

# Planning a Football Trip to Belfast

Planning a Football Trip to Belfast? Free guide – where to stay, eat, drink and how to get tickets; to the stadium.

A Football Trip to Belfast could give you the chance to watch European football in July, this post details how to plan your football trip to Belfast.

## Football Trip to Belfast – How to get to Belfast & How to get around

### Football Trip to Belfast – Fly to Belfast

Easyjet, British Airways, Aer Lingus and FlyBe are four airlines that operate flights to Belfast. You should be able to fly direct from most airports in the UK for £50 to £100

Start your holiday in style and enjoy the experience of VIP travel – book an airport lounge with [Lounge Pass](#) from as little as £13.50. With 200 airport VIP lounges worldwide, including 35 UK airports you can add an extra touch of luxury to your next trip and make the travel experience a whole lot better.

### Directions from the Airport

There are two airports that you could be flying into, the international and Belfast City Airport.

**Belfast International Airport** is an airport 11.5 NM northwest of Belfast in Northern Ireland. Formerly known as Aldergrove Airport, after the nearby village of Aldergrove, Belfast International is Northern Ireland's busiest airport and the

second busiest airport on the island of Ireland after Dublin Airport.

Regular bus and coach services are available from the front of the terminal building to Belfast, Lisburn and Londonderry. All three bus terminals provide access to the wider Northern Ireland and intercountry public transport networks.

To/from Belfast : Airport Express 300

Airport Express 300 service operates 7 days a week. At peak times on Monday to Friday, services run every 15 minutes. Please check the Translink website for timetable.

Tickets are available from the tourist information desk in arrivals or from the driver.

- Airport to Belfast: £8\* (single) £11\* (return)
- Airport to Templepatrick: £5.40 (single) £9.70 (return)
- Templepatrick to Belfast: £3.60 (single) £6.50 (return)
- \*you can also purchase your tickets from your smartphone, download the FREE mLink app from any Android or Apple device.
- Approximate journey time 30-40 minutes subject to traffic conditions.
- Your Airport Express 300 is waiting at the main exit. Please board when you leave the terminal. Services subject to withdrawal or revision in the event of flight cancellations or diversions and to alterations to Airline Schedules. A special timetable may operate on Public Holidays.
- Airport Express 300 departs Templepatrick approximately 7 minutes after Airport departure times.
- The Airport Express 300 is operated by low floor vehicles.

Passengers can also avail of rail services at Europa Buscentre/Great Victoria Street Rail Station.

Belfast City Airport

By Train

Translink operates NIRailways train services across Northern Ireland. When travelling to the airport by train, you'll want

to disembark at Sydenham train station. When travelling from the airport, board the train at Sydenham train station and travel to either Belfast Central station or Great Victoria Street station, which are both just a convenient 5-10 minute journey away. From either of these train stations, you can then make onwards connections to various popular locations across Northern Ireland and even down into the South of Ireland.

Train services depart from Sydenham train station regularly during peak times.

\*Please note – there is a footbridge which passengers must cross either going to or coming from Sydenham train station. Therefore, we would advise passengers against this transport option if they have reduced mobility or experience difficulty when using steps.

For your convenience, the airport operates a FREE shuttle bus service between the airport terminal and Sydenham train station. Should you require the shuttle service from the airport to the rail halt, please go to the Airport Parking Services desk on arrival with your request. A member of our team will signal the shuttle bus to collect you from the front of terminal.

#### By Bus

Belfast City Airport has a designated Airport Express 600 Service with buses every 30 minutes at peak times from the front of the terminal building to the centre of town. The journey only takes around 10 minutes

Airport Express 600 Service (Belfast City Centre – George Best Belfast City Airport)

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# Taxis from the Airport

## *International Airport Taxi Company*

The International Airport Taxi Company, official taxi operator for the Belfast International Airport, are available for hire 24 hours a day 7 days a week outside the right hand door of the airport Exit lobby. Only taxis approved by Belfast International Airport are permitted to use the taxi rank. A list of sample fares is displayed in the exit hall of the terminal building.

A taxi share scheme to Belfast is available for those who wish to use it. For bookings, contact the Belfast International Airport Taxi Company on +44 (0)28 9448 4353. For more information and to book online visit [www.belfastairporttaxi.com](http://www.belfastairporttaxi.com).

## *Belfast City Airport*

Value Cabs, the official taxi operator for Belfast City Airport, is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for travel to the airport before a flight or from the airport on arrival.

Our approved taxi partner operates from the airport taxi rank right outside the terminal building, meaning you can be in a taxi and on your way to one of Belfast's major attractions or hotels, located just 5 minutes away, within minutes of landing.

The approximate cost of a taxi to Belfast City Centre from Belfast City Airport with our approved taxi provider is £10.00 (including £2 surcharge). All fares are subject to a £2 surcharge.

Wheel-chair accessible taxis are available on request from Value Cabs should passengers require them.

For more information or to book a taxi, (028) 90 809080, visit the Value Cabs website or stop by the depot in our main concourse when you land

## **Football Trip to Belfast – Travel By Train**

You can buy cheap train+ferry SailRail tickets between Belfast & any station in Britain, in either direction, via Cairnryan, Holyhead or Liverpool, see the route map below. It's the traditional way to go, through the countryside by train and across the Irish Sea by ferry

## **Football Trip to Belfast – Travel By Ferry**

The Liverpool Birkenhead Belfast ferry route connects England with Northern Ireland. Currently there is just the 1 ferry company operating this ferry service, Stena Line. The crossing operates up to 13 times each week with sailing durations from around 8 hours.

The Holyhead Dublin ferry route connects Wales with Ireland and is currently operated by 2 ferry companies. The Irish Ferries service runs up to 5 times per day with a sailing duration of around 2 hours while the Stena Line service runs up to 4 times per day with a duration from 3 hr 15 min.

Travel on the biggest ferries ever to sail between Scotland and Northern Ireland, Stena Superfast VII and Stena Superfast VIII. These sister ships travel from Cairnryan to Belfast in a crossing time from only 2 hours 15 minutes with a choice of up to 6 daily crossings so you can travel when it suits you.

Book tickets via [DFDS Seaways](#)

# Football Trip to Belfast – Travel Around Belfast

Belfast is a compact city so walking is a great option if you're wanting to see the sights of Belfast City Centre. Book a walking tour with an experienced local guide, or [explore using our map](#).

Translink is Northern Ireland's public transport provider. Metro and Glider services operates in the Belfast area, with Ulsterbus and Goldline bus services connecting the rest of Northern Ireland.

# Football Trip to Belfast – How to Get to the Match

2017–18 NIFL Irish League football champions Crusaders are based in Belfast, as are fellow Premiership teams Cliftonville F.C. Glentoran, and Linfield F.C.

# Football Trip to Belfast – The Stadium

## Crusaders

The club, founded in 1898, hails from Belfast and plays its home matches at Seaview. The stadium holds 3,383, and has a 4G playing surface, it traditionally hosts the final of the Steel & Sons Cup on Christmas Day.

Seaview is located two miles north of Belfast City Centre, sandwiched in a thin wedge of land between the A2 Shore Road and the Belfast to Larne railway line.

Normally (apart from Linfield and Cliftonville matches) fans are not segregated, so visitors can take a seat in the Main Stand or even stand with the majority of Crusaders fans in the Railway End.

## **Linfield**

Linfield was founded in 1886 as Linfield Athletic Club and in 1905 moved into their current home of Windsor Park, which is also the home of the Northern Ireland national team.



Named after the district in south Belfast in which it is located, Windsor Park was first opened in 1905, with a match between Linfield and Glentoran.

On Tuesday 6 May 2014, work began on the redevelopment of the National Football Stadium for Northern Ireland at Windsor Park. The stadium project, which was completed in October 2016, has a capacity of over 18,000 seats.

## **Cliftonville**

Cliftonville FC is Ireland's oldest football club. It was formed in 1879 and defiantly retained their amateur status until 1970. 1970 was an historically moment for another reason, it was to be the last time Cliftonville would play their cross-city rivals Linfield at their home ground of Solitude for nearly three decades.

Solitude is the oldest football stadium in Ireland, and the home ground of Ireland's oldest football club, Cliftonville.[3] The stadium holds 6,224, but is currently restricted to 2,530 under safety legislation. The ground holds the distinction of having the first ever penalty in International Football taken there. The main stand at Solitude, situated on the western side of the ground, houses the majority of the Cliftonville support on any given home matchday. It was constructed during the 1950s, and has two tiers.

## **Glentoran**

Glentoran FC was founded in 1882 and plays its home games at The Oval in East Belfast. Club colours are red, green and black. The Oval has been home to Glentoran F.C. since 1892. The Oval was bombed during the Belfast blitz of World War II, and was out of use until 1949 when it was rebuilt by the club along with supporters, who had jointly formed the 'Back to the Oval' committee.

<https://www.glentoran.com/oval>

## **Football Trip to Belfast – Getting to the Stadium**

### **Crusaders**

The ground is approx 1.5 miles north of Yorkgate railway station, which is on the Belfast Central to Larne line, however for those arriving at either Belfast Central or Belfast Great Victoria Street Railway Station and Europa Bus Station, catch Metro bus 2 (Shore Road) from Donegal Square West, opposite Belfast City Hall.

A return fare from Great Victoria Street to Yorkgate costs £2 and trains leave no more than 9 minutes apart from 9am on a fourteen minute journey. The number 2 bus services run no more

than 8 minutes apart all day and stops right outside the ground.

Walking directions from Belfast City Hall to Seaview

Starting at the corner of Donegall Place, next to McDonalds, follow the shopping street north, as the road kinks to the right it becomes York Street. Follow this road past the Yorkgate Shopping Centre and railway station. To the ground is 10-15 minutes walk from here, on the right hand side.

## **Linfield**

There are a number of Railway stations to the south of Belfast, all within 20 minutes walk of the ground. These are Belfast Central, City Hospital, Botanic and Great Victoria Street, with Adelaide Station being 2 minutes walk south of the ground. All slow train services from Portadown and Bangor stop at these stations, however the Enterprise Service from Belfast Central to Dublin Connolly only stop at Botanic.

Here is a downloadable guide of [how to get to Windsor Park](#)

## **Cliftonville**

Solitude is situated on the Cliftonville Road in North Belfast.

Travelling by bus

The 12A bus from Belfast City Centre begins its journey from Wellington Place (opposite City Hall). Route details can be found on the Translink website.

## **Glentoran**

The Oval is located in East Belfast, on the eastern side of the River Lagan in County Down.

From Belfast City centre, take the Queen Elizabeth Bridge, and travel along the Sydenham Bypass following the directions for the City Airport & Bangor (A2). The Oval is conveniently

located off the Bypass. Supporter Buses are often allowed to park on the hard shoulder while supporters walk the short distance to the ground. For access to the ground leave the Bypass at the Harbour Estate (Dee Street), looking out for the giant yellow cranes of the shipyard. Your exit and the cranes will be on your left. The Harbour Estate gates will then also be on your left but turn right at the mini roundabout and travel over the road bridge and first left into Mersey Street. The ground is on the left, behind Mersey Street Primary School.

Using the Metro service departing from Belfast City Hall in the city centre the following Metro bus routes will travel along the Newtownards Road; 3A, 20, 20A, 27 & 28.

Alighting the bus at the Dee Street stop the Oval is a short walk along Dee Street then Mersy Street.

## **Football Trip to Belfast – Getting Tickets**

You can use the following links to buy tickets online form the club websites;

[Crusaders](#)

[Linfield](#)

[Cliftonville](#)

[Glentoran](#)

## **Football Trip to Belfast – Fixtures**

When planning your football trip please note that the dates shown represent the weekend that the game is scheduled to take place and games are likely to change through the season and be moved for TV scheduling.

Get fixture lists using the following links

[Crusaders](#)

[Linfield](#)

[Cliftonville](#)

[Glentoran](#)

The schedule for kick-off times in Northern Ireland can be found on our Planning a Football Trip to Northern Ireland page (COMING SOON)

## **Football Trip to Belfast – Where to stay. What to See. Where to Eat. Where to Drink**

[Booking.com](#)

### **Football Trip to Belfast – Where to stay**

Best Place to Stay in Belfast: The 3 Best Neighborhoods to Stay in Belfast

- **Central:** Belfast's city center is the heart of the action, and is one of the best places to stay in Belfast for either a quick Belfast city break or a longer visit to Northern Ireland, using Belfast as a base. Filled with culture, architecture, and a great food and drinks scene, staying in Central Belfast will mean you have the best of the city at your fingertips.
- **The Cathedral Quarter:** A short walk from Central, the Cathedral Quarter is still very central. It has more of an artsy and cultural vibe, and is slightly more relaxed than

central. Still packed with fantastic pubs, restaurants, shops and cafés, the Cathedral Quarter is a lovely area to stay in Belfast.

- Queens Quarter: A lively student area, the Queen's Quarter is a great area to stay in Belfast if you're looking for a younger and cheaper vibe, along with loads of non-student places and shopping. The University itself is also worth a visit.

## **Football Trip to Belfast – What else to see & do**

St Georges Market – This market operates Friday to Sunday. Plenty of choice of food stalls. Live music, friendly people of all nationalities. Great fresh fish, meat and vegetables, reasonably priced. Also lots of local crafts-jewellery, patchwork, art and specialist home made produce.

Visit the Ulster Museum's section on the NI Troubles, with black and white photographs and moving images.

Explore Nationalist Milltown and predominantly Unionist Roselawn cemeteries. The former has a memorial to the Hunger Strikers who are buried there. The latter has graves of police and prison officers, and victims of the Troubles.

Have a pint in 'The Most Bombed Hotel in Europe' – The Europa Hotel is a four-star hotel in Great Victoria Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland. It has hosted presidents, prime ministers and celebrities. It is known as the "most bombed hotel in Europe" and the "most bombed hotel in the world" after having suffered 28 bomb attacks during the Troubles.

Burren Way in East Belfast is the site where George Best learned some of his skills which made him become the best footballer on the planet.

In true Belfast style, the Titanic Harbour Boat Tour pays

tribute to the RMS Titanic in a historical tour around the Titanic Quarter from the River Lagan. The world's only Titanic boat tour gives visitors the best view of the Marine Harbour, Dock and Pump House and sails to the Musgrave Channel where you will spot the large breeding colony of seals in Belfast.

The Cathedral Quarter is named after its majestic resident, St. Anne's Cathedral. Consecrated in 1904, the cathedral boasts the eye-catching Spire of Hope, added in 2006. Inside are marvellous mosaics, striking sculptures, spectacular stained glass windows and the poignant Titanic Pall, as well as the shrine of Edward Carson, leader of the Unionist movement during the partition of Ireland.

Since 1996, Crumlin Road Gaol (jail) has served as a tourism and historical heritage site – but its walls once housed many notorious prisoners and political activists. History buffs should take a tour of this jail and learn about the prisoners, their executions, and the eventual closing of the prison.

The Peace Wall is a rare sight to behold. Over 7,000 murals have been documented in Belfast since the conflict that tore the city apart in the 1970s ended, and the best appear on the Peace Wall in West Belfast. Powerful political statements, pleads of peace, and tributes line this district, making it an important and exciting place to visit.

Black Taxi Tour Belfast provide a range of tours covering Belfast's troubled past, political tours and black cab tours of the world famous murals.

## **Football Trip to Belfast – Where to Drink**

KELLY'S Cellars in Bank Street is generally reckoned to be the oldest continually-run bar in Belfast. It claims a history stretching back to 1720 and among its most famous customers were Stanley Matthews and Bill Shankly from the world of soccer, boxers Sonny Liston and Floyd Patterson, Ben Hur star

Stephen Boyd, poet Louis McNeice and artist William Conor.

McHughs – Georgian hostelry dating to 1711, with traditional bar, basement live music and modern Irish dining. 29-31 Queen's Square, Belfast BT1 3FG

Dirty Onion and Yardbird – Traditional looking pub with a modern vibe including a Jameson barrel sculpture in the beer garden. 3 Hill St, Belfast BT1 2LA

Harp Bar – Stylish pub with a plush decor of red furnishings and leather, plus a regular live music calendar. 35 Hill St, Belfast BT1 2LB

Whites Tavern – Antique ephemera decorates this simple, tucked-away 17th-century pub with open fires and oak beams. 2-4 Winecellar Entry, Belfast BT1 1QN

Crown Liquor Saloon – The fabulously ornate late 19th century tiles, stained glass and carved wood are all thanks to the skill of Italian craftsmen, hired to work on the pub after they had finished working on churches being erected in Belfast at the time. (46 Great Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7BA)

The Perch – It's like a groovy, mad Victorian conservatory, right in the middle of the historic Linen Quarter (42 Franklin St, Belfast BT2 7GE).

Duke of York Remarkably, this version of the pub was in fact rebuilt in 1974, but the recreation of 1950s life is almost magical. Music fans will adore the fact that rock band Snow Patrol played their first gig in this very spot. (7-11 Commercial Ct, Belfast BT1 2NB)

Birtles Bar – This pub's outside is as extraordinary as its inside. Squeezed into a red-brick flatiron-shaped building, the pub, founded in 1868, used to be called "The Shakespeare" in honour of its theatrical connections, and now you can enjoy a drink beside Samuel Beckett, James Joyce and football hero George Best. The pub is famed for its beers, ciders and

whiskeys, and later in the evening the older clientele make way for a younger crowd. (Musgrave Channel Rd, Belfast BT1 9FZ)

John Hewitt (51 Donegall St, Belfast BT1 2FH) This old-world pub offers real ales and gastropub fare, plus regular live, traditional Irish music.

Sunflower Public House – On a corner that has housed a pub for more than 100 years is Sunflower – a slice of Belfast’s social history tucked into the Cathedral Quarter. The security cage has been retained at this renovated pub with a beer garden housing a pizza oven.

## **Football Trip to Belfast – Where to Eat**

Yardbird is above the Dirty Onion, a former whiskey warehouse in the heart of the old city. The restaurant serves up dry rubbed chicken whole (£17), or in halves (£9.50) or quarters (£5), but the highlight for those in the know is the avocado salad: all crunchy, messy, lush and spiced up with a chilli vinaigrette. Equally good is the deep apple pie for dessert.

John Long’s Fish and Chips is as much a Belfast institution as the Ulster Hall and the Linen Hall Library. Its most recent refurbishment was in the 1970s – now a protected species, the restaurant’s Formica booths are in big demand every lunchtime, but get there before 12.30pm and you’ll have no problem. The traditional battered fish is among the best in the city. Fish from £4.50.

Mourne Seafood Bar – offers a range of fresh, local seafood. All our shellfish comes from their very own shellfish beds.

Molly’s Yard is housed in a restored Victorian stable and courtyard near the university and is home to Belfast’s only microbrewery, so you can expect spot-on brews with your food. Its small menu changes regularly and is full of local produce – steak, fish, vegetables – and there’s a dedicated vegetarian

menu, too.

Made in Belfast – With branches in the Cathedral Quarter and City Hall, Made in Belfast serves a mixed menu in a comfortable, kitschy restaurant full of colourful art and mismatched chairs. The menu offers generous portions of favourites such as curry, vegan pizza and risotto.

Holohans at the Barge – focus is mostly on meat, fish and its famous traditional ‘boxty’, an Irish potato pancake filled with food. The menu can be enjoyed on a moored barge on the waterfront.

## **Football trip to Belfast – Useful links**

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# **Planning a Football Trip to Dublin**

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## **Football Trip to Dublin – How to get to Dublin & How to get around**

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including 35 UK airports you can add an extra touch of luxury to your next trip and make the travel experience a whole lot better.

## Directions from the Airport

Dublin Bus offers many routes throughout Dublin, including the 16 to Ballinteer, the 41 to Lower Abbey Street and the 102 to Sutton Station.

<http://www.dublinbus.ie/en/Your-Journey1/Timetables/Airport-Services/>

Airlink Express service will bring you direct to Dublin City Centre, Heuston and Connolly rail stations.

<http://www.dublinbus.ie/en/Your-Journey1/Timetables/Airport-Services/>

Aircoach offers services from Dublin Airport to the city centre and South Dublin on a 24-hour basis. Its city centre service stops at most of the major hotels in Dublin City at key locations across Dublin. <http://www.aircoach.ie/>

## Taxis from the Airport

A taxi will be €16-26.

[HolidayTaxis.com](http://HolidayTaxis.com) is a worldwide transport service, offering you airport to city and resort transfers in over 11,000 destinations in over 120 countries around the world.

## Football Trip to Dublin – Travel Around Dublin

With its infamous traffic, Dublin can be a chore to get around. However most of the sights, shops and restaurants are located within the city centre which can easily be explored on foot.

Apart from taxis, public transport options in Dublin include

buses, trains and trains. Dublin also has a free bikes scheme.

# **Football Trip to Dublin – How to Get to the Match**

## **Football Trip to Dublin – The Stadium**

### **Republic of Ireland – Aviva Stadium**

The Aviva stadium is built on the site of Lansdowne Road, which first opened in 1872 as an athletics stadium before developing into a multi sports venue. The first rugby match played at the ground was an inter provincial between Leinster and Ulster in December 1876. In its old incarnation the Lansdowne Road Stadium was the oldest sports stadium in Europe.

### **Bohemians – Dalymount Park**

Bohemian FC, more commonly referred to as Bohs, were founded on 6 September 1890 in the Phoenix Park Gate Lodge beside the North Circular Road entrance and played its first games in the Park's Polo Grounds. One of the founding members of the League of Ireland in 1921, after their withdrawal from the Irish Football League.

Dalymount Park has a capacity of 3,193. Bohs' average crowd is about 2,000. Dalymount's record attendance was put at 48,000, for an Irish international game against England on 19 May 1957. A similar crowd attended the first entry of an Irish team into the European Cup, when Shamrock Rovers played Manchester United in 1957

### **Shelbourne – Tolka Park**

Tolka Park is the home of Shelbourne FC. It is located on the Richmond Road in Drumcondra, on the northern bank of the Tolka River. The ground is fully seated and previously had the

capacity to hold 9,680 people but that has now been reduced to a “safe capacity” of 4,300 due to the Ballybough End being closed completely on safety grounds. Tolka Park opened in 1953 and was originally home to Drumcondra. The first floodlit game was held on the 30th March 1953. However in 1972 Drums merged with Home Farm but failed to attract large crowds and Tolka fell into disrepair. That was until Shelbourne acquired Home Farm’s lease in 1989 and made the ground their home. Shamrock Rovers also used the ground for home matches for a period of time before Tallaght Stadium was built.

## **Football Trip to Dublin – Getting to the Stadium**



### **Republic of Ireland – Aviva Stadium**

Aviva Stadium is accessible by a selection of public transport routes including a DART stop right at the Stadium. There are NO PUBLIC MATCH DAY PARKING FACILITIES AT THE STADIUM.

### **Bohemians – Dalymount Park**

Dalymount Park is situated in the Phibsborough suburb of Dublin which is located approximately 2km from the historical centre of Ireland’s capital city.

### **Shelbourne – Tolka Park**

Follow the signs for the airport, which will bring you out along Dorset Street which becomes Drumcondra Road after you have crossed the canal. Continue on under the railway bridge. As you continue driving, you’ll pass houses on your left which are set back from the road, behind trees. After these houses, you go through a set of traffic lights. Richmond Road is the next turn right, at the next set of lights, which are just after you have passed over the Tolka Bridge.

<http://www.shelbournefc.ie/directions>

# Football Trip to Dublin – Getting Tickets

## Bohemians – Dalymount Park

Dalymount Park has a capacity of 3,193. Bohs' average crowd is about 2,000 so you should always be able to pay on the day. Admission is 15 Euros for an adult, 10 for Seniors and Students and 5 Euros for Children

## Shelbourne – Tolka Park

Ticket Information: Adults: €15.00. Students: €10 (must show valid ID at turnstiles) Child U14/OAP: €5.

# Football Trip to Dublin – Fixtures

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[Shelbourne](#)

[Bohemians](#)

# Football Trip to Dublin – Where to stay. What to See. Where to Eat. Where to Drink

[Booking.com](#)

## Football Trip to Dublin – Where to stay

If you are booking a hotel for a leisure trip be sure to try to stay within easy reach of the centre. Postal districts 2

and 1 include the centre so if you see “Dublin 2” in the address you are going to be close the action.

In many cities the most cost effective accommodation choice for groups is to hire an apartment. Our sponsors [Citybase apartments](#) specialises in serviced apartments. The link below offers online apartment search and booking for destinations around the world.

## **Football Trip to Dublin – What else to see & do**

When planning a football trip to Dublin it is always good to know what else there is to see and do in the city. Here are a selection of the best things which I found using our [sponsor Lonely Planet](#). Lonely Planet also has maps of the city, details of all the best pubs, bars and restaurants and travel information from the city.

The Guinness Storehouse. Located in the heart of the St James’s Gate Brewery and home to the black stuff since 1759, this massive seven-storey building, a former Guinness® fermentation plant, has been remodelled into the shape of a giant pint of Guinness®. A visit will teach you everything you ever wanted to know about this world famous beer.

See many rare and exotic animals living and roaming in a wide variety of natural habitats at Dublin Zoo.

The National Gallery of Ireland’s collection includes over 2,500 paintings and some 10,000 other works in different media including watercolours, drawings, prints and sculpture.

Built between 1220 and 1260, St Patrick’s Cathedral is one of the few buildings left from the medieval city of Dublin.

Kilmainham Gaol – Dublin’s Kilmainham Gaol held some of the most famous political and military leaders in Irish history such as Robert Emmet, Charles Stewart Parnell, the 1916 Rising

leaders and Eamon de Valera.

Croke Park – the stadium tour and GAA Museum, bookable at €13.50/€8 for the two

## **Football Trip to Dublin – Where to Drink**

Kehoe's. The bar's friendly staff keep the mugs full and on a busy night the crowd huddles around the stairs – neighbourhood tavern style.

Dublin's oldest microbrewery pub, the Porterhouse, only sells its own label of beers, but the stouts, lagers and ales are better than any mass-produced beer.

Toners (139 Baggot Street Lower) – Long-established, traditional pub with a dark wooden bar, picture-framed snug and popular beer yard.

Doheny & Nesbitt (5 Baggot Street Lower) – This classic pub houses 2 fine old snugs (small rooms for women in days of old) and an Irish menu.

O'Donoghues Bar (15 Merrion Row) – Renowned traditional music pub with packed nightly live sessions and simple en suite bedrooms.

The Dawson Lounge (25 Dawson St) – One of the smallest pubs in the country provides an intimate atmosphere for a drink.

Against The Grain (11 Wexford S) – Modern bar with a huge array of local and international craft beers on tap and big-screen TV sport.

Peters Pub (39-40 William St S) – Traditional, convivial and compact pub with white walls, serving whiskies, beers and sandwiches.

The Long Hall (51 South Great George's Street) – Traditional pub decorated with filigree-edged mirrors, polished dark wood

and traditional snugs.

Nearys (1 Chatham St) – Adjacent to the back door of the Gaiety Theatre, this is a favourite of stage folk and theatergoers.

Grogans (15 South William Street) – Higgledy-piggledy artworks by local artists dot the walls of this local pub which hosts book events.

The Old Stand (37 Exchequer St) – Sports and political heritage in a cosy traditional pub-eatery with a horseshoe bar and tiled floor.

Porterhouse Temple Bar (16-18 Parliament St) – Constantly changing menu of own ales, lagers and stouts with an Irish menu and folksy atmosphere.

The Palace Bar (21 Fleet Street) – Victorian bar with stained glass skylight and timeless ambiance for hosting Irish music sessions.

## **Football Trip to Dublin – Where to Eat**

Beanhive (26 Dawson Street) – Great Full Irish breakfast and sandwiches! Good value for money!

The Stage Door Café (11 Essex Street East) – Flavoursome and authentic Irish breakfast.

Boojum (Millennium Walkway) – Great food, good quick service. The burritos and bowls are tasty and the prices are very reasonable.

Bunsen (36 Wexford St) – Compact eatery with an equally compact menu of burgers with extra toppings and a choice of fries.

Pablo Picante (4 Clarendon Market) – Inexpensive spot for Mexican

Mongolian BBQ (7 Anglesea Street ) Pick your mix of vegetables, meat and spices and let the chefs prepare it on the Mongolian grill.

## **Football trip to Dublin – Useful links**

<http://www.footballgroundguide.com/republic-of-ireland/shelbourne/index.html>