

Trail Treats

BALBRIGGAN

This fishing town is now known for its castle, lighthouse and coastal walks, but was historically famous for textile manufacturing, particularly hosiery – even Queen Victoria wore Balbriggan-made stockings!

SKERRIES

St Patrick left his footprint on a rock here after leaping from a nearby island – see if you can track it down.

DONABATE

Here you'll find Newbridge House and Farm, one of Ireland's best preserved Georgian mansions. Alongside fascinating history, there are beautiful gardens, a state-of-the-art kitchen and a working farm on site.

MALAHIDE

Malahide Castle is a treasure trove of heritage and historical tales, with its rooms echoing different styles and tastes from centuries past.

HOWTH

Hidden in the heart of Howth is 'Aideen's Grave', a massive dolmen reputedly the burial place of a mythical princess.

RAHENY

Check out the Tree of Life, a dying 200-year-old Monterey Cypress reborn as a spectacular sculpture.

BULL ISLAND

Dollymount Strand is a vast expanse of sand that's the perfect launch pad for kite surfers or simply stretching your legs.

CLONTARF

Look out for the unique birds and marine life that call Clontarf home. Part of the UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere, this is the perfect place for a stroll or cycle.

DUBLIN PORT

Sit and watch the ships coming into the bustling port, guided by Dublin's iconic cherry red landmark – the Poolbeg Lighthouse at the end of the Great South Wall.

GRAND CANAL DOCK

Strut your stuff on the city's "red carpet" at Grand Canal Dock, a paved red runway decorated with eye-catching glowing light sticks.

SANDYMOUNT

Ireland and Mexico's friendship is marked here with a 20 foot sculpture called Awaiting the Mariner, although Dublin has nicknamed it An Cailín Bán (the white girl)!

BLACKROCK

Treasure hunters at the ready! Blackrock's weekend market is Dublin's oldest market with over 30 stalls of antiques, clothes, furniture, food and some quirky cafés.

SALTHILL & MONKSTOWN

Peckish? Discover why Monkstown has earned a reputation as a home-from-home for hungry gastronomes.

DÚN LAOGHAIRE

Amble along the 1.2km harbour wall and let bracing sea breezes work their magic.

SANDYCOVE & GLASTHULE

There are no medals for taking a dip at the Forty Foot – but when temperatures drop, there probably should be!

DALKEY

Once a mighty stronghold built to defend the port's valuable cargo, Dalkey Castle is now home to a Writer's Gallery that commemorates Dublin's best storytellers.

KILLINEY

Can you see Wales? On a clear day it's as clear as day from the top of Killiney Hill.

Saddle Up: Dublin's key cycle routes



BALDOYLE TO PORTMARNOCK

While some on-road cycling is required between Howth and Malahide, a 1.8 km dedicated cycleway from Baldoyle to Portmarnock is reserved for cyclists and pedestrians.



CITY CENTRE TO HOWTH

A dedicated cycle path runs along the North Liffey Quay, from Buckingham Street to the Clontarf Strand and on for the next 10 km or so.



THE TOLKA ESTUARY GREENWAY

With over 3kms of spectacular views across Dublin Bay, this dedicated cycle and pedestrian route takes you on a journey around the northern side of Dublin Port.



BOOTERTOWN TO BLACKROCK

Starting at Blackrock Park beside Bootertown Dart station, the route continues through the park and exits the park at Blackrock Dart station.



GLASTHULE TO DALKEY

A shared pedestrian and cycle route, 'The Metals' runs for approximately 2 km between the seafront at Glasthule and Dalkey.



Dalkey, County Dublin

Transit Rail

There are stations dotted along the Dublin Coastal Trail at all the major seaside towns. Use the map to follow the tracks and explore the Dublin Coastal Trail by transit rail.

www.irishrail.ie

Travel Information

Dublin Leap Card

www.about.leapcard.ie/dublin

Visitor Leap Card

www.about.leapcard.ie/leap-visitor-card

Shared Bike Scheme

www.bleeperactive.com

www.dublinbikes.ie

www.mobybikes.com

www.fingal.ie/activetravel/bikes

Local Tourist Information

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.dlirtourism.ie
The Metals, Marine Rd, Dún Laoghaire (01) 280 6964

City Centre Tourist Information

Tourist Information Centre O'Connell St

14 Upper O'Connell Street Upper, (01) 605 7700

Visit Dublin Tourist Information Centre

3 Palace Street, Barnardo Square, Dublin 2, D02 T277. (01) 265 5634

Food on the Dublin Coastal Trail

Explore the amazing food scene along the Dublin Coastal Trail, where seaside villages offer everything from fresh seafood to cosy cafés, artisan treats, weekend markets, and family-friendly favourites. Each stop brings its own flavour, inviting you to sample local specialities and enjoy great meals with coastal views. It's the perfect way to taste your way along the shoreline while discovering the charm of Dublin's coastal communities.



Dublin Coastal Trail

Discover Dublin's Coastline

www.visitdublin.com



Dublin Coastal Trail



Malahide Beach, County Dublin.

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 Balbriggan to the north of the city, to Killiney in the south. By navigating the rail line to the trail's 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



Balbriggan



Ardgillan Castle & Demense

www.ardgillancastle.ie
Ardgillan Castle and Gardens is a stunning visitor attraction, with an impressive range of experiences including guided castle and garden tours, theatre performances, afternoon tea, a cafe, a fairy trail, a children's playground and much more.

Balbriggan Harbour & Lighthouse

Admire one of Ireland's oldest harbour lights, built in the 1760s at the end of Balbriggan's historic east pier. The tapered redbrick lighthouse, originally candle-lit and later upgraded to oil lamps, still stands as a proud maritime landmark beside the limestone harbour, reflecting the town's long seafaring and trading heritage.

Balbriggan Heritage Trail

www.dublindiscoverytrails.ie/#balbriggan
Explore the town trail and discover more about Balbriggan's industrial past; uncovering hidden stories of the fascinating people, places and events that shaped this unique coastal town through the centuries.

Celtic Tweed Tour Experience

www.celtictweed.ie
Celtic Tweed is an authentic Irish company based in Balbriggan, County Dublin. Irish handmade tweed and linen garments are designed and manufactured by master craftspeople specially for you to enjoy. Visitors can explore the rich heritage of Balbriggan and discover this fine craft. Contact in advance: Tour Times: Wednesday – Friday: 1pm–4pm.

Flynn Park Adventure Park

www.flynnpark.ie
Set on over 75 acres in Fingal, North County Dublin, Flynn Park Outdoor Adventures has extensive activity options on land, lake and sky for the whole family to enjoy together.

Irish Institute of Music & Song

www.thelark.ie
The Balbriggan campus in County Dublin has something for everyone. It is home to The Lark Concert Hall, The La-La Cafe & Restaurant and the Irish Institute of Music & Song.

Salt Cave Paradise

www.saltcaveparadise.ie
Unwind in Balbriggan's tranquil Salt Cave Paradise, a soothing wellness escape featuring salt pools, cosy relaxation areas, and calming therapies that offer a peaceful break by the sea.

Skerries



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.

The Sea Sauna Portrane

www.theseasauna.ie
Discover the power of natural contrast therapy at The Sea Sauna - Dublin's original seaside sauna experience. Nestled beside Tower Bay Beach, on the Donabate & Portrane Peninsula, where they combine traditional wood-fired heat by the sea, with outdoor cold showers, and plunge barrels – all with stunning views over the Irish Sea.

Malahide



Casino Model Railway Museum

www.modelrailwaymuseum.ie
Step into a world of miniature marvels! The Casino Model Railway Museum in Malahide boasts an intricate Cyril Fry collection that will captivate train enthusiasts of all ages. A recent Irish Rail addition allows children to try their luck at driving a train. All aboard!

Fingal Walking Trails

www.fingal.ie/trips
Fingal has 88km of coastline to be explored from Sutton to Balbriggan. 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.

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. Explore our enchanting fairy trail and be dazzled by hundreds of butterflies in the exotic butterfly house. Family fun awaits.

Malahide Village Trail

www.dublindiscoverytrails.ie/#malahide
Discover the charm of Malahide on a selfguided village trail, taking in its historic streets, scenic coastline, and vibrant local culture. From heritage landmarks to hidden gems, it's a relaxed and engaging way to explore one of Dublin's most picturesque coastal towns.

Howth



Ardán Garden Howth

www.dublingardengroup.com/ardan
A unique opportunity to visit a sculpture and organic floral garden which attracts many garden, art and nature enthusiasts. A personal welcome from the owners ensures an inspirational and uplifting visit.

Dublin Bay Cruises

www.dublinbaycruises.com
Leisurely boat trips between Dun Laoghaire, the City Centre and Howth, 6 days a week. Suitable for families and groups of up to 96. A great way to experience Dublin Bay and its coastline.

Hidden Howth Experiences

www.hiddenhowthexperiences.com
Experience Ireland like a local on the Dublin Coastal Hike & Pints Tour or the Dublin Coastal Craft Beer & Seafood Trail.

Howth Adventures

www.howthadventures.com
Experience all the outdoor beauty of Dublin on guided hiking, walking, electric bike and coastal boat tours with expert local guides.

Howth Boats

www.howth-boats.com
They offer full day, half day or evening fishing trips for up to 12 passengers per trip. Their excursions are suitable for all ages and fishing experience levels. Fishing gear and bait are provided if needed. Parties, stag and hen celebrations are welcome.

Howth Castle Cookery School

www.howthcastlecookeryschool.ie
This cookery school is a very special experience, as it is located in the beautifully restored kitchens of Howth Castle, County Dublin. Howth Castle Cookery School offers a wide range of classes to suit all requirements.

Howth Cliff & Looped Walks

www.visitdublin.com/howth-cliff-path-loop
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.

Howth Cliff Cruises

www.howthcliffcruises.ie
Experience the beauty of Howth's stunning coastline and Ireland's Eye with Howth Cliff Cruises. Our boat tours showcase the diverse wildlife and birdlife of the area, with the opportunity to witness breathtaking sunsets over Dublin Bay.

Howth Foraging

www.howthforaging.ie
Explore the wild landscapes of Howth on a guided foraging walk, learning to safely and sustainably identify local plants, mushrooms, and hedgerow finds. Along the way, discover their culinary, medicinal, and folklore traditions. Most tours include light vegetarian foraged snacks, herbal teas, and takehome foraging packs for a truly immersive nature experience.

Howth Yacht Charter

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

Irelands Eye Ferries

www.irelandseyeferries.com
Small group coastal boat tours that get up close to the amazing wildlife, panoramic views and marine habitats of Howth in Dublin

My Bike or Hike

www.mybikeorhike.ie/along-the-coast
Along The Coast Tours – With a wealth of history, stunning views and sea air, choose a bike tour, guided hike, leisurely stroll or even a cruise. So many choices as tickle your fancy, only a stone's throw away from Dublin City.

The Abbey Tavern

www.abbeytavern.ie
Ireland's original Traditional Irish Show, first staged in 1963, continues to captivate audiences with live music, song, and dance in the atmospheric 16thcentury Abbey Tavern. A beloved cultural experience for over 60 years.

Wonky Sauna

www.instagram.com/wonkysauna
Enjoy a traditional firewoodheated sauna paired with a refreshing coldplunge experience at Balscadden Bay in Howth. With stunning coastal views and a relaxed atmosphere, it's a unique way to unwind by the sea.

Ye Olde Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio

www.howthradiomuseum.rezgo.com
Museum and amateur radio station (EIOMAR) is located in Howth village Martello Tower. Built in 1805, it's one of many built around the coast to guard against possible invasions by Napoleon at the time.

Raheny & Bull island



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.

Hope Beer (Brewery Tour)

www.hopebeer.ie/brewery-tours-dublin
Discover one of Dublin's best microbrewery experiences on a 90minute tour of Hope Brewery's stateoftheart facility in North Dublin. Learn how craft beer is made during a guided walkthrough of the brewing process, then enjoy a tasting of their core range with views over the brewery floor – the perfect blend of insight and flavour.

Red Stables Food Market, St Anne's Park

The Red Stables Food Market is every Saturday from 10am to 4pm in the Red Stables Courtyard in Raheny, County Dublin. The market's focus is on quality merchandise supplied and sold by locally based producers, crafts persons and artisans.

The North Bull Island

The North Bull Island Bull Island is a low lying, sand dune covered island 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.

Clontarf



Pure Magic Watersports Dublin

www.puremagic.ie
Based in Clontarf, Dublin City, offers lessons and activity afternoons in kitesurfing, stand up paddle boarding (SUP), and wing foiling. Courses are available for complete beginners to advanced levels. Suitable for children age 12 years and up.

St Anne's Park

The former home of the Guinness family, St Anne's Estate provides extensive public parklands and rose gardens just outside Dublin city centre. Covering 112 hectares, the park provides playing pitches, golf, tennis courts, a Saturday food market, playground, cafe and more. It is also very close to Dollymount Strand, a coastal bird sanctuary.

Viking Theatre

www.vikingtheatredublin.com
Located above a public house, Connolly's The Sheds in Clontarf, this gem of a theatre has made a major cultural impact not only in Dublin but nationwide, with audience members travelling from all parts of Ireland to see top quality performances.

Dublin Port



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).

Substation

www.dublinport.ie/the-substation
Step inside this beautifully restored early-20th-century redbrick Substation, once central to powering Dublin Port and now reimagined as a modern cultural space. Its renovation uncovered part of the city's original 1728 sea wall beneath the building, now preserved under glass, offering visitors a unique glimpse into Dublin's layered maritime past.

Dublin Port Greenway

www.dublinport.ie/greenway
The Tolka Estuary Greenway provides a scenic walking and cycling route along Dublin Port's northern edge, with stunning views of an estuary landscape.

Pumphouse

The Pumphouse formerly housed the steam engine which powered the gates of Graving Dock 1 has been repurposed by Dublin Port into an artistic and cultural venue and is a key part of the Heritage Zone at Dublin Port.

Great South Wall

As one of the oldest and longest sea walls in Europe, the Great South Wall is a popular tourist attraction and one of Dublin's most visited walks, welcoming 80,000 visitors per year. Remarkably the wall still stands in its original form, protecting the channel to Dublin Port and facilitating the safe passage of commercial shipping which accounts for at least 60% of Ireland's imports.

Liffey Ferry

www.oldliffeyferry.com
Take a historic trip through Dublin's Docklands on the Old Liffey Ferry, passing under the Samuel Beckett Bridge toward the Great South Wall while hearing maritime tales and spotting wildlife like seals and Arctic terns.

Grand Canal Dock



3 Arena

www.arena.ie
The 3Arena is a major indoor amphitheatre located at North Wall Quay in the Docklands. It hosts world-class concerts and events, welcoming leading international artists throughout the year.

CHQ

www.chq.ie
A restored 19thcentury Docklands warehouse, CHQ is now a bright riverside hub for cafés, shops, events, and attractions like EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum.

City Kayaking

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

Custom House Visitor Centre

www.heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/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.

Docklands Walking Trail/ Doors into Docklands

www.dublindiscoverytrails.ie/#docklands
Experience Dublin's Docklands through a family-friendly circular walking trail that takes in seven engaging stops, from Ireland's smallest museum to hidden details adorning The Custom House. Along the route, you can explore at your own pace and enjoy a range of activities suitable for all ages.

Don't miss "Doors into Docklands," a dedicated digital experience that reveals unique stories, friendly faces, maritime history, and heritage sites through immersive virtual moments. It's the perfect companion to deepen your journey through this lively neighbourhood.

Dream Point Experience

www.dreampointexperience.ie
Dream Point Experience offers family fun with interactive rooms where playful characters come to life, creating imaginative, memorable moments and joyful shared experiences for visitors of all ages.

Dublin Bay Cruises

www.dublinbaycruises.com
Leisurely boat trips between Dun Laoghaire, the City Centre and Howth, 6 days a week. Suitable for families and groups of up to 96. A great way to experience Dublin Bay and its coastline.

Dublin Discovered Boat Tours

www.dublindiscovered.ie
Enjoy a guided tour along the River Liffey, showcasing Dublin's iconic landmarks and rich history.

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum

www.epicchq.com
Voted Europe's leading tourist attraction 2019 – 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.

Escape Boats

www.escapeboats.ie
A unique escape room adventure set on a floating barge at Grand Canal Dock, where teams solve puzzles and crack codes to escape the Zorg Ella.

HQ2O

www.hq2owatersports.ie
A first of its kind urban outdoor watersports destination on the River Liffey, offering inclusive programmes, guided river tours, paddling, rowing sessions and more, with modern facilities in the heart of the Docklands.

Irish Family History Centre

www.irishfamilyhistorycentre.com
Visit the Irish Family History Centre at EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum in the historic CHQ building. We will help visitors search for their Irish ancestors while discovering unique family stories along the way. Please note that all consultations are by appointment only.

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.

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.

The Bord Gáis Energy Theatre

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

Windmill Lane Recording Studios

www.windmillanerecording.com
The backstage tour brings visitors into the legendary Windmill Lane Studios, where iconic Irish artists and global performers have recorded some of the most influential albums and songs of the past 40 years.

Sandymount



Sandymount Strand

www.visitdublin.com/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.

Poolbeg Lighthouse

www.visitdublin.com/poolbeg-lighthouse
Take a refreshing coastal stroll to the bright red Poolbeg Lighthouse, perched at the end of the historic Great South Wall. Enjoy pastel sunsets, fresh sea air, and sweeping views across Dublin Bay as you follow this scenic 4km loop from the Great South Wall car park or extend your ramble from Sandymount Strand. Along the way, spot cormorants, herons, and gulls, and don't miss the colourful lighthouse mural brightening the grey sea wall. Whether you're watching ferries depart at dawn or soaking in the calm evening light, Poolbeg offers a magical moment by the water."

The Aviva Stadium

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

Blackrock



Blackrock Market

www.theblackrockmarket.com
Blackrock Market rests in the heart of Blackrock village, established in 1986 the market have evolved into a thriving family run market. Supporting local business and shopping sustainably. The Market hosts over 30 stalls, ranging from antiques, bric-a-brac, clothing, home furnishing, electronics, to our many food stalls, cafes and even a Michelin star restaurant.

Blackrock Park

www.dlrcoco.ie/parks-outdoors/parks/blackrock-park
Blackrock Park is a pleasant green area overlooking Dublin Bay, in Blackrock, County Dublin, and boasts a well-equipped children's playground, cycle path, sports area, picnic area, gardens and trees.

Dublin Cookery School

www.dublincookeryschool.ie
Discover modern Irish and international cooking at the award-winning Dublin Cookery School in seaside Blackrock. Offering fun, hands-on courses for all skill levels, from evening and one-day classes to immersive four-week programmes, the school's bright, purpose-built studio is the perfect place to learn new techniques, build confidence and enjoy great food with expert tutors.

Salthill & Monkstown



Seapoint Beach

www.visitdublin.com/seapoint-beach
A popular seaswimming spot on the southern edge of Dublin Bay, Seapoint Beach offers easy access via slipways and steps, making it ideal for hightide swims. With views of the historic Martello Tower and a mix of sandy and rocky shoreline, it provides a refreshing coastal swimming experience.

Dún Laoghaire



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.

Dublin Bay Cruises

www.dublinbaycruises.com
Leisurely boat trips between Dún Laoghaire, the City Centre and Howth, 6 days a week. Suitable for families and groups of up to 96. A great way to experience Dublin Bay and its coastline.

Dublin Boat Tour (Irish National Sailing School)

www.dublinboattour.com/tours
Based in Dún Laoghaire Harbour explore Dublin Bay on our passenger boats – taking in the sights of the busy Harbour, Coastline and the wildlife of the bay.

Dún Laoghaire Pier Walk

www.dlrcoco.ie/dun-laoghaire-east-pier
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.

Goat Boat Tours

www.goatboat.ie
An unforgettable and intimate boat tour within the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere. Departing from Dún Laoghaire. Witness incredible scenery, wildlife, elegant architecture and hear about the rich history of Dublin Bay.

gosailing.ie

www.gosailing.ie
Experience Dublin Bay onboard a 53 foot yacht or one of our powerboats. We specialise in private tours, corporate outings and team building events taking in all the sights from Dún Laoghaire to Killiney Bay. Get the adrenalin pumping on a high powered powerboat experience or relax on a leisurely sailing trip.

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.

The People's Park

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