James Joyce's Dublin

What is Bloomsday?
Named after the main character in Ulysses, Leopold Bloom. Bloomsday celebrates the day on which the novel is set—16 June. Avid Joyceans dress up in style during the Festival (11-16 June).

1. Joyce Tower and Museum, Sandycove
Joyce spent six nights in this Martello Tower in 1904. It also features in the first episode of Ulysses.

2. The Bailey, Duke Street
The first ever Bloomsday was celebrated here on 16 June 1954.

3. Sweny's Chemist, Lincoln Place
Sweny's is no longer a chemist, but is an important location in Ulysses. These days it is a gathering place for Joyce enthusiasts with an interesting collection of second-hand books.

4. National Library, Kildare Street
Joyce spent many hours reading and studying in the National Library. The library is the scene of the Scylla and Charybdis episode of Ulysses.

5. James Joyce House, Usher's Quay
James Joyce's aunts lived here, and it is the setting for one of the world's most famous short stories, The Dead.

6. Belvedere College, Great Denmark Street
Joyce became a pupil of Belvedere College on 6 April 1893.

7. Sandymount Strand
This beautiful seaside strand on the south side of Dublin played an important part in two episodes of Ulysses.

265,000
Approximate number of words in Ulysses.

Did you know?
James Joyce's final words are believed to have been: "Does nobody understand?"

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