

# North of the Liffey

## Neighbourhood Top Five

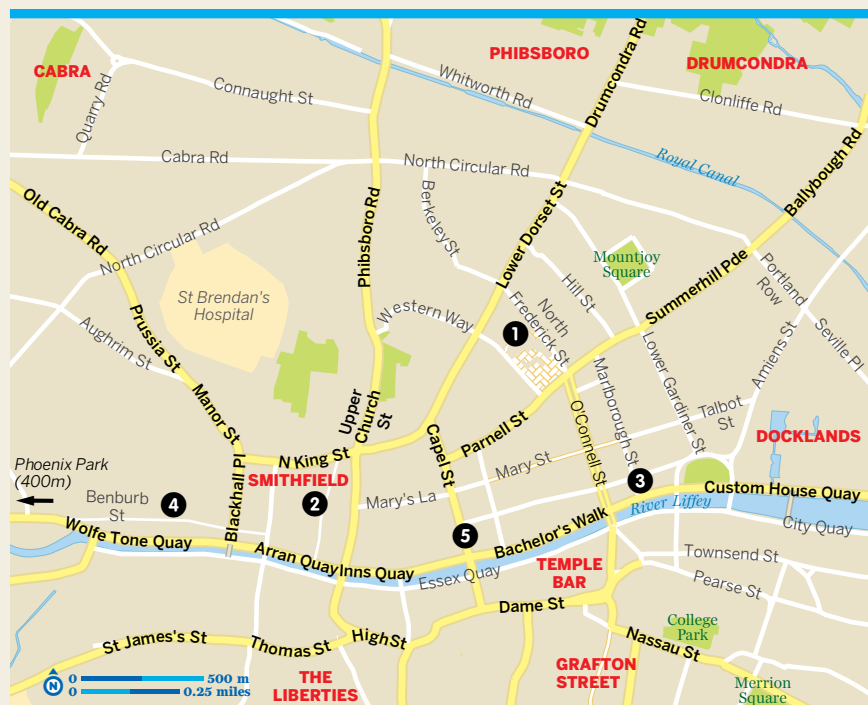
**1** Nodding sagely at the art collection in the **Dublin City Gallery – The Hugh Lane** (p122).

**2** Sampling a snifter of the hard stuff at the **Old Jameson Distillery** (p126) – that's whiskey to you and me.

**3** Spending a night at the **Abbey Theatre** (p137), the spiritual home of the Irish theatrical experience.

**4** Wandering about the glorious yard of Collins Barracks, without forgetting the collection of the **National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts & History** (p126).

**5** Tantalising your tastebuds by eating in the north side's new breed of restaurants, like **Musashi Noodles & Sushi Bar** (p135), as good as any you'll find south of the river.



For more detail of this area see Map p248 ➔

## Explore North of the Liffey

With the biggest geographical spread of any neighbourhood, a little planning and a bit of transport will be required to fully explore Dublin north of the Liffey. O'Connell St and its attractions are pretty straightforward and can be explored with ease on foot, with the biggest demand on your time being the fabulous collection at the Hugh Lane gallery. The north side's other attractions are to the west, and the best way to get to them is by Luas ([www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie)), which will reduce your journey to mere minutes. The Old Jameson Distillery and Collins Barracks are within walking distance of each other, on either side of Smithfield, but you might need the services of the Phoenix Park shuttle bus to explore Europe's largest enclosed city park, home to the president, the US Ambassador, the zoo and a herd of red deer, not to mention visiting Dubliners when the weather is good.

Beyond the Royal Canal, which encloses the northern edge of the city centre, are a bunch of attractions that are well worth the effort: you could devote the guts of half a day each visiting the Croke Park museum, Glasnevin cemetery and the National Botanic Gardens; an excursion to Marino to see the famous Casino is also worthwhile, and you can get there via the DART suburban train.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Hangout** Go to Brother Hubbard (p134) on Capel St for great coffee and an easy-going atmosphere; equally good is Third Space (p134) in Smithfield.
- ➔ **Food** The northside's culinary credentials are elevated by the likes of Musashi (p135) on Capel St, Wuff (p135) on Benburb St or L Mulligan (p136) nearby.
- ➔ **Park Life** Do as Dubliners do on a fine day and take in the massive expanse of the Phoenix Park (p123), where you can run, cycle, play, walk or just lie down, depending on your fancy.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Bus** All city centre buses stop on O'Connell St or the nearby quays. City buses serve Glasnevin and Croke Park.
- ➔ **Tram** The Luas runs east to west parallel to the Liffey from Abbey St to Heuston Station
- ➔ **Train** The DART runs from Connolly Station northeast to Clontarf Rd, which is handy for the Casino at Marino.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The area between the northern end of O'Connell St and Gardiner St to the east as far up as Dorset St is best avoided late at night, as the potential for drug- or alcohol-fuelled trouble is heightened in a neighbourhood beset by the ills of urban deprivation.

### Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Musashi Noodles & Sushi Bar (p135)
- ➔ Chapter One (p136)
- ➔ Wuff (p135)
- ➔ L Mulligan Grocer (p136)
- ➔ The Hot Stove (p136)

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### Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Kavanagh's (p137)
- ➔ Walshe's (p136)
- ➔ Dice Bar (p137)
- ➔ Pantibar (p137)

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### Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Penney's (p141)
- ➔ Jervis St Centre (p141)
- ➔ Arnott's (p141)
- ➔ Clery's (p141)

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