Dublin

2023 ANNUAL MEETING VISITOR TIPS

A list compiled by the locals. Some of our personal favourite restaurants, pubs, experiences and sightseeing spots.

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All underlined text throughout this guide are clickable and will take you to external links with more information.
Located just 30 minutes from Dublin International Airport and a 15-minute walk from St. Stephen’s Green, the Clayton Burlington Road Conference & Event Hotel is easy to access from all around the globe. Please note this hotel does not provide shuttle service. However, the Aircoach Blue Bus service, which is very reasonably priced, runs from just outside the arrivals gate at the airport (you buy your ticket beside the bus) to the Clayton Hotel in about 30 minutes.
Getting to the Clayton Burlington Road Hotel from Dublin Airport:

**Option 1**: Aircoach departs up to every 15 minutes and stops outside our front door. Journey time both to and from the airport is approximately 30 minutes.

The Aircoach and Dublin Bus routes; 7B, 7D, 11, 46a, 116 and 145, stop directly outside Clayton Hotel Burlington Road. The Luas Green Line (Dublin City tram) stops nearby at Charlemont linking to St Stephens Green, Dundrum, Sandyford and Cherrywood business parks. For detailed Public Transport information please visit the Transport for Ireland Journey Planner.

**Option 2**: A taxi from the airport typically costs €35 and takes 30 minutes but will vary with traffic. Please note all taxis take cash.

**Option 3**: Arriving by car. The hotel is located south of the Grand Canal on Sussex Road (off Upper Leeson Street) in Dublin 4. For detailed driving directions to Clayton Hotel Burlington Road please visit the AA Routeplanner. Onsite parking for visitors and guests is on a first come, first serve basis.
Dublin Maps

Dublin Eats & Drinks

Dublin Sightseeing

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There are a number of restaurants and cafes close to the Clayton Hotel. Other areas to head for include Ballsbridge, Baggot street and Ranelagh (which has about 25 restaurants to choose from!) all within 10-15 minutes’ walk.

Canal Bank café, Close to the Clayton Hotel, reasonably priced, and tasty. €€
Etto Merrion Row
Uno Mass Aungier Street
Tribeca Ranelagh. Good atmosphere, reasonably priced food. €€

Restaurants
- Wild Goose, Ranelagh. Very good; an old favourite. €€€
- Host, Ranelagh. Great food. €€€
- Mulberry gardens, Donnybrook. Great location and food €€€
- Mae, Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge. Really good. €€€

Assassination Custard, 19A Kevin Street Lower, Dublin 8
The Park Café, Number 1 Ballsbridge, Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4; New place getting great reviews.
CN Duck, 12 Ranelagh, Dublin 6;
Frank’s, Camden Street Lower. Wine bar.

Cafes
- Peruke & Periwig, 31 Dawson St. Cocktail bar and restaurant spread over a couple of floors €€
Most Dublin restaurants offer a few vegetarian dishes and usually a vegan dish. If they don’t have it on the menu they will probably be happy to adjust some dishes for vegans. However, there are some really great vegetarian and vegan restaurants in the city and they are definitely worth a visit.


**Blazing Salads**, Drury street. Take away and outdoor seating, perfect for a sunny day. Tasty sugar free cakes and treats. €

**Jerusalem**, Camden street lower. Middle Eastern cuisine with plenty of vegetarian and vegan options. €€

**Nutbutter**, There are two locations, Grand Canal Dock or Smithfield Mall. Cafe atmosphere, tacos and poke bowls are the main dishes. Open until 9:30pm everyday €

**Glas**, Chatham street. Inventive gourmet vegetarian and vegan meals. Lovely bar with cocktail menu. €€€

**Damascus Gate**, Camden street. Lebanese cuisine with plenty of vegetarian and vegan options. €

**Shouk**, Drumcondra Road. Middle Eastern food, Brooklyn atmosphere €
Dublin Pubs

Dublin pubs are world famous! Here are some of our favourites, with some of the best pints of Guinness in Ireland.

Click on underlined names to connect to websites

- **O’Brien’s Pub** is a well known old-fashioned pub, famous for literary clientele.
- **Doheny and Nesbitt’s**, 5 Baggot Street
- **The Long Hall**, 51 George’s Street
- **McSorley’s**, Ranelagh.
- **Neary’s Bar and Lounge**, 1 Chatham Street
- **The Cobblestone**, Smithfield. Live Irish Traditional Music Every Day + Night. Hup!

For a relaxing hotel drink or afternoon tea.

- **The Westbury**, Balfe Street. The hotel lounge area has piano music, The Sidecar cocktail bar is art deco and delightful and Wilde restaurant is relaxed. Booking is advised.
- **The Shelbourne**, 27 St. Stephens Green. Six dine and drink areas to choose from. Booking in advance is essential.
- **The Westin**, College Green. This hotel, right beside Trinity College, serves a delightful afternoon tea in their beautiful atrium. Booking in advance is essential.
Dublin Shopping

Grafton Street area is ideal for high street and boutique shopping. It is located just 15-20 mins walk from the Clayton Hotel, this district is popular with both tourists and locals.

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- Avoca
- Brown Thomas
- Powerscourt Townhouse Centre
- George's Street Arcade. Visit a Dublin landmark while browsing quirky stores and pick up a coffee in
- Simon's Place, a Dublin institution.

If you like malls then Dudrnum Shopping Center is the place. Travel by LUAS (light rail) from Charlemont Station.
Dublin Sightseeting

There are hundreds of great experiences to enjoy in the city. Visit historical landmarks, enjoy some family time or see trad and modern Irish musicians.

- Walk/run the Grand Canal just behind the hotel. Head east towards the sea and Grand Canal Dock.
- Merrion Square Park: Dotted with cool sculptures. Regular events including food markets and music.
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- The Guinness Storehouse: A magnificent tasting experience limited to 16 people at €95 per person. We are happy to arrange a booking for this if there is interest from conference guests. If you would like to partake in the Connoisseur Experience, please email annie@grappanetwork.org.

Many sites like Guinness and Kilmainham Gaol require advance reservations.

- The Jameson Distillery, Bow Street
- Kilmainham Gaol (booking advised)
- Kilmainham barracks include Museum of Modern Art
- Dublin Castle and Chester Beatty Library (middle eastern art)
- Christ church cathedral
- Trinity college and library incl. the Book of Kells
- National Concert Hall, Earlsfort Terrace.
- The Gaiety Theatre, St Stephen’s Green.
- Olympia Theatre, Dame Street.
- The Cobblestone, Smithfield. Live Irish Traditional Music Every Day + Night. Hup!
- National Gallery (often a good exhibition)
- Merrion Square (cool sculptures)
- Phoenix Park: Largest park within a city in Europe. Includes Dublin Zoo, walled gardens, visitor centre, cafes.
- Viking Splash tour. Great for families.
- National Museum on Kildare street incl the Bog Bodies! One of Steve Pennington & Oliver FitzGerald’s top picks.
- Museum of Literature
- EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum
- The Casino in Marino
- 14 Henrietta Street and Tenement history
- Coastal Trail from Dun Laoghaire to Killiney (including Bullock Harbour - working harbour lobsters/crabs etc. and 'resident' seal). One of Steve Pennington’s top recommendations.
Dublin
Surrounding Sights

Dublin's surrounding villages and counties are beautiful and full of history. Travel the coast by DART (train) or take a trip to an ancient historical site only an hour away. Click on underlined names to connect to websites.

**01 DART Journey**
Discover villages from Skerries to Greystones and activities to do along the way.
- Malahide, Howth, Dun Laoghaire, Killiney, Dalkey, Bray, Greystones
- The Dublin Coastal Trail
- Bray Head to Greystones
- Cliff Walk

**02 Within 1 hour of Dublin city**
- **Glendalough Wicklow** - There is a special Glendalough bus which leaves from Dublin City Centre.
- **Newgrange** - Booking is essential; 5000 year old passage tombs. Truly amazing. One of Oliver FitzGerald's top recommendations.
- **Trim Castle** - Booking is essential. This is where Braveheart was filmed.
Elsewhere
In Ireland

All about 4 hours from Dublin
Head West, Southwest, or Northwest along the Wild Atlantic Way

Click on underlined names to connect to websites

Northwest
Donegal - Malin Head, Sliabh Liag Cliffs, Glenveagh National Park, Glencolmcille

Sliabh Liag Cliffs

Sligo - Ben Bulbin, Yeats Country incl Lisadell, Carowmore, Sligo town

Southwest
Cork - Bantry, Schull, Ballydehob, Mizen Head, Skibbereen

Kerry - Spectacular scenery. Ring of Kerry, Skellig Rocks (extraordinary! Booking essential ++), Kenmare, Glengarriff and Garnish Island

West
Galway & Clare - The Burren, Cliffs of Moher, Aran Islands, Galway City [Oranmore Oyster Bar Morans Oyster Cottage on the Weir]

Achill, Western Greenway (cycle path)

Mayo - Westport, Clew Bay, Great Western Greenway (cycle path), Croagh Patrick, Ashford Castle, Downpatrick Head
Average temperatures in Dublin in July are 19 celsius and 66 fahrenheit.

Ireland uses type G power outlets. To determine if you might need a power plug adapter for your devices, [here's a site that might help.](#)

Public Transport
- [www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie)
- [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)
- [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie)

Taxis
- [www.free-now.com](http://www.free-now.com)

Car Hire
- [Car hire at Dublin airport.](#)
  - GoCar is a car rental company that rents cars by the hour. Great for day trips.