



# SPRING *into* HERITAGE

24 March -  
04 May '25



**Dublin**

# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

24 March - 04 May

VENUE	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
National Maritime Museum	11am 12.15pm		11am 12.15pm				
Cabinteely House		11am- 3pm				11am- 3pm	
The Oratory			11am- 3pm				11am- 3pm
Historic County Hall Tour				7pm			
Marlay House				11am- 3pm			11am- 3pm
Fernhill Park & Gardens							11.30am
Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre	4.30pm			4.30pm			

## SPRING TALKS AT MARLAY HOUSE

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

TALKS	DATE	TIME
The Irish Country House and the Great Famine <i>A talk by Dr Ciarán Reilly, Historian</i>	Wednesday, 2 April	7pm
Fernhill Park and Gardens Talk <i>A talk by Rob Goodbody, local historian</i>	Wednesday, 16 April	7pm
Evie Hone Stained Glass Artist of Marlay <i>A talk by Peadar Curran, local historian</i>	Wednesday, 30 April	7pm



**PRE-BOOKING  
REQUIRED**



**4 March - 30 April, Monday and Wednesday**

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# NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

## *Free Self-Guided Tours*

**Must be pre-booked**  
[mariner.ie/book-tickets](http://mariner.ie/book-tickets)  
T: 01 214 3964  
W: [mariner.ie](http://mariner.ie)

**Dart Station**  
Dún Laoghaire

**Bus Stop 2039**  
**Dún Laoghaire Station**  
Routes serving this stop:  
46a Towards Dún Laoghaire,  
58 Towards Dún Laoghaire,  
L25 Towards Dún Laoghaire,  
63 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 2025. Our tours will begin on Monday 24th March and finish on 30th April. The Museum is housed in Dún Laoghaire's 180-year-old Mariner's Church, opposite the DLR Lexicon. Experienced guides can 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! 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/spring-into-heritage-2025](http://www.mariner.ie/spring-into-heritage-2025)**

**11am & 12.15pm**  
**(Mon & Wed)**  
**2 tours per day, 4 tours per week,**  
**must be pre-booked**

**Wheelchair accessibility**  
**is lower level only**

**Max Capacity: 30 people**

**Tour Duration: 60 minutes**



PRE-BOOKING  
REQUIRED



25 March- 3 May, Tuesday and Saturday

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## CABINTEELY HOUSE

*Free Guided Tour*

**Bus Stop 3309**  
Cornelscourt Hill,  
Kerrymount Green  
Routes serving this stop:  
63 Towards Kiltarnan

**Bus Stop 3307**  
Cornelscourt Hill,  
Kerrymount Green  
Routes serving this stop:  
63 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 & Sat)**  
Tours on the hour, 4 per day,  
last tour 2pm

**Tour Duration: 60 minutes**

**Limited wheelchair access,  
please phone: 01 20 47011  
in advance if you require  
wheelchair access.**

**Max Capacity: 15 people**



PRE-BOOKING  
REQUIRED

26 March - 4 May, Wednesday and Sunday

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## THE ORATORY

*Free Guided Tour*

### Dart Station

Dún Laoghaire

### Bus Stop 2035 Clarence Street, Crofton House

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

### Bus Stop 2041 George's St, Bloomfield

Routes serving this stop:  
46a Towards Phoenix Park,  
63 Towards Kiltarnan,  
L25 Towards Dundrum,  
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/dlrheritagevents>

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

**Tour Duration: 40 minutes**

**Wheelchair accessible**

**Max Capacity: 10 people**

PRE-BOOKING  
REQUIRED



27 March - 1 May, 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:  
46a Towards Phoenix Park,  
46a Towards Dún Laoghaire,  
63 Towards Dún Laoghaire,  
S8 Towards Dún Laoghaire,  
L25 Towards Dún Laoghaire,  
63 Towards Kilternan

**Bus Stop 2037**  
Royal Marine Road,  
Queen's Road

Routes serving this stop:  
111 Towards Dalkey,  
45a 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](https://webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents)

**7pm (Thurs)**

**Tour Duration: 60 minutes**

**Partially Wheelchair Accessible**

**Max Capacity: 15 people**



**PRE-BOOKING  
REQUIRED**



**27 March - 4 May, Thursday and Sunday**

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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.

*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](http://webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents)**

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

**Limited wheelchair access.  
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wheelchair access.**

**Tour Duration: 60 minutes**

**Max Capacity: 15 people**



NO  
BOOKING  
REQUIRED



30 March - 4 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**



**7 April - 1 May, Monday and Thursday**

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# DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE



*Free Guided Tour*

**Dart Station**  
Dalkey

**Bus Stop 3057**  
**Ulverton Road, Castle Street**  
Routes serving this stop:  
111 Towards Brides Glen  
(Luas Station),  
111 Towards Dalkey,  
59 Towards Killiney,  
7d Towards Mountjoy Sq.,  
7d Towards Dalkey

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

History springs to life at Dalkey Castle! 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](http://www.dalkeycastle.com)**

**4.30pm (Mon & Thurs)**

**Tour Duration: 70 minutes**

**Wheelchair access to ground floor only**

**Max Capacity: 15 people**

# THE IRISH COUNTRY HOUSE AND THE GREAT FAMINE

Marlay House,  
Wednesday 2 April, 7pm



PRE-BOOKING  
REQUIRED

Using a number of case studies, this talk examines how the country house and its owners functioned in a time of famine. While some were remembered for their benevolence during the Famine, others were castigated for their in-action, which ultimately fed into the stereotypical depiction of the country house towards the end of the nineteenth century and later.

Dr Ciarán Reilly is a historian of 19th & 20th century Irish History at the Department of History, Maynooth University, and Assistant Director of the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses & Estates. He is the author of a number of books on the Great Irish Famine, including *The Irish Land Agent, 1830-1860*; *Strokestown and the Great Famine*, and *John Plunket Joly and the Great Famine in King's County*. He is also co-editor of *Dublin and the Great Famine*.

Talks are free. Booking essential [webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents](https://webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents)

# FERNHILL PARK AND GARDENS

A talk by Rob Goodbody,  
local historian

Marlay House,  
Wednesday 16 April, 7pm



PRE-BOOKING  
REQUIRED

One of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown's newest parks is Fernhill, near Stepside. However, the gardens at Fernhill are not new and have evolved over more than two centuries. This talk examines how the gardens have progressed over time, managed by the Darley and Walker families and how Fernhill came to be opened as a magnificent public park.

# EVIE HONE STAINED GLASS ARTIST OF MARLAY

A talk by Peadar Curran,  
local historian

Marlay House,  
Wednesday 30 April, 7pm

PRE-BOOKING  
REQUIRED



Having initially established a reputation as a painter in oils and gouaches, in 1933 Evie Hone started to experiment in the medium of stained glass. It is for her work in this field that she is best known and with Harry Clarke and Michael Healy is recognised as the leading Irish artists in this field. Evie entered An Túr Gloine and remained there until the co-operative was dissolved following the death of Sarah Purser in 1944. As she was living in the Dower House in the courtyard of Marlay, Evie was able to setup her own studio in Marlay House.

Evie Hone died in March 1955 on her way to mass in Rathfarnham so our talk marks the 70th anniversary of her passing and takes place in the room next door to her studio in Marlay House.

# THE ORATORY

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# NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

## *3D Virtual Tour*

Explore the magnificent Maritime Museum which is housed in Dún Laoghaire's 180-year-old Mariners' Church, opposite the dlr Lexlcon. Be your own guide on a voyage of discovery, heroism, war and disasters at sea. You will learn about maritime history, exploration, navigation, radio, deep-sea cable technology, nature and art inspired by the sea. See the revolving Bailey Optic, pause to reflect at the Titanic exhibit, the Royal Navy prisoner's docks and the war memorial.

[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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# MARLAY HOUSE

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

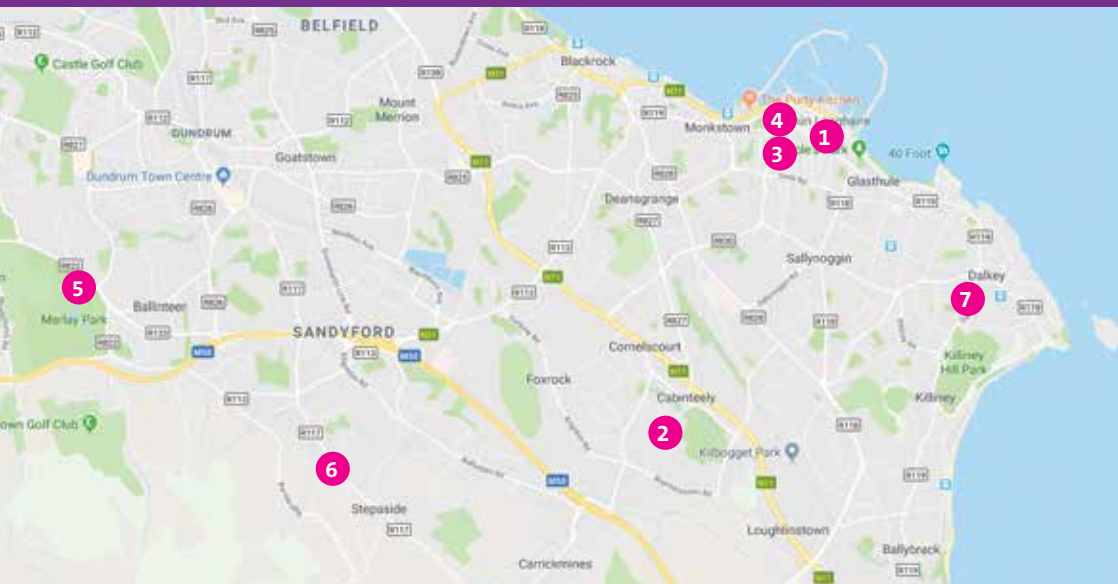
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4	Historic County Hall

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Pre-booking for all tours essential

