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# Dublin

## Travel Guide





# Introduction

When it comes to business travel, Dublin stands out as Ireland's economic hub and largest city. While it may be smaller than other capitals, its impact on the global commerce scene is undeniable. Renowned companies like Google, Yahoo, Facebook, Airbnb, Paypal and Microsoft, have established their European headquarters right here, making it a magnet for business travellers seeking opportunities, connections, and growth.

## Dublin's Business Beat with a Local Pulse



Dublin doesn't just tick the boxes of a typical business destination; it adds its own authentic flair. The city's elegant Georgian architecture stands as a testament to its timeless charm, casting aside the need for towering skyscrapers. What sets Dublin apart, however, is the treasure trove of local secrets waiting to be discovered. Quaint pubs, hidden culinary gems, and serene spots for a rejuvenating morning jog are all part of the experience, providing a refreshing perspective beyond conference halls.

## Dublin's Culture

Dubliners are known worldwide for their warmth and friendliness. Expect open arms and jovial conversations, perfectly seasoned with Dublin's famed sense of humour, often referred to as "craic." Whether you're belting out tunes in a lively pub or sharing stories over pints, you'll find genuine camaraderie that bridges the business world and genuine human connection.

## Dublin's Climate

Dublin's coastal location keeps its climate cool and humid year-round. Temperatures rarely exceed 20°C, and winter temperatures hover between -5 and 5 °C, making warm clothing a must during your visit. Rainfall is a regular guest, even in this region that claims the lowest rain quotient. While sunshine might play a little hard to get, spring graces the city with its fleeting warmth, promising a ray or two.



## International Airport

Dublin Airport, situated in Collinstown just 7 km north of Dublin and 3 km south of Swords in Ireland, stands as a prominent international air hub. The airport's operations are overseen by DAA. The terminals are conveniently positioned within close proximity to each other. Notable airlines such as Aer Lingus, American Airlines, Delta, Emirates, and United Airlines operate from Terminal 2, while Terminal 1 serves as the base for all other carriers, including Ryanair. Both terminals house dedicated check-in zones, security screening sections, as well as enticing options for dining and shopping experiences.





# Getting into Dublin

## Dublin Airport

A multitude of transportation choices are available for individuals journeying to Dublin City Centre and its surrounding regions.

With an extensive network of over 1,000 daily buses and coaches, Dublin Airport maintains seamless connectivity to diverse locales in and around Dublin, as well as to various towns and cities spanning across Ireland. Locate the most suitable route that provides direct access to or from the airport right [HERE](#).

If travelling by taxi, you are advised to adhere to the taxi signages when exiting from either Terminal 1 or Terminal 2, leading you to the designated taxi stands situated outside both terminals. Legitimate taxi services are mandated to showcase passenger – related details, encompassing rights, obligations, and fare particulars. These particulars, sanctioned by the Commission for Taxi Regulation, are prominently displayed in the front and rear areas of the taxi vehicle.





## Transport Options

Dublin offers a multitude of choices to travel between points A and B. The city's relatively compact layout makes walking and cycling feasible alternatives. With numerous outlying districts, you can cover the distance to the city centre by foot in approximately 30 to 40 minutes. Alternatively, Dublin boasts a well-developed public transportation system that provides reliable options for commuting.

### Travelling by bus

Dublin is connected through a network of over 100 bus routes. Dublin Bus services usually start at around 5.30 am and end at 11.30 pm. For efficient trip planning and up-to-the-minute arrival updates at nearby stops, consider utilising the Transport for Ireland app or browsing the website.



### Travelling by train

Trains run every 10 to 30 minutes from Monday to Sunday. Services start at around 6 am and end at midnight. National and regional services run from Heuston Station, Connolly Station and Pearse Station in the city centre. For more route information, check out [Irish Rail](#).

### Travelling by tram

Dublin's [Luas](#) light rail links suburbs and city centre via two lines: Green (Broombridge to Brides Glen) and Red (Saggart to The Point). Trams run every 5 minutes during peak times and every 10–15 minutes otherwise. Hours vary: around 5:30 am to 12:30 am (Mon–Fri), 06:30 am to 12:30 am (Sat), and 07:00 am to 11:00 pm (Sun/public holidays).

### Cycling

[Dublin Bikes](#), the city's bike-sharing initiative, offers a convenient and budget-friendly mode of transportation, without the hassle of bike ownership or storage concerns. With a yearly fee of €35, you gain unlimited access to any Dublin Bike, allowing you to navigate the city effortlessly.

**\*The Leap card unlocks Dublin's entire transport network, offering a seamless and economical way to access trains, trams, buses, and even Dublin Bikes. With fares up to 31% lower than individual tickets, the Leap card is a smart choice for daily commuters, offering substantial savings.**

## Hotel Options

If you're a first-time visitor wondering about the best places to stay in Dublin, there are a few notable areas to consider. For a central experience, exploring accommodations near Stephen's Green and Grafton Street is highly recommended. These vibrant locales place you in the heart of the city's bustling life.

If you're seeking a quieter environment outside the city centre, two excellent options are Drumcondra and Ballsbridge. Drumcondra offers a more residential atmosphere while remaining well-connected to the city's amenities. On the other hand, Ballsbridge exudes a refined ambiance and is known for its elegant surroundings and proximity to landmarks.

At Selective Travel Management, we have a Hotel Process in place to ensure we fulfil our Duty of Care as a professional travel Booker and to make sure you receive the service you expect. We quality check all hotels and make recommendations based upon a benchmark of the review sites on the day that you confirm your hotel. The final choice of where you want to stay is yours, we will simply provide our recommendations.

For recommendations on hotel options in Dublin, please get in touch with your Dedicated Team, who can advise on the best accommodation to suit your travel needs. Our team of experts will use their personal experience, expertise, and knowledge to advise on the best accommodation for your trip. We will take into consideration many factors including: the reason for travel, your travelling scenario (solo, female, group etc.), your personal preferences, and more.





## Work Facilities

For those in search of co-working spaces, we've handpicked 5 exceptional options that cater to various needs and preferences.

- Nestled in Sandyford, [Coworkinn](#) presents a thriving community of solo workers. With dedicated and drop-in memberships, the space offers amenities like meeting rooms, broadband, and storage lockers, making it ideal for versatile work arrangements.
- Positioned near the River Liffey, [The Tara Building](#) is a city-centre haven for co-working. Featuring flexible packages, 24/7 access, and a community-driven environment, it includes meeting rooms, wellness classes, and more.
- Located near Trinity College, [Huckletree D2](#) spans 30,000 sq. ft., offering hot desks, private studios, and unique retreats like a forest room. It hosts workshops, events, and even yoga sessions for a holistic co-working experience.
- Found within the historic chq Building along the Liffey, [Dogpatch Labs](#) thrives at the heart of Dublin's tech and finance hub. With diverse co-working setups and an Urban Garden serving as an events space, it's a dynamic choice.
- In Dublin's bustling business district, [The Brickhouse](#) offers a creative haven for freelancers, start-ups, and innovators. From dedicated desks to private offices, it caters to diverse professional needs.



## Business Environment

Dublin's business scene is a lively and diverse one, always ready to embrace those with an entrepreneurial spark. The city's unique atmosphere, where SMEs coexist with corporate giants, and tech start-ups share spaces with government institutions, fosters a sense of unity. Networking thrives within this tight-knit business community, and experienced firms generously guide those seeking growth.

Sandyford is a gem of a neighbourhood with over 1,000 businesses providing jobs for 25,000 locals. It's not just about work though; Sandyford has all the ingredients for a well-rounded life, including attractions, dining spots, and places to call home. It's award-winning infrastructure ensures that all your needs are met.

East of the city centre, Silicon Docks stretches across the Dublin Docklands, home to the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) and the Grand Canal area. Over the past two decades, this locale has magnetised tech giants, financial institutions, and global insurers, solidifying its status as a dynamic business hub.





## Sightseeing

Imagine a charming city with a big reputation – that’s Dublin for you! This vibrant and artsy metropolis is like a melting pot of cultures, featuring stunning architecture, lovely green parks, and endless options for entertainment that’ll keep you hooked.



### St Patrick’s and Christ Church Cathedrals

Dublin’s cathedrals, steeped in history, form a captivating duo. St. Patrick’s Cathedral, founded in 1220 near the baptismal well of Ireland’s patron saint, boasts stunning monuments, 19th-century stained glass, and a charming Lady Chapel. Just a brief 10-minute stroll away, Christ Church Cathedral, a magnet for pilgrims over centuries, beckons with its medieval crypt as a major highlight.

### Explore the Temple Bar area

Temple Bar isn’t just a bar; it’s a vibrant doorway to the heart of Irish beer and lively entertainment. From morning till night, there’s something to keep you engaged – whether it’s the fascinating street murals along the Icon Walk or catching a show at the Project Arts Centre. Enjoying drinks here might be a bit pricier compared to other spots, but the Vintage Cocktail Club’s unique vibe and the Palace Bar make it all worthwhile.



### The Book of Kells and Trinity College

Prepare for goosebumps as the Book of Kells unfolds its history, a captivating tale of monks, Vikings, and distant Scottish islands. This is a true marvel, safely kept in Trinity College’s Treasury. The tour treats you to the stunning Long Room Library, home to 200,000 of Trinity’s ancient books. Afterward, leisurely stroll Trinity’s historic campus since 1592, where Bram Stoker, Oscar Wilde, and Jonathan Swift once roamed.

## Food and drinks

Dublin's culinary scene is gaining recognition with creative chefs. From shellfish shacks to [Michelin-starred restaurants](#), the city offers diverse dining. Neighbourhood bistros play a key role, crafting modern Irish cuisine that's gaining identity on imaginative plates.

Hosting its vibrant stalls every Saturday at Meeting House Square, the Temple Bar Food Market stands as one of Dublin's longstanding culinary gems. Here, local independent vendors showcase a range of premium products, from organic produce and artisanal meats to delectable cheeses and freshly baked treats, offering visitors a taste of the city's true flavours.

Just a short walk away from the lively Grafton Street is the vibrant Creative Quarter,, centred around Drury Street. This place has truly transformed into a haven for food and drink enthusiasts, inviting you to discover its diverse array of restaurants and bars. You can treat yourself to the charm of independent coffee shops, unwind in trendy cocktail bar-brasseries, and relish the flavours of inviting eateries that are sure to tantalise your taste buds.

When it comes to drinks, exploring Dublin's distillery district offers a chance to tour the Jameson, Teeling, and Roe & Coe whiskey distilleries. The iconic Guinness Storehouse is also a stone's throw away. For late-night options, Lucky's, Dudley's, and the LGBTQ-friendly spot, All My Friends, stand as excellent choices to unwind and enjoy a drink.





## Useful Apps

Before travelling to Dublin, consider downloading handy mobile apps to enhance your travel experience. To navigate seamlessly throughout your stay, we suggest the following essential mobile apps:

### **Public transport apps: LEAP TOP UP, DUBLIN BUS AND IRISH RAIL**

For hassle-free public transport use in Dublin, there are helpful apps to consider. Buses only accept cash and Leap Card. The Leap card can be charged it via the LEAP TOP UP app if your phone supports NFC. To plan bus routes, the DUBLIN BUS app finds connections, while IRISH RAIL app does the same for trains.

### **Taxi apps: FREE NOW and BOLT**

For efficient travel, consider taxi apps like FREE NOW and BOLT in Dublin. Taxis offer more flexibility, and Dublin's rates are reasonable. When buses cease at midnight, these apps become invaluable.

### **Events app: EVENTBRIDE**

Discover the week(end)'s finest happenings through EVENTBRIDE. This platform unveils gigs by both renowned and emerging artists. Beyond music, explore Food Festivals and Charity Events, ensuring a diverse selection to suit your interests.

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