



Ireland Bound!

An Innovative Incentives, Inc. Travel Fact Sheet

Helpful tips for travel to the Emerald Isle!



To call home from Ireland

Dial (00) for international access, then the country code (1), then the area code, and the 7 digit telephone number.

**June 5
is a Bank Holiday
in Ireland.
Many shops
will be closed!**

To call Ireland from home

Adare Manor

Dial 011 353 61 39 6566

Four Seasons Dublin

Dial 011 353 1 665 4000



Geography & Climate

Ireland is 300 miles long and 190 miles wide and covers approximately 32,600 sq. miles. Ireland is divided into four provinces, namely Ulster, Munster, Leinster, and Connaugh. Within these 4 provinces are 32 counties.

Ireland enjoys a mild temperate climate. Summer temperatures generally range from 60°F to 70°F.

The Irish are generally informal about clothing. You will be visiting during summer, so packing light and medium weight items and layering is a good strategy. Remember to bring a rain jacket.

Language & Currency

English and Irish (Gaelic) are the two official languages of Ireland. Expect street and road signs to display both. In Gaeltacht areas, Irish is spoken daily; however, everyone speaks English.

The Euro is the local currency. Any credit cards that bear the Visa, MasterCard or American Express symbol will be widely accepted in Ireland. Banks generally open around 9.30am and close about 4.30pm Monday through Friday and 5pm on Thursday. ATM machines are located at most banks and accept most cards.

Shopping & Dining

Few visitors leave Ireland without a hand knit Aran sweater, a linen tablecloth or a piece of Waterford crystal.

Most shops are open Monday through Sunday from 9am to 6pm. Late night shopping is available in Dublin on Thursday evenings. Keep receipts for all your purchases. U.S. residents may bring home \$400 of goods duty free. Tipping is discretionary in Ireland. A typical gratuity for restaurant service is about 10%. You don't tip in traditional pubs, but in a bar or hotel lounge a 10% minimum tip is customary.

Electricity

The electricity supply complies with EU standards - 220 volts/50Hz. The standard socket (915 amps) is like the British three-square pin type. Visitors from the US will require a voltage transformer and an adaptor.

Time Zone

Ireland is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). During your visit, Ireland will be observing Daylight Savings Time and the sun will set late into the evening. Local time in Ireland will be 6 hours ahead of the East coast of the United States.

Smoking Ban

Ireland has banned smoking in work places to protect public health. Smoking is prohibited in public areas including all bars, nightclubs, and restaurants. Hotel bedrooms may be exempt from the ban, but it applies to other areas in hotels.