

# Things to Do on a Free Afternoon

## Museums

Three of the four national museums are located in Dublin with two being very close to TCD campus:



Archaeology, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Collection covers stone age to late medieval period. Includes a good collection of bronze age gold work and well known pieces of late antiquity/early medieval metal work.



Natural History, Merrion Square West, Dublin 2. Sometimes called the Dead Zoo or “A museum of a museum”.

Slightly further away (40min walk) is:



Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7

Admission to all the museums is free and they are open

- Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm
- Sunday & Monday 1pm-5pm

More information is available from the website: <https://www.museum.ie/>

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The **National Gallery** is also on Merrion Square West almost adjacent to TCD campus. It is open seven days a week (usually until 5:30pm, 8:30pm on Thursday). Website: <https://www.nationalgallery.ie/>

The **Dublin City Hugh Lane Gallery** (<https://www.hughlane.ie/>) has a good collection of Irish Art and an exhibition of Harry Clarke's stained glass work. (North side of the river, 30min walk).

The **Chester Beatty Library** is located near Dublin Castle (see below) and has a collection of manuscripts and rare books particularly from the Middle East, North Africa and Asia.

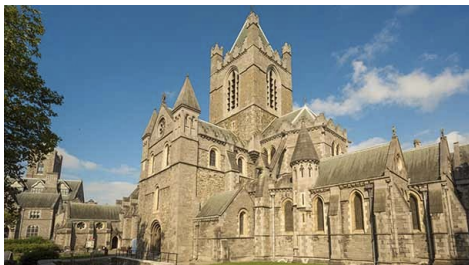
The **Irish Emigration Museum** is across the river from TCD campus ([epicchq.com](http://epicchq.com)) and is focussed on the history of the Irish Diaspora.

## Dublin Castle/Christchurch Cathedral/St. Patricks Cathedral

These are three of the more well known Dublin sights located close to the centre of the city and all can be reached on foot from TCD. They are included on this self-guided [walk](#):



Dublin Castle, <http://www.dublincastle.ie/>, has both guided (12 euro) and self-guided (8 euro) tours. Last entry is 5:15pm (not open Thurs July 4<sup>th</sup>).



Christchurch Cathedral, [christchurchcathedral.ie](http://christchurchcathedral.ie), is open 9.30am-7.00pm and is €7.00 or €15.00 for combined ticket including Dublinia a historical recreation museum focussing on the Viking and Medieval period.



St. Patricks Cathedral, [www.stpatrickscathedral.ie](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie), is open 9:30am – 5:00pm and costs €8.00. Also nearby is Marsh's Library an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Public Library.

Another self-guided tour takes in [Georgian Dublin](#) and includes many of Dublin's 18<sup>th</sup> Century homes and landmarks.

## Breweries and Distilleries

Guinness have a tourist attraction in the brewery at St. James's Gate. Very popular but probably overpriced and a bit long: tickets are €18.50, open from 9:30am to 7pm.  
[www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com)

Also quite popular, Jameson Whiskey do a 40min tour of their Bow street distillery for €22 euro open till 6pm. Probably also a bit overpriced.

<https://www.jamesonwhiskey.com/en-IE/visit-us/jameson-distillery-bow-st>

Not as well known but probably better deals are:

Teeling whiskey: <https://teelingwhiskey.digitickets.ie/tickets>

Pearse Lyons distillery: [www.pearselyonsdistillery.com](http://www.pearselyonsdistillery.com)

Alternative a few nearby pubs with a traditional flavour:

Kehoe's, 9 South Anne Street (off Grafton Street)

Grogan, 15 South William Street

Long Hall, 51 Georges Street

Stag's Head, 1 Dame Court, follow lane-way from Dame Street.

Neary's, Chatham St (also off Grafton Street)

O'Donoghues Bar, 15 Merrion Row, regularly has traditional Irish music in the evenings.

Cobblestone Pub, 77 King St N, Smithfield (further away – 25min walk – regularly has Irish traditional music sessions)

## Hamilton's Bridge



It's possible to visit the bridge where Hamilton was walking when the idea for quaternions came to him.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broom\\_Bridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broom_Bridge)

It's about a one-hour walk from TCD but perhaps easier is to take the tram (LUAS – Green line) from Westmoreland Street to Broombridge LUAS stop - takes

about 20min. One-way 2.80 euro/Return 4.80 (tickets can be bought at stops).

## Outside the City

One way to see a bit more of Dublin is to take the train (DART) from Pearse Street train Station.

Some of the spots along the coast can be quite scenic e.g. Dalkey/Killiney (<https://www.visitdublin.com/discover-dalkey-an-illustrated-guide>).

There is a cliff walk starting in Howth Village (North Bound DART, 3.30 euro single/6.25 euro return, 30min journey)



<https://www.discoverireland.ie/Activities-Adventure/cliff-path-loop/71514>

Short route is 6km, takes about 2-3 hours. The route is moderate, mostly well trodden trail path with just a few steep parts, but sensible walking shoes are recommended.

There is also a nice cliff walk from Greystones to Bray

<https://visitwicklow.ie/item/cliff-walk-bray-to-greystones/>

Takes about 2-3 hours (7km), best to walk from Greystones to Bray as the train back is more frequent. The terrain is again moderate, but sensible shoes are recommended.