

# READY TO PLAN FOR YOUR TRIP? Enchanting Ireland

For any questions or concerns about your upcoming tour not addressed here, please call 1-800-826-2266

## WEATHER & DESTINATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**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	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Dublin	58°F/44°F	63°F/49°F	66°F/54°F	66°F/52°F	62°F/49°F
Galway	58°F/42°F	63°F/47°F	64°F/55°F	65°F/50°F	61°F/47°F
Killarney	59°F/46°F	61°F/52°F	64°F/55°F	70°F/48°F	66°F/47°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. Packing a washcloth or bringing a packet of facial cleanser wipes is a good idea.

**Currency:** The unit of currency in Ireland is the Euro. Currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. A helpful website for referencing current rates is [www.oanda.com](http://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. Since hotels are often located in older buildings, small and irregularly sized rooms in buildings that are bit maze-like are normal. Rooms with twin beds very close together, queen beds made by connecting two twin beds, hand-held shower heads, and elevators the size of broom closets are all quite normal in the UK and Europe, even in luxury hotels. 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.

