

Travel Money Guide



Ireland



Visa Costs (Inbound)

Travellers from Australia and New Zealand do not require a visa to enter the country. However, you are required to have a valid passport to enter both the Republic and Northern Ireland.

If you need more information regarding visas and other travel document requirements for your trip, please ask your travel consultant.

Departure Tax

Any airport or departure taxes are included in the price of your air ticket.

Tipping

Although tipping is not expected and the country does not have a strong tipping culture, it is appropriate to give a small tip in certain situations, such as when a waiter or bartender has made your dining experience especially enjoyable.

A small tip of €1-€2 to your hotel baggage handler is also appreciated if you feel they have been especially helpful and courteous.

Again, tipping is not common in Ireland, but it is acceptable to give small tips at your own discretion when service has exceeded your expectations.

ATM Access

Fair – some smaller towns in Ireland may not have ATMs.



Debit and Credit Card Access

Debit and credit cards are commonly accepted throughout Ireland, although Diners Club cards are not widely accepted. Remember that foreign transaction fees can add up quickly, so pay in Euros wherever possible. Consider using a prepaid currency card to ensure you aren't wasting your money on hidden fees.

Advise your bank of your travel plans and dates prior to departure to avoid having your international transactions flag suspicion. It is very inconvenient having your account frozen and losing access to your funds while overseas.

Pickpocket Security Rating

Three stars – theft is possible

Thieves target tourists in crowded places and around popular tourist attractions. Exercise caution by keeping your belongings close and secure on your body and remaining alert in busy areas.



Cost of a Coffee

€2.80 (regular cappuccino)

Transport

In Dublin, the most popular form of transport is the bus, as it travels to most places. Dublin Bus Adult Freedom Pass is €33 and gives you 72 hours of unlimited travel, including journeys on the Airlink Express (trips between airport and city centre) and the Green hop-on hop-off City Tour buses, which visit many of the city's main attractions such as The Guinness Storehouse and Trinity College.

Another affordable mode of transport is the train, although the routes are not extensive. The tram is also popular with tourists as it is fast and passes attractions such as the National Museum.

Similar to London's Oyster Card, a Leap Card offers travellers the chance to top up credit or choose unlimited travel for a period of time.

Insurance Cover Tips

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade recommends travel insurance for all overseas travel. Your travel consultant can provide information to you about travel insurance.

Standard travel insurance is suitable when travelling to Ireland. If you intend to partake in adventure or winter sports, ensure your policy will cover you in the event of an injury. Choose travel insurance that offers you online access to your policy details and 24x7 support. Always disclose to your insurer any pre-existing medical conditions.

Accommodation

Budget: Around AU\$100/night*

Moderate: Around AU\$185/night*

Luxury: Around AU\$400/night*

*Based on a standard room for 2 people in Dublin.

Bargaining Scale

Ireland is not known for having a haggling culture, especially in its department stores and chains. However, flea markets and street markets offer more of an opportunity to negotiate a bargain.



Top Expert Tip

Know your currency! The Republic of Ireland uses the euro, whereas Northern Ireland uses the British pound. These currencies are not interchangeable, so be prepared with the correct money for each region. Always pay in the local currency to avoid hidden fees on credit and debit cards. Consider using a prepaid currency card to ensure you aren't wasting your money on hidden fees.

Scammers and Ripoffs

Although not very common, the most well-known scams include ATM scams, where people offer to help you "avoid fees" at the ATM and take off with your card or money, people giving false stories of personal hardship when asking for money, and people offering to take your photograph and running away with your camera.

As scammers tend to target tourists in almost every country, always exercise caution and be aware of your surroundings.

General Travel Advice

Contact the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au for general travel advice, as well as specific advice (including safety alert levels) relating to travel to Ireland. You can also register your travel plans with DFAT, so that you may be more easily contacted in an emergency.

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