

visitingdublin.com Frequently Ask Questions (FAQ):

1. What is the best way to get in to the city from the airport?

The airport is approx. 13Km from the city centre. Unfortunately there is still no rail service from the airport. So you basically have two options.

1. The first is to get a taxi. Although they are much easier to get than they used to be, they aren't cheap. A taxi from airport to town will cost around 30 euro. It could cost significantly more at peak times due to heavy traffic. There are also additional costs per passengers, for luggage and for travel between the hours of 8pm-8am.

2. The second option is to use one of the bus services from the airport. One possibility is the Aircoach (<http://www.aircoach.ie/>). These are very comfortable coaches and are great value at only 7 euro (12 euro return).

Or for the budget traveller, you can get the public bus. Dublin Bus (<http://www.dublinbus.ie/>) offer two express routes ("747"/"748") at the cost of 5 euro. Also the "737" and "16A" are non-express routes which travel through the city centre for a cost of just 2 euro.

In terms of value for money, the Aircoach is your best bet.

2. I was thinking of visiting Dublin from 24th December until 28th December. I was wondering if there is anything to visit or do during 24th - 25th and on 26th since these are bank holidays. Are museums, castle open then?

Christmas eve is not actually a Bank Holiday in Ireland, so many attractions, along with shops, will be open (albeit with reduced opening times). In particular you might try Grafton St. (Ireland's busiest retail street) and join the bustle of last minute festive shoppers. While there you could drop by Brown Thomas's famous Christmas shop window display, or visit Bewley's Oriental Cafe.

Unfortunately though most museums, attractions, shops and even pubs are closed on the 25th. Christmas day is very much a family day in Dublin. However there is still plenty to do. One time honoured Christmas day tradition for Dubliners is to go for a morning swim at the "40 foot" in Sandycove, South Dublin (http://www.irelandscapes.com/display_location.php?location_id=2). Every year hundreds of people flock here to take a chilly but invigorating Christmas morning dip. And while in Sandycove you have an opportunity to see the nearby James Joyce tower which (according to their website) is open from 2-6pm (<http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/profile/>

[joyce_tower/index.html](#)).

Places which will certainly be open on Christmas Day will be St. Patrick's and Christchurch cathedrals. Even if you don't fancy taking in a church service, you can easily go in and take a look around between masses.

<http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/index.aspx>

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Of course you will also be able to go see all of Dublin's landmark buildings and natural sights (such as the GPO - <http://www.anpost.ie/AnPost/History+and+Heritage/Home/> - or the Powerscourt house and gardens- <http://www.powerscourt.ie/gardens/>.) In fact being Christmas, you will have pretty much have the city to yourself as you visit these attractions.

I hope these suggestions sparked some interest for you.

Don't hesitate to send us another email if you've any further questions.

3. I and a group of friends are visiting Dublin on the 22nd (Good Friday) to the 24th of April. It has been suggested to us that the pubs, clubs and Guinness Factory are closed on the Friday. I am just enquiring as to whether this is true and if it affects all pubs/clubs? Also whether this is the case for the whole weekend or just the Friday? Any help on the above matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for visiting our website.

Unfortunately, it is illegal to serve alcohol in Ireland on Good Friday. This means that, from midnight on 21 April, all pubs and clubs will be closed. The Guinness Brewery will also closed for the entire day.

There are a few exceptions. Some hotel bars will serve alcohol to their guest and some restaurants which remain open may serve alcohol with meals. Also, some late night bars and clubs (particularly in the city-centre) will reopen after midnight on 22 April. Your hotel will be able to advise you if there are any nearby which will re-open.

On a more positive note, this rule applies only for one day and not the entire weekend. In fact, you can expect Saturday night to be particularly lively as tourists and locals make up for the quiet Friday night !

Please let us know if we can help you with anything else.

4. We are 9 friends who are going to visit Dublin arriving the 31st of July and will leave Dublin 4th of August this year. We should like to get information and recommendations for the following:

Riverdance – sightseeing – visiting pubs and distilleries – shopping.

We have not been in Dublin before, and are looking forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks for your email and for your interest in our website. We're delighted to hear that you and your friends will be visiting Dublin later this month. I've included some recommendations below and linked the relevant websites which will provide further details. However, if you need any more specific details (e.g. directions, prices, etc.) please just let us know.

Riverdance:

From 28 June - 28 August, Riverdance will be on show, every night (except Mondays) at the [Gaiety Theater](#). Prices vary between €25-€55. There are also matinee shows at the weekend. You can find further details at the following address <http://www.riverdance.com/show/gaiety-theatre-dublin-2/>. While it will be possible to buy tickets at the box office, it is also possible to book them [online](#) in advance.

Sightseeing:

There is quite a variety of sightseeing to do in Dublin. We'd recommend that you look through our list of ['top 50'](#) attractions on our website. As you are only in Dublin for a short visit, it is probably best to limit your sightseeing to the city centre. Dublin's public transport system is quite disappointing, so it's best to stay in the centre and visit the attractions by foot.

If you are interested in the history of the City, you might like to visit [Kilmainham Gaol](#) which offers a very good guided tour relating to Ireland's War of Independence. Alternatively, ['Dublinia'](#) is a good attraction if you are interested in Dublin's viking and medieval past (this is popular with children and adults alike). Another popular historical attraction is the Trinity College and the ['Book of Kells'](#).

If you are interested in Dublin literary heritage, [the Dublin Writers' Museum](#) or the [James Joyce Centre](#) may be of interest. If you are more interested in art, the largest gallery is the [National Gallery of Ireland](#) while the [Hugh Lane Gallery](#) is very popular for lovers of modern and contemporary art. Another option is the [Chester Beatty Library](#) which, despite being smaller, is very popular and admission is free.

Distilleries and pubs:

There are two popular distilleries to visit in Dublin, the Guinness Brewery and the Jameson Distillery. While both are quite good, the Guinness tour is generally more popular, so, if you can only visit one, we recommend this one (tickets are cheaper when booked in advance from the [website](#)).

While there are many, many pubs throughout Dublin, the most popular area for tourists is the Temple Bar area (google map location [here](#)). It's very central and there are many pubs which are very tourists friendly and will have live, Irish music most nights of the week. If you would like to make a trip outside the city centre one evening, you might consider a trip out to the [Merry Ploughboy](#) which is about 20 minutes to the south of the city. They 3 course meal and a music show €50 pp (this includes transport to and from your hotel).

Shopping:

The best place for shopping Dublin is in the southside of the City, particularly Grafton Street. Here you will find the most famous (but expensive!!) department stores such as Brown Thomas. For more traditional Irish clothes and gifts you might like to try Kilkenny Design which is located on Nassau Street (2 minutes walk from Grafton Street).

We hope you found the above useful. Please don't hesitate to get back in touch with any more questions. We will be very happy to help if we can.

Also, if you would be interested in writing a review of your trip, we would be happy to upload it on to our website for future visitors to read.

Most of all, we would like to wish you a very enjoyable visit to Dublin.

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