YOUR GUIDE TO - DUBLIN







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1.0 - WELCOME

Your audio guide:

Thanks very much for choosing this mp3cityguides guide to Dublin. If you've already done any of our other walks, you'll know how it works but if not, I'll tell you now.

As you've probably already noticed, each of these sections of the walk that you've downloaded on to your machine has a name - this first one is 'Dublin City Gallery/Dublin Writers' Museum/Children of Lir Monument'. Just consider each of these walks as individual tracks on an 'album' which is the complete tour of Dublin. You'll hear directions about where to go next at the end of each section but the route and the stopping points are also marked on your map which is on page four of this Printed Guide.

When you get to a stopping point find somewhere to stand or sit which is out of the way of people and traffic and then play the relevant section of the walk.

The map has been especially produced to help you find your way while you're listening to the audio guide which means that it's not drawn exactly to scale.

Top tip: when you print out this Printed Guide or, at least, the map, set your printer to high quality or fine print so that the map is as clear as possible and easy to read.

Please take care when you're using the audio guide: Dublin is a relatively safe city but do keep an eye out for pick pockets and watch out when you're crossing the road.

When we arrive at a monument, church or a museum, after I've described it you might want to go in or you might want to buy a ticket for later if it looks crowded. Or you might just want to carry on and come back and visit it afterwards now that you know where it is.

Top tip: Play a few sections of the tour on your mp3 player or iPod before you go just to check that they've downloaded OK.

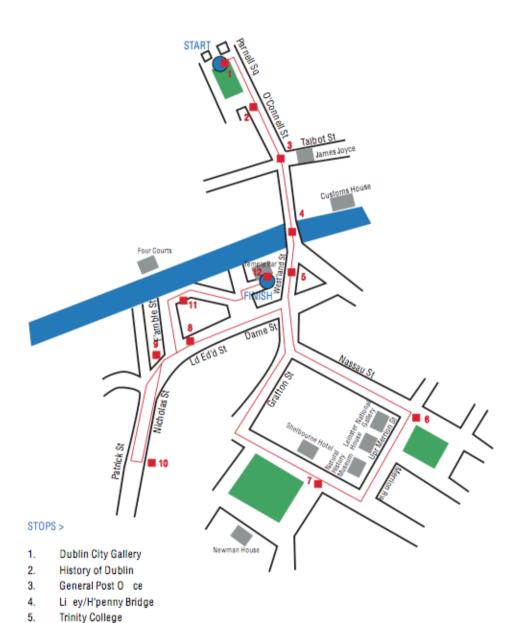
Your printed guide:

This printed guide complements your audio guide. We know that exploring a city can take more than one visit - and possibly even a life time so we've pared our guide down to what we think are the essential things to see and do. They're included in section four, the Hit List.

We've done our best to get it right and, because we're an Internet based guide rather than a conventional guidebook, we can update our information very quickly.

That said, all kinds of places inevitably change their opening times at short notice so please accept our apologies if you arrive somewhere and, despite what we've said, you find it's shut. As with your Audio Guide, if you find that a museum, gallery, church, bar or restaurant is not as we've described it then please do let us know by contacting us at feedback@mp3cityguides.com

2.0 - MAP



Temple Bar

11.

12.

Merrion Square
 St Stephen's Green
 Dublin Castle
 Christchurch Cathedral
 St Patrick's Cathedral

View of the Four Courts

3.0 - GETTING AROUND

From Dublin International Airport airport:

By taxi: This is the quickest option. There is a taxi rank outside the Arrivals concourse. A journey to the city centre should cost approximately EURO25 and takes about 30 mi minutes to an hour depending on Dublin's usually busy traffic. For more information: Tel: +353 1 8141111 or visit www.dublinairportauthority.com

By Bus: There are several Dublin bus services operating from directly outside the terminal building. Bus service numbers 41/16a take about 45 minutes to reach the city centre.

Airlink number 747 is the Aiport Express service which goes to the central bus station, Busaras stopping at O'Connell Street and Parnell Square. Fare is EURO 6 available from the bus office in O'Connell Street or, if you have the correct money, on the bus. The Airlink journey takes approximately 30-45 minutes. For more information: Tel: +353 1 8734222 or visit www.dublinbus.ie

Aircoach, a private operator, runs a service between Dublin Airport and Ballsbridge, via the city centre, servicing many hotels and B&Bs. The service leaves the airport every 15 minutes between 5am and midnight, and every hour from midnight to 5am. For more information: Tel: +353 1 844 7118 or visit www.aircoach.ie

Getting around:

Bus Dublin's bus service is reasonably efficient, cheap and safe. Buses run from around 6am to 11.30pm when the Nitelink service takes over.

On most buses you pay the driver. Fares range from EURO1.05 to around EURO2. You must give the exact money. To get change, get a receipt from the driver and present it plus your ticket at the Dublin bus office at 59 O'Connell Street.

The easiest and probably the cheapest option is the Rambler Ticket which offers unlimited travel on all bus routes including Airlink but excluding Nitelink for one day (EURO 7.60), three days (EURO 16.50) and 10 days (EURO 27.50. You can buy them at the Dublin Tourism office at the airport or in post offices, hotels and supermarkets in town. For more information visit www.buseireann.ie

Taxi Dublin's taxis are reasonably cheap and plentiful. They come in all shapes and size but have the licence number on top. Most can be hailed in the street but there are ranks outside the Bank of Ireland and the Gresham Hotel in O'Connell Street amongst other places. Prices start at around EURO8 for a short distance in town. You can also book on T: + 353 (0)1 872 7272.

As always, check that the meter is running when you set off.

The DublinPass offers free transport from the airport, free entry to over 30 attractions venues and discounts at many more. A day pass costs EURO35 for adults and EURO19 for children with passes available for two, three and six days. It is available at the Dublin Tourism Centre, Suffolk Street, the Arrivals Hall, Dublin International Airport and at the tourist office at 14 Upper O'Connell Street. For more information or the buy online visit: www.dublinpass.ie

4.0 - THE HIT LIST

Getting to know Dublin – or any great city – can take a lifetime but if you've only got a weekend then here is what we recommend you see in descending order of priority.

- * = covered on our audio guide
- * **Dublin Castle** The historic heart of Dublin with elegant state apartments, an ancient Undercroft or cellar, peaceful gardens and the Chester Beatty Library which has books, icons and objects from the great religions and cultures of the world. There is also a restaurant and café. Open for guided tours: Monday to Friday 10am 4.45pm. Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 2pm 4.45pm. Off Dame Street. T: + 353 (0)1 645 8813. www.dublincastle.ie
- * **Trinity College** Ireland's most celebrated university is lovely to wander around. The ancient, illuminated Book of Kells and the Long Room, the main library with its collection of 200,000 books are highlights. Open: Monday to Saturday 9.30am 5pm, Sunday (May to September) 9.30am 4.30pm and Sunday (October to April) 12noon 4.30pm.

College Green. T: + 353 (0)1 896 1000.

www.tcd.ie

* National Gallery of Ireland Dublin's main gallery has a impressive collection of Old Masters such as Rubens and El Greco as well as eighteenth and nineteenth century Irish painters Open: Monday to Saturday 9.30am - 5.30pm, Thursday 9.30am - 8.30pm and Sunday 12pm-5.30pm. Rooms start shutting 15 minutes before gallery closing time.

Merrion Square West & Clare Street. T: + 353 (0)1 661 5133. www.nationalgallery.ie

National Museum This vast collection of archaeology, handicrafts and implements covers thousands of years of Irish history and is well laid out in four buildings. All buildings Open: Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm and Sunday 2pm – 5pm. Archaeology - Kildare Street

Decorative Arts & History - Collins Barracks, Benburb Street Country Life - Turlough Park, County Mayo Natural History - Merrion Street. T: + 353 (0)1 6777444 www.museum.ie

Guinness Storehouse This striking modern building tells the story of the making of one of Ireland's greatest exports from the raw ingredients to decades of distinctive advertising. Open: Daily 9.30am – 5pm and until 7pm during July and August. St James's Gate. T: + 353 1(0) 408 4800.

www.guinness-storehouse.com

* St Patrick's Cathedral Ireland's principal cathedral with its magnificent gothic decoration includes the tomb of Jonathan Swift and the Chapel of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick. Open: Monday to Friday 9am – 6pm, Saturday (March to October) 9am – 6pm (November to February) 9am – 5pm. Sunday (March to October) 9am – 11am, 12.45pm – 3pm and 4.15pm – 6pm (November to February) 10am – 11am 12.45 – 3pm. Saint Patrick's Close. T: + 353 (0)1 475 4817. www.stpatrickscathedral.ie

* Christchurch Cathedral It's unusual history has left this great church with a striking look and a variety of quirky little features. Open: Daily: 9am – 6pm (June to August) and 9.45am – 5pm (September to May). Christchurch Place. T: + 353 (0)1 677 8099.

www.cccdub.ie

Chimney Viewing Tower Panoramic views are available from this former industrial chimney. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am – 5.30pm and Sunday 11am – 5.30pm. Smithfield Village. T: + 353 (0)1 817 3800.

* Hugh Lane Gallery Striking collection of modern art including works by Francis Bacon and regularly changing exhibitions. Open: Tuesday to Thursday 10am – 6pm, Friday and Saturday 10am – 5pm and Sunday 11am – 5pm. Parnell Square North. T: + 353 (0)1 222 5550.

www.hughlane.ie

Irish Museum of Modern Art As well as an extensive collection of works by artists such Gilbert & George and Damien Hirst you'll find a collection of Old Master Prints by Rambrandt, Durer and Goya as well as works by Outsider Artists – those mavericks who do not belong to any particular school. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 5.30pm except Wednesday 10.30am - 5.30pm. Sunday and Bank Holidays: 12noon - 5.30pm. Late Opening from 5th June to 18th September until 8.00pm on Thursdays.

Military Road. T: + 353 (0)1 612 9900. (On foot: approximately 30 to 40 minutes from city centre. By train: five minute walk from Heuston Station. www.modernart.ie

* **Newman House** Beautifully preserved Georgian Mansion. Open: June, July and August only, Tuesday to Friday 2pm - 5pm. Tours at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm and at other times by arrangement only.

85-86 St. Stephen's Green. Tel: + 353 (0)1 716 7422.

Dublinia This heritage centre vividly recreates the Dublin of the Viking era right through until the middle ages. Open: April to September: Daily 10am - 5pm (last admission 4.15pm). October to March: Monday to Friday 11am - 4pm (last admission 3.15pm). Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday 10am - 4pm (last admission 3.15pm).

St Michael's Hill. T: 353 ())1 679 4611.

* **Dublin Writer's Museum** This elegant Georgian mansion contains artefacts and manuscripts belonging to some of Ireland's greatest writers. Look out for readings and other events. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm and Sunday 11am – 5pm. Late opening: June, July and August: Monday to Friday 10am - 6pm. 18 Parnell Square. T: +353 (0)1 872 2077.

www.writersmuseum.com

5.0 - EATING, DRINKING & SHOPPING

Cafés:

Bewleys Celebrated historic café which serves great Irish breakfasts. Open: Monday to Wednesday 7.30am – 10pm, Friday and Saturday 7.30am – 11pm, Sunday 8am – 10pm. Breakfast served half an hour after opening time. 78-79 Grafton Street. T: + 353 (0)1 672 7720 www.bewleys.com

Dunne & Crescenzi Bustling café with great coffee and good ciabatta sandwiches Open: Monday to Saturday 7.30am – 11pm and Sunday 10am – 10pm. 14-16 South Frederick Street. T: + 353 (0)1 677 3815.

Joy of Coffee This hippyish joint with communal pine tables does great breakfasts and a wide selection of coffees. Open: Monday to Thursday 9am – 10.30pm, Friday 9am – 11.30pm, Saturday 9am – 12.30am and Sunday 10am – 10am. 25 East Essex Street. T: + 353 (0)1 679 3393.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Queen of Tarts Wonderfully traditionally café. Open: Monday to Friday 7.30am – 7pm. Saturday and Sunday 8.30am – 7pm.

4 Cork Hill, Dame Street. T: + 353 (0)1 670 7499.

Restaurants:

Prices: Expensive: EURO 35 (£25) and above. Moderate: EURO 25 - 30 (£15-£25). Budget: up to EURO 20 (£15).

101 Talbot This cosy, relaxed little restaurant has a regularly changing menu of hearty Mediterranean dishes. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 5pm – 11pm. Price: Budget/Moderate.

101 Talbot Street. T: + 353 (0)1 874 5011.

Balzac Brasserie Smart brasserie serving good classic French food. Open: Monday to Thursday 6pm - 11pm, Friday and Saturday 6pm - 11.30pm. Pre-Theatre menu: Monday to Thursday 6pm - 7.15pm. Price: Moderate/Expensive. 354 Dawson Street. T: + 353 (0)1 677 8611

Pintxo Pintxo are tapas from the Basque region and this hip but friendly bar has a good, authentic selection. Price: Budget/Moderate. Open: Monday to Thursday 12noon to 12midnight, Friday midnight – 1am, Saturday 10am – 1am and Sunday 10am – 11pm.

12 Eustace Street. T: + 353 (0)1 672 8590.

Bon Appetit Michelin starred restaurant upstairs offering classic Irish food and a smart brasserie downstairs with heartier, simpler versions of the dishes in the Restaurant.

Restaurant: Open: Tuesday to Saturday 7pm – 9.30pm. Friday only 12.30pm – 2.30pm. Price: Expensive or Moderate on Friday lunchtime.

Brasserie: Open: Monday to Saturday 6pm – 10.30pm and Sunday brunch 1pm – 8pm. Pre Theatre menu: 6pm – 7pm. Price: Moderate/Expensive.

9 James Terrace. T: + 353 (0)1 845 0314.

www.bonappetit.ie

Elephant & Castle Down to earth diner famed for its brunches. Open: Monday to Friday 8am – 11.30pm. Saturday and Sunday 10.30am – 11.30pm (brunch 10.30am – 44.30pm). Price: Budget.

18 Temple Bar. T: + 353 (0)1 679 3121.

www.elephantandcastle.ie

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Ely Winebar Along with its stable mates below, this smart but unpretentious winebar has a great range of well priced wines plus hearty, organic modern

European food. Bar open: Monday to Thursday 12noon – 11.30pm, Friday 12noon – 12.30am and Saturday 1pm – 12.30am. Restaurant: Monday to Friday 12noon – 3pm, Monday to Wednesday 5.30pm – 10pm, Thursday 5.30pm – 11pm and Saturday 1pm – 11pm. Price: Moderate. 22 Ely Place. T: + 353 (0)1 676 8986.

Ely Chq Also good for breakfasts and afternoon tea. Open: Monday to Thursday 8am – 11.30pm, Friday 8am – 12.30am and Saturday 1pm – 12.30am. Breakfast Monday to Friday 8am - 11.30am, Lunch Monday to Friday 12noon – 3.30pm. Dinner Monday to Wednesday 5pm – 10pm and Thursday to Saturday 5pm to 11pm. Saturday Brunch 1pm – 4pm. Price: Moderate. Custom House Quai. T: + 353 (0)1 672 0010.

Ely Hq Hanover Quay. T: + 353 (0)1 633 9986. Open: Bar open: Monday to Thursday 12noon – 11.30pm, Friday 12noon - 12.30am and Saturday 1pm – 12.30am. Restaurant: Monday to Friday 12noon – 3pm, Monday to Thursday 5.30pm – 10pm, Friday and Saturday 5.30pm – 10.30pm. Price: Moderate

Fallon & Byrne Light, airy restaurant serving well executed classic dishes along a wonderful food hall, a wine shop and well stocked wine bar which also serves beautifully presented bar snacks. Open:

Food Hall: Monday to Friday 8am – 10pm, Saturday 9am to 9pm and Sunday 11am – 9pm.

Wine Cellar: Monday – Wednesday 11am – 10pm, Thursday – Saturday 11am – 11pm and Sunday 12.30pm – 9pm.

Restaurant: Monday to Thursday and Sunday: 12.30pm – 3pm and 6pm – 10pm. Friday and Saturday12.30pm – 3pm and 6pm – 11pm.

11- 17 Exchequer Street. T: + 353 (0)1 472 1010.

www.fallonandbyrne.com

Le Gueuleton Classic French bistrot food is well presented and well executed at this popular restaurant. Open: Monday to Saturday 12.30pm – 2.30pm and 7pm – 10pm. Price: Budget/Moderate.

1 Fade Street. T: + 353 (0)1 675 3708.

Gruel The witty name is certainly at odds with the rich home made soups, fresh pasta and imaginative salads that you'll find on offer here. Open: Daily 7am – 11pm. Price: Budget.

68a Dame Street. T: 353 (0)1 670 7119.

Hugo's Smart wine bar with equally smart modern European cooking that always hits the mark. Always buzzing, Hugo's is a lunchtime favourite with Dublin power brokers. Open: Daily 12noon -11pm. Price: Moderate/Expensive. 6 Merrion Row. T: +353 (0)1 676 5955.

www.hugos.ie

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Mermaid Café Simple, hearty modern Irish food is beautifully prepared in this friendly restaurant just across the road from the Castle. Open: Monday to Thursday 12.30pm to 2.30pm and 6pm to 10.30pm. Friday and Saturday 12.30pm – 3pm and 7pm – 11pm. Sunday 12nooon 3.30pm. Price: Moderate. 69-70 Dame Street. T: + 353 (0)1 670 8236. www.mermaid.ie

Monty's of Kathmandu This widely acclaimed restaurant serves authentic Nepalese food with a wine bar below. Open: Monday to Saturday 12noon – 2.30pm and 6pm – 11.30pm. Price: Moderate. 28 Eustace St, Temple Bar. T: + 353 (0) 1 670 4911.

Il Posto This classic Italian restaurant is perennially popular with Dubliners and is particularly known for its pre-theatre early bird menu. Tables are available outside during the summer. Open: Monday to Friday 12noon – 2pm and 5.30pm – 7pm. Saturday 12noon – 2.30pm and 5.30pm – 10.30pm. Sunday 5.30pm – 10.30pm. 10 St Stephen's Green. T: + 353 (0)1 679 4769.

www.ilpostorestaurant.com

Town Bar and Grill Modern Italian cooking with an American influence. Open: Monday to Sunday 12.30pm to 5.30pm. Monday to Saturday 5.30pm - 11.00pm and Sunday 5.30 - 10.00pm. Price: Moderate/Expensive. 21 Kildare Street. T: + 353 (0)1 662 4800. www.townbarandgrill.com

Steps of Rome Bustling little pizza and pasta joint. Open: Daily 10am – midnight. Price: Budget.

Unit 1 Chatham Court, Chatham Street. T: + 353 (0)1 670 5630.

The Winding Stair Elegant modern restaurant overlooking the Liffey which serves contemporary Irish cuisine drawing on the country's best gastronomic traditions. Look around the bookshop while you're here. Open: Daily 12.30pm - 3.30pm and 6pm to 10.30pm (until 9.30pm on Sunday). Price: Moderate/Expensive 40 Ormond Quay. T: T: 353 (0)1 872 7320 www.winding-stair.com

Pubs and bars:

Conway's Friendly pub with some remaining Victorian decorative details that add to the atmosphere. Open: Daily 11.30am – 12.30am. 71 Parnell Street. T: + 353 (0)1 873 2687.

Ely Winebar See under Restaurants

Fallon & Byrne See under Restaurants

Grogans Classic Irish bar with a warm welcome. Open: Daily 11.30am – 12midnight.

15 South Williams Street. T: 353 (0)1 677 9320.

Oliver St John Gogarty Traditional pub and carvery with a strong musical tradition. Open: Monday to Saturday 10.30am - 2.30am and Sunday 12noon - 1.30am. 58-59 Fleet Street, Temple Bar T: + 353 (0)1 671 1822 www.gogartys.ie

Market Bar Buzzing, hip bar in a former warehouse which does good tapas. Bar opening hours: Monday to Thursday 12noon -11.30pm, Friday to Saturday 12noon - 12.30am and Sunday: 4pm - 11pm. Tapas restaurant opening hours: Monday to Wednesday 12pm - 9.30pm, Thursday 12noon - 10pm, Friday to Saturday 12pm - 10.30pm and Sunday 3pm - 9.30pm. Fade Street. T: + 353 (0)1 613 9094. www.marketbar.ie

O'Donoghues Well known for its live music. Open: Daily 11.30am – 12.30am. 15 Merrion Row. T: + 353 (0)1 660 7194.

Stags Head This Dublin landmark, once a favourite of James Joyce, is slightly quieter than some of the city's other celebrated pubs. Open: Daily 10.30am – late. 1 Dame Court. T: + 353 (0)1 671 3701.

www.thestagshead.ie

Shops:

Shopping Streets:

Grafton Street Busy pedestrianised street with hip clothes shops and chain stores.

Henry Street Smarter names and individual shops.

Womenswear

Clare Garvey The young Dubliner's romantic, colourful, feminine designs are earning her a loyal following on both sides of the Atlantic. Open: Monday to Saturday 11am – 6pm.

6 The Music Hall, Cow's Lane. T: + 353 (0)1 671 7287.

Menswear

Alias Tom High end designer labels and chic menswear are the order of the day at this smart but friendly shop. Open: Monday to Saturday 9.30am - 6pm and Thursday 9.30am - 8pm.

2-5 Duke Lane. T: + 353 (0)1 671 5443

Lewis Copeland Dublin's smartest tailor and men's outfitter has classic looks and an extensive range of smart labels.

39-41 Capel Street. T: +353 (0)1 872 1600. Open: Monday to Saturday 9am - 5.30pm and Thursday until 8pm.

30 Lower Pembroke St. T: +353 (0)1 661 0110. Open: Monday to Saturday 9am - 5.30pm and Thursday until 7.30pm.

Burberry House, 18-19 Wicklow Street. T: + 353 (0)1 677 7038. Open: Monday to Saturday 9am - 5.30pm and Thursday until 7.30pm. Sunday 12noon – 5pm. www.louiscopeland.com

Accessories/other things

Avoca Not so much a shop as a way of life. Avoca has a three hundred year old history of cloth weaving and now produces womenswear, homewares, jewellery and even food which has a strong Irish tradition of natural beauty and functionality. Open: Monday to Friday 10am - 6pm and until 8pm on Thursday. Saturday 10am - 6.30pm and Sunday 11am - 6pm.

Suffolk Street. T: + 353 (0)1 677 4215

www.avoca.ie

Cathach Books Dublin's most famous antiquarian bookshop has first editions of the works of the country's finest writers plus more affordable tomes. Open: Monday to Friday 9.30 – 5.45pm.

10 Duke Street. T: + 353 (0)1 671 8676.

Green on Red One of Dublin's most cutting edge art galleries, this former warehouse space has regularly changing exhibitions by up and coming Irish and international artists. Open: Monday to Friday 10am – 6pm and Saturday 11am – 5pm.

26-28 Lombard Street. T: + 353 (0)1 671 3414.

www.greenonredgallery.com

Nue Blue Eriu An atmosphere of Zen like calm, both branches of this beautiful shop offer the latest skin care and hair care products for men and women. A wide range of treatments is also available.

7 South William St. T: + 353 (0)1 672 5776. Open: Monday 10am - 6pm (retail only) and Tuesday to Thursday 10am - 8pm (retail and therapy). Friday and Saturday 10am - 6pm (retail and therapy).

The CHQ Building, Docklands. T: 353 (0)1 636 0180. Open: Monday to Friday 10am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 6pm. www.nueblueeriu.com

Vivien Walsh One of Ireland's best known designers, Walsh's semi-precious and costume jewellery has a natural, folky feel with a dash of girlish prettiness. Open: Monday to Friday 11am – 6pm and until 7pm on Thursday. Saturday 10am - 6pm. 24 Lower Stephens Green. T: +353 (0)1 475 5031.

www.vivienwalsh.com

Department Stores and Shopping Centres

Arnott's Useful department store with good range of homewares and accessories. Open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am – 6.30pm, Tuesday 9.30am – 6.30pm, Thursday 9am – 9[m and Sunday 12noon – 6pm.

Henry Street. T: + 353 (0)1 805 0400 www.arnotts.ie

Brown Thomas Dublin's smartest department store has an emphasis on fashion and beauty. Open: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am – 8pm, Tuesday 9.30am – 8pm, Thursday 9am – 9pm, Saturday 9am – 7pm and Sunday 11am – 7pm. 88-95 Grafton Street. T: +353 (0)1 605 6666.

Powerscourt Townhouse Centre Beautifully restored Georgian Townhouse with interesting small shops, galleries, antique jewellery stores and restaurants. 59 South William Street. T: + 353 (0)1 679 4144. www.powerscourtcentre.com

Markets

Moore Street food market Monday to Saturday, all day.

Temple Bar food market Saturday and Wednesday, from mid-morning to late afternoon.

Temple Bar Book Market Saturday and Sunday 11am – 6pm Temple Bar Square. Temple Bar. T: + 353 (0)1 677 2255. www.templebar.ie

George's Street Arcade This Victorian covered market has been refurbished as a venue for small, one of outlets selling everything from clothes and jewellery to food. Open: Monday to Saturday 9am – 6.30pm and until 8pm on Thursday. Sunday 10am – 6pm.

South Great George's Street. www.georgesstreetarcade.ie

6.0 – USEFUL WEBSITES

<u>www.visitdublin.com</u> Official tourist website – very useful. <u>www.templebar.ie</u> Information about shopping and cultural events in the Temple Bar area.