



**Fionn Davenport** 

### In This Book

### QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods What's where

### Explore Dublin

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



**Top Sights**Make the most of your visit



**Local Life**The insider's city

### The Best of Dublin

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



**Best Walks**See the city on foot



**Dublin's Best...**The best experiences

## Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



### Getting Around

Travel like a local



### **Essential Information**

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:



Eating

Orinking

**Entertainment** 

Shopping

### These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- P Parking
- Nonsmoking

Menu

- ▼ WI-FI Access

  ✓ Vegetarian Selection
- ✓ Vegetarian Selection

  ⑥ English-Language
- Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
   Ferry
- M Metro
- S Subway
- ☐ Tram

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Lonely Planet's Dublin

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides

are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city. Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Dublin.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

#### **Our Promise**

You can trust our travel information because Lonely Planet authors visit the places we write about, each and every edition. We never accept freebies for positive coverage, so you can rely on us to tell it like it is.

## QuickStart Guide 7

1 0	
Dublin Local Life	.12
Dublin Day Planner	14
Need to Know	16
Dublin	
Neighbourhoods	.18

Dublin Top Sights...

## **Explore Dublin**

21

22	Grafton Street & Around
----	-------------------------

52	Merrion Square & Around
----	-------------------------

- 66 Temple Bar
- Kilmainham & the Liberties
- North of the Liffey
- 116 Docklands

#### Worth a Trip:

Wander the Wilds of Phoenix Park ..... 98



## The Best of Dublin 127

### **Dublins' Best Walks**

Take a Walk on the North Side12	28
Viking & Medieval Dublin13	30

#### **Dublins' Best ...**

Laurig	132
Drinking & Nightlife	134
Museums & Galleries	136
Entertainment	138
Markets	139
Gay & Lesbian	140
Festivals	141
Parks & Gardens	142
For Kids	143
Architecture	144
For Free	145
Tours	146

# Survival Guide 147

Before You Go	148
Arriving in Dublin	149
Getting Around	149
Essential Information	151







## QuickStart Guide

Dublin Top Sights	3
Dublin Local Life	12
Dublin Day Planner	14
Need to Know	16
Dublin Neighbourhoods	18

## Welcome to **Dublin**

Dublin is one of Europe's friendliest and most enticing capitals – a drizzly dream that has captured the imaginations of virtually all who walk its mottled streets. It's a city rich in history and heritage but is equally devoted to more hedonistic endeavours: spend a couple of days or nights here and you'll soon realise that Dubliners are in deadly earnest about having fun.