

The Questionnaire

Dublin 2019, An Irish Worldcon



- **Who will represent your convention at San Jose and how can they be contacted?**

James Bacon, and members of the Committee will be at the Fannish Inquisition, and we also have a fan table which will be staffed for the duration of the convention.

Contact for questions from fandom: info@dublin2019.com

- **What are the dates for your convention?**

Thursday 15th August to Monday 19th August 2019

- **Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?**

The [Convention Centre Dublin](#) (CCD) is 0.9 of a mile (1400m) from the absolute centre of Dublin; O'Connell Bridge. Transport via the LUAS tram line and buses is available from outside the venue - the LUAS to the back, and the bus-stop directly outside the front (see below for more details). It is not a suburb, but is located adjacent to one of Dublin's tech/industry districts, so the surrounding area is mainly office buildings, eateries and hotels.

- **What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne?**

We looked at the cheapest prices to Dublin for a 7 day return (as of July 2018).

Location	Direct / no. stops	Return \$	Return €
Amsterdam*	Direct	77	66
Auckland	2	1057	897
Berlin*	Direct	114	97
Boston	1	600	509
Changi, Singapore	1	794	673
Chicago	Direct	945	801
Chicago	1	633	537
Dallas	1	620	526
Los Angeles	Direct	1101	934
Los Angeles	1	679	576
London Luton	Direct	67	57
London Heathrow*	Direct	100	85
Melbourne	1	1014	860
Montreal	Direct	770	653
Montreal	1	535	454
San Francisco	Direct	1200	1018
San Francisco	1	678	575
Washington DC	Direct	548	465
Warsaw	Direct	147	125
Helsinki	1	136	115
Copenhagen*	Direct	125	106

*Major European transit destinations through which attendees might pass in transit.

- **Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier?**

The airport is the hub for Aer Lingus and RyanAir.

Dublin - London is the 19th busiest flight route in the world (see below).

- **Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport?**

Yes, and Preclearance is available for US customers.

- **Which airlines service your airport?**

57 airlines use [Dublin Airport](#), including Aer Lingus, Air France, American Airlines, British Airways, Delta, Flybe.com, KLM, Lufthansa, Norwegian Airlines, RyanAir, Emirates, Etihad and United Airlines.

More details here :

<http://www.dublinairport.com/gns/flight-information/destinations-airlines/airline-contact-details.aspx>

- **Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?**

We have marked direct flights on the table above, as well as listing most of the more useful ones below:

Direct Flights

To the USA: Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Connecticut, Delaware, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orlando, Miami, Philadelphia, Seattle, Washington DC.

To Canada: St Johns, Toronto.

To Capital Cities: Amsterdam, Athens, Berlin, Budapest, Bucharest, Copenhagen, Dubrovnik, Helsinki, Istanbul, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Reykjavik, Riga, Rome, Stockholm, Vienna, Vilnius, Warsaw, Zurich

To flights heading east which are major transit points: Agadir, Doha, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Addis Ababa

Dublin to London (Gatwick, Heathrow, Stansted, London City, Luton, Southend) is the 16th busiest flight route in the world with 91 flights a day and Dublin is the 4th busiest airport in Europe. Other UK airports served by Dublin include Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow and Bristol, all of which have multiple flights each day.

- **How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the realistic cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?**

The airport is 8 miles from the CCD.

A bus stop in front of the CCD takes you on Dublin Bus 747 or 757 to Dublin Airport every 15 minutes. The 16 minute trip costs €7 (\$8.28). A return fare €12 (\$14.20) lasts for 7 days.

Taxi is €20 (\$24) to the airport.

Transport in general

The current map of the LUAS tramline (which is wheelchair accessible) is here. The nearest stop is Spencer Dock, which is behind the CCD:

<https://www.luas.ie/routes>

- **What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?**
 - **How many rooms?**
 - **How many Singles/Doubles/Kings?**
 - **What other types of rooms are available? How many are handicap accessible?**
 - **Are there any accessibility issues?**
 - **What is the distance from the main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site?**
 - **What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?**

Hotel	Rooms	Distance
Clayton Cardiff Lane	150	0.65km / 0.40m
Hyatt Centric Liberties	140	3.00km / 1.85m
The Gibson Hotel	130	0.85km / 0.55m
Trinity College Student	200	1.60km / 1.00 m
Clayton Ballsbridge	120	3.30km / 2.05m
The Spencer	100	0.25km / 0.15m
The Gresham	100	1.80km /1.15m
Herbert Park Hotel	100	2.60km / 1.65m

Jurys Inn - Parnell Street	80	1.90km / 1.20m
Camden Court Hotel	80	3.00km / 1.85m
Hilton Garden Inn	70	0.50km / 0.30m
Trinity City Hotel	70	1.00km / 0.65m
North Star Hotel	70	1.10km / 0.70m
Jurys Inn - Christchurch	60	2.40km / 1.50m
Academy Plaza Hotel	50	1.80km / 1.15m
Croke Park	50	2.00km / 1.25m
Maldren - Pearse Street	40	0.85km / 0.855m
Grand Canal Hotel	40	1.40km / 0.90m
Holiday Inn Exp - CC	30	1.80km/ 1.15m
Radisson Blu	30	2.50km / 1.55m
StayCity Apt - Christchurch	24	2.60km/ 1,65m
Buswells Hotel	20	1.70km/ 1.05m

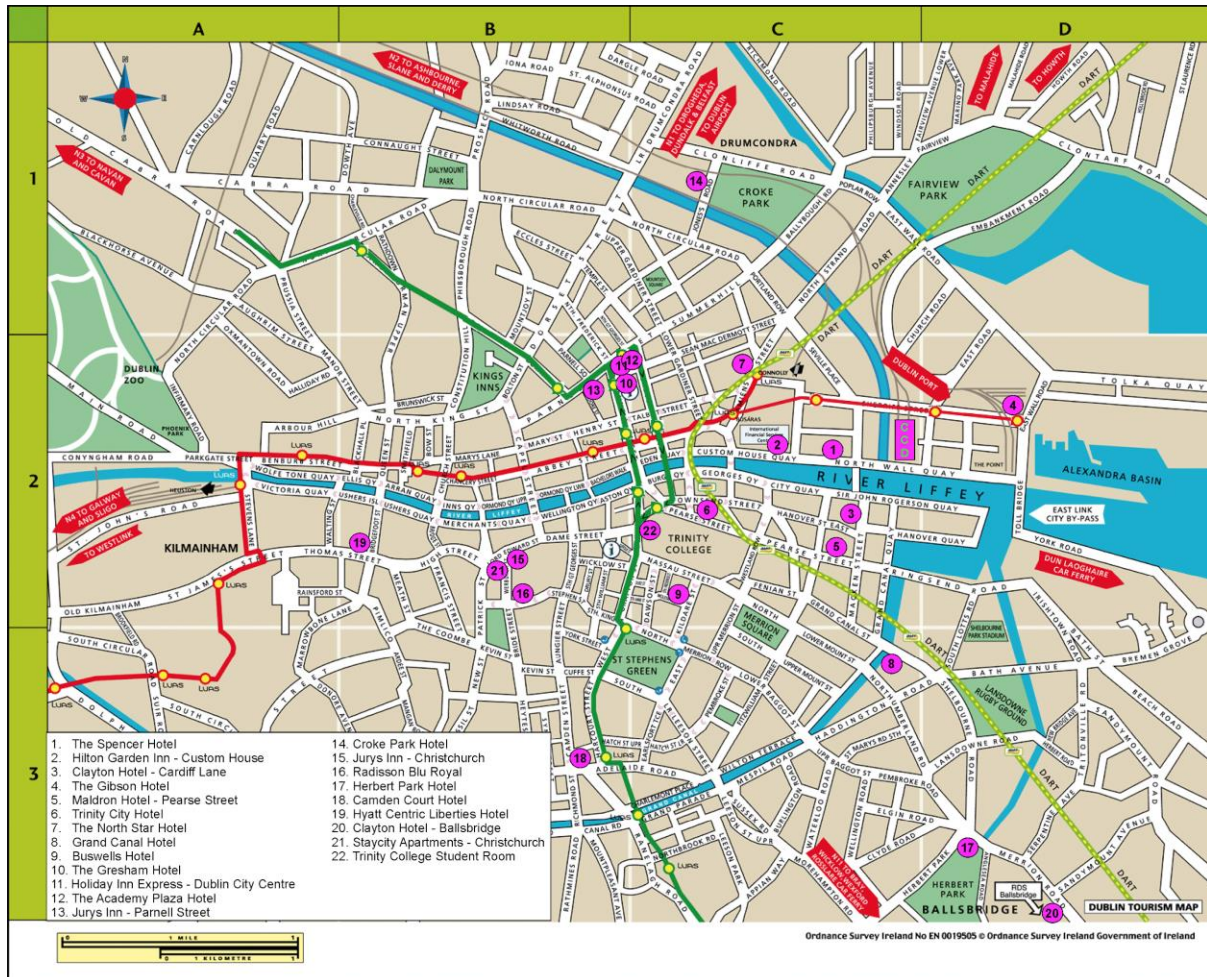
Total 1,754 Rooms average distance 1.75km / 1.1m from CCD. But we have selected our hotels so that most can have routes to the CCD using public transport with an average walk on 0.45km/0.30m

It should be noted that twin rooms will usually contain two single beds (0.9m wide, 2.0m deep) and that on occasion a single room may contain a single bed, but will usually consist of a double bed (1.4m wide, 2.0m deep). A double room will usually contain a double bed, but may contain a king bed (1.6m wide, 2.0m deep).

The rooms in our blocks split roughly 50:50 between Double and Twin rooms, with some Single rooms in the Trinity College Student accommodation. About 3% of our hotel rooms are accessible, with most of these being Double rooms.

AirBnB operates throughout the city.

Hotels are numbered with magenta circles, and numbered according to the key. Our convention centre (CCD) is the larger building marked in magenta (to the right side of the map). The red line is the Red Line (East to West) of the LUAS (tram line). The green line is the Green Line (North to South) of the LUAS. The lime green/yellow is the DART Line (Light Railway) - however this is rarely useful for travel between the Hotels and the CCD.



Our accessibility team will be working with these hotels to assess accessibility requirements.

- What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

Please see the handout that we are passing around for specific prices of our hotels - this is also available from our fan table.

General Accommodation Information

Dublin's accommodation booking opens on Tuesday 9 Jan 2019 (probably around 13:00 Dublin time). The full amount of each reservation will be charged on booking, but in most cases, this will be fully refundable until 10 May 2019, and will then be 50% refundable until the 10 June. The convention bookings will then close, and

accommodation bookings will be non-refundable. We are investigating possible ways to transfer unamended bookings between members.

Our accommodations were selected based on their rates and location and most have a route to the convention centre that involves a walk of less than a kilometre. We have also prioritised our hotels so that many have good access routes for those of you on wheels using the LUAS Red Line. We are confident that our rates will be the cheapest available for similar hotels. However, you know what suits you, and you may find cheaper digs in other three and four-star hotels out in the suburbs of Dublin and by the airport, or in Budget and Hostel accommodation in the city centre.

For those with a bigger budget, we have suites at hotels close to the convention centre. To enquire, please email suites@dublin2019.com. Junior suites are €90-€100 extra per night at the Spencer and Gibson and deluxe suites are €150 extra per night at the Spencer. Luxury suites in the 5-Star Marker (just 650m from the CCD) may also be available at rates up to €1,815 per night for the 1,400 sqft Presidential Suite.

Please note that due to our competitive rates and the limited number of rooms guaranteed you will need to be a member of the convention to book rooms at the convention rate. Most hotels can be booked for the nights 13-20 Aug inclusive. The Spencer, Hilton Garden Inn, Clayton Cardiff Lane and Gibson can be booked 11-20 Aug inclusive.

- **Do these rates include breakfast?**

These rates include all taxes and most include a full English/Irish breakfast for the people booked into the room (these are large!, with an average value of €16 per person) and no tips are needed for housekeeping.

As a result, these rates are equivalent to an average US room only pre-tax rate of €162.

- **Do they include internet in the room?**

Hotel Rooms: This can vary between hotels but it is unusual to have to pay for an internet service in a hotel. The University halls have a guest wifi and use eduroam.

CCD Program and Exhibit Venue: Free wifi throughout the CCD

- **Please describe your convention site facilities. For example, the quantity and sizes of function rooms, tech options, accessibility issues, etc.**

Our primary venue will be the Convention Centre Dublin ([CCD](#)), which has:

- Over 8,000 sqm (89,000 sq ft) of Exhibition and Foyer Space that we will use for
 - Exhibits

- Second Stage
- Fan Lounges & Bars
- Registration and associated activities
- A 2,000 Seat Auditorium
- 2,200 of Meeting Space split over 15-19 rooms ranging in size from 35 to 300 and depending on configuration

We have also booked the Stratocastor room at the Gibson Hotel which has added a 300 people capacity room to our meeting space capacity.

We are also looking at booking up to three function rooms in the Spencer Hotel that would add a further 350 if we think we need the capacity.

We will flip some meeting rooms into party rooms in the evening. There will be a limited set-up time, but we feel locating the parties at the convention is a benefit. These spaces will be together on the second floor.

The [CCD](#) is a purpose built facility that comes as a fully serviced and equipped venue as part of its pricing. This includes tech, tech teams, hosts, security and managers who will assist the convention.

The auditorium is a 2,000 seater facility, with seats designed for all day plenaries. We may need more tech for the Hugos but we can source this from anywhere we want to reduce costs. The auditorium is wheelchair accessible from both the bottom level and top level and can be customised for our needs. Seating can be removed for extra access. The auditorium uses a boosted induction loop. The backstage area is also wheelchair accessible.

There are a maximum of 15-19 meeting rooms depending on configuration, 4 boardrooms, 10 organizers offices, and 3 organizers backstage function rooms (a green room and two staff rooms)

All meeting rooms have induction loops, projectors, screens, blackout curtains and PA systems fitted as part of the arrangement. We have also seen the rooms when they are being used by large groups and can confirm that there is no sound bleed between them.

Our two Exhibition Spaces will be the Liffey and the Forum. The former will be split to give us a 2nd stage with up to 950 seats and our "Pub" which will be over 600sqm of Hospitality Space. The 2,721sqm Forum is truck accessible and will be used for Exhibits including dealers and art-show.

There are five foyers that can also be used. The foyer on the ground floor will be where Registration is situated.

The CCD is very vertically aligned; above the main foyer there are 3 floors which we expect to be always busy and another two above that. There are continuous escalators going up and down from each floor; each floor has four lifts, and two sets of stairs, and there are also other lifts in the building that we can use to ease access. The lifts on either side of the building are all mobility scooter accessible.

All signs are also in braille, and all meeting rooms have induction loops and black-out blinds. The induction loop in the Auditorium is reinforced.

Unisex toilets are available.

The Loading Bay is wheelchair accessible and provides access to the Auditorium and Forum/ Exhibits area.

Movement around the CCD:

The CCD Ground Floor is approx. 60m wide by 100m deep. It has more than 5 floors. But walking from Back of Forum to Meeting Room 5 on Wicklow (about longest walk) would be

- 50m to Exit Forum
- 15m to walk to Lift
- 50m to walk to Wicklow 5

- **Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?**

The auditorium is a 2,000 seater facility, with seats designed for all day plenaries.

We may need more tech for the Hugos but we can source this from anywhere as we want to reduce costs. For MIMO, we will probably use the tech available at the CCD, as this will make the process smoother.

The auditorium is wheelchair accessible from both the bottom level and top level and can be customised for our needs. Seating can be removed for extra access. The auditorium uses a boosted induction loop. There is a rising platform to access the auditorium stage as well as steps, and the backstage area is also wheelchair accessible.

We also intend to stream these events into The Pub in a similar manner to MAC II.

- **Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.**

Selected Restaurants within 500m:

(Options available: Vegan = V, Vegetarian = VG, Gluten Free = GF, Dairy Free = DF, Coeliac = C)

[CHQ](#) is a new food court with a variety of chains in it.

[Ferryman Pub](#) - Pub Food and Carvery.

[Ely Gastro Bar](#). Gastropub (VG, GF, DF, some items adaptable for coeliacs)

[Herb Street Restaurant](#) Pub Food (VG, V, GF)

[East Restaurant](#) Asian Fusion (VG, GF)

[Musashi Noodles and Sushi](#). (VG)

[Milano](#) - Pizza (VG, GF).

[MV Cill Airne](#). Fish, Burgers and Salads (VG, GF)

[J2Sushi](#). Steaks and sushi. (VG, GF)

[STIR Restaurant](#). Breakfast and dinner. Modern Irish and European dishes (VG)

[Lagoon Bar](#). Modern pub. Chicken, pasta, salads, sandwiches. (VG, GF)

[Brew Dock Pub](#). Brewery restaurant. (VG, GF)

[Urban Brewing](#). Brewery restaurant. Tapas and European dishes. (VG, C)

[Drunken Fish](#). Korean pub and restaurant. (VG)

[Broadway Pizza](#). Pizza, pasta, salads. (VG)

[Il Fornaio Pizza](#). Italian dishes. (pizza: VG)

[Oly's](#) at the Hilton Garden Inn. Burgers, salads, fish. (VG)

[Rockets by Eddie Rockets](#).

Many Irish eateries also list potential allergens on their menus using a [numerical system](#).

Both the Temple Bar and St Stephen's areas have extensive eateries for all levels of pricing. See also [this useful map](#) for more places in the area, and a more general review site [here](#).

Service (tipping) is either included and will be marked on the bill, or is expected to be about 10-15%, depending on the quality of the meal. Tipping is not expected for drinks or fast food.

Convenience Stores:

Fresh (mid range deli and supermarket). Salad bar, coffee bar, supermarket food and snacks (V, VG, GF, DF)

Marks and Spencers (high end convenience store): sandwiches, snacks, and salads (some V, VG, GF)

Spar (cheap convenience store): sandwiches, snacks, and salads. (some V, VG, GF).

Fast Food nearby:

[La Corte](#)

Broadway Pizza
Subway
Munchies
The Swedish Food Company
Starbucks
Coffee Angel
The Art of Coffee
The CHQ Building (a multipurpose historic site) has a food court

We are also talking to the CCD about locating smaller local food sellers in the green space next to the Convention Centre specifically for the con. Previous events have hosted street food and 'farmer's market' type booths, and we hope to replicate this.

The CCD also has its own caterers and has the ability to provide different types, styles, prices and quality snacks, lunches, buffets and dinners. We will continue to discuss options with them going forward.

The Michelin Guide recommends 28 restaurants within a mile of the CCD, the closest being half a mile away.

- **What are the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention center, and city?**

Hotel(s): Permitted in designated rooms, otherwise banned.

Convention Centre: Total ban.

City: Total ban in restaurants, bars, cafes and workplaces.

- **What type of weather can we expect during your convention?**

The month of August is characterized by daily highs around 64°F (18°C), rarely exceeding 71°F (22°C) or dropping below 59°F (15°C). It is mostly cloudy and many days there will be a light or moderate rainfall. Humidity is between 65 - 90% (although this top end is very unusual). It can be windy around the area of the CCD because of the river and proximity to the docks/sea.

We recommend checking out this handy weblink rather than Google (because it's awesome and we like weather maps!!!):

<https://weatherspark.com/averages/28818/8/Dublin-Leinster-Ireland>

If you require a super duper up to date app about weather, We also recommend Dark Sky (which can tell you what the weather is right now):

<https://darksky.net/app>

- **What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party**

space?

The Pub, in the CCD is our large social space. Our Second Stage is a possible venue for events, music, etc. We intend to stream the Hugos in the Pub and 2nd Stage in a similar way to MAC II. We felt that this provided a more relaxed experience for the Hugos for some, as it enabled people to move about more freely during the ceremony.

We will flip meeting rooms into party rooms in the evening. There will be a limited set-up time, but we feel locating the parties at the convention is a benefit.

These social spaces will be on our first floor, with parties on the second floor.

The CCD is very flexible in how the space can be used and we will also be offering quiet space, where more relaxed moments can be had.

- **Do you have a corkage waiver and a forklage waiver?**

There is an arrangement in place, where the CCD will allow parties to supply booze to the value of €250/\$325, plus soft drinks and snack food. The cost of this waiver will be passed onto the parties as a room hire from the convention and we expect the standard party rooms to cost party hosts between €250-€310 depending on size, significantly more if we can make a Hall available for parties with 3 times the space.

One additional point to note is that, for other than specialist local alcohol, all alcohol purchases must be through the CCD, which will supply spirits, wines, beer and cider at cost price (with no-markup). They will then deliver the alcohol along with glasses and ice before the party starts.

To clarify this:

Corkage includes snacks like nuts & crisps (chips).

There is no Forkage waiver and all substantial "food" must come through CCD.

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

<https://dublin2019.com/members-area/code-of-conduct/>

We have a commitment to continue fine tuning our Code of Conduct until the convention begins and have recently released an updated version.

- **Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults, military, or seniors?**

Here are our current membership rates:

Membership Type	Current Rate
Supporting	€40
Attending Adult	€180
First Worldcon	€110
Young Adult (13-25)	€110
Child (6-12)	€65
Infant (< 5)	€5

- All rates in Euros. Ages as of 15 Aug 2019.
- Friends (regular/YA/Super) still get a discount
- Pre-supporting benefits have expired
- We have installment and family plans available
- Online and accessible Progress Reports free, printed add €10 to membership

- **What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?**

James' Mammy

We are frequently asked whether James Bacon's Mammy will be attending, giving tours, signing autographs or passing judgement on her good son. At present, we are unsure of her availability but would like to assure people that she is working hard to make sure James behaves himself. Grand.

Dublin is famous for its hospitality and social scene, as well as a rich literary and cultural history. It's also home to James' Mammy (see below), who lives in a suburb of the city.

[The Guinness Brewery and Storehouse](#)

This is Dublin's most popular tourist attraction. Visitors can tour the brewery, find out about the history of Guinness, and sample some of the wares. Exit via the Gift Shop...

[Jameson Distillery](#)

Another popular tour, this time of our largest whiskey export!

[Trinity College and National Library of Ireland](#)

This houses the [Book of Kells](#) and The Long Room was the inspiration for the library in Star Wars Episode 3. It is also possible to stay in Halls at Trinity. The library also has a number of different exhibits each year (recent ones have included Blood!, W.B. Yeats, and the Library has an ongoing commitment to present exhibitions documenting the history of Ireland)

[National Museum of Ireland](#)

Three different venues in Dublin explore Natural History, Archeology and Decorative Arts. Current exhibitions focus on the Easter Rising of 1916 and local history.

[National Gallery of Ireland](#)

Art included in the collection includes Yeats, Titian, Michelangelo and Picasso.

[Botanic Gardens and Glasnevin Cemetery](#)

The Botanic Gardens and Glasnevin Cemetery adjoin each other and can be reached by a short journey on the No.4 or 40 bus. The Botanic gardens have a range of beautiful walks, an excellent selection of Pokengymms and many talks by resident botanists on subjects such as the explorers and scientists who have donated their finds to the collection. The Victorian cemetery next door is atmospheric and beautiful, and also home to one of Ireland's war memorials and war grave sites. Frequent talks and tours start at the visitor's centre, and both places have cafes and frequent places to sit. The Botanic Gardens cafe does wonderful cakes. Both sites are accessible by large tarmac pathways, however these are rather more rough towards the back of the cemetery (which is still in use).

[Temple Bar area](#)

This is a popular area approx 15 mins walk (two stops by tram from behind the CCD) from the CCD, full of bars, places to eat and entertainment. It is also surrounded by a more eclectic shopping area which includes independent and secondhand bookshops, comic shops and alternative clothing stores.

[The Dublin Literary Pub Crawl](#)

Several pub crawls and walks are available around Dublin - but this one was voted #4 in the World by The Sunday Times. The walk showcases some of Dublin's best drinking holes as well as the authors that frequented them, including Joyce, Beckett and Yeats.

[1916 Easter Rising Coach Tour / The Dublin Ghost Bus / City Sightseeing - Dublin](#)

Several bus rides tour the town, which has also been used for location filming of series such as *Penny Dreadful* and *Ripper Street*.

[Dublin Zoo / The President's Residence](#)

[Phoenix Park](#) is a walled park to the North of the River Liffey housing the zoo, the President's residence, the largest obelisk in Europe and a number of decorative gardens. We are still not sure whether putting this combination of residences together is a coincidence...

[Kilmainham Gaol](#)

A more gristly record of Dublin's history can be found in the gaol, which is one of the largest unoccupied prisons still standing in the world. The tour also explores the city's relationship with conflict and crime throughout the centuries.

Various Cathedrals and Churches

Until recently, Ireland was a profoundly religious country, and this is reflected in the diverse religious buildings that dot the city. You can even shake hands with a Mummy in [St Michans!](#).

Dublin also provides easy access to the nearby countryside, and the Irish countryside is renowned for its beauty. Local attractions include [Tayto Park](#), a theme park devoted to one of Ireland's greatest loves, the crisp (potato chip), and the [Boyne Valley](#), site of both the Battle of the Boyne, and a number of Celtic tombs and cairns.

Ireland is well known for its beautiful, evocative countryside and has featured in many science fiction and fantasy movies and TV series.

[Skellig Micheal](#) was used in the climactic scene at the end of *The Force Awakens*, and featured heavily in *The Last Jedi*. Famously, the island was so heavily populated by puffins that it was impossible to keep them out of shot, and thus the Porg was born... Several parts of *Game of Thrones* have also been filmed at different locations around Ireland and Northern Ireland.