

CUSTOM HOUSE



Located along the River Liffey sits the impressive Custom House, a neoclassical gem built by James Gandon between 1781 and 1791. The eighteenth century Custom House is an architectural masterpiece. Its beautiful façade is especially outstanding with a Doric-style portico surrounded by large pavilions and a bronze dome crowned by a statue, a customs symbol.

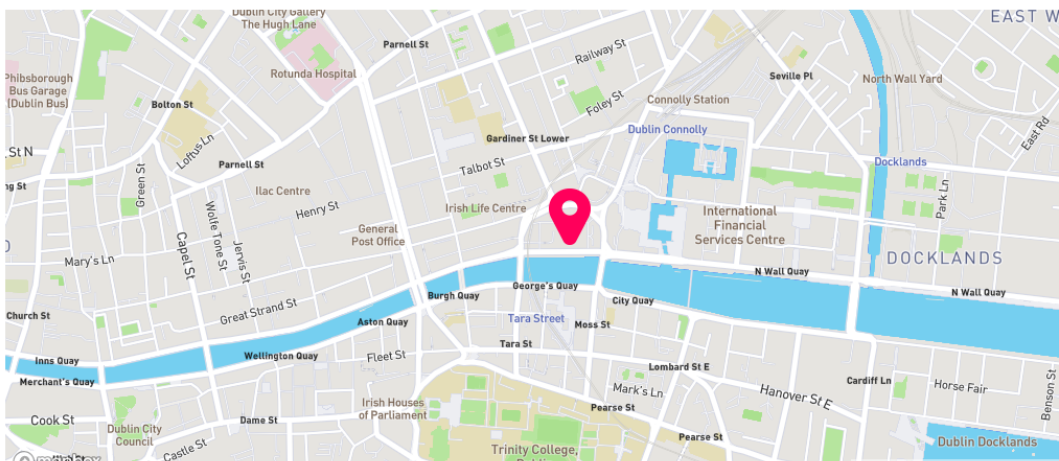
Rising from the ashes

Although the building was initially designed to collect custom duties, it was soon used as the nerve center of the **Local Government Board for Ireland**.

During the **Irish War of Independence**, in 1921, the IRA set the building on fire and caused irreparable damage to the structure's interior burning many historical documents. It was rebuilt in 1928 and during the 1980s, it was restored again and completed in 1991.

Custom House nowadays

Since it was reopened after being restored, the Custom House has become the Department of the Environment. The Custom House is the most striking building on the banks of River Liffey. Its monumental façade is well worth taking a photo of both during the day and at nighttime.



LEINSTER HOUSE



Since 1922, Leinster House in Dublin has served as the parliament building of the Republic of Ireland, before which it functioned as the headquarters of the Royal Dublin Society.

Leinster House was originally the ducal palace of the Dukes of Leinster. Today, the sole and exclusive power of making laws is vested in the Oireachtas, subject to the obligations of Community membership, as provided for in the Constitution.

The primacy of Dáil Éireann in regard to the life of the Parliament is recognised, in that a general election to Seanad Éireann must take place not later than 90 days after the dissolution of the Dáil.

