



Travel Guide and Activities



Useful Information

Climate

Dublin experiences a temperate maritime climate, characterized by mild, wet winters and cool, humid summers. Rain is common throughout the year, so it's wise to bring a waterproof jacket and umbrella no matter when you visit.

Money

Ireland uses the Euro (€) as its official currency.

Telephone Country Code

The telephone country code for Ireland is +353.

Electricity

230 V; 50Hz – 3-pin plug

Tap water

Dublin's tap water is safe to drink, unless there's a sign to the contrary (e.g. on trains), and meets strict EU safety standards.

Public Transport Info

Dublin boasts a reliable public transport system, including [buses](#), [trams \(Luas\)](#), and [commuter trains \(DART\)](#). The Luas tram network has two main lines covering most city attractions, while DART connects the city center to coastal towns. Leap Cards provide a convenient way to pay for all public transport.

Dublin

Must-See Sights and Travel Essentials

Dublin is a lively and historic city on Ireland's east coast, known for its warm atmosphere, rich literary heritage, and vibrant arts scene. With centuries-old buildings nestled among contemporary shops, bars, and restaurants, the city offers a unique blend of old-world charm and modern energy. Dublin is home to a diverse population, making it an ideal destination for students looking to study English and experience Irish culture firsthand.

[Check out the Monthly Activities Calendar](#)

5 Things to Do

- Visit Christ Church Cathedral
- Experience the nightlife in Temple Bar
- Discover the National Archaeology Museum
- Admire the grandeur of St Patrick's Cathedral
- Tour Trinity College



Useful Links

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Legal Driving Age

To drive in Ireland, the minimum legal age is 17. However, many car rental agencies require drivers to be at least 21 and to hold a full driver's license, with some requiring a minimum age of 25 for renting certain vehicles.

Alcohol Age

The legal drinking age in Ireland is 18. You may be required to show photo identification when purchasing alcohol, especially in pubs and off-licenses. Many establishments enforce this regulation strictly, so, if you look younger, do bring a valid ID if you plan to enjoy Dublin's lively pub scene.

Smoking Laws

Ireland has strict smoking laws that prohibit smoking in enclosed public spaces, including bars, restaurants, and public transport.

Insurance

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes.



Irish Public Holidays

Public holidays falling on a weekday

2026: 01 January, 02 February, 17 Mar, 06 April, 04 May, 01 June, 03 August, 26 October, 25 December.

Visa Requirements

A visa may be required depending on your nationality and length of stay. For Visa information, please visit our Visa Requirements page

Cost of Living

Bottle of water / soda (0.33 litre)

€1.00–€2.00

Coffee/Cappuccino (Starbucks)

€2.50–€3.50

Fast-Food combo meal

€7.00–€9.00

Meal, inexpensive restaurant

€10.00–€20.00

Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult)

€30.00–€65.00

Public transport (local transport)

€2.40–€3.00 (one-way)

Public transport (monthly pass)

€100.00–€150.00