## TEMPLE BAR



Temple Bar, situated in central Dublin, is a magnetic and charming area overflowing with typical Irish pubs and international restaurants.

Temple Bar is Dublin's cultural heart and one of the best districts to do a daytime and then a nighttime visit, when the bars and taverns are full of life. Bound by Dame Street and Liffey River, its narrow and cobblestone streets and charming architecture preserve the city's pure essence.

## History of Temple Bar

The area is thought to be named after Sir William Temple, who built his family house here at the beginning of the seventeenth century.

During the nineteenth and twentieth century, the neighborhood was extremely rundown. It had numerous neglected buildings and was Dublin's prostitution hub. In the late twentieth century, the land was sold to make a central bus station, attracting a lot of small business and citizens to the area. Finally, the bus station project was abandoned but the area continued to prosper.

In 1991, Dublin was chosen European Capital of Culture and the government made efforts to invigorate Temple Bar.

## Temple Bar at present

Currently, Temple Bar is one of the capital's most appealing neighborhoods. It combines various cultural venues with dozens of bars, restaurants and typical Irish pubs.

The area is famous for its lively nightlife, where both locals and visitors come together to enjoy a pint of stout and other classic Irish drinks.

During the day, Temple Bar houses various open-air markets like the Food Market and the Book Market. The streets are also packed with art galleries and alternative clothing boutiques.

