Welcome

Dear Visitor,

Dublin Castle is a bustling, dynamic cultural site at the centre of our capital city.

A Strategic Development Plan for the continued conservation and development of this site has been commissioned by the OPW and Fáilte Ireland. This will be launched in the Spring of 2019 and charts the next steps for the future of this site for the decade ahead. We are very excited about bringing this plan to public attention and hope to engage your support.

As numbers attending our tours and events at Dublin Castle approach 500,000 visitors, the team here at the Castle work extremely hard to continue to provide great experiences to you. This work involves conservation of existing interiors and the opening of new rooms with displays. For 2019, the Battleaxe Staircase conservation works will be completed and three new rooms to the west of the State Apartments will open to visitors including display of the Synott Collection, Schorr Collection and the De Gree Room. This is all part of our commitment to you, our visitor, to ensure your visit is one that exceeds your expectations. Our
Dublin Castle Events and Exhibitions 2018

‘secret garden’ in the city is lovingly minded by our dedicated gardener Mark O’Brien. Make sure to visit and take in this particularly marvellous sanctuary in the city.

I would like to thank all of the Dublin Castle team for their very high performance in delivering a great programme of Events and Exhibitions for our visitors. A particular thanks to Aisling Gaffney for co-ordinating our annual programme together with Hugh Bonar, Dave Cummins, Stephen Tobin, Siobhan Groark, Christiaan Feehan, Jennifer Laverty, Dee Rogers, Fergal Martin, Jenny Papassotiriou, Elizabeth Willms, Cormac Molloy, Joanne Bannon, William Derham, Myles Campbell, Angela Cassidy and Una Kearney.

Please spread the word about the many fascinating events and exhibitions on offer in this programme. It is our pleasure and privilege to invite you to immerse yourself in the treasure that is Dublin Castle.

Mary Heffernan
General Manager
Explore Ireland’s Heritage with an Annual OPW Heritage Card

The OPW Heritage Card provides free admission to all fee-paying State managed OPW Heritage Sites located throughout the country for one year from the date of first use (with the exception of Muckross Traditional Farms, Killarney).

**Adult €40**
**Senior €30**
60 years and over

**Eligible Student/Child €10**
Valid student ID required / Child (12-17 years)

**Family €90.00**
Max. 2 adults & 5 eligible children aged from 12 to 17 years

Heritage Cards are non-transferable and not replaceable if lost or stolen.

For information on location, opening times etc. of sites that can be visited with an OPW Heritage Card please refer to www.heritageireland.ie
Constructed in the early thirteenth century on the site of a Viking settlement, Dublin Castle served for centuries as the headquarters of English, and later British, administration in Ireland. In 1922, following Ireland’s independence, Dublin Castle was handed over to the new Irish government. It is now a major government complex and a key heritage site.

Open Daily
We’re open seven days a week from 9:45 to 17:45 (last admission at 17:15). Tickets can be purchased on site at the Castle’s visitor reception desk in the State Apartments (upper courtyard) or can be booked online at www.dublincastle.ie

Guided & Self-guided Tours
Join one of our experienced guides for a fascinating tour that takes you from the excavation site of Viking and medieval Dublin to the gothic Chapel Royal and finally to the splendour of the former viceregal State Apartments and exhibitions.

Visitors can choose to self-guide (access to State Apartments and exhibitions only). We offer brochures on the State Apartments in seventeen languages at the ticket desk as well as additional information resources.

We offer free tours for primary and secondary schools (advance booking essential). Children’s tours and workshops are available from our education department.
Dublin Castle
Admission Prices

**Guided Tour**

- Adult €12
- Senior (60+) €10
- Student (valid student ID required) €10
- Child (12-17) €6
- Child (under 12) Free
- Family (max. 2 adults & 5 children) €30

**Self-guiding**

- Adult €8
- Senior (60+) €6
- Student (valid student ID required) €6
- Child (12-17) €4
- Child (under 12) Free
- Family (max. 2 adults & 5 children) €20

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Beyond the visit

Dublin Castle’s education delivery creates the space for creative, critical and sustained engagement, research and exchanges for diverse audiences through diverse practices.

Our practice is permeated by a strong critical and participatory ethos and a process-led approach, allowing experimentation and freedom of expression for our young and older people. To this effect, we incorporate discursive programming and long term partnerships, acknowledging Dublin Castle as a site of diverse memories, contested histories, multiple identities and multiple visions.

A taster of our activities for the year can be found throughout this programme.

Jenny Papassotiriou
Education
Exhibitions in 2019

**Surface Matters**
**DCCol’s PORTFOLIO Critical Selection**

21 February – 19 May
**The Coach House Gallery**
Admission Free
10.00 - 17.00 daily

An exhibition of new and innovative works from the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland’s PORTFOLIO: Critical Selection 2019-20. The designer makers represented were selected by an international panel, for demonstrating excellence in craftsmanship, design quality and technical skill.

*Surface Matters*, curated by Liz Cooper, considers the extraordinary skill and attention to detail involved in the creation of these contemporary craft objects; from the application of an exquisite patina to the repetition of building a complex form and a deep understanding of how their materials perform which has set these makers apart. *Surface Matters* launches at the Coach House in Dublin Castle on 21 February 2019, will tour to Artesania Catalunya – CCAM in June 2019 and will show at National Design & Craft Gallery in Kilkenny from November 2019 to February 2020.
The Birth of Modernism in Irish Art

12th April – 18th August
State Apartment Galleries
Admission included in your ticket to Dublin Castle
09.45 – 17.15 daily

Isolated on the western fringes of Europe it took time before the influence of early 20th century European developments in art reached these shores. This exhibition explores the development of modernism in Ireland beginning in 1920, a period of political turmoil in this country and ends in the modern Ireland of 1960. It will contrast the traditional ‘Irish School of Painting’ of the male dominated RHA favoured by de Valera and the new Irish Government to that of the European influenced art that was being championed by women artists such as Mainie Jellett, Evie Hone and Norah McGuinness amongst others through the Dublin Painters Society and the IELA exhibitions.

The exhibition, which has been curated by David Britton, gives the public a unique opportunity to view paintings and sculptures that have been drawn exclusively from private Irish collections with many of the works on exhibition in Dublin for the very first time in over 60 years. The exhibition contains 45 works by such artists as Roderic O’Conor, Jack B. Yeats, Paul Henry, Sean Keating, Sir John Lavery, Gerard Dillon, John Luke, Nano Reid and William Scott to name but a few.
Exhibitions in 2019

**PhotoIreland Festival 2019**
**Museum of Contemporary Photography of Ireland**

5th July – 28th July
Launch 4th July 6pm - 9pm
**Printworks Conference and Exhibition Centre**
Tuesday – Sunday: Admission: €5
Mondays: Free Entry
10am – 5pm daily

Vibrant, friendly, all-inclusive: a festival for all to enjoy.

The year 2019 will see the 10th edition of PhotoIreland Festival, bringing to Dublin an ambitious programme running from May to July. In July, PhotoIreland Foundation will open The Museum of Contemporary Photography of Ireland, presented within PhotoIreland Festival. This pop-up space will offer visitors exciting photographic shows featuring Irish and international artists, a selection of participative events, public education programme, Photobook fair and much more to be announced!

The Museum of Contemporary Photography of Ireland is a practice based research project run by PhotoIreland Foundation that aims to create the ideal prototype space to actively engage with visual culture and critical thinking today.

It will be presented in its first iteration at The Printworks, as a temporary event, with the kind support of The Office of Public Works.

The Museum will launch on Thursday 4th July, with four main exhibitions:

• New Irish Works, presenting the latest projects by 10 Irish photographers.

• An exhibition of artists from the Parallel Photography Platform currently in development, curated by Seda Yildiz.

• An exhibition with works by French-Lebanese photographer and filmmaker Nadim Asfar, by Independent Dutch curator Hester Keijser, currently in development.

• Tokyo International Photography Competition 2019

See photoireland.org for more information.
Museum of Contemporary Photography of Ireland

Towards a museum for Visual Culture & Critical Thinking.

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Exhibitions in 2019

Clay/works
Ceramics Ireland Annual Members Exhibition

4th – 31st August
10am – 5pm

Printworks Conference and Exhibition Centre
Admission Free

Clay/works celebrates the work of over 80 makers from all four corners of the country. A diverse range of ceramic work is on show including functional, decorative, wall panels and sculptural forms. It will feature the work of established makers alongside emerging makers; there will be something to interest everyone in this exhibition of over 250 pieces.
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Throughout the following century the numbers in the service dwindled, and only 145 pieces remained in 1914. In a house valuation of that year, these were among the most valuable of the Cobbe family heirlooms and a little later, during the Irish War of Independence, they were despatched to London and sold in 41 lots. The service was thus lost to the house and to the minds of the continuing family. A chance happening upon a London sale in 1986, offering one knife and fork ‘from the Cobbe service’, initiated the research that both uncovered the former existence of the service and inspired a thirty-year process of reassembling it.

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Birds Bugs and Butterflies
Lady Betty Cobbe’s ‘Peacock’ Worcester Porcelain

9th September 2019 – 16 February 2020
09.45 – 17.15 daily

State Apartment Galleries
Admission included in your ticket to Dublin Castle

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Stephen Tobin, Events Manager

Dublin Castle is a unique, State owned property in the centre of Ireland’s capital city. The historic site at Dublin Castle comprises several conferencing facilities, including the Hibernia Conference Centre, George’s Hall, Bedford Hall Suite, the Printworks Conference and Exhibition Centre and the State Apartments.

The events team at Dublin Castle have responsibility for delivering major State events, inclusive of Presidential inaugurations, State funerals and State banquets. Dublin Castle has been providing conferencing facilities at this site since 1990. The creation of the Conference Centre was a defining project in the regeneration of the castle complex for modern use by government. This flagship venue was bespoke fitted for Ireland’s Presidency of the Council of the European Communities.

2018 was a particularly busy year as we hosted His holiness Pope Francis as well as the election count and eventual re-inauguration of President Michael D Higgins. Alongside fully booked conference and banqueting venues we enjoyed very successful cultural and Christmas programmes.

With over 500 events per year in our venues, Dublin Castle has established itself as the premier location for conference, exhibition and events in the city centre.
The Record Tower, Dublin Castle

Collections, Research and Interpretation

Work gets underway this year on the exciting project of conserving and renovating the Record Tower at Dublin Castle.

The Tower is the most substantial part of the original medieval castle still standing today. Constructed between 1204 and 1228, on the orders of King John of England (he of Robin Hood fame), it has brooded silently as a backdrop to 800 years of Irish history.

It was originally one of four towers that each stood in a corner of the medieval castle. Over the centuries, the others have disappeared – lost to fire and redevelopment, or simply allowed to collapse through lack of maintenance and care. On 1 May 1624, the tower in the north-west corner of the Castle, at “about nine of the Clock in the Forenoon suddenly fell to the ground”!

In partnership with Fáilte Ireland, the OPW are embarking on a major conservation and redevelopment project that will consolidate the architectural fabric of the Tower and allow visitors access to its atmospheric interiors. After visiting and learning about what life was like in medieval Dublin Castle, visitors will have the opportunity to take in the panoramic views from behind the battlements on the roof.

Bear with us while work progresses on this landmark project, the final result will definitely be worth it!
Sheep’s trotters, tongues, udders and French truffles – these were just some of the culinary delights on offer to those visiting Dublin Castle in the eighteenth century. For the visitors of 2019, most of these dishes may be firmly off the menu, but they are very much on the table when it comes to the visitor experience, albeit in print rather than on the plate. Stories of Georgian dining are just some of the tales that can now be enjoyed through a brand new booklet for self-guided visitors to the State Apartments.

Based on a range of original records, from memoirs to menus, this new resource aims to bring the State Apartments to life through the words and images of people who experienced these grand spaces in person. Giving voices to those who are no longer here to tell their stories of the Castle’s past is an important part of our work in the Collections, Research and Interpretation office. We hope that our visitors will enjoy these authentic echoes of the past in 2019 as they pick up our new self-guided booklet on their visit.

Since November 2018, echoes of the more recent past have been reverberating through the State Apartments as part of our Proclaiming a President exhibition. This photographic and video installation offers visitors an opportunity to enjoy archival footage and audio recordings of Ireland’s presidential inauguration ceremonies, which have taken place at Dublin Castle since 1938. Marking the 80th anniversary of this important State ceremony and celebrating the recent inauguration of Michael D. Higgins as President of Ireland, the installation has been made possible through the support of RTÉ Archives and remains on view into 2019.

Last year saw the addition of a small number of new acquisitions to the Castle’s collection. Among these is a set of celestial blue silk robes made for the investiture of a Knight of St Patrick at Dublin Castle, in 1909. These robes are now being conserved with great care by leading textile conservator Karen Horton. From 2019, they will go on display for two weeks
each year in the State Apartments, as part of our St Patrick’s Day celebrations. Although dulled just a little by age, they promise to be an eye-catching annual highlight for those who visit the Castle in March.

In the State Apartments Galleries, our equally vibrant programme of exhibitions continues throughout the year. Opening in April, *The Birth of Modernism in Irish Art* brings together 24 paintings by Irish artists including Sir John Lavery, Jack B. Yeats, Evie Hone and Roderic O’Conor. Drawn exclusively from private Irish collections, many of these works will be on public view for the first time in over 60 years. Our visitors can avail of the unique opportunity to enjoy these works from 12 April to 18 August.

Shifting the focus back to the twenty-first century, exhibitions in the Coach House Gallery will be celebrating contemporary Irish design, portraiture and photography throughout the year. From February to May, *Surface Matters*, an exhibition from the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland demonstrates excellence in craftsmanship, design and technical skill through the work of 24 artists selected by an independent panel of experts. An exhibition of portraits of children developed by The Ark, a Dublin-based cultural centre for children, will follow in the summer months. Details of this and all of our forthcoming exhibitions will be available throughout the year at www.dublincastle.ie/exhibitions

Looking further ahead, research and planning for several in-house exhibitions and publications scheduled for 2020 is well under way. We look forward to bringing you previews of these exciting projects through our Dublin Castle blog later in the year. Rounding off 2019, the annual Christmas programme, organised with colleagues from across the Castle’s events, guiding, facilities, technical and electrical departments, promises to remain an annual highlight that shows the Castle’s historic spaces and collections off to full festive advantage. We cannot promise sheep’s trotters or French truffles, but there may just be a mince pie or two on offer ...
20th Franco-Irish Literary Festival

Women
Mná / Femmes
5-7 April 2019
Franco-Irish Literary Festival
Women, Mná, Femmes
6th April
10am - 6pm
Castle Hall
Free Admission

The 20th anniversary edition of the Franco-Irish Literary Festival is preparing a very special line-up on the theme “Women”. The Festival is organised every year by the Alliance Française Dublin and the French Embassy and supported by the Arts Council and various partners from Ireland and France such as the French Laboratory Servier. It was awarded the Dublin UNESCO City of Literature label. Each year the festival presents a central theme and 15 writers, professionals or artists are given the opportunity to exchange experiences and ideas in an informal setting. Panel discussions, interviews, readings, signings and exhibitions take place over the 3 days of the festival throughout the city with the main events taking place at Dublin Castle.

All events are free and open to the public.

Venue support provided by the Office of Public Works

Special Tour
Pottage History: Food and feasting in Dublin Castle
7th April
3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults

Starting in the Medieval undercroft with Viking fare and ending in the State Apartments, where Queen Elizabeth II was served “Ireland on a plate” in 2011, tour guide Caomhie Creed will lead a food-focused tour of Dublin Castle.
April

What is a Castle?
14th April
3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Join historian Laura Fitzachary on a tour of the medieval roots of Dublin Castle and discover features of medieval architecture found on site. Follow the development of this landmark and its importance as a building in the centre of Dublin.

Family Tour
21st April
11 am
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for families with children age 6+.
Arrive at 11am for a special tour designed for children and their guardians, parents and carers. Our aim is to make history fun and engaging for kids.

Workshop
Getting Plastered at Dublin Castle
28th April
3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults 18+ only.
Artist and tour guide Doireann Ní Ghrioghair will present a unique workshop in basic plaster – casting using ornamental moulds. Wear old clothes and prepare to get your hands dirty.
Gin Experience Dublin
12th April 18.00 – 21.30
13th April 13.00 – 16.30, 17.30 – 21.00
Printworks Conference and Exhibition Centre.
Tickets: €40 + Booking fee. www.ginexperiencedublin.com

This is an event created exclusively for ginthusiasts with a drop of passion and a squeeze of expertise. Sip & sample gins of every kind with bespoke serves, explore food pairings that are unique with gin, attend a masterclass or foraging lesson with Ireland’s leading ambassadors or try a gin cocktail from some of Ireland’s most esteemed bars and restaurants. Strictly over 18s.
May

Special Tour:
The Kildare Rebellion and the siege of Dublin Castle

5th May
3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults.
Camilla Pedersen will explore the Kildare Rebellion on this special tour along with its fallout and impact on Irish History.

More than the ear can see

8th May
6pm
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults.
Behind the scenes audio-description tour for visually impaired participants.
Email: DublinCastleEducation@opw.ie

An obedient citizenry produces a happy city

10 – 12th May
Participatory art event with artist Mark Durkan.
Watch this space, as they used to say in the not too distant past ...
Email: DublinCastleEducation@opw.ie

Family Tour

12th May
11am
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults.
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Questioning Europe through the Museum

19th May
3pm - 6pm
Workshop

Free admission, booking required.
An intergenerational workshop at the intersection of the creative, the social and the political.

For bookings: DublinCastleEducation@opw.ie

Special Tour:
The Drawing Room

19th May
3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults.

Join Antonella Guarracino for a detailed history and tour of the decoration and design of the Drawing Room in Dublin Castle

Family Tour

26th May
11am
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for families with children age 6+.

Join us for a special tour designed for children and their guardians, parents and carers. Our aim is to make history fun and engaging for kids.
Family Tour
9th June
11am
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for families with children age 6+.
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Great Music in Irish Houses Festival

Colin Currie Quartet
15th June
9pm
The Printworks
€15/€10 (concessions)
Colin Currie, Sam Walton, Adrian Spillett and Owen Gunnell

The renowned Scottish percussionist Colin Currie is making a welcome return to the Festival, on this occasion in the newly formed Colin Currie Quartet, having already enjoyed sensational earlier appearances. These theatrical and highly-skilled musicians present a kaleidoscope of captivating scores by cutting-edge composers, including the Irish première of a new work by Kevin Volans. Athletically dazzling in performance, this special Festival presentation of exhilarating music by this charismatic Scot and his musicians is bound to attract a new generation of music lovers to Ireland’s longest-running chamber music festival.

Pereira: Mallet Quartet
Xenakis: Rebonds B
Stockhausen: Vibra-Elufa
Volans: Four Marimbas (Irish première)
Reich: Drumming Part 1
Dublin Musical Saunter

This year the Dublin Musical Saunter shines the spotlight on one of Ireland’s most distinguished pianists, John O’Conor. This day has been constructed to celebrate John’s prowess as both a celebrated performer and a teacher sans pareil, always encouraging and championing his students to achieve their full potential.

16th June
12pm
Castle Hall
12pm
Tickets: €12/ €8 (concessions)

This first concert showcases five decades of John O’Conor’s teaching at the Royal Irish Academy and features former and current students in duet and solo performances. Participating artists are Dearbhaí Brosnan and Dearbhaí Collins (piano duet), Finghin Collins (piano solo), sisters Ailbhe McDonagh and Orla McDonagh (cello and piano), Fionnuala Moynihan (piano solo) and, anchoring the concert, a piano duo featuring John O’Conor and one of his phenomenally talented young students, 12-year-old Joe O’Grady, who will perform a new work by Ailbhe McDonagh commissioned by the Festival to mark the day.

Tailleferre: Suite Burlesque
Poulenc: Sonata for Four Hands FP8
Clara Schumann: Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann, op 20
Felix Mendelssohn: Song without Words for Cello and Piano in D major, op 109
Fanny Hensel: Capriccio in A flat major for from Zwei Stücke for Cello and Piano
Berg: Piano Sonata, op 1
Ailbhe McDonagh: New Work
16th June
7pm
Castle Hall
Tickets: €40/€30/€15

The final concert is a celebration of John as performer extraordinaire. John, along with colleagues from the Royal Irish Academy of Music - Fionnuala Hunt and Lynda O’Connor, violins, Simon Aspell, viola and Christopher Marwood, cello - round off this day of wonderful music-making in true celebratory style. The concert features music by Lili Boulanger, Robert Schumann and Ludwig van Beethoven, the latter composer with whom John has been most closely associated throughout his career and, in the opinion of many critics, of whose works he is one of the world’s best interpreters.

Lili Boulanger: D’un matin de Printemps
Deux Pièces
Beethoven: Sonata for Piano and Cello in A major, op 69
Robert Schumann: Piano Quintet in E flat major, op 44

All concerts are presented in partnership with the OPW

Special Tour
An Exposé of fashion, food and entertainment at Dublin Castle in the 18th Century
16th June
3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults.

Join tour guide Bronagh Dempsey as she brings you on a unique journey exploring how the other half lived in eighteenth century Dublin Castle.
Family Tour
23rd June
11am
The Printworks
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for families with children age 6+.
Join us for a special tour designed for children and their guardians, parents and carers. Our aim is to make history fun and engaging for kids.

Special Tour
Revolutionary Ireland
30th June
3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults.
Join tour guide Evan McGuigan to explore Dublin Castle’s role in the Revolutionary period, in particular the 1916 Easter Rising and War of Independence.
July

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The Kildare Rebellion and the siege of Dublin Castle
7th July
3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults.
Join tour guide Camilla Pedersen as she explores the Kildare Rebellion, and its fallout and impact on Irish History.

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**‘Thrilling Trad’**
A series of traditional Irish music concerts
6pm
Chapel Royal
Tickets: €5
Selected evenings: 25th 26th 27th June and 2nd, 3rd, 4th July

Dublin Castle has teamed up with Comhaltas, Craobh Sean Treacy for a series of traditional Irish music concerts in the stunning surroundings of the Chapel Royal. Learn some of the stories behind the music and be swept away by the beautiful melodies and instruments of the Irish music tradition.

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**Family Tour**
13th July
11am
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for families with children age 6+.
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Special Tour
Pottage History: Food and feasting in Dublin Castle
21st July
3pm
Free admission, booking required. Suitable for adults.

Starting in the Medieval undercroft with Viking fare and ending in the State Apartments, where Queen Elizabeth II was served “Ireland on a plate” in 2011, tour guide Caoimhe Creed will lead a food-focused tour of Dublin Castle.
The Secret Garden
30th July
6pm, Gates 5pm
Dubh Linn Garden
Tickets: Adult: €19, Child: €14
Family: €56 (2 adults & 2 children)

Where is the secret garden? Mary Lennox must find the key...
This summer, join young Mary on a journey of discovery as she is sent to her uncle’s house in the countryside, where mysteries and secrets lurk round every corner...

As she makes new friends and encounters magical creatures, Mary has one burning question: where is the location of her uncle’s secret garden, and where has he hidden the key?
This enchanting story, loved by children and adults alike, is presented in Dublin city centre’s very own secret garden at Dublin Castle. Relive this classic tale of secrecy and curiosity in what will be one of the highlights of our summer programme.

This is an outdoor event. Guests should bring their own seating/blankets if required as chairs will not be provided. Picnics will be permitted at this event.

Presented by Chapterhouse Theatre Company

Family Tour
28th July
11am
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for families with children age 6+.

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August

**Workshop**

**Getting Plastered at Dublin Castle**

*4th August*

*3pm*

Free admission, booking required. Suitable for adults 18+ only.

Join artist and tour guide, Doireann Ni Ghrioghair for a unique workshop in basic plaster – casting using ornamental moulds. Wear old clothes and prepare to get your hands dirty.

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**Family Tour**

*11th August*

*11am*

Free admission, booking required. Suitable for families with children age 6+.

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**Special Tour:**

**The Drawing Room**

*18th August*

*3pm*

Free admission, booking required. Suitable for adults.

Join Antonella Guarracino for a detailed history and tour of the decoration and design of the Drawing Room in Dublin Castle.

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**Family Tour**

*25th August*

*11am*

Free admission, booking required. Suitable for families with children age 6+.

Join us for a special tour designed for children and their guardians, parents and carers. Our aim is to make history fun and engaging for kids.
**Special Tour:**
**What is a Castle?**
1st September 3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Join historian Laura Fitzachary on a tour of the medieval roots of Dublin Castle and discover features of medieval architecture found on site. Follow the development of this landmark and its importance as a building in the centre of Dublin.

**Family Tour**
8th September 11am
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for families with children age 6+.
Join us for a special tour designed for children and their guardians, parents and carers. Our aim is to make history fun and engaging for kids.

**Special Tour:**
**The Castle on the Silver Screen**
15th September 3pm
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for adults.
Did you know that Dublin Castle has been used as a film location for many films from Michael Collins to Leap Year? Join Tour Guide Daragh Hughes to explore the relationship between Dublin Castle and the silver screen.

**Culture Night**
20th September 6pm onwards
Free admission
Join us for late opening at our annual celebration of Culture Night. For one night only, experience Dublin’s leading cultural attractions after hours.
**Special Tour:**
An Exposé of fashion, food and entertainment in Dublin Castle in the 18th Century

*22nd September*
*3pm*
*Free admission, booking required.*
*Suitable for adults.*

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**Family Tour**

*29th September*
*11am*
*Free admission, booking required.*
*Suitable for families with children age 6+.*

Join us for a special tour designed for children and their guardians, parents and carers. Our aim is to make history fun and engaging for kids.

**Dublin Fringe Festival**

*7th – 22nd September*
*Castle Gardens*

Dublin Fringe Festival is home to bold ideas, brave performing arts and adventurous audiences. Fringe is a curated, multi-disciplinary festival and year-round organisation focusing on fresh and innovative approaches to the arts from Irish and international artists. 2019’s festival will take place city-wide from 7th – 22nd September.

Details of our participation with Fringe this year will be announced in the overall Fringe programme and updated on our website once released.
October

**Workshop**

**Getting Plastered at Dublin Castle**  
*6th October*  
3pm  
Free admission, booking required.  
Suitable for adults 18+ only.

Join artist and tour guide, Doireann Ní Chrioghaír for a unique workshop in basic plaster – casting using ornamental moulds. Wear old clothes and prepare to get your hands dirty.

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**Family Tour**

*13th October*  
11am  
Free admission, booking required.  
Suitable for families with children age 6+.

Join us for a special tour designed for children and their guardians, parents and carers. Our aim is to make history fun and engaging for kids.

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**Special Tour:**  
**Presidents at the Castle**  
*20th October*  
3pm  
Free admission, booking required.  
Suitable for adults.

Discover the role of the Presidents in Dublin Castle’s history from inaugurations to official commemorations. Join tour guide, Evan McGuigan as he leads you through the history of the most important office in the land.
Dublin Festival of History
18th – 20th October
Printworks Conference and Exhibition Centre
The Dublin Festival of History will take place across the city from 1st – 20th October 2019 with the festival weekend taking place in the Printworks, Dublin Castle. A must for history lovers, you can expect talks by historians of national and international repute, as well as guided walks, exhibitions, a pop-up history library and a pop-up history bookshop. All events are free.
See dublinfestivalofhistory.ie for more information and event schedules.
Festival events are organised by Dublin City Council and Dublin City Public Libraries. Venue support provided by the Office of Public Works.

Bram Stoker Festival
25th – 28th October
Chapel Royal
The eighth Bram Stoker Festival will take place from Friday 25th to Monday 28th October 2019. The festival takes the legacy of Dublin horror novelist and Dracula author Bram Stoker as inspiration. Get ready for four days of living stories and four nights of deadly adventures. Our very own Chapel Royal will once again provide a spooky backdrop for some of this festive fun!
www.bramstokerfestival.com will announce the full festival programme from mid-September 2019.
November

Whiskey Live Dublin 2019
22nd November 18.00 – 21.30
23rd November - 13.00-16.30 & 17.30-21.00
Printworks Conference and Exhibition Centre
Tickets: €47.83 + Booking fee
www.whiskeylivedublin.com

Ireland’s premier whiskey tasting event, Whiskey Live Dublin is back once again! Showcasing both the long established and new arrivals to the Irish whiskey scene, sample the latest Irish whiskey releases as well as whiskies from across the globe including Scotland, Japan and the USA. Delicious whiskey and food pairings, informative masterclasses and whiskey cocktails from some of Dublin’s most esteemed bars and restaurants will all be present at this year’s Whiskey Live.

Strictly over 18s.

Jonathan Swift Festival
21st – 24th November 2019
Free admission, booking required.
Suitable for families with children age 6+.

Dublin Castle will team up with St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the Swift Festival once again for a special event with a Georgian theme. Intrigued?

Sign up to the newsletter to be the first to hear about updates!
Irish Sign Language Tour
1 December 2019
3pm
Guided Tour interpreted in Irish Sign Language

For enquiries and bookings: DublinCastle@opw.ie
It’s easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the city in December. Why not take a culture break and join us for an event in the beautifully decorated State Apartments and Chapel Royal? This year’s programme will be bigger and better than ever with some big surprises in store for 2019. Our full programme will be live in November. To be the first to hear about ticketing for events – please sign up to our newsletter or follow us on Facebook.
Aisling Gaffney

The aim of our Events Programme is to provide our visitors with alternative ways to engage with Dublin Castle and our collections. In order to make this programme possible, we co-ordinate with artists, performers and musicians from far and wide. If you have an event that you think would enhance our programme, and would like to work with us, then please feel free to get in touch with our Events Office by email to aisling.gaffney@opw.ie

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Supported by the Dublin Castle Events Office, Collections and Research and Guiding and Education Teams
Finding Dublin Castle:

We are located at the very heart of Dublin, within easy walking distance of many top tourist attractions.

By Bus
Via George’s Street:
9, 14, 15, 15A, 15B, 16, 65, 68, 83, 122, 140.

Via Dame Street:

By Tram
The closest Luas stops are Trinity on the Green Line and Jervis on the Red Line.

By Car
Please note that there is no visitor parking available on site. The nearest public car parks are Q-Park Christchurch car park and Park Rite Drury Street.

Find Your Way Around Dublin Castle
The ticket office in Dublin Castle is located in the State Apartments. Guided tours start here and take you first to the site of the Viking Excavation, then to the Chapel Royal, and finally into the State Apartments. If you choose our self-guiding ticket option, you may proceed straight from the ticket office to visit the State Apartments.

Please note that all opening arrangements are subject to change and are correct at time of going to print.

For the latest up to date event information, please refer to our website www.dublincastle.ie or sign up for our regular newsletter updates via email.

Dublin Castle, or some rooms on your tour, may be closed on certain occasions for works or private/government business at short notice. Please refer to the website before visiting.

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