

5 places to go for the ULTIMATE SANDWICH

36 DOUGHBOYS

2 Charlotte Way
St Stephen's Green &
Grafton St ②
+353 (0)1 402 2000
www.doughboys.ie

Doughboys has only been around for a couple of years but it's already at the forefront of the sandwich business. Sandwiches need to pack a punch and fill you up and there are a few here that fit the bill. For my money try the 'Porchetta' (on Thursdays and Fridays) and the 'Italian Sub' and the 'Club Dough' any other day.

37 THE PIG & HEIFER

151 Pearse St
Trinity College &
Old City ①
+353 (0)1 675 3714
www.pigandheifer.ie

Here's Dublin's version of the NYC deli; and with it's huge menu and fair prices, it's an absolute winner. Try one of the big messy sandwich combos like the meat-balls and mozzarella bap or the chorizo and feta bap, or one of the classics like the New York reuben with layers and layers of proper pastrami.

38 147 DELI

147 Parnell St
North ④
+353 (0)1 872 8481

It's all about very affordable, good quality sandwiches stuffed with ingredients here at 147. The cheese steak and the sumac chicken wrap are two really interesting choices but the reuben with corned beef is the winner hands down. Keep your eye out for the weekly specials.

39 OXMANTOWN

16 Mary's Abbey
O'Connell Street &
the Quays ④
+353 (0)1 804 7030
www.oxmantown.com

A number of great little eateries have sprung up all over Dublin 7 in recent years and Oxmantown is certainly one to check out. There's a black pudding sandwich for breakfast, and a tasty ham and cheese sandwich for lunch. And how about spending 5,50 euro on 'The Ruby': a superb pastrami sandwich with sauerkraut on rye?

40 THE PEPPER POT

AT: POWERSCOURT CENTRE
South William St
St Stephen's Green &
Grafton St ②
+353 (0)1 707 1610
www.thepepperpot.ie

The Pepper Pot menu offers something slightly different from, well, every other sandwich shop. There are tarts, bagels and big wholesome salads created with a lot of imagination, like the one with panfried goat's cheese, Gubbeen chorizo and vine tomatoes. But then there's the roast pear, bacon and cheddar sandwich and suddenly nothing else matters.



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5 great shops for MEN'S CLOTHES

196 MICHAEL BARRIE

20 Duke St
St Stephen's Green &
Grafton St ②
+353 (0)1 671 5265
www.michaelbarrie.ie

Michael Barrie sells anything and everything when it comes to men's fashion. It likes to juggle casual trendiness with formal wear as one can see from the brands it stocks. Smart colourful shirts from Van Laack. Denim from Timezone Denim. The bright casual style of Napapijri and the high-end fashion of Karl Lagerfeld.

197 NOWHERE

65 Aungier St
St Stephen's Green &
Grafton St ②
+353 (0)1 607 8983
www.nowhere.ie

A minimalist-looking store providing only the very best in an exclusive range of men's clothing, footwear and accessories. Expect a newer, bolder type of men's clothing, with edgy alternatives and darker colours, with brands like Nike, Cav Empt and Y-3.

198 INDIGO & CLOTH

9 Essex St East
Temple Bar ③
+353 (0)1 670 6403
www.indigoandcloth.com

Indigo & Cloth is a very cool studio, cafe and store with a very eye-catching front. This boutique has a range of Irish and international brands, designer and high street, and everything else in between – Levi's, Oliver Spencer, Padmore & Barnes, Gitman Vintage, Sandqvist...

199 GENIUS

AT: POWERSCOURT
TOWNHOUSE CENTRE
6-A Clarendon St
St Stephen's Green &
Grafton St ②
+353 (0)1 679 7851
www.genius.ie

For over 25 years now this family-run boutique has existed in Powerscourt Townhouse. Genius is a very cool and slick-looking store with a lot of familiar high-quality brands on sale. The owners visit fashion houses each season to select unique pieces that fit their own aesthetics and please their customers at the same time.

200 KEVIN & HOWLIN

31 Nassau St
Trinity College &
Old City ①
+353 (0)1 633 4576
www.kevinandhowlin.com

Yes this store also sells women's clothing but it would be criminal not to mention it in this chapter seeing as K&H sell quite a remarkable range of very well-made gentlemen's clothes as well, and have been doing so for almost 100 years. They provide the best in tweed, hats, men's suits and accessories.



The 5 most IMPORTANT BUILDINGS

266 GPO (GENERAL POST OFFICE)

O'Connell St Lower
O'Connell Street &
the Quays ④
+353 (0)1 872 1916
www.gpewitnesshistory.ie

The GPO has been the headquarters of the Irish Post Office since it opened in 1818, but it's most famous for serving as the headquarters for the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising. Destroyed by fire and rebuilt, very little of the original building still remains. There is a GPO Witness History tour that can be booked online.

267 LEINSTER HOUSE

Kildare St
St Stephen's Green &
Grafton St ②
+353 (0)1 618 3271
[www.oireachtas.ie/
parliament](http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament)

Leinster House has been the seat of the Oireachtas (the Houses of Parliament) since 1922. It consists of Dáil Éireann (the Lower House) and Seanad Éireann (the Upper House). You can book a walk-up guided tour throughout the year on Mondays and Fridays at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm if the House is not sitting.

268 THE FOUR COURTS

Inns Quay
O'Connell Street &
the Quays ④
+353 (0)1 888 6000
www.courts.ie

The Supreme Court, the High Court and the Dublin Circuit Court are all housed in this building. (The fourth court is the Central Criminal Court but it no longer exists there.) The Four Courts was central to the 1916 Easter Rising and was almost completely destroyed in the 1922 Civil War.

269 THE CUSTOM HOUSE

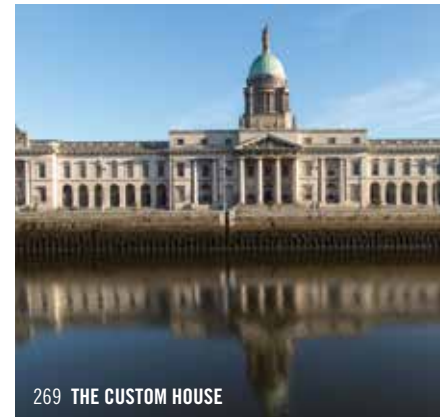
North Dock
O'Connell Street &
the Quays ④
+353 (0)1 888 2000
www.housing.gov.ie

A masterpiece of 18th-century neoclassical architecture, the Custom House is home to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. It's one of the most impressive buildings in Dublin so you may just want to stand outside and take pictures, but there is a visitor centre and a free historical exhibition inside as well.

270 DUBLIN CASTLE

Dame St
Trinity College &
Old City ①
+353 (0)1 645 8813
www.dublincastle.ie

This is a must-see if you come to Dublin. Make time for it, because there is a lot to appreciate here. The castle hosts a number of events around the year including temporary exhibitions but it also has its own permanent tour, open daily, that includes a throne room, a number of state apartments and a collection of decorative art and priceless artefacts.



269 THE CUSTOM HOUSE



Dublin's 5 ISLANDS

281 DALKEY ISLAND

Dalkey
South East Dublin
[www.dalkeycastle.com/
news-events/ferry-trips-
dalkey-island](http://www.dalkeycastle.com/news-events/ferry-trips-dalkey-island)

Tiny Dalkey Island is a mere 9 hectares and can be reached by boat if you book ahead. It's rather flat and beside a Martello Tower, there's not a lot here to explore but on a sunny day it is an incredible spot to picnic and have a drink. It's only a 5-minute journey from Coliemore Harbour.

282 SKERRIES ISLANDS

Skerries
North East Dublin
[www.skerriesseatours.ie/
trips.html](http://www.skerriesseatours.ie/trips.html)

Further north from Lambay Island and about 1,5 kilometres east of Skerries lie the three Skerries Islands: Shenick's, St Patrick's and Colt. The latter two can only be reached by boat, but Shenick's is easy to access via the sand flats at low tide. All three are home to many species of birds.

283 BULL ISLAND

Dublin Bay
North East Dublin
www.northbullisland.com

Bull Island may not look like much due to its extremely flat terrain, but it's a beautiful spot for a walk. It's a bird spotters' paradise, and it's also very common to see Irish hares, harbour seals and grey seals on a good day. The island is accessible by way of the wooden bridge connected to the North Bull Wall.

284 LAMBAY ISLAND

Skerries
North East Dublin
[www.skerriesseatours.ie/
trips.html](http://www.skerriesseatours.ie/trips.html)

Four kilometres from the mainland of Portrane, this 250-hectare island is a natural breeding ground for all sorts of wildlife including grey seals, fallow deer, puffins, gulls and geese. Quite incredibly, you'll also find a small number of exotic red-necked wallabies here.

285 IRELAND'S EYE

Howth
North East Dublin
www.islandferries.net

From the East Pier in Howth a boat will take you on a 15-minute journey to Ireland's Eye. This rugged looking 22-hectare uninhabited island is a bird sanctuary. It's also a safe spot to swim and it has a sandy beach for those wishing to relax. There's also the ruins of a church dating back to 700 AD and a Martello tower from the 19th century.





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REASONABLY PRICED lodgings

436 KING SITRIC

East Pier, Howth
North Dublin ④
+353 (0)1 832 5235
www.kingsitric.ie

An ocean view and the sound of gulls has got to count for something. If you book in advance as a couple you'll pay 150 euro a night for a standard room, and that's a very reasonable price for a hotel with beautiful rooms and a superb restaurant.

437 THE TRINITY CITY HOTEL

2 Pearse St
Trinity College &
Old City ①
+353 (0)1 648 1000
www.trinitycityhotel.com

Pearse Street is within walking distance of everything and everywhere, so this is a great hotel for those who like shopping or for those on a business trip. There are many different types of rooms (classic rooms, Georgian suites, ...) and they offer a number of special packages with price reductions. The food and the courtyard restaurant and garden are sublime.

438 NUMBER 31

31 Leeson Close
St Stephen's Green &
Grafton St ②
+353 (0)1 676 5011
www.number31.ie

At the gates to Dublin city centre lies this 'boutique guesthouse', housed in a Georgian townhouse. The rooms are homely and extremely comfortable, and the breakfast is supposedly the best in Ireland. The garden and courtyard are resplendent.

439 THE GIBSON HOTEL

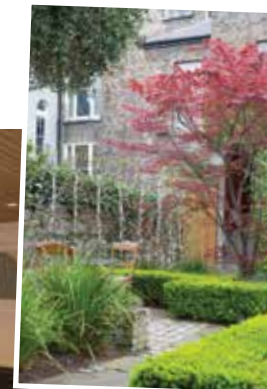
Point Square
North Dublin ④
+353 (0)1 681 5000
www.thegibsonhotel.ie

A very cool, modern and uber-stylish four-star hotel, with corridors of glass and a lot of interesting modern art. The Gibson prides itself on offering you whatever you wish, whether that be quiet nights or music, drinks and dance.

440 THE SCHOOLHOUSE HOTEL

2-8 Northumberland
Road, Ballsbridge
South Dublin ⑤
+353 (0)1 667 5014
www.schoolhousehotel.com

A beautiful four-star red-bricked hotel with arched wooden beams on the inside, as well as comfy armchairs and a fire. There's a lovely area indoors and outdoors to enjoy a drink, and the food, prepared by head chef Francois Grelet, is excellent value. The prices here reflect the quality of the hotel as a whole.



5 UNUSUAL SIGHTS to look out for

466 FATHER PAT NOISE PLAQUE

O'Connell Bridge
O'Connell Street &
the Quays ④

He sounds like a character from Father Ted ... or is this plaque dedicated to a real priest? It's neither. Father Pat Noise is a completely fictitious character and this is a hoax plaque installed by two mischievous brothers. So much effort. It was actually removed by the city council, but then reinstalled.

467 DODDER RHINO Near the Dropping Well bar in Milltown South Dublin ⑨

Not a real rhino but a life size bronze statue of one, in the river Dodder just below Classon's Bridge behind the Dropping Well bar. Apparently it appeared overnight in 2002 and no one is willing to take responsibility for it. It does make for a nice photo for those lucky enough to stumble across it.

468 GIANT RED SQUIRREL ON THE SIDEWALL OF THE WORKSHOP GASTROPUB 10 Georges Quay O'Connell Street & the Quays ④

A giant red squirrel with a difference. This one is made entirely from rubbish by the environmental artist Artur Bordalo. Looming almost three stories high, it's an ingenious piece of artwork hoping to bring attention to the demise of our national animal under threat from both the grey squirrel and deforestation.

469 GULLIVER'S TRAVELS FRAMES

58 Golden Lane
Kilmainham &
Liberties ⑤

Another huge claim to fame for Dublin: Jonathan Swift is ours, and so is *Gulliver's Travels*. This most famous of stories is immortalised in the city with a series of pictorial frames. There are eight in total, individually set in a circular frame of brown terracotta brick with each depicting a scene from part 1 of the book.

470 RORY GALLAGHER'S GUITAR

Rory Gallagher Corner,
Meeting House Square
Temple Bar ③

Even Jimi Hendrix was in awe of blues musician Rory Gallagher. He gave everything he had when playing, so much so that rumour has it he actually sweated off the paint job on one of his first guitars. This commemorative Fender is in pretty good nick though. If you don't know his stuff, check out the songs *Crest of a Wave* and *A Million Miles Away*. Stunning.



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