

Dublin's Guinness Storehouse



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Tour Summary

Not every Dublin day needs to end with a nightcap - some days can start with one! Begin your morning right at Guinness Storehouse where you'll be treated to a complimentary pint on the top floor. Mostly, though, it's getting to the top that counts, and you'll see much en route while exploring the seven-story building and all it has to offer. Later, visit Kilmainham Gaol, the prison location for the 1993 film "In the Name of the Father," to learn more about Ireland's political history. Just remember, if you're asked to participate in the Kilmainham Tangle, always say "no."

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Introduction





Many foreigners conjure the image of a freckled, red-faced, fiery-haired fighter with drink on his breath when they think of the Irish. And the Irish themselves seem to embrace this stereotype with open arms.



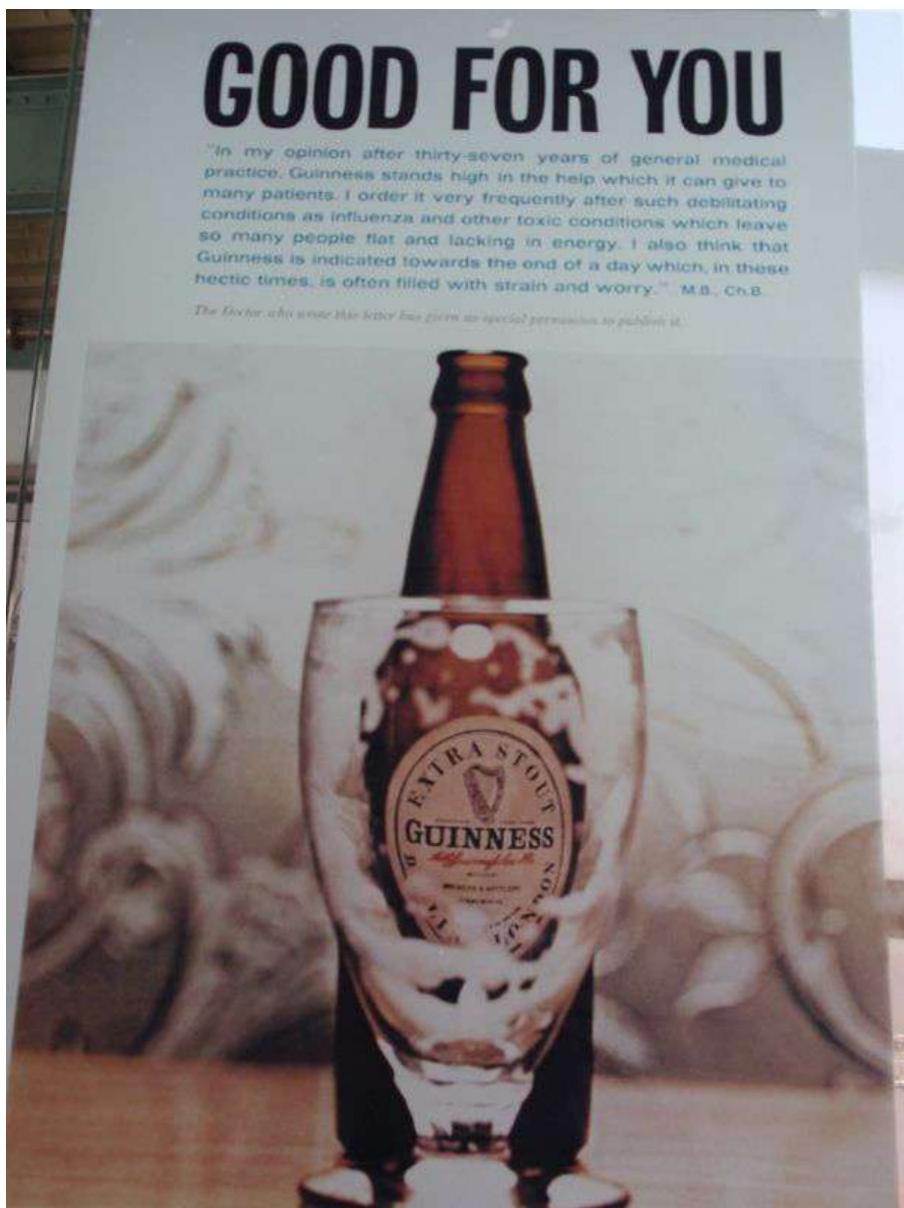
Always poking fun at themselves for their beer-loving habits, Irish tour guides perpetuate the image of the drinking Irishman even further. So what better way to embrace true Irish culture than with a trip to the Guinness Storehouse?



Located on the outskirts of Dublin next to St. James's Gate, the Guinness Storehouse is well worth the walk. Even while sober, visitors can spend days lost in the many levels of the storehouse!



While there, we'll learn more about the unique brewing process of Guinness beer, as well as the strong influence the Guinness family had on Dublin's history.



Interested in advertising? A whole section is dedicated to the evolution of Guinness' colorful advertisements.



Just love beer? Grab a sample at the Tasting Bar and then make your way to the Gravity Bar at the top of the seven-story building, where you can swallow a pint of Guinness - on the house. And just as good, the bar affords a full 360-degree view of Dublin.



The Irish may be self-proclaimed drinkers, but they also have a lot of national pride. As long as we're on the city's outskirts, during this tour we'll travel further west towards

Old Kilmainham Gaol, where the traveler will learn more about Ireland's political history.

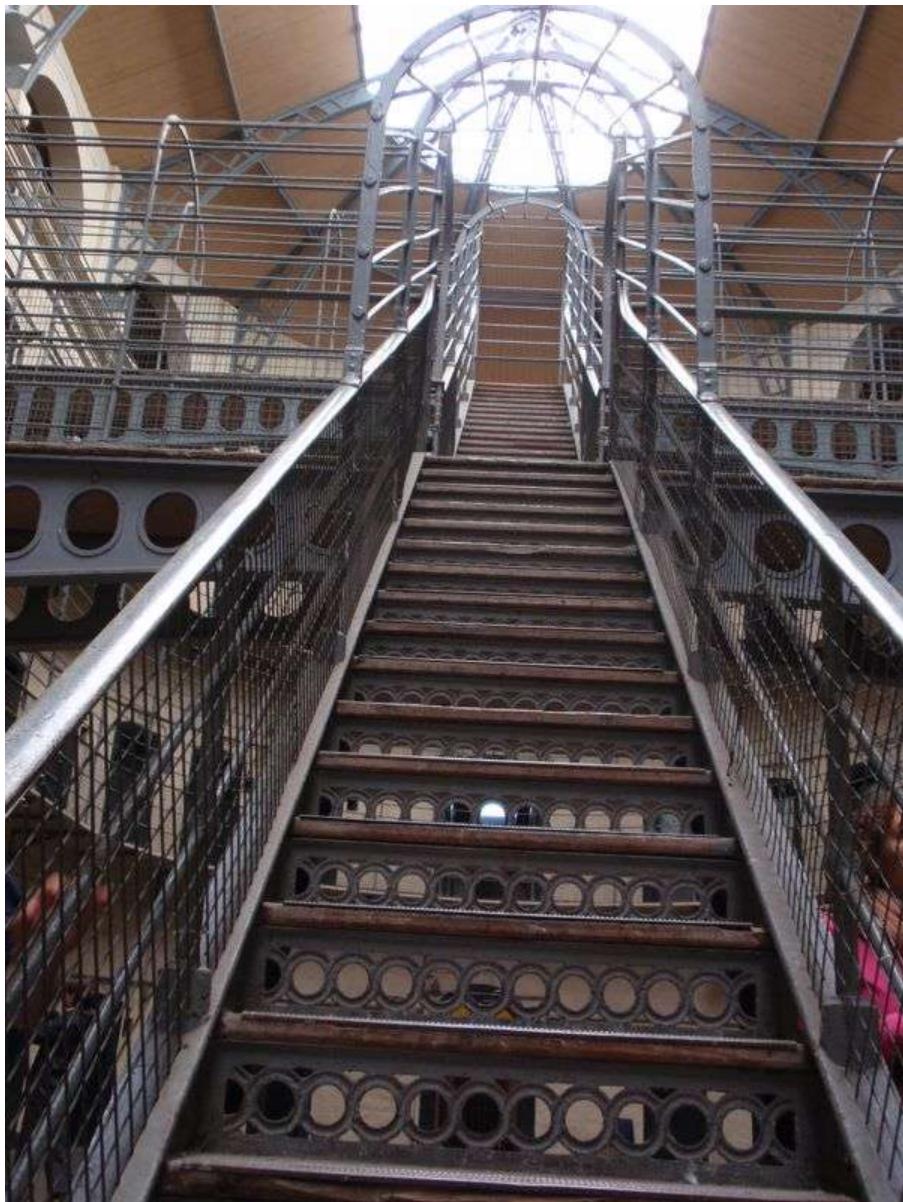


Most of us know that Ireland was under British rule for many years; however, many of us are not familiar with the political figures that the Irish hold in high esteem.



Former residents of Kilmainham Gaol include Irish nationalist rebels such as Anne Devlin, Robert Emmett, and socialist rebel leader James Connolly. On this tour, we will

see where Irish prisoners were kept, hear their stories, and stand in the courtyard where many were killed.



At Kilmainham Gaol, we'll also learn the three "S's" central to keeping a good jailhouse: Separation, Silence and Supervision. This is the prison location used in films such as "In the Name of the

Father," "Michael Collins," "Boondock Saints" and "The Wind that Shakes the Barley."



Before leaving, spend some time in the jail's museum to hear and see more stories about Ireland's prison system and its

inmates. The museum offers a hands-on experience with many audio-visual aids to contribute to your learning process.



As you leave the jail, turn and look back at its three front windows. It is from these apertures that prisoners were said to do the “Kilmainham Tangle.” This may sound like fun, but be advised: it’s not for you.

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