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Welcome to the "People's Republic of Cork", Ireland's southernmost city, where spirited, independent vibes coalesce with cosmopolitan creativity. As an ancient maritime port, Cork's rich history is interwoven with centuries of trade and cultural exchange, shaping its unique character. Regardless of the season, a visit to Cork promises lively entertainment and the warm embrace of Irish craic, ensuring a memorable experience year-round.

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Cork was founded 14 centuries ago, on islands in an estuary, where the River Lee joins the world's second-largest natural harbour.

Waterways circle the city centre, crossed by 22 bridges. Hilly neighbourhoods climb the river banks stacked with colourful houses, while the University's historic campus seamlessly connects to the city centre.

Voted in 2005 as a European Capital of Culture, Cork truly lives up to the title: an abundance of galleries, museums and local cultural centres sustain the creative vibe associated with the city. An artisan food scene makes Cork one of the island's biggest culinary hot spots. Fresh fish floods into the city from nearby towns while artisan producers furnish restaurants and market stalls with sumptuous dairy products and meats from the surrounding pastureland. To wash it all down, you'll find pubs at every nook and cranny — this is a city that easily lends itself to merrymaking.

Despite all this action, Cork is at its heart a small and intimate city, warm and welcoming, with a relaxed pace of life that makes you feel you have all the time in the world.

DAY TRIPS

The Cork coast, with its colourful sailing races and regattas, is studded with some of Ireland's most iconic places.

At the harbour's edge is Cork's port of Cobh, a picturesque seaside town which was once the departure point for millions of emigrants headed west. It was also the last calling point of the Titanic — this is a place with a poignant history beneath its cheerful seaside vibes.

To the North West lies Blarney and its castle, a legendary edifice wherein lies a magical stone said to bequeath the gift of eloquence to all who kiss it.

To the east, you'll find Jameson's distillery at Midleton: a pure taste of Ireland enjoyed by millions around the world.

Just south again on the Atlantic coast, is picture-perfect, smart Kinsale with its yachts, its pretty quayside, narrow 18th-century streets, festivals, and gourmet cuisine.

Grounded, witty and irreverent, "The People's Republic of Cork" is a fusion of new and old, experimental and traditional. The city's unique identity helps it to stand apart from the rest of the country — but despite all that, it remains an intensely Irish place to visit.

DO & SEE



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Lively and vibrant, Cork is a young city with someone for everyone. Attracting a steady flow of students each year, the city is also home to plenty of parks, museums, galleries, and diverse sights. The picturesque city centre has numerous historical, natural, and cultural sites within easy reach.

Cork City Gaol & Radio Museum



Explore this captivating Victorian prison-turned-museum and meet some of the famous inmates who were held there until its

closure at the end of the Civil War. The building was also Cork's first radio station and is home to a museum on the history of radios.

Photo: Luis Santos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Convent Avenue, Sunday's Well, Cork

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +353 21 430 5022

Internet: corkcitygaol.com

Email: info@corkcitygaol.com

St Peter's



This arts & heritage centre is housed in a former 18th-century church right in the heart of Cork City. The centre hosts a wealth of cultural events and offers insight into the history and culture of the city.

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Address: 87A North Main Street, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun closed

Phone: +353 21 427 8187

Internet: stpeterscork.ie

Email: info@stpeterscork.ie

The Glucksman



This ultra-modern gallery is an oasis of contemporary art and culture located on the historic grounds of University College Cork.

The gallery also hosts regular events, workshops, and courses for all ages.

Photo: Lewis Glucksman Gallery/cc by-sa 4.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: University College Cork, Cork

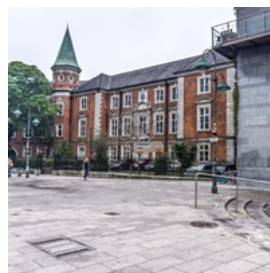
Opening hours: Tue & Wed 10am-5pm, Thu 10am-9pm, Fri & Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +353 21 490 1844

Internet: www.glucksman.org

Email: info@glucksman.org

Crawford Art Gallery



The Crawford Art Gallery is home to more than 2,000 artworks, both Irish and international. The scope is broad, touching on everything from Greek and Roman sculptures to contemporary art.

Many of the exhibits nod to Cork's history as a trading port, as well as the city's unique perspective and character.

Photo: William Murphy/CC BY-SA 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: 1 Emmett Place, Centre, Cork
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10am-5pm, Thu 10am-8pm, Fri & Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm
Phone: +353 21 480 5042
Internet: crawfordartgallery.ie
Email: info@crawfordartgallery.ie

Fitzgerald Park



Fitzgerald Park is a vibrant and versatile destination in Cork. Nestled within its serene grounds, you'll find the Cork Public Museum, the inviting Riverview Café, a picturesque pond adorned with water lilies, sculptures, a lively playground, and an energetic skate park. During the summer months, the park comes alive with open-air events, including concerts and local festivals. For a unique experience, cross the iconic "Shakey Bridge," also known as Daly's Bridge, to reach Sunday's Well, and don't forget to jump up and down on the bridge to live the full experience!

Photo: Enza Emira Pandolfini/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mardyke, Cork
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-8pm
Phone: +353 21 492 4333
More Info: Note that the opening hours change according to the season

Jameson Distillery Midleton



Located just 15 minutes outside Cork City in the beautiful village of Midleton, the Jameson Distillery offers a glimpse into the world of whiskey.

You'll see the process from start to finish, including historic kilns, mills and malting, water wheels, and old warehouses. Make sure to end your visit by trying some authentic Irish whiskey straight from the source!

Photo: Jake Hukee/Shutterstock.com
Address: Old Midleton Distillery, Distillery Walk, Townparks, Midleton
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5:30pm
Phone: +353 21 461 3594
Internet: www.jamesonwhiskey.com/en/visit-our-distilleries/midleton-distillery-cork
Email: midleton@jamesonwhiskey.com

Butter Museum



This quirky museum explores the history, folklore, and economics of butter — one of the most important Irish exports. Learn about the importance of agriculture in Irish society and even enjoy some freshly-made butter at the daily demonstration.

Photo: Sorin Gheorghita/Unsplash
Address: O'Connell Square, Shandon, Cork
Opening hours: Wed-Sun 10am-4pm, Mon & Tue closed
Phone: +353 21 430 0600
Internet: thebuttermuseum.com
Email: info@thebuttermuseum.com

Bishop Lucey Park



Bishop Lucey Park is a public green area in Cork's city centre. Past the picturesque entrance archway, you can admire old city walls, assorted statues, and a bronze fountain commemorating the 800 years in which Cork was a chartered Norman town. With many local eateries nearby, this is an ideal spot to picnic or just take some time to relax.

Photo: William Murphy/CC BY-SA 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Bishop Lucey Park, Cork
More Info: Bishop Lucey Park hosts the month-long "Glow" Christmas Festival & Markets each December.

Elizabeth Fort



For panoramic views of the city, look no further than Elizabeth Fort. Built in the 17th century, the fort endured revolts, sieges, and civic unrest — it was even converted into a prison in 1835. This fortress is steeped in local history, and a portion of it is open for public tours.

Photo: William Murphy/CC BY-SA 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Barrack Street, The Lough, Cork
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm, Mon closed
Phone: +353 21 497 5947
Tickets: Free entry
Internet: www.corkcity.ie/en/elizabeth-fort
More Info: Opening hours change depending on the season

Lavit Gallery



A small, intimate gallery focusing on local and national artists. The two floors feature a variety of artworks, from paintings and sculptures to ceramic and glass works.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Wandesford Quay, Clarke's Bridge, Cork
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10:30am-6pm, Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +353 21 427 7749
Internet: lavitgallery.com
Email: info@lavitgallery.com

Lifetime Lab at Old Cork Waterworks Experience



This tastefully restored Victorian waterworks facility offers a unique opportunity to learn about the city's industrial history and about innovations in water and renewable energy today. The Lifetime Lab is an award-winning visitor centre and a must-visit for budding scientists.

Photo: Stephen Long/Shutterstock.com
Address: Lee Road, Sunday's Well, Cork
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun closed
Phone: +353 21 494 1500
Internet: www.corkcity.ie/en/old-cork-waterworks-experience
Email: oldcorkwaterworks@corkcity.ie

Red Abbey Tower



Considered Cork's oldest building, the Red Abbey Tower was once part of a 14th-century Augustinian abbey. Today, it is the only tower left standing but retains its red sandstone hue.

Photo: Slongy/CC BY-SA 4.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Red Abbey Street, Ballintemple, Cork

UCC Visitors' Centre



One of the most beautiful buildings in Cork, University College Cork was established in 1845 and has become central to the city's landscape.

This visitors' centre organises walking tours of the historic grounds, which has no shortage of historical artefacts and statues. The building is also home to the world's largest collection of Ogham Stones featuring inscriptions in the Ogham or Old Irish script.

Photo: Stephen Long/Shutterstock.com
Address: College Road, University College, Cork
Internet: www.ucc.ie/en
Email: visitorscentre@ucc.ie

Fota House



Fota House offers a glimpse at life in a 19th-century 'big house'. Explore grand rooms with exquisite plasterwork, a beautifully preserved service wing, a charming nursery and even a delightful boudoir. The House boasts one of Ireland's most impressive landscape painting collections, as well as a Victorian Working Garden. Fota House gives visitors an intimate look at everyday life in the past, whether as a servant or as a member of the gentry class.

Photo: [spectrumbly/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)
Address: Fota House, Arboretum & Gardens Fota Island, Carrigtwohill
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-5pm
Phone: +353 21 481 5543
Internet: fotahouse.com
Email: info@fotahouse.com

Lusitania Memorial



This monument commemorates the lives of the 1,198 people who perished on board the Cunard Liner Lusitania on the 7th of May 1915.

Sunk by a German submarine during the First World War, this memorial pays homage to the often-forgotten Irishmen who enlisted in World War One.

Photo: IZZARD/Shutterstock.com
Address: Casement Square, Ballyvoloon, Cobh

Gougane Barra National Forest Park

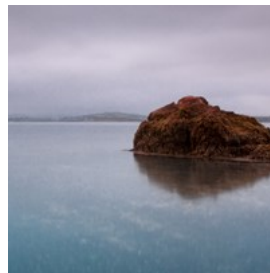


Just 1 hour's drive from Cork, this serene National Park offers an escape from the busy city. A place of retreat and discovery, the park boasts

10km of nature trails, including a waterfall walk. The land is scattered with relics, including a 19th-century oratory and an 18th-century hermitage.

Photo: Sean MacEntee/CC BY 2.0/Flickr.com(image cropped)
Address: Coomroe, Cork
Internet: www.coillte.ie/site/gougane-barra-forest-park

Bantry Bay



Begin your Wild Atlantic Way journey in Cork and head west to the awe-inspiring beauty of Bantry Bay. This 35km bay is studded with

several picturesque villages, including Castletownbere and Glengarriff. The Bay is associated with the Rebellion of 1798 and is rich with local history.

Photo: Bobby McKay/CC BY-ND 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Bantry Bay, Cork

Old Head Kinsale



Kinsale is a blissful seaside town known for its cuisine, architecture, and local history.

However, a visit would not be completed without walking the Old Head. The circular walking route (6km) takes in most of the sights of The Old Head and is gentler than other coastal walks. Beautiful spots such as the sandy Garrettstown Beach (surfing lessons are available in summer) offer a chance to lie back and relax as you bask in this spectacular coastal scenery. And golfers won't want to miss the 19-hole golf course located on the peninsula.

Photo: RichardMc/Pixabay
Address: Kinsale, Cork

Garnish Island & Gardens



A refuge of peace in the sheltered harbour of Glengarriff in Bantry Bay, Garnish Island is the result of a creative

partnership of Annan Bryce and Harold Peto, architect and garden designer. The island's beautiful walking routes offer a chance to admire rare specimens otherwise unseen in this climate. There is also a Martello Tower, from which there are spectacular views of the Bay. The island is accessible via ferry, which also passes by Seal Island — where Atlantic Grey Seals can be observed in the wild.

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Address: Bantry Bay, Cork

More Info: Ferry leaves from the main pier in Glengarriff

Drombeg Stone Circle



Marvel at Ireland's most visited Stone Circle, a place of ancient magic and whimsy. Also known as The Druid's Alter, the circle consists of

seventeen stones in the recumbent style. Stone circles date from the Bronze Age and are often the site of lively cultural festivals at times of year coinciding with seasonal changes in the Pre-Christian calendar, for example, the Winter or Summer Solstice, as well as Bealtaine (1 May) and Lúnasa (1 August).

Photo: Darren Murphy/cc by-sa 4.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)
Address: Drombeg, Glandore

Spike Island



Nestled in Cork Harbour, Spike Island is a captivating 103-acre island boasting a remarkable history. Once a site of monastic

seclusion, its strategic significance transformed it into a fortress and, intriguingly, a prison. Among its historical treasures, the impeccably preserved star-shaped military fortress stands tall, guarding the sole entrance to the harbour, a testament to its enduring legacy.

Photo: Riekelt Hakvoort/Shutterstock.com
Address: Spike Island, Cork Harbour

Blarney Castle & Gardens



At the summit of this 15th-century castle lies the world-famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone will receive "The Gift of the Gab" — eloquence and charm. The lesser-known Poison Garden features a collection of deadly and dangerous plants from around the world, while the Rock Close and numerous outdoor statues and artworks inspire a broader view of history. You'll also stumble upon a fern garden with the atmosphere of a tropical jungle deep in the woods. The castle is a short bus journey or drive from Cork City and one of Ireland's most iconic landmarks.

Photo: inalex/Shutterstock.com
Address: Monacnapa, Blarney, Cork
Opening hours: Daily 9am-4:30pm
Phone: +353 21 438 5252
Internet: blarneycastle.ie
Email: info@blarneycastle.ie

Blackrock Castle Observatory



Stargazers will no doubt find inspiration at this unique observatory. The castle was built in 1582 and has been home to merchants, smugglers, and pirates, as well as researchers and scientists. While worldly exhibits focus on the history of the castle, there are plenty dedicated to the cosmos, and life in outer space.

Photo: Patryk Kosmider/Shutterstock.com
Address: Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-4pm, Mon closed
Phone: +353 21 432 6120
Internet: www.bco.ie
Email: info@bco.ie

Cobh



Just a short train journey from Cork City, Cobh, once known as Queenstown, is a seaside heritage town praised for its picturesque buildings and local cultural activities. It's best known as the Titanic's last port of call before its tragic sinking in 1912. To learn more, visit Titanic Experience Cobh, as well as the Cobh Heritage Centre.

Photo: Andrei Nekrassov/Shutterstock.com
Internet: www.titanicexperiencecobh.ie

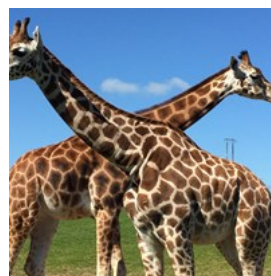
Shandon Bells & Tower St Anne's Church



Perched on a hill overlooking the River Lee, in the heart of Shandon's Old Town, the 18th century St Anne's Church and Shandon Bells offer wonderful views of the city, as well as a chance to ring the bells for yourself.

Photo: Peter O'Toole/Shutterstock.com
Address: Church Street, Shandon, Cork
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 11:30am-4pm
Phone: +353 21 450 5906
Email: info@shandonbells.ie

Fota Wildlife Park



Go wild at Ireland's only wildlife park. A short drive from Cork City and home to more than ninety different species of animals from the four corners of the world, Fota offers an immersive wildlife experience as well as exhibits on conservation and animals' native habitats.

Photo: Luke_M/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fota Wildlife Park, Fota, Carrigtwohill

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-6pm

Phone: +353 21 481 2678

Internet: www.fotawildlife.ie

Email: info@fotawildlife.ie

Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral



Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral is a Neo-Gothic cathedral built in 1870 on a former monastic site.

Legend has it the monastery was

established by St Finbarr of Cork, the patron of the city. The grounds' labyrinth offers a chance to escape the hustle and bustle of city life.

Photo: Madrugada Verde/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bishop Street, The Lough, Cork

Phone: +353 21 496 3387

Internet: www.corkcathedral.com

Triskel Arts Centre



Housed in the restored Christchurch building and surrounded by its beautiful grounds, this centre is now home to an arthouse cinema which hosts exhibitions, concerts, and other events.

Also in the building is a Plugs record store, and a café.

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Address: Tobin Street, Cork

Phone: +353 21 427 2022

Internet: triskelartscentre.ie

DINING



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Cork's history as a place of trade and exchange has fostered its reputation as a diverse and interesting food scene. The combination of tradition, using fresh, local and seasonal produce, with an openness to outside influences has made the city 'The Culinary Capital of Ireland'.

Jacques Restaurant



Jacques Restaurant is a sophisticated establishment with more than 40 years of experience. Local farmers and cheesemakers supply

ingredients for sophisticated and delicious specialities such as potato rosti cakes and seafood dishes.

Photo: Liliya Kandashevich/Shutterstock.com

Address: 23 Oliver Plunket Street, Cork

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-9:30pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +353 21 427 7387

Internet: www.jacquesrestaurant.ie

Email: info@jacquesrestaurant.ie

Greenes



Situated within the heart of Cork's city centre at Hotel Isaacs, Greenes is a culinary gem known for its decadent global cuisine. The restaurant takes pride in crafting dishes that feature local, seasonal, and organic ingredients, ensuring a delightful fusion of flavours. Be sure to sample some of their regional specialities, such as the Skeaghanore duck, hake fillet, pan-seared scallops, and wild mushroom risotto. All of this culinary excellence is served in a stylish, converted 18th-century warehouse adorned with high ceilings, making your dining experience even more memorable.

Photo: Mark Skalny/Shutterstock.com
Address: 48 MacCurtain Street, Cork
Phone: +353 21 455 2279
Internet: greenesrestaurant.com
Email: info@greenesrestaurant.com

Scoozi's



Scoozi's, a delightful family-owned restaurant, offers a diverse culinary experience to satisfy all palates. Within its charming rustic interior adorned with quirky decor and wooden furnishings, patrons can relish a menu featuring burgers, pizzas, and pasta dishes. For those with a sweet tooth, don't miss the mouthwatering homemade cakes and desserts.

Photo: Eric Tadsen/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2/5 Winthrop Avenue, Cork
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-8pm, Fri & Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 1pm-8pm
Phone: +353 21 427 5077
Internet: www.scoozis.ie

Email: info@scoozis.ie

Liberty Grill

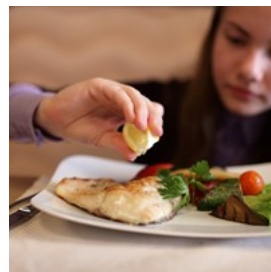


Liberty Grill offers a delectable array of locally sourced New England-influenced dishes that are available throughout the day.

Whether you're seeking a hearty breakfast, a satisfying lunch, or a delightful dinner, this restaurant is the perfect spot to savour a taste of culinary excellence.

Photo: Robyn Mackenzie/Shutterstock.com
Address: 32 Washington Street, Cork
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-3:30pm / 5pm-9pm; Sun closed
Phone: +353 21 427 1049
Internet: libertygrill.ie
Email: info@libertygrill.ie

Market Lane



This award-winning restaurant and cocktail bar in the heart of Cork City serves both European and Irish cuisine, sourcing

ingredients from the nearby English Market and local arti-san pro-duc-ers to create a menu with a wide range of fish, sal-ads, meat, game and sand-wiches.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5/6 Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork
Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-9:30pm, Fri & Sat noon-10:30pm
Phone: +353 21 427 4710
Internet: www.marketlane.ie
Email: info@marketlane.ie

Cafe Mexicana



Get a flavourful taste of Mexico right in the heart of Cork. This much-loved and very colourful restaurant offers cheerful Mexican specialities at

reasonable prices.

Photo: Diana Taliun/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carey's Lane, Cork

Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +353 21 427 6433

Paradiso



This multi-award-winning vegetarian restaurant has published four cookbooks and received bountiful praise since opening in 1993. The menu

constantly changes, but always includes unique dishes such as feta and pistachio couscous cake, corn pancakes of leek and vegetable sushi.

Photo: FOOD_PHOTOGRAPHY/Shutterstock.com

Address: 16 Lancaster Quay, Mardyke, Cork

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-10pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +353 21 427 7939

Internet: paradiso.restaurant

Nash 19



With the menu changing daily, Nash 19 never waives from fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Specialities include seafood, roasts and

salads, but the restaurant also has a food shop with a selection of delicious local products.

Photo: Gregory Gerber/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 Princes Street, Cork

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8:15am-4pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +353 21 427 0880

Internet: www.nash19.com

Email: info@nash19.com

Amicus



Amicus serves new-world cuisine in a contemporary setting (the building itself is a renovated 19th-century warehouse).

Expect simple,

straightforward dishes, fresh local produce, along with an extensive wine list.

Photo: KarepaStock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paul Street, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10am-9pm, Thu & Fri 10am-10pm,

Sat 9am-10:30pm, Sun 11am-9pm

Phone: +353 21 427 6455

Internet: amicusrestaurant.ie

Email: info@amicusrestaurant.ie

Bombay Palace



With 25 years of business and a central location in Cork, Bombay Palace is the perfect spot to indulge in the rich and diverse cuisine of India.

Savour classic dishes like Tandoori Chicken, Chicken Tikka Masala, and Lamb Biryani, all expertly prepared to tantalise your taste buds.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14/15 Cook Street, Cork

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-11pm, Fri & Sat 2:30pm-11pm

Phone: +353 21 427 3366

Email: goldindia@hotmail.com

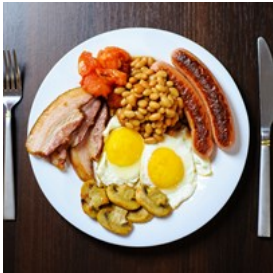
CAFÉS



Photo: Farknot Architect/Shutterstock.com

Unpredictable Irish weather provides a perfect excuse to cosy up in one of Cork's many coffee shops and indulge in a comforting hot beverage. Full Irish breakfasts and local desserts offer an experience unique to the Emerald Isle.

The Farmgate Cafe



Nestled inside the busy English Market, this busy café serves traditional Irish food made with fresh local produce. Stop by for a classic breakfast

with bacon, sausage, fried egg and black pudding, or come a bit later for tasty lunch options like fish chowder or lamb stew.

Photo: muzzoff/Shutterstock.com

Address: The English Market, Princes Street, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3:30pm, Sat 8:30am-4pm, Sun closed

Phone: +353 21 427 8134

Internet: www.farmgatecork.ie

Email: info@farmgatecork.ie

Crawford Gallery Café



The Crawford Gallery is not only a point of interest for its art but also for its café. This institution has been serving breakfast and lunch to locals and tourists alike for more than 30 years and has recently started offering Sunday Brunch. Favourites include the full Irish breakfast and the spinach and mushroom pancakes.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Emmet Place, Cork

Internet: crawfordartgallery.ie/cafe

Email: thegreenroomatthecrawford@gmail.com

The Bookshelf Coffee House



The Bookshelf Coffee House is located in the Old Cork Library. A minimalist and hipster venue with beautiful plants and modern artwork. The café offers light lunch, baked goods, and some of the city's best coffee.

Photo: Mironov Vladimir/Shutterstock.com

Address: 78 South Mall, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +353 21 239 2576

Internet: bookshelfcoffee.com

Email: hello@bookshelfcoffee.com

More Info: Additional location at The Elysian, Cork

Butlers Chocolate Café



Since 1998, Butlers Chocolate Cafés have delighted patrons with their coffee and delectable treats, both in Ireland and worldwide.

When you visit their Cork establishment, be sure to indulge in their signature hot chocolate, ideally accompanied by a choice of croissants, scones, muffins, or cookies.

Photo: MartiniDry/Shutterstock.com

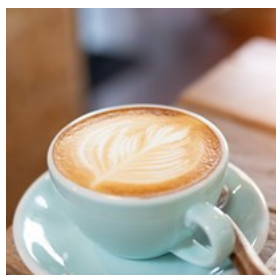
Address: 30 Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-6pm, Sat 8am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +353 21 427 8866

Internet: www.butlerschocolates.com/en

Filter



This café and brew bar features a rotating selection of coffee from the best Irish roasteries. If you're feeling peckish, you'll also find a selection of sandwiches and pastries.

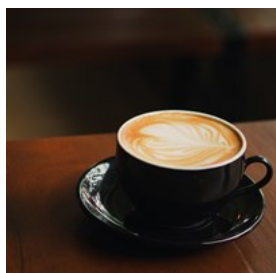
Photo: Kanghophoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 George's Quay, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 9am-3pm, Sun 10am-3pm

Phone: +353 21 455 0050

Cork Coffee Roasters



For an authentic caffeine fix, step into Cork Coffee Roasters and savour their robust and flavourful Rebel Blend. Crafted through meticulous

in-house roasting, these beans boast a distinctive aroma that's sure to please coffee connoisseurs.

Nestled within vintage decor, it's the perfect spot to enjoy a cup of joe paired with delectable cakes.

Photo: little star/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Bridge Street, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm, Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +353 21 731 9158

Internet: corkcoffee.roasters.ie

Alchemy Coffee & Bookstore



Bibliophiles will find their haven in this charming coffee shop and bookstore. Adorned with wooden tables, vintage chairs, and colourful

cups, it offers a delightful atmosphere for indulging in the art of lattes and smooth brews. Whether you're seeking a leisurely coffee break with a sweet treat or a cosy corner to dive into a good book, this establishment caters to both your caffeinated cravings and literary passions.

Photo: apolonia / Shutterstock.com

Address: 123 Barrack Street, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat & Sun 9:30am-6pm

Myo Cafe



This little coffee shop on the quays is an ethical cafe serving fair trade coffee and locally sourced bites. They also have a selection of loose-leaf and

herbal teas as well as pastries to accompany your hot drink.

Photo: bunyarit/Shutterstock.com

Address: 34 Popes Quay, Shandon

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Phone: +353 87 662 9339

Internet: www.myocafe.ie

Email: corkmyo@gmail.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Narrow streets and laneways filled with unique pubs and live music venues make up the landscape of Cork after dark. With students making up a third of its population, the city is renowned for its vibrant nightlife.

The Mutton Lane Inn



The Mutton Lane Inn is a historic pub with an intimate atmosphere — think dark, wooden and candle-lit. Part of the Old English Market, the interiors appeal to anyone with a love of history. Their stout is a favourite of locals. If you're lucky, you might walk in to find a live music concert.

Photo: [Scott Heaney/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 3 Saint Patrick's Street, Mutton Lane, Cork

Phone: +353 21 427 3471

Internet: www.instagram.com/muttonlane

An Bróg Bar + Kitchen



An Bróg, a favourite among diverse groups of Corkonians, is an alternative and lively Irish pub that boasts a dynamic atmosphere. The

pub is renowned for hosting high-energy live music performances and DJs who curate eclectic playlists, ensuring an unforgettable night out for patrons seeking a unique and upbeat experience in the heart of Cork.

Photo: [Vershinin89/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 74 Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork

Internet: www.instagram.com/an_brog_cork

More Info: Off Grand Parade

The Old Town Whiskey Bar at Bodega



In the Old Town of Cork, you'll find Ireland's largest whiskey bar, The Old Town Whiskey Bar at Bodega. The building is a cavernous converted

warehouse with whitewashed walls, wooden floors, exposed beams and rotating exhibitions to add to its charm. In addition to the over 600 whiskeys on the shelf, they also serve craft beers, pub food and Irish specialities.

Photo: [Jag_cz/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 44-45 Cornmarket Street, Cork

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 10am-11:30pm, Thu

10am-midnight, Fri & Sat 10am-2:30am

Phone: +353 21 427 3756

Internet: oldtownwhiskeybar.com

Email: bodegaofficeinfo@gmail.com

The Hi-B Bar



Tucked away up creaky old stairs, The Hi-B Bar is a charming haven that draws in both locals and tourists. This tiny, authentic pub from the 1920s exudes an old-world ambiance, complete with a welcoming open fire. The Hi-B bar is known for its commitment to fostering good conversation and genuine craic; in fact, it enforces a no-cell-phone policy and forgoes distracting TVs, making it a beloved Cork institution where you can truly immerse yourself in the art of conversation and traditional Irish pub culture.

Photo: Lordn/Shutterstock.com

Address: 108 Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 4pm-11:30pm, Fri & Sat

2pm-12:30am, Sun 1:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +353 21 427 2758

An Spailín Fánach



An Spailín Fánach is the epitome of an old, classic Irish pub with its warm wooden interiors, lively traditional music sessions, and a wide selection of beer.

Photo: Claudio Divizia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 29 South Main Street, Cork

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 7pm-11:30pm, Sun 7pm-11pm,

Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +353 21 427 7949

Franciscan Well Brewery & Brewpub



The Franciscan Well is an award-winning brewpub and micro-brewery housed in a former medieval monastery. With its expansive, covered, and heated beer garden, this establishment offers a delightful setting to enjoy their award-winning craft brews. To complement the fine libations, visitors can indulge in delicious wood-fired pizzas, making it the perfect spot for a relaxed and flavorful outing.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 North Mall, Sunday's Well, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 2pm-11:30pm, Fri & Sat

1pm-midnight, Sun 1pm-11pm

Phone: +353 21 4393 434

Internet: franwellbar.com

Rearden's Bar



Rearden's is a cavernous yet shabby-chic Irish pub offering live music 7 nights a week, plus televised games for sports enthusiasts, and of course, an assortment of beers and pub food.

Photo: Fusionstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 26 Washington Street, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-11:30pm, Sat & Sun

noon-11:30pm

Phone: +353 21 465 8100

Internet: www.reardens.com

Email: info@reardens.com

Sin é



Sin é is Cork's oldest traditional music venue. Tucked away in Coburg Street, the pub is somewhat off-the-beaten track. Traditional in many ways, the bar's name ("sin é" - "that's it") nods to its historic use as a venue for drowning one's sorrows after a wake at the nearby funeral home. Stop by to hear fine traditional music sessions and enjoy good craic every day of the week.

Photo: Danil Nevsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Coburg Street, Cork

Phone: +353 21 450 2266

Internet: corkheritagepubs.com/pub/sin-e

The Crane Lane Theatre



A city institution and an exceptionally versatile live music venue in Cork, The Crane Lane Theatre boasts a beautiful beer garden, a selection of craft beer, and live music seven nights a week.

Photo: Fer Gregory/Shutterstock.com

Address: Phoenix Street, Cork

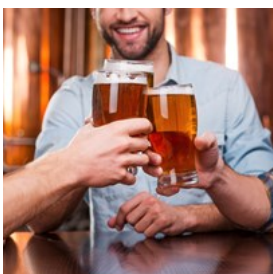
Opening hours: Daily 2pm-2:30am

Phone: +353 21 427 8487

Internet: www.cranelanetheatre.ie

Email: cranelane.info.gigs@gmail.com

The Oval



The Oval is housed in a charming 20th-century building. The bar's name comes from the stunning oval ceiling in the main room. Try to get there early as it is a very popular place to sip a pint and listen to some live music in the evening.

Photo: g-stockstudio / Shutterstock.com

Address: 25 South Main Street, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 1pm-11:30pm, Fri & Sat

1pm-midnight, Sun 1pm-11pm

Phone: +353 21 427 8952

Internet: www.instagram.com/theovalbar

SHOPPING



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Many leading retailers can be found in the immediate city centre, which is so compact you'll find it easy to explore it on foot. As well as this, Cork is home to an impressive array of smaller local businesses, with no shortage of gift ideas.

Cornmarket Street Market



The Cornmarket Street Market takes place every Saturday morning. Here you'll find outdoor stalls selling the freshest local food possible.

Photo: imagedb.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Cornmarket Street, Cork

Opening hours: Saturday 8:30am-3pm

Mahon Point Shopping Centre



At Mahon Point, Cork's biggest shopping centre, you'll find all the trendiest brands under one roof: Zara, Accessorize, Bershka,

Diesel, Jack & Jones, Next, Tommy Hilfiger and more. There are also a variety of smaller shops and several fast food outlets and cafés if you need a tasty break from all the shopping. The shopping centre is located about thirty minutes by car from the city centre.

Photo: VGstockstudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mahon Link Road, Mahon, Cork
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9:30am-7pm, Thu & Fri 9:30am-9pm, Sat 9:30am-7pm, Sun 11am-6pm
Phone: +353 21 497 2800
Internet: mahonpointsc.ie
Email: info@mahonpointsc.ie

Blarney Woollen Mills

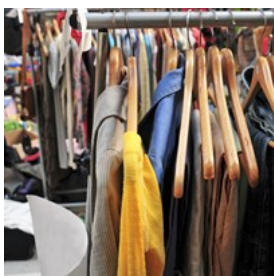


Just six miles from Cork's city centre and close to Blarney Castle, Blarney Woollen Mills established its flagship store. What was once an actual

woollen mill is now a big Irish gift shop where you'll find great souvenir ideas like Aran knitwear, Celtic jewellery, shawls, crystal, and trinkets.

Photo: Anneleven/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Square, Shean Lower, Blarney
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-6pm
Phone: +353 21 451 6111
Internet: www.blarney.com

Mother Jones Flea Market



Flea markets are often the best spots to find unique souvenirs at a good price. In Cork, you can take a stroll inside Mother Jones Flea

Market, where you'll find vintage clothes and records, old books, collectables and more. Note that it's open only at the weekend.

Photo: nito/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 York Street, Cork
Opening hours: Fri-Sun 10am-6pm

The Time Traveller's Bookshop



This specialist bookshop is a treasure trove of antique and rare books. The shelves are brimming with first or signed editions from the 16th

century onward, as well as an impressive vinyl selection. The shop has two branches, one in the heart of Cork City, and the other in the picturesque town of Skibbereen (Castletownsend Road).

Photo: Nataliia Chukhan/Shutterstock.com
Address: 44 Bridge Street, Cork
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun closed

Opera Lane



Opera Lane, a charming pedestrian street, beckons with the finest shopping selection in Cork. This bustling avenue seamlessly blends

an array of fashion, beauty, health, and tech retailers, making it a prime destination for all your shopping desires.

Photo: skrotov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Opera Lane, Cork
Internet: operalane.ie
Email: info@operalane.com

The English Market



This food market goes from Princes Street to the Grand Parade and is enclosed in a building with unique 18th-century architecture. Here you'll find plenty of local products, but also stalls selling specialities from afar.

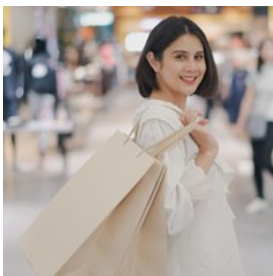
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Address: Grand Parade, Cork

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm

Internet: www.corkcity.ie/en/english-market

Merchants Quay



Merchants Quay stands as one of Cork City's prominent shopping centres, home to a collection of the city's most beloved retailers.

Among its distinguished occupants are Debenhams, Dunnes Stores, and Marks & Spencer, making it a go-to destination for shoppers seeking quality and variety. In addition to these retail giants, you'll also find a delightful array of eateries and smaller shops to explore within its bustling confines.

Photo: CMYK/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Patrick Street, Cork

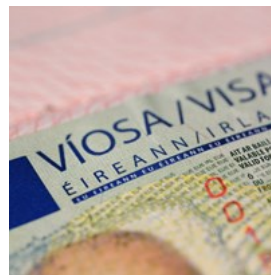
Internet: mqsc.ie

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport & Visa



Ireland's passport and visa requirements vary for different nationalities. Citizens of the United Kingdom and EU countries (including Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein), need a passport or a valid ID. The rest of the citizens of other countries will need a passport.

Many countries, including the United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for tourism short stays of up to 90 days maximum.

For those requiring a short-stay visa (valid for 3 months maximum), such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, the visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay. If you're not sure whether or not to apply for a visa, we recommend you contact the embassy or consulate in your country.

Photo: Kittyfly/shutterstock

Internet: www.ireland.ie/en/dfa/visas-for-ireland

Best Time to Visit



Influenced by the Gulf Stream, Cork enjoys a mild temperate climate, making summer the warmest and most bustling season with

temperatures ranging from 14 to 16 degrees Celsius (60-70 Fahrenheit). Spring and Autumn, with temperatures averaging around 10 degrees Celsius (50 Fahrenheit), offer pleasant weather and great rates for travellers. Winter brings cooler temperatures between 4 and 7 degrees Celsius (30-40 Fahrenheit), creating a quieter but equally charming atmosphere in the city.

Photo: VectorA/Shutterstock.com

Pharmacy



Irwins Late Night Pharmacy: 77 Shandon Street, Gurrabraher, Cork
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun

closed
+353 21 430 4165

Photo: Gemma Garner

Cork Airport (ORK)



Located approximately 6 kilometres south of Cork, Cork Airport is the second-largest of the three principal international airports in

Ireland.

Travelling from Cork Airport to the city centre is convenient with the Bus Éireann 225 or 226

buses, which take approximately 20 minutes to reach Parnell Place Bus Station, the city's main bus hub. Tickets can be acquired on the bus, at the ticket machine outside the terminal at the bus stop, or through the TFI Go App.

For those who prefer taxis, a taxi rank is conveniently situated just outside the terminal building.

Photo: Stephen Long/shutterstock
Address: Aerfort Chorcaí, Kinsale Road, Cork
Phone: +353 21 431 3131
Internet: www.corkairport.com

Public Transport



Cork City is a compact city, making it easy to explore on foot. Additionally, public transportation offers convenient options for

getting around. Bus Éireann operates an extensive network of routes connecting Cork's city centre with surrounding towns, villages, and attractions on the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland's Ancient East. The main bus station, Parnell Place, serves as the departure point for intercity services.

Cork also boasts a rail network, with lines extending from Cobh to Midleton and from Cork City to Mallow, home to Mallow Castle. To enhance the convenience of public transit, travellers can opt for a TFI Leap Card, providing savings of up to 30% compared to cash fares. This card is valid for Cork City bus services operated by Bus Éireann and commuter rail services on the Cork-Cobh and Cork-Midleton lines.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.buseireann.ie

Taxi



Cork Taxi Co-op: +353 21 427 2222
Satellite Taxis: +353 21 480 8080

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Telephone



Country Code: +353
Area Code: 21

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



In Ireland, the standard plug type is G, which has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern, which is also used in the United Kingdom. The

country utilises a 230V supply voltage and operates on a 50Hz frequency.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Post



An Post is Ireland's national postal service provider. Generally, Post Offices are open from 9am to 5:30pm during weekdays and from 9am

to 1pm on Saturdays.

General Post Office Cork:

30 Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm, Sun closed
+353 21 485 1042

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Internet: www.anpost.com

Driving



If you intend to rent a car when you're in Ireland, make sure to familiarise yourself with the Irish road rules. In particular pay attention to the speed

limits: 120km/h on motorways; 100km/h on national roads; 80km/h on regional and local roads; and 50km/h in a built-up area. Also note that, unlike in other countries, you'll be driving on the left-hand side of the road.

Photo: Kanunnikov Pavlo/Shutterstock.com

Population

190,384 (2023)

Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops are usually open from 9am until 6pm. Many shops open later on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Newspapers

Irish Examiner: www.irishexaminer.com

Cork Independent: www.corkindependent.com

The Echo: www.echolive.ie

Irish Times: www.irishtimes.com

Irish Independent: www.independent.ie

Emergency numbers

999 or 112

Tourist information

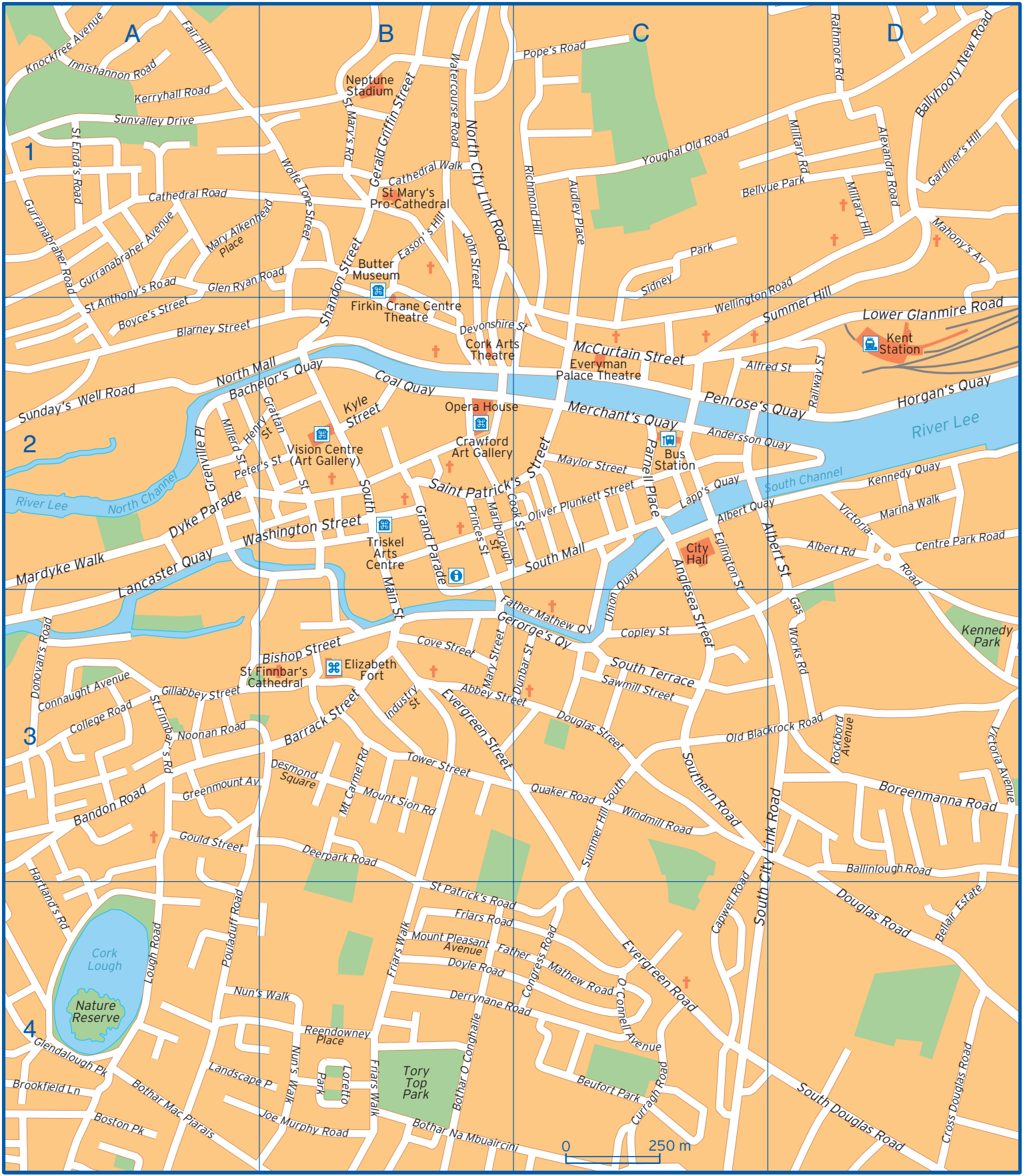
Cork Tourist Information Centre

125 Saint Patrick's Street, Cork

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun closed

+353 1800 230 330





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

Wellington Road
Windmill Road

C2 D1 Wolfe Tone Street
C3

B1 Youghal Old Road

C1