

LITERARY LANDSCAPE

STORY-MAKERS AND STORY-TELLERS

You'll be at the heart of Dublin's literary scene when you go Between The Lines. Discover Nobel Laureates Samuel Beckett, Seamus Heaney, George Bernard Shaw and WB Yeats, the iconic James Joyce, the enduringly popular Maeve Binchy, and contemporary writers such as Marian Keyes, Joseph O'Connor, Julie Parsons, Hugo Hamilton and Anne Enright. Learn about the landmarks and passions which informed the works of these great writers in the settings which inspired them.

JAMES JOYCE TOWER & MUSEUM

Embrace the work of James Joyce at this Martello Tower in Sandycove, which famously features at the beginning of Ulysses and contains a treasure trove of the author's letters and personal possessions. +353 (0) 85 198 2218, www.jamesjoycetower.com

WRITERS' GALLERY, DALKEY CASTLE

Explore the local literary connections of more than 40 famous authors – from Joyce to Jennifer Johnston, Beckett to Binchy, Bono to Flann O'Brien. Learn about their inspirations on interactive panels. +353 (0) 1 285 8366, www.dalkeycastle.com

MAEVE BINCHY & IRISH WRITERS GUIDED WALK

Enjoy readings, references and local anecdotes from Binchy's work, and that of Joyce, Shaw and many others as you traverse the streets of Dalkey. +353 (0) 1 285 8366, www.dalkeycastle.com

IRISH AUTHOR COLLECTION

A comprehensive collection at the Lexicon, which is Ireland's largest public library and hosts more than 800 events every year. +353 (0)1 280 1147, www.libraries.dlrcco.ie

HERITAGE LITERARY EVENTS

There are literary talks and tours all year round as part of the Heritage programme of events. Visit Facebook @dlrheritageevents or contact the tourism office for information. +353 (0)1 280 6964, www.dlr tourism.ie

Discover how the landscape influenced Joyce, Beckett, Heaney, Shaw, Yeats, Keyes, Enright, O'Brien and others



Fernhill Gardens

NATURAL HERITAGE

GRAND HOUSES AND SPECIAL GARDENS

FERNHILL GARDENS Stunning and rare collections of plants, trees and shrubs, including rhododendrons and magnolias, make this a delightful stop-off.

AIRFIELD ESTATE

A wonderful 38-acre working urban farm with stately home tours, a vintage car museum, walled ornamental garden and excellent café. +353 (0) 1 969 6666, www.airfield.ie

CABINETEELY HOUSE

You might recognise this grand house from films such as Brooklyn and The General. It boasts stunning views over Dublin Bay and to the mountains.

MARLAY PARK

Visit the historic stately home, Saturday farmer's market, playground, par-3 golf course, model railway, running and walking trails, and much more.

DUBLIN BAY BIOSPHERE

There's huge diversity of birds, mammals, fish, insects and plants along Dublin Bay – a designated a UNESCO Biosphere for nature conservation. www.dublinbaybiosphere.ie



Dublin Bay



Celebrating Bloomsday

LITERARY FESTIVALS

There are numerous book festivals and literary events along Dublin's south coast celebrating the best in Irish and international writing. Contact the Tourist Office for details and dates.



Joseph O'Connor



Maeve Binchy

MOUNTAINS TO SEA DLR BOOK FESTIVAL

This March event attracts thousands of participants. It has strong local and international dimensions and is a vibrant forum for prose and poetry readings, workshops, panel discussions and award presentations. www.mountaintosea.ie

DALKEY BOOK FESTIVAL

This renowned festival runs in June and attracts an eclectic mix of high-profile Irish and international writers, poets, playwrights, journalists, actors, and broadcasters. www.dalkeybookfestival.org

BLOOMSDAY FESTIVAL

Every June, James Joyce's novel Ulysses and its central character, Leopold Bloom, are celebrated with a week of readings, performances and guided tours at the James Joyce Tower & Museum. www.bloomsdayfestival.ie

LIBRARY VOICES

First staged in 2008, more than 100 world class authors have participated to date in this autumn event, performing in Dún Laoghaire venues from September to November. Visit www.libraries.dlrcco.ie or www.paviliontheatre.ie for more.

ECHOES

Packed with thought-provoking talks, walks, debates, interviews and dramatisations which bring to life the work of Maeve Binchy and other renowned Irish writers every October. www.dalkeycastle.com

CULTURAL CENTRES

MUSEUMS, EXHIBITIONS AND MORE...

THE LEXICON

This striking cultural centre overlooking Dún Laoghaire Harbour is Ireland's 5th most popular free attraction with over 500,000 visitors annually. Numerous events and exhibitions are held daily in its library spaces, gallery and studio theatre. +353 (0)1 280 1147, www.libraries.dlrcco.ie



The Lexicon

DALKEY CASTLE

Travel back to the 15th Century through living history performance theatre and guided tours, and immerse yourself in 6,500 years of human history in the interactive Heritage Centre. +353 (0)1 285 8366, www.dalkeycastle.com

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

Embark on a voyage of discovery with enthralling maritime stories of exploration, heroism, history, technology, war, wildlife and disasters at sea. +353 (0) 1 280 0969, www.mariner.ie

EXPLORIUM

Science and sport combine to offer more than 300 fun and educational interactive activities for inquisitive minds of all ages – including the longest indoor caving system in the world. Opens late autumn 2018. www.explorium.ie

IMAGINOSITY

This interactive children's museum is a hands-on, minds-on fun and learning centre which encourages all visitors to get involved. +353 (0)1 217 6130, www.imaginosity.ie



Performers at Dalkey Castle

SEAPOINT MARTELLO TOWER

One of 28 towers and batteries built along the Dublin coast between 1804-1805 to repel a threatened French invasion. These days the cannon is replica! +353 (0)1 280 6964, www.dlr tourism.ie

SCULPTURE TRAIL

Sample stunning art in public spaces – from Marlay Park, to Dundrum, Sandyford, Stillorgan and along the coast. Pick up a map from the Tourist Information Office or view it online. +353 (0)1 236 2759, www.dlr tourism.ie

THE ORATORY

This gem of Celtic renaissance art houses a statue of the Sacred Heart donated by a French town to commemorate Dún Laoghaire men who fought and died during World War I. +353 (0) 1 280 6964, www.dlr tourism.ie



The Oratory

Looking to trace your Irish heritage? Contact the Genealogical Society of Ireland. www.familyhistory.ie

GIGS & MUSIC FESTIVALS

HIT THE RIGHT NOTE

From traditional Irish music sessions and emerging bands at local pubs, to rock legends at packed festivals, immerse yourself in Dublin's music scene when you go Between The Lines. Here are some of the best:

GIGS

COMHALTAS Discover the history and heritage of traditional Irish music and dancing, enjoy free live performances, and find out how you can get involved back home. +353 (0) 1 280 0295, www.comhaltas.ie

JOHNNIE FOX'S

It's all about *craic agus ceol* (fun and music) at this Dublin Mountains pub, which is famous for its Hooley Show of traditional Irish dancing and music. +353 (0) 1 295 5647, www.jffp.ie



Johnnie Fox's

SUPPER CLUB AT THE PURTY LOFT

Enjoy varied entertainment in a venue which has played host to stars including The Dubliners, Aslan, Don Baker and Republic of Loose. +353 (0)1 284 3576, www.purtykitchen.com



FIND OUT WHAT'S ON @DLRTOURISM

LONGITUDE

The highlight of Dublin's summer music season, this three-day July festival boasts some of the hottest names in hip-hop, R&B, indie and dance. www.longitude.ie



Longitude

MARLAY PARK CONCERTS

This series of music festivals in July has boasted performers such as Bruno Mars, Coldplay, Kodaline, Macklemore, The Killers, and Van Morrison in recent years. www.longitude.ie

THEATRE & ARTS

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

PAVILION THEATRE With an eclectic programme of theatre, cinema, comedy, literature, opera, dance, workshops, festivals and local arts, the Pavilion Theatre provides the cultural heartbeat for Dún Laoghaire town. +353 (0) 1 231 2929, www.paviliontheatre.ie



King Lear at the Mill Theatre

MILL THEATRE

The Mill brings people together both on and off stage through a wide variety of performing arts, community theatre, visual art, comedy, music, and children's shows. +353 (0)1 296 9340, www.milltheatre.ie

GLASTHULE OPERA

A wonderful festival in June showcasing the best of Ireland's singers, conductors and directors performing classic works. www.glasthuleopera.ie



Glasthule Opera

GETTING HERE

JUST 20 MINUTES FROM DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Plan your journey using a smart combination of Dublin Bus, Luas tram and DART train routes at www.hitheroad.ie, and enjoy the cheapest fares with the Leap Visitor Card. See www.leapcard.ie for more.



Many locations can be accessed by train from Dublin city centre. Visit www.dart.ie



The Luas green line provides great access points to experiences and attractions. Visit www.luas.ie



Dublin Bus operates extensive services throughout the city. Visit www.dublinbus.ie to plan your trip.

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DUBLIN FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA, LOOK OUT FOR THESE GUIDES TO OTHER GREAT ACTIVITIES ON OFFER

BETWEEN THE LINES

DUBLIN'S LANGUAGE AND LANDSCAPE BROUGHT TO LIFE



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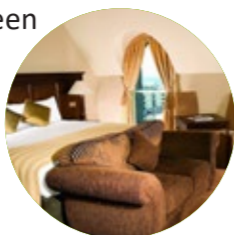
For information on activities, tours, services and supports, visit the Tourist Office online at www.dlrtourism.ie or in person in Dún Laoghaire town. +353 (0) 1 280 6964.

www.dlrtourism.ie



ACCOMMODATION

Base yourself Between The Lines in Dublin for the best value accommodation when visiting Ireland's capital. There are hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs and self-catering accommodation conveniently located for access to attractions and the city centre. Contact the Tourist Office for the latest accommodation deals.



EATING OUT

Our towns and villages have something to suit every taste. Whether you're in Blackrock or Dundrum, Dalkey or Glencullen, Monkstown or Mount Merrion, you'll find Michelin-starred restaurants, family-friendly gastro-pubs, relaxing brasseries, bustling cafés, farmers' markets. Contact the Tourist Office for some great local recommendations.



RETAIL THERAPY

Want to shop 'til you drop? We've got you covered whether you'd prefer to browse unique artisan stores in Dún Laoghaire and Glasthule, or worship at the altar of high fashion in Dundrum Town Centre – Ireland's largest shopping destination.



DISCOVER CHAPTER AND VERSE WHEN YOU GO BETWEEN THE LINES IN DUBLIN

You'll discover some of Ireland's richest literary and cultural heritage when you go Between The Lines in Dublin. It is a landscape of story-makers, story-tellers and story-keepers which has inspired multiple Nobel Laureates and many other iconic and contemporary writers. A packed calendar of events and festivals stands testament to the health of this living, breathing literary tradition. Visit one while you're here — you never know which famous author, artist, actor or pop star you might catch a glimpse of!

It is just part of an incredible cultural experience encompassing archaeological, architectural, artistic, ecclesiastical, musical and maritime attractions. Step into the past at Dalkey Castle, step into the future at the Explorium science and sports centre, dance a jig at a gig in the mountains, enjoy some shopping and a show, or simply savour the Victorian grandeur of Monkstown and Dún Laoghaire.

There are a host of free heritage tours and exhibitions to explain what connects the people and places in this unique part of Dublin. They are designed to help visitors uncover chapter and verse about the less well known aspects of our story as you go Between The Lines.



Just 20 minutes from Dublin City Centre