

Weather & Destination Specific Information

Signature Ireland

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Time Zone: Ireland is 5 hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Time Zone (EST) and 6 hours ahead of U.S. Central Time Zone (CST).

Weather: Average High/Low

City	Sept.
Dublin	60°F/48°F
Inis Mor	55°F/48°F

Packing: Bags with wheels are not suitable as a carry-on bag in Europe where motorcoaches have very limited space. Soft, smaller carry-on bags like backpacks, day bags and tote bags are better alternatives. *Packing Note:* Washcloths are not standard in European hotels. Feel free to bring them with you.

Currency: The unit of currency in Ireland is the Euro. Currency exchange rates fluctuate on a daily basis. A helpful website for referencing current rates is www.oanda.com. Mastercard and Visa are the most widely accepted debit & credit cards.

Discover cards are not accepted in Ireland. The best exchange rate for cash is always at an ATM. When given a choice to pay in US Dollars or Euros when using your card, always choose Euros.

Accommodations: Although there are chain hotels in the UK & Europe, standardized hotel rooms that we enjoy in the US & Canada are the exception rather than the rule. Hotels are often located in older buildings with small and irregular sized rooms. They will contain twin beds very close together, queen beds made by connecting two twin beds, and hand-held shower heads, along with having small elevators. Some properties may not have air-conditioning.

Electrical Current: The electric current in Ireland is 220 volts, 50 cycles. Electric outlets and plugs are different from those in North America. An adapter is required to plug your device into an electrical socket. However, a voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. Check the voltage of any device that you are thinking of bringing. If the tag on your device lists 110-220 volts, then you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronics stores.



Driver/Guide Gratuities: On this tour, you will have a driver/guide who will give commentary about the areas we visit as well as handle the luggage and drive the coach. It is customary to provide discretionary gratuity for a job well done at the end of the tour. Gratuities are to be given individually in an envelope at the end of the tour. The recommended amount is 8 Euros per person per day.

Meal On Your Own – Expenses and Gratuities: For the meals not included with the tour, you can expect to spend the equivalent of \$15 to \$45 USD per person per day. The suggested gratuity for waitstaff serving non-included meals is approximately 10%. It is not necessary to tip for takeaway (fast food), cafeteria-style meals, or drinks served in a pub. Some restaurants and pubs may automatically add a gratuity that may or may not be given directly to the server. When in doubt, ask the server.

Public Restrooms: Some restrooms will have pay toilets or attendants collecting at the door. You may wish to have local coins available for these situations. All tap water is safe to drink. The hot and cold-water faucets may be the opposite of North America and hot water can be extremely hot.

