

Our Favourite things to do in Dublinat Pembroke Townhouse:

1. Take it all in, in an **open top bus tour** – take in all the Dublin sights in one fell swoop, hop on and hop off where ever you so wish....then you can go back and do it all again at the spots you most enjoyed!
2. **Shop 'til you drop**....Visit the exclusive Grafton Streets' shops and street-side entertainment, especially the famous "Brown Thomas", Powerscourt Centre and the nearby Kilkenny Shop. For a spot of browsing among some fine Irish antiques, visit "Old Francis Street" antique quarter...or maybe take a private shopping tour to assist in finding some bargains... take in Louise Kennedy Fashion designer's special shop in her private house on Merrion Square....
3. Take in a bit of **heritage in ancient** Dublin – visit Ireland's finest manuscript, the "Book of Kells" which dates back to circa 800. Visit a heritage building, maybe Dublin Castle... Dublin city can trace its origins back over 1,000 years.....
4. Take a **walk in the park, bring a picnic** – Dublin has many beautiful parks to stroll around – the elegant St. Stephen's Green in the heart of Dublin or Phoenix Park, Europe's largest open space in a city, where you can hire a bicycle! The beautiful Herbert Park in Ballsbridge is a two minutes stroll from the Pembroke Townhouse. Grab a gourmet picnic from the nearby Donnybrook Fair....
5. Become an "**Art Buff**"! Visit some of Dublin's many art galleries – the "National Gallery of Ireland" on Merrion Square houses the National Collection of Irish art and European Master Paintings. Admission is free and you can enjoy a coffee or lunch in the café on site. Or visit the "Hugh Lane Gallery" on Parnell Square houses one of Ireland's foremost collections of modern and contemporary art including Monet, Renoir, Degas...
6. **Take a hike in the countryside** – take a trip to Ireland's "Garden of Ireland": Co. Wicklow and hike in the hills or take a walk on the beach – have lunch in the infamous Avoca Handweavers in Kilmacanogue or the Roundwood Inn. Or visit the 5000 year old passage tomb at Newgrange in Co. Meath....
7. **Say a prayer!** Visit a Church – "Newman University Church" on St Stephen's Green, the *church with the Red door*, is a pretty church, worth a visit. The Romanesque and later Gothic "Christchurch Cathedral", Dublin is believed to date back to 1030.
8. Visit the **home of Irish Sport**, the "GAA" Gaelic Games (Irish Football and Hurling) at the inspirational venue, Croke park stadium. This is the headquarters of the Gaelic Athletic Association and the heart of Irish Sporting life for over one hundred years.
9. **Take a bet at the "GeeGee's"**, "the sport of kings" and great fun! - go Horse-racing at Leopardstown or the Curragh. Watch the speed of Irish Greyhounds over great food at Shelbourne Park and win or loose a few "bob"!
10. Go on a "**Pub Crawl**" and sample the local brews... McDaid's Pub off Grafton St. or Searsons / Doheny & Nesbitts on Baggot St.....the list is endless! The Capital's pubs are slices of it's living culture and no visit would be complete without sampling a local brew in a real Dublin Pub...

Have you Enough Already?!!

There are many more choices of things to do, however there's no better place just to do nothing at all – no stress, just take a deep breath, exhale, relax and enjoy.....

If you're looking for a lively city with a vibrant nightlife, a glimpse of an ancient civilisation, a cultural feast, a musical odyssey, stunning scenery, and a spectacular coastline - you've come to the right place because Dublin has it all!