



The Little Museum of Dublin Visual Story

Today, we are going to take a trip through the Little Museum of Dublin, where **everyone** is welcome.

At the Little Museum of Dublin you will learn about the history of Dublin through an entertaining and engaging guided tour. There is lots to see in the museum, and this guide is designed to give you a sense of what to expect during your visit.



Image: The Exterior of The Little Museum of Dublin

When can we visit the Little Museum of Dublin?

The Little Museum of Dublin is open from 09.30 to 17:00 every day of the week. The last admission is at 16:30. Saturdays and Sundays tend to be the busiest days of the week.

Admission is by guided tour. The tour takes 29 minutes but there is lots to see in the museum, so guests usually spend about an hour enjoying their visit. You can book a tour in advance online through at: www.littlemuseum.ie *OR* you can pay for a ticket in the basement reception area of the museum when you arrive. It is recommended to book ahead online, as tours often sell out. The museum has entry times every 45 minutes from 9.45am.

There are tours at:

09.45, 10:30, 11.15, 12:00, 12:45, 13:30, 14:15, 15:00, 15:45 and 16:30.

The museum has a walking tour in the park everyday at: 14:30 (1hr)

How much does the Little Museum of Dublin cost?

There are a few different prices for entry.

- Adult €18.00
- University Student/Under 18 €16.00
- Senior (Over 65) €16.00
- Family €45.00 - 2 adults and up to 3 children

Ultimate Dublin Tickets: Ultimate tickets allow access to both the indoor museum tour at 1.30pm and then the Little Walking Tour at 2.30pm

- Ultimate Tickets €29

How to get to the Little Museum

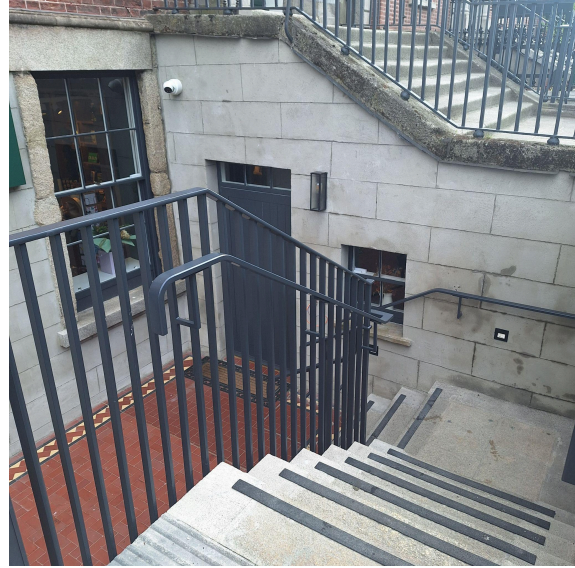
There are a few ways to get to the Little Museum of Dublin.

1. You can walk to the museum, which is right across the street from St. Stephen's Green at the corner of Dawson Street.
2. You can also take the bus or Luas. There are a few Dublin Bus/Luas stops on Dawson Street, and around the green.
3. If you are driving to the Little Museum, you can park at the Brown Thomas carpark, Q-Park Dawson Street, Drury Street, or Q-Park on St. Stephen's Green.
4. If we are on the DoDublin tour bus, we will get off at the St. Stephen's Green stop number 7. There is free entry with your Do Dublin ticket.



How to enter the Little Museum

There is one entrance and exit to the Little Museum of Dublin. It is a basement entrance facing St. Stephen's green, to the left of the old Georgian doorway and steps. The old front door at the top of the steps is now a fire exit. Sometimes, this street can be loud, with buses, cars, and people as you are right in the heart of Dublin city.



Images: The entrance gate and basement steps

You will walk down steps to the front door of the museum. There is a wheelchair lift accessible at the top of the steps. If you need this lift, ring the bell beside it and a museum staff member will come out to assist you. The door of the museum will be open when you arrive, and you can move through into a small entrance hallway that leads to the gift shop and reception.



Image: Entrance to the shop & Reception Area

Reception & Gift Shop

This is where you can purchase tickets or check if you have booked a ticket online. There will be a staff member waiting inside the front hall to say hello. They will have a hand-held till. They will greet you and sell you a ticket or check you in on an ipad. All museum staff dress in vintage costumes, and they will be wearing a museum nametag.

Gift Shop

There is a shop that sells lots of interesting books and little souvenirs of Dublin. You can browse in the shop, or if it is time for your tour you will be welcomed into the Projector Room by a staff member.

Toilets

There are five toilets in the Little Museum of Dublin. There is an accessible bathroom on the basement floor. There are two on the first floor landing, and two on the second floor landing. Ask a staff member where the nearest bathroom is and they will show you the way.



Image: Accessible Bathroom on the basement floor.

Entering the Little Museum

When you enter the reception area a staff member will welcome you and explain how a visit works.

- If you booked tickets online: you can tell them the name of the person who booked the ticket *or* show them your printed tickets *or* the tickets on our phone.
- If we are on the DoDublin tour, the bus driver will give us tickets that say “The Little Museum” on them. We will present our tickets to the Little Museum staff.
- If we do not have tickets, that’s okay too! The Little Museum staff member will happily explain how a visit works and then sell you a ticket for the next available entry time.

Accessibility

The Little Museum of Dublin is wheelchair accessible with an external and internal lift. There are two ways to navigate the museum, the lovely Georgian staircases that run all of the way through the house from the basement to the top floor or the lift. The lift is accessible on request in the projector room on the basement floor.

Seating

If you get tired, you are always welcome to sit down on one of the chairs or couches that are sprinkled throughout the museum. There are seats available during your tour.

How Big is The Little Museum?

There are Four Floors in the Museum, the tour happens on the first floor and all the other floors are self guided.

Basement Level -

Entrance/Gift Shop/Reception/Exit

Projector Room

Hallway

Accessible Bathroom

Ground Floor -

The Hallway

The Malton Room/Tara's Palace Dolls House

The Animals Of Dublin Room

First Floor -

The Landing

The Drawing Room - where the tour begins

The Treasury - where the tour ends

Second Floor -

The Landing

The Editors Room - Tells the story of The Irish Times

The U2 Room

The Temporary Exhibition Room

What will happen during a visit?

- Intro Film - 6 minutes in the Projector Room on the basement floor.
- First Floor - 10/15 minutes to look at Tara's Palace & The Animals of Dublin exhibits.

- Second Floor - A guide will lead you from the ground floor to the first floor when the tour is ready to begin
- Third Floor - After the tour, the guide will show up to the third floor to explore the U2 room, Irish Times Room and temporary exhibition space.

The Projector Room



Image: The Projector Room showing “The Key to Dublin” animation.

Once you have checked in or purchased a ticket you will be shown into a room where an immersive animation film will be projected across all the walls. The room has no furniture so you can stand in the middle to see the film projected on the walls. The film is called “The Key to Dublin” and it is 5 and a half minutes long. The film shows moving images of historical streetscapes and characters. It has music, sound effects and voice over played at a loud volume.

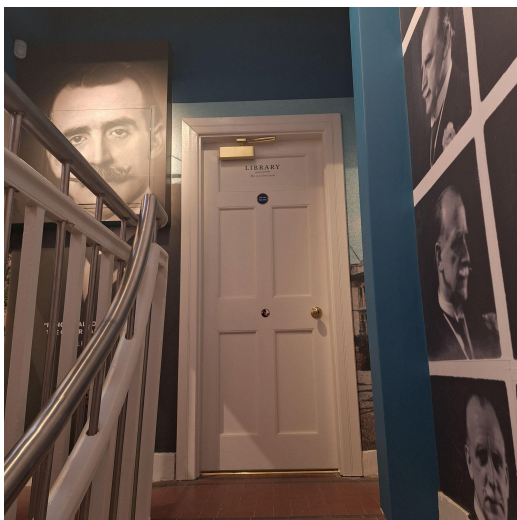
There may be up to 15 people in the room watching the film. If you do not want to enter the projector room you can access the main museum through the entrance on the right of the shop reception. Just ask a staff member to show you the way. You can also leave the projector room at any time if you

don't feel like staying in the room. At the end of the film, the door in the middle of the room opens automatically, letting you into the basement corridor, where you turn left up the old servant's staircase to the ground floor.



Images: The basement hallway and staircase leading to the ground floor

The Library



Images: The Little Library, a quiet space for reading

At the top of the servant's staircase, is the library room, full of books about Dublin. This is a quiet room, so you are requested to stay silent. You can return to this space after your tour if you like!

The Ground Floor



Image: Small staircase leading into the ground floor exhibition rooms

- The ground floor has three rooms. The first is the ground floor hallway, where the main staircase leads up to the first floor. When it is time to begin the tour, a staff member will invite you to gather at the bottom of the staircase for a short introduction, before inviting you up to the first floor for your tour.



Images: Ground Floor Hallway and Main Staircase.

Ground Floor Exhibition Spaces

The Malton Room - Tara's Palace Dolls House

- Through the door on the right, you will enter the Malton room, where there are Georgian Prints by artist James Maldon on the walls.
- Tara's Palace Dolls House is also in the centre of this room. We can walk around the outside of Tara's palace and look at all the amazing rooms in the dolls house, full of miniature furniture. If you need to use the lift in this room, just ask a staff member to assist you.



Images: Tara's Palace Doll's House and the lift

The Animals of Dublin Room

- To the left of the Malton Room is the Animal's of Dublin exhibition, with colourful wall paper depicting lots of different animals and famous Dublin Landmarks. There is also a lot of taxidermy in this room, these are stuffed dead animals like what you might see in the Natural History Museum.



Images: The Animals of Dublin Room and a taxidermy fox

You will have about 10 minutes to look around the ground floor rooms before you are invited upstairs for the tour. You can revisit these rooms after your tour too.

Toilets

- There are toilets behind a white door at the top of the first staircase.



Image: First Floor Landing Toilets

The First Floor

There are two rooms leading off the first floor landing: The Drawing Room, where the tour begins, and The Treasury where the tour ends.

The Landing



Images: The door to the drawing room from the first floor landing

The Front Drawing Room



Images: The front drawing room, sometimes called the 1916 Room

The tour will begin in the room directly in front of you as you come up the stairs. This is the drawing room. It has high ceilings, and large windows that let lots of sunlight in. It has a beautiful chandelier and there is a green sofa in the centre of the room that you can sit on. A staff member will introduce your guide, who will begin to tell you the story of Dublin, from viking times to Ireland becoming independent from Britain.

There may be up to 30 people in this room, so it can feel busy. There are some seats in the room if you would like to sit. You will be in this room for about 20 minutes before being shown into the next room by your guide.

The tour is a really fun performance, so there might be lots of laughter as the guide moves around the room telling stories that relate to Dublin's history. There is some audience interaction, for example, the guide might ask where you are from. The guides are careful to make everyone feel comfortable.

The Treasury



Image: The Treasury Room

The second room on this floor is called the Treasury. This is where the guide will tell you about the history of Dublin from the 1930's to the 2000's. There are lots of photos and artefacts covering the walls. You will be in this room for about 10 minutes. At the end of the tour the guide will sing a song and there is often loud applause. Once the tour is over our guide will bring us up to the second floor of the museum, just tell the guide if you need the lift.

Toilets



Image: Toilet on the landing between the first and second floor

There is a bathroom on the staircase between the first and second floor.

The Second Floor

- There are three rooms on the second floor. This floor is self guided, though you are welcome to chat to any staff member and ask any questions you may have.



Image: Second floor landing with giant Rodge Teddy.

- You will see a gigantic teddy called Rodge on the landing, beside an exhibit about Christy Brown. We can go past him to the Editors Room. This room is all about the Irish Times. There will be audio playing from a tv screen, that will tell us about the history of the newspaper



Image: The Irish Times (Editors Room)

The U2 Room

- The U2 room is the most colorful room in the house, and you can hear U2 songs playing in this room as you come up the stairs. This room tells the story of Irish Rock band U2. There are some flashing lights and moderately loud music. The lift is accessed in this room.



Images: The U2 Room

Temporary Exhibition Room

- The third room on this floor is an exhibition room that changes every few months. Details of temporary exhibitions can be found on the little museum website.
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Helpful people we will meet in the museum

The Little Museum is full of friendly people who want you to have the best visit possible and are always happy to help.

Managers - There will be a manager in the basement reception, who makes sure everything about our visit goes smoothly. They will greet us and answer

any questions we may have. They may also be the one to gather us together on the ground floor and bring us up to the first floor for our tour.

Tour guides - Tour guides entertain. They will tell you the history of Dublin on the famous guided tour, and they may also be in reception greeting guests and selling tickets.

Volunteers - The Little Museum of Dublin are lucky to have the help of an amazing team of volunteers. These are people living all over Dublin who give their time for free to help in the museum. They will be stationed around the museum, answering questions, chatting, and showing guests where to go.

Interns - Interns do all sorts of things at the museum, but mostly they make sure that everything runs smoothly.

Helpful tips

1. You are allowed to take photos!
2. During the guided tour it is polite to keep your voice down so that everyone can hear the tour guide. In the self guided parts of the museum, friendly conversation is encouraged!
3. If you have a question, ask the tour guides or anyone with a Little Museum of Dublin name tag.
4. If you need help, talk to any member of the Little Museum staff.
5. If you hear a fire alarm, listen to a responsible adult Little Museum staff member and calmly make your way to the fire exit on the ground floor. The fire exit is the big front door on the ground floor. This is an emergency exit only. The usual exit is through the basement reception area, where you entered the museum.

Leaving the Little Museum

You can leave the museum the same you came in, by going down the staircase to the basement floor and exiting through the gift shop and reception area. If you need the lift, ask a staff member to assist you.

Now you are ready for a visit to the Little Museum of Dublin! It's going to be a lot of fun, and you are going to learn so much about Dublin's history! If you have any questions that are not answered in this guide, you can contact the Little Museum directly.

We can't wait to welcome you!

Enquiries

The easiest way to get in touch with the museum is by sending an email to hello@littlemuseum.ie.

You can also call the museum on (01) 6611000.

The Big Little Treasure Hunt

If we want to buy a Big Little Treasure Hunt map, we can ask for one at reception. A Treasure Hunt Map costs €10 and it is a fun self led adventure around St.Stephen's Green, which is just across the road from the museum.

The map includes questions on the history of the park. We can take a photo of the QR code in the museum reception, to access the answers.