



## ACTION & ADVENTURE

The Urban Splash experience has lots of exciting activities to set your pulses racing, both on land and on the water.

### IRISH-LANGUAGE ADVENTURES 1

**Moontour:** At this Irish-language adventure centre based in Dún Laoghaire Harbour, you can enjoy kayaking, paddleboarding and other activities while also learning about active biodiversity and learning a few words of Irish Language (Gaelic). +353 (0) 703 7969, email [sean@moontour.ie](mailto:sean@moontour.ie), Dún Laoghaire Harbour, Co Dublin.

### STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING 2

Enjoy a fun workout as you savour the natural beauty of Dublin Bay.

**Big Style:** +353 (0) 83 012 3689, [www.bigstyle.ie](http://www.bigstyle.ie), Dún Laoghaire Harbour, Co Dublin.

**Irish National Sailing & Powerboat School:** +353 (0) 1 2844195, [www.inss.ie](http://www.inss.ie) Dún Laoghaire Harbour, Co Dublin

### KITE SURFING & WING FOILING

+353 (0) 1 805 4912, [www.puremagic.ie](http://www.puremagic.ie), Dún Laoghaire Harbour, Co Dublin

### KAYAKING 3

Get up close to seals and other wildlife while exploring coves, landmarks, and historic fortifications.

**Kayaking.ie:** +353 (0) 86 168 4755, Kayaking from Bullock Harbour, Dalkey

**INSS.IE:** +353 (0) 1 284 4195, Kayaking from Dun Laoghaire Harbour

### ROCK CLIMBING & ABSEILING 4

Put your skills to the test and enjoy rock climbing in Dalkey Quarry.

**Adventure Burn:** +353 (0) 86 401 2750, [www.adventureburn.com](http://www.adventureburn.com)

**Go Beyond Adventure** +353 (0) 87 935 3868, [www.gobeyondadventure.ie](http://www.gobeyondadventure.ie)

**Hike & Climb** +353 (0) 85 770 7019, [www.hikeandclimb.ie](http://www.hikeandclimb.ie)

**Adventure.ie** + 353 (0) 86 827 2524, [www.adventure.ie](http://www.adventure.ie)

**Dublin's only coasteering** (jumping from coastal cliffs & walls (into Dublin Bay): +353 (0) 87 366 9999, [www.coasteeringdublin.ie](http://www.coasteeringdublin.ie)

and other great Irish writers with Dalkey and Dún Laoghaire connections. Learn about the settings that inspired these writers. Tours are arranged on request for groups with a minimum of six people. Contact Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre: +353 (0) 1 285 8366, [info@dalkeycastle.com](mailto:info@dalkeycastle.com), [www.dalkeycastle.com](http://www.dalkeycastle.com)

## TOP WALKS

### EAST PIER & THE METALS 14

Rejuvenate yourself and take in breathtaking scenery with a stroll along the East Pier. Afterwards, you can amble along The Metals from Dún Laoghaire town to charming Dalkey village.

### URBAN ART TRAIL

'Anseo' is the Irish language word for 'Here'. The Dún Laoghaire Anseo trail consists of over 25 pieces of unique urban street art dotted around the town of Dún Laoghaire and its harbour. The Anseo app guides you along the trail and gives you key information about the places, events and people behind the artworks: [dublindiscoverytrails.ie/#dlr-anseo](http://dublindiscoverytrails.ie/#dlr-anseo)

### HARBOUR TRAIL WALK

The ten-stop Harbour Trail app will guide you as you explore the rich history of Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The trail begins at the Tourist Information Kiosk (adjacent to Dún Laoghaire DART (train) Station) and brings you all the way down the famous East Pier. [dublindiscoverytrails.ie/#dlr-harbour](http://dublindiscoverytrails.ie/#dlr-harbour)

### KILLINEY HILL 15

Walk to the top and make a wish upon the wishing stone while enjoying spectacular views of Dublin Bay, the Wicklow Mountains, the Irish Sea, Bray Head and the Sugar Loaf Mountain. Look out for red squirrels in the woods and for the 'Druid's Chair', believed by some to be an ancient ceremonial site and by others to be a Victorian-era folly.

### BOOTERSTOWN TO SANDYCOVE 16

Follow Dublin Bay from Boooterstown Marsh to Sandycove beach. Along the way, step one street in from the coast to discover unique artisan shops and wonderful cafes and restaurants in Dún Laoghaire town and in the thriving villages of Blackrock, Monkstown and Glathule.

### GUIDED LITERARY WALKS IN DALKEY 17

Transport yourself into the works of James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Flann O'Brien, Maeve Binchy,



## COASTAL CYCLE ROUTE!

Saddle up and explore Dublin's beautiful south coast by bicycle. Cycle maps are available from the Tourism Information Kiosk in Dún Laoghaire or at [www.dlrcoco.ie/traffic-management/cycling](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/traffic-management/cycling)

### WHERE TO HIRE A BIKE

**The Cycle Hub** +353 (0) 1 260 0749 [info@the-cyclehub.com](mailto:info@the-cyclehub.com)

Unit 4 Harbour Square, Crofton Road, Dún Laoghaire.

**The Bike Hub** +353 (0) 1 264 1000 [contact@thebikehub.ie](mailto:contact@thebikehub.ie) Queen's Road, Dún Laoghaire.



## DIVE IN! BEACHES & SWIMMING SPOTS

Fancy a dip? The Urban Splash route has 17km of coastline, with beautiful beaches and swimming spots nestled among picturesque villages and harbours. Go on, get your toes wet!

### SEAPOINT 5

A popular spot for beachgoers, swimmers and other water sports enthusiasts. The Martello Tower along from Seapoint Dart Station marks the best point of access.



### SANDYCOVE BEACH 6

This small yet perfectly formed sandy inlet is an ideal spot for families with children of all ages and has terrific views to Dún Laoghaire.



### THE FORTY FOOT 7

This iconic bathing pool – named by *The New York Times* as one of the 10 best places in the world to swim – is nestled within a rocky outcrop close to Sandycove Beach. Although it was originally a men-only, nude bathing spot, the Forty Foot is now open to everyone.

### KILLINEY BEACH 8

This 800m sheltered, stony beach has spectacular views to Sorrento Terrace and Bray Head. Popular with bathers, swimmers and fishermen, the beach is easily accessed by train to Killiney Dart Station.

## ON THE WAVES

The south Dublin coast is the perfect base from which to explore beautiful Dublin Bay. Boat cruises run from Dún Laoghaire Harbour to Dublin city centre, Howth, and around Dalkey Island. The harbour also boasts four yacht clubs, a marina and a sailing and powerboat school.



### GET IN TOUCH

#### Dún Laoghaire Harbour 9

**Dublin Bay Cruises:** +353 (0) 1 901 1757, [www.dublinbaycruises.com](http://www.dublinbaycruises.com)

**GoSailing.ie Powerboat Excursions:** +353 (0) 87 0922913, [www.gosailing.ie](http://www.gosailing.ie)

**Irish National Sailing & Powerboat School:** +353 (0) 1 284 4195, [www.inss.ie](http://www.inss.ie) West Pier, Dun Laoghaire.

#### Dublin Boat Tours

+353 (0) 1 284 4195, [www.dublinboattour.com](http://www.dublinboattour.com)

#### Goat Boat Tours

+ 353 (0) 87 989 0196, [www.goatboat.ie](http://www.goatboat.ie) Coal Harbour, Dún Laoghaire.

#### Scenic Coastal Dublin (Dun Laoghaire) 10

Book Via [TripAdvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com)

Join local resident Marina on her tours of our coastal towns, villages, castles and harbours. Bulloch is one of 3 harbours on her tour.

#### Coliemore Harbour 11

##### Dalkey Island Trips:

Ken The Ferryman, +353 (0) 85 242 6516, <https://www.instagram.com/kenttheferrymanandson>

**ALL OF THESE CRUISES AND TOURS PROVIDE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF THE DUBLIN BAY BIOSPHERE...**



## DUBLIN BAY BIOSPHERE

Dublin Bay is a designated UNESCO Biosphere for nature conservation because of the diversity of mammals, birds, fish, insects and plants that live and breed in its coastal habitats. More at [www.dublinbaybiosphere.ie](http://www.dublinbaybiosphere.ie)

### BOOTERSTOWN MARSH 12

This saltmarsh bird sanctuary provides habitats for birds such as Moorhen, Reed Bunting, Sedge Warbler, Teal, Snipe, Lapwing, Oystercatcher, Redshank, Dunlin, and Brent Goose.



### DALKEY ISLAND 13

Home to a colony of seals and several bird species, Dalkey Island also has archaeological remains dating to 3000 BC. Visit the 10th-century church and the Napoleonic Martello Tower and walk on the site where Vikings once had a slave camp.



## FOR ALL THE FAMILY

### DALKEY CASTLE 18

Live theatre and guided tours will transport you back to the 15th Century. Visit the interactive Heritage Centre and immerse yourself in 6,500 years of human history. +353 (0) 1 285 8366, [www.dalkeycastle.com](http://www.dalkeycastle.com), 11 Castle St. Dalkey A96 DE61.

### IRISH NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM 19

Embark on a voyage of discovery with enthralling stories of discovery, heroism, war and disasters at sea. Learn about maritime history, exploration, technology, wildlife, and art inspired by our oceans. +353 (0) 1 214 3964, +353 (0) 1 280 0969, [www.mariner.ie](http://www.mariner.ie), Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire.

### JAMES JOYCE TOWER & MUSEUM 20

A treasure trove of the author's letters, photographs and personal possessions housed in the Martello Tower in Sandycove which famously features at the beginning of Joyce's novel Ulysses. +353 (0) 1 280 9265, [www.joycetower.ie](http://www.joycetower.ie)



### COCO MARKET @ THE PEOPLE'S PARK 21

Browse more than 50 stalls selling arts, crafts, and delicious food at this wonderful Sunday market in Dún Laoghaire's People's Park and at the park beside the Lexicon Library. +353 (0) 1 204 7024, [www.dlrcoco.ie/markets](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/markets)

### THE PAVILION THEATRE 22

The cultural heartbeat of Dún Laoghaire town – theatre, cinema, comedy, literature, opera, dance, workshops, festivals and local arts. +353 (0) 1 231 2929, [www.paviliontheatre.ie](http://www.paviliontheatre.ie)

### THE LEXICON LIBRARY & CULTURAL CENTRE 23

This striking cultural centre overlooking Dún Laoghaire Harbour hosts events and exhibitions daily in its library spaces, gallery and studio theatre. +353 (0) 1 280 1147, [www.libraries.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.libraries.dlrcoco.ie)



### Dart Line

### URBAN SPLASH TRAIL

## GETTING HERE

### CITY CENTRE TO THE COAST IN 20 MINUTES

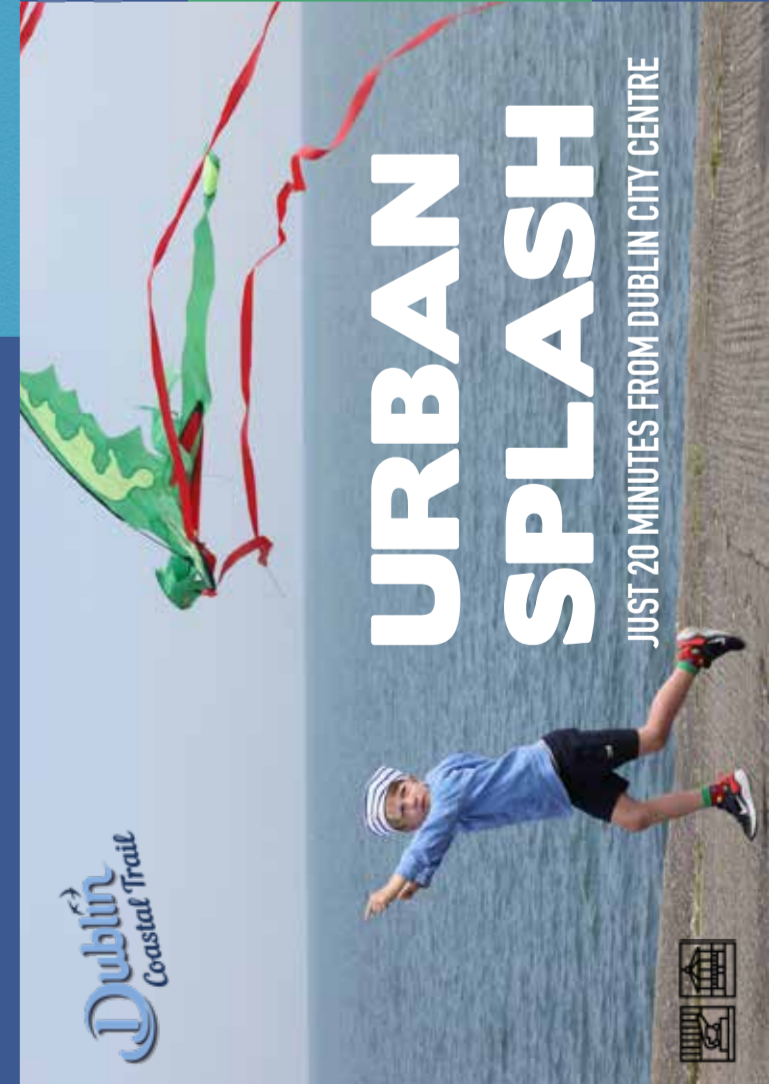
The Urban Splash experience starts on Dublin Bay's south coast, just 7km from the city centre. Our beautiful towns and villages are perfectly placed for an activity-packed day away from the hustle and bustle of central Dublin. Plan your journeys using the Transport for Ireland (TFI) Journey Planner: [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

There are 10 Dart train stations along the Urban Splash trail, with many boasting great views of Dublin Bay.

Dublin Bus services run from the city centre to all parts of the Urban Splash trail.

There are on-road and off-road cycle routes all along the Urban Splash trail. Visit [www.dlrcoco.ie/traffic-management/cycling](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/traffic-management/cycling)

Dublin Airport is just 40 minutes away from Dún Laoghaire town, at the heart of the Urban Splash experience. [www.dublinairport.com](http://www.dublinairport.com)



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## TOURIST INFORMATION

For information on activities, tours, services and supports along the Urban Splash trail, visit the Tourist Office online at [www.dlrtourism.ie](http://www.dlrtourism.ie) or in person in Dún Laoghaire town. +353 (0)1 280 6964.

## ACCOMMODATION

Base yourself on the south Dublin coast for great value accommodation when visiting Ireland's capital city. The Tourist Office has information about the latest offers from hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs and self-catering accommodation.

## EATING OUT

The towns and villages along the Urban Splash trail have restaurants ready to bring the bounty of Dublin Bay and beyond to your table. A Michelin-starred restaurant, family-friendly gastro-pubs, relaxing brasseries, bustling cafés, farmers' markets – there's something to suit every taste.

## FREE HERITAGE TOURS

There are free seasonal guided tours on offer at many heritage sites along the Urban Splash trail.

Visit [www.events.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.events.dlrcoco.ie) for information or keep up to date on Facebook @dlrheritageevents, on Twitter @dlrheritevents, or Instagram @dlrheritageevents.



[www.dlrtourism.ie](http://www.dlrtourism.ie)



## MAKE AN URBAN SPLASH IN DUBLIN!

The beautiful Dublin coast is truly where the city meets the sea. There's a host of activities to enjoy on land and in the water.

Go paddle boarding, kayaking, or rock climbing. Dive in for a swim or just relax on the beach. Take a cruise and learn about the incredible Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere, hire a bike or simply go for a stroll and enjoy breathtaking views.

Step one street in from the coast and visit charming towns and villages. Explore ancient castles, go shopping, and eat in great restaurants — there are cultural attractions and social delights just waiting to be discovered.

The Urban Splash trail offers something for everyone, for families and couples of all ages, for thrill-seekers, and for those who just want to soak it all in. Best of all, it starts just 20 minutes from Dublin city centre.

**SO, GO ON, MAKE A SPLASH!**

## GO LOCAL

Want to enjoy the same experiences as the people who live here? These are some of the most popular activities among the locals...



### MARCH ST. PADDY'S DAY

On March 17th, Dún Laoghaire celebrates our patron saint with a parade that features costumed marchers, attractive floats and banners, and live music and dance.



### JUNE DALKEY BOOK FESTIVAL

Held in the beautiful coastal heritage town of Dalkey, this annual book festival attracts big international authors, notables from the worlds of politics and culture, and all kinds of celebrities.



### BLOOMSDAY

Across the county, James Joyce's world-renowned novel Ulysses, which opens in Dún Laoghaire, is celebrated through music, theatre and unique local food.



### JULY COASTIVAL

All things coast-related can be found at the Coastival festival in Dún Laoghaire. The festival features art, music, ships, water activities, emergency-services demonstrations, and more.



### AUGUST UKULELE HOOLEY FESTIVAL

The annual Ukulele Hooley Festival in Dún Laoghaire features flash mobs, open-air performances, workshops, live open-air performances and other free activities.



### DALKEY LOBSTER FESTIVAL

The coastal heritage town of Dalkey goes seafood-crazy every August and celebrates the lobster with cooking demos, children's activities, live music and a wealth of outdoor dining.



### OCTOBER ECHOES BOOK FESTIVAL

The Echoes festival in Dalkey town honours local author Maevie Binchy. Music and spoken word celebrate Binchy's writing and legacy alongside the best of Irish and contemporary writers.



### NOVEMBER DUN LAOGHAIRE COMEDY FESTIVAL

Dún Laoghaire town hosts four nights of comedy, with a wide array of Irish and international artists performing in the town's top venues.



### DUN LAOGHAIRE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The festival begins with a musical Santa parade around the town signalling the countdown to Christmas. Visit Santa, go ice skating, enjoy the funfair, and see the town all lit up!