



A Unique Working Collection Preserving the History and Craft of Printing

Interactive Tours | Demonstrations | Irish History | Cultural Heritage | Off the Beaten Track

Often described by visitors as a ‘hidden gem,’ the National Print Museum provides an intimate and novel heritage experience in Dublin City. The Museum is located in the historical Beggars Bush Barracks, just south of Grand Canal Dock and a short 2 kilometres / 1 mile from Dublin’s city centre. Founded by members of the print industry, the Museum consists of a working collection of letterpress printing equipment laid out like a traditional 1960s print shop. The Museum and its volunteer panel of retired printers are invaluable to preserving the craft of letterpress printing, inscribed on Ireland’s National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage, and passing it on to future generations.

As the Museum’s exhibitions are not behind glass or rope, visitors will have the opportunity to interact with the collection directly through guided tours, demonstrations, and workshops. Visitors will also explore Ireland’s rich print heritage and discover the importance of printing to the development of the modern world.

Highlights of a visit to the National Print Museum include:

- ❖ **Location** | Dublin 4 | Beggars Bush military barracks | Ballsbridge | 2km from city centre
- ❖ **Permanent collection** | operational letterpress equipment | original copy of the Irish Proclamation
- ❖ **Temporary exhibitions** | impact of print on history & culture | design, typography, technology, literature
- ❖ **Guided tours** | interactive historical tours | printing demonstrations
- ❖ **Workshops** | for adults, young people, and children
- ❖ **Family fun** | education area | craft days | family tours
- ❖ **Collaborations** | letterpress artists | design students | leading Irish authors | retired printers
- ❖ **Café Press** | relaxing conservatory space | local artisan foods | snacks, sweet treats & full meals

National Print Museum | Schedule of Experiences

General Experiences:

Experience	Short Description	Min- Max	Duration (approx.)	Public Price Per Person
Guided Historical Tour	Discover the importance of print to the development of Irish history and the modern world through a guided historical tour of the permanent collection. Compose your name in type and print a personalised poster to bring home.	10-30	45 mins	€6
	<i>Inclusions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A personalised poster with your name in type			
Guided Historical Tour with Refreshments in the Café Press	Discover the importance of print to the development of Irish history and the modern world through a guided historical tour of the permanent collection. Try out some printing yourself, and enjoy refreshments in our onsite café, Press.	10-50	90 mins	€17
	<i>Inclusions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A postcard you have printed yourselfTea & a sweet treat			
Family-Friendly Tour	Step into to the wonderful world of printing with a family-friendly guided tour of the permanent collection. Compose your name in type, print a personalised poster to take home, and make your own printer’s hat! You may also avail of our education area after the tour.	5-30	60 mins	€8
	<i>Inclusions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A personalised poster with your name in typeA paper printer’s hat			
Demonstration Tour	Experience the Museum come to life with demonstrations of printing equipment by retired printers. This also includes a guided historical tour of the permanent collection.	10-20	90 mins	€12
	<i>Inclusions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A personalised poster with your name in type			
NOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Scheduled tours are available; please contact for further details.All private tours are subject to minimum numbers or the equivalent in charges.				

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Ultra-Luxury Experience:

Experience	Short Description	Min-Max	Duration	Public Price
Make Your Own Impression Workshop	Design, set, and print a bespoke piece of art with a leading letterpress artist after a guided tour of the permanent collection. Choose between a traditional or experimental workshop.	1-6	3 hours	€1,200 per experience
	<i>Inclusions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 copies of the print to take home • Exclusive hire of the Museum space • All equipment and materials 			
	<i>Optional Add-Ons:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-hour time extension to allow for a more detailed and complicated print for an additional €700 • Lunch catering, various options and prices 			



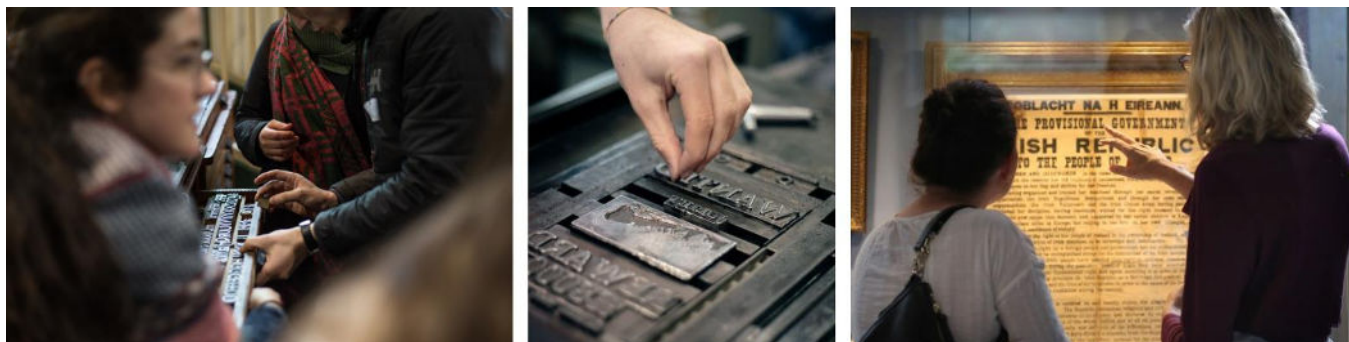
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Guided Historical Tour

Learn how the printing press, invented in 1439 by Johannes Gutenberg, changed the world. View an original 1916 Proclamation, Ireland's most important historical printed document, and marvel at the artefact's fascinating story of production. Your guide will demonstrate how printing was done throughout most of the last few centuries. The main collection is not behind glass or rope, but is instead an example of a working collection. Interact with this collection by composing your own name in type and printing a personalised poster to take home.

Guided Historical Tour with Refreshments in the Café Press

The Museum's permanent exhibition is laid out in the same style as an old print shop. Learn about the various processes that went into printing a book or newspaper, and try out printing yourself by making a postcard as a keepsake. Tour guides will explain the history of printing and how it led to many of the developments of our modern world. Take some time to relax in the conservatory space of the café Press and enjoy some tea and sweet treats.



Family-Friendly Tour

Travel back in time to experience what it was like to be a young apprentice printer. Learn about Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, and how newspapers, books and posters were created before the arrival of today's computers. Discover what printing has to do with the Titanic, the Irish Easter Rising, and various sayings that we still use today. Hand-set your name and print a poster to take home, and make your very own printer's hat!



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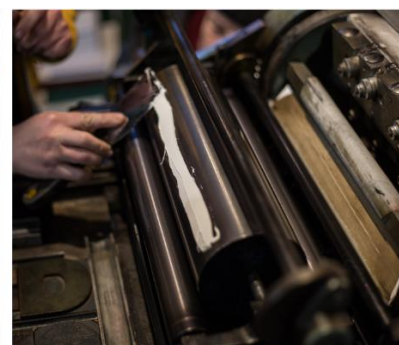
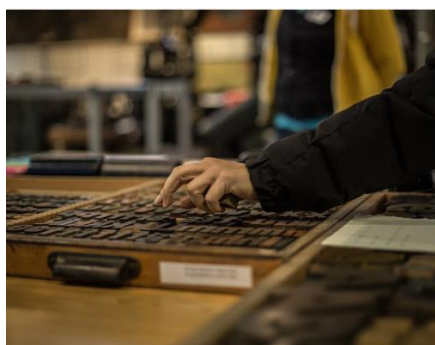
Demonstration Tour

Experience the Museum come to life as a volunteer panel of retired printers demonstrate our collection in action. From the Linotype composing machine to the Wharfedale printing press to the Shaw Pen Ruling machine, witness the incredibly complex technologies that were used for centuries before our modern digital printers. One of our tour guides will set the scene by telling the story of the printing press and how it developed through the ages, played a role in Irish history, and changed the world as we know it.



Make Your Own Impression Workshop

The only museum of its kind in Ireland is exclusively yours for this three-hour workshop. Your visit begins with a historical tour introducing the craft of letterpress printing. You will then get to roll up your sleeves and create an original, unique work using the historic collection, with the guidance of a leading letterpress artist. Choose the traditional workshop and compose your favourite quote or line of poetry, relishing the magic of witnessing words coming to life through print. Or, choose the experimental option and create a colourful, abstract piece of art.



National Print Museum | General Information

❖ Booking

- Email admin@nationalprintmuseum.ie | Tel. 01 660 3770
- Minimum of 2 week's notice is required for private tours
- Minimum of 3 weeks' notice is required for ultra-lux workshop

❖ Opening Days and Times

- Open Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-4:00pm, Saturday-Sunday 12:00-4:00pm
- Closed Mondays
- Closed bank holiday weekends

❖ Parking

- No parking in the Barracks; coach drop-off available
- Paid street parking available on Haddington Rd (free on Sundays)

❖ Accessibility

- Ground floor (permanent collection) and toilets fully wheelchair accessible
- First floor (temporary exhibition) accessible only via stairs

❖ Dining

- Café Press serves breakfast and lunch on weekdays, brunch on weekends
- Tea, coffee, sweet & savoury treats also available
- Open Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:00pm, Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat-Sun 10:00am-5:00pm

