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# TOP ten Irish PUBS IN THE WORLD

As voted for by Ireland of the Welcomes readers.



When we asked you to nominate your favorite Irish bars the world over, we were hardly prepared for the influx of heart-felt testimonies that poured in. Here, as per your votes, are the best Irish pubs with *craic agus ceol*.

### 3 The Parting Glass, Saratoga Springs, NY

Going strong since 1981, founder and landlady Joan Desadora still presides over the establishment which has a whopping 100 types of beer (36 on tap) in an old world styled tavern. Named for that ever-lasting last drink of the night, The Parting Glass was voted one of the top ten Irish pubs in North America by *USA Today*. The entertainment schedule rotates a calendar of Texas Hold 'Em poker nights, a popular darts league and Irish Celtic Session nights when the pub is alive with traditional music. [www.partingglasspub.com](http://www.partingglasspub.com)

#### What you said:

"The Parting Glass has everything: great music, weekly sessions, the best drink (love the Irish coffee with Jameson), a fantastic antique bar and lots of craic. But the main reason The Parting Glass is my favorite pub is that being there makes me feel like I'm in Ireland again."

**Kathleen Regan Roberts, NY**



### 4 Killarney's, Riverside, CA

Designed, built and shipped straight from Ireland (by the Olde Irish Pub Company), Killarney's rings out a 'Ceád Mille Fáilte' from its front. Home to a wide selection of favorite Irish beers, from Guinness (naturally) to Harp and Smithwick's on draught, the décor is traditional and straight from the homeland, with short round stools stacked under long, dark-wood tables. The nightlife at Killarney's is thriving with a hearty mix of Irish-themed entertainment and high energy karaoke and DJ nights for its livelier patrons. [www.killarneys.com](http://www.killarneys.com)

#### What you said:

"Killarney's is our favorite local – and we're not affiliated with it in any way, beyond the bar!"

**Don Darwin and Gretchin Flynn, CA**

### 5 Four Green Fields, Tampa, Florida

For an authentic Irish experience outside of Ireland, you can't beat the wholly reconstructed, thatch-roofed Four Green Fields pub in Tampa. Since the pub's opening, according to the *Tampa Bay Times*, sales of Guinness in the area rose 87 per cent, and locals have been simply enthralled by the cottage-style pub that was reportedly transplanted all the way from Ireland by its owners. Last year it celebrated its 20th year in business by offering locals pints of Guinness at its original 1992 pricing and a collection of Irish musicians performing. [www.tampa.fourgreenfields.com](http://www.tampa.fourgreenfields.com)

#### What you said:

"I really enjoy The Four Green Fields because of the warm atmosphere, folksy service and great food – it actually makes me feel like I've stepped over the ocean into Ireland itself. They have great live Irish music and lots of memorabilia on the walls. I make it a point to visit there whenever I'm in Tampa."

**Dennis Donovan, NY**

### 6 Dora Keogh's, Toronto, Canada

Open since 1997 and now serving a new wave of Irish in Canada, Dora Keogh's calls itself 'Toronto's most authentic country pub'. Stool seating, a wood-burning fireplace and a smattering of antique memorabilia give it the true Irish pub feeling, while Dora's back room, quirkily called 'Yer Ma's Kitchen' is, of course, where some of the best action happens. Warm and inviting, it has played host to music greats such as The Chieftains and other Irish greats such as the late author Maeve Binchy. Proud purveyors of the ubiquitous Tayto crisp, sessions take place every Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon. [www.allens.to/dora](http://www.allens.to/dora)

#### What you said:

"This pub is based on what Irish pubs were like in Ireland in the 1950s and 1960s. There isn't a T.V. and there aren't any video games – just ceol (music), craic (fun) and caint (chat)."

**Ita Thompson, Canada**

Below: The Chieftains

