

# Attractions of Ireland

# Trinity College

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Trinity College is a university located in central Dublin on College Green. It attracts thousands of visitors each year to its old library which houses the Book of Kells, an illustrated manuscript of the four gospels dating from the ninth century.

# Bunratty Castle

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Dating from the fifteenth century, Bunratty Castle is located in the village of Bunratty in County Clare. It holds medieval banquets at night where visitors can enjoy traditional food and entertainment from the period.

# Ha'penny Bridge

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The Ha'penny Bridge is an iconic footbridge that spans the River Liffey in central Dublin. Built in 1816 and made of cast iron, thousands of pedestrians cross the bridge every day.



# Eyre Square

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Eyre Square is located in the heart of Galway, the City of the Tribes. It is a public park with recreation facilities for the public. It is rectangular in shape and adjoins the main shopping areas of the city.

# Knock Shrine

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Knock Shrine is located in the village of Knock in County Mayo. It sits on the site where it is believed there was an apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1879. Thousands of people go on a pilgrimage to the shrine each year to pray or to attend mass.

# Croke Park

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Croke Park is the home of the GAA and is located near the centre of Dublin. It is the largest stadium in Ireland with a capacity of over 82,000. It holds major games in Gaelic football, hurling and camogie. It also hosts music concerts a few times a year.

# Kilmainham Gaol

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Kilmainham Gaol is a former prison located in Dublin. Many Irish revolutionaries were imprisoned there. Fourteen leaders of the 1916 Rising were executed in the Stonebreakers Yard in the prison. Today, thousands of visitors visit the jail each year to get a glimpse into Ireland's past.



# Titanic Museum

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Located in the Titanic Quarter in Belfast, the Titanic Museum is only opened since 2012. Based in an area where RMS Titanic was built, the museum and visitor galleries are now one of the world's leading tourist attractions.

# Glasnevin Cemetery

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First opened in 1832, Glasnevin Cemetery is located in Dublin's Glasnevin. Many notable Irish historical figures are buried there including Éamon de Valera, Daniel O'Connell, Arthur Griffith and Constance Markievicz. The grave of Michael Collins is one of the most visited graves in the cemetery.

# Blarney Castle

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Blarney Castle is a medieval stronghold located in Blarney, County Cork. The original structure dates before 1200. Now mostly a ruin, it is famous for the Blarney Stone – visitors who hang upside down to kiss it are said to receive the “gift of the gab”.



# GPO

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The General Post Office (GPO) is located on Dublin's main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street. It is the headquarters of the Irish postal service. However, it is more famous as the headquarters for the leaders of the 1916 Rising. The Irish Proclamation was read by Pádraig Pearse on the steps of the GPO in 1916.



# Ring of Kerry

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The Ring of Kerry is a scenic drive around the Iveragh Peninsula in County Kerry. It is 179 KM long and is marked by several historic landmarks as well as rugged landscapes, sandy beaches and seaside villages. It attracts visitors to drive the route all year round.

# Rock of Cashel

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The Rock of Cashel, also known as “Cashel of the Kings”, is located in Cashel, County Tipperary. It was previously the seat of the High Kings of Munster before being gifted to the church. Most of the current buildings date from the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. It attracts many visitors to the site each year.

# Glenveagh National Park

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Glenveagh National Park is located near Letterkenny in Co. Donegal. Covering over 16,000 hectares of natural beauty, it contains mountains, lakes, waterfalls, woodland and a castle. It is one of Donegal's top visitor attractions.



# King John's Castle

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Located on the banks of the River Shannon in Limerick, King John's Castle dates back to the 13th century. It is regarded as one of the best preserved Norman castles in Europe where visitors can explore the castle and view the exhibitions.



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