

5 SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS

not to miss

51 FISH SHOP

**76 Benburb St
Smithfield &
Stoneybatter** ⑥
+353 (0)1 557 1473
fish-shop.ie

What a place. Those beautiful white-washed walls, that minimalist aesthetic, the simplicity of it all and then the seafood classics and the natural organic wines. There are snacks and small sharing dishes, all built around the centrepiece of really well-cooked fish and chips; have it with hake, plaice or turbot.



52 MICHAEL'S

**57 Deerpark Road,
Mount Merrion
South Dublin** ⑨
+353 (0)1 278 0377
michaels.ie

Seafood and shellfish; no frills, no fuss, just straight-up beautifully cooked dishes. That's what Michael's is all about. Run by larger-than-life chef and owner Gaz Smith, this is a small restaurant with a lot of character, hidden away in the suburbs, and it's well worth a visit.

53 SALTWATER GROCERY

**97 Terenure Road E,
Terenure
South Dublin** ⑨
+353 (0)1 490 7900
saltwatergrocery.ie

A fishmonger and gourmet food store by day, Saltwater Grocery becomes Raw Bar at night, offering a tasting menu of the finest, freshest seafood and seasonal vegetables. The interior is more rustic than elegant, but the food is exceptional. Expect oysters, fish and perfectly paired wines.

54 KLAW

**5-A Crown Alley
Temple Bar** ③
+353 (0)1 549 3443
klaw.ie

It may be small, it may be narrow and it may be stuck in Temple Bar – not exactly seafood-Mecca – but Klaw certainly serves up some of the best crab shack-style dishes: Crab Mac'N'Cheese, for instance. There's shellfish galore, lobster rolls and even an Oyster Happy Hour (every day from 5 to 6 pm).

55 OCTOPUSSY'S

**West Pier, Howth
North Dublin** ⑧
+353 (0)1 839 0822
octopussy.ie

This place is the exciting result of the merging of two things everyone loves – seafood and tapas. Right on the water, Octopussy's has a great view to offer, and also some really good food. Of course there are oysters and of course there are prawns (four versions), but there's also octopus and squid, whitebait, mussels, white fish tenders and dozens of shellfish options.

5 bars for TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC

111 THE COBBLESTONE

77 King St N
Smithfield &
Stoneybatter ⑥
+353 (0)1 872 1799
cobblestonepub.ie

This fine establishment with the fantastic name calls itself 'a drinking pub with a music problem'. Situated right on Smithfield square, there are a number of places to eat and sleep nearby and for entertainment, well, look no further. There's live music at least three nights a week here.

112 DEVITTS

78 Camden St L
St. Stephen's Green
& Grafton Street ②
+353 (0)1 475 3414
devittspub.ie

With some of the best local musicians taking part, there are some serious sessions here every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9.30 pm. With an array of instruments and guest appearances by locals, the music is always unpredictable and always exciting.

113 O'DONOGHUE'S

15 Merrion Row
St. Stephen's Green
& Grafton Street ②
+353 (0)1 660 7194
odonoghues.ie

A range of musicians – including Christy Moore and The Dubliners - have performed at this legendary spot on Merrion Row over the years, with patrons crammed into the bar most nights of the week. If space is a problem, there is a perfect beer garden/courtyard outside with barrels to prop your drinks on.

114 PIPERS CORNER

105-106
Marlborough St
O'Connell Street
& the Quays ④
+353 (0)1 873 3503
piperscorner.ie

Opened in 2017 with its unmissable mural, Pipers Corner has made a lasting impression with its live Irish music. Inside it's clean and cosy, with plenty of space and several craft beer options. Some of the very best local musicians play here, with performances seven nights a week.

115 MCNEILLS PUB

140 Capel St
O'Connell Street
& the Quays ④
+353 (0)1 874 7679

McNeills is a famous traditional Irish music pub with very friendly staff. You never know who's going to turn up and how they will add to the casual sessions that take place every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A good spot for lunch and a pint or two.



Easter



5 shops for stunning WOMEN'S CLOTHES

201 COSTUME

10 Castle Market
St. Stephen's Green
& Grafton Street ②
+353 (0)1 679 4188
costumedublin.ie

Located near Drury Street and the creative centre, this family-run boutique is a clothing landmark for the very fashionable. Prices vary and there is a huge range. Some of the clothes here are simply stunning, by brands like Citrus, Yves Salomon, Halston, Zadig & Voltaire, and more.



202 FOLKSTER

AT: DUNDRUM
TOWN CENTRE
Sandyford Road,
Dundrum
South Dublin ⑨
+353 (0)1 675 0917
folkster.com

Owned and run by stylists, Folkster is dripping with styles and trends to suit fashionable clients of almost any age. Next to clothes, they also have plenty of accessories. Most of what is on offer is very reasonably priced and the shop has been known to lure in a number of popular Irish fashionistas and celebrities.

203 TAMP & STITCH

AT: SCARLET ROW, UNIT 3
Essex St W
Temple Bar ③
+353 (0)1 515 4705

Tamp is so trendy that it hurts, but the shop looks far too intriguing not to step in and poke around. The jewellery and clothes are carefully chosen to appeal to a certain demographic. If you don't fit this ultra cool demographic, you can still enjoy the wonderful coffee in their boutique cafe.

204 BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

13-D Castlewood
Avenue
Ranelagh &
Rathmines ⑦
+353 (0)1 412 6691
beautiful-south.business.site

This small but very modern space is an exciting and highly tasteful addition to the neighbourhood. The pieces they have on offer have been very carefully curated – they are fans of high quality and understated stylish brands. If you need time to think, why not try out the authentic Eames lounge chair in the centre of the shop.

205 HAVANA

AT: 2 ANGLESEA HOUSE
Donnybrook Road
South Dublin ⑨
+353 (0)1 260 2707
havanaboutique.ie

This fashion boutique sells one-offs, dresses, skirts, jackets, accessories and more. It offers slightly more unconventional and edgy stock than other shops, with designers like Rick Owens, Umit Unal and Golden Goose. The friendly staff will help you create that perfect casual or formal look.



312 DALKEY

5 NEIGHBOURHOODS *to investigate*

311 **STONEYBATTER** **Smithfield & Stoneybatter** ⑥

Stoneybatter was already slowly growing in popularity before *The Guardian* published an article on the area. Since then, money and culture have poured in, and as a result all kinds of pubs, cafes, eateries and shops (many of which are featured throughout this guide) have popped up.

312 **DALKEY** **South Dublin** ⑨

Once a Viking settlement and an important port, now home to a number of sights like Dalkey Castle and a harbour with boats to take you to Dalkey Island. There are fantastic views and a lot of great food and drink options. Dalkey has also been home to Van Morrison and Maeve Binchy and still is home to Bono, The Edge and Neil Jordan.

395 THE LITTLE MUSEUM OF DUBLIN



393 **YE OLDE HURDY GURDY MUSEUM OF VINTAGE RADIO**

**6 Balscadden Road,
Howth
North Dublin** ⑧
[sites.google.com/
site/hurdygurdy
museum/home](https://sites.google.com/site/hurdygurdy-museum/home)

A *hurdy-gurdy* is a string instrument that omits sound once cranked, and can conjure melodies when played properly. It was also slang for a radio and so this museum, tucked away in a Martello tower, is concerned with all things communication. Curator Pat Herbert is happy to show you around his collection of radios, gramophones and other paraphernalia.

394 **EPIC**
(THE IRISH
EMIGRATION MUSEUM)

**AT: CHQ BUILDING
Custom House Quay
O'Connell Street
& the Quays** ④
+353 (0)1 906 0861
epicchq.com

Made up of 20 galleries, each with their own individual story, the general theme of EPIC covers the historical context behind migration and leads up to the diaspora today. Full of slick immersive technology-driven displays, this has quickly become one of Dublin's leading attractions.

395 **THE LITTLE MUSEUM OF DUBLIN**

**15 St. Stephen's Green
St. Stephen's Green
& Grafton Street** ②
+353 (0)1 661 1000
littlemuseum.ie

Known as the people's museum of Dublin and situated in an 18th-century Georgian home, everything on show here has been donated by Dubliners over the years. The collection documents the history and timeline of the city itself. There are permanent and temporary exhibits. Visitation is by guided tour only and it's very popular, so book ahead.

5 cool places to LEARN AS YOU PLAY

416 THE ARK

11-A Eustace St
Temple Bar ③
+353 (0)1 670 7788
ark.ie

This cultural centre was built in 1995 to educate children about art and to help them discover and enjoy it however they wish. There are shows, painting lessons, watch-and-make classes and a lot of activities where children are immersed in art while being encouraged to get their hands dirty.

417 MALAHIDE CASTLE

Malahide Demesne
North Dublin ⑧
+353 (0)1 711 222
malahidecastle
andgardens.ie

This 12th century castle is a good choice for a family day out. Try the classic castle tour through 800 years of history for an educational experience or the – slightly less educational – magical history tour to learn about the fairies and goblins that inhabit the grounds. There's also a walled garden, a butterfly house and a visitor's centre.

418 PINE FOREST ART CENTRE

Glencullen, Kiltarnan
South Dublin ⑨
+353 (0)1 294 1220
pineforestartcentre.com

Pine Forest, an arts and crafts centre relatively high in the Dublin mountains, was founded in 1973 by artist and teacher Mary Carroll. There are all sorts of creative courses here that cover painting and sketching, the collecting of natural materials and forest trail talks and walks.

419 NATIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE

Snugborough Road,
Blanchardstown
North Dublin ⑧
+353 (0)1 646 4300
sportirelandcampus.ie/
facilities/sport-ireland-
national-aquatic-centre

Being one of Europe's largest indoor water centres, the National Aquatic Centre is a good place to learn how to swim. The highlight here is the Aquazone: a vast intricate twisting mesh of waterslides with names like Master Blaster, Green Giant Flume and Dark Hole Flume. Kids will also love the pirate ship.

420 DUBLINIA

AT: CHRIST CHURCH
St. Michael's Hill
Trinity College
& Old City ①
+353 (0)1 679 4611
dublinia.ie

Learning about Vikings and the Middle Ages couldn't be more fun than here. Kids can stand face-to-face with warriors of long ago, who fought bravely and lived a wild life of sword and steel. Discover what the city of Dublin looked like 700 years ago, marvel at all sorts of artefacts and visit St. Michael's Tower.



416 THE ARK



420 DUBLINIA

5 Dublin FILMS to see

- 491 **THE COMMITMENTS /
THE SNAPPER /
THE VAN**
1991 / 1993 / 1996
- This trilogy shows Roddy Doyle's wonderfully charismatic *Barrytown* novels as they were brought to life on screen one after the other throughout the 90s. All these films were shot in and around Dublin. The kitchen sink scenarios revolve around Dublin lives and are infused with Doyle's often colourful colloquialisms.
- 492 **ADAM & PAUL**
2004
- Adam and Paul could be any of the heroin addicts in Dublin (emblematic of a scourge this city is struggling to contain). They aren't really very likeable but they certainly give a voice to a demographic that rarely finds one. In some small way, you can't help feeling sorry for their tireless desperation in this odd and tragic buddy movie.

493 **THE QUIET MAN**
1952

It's hard to imagine Maureen O'Hara, director John Ford and John Wayne heading off to the west coast and making this, but so it was, and it earned Ford an Oscar for Best Director. The Irish-American balance is just right, with Wayne fleeing the States for his homeland and getting entangled in both a home-ownership dispute and a romantic affair. To be fair, it's good craic.

494 **MY LEFT FOOT**
1989

This film was Sheridan's debut feature and the first one of three incredibly important and influential Irish films (the others being *The Field* and *In the Name of the Father*). It was a massive stepping stone in his career and that of actor Daniel Day-Lewis, who received world renown for his Oscar-winning portrayal of artist Christy Brown, who suffered from cerebral palsy.

495 **THE WIND THAT
SHAKES THE BARLEY**
2006

At the time, it was an unusual move for Ken Loach to focus on Ireland and move away from his typical working-class British dramas. Nevertheless, it's a stunning film that follows two Cork brothers as they join the IRA to fight for Irish independence. It went on to win the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival.