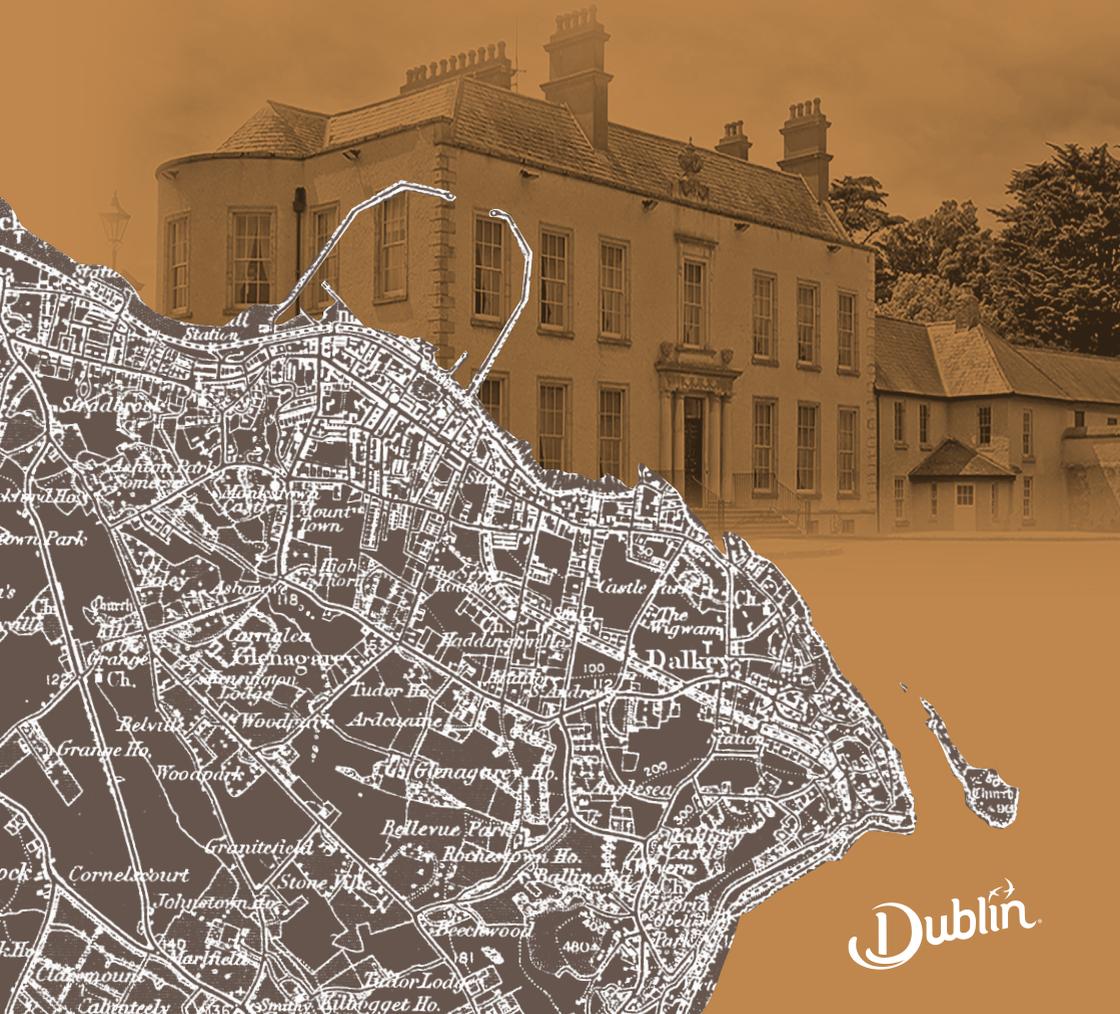




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30 March -
03 May '26



Dublin

FREE EVENTS AT A GLANCE

30 March - 03 May

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
National Maritime Museum Self-Guided Tour	11am 12.15pm		11am 12.15pm				
Cabinteely House Guided Tour		11am- 3pm					11am- 3pm
The Oratory Guided Tour			11am- 3pm			11am- 3pm	11am- 3pm
Historic County Hall Guided Tour				7pm			
Marlay House Guided Tour				11am- 3pm		11am- 3pm	
Fernhill Park & Gardens Guided Tour							11.30am
Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre Living History Tour	1.30pm		1.30pm				

SPRING TALKS AT MARLAY HOUSE

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

	DATE	TIME
Frank Aiken, inventor <i>A talk by Rob Goodbody, local historian</i>	Wednesday, 8 April	7pm
The Houses of Dún Laoghaire <i>A talk by Rob Goodbody, local historian</i>	Wednesday, 15 April	7pm
Shankill in 1837 <i>A talk by Rob Goodbody, local historian</i>	Wednesday, 22 April	7pm

HUGH LEONARD CENTENARY WALKS

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

	DATE	TIME
Hugh Leonard walking tour in Dalkey	Thursday, 2 April	5.30pm
Hugh Leonard walking tour in Dalkey	Saturday, 25 April	1.30pm



**PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED**



30 March - 29 April, Monday and Wednesday

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NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

Free Self-Guided Tours

Must be pre-booked
mariner.ie/book-tickets

T: 01 214 3964

W: mariner.ie

Dart Station

Dún Laoghaire

Bus Stop 2039

Dún Laoghaire Station

Routes serving this stop:
L25 Towards Dún Laoghaire
L26 Towards Dún Laoghaire
E2 Towards Dún Laoghaire
S8 Towards Dún Laoghaire

Bus Stop 3046

George's Street, Shopping Centre

Routes serving this stop:
111 Towards Dalkey,
59 Towards Killiney

Bus Stop 3070

George's St, Mulgrave Street

Routes serving this stop:
111 Towards Brides Glen
(Luas Station),
45a Towards Dún Laoghaire,
(Rail Station)
59 Towards Dún Laoghaire,
7 Towards Mountjoy Sq.,
7a Towards Mountjoy Sq.

The National Maritime Museum is delighted to participate again this Spring 2026. Our tours will begin on Monday 30th March and finish on 29th April. The Museum is housed in Dún Laoghaire's 180-year-old Mariner's Church, opposite the DLR Lexicon. Our volunteer guides will bring you on a voyage of discovery, enthralling you with stories of discovery, heroism, war, and disasters at sea. See nature and art inspired by the sea. Hear about innovative Irish inventions, scientists and local mariners. Try Sailor's Knots or take a Pirate-selfie! A 3D virtual tour can be viewed online at www.mariner.ie/3d-view-of-the-museum. There are two tours each Monday and Wednesday **only**. They should take roughly one hour. The first tour starts at 11:00 am and the last at 12:15 pm. They are suitable for schools, students, families, historic groups and individuals interested in local history.

Must be pre-booked online: www.mariner.ie/book-tickets

**11am & 12.15pm
(Mon & Wed)**

**2 tours per day, 4 tours per week,
must be pre-booked**

Tour Duration: 60 minutes

**Wheelchair accessibility
is lower level only**

Max Capacity: 30 people





PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED



31 March- 3 May, Tuesday and Sunday

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CABINTEELY HOUSE

Free Guided Tour

Bus Stop 3309
Cornelscourt Hill,
Kerrymount Green
Routes serving this stop:
L26 Towards Kiltarnan
L27 Towards Leopardstown Valley

Bus Stop 3307
Cornelscourt Hill,
Kerrymount Green
Routes serving this stop:
L26 Towards Blackrock
L27 Towards Dún Laoghaire

Take a guided tour of Cabinteely House, a stunning eighteenth-century country house. Hear the colourful story of the house including its original owner Robert Nugent and his rise up the social and political ladder, as well as Joseph McGrath, revolutionary and key figure in the Irish Sweepstakes.

*Meet at the front of Cabinteely House,
Cabinteely Park, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin.*

The Tour Guide will open the door and admit group at tour start time. House door will be closed when tour commences.

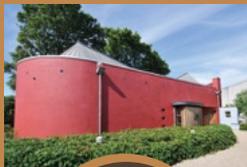
Booking essential: [webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents](https://www.webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents)

11am - 3pm (Tues & Sun)
Tours on the hour, 4 per day,
last tour 2pm

Tour Duration: 60 minutes

**Limited wheelchair access,
please phone: 01 204 7011
in advance if you require
wheelchair access.**

Max Capacity: 15 people



**PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED**



1 April - 3 May, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday

3

THE ORATORY

Free Guided Tour

Dart Station
Dún Laoghaire

Bus Stop 2035
Clarence Street,
Crofton House

Routes serving this stop:
111 Towards Dalkey,
E2 Towards Dún Laoghaire,
S8 Towards Dún Laoghaire,
L25 Towards Dún Laoghaire,
L27 Towards Dún Laoghaire,
7 Towards Brides Glen Luas,
7a Towards Loughlinstown

Bus Stop 2041

George's St, Bloomfield
Routes serving this stop:
E2 Towards Harristown,
L25 Towards Dundrum,
L27 Towards Leopardstown Valley
S8 Towards Citywest,
7 Towards Mountjoy Sq.,
7a Towards Mountjoy Sq.

The Oratory in Dún Laoghaire is a hidden gem of Celtic revival art. This tiny building is home to some of the most spectacular artwork from the first half of 20th Century Ireland, all produced by Sister Concepta Lynch. This tour is not to be missed!

The Tour Guide will open the door and admit group at tour start time. Oratory door will be closed when tour commences.

Meet at the Library Road entrance, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, (entrance is beside the children's playground on Library Road).

Suitable for children aged 8+

Booking essential: <https://webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents>

11am - 3pm (Wed, Sat & Sun)
Tours on the hour, 4 per day
Last tour 2pm

Tour Duration: 40 minutes

Wheelchair accessible

Max Capacity: 10 people



**PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED**



2 April - 30 April, Thursday

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HISTORIC COUNTY HALL TOUR

Free Guided Tour

Dart Station

Dún Laoghaire

Bus Stop 2039 Crofton Road, Railway Station

Routes serving this stop:
L25 Towards Dún Laoghaire
L27 Towards Dún Laoghaire
E2 Towards Dún Laoghaire
S8 Towards Dún Laoghaire

Bus Stop 2037 Royal Marine Road, Queen's Road

Routes serving this stop:
111 Towards Dalkey,
45a Towards Kilmacanogue,
45b Towards Kilmacanogue,
59 Towards Killiney

Join us in a walk back in time to the town's administrative origins as an infant maritime city of the steam age, exploring how various local authorities governed during British colonial rule, the transition to Irish independence, and the rapid expansion of the modern suburban county we know and love today.

Meet at the arched entrance of the old Town Hall on Marine Road.

Booking essential: webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents

7pm (Thurs)

Tour Duration: 60 minutes

Partially Wheelchair Accessible

Max Capacity: 15 people



PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED



2 April - 2 May, Thursday and Saturday

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MARLAY HOUSE

Free Guided Tour

Bus Stop 2979

Marlay Park

Routes serving this stop:
16 Towards Dublin Airport,
58 Towards Citywest,
74 Towards Eden Quay,
161 Towards Rockbrook

Bus Stop No. 2970

Grange Road

Routes serving this stop:
16 Towards Ballinteer,
58 Towards Dún Laoghaire,
74 Towards Dundrum,
161 Towards Dundrum Luas

Take a guided tour of this wonderful country house. Hear the story of how the original 17th century house, The Grange, was purchased in 1764 by David La Touche of French Huguenot origin, extended, renamed Marlay, and then sold in 1864 to Robert Tedcastle, the well known Dublin coal merchant. The Tedcastle family lived at Marlay until 1925. In 1925 Philip Love (a market gardener, who at one time was the largest tomato producer in Ireland) acquired the House. Stained glass artist, Evie Hone, had a studio here in the mid-20th century.

Meet at the front steps of Marlay House, Marlay Park, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin. The Tour Guide will open the door and admit group at tour start time. House door will be closed when tour commences.

Booking essential: webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents

11am - 3pm (Thurs & Sat)
Tours on the hour 4 per day
Last tour 2pm

Limited wheelchair access.
Please phone: 01 204 7011
in advance if you require
wheelchair access.

Tour Duration: 60 minutes

Max Capacity: 15 people



NO
BOOKING
REQUIRED



5 April - 3 May, Sunday

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FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS WALK *Free Guided Tour*

Bus Stop 7291
Enniskerry Rd, Rectory
Routes serving this stop:
47 Towards Poolbeg St.

Bus Stop 3473
Kilgobbin Heights,
Inver House
Routes serving this stop:
44 Towards Enniskerry
47 Towards Belamine

The well-known gardens at Fernhill were laid out by the Darley family and for many years were opened to the public by the Walker family. This tour looks at the history of Fernhill gardens and explores some of the stories behind the various garden features.

Meeting point in front of Fernhill House beside the coffee stand

*Car parking available at the main Fernhill Park carpark
Not suitable for dogs.*

11.30am (Sun)
1 tour per day

Tour Duration: 60 minutes

Not Wheelchair Accessible

Max Capacity: 25 people



**PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED**

30 March - 29 April, Monday and Wednesday

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE

Free Guided Tour

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Dart Station
Dalkey

Bus Stop 3057
Ulverton Road, Castle Street
Routes serving this stop:
59 Towards Killiney

Bus Stop 3058
Ulverton Road, Hyde Road
Routes serving this stop:
111 Towards Brides Glen
(Luas Station),
59 Towards Dun Laoghaire,
702 Towards Dublin Airport

Where history springs to life.

In atmospheric tenth-century grounds, Dalkey Castle uniquely combines a medieval townhouse castle with a contemporary Visitors' Centre and Writers' Gallery. Costumed actors perform an immersive Living History Experience. The Archer demonstrates the Longbow, Cook shares medieval recipes, and the Barber Surgeon writes out his potions in calligraphy. The Writers' Gallery features 45 renowned Irish writers and creative artists from Joyce to Bono, and Beckett to Maeve Binchy.

**Must be pre-booked online: www.dalkeycastle.com
(1 Adult min. with every 3 children)**

1.30pm (Mon & Wed)

**Wheelchair access to
ground floor only**

Tour Duration: 70 minutes

Max Capacity: 15 people

HUGH LEONARD CENTENARY

Guided Leonard Centenary Walks

To mark the centenary of the birth of writer Hugh Leonard, Dalkey Castle, in association with DLR Heritage Office, will offer two immersive, guided literary walking tours in Dalkey. Led by an expert literary guide, extracts from his work will be performed by an experienced actor in site-specific locations which feature in *Home Before Night* and his Tony-award-winning play, *Da*. Assemble in the Writers' Gallery at Dalkey Castle.

Thursday, 2nd April at 5.30pm. Saturday, 25th April at 1.30pm.

Booking: <https://dalkeycastle.com>

Walk duration: 2 hours. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for Irish weather.



FRANK AIKEN, INVENTOR

A talk by Rob Goodbody,
local historian

Marlay House,
Wednesday 8 April, 7pm



PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED

Frank Aiken was a revolutionary and one of the most high-profile politicians from post-Independence Ireland, right through to the modernization of the Republic in the 1960s. But there was another side to this man that is significant, but little known...

THE HOUSES OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE

A talk by Rob Goodbody,
local historian

Marlay House,
Wednesday 15 April, 7pm



PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED

Dún Laoghaire is the greatest of the nineteenth-century new towns in Ireland, with its expansion into the modern town beginning a little more than two centuries ago. It is frequently described as a Victorian town, which is fine, except that it wasn't Victorian. The houses of Dún Laoghaire tells us a lot about its history and give it a great deal of its present character.

SHANKILL IN 1837

A talk by Rob Goodbody,
local historian



Marlay House,
Wednesday 22 April, 7pm

PRE-BOOKING
REQUIRED

Back in 1837 the present village of Shankill didn't exist. Yet, we know a lot about what Shankill was like at that time – before the Famine, before evictions cleared many smaller farms, before there even was a village or town. It wasn't a vacuum, so what was happening?

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[Click here to tour The Oratory](https://bit.ly/The_Oratory)
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NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

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[Click here to tour National Maritime Museum](https://bit.ly/Maritime3D)
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CABINTEELY HOUSE

3D Virtual Tour

Explore the magnificent Cabinteely House, Cabinteely Park, with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, our new 3D virtual tour.

Be your own guide on this fascinating tour of the interior of this 18th century Country House. Upon entering the house click on the dots along the way to reveal the history within.

[Click here to tour Cabinteely House](https://bit.ly/Cabinteely_House)
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3D Virtual Tour

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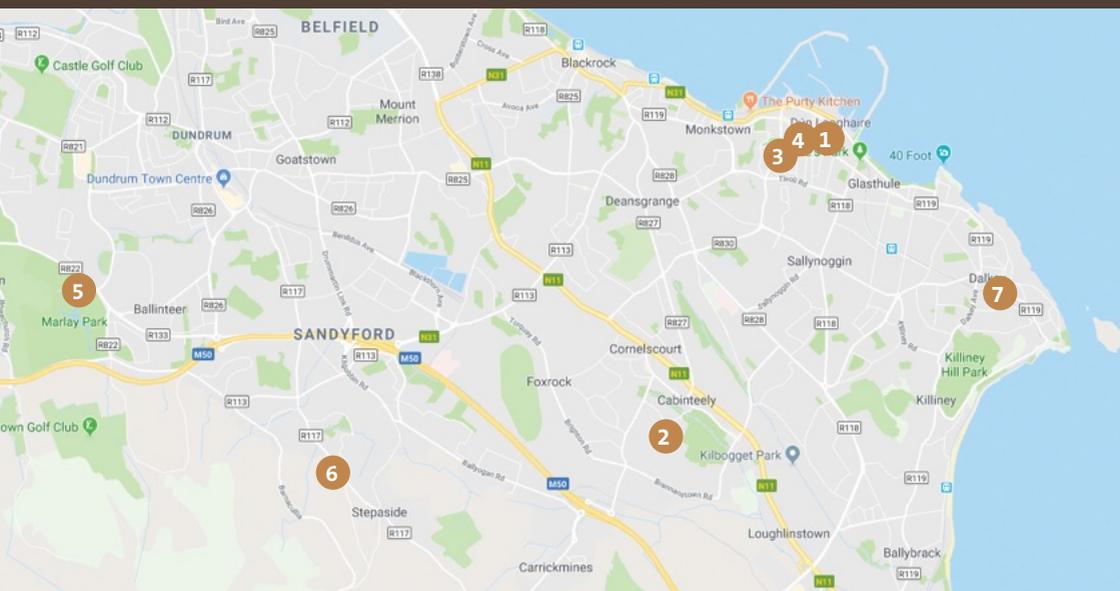
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VENUES

1	National Maritime Museum
2	Cabinteely House
3	The Oratory
4	Historic County Hall

5	Marlay House
6	Fernhill Park & Gardens
7	Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

Pre-booking for all tours essential

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FREE GUIDED TOURS



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