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Your guide to

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Introduction

Howya! Welcome to RIPE 66 in Dublin. We've gathered the top recommendations for restaurants, pubs, souvenir shopping and places to visit for your time outside of the meeting. We sought advice from local Dubliners, our Irish colleagues and our friends at INEX and HEAnet.

If you've ever had a conversation with a Dubliner and smiled and nodded because you hadn't a clue what was being said, fear not, we've asked our Irish friends to compile a useful list of common Irish-isms.

If you're looking for something tasty to eat or a craft brew to drink, we've got you covered. From Michelin stars to hip French bistros to gastro pubs, Dublin has it all! Fancy taking in a bit of culture? Dublin's got that covered too. You can find some recommendations for places to visit both within Dublin and further afield on pages 14-15. We hope you have a great RIPE 66!

Random Dublin Facts:

Dublin's O'Connell Bridge over the River Liffey is thought to be the only bridge in Europe that has the same width and length.

The "Oldest Pub in Ireland" is said to be located in Dublin. The pub is called the Brazen Head. There has been a pub on this site since 1198.

Trinity College, the ancient Dublin university set up at the request of Queen Elizabeth I, has had some memorable graduates, including Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift and Bram Stoker, creator of Dracula.



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Health and Safety

Besides the usual big city petty crimes like pick-pocketing in busy areas, Dublin is considered a safe city. Most crimes that tourists will encounter will be alcohol-fueled altercations outside of bars on the weekends, especially after pubs close. Visitors should avoid the areas north of Gardiner St, O'Connell St and Mountjoy Square – popular hangouts for drug addicts.

Smoking

Smoking in any enclosed workplace has been banned in Dublin since 2004. This includes all pubs, clubs and restaurants. Some pubs offer a heated and covered outdoor beer garden where smoking is permitted.

Medical Services

If you become ill or need medical attention while in Dublin, there are many hospitals and clinics available:

Baggot Street Clinic (1.2 km)

Mon – Fri 12:30 - 14:00

111 Baggot Street Lower

+353 (0)1 676 1275

Rathmines Clinic (1.7 km)

Mon - Thur 12:30-14:30 and 16:30-19:30, Fri
12:30-14:30

104 Lower Rathmines Road,

Tel: +353 1 497 9938 / +353 86 408 1615

walkinclinicdublin.com

Dame Street Medical Centre (2.5 km)

Mon-Fri 8:30-19:00, Sat 11:00-17:00

By walk-in or appointment

16 Dame Street

Tel: +353 1 679 0754

damestreetmedicalcentre.ie

St. Vincent's University Hospital (3.5 km)

Elm Park

Dublin 4

+353 (0)1 221 4000

stvincents.ie

Important Numbers

In case of emergency: 112 or 999

Getting Around Town

Dublin is notorious for its gridlock traffic and visitors should avoid driving if possible. The Burlington Hotel is right in the centre of Dublin and you can get anywhere you need by foot, bicycle or by bus or taxi.

Bus

Dublin Bus has buses that are usually either blue and cream double-deckers or small, red and yellow ones called "Imps". They run from 6:00-23:30 all week long (with reduced service on Sundays). Fares are calculated on distance travelled, from EUR 1.15 to EUR 2.20. You can pay with exact fare on the bus.



Dublin Bus also runs Nitelink buses on 22 routes at 00:30 and 2:00 Monday to Saturday, with extra services every 20 minutes from 00:30 to 4:30 on Friday and Saturday. Buses depart from around the triangle of College St., Westmoreland St. and D'Olier St. Journeys begin at EUR 5.

Taxis

Taxis can be hailed on the street or found at ranks, including those at O'Connell St.,

College Green and North St. Stephen's Green, near Grafton St.

It can be difficult to get a taxi after pubs close Thursday to Saturday. Many companies dispatch taxis by radio but run out of cars at peak times; be sure to book as early as you can. Try City Cabs (872 7272) or National Radio Cabs (677 2222).

Fares between 8:00-22:00 start at EUR 4.10, then EUR 1.03 for every kilometre thereafter. After 22:00 and on Sundays, the fare starts at EUR 4.45 and it's EUR 1.35 for every kilometre afterwards.

Bicycle

The best way to get around Dublin is to use one of the pay-as-you-go bikes across Dublin's city centre. You can pick up a bike at one of 40 bike parks. You'll need to purchase an EUR 10 Smart Card (as well as an EUR 150 credit card deposit) either online or at one of the stations. After that, the first 30 minutes is free and then EUR .50 for each 30 minutes.



Common Irish-isms

If you've ever had a conversation with an Irishman and not understood half of what was said, here's a guide to some popular Irish-isms that might help you this week:

Hello

That's very disappointing

Very good

Very bad

Well done

I was very embarrassed

Don't be so stupid

That's amusing

Cheers

Any alcoholic beverage

A long period of drinking

Absolutely not

Making fun of

Flee the scene

Keep a lookout

Very tired

Broken

Caught red-handed

I was very angry

A hot, sunny day (not common)

Of inferior quality

An ATM / bank machine

Toilet

Fool

Do you want to fight?

Nonsense

Satisfactory

Agreement

You are incorrect

Raining very hard

Spuds

Howya or Story? or What's the craic?

Ah Jaysus!

Deadly

Wojus

Fair play

I was morto

Cop on

That's gas

Sláinte

Gargle

A session

Yeah right

Slagging

Do a legger

Keep sketch

Knackered

Banjaxed

Snared rapid

I lost the head

A scorcher

Poxy

Hole in the wall

Jacks

Eejit or Gobshite or Head-the-ball

Ye startin'?

Guff

Grand

Grand so

Get up the yard

It's lashing

Potatoes

Places to Eat



Finding a list of recommended restaurants in Dublin was not difficult. There seems to be a French bistro on every corner these days! We've asked some Irish colleagues and friends (and local Dubliners) to give us their top restaurant picks. There's something for everyone. Just make sure you reserve!

The Greenhouse (1)

thegreenhouserestaurant.ie

Joshua House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2

+353 (0)1 676 7015

€ € € €

Probably Dublin's most talked about restaurant these days. Chef Mickael Viljanen's menu is seasonal and highlights some of the finest Irish produce on offer. The menus (three, five and seven courses) are simple but imaginative. A surprise vegetarian menu is always available. Reservation necessary.

Dunne & Crezensci (2)

dunneandcrescenzi.com

16 Frederick St S

+353 (0)1 675 9892

€ €

A popular Italian restaurant with a well-rounded and affordable seasonal menu. Consistently high reviews. Open daily.

Thorntons (3)

thorntonsrestaurant.com

The Fitzwilliam Hotel, 128 St Stephen's Green

+353 (0)1 478 7008

€ € €

One of Dublin's top restaurants, but not for those on a budget. Featuring locally sourced ingredients, intricate food preparation and imaginative reinventions of Irish classics in the beautiful Fitzwilliam Hotel. For something a bit less expensive, opt for the pre-theatre menu at EUR 47 for three courses.

Green Nineteen (4)

green19.ie

19 Camden St. Lower

+353 (0)1 478 9626

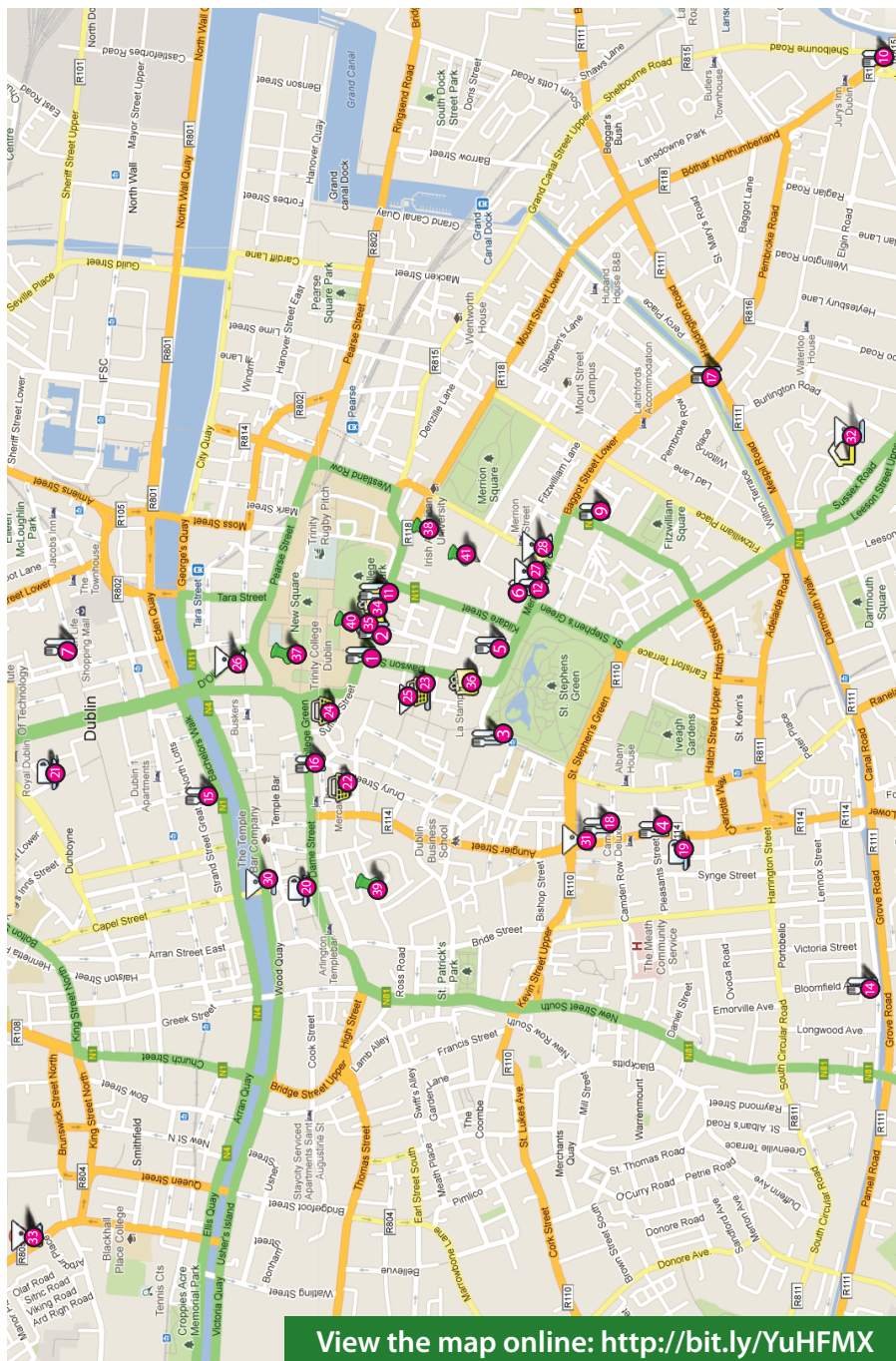
€ €

A popular cafe for coffee, brunch, lunch, dinner and cocktails. The menu is modestly priced and features tried-and-true classics like Beef Bourguignon, slow-braised pork belly,

Average cost for three courses (excl. drinks):

€ € € € = EUR 80+, € € € = EUR 60, € € = EUR 40, € = EUR 20+

Recommended Restaurants and Bars



View the map online: <http://bit.ly/YuHFMX>

chicken and leek pie and of course, organic 100% Irish beef burgers. Mains are no more than EUR 14 at time of print.

La Mere Zou (5)

lamerezou.ie

22 St. Stephen's Green

T: +353 (0) 1 661 6669

Closed Sundays

€ € €

A popular French bistro recommended by locals for its stellar French classics made with ingredients sourced in Ireland.

Bang Restaurant (6)

bangrestaurant.com

11 Merrion Row, Dublin 2

+353 (0)1 400 4229

€ € €

A fashionable café with cool minimalist interiors, brash art, chandeliers and a menu with dishes like scallops with mousseline potatoes and pancetta and pan-fried fillet of Irish beef with sauteed girolles, braised shallots and dauphinoise potatoes is the stuff comforting dreams are made of.

Cocktails are good, too.

101 Talbot (7)

101talbot.ie

101 Talbot Street

+353 (0)1 874 5011

Closed Sun-Mon

€ €

Casual restaurant that also takes its vegetarian customers seriously. Straightforward, honest cooking geared to everyone from vegans to carnivores. Chocoholics rave about the chocolate cake.

Cinnamon (off map)

cinnamon.ie

83 - 87 Main Street, Ranelagh

+353 (0)1 901 3020

€ € €

This newish cafe/food hall/wine bar is open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks. For dinner, patrons can choose from a set-course menu from EUR 25 - EUR 45 for three or four courses. Serving European fare with a modern twist (and there's always a vegetarian option available).

Diep Le Shaker (9)

diep.net/leshaker

55 Pembroke Lane

+353 (0) 1 661 1829

€ € €

Not your average Thai restaurant. This is a top-notch Thai experience, with a sophisticated twist on Thai favourites, an extensive wine list and award-winning cocktails.

Roly's Bistro (10)

rolysbistro.ie

7 Ballsbridge Terrace

+352 (0)1 668 2611

€ € €

A popular Dublin restaurant, cafe and bakery. For dinner, you can choose a set menu (three courses for EUR 35.50) or a la carte. Menu features European fare, lots of French inspiration and local Dublin favourites. Open daily.

The Pigs Ear (11)

thepigsear.ie

4-5 Nassau St
+353 (0)1 670 3865
€ € €

Menu features a sophisticated take on Irish favourites. Slow-cooked pork belly with Jane Russell's pudding, tea & date jam, Lakeshore mustard mash and pork crackling? Oh, if I must!

Unicorn Restaurant (12)

unicornrestaurant.com

12b Merrion Court
+353 (0)1 676 2182
€ €

A long-established eatery on the Dublin restaurant scene. Though not an "Italian restaurant", the menu is still, well, Italian. You can opt for a 2-course (EUR 19.50), 3-course (EUR 24.50) or a la carte for dinner. Known for its good quality antipasti buffet on the weekends and one of the best risottos in Dublin.

Kinara (off map)

kinara.ie

318 Clontarf Road
+353 (0)1 833 6759
€ €

If you're tired of French bistros and fancy making a trip to Clontarf, head to Kinara for a bit of spice. It's been touted by many foodies as Dublin's best Indian: this is Indian/Pakistani food refined. Despite the linens, main courses will only set you back about EUR 20. Worth the 20 minute taxi ride.

Locks Brasserie (14)

locksbrasserie.com

1 Windsor Terrace
+353 (0)1 420 0555
€ € €

If you want to eat Michelin star food but don't want to max out your credit card, we suggest trying the very well-reviewed Locks Brasserie, just a 20 minute walk along the Liffey. The menu is short, offering only a few choice seasonal dishes in each course. Mains run from EUR 25-EUR 32.

Winding Stair (15)

winding-stair.com

40 Lower Ormond Quay

A great restaurant overlooking the River Liffey that uses artisan Irish ingredients in imaginative dishes. The wonderful food is complemented by a fantastic wine list and craft beers and ciders. A real local favourite in Dublin.

Pichet (16)

pichetrestaurant.ie

14/15 Trinity Street
+353 (0)1 677 1060
€ € €

A bistro producing wonderful food with great quality (mostly) Irish ingredients. Often booked out, if you can book a table here in advance and enjoy wonderful food and great service. It also has a café/pâtisserie that serves very good quality breakfast treats and coffee.

Best spots for brunch:

Odessa (odessa.ie)

Juno's Café (junoscafe.ie)

37 Dawson Street (37dawsonstreet.ie)

White Friar Grill (whitefriargrill.ie)

Lennox Café (lennoxcafe.ie)

Al Vesuvio (17)

(no website)

73 Mespil Road
+353 (0)1 667 3000
€ €

Italian restaurant with good value/quality food. Less than 1 km from the Burlington Hotel. Open until 23:00.

Café Bliss (18)

cafebliss.info

Montague Street
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A popular spot with students and known for good food in hearty portions at low prices. Really long breakfast menu that suits all needs. It's more of a diner than restaurant but good food at great prices if you're looking for a bargain.

Cake Shops & Other Notable Noshes

The Cake Cafe (19)

thecakecafe.ie

62 Pleasants Place

Queen of Tarts (20)

queenoftarts.ie

Dame Street and Cows Lane



Paris Bakery (21)

parisbakery.ie

8-9 Moore Street (North side of Dublin City)

Fallon and Byrne (22)

fallonandbyrne.com

11-17 Exchequer Street

Food hall with an excellent selection of breads, charcuterie, cheese and wonderful cakes.

Sheridans Cheese Mongers (23)

sheridanscheesemongers.ie

11 South Anne Street

This is a truly fantastic cheese shop with cheeses from Ireland and around the world, aged in perfect conditions and sold by knowledgeable staff.

Avoca (24)

avoca.ie

11-13 Suffolk Street

Sells everything from blankets to clothes and toys but for many it's their cake and food that makes their shop worth the visit. The brown bread is excellent!



Places to Drink

What's a "Snug"? The Snug is a little area within traditional Irish pubs that was partitioned off from the main pub with high wooden screens and frosted glass. They typically had a service hatch to the bar so that those within could enjoy their drinks without being seen. Usually it was where "the women" enjoyed a drink back when it was frowned upon for them to be seen in pubs – certainly not an issue these days. The local priests or Garda (police officer) would also have been patrons of the snug back then. These days, the snug is just a cosy private area highly sought after for small groups. The private service hatch to the bar is brilliant on busy nights!

Kehoes (25)

louisfitzgerald.com/kehoes

9 South Anne Street
+353 (0)1 677 8312

Great pub with a good atmosphere. It's over 200 years old and boasts a lovely snug and like many Dublin pubs counts among its former patrons many of Ireland's best-known literary icons such as Joyce, Behan and the poet William Kavanagh. If it's nice weather, the crowds from Kehoes spill out on the street outside which gives a great buzz.

Bowes (26)

doylesintown.com/bowes_bar

31 Fleet Street
+353 (0)1 671 4038

Looks tiny from the outside but this adds to the charm of this old style pub that's well worth a visit. Good Guinness and live music on Saturday nights and Sunday.

O'Donoghues (27)

www.odonoghues.ie

15 Merrion Row
+353 (0)1 660 7194

An old style Irish pub with a great history of Irish traditional music. There is live Irish music in the bar seven nights a week and a good buzzy atmosphere. Less touristy during the week than at weekends.

Doheny and Nesbitts (28)

dohenyandnesbitts.com

4-5 Lower Baggot Street
+353 (0)1 676 2945

Good old-style pub near to the city centre. Has a cosy 'snug' at the end of the front bar which seats about five or six with its own private bar service hatch. Serves bar food. Near to The Dáil (Irish Parliament), Grafton Street – main shopping street and lots of other pubs and restaurants.

Ryans of ParkGate Street (off map)

ryans.fxbuckley.ie

28 ParkGate Street
+353 (0)1 677 6097

A beautiful Victorian pub at the front gates of Phoenix Park. It's also a steakhouse.

The Porterhouse Temple Bar (30)

porterhousebrewco.com

16-18 Parliament Street
+353 (0) 1 679 8847

Dublin's first pub brewery and probably the best pub in Temple Bar. Massive selection of their own beers (the Oyster Stout is a memorable highlight from a visit seven years ago) and other great brews from around the globe. Oh, and there's live music every night, what's not to like?

Against the Grain (31)

winefoodbeer.com

11 Wexford Street
(no phone number)

A great craft beer pub offering a “different and interesting experience for an Irish pub”. Wide selection of domestic and international beers, plus a decent menu too.

The Leeson Lounge (32)

pubsdirect.ie/theleesonlounge

148 Leeson Street
+353 (0)1 660 3816

A decent pub a stone’s throw from the Burlington Hotel featuring live music and broadcasting your favourite matches.

L. Mulligan Grocer (33)

lmulligangrocer.com

18 Manor St, Stoneybatter
+353 (0)1 670 9889

A bit of a walk but worth it. They can name the farmer that delivers the meat to your plate (via their chefs, of course). Their Irish craft beers are brewed by “Aidan, Owen, Thom, Cormac, Bernard, Russell, Culainn, Grainne, two Liams, Mark & Peter. (Their) whisk(e)y selection (200+ and growing) is chosen by Michael. (Their) bottled cider is made by David Llewelyn and wasn’t ready until six months after (they) ordered it, but is worth waiting for.

Souvenir Shopping

If you are looking for something nice to take home as a gift for yourself or someone else, here are some places you might like to visit:

Kilkenny Shop (34)

kilkennyshop.com

Nassau Street

A big shop selling crafts, clothes and paintings from a number of Irish designers.

Design Yard (35)

designyardgallery.com

25 South Fredrick Street

A wonderful jewelers and craft gallery with many Irish designer’s work on show. Some quite off beat pieces but all very beautiful. Opposite the wonderful Italian café Dunne and Crescenzi.

Avoca (24)

avoca.ie

11-13 Suffolk Street

Lots of Avoca products here that fit all budgets – some wooden toys / gifts for small people on the 2nd floor.

Celtic Whiskey Shop (36)

celticwhiskeyshop.com

Dawson Street

If you are looking for a liquid gift then this shop is worth a visit.

Things to See and Do



Book of Kells and the Long Room at Trinity College (37)

tcd.ie

Only one page of the Book of Kells is open per day. You might also find the science gallery at the north-east end interesting: they have a shop with a fine collection of nerd toys.



National Gallery (38)

nationalgallery.ie

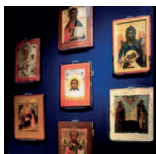
All around interesting collection of art from many different genres. Among many other important items of art, it has one out of the twenty-six Vermeers, and an unparalleled selection of Jack B. Yeats.



The Hugh Lane Gallery (off map)

hughlane.ie

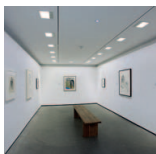
Contemporary municipal art gallery in a lovely townhouse in the city centre.



The Chester Beatty (39)

cbl.ie

One of the largest collections of Islamic / Middle Eastern art outside the Middle East. It has a great Persian canteen on the ground floor serving excellent food.



Douglas Hyde Gallery (40)

douglashydegallery.com

A small gallery on the grounds of Trinity College. Can be worth a quick visit, depending on what's on display.



National Museum (41)

museum.ie

There are three parts of the National Museum in Dublin: the Archaeology section, Decorative Arts and history (Collins Barracks), and the Dead Zoo (Natural History Museum). This is really worth a trip, not so much to see a completely fascinating collection of stuffed animals, but also to see a beautifully preserved Victorian era museum.

Further Afield

Russborough House (30 km trip)

russboroughhouse.ie

Newbridge House (20 km trip)

newbridgehouseandfarm.com

Malahide Castle (15 km trip – Dart train goes there)

malahidecastle.com

Ardgillen Castle

ardgillancastle.ie

Powerscourt House

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powerscourt_Estate

The Gardens and waterfall are the real highlight of a visit here. There is an Avoca café in the house which overlooks the gardens and is a wonderful spot for some coffee, food and cake after a walk around.

Botanic Gardens and Glasnevin Cemetery (6 km from Bulington Hotel)

botanicgardens.ie, glasnevintrust.ie

The Botanic Gardens are wonderful to visit and while visiting a cemetery may seem odd, this one is the final resting place for many of Ireland's famous sons and daughters. There is a great guided tour of the cemetery and stories of its forever residents. Be sure to check out the great pub right next door, The Gravediggers (1 Prospect Square, Glasnevin).

Japanese Gardens

irishnationalstud.ie/visitors/46/japanese-gardens.html

Newgrange

newgrange.com

At 5,000 years old it's (arguably) the oldest man-made structure in the world. Day Tours Dublin have cars/mini buses that do tours every day to Newgrange:
www.daytoursdublin.com.

Useful Info

RIPE 66 takes place at the Burlington Hotel in Dublin.

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Upper Leeson Street
Dublin 4
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