

The
MERRION
DUBLIN



At the centre of the St Patrick's craic with The Merrion, Dublin

Dublin's best address offers two definitive ways of "doing" St Paddy's

January 2012 – The Irish take their celebrations seriously – especially on 17th March, when St Patrick's Day fever takes Dublin by storm.

In celebration of St Patrick's Day 2012 – this year conveniently falling on a Saturday – **The Merrion, Dublin's finest 5-star address**, offers two alternative ways of "doing" St Patrick's - ***The Semi-Shamrock*** and ***The Full Shamrock***.

Created from four Grade 1 Listed townhouses in the heart of Georgian Dublin, [The Merrion](#) is perfectly placed for all the St Patrick's Day celebrations over the weekend of 16-19 March 2012. Discreetly luxurious and deeply comfortable, this elegant luxury hotel is also full of authentic atmosphere and a sense of place; from its impressive collection of 20th century Irish art, to the original exposed brick work in The Cellar Bar. Add to this delicious Irish food and specially created cocktails, and you have the perfect recipe for an unforgettable St Patrick's Day.

The Semi-Shamrock – 1 night stay (March 16-20)

Soak up the St Patrick's atmosphere – and relax and unwind at the same time

- Overnight accommodations in a Standard Garden Wing room
- Full Irish Breakfast
- Black Velvet cocktail upon arrival
- Based on double occupancy, rates start at €127.50 per person

The Full Shamrock – 2 night stay (March 16-20)

For the full St Patrick's Day experience

- Two night's accommodations in a Superior Garden Wing room
- Full Irish Breakfast each morning
- Black Velvet cocktail upon arrival
- One Grandstand ticket per person for the St. Patrick's Day festival
- Small picnic box to enjoy at the parade
- Based on double occupancy, rates start at €322.50 per person

Die-hards can continue the celebrations by rounding off an exciting day with a pint of Guinness in

The Cellar Bar - cheering on Ireland or England in the 6 Nations Rugby Tournament, which kicks off at Twickenham at 5pm on 17th March 2012.

For reservations telephone The Merrion on +353 1 603 0600, email info@merrionhotel.com, or visit www.merrionhotel.com

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About The Merrion

The Merrion stands directly opposite Government Buildings in the heart of Dublin city centre. On the doorstep is Upper Merrion Street, where Government Buildings, The National Gallery and The Natural History Museum are located. A short walk leads to the adjacent "golden mile" of lively pubs, shops and restaurants dotted around St. Stephen's Green. Grafton Street is a leisurely stroll away for all the latest designer shops. The Merrion is a member of *The Leading Hotels of the World*.

St Patrick's Day celebrations, Dublin - Friday 16th to Monday 19th March 2012

Ireland's leading pageant companies and marching bands will make the streets come alive in spectacular style on 17th March.

Marching ensembles from around the globe will provide the musical score for the festival parade. Bands from Ireland, Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom and Russia will join U.S. bands from California, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas and Washington to march through the streets of the capital.

The Parade begins on Parnell Square and continues on to O'Connell Street and over O'Connell Bridge to Westmoreland Street. It then winds its way down Dame Street and Lord Edward Street passes by Christchurch Cathedral and along Patrick Street where it finishes just past St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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