

# DayTrips

## Dublin

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[Tourist Board](#) - a great resource, including a comprehensive listing of museums, galleries, sights and tours.

[Podcast Walking Tours](#) - a subset of the above, the Dublin Tourism Office makes available self-guided walking tours in the form of Podcasts. Subscribe in iTunes (instructions at the bottom of the page), load some up on your iPod and walk the day away. Walks include "Georgian Dublin," "The Historic Northside," "Castles & Cathedrals," "Viking & Medieval (sic) Dublin," "Temple Bar to the Docklands," "In the Steps of Ulysses," and "Kilmainham."

[Useful Dublin Maps](#) - Softguide makes available zoomable, clickable maps of many cities including Dublin. For instance, they have one of the immediate surroundings of the ApacheCon conference hotel.

[Restaurant Reviews](#) Dublin restaurant reviews and photos posted by real travelers and locals. Insider tips and Dublin dining advice for restaurants in and around Dublin, Ireland.

[DTO Journey Planner](#) - a handy route-planner for pedestrians/cyclists, great for finding your way around the city centre. Longer journeys will probably be easier done with Luas/bus/DART, for which there doesn't seem to be a competent route planner - ask [NoirinPlunkett](#) if you need a hand!

## Tourist

[Guinness Storehouse](#). Tickets cost 14EUR for adults, and include a free Guinness or soft drink at the end, in a bar with fantastic views of Dublin. 10% reduction for booking online.

[Jameson Distillery](#)

[Bus tours of Dublin](#) - Dublin Bus

[Alternative bus tours](#) - including a tour of the Stone Age burial sites at Newgrange/Knowth

## Arts

For anyone bringing kids, [The Ark](#) is the only place to be. A fantastic children's theatre and arts centre, it often hosts workshops to go alongside its musical and theatrical programs.

[The Abbey](#) is Ireland's national theatre, and often shows educational or Irish plays. This year is the Beckett centenary, so look out for some new productions of his works.

[The Gate](#) tends to focus on more popular plays, particularly of European or American significance, while [The Gaiety](#) prides itself as Dublin's foremost 'entertainment venue', and sometimes hosts somewhat less serious theatre.

## Historic

[Bank of Ireland](#). The former House of Lords for Ireland, and the building which housed Grattan's Parliament. Guided tours are available, or you can visit any time during bank opening hours (10am-4pm, Monday-Friday).

[Trinity College Dublin](#) including [Book of Kells & Long Room library](#). Queues tend to be long in the mornings, but generally abate in the early afternoon. Takes about half an hour to see the whole exhibition.

Admission to all of the branches of the National Museum of Ireland is free. Many other museums and galleries ask for a small donation, some have fixed prices. Most museums are open Tuesday-Sunday, closed Mondays

## Shopping

Dublin's main shopping area is centered around Grafton St and O'Connell St. There are large shopping centres at St Stephen's Green (top of Grafton St) and Jervis St (go down Henry St, off O'Connell St), which should cover all the basics. More interesting shops are generally found in the side streets off these streets.

For Ireland's take on a 'mall', try the Dundrum Town Centre. Take the Luas from St Stephen's Green to Balally (3.90EUR return), and follow the signs from the stop (less than five minutes walk). The centre includes shopping, a variety of food outlets and a cinema.

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Food! There's a Vons (full service) Grocery about 3 miles from the Sheraton. Here's a [map](#) of the route. If you walk, stay on the south side of N. Harbor until you come to the foot bridge, then cross and make your way up Nimitz. We took a taxi back for \$5.

There are a couple of parks just west and within a mile or so of the Sheraton on N. Harbor including the Cancer Survivors Park.

## Find below some general information around Stuttgart

The below is information from [ApacheCon EU](#) in 2005.

Tourist Information:

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stuttgart>
- <http://www.stgt.com/stuttgart/homee.htm>
- <http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de/english/index.html>

Central Stuttgart:

- Downtown: Castles, Opera, Markthalle und Rathaus (City Hall)
- Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Konrad-Adenauer-Str. 30-32, Tel.: 0711/2124050
- Galerie der Stadt Stuttgart, Schloss-Platz, Tel.: 0711/2162188
- Wuerttembergisches Landesmuseum, Altes Schloss Schillerplatz, Tel.: 07112793400 - <http://www.landmuseum-stuttgart.de/>
- Carl-Zeiss Planetarium Stuttgart, Mittlerer Schlossgarten, Willi Brandt Str. 25 - <http://www.planetarium-stuttgart.de/>
- Wilhelma (Zoo), Neckartalstrasse/Pragstrasse, Tel.: 0711/54020 - <http://www.wilhelma.de/>
- Mercedes Benz Museum, Mercedesstr. 137, Bad Cannstatt, Tel.: 0711/1722578
- Porsche Museum, Porschestr. 42, Zuffenhausen, Tel.: 0711/8275685
- Fernsehturm (incl. Restaurant), Auf dem hohen Bopser, Jahnstr.1954-56
- Hoehenpark Killesberg & Messe Stuttgart - <http://www.messe-stuttgart.de/english/messe/index.htm>
- Design Center Stuttgart - [http://www.design-center.de/index\\_en.htm](http://www.design-center.de/index_en.htm)
- High Performance Computing Center - <http://www.hlrs.de/>
- Neckar-Rundfahrt (Boat trips) - <http://www.neckar-kaeptn.de/html/erlebnisfahrtneckartal.html>

Theaters, cinemas, concerts, ...:

- Altes Schauspielhaus, Kleine Koenigstr. 9, Tel.: 0711/2265505
- Internationale Bachakademie Stuttgart, Johann-Sebastian-Bach-Platz, Tel.: 0711/619210 - <http://www.bachakademie.de/>
- Kultur- und Kongresszentrum Liederhalle (KKL), Berliner Platz 1, Tel.: 0711/20270
- Staatstheater Stuttgart (Operas), Oberer Schlossgarten 6, Tel.: 0711/20320
- Musical Hall (Cinema, Casino, various Musicals), SI Zentrum, Plieninger Str. 100, Moehringen - <http://www.si-centrum.de/en/>
- Akademie und Schloss Solitude, Leonberg - <http://www.akademie-solitude.de/veranstaltungen/?l=e>
- Stuttgart Ballet - <http://www.stuttgart-ballet.de/english/index.html>
- Theaterhaus - <http://www.theaterhaus.com/>
- CinemaXX (Cinema), Breitscheidstr. 4, Boscareaal

Clubs, pubs and taverns:

- Barcode, Suites, zwölfzehn (1210), Oasis, Rohbau, Scholz
- Rocker 33, Beachbar, Perkins Park, Schocken, Palast der Republik
- Biergarten im Schlosspark (hinterm Hauptbahnhof), Cafe Nil, Calwer Eck Braeu

Interesting cities around Stuttgart:

- Ludwigsburg, Tuebingen, Reutlingen, Esslingen: nice to see (old towns with castles, ...)
- Metzingen: factory outlets for Boss, Esprit, Gucci, Escada, Adidas, ...
- Ulm (2h trip by train): Ulmer Münster, Fischerviertel
- München (3h trip by train): Biergarten, Hofbräuhaus, Deutsches Museum

## Top 10 things to do in Stuttgart

1. Visit the "Fernsehturm" (TV-Tower): Touristy, but nice view.  
[http://www.fernsehturm-stuttgart.de/index\\_en.html](http://www.fernsehturm-stuttgart.de/index_en.html)

2. Eat suabian food at the "Stuttgarter Stäffele": Slightly expensive but good, book ahead.

<http://www.staeffele.de/>

3. Have a "Mass" (1 Litre of Beer) at the "Biergarten im Schlossgarten":  
This is where the crowd is when the weather's good.

<http://www.biergarten-schlossgarten.de/>

4. Have another "Mass" at the "Karlshöhe": Very nice view over western Stuttgart, nice to walk up there.

<http://www.stuttgarter-nachrichten.de/stn/page/detail.php/16710>

5. Take a bike through Killesberg Park, Rosenstein Park and Schlossgarten back to the city centre. You have to push the bike through Killesberg Park (no cycling there), but afterwards its a nice downhill ride to Rosenstein. There is also a nice "Biergarten" between Killesberg and Rosenstein Park near Pragsattel where you might have yet another "Mass". Takes 1.5 hours.

<http://www.killesberg-stuttgart.de/>

<http://www.stuttgarter-zeitung.de/stz/page/detail.php/16660>

[http://www.killesberg-kleinbahn.de/Downloads/schul\\_ausflug\\_killesberg.pdf](http://www.killesberg-kleinbahn.de/Downloads/schul_ausflug_killesberg.pdf)

6. Go to the beach at "Sky beach". Trendy "beach" bar on top of a parking garage, volleyball field included (though you have to go down 5 storeys if you kick the ball over the side 😊).

<http://www.skybeach.de/>

7. Visit "Städtisches Lapidarium": A bit of old Stuttgart – garden with parts (portals, columns, etc.) of old buildings.

<http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de/deutsch/stuttgart/sehen/lapidarium.html>

8. Visit Weissenhof-Siedlung: If you like Bauhaus architecture...

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bauhaus>

9. Visit Wilhelma: Botanical garden & zoo, one of the nicest. You need time to do this.

<http://www.wilhelma.de/>

10. Mercedes Benz and Porsche museums: For the car buffs. I think both companies are building new ones right now, so call ahead and ask if they're open.

[http://www.mercedes-benz.com/mbcom/international/international\\_website/en/com/international\\_home/home/services/meetus/museum.html](http://www.mercedes-benz.com/mbcom/international/international_website/en/com/international_home/home/services/meetus/museum.html)

<http://content2.eu.porsche.com/prod/service/classic.nsf/usaenglish/worldmuseum>

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