

**Trinity College**, College Green ([www.tcd.ie](http://www.tcd.ie))  
Founded in 1592. I would recommend a tour.

- Book of Kells – illuminated manuscript in Latin of the Four Gospels created by Celtic monks c. 800 AD
- Past students include: George Berkeley (philosopher), Jonathan Swift (writer), William Rowan Hamilton (physicist, mathematician, the original Hamiltonian!); Edmund Burke (orator, politician, philosopher); Oscar Wilde (writer) and Samuel Beckett (playwright).
- Long Room Library
- Museum Building housing the skeleton of the extinct Great Irish Elk
- Schroedinger room where he gave his lecture *What is Life?*
- Ernest Walton spent most of his career there.

### **Merrion Square**

Besides being a fine vista, many notable people resided here over the years including:  
Oscar Wilde (No. 1)  
Erwin Schroedinger (at the Institute for Advanced Studies Dublin from 1939 to 1955) (no. 65)  
W.B. Yeats (No. 82)  
Daniel O’Connell (Irish political leader in 19<sup>th</sup> century) (No. 58)

### **National Museum of Ireland**, Kildare Street

Free. Home to greatest collection of Irish material heritage, culture and natural history.

### **National Library**, Kildare Street

Resource for tracing family history.

### **Dublin Castle**

Occupied since 1204 AD. Seat of English power in Ireland for over 700 years.

### **Dublinia**, St. Michael’s Church, Christchurch

Exhibition and tour of medieval and Viking Dublin

### **Chester Beatty Library**, Dublin Castle

Free. Outstanding collection of art and library. European Museum of Year 2002.

### **US Embassy**, 42 Elgin Road, Ballsbridge

Just in case you need it.

### **Joyce’s Dublin**

See [www.dochara.com/tour/itineraries/joyce-tour/](http://www.dochara.com/tour/itineraries/joyce-tour/) for a walking tour around Joyce’s Dublin. The home site [www.dochara.com](http://www.dochara.com) has good information for tourists to Ireland.

## **Dublin pubs**

Dublin pubs have excellent draft Guinness and food (during the day). Some personal suggestions:

Davy Byrnes, 21 Duke Street,

International Bar, Wicklow Street

O'Donoghue's Pub, 15 Merrion Row (one of origins of Irish music revival in 1960s)

McDaid's, 3 Harry Street (literary hangout)

The Brazen Head, 20 Bridge Street Lower, officially Dublin's oldest pub dating from 1198

John Kavanagh (Grave Diggers), 1 Prospect Square, old-school pub from 1833,

mentioned in Joyce's *Ulysses*

Mulligans, Poolbeg Street, excellent pint

## **Guinness Storehouse, St. James's Gate**

Original brewery since 1759. Can take a tour. Draught Guinness in Dublin is the best.

Fact: it is relatively low in calories: 125 cal. (Draught Guinness) vs. 160 cal. (Samuel Adams Boston Lager) in a 12 oz. serving.

## **Old Jameson Distillery, Bow Street, Smithfield**

John Jameson established the distillery in Bow Street in 1780. Fact: Jameson's great-granddaughter, Annie Jameson, was the mother of Guglielmo Marconi, who received the 1909 Nobel Prize in Physics "in recognition of his contributions to the development of wireless telegraphy".

## **Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square**

Commemorates all who gave their lives in pursuit of Irish freedom.

## **Abbey Theatre, D'Olier Street**

Ireland's national theatre. Founded by Yeats and others in 1904.

## **Grafton Street**

Principal shopping area. Runs from St. Stephen's Green to College Green.

## **Temple Bar**

Area south of the River Liffey. Cobble streets. Popular with tourists. Many bars, nightclubs, and restaurants.

## **Outside Dublin**

### **Joyce's Tower** Sandycove, Dun Laoghaire

Martello tower where Joyce spent 6 nights in 1904. Beginning of novel *Ulysses* set there. Now a Joyce museum. This is located about eight miles south of Dublin on the coast on the DART.

**Newgrange, County Meath**

Mysterious, prehistoric burial tomb from c. 3200 BC. Older than Stonehenge and the pyramids at Giza. At the winter solstice, the sun shines down the long passage and illuminates the floor of the central chamber for about 17 minutes. This is shown annually live on Irish TV. There is a day tour to Newgrange that picks you up in the city center around 9 AM and gets you back at about 5:15 PM. It also includes a visit to Howth as well as to Monasterboice where there are other historically interesting sites. It looks like a reasonable deal and will give you a good opportunity to see the Irish countryside.

**Site of the Battle of the Boyne (1690)**

This is located in the Boyne Valley, not far from Newgrange. Prince William of Orange defeated King James II of England. It established the ascendancy of Protestantism over Catholicism in England and Ireland (until 1921), and had significant consequences for European history, including the color of the Dutch soccer jersey.

**Titanic Belfast**

There is a new center built on the slipways in Belfast where the Titanic was built and launched. I have heard that it is quite impressive. You would need to take a train from Dublin to Belfast (approx. 2 hours). It would be a 1-day trip.