



Blarney Castle

Apart from the myriad of historical and cultural attractions within the city itself, Cork offers a rich array of must-see scenic delights, famous castles, historical landmarks and quaint villages: all a mere 10-30 minutes drive away. Kiss the stone at Blarney Castle, visit the busy market town of Midleton where the world famous Jameson whiskey is produced, take a day trip to the picturesque town of Cobh, with its magnificent cathedral and heritage centre or wander around the narrow streets of Kinsale, the 'Gourmet Capital of Ireland'. Transport services, including day tours, are available from the tourist office.



Cobh Harbour

Some attractions outside of Cork city:

- Ballymaloe Gardens & Cookery School
- Blarney Castle & Blarney Woollen Mills
- Charles Fort, Kinsale
- Cobh Heritage Centre
- Fota House & Gardens
- Fota Wildlife Park
- Jameson Distillery, Midleton



Kinsale

Planning a conference or event? Cork Convention Bureau is here to help

Cork is the perfect destination for hosting conferences and events offering over 27 hotels with conference facilities, along with unique venues for meetings and evening events. Our role at the Cork Convention Bureau is to assist conference and event organisers with

impartial advice on what Cork can offer as a destination at no cost to you. For further information please email: info@corkconventionbureau.com or visit our website at www.corkconventionbureau.com



Getting there and around

Cork is just 8 kms from Cork International Airport. It has strong connectivity within Ireland and from Great Britain and Mainland Europe. Regular bus and taxi services connect Cork Airport to the city centre. One can easily walk around this compact and pedestrian friendly city.

To get an overview, hop on and off at the various attractions along the route of the city tour bus. As well as walking tours, there are also tours of the harbour from the city centre.



Useful Links

- Cork city** www.discoverireland.ie/cork
- Cork Convention Bureau** www.corkconventionbureau.com
- Cork Marketing Partnership** www.cometocork.com
- Hotels** www.irelandhotels.com

- Skylink (Cork Airport Express)** www.skylinkcork.com
- Cork Airport** www.corkairport.com
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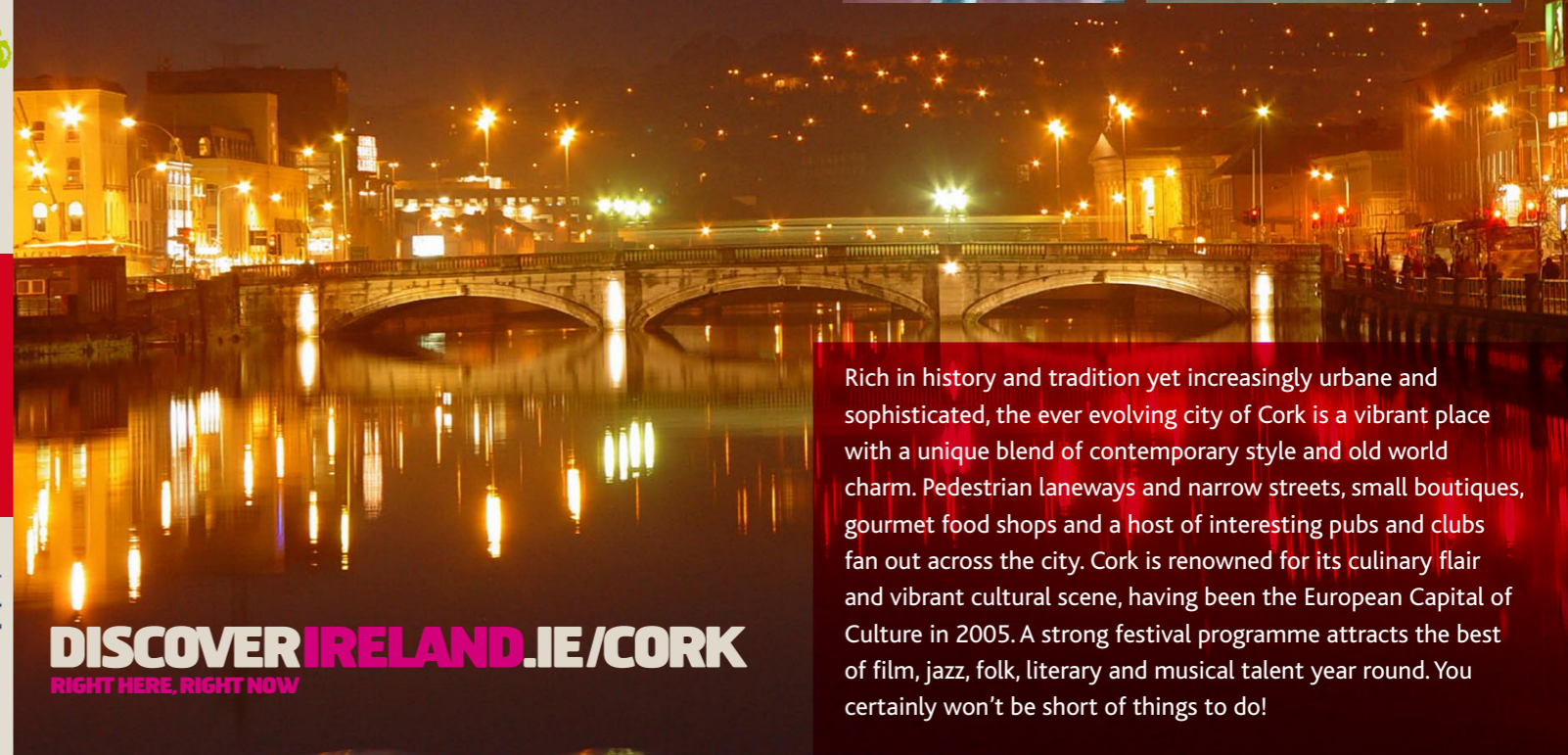
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Discover Cork



Rich in history and tradition yet increasingly urbane and sophisticated, the ever evolving city of Cork is a vibrant place with a unique blend of contemporary style and old world charm. Pedestrian laneways and narrow streets, small boutiques, gourmet food shops and a host of interesting pubs and clubs fan out across the city. Cork is renowned for its culinary flair and vibrant cultural scene, having been the European Capital of Culture in 2005. A strong festival programme attracts the best of film, jazz, folk, literary and musical talent year round. You certainly won't be short of things to do!

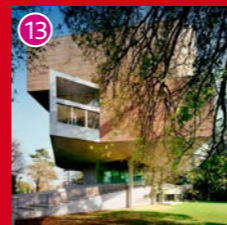
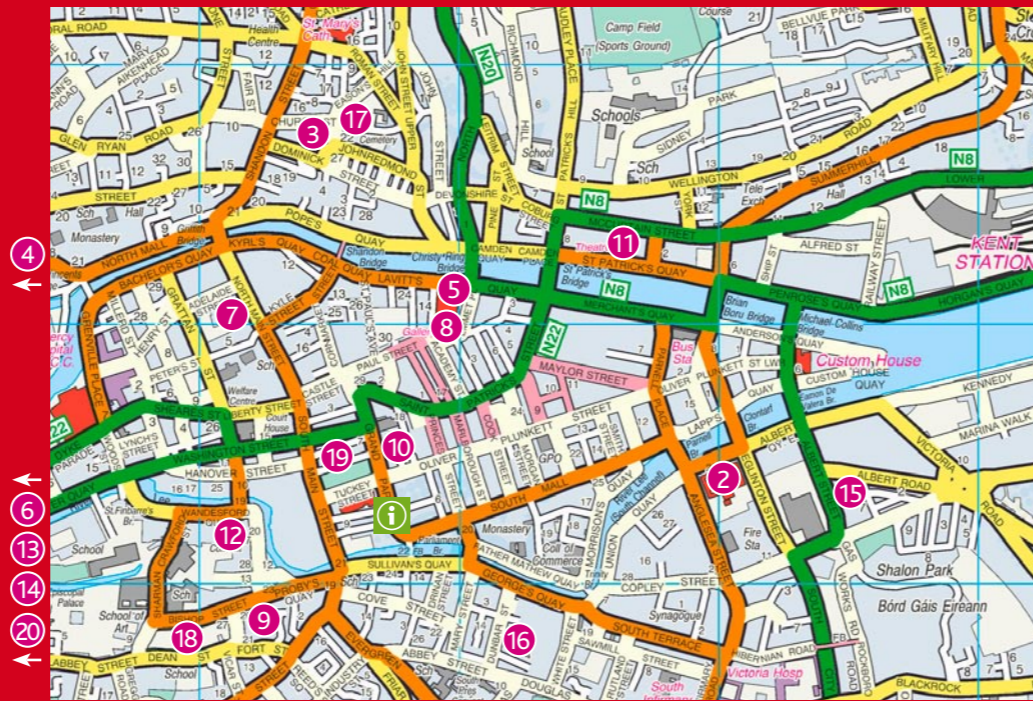
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As Cork is surrounded by water, the area is awash with activities such as cruising, whale watching and sailing. If the pastime of people watching appeals, a host of waterfront cafés and bars afford the perfect vantage point. And should you be in the mood for a little pampering, most hotels offer revitalising spa and beauty treatments or perhaps you'd prefer to tee off at one of the famous parkland or links golf courses in the area.



VISITOR ATTRACTIONS



1. Blackrock Castle Observatory
2. City Hall
3. Cork Butter Museum
4. Cork City Gaol
5. Cork Opera House
6. Cork Public Museum
7. Cork Vision Centre
8. Crawford Art Gallery
9. Elizabeth Fort
10. English Market
11. Everyman Palace Theatre
12. Fenton Gallery
13. Lewis Glucksman Gallery
14. Lifetime Lab
15. National Sculpture Factory
16. Red Abbey
17. Shandon Church & Bells
18. St. Fin Barre's Cathedral
19. Triskel Arts Centre
20. University College Cork



After dark, the range of attractions in Cork never dims. Greyhound racing, a night of theatre, a relaxed dinner in one of the city's superb restaurants followed by a traditional music session are just some of the options on offer to make the perfect end to your perfect day.

