

Useful information

Cork City Tourist Information Office

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Cork City Tourist Information Office offers the visitor details on booking accommodation, places to eat, routes to take, maps, guides and books, places to visit, things to do and information on national and local events. Services provided at this Tourist Information Office include:

- Approved and Registered Accommodation Booking Service
- Bureau de Change Facilities
- Computer Speeded Reservation Booking Service
- Guide Books for Sale

Useful Phone Numbers

You might have a healthy 'no-news-no-shoes' attitude to taking a holiday, but sometimes it really is necessary to keep in touch with the folks back home. Public phones are plentiful in Cork and you can buy international calling cards in post offices, shops and hotels. If you want to use your mobile phone while you're here, make sure you have a digital phone with a GSM subscription and a roaming agreement. Ask your phone provider at home what calls and internet use on your mobile will cost while you're away.

If you need to call any of the emergency services during your stay, dial 999 or 112 for ambulance, fire brigade, police or other rescue services. Directory Enquiries can be reached at 11811 for Irish numbers or 11818 for international numbers

For more info, visit:

www.cometocork.com

Exchange Money

As with most of western Europe, the unit of currency in the Republic of Ireland is the euro. There are 100 cents in a euro and notes are issued in the following denominations: €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200 and €500. Banks (open 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday) offer a bureau de change service. Most of the larger hotels will exchange travellers' cheques and the main currencies for you – though remember always to check the exchange rate!

Cork News & Media

Cork news and media includes, Irish Examiner, Evening Echo, Cork Independent, Cork News and Cork radio stations.

One of Ireland's three national newspapers, The Irish Examiner, has its headquarters on Lapp's Quay in Cork City. From the same stable comes the Evening Echo-something of an institution in the city it has served since its foundation in 1892. Also available is the Cork Independent and Cork News, two free newspapers distributed across the city.

The Irish Examiner and the Evening Echo are published every day except Sunday.

When it comes to radio and television, there's lots of choice. On FM, you should be able to receive the national broadcaster RTE's talk and music stations, RTE Radio 1 and 2FM. There's also a classical music station, Lyric FM, and an Irish-language station, Raidió na Gaeltachta. There are two independent radio stations Today FM and Newstalk.

For local news, tune into RedFM, 96FM, C103FM, Life FM, CUH FM and Cork Campus Radio.

Cork is home to local television stations, RTE Cork and South Coast TV and the recently launched Channel South.

Lewis Glucksman Gallery

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Located at the main entrance to University College Cork, on Western Road, the Lewis Glucksman Gallery is an award-winning public gallery that includes exhibition spaces, a riverside restaurant and gift shop. The Glucksman has won numerous awards and accolades and in 2007 was named as one of the 1001 buildings you must see before you die! The Glucksman presents a changing programme of exhibitions featuring international and Irish artists with a lively programme of events including art workshops, artist's talks, screenings, curatorial tours and regular free music concerts.

Lewis Glucksman Gallery, University College Cork, Cork City.

T: +353 (0)21 4901844 E: info@glucksman.org W: www.glucksman.org

Opening hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10-5pm
Sunday 2-5pm
Closed Monday

Admission Cost

Free Admission
Suggested Donation €5

Lifetime Lab

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The award winning Lifetime Lab is located in Cork City's Old Waterworks along the scenic banks of the River Lee. Lifetime Lab will entertain, inform and captivate. Children investigating our interactive exhibits transform into environmental detectives, the mission is to solve clues themed around water, waste and energy and to discover how daily choices impact our world. Visitors are then encouraged to make an environmental pledge which will be on permanent display in our coffee dock. After the hard detective work, a laneway leads visitors from the courtyard passing a giant chessboard, up to the scientific themed playground and sensory garden, ideal for a quick picnic with splendid views across the river.

Lifetime Lab at Old Cork Waterworks, Lee Road, Cork

T: +353 (0)21 4941500 F: +353 (0)21 4941519 E: lifetimelab@corkcity.ie
W: www.lifetimelab.ie

Opening hours

Summer

Monday-Friday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Sat/Sun/B-Hol: 11.00am - 5.00pm

Winter

Monday-Friday: 9.00am-5.00pm

Admission Cost

Family (2adults and 2 children) €7
Child/Student/OAP €2
Adult €3

Shandon Church & The Butter Exchange

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St. Annes Church and Steeple, built in 1722, reaches 37m high into the Cork skyline and is a much loved local landmark and tourist attraction. Its famous chime of 8 bells made by Rudal of Gloucester together weigh over 6 tonnes. Its walls are 7ft thick and have both a sandstone and limestone facing, from which Cork takes its colours red and white. The clock made by Mangans of Cork, is affectionately known as the four faced liar, since the east and west facings tell slightly different times. The panoramic view of the city is well worth the climb.

Church of St. Anne Shandon, Church Street, Cork City.

T: +353 (0)21 4505906

Opening hours

	Mon-Sat	Sun
Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb	10-3	Closed
Mar, Apr, May, Oct	10-4	11.30-3.30
Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept	10-5	11.30-4.30

Admission Cost

Students and senior citizens €5
Per adult €6
Per family €12
(2 adults and 2 children under 12)

Last time for entry is 30 minutes before closing time.

St Fin Barre's Cathedral

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Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral is situated in the centre of Cork City. Designed by William Burges and consecrated in 1870, the Cathedral lies on a site where Christian worship has been offered since the seventh century. Tour guides are on hand to provide visitors with a tailor-made tour of the cathedral. Whatever time or information you need, we will do our best to meet your timetable and knowledge needs. Visitors can savour the beauty and historic significance of the Cathedral's architecture and witness its current life of worship and service.

Enter via Proby's Quay or Bishop Street. T: +353 (0)21 4963387

W: <http://stfinbarres.wordpress.com> E: cathedral@cork.anglican.org

Opening hours

Summer Opening Times

April (Low Sunday)-30th November
Mon-Sat 9:30-17:30
Sun 12:30 - 17:00

Admission Cost

Adult €4.00
(Under 18/Student with I.D. €2.00)

Winter Opening Times

1 Nov-April (Low Sunday)
Mon-Sat 10:00-12:45, 14:00-17:00
Open Bank Holidays
Please check website or contact the Cathedral Office in advance

University College Cork

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UCC Visitors' Centre located in the centre of UCC Historic Quadrangle was established in 2005. Since that date the centre provides historical tours of the University on a daily basis. A tour of UCC incorporates a visit to the historic Aula Maxima, the Ogam Stones Collection (the largest public collection in Ireland) a visit to the Honan Chapel where visitors can see the beautiful Mosaic floor and the renowned Harry Clarke stained glass windows. The tour also involves a visit to the University gardens and culminates with a visit to the Crawford Observatory which contains some of the oldest telescopes in Ireland.

For more information we can be contacted at T: +353 (0)21 4901876 or by email at visitorscentre@ucc.ie

Opening hours

Public tours run from May to October at 3pm every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and commence from the Visitors' Centre.

Admission Cost

Tours are free for children. €4 for adults and the group rate (25 people max) is €50.

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Welcome to CORK CITY

Cork City, recently listed as one of the Top 10 places in the world to visit by the Lonely Planet has hundreds of wonderful things to see and do for those visiting the city. Stroll along the banks of the River Lee, sip coffee at a street-side cafe, and sample the multitude of culinary delights on offer in the city's restaurants, cafes and markets. Or why not take time to enjoy some of the city's wonderful permanent attractions that are featured in this booklet.

Marvel at the wonders on view at the Blackrock Observatory, children can unleash their imaginations at the Lifetime Lab or simply relax in the beautiful setting of Fitzgerald Park. Most of all make sure you give yourself plenty of time to enjoy the many wonderful things to see and do in this vibrant city.

This booklet provides an overview of the Top 10 permanent attractions in Cork City. We hope that you will have the time to enjoy each of them.

Blackrock Castle

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Blackrock Castle was originally built on the Lee in 1582 by the citizens of Cork as a watch tower and fort to guard the river entrance against pirates and other invaders. Now in an exciting collaboration between Cork City Council & the Cork Institute of Technology, Blackrock Castle Observatory, the Space for Science, is home to Cosmos at the Castle, an international award-winning interactive astronomy exhibit, BCO Research Labs and a dynamic programme of science and space science events. Visitors enjoy local and Italian dishes at the Castle Bar and Trattoria in the fine surrounds of our riverside courtyard.

Blackrock Castle, Blackrock, Cork, Ireland
E-mail: info@bco.ie website: www.bco.ie

Opening hours

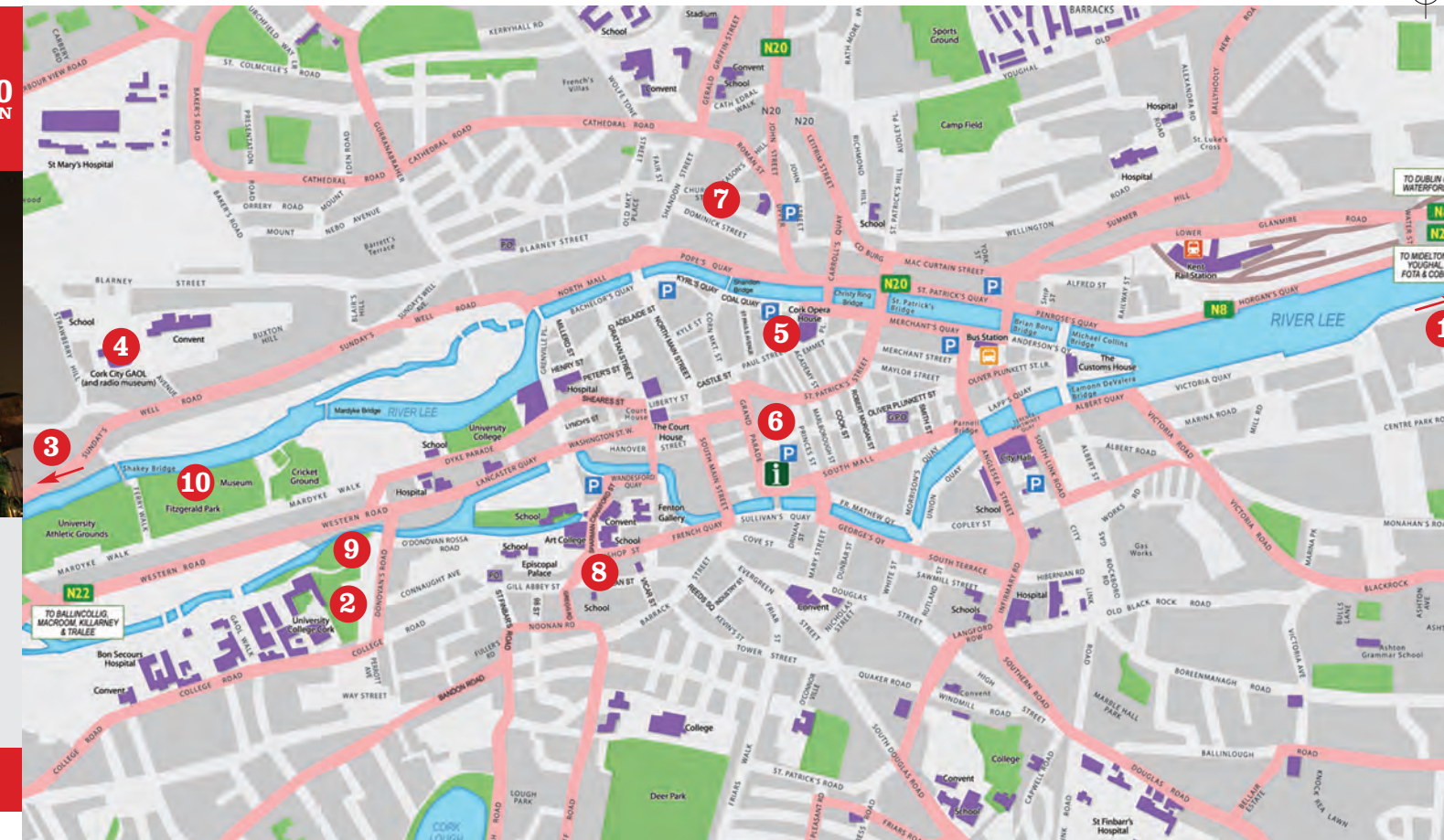
Monday to Friday: 11am-5pm
Weekends: 11am-5pm
(including Bank Holidays)

Please note last admission is 4pm
Closed Easter Sunday

Admission Cost

Adults: €6
Students, Seniors and Children
(8-14 years): €4
Family (2 Adults, 2 Children): €16

Children under 8 are free
Admission is free for members.



- 1: Blackrock Castle, Blackrock.
- 2: University College Cork, College Road.
- 3: Lifetime Lab, Lee Road.
- 4: Cork City Gaol, Convent Avenue.
- 5: Crawford Art Gallery, Emmett Place.
- 6: The English Market, Grand Parade.
- 7: Shandon Church and Butter Exchange, John Redmond St.
- 8: St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, 10 Dean Street.
- 9: Lewis Glucksman Gallery, University College Cork
- 10: Fitzgerald's Park and Cork Museum, Mardyke Walk

Cork City Gaol

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Located 2k N/W from Patrick Street, Cork City Gaol is open daily throughout the year and suitable for all ages & nationalities (Tours in 13 languages). With castle-like exterior, this restored prison is furnished with lifesize wax figures, fascinating sound effects & exhibitions telling the social history & contrasting lifestyles of 19th c Cork and why some people turned to crime. Wandering through the atmospheric cell wings visitors get a great insight into daily prison life at a time when high walls ensured no escape and denied law-abiding citizens the opportunity to see one of the finest examples of Ireland's architectural heritage.

Cork City Gaol, Convent Avenue, Sunday's Well, Cork City. (2km N/W of Patrick's St.)
T: +353 (0)21 4305022 E: corkgaol@indigo.ie W: www.corkcitygaol.com

Opening hours

March-October: 09.30am - 5.00pm
Nov-February: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Admission Cost

Adults €7.00
Concessions
Student over 17 yrs with card €6.00
OAP €6.00
Child/second level student €4.00
Family Ticket €20.00
(2 adults and up to 4 children)

Cork Public Museum & Fitzgeralds Park

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Come and explore Cork City and County's rich and diverse heritage at Cork Public Museum situated within walking distance of the city centre in the beautiful and tranquil setting of Fitzgerald Park. Marvel at archaeological exhibits like the Garryduff Gold Bird or the Cork Horns and learn how the beginning of human settlement in County Cork can be traced back over 7,000 years. Explore the industrial, social and political histories that have made Cork what it is today. Along side Michael Collin's memorabilia and Roy Keane's jersey, you will also see how many Cork men and women played their parts in some of the most important national and international events in world history.

Cork Public Museum Fitzgerald Park, Mardyke, Cork City
Telephone: T: +353 (0)21 4270679

Opening hours

Mon to Fri 11.00am - 1.00pm and
2.15pm to 5.00pm
Saturday 11.00am - 1.00pm and
2.15pm to 4.00pm
Sunday 3.00pm to 5.00pm
(April to September)

Admission Cost

Admission is Free

Crawford Art Gallery

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Crawford Gallery was recently designated a National Cultural Institution and is housed in one of the most historic buildings in Cork City. Originally built in 1724, the building was transformed into an art museum in the late 19th century, while a dramatic new gallery extension was added in the year 2000. The gallery's collection includes masterpieces by James Barry, Jack B. Yeats, Mainie Jellet, Louis Le Brocqy and Dorothy Cross. Contemporary Irish and twentieth century art is strongly represented with an exciting international exhibition programme. The gallery offers free tours on Saturdays at 14:30 and Thursdays at 18:30. With its popular Ballymaloe café and gallery bookshop, the Crawford has a unique ambience that attracts 200,000 visitors each year.

Crawford Art Gallery, Emmet Place, Cork T: +353 (0)21 4805042
E: info@crawfordartgallery.ie W: www.crawfordartgallery.ie

Opening hours

Monday - Saturday, 10.00 - 17.00.
(Last entrance 16.45.)
Late opening Thursday, until 20.00.
(Last entrance 19.45.)
Closed Sunday.

Admission Cost

Admission is Free

The English Market

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It is one of the oldest of its kind. Trading as a market since 1788, it pre-dates most of the other markets like it. Indeed, Barcelona's famous Boqueria market did not start until 80 years after The English Market first started to serve the people of Cork. It has survived the Famine, revolutions, wars, fire and economic decline. The Market has adapted down through the years and now offers a larger range of produce than it did in times past. The market has retained its unique character and you can still buy many of the Cork delicacies such as Spiced Beef and Skirts and Kidneys.

Entrance via Grand Parade

Opening hours

The market is open from Mon - Sat each week and is closed on Sun, it is also closed on public holidays, however this is not always the case. The market is generally open to the public from 8 am until 6pm each day. Some stalls may open later and close early.

Admission Cost

Free