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Dublin Castle's conference facilities are located in the magnificent 18th century Georgian quadrangle of buildings. Through the ages the Castle has been at the heart of Irish history: from the foundations of the first Viking settlement 1,000 years ago through to the handing over of the Castle by the British authorities (where it served as a centre of administration and rule) to Michael Collins (the first leader of the Irish Free State) in 1922.

More recently the Castle played host to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her historic visit to Ireland in 2011 and the celebrations marking the passage of the same sex marriage referendum in 2015. The Castle today is one of the country's premier cultural sites and is used by the Government for prestigious functions of State, most significantly the inauguration of the President.



Dublin City

Dublin City: a thriving, cosmopolitan European capital with Dublin Castle at its heart. Here, the fusion of history and heritage with a young highly skilled population explains why this is a city with a passion for the arts, a coveted location for multinational corporate headquarters and a major transatlantic gateway. An event in Dublin Castle provides delegates an opportunity to explore one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations.

Capacity

The conference facilities have been designed to meet the exacting requirements of numerous European Presidencies for which the Castle has often been the focal point. There are facilities catering for 2 to 4,000 delegates across 9 unique venues.

Our smallest venue, Bedford Hall, is a self-contained suite of rooms located in the Bedford Tower in the Upper Courtyard. It is ideal for conferences, boardroom meetings or press conferences with up to 80 attendees. Our newest and largest facility is the Printworks located in the Lower Courtyard. It offers an unrivalled location for trade shows, conventions, exhibitions, product launches, concerts and conferences. There are also external spaces available which can be hired for live music or theatre events.



Venue	Area (sq. m)	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet/ Reception
Printworks	726	600	260	400/600
Conference Centre	323	330	136	190/330
St. Patrick's Hall	335	300	-	202/-
George's Hall	230	230	140	180/240
Portrait Gallery	213	80	-	100/200
Throne Room	147	-	-	50/100
Gothic Room	90	60	-	50/60
Bedford Hall	108	80	40	50/80
Dubh Linn Garden	1885	-	-	-/4,000

Advantages

The Castle's location is unparalleled, situated in the very heart of Dublin and adjacent to Christ Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Temple Bar and Trinity College.

A conference in Dublin Castle provides a unique opportunity to share in the Castle's colourful history. The State Apartments (one of the most important suites of State rooms in the country), the 13th century Wardrobe Tower, the neo-Gothic Chapel Royal and the Medieval Undercroft, containing the remains of the Norman foundations, are all located on the site.

The Terrace Café overlooks the Dubh Linn Garden at the back of the Castle, here you will find the Chester Beatty Library. It includes manuscripts and works of art which illustrate human history from 2,500 BC to the present. In geographical provenance they span the globe from Ireland to Sumatra to Japan. The Castle's second café, The Silk Road (in the Chester Beatty), adds a middle eastern flair to the culinary offerings of the site. The Coach House Gallery, also in the Dubh Linn Garden, has a vibrant programme of art throughout the year.

Technology

Our main meeting rooms are fully equipped to the highest international standards utilising the latest in presentation technologies with large format full HD projection systems, hi-res multi-input switching and all presenter control and comfort aids. The Conference Centre and Printworks feature remotely operated multi-camera systems for room image magnification and video feed to closed circuit TV system and offer programme feed for recording and live streaming.

High quality full range audio systems ensure evenly distributed sound throughout while digital audio consoles provide sustainable solutions to multi-channel interfacing. Systems are complemented by the inclusion of industry leading microphone and playback packages specifically orientated toward the conference and broadcast sectors.

Dublin Castle offers conferencing clients one of the most technically advanced ICT networks anywhere in the country. The network runs over a state of the art, fibre backbone, providing high speed Wi-Fi coverage throughout the Dublin Castle complex.



A Tradition of Excellence in Event Management

For your event in Dublin Castle you will be appointed a dedicated Event Manager, drawing from a resource that has event managed State visits to Ireland, presidential inaugurations and commemorative events.

We can guide you through the planning and execution of your event while all the time ensuring it benefits from the historic significance and singular location of the site.

Catering

The Castle is equipped with state of the art kitchens and catering is provided from a panel selected by Dublin Castle. Each of these companies meets the high standards expected by a site such as this.

Simultaneous Interpretation

Whether operating as standalone boardroom multi-mic systems or as part of sophisticated operator controlled real time language interpretation systems, our Digital Congress Networking systems provide perfect intelligibility in any language. Our main Conference Centre is equipped with 10 permanent interpreter booths, we also carry a large stock of internationally compliant, silent temporary booths.

BOOKINGS/ENQUIRIES

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Historic Portfolio

Along with the Castle, the Office of Public Works has a number of other sites for hire in its portfolio:

- Castletown House
- Rathfarnham Castle
- Casino at Marino
- National Botanic Gardens

Each of these offers a uniqueness not to be found anywhere else. Contact us to discuss the best fit for your event.

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