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National Museum of Ireland  
Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann

Natural History

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THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM WAS BUILT BY THE ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY AND OPENED ITS DOORS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1857.



Over 150 years later it has changed little and is known to generations of visitors as the 'Dead Zoo' a true museum of a museum. Recent conservation work has improved access for visitors and provided new learning opportunities, including the Discovery Zone where visitors can handle taxidermy and open drawers to see what is lurking inside. Our Reading Room at first floor level is a great place to rest and settle down with a good book.

The traditional exhibition style and furnishings are unchanged. Familiar favorites include skeletons of 11,000 year old giant deer, Spoticus the giraffe and whale skeletons suspended from the roof. Exhibits cover the animals of Ireland at ground floor level and mammals of the world on the first floor. We apologise that the upper levels of the museum are not accessible at present. This requires funding for a conservation and access plan that will address problems of emergency exits.



#### How To Get There

**BUSES:** www.dublinbus.ie - direction Merrion Square West.

**DART:** Pearse Station.

**LUAS:** Green Line, Short walk from 'St. Stephen's Green' stop.

**PARKING:** On-street pay and display parking.

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Country Life

Turlough Park, County Mayo  
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SET IN MODERN EXHIBITION GALLERIES IN THE SPECTACULAR GROUNDS OF TURLOUGH PARK HOUSE AND SURROUNDED BY MAGNIFICENT GARDENS. VISITORS EXPERIENCE TRADITIONS OF RURAL LIFE THROUGHOUT IRELAND FROM 1850-1950 IN THE AWARD-WINNING MUSEUM OF COUNTRY LIFE.



Fascinating artefacts, which are drawn from the National Folklife Collection, deal with domestic life, agriculture, fishing and hunting, clothing and textiles, furniture and fittings, trades and crafts, transport, calendar customs, leisure and religion.

Interactive displays and screens, actual video footage of traditions we are fast losing are featured alongside handcrafted harvest knots and wickerwork, spinning wheels and boats, clothing and artefacts from the islands and hand operated machinery our grandparents used.

Explore the Museum's collections through the Education and Outreach programmes, which include guided tours, workshops and demonstrations, 'Behind the Scenes' tours, lectures, handling sessions plus activity sheets for children and families. Outreach visits can be arranged through the Education and Outreach Department.



The Irish Farmers' Association Millennium Library & Archive is located in Turlough Park House and is a centre for study and research for national and international scholars. Access by appointment only.



#### How To Get There

**CAR:** Located in Turlough village, eight km east of Castlebar, on the N5. Free parking available.

**BUS SCHEDULES:** contact Bus Éireann, Ballina 096 71800.

**TRAIN SCHEDULES (TO CASTLEBAR):**

Contact Castlebar Train Station 094 90 21222.

#### Further Information

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#### Dublin Booking Information

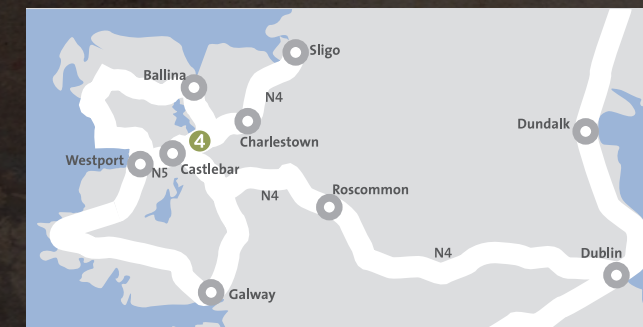
For bookings or further information on events, please contact the Education and Outreach Department.  
Tel: + 353 (0) 1 648 6453  
Email: bookings@museum.ie  
Booking Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm

#### Turlough Park Booking Information

For bookings or further information on events, please contact the Education and Outreach Department.  
Tel: +353 (0) 94 903 1751 Fax: +353 (0) 94 903 1498  
Email: educationtph@museum.ie  
Booking Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am - 1pm

#### Access

Collins Barracks and Turlough Park are fully wheelchair accessible. Kildare Street - Ground floor exhibitions, shop, café and toilets are wheelchair accessible. Merrion Street - Ground floor exhibitions and toilets are wheelchair accessible.



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FREE ADMISSION TO EXHIBITIONS

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Archaeology  
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#### Opening Hours

Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm.

Sunday 2pm - 5 pm.

Closed Mondays (including Bank Holidays, Good Friday and Christmas Day).



# Priceless Treasures that belong to everyone.

Welcome to the National Museum of Ireland, where we invite you to join us for a fascinating journey through the ages. You'll see collections that span Irish history, from prehistoric times to the present day and discover more about the country's heritage, culture and traditions. There are also displays from other ancient cultures of the world, which give us a unique insight into how these people lived and died.



**Museum Talks, Tours & Events** – Please ask at reception for details or visit our website – [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie)

**Museum Shop** – The Museum Shops stock a comprehensive selection of books, gifts, children's interest, postcards, specially commissioned jewellery, ceramics and textiles. Open Museum hours or online at [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie).

**Museum Café** – Located in Kildare Street, Collins Barracks and Turlough Park. The Museum Café serve coffees, teas, pastries and a wide variety of sandwiches and delicious meals.

**Museum Guidebooks** – For more detailed information on our exhibitions, please purchase our Museum Guidebooks at Museum shop or online at [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie).

**Calendar of Events** – Our quarterly Calendar of Events can be downloaded from our 'What's On' page on [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie).

**Museum Floorplans** – Floorplans in various languages can also be downloaded and printed at home from our website - [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie). For further information please contact the Marketing Department, Email: [marketing@museum.ie](mailto:marketing@museum.ie)

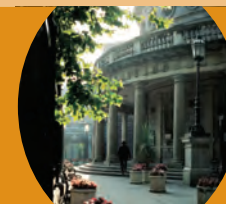
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OPENED IN 1890, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND - ARCHAEOLOGY, KILDARE STREET DISPLAYS ARTEFACTS DATING FROM 7000 BC TO THE 20TH CENTURY.

The Irish archaeological collections include The Treasury, featuring outstanding examples of Celtic and Medieval art such as the famous Ardagh Chalice, the Tara Brooch and the Derrynaflan Hoard. Within the exhibition the second gallery is devoted to an early medieval Book of Psalms known as the Faddan More Psalter. This manuscript, which dates to approximately AD 800, was discovered by chance in a Co. Tipperary bog in 2006. Or-Ireland's Gold features the finest collection of prehistoric gold artefacts in Europe, while Prehistoric Ireland introduces the visitor to the everyday culture of prehistory. Viking Ireland focuses on Irish archaeology from 800-1150 AD. Medieval Ireland 1150-1550 explores life in later medieval Ireland: meet the nobles who go to war, the common people who work and the clergy who pray in galleries entitled 'Power', 'Work' and 'Prayer'.



The building is also home to the exhibition Ancient Egypt, which explores this mysterious and multi-faceted civilisation. Kingship & Sacrifice is a fascinating exhibition centred on a number of recently-found bog bodies of Iron Age date. Displayed along with other bog finds from the Museum's collections, it offers you an opportunity to come 'face to face' with your ancient ancestors.

## How To Get There

**BUSES:** [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie) (No's 25, 33, 41, 51, 66, 67 & 84 serve Kildare St. & Dawson St.)

**DART:** Pearse Station.

**LUAS:** Green Line, Short walk from 'St. Stephen's Green' stop.

**PARKING:** On-street pay and display.



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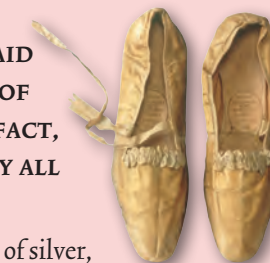
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COLLINS BARRACKS COULD BE SAID TO BE THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND'S LARGEST IRISH ARTEFACT, HAVING HAD A UNIQUE HISTORY ALL ITS OWN IN ANOTHER LIFE.

On display, you'll find fine examples of silver, ceramics, glassware, weaponry, furniture, folklife, clothing, jewellery, coins and medals. All of these displayed with imagination in innovative and contemporary galleries, which entice you to go further, look harder and examine more closely. Don't miss the Curator's Choice exhibition where, amongst other treasures, there is an ancient Japanese ceremonial bell, which dates back over 2000 years. With over 16,000 artefacts on display, What's in Store? gives you the chance to get behind the scenes and explore a working museum collection. Explore the histories of soldiers and their families in Soldiers & Chiefs. This major exhibition uses original artefacts, letters, replicas and audio accounts to show how soldiering in war has affected the lives of Irish people.

Other new approaches to exhibiting major collections in these magnificent buildings include Irish Silver, The Way We Wore – 250 Years of Irish Clothing & Jewellery, Eileen Gray and Airgead – A Thousand Years of Irish Coins & Currency, A Dubliner's Collection of Asian Art – The Albert Bender Exhibition, Reconstructed Rooms – Four Centuries of Furnishings.



Proclaiming a Republic: The 1916 Rising includes many objects never seen on public exhibition before. In this exhibition the visitor will experience the poignant stories of the civilians, combatants and survivors whose lives were intertwined with the fighting that took place in and around the rebel garrisons.

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**BUSES:** [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie)

Wolfe Tone Quay, National Museum, Use stop No. 1475 as your destination. Bus from Heuston Station available.

**LUAS:** Red Line, 'Museum' stop

**PARKING:** On-site pay and display.

