

Packing for a Trip to Ireland

A trip to Ireland is a fantastic experience and knowing what to pack will make your Irish vacation all the better!

The temperature in Ireland between May and September tends to be in the 60s -- sometimes a bit warmer (into the 70s) and sometimes a bit cooler (high 50s). Planning to wear layers is key to smart packing for Ireland. Also, Irish weather is quite changeable - it can be windy, sunny, and rainy all in one day!

We recommend you bring **a day bag** (for example: small back pack or purse) and **one suitcase** – either a carry on size (22 in. high x 14 in. wide) or medium-sized (28 in. high x 17 in. wide). You can keep the day bag with you on the mini-coach and your suitcase will go in the back of the mini-coach, which you can access during the day if needed.

A few reminders...

- Pack lightly!
- You will need to carry your bags from the mini-coach into a guest house and possibly up a flight of steps. Many of these smaller, local guest houses do not have elevators.
- Remember, Ireland is a modern country. If you forget something, you can probably buy it there ☺

Here is a suggested packing list:

- Passport and travel documents such as airline tickets (with photocopies)
- Shoes:
 - 1 pair waterproof hiking shoes. You will be doing easy hikes in valleys and trails, which may be wet and/or muddy.
 - 1 other pair of shoes of your choice
- Tops - long sleeve and short sleeves that you can layer
- Fleece top and / or 1 warmer sweater
- Long pants - One pair of jeans and one pair of lighter weight pants
- Pajamas
- Socks and underwear
- Personal effects such as a watch, jewelry, medications, and bathroom items
- Waterproof/windproof jacket
- Hats - We like to bring a baseball style cap (for those sunny days) and a warmer hat (for those windy/cooler days)
- Scarf
- Waterproof jacket. Optional: rain pants
- Lightweight umbrella
- Sunglasses and sunblock
- Camera with battery charger

Optional Items:

- Swimsuit
 - Some accommodations have an indoor pool, hot tub, or sauna. Or perhaps you'd like to take a swim in the Atlantic Ocean!
- Wash cloth. Irish bathrooms do not typically include wash clothes/face clothes.
- Small flashlight (most smart phones now have a flashlight built into them)
- Electrical items such as smart phones, tablets, e-readers, laptops, power cords, plug adapters, electrical transformers, etc.

Hair Dryers

- Most of the accommodations have hair dryers but the Irish don't usually keep them in the bathroom. Look for the hair dryer in a dressing table drawer, bedside table, or a closet.

Irish Dress Code

- The Irish tend to dress quite casually so you won't need any fancy clothes for dining out.

Laundry

- There are opportunities to have laundry done on the free day of the Go South and Go West tours.
- Self-serve laundromats are not common. You will drop off your clothes the night before or in the morning and then pick them up later in the day.