

# Ireland

<b>US State Dept Travel Advisory</b>	The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Ireland.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
<b>Passport/Visa Requirements</b>	For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html</a>
<b>US Embassy/Consulate</b>	[353] (1) 668-8777; US Embassy in Dublin, 42 Elgin Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland; <a href="mailto:ACSDublin@state.gov">ACSDublin@state.gov</a> ;  <a href="https://ie.usembassy.gov/">https://ie.usembassy.gov/</a>
<b>LGBTQIA+ Travelers</b>	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</a>
<b>Telephone Code</b>	353
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	112, 999
<b>Vaccinations</b>	The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Ireland: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.
<b>Climate</b>	<a href="http://www.who.int/">http://www.who.int/</a> Temperate maritime; modified by North Atlantic Current; mild winters, cool summers; consistently humid; overcast about half the time
<b>Currency (Code)</b>	Euros (EUR)
<b>Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)</b>	230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G   Type G
<b>Major Languages</b>	English (the language generally used), Irish (Gaelic or Gaeilge)
<b>Major Religions</b>	Roman Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Muslim
<b>Time Difference</b>	UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October
<b>Potable Water</b>	Yes
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Left
<b>Tourist Destinations</b>	Cliffs of Moher; Dublin (includes Dublin Castle, Trinity College & Book of Kells, Grafton Street, Kilmainham Gaol); Killarney National Park & Muckross House & Gardens; Ring of Kerry; Kilkenny Castle; Blarney Castle; Bru na Boinne; Powerscourt Estate
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, golf, rugby
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Irish people have the reputation of being very friendly and easy-going. Small talk is an important part of everyday life even among strangers. Being polite is also very important: people use 'please' and 'thank you' often and they use indirect ways to ask for something.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	In restaurants, tip 10-15% of the bill if no service charge is included. Leave 1-2 euros at bars. Taxi drivers do not expect tips and many drivers often round down the bill, especially on longer fares, but you may round up the fare. Tip bellhops 1-2 euros per bag and leave housekeeping 1-2 euros per night.
<b>Souvenirs</b>	Hand-woven wool and other knitwear, pottery, crystal; silver and gold Claddagh, Celtic cross, and trinity knot jewelry; liquor, shamrock-themed items
<b>Traditional Cuisine</b>	Irish Stew — mutton stew with potatoes, onions, carrots, and parsley