



## A Very Green Christmas! 2-Day Sample Holiday Itinerary in Dublin/Central Ohio

This holiday season, we invite you to discover Dublin, located 15 minutes northwest of Columbus. Marvel at our bright light displays. Shop our quaint Historic District for old world treasures. Share holiday tales with a storyteller in a cozy tea room. Learn new recipes as you decorate holiday treats. Our **VIP\*\*** (Very Irish People) experiences are available to groups staying in one of our 14 Dublin hotels and working with the Dublin Convention & Visitors Bureau to create your customized holiday itinerary. To learn more, contact Mary Szymkowiak at 800/245-8387 ([MaryS@IrishisanAttitude.com](mailto:MaryS@IrishisanAttitude.com))

### Morning

- **Driving Tour of Dublin.\*\*** Discover little known secrets about our emerald city while relaxing on the coach during this step-on driving tour. How did Dublin get its name? What is the “Field of Corn?” Who was “Leatherlips?” We’ll offer some rich history, funny tales and even a ghost story!  
(Note: Step-on tours are complimentary for groups staying in a Dublin hotel!)
- **A Holiday Scavenger Hunt!\*\*** Wander the brick-lined sidewalks of Historic Dublin in this fun, interactive game! Search for answers to trivia questions about Irish holiday traditions while tasting a holiday tea, learning the secret to creating professional looking Christmas themed cupcakes, shopping for Celtic collectibles and sampling sweet treats while visiting Dublin’s own Fruitcake Sisters! (Allow 2 hours.) \$18/per person (VIP experience: Available only through the Dublin CVB to groups staying in a Dublin hotel.)

### Lunch

- **On-Your Own in Historic Dublin.** Is everyone craving something different? No worries! Beautiful Historic Dublin offers 12 signature restaurants all located just steps apart. Savor homemade soups and sandwiches, Irish eggrolls, sushi, crabcakes, French Quiche, Phad Thai, pasta or wood-fired pizzas.

OR ...

- **Mary Kelley’s.** The weather outside may be frightful, but you’ll enjoy the warm and cozy setting of this popular Dublin establishment—a longstanding favorite among locals. Its Tudor-like setting, dark woods interiors and rich décor are reminiscent of a true Irish castle. Enjoy traditional favorites served with an Irish flair.

### Afternoon

- **Holidays at the Conservatory.** For a change of greenery, visit the unforgettable Franklin Park Conservatory and enjoy more than 100 varieties of beautiful poinsettias, festive lights and holiday trees. Ask about Candlelight Nights during December. [www.fpconservatory.org](http://www.fpconservatory.org)

### Dinner

- **Christmas in Ireland: A Private Holiday Dinner \*\*** What’s the meaning behind the Irish tradition of leaving the door open and the table set for three on Christmas eve? Listen to tales of Christmas in Ireland with an Irish storyteller as you celebrate the season with a delicious, Irish inspired meal prepared exclusively for your group and served in a private setting. Other entertainment options: add on an Irish fiddler or dancers!

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## Evening

- **Wildlights at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.** Discover the #1 Zoo in the nation (*USA Travel Guide*) while attending a “Top 100 Event in North America!” Wildlights showcases the Zoo in a fun holiday event complete with roasted chestnuts, hot chocolate, fantastic light displays and exotic animal exhibits. Don’t miss the Polar Bear twins at the Polar Frontier and the fabulous *Manatee Coast* (one of only three facilities outside of Florida to house and rehabilitate the endangered animal). Walking required. [www.columbuszoo.org](http://www.columbuszoo.org)

## DAY 2

### Morning

- **Bakers Village Garden Center.** At Christmas time, this family-owned business comes alive with enchanting displays of fairy lights, gorgeous trimmed theme trees, stunning wreaths and centerpieces. Enjoy listening to holiday music while shopping for supplies to create your own decorative wreath at home. Pick up a few unique Christmas presents while you are here—Baker’s specializes in personalized ornaments, Nativity Sets and European glass blown ornaments. [www.bakersvillagegardencenter.com](http://www.bakersvillagegardencenter.com)
- **The Morgan House.** Get a jump on your holiday gift-buying when you visit the Morgan House Restaurant & Gift Shop. Enter a historic log cabin that features three floors of holiday décor and gifts, Americana, unique fashions, furniture, antiques and gourmet goods. Then relax in the restaurant feasting on chef-prepared homemade soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts served near a roaring fireplace. Seasonal decorations and gifts abound—making the Morgan House the ideal spot for a quiet getaway and unique shopping. [www.morganhse.com](http://www.morganhse.com)

### Afternoon

- **Miss Sophia’s Secret.** Present your “calling card” and begin your time travel back into the 19th century. Sophia Kelton will be your personal guide to the home she and her husband Fernando built in 1852. She'll show you her holiday decorations, her Rococo Revival furniture and the family portraits. She'll show you her beautiful needlework and fans. She may also share her family's secret life as conductors on the Underground Railroad. Allow 2 hours. \$11/per person.

### Dinner

- **Dickens of a Mystery Dinner Event.** Your private dinner event will be presented at the Ohio Historical Society’s Ohio Village—a quaint, reproduction of an 1880s era town. Discover what happened to Ebenezer Scrooge after his Christmas Eve reformation while you dine on a hearty feast. Learn the fate of the Cratchit family after that infamous holiday long ago. But, beware of the Figgy Pudding! Event includes a dinner buffet with a traditional holiday meal and mystery theatre performance. (Minimum 30 people.)

### Evening

- **Drive-Through Fantasy of Lights.** Treat your guests to a wonderful drive through a winter wonderland of lights. The 1.5 mile drive features more than 1,000,000 lights (and takes about 30 minutes to drive through it). Open evenings, 5:30-9:30 p.m., from Thanksgiving through the end of December. Stop midway to visit Santa Claus, give him your list and enjoy free cookies and hot chocolate.

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### Dublin Ohio Hotels:

- Chase Suite Hotel
- Courtyard by Marriott Dublin
- Crowne Plaza Hotel Dublin
- Embassy Suites Columbus/Dublin
- Extended StayAmerica (Metro Place)
- Extended StayAmerica (Tuttle Crossing)
- Hampton Inn Dublin
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Holiday Inn Express
- Homewood Suites by Hilton
- Quality Inn & Suites
- Marriott Columbus Northwest
- Red Roof Inn
- Residence Inn by Marriott