

Weekend Break in Dublin

Are you looking for a weekend away? Are you sick of the same old pubs and clubs? Are you desperate to experience something new and different, but without having to break your budget for the pleasure? The answer to all of these problems is a weekend break away in a location which can offer you great night-life, friendly locals, and a tiny bill at the end. Which destination are we referring to? Dublin, of course!

Dublin is the capital of the Republic of Ireland and is renowned world-wide for its pubs, its friendly natives, and its affordability when compared to other national capitals. Dublin is only a short flight away from most UK airports and can also be reached by ferry from the coasts of Wales and England. For this reason alone there are many companies which offer cheap holiday packages to UK citizens, especially in the 'off' season when international visitors to Ireland are smaller in number. It certainly shouldn't be too hard to find a cheap holiday deal, particularly if it's only for the weekend. Depending on your budget you can select from Dublin's many backpacking hotels and hostels, bed and breakfasts, self-catering apartments and luxury hotels - all of which can be found located within the boundaries of Dublin itself.

Dublin has many attractions to lure visitors - ranging from a rich and varied night-life to a healthy historical scene (supported by the intense international interest in genealogy and family trees); a number of significant architectural features to a large and even a delectable range of comfortable cafés and world-class restaurants. Dublin, as the capital of the Republic of Ireland, has a number of national monuments including the National Museum of Ireland, the National Gallery of Ireland, the National Botanical Gardens and the Irish Museum of Modern Art. From a historical and religious point of view, Dublin is home to the world-famous Christ Church Cathedral (which also happens to be the oldest building left standing within the city); as well as being home to Dublin Castle. Other points of interest within Dublin include the Dublin Zoo, the Kilmainham Gaol and the Bram Stoker Museum (Bram Stoker was the author of 'Dracula'). You may decide, however, that your visit to Dublin will primarily involve taking in as much of the vibrant night-life as you can - and you shouldn't have to look too far for a traditional Irish bar or a modern night-club.

Further outside the confines of Dublin itself there are several other places worth a visit. Bru Na Boinne Archaeological Park is one of the most significant archaeological sites in the British Isles and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site - it contains the tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. Carlow is also an interesting place to stop by - it offers visitors the chance to visit Carlow Castle and a number of significant nineteenth century buildings. Wicklow, meanwhile, is home to Powerscourt (world famous gardens and a waterfall) and Glendalough, a small village which was the birthplace of one of Ireland's most important monastic settlements.