

General Guidelines for Visits to the UK and Republic of Ireland

Please visit www.baa.com or www.dublinairport.com for airport travel and security clarification. Your passport or EEA National Identity Card must be valid for the duration of your stay. Please note that children may require their own passport. You may need to acquire a visa before you travel to the Republic of Ireland or the UK if you are not a citizen of one of the European Economic Area (EEA) countries; nor a citizen of Australia, Canada or the USA. Currently, no vaccinations are required for entry into either the UK or Republic of Ireland.

Weather

The climate is temperate, which means it tends to be very changeable, but rarely extreme. The East tends to be cooler and dryer than the West which is milder and wetter. In summer, days are generally mild or warm with daylight continuing until 9pm or later. May and September have weather every bit as good as the summer months. Statistically, May and June are drier than July and August.

Smoking

All parts of and the UK and Ireland are non-smoking destinations in public enclosed places. In practice this affects hotels, restaurants, private venues, visitor attractions, public transport and chauffeur-driven vehicles.

Time

The UK and Ireland is on Irish/British Summer Time (IST/BST) from March to October which is five hours ahead of US EDT. When it is 5.00 pm in Dublin and Edinburgh, it is 12.00 noon in New York.

Currency

The monetary unit of the Republic of Ireland is the Euro (€ EUR) and the monetary unit of the UK is the Pound Sterling (GBP £). The UK does not subscribe to the Euro (€ EUR).

Electricity

The voltage used throughout Ireland is 240 Volts AC at 50HZ. Most power sockets are designed for standard 3-pin square plugs. Electrical appliances generally use the British standard plug with 3 square pins. Plug socket adaptors and power transformers are available.

Emergency services - hospitals, police and fire stations

- 24 hours a day - Call emergency services free on 999 (or 112 in the Republic of Ireland)
- Treatment for accidents and emergencies as an outpatient in a hospital's Accident and Emergency department is available to everyone as part of the health service.
- If it is not a 999 emergency, call NHS 111 free on 111 (UK only) for medical help fast.

Insurance

As detailed in our Terms and Conditions, we cannot stress enough the importance of adequate insurance against cancellation charge, unexpected curtailment of the trip, medical expenses arising overseas, loss or damage to luggage and personal liability claims.