



## Luxury Tours - Dublin

- **National Museum of Ireland.** Archaeology and history from early prehistoric culture to the conflict of 1916 – 22, the Road to Independence. Beautiful gold pieces from the 600s and early Christian metalwork from the 700s. Fine silver collection from 1600s.
  - **Museum of Natural History** known locally as the 'Dead Zoo' with every sort of animal.
- **Trinity College.** Famous since the 1500s with famous alumni Samuel Beckett, Oscar Wilde, Oliver Goldsmith to name a few. A cobbled quadrangle, green lawns with the Old Library (4 million books) including the beautifully decorated illuminated manuscript, the **Book of Kells** from circa 800.
- **National Gallery.** Dates from 1864 includes works by Gainsborough, Vermeer, Goya, Velazquez, and Irish art.
- **Temple Bar.** A network of cobble streets with lively cafes, bars and theatres. A free outdoor event 'Diversions' from May to September. The **Dublin Theatre Festival** held in many parts of Temple Bar, for two weeks in the autumn. The **Irish Film Institute**, **Gallery of Photography** and **National Photographic Archive** are located here.
- **Christ Church Cathedral.** A church made of wood in 1038, demolished in 1172, rebuilt in stone, restored in the 1800s. The Great Nave, 80 feet (25 metres) high; a lectern made in the Middle Ages; a mummified cat and rat. Concerts regularly held in the cathedral.
- **Guinness Storehouse.** The brewery started in 1759 covers 64 acres, the largest in Europe, exports to 150 countries. The exhibition covers all aspects of production; the tour is completed with a free pint in a bar. Displays of all the famous advertising posters.
- **St. Patrick's Cathedral.** Built in wood, rebuilt in stone in 1192 and 1270. In 1649 during the Civil War used by Cromwell for stabling, followed by French Huguenots seeking safety. Two earls in the 1400s took their argument to the chapter house. One cut a hole in the door separating them and offered to shake hands; hence the expression 'chancing your arm'.
- **Dublin Castle.** A symbol of British rule for 700 years until it was handed over to the Irish Free State in 1922. Dates from 1200s, and was attacked in 1534.

Dublin is well served by theatres, cultural centres, cinemas, night clubs rock venues and especially pubs.

- **James Joyce Cultural Centre**
- **Dublin Writers Museum**
- **Abbey and Peacock Theatres.** Renowned for revolutionary and experimental theatre from its inception; also traditional
- A literary pub crawl
- Pubs. **Kehoe's** with large snug, **Ryan's** Victorian décor with snugs originally for 'the ladies', **Mulligan's** popular even with US President John F. Kennedy, **O'Donoghue's** music and fun.
- **Gate Theatre** excellent theatre productions.
- Shopping on **Grafton Street**.

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