IRELAND

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Weather

Ireland enjoys a rather temperate climate; rarely dipping below freezing in winter, or becoming very hot in summer. The prevailing Atlantic Wind also brings wet weather at the most unexpected of times -particularly on the west coast -so always come prepared. It's often said that you can experience all four seasons in one day, so packing layers is essential.

Historic Averages for September in Dublin

High Temp: 62 °F - Low Temp: 49 °F

What to Pack

Dressing in layers provides the most comfort as you can shed or add items if temperatures fluctuate. Don't forget essentials such as

- a light hooded rain jacket for outdoor activities,
- comfortable walking shoes and clothes,
- and a light rucksack or shoulder bag.
- We also recommend packing a light scarf
- and a **light**weight packable down or other comfortable jacket.

Ireland in general is a casual destination. Comfortable, casual clothes are ideal for daytime activities and site inspections (nice jeans are perfectly acceptable), while smart casual* is more appropriate for evening dinners where we'll be joined by General Managers and/or Directors of Sales from our supporting suppliers.

Don't forget your phone chargers and cables!

^{*}Smart casual attire combines well-fitting, polished business wear with elements of casual attire, and lies between dressy casual (jeans and blouses) and business casual (dress pants and skirts)

Time

The UK & Ireland share the same time zone (GMT), which is 1 hour behind Central European Time (CET). It is 5 hours ahead of EST, and 8 hours ahead of PST.

Currency

The monetary unit of the Republic of Ireland is the Euro (€ EUR). Major credit cards are widely accepted here, and ATM access is widespread. Exchange currency only at authorized outlets such as banks and hotels, and exchange only what you think you will spend in-country.

Mobile Phones & Credit Cards

You can use your mobile phone internationally, but we recommend you call your service provider to find out the different international data plans you can purchase or that you may already have access to. There is complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotels, so you can call/text via WiFi as well. You may also want to contact your credit card companies to let them know that you will be traveling.

Electricity

The voltage used throughout UK & Ireland is 220-240 Volts AC at 50HZ where in America it is 120V and 60 HZ. Your American device or gadget will not fit in any European electrical socket, so **you will need a plug adapter.** Conventional sockets are designed for British-standard 3-pin plugs. These are appropriate for your mobile phones, tablets or laptops which are typically already dual voltage and so require only the adapter.

Items such as curling irons, flat irons or hairdryers, are not usually dual voltage, so you will need to get a voltage converter/adapter to protect your equipment. You can check by finding the INPUT range printed on a tag or on your device. If there is only one number (120V) then you need a converter. If there is a range listed - 100-240V - then your device is already dual voltage and is safe with an adapter only.

Passports, Visas, Testing Requirements

US Citizens do not require a visa to visit Ireland, but you do require a passport that is valid for the duration of your stay in Ireland with at least one blank passport page available.

From 6 March 2022, all COVID-19 travel restrictions have been removed. You no longer need to complete a passenger locator form. You also no longer need proof of vaccination or recovery, or a negative COVID-19 test. Additionally, COVID-19 Testing is no longer required for U.S. Reentry as of June 12, 2022.



We are a Dublin Ireland-based, boutique DMC with a niche in curating creative, authentic, programmes that harness a true "sense of place". We take a very holistic approach to ensure that your journey in Ireland is enriched by exceptional cultural experiences and an immersion of Ireland's rich heritage, artisan crafts and deeply rooted traditions. We want all of our quests to return home with a little piece of Ireland in their hearts.

Your programme is 100% tailored for you. We begin with a blank page, an in-depth understanding of your group's specific style and preferences, and your overall intentions and goals so that we can help you maximise your results when you choose Ireland.

Our mission is simple: We craft once-in-a-lifetime experiences in pursuit of authentic journeys and lasting memories.

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