

## DUBLIN TOURISM ATTRACTIONS

**Malahide Castle, Malahide, Co Dublin**  
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### **Opening hours:**

**All Year: Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm**  
**(April – September) Sunday & Public Holidays 10am – 5pm**  
**(October – March) Sunday & Public Holidays 11am – 5pm**

Set on 250 acres of parkland in the pretty seaside town of Malahide, the Castle was both a fortress and a private home for nearly eight hundred years, and is an interesting mix of architectural styles. The Talbot family lived here from 1185 to 1973, when the last Lord Talbot died.

The Castle is furnished with beautiful period furniture together with an extensive collection of Irish portrait paintings, mainly from the National Gallery of Ireland. The history of the Talbot family is recorded in the Great Hall, with portraits of generations of the family telling their own story of Ireland's stormy history. One of the more poignant legends concerns the morning of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, when fourteen members of the family breakfasted together in this room, never to return, as all were dead by the end of the battle.

A major feature of Malahide Castle Demesne is the beautiful Talbot Botanic Gardens. The gardens, as they exist today, were largely created by Lord Milo Talbot between 1948 and 1973. They cover an area of between 7ha and 8ha of shrubbery and 1.5ha of walled gardens.

**Fry Model Railway, Malahide Castle Demesne, Malahide, Co Dublin**  
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### **Opening hours:**

**April – September**  
**Tuesday– Saturday 10am – 5pm, Closed 1pm – 2pm**  
**Sunday 1pm – 5pm**

### **Closed on Mondays including Public Holidays**

The Fry Model Railway is a unique collection of handmade models of Irish trains, from the beginning of rail travel to modern times. One of the world's largest miniature railways, the exhibition in that it is a working railway covering an area 2,500 sq.ft.

Situated in the beautiful grounds surrounding Malahide Castle, this delightful collection is a treat for railway enthusiasts, children and adults alike. The beautifully engineered models are from a collection originally built up in the

1920's and 1930's by Cyril Fry, a railway engineer and draughtsman, with each piece assembled with the finest attention to detail.

Irish and international exhibits from the earliest railway developments are run on a Grand Transport Complex which includes stations, bridges, trams, buses, barges and even the river Liffey... pick out the models of Cork and Heuston Stations, O'Connell Bridge and other Dublin landmarks, perfectly constructed in miniature.

**Dublin Writers Museum, 18 Parnell Square, Dublin 1**

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**Opening hours:**

**January – December, Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm**

**Sunday & Public Holidays 11am – 5pm**

The Irish literary tradition is one of the most illustrious in the world, famous for four Nobel prize winners and for many other writers of international renown. In 1991 the Dublin Writers Museum was opened to house a history and celebration of literary Dublin.

Situated in a magnificent eighteenth century mansion in the north city centre, the collection features the lives and works of Dublin's literary celebrities over the past three hundred years. Swift and Sheridan, Shaw and Wilde, Yeats, Joyce and Beckett are among those presented through their books, letters, portraits and personal items.

The splendidly restored Georgian house is a pleasure in itself with its sumptuous plasterwork and decorative stained glass windows. The museum holds exhibitions, readings and lunchtime performances and has a special room devoted to children's literature, while our modern lecture rooms meet the demands of the conference planner. Dublin is famous as a city of writers and literature, and the Dublin Writers Museum is an essential visit for anyone who wants to discover, explore or simply enjoy Dublin's immense literary heritage.

**The Shaw Birthplace, 33 Synge Street, Dublin 8**

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**Opening hours:**

**June, July & August, Tuesday – Friday 10am – 5pm, closed 1pm – 2pm.**

**Saturday, 2pm – 5pm**

**Closed Sunday & Monday**

**Closed September – May to the public**

**Can be opened for special groups**

'Author of many plays' is the simple accolade to George Bernard Shaw on the plaque outside his birthplace. His Victorian home and early life mirrors this simplicity.

The first home of the Shaw family and the renowned playwright at 33 Synge Street has been restored to its Victorian elegance and charm, and has the appearance that the family has just gone out for the afternoon. The neat terraced house is as much a celebration of Victorian Dublin domestic life as of the

early years of one of Dublin's Nobel prize-winners for literature: full of the nostalgia and the atmosphere of another time.

It was in this house, opened to the public in 1993, that Shaw began to gather the store of characters that would later populate his books, from the drawing-room where Mrs Shaw held many musical evenings, to the front parlour and children's bedrooms. This charming residence is a wonderful insight into the everyday life of Victorian Dublin, and a pleasure to all who visit.

**The James Joyce Museum, Joyce Tower, Sandycove, Co Dublin**

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**Opening hours:**

**April - August, Tuesday – Saturday 10 am -1 pm & 2pm – 5pm**

**Sundays 2pm – 6pm**

**Closed on Monday including public holidays**

**Other months by arrangement**

The Joyce Tower is one of a series of Martello Towers build to withstand an invasion by Napoleon, and now holds a museum devoted to the life and works of James Joyce, who made the tower the setting for the first chapter of his masterpiece, Ulysses.

Beautifully located eight miles south of Dublin on the coast road, this tower is the perfect setting for a museum dedicated to Joyce, a writer of international renown who remains, world-wide, the writer most associated with Dublin.

Joyce's brief stay here inspired the opening of his great novel Ulysses, whose first chapter is set in this very tower. The gun platform with its panoramic view, and the living room inside the tower, are much as he described them in his book. Ulysses is a giant work of the imagination, both epic and hilarious, which immortalised Dublin and established Joyce as one of the greatest writers of the age.

Joyce's relationship with Ireland and the church and his unrelenting dedication to his art make his own life as enthralling as his books. The museum's collection includes letters, photographs, first and rare editions and personal possessions of Joyce, as well as items associated with the Dublin of Ulysses.