

**US State Dept Travel Advisory**

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Ireland.

Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

**Passport/Visa Requirements**

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. Passport must remain valid the entire length of the stay. A visa is not required.

**US Embassy/Consulate**

[353] (1) 668-8777; US Embassy in Dublin, 42 Elgin Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland; ACSDublin@state.gov;

<https://ie.usembassy.gov/>

**LGBTQ+ Travelers**

When venturing abroad, LGBTQIA+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

**Telephone Code**

353

**Local Emergency Phone**

112, 999

**Vaccinations**

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. <http://www.who.int/>

**Climate**

Temperate maritime; modified by North Atlantic Current; mild winters, cool summers; consistently humid; overcast about half the time

**Currency (Code)**

Euros (EUR)

**Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)**

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G



Type G

**Major Languages**

English (the language generally used), Irish (Gaelic or Gaeilge)

**Major Religions**

Roman Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Muslim

**Time Difference**

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

**Potable Water**

Yes

**International Driving Permit**

Suggested

**Road Driving Side**

Left

**Tourist Destinations**

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

**Major Sports**

Soccer, golf, rugby

**Cultural Practices**

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.

**Tipping Guidelines**

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.

**Souvenirs**

Hand-woven wool and other knitwear, pottery, crystal; silver and gold Claddagh, Celtic cross, and trinity knot jewelry; liquor, shamrock-themed items

**Traditional Cuisine**

Irish Stew — mutton stew with potatoes, onions, carrots, and parsley

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