

DUBLIN

IWIRC 2026 Leadership Summit & International Conference



Arrival and Transport

Most attendees will arrive via Dublin Airport, located approximately 10 km from the city centre.

Getting to your hotel or venue:

- Taxi: 20–30 minutes (most convenient)
- Aircoach / Dublin Express: Direct services to key hotels and central stops
- Dublin Bus

Note: There is no direct train or tram service from the airport.



Getting Around

Dublin is compact and easy to navigate.

- Walking is often the fastest option
- Luas (tram network)
- Dublin Bus
- Taxis and ride-hailing apps are widely available. FreeNow and Uber frequently used.
- Traffic drives on the left — important when crossing streets or hiring a car.



Weather & Dress Code

- Daytime highs ~16–18°C (61–64°F); evenings can drop to 10–12°C (50–54°F)
- Rain showers are common but typically brief — the Irish saying goes "if you don't like the weather, wait five minutes."
- Pack layers: a light waterproof jacket is essential, comfortable walking shoes are a must, and a small travel umbrella is highly recommended. Sunscreen is also worth packing — UV levels peak in June.
- The long daylight hours (nearly 17 hours) mean you can explore well into the evening.

Visa & Entry Requirements

No visa required for short stays (typically up to 90 days):

- EU / EEA / UK citizens
- USA, Canada, Australia, and many other nationalities
- Ireland is **not part of the Schengen Area**, so separate entry rules apply.
- **Visa required for some nationalities** - Highly recommend attendees to verify requirements with the Irish Naturalisation & Immigration Service (INIS). [Visas For Ireland | Department Of Foreign Affairs | Ireland.ie](#)

Carry with you on arrival:

- Valid passport
- Hotel booking confirmation
- Return or onward ticket
- Conference registration or invitation
- Proof of sufficient funds

*Important: A UK visa does **not** automatically allow entry to Ireland.*

€ Payments

- Currency: **Euro (€)**
- Contactless and tap-to-pay are widely accepted across restaurants, shops, and transport.
- Tipping (~10%) appreciated but not mandatory in Ireland
- Avoid currency exchange kiosks at the airport or in tourist areas — they charge significantly worse rates.
- Your best exchange rate will be at a bank ATM (look for Bank of Ireland or AIB branches).
- Visa and Mastercard are accepted throughout Ireland. American Express is hit or miss.
- When paying by card, always choose to be charged in euros (not your home currency) to avoid unfavorable dynamic currency conversion rates.

📞 Connectivity & Phones

- **Mobile/Cell phones:** Ireland uses the same voltage (230V) and plug type G (UK-style, three rectangular pins). Non-UK/EU visitors will need a plug adapter.
- **SIM cards:** International roaming works well in Dublin. EU residents roam for free.
- **Wi-Fi** is widely available in hotels, cafés, and many public spaces. Trinity College campus also has public Wi-Fi.

i Practical Information

- Plug type: **G** (UK-style)
- Time zone: **GMT / IST (summer months)**
- Wi-Fi widely available throughout the city

! Safety and Emergencies

- Ireland is very safe, but normal city awareness applies.
- Emergency number: **112 or 999** (both work)
- Pickpocketing is rare but can occur in busy tourist areas.

🍴 Dining and Social

Popular areas for informal meetings and group dinners:

- **South William and Dawson Street:** Restaurants and bars
- **Ranelagh:** Relaxed, local atmosphere
- **Temple Bar:** Lively (best suited for organised social events)

Ordering at the bar is standard in pubs. Table service is normal in restaurants.



Top Things to See and Do

Walking Distance from Trinity College (5–10 min):

- Book of Kells & Long Room, Trinity College — The Book of Kells is a 9th-century illuminated manuscript and one of Ireland's most treasured cultural artifacts, displayed inside Trinity's Old Library. Sign up to see it as an intermezzo!
- Grafton Street — Dublin's main pedestrian shopping street, lined with cafés, street performers, and the iconic Molly Malone statue.
- St. Stephen's Green — A beautiful Victorian park, ideal for a morning walk or afternoon stroll.
- National Gallery of Ireland — Home to an extensive collection of Irish and European art, including works by Caravaggio, Vermeer, and Yeats. Free admission.
- National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology (Kildare Street) — The national repository for Irish archaeological objects, home to over two million artifacts. Free admission.
- Merrion Square — A leafy Georgian square surrounded by elegant townhouses; Oscar Wilde's former home is on the corner.

A Short Walk or Taxi (15–20 min):

- Guinness Storehouse — One of Ireland's most visited attractions, located at St. James's Gate where Arthur Guinness began brewing in 1759. The seven-story building includes interactive exhibits and culminates at the Gravity Bar, where you'll enjoy a complimentary pint with a panoramic view of Dublin.
- Christ Church Cathedral — One of Dublin's most iconic landmarks, built on ground first settled by Vikings around 1030.
- Dublin Castle — The historic seat of British rule in Ireland and now a government and cultural complex with guided tours available.
- EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum — An award-winning interactive museum exploring the story of the Irish diaspora globally.



Day Trips (worth it if you have a free day before/after):

- Howth — A picturesque fishing village on the northeast coast of Dublin Bay, known for stunning clifftop walks and some of the freshest seafood in Ireland. Only 30 minutes by DART train from the city center. Join us for an optional lunch on Friday to enjoy.
- Kilkenny — A beautifully preserved medieval city, about 90 minutes by bus or train, with a magnificent castle and vibrant craft scene.
- Glendalough — A 6th-century monastic settlement set in a glacial valley in the Wicklow Mountains.

Irish specialties to try: Full Irish breakfast (the classic pub morning meal), seafood chowder, soda bread, and of course a proper pint of Guinness or a hot Irish whiskey.

Key Reminders

- Ireland is **not in the Schengen Area** so check visa requirements if unsure
- Bring all supporting entry documentation