



your *Ireland* fact sheet

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GETTING THERE: From the United States, the easiest way to get to Ireland is to arrive by plane to Dublin (DUB). An alternate airport many consider is located in Shannon (SNN).

LANGUAGE: English and Irish (Gaeilge) are the official languages in Ireland.

CLIMATE: Ireland's climate can be summed up as being mild, moist, and changeable with abundant rainfall and a lack of temperature extremes.

• **Spring (March – May)**

Average temperatures in this season range from lows around 39°F (4°C) in March to highs around 59°F (15°C) in May. It is best to assume that March weather is a bit more winter-like (thus you pack more winter items) and May is a bit more summer-like (thus pack summer items).

• **Summer (June – August)**

Typically, sunny weather and average temperatures range from 63-69°F (17-19°C). Temperatures start to drop in September, so it could be warmer at the beginning of the month and cooler at the end.

• **Fall (September – November)**

Temperatures start to drop, from the 60s°F (15°C) to the 40s°F (10°C). This is also when the weather typically will start to get damper.

• **Winter (December – February)**

Temperatures will range in the 30s-40s°F (10°C and colder) on average and you can expect some of the rainier months of the year. Some parts of the country will even see snow! Therefore, be sure to pack layers to stay warm and rain gear to stay dry.

MONEY/CURRENCY (CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS, TIPPING, ATMS): The main currency in Ireland is the Euro. Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted throughout and American Express is accepted in some places, but not all.

ELECTRICITY: The voltage in Ireland is 230V. Visitors from abroad will need an adapter for appliances that have been brought from home, such as laptops, hairdryers, and phone chargers.





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5 FAST FACTS

1. Halloween originated in Ireland.
2. The River Shannon is the longest river in Ireland.
3. The official name is Republic of Ireland.
4. Ireland has only one land border (the Republic of Ireland-United Kingdom border).
5. The three most famous symbols of Ireland are the green shamrock, the harp, and the Celtic cross..



5 ITEMS TO PACK

1. Comfortable walking shoes. As you explore the beautiful landscapes or the mysterious castles, you'll most likely do a lot of walking.
2. Raincoat or umbrella for those occasional rainy days.
3. Layers for those cool days.
4. Electrical adapters for all your electronics, hairdryer, etc. The power system here is different than that of the United States and they are required.
5. You'll be out and about touring the city and possibly taking day trips. So, a backpack is a must to carry essentials.



TOURS/EXCURSION IDEAS

1. The Cliffs of Moher
2. Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin
3. The Ring of Kerry
4. English Market (in Cork)
5. Tour of Guinness or Jameson Distillery
6. Hop On/Off Bus Tour in Dublin



POPULAR CASTLES TO SEE IN IRELAND

1. Trim Castle in County Meath
2. Kilkenny Castle
3. The Rock of Cashel in Tipperary
4. Bunratty Castle in Clare
5. Ross Castle in Kerry
6. Dublin Castle
7. Dunluce Castle on the Antrim Coast
8. Blarney Castle in Cork
9. Ballynahinch Castle in Galway
10. Donegal Castle in Donegal

