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[www.corkcity.ie](http://www.corkcity.ie)

[www.whazon.com](http://www.whazon.com)

[www.corktourist.com](http://www.corktourist.com)

[www.cometocork.com](http://www.cometocork.com)

**Newspapers**

Local daily publication: Irish Examiner

Irish Times

Irish Independent

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999

**Tourist information**

Grand Parade

Opening Hours: 09:15-17:00

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# CORK

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New and old rub shoulders together in this comfortable and enchanting city on the River Lee. Known as the Festival City, Cork is alive with music, theatre and art. With its cheery pubs, superb restaurants, vibrant nightlife and laid back atmosphere, Cork cannot fail to charm any visitor.

## THE CITY



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Cork city is the second city of the Republic of Ireland. Built on an island, the centre of the city is embraced by two channels of the River Lee, while Victorian streets wind their way up the surrounding hills. Cork is a city of remarkable charm, with a history of vigorous intellectual independence and a surprisingly cosmopolitan feel. Once a great mercantile centre, Cork is now the commercial focal point of the Southwest of Ireland. Despite this, the city has retained the hospitality and gentle pace of a small town. With its bumpy bridges, hilly streets and hidden backwaters, the visitor cannot fail to be captivated by the city. Basking in its status as 2005 European City of Culture, the city is a haven for the arts. With students making up a third of Cork's population, the city has a vibrant nightlife and lively music scene. Cork provides a wide range of accommodation available from 5-star hotels to hostels. Shop till you drop with the wide variety of shops throughout the City or visit the galleries and cafés and absorb the atmosphere of Cork life. Enjoy some of the finest seafood in one of Cork's many restaurants and taverns or sit back with a pint of the local brew and savour the sounds of the musical Cork accent.



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## DO & SEE



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### Cork City Gaol

The Old City Gaol has been preserved exactly as it would have looked in the 19th century, with its bleak corridors, barred windows and cells with original graffiti still on the walls. A ghostly journey through time, enhanced by an exciting audio visual presentation. Open seven days a week, all year around.

Address: Sunday's Well Road

Phone: +353 21 4305022

### Cork Vision Centre

The Cork Vision Centre, located in the restored St. Peter's Church, gives the visitor an opportunity to explore Cork's evolution from past through present and into the future. Contains a detailed 1:500 scale model of the city. The Centre is open from Tuesday to Saturday 10:00-17:00.

Admission is free (donations welcome).

Address: St. Peter's Church, North Main Street

Phone: +353 21 4279925  
Internet: [www.corkvisioncentre.com](http://www.corkvisioncentre.com)

### St Finn Barr's Cathedral

This striking Gothic building overlooking the city is the site of Cork's original monastic settlement of 606 AD. The interior features include detailed mosaic work, stained glass and stone carvings. The Cathedral is open year-round.

Address: Bishop Street  
Phone: +353 21 4963387  
Internet: [www.cathedral.cork.anglican.org](http://www.cathedral.cork.anglican.org)

### Crawford Art Gallery

The Crawford Art Gallery, located in the old Custom House, contains sculpture and picture galleries open to the public. A good collection of modern Irish artists, as well as Old Masters.

Address: Emmet pl.  
Phone: +353 21 4273377  
Internet: [www.crawfordartgallery.ie](http://www.crawfordartgallery.ie)

### Butter Museum

From the late 18th century onwards, Cork's prosperity was founded on butter, which was exported from the city to all corners of the world. At the Butter Museum museum you can re-live an industry that made Cork the largest butter market in the world. Open daily March to October 10:00-17:00.

Address: The Tony O'Reilly Centre, O'Connell Square  
Phone: +353 21 4300 600  
Internet: [www.corkbutter.museum](http://www.corkbutter.museum)

### Triskel Arts Centre

The Triskel is a vibrant cluster of gallery, theatre, and drinking spaces located in a warehouse in the city centre, housing rotating exhibitions, music, drama and education workshops. Check the website to see what's going on. Open Monday to Saturday 09:30-17:30.

Address: Tobin Street, off Grand Parade  
Phone: +353 21 427 2022  
Internet: [www.triskelart.com](http://www.triskelart.com)

### Blarney Castle

Located 7 km northwest of Cork, and easily accessible by public or private transport, Blarney Castle is home to the famous Blarney Stone. The gift of eloquence, or the 'gift of the gab' is bestowed upon all those who manage to lean back over a very steep drop and kiss the stone!

Address: Blarney Castle  
Phone: +353 21 4385252  
Internet: [www.blarneycastle.ie](http://www.blarneycastle.ie)

## EATING



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Cork's tradition of using very fresh local and seasonal produce makes eating in this city a treat. Seafood is of particularly high quality, with fresh catches daily from the surrounding fishing villages, and is available at many restaurants. Other specialities for the more adventurous eater include crubeens, or pig's feet, and drisheen, a type of blood sausage, available in several restaurants, including the Farmgate Café in the English Market (see below).

### Café Paradiso

Highly recommended vegetarian restaurant with an emphasis on local and seasonal produce. Popular with vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike.

Address: 16 Lancaster Quay  
Phone: +353 21 4277939  
Internet: [www.cafeparadiso.ie](http://www.cafeparadiso.ie)

### Jacques Restaurant

One of Cork City's favourite restaurants, Jacques serves consistently good food in a stylish hospitable

atmosphere. Open 7 days.

Address: Phoenix Street  
Phone: +353 21 4277387  
Internet: [www.jacquesrestaurant.ie](http://www.jacquesrestaurant.ie)

### Greene's

Atmospheric modern restaurant serving a combination of international influences and Irish traditions at affordable prices, located at the Hotel Isaacs.

Address: 48 MacCurtain Street  
Phone: +353 21 4552279  
Internet: [www.isaacs.ie/greenes](http://www.isaacs.ie/greenes)

### The Manor Room

Set in the peaceful surroundings of the Hayfield Manor Hotel, The Manor Room has become one of the more stylish places to eat in Cork city. Emphasis is on classical cuisine and quality Irish ingredients.

Address: Hayfield Manor Hotel, Perrott Avenue, College Road  
Phone: +353 21 4845900  
Internet: [www.hayfieldmanor.ie](http://www.hayfieldmanor.ie)

### Café Bar Deli

With its sister cafes in Sligo and Dublin, CBD is always a safe bet for tasty food at very affordable prices in a buzzy relaxed atmosphere. No reservations, just walk in!

Address: Academy St  
Phone: +353 21 4851865  
Internet: [www.cafebardeli.ie](http://www.cafebardeli.ie)

### Scoozi's

Very popular buzzy restaurant, serving homemade pizza, pasta, burgers and salads. Open seven days. Child friendly.

Address: 314 Winthrop Avenue  
Phone: +353 21 4275077  
Internet: [scoozirestaurant@eircom.net](mailto:scoozirestaurant@eircom.net)

### Farmgate Café

This lively café overlooks the busy English Market,

serving excellent traditional dishes with very fresh local produce. Very good value for the money. Open Monday to Saturday for breakfast and lunch.

Address: English Market, off Oliver Plunkett street and Grand Parade  
Phone: +353 21 4278134

### Quay Coop Café

Overlooking the River Lee, the Quay Coop is a friendly, cheap, self-service restaurant. The menu is vegetarian and features good value daily specials. Provides vegan, gluten-free and dairy-free choices.

Address: 24 Sullivan's Quay  
Phone: +353 21 4317026  
Internet: [www.quaycoop.com](http://www.quaycoop.com)

## CAFES



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### The Ginger Bread House

Friendly and efficient, the Ginger Bread House is a popular haunt, serving simple tasty food. Great for brunch.

Address: Paul Street

### Crawford Gallery Café

Run by members of the Allen family of Ballymaloe House, the Crawford Gallery Café serves excellent quality food in pleasant surroundings.

Address: Crawford Gallery, Emmet Place  
Internet: [www.crawfordartgallery.ie](http://www.crawfordartgallery.ie)

### **Kafka's**

Friendly, intimate café with breakfast until 11:30, and a varied menu with lots of veggie options.

Address: 7 Maylor Street  
Phone: +353 21 4270551

## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



© Clyde Robinson

Cork has a lively nightlife and no trip to the city is complete without a visit to one of its many pubs. The city has become trendy and cosmopolitan over the past few years, as reflected in the airy, sophisticated bars which have sprung up. But there is no shortage of cosy, friendly pubs with a fire in the grate and a welcoming pint of Guinness in the bar! Cork has a vibrant music scene, and several pubs have a regular weekly spot for house bands or spontaneous trad sessions.

### **The Mutton Lane Inn**

Dark and comfortable with candlelit tables and traditional music every Monday night. Good selection of beers, both local and foreign.

Address: Mutton Lane, off Patrick Street  
Phone: +353 21 427 3471  
More Info: First turn after Burger King

### **An Bróg**

A favourite among diverse groups of Corkonians, An Brog is a late bar open until 2am. Gets very packed during the student year.

Address: 74 Oliver Plunkett Street, off Grand Parade  
Phone: +353 21 427 1392

### **Bodega**

A large converted warehouse with whitewashed walls, wooden floors, exposed beams and rotating exhibitions. One of the busiest weekend spots.

Address: 46 Cornmarket Street  
Phone: +353 21 427 3756

### **Sin É**

Welcoming and atmospheric, Sin é is owned by the same folk as the Mutton Lane Inn.

Live music: Friday and Sunday at 18:30 and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 21:30.

Address: Coburg Street,  
Phone: +353 21 4502266

### **The Hi-b**

A tiny room up old creaking stairs, the Hi-b attracts all sorts and is friendly and welcoming to newcomers. Be prepared for intimate conversation with strangers! Live jazz piano on Wednesday nights.

Address: Oliver Plunkett Street, off Grand Parade

### **The Phoenix**

Regular live music slots and spontaneous trad sessions.

Address: Union Quay

### **An Spailpin Fanach**

Atmospheric old looking pub with lots of nooks and crannies. Good place to catch a spontaneous trad session.

Address: South Main Street  
Phone: +353 21 4277949

### **An Bodhran**

Small and atmospheric, An Bodhran is a quiet retreat from the busy street outside. Regular music slots and trad sessions.

Address: 42 Oliver Plunkett Street  
Phone: +353 21 427 4544

### Savoy

Located on Cork's main thoroughfare, the Savoy attracts a mellower late night crowd than some of the other clubs. The décor maintains the feel of its original function as a cinema with dim lighting and plush red curtains. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Admission varies. No dress code.

Address: Patrick Street  
Phone: +353 21 4223910  
Internet: [www.savoytheatre.ie](http://www.savoytheatre.ie)

### The Half Moon Theatre

Located at the rear of the Cork Opera House, the Half Moon Theatre is a late night music venue hosting bands, DJs, comedy and alternative theatre.

Address: Half Moon Street, Emmet's Place  
Phone: +353 21 4270022  
Internet: [www.halfmoontheatre.ie](http://www.halfmoontheatre.ie)

## SHOPPING



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Despite being an important commercial centre, Cork retains the charm of a country town with all the facilities for shopping of a major city condensed into an easily accessible area. Patrick Street and Grand Parade make up the commercial heart of Cork, with the main department stores and familiar high street shops. Shopping Centres at Merchant's Quay, Douglas Court, Grafton Mall and Paul Street provide comfortable surroundings in which to shop and eat.

Cork's real strength, however, lies in its wonderful selection of arts and crafts stores, bookshops, boutiques and woollen shops, many of which are found in the pedestrianized area around Paul Street and Emmet Place. One hundred yards from Patrick Street is the open-air Coal Quay Market, where you can bargain for anything from fruit and vegetables to second-hand clothes, books and bric-a-brac. There is also a good selection of local crafts. For a gastronomic adventure and a unique Cork experience, head to the English Market, a covered market place on Grand Parade and Prince's Street, which has been in existence since 1788. You will find a variety of shops and stalls selling everything from bread, cheeses, poultry, meats, olives and fish, including a selection of traditional favourites. Worth a visit even if you do not need to fill your fridge!

## SLEEPING



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### Hayfield Manor

Hayfield Manor is a family run traditional style hotel, combining privacy and seclusion with modern facilities and comforts. It is located 15 minutes from Cork Airport and 5 minutes walk from the city centre.

Address: Perrott Avenue, College Road  
Phone: +353 21 4845900  
Internet: [www.hayfieldmanor.ie](http://www.hayfieldmanor.ie)

### Clarion

This recently opened hotel is housed in a modern, multi-storey building overlooking the River Lee and the City Hall in the heart of the Cork City. Contains the Sinergie Café Restaurant, bar and conference facilities.

Address: Lapps Quay  
Phone: +353 21 4224900  
Internet: [www.clarionhotelcorkcity.com](http://www.clarionhotelcorkcity.com)

### Imperial Hotel

The centrally located Imperial Hotel combines Old World charm and modern facilities. Since it was founded in 1845, the hotel has played host to a number of renowned figures including writers Sir Walter Scott and Charles Dickens and composer Liszt.

Address: South Mall  
Phone: +353 21 4274040  
Internet: [www.imperialhotel.ie](http://www.imperialhotel.ie)

### Gresham Metropole

The Gresham Metropole is newly refurbished Victorian style hotel located in Cork's city centre. Plush interior with leisure and conference facilities.

Address: MacCurtain Street  
Phone: +353 21 4643700  
Internet: [www.gresham-hotels.com](http://www.gresham-hotels.com)

### Jurys Inn

Overlooking the River Lee, Jury's Inn is a modern three-star hotel only minutes walk from the city's main thoroughfare, Patrick Street.

Address: Anderson's Quay  
Phone: +353 21 494 3000  
Internet: [www.corkhotels,jurysinn.com](http://www.corkhotels,jurysinn.com)

### Narvik Vandrerhjem

Built in 1810, the Victoria Hotel is the most centrally located hotel in Cork city. Joyce once stayed here, as recounted in Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.

Address: Patrick Street  
Phone: +353 21 427 8788  
Internet: [www.thevictoriahotel.com](http://www.thevictoriahotel.com)

### Hotel Isaacs

Centrally located, this attractive hotel is home to the high quality Greene's Restaurant.

Address: 48 MacCurtain Street  
Phone: +353 21 4500011  
Internet: [www.isaacs.ie/hotel\\_isaacs\\_cork/index.htm](http://www.isaacs.ie/hotel_isaacs_cork/index.htm)

### ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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<http://www.forex.se/sv/Om-FOREX/Bankbutiker/>

### Airports

Cork Airport is located approximately 4 miles (6 km) south of Cork City. There are direct year round services to and from many destinations in UK and Europe. Regular internal flights to Dublin and Shannon connect

with flights to the USA and other worldwide destinations.

There is a regular bus service from the airport to the bus station at Parnell Place in Cork city centre. Buses from the airport start at 07:40 and run approximately every half hour. The first bus from the bus station to the airport leaves at 06:40. Price: €3.70 single/ €6 return. A detailed timetable is available from the airport website (below).

Taxi are available outside the airport and cost between €10 and €12 to the city centre.

Vehicle Hire is readily available, but advance reservation is recommended particularly during main holiday periods. If you are intending to hire a vehicle please ensure you have a current driving licence.

Internet: [www.corkairport.com](http://www.corkairport.com)  
More Info: Airport Information: +353 21 4313131

### Public transport

Bus Eireann provide the State bus service in Ireland. The main Bus Terminal is located on Parnell Place in the heart of the city. Bus services can get you to all major locations in Ireland.

Local bus services are also available these bus times can be obtained from the bus information office on Patrick Street (outside Penny's).

For rail travel, visit the Iarnród Éireann Travel Centre in Kent Station.

Address: Lower Glanmire Road  
Phone: +353 1850 366222 / +353 21 4506766 / +353 21 4508188  
Internet: [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)  
[www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)

### Taxi

Taxis and Hackney Cabs are available in Cork. Taxis can be hailed down in the street, but Hackney Cabs must be booked from offices. Costs are measured by distance, taxis have a metre. If you have to be somewhere at a particular time, it is wise to book in

advance as offices can be quite busy. All hotels will have a local taxi number. There are taxi ranks in the centre of Patrick St and beside the bus station.

### Post

The General Post Office is located on Oliver Plunkett Street.

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat: 09:00-17:30

Phone: +353 21 4851042  
Internet: [www.anpost.ie](http://www.anpost.ie)

### Pharmacy

Phelan's Late Night Pharmacy.

Address: 9 Patrick Street  
Phone: +353 21 4272511

### Dentists

Cork Dental School and Hospital, Wilton.

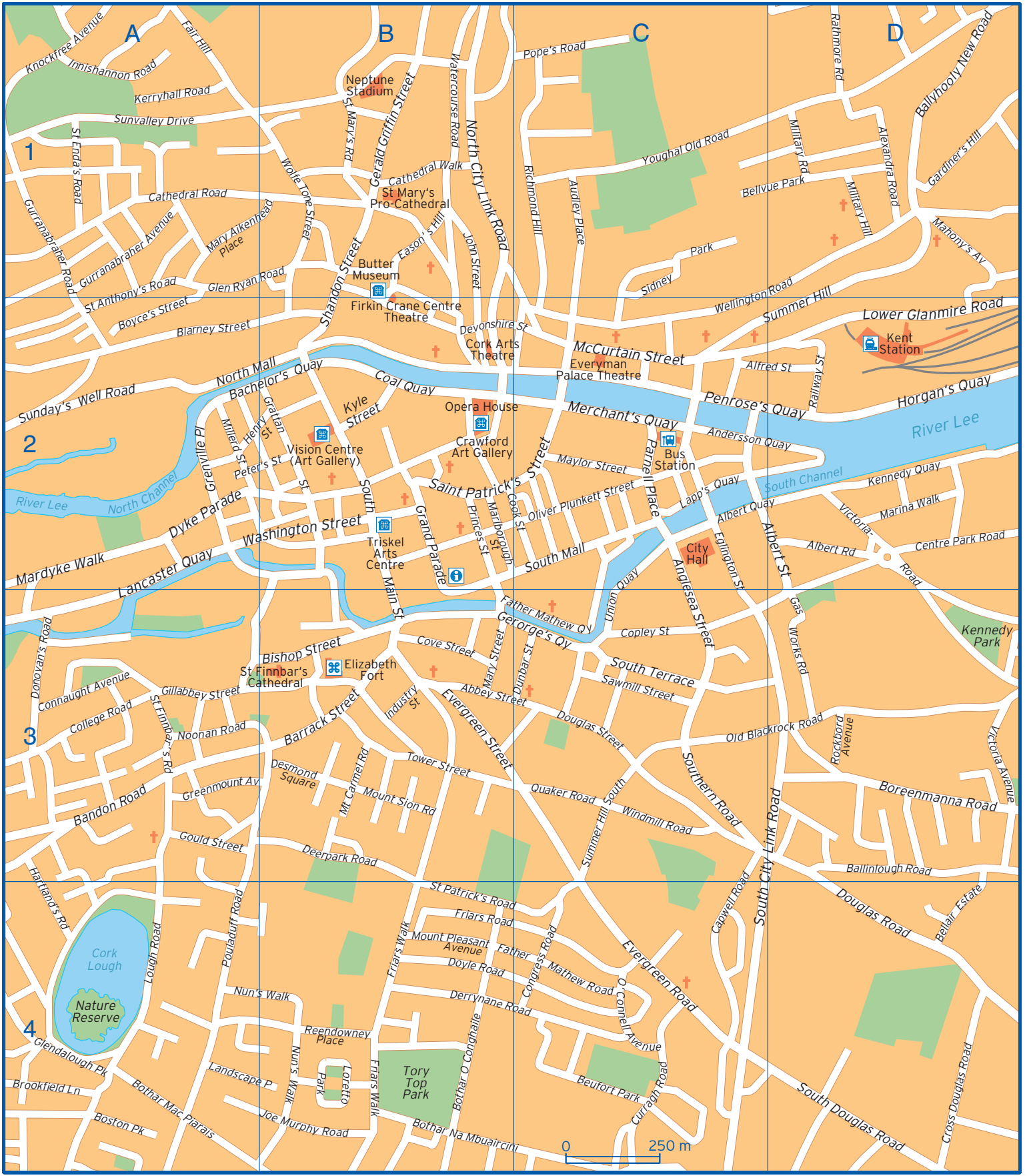
Phone: +353 21 4545100

### Telephone and Electricity

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Abbey Street	B3 C3	Evergreen Road	C4	Mount Carmel Road	B3
Albert Quay	C2 D2	Evergreen Street	B3 C3	Mount Pleasant Avenue	B4
Albert Road	D2	Fair Hill	A1	Mount Sion Road	B3
Albert Street	D2	Father Mathew Quay	C3	Noonan Road	A3
Alexandra Road	D1	Father Mathew Road	C4	North City Link Road	B1 C1
Alfred Street	D2	Friars Road	B4 C4	North Mall	A2 B2
Andersson Quay	C2 D2	Friars Walk	B4	Nun's Walk	A4 B4
Anglesea Street	C2 C3	Gardiner's Hill	D1	Old Blackrock Road	C3 D3
Audley Place	C1	Gas Works Road	D3	Oliver Plunkett Street	C2
Bachelor's Quay	A2 B2	Gerald Griffin Street	B1	O'Connell Avenue	C4
Ballinlough Road	D3	Gerorge's Quay	B3 C3	Parnell Place	C2
Ballyhooly New Road	D1	Gillabbey Street	A3	Penrose's Quay	C2 D2
Bandon Road	A3	Glen Ryan Road	A1 B1	Peter's Street	A2 B2
Barrack Street	B3	Glendalough Pk	A4	Pope's Road	C1
Bellair Estate	D4	Gould Street	A3	Pouladuff Road	A4
Bellvue Park	D1	Grand Parade	B2	Princes Street	B2
Beufort Park	C4	Grattan Street	B2	Quaker Road	C3
Bishop Street	B3	Greenmount Avenue	A3 B3	Railway Street	D2
Blarney Street	A2 B2	Grenville Place	A2	Rathmore Road	D1
Boreenmanna Road	D3	Gurrabraher Avenue	A1	Reendowney Place	B4
Boston Park	A4	Gurrabraher Road	A1	Richmond Hill	C1
Bothar Mac Piarais	A4	Hartland's Rd	A3 A4	Rockbord Avenue	D3
Bothar Na Mbuaircini	B4 C4	Henry Street	A2 B2	Saint Patrick's Street	B2 C2
Bothar O Conghaile	B4	Horgan's Quay	D2	Sawmill Street	C3
Boyce's Street	A2	Industry Street	B3	Shandon Street	B1 B2
Brookfield Lane	A4	Innishannon Road	A1	Sidney Park	C1 C2
Capwell Road	C4 D3	Joe Murphy Road	B4	South City Link Road	D3 D4
Cathedral Road	A1	John Street	B1	South Douglas Road	D4
Cathedral Walk	B1	Kennedy Quay	D2	South Main Street	B2
Centre Park Road	D2	Kerryhall Road	A1	South Mall	C2
Coal Quay	B2	Knockfree Avenue	A1	South Terrace	C3
College Road	A3	Kyle Street	B2	Southern Road	C3
Congress Road	C4	Lancaster Quay	A2 A3	St Anthony's Road	A1 A2
Connaught Avenue	A3	Landscape Park	A4 B4	St Enda's Road	A1
Cook Street	C2	Lapp's Quay	C2	St Finnbar's Road	A3
Copley Street	C3	Loretto Park	B4	St Mary's Road	B1
Cove Street	B3	Lough Road	A4	St Patrick's Road	B4 C4
Cross Douglas Road	D4	Lower Glanmire Road	D2	Summer Hill	D1 D2
Curragh Road	C4	Mahony's Avenue	D1	Summer Hill South	C3
Deerpark Road	B3	Mardyke Walk	A2	Sunday's Well Road	A2
Derrynane Road	B4 C4	Marina Walk	D2	Sunvalley Drive	A1
Desmond Square	B3	Marlborough Street	B2 C2	Tower Street	B3
Devonshire Street	B2 C2	Mary Aikenhead Place	A1 B1	Union Quay	C3
Donovan's Road	A3	Mary Street	B3 C3	Victoria Road	D2
Douglas Road	D4	Maylor Street	C2	Washington Street	A2 B2
Douglas Street	C3	McCurtain Street	C2	Watercourse Road	B1
Doyle Road	B4 C4	Merchant's Quay	C2	Wellington Road	C2 D1
Dunbar Street	C3	Military Hill	D1	Windmill Road	C3
Dyke Parade	A2	Military Road	D1	Wolfe Tone Street	B1
Eason's Hill	B1	Millerd Street	A2	Youghal Old Road	C1
Eglinton Street	C2 C3				