



LITERARY DUBLIN

Dublin is the birthplace of **James Joyce** and Nobel Literature Prize winners **William Butler Yeats**, **George Bernard Shaw** and **Samuel Beckett**.

UNESCO recognises Dublin as a City of Literature, reflecting the city's rich tradition of writers and writing, a city with words at its heart – in its river, Joyce's Anna Livia – in its conversations, its streets and its storytelling. Dublin pays tribute to its literary heritage in the many fine statues of writers which grace the city, notably Wilde, Joyce, Shaw and many others. Streets and bridges, the newest of which is named after Samuel Beckett, also commemorate Dublin's literary greats. Whether you want to visit the city's literary landmarks, its literary pubs and bookshops, take a guided tour or see new work performed, Dublin won't disappoint.

1. CHESTER BEATTY LIBRARY

An award-winning art museum and library with exhibitions of rare manuscripts, miniature paintings, prints, drawings and decorative arts from countries across Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe.

Opening Hours: 1 May – 30 Sept:

Monday – Friday	10.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday	11.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday	1.00pm – 5.00pm

1 Oct – 30 Apr: Closed Mondays

Address: Dublin Castle, Dublin 2.

www.cbl.ie

Tel: 01 407 0750

2. EVENING OF IRISH FOLKLORE & STORYTELLING

Experience an enchanting evening of storytelling and folklore unfolding over a candlelit dinner in an intimate setting above Dublin's oldest pub, the Brazen Head.

Opening Hours:

January – February: Thursday and Saturday	7.00pm
March – December: Every Night	7.00pm

Address: 20 Bridge Street Lower, Dublin 8.

www.irishfolktours.com

Tel: 01 218 8555 / 1800 251 052

3. MILK AND COOKIE STORYTELLING SESSIONS

Milk and Cookie Stories – a free monthly storytelling group. The meetings are informal and everyone is welcome to tell a story and enjoy light refreshments.

Opening Hours:

Second Tuesday of every month	6.30pm
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Address: Check the website each month for venue details.

www.milkandcookiestories.com

4. DUBLIN CITY LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE

Dublin City Library and Archive is home to special literary and historical collections. Activities and exhibitions relating to Dublin city, its writers, artists, people and places take place regularly. The reading room is open to all and membership is free of charge.

Opening hours:

Monday – Thursday:	10.00am – 8.00pm
Friday and Saturday:	10.00am – 5.00pm

Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays

Address: 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

www.dublincitypubliclibraries.ie

Tel: 01 674 4999

5. ABBEY THEATRE/ AMHARCLANN NA MAINISTREACH

The Abbey Theatre, Ireland's national theatre was founded in 1904 by W.B. Yeats and Lady Gregory. It has premiered the work of major playwrights such as J.M. Synge and Sean O'Casey, as well as contemporary classics from Brian Friel, Frank McGuinness, Marina Carr and Tom Murphy.

Abbey Theatre Box Office:

Monday – Saturday	10.30am – 7.00pm
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Address: 26/27 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

www.abbeytheatre.ie

Box Office: 01 878 7222

6. AN POST MUSEUM

Explores the influence of the Post Office in Ireland and offers an insight into the role played by Post Office staff in the development of Irish society over many years. The exhibition features letters written by people from various historical periods, demonstrating the uniqueness of style, etiquette and language of those times.

Opening Hours: (Last admission is 30 minutes before closing)

Monday – Saturday	10.00am – 5.00pm
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(Closed Sundays & Public Holidays)

Address: General Post Office, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

www.anpost.ie/AnPost/History+and+Heritage

Tel: 01 705 7420 / 01 705 8485

7. DUBLIN LITERARY PUB CRAWL

An engaging walking tour led by a team of professional actors who follow the footsteps of literary greats such as James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Wilde and Brendan Behan. A wonderful evening filled with prose, drama and song. Meet upstairs in The Duke Pub.

Tours: April – October:

Every evening	7.30pm
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November – March:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday	7.30pm
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Address: 9 Duke Street, Dublin 2.

www.dublinpubcrawl.com

Tel: 01 670 5602

087 263 0270

8. BROWNBREAD MIXTAPE

The Brownbread Mixtape is a free monthly themed night of music, spoken word, comedy and performance upstairs in The Stag's Head pub. Each month a new theme is chosen and artists are asked to perform a piece related to the chosen theme.

Opening Hours: Last Wednesday of the month from September to June inclusive (except for December).

Doors open at 8pm. Show starts at 8.30pm.

Admission free

Email: thebrownbreadmixtape@gmail.com

Address: 1 Dame Court, Dublin 2.

<http://brownbreadmixtape.wordpress.com>

9. THE NEW THEATRE

The New Theatre, situated in one of Temple Bar's oldest buildings, specialises in new productions from Irish writers.

Address: 43 East Essex Street, Dublin 2.

www.thenewtheatre.com **Box Office: 01 670 3361**

10. DUBLIN CITY BIKE TOURS

An easy paced eco-friendly bike tour of Dublin's fair city with local guides to show you the sights. The tours last for three hours. Meet in the lobby of Isaac's Hostel.

Tours: March 1st – April 30th 10.00am Daily

May 1st – Nov 30th Monday – Friday 10.00am

Saturday & Sunday 10.00am & 2.00pm

Address: 2 – 5 Frenchman's Lane, Dublin 1.

www.dublincitybiketours.com

Tel: 087 134 1866

11. SEVEN TOWERS Last Wednesday Series

Readings which showcase published writers from Ireland and abroad. An opportunity to hear different styles of writing; poetry, short stories and experimental prose.

Opening Hours: Last Wednesday of every month 7.30pm

Address: The Box at The Twisted Pepper, 54 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

www.seventowers.ie

12. WALKING TOURS OF DUBLIN

Pat Liddy, well-known Dublin historian, author and artist runs a unique series of walking tours of Dublin. Check online for tour details and booking information.

Operating Times:

www.walkingtours.ie **Tel: 01 832 9406**

13. DUBLIN WRITERS' MUSEUM

Dublin's literary celebrities from the past three hundred years are brought to life through their books, letters, portraits and personal items.

Opening Hours: Monday – Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm

(Last admission at 4.15pm)

Sunday & Public Holidays 11.00am – 5.00pm

(Last admission at 4.15pm)

Address: 18 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

www.writersmuseum.com

Tel: 01 872 2077

14. DUBLIN YARNSPINNERS

Grab a cosy armchair in the Teacher's Club and listen to an array of tales, tall and otherwise, from members of the Storytellers of Ireland.

Opening Hours:

Second Thursday of every month 8.00pm – 10.00pm

Address: 36 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

www.storytellersofireland.org

15. IRISH WRITERS' CENTRE

Irish Writers' Centre is a leading venue for contemporary literary events, readings, book launches, workshops and seminars. A beautiful Georgian house, which houses the impressive Buckley collection of modern Irish paintings.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Saturday 10.00am – 6.00pm

Address: 19 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

www.writerscentre.ie Tel: 01 872 1302

16. JAMES JOYCE CENTRE

Dedicated to a better understanding of the life and works of James Joyce, with exhibitions, events and workshops. The centre also organises a series of Joycean walking tours of the city, booking information is available on the website.

Opening Hours:

October – March:

Tuesday – Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm
(Last admission 4.30pm)

Sunday 12.00pm – 5.00pm
(Last admission 4.30pm)

April – September:

Monday – Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm
(Last admission 4.30pm)

Sunday 12.00pm – 5.00pm
(Last admission 4.30pm)

Address: 35 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1.

www.jamesjoyce.ie Tel: 01 878 8547

17. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND

The National Library of Ireland's holdings constitute the most comprehensive collection of Irish documentary material in the world and offer an invaluable representation of Ireland's history and heritage. Talks and major exhibitions are hosted throughout the year and include the award-winning exhibition Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Wednesday 9.30am – 7.45pm

Thursday and Friday 9.30am – 4.45pm

Saturday 9.30am – 12.45pm

Address: Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

www.nli.ie Tel: 01 603 02 00

18. OLD LIBRARY, TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

In the heart of Dublin City, a walk through the cobbled squares of Trinity College Dublin will bring visitors back to the 18th century, when the magnificent Old Library building was constructed. Step into the breathtaking Long Room (65 metres in length) which holds 200,000 of the Library's oldest books. The Old Library also hosts a permanent exhibition on the world famous 9th-century gospel manuscript, The Book of Kells.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Saturday 9.30am – 5.00pm

Sunday (May – Sept) 9.30am – 4.30pm

Sunday (Oct – April) 12.00pm – 4.30pm

www.bookofkells.ie Tel: 01 896 2320

19. SWENY'S PHARMACY

Enjoy daily readings from the works of James Joyce, in the original pharmacy where Leopold Bloom bought his lemon soap. Admission is free.

Address: 1 Lincoln Place, Dublin 2.

www.sweny.ie

20. WALKING TOURS OF TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

An official, student-guided walking tour of the historic campus of Trinity College Dublin. Operates on a scheduled basis daily from mid-May to the end of September. The tours depart from a desk at the Front Arch of the College and last for 30 minutes. Please check at the desk for times of tours.

www.tcd.ie/library/bookofkells/trinity-tours

21. MARSH'S LIBRARY

The first public library in Ireland, Marsh's Library was opened in 1701. The library contains over 25,000 books relating to the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, covering medicine, law, science, travel, navigation, mathematics, music, surveying and classical literature.

Opening Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Friday 9.30am – 1.00pm and
2.00pm – 5.00pm

Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm

(Closed Tuesday, Sunday & Bank Holidays)

Address: St. Patrick's Close, Dublin 8.

www.marshlibrary.ie Tel: 01 454 3511

22. ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The writer and satirist Jonathan Swift was Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral from 1713 to 1745. For those interested in his work a visit to the cathedral where his tombstone and epitaph can be seen, is a must.

Address: St. Patrick's Close, Dublin 8.

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie Tel: 01 453 9472

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

March – October

Saturday 9.00am – 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am – 10.30am

12.30pm – 2.30pm, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

November – February

Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday 9.00am – 10.30am, 12.30pm – 2.30pm

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie Tel: 01 453 9472

23. POETRY IRELAND

Poetry Ireland is the national organisation supporting poetry. Its website has a comprehensive listing of literary events. Readings are regularly held at The Unitarian Church & Damer Hall, 112 St. Stephen's Green West, Dublin 2.

For full details go to www.poetryireland.ie

24. JAMES JOYCE MUSEUM/TOWER

Located in Sandycove, eight miles south of the city centre, the Martello tower immortalised in Ulysses is the perfect setting for a museum dedicated to James Joyce.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Sunday 10.00am – 6.00pm

Address: Sandycove, Dublin 2.

www.jamesjoycetower.com Tel: 01 280 9265

25. BEWLEY'S CAFÉ THEATRE

Bewley's Café Theatre is Dublin's foremost stage for lunchtime drama and one of the city's most exciting venues for evening cabaret, jazz and comedy.

Box Office Lunchtime Event Reservations:

E. info@bewleyscafetheatre.com T. 086 878 4001

Box Office Evening Event Reservations:

E. bewleysbookings@gmail.com T. 087 989 2994

Address: 2nd Floor, Bewley's Café, 78/79 Grafton St, Dublin 2.

www.bewleyscafetheatre.com

26. NATIONAL PRINT MUSEUM

The National Print Museum collects, documents, preserves, exhibits, interprets and makes accessible the material evidence of printing craft and fosters associated skills of the craft in Ireland.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Saturday – Sunday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

(Closed bank holiday weekends)

Address: Garrison Chapel, Beggar's Bush Barracks, Haddington Road, Dublin 4.

www.nationalprintmuseum.ie Tel: 01 660 3770

27. CENTRAL CATHOLIC LIBRARY

A voluntary subscription library founded in 1922 by Fr. Stephen Brown SJ, the library holds over 100,000 titles in its lending and reference departments. These cover all areas of life with which religion is involved: books about the life of Christ, the Bible, contemporary church history and various church issues currently under review.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday 11.00am – 6.00pm

Saturday 11.00am – 3.00pm

Address: 74 Merrion Square, Dublin 2

www.catholiclibrary.ie Tel: 01 676 1264

28. ULYSSES WALKING TOUR DUBLIN IWALK SERIES

A self-guided walking tour available as a downloadable PDF and/or audio podcast on www.visitdublin.com/iwalks. This guide, accompanied by a map, highlights the places in the city which played an important role in Ulysses.

29. GATE THEATRE

Established in 1928, the Gate Theatre is one of Ireland's oldest & best-loved theatres and has a close relationship with the works of Samuel Beckett, Harold Pinter, Brian Friel and Conor McPherson among others.

Address: Cavendish Row, Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

www.gatetheatre.ie

Box Office: 01 874 4045 / 01 874 6042

30. LE COOL

Find out about Dublin's DIY culture, street art, fashion, emerging music and literature, artists, hidden historical gems and the latest trends during this two hour tour.

Address: 120 North Circular Road, Dublin 1.

Email: tours.dublin@lecool.com

<http://dublin.lecool.com>

31. PROJECT ARTS CENTRE

Choose from theatre, music, dance, visual arts and everything in between, there's plenty to fuel the imagination. The Gallery presents a series of free exhibitions throughout the year.

Address: 39 East Essex Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2.

www.projectartscentre.ie Tel: 01 881 9613

32. DUBLINERS SELF-GUIDED AUDIO WALK

Explore the city's streets, including the historic locations and buildings in which Joyce set his classic short story collection.

Address: Chapters Bookstore, Ivy Exchange, Parnell Street, Dublin 1

www.wonderlandtheatre.com

33. TRADITIONAL IRISH STORYTELLING BUS TOUR

Experience an evening of storytelling, poetry and song on board a custom designed bus as you visit some of the sites associated with famous myths and legends.

Operating Times: Nightly at 7.15pm

Starting Point: College Green Tourist Office

Address: College Green, Dublin 2.

www.hiddendublinwalks.com Tel: 085 1023646

LITERARY AMBASSADORS

H. Brooks Hotel Drury Street, Dublin 2.

I. Fitzwilliam Hotel St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2.

J. O'Callaghan Hotels – The Davenport Hotel

Lower Merrion Street, Dublin 2.

K. O'Callaghan Hotels – Stephen's Green

1-5 Harcourt Street, Off Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.

L. Westbury Hotel Clarendon Street, Dublin 2.

M. Wynn's Hotel Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

O. The Church Junction of Mary Street & Jervis

Street, Dublin 1. www.thechurch.ie

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