

# ANANTARA DUBLIN A REFLECTION OF IRELAND ITSELF

Beautiful spa experience awaits weary travellers



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The newly rebranded Anantara The Marker Dublin delivers superlative hospitality with an appealing mix of cosmopolitan energy and restorative tranquility.

It's an architecture stand-out overlooking the Grand Canal Basin of Dublin Bay that relaunched in 2023 after a make-over of the Marker Hotel's lobby, 187 guest rooms and suites, and the addition of the new restaurant Forbes Street by Gareth Mullins.

Anantara is the only five-star property in the trendy, upscale neighbourhood of Docklands, so its chic restaurant, fashionable bars and deluxe accommodations are often booked solid. Bentleys and Rolls-Royces idle out front as valets ferry Rimowa luggage and heaps of shopping bags from Dublin's famous Grafton Street. The rooftop bar has compelling 360-degree views of the Wicklow Mountains and the Irish Sea. The Marker Bar buzzes from morning espresso to evening cocktails.

In spite of the action, the guest rooms are pin-drop quiet because the hotel faces the Grand Canal Square, a park and promenade.

**Irish spirit:** Anantara is modern, edgy and international — but



The posh Anantara The Marker Dublin Hotel has a singular location overlooking the Grand Canal in the innovative Docklands district. At left, is the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre. ANANTARA THE MARKER DUBLIN HOTEL

its essence is Irish. “The hotel resonates with elements indigenous to Ireland,” said Derek A. Brennan, a manager who is a connoisseur of Emerald Isle lore. “The exterior geometric panels recall the Cliffs of Moher, and the interior cantilevered ceiling reflects the basalt formations of the Giant's Causeway (a craggy northern coastal route).”

Restaurant supervisors wear handsome Irish tweed hacking jackets and the beautiful cashmere and lambswool bed throws are by Foxford of County Mayo.

**Neighbourhood:** Docklands is a former industrial area that has boomed, with futuristic glass buildings towering above 18th-century brick warehouses. Also called Silicon Docks, it's home to high-tech heavies like Google, TikTok, Meta, Ancestry and LinkedIn. It's great for a walkabout, cycling, a boat tour or even paddleboarding on the

Grand Canal. The prestigious Bord Gáis Energy Theatre, next door to Anantara, is staging La Bohème by the Irish National Opera this fall, The Lion King and, in 2024, Hamilton.

**Experiences:** Anantara organizes unconventional, authentic Irish escapades (fees apply). “Wild swimming” is an excursion to hidden coves and beaches of the Irish Sea, guided by a marathoner. Another outing is to Ireland's famous horse races, with insider tips by a trainer.

Gastronomes might tackle a cooking class on Irish soda bread or join Spice Spoons, a jaunt on a fishing boat hosted by chef Mullins.

**Dining:** Forbes Street is lively and easygoing, with an open kitchen and tantalizing displays of oysters (called dainties) and excellent wines, including many superior Corovin options by the glass, chosen by master

sommelier Maxim Prokopenko. Mullins expresses his Irish roots with cockles ‘n’ mussels, Guinness bread, Colcannon mashed potatoes, roast lamb and modern twists on Irish beef tartare and veg dishes like roasted celeriac with hazelnuts.

Mullins is proud of his local ingredients, the best of land and sea. “We know every farm, river, garden and artisan producer.”

Forbes Street's tour de force is aged beef — rib-eye, filet mignon or whiskey-cured T-bone — by revered butcher John Stone of County Longford, who has an MBE (an honour of the British Empire). Seafood from Irish waters might be tiger prawns, turbot, scallops or sea trout pastrami with Teeling Whiskey crème fraîche.

Breakfast is a don't-miss for blueberry pancakes and eggs Benedict, with sides of thick-cut Irish bacon, bread and butter

**IF YOU GO**

■ Air Canada flies Montreal-Dublin three times a week, approximately May through September. Toronto-Dublin is daily through October, and four times weekly through winter (aircanada.com).

**Anantara The Marker Dublin:** 353-01-687-5100 or Leading Hotels of the World, 800-745 8883; anantara.com/en/the-marker-dublin; Grand Canal Square, Docklands, Dublin 2, Ireland. Thai-based Anantara operates in Asia, Middle East and Europe.

**Price:** Best rate guarantee. Rates fluctuate. Approximate sample rates: deluxe room from about \$500 in lowest winter season, or junior suites from about \$750-\$870. Full suites/presidential suite available. Indoor pool (with children's hours), spa for 16 and older, bicycles, toiletries by Voya of Ireland, evening turndown, newspapers, Tipperary bottled water, Nespresso coffee/Solaris tea.

**Tourism Ireland/Fáilte Ireland:** ireland.com; visitdublin.com.

pudding, Burren smoked salmon, Cavan cheese, Wexford strawberries and, from the prestigious Thomas Doherty Meats, black and white puddings. In balance, the Equilibrium menu features a poached egg, avocado, spinach and grilled tomatoes.

**Wellness:** The lifestyle gurus at both Irish Tatler and Condé Nast have raved about Anantara Spa. It has a Zen ambience, with an indoor infinity pool, a sauna and a eucalyptus steam room. You can pump iron in the new Techno Gym, join rooftop yoga or rejuvenate with herbal massages.

TV TIMES TONIGHT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28												MOVIES	SPORTS	
	B	W	E	V	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30		
2 SRC	10	4	4	2	En direct de l'univers (N)		Comptine mortelle (N) (FS)		Miss Scarlet, détective privée (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	Doc humanité		
3 CBS	282	21	21	87	Channel 3 News	Studios Special	NCIS: Hawai'i		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)			
5 NBC	280	23	18	84	Big Ten	College Football Ohio State at Wisconsin (N)								
6 CBC	206	13	13	6	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Nashville Predators (N)						NHL Hockey			
8 CJOH	229	-	-	10	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** Thor ('11, Act) Natalie Portman, Chris Hemsworth.						Big Bang	
9 MATV	-	9	9	9	À l'heure du	Horizon & culture	Endorphine	La tournée	Fierté d'ici	Stagiaire	Paroles d'auteurs	LeZarts Montréal		
10 TVA	115	7	7	4	6:30 ** SOS fantômes: l'au-delà ('21)		Carrie Coon. (P)	:55 ** Gratte-ciel ('18, Act) Neve Campbell, Dwayne Johnson.						
12 CTV	70	11	11	7	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** Thor ('11, Act) Natalie Portman, Chris Hemsworth.						Big Bang	
17 TQc	138	8	8	3	James Herriot		Pour une fois (N)		Belle et Bum (N)		:05 *** Midsommar: solstice d'été			
22 ABC	281	22	22	86	Coll. Football (N)	College Football Colorado at UCLA (N)								
33 PBS	-	57	-	88	My Hero	Upstart Crow	Sister Boniface Mysteries		Doc Martin		Marriage			
35	114	5	5	5	6:30 ** S.O.S fantômes ('16, Com) Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy. (P)		:05 *** 10 Cloverfield Lane ('16) John Goodman. (P)							
44 FOX	283	46	36	85	2023 World Series Pregame (N)		2023 World Series TBA at Texas Rangers (N)							
46 GBL	234	3	3	8	The New Reality	Crime Beat (N)	Robyn Hood		Departure		48 Hours (N)			
57 PBS	-	24	40	89	Mountain Lake Journal		Midsomer Murders		Agatha Christie's Poirot		Little Bird			
62 CITY	207	14	14	14	NHL Hockey Winnipeg Jets at Montreal Canadiens (N)						Hudson & Rex			
A&E	615	39	-	90	5:30 *** Deepwater Horizon ('16)		** San Andreas ('15, Act) Carla Gugino, Dwayne Johnson.						** Den of Thieves	
AMC	293	-	-	209	6:00 *** Tremors ('90) Kevin Bacon.		*** Jeepers Creepers ('01, Hor) Justin Long, Gina Philips.						** Friday the 13th ('09)	
APTN	23	10	58	16	* Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World ('17, Doc)				*** What We Do in the Shadows ('14) Taika Waititi, Jemaine Clement.					
CBCNN	502	48	48	18	The Fifth Estate		Things The Science of Success		News	Marketplace	Things The Science of Success			
CD	129	20	20	36	Trouv	L'histoire	Mayday		Les trésors de la WWE (N)		** Les gentlemen ('20) (P)			
CNN	500	36	27	81	CNN Newsroom With Jim Acosta (N)		Whole Story With Anderson Cooper		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program			
CRVM1	300	-	-	211	:15 ** A Christmas Story Christmas ('22) Erinn Hayes, Peter Billingsley.				** The Nun II ('23, Hor) Jonas Bloquet, Taissa Farmiga. (P)					
CTVDR	30	34	-	92	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.			
CTVSc	90	32	-	101	6:30 ** The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It ('21) Patrick Wilson.				** Malignant ('21, Hor) Maddie Hasson, Annabelle Wallis.					
CV	135	44	35	44	Flip ultra payant		Mariage à l'aveugle		D'invendable à		La famille est	Bienvenue chez les Derrico		
DISC	636	37	37	102	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds			
FAM	556	-	-	64	Malory Towers	Escape	** The Addams Family ('91, Com) Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston.		Afraid?		Afraid?			
HBO1	306	-	-	215	:20 Our Towns				Flag Means	True Blood		:25 True Blood		
HGTV	83	29	-	97	Love It or List It Vancouver		Love It or List It Vancouver		Love It or List It Vancouver		Love It or List It Vancouver			
HIST	84	47	-	107	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.			
MAX	142	48	32	32	6:00 * La nouvelle locataire ('17)		*** Les sorcières d'Eastwick ('87, Com) Cher, Jack Nicholson.						:15 *** Dracula ('92) Gary Oldman.	
MUCH	570	35	-	112	6:45 ** Annabelle Comes Home ('19, Hor) Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga.				The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons		
OWN	526	-	-	94	The Oprah Winfrey Show		The Oprah Winfrey Show		Ready to Love (N)		Love & Marriage: Huntsville			
PEACH	294	-	-	218	Last Man	Last Man	*** The 40-Year-Old Virgin ('05, Rom) Catherine Keener, Steve Carell.		Atlanta News First (N)					
RDI	126	19	19	19	6:30 Découverte (N)	Le national (N)	Les grands reportages Non réclamé		Le téléjournal (N)	La facture (N)	Le téléjournal (N)	Le national (N)		
RDS	123	33	33	25	Sports 30 (N)	Soccer: LaLiga FC Barcelone contre Real Madrid (N)						Sports 30 (N) / :45 L'antichambre (N) :45 Sports 30 (N)		
SC	73	205	205	205	6:30 * Who Is Killing the Cheerlead...		* Dying for the Crown ('18) Kim Director, April Bowlby. (P)		:35 * Stupid for You ('21) Mikhael Klassen-Kay.					
SE	180	-	-	201	:15 * L'amour au bout de la route ('20) Sam Richardson, Brittany Snow. (P)				** La religieuse II ('23) Taissa Farmiga. (P)		Cinéma			
SHOW	616	40	-	105	* * Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance ('11, Act) Idris Elba, Nicolas Cage.				** Ghostbusters ('16, Com) Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy.					
SLICE	27	-	-	99	6:30 ** Life as We Know It ('10, Rom) Josh Duhamel, Katherine Heigl.				** Happy Death Day 2U ('19, Hor) Israel Broussard, Jessica Rothe.					
SN1	418	-	-	184	Toronto Raptors	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Toronto Raptors (N)						Toronto Raptors	NHL Hockey (N)	
SNE	406	38	38	179	Series	MLB Central (N)	2023 World Series TBA at Texas Rangers (N)							
STARZ1	304	55	-	216	6:50 *** Mrs. Doubtfire ('93, Child) Sally Field, Robin Williams.		*** Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. ('23) (P)		:50 Godfather					
TCM	292	-	-	219	5:45 ** Darby's Rangers ('58)		**** The Man Who Knew Too Much ('56, Thril) Doris Day, James Stewart.		:15 * The Man Who Knew Too Much					
TLC	521	27	39	91	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way		90 Day: The Last Resort (N)		90 Day: The Last Resort (N)		90 Day: The Last Resort (N)			
TLN	700	-	-	250	Italian	Mexican	David	David Rocco's	**** Pulp Fiction ('94, Cri) Samuel L. Jackson, John Travolta.					
TOONE	85	49	-	57	* Trick or Treat Scooby-Doo! ('22) Frank Welker.		:45 Transylvania		Batman	Superman: The	My	Young Justice		
TOONF	87	45	34	53	Teen/:15 Teen	Teen/:45 Teen	American Dad	Family Guy	Les Simpson	Red Ketchup	American Dad!	Family Guy		
TSN2	401	-	-	187	College Football Tennessee at Kentucky (N)									College Football
TSN5	404	28	28	190	CFL Football Toronto Argonauts at Ottawa Redblacks (N)							Rugby New Zealand vs. South Africa		
TV5	145	15	15	29	Aspergirl	:40 Aspergirl (N)	Le grand concert de la SuperFrancoFête 2023 (P)						:15 30 ans d'humour (N)	
TVAS	193	-	-	23	Hockey LNH Jets de Winnipeg c. Canadiens de Montréal (N)							:45 L'après-match LNH (N)	:45 Hockey LNH	
TVO	22	-	-	71	Grizzly Bear Cubs and Me		World's Most	:50 Hubs/:55 Hubs	* Uprooted: The Journey of Jazz Dance ('20, Doc) (P)		TVOArts			
VISN	65	-	-	159	6:00 Endeavour		Sardari		Aikam	Journey		Waqt 4 U		
WGN	295	-	-	222	Paid Program	Stories-Hope (N)	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)			
WSBK	296	-	-	223	Big Bang	Big Bang	** Secret Window ('04, Thril) John Turturro, Johnny Depp.			Two Half Men		Friends		
YTV	25	-	-	65	6:00 *** Casper ('95) Christina Ricci.		** The House With a Clock in Its Walls ('18, Fan) Cate Blanchett, Jack Black.						Patrick Star	
B – Bell TV; W – Vidéotron West Montréal; E – Vidéotron East Montréal; V – Vidéotron Illico														