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Dublin

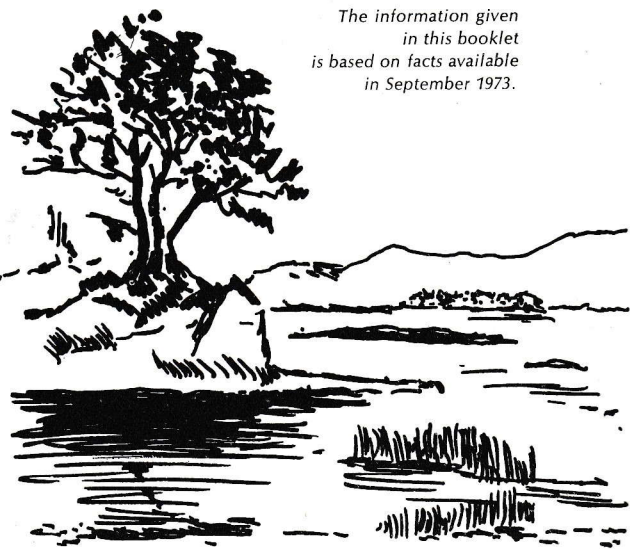
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Front cover: *The O'Connell Bridge over the River Liffey at O'Connell Street.*

Introduction

"In Dublin's fair city where girls are so pretty,
I first set my eyes on sweet Molly Malone . . ."

Some of the words of the old song may be a little out-dated now, but Dublin is still a beautiful city and the red-haired colleens are just as pretty!

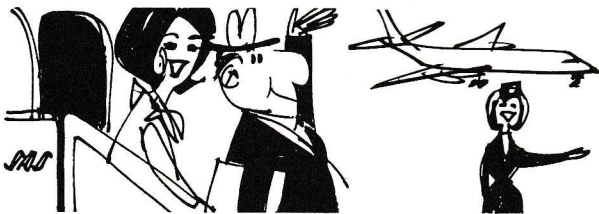
Capital of the Republic of Ireland, Dublin is an elegant metropolis sitting comfortably on a wide, sweeping bay with the Wicklow Hills forming a backdrop to the south. This is the home town of literary giants like James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, John Millington Synge, Sean O'Casey, William Butler Yeats, of great patriots, statesmen, scientists and scholars.

In no other city in the world has one such a sense of history, the many statues evoking memories of the past as you stroll through Georgian squares, spacious avenues lined with impressive public buildings.

The ghosts of yesteryear stalk you at the Church of St. Michan for the battlemented tower dates from the 11th century built by the descendants of the Vikings who founded Dublin 200 years before. At St. Patrick's Cathedral where the brilliant, satirical writer Dean Swift is buried – ". . . where savage indignation no longer lacerates the heart" reads the epitaph in Latin written by himself. At the Bailey pub which was mentioned in Joyce's *Ulysses*. At the General Post Office bombarded during the 1916 insurrection.

But Dublin does not live in the past and today's capital is not only a showplace of fine libraries, buildings and intriguing museums, it is also fashionable shops stocked with bargains in Irish and international products. It is modern hotels, theaters, cabarets, restaurants serving delectable cuisine. It is the Dublin Horse Show. It is Phoenix Park, largest in the world, with zoo, racecourse and polo ground.

It is an easy-to-get-away-from place with heather-clad mountains, sandy beaches, quaint villages, greener-than-



green fields and fish-rich rivers only 45 minutes' drive from your hotel.

But first and foremost, it is the home of 600,000 talkative, amusing, hospitable Dubliners.

The Irish love horses and races, telling stories which end with a chuckle. Children. Limericks. Pubs and Guinness. Sentimental songs. Angling. Good food. Dancing. Making a fuss of visitors . . .

You'll quickly discover that Dublin is, indeed, a Fair City.

Entry regulations

If you live in an EEC member country you are allowed to take into Ireland: *Tobacco Products*: 300 cigarettes or 75 cigars or 400 grammes of smoking tobacco. *Alcoholic Beverages*: A total of 1½ liters (2 normal-sized bottles) spirits; OR a total of 3 liters (4 normal-sized bottles) of other distilled beverages and spirits, of sparkling wines or fortified wines; AND a total of 3 liters of other wine. *Perfumes*: 75 grammes (approx. 3 fluid ounces) of perfumes. *Toilet Waters*: ¾ liter (⅔ pint) toilet water. *Other dutiable goods*: £52-worth per person (£12 per person for visitors under 15 years of age).

If you live in a non-EEC country in Europe you are allowed to take into Ireland: *Tobacco Products*: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 grammes of smoking tobacco. *Alcoholic Beverages*: A total of 0.70 to 1 liter (1 normal-sized bottle) of distilled beverages and spirits; OR a total of 2 liters (2½ normal-sized bottles) of other distilled beverages and spirits, or sparkling wines or fortified wines; AND a total of 2 liters (2½ normal-sized bottles) of other wine. *Perfumes*: 50 grammes (approx. 2 fluid ounces) of perfumes. *Toilet Waters*: ¼ liter (approx. ½ pint) of toilet water. *Other dutiable goods*: £10-worth per person (£4 per person for visitors under 15 years of age).

If you are resident outside of Europe you are allowed to take in: *Tobacco Products*: 2½ lbs. of manufactured tobacco (e.g. 1,000 cigarettes or 200 cigars or any assortment not exceeding 2½ lbs. in weight). *Spirits including Liqueurs and Cordials*: ⅓ gallon (2 standard bottles). *Wine*: ⅓ gallon (2 standard bottles). *Toilet waters or perfume*: 1 pint (this may consist of toilet waters and perfume in any proportion). *Other dutiable goods*: £10-worth per person (£4 per person for visitors under 15 years of age).

Your arrival in Dublin

Your SAS aircraft lands at Dublin Airport, some six miles (10 kms.) from the city center. You claim your baggage in the arrival hall where passport and customs control also takes place.

The airport building is tiered with Arrivals and Departures on separate levels with banking, shopping, restaurants, cafeterias, postal, car hire and tourist information facilities conveniently located.

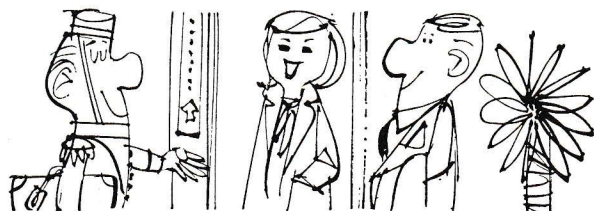
Taxis are available near the arrival hall, the fare to the city center being approx. £1 and the trip taking about 20 minutes. There is a special airport bus departing after flight arrival for the Central Bus Station, Busaras, Store Street (14). Fare is 30p for adults and 15p for children.

The language: You'll notice street signs and newspapers printed in English and Gaelic – for the latter is the official language. But everyone speaks English with that special Irish lilt which you'll find yourself picking up before the end of your vacation! There is, however, one word of Irish you must learn – “Sláinte!” – that means cheers, good health, skål, and is sure to bring a twinkle to the eyes of your Irish friends.

Currency: Decimal system, with 100p to £1. The coinage consists of ½ penny, 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 50p – with notes of £1, £5, £10 and £20. British currency is accepted in Ireland and of exactly the same value as in the United Kingdom.

Hotels

As Dublin is a popular vacation and convention center, it is always advisable to make advance hotel reservations. You can do this at your travel agent or nearest SAS office. Either can offer, through the SAS Travel Planning



Service, information on first and tourist class hotels with immediate confirmation of accommodation in most cases. Should you arrive without a reservation, please contact Dublin Tourist Office, 14 Upper O'Connell Street and 51 Dawson Street (tel. 47733).

Anchor (H3)

2 Parnell Street
Tel. 43101

Buswell's (H7)

Molesworth Street
Tel. 64013

Central (G6)

Exchequer Street
Tel. 77 83 41

Claremont (off map)

Howth
Tel. 32 31 97

Clarence (F5)

Wellington Quay
Tel. 77 61 78

Crofton Airport (off map)

Whitehall
Tel. 37 37 77

Four Courts (E5)

Inns Quay
Tel. 77 11 61

Green Isle (off map)

Naas Road
Tel. 59 34 06

Gresham (H4)

O'Connell Street
Tel. 46881

International Airport Hotel
(off map)

Dublin Airport
Tel. 37 92 11

Ivanhoe (G8)

Harcourt Street
Tel. 75 30 11

Marine (off map)

Sutton
Tel. 32 26 13

Moire (G6)

Trinity Street
Tel. 77 73 28

Montrose (off map)

Stillorgan Road
Tel. 69 33 11

New Jury's (L10)

Ballsbridge
Tel. 67511

Powers Royal (H7)

47 Kildare Street
Tel. 65243

Royal Dublin (H4)

Upp. O'Connell St.
Tel. 49351

Royal Hibernian (H7)

Dawson Street
Tel. 77 29 91

Russel (G7)

St. Stephen's Green
Tel. 75 41 51

Shelbourne (H8)

St. Stephen's Green
Tel. 66471

Skylon (H1)

Drumcondra Road
Tel. 37 91 21

South County (off map)

Stillgorgan Road
Tel. 88 16 21

Sutton House (off map)

Sutton
Tel. 32 26 88

Tara Towers (off map)

Merrion
Tel. 69 46 66

A single room with bath and continental-style breakfast in any of the above hotels cost between £4 and £7 and a double room with bath and breakfast between £7 and £12. The hotels include a 12% service charge plus VAT tax of 5.26% on your bill.

For electric shavers both 110 and 220 volts sockets are available though adaptors may be needed in some hotels for Continental type plugs.

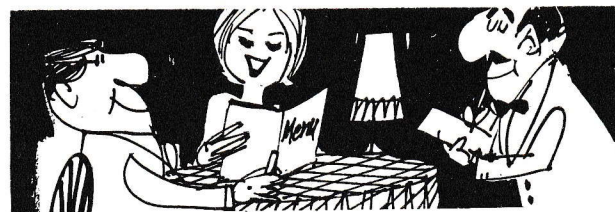
Cuisine

Best Irish prime beef, dairy butter, freshly baked brown bread . . . Ireland is a country of green fields with an abundance of farm produce which is reflected on the menu at breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The fish dishes, with smoked salmon and trout prominently featured, are certainly worth ordering – and a reminder that Ireland is an angler's Eldorado.

Irish food is both tasty and substantial with several unique specialities. We list below some typically Irish dishes – though, of course, all good restaurants offer international cuisine.

Irish Stew – Mutton, various types of vegetables and potatoes, stewed together for flavoring.





Bacon and Cabbage – Bacon and cabbage boiled together to flavor the vegetable. Served with boiled potatoes and butter.

Corned beef and cabbage – Pickled beef boiled with cabbage for flavoring, served with potatoes and butter.

Limerick Ham.

Stewed Steak and Guinness – Stewed steak, carrots and lemon, approx. one cup (or more if needed) of Guinness poured over the steak.

Coddle. Bacon, potatoes, sausages, meat and vegetables boiled slowly together.

Potato cakes – Mashed potatoes mixed with flour, dipped in egg and fried slowly.

Dublin Bay Prawns, Oysters.

Drinks

Dublin is famous for Guinness which is now sold in many parts of the world. This is a strong, dark brown beer which is brewed with roasted malt and barley – and has a very smooth taste. Harp Lager is another local beer.

There are various brands of Irish Whisky including Paddy and Powers and you must try a real Irish Coffee (whisky, coffee, whipped cream, brown sugar). Irish liqueurs to ask for include Irish Mist and Jameson Brandy.

Note: Licensing laws – from April to October establishments selling alcoholic drinks are open on weekdays from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. and from November to March to 11 p.m. – with a break from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Throughout the year on Sundays the opening hours are 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Hotel residents can order drinks any time except on Good Friday when it is served only with meals.

Restaurants

Most of the hotels listed on pages 6 and 7 have their own restaurants serving lunches and dinners. In addition there are scores of good restaurants, a selection of which we list below:

For lunch, morning coffee, and snacks

Brown Thomas (G6)

Grafton Street

Bewleys Oriental Cafés (G6)

78 Grafton Street – also
10 Westmoreland Street and
13th St. Great George's St.

Golden Spoon (G6)

24 Suffolk Street

Harp Grill (H5)

O'Connell Bridge House

Jonathan's (H6)

39 Grafton Street

New Jury's (L10)

Ballsbridge

Switzers (G6)

Grafton Street

The Country Shop (H7)

23 St. Stephen's Green

Lunch & dinner

Open for meals approx.
6 p.m. with last meal served
approx. 10 p.m.:

*Beaufield Mews Antiques
Ltd.* (dinner only)

Woodlands Avenue
Stillorgan

Lord Edward (F6)

23 Christchurch Place

Trocadero Restaurant (F6)

Andrew Street

Soup Bowl (H7)

Molesworth Place

Dinner only.

Old Dublin (G7)

Francis Street

Berni Inn (H6)

Nassau Street

Steaks a speciality.

*Phoenix Park Racecourse
Club* (off map)

Snaffels (H8)

47 Lower Leeson Street

(It is advisable to telephone
these restaurants for reser-
vations).

Pubs

As well as these restaurants,
there are many pubs offer-
ing meals. For example:

Bartley Dunne's (G7)

Mercer Street

(off George's Street)

Sandwiches, French bread, vaulted
alcoves, candlelight. Speciality –
very wide selection of drinks
from tequila to snaps.

Castle Inn (E6)

Lord Edward Street

Hot Pies and Sandwiches – car-
peted and tasseled furnishing.

Neary's (G7)

Chatham Street

Meat and salad plates.

Leeson Lounge (I9)

Leeson Street

Favorite place for hot chicken
portions.

Old Stand (G6)

corner Andrew St. and
Wicklow Street

Hot food like mixed grills, ham
and eggs.
Friendly chatty waitresses and
barmen.

Seasons (J9)

Baggot Street

Such items as oysters, salmon
salad. Olde Worlde atmosphere
with timber beams. A favorite
of the younger "in" set.

City sights and excursions

C.I.E. stands for Coras Iompair Eirean, the Gaelic name for the National Transportation Company which is responsible for operating tours in and from Dublin. For fuller details contact C.I.E., 59 Upper O'Connell Street (tel. 46301) or 35 Lower Abbey Street (tel. 30 07 77).

A quick way of getting to know the city is to join one of their city sightseeing tours.

During the summer there is a variety of such tours, from three-hour quickies (operating from March 18 to November 30) to a "Minstrel Tour" which starts at 3 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m. and includes dinner and cabaret.

Some of Dublin's most interesting sights are listed below with reference to the map (page 14).

Sights

Bank of Ireland (G6), College Green, formerly Old Parliament House, was erected during the 18th century and is regarded as a perfect example of Georgian architecture. It was here amid stormy scenes in 1800 that the Act of Union was passed.

Uniformed attendants will conduct visitors around the premises free of charge.

Dublin Castle, west of Dame Street (F6). Parts of the original building erected between 1208 and 1220 can still be seen. The elegant State Apartments have been the residence of English viceroys and it was also here in June 1938 that Dr. Douglas Hyde was inaugurated as the first President of Ireland. Hours of admission for the State Apartments: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 to 4.30 p.m. Admission fee. There is also a Heraldic Museum in the castle – the only one in the world. Admission is free and it is open Monday to Friday 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

The City Hall (F6), Lord Edward Street, adjoining the castle. This is the headquarters of the municipal government. Worth a visit to see the 102 Royal Charters and the mace and sword of the city.

Christ Church Cathedral (F6), Lord Edward Street. Reckoned to be one of the city's finest edifices, it dates from 1038. The

interior is noteworthy for the magnificent stonework of the nave and aisles. The crypt is the oldest part of the building.

St. Patrick's Cathedral (F7), Patrick Street. Jonathan (Dean) Swift, of "Gulliver's Travel" fame was the dean of the cathedral from 1713 to 1745 and his tomb lies in the south aisle to the right of the entrance porch. The cathedral was founded in 1190, but the square tower is 14th century and the spire a later 18th century addition.

The Customs House (I5), on the north bank of River Liffey, must rate as one of the outstanding buildings of Europe. It was completed in 1791, gutted by fire in 1921 but has been completely restored to its former glory. The pavilions at each end of the building are decorated with the arms of Ireland and from the center rises a graceful green dome on which is mounted a statue of Hope.

Trinity College (H6), College Green. It makes a pleasant morning stroll to look around the college buildings and recall that many famous men have been this way. But it is even better to continue your walk and call at the

Trinity College Library (H6), the oldest and certainly most famous of Dublin's many fine libraries, now housing more than one million volumes with the best collection of manuscripts and early printed books in Ireland. Its most prized possession – and probably the reason for your visit! – is the Book of Kells, considered to be the world's most beautiful illuminated manuscript. Dating from the 8th century, it is a manuscript of the four gospels of the New Testament written in Latin on thick-glaced parchment – and still in an incredibly well-preserved state. Other ancient Irish manuscripts on show in the library include the Book of Durrow from the 7th century, Book of Armagh, thought to have been written in 807 A.D. – plus a volume of letters from Queen Elizabeth I each bearing her signature. Open throughout the year Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed on Sunday and Bank Holidays. Admission free.

Royal Irish Academy Library (H7), Dawson Street. This library contains one of the most extensive collections of ancient Irish manuscripts in Ireland. The library is closed during the last three weeks of August and between 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. during the months of July, August and September. Other times, opening hours: weekdays 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Sundays and Bank Holidays closed).



General Post Office (G4), O'Connell Street. For one reason or another you're likely to pass the post office but, if you have time, go inside for a few minutes for the interior is most impressive. During the insurrection of 1916 the building became the headquarters of the Irish Volunteers, was bombarded and destroyed by fire – but has been admirably restored.

The Mansion House (H7), Dawson Street. The Declaration of Independence was adopted here in 1919 and it was also the scene in July 1921 of the signing of the truce which ended Anglo-Irish hostilities.

National Museum (H7), Kildare Street. The Irish Antiquities Division is particularly interesting for it contains a quite unique collection of Bronze Age gold ornaments, the Tara Brooch, Ardagh Chalice and the Cross of Cong and other relics from the Early Christian and Medieval periods. Closed on Monday. Open Tuesday to Saturday and including Bank Holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

Marsh's Library (F7), oldest public library in Ireland. 50,000 volumes mainly 17th and 18th century works.

National Gallery (H7), Merrion Square West. World-famous Poussins and Goyas can be seen in the French and Spanish rooms and major works by Gainsborough among the English collections. The **National Portrait Gallery** is under the same roof. Open Monday to Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays and Bank Holidays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Restaurant open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Phoenix Park (A4), main entrance Parkgate Street. This is the largest enclosed public park in the world covering some 1,760 acres. In the grounds are the People's Gardens, the residence of the President of Ireland, the American Ambassador's residence, the Papal Nunciature, the Magazine Fort and Zoo.

The Zoological Gardens (A4) (to the right of the main road through the park). Third oldest zoo in the world, it has acquired a reputation for lion breeding and is famous for its reticulated giraffes and gibbon monkeys. The park is open to the public at all daylight times throughout the year.

Royal Dublin Society grounds (L10), Ballsbridge. This is the venue for the internationally famous Dublin Horse Show held in August and the Spring Agricultural Show.

Guinness's Brewery (C6), James' Gate. This is one of the largest breweries in the world and visitors can join a conducted tour around the complex between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Children under 12 not admitted.

Bull Island. This is a bird sanctuary and golf course in Dublin Bay linked to the mainland by bridge causeway. More than 150 different species of birds have been seen on the island which has a large number of wildfowl and waders.

Excursions

You may be using Dublin as the gateway to Ireland and thus may spend only a few days here continuing from the city and suburbs by hired car, horse-drawn caravan, rail, bus or motor-cruiser.

But if you intend to base yourself in the Fair City and take day excursions, then you'll find it most useful to obtain a copy of C.I.E.'s "Day Tours" pamphlet.

Here are a few of the most popular tours operating from spring to fall:

The Radio Train – this is an all-in trip to Killarney, Connemara and Limerick, musical programs being interspersed with commentaries of places en route. The fare includes rail travel, seat reservation, lunch, high tea, a tour by jaunting car in Killarney, by bus in Connemara or by Shannon Cruiser from Killaloe.

Tickets can be obtained in advance from C.I.E., 59 Upper O'Connell Street or 35 Lower Abbey Street (tel. 30 07 77).

Day tour by train and bus – by train to Dundalk, then by bus through Newry, Spelga Pass and along the coast road to Newcastle where there is a 2-hours' break before returning via Warrenport to Dundalk and then by train to Dublin. A visit to the Silent Valley Reservoir is included in the trip.

– by train to Dundalk and then on by bus via Newtownhamilton to Armagh, ecclesiastical capital of Ireland, where a visit to the observatory is arranged. There are many other tours including 4-day or 12-day luxury coach tours from Dublin during the summer months and 6-day tours in spring and fall.

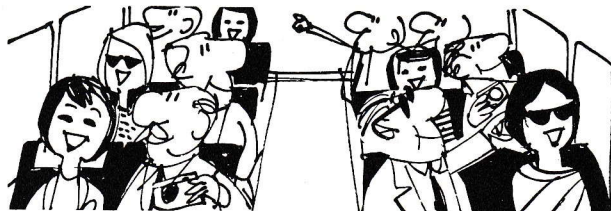
Other excursion points

County Kildare

To the southwest of Dublin lies the sporting and hunting county of Kildare famous for its racecourses, golf links and the beautiful plain of Curragh. In this area you will find the following towns of interest:

Athy (45 miles – 70 kms. from Dublin) is an age-old town, now a market center, with two castles – White's Castle, erected

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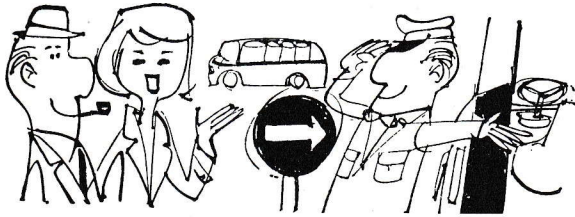
Code numbers in this booklet refer to the above map. Thus (G5) is located where lines drawn from "G" and "5" cross each other.

Interesting sights in Dublin

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (G6) The Old Parliament House. | (G4) General Post Office. |
| (G6) Dublin Castle. | (H7) The Mansion House. |
| (G6) The City Hall. | (H7) National Museum. |
| (F6) Christ Church Cathedral. | (I7) National Gallery. |
| (F7) St. Patrick's Cathedral. | (A4) Phoenix Park. |
| (I5) The Custom House. | (A4) The Zoological Gardens. |
| (H6) Trinity College. | (C6) Guinness's Brewery. |
| (H6) Trinity College Library. | (F7) Marsh's Library. |
| (H7) Royal Irish Academy Library. | |

Useful addresses

-  **SAS Office:** 53 Middle Abbey Street (G5), tel. 43346/7.
-  **SAS General Sales Agent:**
Aer Lingus, 45 Upper O'Connell Street (G4) and 42 Grafton Street (H7).
Reservations tel. 37 77 33.
-  **Dublin Tourist Offices:**
51 Dawson Street (H6) and 14 Upper O'Connell Street (H4).
Tel. 47733 (information and hotel reservations).
C.I.E.-National Transportation Co.: Sightseeing tours and coach
excursions, 59 Upper O'Connell Street (G4).
-  **Bus terminal (I4),** Busaras, Store Street.
Distance from city center to airport: 6 miles (10 kms.).



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in 1507, located almost on the present bridge over the River Barrow with a well-preserved rectangular tower and square turrets; Woodstock Castle, half a mile north of the town, dating from the 13th century though the present huge tower is 15th century. Only 8 miles (13 kms.), east of Athy is the village of

Moone, worth visiting for the 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft.-tall Irish high cross to be found there. The Moone Cross bears no less than 51 sculptured panels depicting biblical scenes!

Kildare (35 miles – 56 kms. from Dublin) dates from Anglo-Norman times. The St. Brigid's Cathedral was reconstructed in the 19th century and incorporates the remains of the original Anglo-Norman church. Nearby is the 105 ft. (34 meters)-high Round Tower dating from the same period as the earlier church. The National Stud at Tully is famous for its modern methods and new ideas. Northwest of the town are the Red Hills, among them the Hill of Allen famous in history as one of the royal residences of Leinster. Kildare has two golf courses.

The Curragh is an open plain northwest of Kildare town, some 6 miles (10 kms.) long and two miles (3 kms.) wide containing Ireland's most famous racecourse with the flat season extending from March to November. It is here that the Irish Sweeps Derby, one of the world's richest races, is held in mid-summer.

Greystones. The holiday resort of Greystones is located on a wooded part of the Wicklow coast, some 18 miles (30 kms.) south of Dublin. There are beaches north and south of the town, two excellent golf courses and two pitch-and-put courses. Greystones is also one of the centers of the East coast for sea angling with boats, tackle and bait easy to hire. If you have time, the Cliff Walk from Greystones around Bray Head to Bray offers superb views and another local interest spot is the Great Sugar Loaf (1,650 ft. – 510 meters – high) some five miles (8 kms.) from the town.

Arklow, 45 miles (70 kms.) south of Dublin at the foot of the Wicklow Mountains, Arklow is in a region known as "The Garden of Ireland". As well as beaches stretching to the north and south, the town is close to the Vale of Avoca of which Thomas Moore wrote "There is not in this wide world a valley so sweet as the vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet". Despite its excellent resort facilities, Arklow has still managed

to retain the atmosphere of a fishing village, especially in "The Fisheries" part of the town. Be sure to buy some Arklow pottery, and, if you have the chance, join a conducted tour of the Potteries.

Glendalough. This is a valley with two lakes renowned for its wild beauty and historic sites 30 miles (50 kms.) from Dublin. Around the Upper Lake are to be found the ruins of a Bronze (or Early Iron) Age stone fort, the Reefert Church, the traditional burial place of local rulers, and St. Kevin's Cell, a ruined beehive stone hut. East of the Lower Lake are the more interesting sites including the remains of the Cathedral which contains a 9th-century nave, St. Kevin's Church with its early Irish barrel-vaulted oratories and the 1,000-year-old Round Tower, which is remarkably well preserved.

Wicklow Mountains

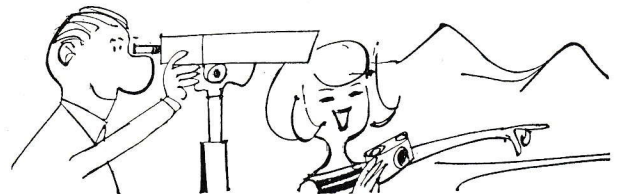
Regarded as one of the most picturesque parts of Ireland, these majestic granite mountains host some of the country's most charming villages. Places like Enniskerry, contender for the title "Ireland's prettiest village" with the nearby Lover's Leap rock formation at Dargle Glen.

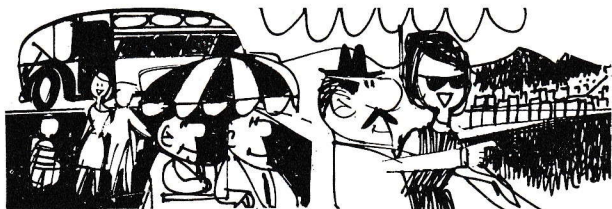
Roundwood, highest village in Ireland with brown trout fishing in the nearby Vetry Reservoir and the hamlet of Shillelagh in a valley with the oak wood which gave its name to the famous cudgel (small club).

Skerries. Eighteen miles (30 kms.) north of Dublin, this is a popular seaside resort with a fine view of the coast (the mountains of Mourne can be seen on a clear day).

Howth. A busy yachting center, 9 miles (15 kms.) from Dublin. Take a trip from the harbor to Ireland's Eye, a tiny island one mile offshore with delightful coves, ideal for picnicking and bathing. Just outside the town is Howth Castle, a 16th-century mansion with grounds ablaze in late spring with rhododendrons and azaleas while in the town itself is the Abbey Tavern (see "Entertainment and night life" page 18).

Portmarnock. Five miles (8 kms.) north of Howth is the resort of Portmarnock, renowned for its 3-mile long sandy beach called "The Velvet Strand" and its championship golf course.





The Boyne Valley. Meandering through the plain of Meath is the salmon river of Boyne, with many of Ireland's most historic sites scattered along its tree-lined banks. Among the places of interest are: The Palace of the Boyne, a group of pre-Christian cemeteries, east of Slane, at Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth; Fourknocks is another important site which was excavated as recently as 1950 when many burial and grave offerings were found; Loughcrew group is a series of 30 burial mounds in the Loughcrew Hills, near Oldcastle: Trim, on the upper reaches of the Boyne, has more interesting remains than any other town of its size in Ireland including the Trim Castle, largest Anglo-Norman fortress in the country.

Entertainment and night life

If you're staying for a few days in Dublin set aside at least two evenings – one for ballads and one for Irish cabaret.

At New Jury's Hotel, Ballsbridge, top-class Irish stars present a cabaret which thrills more than 60,000 visitors every year between May and October. The show usually features comedians, ballad singers, dancers, and a ventriloquist – and often there's also a mannequin display. But please remember to book early for this is a popular show – and with dinner included – costs only approx. £4.

The Clarence Hotel, Wellington Quay, and Dolphin Inn, Essex Street are other hotels presenting Irish cabarets.

Try, too, Gresham Hotel (G4), O'Connell Street, offering good food and professional theater – June to September – Monday through Saturday for £3.30 per person.

Spend another evening at the Abbey Tavern, Howth (see page 17) – here you can enjoy a first class meal in a room with turf fires in the corners and later join the crowd in the barn behind the inn where fiddler, guitarists and other musicians accompany singers of Irish ballads – some sad, some funny but all entertaining. (Performances every night except Sunday.)

Other pubs with ballad singers are:

The Chariot (H10)

Ranelagh

Clontarf Castle (off map)

Clontarf

Embankment (off map)

Tallaght

No ballads on Sunday.

O'Mara's (G5)

Aston Quay

Slattery's P. (F5)

129 Chapel Street

Oak Bar (G6)

81 Dame Street

"Singing Pubs"

where the patrons sing along with a resident vocalist are now all the rage. If you know the songs you may like to spend a cozy evening with the Irish in one of the pubs listed below – if the words are strange then you may prefer to just drop by to have a look!

Bark Kitchen (E5)

Sarsfield's Quay

Berni Inn (H6)

Basement Bar

Nassau Street

Biddy Mulligan's (F7)

New Street

O'Donoghue's (H7)

15 Merrion Row

Camden House (G8)

6 Lower Camden Street

Drake Inn (off map)

Finglas

Duignan's (G8)

10a Redmond Hill

Hunter's Moon (off map)

Ashbourne

Limelight (D6)

Thomas Street

McGovern's (G8)

40 Wexford Street

Restaurants with dancing

If you'd prefer to wine, dine and dance then you may like to choose one of the following restaurants:

Quo Vadis (G6)

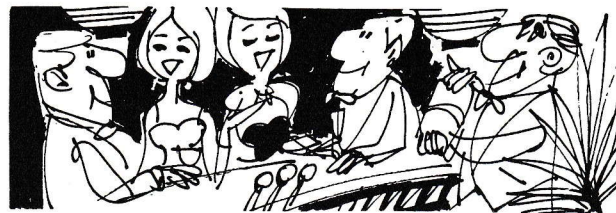
15 Andrew Street

La Caverna (G6)

18 Dame Street

The Ould Cod (G1)

1 Lincoln Place



El Greco (off map)

10 George's Street
Dun Laoghaire
Nightly except Sunday.

Lamb Doyle's (off map)

Sandyford
Co. Dublin
Nightly including Sunday.

Nico's (G6)

53 Dame St.

Maxim's (G1)

27 Clare Street
Nightly 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Advance table reservations should
be made.

Peekers (off map)

Dun Laoghaire
Licensed Restaurant and Disco –
every night.

Jonathan's (H7)

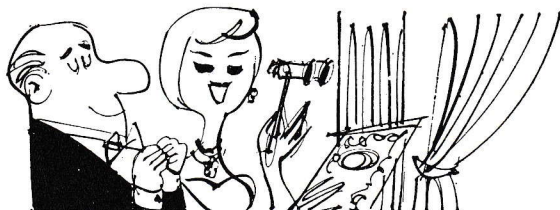
Grafton Street
Wine, dine and dance.

Theater

Consult the daily papers for details of performances at the following theaters:

Abbey and Peacock, Lower Abbey Street, *Gaiety*, South King Street, *Eblana Theatre*, Store Street (in basement of bus station).

Contact the Tourist Office at 14 Upper O'Connell Street (tel. 47733) for more information – you can also make your bookings here.



If you'd just like to have a pint in a pub with old traditions, then one of the following may be of interest:

Brazen Head (E6)

20 Lower Bridge Street
Oldest pub in Dublin with connections back to the 12th century. Fully licenced since 1666.

Bailey (H6)

2 Duke Street
Famous eating house since 1837 – James Joyce mentioned this pub in "Ulysses" under the name Burton. Patrick Kavanagh and Brendan Behan were also regulars here.

Mulligan's (H5)

Poolbeg Street
This pub, too, has had many writers discuss their works in the bar, including James Joyce.

Toner's (I8)

Lower Baggot Street

Cinemas

There are numerous cinemas showing international movies in the city and suburbs – for details of programs check the evening newspapers.

Music

It is sometimes possible to catch a concert given by Radio Eireann in the Francis Xavier Hall, Upper Sherrard Street. If you're interested, contact Radio Telefis Eirann, Henry Street (tel. 42981). There are, too, outdoor concerts in the city's parks and gardens.

Tipping

At most restaurants service charge and tax are included in the bill but it is customary to tip the waiter 15 to 20p extra. At all hotels the service charge is always included in your bill.

Taxi drivers expect at least a 5p tip for the shortest journey and normally about 10% of the fare. Barmen do not expect tips.

Shopping

Head for Grafton Street (G6), the most fashionable shopping street in the city – but expect to see equally fine shops with some bargain-price department stores thrown in along Henry Street (G4), South Gt. George's Street (G6), Camden Street, O'Connell Street (G4) and Talbot Street (H4).

What to buy

Ireland has gained world fame for such products as Waterford crystal, handwoven Donegal tweed, linens, Arklow pottery, Beleek china, knitwear. And, of course, there is an excellent selection of all these products in the shops together with some not so well known items like green Connemara marble ornaments, silver pendants with design from the Book of Kells (see page 11), Irish kilts, lace and exquisite crochet work in tablecloths and napkins.

A special suggestion for Her – a maxi-length cloak fashioned in black pure wool with a lining of silk and a



glamorous hood. For Him – a pair of oval cuff links with traditional Celtic design in black, green or red enamel or a tie pin of Connemara marble set in rolled gold. For The Home – how about a heavy Irish brass door knocker?

Where to shop

Brown Thomas (G6) at Grafton and Duke streets, is one of the top speciality stores in Europe – and a center for all things Irish though also with a selection of international products. The store operates a very large mail order department.

If you'd like a length of tweed made to your own specifications, call at the *Weaver's Shed* (G6), Duke Lane, while *Market Ireland* (G6), Grafton Street, is the place for ornamental candles in all colors and sizes, basketry and knitwear. And if you want to find a bargain have a look round *Cleary's* (G4), Department Store, O'Connell Street.

Two other important addresses: *Switzer's* of Grafton Street, an exclusive department store featuring a high class souvenir department and *Arnotts* of Grafton Street and Henry Street, a store offering the latest in ladies' fashion.

Other addresses worth noting if you are on the look out for craft shops and establishments selling Irish tweed, woolens, knitwear and souvenirs:

Irish Cottage Industries (H7), Dawson Street; O'Beirne and Fitzgibbon (G4), O'Connell Street; Kevin and Howlin (H6), Nassau Street; The Country Shop, St. Stephen's Green; Donegal Shop (G6), Creation Arcade; Dublin Woollen Company (G5), Metal Bridge Corner; Millars Connemara Tweeds (H6), Nassau St.; Heraldic House (Thomas Mullins) (G4), 36 Upper O'Connell Street.

If you collect antiques or are one of those people who love browsing shops selling old things, make your way to Dawson Street, South King Street, Stephen's Green and Nassau Street – or walk along the quays from O'Connell Bridge to Four Courts.

Markets

If you're passing through *Moore Street*, you'll notice women selling fish, vegetables and fruit from small stalls – the licences in this all-women market are handed down from mother to daughter.

Dandelion Market at Leeson Court on a Saturday morning is a fun place to visit with students exchanging goods and artists selling paintings.

Shopping hours

The principal stores are open Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. or 6 p.m. though early closing days vary between Wednesday and Saturday. All shops are closed on Sunday and Bank Holidays. Some stores remain closed all day Monday.

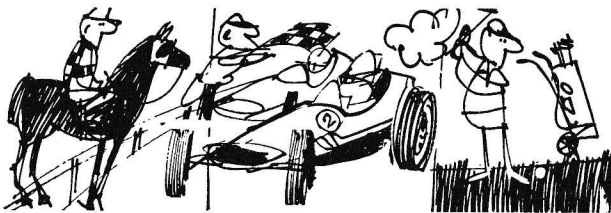
Transportation

There is no underground railway in Dublin, buses (double- and single-decker) and taxis providing the main means of transportation. Minimum bus fare is 4p for 1.3 miles.

Taxi stands are located at all the principal railway stations, hotels and theaters throughout the city with radio cabs and other privately-owned taxis providing a 24-hour service. Please note radio-taxis – they have a name on them – cannot be hailed on the streets. Minimum fare is 20p.

Sports

The Emerald Isle attracts thousands of golfers, anglers and horse lovers every year – but there are facilities for watching and participating in numerous other sports.



We list below a few useful facts to help you find your way around Dublin's sporting world:

Golf. There are so many first class golf courses which welcome visitors that it is not possible to list them all here. The best advice we can give is to ask your hotel porter to make arrangements for you. Nearly all the hotel porters in Dublin seem to be in-the-know when it comes to golf. If you happen to stay in a hotel which has a non-golfing porter, then get in touch with the Tourist Office which will be happy to advise you.

A warning: At weekends and Bank Holidays it is sometimes difficult for the clubs to accommodate visitors – such is the popularity of the sport with Dubliners themselves. It is best to contact the club secretary beforehand, and preferable to golf in mid-week.

Pitch and putt. This mini-golf sport is fast becoming popular throughout Ireland. Again ask your porter or the Tourist Office to tell you the course nearest to your hotel.

Fishing. Fresh-water – The River Liffey provides salmon, trout, perch and pike fishing. February to May are the best salmon months. The best stretches for brown trout are between Celbridge and Millicent Bridge near Clane. The River Dodder holds trout as does the Rye Water – there's also good sport at the Pollaphuca and Leixlip lake-reservoirs and the Bohernabreena Reservoirs. Several angling associations have rights over some of these waters. But call at one of the tackle shops in Dublin and ask for information – you can also buy some of the necessary permits there:

Garnets & Keegan (F6), 31 Parliament Street; Moorkens Ltd. (G5), Upper Abbey Street; Rory's Fishing Tackle (G5), 17a Temple Bar.

Another useful address: The City Manager and Town Clerk Waterworks (F6), 28 Castle Street.

Sea angling. Bass can be caught by spinning and float fishing at the Poolbeg Lighthouse and in the vicinity of Half Moon Swimming Club. Fishing boats are available for hire at Dun Laoghaire Pier. A number of sea angling associations, with boats of their own, offer membership to visitors.

Horses – Race courses are located on the outskirts of city at Phoenix Park, Leopardstown (six miles – 10 kms.).

For details contact C.I.E., 51 Upper O'Connell Street, which operates bus services to the most important races, or the Dublin Tourist Office (tel. 47733), or contact The Irish Racing Board, 9 Merrion Square (17), tel. 61171.

Gymkhanas are held at regular intervals during the summer. Again, details from Dublin Tourist Office or the daily papers.

Horse riding. You can hire a horse for an hour or a day at the Phoenix Park Equestrian School, Oak Park, Castleknock (tel. 38 33 19).

Gaelic Football and Hurling. If you would like to see a game of Gaelic Football or Hurling, both of which are unique to Ireland, contact G.A.A., Croke Park, Jones Road (tel. 48607) for details.

Greyhound racing. Races are held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Harold's Cross Park and Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at Shelbourne Park. At both stadiums races start at 8 p.m.

Climate and clothing

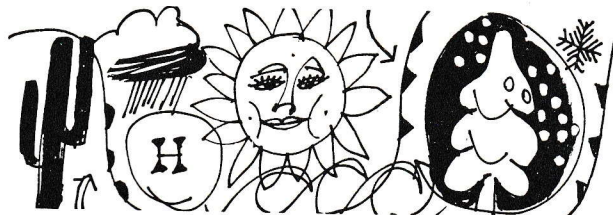
Dublin has mild winters – it rarely snows – and pleasant cool summers.

The mean temperature for the coldest month, January, is 5.5°C (40°F) and for the warmest months July and August 15°C (59°F).

In the winter remember to take an overcoat with you and, any time of the year, a raincoat will come in handy

Evening dress is not essential but if you need it you will find a number of tailors hiring out formal dress and accessories at reasonable rates. (For example: Anita's of Grafton Street, 30 Grafton Street – ladies' wear; Brendan McGrath, Curran House, Fleet Street and Penguin Dresswear, 30 Abbey Street – men's wear).

There are numerous dry-cleaning establishments, the following offering a one-hour service: Imco Ltd., 4



Talbot Street, tel. 43969; Spic and Span Cleaners, 81 Camden Street, tel. 75 35 84; Swift Cleaners, 62/63 Middle Abbey Street, tel. 42868; Swiss Cleaners, 112 Thomas Street, tel. 77 80 66; 60-Minute Cleaners, 132 St. Stephen's Green, tel. 75 49 95.

Religion

Catholic Churches

St. Mary's ProCathedral, Marlborough Street.
Catholic University Church, St. Stephen's Green.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carmelite Church, Whitefriar Street.
St. Teresa, Carmelite Church, Clarendon Street.
The Immaculate Conception, Franciscan Church, Merchant's Quay.
St. Francis Xavier.
Jesuit Church, Upper Gardiner Street.

Church of Ireland

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Patrick Street.
Christchurch Cathedral, Christchurch Place.
St. Andrew's, St. Andrew's Street.

Presbyterian

Abbey Church, Parnell Square.
Lower Abbey Street Church.

Methodist

Lower Abbey Street Church.

Baptist

Phibsboro.

Christian Science

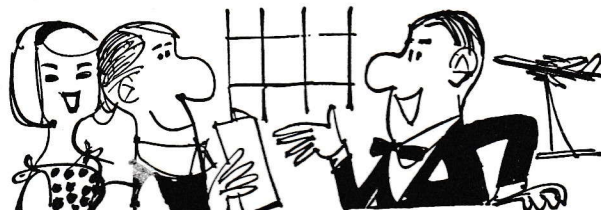
First Church of Christ Scientists, Baggot Street.

Jewish

Adelaide Road.
Dolphins Barn.
Rothfarnham Road.

Salvation Army

Lower Abbey Street.



Special services

Babysitters. Aunts Unlimited, 19 Duke Street (tel. 77 19 80) – or ask the hotel porter who can sometimes recommend a reliable sitter.

Prams for hire. Sheeran Baby Carriage Services, 70 Talbot Street (tel. 41953).

Lost Property. If you've left something on buses or trains contact C.I.E. Lost Property Office, 33 Bachelor's Walk (tel. 46301) – and in a taxi, contact Carriage Office, F Block, Ship Street (tel. 75 11 07).

Telephone calls. International calls can be made and booked at the General Post Office, Lower O'Connell Street up to 10.30 p.m. Please note reverse charge calls are accepted for USA and Mexico only.

Foreign newspapers. Available for sale at Eason & Son, 41 Lower O'Connell St.; Ray's, 13a St. Stephen's Green; Stanley's Gaiety Corner (Grafton Street); Nassau House (Nassau Street) and 14 South Leinster Street. (Please note Scandinavian newspapers are not available.)

Emergency. To telephone the police, ambulance or fire brigade dial 999.

Highdays and public holidays

Shops and offices are closed on the following public holidays:

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day; Good Friday; Easter Monday; First Monday in June; First Monday in August; Christmas Day – December 25; St. Stephen's Day – December 26.

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