



Dear All,

Greetings from Dublin! We look forward to welcoming you to the BLRS- OTAI Annual Meeting and AGM Dublin from the 12th to the 14th of March. Thank you for registering.

In advance of your departure, we would like to send you some information to help you with your travel plans to Dublin.

1. Transport in Dublin

Dublin Airport

Taxi

Taxis are available just outside the main entrance of both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 arrival halls. A taxi from the airport to the city centre will cost approx. €30 and takes about 30 minutes; it may take considerably longer depending on traffic.

Aircoach

On arrival in Dublin airport, you can take the **Aircoach**, detailed information on routes and times can be found on www.aircoach.ie. This bus service will bring you into Dublin city.

Aircoach Fares


One-Way €7 / Return €12

Airlink 747

On arrival in Dublin airport, you can take the Airlink 747bus from Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 which will bring you into Dublin city via the CCD. Information on routes and times can be found [here](#).

Current Fares: One-Way €6.00 Return €10.00

Dublin Car Hire

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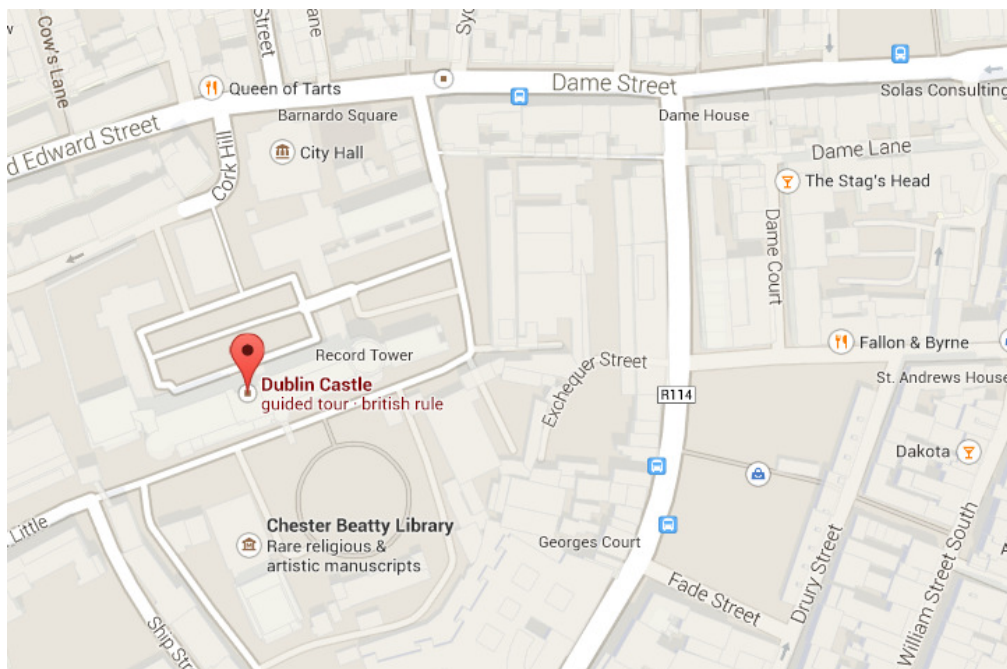


2. Conference Venue

Few conference centres in the world can claim a location so steeped in history as that of Dublin Castle Conference Centre. Situated in the very heart of historic Dublin, the castle has been completely restored and is now fully integrated into Irish society.

Dublin Castle has played host to European Union Presidencies, Heads of State, and leaders of business, industry and government. It is also a major tourist attraction, with unique historic layers revealed throughout the complex from the Medieval Tower to the world treasures of the Chester Beatty Library, the Viking Defense Bank and splendid State Apartments. Dublin Castle Conference Centre will provide an exceptional venue for BLRS – OTAI 2014.

Dublin Castle

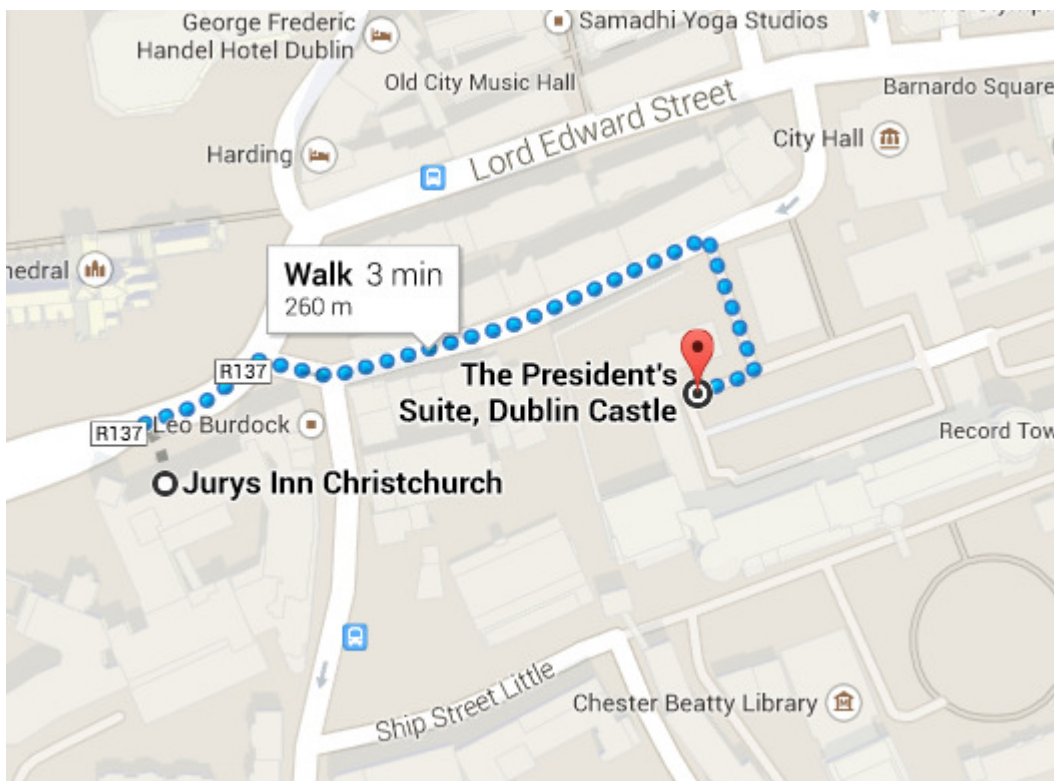




3. Accommodation

Jurys Inn Christchurch ***

The central location of Jurys Inn Christchurch, across the road from the one thousand year old Christ Church Cathedral and opposite the city's trendy Temple Bar area, puts both the business traveller and leisure visitor at the heart of this amazing city's daily life.



(A) Jurys Inn Christchurch to (B) Dublin Castle is a 3 minute walk

Information

Check In: 2pm

Check Out: 12pm

Breakfast: Mon to Fri 7am- 10am

Sat/Sun 7am -11am

Jurys Inn Christchurch

Christchurch Place,

Dublin, 8

Tel: +353 1 454 0000



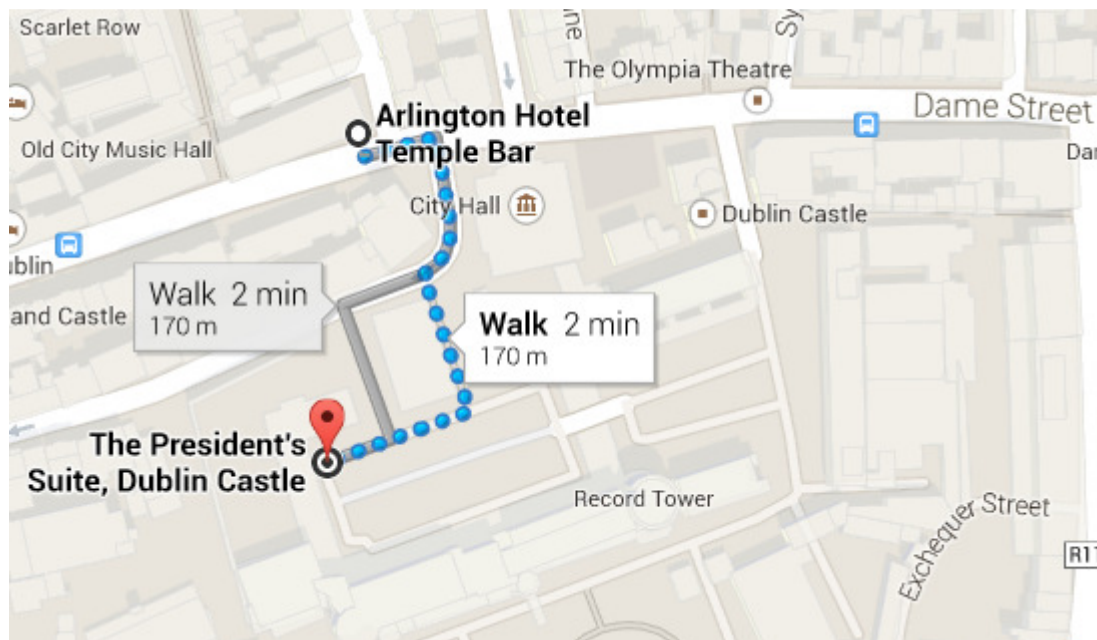
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The Arlington Hotel Temple Bar 3***

Each bedroom at the Arlington Hotel Temple Bar is tastefully decorated, bright and designed to international standards. Rooms boast fine views of Dame Street and Dublin Castle. All rooms are en-suite with multi-channel T.V., direct dial telephone, tea/coffee making facilities, hair dryer, trouser press and all rooms are non-smoking.



Arlington Hotel Temple Bar to Dublin Castle is a 2 minute walk

Information

Check In: 2pm

Check Out: 12pm

Breakfast: Mon-Fri 7am – 10am

Sat & Sun 7:30am – 10:30 am

The Arlington Hotel Temple Bar

Lord Edward Street,

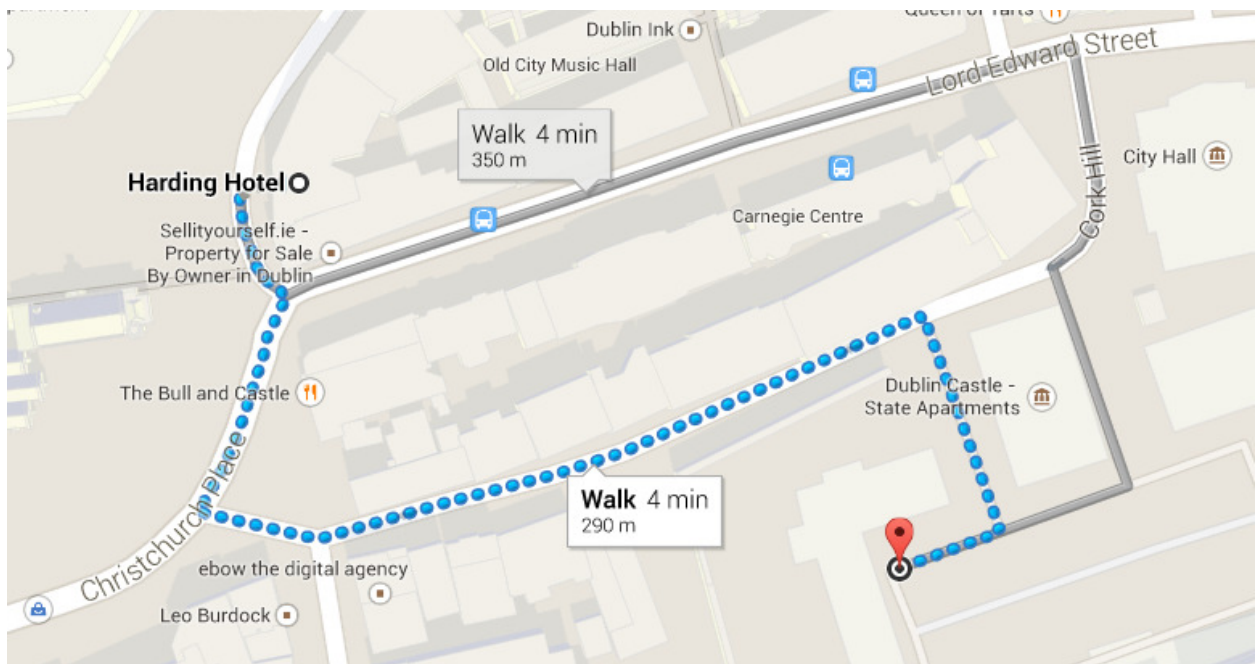
Dublin 2.

Tel: +353 1 67 087 77



Harding Hotel ***

The Harding provides clean, comfortable and convenient accommodation in the heart of the city centre. It's located on Fishamble Lane in the Medieval area of the city so you're just within a stone's throw of top attractions like Dublin Castle, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Old City walls. The premises is located between Christ Church Cathedral and Dublin's lively Temple Bar area. The Harding is a modern facility with a warm and relaxed atmosphere.



Harding Hotel to Dublin Castle is 4 minute walk

Information

Check In: 3pm

Check Out: 12pm

Breakfast: Mon to Sat 7am- 10:30 am

Sun 8:00am-11:00 am

The Harding Hotel

Copper Alley,
Fishamble Street,
Christchurch,
Dublin 2,

Tel: +353 (01) 679 6500

4. Registration Opening Hours



Registration will take place in the Print Works, Dublin Castle during the below times:

Wednesday 12th March: 8:30 – 17:30
 Thursday 13th March: 8:00 – 17:45
 Friday 14th March: 8:00 – 16:30

5. Social Events

Trauma Course Dinner Wednesday 12th March 2014

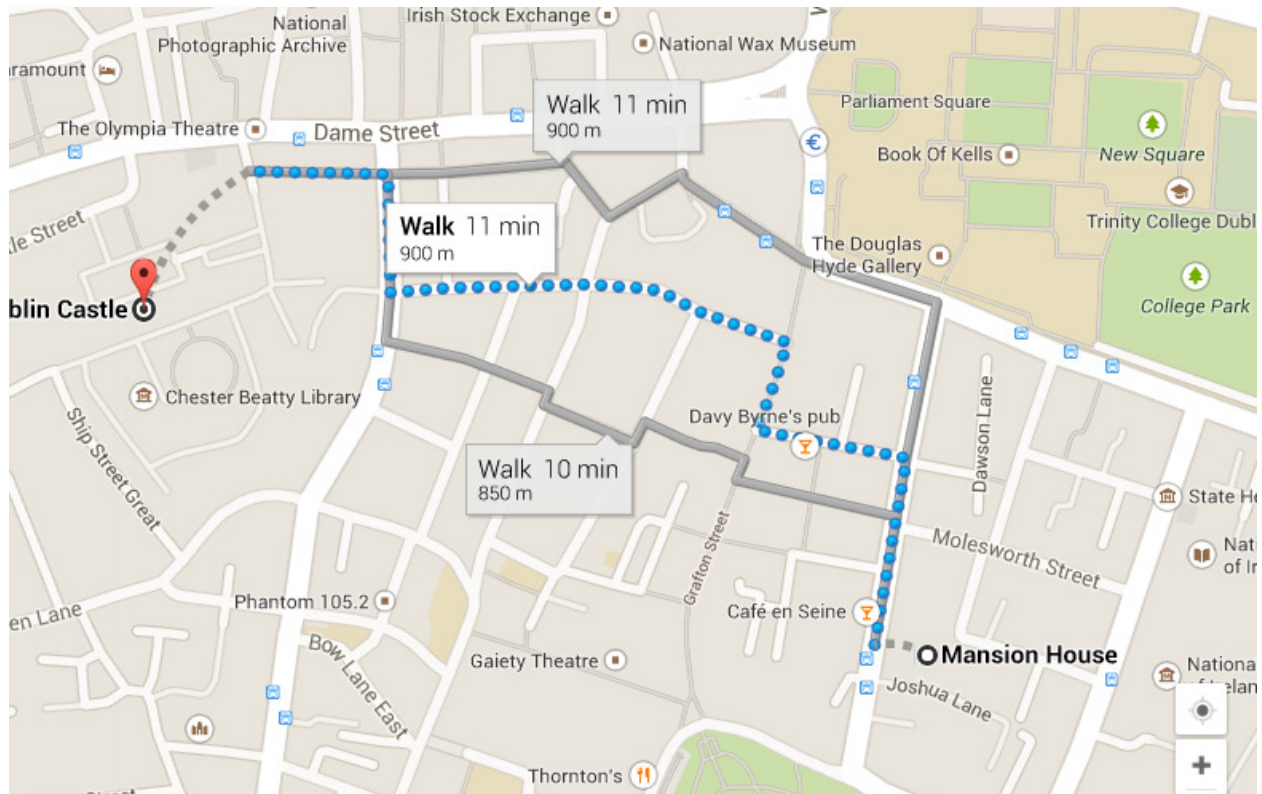
Venue: Fire Restaurant, Mansion House

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Time: 19:30 – 23:00

Price: €60 (limited number of tickets still available)

Delegates should make their own way to and from the Mansion House.



Course Dinner



Thursday 13th March 2014

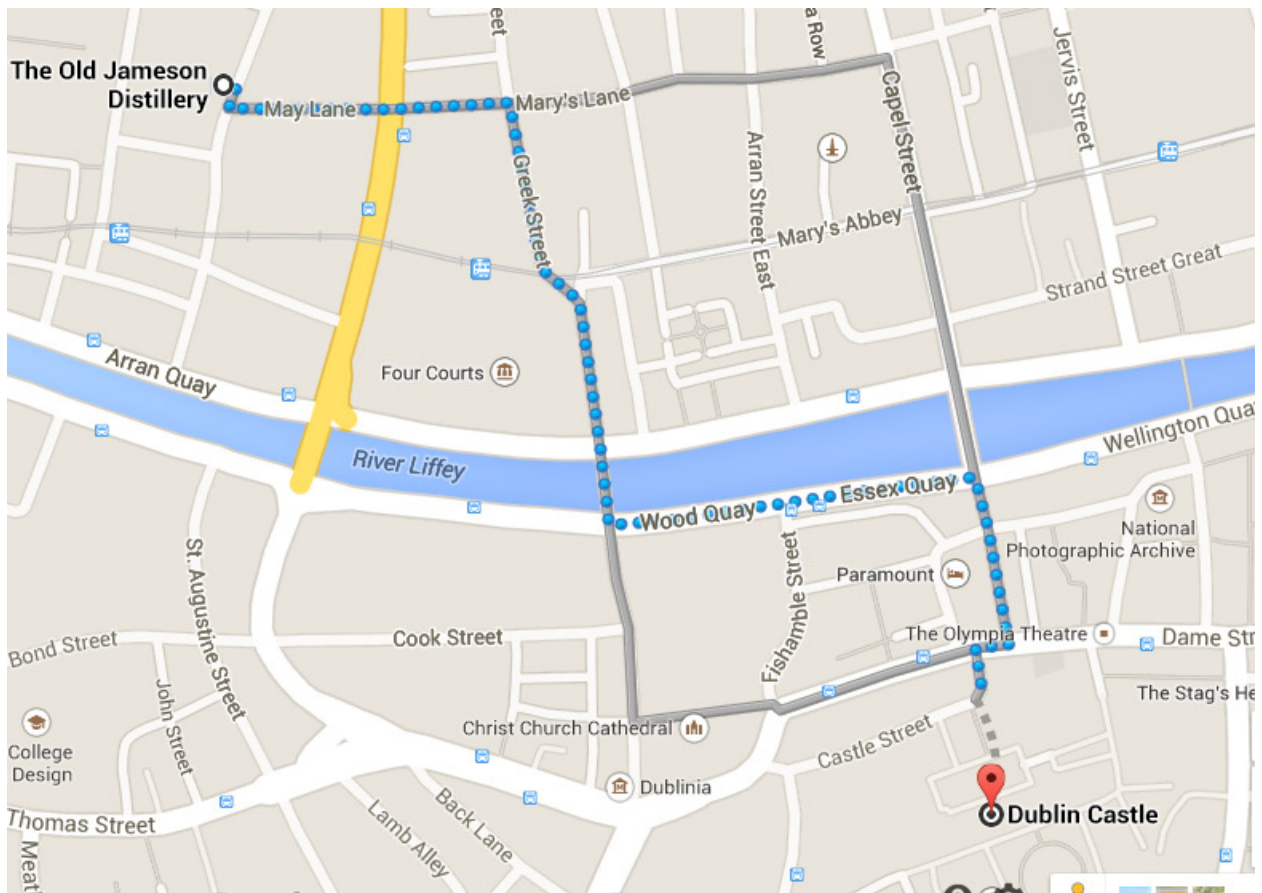
Venue: The Old Jameson Distillery

Dress Code: Smart casual

Time: 19:30 – 23:00 (Coach pick-up 19:00)

Price: €70 (limited number of tickets still available)

Coaches will leave from the Cork Hill Gate of Dublin Castle at 19:00 and return to the city centre after the dinner.





6. What to Pack

It is always a good idea to pack a light raincoat or umbrella and comfortable shoes, as our weather in Ireland can be very changeable.

7. General Information about Ireland

Electrical

Voltage is **230V AC**, at **50Hz**. Don't forget to check the ratings of your electrical items before bringing them with you to Ireland.

- Most electrical items from the UK will work without any conversion necessary.
- Most electrical items from continental Europe will work with a small, cheap adapter which can be purchased in most electrical and travel shops, and at most air and seaports.
- Most electrical items from the USA will not work in Ireland. Check the voltage ratings, which should be marked on the appliance.
- **Please bring adaptors with you.**

Smoking in Ireland

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places including restaurants & pubs.

Weather - www.meteireann.ie

Currency & Money

- ATMs (Automatic Teller Machines or Bank Machines) will accept cards from many countries. Check with your bank before traveling.
- Major Credit Cards - particularly Visa & MasterCard are widely accepted. You can also use them to \ withdraw cash from Ireland's many ATMs.
- Security should not be too much of a problem in Ireland, but it is always sensible to take precautions against robberies; for example, by not carrying large sums of money, etc.
- Tipping is accepted in Ireland, 10-12% is usual; but generosity never goes out of fashion.

Getting Around Dublin

❖ Dart



The DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) is the rail line running along the coast of Dublin, from Malahide and Howth southwards as far as Greystones, Co Wicklow. The DART system is administered by the national rail operator, [Iarnród Éireann](http://www.irishrail.ie) (Irish Rail).



www.irishrail.ie

Tickets: are available online at www.irishrail.ie, or can alternatively be purchased at the station.

❖ **Luas**



Luas is a state of the art Light Rail transport system in Dublin. The Luas provides passengers with a high-capacity service that is fast, frequent and reliable. There are convenient stop locations, excellent levels of comfort, safety and accessibility. There are 2 Luas Lines in Dublin: the Red Line which operates in the north side of Dublin and the Green Line which operates on the south side of Dublin.

www.luas.ie

Tickets: are available from every luas terminal fare types are available here <http://www.luas.ie/tickets-and-fares/>

❖ **Dublin Bus**



Dublin Bus is a subsidiary company of Córas Iompair Éireann. It commenced trading on 2 February 1987 under the terms of the Transport (Re-organisation of Córas Iompair Éireann) Act, 1986. Tickets can be purchased on the buses, and at shops displaying this icon



All other information can be seen by following this link: <http://www.dublinbus.ie/Fares--Tickets/>

❖ **Dublin Bikes**



Dublinbikes is a self-service bike rental system open to everyone from 14 years of age. With 40 stations and 450 db (bikes), it enables you to travel through the city centre, and get out and about to enjoy Dublin city at your leisure.

All stations are equipped for Long Term Hire Card and 3 Day Ticket users. 14 of the 40 terminals allow you to purchase a 3 Day Ticket. Once purchased, you can use the 3 Day Ticket similar to the Long Term Hire Card to rent or return a db from any station in the network.

You can enjoy the many benefits of a Long Term Hire Card for just €10. A 3 Day Ticket costs €2. The first 30 minutes of use is free on every Dublin bike.



❖ Parking

Dublin Castle is situated in the very heart of Dublin City, on the south side of the River Liffey, off Dame Street, en route from Trinity College to Christchurch Cathedral.

There are a number of public car parks nearby. The nearest is that of Parkrite Christchurch Carpark, which is located in Werburgh Street.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 07:00 - midnight, Sunday & Bank Holidays 10:00 to Midnight

Rates & Tariffs: €3.20 per hour, €9 Evening/Overnight Rate 6pm-9am Monday to Saturday and 6pm to 10am Sunday and Bank Holiday's.
Weekend Shopper Rate from 11.00am to 6.00pm €2 per hour - max €10

Approach via:

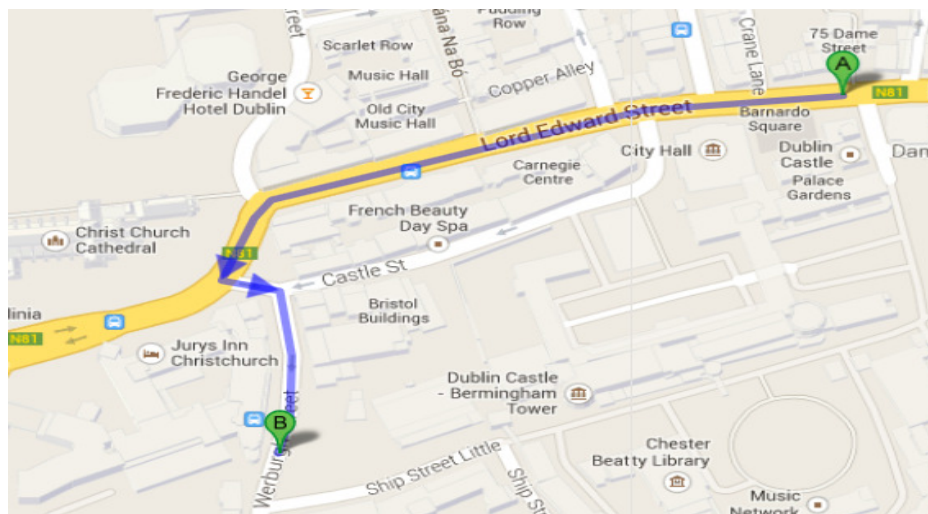
From the South Quays - Merchants Quay, Left onto Bridge Street, Left onto High Street, Christchurch Place, Right onto Werburgh Street.

From City Centre - Dame Street, Left at Castle Street, Left onto Werburgh Street.

From The West - Ellis Quay, Arran Quay, Right onto Bridge Street, Left onto High Street, Christchurch Place, Right onto Werburgh Street.

From the Northside - Church Street, Bridge Street, Left onto High Street, Christchurch Place, Right onto Werburgh Street.

From The Southside - Clanbrassil Street, Patrick Steet, Right onto Christchurch Place, Right onto Werburgh Street.



(A) Dublin Castle to (B) Parkrite Christchurch Carpark is a 5 minute walk



Things to do in Dublin

- Download the ***Visit Dublin*** App to your iPhone or Android and explore Dublin from the palm of your hand!

Want a break that TRULY captures your imagination? Then look no further.....
visitdublin.com – dublinconventionbureau.com - dublinpass.ie – visitdublin.com/dlr

- You can enjoy great savings with **Dublin Pass**, the official Dublin sightseeing card. Dublin Pass entitles you to free airport transfer (one way) with Aircoach from Dublin Airport to the city centre, free entrance to 32 popular visitor attractions, discounts for a selection of shops, restaurants and entertainment venues, and a free Dublin guidebook. The Dublin Pass is available for 1, 2, 3 or 6 day durations, and costs from €35. You can purchase the Dublin Pass at the Dublin Discover Ireland Centre in Arrivals Hall of Terminal 1, Dublin Airport, at tourist offices in Dublin city centre, or online at www.dublinpass.ie.

Finally, if you have any queries please feel free to contact blrs-otai2014@conferencepartners.ie

Look forward to meeting you in Dublin!

Warmest Regards,

BLRS – OTAI 2014 Organising Team