

City Kayaking - Dublin

Hi I'm Donnchadh from City Kayaking. We're based at Dublin City Moorings, by the IFSC on the River Liffey right in the heart of Dublin City Centre. We opened our doors in May 2012 and are heading into our third Summer full of plans and excitement. From here we run our watersports company in one of the most unique surroundings in the country!

City Kayaking offers the ultimate 'Urban Adventure' to both locals and tourists alike running 2-Hour City River Trips from our base and heading up river exploring underneath Dublin's most famous bridges. Our trips give you the opportunity to experience Dublin like never before and see the city from a whole new angle.

We also run 3-Hour Island Bridge Escape tours where we take people upstream right through the city and into the wilderness once you get beyond Heuston Station. This is a seriously cool trip and gives people the chance to experience the lesser seen side of Dublin. With all sorts of wildlife surrounding the river up there you really don't feel like you're anywhere near the city.

We regularly get seals in the Liffey and they explore right up towards Islandbrige when the tide is good and high, which is the time we schedule these trips at. There's also plenty of herons, lots of fish about and we've even seen several kingfishers which are an amazingly colourful bird. It's hard to believe that you're right in the middle of Dublin with all that going on. It's a real escape from things!

One thing that so many people comment on is how quiet it is when you're on the river. The quay walls act like a barrier for the sound and even when you're up between O'Connell Bridge and the Ha'penny bridge right in the middle of all the city madness, it's nice and quiet on the river. Hard to believe I know, but it's worth experiencing it.

We also run lessons and cater for youth groups too. Thanks to the generous sponsorship from Dublin Port Company we're running a €5 Kayaking for Youth Groups which is seriously good value. We heavily discounted these sessions and Dublin Port provided us with some funding to allow us to be able to offer such great value activities for youth groups. We've still got some sessions available to book over the summer and have all the details up on our site for anyone interested (or drop us a line).

Our Lessons and Fitness Paddling Classes are starting to pick up now and are run by Emily, our top class Canadian Kayaking Instructor. Emily is an extremely accomplished kayaker and instructor and has competed as part of the Canadian team for the past 7 years. Fitness paddling is geared towards beginners looking to have a fun fitness experience on the water. Our lessons are ideal for those looking to pick up a new hobby or for the adventure racers looking to get some training in before the next event. These run both midweek in the mornings and evenings and at the weekend too.

We've come a long way since opening our doors 2 years ago and we owe a lot of thanks to family and friends for helping us along the way. We've got some big plans going forward and are very excited to be heading into our third summer season on the water! Hopefully we'll see you out joining us on the water soon too.

And who knows, you might even see Teena there too!!