



An insider's guide to Dublin  
the way the locals live it

# Insider Guides Shopping

If you love shopping then you are going to fall in love with Dublin!  
No matter where you go, you will never be far from temptation.  
And the beauty of Dublin is that it is big enough to offer distinct shopping districts which are small enough to explore on foot!

**Grafton Street** and **Henry Street** are the main pedestrianised shopping thoroughfares. **Henry Street** offers the best choice in high street fashion and popular Irish chain stores and is where **Arnott's**, one of Dublin's best loved department stores, can be found.

**Grafton Street** provides the shopper with a myriad of temptations from the best of Irish and international fashion to Irish gifts and craft ware. There are many streets and lanes off Grafton Street to be explored where you will discover some hidden shopping delights. **Suffolk Street** is home to **Avoca** Handweavers, three floors of Irish fashion and gifts. Across the street is the **Dublin Tourism Centre** where you will find an array of traditional books, clothes and crafts.

Not to be missed is the **Powerscourt Townhouse Centre**, a beautifully restored Georgian Townhouse which houses specialised shops, galleries, antique jewellery stores and restaurants. On the third floor is **The Design Centre**, home to leading contemporary Irish and international labels offering you a unique choice of clothing. **Nassau Street** has a vast selection of Irish craft stores, such as the **Kilkenny Design Centre** and the **House of Ireland** which specialise in Irish design ware, glass, ceramics and more.

Once you leave the city behind many of the suburban shopping centres, such as **Liffey Valley Centre** and **Dundrum Town Centre** incorporate high-street favourites and speciality shops to provide a complete shopping experience under one roof.

For the more adventurous shoppers out there, **Dublin's** numerous markets are thriving and a wonderful way to spend a leisurely afternoon. **Blackrock Market** is one of the capital's gems and is a hugely successful weekend market. It boasts a unique blend of new, second-hand and antique goods as well as a broad range of fine and modern art, collectables, furniture and hand crafts.

Another market on the must do list is **Cow's Lane Fashion & Design Market** in Temple Bar. During the festive season the market will run every weekend from the 1st to the 23rd December. Featuring a wealth of once-off and unusual pieces from up and coming designers the wide ranging prices and styles will suit everyone's tastes and purses!

And not to forget any Christmas shopping you might want to fit in, the outdoor **Temple Bar Christmas Market** is a great place to pick up some of those last minute gifts! This festive bonanza will take place over 4 weekends in December from the 1st to the 23rd December in the magical open air spaces in the Old City



area of Temple Bar. The market will offer a diverse range of gift ideas with a variety of stalls selling crafts, jewellery, cards, gift wrap, photography, decorations, trees, prints, ceramics, toys and of course mulled wine and mince pies to keep you warm!

The annual **Docklands Christmas Market "12 Days of Christmas Festival"** takes place from December 12th to December 23rd, and promises to be a magical festive experience for families and shoppers alike. Thirsty shoppers can stay warm with deliciously indulgent hot chocolate, beers or traditional German mulled wine.

Enjoy browsing and shopping and have a look at the other suggestions below for some more ideas.

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# top tips

## Department Stores/Shopping Centres

### Arnott's Department Store

Henry Street, Dublin 1  
T: 00353 1 805 0400  
[www.arnotts.ie](http://www.arnotts.ie)  
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### Dundrum Town Centre

Sandyford Road, Dundrum, Dublin 16  
T: 00353 1 299 1700  
[www.dundrum.ie](http://www.dundrum.ie)  
Transport: LUAS Green Line  
Bus 44 (Townsend Street)  
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### Liffey Valley Shopping Centre

Fonhill Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22  
T: 00353 1 616 0200  
[www.liffeyvalley.ie](http://www.liffeyvalley.ie)  
Travel: 78A/78/210/239  
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### Powerscourt Townhouse Centre

59 South William Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 679 4144  
[www.powerscourtcentre.com](http://www.powerscourtcentre.com)  
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### St. Stephens Green Shopping Centre

Stephens Green West, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 4780888  
[www.stephensgreen.com](http://www.stephensgreen.com)  
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### Westbury Mall

Off Grafton Street, Dublin 2  
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## Map key

- 1 Powerscourt Townhouse Centre
- 2 Arnott's
- 3 Avoca Handweavers
- 4 Dublin Tourism Centre
- 5 Kilkenny Design Centre
- 6 House of Ireland
- 7 Liffey Valley Centre
- 8 Dundrum Town Centre
- 9 Blackrock Market
- 10 Cow's Lane Fashion & Design Market
- 11 Temple Bar Christmas Market
- 12 Docklands Christmas Market

Indicates main shopping streets

## Specialised Stores

### Avoca Handweavers

Suffolk Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 677 4215  
[www.avoca.ie](http://www.avoca.ie)  
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### Dublin Tourism Centre Gift Shop

Suffolk Street, Dublin 2  
[www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com)  
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### Kilkenny Design Centre

5/6 Nassau Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 677 7066  
[www.kilkennyshop.ie](http://www.kilkennyshop.ie)  
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### House of Ireland

38 Nassau Street, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 671 1111  
[www.houseofireland.com](http://www.houseofireland.com)  
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## Markets

### Blackrock Market

19a Main Street, Blackrock, Dublin  
T: 00353 1 283 3522  
[www.blackrockmarket.com](http://www.blackrockmarket.com)  
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### Cow's Lane Fashion & Design Market

Cow's Lane, Temple Bar, Dublin 2  
T: 00353 1 6772255  
[www.templebar.ie](http://www.templebar.ie)  
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### Docklands Christmas Market

George's Dock, Dublin 1  
T: 00353 1 818 3300  
[www.ddda.ie](http://www.ddda.ie)  
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### George's Street Arcade

South Great George's Street, Dublin 2  
[www.georgesstreetarcade.ie](http://www.georgesstreetarcade.ie)  
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**Vat Refunds:** One of the best things about shopping in Ireland for non-EU visitors is that you are entitled to get a refund of VAT paid. There are three major refund systems – Global Refund, Tax Back or in-store refunds. The prime rule is that you have to get a VAT-refund form at the time of purchase from each store in which you shop. On leaving Ireland bring the completed form to the relevant Global Refund to Tax Back desk at the airport and they will organise a VAT refund to you.

# maps

## Dublin County



## City centre

