

Dublin By Foot

Dublin is a city of great historic sites, finely sculptured huge architectural buildings, parks and sanctuaries. There are many ways to explore this vibrant city with full of colors. Self-guided walking tour is one of the best ways to explore this wonderful city. Through self-guided tours one can enjoy every beat of the tour and flavor and savor each site as they pass by. Some of the prominent ways of discovering the Dublin through self-guided tours are The Old City, The Georgian District, Literary Dublin, Dalkey and Howth.

The Old City: The old city is an eye to Dublin's glorious history and the tour can be started from St. Westmoreland to St. Stephen's Green. Dublin Castle represents some of the oldest surviving architecture in the city. Christ Church Cathedral stands high in the oldest part of the city. It is famous for the stunning interior that includes magnificent stonework and graceful pointed arches having delicately chiseled supporting columns. Marsh's library is the oldest public library in Ireland. It stores more than 25,000 books on distinct subjects like theology, medicine, ancient history, science, maps and different literature. Dublin Civic Museum offers a clear picture of Dublin since Viking times to the 21st century. The museum unfolds the history through paintings, photographs, old newspaper cuttings and an assortment of objects. St. Stephen's Green is beautifully landscaped with flowerbeds, trees, a fountain and a lake. Principal historic sites such as Trinity College, The Olympia Theatre, City Hall, St. Francis, Tailors Hall and St. Teresa's Church are prominent places of the Old City- Dublin.

Georgian Dublin: Self-guided tour of Georgian Dublin offers a close look on many of Dublin's loveliest 18th century streets, squares and landmarks. The tour can be started with a walk from the Grand Canal till St. Stephen's Green. Grand Canal is a major example of engineering skills of 18th century. It connects Dublin to the Shannon River and Irish midlands. The towpath on the either side of the canal has a rustic character with terraces odd small brick houses, wildfowl and swans on the water. Number twenty-nine museum offers detailed information about the looks of the Georgian house. The National Gallery of Ireland houses many excellent exhibits with more than 2,000 works on display. The Natural History museum offers a close look to number of animals from around the globe. The museum is crammed with antique glass cabinets containing stuffed animals like giant deer, octopuses, leeches and worms. Baggot Street Bridge, Lower Baggot Street, Fitzwilliam Square and Merrion Square provide an attractive setting for the city's cultural and literary attractions.

Self-guided tour to Howth is an interesting trip to discover places like Howth harbour, Martello Tower, Abbey Ruins and Windgate roads. During the tour you will reveal an interesting collection of Irish related historical vehicles, shops, cottages and excellent view of harbour. Dalkey is an excellent place to finish the tour of Dublin. The splendid views of Wicklow Mountains, Killney bay and Dalkey Island will lend a pleasant closure to the self-guided walking tour.