

## LITERARY LANDSCAPE

### STORY-MAKERS AND STORY-TELLERS

When you go 'between the lines', you'll find yourself in the midst of Dublin's literary scene. Discover the connections of Nobel laureates George Bernard Shaw, James Joyce and Samuel Beckett with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Learn about the enduringly popular Maeve Binchy and contemporary writers such as Marian Keyes, Joseph O'Connor and Anne Enright. Find out about the landmarks and passions that informed the works of these great writers within the settings that inspired them.

### JAMES JOYCE TOWER & MUSEUM

Encounter the work of James Joyce at the Martello Tower in Sandycove, which famously features at the beginning of Joyce's novel *Ulysses* and now contains a treasure trove of the author's letters and personal possessions. +353 (0)1 280 9265, [www.jamesjoycetower.com](http://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 through an interactive presentation that is available in many different languages. +353 (0)1 285 8366, [www.dalkeycastle.com](http://www.dalkeycastle.com)

### HERITAGE LITERARY EVENTS

Literary talks and tours take place as part of the seasonal heritage programmes of events. For information, visit Instagram @dlrheritageevents or contact the Tourist Information Kiosk in Dún Laoghaire. +353 (0)1 280 6964, [www.dlrheritageevents.com](http://www.dlrheritageevents.com)

**LOOKING TO TRACE YOUR IRISH HERITAGE? VISIT [WWW.FAMILYHISTORY.IE](http://WWW.FAMILYHISTORY.IE)**



Celebrating Bloomsday

## LITERARY FESTIVALS

Along Dublin's south coast, numerous book festivals and literary events celebrate the best in Irish and international writing. Contact the Tourist Information Kiosk in Dún Laoghaire for details and dates.



Dalkey Book Festival

### DALKEY BOOK FESTIVAL

This widely acclaimed annual 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](http://www.dalkeybookfestival.org)



Bloomsday Festival

### 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](http://www.bloomsdayfestival.ie)

### 'MURDER ONE' INTERNATIONAL CRIME WRITING FESTIVAL

Funded by the Arts Council and DLR Libraries and hosted at the Lexicon Venue in Dun Laoghaire, 'Murder One' brings you fascinating talks and workshops with local and international writers and experts in crime fiction. [www.murderone.ie](http://www.murderone.ie)

### 'ECHOES' MAEVE BINCHY & IRISH WRITERS FESTIVAL

Held every October, this festival brings the work of Maeve Binchy and other renowned Irish writers to life through thought-provoking talks, guided walks, debates, interviews and dramatisations. Visit [www.echoes.ie](http://www.echoes.ie) for more information.

## GIGS & MUSIC FESTIVALS

### HIT THE RIGHT NOTE

Immerse yourself in the local music scene. You'll find everything from traditional Irish music sessions and emerging bands at local pubs to rock legends at packed festivals. Here are some of the best musical venues and events:

### GIGS & SESSIONS

Discover the history and heritage of traditional Irish music and dancing. Visit the headquarters of Irish music association Comhaltas Ceoiltoiri Éireann in Belgrave Square Monkstown. Open to the public every night from 6.30 pm, the Comhaltas HQ offers roaring fires, excellent pints and traditional Irish music sessions in a very convivial atmosphere. +353 (0)1 280 0295, [www.comhaltas.ie](http://www.comhaltas.ie)



St Patricks Day Parade

### 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.jfp.ie](http://www.jfp.ie)

### THE MERRY PLOUGHBOY

Uniquely, this live music venue and gastro pub is owned by the Irish traditional musicians who play there. [www.mpbpub.com](http://www.mpbpub.com)



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### TAYLORS THREE ROCK

A rip-roaring evening of traditional Irish song and dance and side-splitting comedy. +353 (0)1 494 2311, [www.taylorsthreerock.ie](http://www.taylorsthreerock.ie)

### FESTIVALS

#### 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](http://www.longitude.ie)

#### MARLAY PARK CONCERTS

In recent years, this annual series of music concerts in July has boasted performers such as the Weeknd, Mötley Crüe, Hozier, Red Hot Chili Peppers and local star Dermot Kennedy. [www.mcd.ie](http://www.mcd.ie)

#### MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

A lively mix of local and internationally renowned traditional and folk musicians perform at venues in the beautiful Dublin Mountains. [www.instagram.com/music\\_in\\_the\\_mountains](http://www.instagram.com/music_in_the_mountains)

#### FÉILE NASC

Alongside the best of traditional and folk music, this festival offers a wide range of outdoor activities for children, including forest camps, yoga and drumming workshops. [www.nasc.ie](http://www.nasc.ie)

#### DÚN LAOGHAIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL

This annual music festival features well-known musicians and tribute acts performing at venues around the seaside town. [www.instagram.com/dunlaoghairmusicfestival](http://www.instagram.com/dunlaoghairmusicfestival)

#### DÚN LAOGHAIRE COMEDY FESTIVAL

Some of the biggest Irish and international comedy acts make audiences laugh at a variety of venues in Dún Laoghaire. [www.dunlaoghaircomedyfestival.ie](http://www.dunlaoghaircomedyfestival.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](http://www.paviliontheatre.ie)

#### MILL THEATRE

The Mill Theatre brings people together both onstage and offstage through performing arts, community theatre, visual art, comedy, music and children's shows. +353 (0)1 296 9340, [www.milltheatre.ie](http://www.milltheatre.ie)

#### DÚN LAOGHAIRE CORAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1982, Dún Laoghaire Choral Society is an amateur choir of over 70 singers that performs a rich variety of choral music from medieval to classical and contemporary pieces, including newly commissioned works. [www.dlcs.ie/upcoming-events](http://www.dlcs.ie/upcoming-events)



dlr Mill Theatre



Pavilion Theatre



Marlay House

## 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.

### CABINTEELY 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 this historic estate with its weekend farmer's market, playground, par-3 golf course, model railway, running and walking trails, and much more.

### AIRFIELD ESTATE

This wonderful 38-acre, working urban farm offers stately home tours, a vintage-car museum, a walled ornamental garden and an excellent café. +353 (0)1 969 6666, [www.airfield.ie](http://www.airfield.ie)

### DUBLIN BAY BIOSPHERE

There is a huge diversity of birds, mammals, fish, insects and plants along Dublin Bay, a designated UNESCO Biosphere for nature conservation. [www.dublinbaybiosphere.ie](http://www.dublinbaybiosphere.ie)



Dublin Bay

## CULTURAL CENTRES

### MUSEUMS, EXHIBITIONS AND MORE...

#### THE LEXICON

This striking cultural centre overlooking Dún Laoghaire Harbour is Ireland's fifth 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.dlrco.ie](http://www.libraries.dlrco.ie)

#### DALKEY CASTLE

Travel back to the 15th Century through performance theatre and guided tours. In the interactive heritage centre, immerse yourself in 6,500 years of human history. +353 (0)1 285 8366, [www.dalkeycastle.com](http://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](http://www.mariner.ie)

#### EXPLORIUM NATIONAL SPORT AND SCIENCE CENTRE

Science and sport combine to offer engaging and educational interactive activities for inquisitive minds of all ages. Every visit to Explorium will be a different and life-enhancing experience. [www.explorium.ie](http://www.explorium.ie)



Explorium National Sport & Science Centre



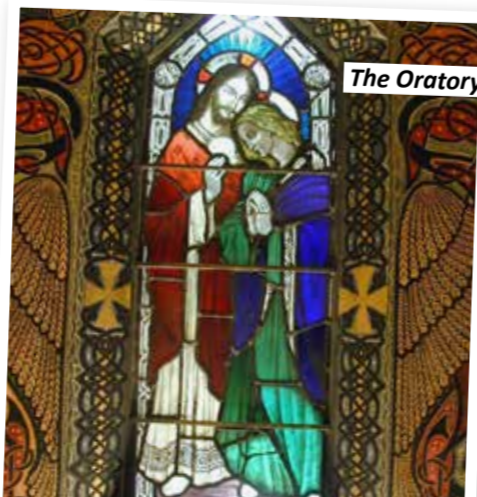
The Lexicon

#### DÚN LAOGHAIRE BATHS

After taking a dip in the baths, walk along the new jetty and admire the striking statue of Irish patriot Roger Casement. The modernised baths complex now features a new public café and artists' studios as well as sea swimming and water-sports facilities.

#### THE ORATORY

The interior walls of this hidden gem of Celtic Revival art are covered with intricate and brightly coloured images painted by Sister Concepta Lynch over a period of sixteen years. The Oratory is accessible only via heritage tours in Spring & Summer: <https://webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents>



The Oratory



## FREE HERITAGE TOURS

### DISCOVER THE REAL HISTORY FROM LOCAL EXPERTS

There are free seasonal guided tours on offer at many 'Between the Lines' attractions. Churches, cemeteries, castles, museums, nature trails, and stately homes — there's something to suit everyone. Visit [www.events.dlrco.ie](http://www.events.dlrco.ie) to find out what heritage events are on during your visit. Alternatively, keep up to date on our social media platforms @dlrheritageevents.

## GETTING HERE

### JUST 30 MINUTES FROM DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Many locations can be accessed by DART train from Dublin city centre.



The Luas green line provides great access points to experiences and attractions.



Dublin Bus operates extensive services throughout the city.

Plan your journey using a smart combination of Dublin Bus, Luas tram and DART train routes by searching [Transport for Ireland's journey planner](http://Transport for Ireland's journey planner) or download the TFI Live App on Playstore / Apple Store.

## LOOK OUT FOR



FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA: LOOK OUT FOR THESE GUIDES TO OTHER GREAT ACTIVITIES ON OFFER IN DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN.



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FIND OUT MORE





## TOURIST INFORMATION

For information on activities, tours, services and supports along the Urban Splash trail, visit the Tourist Office online at [www.dlrtourism.ie](http://www.dlrtourism.ie) or in person in Dún Laoghaire town. +353 (0)1 280 6964.



## ACCOMMODATION

A variety of high-quality accommodation is available in the county. There are hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs and self-catering accommodation options conveniently located for access to local attractions and the city centre. Contact the Tourist Information Kiosk in Dún Laoghaire for the latest accommodation deals.



## EATING OUT

Our towns and villages have something to suit every taste. Whether you're in Blackrock or Glencullen, Monkstown, you'll find award-winning restaurants, family-friendly gastropubs, relaxing brasseries, bustling cafés, farmers' markets. Contact the Tourist Information Kiosk for some great local recommendations.

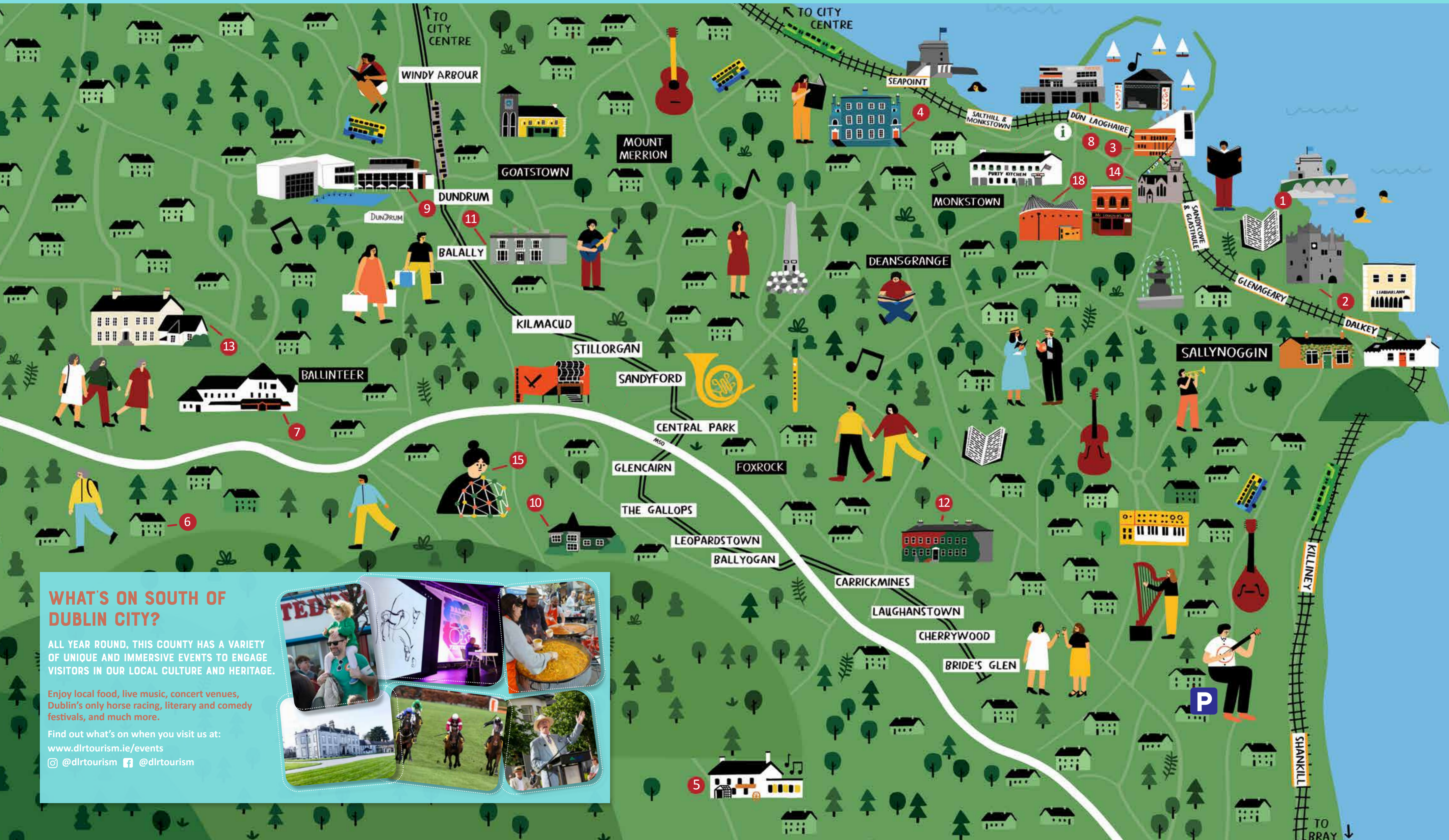


## RETAIL THERAPY

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



[www.dlrtourism.ie](http://www.dlrtourism.ie)



## WHAT'S ON SOUTH OF DUBLIN CITY?

ALL YEAR ROUND, THIS COUNTY HAS A VARIETY OF UNIQUE AND IMMERSIVE EVENTS TO ENGAGE VISITORS IN OUR LOCAL CULTURE AND HERITAGE.

Enjoy local food, live music, concert venues, Dublin's only horse racing, literary and comedy festivals, and much more.

Find out what's on when you visit us at:  
[www.dlrtourism.ie/events](http://www.dlrtourism.ie/events)  
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