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# WELCOME

## GIOVANNI TRAPATONI, Republic of Ireland manager

“**WELCOME TO DUBLIN** for the final round of games in this exciting new competition, the Carling Nations Cup. As an international manager, there are always benefits of playing international friendlies in between important World Cup or European qualifiers.

In this case however, these games in the Carling Nations Cup hold extra importance given the rivalry that exists between the Home Nations in the UK and Ireland – it is truly unique to experience.

Dublin has become like a second home to me over the past three years. It is an

amazing city full of friendly people and passionate football fans who will no doubt make the travelling supporters from the other nations feel welcome. I recommend you stay for a while to enjoy the city.

Looking ahead to this round of games, we are all excited to be playing Northern Ireland in what will be a challenging game, made all the more significant given the local rivalry and the passion of the fans – the atmosphere in the Aviva Stadium will no doubt be amazing.

On behalf of my players and each of the travelling squads, I wish all fans a great stay in Dublin and we hope to serve you some exciting football.”

## NIALL PHELAN, Country Manager, Ireland, Molson Coors Brewing Company

“**ON BEHALF OF CARLING**, welcome to Dublin for the culmination of the Carling Nations Cup.

The competition marks the return of a Home Nations-style competition for the first time in more than 20 years. The competition began in February with some exciting matches and the games in May are set to be equally as entertaining for the fans.

The Aviva Stadium will once again play host to fans from across the UK and Ireland, with each nation boasting top stars including the likes of



NIALL PHELAN

Wales' Gareth Bale, Scotland's Kenny Miller, Republic of Ireland's Shay Given and Northern Ireland's Aaron Hughes.

At Carling, we are as passionate about the beautiful game as the fans are and we're thrilled to sponsor the inaugural Carling

Nations Cup as an extension of our ongoing commitment to football throughout the UK and Ireland.

We believe that football is a great sociable experience, best shared with mates, so win or lose; we hope all fans enjoy their stay in the fine city of Dublin and have a truly memorable experience.

Good luck to all the teams involved and here's to a great competition.



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# HERE'S TO A GREAT COMPETITION!



## THE FIRST ROUND OF GAMES

FEW fans will forget the exciting first-round matches in a hurry.

The first match of the tournament on February 8 saw a powerful second-half display from the **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND** tear apart **WALES**. Giovanni Trapatoni was forced to play a young side after Robbie Keane and James McCarthy both withdrew from the squad, while Wales, under new manager Gary Speed were without Aaron Ramsey, David Evans and Ched Edwards. After a lacklustre first half, the Republic brought the game to life by laying siege to the Wales end and three goals in quick succession from Darron Gibson, Damien Duff and Keith Fahey killed any remaining Welsh resistance.

The next day produced a similarly emphatic result when **SCOTLAND** took on a depleted **NORTHERN IRELAND**. Kenny Miller stabbed the opener midway through the first half, before James McArthur's cross found the top corner. Any hopes of a comeback for Northern Ireland were thwarted six minutes into the second half when Kris Commons made it 3-0 on 51 minutes. The result could have been a real hammering but for the woodwork twice keeping it respectable for Northern Ireland.



## ABOUT DUBLIN

REGULARLY voted Europe's friendliest city, Dublin welcomes visitors with open arms – none more so than sports fans who have a strong mutual love affair with the city's bars.

Ireland's capital sits on the **River Liffey**, which empties into **Dublin Bay** on the east coast. The river's **O'Connell Bridge** is a central point of orientation, with **Trinity College** and its upmarket houses and shopping to the south – as well as the famous home of Irish rugby, and host to the Carling Nations Cup, the rebuilt **Aviva Stadium** on Landsdowne Road.

Near Trinity are **St Stephen's Green** and **Merrion Square**, showpieces of Dublin's Georgian past, and huddling up to the river is **Temple Bar**, a colourful area of bars and restaurants that appeals with Irish culture.

To the north is O'Connell Street with its iconic **GPO**, scene of fierce fighting in Ireland's Easter Rising of 1916. Head west along the river from here to find **Phoenix Park**, one of the largest urban parks in the world.

Dublin is easily explored on foot but is also well served by buses, trams and trains. Buy a **Dublin Day Pass** from tourist offices to get an overview of the city and its rich history,

from its Viking foundation to the bright modern towers of the redeveloped **Docklands**.

Vikings remains in **Wood Quay** help establish the city's foundation to 988AD and it grew to become the second city of the British Empire – a history reflected in its glorious Georgian doorways and public buildings such as the **Four Courts**.

Fierce fighting during **Ireland's struggle for independence** from 1916 to 1921 left its mark but Dublin became the capital of the new Free State in 1922.

The '**Celtic Tiger**' boom starting in the 1990s helped transform the Republic of Ireland from one of Europe's poorest countries to one of its richest. As the money flowed into the economy, Dublin saw the benefit in new infrastructure, restaurants, clubs, shops – making it an even more attractive destination for visitors. Much of the building has now stalled but Irish optimism ensures this vibrant city will never be down for long.

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### TRINITY COLLEGE



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### EARLY DOORS

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Dublin has two names in Irish. **BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH** means 'town of the hurdled ford' and refers to a ford over the River Liffey. The older Irish name is **DUBH LINN**, meaning 'black pool' and refers to a pond with peaty waters – now the Dubh Linn Gardens behind Dublin Castle.
- Ireland's national symbol is not the shamrock, but the **HARP** making it the only country in the world with a musical instrument for an emblem.
- Although Dublin has two **CATHEDRALS**, neither are Catholic: **ST PATRICK'S** and **CHRISTCHURCH** are both Church of Ireland. Christchurch is the city cathedral and St Patrick's is the national cathedral.
- **O'CONNELL BRIDGE** is the only traffic bridge in Europe which is wider than it is long. There is a second O'Connell Bridge in Stephen's Green.
- The Ann Livia monument in O'Connell Street is nicknamed the '**FLOOZY IN THE JACUZZI**'. The Molly Malone statue in

Grafton Street is called the 'Tart with the Cart'. The women at the Ha'Penny bridge are the 'Hags with the bags'. Some statues, such as Oscar Wilde in Merrion Square, have even ruder nicknames.

■ **DUBLIN ZOO** in Phoenix Park is one of Europe's oldest and is famous for breeding lions. It began breeding the big cats in the 1850s and between 1857 and 1876, 92 cubs were born. A cub sold to America in 1919 became the famous roaring lion logo of MGM movies in the 1920s.

■ **THE WELLINGTON MONUMENT** (also called the Wellington Testimonial) in Phoenix Park, is the second-highest obelisk in the world after the USA's Washington Memorial.

■ Valentine's Day was named after **SAINT VALENTINE**, whose remains are in a cask in White Friar Street Church. The relic was given in 1836 by Pope Gregory XVI.

■ Abraham 'Bram' Stoker who wrote **DRACULA**, was born in Dublin in 1847. The title of his book is said to come from the Irish words droch-fhoula – which means bad blood.

## MY DUBLIN

DUBLINERS tend to be unimpressed with celebrity, but celebrities – both locals and visitors – love the Irish capital...

**BONO** drops a few names to the *Irish Daily Mirror* as he takes **SEAN PENN** out on the town for his 50th birthday: "We walked around Dublin and then took him as a surprise up to [famous Dublin music bar] **O'Donoghue's** (15 Merrion Row, Dublin 2. Tel: 00353 1 660 7194. [www.odonoghues.ie](http://www.odonoghues.ie)).

He knew what O'Donoghue's was but he didn't know who would be there.

**THE DUBLINERS** and [famous Irish flute champion] **FINBAR FUREY** burst into an impromptu music session – they all started out in O'Donoghue's, you know? That night we had all kinds of people dropping by like **DAMIEN RICE** and **GEMMA HAYES, NEIL HANNON, CATHY DAVIES** and **KRIS KRISTOFFERSON.**"

Author and Dublin resident **IRVINE WELSH** picks his favourite Indian in an interview with *The Guardian*: "The food at **Monsoon** (306-308 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Tel: 00 353 1 01 491 1666. [www.indian.ie](http://www.indian.ie)) is just fantastic – light and aromatic, every dish is prepared from scratch. There's nothing else like it in the city, and it's as good as any Indian I know in London, Glasgow or Edinburgh."

**RONAN KEATING** lets the cat out of the bag to Boyzone fans in *The Daily Telegraph* "I live in the coastal village of Malahide, 10 miles from Dublin, and there is a top pub there called **Gibney's** (New Street, Malahide, Co Dublin. Tel: 00 353 1 845 0606; [www.gibneys.com](http://www.gibneys.com)) – a typical Irish pub – and me and the lads will get together there on a Tuesday night. There's nothing like it."

Actress **CAROL DRINKWATER** tells *The Daily Telegraph* her of favourite watering holes: "I like to sit late at night by the fire in **The Merrion** (Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 603 0700. [www.merrionhotel.com](http://www.merrionhotel.com)).

**Kehoe's** (9 South Anne Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 677 8312) is a great traditional Dublin pub. I enjoy dropping into the **Irish Film Institute** (6 Eustace Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 679 5744. [www.irishfilm.ie](http://www.irishfilm.ie)). Whether sitting in its **Temple Bar** or browsing in the bookshop, I like its student atmosphere.

Ireland's finest sportswriter **CON HOULIHAN** on his early career to *The Irish Independent*: "My happiest hours were in the context of *The Evening Press*. I loved that paper. Usually I worked the column out in my head during the night – occasionally in some congenial pub – and got up about four in the morning and wrote it. By eight o'clock it was in the safe hands of the Sports Editor, **TOM O'SHEA**, and I was in my favourite corner in **The White Horse Inn** (Burgh Quay, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 672 7597) – the corner nearest the quay. There I loved to read *The Sporting Life* and I sustained myself with a glass of milk mildly tintured with brandy."

Radio One's **JO WHILEY** tells *The Sunday Times* of a great night's sleep in Dublin: "**The Clarence** (6-8 Wellington Quay, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 407 0800. [www.theclarence.ie](http://www.theclarence.ie)) is very good. Someone told me that the sheets there are really special, which I thought was a bit over the top, but they were right. I don't know what they're made of, but they managed to be crisp and soft at the same time. It was one of the best night's sleep I've ever had."



www.dublinimagegallery.com



RIVER LIFFEY

Stunning singer **ANDREA CORR** tells a fansite ([www.dutchcorrs.nl](http://www.dutchcorrs.nl)) about how her home town gives her inspiration: "I do most of it [writing] in Dublin on my piano. I love Dublin, it's really inspiring for me. It's quite hedonistic, near Trinity is great. It's all great fun."

A *Rolling Stone* gathers new pals; **RONNIE WOOD** tells *The Observer*: "I go off into Dublin and two days later I'm spotted by the Liffey with a bunch of new friends."

*Cold Feet* actor **HUGH DANCY** eulogises about the pub scene to *Teen Hollywood* website: "One of the most fantastic things about Ireland and Dublin is that the pubs are like Paris and the café culture. And Dublin, in many ways, is a pub culture."

Irish radio presenter **EAMON KEANE** heads to the beach in an interview with *The Dubliner* magazine: "You see the best of human nature on **Sandymount Beach** (DART: Sandymount.) People actually stop and talk to each other, something the city is losing. There are no angles. I love being near the sea, as it drops your ego and worries pretty fast."



ANDREA CORR

## CARLING NATIONS FANS CUP

ALONGSIDE the main Carling Nations Cup competition, Carling also hosted a fans competition at the last round of matches in February, designed to mirror the games taking place each evening in the Aviva Stadium.

Each nation was represented by a supporters' team, with two games played – Republic of Ireland vs Wales and Northern Ireland vs Scotland. Alongside the travelling support, each team had a special guest manager for the day, as former international legends, **PAT JENNINGS**, **ALAN ROUGH**, **RAY HOUGHTON** and **KEVIN RATCLIFFE** all made appearances to support their respective sides.

Both games were well supported by the travelling fans, with more than 100 people turning up to watch each game at Dublin's Irishtown Stadium. The games were played in good spirits, offering up moments of magic and madness in equal measure, as the Republic of Ireland overcame a resilient Welsh side 4-0 and a dominant Northern

Ireland side sweeping aside a shell-shocked Scottish line up 8-1.

Welsh team manager and co-founder of the competition, **NEIL DYMOCK** commented on the success of the Carling Nations Fans Cup to date:

"All of the fans, players and supporters alike had a great time in February, with everyone feeling welcome in the great city that is Dublin. We are all really proud to be able to represent our country, be it as a player or simply a travelling fan, so to meet like-minded fans from across the UK and Ireland, who are all passionate about football, is a great experience for us all. Thanks to Carling for helping to organise the competition and here's to another round of great games".

Despite some one-sided score lines, each of the teams are raring to go once again across a week of fixtures in May.

Please come along and lend your support to the teams across the week.



### CARLING NATIONS FANS CUP 2011

**Tuesday May 25:** Republic of Ireland vs Northern Ireland

**Wednesday May 26:** Wales vs Scotland

**Friday May 27:** Wales vs Northern Ireland

**Sunday May 29:** Republic of Ireland vs Scotland

*All games will be played at 1:30pm at the Irishtown Stadium in Dublin*



## GETTING AROUND

**ARRIVING BY AIR:** The Air Coach is a 24-hour coach service from Dublin Airport to the city centre. It also runs south to the D4 Inn (formerly Jurys Hotel) on Lansdowne Road – a short walk from the Aviva Stadium. The Dublin Bus Airlink is a slower, cheaper option (see BUS, below). [www.aircoach.ie](http://www.aircoach.ie)

**AIRPORT TAXIS** are expensive (around €30) – but worth it for a group of four.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Dublin has efficient bus, 'Luas' tram and 'Dart' light rail services but the city centre is small enough to explore on foot. Visit Dublin has some excellent guided tours to help you get orientated. [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com)

**BUS:** The main bus routes to and from Ballsbridge, where you find the Aviva Stadium, and the city centre are the 7 and 8, 45 and 84. The three-day Freedom Ticket costs €26.00 for unlimited travel on all buses, including the Dublin Hop-on Hop-off Bus Tour, Airlink and Xpresso. [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie)

**LUAS:** Dublin's tram system has two lines that, oddly, do not connect. The green line runs from Sandymount to St Stephen's Green, while the red line runs from Tallaght to Connolly. Single tickets (available from platform machines) cost from €1.50 for one

zone to €2.50 for five zones. A 'Flexi' one-day pass costs €6. A Smart card costs €3 (+€7 credit) and will save up to 30c on every journey but is mainly a convenience for regular users. [www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie)

**DART:** The Dublin Area Rapid Transit is a rail line running along the coast from Malahide and Howth southwards as far as Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Run by the national rail company, Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail), it connects with other routes such as the line to Belfast. A ticket from the city centre to the popular scenic destination of Howth costs €2.40 single, €4.40 return. The DART line passes under the Aviva Stadium and there is a station nearby, so it is also a quick way to reach the stadium from the city centre. [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)

**TAXIS:** Dublin taxis have no distinctive colour but all have an official roof sign. Hail one in the street or find one at the many taxi ranks. A receipt printed from the taxi meter must be issued when a fare is paid. [www.dublincabs.com](http://www.dublincabs.com)

**CYCLING:** Dublin now has its own cycle hire scheme, like the ones in Paris and London. Visitors can buy a three-day ticket for €2 at 15 terminals (there are 44 docking stations in total). The first half-hour of use is free. [www.dublinbikes.ie](http://www.dublinbikes.ie)



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THE DART

### TOP TIPS

■ Dublin's **PUBS** keep similar hours to UK ones: Mon-Thur, 10.30am-11.30pm (Sat, 12.30am); Sun, noon-11pm. Clubs and bars may open to 2am on Fridays and Saturdays.

■ In pubs, a half costs about two thirds the price of a **PINT**, so going large is a sensible option for those who normally prefer a smaller measure of beer. But, as they say in Dublin: 'Who drinks a half?'

■ In restaurants a service charge is sometimes included in your bill, but otherwise **TIPPING** 10-15% for good service is common. Taxi drivers are not usually tipped but they will not complain if you do.

■ Dublin was Europe's first **SMOKE-FREE** capital city and smoking is banned in all enclosed places of work, which includes pubs, nightclubs, restaurants and cafés. Most such venues now have open-air smoking gardens or terraces.

■ Hotels and B&Bs are exempt from the smoking laws, so ask for a smoking or **NON-SMOKING ROOM** when booking.

■ When referring to St Stephen's Green, locals giving **DIRECTIONS** will drop the 'St' part of the name. This applies to other place names so, if you can't find an address in a map index or GPS, try putting 'St' in front.

■ If you **HIRE A CAR** from Dublin Airport, make sure you have Euros for the Port Tunnel – the quickest route to the Aviva Stadium. However, do check if the hire company gives free tolls – some do.

■ Given the high cost for **PARKING** and of parking fines, avoid parking in the city centre.

■ Some **PUBLIC TOILETS** may display the Irish names for men ('Fíor') and women ('Mná'). All Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann services have their destinations in both English and Irish but it is worth remembering that the Irish name for Dublin is **BAILE ATHA CLIATH**.

■ If you are using the Airlink from Dublin Airport, buy a **DUBLIN PASS** from the machines outside the terminal. These cost €6 – the same price as the single fare – but give you unlimited travel all day (although not on night buses).

## HOTELS

WHILE many hotels in Dublin now feature an internet best-rate guarantee, it's still worth checking a price comparison site such as [www.hotelscombined.com](http://www.hotelscombined.com) before booking

### EXPENSIVE

**DYLAN:** Dublin's best hotel has a red-bricked façade that hides an über-cool interior design but it's the service that really stands out. Tell the staff your music of choice, for instance, and the in-room iPod will be updated accordingly. *Eastmoreland Place, Dublin 4.* Tel: 00 353 1 660 3000. [www.dylan.ie](http://www.dylan.ie)

**THE CLARENCE:** Bono and The Edge have turned this Dublin institution into a top hotel with super king-sized beds and a choice of room colours including purple, red, blue, gold or chocolate. The legendary Octagon Bar is the place to spot celebs and supermodels. *6-8 Wellington Quay, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 1 407 0800. [www.theclarence.ie](http://www.theclarence.ie)

**THE MERRION:** These four connected Georgian terraces converted to a hotel drip with class. There's understated elegance in the design, original paintings by the likes of Yeats and Le Broc on the walls and a two-Michelin starred restaurant to boot. *Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 1 603 0600. [www.merrionhotel.com](http://www.merrionhotel.com)

**MORRISON:** One of Dublin's best-sited hotels overlooks Temple Bar from the opposite bank of the Liffey. The design is by John Rocha using feng shui principles, and chilled ambient house plays from the speakers. Rooms feature rich fabrics, curtains and works of art – but not all have a bath. *Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin 1.* Tel: 00 353 1 887 2400. [www.morrisonhotel.ie](http://www.morrisonhotel.ie)

### MID-RANGE

**SANDYMOUNT HOTEL:** So close to the Aviva, you can hear the roar of the crowd, this is one of the city's best boutique hotels. Bedrooms are nicely designed, with muted colours and plush furnishings. *Herbert Road, Dublin 4.* Tel: 00 353 1 614 2000. [www.sandymounthotel.ie](http://www.sandymounthotel.ie)

**GRAND CANAL HOTEL:** A modern, comfortable hotel that is just a couple of minute's walk from shops, museums and galleries, as well as the Aviva. The hotel is famed for its traditional Irish welcome. *Upper Grand Canal Street, Dublin 4.* Tel: 00 353 1 646 1000. [www.grandcanalhotel.ie](http://www.grandcanalhotel.ie)

**D4 HOTELS:** Spend less and live more when you stay in any one of the three D4 Hotels, the Ballsbridge Inn, the Ballsbridge Towers or the D4 Berkeley Hotel. All three are



DYLAN HOTEL

conveniently located in the thick of the action of Dublin's most prestigious postcode address, across the road from the Aviva Stadium. *Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.* Tel: 00 353 1 437 3444. [www.d4hotels.ie](http://www.d4hotels.ie)

**THE ARLINGTON O'CONNELL BRIDGE:** Just beside O'Connell Bridge, the Arlington offers quality accommodation and a genuine warm and friendly Irish welcome. It is also famous for its Celtic Rhythm Irish Dancing Night and offers live music seven nights a week. *23-25 Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1.* Tel: 00353 1 804 9100. [www.arlington.ie](http://www.arlington.ie)

**THE ARLINGTON TEMPLE BAR:** The city's second Arlington is just opposite Dublin Castle on the doorstep of Temple Bar and just a short walk from Grafton Street, Trinity College, Stephens Green, The O2, museums, theatres and parliament. *Lord Edward Street, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00353 1 670 8777. [www.arlingtonhoteltemplebar.com](http://www.arlingtonhoteltemplebar.com)

### VALUE FOR MONEY

**JURY'S INN CHRISTCHURCH:** One of three Jury's in Dublin, Christchurch is well located for medieval Dublin, with both Dublin Castle

and Christ Church Cathedral both close by and Temple Bar a short walk away. *Christchurch Place, Dublin 8.* Tel: 00 353 1 454 0000. [www.jurysinns.com](http://www.jurysinns.com)

**BUSWELLS:** Just across from the Dáil (Irish parliament) on one of the city's quietest streets, this offers excellent value for money. Communal areas feature marble floors and chandeliers, while rooms have large beds, picture windows and, in some cases, feature fireplaces. *23-25 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 1 6146500. [www.buswells.ie](http://www.buswells.ie)

**TEMPLE BAR HOTEL:** This is great for groups as it has lots of triple bedrooms. Rooms are reasonable, while the onsite Rendez-vous bar and Alchemy nightclub mean you don't even have to go out the front door. *Fleet Street, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 1 612 9200. [www.templebarhotel.com](http://www.templebarhotel.com)

**KILRONAN HOUSE:** This quaint guesthouse near St Stephen's Green is a true discovery. Rooms are stylish and there are a number of family ones that are excellent value for groups. A hearty breakfast is included in the price. *70 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 1 475 5266. [www.dublinn.com](http://www.dublinn.com)



THE CLARENCE

## EATING OUT

### EXPENSIVE

**CHAPTER ONE:** The basement of the Dublin Writer's Museum – well worth a visit in itself – is the lovely backdrop for this Michelin-starred modern Irish/French restaurant where game is a speciality. Bookings essential. 18-19 Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Tel: 00 53 1 873 2266. [www.chapteronrestaurant.com](http://www.chapteronrestaurant.com)

**LES FRÈRES JACQUES:** Right next to Dublin Castle, this small French restaurant is usually packed. Fresh Irish seafood is a speciality, with lobster a signature dish, but steak and seasonal game are also popular choices. French-only staff add to the ambience. 74 Dame Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 679 4555. [www.lesfreresjacques.com](http://www.lesfreresjacques.com)

**RESTAURANT PATRICK GUILBAUD:** Ireland's only two-star Michelin restaurant reflects the fact in its quality and its eye-watering price. The set lunch is a affordable way to enjoy the elegant setting with its must-see modern Irish art. Merrion Hotel, 21 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 6764192. [www.restaurantpatrickguilbaud.ie](http://www.restaurantpatrickguilbaud.ie)

**THORNTON'S:** High-end cooking and high-end prices but an outstanding experience is guaranteed from chef Kevin Thornton. Exciting food is paired with exciting wines for a memorable meal. Tasting menus range from €79 to €125, making the lunch menus at €25 and €49 look a bargain. 128 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 478 7008. [www.thorntonsrestaurant.com](http://www.thorntonsrestaurant.com)

**THE TROCADERO:** Still going strong after 50 years this kitsch Dublin

institution is always bustling, especially with the pre-theatre crowd. The food is old-fashioned but reliable (try the T-bone steak at €30) and the atmosphere is pure Dublin. 4 St Andrew Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 677 5545. [www.trocadero.ie](http://www.trocadero.ie)

### MID-RANGE:

**DIEP LE SHAKER:** Authentic (ie hot!) Thai food with ingredients flown in fresh from Bangkok. This rugby-friendly restaurant screens Ireland games for those without tickets. In the evenings, live jazz and good cocktails ensure the fun goes on. 55 Pembroke Lane, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 497 6550 [www.diep.net](http://www.diep.net)

**ELY WINEBAR:** This wine bar near St Stephen's Green has one of the best wine lists in Dublin and food to match. All the beef, pork and lamb comes from the owners' own farm in County Clare, while seafood and cheeses also come from local producers. 22 Ely Place, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 676 8966. [www.elywinebar.ie](http://www.elywinebar.ie)

**GALLAGHER'S BOXTY HOUSE:** This Temple Bar pub-style restaurant is the place for traditional Irish food such as Irish stew, Dublin Coddle, champ, colcannon and, of course, boxty (a potato pancake, since you asked). Very friendly staff lift it above the clichés. 20-21 Temple Bar, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 6772 762. [www.boxythouse.ie](http://www.boxythouse.ie)

**HARD ROCK CAFÉ:** No surprises here, just the usual fare of good burgers, steaks and rock memorabilia. Look out for a pair of Bono's sunglasses (and U2's Trabant), a Persian rug from Jimi Hendrix's London flat and a Western shirt worn by Elvis in



CHAPTER ONE



LES FRERE JACQUES

the 1950s. 12 Fleet Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 671 7777. [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com)

**JAIPUR:** A reputation as one of Dublin's best Indians has seen this restaurant grow to five outlets. The upmarket setting and the subtle, authentic tastes bring higher prices than the average high street Indian but there is a good Early Bird offer. 41 Georges Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 677 0999. [www.jaipur.ie](http://www.jaipur.ie)

### VALUE FOR MONEY:

**BEWLEY'S:** With 1million customers a year, this iconic coffee house is a must-do for every first-time visitor to Dublin. Watch Grafton Street pass by as you enjoy breakfast, pizza, afternoon tea and cakes or just one of the fresh-roasted coffees it has been serving since 1840. Search out the Cafe Bar Deli for real value. 78 Grafton Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 672 7720. [www.bewleys.com](http://www.bewleys.com)

**LEO BURDOCK'S:** The legendary chip shop opposite Christ Church Cathedral is easy to spot by the queue outside. No seating so, like Tom Cruise, Naomi Campbell and many

other celebs before you, your fish & chips is wrapped in paper to take away. 2 Werburgh Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 454 0306 [www.burdocks.ie](http://www.burdocks.ie)

**PAULA'S:** Polish favourites such as borsch and dumplings, stewed pork or plum jam pancakes are the hearty offerings here. But pasta, wild venison steak and trout also appear on a wide-ranging menu. 15 Capel Street, Dublin 1. Tel: 00 353 1 874 9394. [www.gospodapolska.pl/](http://www.gospodapolska.pl/)

**TALBOT 101:** Packed with locals, a recent makeover has made this great value restaurant look a bit smarter but the modern Mediterranean cooking remains unchanged. The work by various new Irish artists on the walls is for sale. (Closed Sun. and Mon.) 101 Talbot Street, Dublin 1. Tel: 00 353 1 874 5011. [www.101talbot.ie](http://www.101talbot.ie)

**THE QUAYS:** Set in the heart of Temple Bar, The Quays is famous for its traditional atmosphere and great Irish food. Try the Dublin coddle followed by Bailey's cheesecake. 10-12 Temple Bar Square, Dublin 2. Tel: 00353 1 679 1923. [www.quaysrestaurant.com](http://www.quaysrestaurant.com)

## NIGHTS OUT

WITH more than 1,000 pubs in Dublin, it's almost impossible to have a bad night out. Here's just a small choice of some of the best pubs and bars.

### PUBS AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC

**CROWE'S PUBLIC HOUSE®:** This great little sports pub is just a stone's throw from the Aviva and has a brilliant atmosphere whether there's a game on or not. Landlord David Crowe says: 'One of the best things about watching sport in Dublin is that it doesn't matter where you come from, everyone is welcome.' *10 Merrion Road, Dublin 4.* Tel: 00 353 1 668 0955.

**O'DONOGHUE'S BAR:** This is the pub responsible for launching most of Dublin's local folk music talent. The Dubliners, The Fury's, Seamus Ennis and Joe Heaney all notably started their career here and there is still a steady flow of talent that takes to the stage for nightly sessions. *15 Merrion Row, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 660 7194. [www.odonoghues.ie](http://www.odonoghues.ie)

**THE DUBLINER®:** This traditional Irish pub is a favourite with guests and locals alike. Just minutes from the Aviva, it's the perfect place for pre- or post-match celebrations with big screens throughout to ensure you don't miss

any of the action. The Dubliner is a match-day must for those looking for cracking atmosphere and tasty food. *Ballsbridge Inn, Dublin 4.* Tel: 00 353 1 4373 444. [www.d4hotels.ie](http://www.d4hotels.ie)

**THE GASWORKS®:** There's always great craic to be had at the Gasworks pub, according to bar manager Ronan Flood. He says: 'We have live music, DJs, karaoke nights and Elvis tribute acts, so there really is something for everyone.' He's not wrong either: carvery lunches, discounted cocktails, nine screens and some of the friendliest staff in Dublin make this a place to remember. *Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin 4.* Tel: 00 353 1 646 1000. [www.grandcanalhotel.ie](http://www.grandcanalhotel.ie)

**FARRINGTON'S:** Named after a character in James Joyce's *The Dubliners*, Farrington's evokes memories of a different time. The Victorian bar and partitions are more 120 years old, while there is a modern, comfortable lounge and a great menu. *28 Essex Street Dublin 2.* Tel: 00353 1 671 5135. [www.thesmithgroup.ie/farringtons](http://www.thesmithgroup.ie/farringtons)

**AULD DUBLINER:** This great little pub in Temple Bar has excellent service and a fabulous atmosphere, especially in the evenings when impromptu music sessions



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and singalongs are the norm. *24-25 Temple Bar, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 1 677 0527. [www.thesmithgroup.ie/aulddubliner](http://www.thesmithgroup.ie/aulddubliner)

**THE LONG HALL:** This elegant old Victorian bar sits somewhat incongruously with all the cool cafés and boutiques that line Georges Street but remains a Dublin stalwart. Inside, it's a real treasure trove: muskets and old paintings line the walls and the chandeliers may be as old as the pub itself. It's so atmospheric that Phil Lynott of Thin Lizzy once shot a video here. More important than all that, they still know how to pour a good pint. *51 Sth Great Georges Street, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 1 475 1590

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### BARS AND CLUBS

**CAFÉ EN SEINE:** An interior designer's idea of decadent 1900s Paris, this gorgeous bar serves food and drink until 3am (midnight on Sunday). Real trees in the atrium set the mood for three floors of excess, but it retains an intimate buzz, due to good staff and a classy jazz soundtrack. *40 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 351 677 4567. [www.cafeenseine.ie](http://www.cafeenseine.ie)

**THE CELLAR BAR:** Set in the original 18th century wine vaults of the Merrion Hotel, this is a den of hidden alcoves where starch-aproned waiters serve more than 50 wines by the glass. It's expensive, attracting an A-list crowd, but serves some of the best cocktails in town and has a top class bar menu. *Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 1 603 0600. [www.merrionhotel.com](http://www.merrionhotel.com)

**DAKOTA BAR:** Full of Dublin's coolest young things, this stylish bar close to Grafton Street offers leather couches and a patio to give relief from a cramped interior. Great €5 cocktails and lots of bottled beers. Food menu has options such as two courses and a hot drink for €8.50. *9 South William Street, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 3531 672 7696. [www.dakotabar.ie](http://www.dakotabar.ie)

**SIN:** Right in the heart of Temple Bar, this club delivers fun and games with magicians and entertainers downstairs and a funky DJ upstairs. Its legendary €50 entry deal for groups covering VIP area and all drinks sells out well in advance, so book early. *17-19 Sycamore Street, Dublin 2.* Tel: 00 353 1 633 4232. [www.sinbar.ie](http://www.sinbar.ie)

## 12 THINGS TO DO IN DUBLIN

### FOR FIRST TIMERS:

**THE BOOK OF KELLS** is an illuminated manuscript dating to about 800AD that now attracts about 500,000 visitors a year. This masterpiece was created by Celtic monks and shows the Four Gospels of the New Testament. *Long Room Library, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 14.* [www.tcd.ie](http://www.tcd.ie)

Sadly, you can't get a pint at the Guinness Brewery but the next best thing is **THE GUINNESS STOREHOUSE** which tells the story of Dublin's iconic pint. Admission (€15) includes a complimentary pint in the tower-top Gravity Bar from where you can also enjoy a great view of Dublin. *St James's Gate, Dublin 8.* *Tel: 00 353 01 408 4800.* [www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com)

If whiskey is more to your taste, the redeveloped Smithfield Market is now home to the **OLD JAMESON DISTILLERY**. Here you can learn how the 'water of life' is made and, more important, try a complimentary sample (admission €13.50). A good restaurant and gift shop add to the appeal. *Bow Street, Dublin 7.* *Tel: 00 353 1 807 2348.* [www.tours.jamesonwhiskey.com](http://www.tours.jamesonwhiskey.com)

**ST STEPHEN'S GREEN** is a green oasis near the centre of Dublin, a refuge for office-

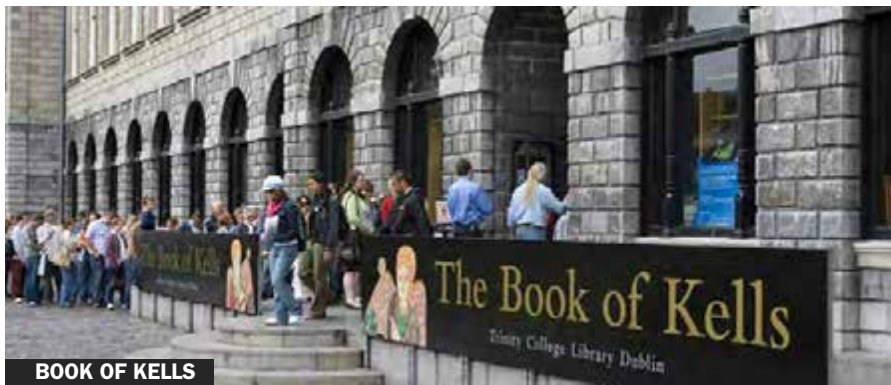
workers during the week and tired shoppers at weekends. Its statues are a guide to Ireland's varied history, while the ducks on its large lake is spanned by Dublin's second O'Connell Bridge. Opposite is the Stephen's Green Shopping Centre. [www.stephensgreen.com](http://www.stephensgreen.com)

### SECOND TIME AROUND:

Take the **DART** north for a day trip to **HOWTH** and stroll along the seafront eating ice cream or fish chips. There are traditional music sessions every Sunday in local pubs. Or head south to the upmarket village of **DALKEY** and, if the weather suits, hire a boat and fishing gear from Bulloch Harbour to enjoy this lovely coastline. [www.fishinginireland.info](http://www.fishinginireland.info)

**PHOENIX PARK** is the largest enclosed park in Europe – and second only worldwide to New York's Central Park. As well as Dublin Zoo ([www.dublinozoo.ie](http://www.dublinozoo.ie)), it is also home to a cricket club that is Ireland's oldest, dating to 1830 ([www.phoenixcricketclub.com](http://www.phoenixcricketclub.com)). *Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.* *Tel: 00 353 1 820 5800.* [www.phoenixpark.ie](http://www.phoenixpark.ie)

**THE NATIONAL MUSEUM** has a superb collection of prehistoric gold and Viking artefacts, Celtic iron work and medieval



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## CARLING SAMPLING SESSIONS

A Carling Nations Sampling Team will be out and about on Republic of Ireland match nights giving out complimentary pints of Carling to match goers at the following venues. The sessions are ROI v Northern Ireland, May 24 6-8 pm and ROI v Scotland, May 29, 4.30-6.30pm.

**Crowes**, Ballsbridge  
**D4 Hotels**, Ballsbridge  
**Grand Canal/Gasworks**, Ballsbridge  
**Beggars Bush**, Haddington Rd  
**Paddy Cullens**, Ballsbridge  
**Bellamy's**, Ballsbridge  
**The Wellington**, Baggot St  
**The 51**, Haddington Rd  
**Searsons**, Baggot St  
**Murrays**, Bath Ave  
**The School House**, Northumberland Rd

**Smyths**, Haddington Rd  
**The Lansdowne Bar**, Bath Ave  
**The Lansdowne Hotel**, Baggot St  
**Scruffy Murphys**, Mount St  
**Beweleys Hotel**, Ballsbridge  
**Oil Can Harrys**, Mount St  
**The Vintage**, Ringsend  
**The Waterloo**, Baggot St Upper  
**Mary Macs**, Ballsbridge  
**The Dubliner**, Ballsbridge  
**The Horse Shoe House**, Ballsbridge

jewellery. A fascinating exhibition detailing the birth of the Irish Republic, The Road to Freedom, is now at the Collins Barracks offshoot which also houses the museum's wonderful Decorative Arts Collection. *Kildare Street, Dublin 2.* *Tel: 00 353 1 6777444.* [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie)

**THE NATIONAL GALLERY** has a fine range of European art, including masterpieces by Caravaggio, Van Gogh and Picasso. As you would expect, it also has a great collection of Irish art, with one gallery devoted to the work of Jack B Yeats, brother of the poet W B Yeats. *Merrion Square, Dublin 2.* *Tel: 00 353 1 661 5133.* [www.nationalgallery.ie](http://www.nationalgallery.ie)

### HIDDEN GEMS:

**WINDMILL LANE STUDIOS**, where U2 recorded their first three albums, is covered in the graffiti of fans from all over the world. *20 Ringsend Road, Dublin 4.* *Tel: 00 353 1 478 4045.* [www.windmillanerecording.com](http://www.windmillanerecording.com)

**KILMAINHAM GAOL** is the largest unoccupied prison in Europe but was once notorious for the conditions faced by its political prisoners. Closed in 1924, its

fascinating and chilling story is told in guided tours which you must book in advance. Nearby is the former Royal Hospital, now home to the exciting Irish Museum of Modern Art ([www.imma.ie](http://www.imma.ie)). *Inchicore Road, Dublin 8.* *Tel: 00 353 1 453 5984.* [www.heritage.ie](http://www.heritage.ie)

**ST MICHAN'S CHURCH** dates back to 1095 and Handel's 'Messiah' was first performed here. However its main claim to fame is the mummified bodies in its vaults. Preserved by the limestone walls and methane gas, some say Dublin-born Bram Stoker may have been inspired by seeing the 'living dead' here to write his famous Gothic novel, Dracula. *Church Street, Dublin 8.* [Website](http://www.stmichanschurch.com)

This month (May) Queen Elizabeth II visited **CROKE PARK**, home of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) for the first time. This magnificent stadium – the third largest in Europe with a capacity of 82,300 – hosts the annual finals of both the All-Ireland Hurling and (Gaelic) Football Championships. Its museum has a vast collection telling the story of Gaelic games from ancient times to the present day. *Croke Park, Dublin 3.* *Tel: 00 353 1 819 2300.* [www.crokepark.ie](http://www.crokepark.ie)

# CARLING NATIONS CUP

## CARLING NATIONS CUP AT AVIVA STADIUM



### May 24: REPUBLIC OF IRELAND V NORTHERN IRELAND

Kick-off: 7.45pm, tickets from €30

### May 25: WALES V SCOTLAND

Kick-off: 7.45pm, tickets from €20

### May 27: NORTHERN IRELAND V WALES

Kick-off: 7.45pm, tickets from €20

### May 29: REPUBLIC OF IRELAND V SCOTLAND

Kick-off: 6.30pm, tickets from €30



You can buy tickets from [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie) and the FAI Umbro stores in Carrolls Westmoreland Street and Suffolk Street, Dublin.

The inspiration for the trophy was Dublin's **AVIVA STADIUM**. The trophy is silver plated, with four coloured rods representing the four teams and the country names engraved around the centre band.

### GETTING TO THE STADIUM

Aviva Stadium is in the heart of Dublin, just over a mile from St Stephen's Green. The ground itself is a landmark known to all Dubliners and is in the heart of the Ballsbridge area, Dublin 4.

**On foot:** From St Stephen's Green, matchgoers walk up Merrion Row, Baggot St Lower, Baggot St Upper and cross the Grand Canal at Baggot St Bridge. They then walk straight down Pembroke Road and cross the road at the junction of Northumberland and Merrion roads where the Ballsbridge Inn (formerly Jury's Hotel) is prominent.

**By rail:** The easiest way to travel directly to the ground is to take the DART ([www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)). The line actually runs under the West stand and stops at Lansdowne Road Station itself.

From Dublin city centre, take the DART southbound from Pearse Station on Westland Row, Tara St Station or Connolly Station. Connolly Station provides a link with the city's tram system, the LUAS.

**By Bus:** The main bus routes that serve Ballsbridge from the city centre are the 7

and 8, 45 and 84. For information on timetables visit [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie).

**By Road:** From Nassau Street at Trinity College (city centre), travel along Merrion Square and Lower Mount Street. Cross the canal and continue along Northumberland Road to the second set of lights. Turn left onto Lansdowne Road. Continue through the next junction. Aviva Stadium is on your left.

For those travelling by car from Dublin Airport, follow all directions for Dublin City as you exit Dublin Airport. Cross the motorway and take the slipway down onto the M1. On the motorway stay in right hand lane and take Port Tunnel (charges vary depending on time of day - ensure you have Euros) After the toll, continue past O2 Arena on right and cross East Link Toll Bridge. Soon after passing through the toll booths turn right at the roundabout. Continue to the second set of traffic lights.

Travel straight across, this junction to another T junction. Turn left then immediate right onto Newbridge Avenue. Continue to mini roundabout on the right you will see the stadium.



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## USEFUL INFORMATION

- In an **EMERGENCY**, phone **999** or **112**.
- The **INTERNATIONAL CODE** for Ireland is 00 353 and the Dublin **AREA CODE** is (0)1.
- The numbers for local and national **DIRECTORY ENQUIRIES** are 11811 or 11850 and for international enquiries 11818 or 11860.
- **DUBLIN AIRPORT** airline contacts:  
Aer Lingus +353 1 886 8888  
bmi +353 1 283 8833  
British Airways +353 1 890 626747  
Ryanair +353 1 609 7800
- The **IRISH TOURIST ASSISTANCE SERVICE** is a free nationwide service offering support and assistance to tourists who are victims of crime while visiting Ireland. The service is run by staff and volunteers who speak a variety of languages. *Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 478 5295. [www.itas.ie](http://www.itas.ie)*
- Remember that you need a **PASSPORT** to enter Ireland, but British passport holders do

not require a visa.

- The **BRITISH EMBASSY** in Ireland can help in certain emergencies, such as contacting friends or relatives at home but it cannot give financial assistance or get you out of jail. It is near Bewleys Hotel in Ballsbridge. *29 Merrion Road, Dublin 4. Tel: 00 353 1 205 3700. <http://britishembassyinireland.fco.gov.uk/en/>*
- The Foreign Office's **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO** Campaign has lots of useful tips for those travelling abroad. [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)
- Dublin is relatively **CRIME** free but it is unwise anywhere to roam city streets after the pubs close, especially when drunk. Beware of petty crime targetting tourists, such as purse or phone snatching. As in the UK, when using an **ATM**, guard your PIN and look for any tampering with the machine. To report a lost **VISA** card in Ireland, call **1-800-55-8002**.
- **DUBLIN'S OFFICIAL TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE** is in Suffolk Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 00 353 1 437 0969. [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com)