

## Some of Dublin's Attractions

### Guinness Storehouse

Located in the heart of the St James's Gate Brewery is the Guinness Storehouse. Home to Guinness since 1759, this massive seven-storey building, a former Guinness® fermentation plant, has been remodelled into the shape of a giant pint of Guinness®.

### Dublin Zoo

There are many rare and exotic animals living and roaming in a wide variety of natural habitats at Dublin Zoo. Dublin Zoo is located in the Phoenix Park in the heart of Dublin City. Animals include tigers, hippos, bats, rare monkeys, gorillas, chimpanzees, red pandas and reptiles, to name only a few!

### National Aquatic Centre

AquaZone, at the National Aquatic Centre includes many exciting features and lots of family fun and thrills. If you crave extreme thrills, raging water adventures, flying through the air, or just an enjoyable family day out in Dublin, AquaZone at the National Aquatic Centre has Europe's biggest and best water rides and attractions.

### Book of Kells

The Book of Kells was written around the year 800 AD and is one of the most beautifully illuminated manuscripts in the world. Its 680 pages of vellum contain the Latin texts of the Four Gospels. It was written around 800 AD by Irish monks and later buried in the ground for fear of the Vikings. After being eventually rediscovered, it was deposited for safe keeping in Trinity College Dublin in 1653.

## The National Gallery of Ireland

The collection includes over 2,500 paintings and some 10,000 other works in different media including watercolours, drawings, prints and sculpture. Every major European School of painting is extensively represented. It also houses a renowned collection of Irish paintings. The gallery's highlights include works by Vermeer, Caravaggio, Picasso, Van Gogh and Monet.

## National Botanic Gardens

The National Botanic Gardens, 19.5 hectares on the south bank of the Tolka River, contain many attractive features like an arboretum, sensory garden, rock garden and burren area, large pond, extensive herbaceous borders, and an annual display of decorative plants including a rare example of Victorian carpet bedding.

## St. Patrick's Cathedral

Built between 1220 and 1260, St Patrick's Cathedral is one of the few buildings left from the medieval city of Dublin. Today, St Patrick's is the National Cathedral for the Church of Ireland and still the largest cathedral in Ireland. Visitors can learn about the building's fascinating history, including its most famous Dean (head) Jonathan Swift, who is one of around 700 burials on site.

## National Museum of Ireland - Archaeology

You can find the National Museum of Ireland on Kildare Street and be magically transported back in time. Take time at The Treasury and see examples of Celtic and Medieval art, such as the famous Ardagh Chalice, the Tara Brooch and the Derrynaflan Hoard. There is a fine collection of prehistoric gold artefacts, which is to be found in Or - Ireland's Gold. Visit prehistoric

Ireland and experience life at the same time of the Vikings in Viking Age Ireland.

### Science Gallery at Trinity College

Dublin's Science Gallery at Trinity College is a world first. The collision of science and art is the key DNA strand of this international success story now being cloned worldwide. A new type of venue where today's white-hot scientific issues are thrashed out and you can have your say. A place where ideas meet and opinions collide. Unlike most galleries, they don't have a permanent collection, meaning that there's always something new to see.

### Farmleigh House

Built in the late 18th century, Farmleigh House was purchased by Edward Cecil Guinness, a great-grandson of Arthur Guinness, in 1873. The house contains many beautiful features including the Main House area (a fine example of Georgian-Victorian architecture), the Sunken Garden, the Walled Garden, the famous Clock Tower and the Lake and The Benjamin Iveagh Library. The library holds some of the finest examples of Irish bookbinding from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The collection was donated to Marsh's Library by the Guinness family.

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