

Sandford Gardens

A practical EirStay guide to eating, everyday essentials and getting around.

Checked 18 September 2026 · Always confirm before you go

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Settle in first.

Once you've dropped your bags, take a walk and get to know the neighbourhood. Find a spot for coffee, pick up a few things for breakfast and see what's nearby. This guide will help you choose where to eat and what to do during your stay, whether you have a full day to explore or just a couple of hours. Leave a little time for whatever catches your eye along the way.

FOOD & COFFEE

Good places to start

Availability and hours can change. The links below go directly to each operator; use Directions for a route.

01 Food

14B EMORVILLE AVENUE,
DUBLIN 8

Bibi's

A Portobello neighbourhood
café at Emorville Avenue.

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117 SOUTH CIRCULAR
ROAD, DUBLIN 8, D08
K522

Leonard's Corner

A South Circular Road
pub/bistro with kitchen
service.

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LOCAL · SOUTH CIRCULAR
ROAD
111 SOUTH CIRCULAR
ROAD, DUBLIN 8, D08
RW2K

Bastible

A small contemporary
restaurant on South Circular
Road, close to Leonard's
Corner, with a seasonal set-
menu approach. It is best
suited to a planned dinner
rather than an everyday
takeaway, so use the
restaurant's booking route.

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NEARBY · RICHMOND
STREET SOUTH,
PORTOBELLO
43 RICHMOND STREET
SOUTH, PORTOBELLO,
DUBLIN 2, D02 X499

Richmond

A small neighbourhood
restaurant on Richmond
Street South, on the canal
side of Portobello, serving
seasonal tasting and à la
carte menus. It suits a
planned dinner and is nearby
rather than directly at
Leonard's Corner.

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NEARBY · CLANBRASSIL
STREET LOWER
59 CLANBRASSIL STREET
LOWER, DUBLIN 8, D08
HC79

Gaillot et Gray

A relaxed neighbourhood
pizzeria and bakery on Lower
Clanbrassil Street, known
for wood-fired sourdough
pizza. It is convenient for an
informal meal or collection
while travelling between
Leonard's Corner and the
city centre.

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LOCAL · CLANBRASSIL
STREET UPPER
46 CLANBRASSIL STREET
UPPER, DUBLIN 8, D08
RF88

Konkan Clanbrassil Street

A family-run Indian
restaurant on Upper
Clanbrassil Street offering
dine-in and takeaway food. It
is a practical local dinner
option near Leonard's
Corner, with current menus,
ordering and table booking
available from the operator.

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9-11 SANDFORD GARDENS,
SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD,
DUBLIN 8, D08 V2C8

Marlowe & Co

A local corner shop on Sandford Gardens for coffee, pastries and a browse of its food, books and gifts. A handy neighbourhood stop near the apartments.

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82 SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD,
PORTOBELLO, DUBLIN 8,
D08 FC62

Little Bird Coffee & Yoga

A Portobello café and yoga studio; check current classes and pricing.

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34 LENNOX STREET,
PORTOBELLO, DUBLIN, D08
N265

Brindle Coffee & Wine

A Portobello café with speciality coffee service.

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FURTHER AFIELD ·
RIALTO, DUBLIN 8
568 SOUTH CIRCULAR
ROAD, RIALTO, DUBLIN 8,
D08 RF72

Rialto Bridge Café

A neighbourhood café farther west along South Circular Road in Rialto. It is useful for coffee or daytime food while exploring that side of Dublin 8, but is clearly a further-afield option rather than a Leonard's Corner stop.

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NEARBY · FUMBALLY LANE
/ NEWMARKET
FUMBALLY LANE, DUBLIN
8, D08 HFF2

The Fumbally

A roomy café, bakery and food shop near Newmarket. It is useful for breakfast or lunch plus a browse of locally focused groceries, and sits on the city-centre side of the area rather than in Portobello itself.

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NEARBY · CURZON STREET,
PORTOBELLO
19A CURZON STREET,
PORTOBELLO, DUBLIN 8,
D08 ND82

Alma

A small family-run Portobello café serving an Argentine-influenced seasonal brunch menu and coffee. Its current home is on Curzon Street; 12 South Circular Road is the separate sister café Around the Corner.

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WELLNESS & FITNESS

Move at your own pace

Paid facilities are not included in your stay. Check membership, visitor access, fees and class availability directly.

8-10 HARRINGTON STREET,
SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD,
PORTOBELLO, DUBLIN 8,
D08 X242

FLYefit Portobello

A Portobello gym; check membership, visitor access and fees.

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NEARBY · RATHMINES
161 RATHMINES ROAD
LOWER, DUBLIN 6, D06
K2R5

Swan Leisure

A public leisure centre with a swimming pool, gym and fitness classes in nearby Rathmines. This is an adjoining-neighbourhood option rather than a Portobello listing; check current casual access and pool schedules before travelling.

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NEARBY · LENNOX STREET,
PORTOBELLO
THE LENNOX BUILDING,
LENNOX STREET, SAINT
KEVIN'S, DUBLIN 2, D02
FK02

Perpetua Fitness Lennox Street

A boutique fitness studio on Lennox Street offering coached group classes and personal training. It lies on the canal side of Portobello rather than at Leonard's Corner; check the current timetable, credits and access before attending.

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THINGS TO DO

See the area

Book ahead where an operator requests it. Use Directions to orient yourself from the apartment.

ST JAMES'S GATE, DUBLIN
8

Guinness Storehouse

A visitor experience with official ticket and booking information.

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ST PATRICK'S CLOSE,
DUBLIN 8

Saint Patrick's Cathedral

A historic cathedral with official visitor, ticket and access information.

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NEARBY · HAROLD'S CROSS
HAROLD'S CROSS ROAD,
DUBLIN 6W

Harold's Cross Park

A compact public park south of the area with lawns, paths and a playground, useful for families or a quiet outdoor break. It is in adjoining Harold's Cross, not Portobello.

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NEARBY · WALWORTH ROAD,
PORTOBELLO
3 WALWORTH ROAD,
PORTOBELLO, DUBLIN 8

Irish Jewish Museum

A small museum in a former synagogue documenting Jewish life in Ireland. Public opening is limited, making it important to check the museum's own page before visiting; appointments can also be requested.

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NEARBY · ST PATRICK'S
CLOSE
PATRICK STREET, DUBLIN
8

St Patrick's Park

A landscaped park beside St Patrick's Cathedral with open lawns, benches and a playground. It pairs naturally with a cathedral or Marsh's Library visit on the city-centre side of Dublin 8.

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AFTER-HOURS, AT YOUR PACE

Nightlife

Check each venue's official page for current opening information, booking or entry requirements before setting out. A listing is not a promise of a table, walk-in access or a particular service.

03 Bars & pubs

NEARBY · PORTOBELLO /
SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD
117 SOUTH CIRCULAR
ROAD, DUBLIN 8, D08
K522

Leonard's Corner

A South Circular Road pub and bistro with a current kitchen and reservations/walk-ins guidance on the operator site.

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FURTHER AFIELD ·
RIALTO, DUBLIN 8
536-538 SOUTH CIRCULAR
ROAD, RIALTO, DUBLIN 8,
D08 W6A2

The Circular

A reservable multi-room bar with food and pizza service; the locality qualifier distinguishes Rialto from Sandford Gardens.

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NEARBY · CLANBRASSIL
STREET LOWER
57 CLANBRASSIL STREET
LOWER, DUBLIN 8

The Libertine

A neighbourhood bar and eatery at the Leonard's Corner end of Lower Clanbrassil Street, with food, wine, cocktails and other drinks. It occupies the former Headline premises and opened under its current name in 2026.

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Wine spots

FURTHER AFIELD · CAMDEN
STREET
22 CAMDEN STREET LOWER,
DUBLIN

Frank's

A small wine bar and shop with a curated wine list, a short food menu and communal-table walk-ins; a wine-led choice rather than a generic pub.

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PLAN THE WAY BACK

Check the current route before you go

Use the official planner from your exact apartment address or Eircode, and check live options before leaving. Do not assume the last connection or nearest stop.

[TRANSPORT FOR IRELAND PLANNER](#)

EVERYDAY

Groceries

Use Directions and check the linked branch for current opening hours and services.

LEONARDS CORNER,
DUBLIN, D08 H9X7

Tesco Leonards Corner Express

A Tesco Express branch for everyday groceries.

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48-52 CORK STREET,
DUBLIN 8, D08 K4AT

Lidl Cork Street

A nearby supermarket on Cork Street for everyday groceries and supplies for your stay. Use Lidl's store finder for current opening hours; non-food offers, plants and flowers may not be available at this branch.

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NEARBY · LENNOX STREET,
PORTOBELLO
1A LENNOX STREET,
PORTOBELLO, DUBLIN 8

The Bretzel Bakery

A long-established bakery in Portobello for fresh bread, pastries and baked goods to bring back to the apartment. Lennox Street is toward the canal side of the neighbourhood, clearly separate from Leonard's Corner.

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NEARBY · FUMBALLY LANE
/ NEWMARKET
FUMBALLY LANE, DUBLIN
8, D08 HFF2

The Fumbally Shop

The grocery side of The Fumbally is useful for vegetables, bread, pantry goods and products from smaller makers. It complements Lidl and Tesco rather than replacing them, especially for guests looking for more specialist ingredients.

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NEARBY · DOLPHIN'S BARN
UNIT 7/8 DOLPHIN'S
BARN, DUBLIN 8, D08
EC60

Tesco Express Dolphin's Barn

A convenience supermarket in adjoining Dolphin's Barn for everyday groceries and household basics. It is west of Leonard's Corner, so useful when travelling that direction rather than as the closest quick shop.

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TRAVEL WITHOUT GUESSWORK

Getting around

Start with the exact apartment address or Eircode from your booking, not an assumed nearest stop.

USE THE EIRCODE IN YOUR BOOKING DETAILS

Plan from your exact apartment

Enter your apartment address or Eircode in the official planner, then check the current stops, routes and live departures for the time you travel. Do not rely on a generic neighbourhood pin.

OFFICIAL DETAILS

DUBLIN TRAM NETWORK

Luas tram

Luas is Dublin's tram. Check the official map, service updates and the stop that suits your exact apartment and destination.

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COASTAL RAIL AND NATIONAL RAIL

DART and Irish Rail

The DART is the coastal rail service. Use Irish Rail for current DART and rail timetables, stations and service notices.

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AIRPORT TRAVEL

Airport coach

Check current Aircoach routes, stops and fares for your exact departure point; routes and stops can change.

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USEFUL, JUST IN CASE

First-time essentials

Simple checks for plugs, phone charging, medicines and emergencies.

IRELAND · TYPE G

First-time electricity basics

Ireland uses Type G: three rectangular-pin blades, 230 V and 50 Hz. A plug adaptor changes pin shape only; it does not convert voltage or frequency.

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MATCH THE ITEM TO THE PROBLEM

Adapter, charger or cable?

An adapter changes plug shape. A charger is the power brick. A USB-C or Lightning cable is the lead: choose the connector that matches your phone. Prefer charger input marked 100–240 V~ (50/60 Hz); do not use a 110/120 V-only device on Irish mains without suitable conversion.

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UNIT 13–15 JERVIS SHOPPING CENTRE, DUBLIN, D01 E7W2

Currys Jervis · adapters, chargers and cables

West Dublin guests: Currys Jervis is a city-centre trip; Currys Liffey Valley and Harvey Norman Fonthill are further-afield alternatives only. Check collection or stock before travelling. Currys officially lists travel adapters, phone chargers and USB cables/adaptors; use the three category links below. A category or collection page does not guarantee branch shelf stock, so check online collection/stock or phone before making a special trip.

[ADAPTERS CATEGORY](#)

[CHARGERS CATEGORY](#)

[USB CABLES CATEGORY](#)

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SANDFORD GARDENS,
DUBLIN

Pharmacy finder

Find a pharmacy around Sandford Gardens; this is a search, not a claimed branch. Check the pharmacist and opening hours directly before you go.

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IRELAND

Emergency services

In an emergency call 112 or 999.

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LOCAL AREA · SOUTH
CIRCULAR ROAD,
PORTOBELLO
80 SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD,
PORTOBELLO, DUBLIN 8,
D08 K5EK

South Circular Pharmacy

A named community pharmacy on South Circular Road for prescriptions and over-the-counter needs. The HSE currently lists it as a participating pharmacy and provides its address, making it a better-supported practical recommendation.

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LOCAL · LEONARD'S
CORNER / CLANBRASSIL
STREET UPPER
68 CLANBRASSIL STREET
UPPER, DUBLIN 8, D08
KA07

Leonard's Corner Post Office

The neighbourhood An Post counter for stamps, letters, parcel posting and other postal services. Its Upper Clanbrassil Street address places it directly in the Leonard's Corner area and makes it more useful than a farther Dublin 8 branch.

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Your EirStay neighbourhood guide

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