

Dublin Castles

Dublin was considered as one of the fairest and richest cities in Europe. Today, it is a strange mixture of the busy city center, outlying village-like communities and huge suburban estates. It is treated as 'number one party destination' and is been visited by number of sightseeing tourists. North coast and Castle tours attract a lot of tourism to the country. A trip to Dublin would definitely be an incomplete tour if the north coast and castle were not seen. This tour of Dublin's northern coastline passes the tree-lined Griffith Avenue, Marino Casino and stately Malahide Castle. Let us discover the magnificent coastal scenery of north coast and stately castles of Dublin.

North Bull Island: North Bull Island represents a small island stretching 5 kilometers in Dublin Bay. The island is connected to the mainland by a wooden road bridge. Today, the island is famous as Nature reserve and Bird Sanctuary providing a home to species like pale-bellied Brent Goose, Curlews and Shovelers. Presence of two golf courses, interpretive center and dollymount strand for walking and recreational purposes makes it a perfect place for peace loving tourists.

Marino Casino: Marino Casino is acknowledged as the most important neo-classical building in Ireland, which was designed by Sir Williams Chambers. The distant appearance of Marino Casino is quite deceptive but as one get close, the rich decoration and differences in facade treatment becomes apparent. The small house surprisingly contains 16 finely decorated rooms with ornate plasterwork and richly patterned marquetry floors.

Malahide Castle: A tour to Malahide Castle is a great treat for every tourists of Dublin. It is spread on 250 acres of parkland in the pretty seaside town of Malahide. A major feature of Malahide Castle is the beautiful Talbot Botanic gardens, which cover an area of between 7-8 hectares of shrubbery and 1.5 hectares of walled gardens. The house is well furnished with beautiful furniture together with an extensive collection of Irish portrait paintings.

Howth: Howth is fishing and yachting port and a popular suburban resort located on the north side of Dublin. Howth facilitates its tourists with pubs, hotels and fish restaurants. It also pleases the tourist community through its huge rocky mass, lovely views of Dublin bay and the Wicklow Mountains.

Other Attractions: Clontarf is one of the most frequently visited tourism places since it offers some of the most outstanding sights of Dublin. It is famous for its Rose Garden and St. Anne's Park. The park is beautifully placed in an area of outstanding natural beauty along with fantastic amenities. It is internationally acclaimed for the most unique flora and fauna. Portmarnock is situated between Malahide and Baldoyle, towards the north side of Dublin. It is home to a Napoleonic Martello tower and famous for its world-class golf course. Portmarnock's beach is becoming popular as a perfect destination for wind surfers and kite surfers. It also provides amenities like hotels, white sands, nightclubs and number of sport activities for its tourists.