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The Dublin Coastal Trail

A city by the sea and with a UNESCO Biosphere accolade for its majestic bay, Dublin's coastline is dotted with unexpected experiences & adventures. A wonderful addition to your city break & just a short hop on the train from the city centre; the Dublin Coastal Trail highlights many hidden gems running from Skerries to the north of the city to Killiney in the south. By navigating the rail line to the trails featured stops in small villages and harbour communities, you can easily explore castles, beaches, outdoor activities, heritage, amazing accommodation, local food, and much more. Have an adventure & a city break with a difference in Dublin as you follow the Dublin Coastal trail. From stunning sea views and thrilling water based activities to the freshest sea food, here is a guide to the incredible activities and experiences that await you along the Dublin Coastal Trail.

For further information go to **www.visitdublin.com**

Attractions

01 Skerries Mills
www.skerriesmills.ie
Since the 12th century flour has been milled at this unique location. The fully restored complex brings to life the authentic workings of a five-sail windmill, four sail windmill, water mill and bakery of the 1800s.

02 Newbridge House and Farm
www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com
Visitors to Newbridge House can learn about its illustrious history on a guided tour through three centuries of history in Ireland's only intact Georgian mansion and estate and there is fun for all the family on one of Dublins best loved working farms.

03 Hurdy Gurdy Museum Howth
sites.google.com/site/hurdygurdymuseum/home-
An Amateur radio station, EI0MAR, is in the tower. The Martello tower was built in 1805, one of many built around the coast to guard against a possible invasion by Napoleon.

04 Malahide Castle & Gardens
www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie
Generations of the Talbot family have called Malahide Castle home. Hear their stories, explore the private rooms and collections, and discover the central part this castle played in Irish political and social life on a guided tour.

05 The Casino Model Railway Museum Malahide
www.modelrailwaymuseum.ie
Take an intriguing self-guided tour through this truly spectacular Model Railway Museum.

06 Lambay Island
www.lambayisland.ie
Lambay is a fascinating private island steeped in history, perfect for day trips and retreats.

07 National Maritime Museum
www.mariner.ie
Ireland's National Maritime Museum is housed in Dún Laoghaire's 180-year-old Mariners Church, directly opposite the new DLR Lexicon library.

08 James Joyce Tower
www. joycetower.ie
Embrace the literature of James Joyce within this iconic museum at the Martello Tower, Sandycove.

09 Dalkey Castle
www.dalkeycastle.com
In atmospheric tenth-century grounds, Dalkey Castle uniquely combines a medieval townhouse castle with a contemporary visitors centre and writers gallery. Costumed actors lead a fun-filled Living History experience from basement to battlements, via the infamous Murder Hole. The Archer demonstrates the Longbow, Cook shares medieval recipes, and the Barber Surgeon specialises in ancient cures.

10 The Obelisk Killiney
www.archiseek.com/2014/1742-obelisk-killiney-hill-co-dublin
The hill and Obelisk were opened as a park in 1887, due to 'a strong desire having been expressed by many citizens of Dublin to adopt the opening of public parks and pleasure grounds as a form of memorial to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee'.

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11 The Diving Bell
www.dublinport.ie/about-dublin-port/a-city-port
The Diving Bell used in the building of the Port's quay walls from the Victorian era right up until almost the 1960s is a remarkable feat of Irish engineering, designed by the port engineer Bindon Blood Stoney (1828 to 1907).

12 Windmill Lane Recording Studios
www.windmilllanerecording.com
The first of its kind in Ireland, the tour presents visitors with an unprecedented opportunity to understand the creation and production of some of the most iconic albums and songs of the past 40 years.

13 The Custom House Visitor Centre
The stories of the building, burning and restoration of Dublin's Custom House are now brought to life in a new and fascinating exhibition, revealing a rich, many-layered story that spans over 200 years.

14 EPIC
www.epicchq.com
Voted Europe's leading tourist attraction 2019,2020,2021 Epic is a must-do for visitors and locals looking to get a deeper understanding of Ireland and what it means to be Irish.

15 Jeanie Johnston
www.jeaniejohnston.ie
The Jeanie Johnston tells the story of the thousands of Irish people who fled the Famine and embarked on a treacherous voyage in the hope of a better life in North America.

16 3 Arena
www.3arena.ie
The 3Arena is an indoor amphitheatre located at North Wall Quay in the Docklands.

17 Bord Gáis Theatre
www.bordgaisenergytheatre.ie
The Bord Gáis Energy Theatre is a performing arts venue, located in the Docklands.

Outdoor Activities

18 Dublin Bay Cruises
www.dublinbaycruises.com
Cruises between Dún Laoghaire, the city centre and Howth each day. A great way to experience Dublin Bay and its coastline.

19 Irelands Eye Ferries
www.irelandseyeferries.com
Irelands eye ferries offer trips around this historic island off the coast of Howth. The island's natural beauty, scenery and wildlife are a must for nature lovers, all just a short distance from the city centre.

20 Island Ferries
www.islandferries.net
Take a trip around Ireland's Eye, taking in spectacular views of the Island and the colony of seals which inhabit the area. Or a tour of the awe inspiring Cliffs of Howth.

21 Hidden Howth Experiences
www.Hiddenhowthexperiences.com
Experience Dublin like a local with a hidden Howth Expedition or craft beer and seafood trail.

22 Howth Boats
www.howth-boats.com
Charter fishing and sea angling.

23 Howth Yacht Club
www.hyc.ie
Discover Sailing at Howth Yacht Club.

24 Dorans on the Pier – Howth School of Fish
www.seafoodtogo.ie/school-of-fish
Get behind the scenes of an authentic working harbour in Howth. A wonderful insight into the amazing community and quirky characters who work the sea around the Irish Coast including a harbour tour and fresh seafood.

25 Dublin Coastal Tours Malahide
www.dublincoastaltours.com
Escape the city and explore Dublin's beautiful seaside towns. Small group and family interactive tours. Experience the sights and tastes of Dublin's coast.

26 Irish Centre for Cycling Malahide
www.irishcentreforcycling.ie
Rent a bike or take a tour and discover the beautiful coast of Dublin.

27 Pure Magic Water Based Activities
www.puremagic.ie
Pure Magic will get you moving on the water! Kitesurfing, Stand Up Paddleboarding and WingSurfing! Based in Dollymount, Howth & Sandycove.

28 Shane's Howth Adventures
www.shaneshowthadventures.com
The tour leaders are all Howth natives who share their own unique insight, connecting the stories, land, sea, and sky of this beautiful peninsula.

29 Surfdock
www.surfdock.com
Dublin's premier water sports course provider & surf shop is based in Grand Canal Dock, a short stroll from the heart of Dublin city centre.

30 The 40 Foot sea swimming
The area of Sandycove featured in the opening scenes of James Joyce's Ulysses and the writer even lived for a short time in a Martello Tower that overlooks the famous swimming location.

31 Big Style SUP school Dún Laoghaire
www.bigstyle.ie
Stand up paddleboarding is a great way to explore Dublin's beautiful coastline, not to mention a fantastic way to get fit.

32 Skerries Paddle Tours
skerriessunsettours@gmail.com
Offering Stand Up Paddle Boarding sunset tours, rentals and lessons in beautiful Skerries Harbour.

33 Skerries Water Sports
www.skerrieswatersports.com
Taking you on great adventures Enjoy paddleboarding, kayaking, kitesurfing or windsurfing in Skerries.

34 Bleeper Bikes
www.bleeperactive.com
Bleeper offers public bike rental in Dublin.

35 Dublin under Sail, Dún Laoghaire
www.dublinundersail.com
Experience life on board this traditional sailing vessel. Be part of the crew! Perfect for beginners and seasoned sailors alike.

36 Gosailing.ie Dún Laoghaire
www.gosailing.ie
High quality experiences on a luxury 53 ½ foot yacht for team building and team outings & scheduled sailings to the Killiney coastline and back, visiting many important heritage sights and points of interest.

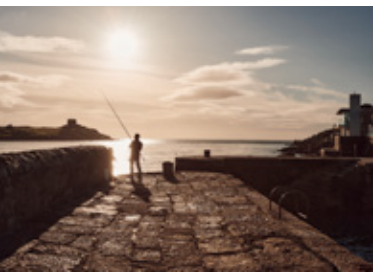
37 Irish national sailing school Dún Laoghaire
www.inss.ie
Based in Dún Laoghaire Harbour in Dublin, we are the largest sail and powerboat training provider in Ireland.

38 Kayaking.ie Dalkey
www.kayaking.ie
Join the crew for an unforgettable kayaking experience in Dublin bay. Suitable for beginners and great fun.

39 Ken the Ferryman Dalkey
www.kentheferryman.com
Take a boat trip to stunning Dalkey Island with Ken, an oarsman for over 45 years. Dalkey Island is home to a colony of seals which has greatly expanded in recent years. A herd of wild goats live on the island also. A truly unique experience

40 Adventure.ie Dalkey Quarry
www.adventure.ie
Experience the thrill and excitement of reaching the top of your first rock climb. Once on top the only way is down!

41 Orchards near me
www.orchardsnearme.com
Explore Killiney and the Dublin mountains, there are plenty of tasty experiences and wild food to be found. Orchards near me arrange coastal day trips and forest excursions, as well as longer stays.



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42 City Kayaking
www.citykayaking.ie
Experience the city from a unique perspective by paddling on the Liffey through the city centre.

43 Lazy Bikes Tours
lazybiketours.com
Fun relaxed and informative! Lazy Bike Tours is an exciting way to explore another side of Dublin City.

44 Dublin Bikes.ie
Rent a bike all over Dublin city.

Cycling & Walking Trails

45 Cycle Map of Dublin Bay by Dublin Cycling campaign
dublinbaybybike.ie
This interactive map helps people to plan their cycle routes around Dublin Bay and outlines which sections of the route are segregated from or mixed with motor traffic. The #DublinBayByBike map also shows the various amenities along the route, including toilets, cycle parking, beaches, playgrounds, places to eat and places of interest.

46 BlackRock to Dún Laoghaire Cycle Route
A wonderful 5km trail from Booterstown to Dún Laoghaire. Cycle route linking Booterstown to Dún Laoghaire, partly shared with pedestrian, through park, contra-flow cycle route, roadway and laneway.

47 Fingal Walking Trails
www.fingal.ie/trips/coastal-walks-across-fingal
Fingal has 88km of coastline to be explored from Sutton to Balbriggan.

48 Skerries Coastal Trail
Start your journey at South Shore Esplanade, tracing the outline of the coast as you ring around the Martello Tower and past the Harbour along the North Strand.

49 Howth Cliff & Looped Walks
There are four long versions of this Howth walk to tackle, each of which kicks off at the DART station in Howth Village, and one shorter walk, that starts from Howth Summit.

50 Coastal Route Malahide to Portmarnock
The walk from Malahide to Portmarnock is an approx. 4km elevated seaside coastal walk, skirting parkland on one side and the beach, down a small rock face, on the other side.

51 The North Bull Island
Bull Island is a low lying, Dúne covered sand in Dublin Bay off the coast of the city's North side. As a National Nature reserve with a UNESCO Biosphere designation, it is a paradise for birdwatchers and wildlife enthusiasts, and a good place for walking. The long sandy beach on Bull Island is named Dollymount Beach.

52 Irishtown Nature Park
The Irishtown Nature Park is on the southside of the Poolbeg peninsula. The main track through the park skirts the coastline, looking out over Sandymount Strand, with its fast-moving tides, while several more minor paths cross the hilly uplands of the park.

53 Dún Laoghaire Pier Walk
Whatever the weather, the pier is always a romantic and idyllic place to take a stroll, breathe in the sea air, and enjoy stunning views of Dublin Bay.

54 Dalkey & Killiney Hill
Several walking trails through meadows, forest, and hilly terrain adorn Dalkey/Killiney Hill, alongside several monuments, two of which are the Obelisk, alternatively known as the witch's hat, and a small step pyramid.

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55 Docklands Walking Trail
There is so much to see and discover in Dublin's Docklands, from Ireland's smallest museum to the magical creatures hidden atop The Custom House. This circular trail can be started at any of its seven stops and with a range of activities it's suitable for all the family to take part in and enjoy.

Heritage Sites, Parks, Beaches, Gardens

56 Ardgillan Castle & Demense
www.ardgillancastle.ie
Ardgillan park is unique among Dublin's regional parks for the magnificent views it enjoys of the coastline. A panorama, taking in Rockabill Lighthouse, Colt Church, Shenick and Lambay Islands may be seen, including Sliabh Foy, the highest of the Cooley Mountains, and of course the Mourne Mountains can be seen sweeping down to the sea.

57 Ardán Garden Howth
www.dublingardengroup.com/ardan
This unique sculpture and floral garden, attracts many garden and art visitors and gives them an uplifting experience that leaves them inspired with ideas and wanting to return.

58 Howth Castle
www.howthcastle.ie
Howth Castle estate includes much of the peninsula of Howth Head & incredible Cliff Walks. On the grounds of the castle are golf, pitch & putt and the famous rhododendron formal gardens. Howth Castle Cookery School is based in the original 18th Century Georgian kitchen.

59 St Anne's Park
www.dublincity.ie/residential/parks/dublin-city-parks/visit-park/st-annes-park
The Park is named after St Anne's Holy Well that was found on the site. On the northeast corner of the park there is a Cyprus tree that was deemed too hazardous to keep, but the City Council enlisted tree sculptor Tommy Craggs to create a sculpture to represent the wildlife found at Bull Island Nature Reserve, it features sparrow hawks, hares, badgers, herons and is topped by a swan.

60 Dollymount beach
Dollymount Strand is the closest large beach to Dublin city centre. It is situated on Bull Island which was created in the 19th century in Dublin Bay to deal with silting problems. The sandy beach runs along the full 5 kilometre length of the island. Today, it is an important UNESCO designated Biosphere nature reserve, being a breeding site for many bird species and one of the most protected areas in Ireland.

61 Sandycove Beach & the 40 Foot
The Forty Foot, a historic bathing pool on a promontory on the southern tip of Dublin Bay, is a short walk from the James Joyce Tower. Sandycove, featured in the opening scenes of James Joyce's Ulysses and the writer even lived for a short time in a Martello Tower that overlooks the famous swimming location.

62 Sandymount Strand
Sandymount Strand is a large strand on the east coast of Ireland, adjacent to the village and suburb of Sandymount. It is part of South Bull – a major component of the south side of Dublin Bay, and part of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Reserve.

63 Seapoint Beach
www.visitdublin.com/see-do/details/seapoint-beach
Seapoint Beach consists mainly of large rocks and sand and is most suitable for swimming at high tide. A very popular swimming spot for Dubliners.

64 Mornington Garden
www.dalkeygardenschool.com
A private family garden, where the owner will guide you explaining the history and planting of the garden. Sitting, relaxing with freshly brewed coffee, tea, and homemade delights from the kitchen.

65 Aviva Stadium
www.avivastadium.ie
The Aviva Stadium is a world class international stadium – an outstanding venue for football, rugby, concerts and conferences.

Rail travel

For all timetables, up to date rail information and to plan your trip visit:
www.Irishrail.ie

Travel Leap Card Information

Dublin Leap Card
www.about.leapcard.ie/dublin

Visitor Leap Card
www.about.leapcard.ie/leap-visitor-card

Local Tourist Information offices

Malahide Tourist Office
Malahide Castle. 085 2521042

Skerries Tourist information
Skerries Mills (01) 849 5208 & Skerries village: (01) 849 0629

Howth Tourist Information Office
Harbour House, Harbour Rd, Howth, Co. Dublin (01) 840 0077

Dún Laoghaire Tourist Office
www.dlrtourism.ie
The Metals, Marine Rd, Dún Laoghaire (01) 280 6964

City Centre

Tourist Information Centre O'Connell St
14 Upper O'Connell Street Upper. (01) 605 7700

Visit Dublin Tourist Information Centre
25 Suffolk Street (01) 605 7700

For Accommodation options visit: www.discoverireland.ie

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66 The People's Park
Dún Laoghaire's magnificent People's Park is a beautifully landscaped oasis of calm, a short stroll from Dún Laoghaire harbour.

67 Killiney Beach
Killiney is a long, stony beach & offers excellent views of the surrounding rocky coastline including Dalkey Island and Sorrento Terrace to the north, and Bray Head to the south.

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