

# 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 & biking trips begin and end at 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.



# Airports in Ireland



## 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. The airport is also connected via Bus Eireann's national bus service, with additional bus service to Dublin City centre.

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

## Belfast International Airport

Belfast in Northern Ireland has two airports. Accessing rail and bus links from either airport is straightforward enough. The rail station, Belfast Lanyon Place (Central) is 20 miles and about 30 minutes from Belfast International Airport. Currency here is GBP pounds sterling and a taxi would cost £45 - £55 pounds.

Web: <https://belfastairport.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 can take between 25-45 minutes depending on traffic and would roughly cost €40 - €55 euro.

Web: <https://www.shannonairport.ie/>

## George Best Belfast City Airport

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 GBP pounds sterling.

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

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## Cork Airport

The third-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/>

## 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/>

## 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/>

## Ireland West Airport Knock

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 as there is regular service through Bus Eireann to the three destinations listed above.

Web: <https://irelandwestairport.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 some recommendations for 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 travelling to. The average cost to Dublin Heuston Train Station for example would be between €40 - €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 Dublin Connolly Train Station or Dublin Heuston Train Station. Tickets can be booked in advance, usually with an online discount, or they can be paid for on the day.

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

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

Staying an extra night in Dublin?

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Dublin is a small enough city that its centre is mostly walkable and best explored on foot. Here are some other methods of transportation to help you move around the city centre:

## Luas

The Luas is Dublin's light rail system. There are two main lines: Green Line and 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/>

## Bus

As mentioned, 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

Dublinbikes is a self-service bike hire 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 is 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. For all of our scheduled Wilderness Ireland tours we have ensured that the start points of our trips are easily accessible by train from Dublin.

**Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann):** This is Ireland's national train service. The website 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 online instead of purchasing on the day of travel.

**Amenities:** The majority of Irish Rail's trains have a food and drinks service cart, luggage storage, WIFI and USB charging points. Bathrooms are 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 or south in the western part of Ireland, Bus Eireann or other bus services would be a better option.

Dublin has two main train stations, **Dublin Connolly Station** and **Dublin Heuston Station**, with a few other regional stations in the greater Dublin area.

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





## 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. Tickets can be purchased online by card or on the bus in cash. Tickets to some rural stations can only be purchased on the bus. | <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](http://getthere.ie).

Although you can only view schedules up to 2 weeks in advance, departure and arrival times are often similar, allowing you to get an idea of timings, distances, and other travel options.





If you have any questions about our trips or our 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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