

# Notes for Dublin Page



**Dublin Writers' Museum**, Parnell Square – view works of Swift, Shaw, Wilde, Yeates, Joyce and Beckett. <http://www.writersmuseum.com/>



**Dublins Spire**, Dublin City Centre – Dubliners' call it the 'Spike'. The Dublin Spire is one hundred and twenty metres tall, making it by far the tallest structure in Dublin city centre. It is three metres wide at the base and tapers to a 15 centimetre wide beacon at the top. [http://www.irish-architecture.com/buildings\\_ireland/dublin/northcity/oconnell\\_street/spire.html](http://www.irish-architecture.com/buildings_ireland/dublin/northcity/oconnell_street/spire.html)



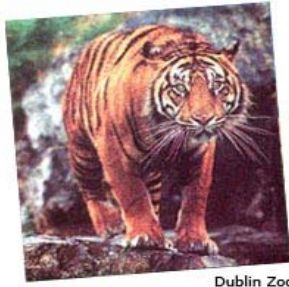
**Christchurch Cathedral** – at over 1000 years old, it is one of Dublin's oldest buildings. <http://www.cccdub.ie/visitors/visitinfo.html>

**Dublin Castle** – still in use to the present date – a historic site, home of the Chester Beatty library –



enjoy a coffee or lunch in the restaurant - visit the church in the lower yard or the state apartments in the upper yard (Maggie Thatcher stayed here on her visit to Dublin).

[http://www.dublincastle.ie/home\\_no fla.html](http://www.dublincastle.ie/home_no fla.html)



Dublin Zoo

**Dublin Zoo** – the 4<sup>th</sup>. Oldest zoo in the world, located nearby the Irish presidents residence in the Phoenix Park. This park is the largest enclosed urban park in Europe.



**Guinness Storehouse**, St. James' Gate – home of the black stuff - Dublins famous pint – enjoy a sample after the guided tour.



**Old Jameson Distillery**, Smithfield – take a guided tour of this distillery and sample several different types of Irish whiskey.



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**Croke Park Experience** - check out Ireland's unique national games, football and hurling.

<http://www.crokepark.ie/>



**Number Twenty Nine - Georgian House Museum** Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin 2



Number Twenty Nine is Dublin's Georgian House Museum. Visitors take a guided tour from the basement to the attic, through rooms which have been furnished with original artefacts as they would have in Georgian times – a gem.



**Kilmainham Gaol** - [http://www.dublintontourist.com/details/kilmainham\\_gaol.shtml](http://www.dublintontourist.com/details/kilmainham_gaol.shtml)

In use as a prison from 1792 to 1924. The inmates included famous Nationalists and Republicans members of the United Irishmen (1798), Young Irelanders (c1840s), Fenians and Land agitators, Parnell, Davitt. The leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising were executed here.



**National Museum** - Welcome to the National Museum of Ireland - the nation's premier cultural institution and that with the strongest emphasis on Ireland's art, material culture and natural history. National Museum of Ireland is uniting with the Viking Ship Museum, Roskilde, Denmark to bring them back! In the summer of 2008 the National Museum played lead host to the arrival of the Sea Stallion to Dublin in mid August. An exhibition to track the voyage opened at the end of June at Collins Barracks and the Sea Stallion arrived in August to a week of activities and events at Custom House Dock and at the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks. The Sea Stallion exhibition is on public view at Collins Barracks for the winter months of 2008 before sailing back to Denmark.



**Havhingsten fra Glendalough (The Sea Stallion from Glendalough).**

***“Sea Stallion - Dublin's Viking Warship comes home”***

It is 1200 years since the Vikings came to Ireland, sailing in their infamous warships. A project to reconstruct this ship was launched in Denmark in 2004 and Her Majesty Queen Margrethe christened the ship "Havhingsten fra Glendalough" (The Sea Stallion from Glendalough).

In July 2008 a crew of 65 brave men and women sailed this vessel from Roskilde back to Dublin. This trial voyage tested the replica ship under realistic conditions in the very waters the original ship was built to cross.