



IN POCKET

✦ Ireland ✦

Thanks to this guide full of advice and tips, you'll be able to handle your first visit to the "Emerald Island" in no time.



1 Culture

Irish people are generally very warm and welcoming. Don't be surprised if you are greeted with a friendly "Hello" or "How are you," often accompanied by a vibrant smile.

2 Transport

Mind that in Ireland, you drive on the left side of the road. Don't forget to look right first, then left, when crossing the street. Taxis are widely available but can be quite costly. Trains and buses connect most cities and towns and might be the best alternative

3 Bus Transportation Tips

1. Plan Your Route: Check the timetable and ensure you're at the correct bus stop. Google maps will help you.
2. Raise your hand slightly or give a small wave to indicate you want the bus to stop.
3. Greet the Driver: A simple "hello" when boarding is appreciated.
4. Don't forget to tap your Leap Card on the reader.
5. Press the Stop Button: Notify the driver in advance if your stop is approaching.
6. Say Thank You: A quick "thanks" to the driver as you exit is customary.

4 Language

English is the predominant language spoken across the country. However, Irish (also known as Gaelic) is slowly making a comeback. Here are some Gaelic phrases you might come to touch with:

"Céad míle fáilte" (A hundred thousand welcomes!)

"Sláinte" (Cheers)

"What's the craic?" (How are you?)



5 Weather

Expect mild, often rainy and windy weather.

What to Pack: Layers, a waterproof jacket, and sturdy walking shoes are essential.



6 Pub Culture

Irish pub culture is all about socializing, enjoying traditional music, and savouring iconic drinks like Guinness and Irish whiskey.

- It's customary to buy a round of drinks for your group.
- It's common to leave a small tip for bartenders (10-15%).
- In many pubs, it's expected that you order your drink directly from the bar rather than waiting for table service.
- "A Pint of the Black Stuff" refers to Guinness.



USEFUL TIPS BEFORE TRAVELLING TO IRELAND

- Don't forget to take your adapter.
- Thermal clothing always comes in handy.
- Make sure you have data access to stay connected for navigation, communication, and travel apps.

