

Blarney Area

Castle Hotel (Johnnies Bar) & Lemon Tree Restaurant – located on the Blarney village square. Tel: 021 4385116 - Blarney €

Located on the Square in Blarney the Forests serve great food and offer great service. The food is fantastic - particularly the Sunday roasts. There is the adjoining bar called Johnnies which serves great pints of Guinness and has music at the weekends.

The Mill Restaurant Blarney - Blarney Woolen Mills €

The New-Look Mill Restaurant at Blarney - A taste experience not to be missed!. Good menu choice and based within the Woolen Mills complex.

Blairs Inn (Cloghroe – 10 minutes from Blarney) - www.blairsinn.ie €€

Blairs Inn is an award winning family run bar and restaurant. The atmosphere here is great, especially if you can book the back room. The staff are very friendly and Sunday lunches are very good value.

Summer trad sessions: Monday & Thursday nights from 7.30 pm

Griffins Garden Centre, Restaurant & Homestore Dripsey, Co. Cork €

Address: Agharinagh, Dripsey, Co. Cork

www.griffinsgardencentre.ie

Griffins is a destination garden centre started more than 25 years ago from a green field site in scenic Dripsey, County Cork, just 15 minutes from Ballincollig and Blarney. It is now one of the most awarded and successful garden centres in the country, winning Garden Centre of the Year three times

Cork Area

Amicus €€

Tucked into a small space in Cork's Huguenot district, Ursula and Robert Hales' restaurant looks interesting from the (pedestrianised) street and has some tables outside in fine weather.

Augustines €€

Perhaps now Cork city's leading restaurant - for a discerning clientèle seeking exceptional food and service

Fenns Quay Restaurant €€

Situated in a 250-year old listed building, this is a bright, busy restaurant with a welcoming atmosphere and simple decor enlivened by striking modern paintings.

Hayfield Manor Hotel €€€€

Set in two acres of gardens near University College Cork, the city's premier hotel provides every comfort and a remarkable level of privacy and seclusion, just a mile from the city centre.

Jacques Restaurant €€€

An integral part of Cork life since 1982, sisters Eithne and Jacqueline Barry's delightful restaurant has changed with the years, evolving from quite a traditional place to the smart contemporary space that it is today.

Table €€

With smart modern décor contrasting with a neo-classical background, it's an appropriate setting for sassy food with a basic respect for traditio

Greenes at Hotel Isaacs €€€

Despite being next door to the well-known Isaacs restaurant (with the confusion of the hotel's similar name) Greenes Restaurant has established itself successfully and earned a loyal following.

Ivory Tower €€€

Seamus O'Connell, one of Ireland's most original culinary talents, runs this unusual restaurant upstairs in an

early Victorian commercial building

Isaacs Restaurant €€

In 1992 Michael and Catherine Ryan, together with partner/head chef Canice Sharkey, opened this large, atmospheric modern restaurant in an 18th-century warehouse and it immediately struck a chord with people tired of having to choose between fine dining and fast food, and became a trend-setter in the modern Irish food movement.

Idaho Café €

This friendly and exceptionally well-located little café hits the spot for discerning shoppers, who appreciate Mairead Jacob's wholesome food - this is good home cooking based on the best of ingredients.

Dan Lowrey's Tavern €€

This characterful pub beside the Everyman Palace Theatre was established in 1875 and is named after its founder.

Les Gourmandises €€€

Just off South Mall, this simple little restaurant feels like an outpost of France - the menu in the window will draw you in and you'll be glad you noticed it.

Café Paradiso €€€

Devotees travel from all over Ireland - and beyond - to eat at Denis Cotter's ground-breaking vegetarian restaurant, where they produce such exciting mainstream cooking that even the most committed of carnivores admit to relishing every mouthful.

Otters at the Kingsley Hotel €€€

This attractive restaurant appeals to non-residents as well as hotel guests. A warm welcome, promptly presented menus and wine list, simple classy table settings and friendly, staff all help both to impress and relax guests.

Café Gusto €

Big ideas are evident in this little designer coffee bar near Singer's Corner, which specialises in gourmet rolls, wraps and salads, either to go or to eat on the premises.

Zings at Maryborough House Hotel €€€

Creative use of lighting separates areas within this design-led dining area without physical divisions - and the tables are considerably spot lit (ideal for lone diners who wish to read).

Milano €€

This spacious modern restaurant is one of a small chain operated in Ireland by the UK company PizzaExpress.

Farmgate Café €€

A sister restaurant to the Farmgate Country Store and Restaurant in Middleton, Kay Harten's Farmgate Café shares the same commitment to serving fresh, local food - and, as it is located in the gallery above the English Market, where ingredients are purchased daily, it doesn't come much fresher or more local than this.

Crawford Gallery Café €€

This fine 1724 building with a large modern extension houses an excellent collection of 18th- and 19th-century landscapes. And this is also home to the Crawford Gallery Café, one of Cork city's favourite informal eating places...

Club Brasserie €€€

This well-located Cork restaurant is a second venture for restaurateurs Harold Lynch and Beth Haughton - well known for their successful Citrus Restaurant in Douglas.

Wagamama €

A Cork branch of the popular Japanese chain (see entry in Dublin), Wagamama noodle bar offers healthy, inexpensive meals...

Nakon Thai Restaurant €€

Efficient reception by smiling staff gets guests off to a good start at this smart restaurant in Douglas village. The aim is to provide traditional Thai cuisine in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere...

Star Anise €€

A smartly painted frontage and cool frosted glass windows create a good impression on arrival at this chic contemporary restaurant - a feeling quickly confirmed by an attractive interior, with clean-lined modern table settings...

Flemings Restaurant €€€€

Clearly signed off the main Cork-Dublin road, this large Georgian family house is home to Michael and Eileen Fleming's excellent restaurant with rooms.

Jacobs on the Mall €€

Its location in the former Turkish baths creates a highly unusual and atmospheric contemporary dining space for what many would regard as Cork's leading restaurant.

Boqueria €€

Located in an attractive former pub in an old building on a busy one-way thoroughfare, this pleasant and welcoming place caused quite a stir when it opened a couple of years ago, and has now settled comfortably into the Cork dining scene.

Liberty Grill €€

Liberty Grill is a sister establishment to Café Gusto (Washington Street & Lapps Quay, see entry), so you may expect the same food philosophy based on quality ingredients, where possible organic and locally sourced.

Cornstore Winebar & Grill €€€

In the buzzy Coal Quay renewal area, this new sister establishment to the highly regarded Aubars in Limerick (see entry) is in a stylishly converted two-storey granite mill building.

Market Lane Restaurant & Bar €€

This bustling two-storey restaurant and bar near the English Market is a friendly and welcoming place with a lively atmosphere.