

## Self Guided Walks

Cork is a compact city which is easily explored on foot. A variety of guides and maps to help you explore Cork's historic core is available on [corkcity.ie/en/things-to-do/parks-outdoors](http://corkcity.ie/en/things-to-do/parks-outdoors)

**Ardú street art** - while exploring Cork City it's impossible to miss the giant murals which inject a burst of colour and vibrancy across the city. Find out more about this striking street art from the artists through a free self guided audio tour on [arducork.ie](http://arducork.ie)



**Heritage orienteering for all the family** - Follow the clues to discover architectural gems hidden in plain sight in the historic heart of Cork city. Trail maps and clues for Shandon and South Parish available at [corkcity.ie/en/things-to-do/parks-outdoors/orienteering](http://corkcity.ie/en/things-to-do/parks-outdoors/orienteering)

## Food Markets

**English Market** - *Open daily* (see Things to see 7)

**Marina Market** - street food, craft and entertainment. *Open daily*, 08:00 - 20:00. Centre Park Road, Ballintemple T12 YX76, [marinamarket.ie](http://marinamarket.ie)

**Wilton Farmers' Market** - every *Tuesday* from 10:00-14:00. Wilton Shopping Centre

**Ballincollig Farmers' Market** - every *Wednesday* from 10:00 - 14:00. Ballincollig Shopping Centre, Main St, Ballincollig P31 YA47

**Mahon Farmers' Market** - every *Thursday* from 10:00-14:00. Mahon Point Shopping Centre, [mahonpointfarmersmarket.com](http://mahonpointfarmersmarket.com)

**Coal Quay Food Market** - every *Saturday* from 08:30-16:00 on Cornmarket St.

**Douglas Farmers' Market** - every *Saturday* from 10:00-14:00. Outside Douglas Village Shopping Centre, [douglasfarmersmarket.com](http://douglasfarmersmarket.com)

**Blackrock Village Market** - every *Sunday* from 10:00-15:00. The Pier, Blackrock

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## Further information

For more information about where to stay, dining options, public transport, festivals, events, attractions and suggested itineraries in Cork City visit [www.purecork.ie](http://www.purecork.ie)

While in Cork why not call into the Cork City Tourist Information Office, 125 St Patrick's St, Cork

Cork City Council,  
Tourism Section,  
City Hall, Cork.

[tourism@corkcity.ie](mailto:tourism@corkcity.ie)  
[www.corkcity.ie](http://www.corkcity.ie)



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## Things to see & do in Cork city

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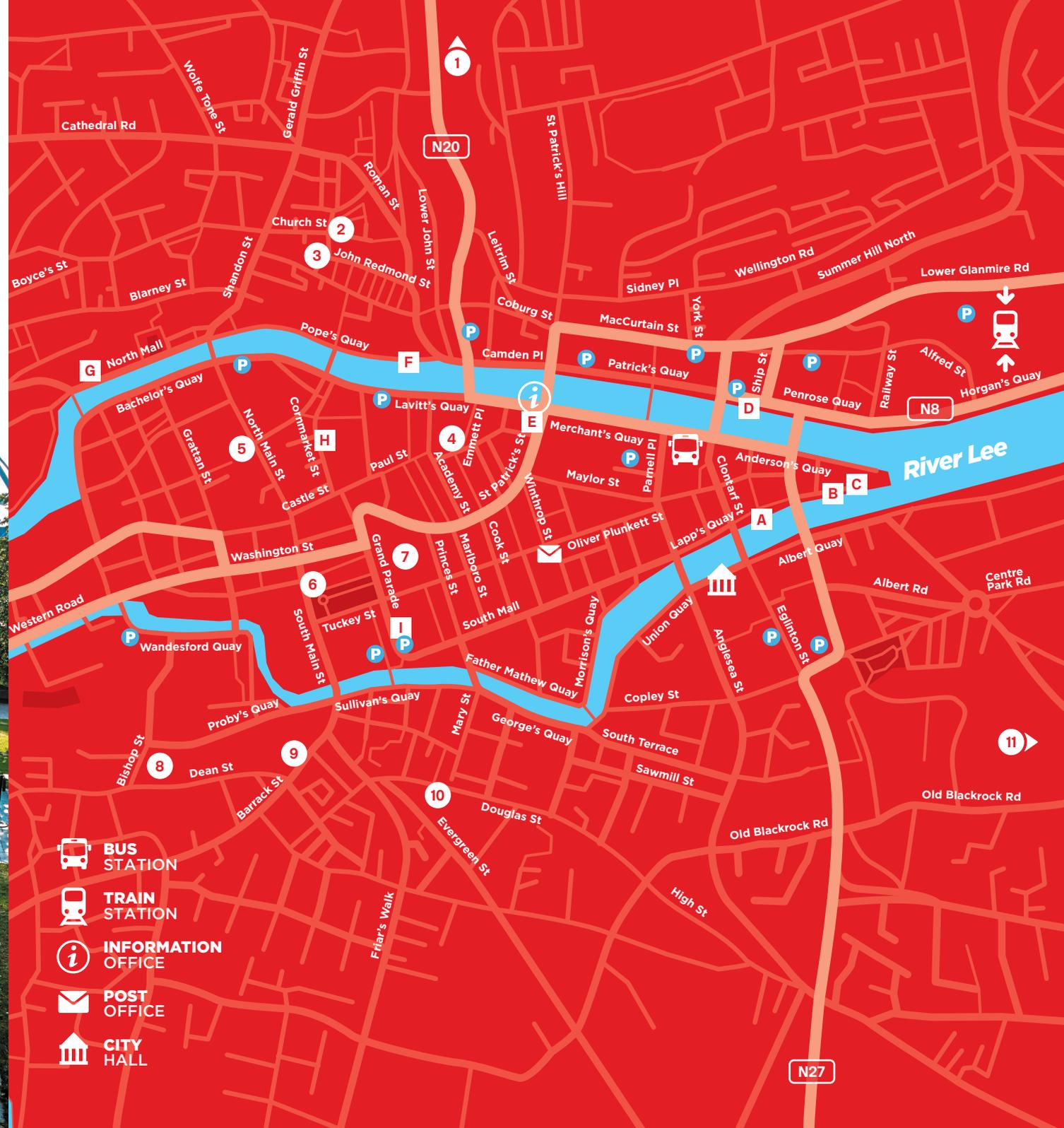
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# Welcome to Cork City

## Céad Míle Fáilte go Corcaigh

This brochure gives you an overview of just some of the main things to see and do during your visit to Cork City. While you're here we hope you also enjoy the wonderful food and drink, shopping and entertainment options that make a visit to Cork truly memorable.

*Opening hours were correct when going to print but are subject to change. Last admissions can be 30 mins - 1 hour before closing. Admission fees generally offer a range of discounts for seniors, students, families etc. For the latest information check the relevant website*



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# things to see

## 1 - Blarney Castle

Just 8km from Cork City, this historic castle is most famous for its stone, which traditionally confers the gift of eloquence on all who kiss it. Our 60 acres of gardens are a joy to explore! Featuring a deadly Poison Garden, Fern Garden, Magical Rock Close and numerous walks and trails the gardens are a constantly changing and evolving environment and each visit is a new experience.



**Open Daily:** Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec 09:00 - 17:00  
Apr & Oct 09:00 - 17:30  
May/Jun/Jul/Aug/Sep 09:00 - 18:00

**Admission:** €8-€18 (< 8 yrs free)  
021 4385252 • [info@blarneycastle.ie](mailto:info@blarneycastle.ie)  
[www.blarneycastle.ie](http://www.blarneycastle.ie)



*Parts of gardens only*

## 2 - Shandon Bells and Tower St. Anne's Church

One of the city's most iconic landmarks, with its gold salmon weathervane, St Anne's Church Shandon is one of the oldest churches still in use in the city. Visitors to the Tower can ring the famous Shandon Bells, climb 132 steps then experience a spectacular view of the city at 36.6m/120ft.



<b>Opening Hours:</b>	<b>Mon- Sat</b>	<b>Sun/Bank Hol</b>
Jan/Feb/Nov/Dec	11.00-15.00	11:30-15.00
Jun-Sept	10.00-17.00	11:30-16:30
Mar-May & Oct	10.00-16.00	11:30-16.00

**Admission:** €2-€5 (tower) Free admission to church  
021 4505906 • [info@shandonbells.ie](mailto:info@shandonbells.ie)  
[www.shandonbells.ie](http://www.shandonbells.ie)



*Church interior only  
- on request*

## 3 - Butter Museum

A unique museum for a unique food - Irish butter! "Great little museum. Informative got to make some stamps, learnt a lot about the butter roads, Irish history and Irish business." Trip Advisor review, Mar 2022. "Fantastic museum, super friendly staff, definitely a must see if you are in the area!" Google Review Feb 2022



### Opening Hours:

Jun-Sep: Mon-Sat 10:00 - 16:00, Sun 11:00 - 16:00  
Mar-May & Oct- Nov: Wed-Sun 11:00- 16:00  
Dec-Feb: Sat & Sun only 11.00 - 15:00

**Admission:** €1.5-€5, children in family group free  
021 4300600 • [info@thebuttermuseum.com](mailto:info@thebuttermuseum.com)  
[thebuttermuseum.com](http://thebuttermuseum.com)



## 4 - Crawford Art Gallery

Crawford Art Gallery holds an expansive national collection featuring sculptures, paintings and watercolours and is located in the heart of Cork in one of the most historic buildings in the city. As well as three centuries of Irish Art, the Gallery hosts numerous temporary exhibitions by contemporary national and international artists. With its award winning Café and quaint gallery bookshop, the Crawford is a must see for all visitors.



### Opening Hours:

Mon -Sat: 10.00 - 17.00 (Late opening Thurs 20.00)  
Sun/Bank Hols: 11:00-16:00

**Admission:** Free (Free Expert tours 14:00 on Sun & Bank Holiday Mondays)  
021 4805042 • [info@crawfordartgallery.ie](mailto:info@crawfordartgallery.ie)  
[www.crawfordartgallery.ie](http://www.crawfordartgallery.ie)



## 5 - St. Peter's Cork

Every great city has its old town and, in Cork, it's the North Main Street. St. Peter's Cork is its highlight and is an integral part of Cork's history. This deconsecrated church has been beautifully restored and designed with a contemporary and tasteful style. St Peter's has an innovative cultural and heritage programme of events, and regularly hosts exhibitions and events.



### Opening Hours:

Mon- Sat 10:00 - 16:30

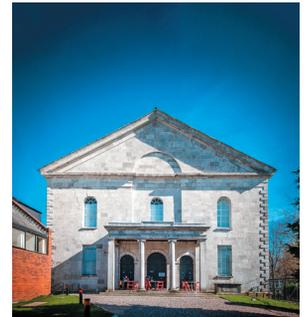
### Admission:

Free  
021 4278187 • [info@stpeterscork.ie](mailto:info@stpeterscork.ie)  
[www.stpeterscork.ie](http://www.stpeterscork.ie)



## 6 - Triskel Christchurch

Triskel Christchurch is a fully refurbished neoclassical Georgian Church and is over 300 years old, although there's been a church on the site since at least 1050. It was the main civic church of Cork City in the 17th Century. Features worth noting are the Townsend Window, the Modest Man and the Crypt.



### Opening Hours:

Mon-Thurs 16:00-21:00\*, Fri-Sun 11:00-18:00\*  
*\*also home to the Triskel Arts Centre, availability depends on film screening and performance times*

### Admission:

Free  
021 4272022 • [triskelboxoffice@triskelartscentre.ie](mailto:triskelboxoffice@triskelartscentre.ie)  
[www.triskelartscentre.ie](http://www.triskelartscentre.ie)



## 7 - English Market

The iconic English Market is situated in the heart of Cork City. A covered food market, it has been trading since 1788 and is one of the oldest municipal markets in the world. Renowned for the quality and range of produce – from local fish and seafood to European delicacies as well as farm to fork fayre and award-winning producers. The stallholders, the produce and the atmosphere make this a unique shopping destination.



### Opening Hours:

Mon-Sat 08.00-18:00 (excl Bank Holidays)  
Main entrances on Grand Parade and Princes St

### Admission: Free.

(Group visits must register in advance)  
[www.englishmarket.ie](http://www.englishmarket.ie)



Ground floor

## 8 - St. Fin Barre's Cathedral

Standing on the site of several earlier cathedrals dating back to 606AD, St Fin Barre's is a 19th century Gothic Revival masterpiece designed by William Burges. Visitors are immersed in a rich experience of over 1,100 carvings, unique stained glass windows, marbled walls, frescoes, wood carvings, brass fittings and intricate floor mosaics alongside the historic cathedral organ in a 'pit' and a canon ball fired at the cathedral in 1690.

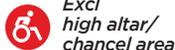


### Opening Hours:

Mon-Sat 10:00-13:00 & 14:00-17:30

### Admission: €5-6 (under 16 yrs free with adult).

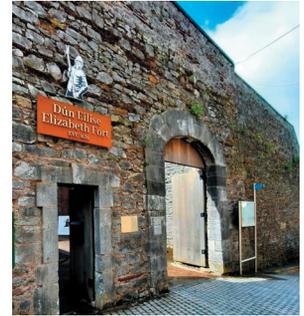
Guided tour €2  
021 4963387 • [corkcathedral@gmail.com](mailto:corkcathedral@gmail.com)  
[corkcathedral.webs.com](http://corkcathedral.webs.com)



Excl high altar/  
chancel area

## 9 - Elizabeth Fort

Built in the aftermath of the battle of Kinsale Elizabeth Fort has watched over Cork for over 400 years. Since then the star shaped fort has been a military barracks, a convict prison for the transport of female prisoners, a food depot during the famine and a Royal Irish Constabulary station. Enjoy panoramic city views from the restored ramparts and ancient bastions and discover our story while exploring the permanent exhibition.

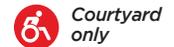


### Opening Hours:

Mon - Sat: 10:00-17:00 Sun: 12:00-17:00  
Closed Mondays from Oct-April

### Admission: Free. Daily tour 13:00 €3-€5

021 4975947 • [elizabethfort@corkcity.ie](mailto:elizabethfort@corkcity.ie)  
[www.elizabethfort.ie](http://www.elizabethfort.ie)



Courtyard only

## 10 - Nano Nagle Place

A unique oasis in the heart of Cork City, with an engaging museum that celebrates the story of daring Nano Nagle, set against the backdrop of wealth and poverty in 1700's Cork. It also houses walled gardens, Good Day Deli, a design shop, and Cork focussed book shop. The regenerated convent buildings are home to educational projects which your visit support. Whether you're a local or a visitor, discover Cork at Nano Nagle Place.



### Opening Hours:

Tues-Sun: 10.00 - 17.00

### Admission: Museum admission €4.50-€7.50.

Free to gardens, café, shop  
021 4193580 • [info@nanonagleplace.ie](mailto:info@nanonagleplace.ie)  
[www.nanonagleplace.ie](http://www.nanonagleplace.ie)



## 11 - Blackrock Castle Observatory

Housed in an historic 16th century fort with panoramic view of Cork harbour, MTU Blackrock Castle is home to a research observatory and science centre. Take a guided tour through the heart of the castle, enjoy the wonder of our planetarium shows and immerse yourself in our Cosmos experience and Journeys of Exploration exhibits. Delve further into space science and Ireland's astronomy heritage with our friendly Explainers.



Castle Rd, Blackrock.  
T12 YW52

### Opening Hours:

Tues-Sun: 10:00-17:00

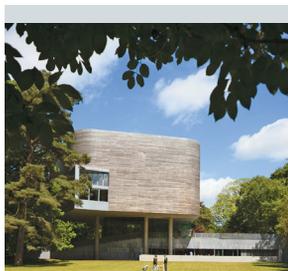
**Admission:** €5-€7 (pre booking advised)

021 4326120 • info@bco.ie  
www.bco.ie



## 12 - Glucksman Gallery & UCC

Visit an award-winning building within the historic grounds of University College Cork. The Glucksman Gallery is a cultural and educational institution that promotes the research, creation and exploration of the visual arts. Named in 2007 as one of the 1001 buildings you must see before you die, the Glucksman is a hive of cultural activity that includes exhibitions, talks, creative workshops, art courses and gallery shop.



### Opening Hours:

Tues-Sat: 10:00-17:00 Sun: 14:00-17:00

**Admission:** Free. Suggested donation €5

021 4901844 • info@glucksman.org  
www.glucksman.org



## 13 - Cork Public Museum

Situated within walking distance of the city centre in the beautiful Fitzgerald's Park, Cork Public Museum has exhibited Cork's rich and diverse heritage since 1945. Come marvel at archaeological exhibits that trace over 7,000 years of human settlement in Cork. Explore the historical exhibits that tell the stories of prominent Cork men and women who played their part in important national and international events of the last four centuries.



### Opening Hours:

Tues-Fri: 10:00- 16:00 Sat 11:00-16:00 Closed Sun & Mon

**Admission:** Free

museum@corkcity.ie  
www.corkpublicmuseum.ie



## 14 - Fitzgerald's Park

Fitzgerald's Park on the Mardyke, a short stroll from the City Centre, is a beautiful 18 acre Park adjoining the River Lee. It has walkways, an ornamental pond, a high quality inclusive playground, a lawn area with performance Pavilion, an award winning Sky Garden, a sculpture trail, café and also is home to Cork Public Museum.



### Opening Hours:

Open daily,  
8.30am until dusk

**Admission:** Free



## 15 - Cork City Gaol

Located 2km from St. Patrick's St, Cork City Gaol is suitable for all ages. With its castle like exterior this restored prison is furnished with life-size wax figures, fascinating sound effects and exhibitions telling the social history & contrasting lifestyles of 19th century Cork and why some people turned to crime. Wandering through the atmospheric cell wings visitors get an insight into daily prison life at a time when high walls ensured no escape.



### Opening Hours:

Please see website for latest opening details.

**Admission:** (incl guidebook); €6-€10 (< 3 yrs free)

Multilingual Audio Tour €2

021 430 5022 • info@corkcitygoal.com

www.corkcitygaol.com



## 16 - Old Cork Waterworks Experience

Built to serve an empire during a time of rebellion, maritime trade and mass emigration, Old Cork Waterworks stands proud on the Cork hillside overlooking the River Lee. Discover stories of Cork's Victorian waterworks while exploring the former boiler & engines houses. Become a waterworks worker and unravel centuries of industrial heritage as you journey through our interactive exhibition.



Lee Road, T23 N828

### Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00 Sat/Sun & Bank Hols 10:00-17:00

(Closed Sat/Sun/bank hols from Sept-Feb)

**Admission:** €3-€5 (incl free multilingual audioguide)

021 4941500 • oldcorkwaterworks@corkcity.ie

www.oldcorkwaterworks.ie



## 17 - Ballincollig Regional Park & Gunpowder Mills

This magnificent 150 acre park has numerous woodland walks and fine views of the River Lee. Within the Park grounds, are the very evident structures of the former Gunpowder Mills where at one time over 600 people were employed making gunpowder. The Powdermills is Ireland's largest and most important archaeological site, established in 1794, with the remains of over 100 buildings visible. With a large playground, outdoor gym, marked walking/running routes and pitches the park offers something for everyone.



### Opening Hours:

Open Daily

### Admission:

Free



## **B - Cork City Harbour Cruise**

All aboard a family-friendly ferry for City Harbour Scenic cruise - a scenic tour along the lovely Lee to Cork Harbour, €12-24 pp. Or take in the tranquil sights and sounds of the harbour at twilight with a Sunset Cruise (adults only) €35 pp. Depart from Port of Cork Marina, Custom House Quay. [corkharbourcruises.com](http://corkharbourcruises.com)



## **C - Ocean Escapes**

City Adventure boat tours, options from 2.5 to 4 hours. Prices start at €30 pp. Depart from Port of Cork Marina. [oceanescapes.ie](http://oceanescapes.ie)

## **A - Cork City Kayak Tours**

Under The Bridges Tour - urban kayaking through Cork City. Sunset Kayaking Tour - the dusk light, sunset on the river, and the city lights are a wonderful backdrop for this kayaking experience. Both €60 pp, min age 12 years. Depart from Lapp's Quay (outside Clayton Hotel). [atlanticseakayaking.com](http://atlanticseakayaking.com)



## **F - Stand Up Paddleboarding**

Learn to paddle and stand, then continue around the city going under some of Cork's most famous bridges and past well known landmarks. Cost €40 pp. Depart from opposite St. Mary's Church on Pope's Quay. [corkcitysup.ie](http://corkcitysup.ie)

**Note: Pre booking required for all water-based tours and most don't operate in the winter**

## **I - Cork City Bus Tours**

See all of Cork's history from the open top deck, hop on and off to visit the many city attractions. Cost €7-€18. Departs Grand Parade (April to Sept). Tickets can be bought on board or online. [corkcitytours.com](http://corkcitytours.com)

## **D - Cork City Cycle Tours**

Cycle through colourful streets, city parks, and riverside pathways on this gently paced, 3 hour bike ride. Cost €45 pp includes bike, helmet and hi viz (adults only). Departs 40 St. Patrick's Quay. Booking required - [beyondtheglass.ie](http://beyondtheglass.ie)

## **E - Cork City Ramble**

Guided walking tour around the fascinating centre of Cork City. Approx 1.25 hrs. Cost €9.50-€17.50. Departs Tourist Information Office, 125 St Patrick's St. Booking required - [titanic.ie](http://titanic.ie)

## **J - Discover UCC Tours**

Visits the Aula Maxima, Queen Victoria Statue, Ogham Stone Collection, Honan Chapel, Crawford Observatory and grounds. Cost €5 pp. Departs Visitors Centre, Main Quadrangle, UCC. Booking required - 021 4901876 • [visitorscentre@ucc.ie](mailto:visitorscentre@ucc.ie)



## **G - Franciscan Well Brewery**

Ultimate craft beer experience with 1.5 hour tour and tastings. Daily tours cost €15 or €20 to pour your own pint. Adults only. Booking required - [franwellbar.com](http://franwellbar.com)

## **H - Rising Sons Brewery**

Tour of award winning micro brewery with guided beer tasting. Adults only, cost €15. Booking required - [risingsonsbrewery.com](http://risingsonsbrewery.com)

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