

Wilderness Ireland

Getting Around Ireland

We've figured it out, so you don't have to.



For your ease and convenience, all of Wilderness Ireland's scheduled hiking and biking trips begin and end in an easy place to get to a train station. Moving around Ireland and getting from one place to another can lead to endless Google searches, so allow us to give you the most relevant information and links to make your travelling easier, quicker and more efficient.



Dublin Airport

Dublin is Ireland's main hub airport and the majority of our international flights land here. Dublin Airport is situated on the east coast of Ireland, about a 20/40 minute taxi (cab) ride from Dublin city centre. There are various standard hotels situated at the airport should you have a need to stay overnight. It is also connected via Bus Eireann national bus service, as well as regular bus connections to Dublin City centre.

Web: <https://www.dublinairport.com/>

Shannon Airport

The other major international airport in Ireland is Shannon Airport, located on the west coast of Ireland near Limerick. Transport links from Shannon Airport to the local rail/bus networks can be less frequent. It is about 30km taxi ride to Limerick Train Station which would take between 25/45 minutes depending on traffic and cost between €40/€55.

Web: <https://www.shannonairport.ie/gns/passengers/home.aspx>

Belfast International Airport

Belfast in Northern Ireland has two airports. Accessing rail and bus links from either airport is straightforward enough. The rail station, Great Victoria Street Station is 20 miles and about 30 minutes from the International Airport. Currency here is pounds sterling and this taxi would cost £45/£55.

Web: <https://belfastairport.com/>

Belfast Airport: George Best (City)

Belfast's second airport is George Best Airport, which is a smaller domestic airport generally used for flights to/from the UK and Europe. It is about 5 miles from the train station and about 15 minutes from the city centre. A taxi would cost £10/£15. Keep in mind once again that currency here is pounds sterling.

Web: <http://www.belfastcityairport.com/>

Aer Lingus is Ireland's main international airline company while Ryanair is Ireland's low-cost airline. There are many other airlines that service Ireland's airports depending on where you are flying from.



Cork Airport

The second largest international airport in Republic of Ireland is Cork Airport, just 8 km outside the city of Cork. It serves destinations across the UK, Europe and the USA (Boston). While there are buses, the best way to get to Cork City is by taxi - it takes about 15 mins and costs between €12-20.

Web: <https://www.corkairport.com/>

Ireland West Airport

Knock Airport is in the West of Ireland and services UK and European destinations. While only about 20km from the town of Knock, the airport predominantly serves Sligo (55 km), Galway (90 km), and Westport (Co. Mayo - 55km). Because of the longer distances, the best way to travel to/from Ireland West Airport is by bus - there are regular connections through Bus Eireann with all three listed destinations.

Web: <https://irelandwestairport.com/>

Kerry Airport

Kerry Airport is a regional airport situated in the heart of Kerry on the west coast of Ireland. Offering scheduled flights to Dublin, London and Frankfurt. Kerry Airport is roughly 20 km from Killarney, with a taxi costing from €25-30.

Web: <http://kerryairport.ie/website/>

City of Derry Airport

Located in Northern Ireland at the western end of the Causeway Coast, the City of Derry Airport is about 10 km from the city centre. It predominantly connects Derry with the UK. Taxis to the city centre should take about 20 mins, costing £17-20. Keep in mind that in Northern Ireland, the local currency is in GBP pounds sterling.

Web: <https://www.cityofderryairport.com/>

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Getting to the start of your trip:

Depending on your arrival plans, you may wish to stay a night or two in Dublin prior to beginning your trip. Please get in touch for recommendations of some great places to stay.

Dublin Airport to city centre by taxi:

You will always find a selection of taxis waiting outside the airport. Expect your journey time to take 20-40 minutes depending on time of day, traffic restrictions and where in the city you are going. Average cost to Heuston Train Station for example would be between €40 and €50.

Dublin Airport to city centre by bus:

Dublin bus operates a regular bus service between the airport and the city called Airlink Direct. Departing from both Terminal 1 and 2 with stops along the way, the Airlink 747 will bring you to Dublin's main bus station, Busáras, as well as Heuston Station. Tickets can be booked in advance, usually with an online discount or they can be paid for on the day.

Dublin Bus: <http://www.dublinbus.ie/Your-Journey1/Timetables/Airport-Services/>

Airlink Express: <https://dodublin.ie/airport-transfers/airlink-express/tickets>

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In general, Dublin is a small enough city that its centre is very walkable, and Dublin City centre is best explored on foot.

Luas:

The **Luas** is Dublin's light rail system. There are two main lines: the Green Line and the Red Line. All together, the Luas has 67 stations. **Learn more here:** <https://luas.ie/>

DART:

Dublin Area Rapid Transit or **DART** is a rapid transit railway network serving both Dublin and its surrounding area with a total of 31 stations. **Learn more here:** <http://www.irishrail.ie/train-timetables/pdf-timetables>

Bus:

As mentioned before, Dublin Bus is the capital's principle bus transit and is ideal both for airport transfers as well as getting around Dublin. **Learn more here:** <http://www.dublinbus.ie/>

Taxi:

For those who prefer transportation by taxi, Dublin has no shortage of cabs. All over the city there are taxi ranks - especially ideal for transport around the city at night.

Bikes:

Just Eat Dublinbikes is a self-service bike rental system, and a great way to get around the city. Purchase a 3-day ticket for €5 to rent and return bikes from any station in the network. The first 30 minutes of use is always free. **Learn more here:** <http://www.dublinbikes.ie/>

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Trains in Ireland

Ireland has a relatively limited rail network by European standards, but most major towns and cities are serviced by comfortable, punctual and efficient trains which make it easy for you to travel around. At Wilderness Ireland, we have ensured the start points of our trips are easily accessible by train from Dublin. Please keep in

Irish Rail: This is Ireland's national train service. The website you need to look up train times, purchase your tickets and plan your rail travel is: <http://www.irishrail.ie/>

Tickets. Advanced purchase of rail tickets in Ireland can only be made 90 days in advance of the date of travel. This is to ensure that services you have selected are operating as normal. Prices are lower if you pre-book tickets than if you buy them on the day of travel.

Amenities. The majority of Irish RAILS's trains have a food and drinks service cart, luggage storage rails, WIFI and USB charging points. Bathrooms are also available both in rail stations and on the trains.

Locations. In Ireland, the train is a comfortable and ideal way to get from one city or town to another, particularly if you are travelling Ireland east-west. However, if you are planning to visit rural destinations, or you want to travel north-south, Bus Eireann or other bus services are a better option.

Dublin actually has two main train stations, **Dublin Connolly Station** and **Dublin Heuston Station**, with a few other regional stations.

Belfast has four stations (Lanyon Place, Great Victoria Street, City Hospital and Botanic) with **Great Victoria Street** being the main/central station.



Buses in Ireland

Buses connect most towns in Ireland, stopping along main lines between big cities. Bus links to airports tend to be frequent and most major towns and cities in Ireland will have bus links directly to Dublin and Shannon Airports without having to change buses. Ireland's public bus service provides the most comprehensive network.

Bus Eireann: Ireland's main national public bus service throughout the Republic of Ireland and best for travelling by bus throughout Ireland as well as from any town north to south. | <http://www.buseireann.ie>

Air Coach: Dublin Airport direct connections to major towns such as Belfast and Cork | <https://www.aircoach.ie>

Go Bus: Dublin Airport to Galway and Cork | <https://www.gobus.ie>

JJ Kavanagh: Dublin Airport to Limerick, Kilkenny and Waterford | <https://jjkavanagh.ie>

Translink: National bus service in Northern Ireland - best for connecting destinations in the north such as Belfast, Derry, etc. | <http://www.translink.co.uk/>

Another helpful website when planning travel in Ireland is getthere.ie.

Although you can only view schedules up to 2 weeks in advance, times are often similar, allowing you to get an idea of timings/distance/options.



If you have any questions about our trips or booking terms and conditions, you'll find most of the answers on our website in the frequently asked questions section.

<https://www.wildernessireland.com/faq/>



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