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Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a visa to enter Ireland as a tourist. The length of stay permitted is decided by immigration officials at the port of entry. It is recommended that passports be valid for six months beyond intended stay. Travellers should also be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay, as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination.

Additional conditions apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact an Irish mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Ireland without a visa.

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Ireland. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour. Ireland is not a part of the Schengen area. It does not accept Schengen visas. See [Entry and exit](#). Rental cars are targeted for theft and break-ins, especially in Dublin and tourist locations. See [Safety and security](#).

Terrorist attacks have occurred in a number of European cities in recent years. See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Ireland at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including for Tetanus and Diphtheria (with a booster within the last 10 years), Whooping Cough, Polio (with a booster in adult life), Measles, Mumps and Rubella (two combination vaccinations through life), Chicken Pox and a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Frequent travellers to Ireland or those intending on a long stay overseas should consider vaccination against Hepatitis B.

Australians in Ireland are entitled to subsidised hospital treatment as part of the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement between the two countries. To take advantage of this program, travellers must be able to present their Australian Passport and Medicare card, and advise medical staff that they wish to be treated under the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement with Australia. This agreement does not replace the need for travel insurance. For information regarding the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement, please go to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au.

Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Ireland should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Irish Representation in Australia

Embassy of Ireland, Canberra

20 Arkana Street
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6214 0000
Fax: (02) 6273 3741

Web: www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/australia

Consulate General of Ireland, Sydney

Level 26, 1 Market Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Tel: (02) 9264 9635
Fax: (02) 9264 9740

Web: www.dfa.ie/sydney

Consulate General of Ireland, Perth

Level 3, 165/580 Hay Street
PERTH, WA 6000

Tel: (08) 6557 5802
Fax: (08) 9218 8433

Web: www.consulateofirelandwa.com.au



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Time Differences between Ireland and Australia

Ireland is Greenwich Mean Time +/- 0 hours (+1 during daylight saving). During daylight saving the time zone used is Irish Standard Time (IST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Ireland, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 8pm, Darwin 9:30pm, Brisbane 10pm, Adelaide 10:30pm, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 11pm.
Ireland, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 7pm, Darwin, Adelaide 8:30pm, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney, 9pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Ireland: +353

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
1800 550 061

Travelex Card Services (Visa): 1800 481 016

Travelex Card Services (MasterCard):
1800 535 564

Visa Global Assist: 1800 509 042

MasterCard: 1800 557 378

American Express Travellers Cheques:
1800 924 868

Irish Tourist Assistance Service:
1890 365 700

Emergency Services:
112 or 999

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Ireland

Australian Embassy, Ireland

7th Floor, Fitzwilton House
Wilton Terrace
DUBLIN 2

Tel: (+353 1) 664 5300
Fax: (+353 1) 662 3566

Web: www.ireland.embassy.gov.au

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Ireland are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Embassy in Dublin, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free limits when entering Ireland from a non EU state:
 Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages;
 as well as 4 L of still wine and 16 L of beer.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of €430 or €215 for those under 15
 years.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:
 Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Ireland and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Irish customs please visit www.revenue.ie, or for further information on Australian customs please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: British
 Voltage: 220-240
 volts
 Modem Plug Type: British

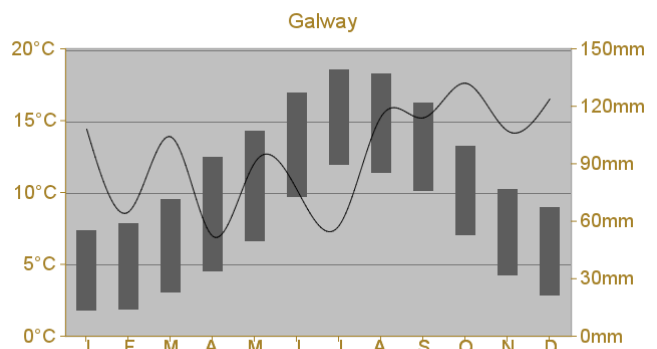
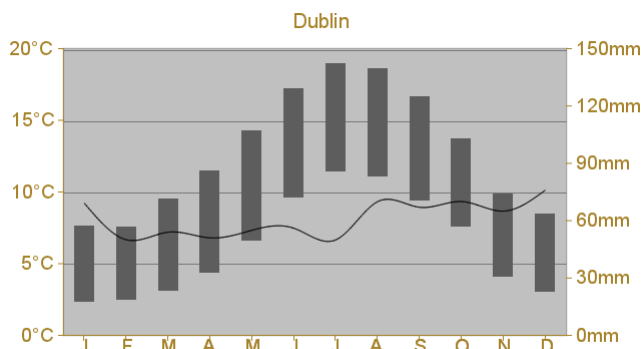


Source: Korjo Travel Products. To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.

Irish Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Year	04 Jun:	Bank Holiday
17 Mar:	St Patrick's Day	06 Aug:	Summer Holiday
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	29 Oct:	Bank Holiday
01 May:	May Day	25 Dec:	Christmas Day
07 May:	Spring Holiday	26 Dec:	St Stephen's Day

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Ireland



Source: The Irish Meteorological Service. For 5 day local forecasts please go to www.met.ie.

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Interbank Rate
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.63 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) = 1.58 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 0.61 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) will cost 1.65 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Euro in Ireland and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing-power of the currencies.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 3.76 Euro
 Big Mac Ireland: €4.07 (EUR) = 6.45 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in Ireland is therefore 8% more expensive than in Australia.

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

Currency Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.

€0.50 = \$0.82 AUD	€10 = \$16.47 AUD	€100 = \$164.73 AUD
€1 = \$1.65 AUD	€20 = \$32.95 AUD	€200 = \$329.47 AUD
€2 = \$3.29 AUD	€30 = \$49.42 AUD	€300 = \$494.20 AUD
€3 = \$4.94 AUD	€40 = \$65.89 AUD	€400 = \$658.94 AUD
€4 = \$6.59 AUD	€50 = \$82.37 AUD	€500 = \$823.67 AUD
€5 = \$8.24 AUD	€60 = \$98.84 AUD	€600 = \$988.40 AUD
€6 = \$9.88 AUD	€70 = \$115.31 AUD	€700 = \$1,153.14 AUD
€7 = \$11.53 AUD	€80 = \$131.79 AUD	€800 = \$1,317.87 AUD
€8 = \$13.18 AUD	€90 = \$148.26 AUD	€900 = \$1,482.61 AUD
€9 = \$14.83 AUD		€1,000 = \$1,647.34 AUD

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Ireland is the Euro, which is abbreviated using the symbol € (for example €100). The subunit of the Euro is the cent, of which there are 100 in every Euro. The following units of currency are the most common in Ireland but other versions and denominations are also in circulation (including a purple €500 note and other nations' coins). Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised not to take the below images with them when travelling.





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About Ireland

Full Name: Ireland (Eire).
 Independence: 6 Dec 1921 (from UK).
 Population: 4.7 million (similar to QLD).
 Size: 70,273 km² (similar to TAS).
 Ethnicity: Irish 87%, other European 8%, Asian 1.3%, African 1.1%.
 Language: English. Gaelic is also an official language but not as widely spoken.
 Religion: Catholic 87%, Church of Ireland 3%, other Christian 2%, other 2%.
 GDP Per Capita: US\$40,100 (Australia US\$40,800).
 Significant Dates:
 432 AD - St. Patrick arrives in Ireland bringing Christianity.
 1168-1536- Norman invasion of Ireland.
 1541 - English King Henry VIII declared King of Ireland.
 1608 - Protestant English farmers confiscate Catholic land.
 1641 - Rebellion of 1641.
 1649 - Cromwell retakes Ireland, many Irish sold as slaves.
 1845-49 - 1 million die during the Great Potato Famine.
 1916 - The Easter Rebellion.
 1919-21 - Anglo-Irish War, Britain cedes all land but Northern Ireland.
 1921-23 - Irish civil war over Nth Ireland.
 1972 - Bloody Sunday occurs in Londonderry.

Largest Cities:

Dublin	pop - 1.1 million
Cork	pop - 200,000
Limerick	pop - 90,000
Galway	pop - 77,000
Waterford	pop - 52,000
Drogheda	pop - 39,000

