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ANTO'S DUBLIN CITY CENTRE PICKS

Food, pubs, walks, museums and sights — proper Dublin, without the tourist-trap nonsense.

Dublin City Centre Guide

Food, pints, walks, sights and easy escapes.

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ANTO'S DUBLIN PUB PICKS

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Good craic, iconic stories and proper Dublin pubs.

BEST FOR THE CRAIC

MUSIC / ATMOSPHERE / PROPER DUBLIN NIGHT

1. **O'Donoghue's** Merrion Row
   Trad, packed and loud. The Dubliners' old haunt. Proper Dublin night.
2. **The Celt** Talbot Street
   Live music, Northside, locals and tourists together.
3. **Darkey Kelly's** Fishamble Street
   Live music every night and a great atmosphere.
4. **The Confession Box** Marlborough Street
   Tiny, characterful and a proper Dublin pub.
5. **Whelan's** Wexford Street
   Live bands, younger crowd and late-night energy.

ICONIC PUBS

FAMOUS / HISTORIC / PUBS WITH A STORY

1. **The Brazen Head** Bridge Street
   Rebels & old Dublin. Robert Emmet and revolutionary stories.
2. **Davy Byrne's** Duke Street
   James Joyce & Ulysses. Dublin's famous literary stop.
3. **The Palace Bar** Fleet Street
   Writers & journalists. Proper literary Dublin.
4. **Mulligan's** Poolbeg Street
   Joyce, newspapermen and old-school Dublin.
5. **McDaid's** Harry Street
   Behan, Kavanagh & Flann O'Brien. Legendary writers' haunt.

QUICK PICKS

Five very important Dublin drinking questions.

BEST GUINNESS	**Bowes**
SKINT DRINKING	**disndat**
LATE NIGHT	**Whelan's**
UNIQUE STOP	**The Confession Box**
ROOFTOP	**Sophie's at The Dean**

DUBLIN PUB RULES

Nobody wrote them down. You still need to know them.

1. **Order at the bar.**
   Wait for table service and you may die of thirst.
2. **If you're in a round, buy your round.**
   Skipping your turn is how feuds begin.
3. **Slainte means cheers.**
   Say it once. You're not summoning a leprechaun.
4. **No judgement.**
   You're in a pub, not a courtroom.
5. **"One more pint" never means just one.**
   So stop counting and enjoy your night.

WORTH THE TRIP

The Gravediggers (John Kavanagh's) - Glasnevin

Old-school Dublin beside the cemetery. Great Guinness, proper character, no nonsense.



ANTO'S DUBLIN FOOD PICKS

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Good food, fair prices and no tourist-trap nonsense.

€30+

PROPER DINNER / NIGHT OUT

1. **The Vintage Kitchen** Poolbeg Street
   My pick for a proper dinner. Small, cosy, excellent. Book it.
2. **Bull & Castle** Christchurch
   Irish beef, great room, right by Christchurch. A very easy recommendation.
3. **BIGFAN** Aungier Street
   Loud, lively sharing plates. Modern Dublin and great craic.
4. **The Bank** College Green
   Go for the room. Stay because the food is actually good.
5. **GLAS** Chatham Street VEGGIE
   Vegetarian - but a proper restaurant. Nobody's being punished.

UNDER €30

CASUAL / LOCAL / GOOD VALUE

1. **Pickosito** Dublin 1
   Big flavour, good value. One of the best cheap meals in town.
2. **Bunsen** Dame Street
   Burger. Fries. No nonsense. Dublin loves it.
3. **Zaytoon** Parliament Street
   Kebabs after pints. Basically part of the Dublin constitution.
4. **Leo Burdock** Christchurch
   Old-school fish & chips. Go to the Christchurch one.
5. **Cornucopia** Wicklow Street VEGGIE
   Vegetarian institution just off Grafton Street.

ANTO'S DUBLIN FOOD TIPS

- **Quick snack: Chicken fillet roll**
  Cheap, hot and filling. Grab one from a deli counter.
- **Drunk meal: Chinese curry**
  After a night out, it just hits differently.
- **On the move: Spice bag**
  Chips, chicken, peppers and chilli. Perfect with pints.
- **Hangover cure: Breakfast roll**
  Everything your body is begging you not to eat.

DEALS & HACKS

1. **First Table**
   Use the First Table app for 50% off food at participating restaurants. Small booking fee. Drinks are full price.
2. **JR Mahon's - Burgh Quay**
   Traditional pub food, live music and a central location. 10% off food if you were on Anto's tour.

WORTH THE TRIP

The Gravediggers (John Kavanagh's) - Glasnevin

Go for the old-school Dublin pub. Stay for the coddle. One of the few food stops I'd tell you to leave the city centre for.



SELF GUIDED WALKS

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Five free walks to explore Dublin at your own pace.

1 WOMEN OF DUBLIN

~2 km

ROUTE: Hags with the Bags > Rosie Hackett Bridge > Countess Markievicz & Poppet > Molly Malone

- **Hags with the Bags -** Liffey Street Lower. Officially Meeting Place; Dubliners renamed it immediately.
- **Rosie Hackett Bridge -** Named for the trade-union activist involved in the 1913 Lockout and 1916
- **Markievicz & Poppet -** Townsend Street. Revolutionary, suffragist and politician - with her dog Poppet.
- **Molly Malone -** Suffolk Street. Dublin's famous fishmonger legend.

2 REBELS OF 1916

~5 km

ROUTE: Liberty Hall > GPO > Moore Street > City Hall > St Stephen's Green / RCSI > Mount Street Bridge

- **Liberty Hall -** James Connolly, the Citizen Army and the printing of the Proclamation.
- **GPO -** Headquarters of the Rising and where the Irish Republic was proclaimed.
- **14-17 Moore Street -** The rebels' final headquarters after leaving the burning GPO.
- **City Hall -** Citizen Army garrison; fierce fighting took place around the building.
- **RCSI -** Markievicz and Michael Mallin moved here from the Green. Look for bullet marks.
- **Mount Street Bridge -** A small Volunteer force held up a much larger British force.

3 ROAD TO IRISH FREEDOM

~3 km

ROUTE: Parnell > Jim Larkin > Daniel O'Connell > Henry Grattan > Thomas Davis > Wolfe Tone

- **Parnell Monument -** The "Uncrowned King of Ireland" and the Home Rule movement.
- **Jim Larkin -** Workers' rights, trade unions and the 1913 Lockout.
- **Daniel O'Connell -** The Liberator and Catholic Emancipation. Look for bullet damage.
- **Henry Grattan -** Champion of Ireland's independent parliament before the Act of Union.
- **Thomas Davis -** Young Ireland poet and journalist who linked culture with nationalism.
- **Wolfe Tone -** 1798 rebel and one of the fathers of Irish republicanism.

4 SECRET GREEN DUBLIN

~2.5 km

ROUTE: St Stephen's Green > Huguenot Cemetery > Iveagh Gardens > St Kevin's Park > St Patrick's Park

- **St Stephen's Green -** Start with the famous Victorian park in the middle of the city.
- **Huguenot Cemetery -** Tiny 1693 graveyard on Merrion Row that thousands walk past.
- **Iveagh Gardens -** The garden tourists miss: fountains, lawns and a small maze.
- **St Kevin's Park -** Ruined church, old graves and a peaceful corner off Camden Street.
- **St Patrick's Park -** Finish beneath Ireland's largest cathedral. The park is free.

5 MEDIEVAL & MACABRE DUBLIN

~2 km

ROUTE: Christ Church > St Audoen's > Lucky Stone > Medieval Wall > St Michan's

- **Christ Church Cathedral -** Start in Viking and medieval Dublin. Exterior is free; entry optional.
- **St Audoen's -** Dublin's only surviving medieval parish church, dating from around 1190.
- **The Lucky Stone -** Ancient stone tied to centuries of Dublin superstition.
- **Cook Street Wall -** Genuine medieval city wall and surviving gateway through it.
- **St Michan's -** Finish with the burial vaults and preserved mummies. Crypt visit is paid.



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ANTO'S DUBLIN MUSEUMS & SIGHTS

The best free museums and paid sights in Dublin city centre.

TOP 5 FREE MUSEUMS

FREE / HISTORY / ART / DUBLIN STORIES

1. **National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology**
   Kildare Street
   Bog bodies, Vikings, Celtic gold and ancient Ireland done properly.
2. **National Gallery of Ireland**
   Merrion Square
   Great art, free, easy visit and a good rainy-day stop.
3. **Hugh Lane Gallery**
   Parnell Square
   Free modern art and Francis Bacon's studio.
4. **National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts & History**
   Collins Barracks
   Design, military history and much more than people expect.
5. **National Library of Ireland**
   Kildare Street
   Free exhibitions and a good stop for Irish literary history.

TOP 5 PAID SIGHTS

ICONIC / HISTORIC / WORTH THE MONEY

1. **Kilmainham Gaol**
   Dublin 8
   Best history attraction in Dublin. Book ahead.
2. **Guinness Storehouse**
   St James's Gate
   Touristy? Yes. Still worth doing once. Nearby: Teeling Whiskey Distillery.
3. **GPO Museum**
   O'Connell Street
   Best for the 1916 Rising and modern Irish history.
4. **Little Museum of Dublin**
   St Stephen's Green
   Small, funny and very Dublin.
5. **Book of Kells Experience**
   Trinity College
   The Dublin classic. Do it once.

MY QUICK PICKS

- Best free museum — **National Museum**
- Best art stop — **National Gallery**
- Best for Irish history — **GPO Museum**
- Most Dublin — **Little Museum**
- Best paid sight — **Kilmainham Gaol**

VISIT TIPS

1. Kilmainham sells out — book in advance.
2. Trinity and Guinness are busiest around midday.
3. The National Museum and National Gallery are free.
4. Teeling is handy if you're already doing Guinness.

SPECIAL MENTION: National Leprechaun Museum — Irish folklore, myths and storytelling. Great if you want something a bit different.



ANTO'S DUBLIN ESCAPE THE CITY

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Four easy escapes + one proper full-day adventure.

1 HOWTH

COASTAL ESCAPE

GET THERE DART from the city centre.

DO Harbour + cliff walk.

EAT Beshoff Bros - fish & chips.

DRINK

The Bloody Stream - right beside the station.

BRAY ADD-ON

Still got legs? Check the destination: if your DART runs to Bray/Greystones, stay on through the city and climb Bray Head.

2 GLASNEVIN

HISTORY + A PINT

DO

Glasnevin Cemetery -> National Botanic Gardens.

FINISH

The Gravediggers (John Kavanagh's).

ORDER Coddle + a pint.

WHY GO

History, gardens and a very Dublin finish.

ANTO'S ROUTE

Cemetery -> Botanic Gardens -> Gravediggers. Do it in that order.

3 POWERSCOURT

GARDENS + COUNTRYSIDE

GET THERE

Bus 44 to Enniskerry, then walk up to the estate.

DO Powerscourt House & Gardens.

EAT Avoca at Powerscourt.

EXTRA Wander Enniskerry village.

HAVE A CAR?

Add Powerscourt Waterfall. It is separate from the gardens, so drive or take a taxi.

4 HELL FIRE CLUB

DUBLIN MOUNTAINS

BEST BY Car or taxi.

DO

Montpelier Hill walk to the ruined Hell Fire Club.

WHY GO

Big views over Dublin + one of the city's strangest stories.

EXTRA

Massy's Estate woodland if you have time.

BEST ON A CLEAR DAY

The view over Dublin is half the reason to do it.

5 WILD ROVER TOURS

FULL-DAY TOURS

Want to go further? Let someone else drive.

1. **Giant's Causeway + Belfast + Dunluce Castle**
2. **Cliffs of Moher + Galway**
3. **Kilkenny + Wicklow Mountains + Glendalough**



Independent picks. No paid placements.