WHAT’S NEW IN DUBLIN?
2019
VISITOR ATTRACTIONS,
TOURS & ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND

www.museum.ie

Two exhibitions currently at The National Museum of Ireland:

Light on Earth - This exhibition celebrates the sculptural lighting of internationally renowned Irish artist Niamh Barry
Launched at the National Museum of Ireland - Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, the exhibition celebrates the work of contemporary Irish artist Niamh Barry, one of the world’s leading innovators in the use of LED technology. A Dublin native and resident, Niamh was one of the first artists in the world to create ‘edge lit’ pieces using LED technology. For the past 20 years Niamh has transformed the boundaries of sculptural lighting, focusing on balance, movement and line. Her name is synonymous with lighting design and sculptural lighting both nationally and internationally.

Dressing Our Hidden Truths - An artistic response to the legacy of mother and baby homes and Magdalene laundries by Alison Lowry
A landmark installation in response to Ireland’s recent hidden history of Magdalene Laundries, Mother and Baby Homes and Industrial Schools. The Museum is the first national cultural institution to address this dark part of our past through artistic means. The exhibition by Alison Lowry is a profound and moving artistic response to the incarceration, forced labour and brutality that were unspoken parts of Ireland’s legacy of state and church supported institutionalisation. The exhibition also explores the ongoing hidden truths of rape culture, consent and domestic violence. Alison’s work uses the medium of glass on such discomforting topics as child abuse and domestic violence.

DO DUBLIN

www.dodublin.ie

New Tour in Spanish
Exploring Dublin city means getting out and interacting with the Dublin people, famous for their friendliness, warm welcome and sense of humour. Do Dublin have been helping visitors explore Dublin since 1988 and now have a new tour in Spanish. The tour guides are highly knowledgeable and will help you to Do Dublin like a Dubliner!

Ghostbus Kids Tour now also available. Aimed at children aged 10-14 and combining educational stories and interactive games, with plenty of laughter and fun.

CHESTER BEATTY

www.chesterbeatty.ie

The Chester Beatty promotes the appreciation and understanding of world cultures with holdings of manuscripts, rare books, and other treasures from Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Asia.

Two new exhibitions running until January 2020 include:

Thai Buddhist Tales - Stories along the Path to Enlightenment
Step into the world of Thai Buddhist heritage – the Chester Beatty preserves an internationally important yet little known collection of Buddhist manuscripts from Thailand. Free Admission.

The Mystery of Mani
In 1929, seven papyrus books from the lost Manichaean religion were discovered in Egypt. Dated to c. 400 AD, these unique texts proved critical in deepening understanding of the Manichaean religion, a once thriving, yet effectively suppressed faith. Founded by the prophet Mani in the third century, Mani saw the world as a combat between the forces of light and dark. Ninety years on, this exhibition highlights the four books Beatty acquired, and features international loans that have never before been on public display. Free Admission.

EXPLORIUM

www.explorium.ie

Ireland’s National Sport and Science Centre located on Blackglen Road at the foothills of the Dublin mountains. Explorium is where fun, interaction and discovery come together combining the excitement of the playing field with the analytics of the laboratory to produce unique exhibits. Try making spiky crystals out of magnetic liquid and create whirlpools. Explorium has something for everyone! A world-class sport science centre that stimulates young minds.
Fab Food Trails Supper Club is hosted by food guide and culinary artist Erica Drum at her home in Dublin city. Spend the evening with Erica while enjoying a cookery demonstration and a contemporary three course meal. Just like the Fab Food Trails walks, the main focus of the evening is on current Irish food trends and culture.

The evening includes:
A welcome drink, canapés, cookery demonstration with Q & A, three course meal paired with wine/beer, traditional digestif and recipe cards to take home.

www.jam-park.com
Located in the suburban town of Swords, just north of Dublin city centre, is Ireland’s first multi-experience destination venue. Jam Park has been described as an adult’s playground where you can eat, drink, play and dance.

Book a table at the rooftop eatery and choose from the wide range of activities available, including paradise disco, golf, ping pong, singalong cinema, darts and board games. The perfect venue for parties, group nights out or date nights.

IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS
– EXPLORE DUBLIN WITH LOCALS
www.inourshoeswalkingtours.com
At a leisurely pace, you will encounter all the better-known sights as well as the hidden gems of Dublin. With rare access to local stories – your guide will bring the city to life with stories, yarns and local knowledge. Includes a visit to Dublin’s famous antiques quarter.

www.kombitoursdublin.ie
Take a tour around Dublin in a vintage 1970’s Volkswagen Kombi Bus. Tour includes Dublin Castle, The Custom House, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Trinity College, Christ Church Cathedral, Merrion Square, St. Stephen’s Green, River Liffey, Phoenix Park, Liberty Lane, O’Connell Street / GPO, George’s Street and Temple Bar.

www.imma.ie
Life above Everything: Lucian Freud and Jack B. Yeats at IMMA
For the first time, this landmark exhibition examines the interconnections between renowned British artist Lucian Freud (1922-2011) and one of the most important figures in Irish art Jack B. Yeats (1871 – 1957). This exhibition draws the work of these two stubbornly individual painters, placing them side-by-side for the first time in 70 years. Runs until January 2020.

www.moli.ie
The Museum of Literature Ireland (MoLI) is a new addition to Dublin’s rich cultural offering. Picturesquely located on the southside of St. Stephen’s Green in one of Dublin’s finest historic houses, MoLI draws inspiration from the work of one of Ireland’s most famous writers, James Joyce. It celebrates Ireland’s internationally renowned literary culture and heritage from the past to the present.

The Museum of Literature features an array of activities and events, such as immersive multimedia exhibitions, priceless artefacts, lectures, performances, cutting-edge children’s education programmes, historic house tours and digital broadcasting. Research facilities and a café are also housed in the museum, which is set in one of the city’s most beautiful gardens. MoLI will open to the public at 5pm on Culture Night, Friday 20 September 2019.

Visit Dublin.com
There are countless reasons to visit the National Gallery and the Education Team make sure there’s always something new happening.

**Sorolla: Spanish Master of Light**
One of the most celebrated artists in his native Spain, Joaquín Sorolla (1863–1923) was referred to as the ‘master of light’. See over fifty works spanning a prolific career in the first exhibition of his paintings in Ireland. Runs until 3 November 2019. Tickets available online.

**Bauhaus 100: The Print Portfolios**
To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Bauhaus, the Gallery is borrowing a complete set of four Bauhaus portfolios of prints from the Staatsgalerie in Stuttgart. The prints in this centenary exhibition, printed between 1922 and 1924 at the State Bauhaus in Weimar, explore the visionary European artists associated with the Bauhaus and provide an insight into the much larger Bauhaus phenomenon. Runs until 1 December 2019. Free admission.

The National Library welcomes visitors to free exhibitions in Dublin, on Kildare Street; in Meeting House Square, Temple Bar; and at the Bank of Ireland Cultural and Heritage Centre, Westmoreland Street.

Current and future exhibitions include:

- **A Modern Eye: Helen Hooker O’Malley’s Ireland – Meeting House Square, Temple Bar.**

- **Seamus Heaney: Listen Now Again – Bank of Ireland Cultural and Heritage Centre, Westmoreland Street.** This exhibition takes visitors on a multi-sensory journey from Seamus Heaney’s origins through his remarkable poetic career.

- **World War Ireland: Exploring the Irish Experience – 2/3 Kildare Street.** World War Ireland focuses on the unique aspects of the Irish WWI experience. With original artefacts, first hand personal accounts and eyewitness testimony, the exhibition brings visitors dramatically inside the lives of those who experienced WWI.

- **Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats – 7/8 Kildare Street.** Literature, folklore, personal life, politics, theatre, the occult – all of WB Yeats is here in our award-winning exhibition.

Dublin’s historic No.11 Liffey Ferry returned after a 35-year absence and will serve members of the public crossing the river in the capital. It was relaunched following a complete restoration in a project by Dublin Port Company and Dublin City Council.

The Old Liffey Ferry service runs between the Cill Áirne pontoon, Sir John Rogerson’s Quay and 3Arena (The Point Depot) pontoon, from 7am to 7pm - Monday to Friday, all year round.
Whiskey Museum, Friday night karaoke!
The Irish Whiskey Museum recently launched a karaoke night - but with an Irish twist. Choose from the Dubliners and Rory Gallagher to the Cranberries, U2 and the Script! (With a few classic karaoke songs thrown in for good measure). Every Friday, 9-11pm in McDonnell’s bar at the Irish Whiskey Museum. Bar open until 11.30pm.

The Irish Whiskey Museum Brunch offers samples of three Irish whiskeys, followed by a brunch of Irish smoked salmon, fresh bread and Irish Whiskey Museum marmalade, handmade in Co. Monaghan. Vegetarian option of Irish smoked gubbeen cheese also available.

Rascals Brewery was founded in 2014 and has brewed all kinds of wonderful beer, from Chardonnay Saisons to Mint Choc Stouts to Strawberry Vanilla Milkshake IPAs.
Two new tours are now available (regular and premium) to provide a first-hand glimpse at the workings of the brewery, from the malt room to the brewhouse to the fermentation tanks.

The Roe & Co blend was crafted by Master Blender, Caroline Martin, who chose an intense, fruity malt whiskey and smooth grain whiskies that have been slowly matured in Bourbon casks. The new distillery boasts three unique copper stills and can run both triple distillation and double distillation, under the talented eye of Head Distiller Lora Hemy and her team. Visitors will be treated to an exploration of the Roe & Co working distillery, located in the former Guinness Power Station in the heart of Dublin’s buzzing Liberties district. Fun and flavour are at the centre of every aspect of the Roe & Co visitor experience, which will transport guests on a journey of taste and discovery. Guests will enjoy a fully immersive 75-minute tour and get the chance to observe the operational live distillery, hear the hum of production and witness the copper pot stills and mash tun from an impressive elevated glass walkway.

If you haven’t made a trip to Teeling Whiskey Distillery, the fully operational distillery in the Liberties area of Dublin, now is the time! Teeling Whiskey’s 24-year-old single malt has been crowned the ‘World’s Best Single Malt’ at the 2019 World Whiskies Awards. Teeling overcame competition from renowned whiskey industry leaders from Scotland and Japan to take the number one prize for World’s Best Single Malt. Single Malt is considered the “gold standard” of world whiskey due to its production process as well as its character and flavour profile.

Dublin’s historic Liberties Distillery is the newest addition to Ireland’s thriving whiskey scene and is a stone’s throw from two of Dublin’s other distilleries – Teeling (Newmarket Square) and Pearse Lyons (James’s Street) – reinstating the ‘Golden Triangle’ of Dublin 8 from the 18th and 19th centuries, when The Liberties was the centre of brewing and distilling in Dublin, with the largest concentration of producers in Ireland.
DUBLIN SNAPSHOT

52,264
Hotel/Guesthouse
B&B/Hostel Beds in Dublin

24
Bridges cross
the River Liffey

2
Major Sports
Stadia

5
Georgian Squares

56
Parks & Gardens

4
Nobel Prize
Winners

220
Visitor attractions

978
Restaurants
16 Castles and Cathedrals
24 Beaches

Population of Dublin: 1,347,359

Voted one of the friendliest cities in the world!

Activity Providers: 745

Fáilte Ireland supported festivals and events in 2018: 11

Distilleries & Breweries: 19

Visitors attractions:
- Castles and Cathedrals
- Distilleries & Breweries
- Restaurants
- Nobel Prize Winners
- Pubs
- Theatres
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TASTE THE ISLAND

www.failteireland.ie/taste-the-island
Taste the Island is a celebration of Ireland’s food and drink - the showcase is designed to provide visitors with access to unique events, high quality local ingredients and world-class authentic food and drink experiences.

A number of events will be taking place in Dublin and across the whole island from September-November. Experiences will include visits to food producers, distillers and brewers, food trails, food and drink festivals, participation in traditional skills, opportunities to forage and fish, see farmers working in their unique lush landscape, or sit back and enjoy the best modern Irish cuisine in traditional pubs, cafés, restaurants, city bistros and Michelin-starred dining - the choice is endless.

GOOD FOOD IRELAND

www.goodfoodireland.ie
Good Food Ireland Experiences - bookable food and drink experiences throughout the island of Ireland.

The new online service available on the Good Food Ireland website allows food lovers to browse experiences by date, destination or simply by the food experience they would like to explore. Perfect for anyone planning a staycation or simply looking to check out the foodie scene around Dublin.

BAR 1661

www.bar1661.ie
With Ireland’s ancient moonshine enjoying newfound popularity in the cocktail bars of London and New York, the latest addition to Dublin’s cocktail scene comes in the form of a spirited hostelry taking its name from the year that Poitín was first banned here. The brainchild of Bán Poitín creator Dave Mulligan, Bar 1661 is dedicated to the promotion of drinks native to Ireland, serving beverages ranging from traditional pints of plain to cocktails containing the once illicit spirit. Forthcoming events at the bar on Green Street include music sessions and tasty food pairings.

BOWLS BY KWANGHI

www.bowls.ie
Located on Marlborough Street, this restaurant is inspired from the streets of Hong Kong. Each bowl has been inspired and thoughtfully crafted to represent the unique and diverse flavours of the Southeast of Asia. Taste their take on Asia’s Flavours one bowl at a time.

CAFÉ 1920

www.cafe1920.ie
Café 1920 is one of Dublin’s newest restaurants, situated on Westmoreland Street. It’s the kind of place you will lose yourself in and forget the hustle and bustle of city life. A huge range of food is available, from brunch to light bites and more substantial dinner choices.

CHIMAC

www.chimac.ie
This Korean style chicken restaurant opened on Aungier Street in May this year. Chimac comes from “chi”, short for “chikin” plus “mac” from “maekju”, Korean for beer. Chimac are proud to bring a taste of Seoul to the heart of Dublin. Chimac also serve up rosé and Jinto, which is a frozen wine and grapefruit cocktail, perfect for a sunny day in the city.

DAMASCUS GATE

www.damascuscate.ie
Specialising in Syrian and Lebanese cuisine, Damascus Gate on Camden Street opened another branch in Terenure.

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

www.elephantandcastle.ie/rathmines
Elephant and Castle opened their second restaurant in December 2018. This new restaurant in the inner suburb of Rathmines has the same delicious menu as the Temple Bar restaurant, (including their famous chicken wings!), and a relaxed but warm, buzzing atmosphere.

FRANK’S

www.franksdublin.com
New restaurant Frank’s, on Camden Street, is from Darren Free, the chef turned restaurateur who also owns Delahunt, on the same street. Frank’s is a one-room restaurant and wine bar, with a 20-seat communal dining table with a casual menu of snacks, four main courses, desserts and cheese.

GERTRUDE

www.gertrude.ie
Contemporary café located on Pearse Street with coffee tasting and brewing classes, turning out cakes, sandwiches and soups.

GIGI

www.gigiranelagh.ie
Gigi is situated in the heart of Ranelagh village, Dublin 6. The restaurant is run by duo Giorgio & Giorgio, hence the name Gigi. Gigi serves authentic Italian staple food letting their produce take centre stage. They welcome all guests to relax, unwind, enjoy, and above all have fun in the “Piccolo” Dining Room.

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GRANO
www.grano.ie
Grano in Stoneybatter on the north side of the city, combines fresh natural ingredients, farmed using organic and biodynamic techniques to create contemporary Italian food. By sourcing ingredients from small Italian food and wine producers, their mission is to contribute to the preservation of local food cultures and the revival of ancient cultivation techniques.

LEON
www.leon.co.ie
UK restaurant chain Leon opened its first Irish outlet in Temple Bar in May. Leon, which describes itself as the ‘naturally fast food brand’ also plans to open another outlet later this year. The restaurant group has 63 outlets worldwide with over 50 around the UK, as well as restaurants in Norway, the Netherlands and the US.

LIATH
www.liathrestaurant.com
Liath restaurant in Blackrock is an expression of new Irish cuisine that focuses on showcasing the island’s special and unique ingredients from both its land and sea. Expect dishes including pigeon, mackerel, eel, cabbage, and rhubarb.

LOST LANE
www.lostlane.ie
Lost Lane is a new bar and live music venue located on Grafton Street, on the site of where Dublin nightclub Lillie’s Bordello used to be. Music lovers can expect artists spanning a diverse range of acts from across the Irish and international music scene, and genres from rock and indie, to jazz and trad bands.

OLD POST OFFICE
www.oldpostofficeblackrock.ie
The Old Post Office in Blackrock, Dublin has reopened as a Chinese restaurant. Unlike traditional Chinese restaurants, it will exclusively focus on Sichuan dishes ranging from Sichuan-spiced steamed whole black sole with ginger and scallion, to Irish king scallop Gung Bao.

ONE SOCIETY
www.onesociety.ie
Wholesome food and speciality coffee is the foundation of One Society. Serving tasty, healthy and simple food, it's the perfect place to enjoy breakfast, brunch, lunch, evening pizza, wine and beer. The restaurant on Lower Gardiner Street was included in the Irish Independent’s Top 30 Brunches in Ireland. Check it out!

POTAGER
www.potager.ie
This restaurant in Skerries on the Dublin coast, serves modern Irish seasonal food and the menus are built around Irish producers and their ingredients. The restaurant has a warm, relaxed style, offering great food in a unique setting.

RITA’S
www.ritas.ie
Rita’s pizza restaurant opened its doors earlier this year. Just a couple of doors down from the Ranelagh Luas stop, it couldn’t be easier to get to. A must try for anyone on a Dublin pizza trail.

SHELBOURNE SOCIAL
www.shelbournesocial.com
Shelbourne Social is the latest restaurant from Dylan McGrath and his business partner Vincent Melinn, who also have the South Great George’s Street-based Rustic Stone, Taste at Rustic, Bonsai Bar, and nearby, Fade Street Social. A contemporary restaurant offering relaxed and informal stylish dining.

THE VIRGIN MARY
www.thevirginmarybar.com
Ireland’s first non-alcoholic bar. The decor of this bar on Capel Street is inspired by a “Dutch pharmacy” - and is akin to many high-end bars popping up around the capital. There’s wine, beer, cocktails and even champagne on the menu - but without the booze.

WING IT
www.facebook.com/wingit.ie
This popular restaurant in Tallaght has also opened a restaurant on George’s Street in Dublin city centre. The menu features three types of wings - regular, boneless and even vegan (made from wheat protein by Moodley Manor) with 16 different flavours, including medium and spicy buffalo, Teeling whiskey, BBQ and mango habanero. They also do burgers, ‘loaded fries’ and nachos.
IN OTHER NEWS...

FREE NOW

In April 2019, Fáilte Ireland announced a partnership with mytaxi (rebranded as Free Now) as part of the Dublin Welcome Programme. This programme is designed to maximise every interaction with tourists, by providing great experiences based on local knowledge.

An online training course was developed, which has been customised from Fáilte Ireland’s highly successful Accredited Service Excellence Programme, which has been completed by over 500 tourism related businesses nationally.

To date over 300 taxi drivers have completed the online training module, which provides information on Dublin’s main attractions and the importance of local knowledge when welcoming visitors.

CLERYS QUARTER DEVELOPMENT

Clerys Quarter - a new mixed use development which will include a new 176 bedroom hotel, retail and office space as well as new restaurants and bars - has been launched in Dublin city centre.

The development will see the restoration of the Clerys department store’s iconic features, including its façade, internal staircases, columns and the famous Clerys’ clock. Work will begin this year.

SHELBOURNE HOTEL €40M MAKEOVER

Celebrating its 195th anniversary, Dublin’s Shelbourne Hotel has undergone a €40m refurbishment. For the past two generations, royalty, statesmen, artists, writers and legends of stage and screen have made The Shelbourne their home away from home, from Princess Grace of Monaco, to John F. Kennedy, Michael Collins and Eamon De Valera, all of whom have suites with enviable views of the Green named after them.

Speaking about the refurbishment, General Manager of The Shelbourne, JP Kavanagh, told Food & Wine Magazine how exciting this phase is, “This Grand Dame keeps improving with age. The 195th birthday of The Shelbourne is turning out to be a really exciting year for us, joining the Autograph Collection and completing the final phase of our extensive refurbishment. The Shelbourne is looking better than ever.”
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