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### DUBLIN LOCAL HISTORY

This thousand year old city on the East coast of Ireland has had a dark and turbulent past.

For the first part of the 20th century, strife and unrest tore Dublin apart as it involved a messy and violent divorce from Britain.

Today, it is known as the •party capital of Europe• with its thriving business and economy and the ability of the Irish people to have fun, under any circumstances.

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**Christ Church Cathedral** • Renovated between 1871 and 1878 this cathedral with its magnificent stonework and pointed arches with supporting columns is the mother church for the diocese of Dublin and Church of Ireland. The crypt is open to the public and depending on what time of day one visits, the bells can be heard pealing in the belfry.

**Dublin City Gallery** • **The Hugh Lane** • A gallery of modern art which also includes masterpieces by Renoir, Degas and Monet.

**Guinness Storehouse** • **St. James Gate** • A trip to Dublin would not be complete without a visit to this storehouse where you'll discover everything there is to know about this world famous drink.

## DUBLIN CUISINE

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Dublin is known for its bacon and cabbage, smoked salmon on soda bread, mussels and stout.

## DUBLIN RESTAURANTS

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**Abbey Tavern** • **Abbey Street, Howth** • Known for its nightly traditional music sessions, start with the restaurant upstairs. One could try their mushrooms, prawns and cream sauce, seafood crepes, poached salmon or any of their other delicious meals. Once satisfied, head downstairs for a good old singalong.

**Dee Gee's Wine and Steak Bar** • **Harbour Road, Howth** • Facing the harbour and Dublin Bay this interesting eatery offers snacks and sandwiches during the day and formal eating at night. Steaks and burgers, shrimp scampi and vegetable lasagna are just a snippet of what is on the menu.

**Cafe Mao** • **2 Chatham Row** • Like the Irish, the Chinese are everywhere too. From Thai fish cakes to chicken hoi sin and salmon ramen Cafe Mao serves dishes which are well prepared and delicious, without emptying the pocket.

## DUBLIN BARS & CLUBS

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**The Vaults** • **Harbourmaster Place** • Located under Connolly Station, air-conditioned throughout, The Vaults features a restaurant, four bars and a nightclub.

**Abbey Tavern** • **Abbey St.** - There are nightly performances of traditional Irish music, song and dance at this authentic 16th century tavern, complete with stone walls, gas lights and open turf fires.

**Brazen Head** • **20 Lower Bridge St.** - The oldest pub in Dublin with its traditional music, song and dance is a definite •must visit• when in the city.

## DUBLIN PARKS & GARDENS

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**Phoenix Park** • West of the city center this wonderful park is full of surprises. Home to the Dublin Zoo, it also incorporates sports fields, playgrounds, herds of free-roaming deer, mansions and castles and secret gardens.

**St. Stephen's Green** • Lawns for picnicking, ducks on the water and lovely gardens to stroll in. They also have horse drawn carriages to view the park whilst you sit back and relax.

## DUBLIN SHOPPING

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**Read's Cutlers** • **Fishamble St.** • Said to be the oldest shop in Dublin, having been in operation of 240 years, browse through the shelves of books, antiques and memorabilia.

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**ESB Sunday Circus** • **Meeting House Square** • Events which include theatre, puppets, dance, music and the circus, will have you and the children entertained for hours.

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