

DUBLIN AND THE EAST

COUNTY DUBLIN

From above Killakee on the northern slopes of the Dublin Mountains is a wonderful view of both city and county. You can see to the northeast the majestic sweep of Dublin Bay, the beautiful peninsula of Howth Head, and to the south of the bay, South Killiney Head. The city stretches across the plain, divided by the River Liffey. The large green patch in the northwest, some 116 hectares, is Phoenix Park, one of Europe's finest city parks.

The country north of Howth has long sandy beaches and fishing villages, which, in spite of their proximity to the city, retain their character and charm, as well as a wealth of archeological sites. Howth's castle dates from 1464 but has been altered over the centuries. The gardens, open to the public, are famous for their rhododendrons and eighteenth-century formal garden. Malahide Castle belonged to the Talbot family from 1195 to 1976 when the property was sold to the Dublin County Council. It now houses a large part of the National Portrait Collection.

To the south of the Liffey, Blackrock and Dalkey retain their village identity, and the popular Victorian holiday resort of Dun Laoghaire is one of the main sea-gateways to Ireland.

The city of Dublin is beautifully situated, and the people have a friendliness and wit that captivates most visitors. Relatively speaking, it is a small and compact city. The city center, stretching between Parnell Square and St. Stephen's Green north to south, and Dublin Bay and Phoenix Park east to west, can be covered easily by foot. Most points of interest in the city lie between these boundaries. Like most European capitals, there is so much to see in the city that it would take weeks to do it full justice, taking in not only the principal sites of churches, museums, and galleries, but also taking the time to browse and absorb the atmosphere, people, shops, theatres, and pubs as well. Amongst the sights at the top of the list to visit are the National Museum, the National Gallery, and the Municipal Gallery. St. Patrick's Cathedral, dating from 1190; Christchurch Cathedral, restored in the nineteenth century; St. Michan's, where intact bodies still lie in vaults; the fine eighteenth-century church of St. Anne's;

and St. Werburgh's Church are among the most noteworthy churches to visit.

Dublin Castle, with its beautifully decorated State Apartments, was used by the British for state functions, and since 1938, it has been the scene of the inauguration of the Presidents of Ireland. The General Post Office on O'Connell Street is where the Free Republic was proclaimed in 1916. The Custom House is one of the most impressive buildings in Dublin. Parliament House, now the Bank of Ireland, was built in 1785 by James Gandon, Dublin's most famous architect. The Book of Kells is kept in the Library of Trinity College, a restful spot away from the bustle of the city.

DUBLIN

Aberdeen Lodge

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Aberdeen Lodge is a substantial, brick-built Edwardian house in an elegant residential area, easily accessible both to the center of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire. Considerable renovation work has been done here over the years and a lot of the original features have been saved, such as the ceiling work and fireplaces. The décor is elegant and tasteful, and it is nicely furnished. The drawing room and dining room are comfortable, pleasant rooms, and a "drawing room" menu is available offering light snacks and wines to residents in the afternoons and evenings. Other amenities include air conditioning and Internet access. The house has a large peaceful garden, beyond which is the cricket ground. Central Dublin can be reached in a few minutes on the DART railway.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 7 double, 6 twin, 3 triple, 2 family; all en suite

TERMS: from €69; single supplement; child reduction

MEALS: drawing room menu from €10

Adare

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This charming red brick Victorian house is the recipient of the Royal Dublin Society Award, situated in one of Dublin's most prestigious areas, and is close to universities and the Lansdowne Road rugby stadium.

It is a beautifully maintained immaculate property, with several original features, including wood floors and stained glass doors. The luxurious accommodations are spacious and have en suite facilities. There are three rooms, one of which is a family room equipped with a double and two single beds.

The house is traditionally furnished, in keeping with its character, and has a pleasant, informal ambience. Guests are well taken care of and will enjoy a tasty breakfast served on fine china, with a selection of starters, followed by a choice of continental or cooked food.

Catherine Foy is a very congenial lady, happy to advise guests on what to see and do in the area and offers suggestions of local restaurants for evening meals. Herbert Park is nearby, which has an array of unusual plants and public tennis courts. Private parking.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 3 double/family/twin; all en suite

TERMS: from €40; single supplement; child reduction

Almara Bed & Breakfast

Alan and Maria Fanning

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Almara is a family run, award winning bed and breakfast. It stands on a corner lot in a quiet area of Dublin, halfway between the airport and Dublin City. The bus stop is a few feet away.

This is an elegant, beautifully maintained property, offering a high standard of accommodation. Guests will appreciate the warm welcome extended by the inviting owners, Alan and Maria Fanning.

The bedrooms have crisp cotton sheets, quality bed covers, and

comfortable beds. Five are en suite, the standard rooms share three bathrooms, and all have quality fittings and toiletries. A twin/double is on the ground floor. There are two well-furnished lounges with a TV, where guests can help themselves to tea and filtered water.

Maria and Alan were former 5-star hotel managers and brought their expertise to Almara. Their aim is to make certain guests are well taken care of and have everything necessary to ensure a comfortable and relaxing stay.

A freshly prepared tasty breakfast, which includes a choice of starters, is served in the bright dining room overlooking the garden. Safe and secure parking.

OPEN: closed for Christmas

ROOMS: 11 rooms; 7 en suite

TERMS: from €48; single supplement; child reduction

Annagh House

John and Delia Devlin

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Annagh House is a traditional Victorian house, with views of the bay and colorful flowering window boxes in summer. Refurbished to a high standard, it has all the modern comforts but retains the ambience of a bygone era. There are some interesting features, including stained glass, a beautiful marble fireplace with an inlaid tulip design, and an eighteen-century photo found in the attic of H. Hubert, a music hall writer.

John and Delia Devlin enjoy chatting to guests and extend a true Irish welcome. Delia is interested in genealogy and is happy to assist guests interested in tracing their family tree. Guests who like to walk and enjoy outside activities will be happy with the close proximity of the beach and Dollymount Park.

Off-season breaks are on offer and there are discounts for long stays. Annagh House is 5 kilometers from Dublin city and frequent buses stop by the front door. It is within easy driving distance of the airport, Point Depot, Ferry Port, golf, pubs, and restaurants.

OPEN: January 1-December 23

ROOMS: 3 double/twin/triple; all en suite

TERMS: from €36; single supplement; child reduction

Egan's House

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Egan's House is an attractive, red brick, turn of the century house, which started out as two separate houses, tastefully converted to provide comfortable accommodation. Extensive renovations have been undertaken, and the house is in excellent decorative order, well furnished, and comfortable.

The elegant dining room has original cornices and a marble fireplace. Drinks can be obtained from reception. The bedrooms have good-sized modern bathrooms, quality furnishings, and are individually decorated in soft shades and rich colors of blue, grey green, and wine.

There are twelve ground floor bedrooms and all are well appointed. There are over 100 videos for guests to select. Two lounges provide comfortable areas in which to relax, are furnished in keeping with the character of the house, and have rich green velvet curtains. The house is situated on a quiet residential street 1.6 kilometers from the city center, and the bus stop is a few minutes walk away. Guests who have a car would be well advised to leave it behind and take the bus.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 32 double/twin/family; all en suite

TERMS: from €29; seasonal rates apply

Glenogra Guesthouse

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Glenogra is a beautifully appointed Georgian residence in an excellent location, close to the city center, DART, and all amenities. The

house has been furnished to a high standard of comfort in pleasing fabrics and colors. The bedrooms are a good size, and the dining room, where breakfast is served, is quite ornate with pillars, a decorative ceiling, and a fireplace. Peter Donohoe offers all the facilities of a hotel, combined with the warmth and personal service of a private residence. Glenogra is opposite the Four Seasons Hotel in Ballsbridge. There is off-street parking.



OPEN: January 10-December 22

ROOMS: 8 double, 1 single, 1 family; all en suite

TERMS: from €59.50; single supplement; child reduction

Glenveagh

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Glenveagh is an impressive Victorian house in one of Dublin's most prestigious areas. It retains many original features such as beautiful cornices and a ceiling rose. There are antique furnishings, including a grandfather clock in the hallway. The elegant bedrooms are well appointed, decorated, and furnished to a high standard, providing all the comforts of a first-class hotel in an inviting atmosphere.

Glenveagh is spacious, beautifully maintained, and extremely comfortable, retaining the friendliness of a private home. Little wonder the Cunninghams are recipients of so many awards.

Joe and Bernadette are a gracious couple who enjoy welcoming people to Dublin and are happy to offer advice on what to see and do.

Freshly prepared breakfasts are presented on fine china in the charming dining room. The lounge has soft furnishings and a fireplace. Children are welcome, baby-sitting can be arranged, and laundry facilities are available on request.

There is an excellent bus service to town, and the house is minutes

from the DART station. There are several venues within walking distance for evening meals. Private parking.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 11 double/twin/family; all en suite

TERMS: from €55; single supplement; child reduction

Griffith House

Gene and Ou Maguire

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Griffith House, a red brick, turn of the century house, stands on the corner of one of Europe's most beautiful and longest tree-lined drives. Gene and Ou Maguire have been in business since 1992 and work hard as a team to maintain their high standards. The good-sized bedrooms are charmingly decorated with soft pastels and rich colors.

Ou, a bright and cheerful lady, is from Thailand, and there are many items from her country that can be seen around the house. There is an elegant lounge, which has a fireplace and beautiful drapes of swags and tails, made by a friend. Breakfasts are served on white linen tablecloths in the tastefully furnished dining room. This is a warm and welcoming place to stay and a popular choice too. Early reservations are recommended. Private parking gives guests the opportunity to take the bus to town, which runs every seven minutes.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 4 double/twin/single; 2 en suite

TERMS: from €35; single supplement; child reduction

Harrington Hall

McGill Family

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A family owned and run establishment, Harrington Hall has been

magnificently restored and renovated. The splendors of the Georgian architecture and details have been saved, and it offers guests a comfortable, peaceful retreat with every modern amenity in the heart of Dublin. Facilities include private parking, a full bar service, elevator, and access to the Internet.

St. Stephen's Green is just round the corner, and most of Dublin's famous sites are nearby.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 28 double/twin/family; all en suite

TERMS: from €93.75

Iona House

Jack and Karen Shouldice

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This attractive red brick residence, built at the turn of the nineteenth century, is situated in one of Dublin's Victorian quarters. Jack and Karen Shouldice bought the property in 1963 and offer comfortable accommodation. Décor and furnishings are rich and tasteful, and several original features remain, such as attractive covings, a ceiling rose, and marble fireplace. Fine prints adorn the walls, and the spacious lounge, decorated predominantly in green, is available to guests as is a patio.

Bathrooms are of a good size and well appointed. Breakfast is served in the dining room, which has booth-style tables. There are several venues for evening meals within walking distance. The house is well located for the airport and convenient for the city center.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 4 double, 4 twin, 2 single; all en suite

TERMS: from €45; single supplement; child reduction

Joyville

Roma and John Gibbons

24 St. Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, Co. Dublin

Tel: 01 830 3221

Roma Gibbons is a delightful, kindly lady who extends a warm welcome to her immaculate red brick Victorian home, situated opposite St. Alphonsus Convent and Church.

The bedrooms are average in size with orthopedic beds. There are no en-suite rooms, but there are two shower rooms, two toilets, and the bedrooms have washbasins. The lounge has a TV and an original marble fireplace, which guests are welcome to share with Roma and John. Roma enjoys meeting people and is happy to recommend restaurants for evening meals. Joyville is a popular B&B and good value accommodation. Advance reservations are recommended. Limited street parking. There is a good bus service and guests would be well advised to take the bus to the center to avoid parking problems.

OPEN: February 1-November 30

ROOMS: 4 double/twin

TERMS: from €34; single supplement; child reduction

Kincora Lodge

Caroline and Paul Connolly

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Caroline and Paul Connolly extend a warm welcome to their immaculate red brick townhouse close to the city, airport, and ferry. The spacious rooms have new modern furnishings, comfortable beds and colorful bed covers, and coordinated fabrics.

Although convenient to most amenities, this is a quiet location, and guests will be comfortable and well taken care of. Excellent breakfasts are served, and there are several venues for evening meals close by. Golf courses and the beach are within walking distance. Guests arriving by car would be advised to leave their car at the house and take the bus to the city center.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 3 double/twin/family; all en suite

TERMS: from €37.50; single supplement; child reduction

Merrion Hall

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This substantial Victorian brick-built house is set back off the main road, opposite the Royal Dublin Showground (RDS) in the heart of Ballsbridge, an elegant Dublin suburb. Expansion into the adjoining building and further renovation work has turned this establishment into one offering top quality, comfortable accommodation. The building has been elegantly furnished and amenities include air conditioning, an elevator, and Internet access. A light drawing room menu is offered throughout the day and evening as well as a selection of wines. Off-street parking is available.

The center of Dublin is easily reached by DART railway or the regular bus service.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 14 double, 8 twin, 4 triple, 4 family; all en suite

TERMS: from €79; single supplement; child reduction

Trinity Lodge

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Trinity Lodge is probably one of the most centrally located guesthouses in Dublin, almost next door to Trinity College and surrounded by shops, restaurants, cafés, and pubs. A Georgian townhouse, it has been interestingly renovated and decorated in the original strong, bright, old Irish colors to match the colors of the paintings by the artist Knuttel (who lives close by). The walls are lined with prints of his work. The house is elegantly furnished and beautifully equipped. The bedrooms have safes and air conditioning. Some rooms are located across the street. Recently opened is Trinity Lodge's bistro—George's Wine Bar, which is open for lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday. Although the establishment does not have its own parking, the staff will make sure parking is available.



OPEN: closed for Christmas

ROOMS: 8 double, 6 twin, 2 single; all en suite

TERMS: from €90; child reduction

Waterloo House

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Waterloo House is situated on a tree-lined avenue. It combines two refurbished Georgian houses in the prestigious Ballsbridge district. It is tastefully furnished in keeping with the character of the house and decorated to a very high standard. An elegant lounge and conservatory overlook the garden. The bedrooms are large, comfortable, and well-appointed, and some are equipped with bath and shower. There is an extensive breakfast menu served in the dining room overlooking the conservatory and gardens. Evelyn Corcoran is very welcoming and helpful, and the house is immaculately kept. An added bonus is the lift, and there is safe parking.

OPEN: closed for Christmas

ROOMS: 14 double, 3 twin, 2 single, 2 family; all en suite

TERMS: from €49; single supplement; child reduction

Willow House

Bernadette Flynn

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This pleasant turn of the century house is well located for the airport, city center, and most amenities. The rooms are bright and cheery, with a soft pastel décor, and have comfortable beds. Recently refurbished to a high standard, Willow House offers quality accommodation. A well-furnished sitting room is available for guests, and there is private parking. A substantial breakfast is served with brown and soda bread. There is an interesting plate collection in the kitchen.

It is advisable to take the bus into the center.

OPEN: January 15-December 20

ROOMS: 4 double/twin/family; all en suite

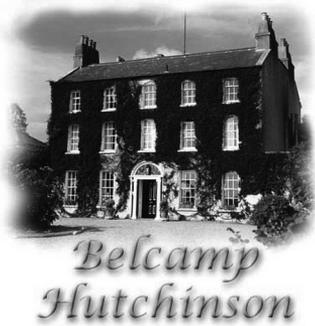
TERMS: from €33; single supplement; child reduction

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Belcamp Hutchinson

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This superb, ivy-clad Georgian house, hidden away down a narrow lane off the main Malahide road, is named after Francis Hely-Hutchinson, third Earl of Dunoughmore. Renovated with the utmost care, the house has preserved its features and elegance, whilst introducing the best of modern comforts. It stands in seven hectares of fields and gardens, including a walled garden and maze.



The house is superbly furnished and extremely comfortable and has an easygoing, relaxed atmosphere. Presided over by Doreen Gleeson, a welcoming and helpful host, she makes sure her guests are well taken care of. Each spacious bedroom has been decorated with a different color scheme. Copious breakfasts are served at the enormous table in the elegant dining room, and the large, long drawing room has an honesty bar. The attractive, little seaside village of Malahide is close by, Dublin can easily be reached by bus, and it is only a few minutes' drive to the airport.

Belcamp Hutchinson is a peaceful and relaxing place to stay, on arrival or departure from Ireland or as a base for visiting Dublin.

OPEN: February 1-December 20
ROOMS: 8 double, 3 twin, 1 single; all en suite
TERMS: €75

DUN LOIGHAIRE

Lynden Town House

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You feel welcome the minute you step through the door of this 160-year-old terraced house on a quiet residential street very close to the center of town. Maria Gavin is a bubbly, cheerful host who has owned and run, together with husband Stephen, this B&B for the last 27 years.

The bedrooms are simple and comfortable, and there is a lounge and breakfast room. Early breakfasts can be arranged, and there is off-street parking in the garden. Both the DART station and ferry port are a few minutes walk away.

OPEN: all year

ROOMS: 3 double/twin en suite; 1 twin and 1 single with shared bathroom

TERMS: from €35; single supplement; child reduction

HOWTH

King Sitric

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At the extreme eastern end of Howth stands the King Sitric Restaurant, a gaily painted, modest building with nothing to obstruct 90-



degree views from its windows to the harbor, the southern cliffs, and out across the Irish Sea. Originally, the old Harbor Master's house, the MacManuses have owned King Sitric since 1971 and built up a reputation as a first-class fish restaurant. Nine years ago, they virtually rebuilt the whole premises, creating eight very comfortable bedrooms. Each one has a sea view and are named after lighthouses. The cleverly designed first-floor restaurant ensures that every table can enjoy the view, and an atmospheric bar on the ground floor incorporates the cellar, which is stocked with a superb selection of wines of which Aidan and Joan are justifiably proud.

Apart from its proximity to the center of Dublin and the airport, Howth is a delightful place to visit, with its fishing harbor, marina, cliff walks, and golf courses.

OPEN: closed for Christmas

ROOMS: 8 double/twin; all en suite

TERMS: from €75; single supplement; child reduction

MEALS: dinner à la carte

KILLINEY

Druid Lodge

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Built in 1832, this delightful family home stands in an old-fashioned garden, complete with a “folly” tower, and has beautiful views over Killiney Bay. The main rooms have lovely carved pine door surrounds, painstakingly stripped by the owners, as was the staircase. The McClenaghans have lived here for 28 years and brought up six children. The two front bedrooms are enormous, with two or three beds apiece, and they have cleverly hidden, small en suite bathrooms, which in no way detract from the original shape of the rooms. Smaller rooms on the ground floor do not have sea views but are comfortable. Guests eat breakfast at one large table in the dining room, and there is a lovely, comfortable drawing room. It is a ten-minute walk from the DART station, with trains running every 15 minutes into central Dublin.

DIRECTIONS: Killiney Hill Road is above the center of Killiney and Druid Lodge is located between Druid’s Chair Pub and Killiney Avenue.

OPEN: closed for Christmas

ROOMS: 2 double, 2 family; all en suite

TERMS: from €45

PORTMARNOCK

South Lodge B&B

Pat and Colin Burton

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This very attractive, compact brick building stands just inside an impressive gateway right next to the golf course, beyond which is the sea. It has been the family home of Pat and Colin Burton for the last 30 years or so, and just eight years ago they started a bed and breakfast business. To offer the best accommodation possible they cleverly redesigned the house, creating a small wing for themselves and rebuilding the first floor, which now provides four charming bedrooms. They are spacious, furnished, and decorated with simplicity and have beamed pitched, atticlike ceilings, and some overlook the golf course. There is a sitting area in the breakfast room, which has views of the golf course beyond the small attractive garden. The patio in front of the house is a nice place to enjoy fine weather. South Lodge, built in 1873, was a gate lodge to the James family home, of distiller fame, now the Portmarnock Links Hotel. This fabulous location for the golf lover has great access to Dublin (bus stop just outside) and the airport, and the lovely sandy beach of Portmarnock is a few minutes away.

OPEN: closed for Christmas

ROOMS: 1 double, 2 family; all en suite; 1 double with private bathroom

TERMS: €40; child reduction