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HER2016 WELCOME GUIDE

Welcome to Dublin! In this guide, you will find some helpful information about transport options for your arrival and getting around Dublin. Dublin City University (DCU) has several campuses, the HER2016 Workshop is taking place in The Library Building of **St Patrick's Campus in Drumcondra** on 7th and 8th September, and in the Arts Building of **Trinity College Dublin** on the final day 9th September. St. Patrick's Campus is located in Drumcondra, between the airport and Dublin city centre. Trinity College Dublin is located in the city centre.

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1. General Information

a) Location of St Patrick's Campus

Please note that DCU has several campuses. The HER2016 Workshop is taking place on **St Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra** in The Library Building. It is important to tell taxi driver you need **St Patrick's Campus (until recently 'St Patrick's College') on Drumcondra Road Upper, next to Dublin Skylon Hotel**. Taxi can enter the campus **main gate** on Drumcondra Road Upper and drop you off at the first right turn (at the sign for 'Belvedere House'): you can take that right turn and continue by walking – the Library Building is in the very end of this path (see map in Section 2a on page 3)

The Google maps link to St Patrick's Campus is:
https://www.google.ie/maps/place/DCU+St+Patrick's+campus/@53.3721018,-6.2554136,17z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x48670e6f195d4363:0xc28e0a28047cf3e8!8m2!3d53.370398!4d-6.2543783?hl=en&hl=en

St Patrick's campus **destination name for Google Maps** is: DCU St Patrick's campus, Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin 9, Ireland.

The Library Building is a modern structure located right on Drumcondra Road Upper in the northeast part of campus.
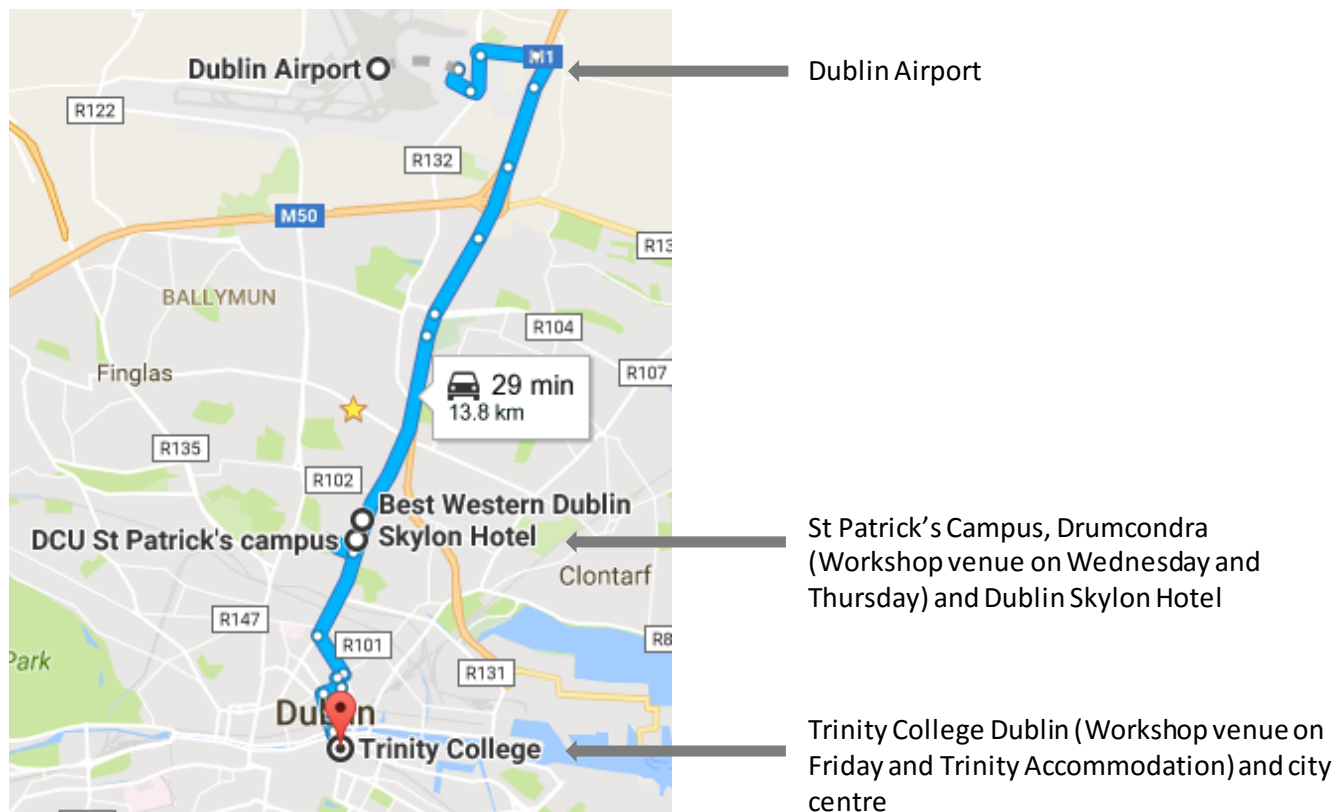
If you are driving to the conference venue, please use the Drumcondra Road main car entrance. Parking is very limited, you can park in the designated 'Car Parks' on campus (please see Campus Map on page 5).

The Library Building

Registration is in **The Library Building foyer** from 12:00 on Wednesday, 7th September.

The map below shows relative locations of:

Dublin Airport

St Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra (Workshop venue on Wednesday and Thursday) and Dublin Skylon Hotel

Trinity College Dublin (Workshop venue on Friday and Trinity Accommodation) and city centre

b) TAXI numbers in Dublin (most taxis accept cash only)

+353 (0)1 478 3333, VIP Taxis

+353 (0)1 855 3333, Express Taxis

c) Dublin Bus Service

Both St Patrick's Campus and Trinity College Dublin are accessible by bus. Please see details in the sections that follow. Real-time bus information can be found at http://www.dublinbus.ie/ (search by bus stop number to see when the next bus leaves). A one-way fare is around €2.70. Buses accept only coins in Euros (no bills), and no change is given. You can also purchase and top up a **Leap Card** at any Leap Card agent (there are over 400 in Dublin). Many SPAR shops in Dublin sell Leap Cards. You can purchase (€5.00) and top up a Leap Card upon arrivals **in the SPAR shop in Terminal 2 Arrivals at the airport**. For more information, visit:
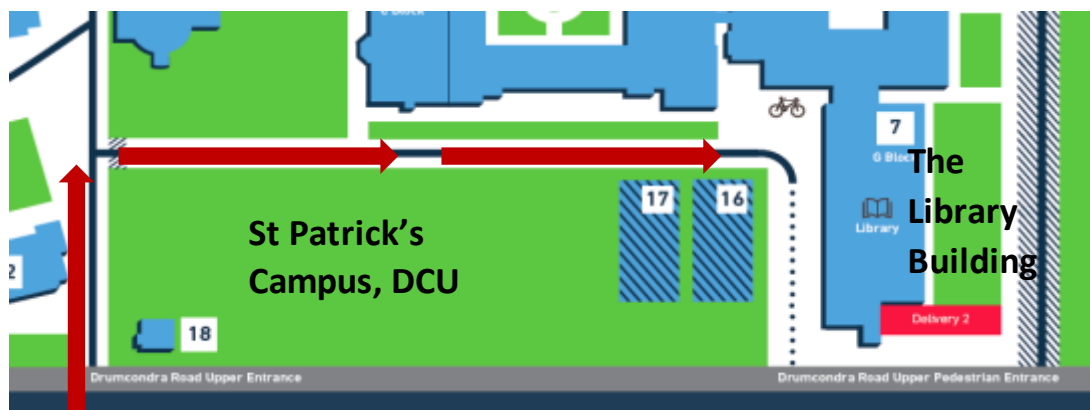https://about.leapcard.ie/about/where-to-buy

A pdf map of St Patrick's Campus, DCU can be found in the next section of this Guide, or a larger version at the following link: https://www.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/info/St.Pats%20Map-4th%20Aug_2015.pdf It will also be included in the conference packs delegates receive at registration. On the map, the Library Building is marked as #7 (Block G).

2. From Dublin Airport to St Patrick's campus and Dublin Skylon Hotel

a) By Taxi or Car

Taxi is the most direct route from the airport to St Patrick's campus, Drumcondra, and to Dublin Skylon Hotel next to it - it is approximately a 20-minute journey with fare in the region of €20. Most taxis accept only cash. Please follow Taxi signage to the designated taxi ranks located outside of the airport terminals.

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Dublin Skylon Hotel (Best Western) is located next door on Drumcondra Road Upper.

Main Gate and Car Entrance

b) Parking for conference venue in St Patrick's Campus

Parking on St. Patrick's Campus is limited to the designated 'Car Parks' found on the Campus map. Please see the Campus Map on the following page, or a larger version at the following link:

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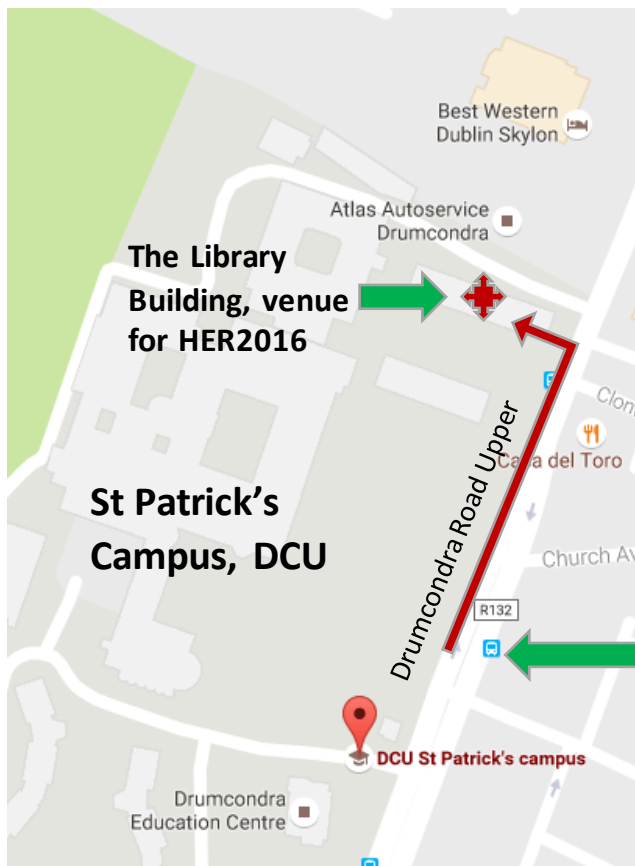
c) By Bus

Dublin Bus: Public buses **#16, 16c and 41** can be taken from the Dublin Airport stop located outside of Terminal 2 to stop #7603 "St Patrick's College". They stop on Drumcondra Road Upper across the street from St Patrick's Campus (press the bell to request stop). The Library Building is accessible by foot directly from Drumcondra Road Upper (up the stairs – please see walking path on the map to the left). It is also a short walk to Best Western Dublin Skylon Hotel. The bus journey is approximately 30 minutes.

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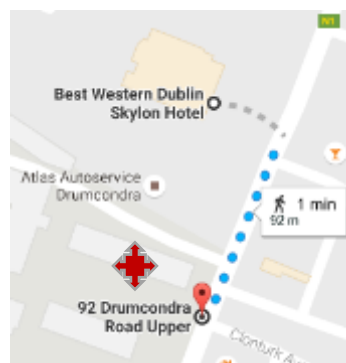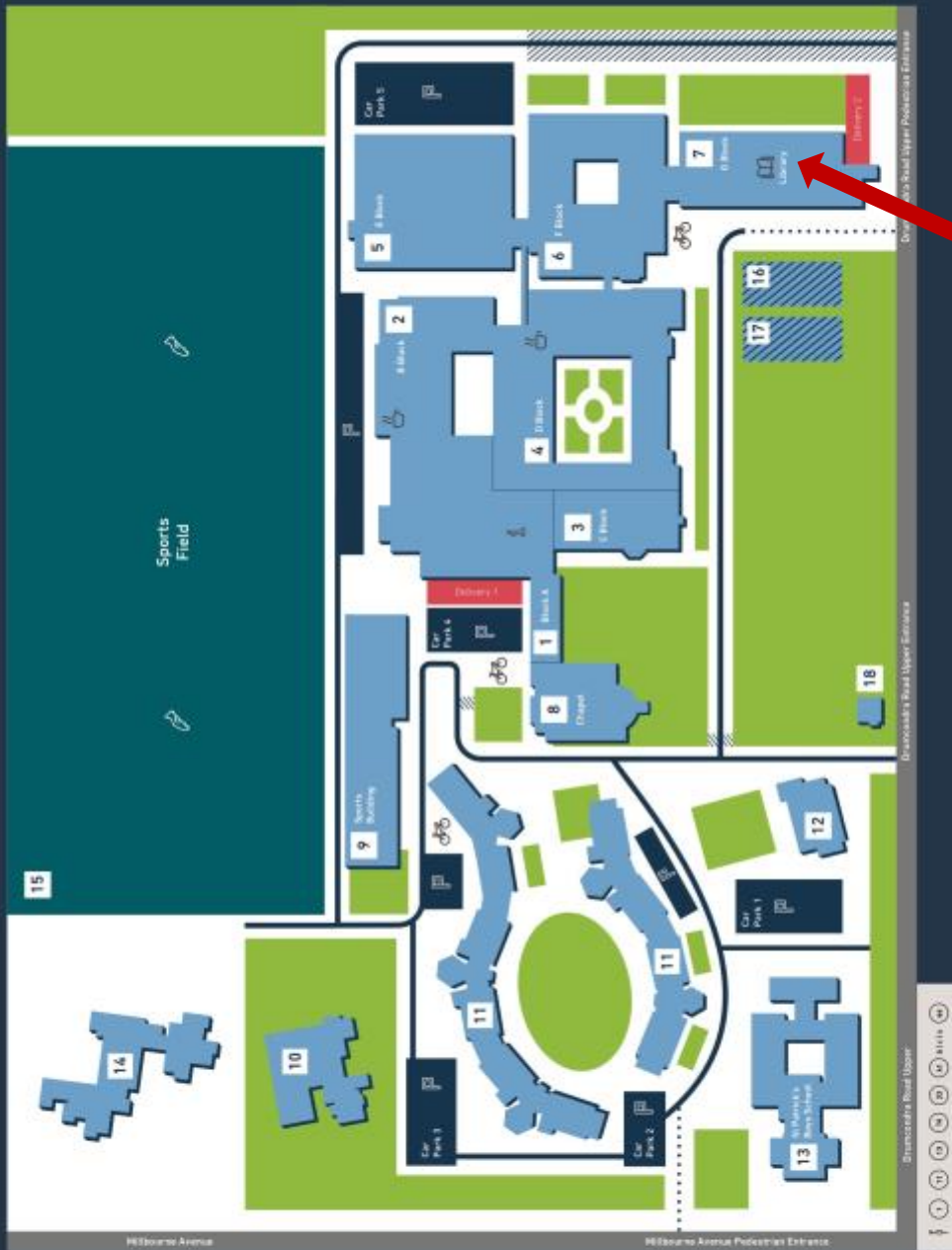
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d) Path from Dublin Skylon to conference venue on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th Sept

The Library Building (HER2016 Workshop venue on Thursday and Friday) can be accessed by walking directly from Drumcondra Road Upper (up the stairs), please see walking path on the map to the right.

e) Map of St Patrick's Campus can be found on the next page, or at this link: https://www.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/info/St.Pats%20Map-4th%20Aug_2015.pdf

DCU
St Patrick's
Campus

3. From Dublin Airport to city centre (if you are checking into Trinity College Summer Accommodation or a city centre hotel)

a) By Taxi or Car

Taxi is the most direct route from the airport to Dublin city centre, it is approximately a 30-minute journey with fare in the region of €25. Please follow Taxi signage to the designated taxi ranks located outside of the airport terminals. For Trinity Summer Accommodation check-in, please see section **(c) Trinity Summer Accommodation check-in** below.

b) By Bus

Public bus #16 travels from Dublin Airport to the city centre. Please check with the hotel where you are staying if it is accessible by bus 16. For Trinity Summer Accommodation check-in office, you can take bus 16 from the Dublin Airport stop located outside of Terminal 2 to stop **#1279 "Trinity Street"** (press the bell to request stop). Please see more information about Dublin Bus and Leap cards in Section 1.

Note: There is a frequent Aircoach ('Blue Bus' http://www.aircoach.ie) service from Dublin Airport to several city centre hotels, . Please check with the hotel where you are staying if it is accessible by Aircoach from the airport. For various bus options from the airport, please refer to the following link: https://www.transportforireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Transport-options-from-Dublin-Airport-to-City-Centre-2-pdf.pdf

c) Trinity Summer Accommodation check-in

Guests need to first check in and collect the key at the **Accommodation Office**, Front Square, Trinity College. Check-in time is 2pm, luggage storage service is provided until then.

Directions are as follows: Enter Trinity College campus via College Green entrance (Main Entrance). You will then arrive in Front Square. The Accommodation Office is located in the top left hand corner of Front Square (just past the small lawn – please see map to the right). You will see a large blue sign and #10 outside the Accommodation Office. The Accommodation Office is open from 7:30am – 23:30 daily, tel. +353-1-896-1177.

4. From Dublin city centre to St. Patrick's Campus conference venue

a) By Taxi or Car

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Drumcondra Road Upper and drop you off at the first right turn (at the sign for 'Belvedere House'): you can take that right turn and continue by walking – the Library Building is in the very end of this path (please see Map in section 2a on page 3).

It is approximately a 15-minute journey with fare in the region of €10.

If you are driving, St Patrick's campus' **destination name for Google Maps** is: <u>DCU St Patrick's campus, Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin 9, Ireland</u>.

b) By Bus

Public buses **#13 and 16** travel from the city centre to St Patrick's campus, DCU and conveniently make **a stop #7602 "St Patrick's College"** (press the bell to request) in front of The Library Building which can be accessed (by foot only) directly from the Drumcondra Road Upper. If you are coming from Trinity Summer Accommodation, you can take bus 13 or 16 from **the stop #1359 "Foster Place"** in front of Costa Coffee and Starbucks Coffee . Please see more information about Dublin Bus and Leap cards in Section 1.

5. Workshop Dinner on Thursday 8th September in 1838 Restaurant, Glasnevin Campus of DCU

a) By Taxi or Car

Workshop Dinner on Thursday 8th September is taking place at 19:30 in 1838 Restaurant in the Albert College Building of Glasnevin Campus, DCU.

Taxi is the most recommended and direct route. It is approximately a 5-minute journey from St. Patrick's Campus with fare in the region of €7.

Taxi numbers are (most taxis accept cash only):   <u>+353 (0)1 478 3333, VIP Taxis</u>
                                                     <u>+353 (0)1 855 3333, Express Taxis</u>

It is important to ask the taxi driver to enter DCU from **Ballymun Road entrance of Glasnevin Campus, DCU** (<u>not</u> the Collins Ave main entrance) and continue on the tree lined entrance road for about 200m until the drop off point (a red circle on the map below) in front of the green lawn of Albert College on your left. The photo on the right shows Albert College building (please enter through the blue door in the centre).

If you are driving, destination name for Google Maps is **Albert College, DCU**, and parking is in the fee-paying Multi-Storey Car Park located on the right hand-side from the Glasnevin Campus main entrance off Collins Ave Ext. DCU Glasnevin campus map can be found at the following link https://www4.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/campus_map.pdf

6. Conference venue in Trinity College Dublin on Friday 9th September

a) By Taxi or Car

The venue for Friday, 9th September is in The Arts Building of Trinity College Dublin. Destination name for Google maps is **Trinity College Dublin**.
The Arts Building is located in the southwest part of campus – please enter through the Front Gate at College Green and follow the map below to the Arts Building.
No parking is available in Trinity, but there are commercial parking houses close to the campus.

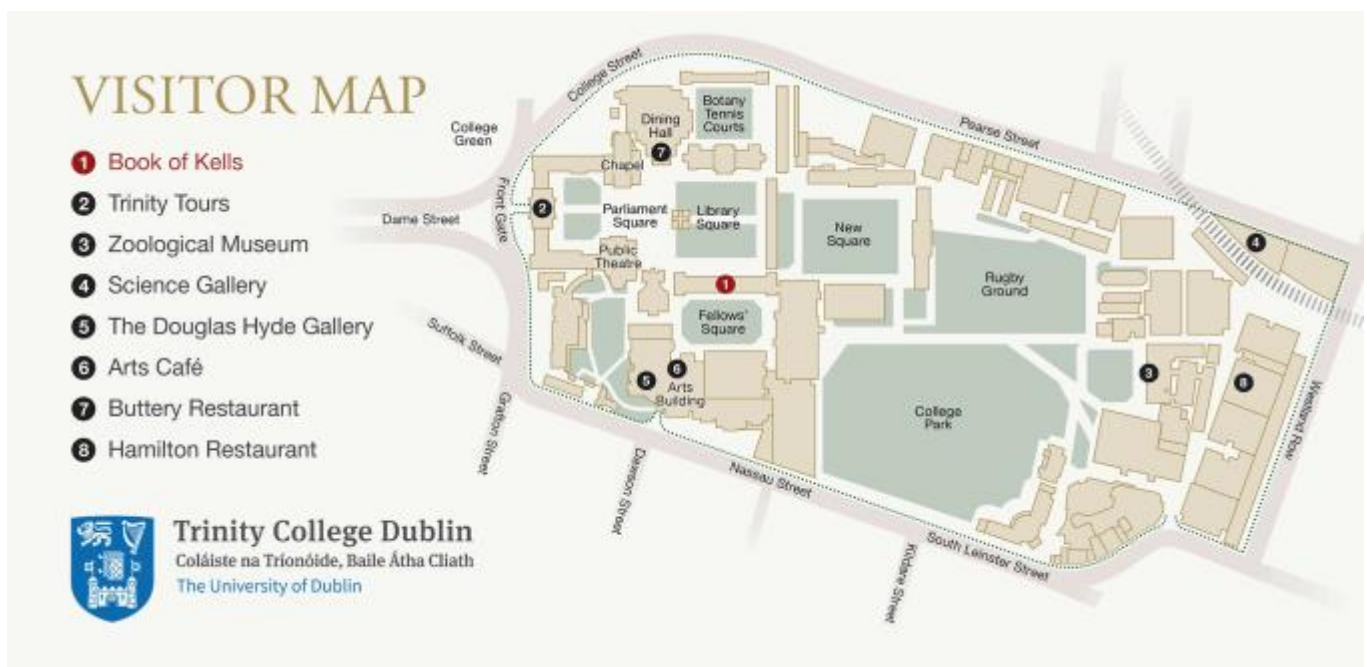### b) By Bus from St Patrick's Campus/Dublin Skylon Hotel

Public buses #13 and 16 travel from the stop across Drumcondra Road Upper from St Patrick's Campus towards city centre. Please take bus 16 to stop #1279 "Trinity Street", and bus 13 to stop #4521 "Trinity College" (press the bell to request stops). Please see more information about Dublin Bus and Leap cards in Section 1.

The Arts Building is located in the southwest part of campus – please enter through the Front Gate at College Green and follow the map below to the Arts Building.

c) Tour of Trinity's historic Long Room Library including the Book of Kells is offered to the delegates at the end of the Workshop, at 14:15 on Friday 9thSeptember, courtesy of Trinity College Access Office (https://www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/). There is no charge, however places are limited and allocated on a 'first come first served' basis – please sign up at the Registration Desk on Wednesday, 7th September.
Those interested in attending this tour on Friday 9th September will have 45 minutes for lunch (between 13:30 and 14:15) – options for lunch within College include The Science Gallery, and outside – The Kilkenny Shop 2nd floor Café across Nassau Street.

d) Map of Trinity College Dublin Campus

*For getting from city centre back to Dublin Skylon Hotel, please see section 4 of this Guide.

7. Exploring Dublin

Information on various tours can be found at the following link:
http://www.touristofficedublin.com/

Some informal suggestions from HERC colleagues:
(please cross check with official tourist information)

Tours
- Dublin open bus tour: this is a good place to start! You can hop on and off at most of the main sites around the City – and walk between the others. If possible, try to get the official 'Dublin Bus Tour' (green bus, https://www.dublinsightseeing.ie/) with live guide (try to avoid one with a recorded tape)
- Dublin Bay boat trip
- Viking Tour – and there is also a mad Viking Splash tour!
- Jameson's Distillery and Guinness Storehouse (Both have admission charge, but you receive a tour and sample of products)
- For full range of Dublin tours and offerings visit http://www.visitdublin.com/

Culture & History
- Dublin Castle/State Apartments
- Chester Beatty Library (a personal favorite, located in grounds behind Dublin Castle – good also for coffee and lunch)
- National Art Gallery (lovely gift shop)
- Trinity College: Book of Kells and Long Room Library
- Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA) – Kilmainham (depends on what exhibitions are on)
- Kilmainham Gaol museum: especially relevant with centenary of 1916 rising as leaders of rebellions of 1798, 1803, 1848 and 1916 were imprisoned here **(very popular – please book online in advance!)**
- Hugh Lane Gallery (municipal gallery of contemporary art – near Gate Theatre – reconstruction of Francis Bacon's studio)
- National Museum
- Farmleigh House (national guest house) / Phoenix Park
- Try and book for a play in one of Dublin's great theatres: the Abbey, Gate, Gaiety…

For Dinner:
- Some Dublin favorites include: Fallon and Byrnes http://www.fallonandbyrne.com/ and other restaurants on Exchequer St; the Trocadero (booking essential) http://www.trocadero.ie/; the Woollen Mills http://thewoollenmills.com/; Winding Stair http://winding-stair.com/; the Cliff Townhouse http://www.theclifftownhouse.com/cliff-townhouse-restaurant/the-restaurant

For Shopping:
- Head for Grafton Street: also, Kilkenny Design (on Nassau Street across from Trinity College, best for Irish quality gifts – and nice lunch upstairs in the café), and Avoca (several outlets). Brown Thomas on Grafton Street – expensive so perhaps just for window shopping!

If you have 3 days, possible schedule might include some of the following:

- **Day 1**: Dublin City Bus Tour https://www.dublinsightseeing.ie/ – this allows you to get your bearings and hop on and off at most of the galleries / city sights mentioned below.
- **Day 2**: Either hire a car and head to Wicklow (see below);
  or take the DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) south (to villages like Dalkey, Killiney, Bray – then walk to Greystones – see below): or DART north to Howth – have lunch or dinner in one of the several great fish restaurants.
- **Day 3**: Relax and fill the gaps! Also, look at website of the Irish Times to see what's on by way of theatre, music, sports etc.

Also, near Dublin:

- Nice day out is to Howth – 50 mins on the DART to fishing village, best fish and chips! Also, good 90 mins walk around Howth Head
- Wicklow – Garden of Ireland (short distance south from Dublin) http://visitwicklow.ie/
- Glendalough / Spink Loop walk (see loop at http://www.discoverireland.ie/Activities-Adventure/spink-_loop/14227)
- Bray to Greystones cliff walk – 2 hours. You can do this without hiring a car by taking the DART (train, Dublin Area Rapid Transport) to Bray, walking around the coast to Greystones (restaurants in village, not on coast), then taking DART back to Dublin
- Powerscourt Estate – Gardens and House (great food, and a nice shop called Avoca) – this is a good idea to do both (Powerscourt and Johnny Foxes) – you can do it by public transport, but easier by car or tour bus
- Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow - takes around 50 minutes to drive to Enniskerry from city centre, lovely views
- Mount Usher Gardens, Ashford, Co. Wicklow – has won best Robinsonian garden in Ireland/UK for several years – also has super restaurant (Avoca Garden Café). If you hire a car it makes a nice day trip with Glendalough, mentioned above.
- Kildare (west of Dublin)
- Japanese Gardens and Irish National Stud Farm (race horses)
- Newgrange burial chamber
- http://www.lookaroundireland.com/county-travel-guides/meath/newgrange/

For other information on heritage sites throughout Ireland visit: http://www.heritageireland.ie

We hope you enjoy your stay in Dublin!