

What to pack for Ireland

For cobbled city streets, coastal cliff walks, castle towns, and country roads across the island.

Packing for Ireland means accepting one simple truth: you may see sun, rain, and wind in the same afternoon.

Layers and waterproof gear are your best friends here, and comfort wins over fashion every time. Dress for changeable skies and you will be ready for whatever the day brings.

Health and toiletries

- ☐ Small first aid kit
- ☐ Blister treatment
Moleskin or blister pads
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Insect repellent
Summer
- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Travel-size toiletries
Toothbrush, toothpaste, and basics

Footwear and accessories

- ☐ Waterproof walking shoes or hiking boots
- ☐ Comfortable casual shoes
- ☐ Wool or moisture-wicking socks
3–5 pairs
- ☐ Warm hat
Beanie
- ☐ Scarf or neck gaiter
- ☐ Light gloves
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Sun hat or cap

Add your own

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Travel documents

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Driver's license
If renting a car
- ☐ Travel insurance information
- ☐ Hotel and itinerary confirmations
- ☐ Credit and debit cards
- ☐ Small amount of local currency
- ☐ Copies of important documents

Layers and rain

- ☐ Moisture-wicking T-shirts (2–4)
- ☐ Long-sleeve shirts
- ☐ Sweater or wool jumper
- ☐ Lightweight waterproof rain jacket
- ☐ Waterproof rain pants
- ☐ Compact umbrella
Optional

Extras for the trail

- ☐ Travel towel
- ☐ Dry bag or ziplock bags
For electronics
- ☐ Binoculars
Optional
- ☐ Small umbrella backup
For sudden showers

In your daypack

- ☐ Small daypack (15–25L)
- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Snacks and packed lunch
- ☐ Offline maps
Downloaded to your phone
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Trekking poles
Optional

Electronics

- ☐ Phone
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Portable charger
Power bank
- ☐ Charging cables
- ☐ Type G power adapter
Ireland uses Type G plugs
- ☐ Headphones or earbuds

Everyday clothing

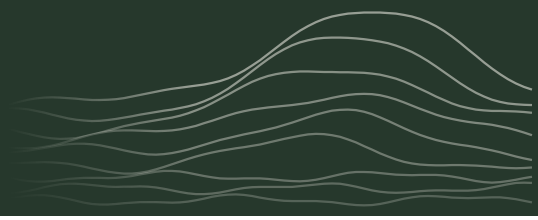
- ☐ Hiking pants
- ☐ Comfortable travel pants or jeans
- ☐ Shorts
Summer
- ☐ Lightweight hoodie

Driving the scenic routes

Roads are narrow and driven on the left. Book an automatic early if you are renting a car.



Before you go



Seasonal additions

The best time is usually May through September, when the days are long and the countryside glows green.

 Spring MARCH–MAY Wildflowers and fewer crowds. ☐ Extra warm layer ☐ Waterproof gloves ☐ Beanie	 Summer JUNE–AUGUST Festivals and long daylight hours. ☐ Light clothing ☐ Sunscreen ☐ Sun hat ☐ Insect repellent	 Autumn SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER Golden trees and cozy weekends. ☐ Warm fleece ☐ Waterproof pants ☐ Gloves	 Winter NOVEMBER–FEBRUARY Castle hotels and moody coasts. ☐ Insulated jacket ☐ Thermal layers ☐ Warm hat ☐ Waterproof gloves ☐ Thick wool socks
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☒ Before you go

- ☐ Check the weather forecast for your destinations
- ☐ Notify your bank of international travel
- ☐ Download offline maps and translation apps
- ☐ Reserve popular attractions in advance
- ☐ Leave extra room in your suitcase
For Irish treats and souvenirs

Nice extras

- ☐ Travel journal or book
- ☐ Book for the train or ferry
- ☐ Reusable tote
- ☐ Packing cubes
- ☐ Reusable coffee or tea mug

Pro tips

Pack rain gear

Rain showers can pop up anytime, so a light rain jacket is a must.

Choose comfort

Comfortable walking shoes will take you farther than any stylish pair.

Dress in layers

Layer up so you can adjust throughout the day.

Enjoy the sun

When it appears, sunglasses make everyone smile.

Trip notes

Dates

Staying in

Check before you go

Ireland forecast met.ie
N. Ireland entry gov.uk/uk-border-control
Currency converter xe.com



Ireland
travel guide



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reading list

