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# Trade Catalogue 2021-2022



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## Dublin

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Ireland's Ancient East  
Ireland's Hidden Heartlands  
Wild Atlantic Way



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1. GROUPS AND TRADE ... EXPLORE MORE

**Bring your group to visit an historic place for a great day out.**

- If you are a public group or in the travel trade and have customers for group travel, FIT or MICE our staff are delighted to present memorable experiences at over 70 historic attractions.\*
- Our guides excel in customer service and storytelling that enthral and engrosses the visitor, while offering a unique insight into the extraordinary legacy of Ireland's iconic heritage.
- Join our mailing list for more information on [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)
- Contact each site directly for booking – details in Groups / Trade Catalogue

\*Due to COVID-19 restrictions some sites may not be open.

2. GROUP VISIT BENEFITS

- Group Rate – up to 20% off normal adult admission rate. (min. 10 at most sites)
- One free tour leader per group booking
- Free once-off familiarisation visit
- Ability to amend/cancel bookings free of charge
- Coach parking at many of our sites
- Use of tour groups own wireless transmission whisper system allowed. (This does not include open audio loud-speakers.) Some of our sites have their own guided wireless transmission system/audio guide provided free of charge.
- Fast track admission for pre-booked groups
- Exclusive guided tours (some sites have specific language guided tours)

- Specific language audio-visual films in some sites for pre-booked tours
- Access to OPW Tour Operator Voucher Scheme (TOVS). Payment by monthly invoice. Email us at [toursopsaccounts@opw.ie](mailto:toursopsaccounts@opw.ie)

\*Minimum numbers may vary at sites due to COVID-19 restrictions as at April 2021.

\*Some sites may not be fully accessible or closed due to COVID-19 restrictions as at April 2021.

3. PLAN YOUR ITINERARY

- For inspiration about passage tombs, historic castles, Christian sites and historic houses and gardens throughout Ireland.
- From brunch to banquets – find out about catering facilities at sites, events and more ...
- Wild Atlantic Way
- Ireland's Ancient East
- Dublin
- Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

4. TOUR OPERATORS VOUCHER SCHEME – CONTACT US

- Visitor Services, Office of Public Works, 20 Lakeside Retail Park, Ballindine Road, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, F12 DK30, Ireland. T. 353 (1) 647 6000 / E. [toursopsaccounts@opw.ie](mailto:toursopsaccounts@opw.ie)
- Coming soon – Holiday Pass. Explore more with a 2-week Holiday Pass. For use by FITs / individuals only.
- Join our mailing list for more information on [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)

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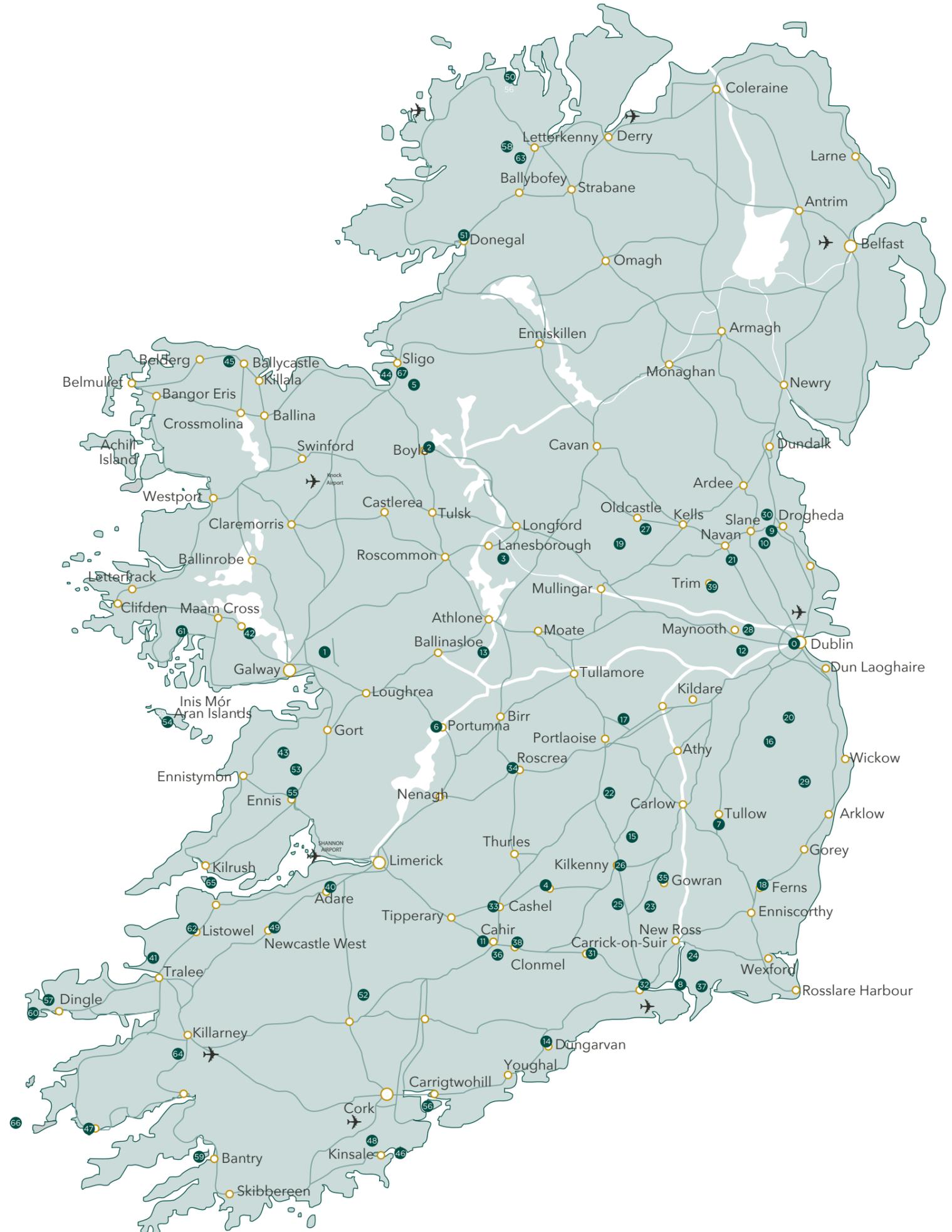
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# Casino Marino

## Dublin



### Discover the secrets of Ireland's 18th century miniature architectural masterpiece.

#### OPENING HOURS 2021 - 2022

**Daily, 10.00 - 17.00**  
Mid March - End October.

#### ADMISSION

Adult €7.00, Senior/ Group €5.00,  
Child/Student €3.00, Family €12.00.  
Accompanied under 12's go free.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Clever design hides 3 floors and numerous rooms inside.
- Designed by Swedish born architect, Sir William Chambers.
- Sculptures designed by the famous Italian Giovanni Battista Cipriani, supervised on site by Simon Vierpyl.
- Amazing interiors and rich history

It was designed as a Pleasure House for James Caulfeild, 1st earl of Charlemont by Sir William Chambers, one of the finest architects of the time. Charlemont and Chambers created a unique and intriguing Garden Temple from which to overlook the magnificent panorama of Dublin Bay.

The Casino, meaning small house, surprises visitors as they discover the remarkable secrets of this architectural gem. The lavishly decorated and compact exterior cleverly disguises an interior of 16 rooms displaying intricately ornate Georgian motifs. Richly patterned marquetry floors and beautifully executed plasterwork act as an historical backdrop to the Casino's past which is lovingly brought to life by our friendly and knowledgeable tour guides.

The unique interiors of the building showcase the expertise of 18th century artists and designers.

We offer our visitors the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of cultural events such as exhibitions, musical performances and cultural events throughout the year. A small park surrounds the Casino with wrought iron seating for viewing and picnics.

## VISITOR EXPERIENCES

Experience	Description	Fitness Level	Min. / Max. numbers	Duration (approx.)	Price per person
Guided Tour of Casino Marino	Our professional and experienced guides offer guided tours tailored to suit the general public and families, special interest groups and educational school visits on a variety of themes and levels of interest including: History, Art & Architecture, Secret Plans and Clever Tricks.	Building is accessed by a flight of stone steps. Top floor is accessed by wooden staircase. Wheelchair access to grounds and exterior only.	Max 25/Tour	60 minutes.	Adult €7.00, Senior/ Group €5.00, Child/Student €3.00, Family €12.00. Accompanied under 12's go free.

### BOOKING

T. 00353 1 8331618  
E. [casinomarino@opw.ie](mailto:casinomarino@opw.ie)  
[www.casinomarino.ie](http://www.casinomarino.ie)

### LOCATION

Casino Marino. Cherrymount Crescent, off Malahide Road, Dublin 3 D03 HH70

5kms north of Dublin City. 20 mins by car to Dublin Airport.

Dart: Clontarf and Killester 15 mins walk.

Buses: 14, 15, 27, 27A, 27B, 42, 43 and 123

### FACILITIES

Car and coach parking free.  
Toilets. No disabled access toilets on site. No Tea Room on site.

### CAUTION

Children must be supervised at times. Steep drops at lions and parapet.

### NEARBY

Croke Park and Museum, Glasnevin Cemetery Museum, National Botanic Gardens - Glasnevin, Howth Fishing Village, Bull Island Bird Sanctuary.

# Custom House Visitor Centre Dublin



**A new and fascinating visitor experience exploring the building, burning and restoration of Dublin's magnificent Custom House.**

## OPENING HOURS 2020

2021: Mid September -  
17th December

2022: TBC

## ADMISSION

TBC

## HIGHLIGHTS

- An entry point to Dublins Docklands attractions
- World renowned masterpiece of European neo-classic architecture
- In 1837 the first famine ship to leave Ireland, the 'Perseverance', left the quays just below Custom House steps bound for New York.
- The export trade in cattle from Ireland is symbolised in the beautiful carvings of live, beefy, jowly cattles heads in the frieze of the building.

Discover the stories of the building and burning of Dublin's magnificent 18th century Custom House, an iconic city landmark overlooking the river Liffey on Custom House Quay.

Hear how, despite local opposition, James Gandon completed this 10 year long architectural masterpiece in 1791, on marshy grounds in reclaimed sloblands. Once Irelands major trade route to the wider world, its quays were lined with tall ships and graceful sails taking cargo to and from exotic countries.

Admire the decorative detail of Edward Smyths beautifully executed stonework carvings on the outside of the building and the famous 14 carved keystones which represent the major rivers of Ireland.

Learn how the Custom House not only witnessed the development of the city, but also some of the most turbulent milestones in Irish history. Witness the evidence of the burning and destruction of the building during Ireland's War of Independence in 1921 and the restoration work to restore the building to its former glory.

Dublin's Custom House has been and continues to be a centre for government and policy making since it opened in 1791 and is still the longest serving purpose-build government building in Ireland.

## VISITOR EXPERIENCES

Experience	Description	Fitness Level	Min. / Max. numbers	Duration (approx.)	Price per person
Custom House Self Guided Tour	Using our free self guiding leaflet available in various languages at reception, visitors can take their time to explore the experience at their leisure. Guides located on the exhibition floor for information and questions.	Flight of stone steps to entrance. Assisted wheelchair access. Lift and stairs to the first floor. Flat even surfaces throughout, some area carpeted. Some seating available.	TBC	60 minutes	TBC
Custom House Audio Tour	Using our free audio tours available in various languages at reception, visitors can relax and explore the experience at their own pace. Our guides are located in the exhibition for any questions.		TBC	60 minutes	TBC

### HIGHLIGHTS *continued*

- James Gandon, Architect of the Custom House, was the favourite and best pupil of Sir William Chambers, Architect to King George III of England and Architect of the nearby world famous Casino at Marino.

### BOOKING

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### LOCATION

Custom House Quay,  
Dublin 1, DOI W6XO

### SUSTAINABILITY

Cycle paths along the river Liffey and the coast, bike hire, Dublin Bay boat trips all available nearby.

### LANGUAGE

Free Audio Guide and Information Leaflet available in English, Irish, French, German, Italian, Chinese, Mandarin.

### WALKS

Walks along the River Liffey Quays.

### FACILITIES

On street metered parking for coaches and cars. 3 Public fee paying car parks within 5 minutes walking distance. Toilets, universal access toilets onsite. Shops, cafes, restaurants, 5 minutes walking distance.

### BIODIVERSITY

Small park around the Custom House managed for biodiversity with wildflowers, fountain and pond.

### NEARBY

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, 2 mins walk. CHQ Building, Eateries and shopping, 2 mins walk. Dublin Castle State Apartments Conference and Visitor Centre, 15 mins walk. Casino Marino, Dublin 3, architectural masterpiece and Garden Temple, 10 mins drive. O'Connell Street and Grafton Street, shopping areas, 10 mins walk.

# Dublin Castle

## Dame Street, Dublin



**A place where Irish history has been made for over 1,000 years.**

### OPENING HOURS 2021 - 2022

**Daily, 9.45 - 17.45**

Monday - Sunday and Bank  
Holidays (last admission 17:15)

(Closed: 25th, 26th & 27th  
December, and 1st January)

### ADMISSION

Guided - Castle Tour: €12.00  
Self-Guided - Castle Tour: €8.00

### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the grand hall where our head of State, the President of Ireland, is sworn into office.
- Among the collection are three paintings on the ceiling of St Patrick's Hall by the Italian artist Vincenzo Waldré. Together they form the most important painted ceiling to survive in Ireland from the eighteenth century.
- Tea Room serving delicious fare located on the ground floor which overlooks the Dubh Linn Gardens.

Once the centre of British rule in Ireland, from 1204 to 1922, Dublin Castle is now the setting for some of the Irish nation's most important state ceremonies. Come with us on a journey through time, from British rule to Irish independence and beyond. Your journey begins underground, where a hidden excavation reveals the tenth-century Viking foundations of Dublin.

In the Chapel Royal, the confidence of the British administration in Georgian times is captured through an astonishing array of plaster ornament and jewel-like glass. Experience aromas of old oak carvings, shafts of coloured light and musical melodies that abound during the concerts held here throughout the year. The magnificent State Apartments, at the heart of the Castle, were once the inner sanctum of British royal power in Ireland. In an elegant throne room, and a vast ballroom, contrasting tales of feasting, famine, rebellion and revolution combine to tell you the story of Ireland's remarkable journey to independence from Britain in 1922.

This site is a very busy site - all groups - guided or self guided must pre-book.

The Record Tower (Medieval Tower) is due to open in 2022 and will be a stand-alone visitor experience, within the overall menu of tour options at Dublin Castle. It will tell the story of life within the Castle walls and medieval Dublin.

## VISITOR EXPERIENCES

Experience	Description	Fitness Level	Min. / Max. numbers	Duration (approx.)	Price per person
Guided Castle Tour	Hear about the making of modern Ireland and see the grand hall where our head of State, the President of Ireland, is sworn into office. Enjoy engaging storytelling and experience vibrant exhibitions in the State Apartments Galleries. From excavation site of Viking and Mediaeval Dublin to the Gothic Chapel Royal and finally the splendour of the former Vice Regal State Apartments.	Universal Access.	Min. 8 Max. 25	60 minutes	€12.00
Self-Guided Castle Tour	Visitor can choose to self-guide (access to the State Apartments and Exhibitions only). Brochures in numerous languages available to ticket desk plus other information resources.	Universal Access.	Min. 8 Max. 25	30 minutes	€8.00

### HIGHLIGHTS *continued*

- Events calendar: outdoor theatre, talks, family events, music events.

### BOOKING

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### LANGUAGES

Irish, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish.

### FACILITIES

Exhibitions, Toilets, Universal Access Toilets, Toilet, Café, Gardens.

### PARKING

Car Parking: Paid - Werburgh Street, Dublin 2, Coach Parking: Paid - Castle Street, Dublin 2.

Accessibility: Cobbled and Paved exterior, Wheel Chair Accessible: The State Apartments only.

### TEA ROOMS

The Terrace Café is located on the ground floor of the State Apartments in Dublin Castle. Overlooking the Castle Gardens, it offers a cosy setting for a relaxed coffee break or for a healthy lunch.

T. 00353 1 6779321

### NEARBY

In the Castle grounds, explore the Coach House Gallery, Dubh Linn Gardens and Chester Beatty Museum.

Located in Dublin City Centre, near Temple Bar, Christchurch Cathedral, Trinity College, Guinness Storehouse and Kilmainham Gaol, Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Farmleigh House.

# Farmleigh House & Estate

## Phoenix Park, Dublin



### An eclectic Edwardian mansion and the Irish State Guesthouse.

#### OPENING HOURS 2021 - 2022

##### Daily, 10.00 - 18.00

18th March - 31st December  
approx. (Closed: 25th, 26th,  
27th December)

Last tour is at 16:30

Last entry to the estate is at 17.00

Farmleigh Estate closes at 18.00

\*Please note due to the nature of the site, Farmleigh Estate may close at short notice due to government business and this is out of control of staff.

#### ADMISSION

House admission charges: Adult €8.00, Senior/ Group €6.00, Child/ Student €4.00, Family €20.00. Accompanied under 12s go free.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Estate also boasts a working farm with a herd of Kerry Black cows.

A historic house holding important collections, an art gallery, a working farm, and the official Irish State guesthouse, Farmleigh House and Estate, is located in an estate of seventy-eight acres situated to the north-west of Dublin's Phoenix Park.

Farmleigh provides accommodation for visiting dignitaries and guests of the nation, most notably: Queen Elizabeth II in 2011, Emperor of Japan in 2005, and Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge in 2019. It is also used for state receptions, hosting many dignitaries such as former US President Barack Obama and former US Vice-President Mike Pence.

Previously owned by the famous Guinness brewing family, Farmleigh remains a unique representation of its heyday, the Edwardian period, and houses important artworks and furnishings, as well as the Benjamin Iveagh collection of rare books, bindings, and manuscripts, which are held in the Library.

The extensive pleasure grounds feature walled and sunken gardens, and scenic lakeside walks.

## VISITOR EXPERIENCES

Experience	Description	Fitness Level	Min. / Max. numbers	Duration (approx.)	Price per person
House Tour	Join one of our knowledgeable guides for a tour of Farmleigh House that takes you from the eighteenth century, when the building commenced, right up to the present day.	Universal access to house.	Min. 1. Max. 25	45 minutes	Adult €8.00, Senior/ Group €6.00, Child/ Student €4.00 Family €20.00, Accompanied children under 12 go free.
Estate Guided Tour	The outdoor tour will include the extensive pleasure grounds with a wonderful collection of Victorian, Edwardian and contemporary ornamental features with walled and sunken gardens and scenic lakeside views. Hear the fascinating stories of various members of the Guinness family who lived in the house, and helped create Farmleigh's beautiful pleasure grounds.	Universal access.	Min. 1 Max. 25	30-45 minutes	Adult €5.00, Senior / Group €4.00, Child /Student €3.00, Family €13.00, accompanied children under 12 go free

### HIGHLIGHTS *continued*

- Exciting cultural programme of events all year round.
- Hear the fascinating stories of various members of the Guinness family who lived in the house
- Discover the magnificent architecture and treasures in the Farmleigh collection.

### BOOKING

T. 00353 (1) 8155914  
E. farmleighguides@opw.ie

### LANGUAGES

Irish, English

### LOCATION

Phoenix Park, Dublin 15,  
GPS 53.3661, -6.3516

### TEA ROOMS

Overlooking the ornamental lake at Farmleigh, allows you to enjoy a wonderful setting in a landscape unchanged since the nineteenth century.

Open 7 days a week. Seating capacity 60-70.

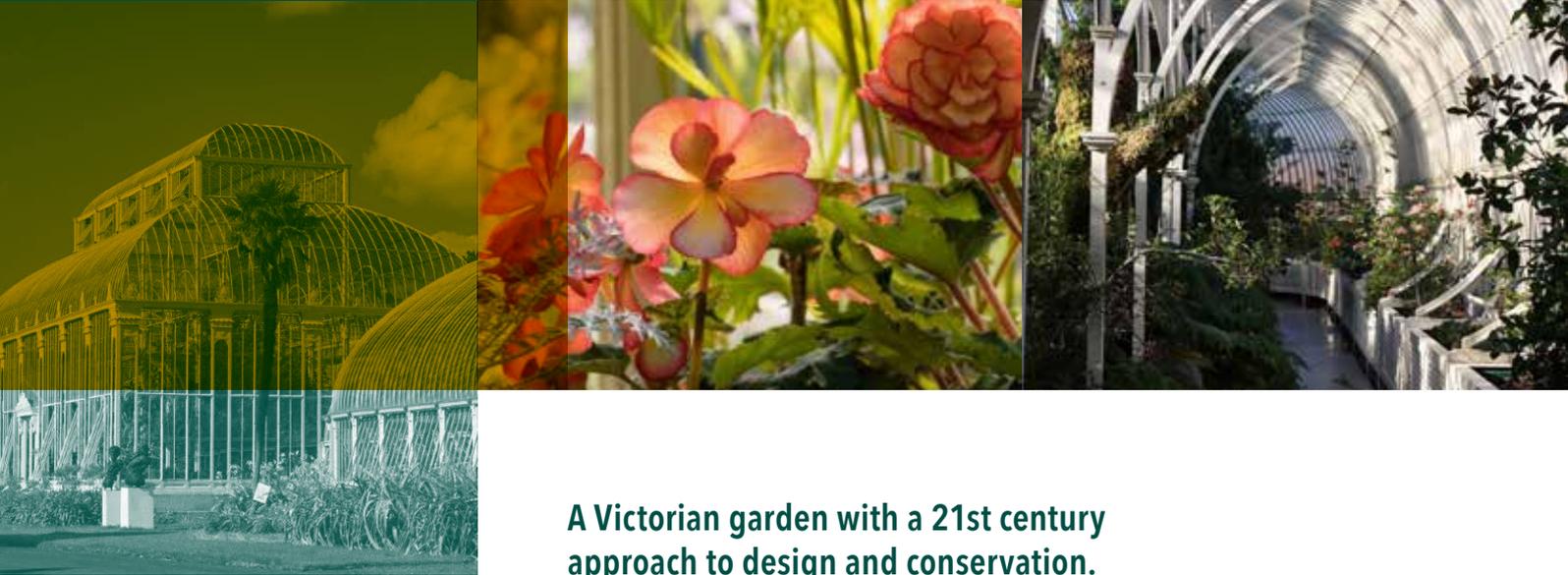
T. 00353 (1) 8157255

### NEARBY

Phoenix Park Visitor Centre and Walled Victorian Gardens, Kilmainham Gaol, Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin Castle, Dublin Zoo, Guinness Storehouse.

# National Botanic Gardens of Ireland

Glasnevin, Dublin



**A Victorian garden with a 21st century approach to design and conservation.**

#### OPENING HOURS AND DATES 2021 – 2022

##### Summer Opening Hours: March – October

Monday – Friday: 10.00 – 17.00

Saturday and Sunday: 10.00 – 18.00

##### Winter Opening Hours: November – February

Monday – Friday: 9.00 – 16.30

Saturday and Sunday: 10.00 – 16.00

#### ADMISSION

Group: €5.00

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Richard Turners Curvilinear Range.
- The Great Palm House.
- Rose Garden.
- Organic Vegetable Garden.
- Herbaceous Borders.
- Arboretum.
- Rockery.
- Landscaped ponds / water garden.

The National Botanic Gardens is Ireland's premier garden. Based in leafy Glasnevin, yet surprisingly only a stone's throw from Dublin's city centre, it is a green oasis for the people of Dublin. Extending over almost fifty acres, the Gardens provide a fantastic amenity for visitors to view an amazing range of plants from all over the world and covering every habitat imaginable, from arid deserts and tropical rainforests to snowy mountain tops. It has an extensive range of Victorian glasshouses including Turners' world famous Curvilinear Range and the Great Palm House. It is also home to the National Herbarium and the National Botanical Art collection. Throughout the gardens and glasshouses, there are over 17,000 plant species, which is one of the most diverse plant collections internationally and recognised as being in the top ten of botanic gardens worldwide. The gardens boasts many features including the organic vegetable garden, rose garden, arboretum, double sided herbaceous borders and a stunning plant collection. Visiting the gardens is always a pleasure and each season has its treasures; late spring and early summer brings the magnificent Handkerchief tree, *Davidia involucrata*, the winding wisterias on the chain tent and the Chinese Strawberry tree, *Cornus capitata* in full bloom, not to mention the emergence of hundreds of other wonderful herbaceous plants including the Iris and peony collections.

## VISITOR EXPERIENCES

Experience	Description	Fitness Level	Min. / Max. numbers	Duration (approx.)	Price per person
Seasonal Garden Highlights with Garden Guides	Book a guided tour of the gardens with one of our trained horticultural garden guides. Join us to discover the stories behind the historic glasshouses and wonderful plant collections. Discover some quirky plant facts while exploring the gardens. Listen to the fascinating history and international significance of the National Botanic Gardens.	Moderate.	Min.6 Max. 20	60 minutes.	Group €5.00
Wild Ireland – Meet the Native Trees and Plants	Experience the gardens through the eyes of our passionate guides taking a walk through wild Ireland, our extensive native plant collection.  Whatever the time of year there is always something to see and learn about our native collection of plants, from folklore to the role that they play in biodiversity and the Irish landscape.	Moderate.	Min. 6 Max. 20	60 minutes	Group €5.00
Family Friendly Guided Tours	Join our Family friendly tours to unravel some of the fun secrets behind the wonderful mysterious world of plants. Discover the rare iconic, and quirkiest plants in our collection. Find out the tallest and smallest plants, ones that are smelly in a good and bad way and why! View insect eating plants and ones that pretend to be insects. Informal and fun!	Moderate.	Min. 6 Max. 20	60 minutes	Group €5.00
Exploring Biophilia in the Botanic Gardens	It is believed that humans have evolved to have an instinctive bond with nature, one which our increasingly urbanised life threatens to disrupt. During this tour you will learn about the effect that plants have on our physical and mental states as well as the social benefits this exposure brings to us.	Moderate.	Min. 6 Max. 20	60 minutes	Group €5.00
Family Friendly Guided Tours	Join in an interesting tour of the herbarium and economic botany collection with our expert guides.	Moderate.	Min. 6 Max. 20	60 minutes	Group €5.00

### BOOKING

T. 00353 (1) 8040319/  
018570909  
E. botanicgardens@opw.ie  
botanicgardens.ie

### LANGUAGES

Audio visual with  
six languages.

### LOCATION

Botanic Road, Glasnevin,  
Dublin 09, D09E7F2

### **FACILITIES**

Visitor Centre, Gallery, Tearooms, Car park (charges apply), Toilets / universal access toilets, Baby changing facilities, Small book shop, Walking trails, Self guided trails for families.

### **TEA ROOMS**

For more details visit [botanicgardens.ie](http://botanicgardens.ie) or email: [botanicgardens@opw.ie](mailto:botanicgardens@opw.ie)  
Seating capacity /100.

### **NEARBY**

Casino Marino, Dublin Castle, Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum, Croke Park Museum and Highline, Phoenix Park.

### **BIODIVERSITY**

The National Botanic Gardens is a green lung in the city with a wide variety of bird life, insects and an amazing collection of both native plants and plants from all around the world. The bee borders and organic vegetable gardens are usually alive with bees from our bee hives.

# Pearse Museum & St. Enda's Park

Rathfarnham, Dublin



**Museum located in the former home and school of Patrick Pearse, leader of the 1916 Rising.**

#### OPENING HOURS 2021 AND 2022

**Museum: Open all year**

Nov - Jan: 9.30 - 16.00

Feb: 9.30 - 17.00

March - Oct: 9.30 - 17.30

Sundays and Bank Holidays  
open from 10am

**Park: Open all year**

Nov - Jan: 9.00 - 16.30

Feb: 9.00 - 17.30

March & Oct: 9.00 - 18.00

April & Sept: 9.00 - 20.00

May - August: 9.00 - 21.00

#### ADMISSION

Free

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Museum - exhibition on Pearse's life which includes unique items such as the handwritten manuscript of his famous O'Donovan Rossa speech

The Pearse Museum is located in the former home and school of Patrick Pearse. Pearse was the leader of the 1916 Rising, and he, and his brother William, were among those executed for their part in the rebellion. The Pearse Museum tells the story of their role in that dramatic event, as well as Pearse's work as a writer, teacher and Irish language campaigner.

The Museum exhibition tells the story of Pearse's life and includes unique items such as the handwritten manuscript of his famous O'Donovan Rossa speech. Visitors can stroll around historic rooms, including Pearse's study where he did much of his writing, a school dormitory, study hall and chapel. The school art gallery contains original artworks by Beatrice Elvery, Patrick Tuohy and Jack B. Yeats. A separate gallery is devoted to the sculptural work of Pearse's brother William. The courtyard at the rear of the Museum houses a recreation of an original school classroom as well as a Nature Room where visitors can learn about Ireland's flora and fauna.

## VISITOR EXPERIENCES

Experience	Description	Fitness Level	Min. / Max. numbers	Duration (approx.)	Price per person
Full Guided Tour	In the expert hands of our experienced and enthusiastic guiding staff visitors will hear the stories of Patrick Pearse and his brother William, both of whom were executed for their part in the 1916 Rising. Visitors will also hear about Scoil Éanna, Patrick Pearse's innovative school which offered his pupils a wide and varied curriculum in a building filled with beautiful artworks and historic artefacts.	Moderate.  Some steps, passenger lift to most areas, some seating throughout the building	Min. 8. Max. 30	60 minutes	Free
Self Guided Tour	Visitors may explore the Pearse Museum themselves visiting the exhibition which tells the story of Pearse's life and strolling through the historic rooms including Pearse's Study, a school dormitory, the Study Hall and the chapel. Our guiding staff are happy to provide self-guiding visitors with a brief introduction before they start.	Moderate.  Some steps, passenger lift to most areas, some seating throughout the building	Min. 1 Max. 30	30-60 minutes	Free

### HIGHLIGHTS *continued*

- Park and playground surrounded by 50 acres of landscaped parkland.
- Nature Room where visitors can learn about Ireland's flora and fauna.
- Contemporary Tearoom with attractive courtyard seating area.
- Extensive education facilities and programmes.

### BOOKING

T. 00353 1 493 4208  
E. pearsemuseum@opw.ie  
www.pearsemuseum.ie

### LOCATION

8km south of Dublin City Centre. St. Enda's Park, Grange Rd., Rathfarnham, Dublin 16, D16 Y7Y5.  
GPS: 53.282928 - 6.281551

### PARKLANDS/ GROUNDS/ WALKS

The Pearse Museum is located in 50 acres of landscaped parkland with a lake, river, walks and a walled garden.

### BIODIVERSITY

Ecologically valuable habitats in St Enda's Park include the Walled Garden, broad-leaved woodlands, parkland, a lake, stream, arboretum and mature trees. The habitats in the park are home to a number of protected species including birds such as sparrow hawks, buzzards, kingfishers and dippers, insects such as bumblebees, honey bees and bombus vestalis, solitary bees, hoverflies, beetles and bats which roost in the eaves of the Nature Room.

### FACILITIES

Car and Coach parking on site, accessible building with lift and accessible bathrooms, 50 acres of parklands.

### TEAROOMS

Open 7 days a week. Groups bookings to be made in advance. Seating capacity indoors + 16-39 outdoors.

T. 00353 (1) 4939061.

### SUSTAINABILITY

Recycling, drinking water available in tearoom, eco-friendly management of park and gardens.

# Rathfarnham Castle

## Rathfarnham, Dublin 14



**Stunning 400 year old castle remodelled in the 18th century.**

#### OPENING HOURS 2020 AND 2022

**Daily, 9.30 - 17.30**

May - October

(Last admissions 16.45)

**Daily, 10.30 - 17.00**

November - April (inclusive)

Wednesday to Sunday and

Bank Holiday Mondays

(Last admissions 16.15)

#### ADMISSION

Adults €5, Senior/Group €4,  
Child/Student €3. Family €13,  
accompanied under 12s go free.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- One of Ireland's first fortified houses.
- An architectural gem, featuring fine Georgian interiors

This Elizabethan period fortified house was commissioned in 1583 by the Archbishop-Chancellor of Ireland, Adam Loftus (d.1605), as his private residence. The design was radically modern for the time and the building combined defensive features such as the four angled corner towers and a series of gun loops with the comfort and status demanded by the owner.

Extensive remodelling and redecoration of Rathfarnham Castle took place in the eighteenth century under a series of later owners. Perhaps most notable are the works commissioned by Henry Loftus (d.1783) of such famous architects and designers as Sir William Chambers and James 'Athenian' Stuart. Much of the neo-classical design and decoration which characterises the building today can be attributed to their efforts.

Since coming into State care in the nineteen eighties much of the building has been restored to its Georgian splendour and today it features a collection of original fine art, including family portraits by Peter Lely, Angelica Kauffman and Hugh Douglas Hamilton together with some antique furnishings. A series of contemporary art exhibitions are held at the Castle throughout the year as well as a busy cultural programme of concerts, theatre, talks, lectures and other events.

## VISITOR EXPERIENCES

Experience	Description	Fitness Level	Min. / Max. numbers	Duration (approx.)	Price per person
Guided Tour	A full guided tour with insight into the castle's history, its owners and former residents including commentary on its architectural features and collection of paintings and period furniture.	Mild.  Passenger lift to all floors some seating available during tour.	Min 8 Max. 30.	60 minutes.	€4.00 Group Rate
Self guided Tour	Visitors may explore the Castle themselves with the aid of hand held room guides spread throughout the building. Our guiding staff are happy to provide brief (5 min) historical introductions to self-guiding visitors should they wish for greater background and context before beginning their self guided tour.	Mild.  Passenger lift. To all floors, some seating available.	Min 1 Max. 30.	30 - 60 minutes	€4.00 Group Rate

### HIGHLIGHTS *continued*

- Impressive collection of family portraits, landscape paintings and antique furniture.
- Surrounded by an extensive park with woods, lake and a playground.

### BOOKING

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### FACILITIES

Pay and Display carpark owned and operated by South Dublin County Council (40 spaces + 2 disabled parking spaces. 2 coach-parking spaces (free)  
Toilets, universal access toilets, café, baby changing facilities.

### LOCATION

5km south of Dublin City Centre (D14 K3T6). The Castle is easily accessible from both Dublin City Centre (only 7km) and the M50.  
GPS: 53.298216 - 6.283469

### TEAROOMS

The Stuart and Chambers Tearooms by Brambles is open seven days a week from 09:30 to 16:30. Contact the Tearooms directly on +353 1 4939461. Tearooms open seven days.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Fully accessible building with entrance ramp, lift and accessible bathrooms.

### NEARBY

Pearse Museum and St Enda's Park, Marlay Park and House, Airfield House, Farm, and Gardens, Dodder Valley Park.

### BIODIVERSITY

Pollinator planting in the courtyard planters maintained by OPW gardening staff. The South Dublin County Council managed parkland has a Green Flag recognizing its value as a high quality green space.

### SUSTAINABILITY

Drinking water fountain available in the park for refilling bottles. OPW, Rathfarnham Castle and Brambles tearooms operators recycle waste where possible.



From banquets to  
brunch ... enjoy  
catering facilities at  
our historic sites.



Clockwise from top left:  
Dublin Castle; Kilkenny Castle; Castletown House  
and Parklands; Farmleigh House