

Edinburgh's Festival of Ireland 15 – 23 March 2019

St Patrick's Day is right around the corner and there are many events taking place in the capital in celebration of the annual event.

In celebration of all things Irish around St Patrick's Day, Edinburgh's Festival of Ireland is on from Friday 15 to Saturday 23 March 2019.

The relatively new festival is making a return to the capital this year with a jam-packed schedule for all the family to enjoy. For a full run down of this year's events, check out the diary below!



Festival Diary 2019



Friday, 15 March

7.00 Comedy: The Stand Friday Show hosted by Johnny Candon. Stand Comedy Club, York Pl. £12 www.thestand.co.uk/whats-on/Edinburgh/March

7.30 Irish Set Dancing: free Taster session. Quaker Meeting House. Book a place on 0790 020 6933

8.00 Irish Choir: Cór Geal, an adult choir from Co. Cork, at St Patrick's RC Church, Cowgate. FREE!

8.30 Comedy: Comedy night at the Dairiada Bar, 77 Promenade, Portobello—the bar on the beach! www.dairiadabar.co.uk

9.00 Traditional Irish Music Session hosted by Sianne at Captain's Bar, South College Street

9.00 Traditional Music Session with The Sessioneers, Sandy Bell's Bar, Forrest Road

Saturday, 16 March

12.30 Special Mass for St Patrick's Day. St Patrick's RC Church, Cowgate

3.00 Irish Music Session with Sean Paul Newman, Dairiada Bar, 77 Promenade, Portobello www.dairiadabar.co.uk

6.00 Irish & Scottish Dance & Music Spectacular. "Celtic Caledonia—A Celtic Faery Tale." With award-winning Siamsoir Irish Dancers. The Jam House, Queen Street. Tickets £15 from tickets-scotland.com
This event regularly sells out, so book now!

Saturday, 16 March (cont.)

7.00 Comedy: The Stand Saturday Show hosted by Johnny Candon. Stand Comedy Club, York Pl. £12 www.thestand.co.uk/whats-on/Edinburgh/March

7.00 Irish Conversation (Ciorcal Comhrá) informal chat at the Irish Consulate, 16 Randolph Crescent

8.00 Irish Dance & Music: Unplugged, at Dairiada, 77 Promenade, Portobello—the bar on the beach! www.dairiadabar.co.uk

Sunday, 17 March

3.00 St Patrick's Pageant on Portobello Promenade with Pipe Band, community groups, Irish Genealogy, face painting and lots more! A great family day out. Dairiada, 77 Promenade, Portobello. 0131 454 4500

4.00 Family Ceilidh at Lauriston Hall, Lauriston St. Includes buffet, Irish dance display, songs and ceilidh dancing. Adults £7, kids £5. Call Anne 07910 874 204.

Monday, 18 March

7.00 Film: 'I Went Down' (1997) [Irish comedy] Grassmarket Community Centre, Candlemaker Row.

Tuesday, 19 March

2.00 Cafe Ceilidh: Irish songs, music & poems with Scots Music Group to celebrate St Patrick's Day at the Storytelling Centre, High Street. Free entry.

7.00 Talk: Belfast's 1919 General Strike for a 44 hour week. St Augustine Centre, Geo IV Bridge.

Wednesday, 20 March

2.00 Film: 'Sing Street' (2016) Coming-of-age film set in 1980s Dublin. Lots of music and humour! Grassmarket Community Centre, Candlemaker Row. Free

8.00 Edinburgh Folk Club: Paddy Callaghan and his band. Button-box Accordionist. Pleasance Cabaret Bar. <https://www.efc1973.com/>

Friday, 22 March

7.30 Irish Set Dancing: free Taster session. Quaker Meeting House. Book a place on 0790 020 6933

8.00 Play with music: 'Beyond: The Story of an Irish Immigrant': Irish songs, stories & prose at the Storytelling Centre, High Street. £10.

9.00 Traditional Music Session with The Sessioneers, Sandy Bell's Bar, Forrest Road

Saturday, 23 March

7.00 St Patrick's Day Charity Ball with live music, food and drink! Sheraton Grand Hotel, Lothian Rd. <http://www.stpatricksdailyball.org/>

Fringe Events

Many pubs will be celebrating the St Patrick's Season with music, comedy and sports events, including the Ireland's Six Nations rugby matches. There will also be Irish-themed events happening just before and after the Festival. Details and events listed at www.edinburghsfestivalofireland.org

More details on all of these events at www.edinburghsfestivalofireland.org

Festival of Ireland 2019 Schedule