinfreewalkingtour.ie/>

Dublin - Admission Fee:

- [The Viking Splash Tour](#) brings you around the city and into the water on board the amphibious bus - a brilliant way to see the city.
- Open Top Bus Tour: there are several private companies that run open top bus tours of the city - hop on and off where you like.
- [The 1916 Easter Rising Tour](#): see all the historical sites around the city that were important during the 1916 Rising.
- [EPIC](#): the Irish Emigration Museum is rich with the history of how Irish roots have spread across the world.
- [Vintage Tea Tours](#): serving afternoon tea and treats while listening to 1950's jazz on a bus that tours the city - a great way to spend a few hours.
- [Guinness Storehouse](#): hear the history behind a pint of Guinness and take in the views of the city from the Gravity Bar.
- [Kilmainham Gaol](#): step inside the prison which housed many prominent Irish rebels and the stories behind their time there.



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- [Leprechaun Museum](#): no, Leprechauns are not real but there is a real museum about them!
- [Dublin Zoo](#): get to see some native and not-so-native animals in the Zoo - located in the Phoenix Park.
- [Dublinia](#): a look at the old Viking and Medieval Dublin.

Outside of Dublin - day trips:

There are many day trips and tours that depart and return from Dublin city centre. Some of the most popular spots are the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Glendalough and Belfast. The cost varies depending on where you are going- some of the companies that offer day trips are below.

- <https://www.paddywagontours.com>
- <https://wildrovertours.com/>
- <https://daytours.ie/>

Where to stay

IAYMH is taking place in the Clayton Hotel which is on the South side of the city. If you are looking for accommodation, it can be a bit pricey in the area. There are loads of options for accommodation around the city though and still within distance to not need public transport. The areas surrounding the Hotel are the Dublin 2 and Dublin 4 post code areas.

Hotels: it can be a very expensive city to stay in although the standard in hotels tends to be good.

Hostels: are based all around the city - from the main streets of the city centre to the outskirts of the city. The Generator Hostel, Abigail's Hostel and Ashfield Hostel are all in central locations and have good scores on Booking.com - they could be good options for those travelling on a budget.

Airbnb: if you are looking to rent an Airbnb, Dublin 2 and 4 should be ideal locations to search for if looking for something close to the Conference Hotel.

Tips:

- Check out the reviews on other websites for the hotel/ hostel/ airbnb
- Google Map the directions from the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin to the accommodation you are booking to have an idea about distance from the Conference Hotel and the best way to travel to/from there.



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Entertainment & Nightlife

In comparison to other European capital cities, Dublin nightlife ends earlier than other cities. In general, restaurant kitchens will close at 10:00- 11:00 PM, bars will close around 12:00- 1:00AM and nightclubs will close around 2:30-3:00AM. In Ireland, the legal drinking age is 18 years old and pubs/clubs are strict on having ID to prove your age. There are plenty of things to do in the evening and nights while in Dublin.

Bars & Nightclubs

the city has many bars for all tastes - from wine bars through to grunge bars. Some of the more famous bars and those which the locals would visit are the Gravity Bar @ Guinness Storehouse, Grogan's (South William Street), Pygmalion (South William Street), the Temple Bar (Temple Bar - very expensive), the Brazen Head, O' Neills (they usually have live music there too). There are plenty of nightclubs around the city too - some of the more well known clubs would be Coppers, Bad Bobs and the George but typing the kind of music you like into Google should come up with a few options.

Evening Activities:

There are many theatres around the city who will have plays on during your time in Dublin - check the theatre sites for information on what is on then: the Bord Gais Theatre, the Olympia, Smock Alley Theatre, the Lighthouse Cinema, the Irish Film Institute, the Gate Theatre, the Gaeity Theatre and the Abbey Theatre.

'[Accents](#)' is a tea and coffee shop that opens late in the evenings for those looking for an after-dinner cuppa.

The [International Comedy Club](#) has comedy gigs on almost every night of the week - a great place to have a laugh in the evening.

Tips:

- Temple Bar is a massive tourist attraction in Dublin City Centre - with it's cobblestone streets and live Irish music. As with many tourist-focused places, it is a very expensive part of town.
- If you are planning on going to a pub or club, bring ID with you as there can be very strict ID policies in venues
- Don't forget to check the times for your transport back to your accommodation - public transport tends to finish around 11:00-11:30PM in the city.



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Additional Information:

Check out the websites below which have tonnes of information on what is going on in Dublin and around the country.

<http://www.discoverireland.ie/things-to-do/>

<https://lovindublin.com/explore-dublin>

<http://www.dublintown.ie/whats-on/>

<https://dublin.ie/whats-on/>

<http://whatsonin.ie/>

<http://www.visitdublin.com/whats-on>

<http://www.dublineventguide.com/>

For an electronic version please go to the download section on the IAYMH website

<http://www.iaymh2017.com/downloads/>

We look forward to meeting you in Dublin.

Warm Regards,
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