

A Visit to Dublin...

...Now that really is something to write home about!

From truly fascinating cobbled streets, Viking remains, elegant Georgian Squares and ancient heritage to madly exhilarating sporting events and spontaneous traditional music sessions. With deeply sophisticated culinary delights and a beautiful natural setting between the mountains and the sea, not to mention the friendliest locals and the cheapest hotels in Europe (TripAdvisor 2009; Hotels.com Price Index 2011) Dublin is the perfect fit for any destination piece.

2011 is an exciting year for Dublin. We look forward to the inaugural Dublin Contemporary 2011, a ground breaking visual arts exhibition taking place this autumn. Dublin is proud to have won the designation of UNESCO City of Literature, a designation which we will celebrate throughout 2011 and beyond.

At Dublin Tourism, we are enjoying a busy 2011. The award winning VisitDublin App is now available for FREE download on www.visitdublin.com/app and with exciting new products and initiatives to come, we'll have lots to shout about.

So if you're looking for on the ground assistance; a little creative inspiration; fact-checking or just in need of some imagery, we are here to assist.

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Location: Dublin is the capital of the Republic of Ireland and is Ireland's largest city. It is located on the east coast of Ireland, overlooking Dublin Bay. The Liffey is the main river running through the city. Dublin City is surrounded by the greater Dublin area or Dublin County where the visitor can find an abundance of picturesque seaside villages, rolling mountains and rural hinterland and all within half an hour of the city centre!

Population: The population of Dublin City and County area is approximately 1.1 million.

Climate: Dublin's climate is mild and very changeable so come prepared for all seasons!

Language: English is the spoken language through Ireland but with its own Irish flavour and lilt! Irish (or Gaelic) is the original native language of Ireland. Place names and signage are usually in both languages.

Accommodation: There is a wide range of quality accommodation available in Dublin to suit all requirements – from five star hotel chains to great value budget hotels. Dublin also has a great range of guesthouses, bed & breakfasts and self-catering to caravan & camping and hostels. You can book securely online at www.visitdublin.com. Look out for the special offers section on the website for the best value break available.

Getting around: As Dublin City is compact and easy to get around, a car is not required. Public transport options include bus, tram and train. New to the city are the Dublin Bikes which visitors can use by purchasing a 3 Day Pass. Driving is on the left side of the road, the metric system is in use in Ireland.

Dublin Tourism Information Offices: Dublin Tourism operates four Tourist Information Offices at the following locations- Suffolk Street, Dublin Airport, Dun Laoghaire Ferry Terminal and O'Connell Street.

The Dublin Pass: The Dublin Pass is the official visitor card for Dublin. The Dublin Pass offers users the best in attractions, sightseeing, shopping, service and restaurant offers, all in one complete package, an overall 'visitor experience'. The Pass covers entrance to 31 of Dublin's top attractions and gives access to special offers, added value and preferential rates at selected venues, theatres, retail outlets, restaurants, transport and tours.

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Your journey to Dublin starts at the city's official online tourist office www.visitdublin.com where you'll find everything you need to know before you go plus insider tips that will really make your trip. For places to stay, things to do, flights, sights, transport, tours, clubs, pubs history and culture. Not forgetting the famous Dublin 'craic'!

DUBLIN TOURISM is a state appointed, commercial agency with a strategic partnership of key stakeholders in tourism in the Dublin Region. Dublin Tourism's principal mission is to enhance Dublin's economy through tourism development and servicing by marketing the Dublin region on a world-wide basis as a premier destination for the business and leisure traveller. www.visitdublin.com is the official website for Dublin.

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