

U2's DUBLIN

TAKE A TRIP THROUGH THE CITY THAT PRODUCED ONE OF THE BIGGEST BANDS IN ROCK AND ROLL HISTORY

10 YEARS

The length of time it took U2 to reach critical success with their album, *The Joshua Tree*. They are now one of the best-selling bands of all time.



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1. THE LITTLE MUSEUM OF DUBLIN

The 'U2: Made in Dublin' exhibition was created by U2 fans alongside some of Ireland's top photographers and artists as a tribute to the band's achievements.



2. THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

In 2003 the gallery unveiled a specially commissioned oil portrait of Bono, painted by one of Ireland's most renowned painters, Louis le Brocquy.



3. THE CLARENCE HOTEL

It started off as a hangout spot for the band in their early days, but it's now co-owned by Bono and The Edge. 'Beautiful Day' (BBC's Top of the Pops version) was recorded here in 2000.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE BAND FIRST CALLED THEMSELVES 'FEEDBACK' AND THEN 'THE HYPE' BEFORE DECIDING ON U2, WHICH BONO SAYS HE HAS NEVER BEEN A FAN OF.



DID YOU KNOW?

BONO'S NAME WASN'T ALWAYS BONO. HE GOT HIS NICKNAME FROM A HEARING-AID STORE IN DUBLIN CALLED BONA VOX, WHICH MEANS 'GOOD VOICE' IN LATIN.



6. THE EDGE'S TRIBUTE TO RORY GALLAGHER

If you're making your way through Temple Bar, keep an eye out for a Fender Stratocaster (electric guitar) erected high up on the wall at Rory Gallagher corner. The guitar is The Edge's tribute to the beloved Irish blues musician.



5. THE WALL OF FAME

A monumental tribute to some of Ireland's favourite musical heroes, U2 are set into this enormous wall in the city's cultural quarter, Temple Bar.



4. FITZWILLIAM SQUARE

The location for U2's iconic video, 'Sweetest Thing'. Bono allegedly wrote the song after he missed his wife, Ali Hewson's birthday.



2005 The year they were inducted into The Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame, their first year of eligibility.