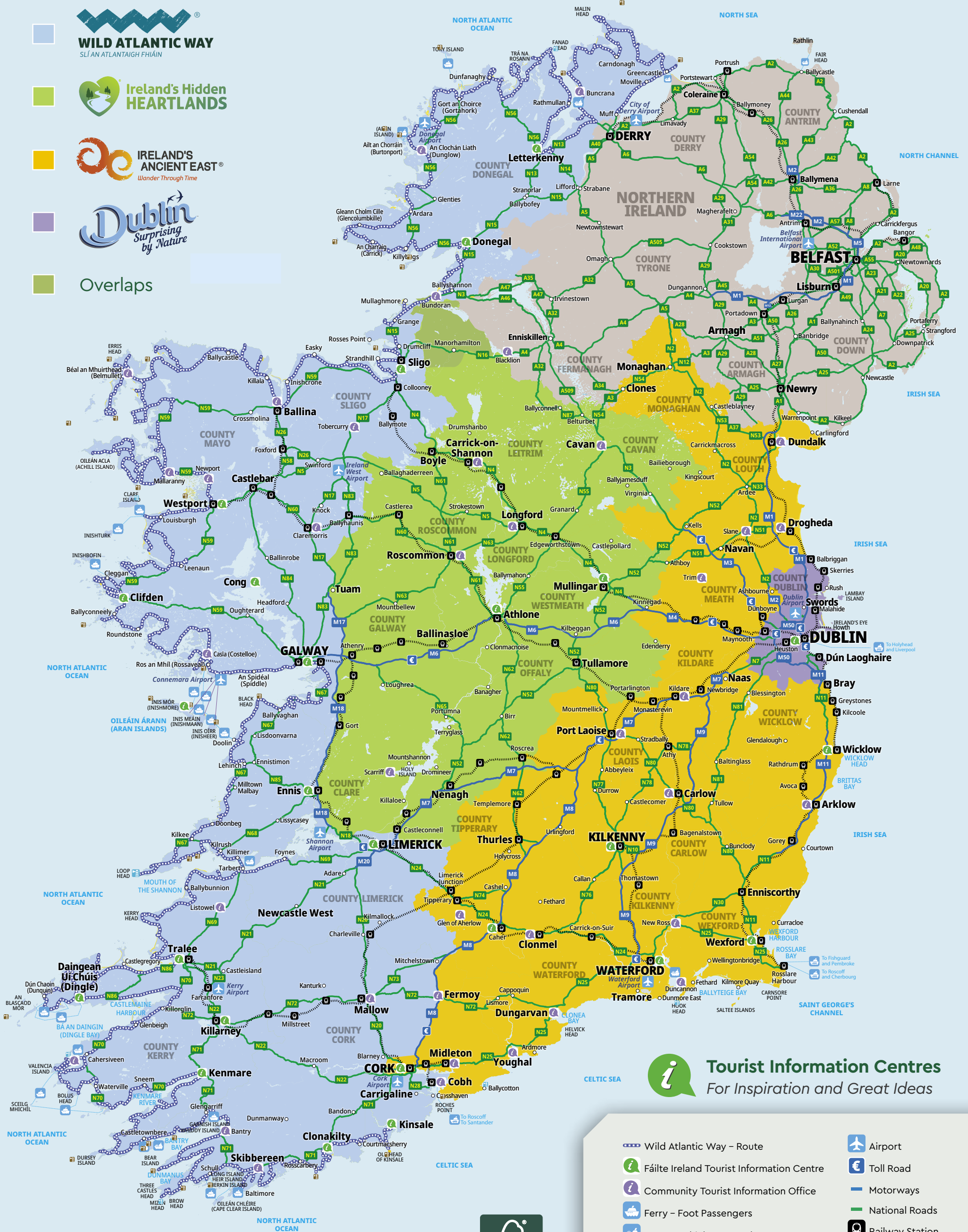


Map of Ireland





Did you know?

The Republic of Ireland is made up of **26 counties**. It has a population of over **4.7 million people** and Dublin is its capital city. Northern Ireland is part of the UK and is made up of **6 counties**. It has a population of over **1.8 million** people and Belfast is its capital city.

Money Matters

Currency - the unit of currency in the Republic of Ireland is the **Euro (€)**. The unit of currency in Northern Ireland is the **Pound Sterling (£)**.

Foreign Exchange & Accessing Euros – the majority of ATM / Cash Machines will facilitate the withdrawal of Euros from international bank accounts using your credit / debit card (fees may apply). ATM / Cash Machines are widely available at banks, supermarkets and other retail outlets. Foreign Exchange services can also be found in most airports. For a list of local Foreign Exchange services, please check with your nearest Tourist Information Centre.

Credit / Debit Cards - VISA and Mastercard are widely accepted, with American Express and Diners accepted in some locations.



Driving In Ireland

DRIVING TIPS

Driving is on the **left hand side** of the road.

Distances and speed limits: Republic of Ireland (Kilometres), Northern Ireland (miles).

Signage in most places is bilingual (Irish and English). However, in official Gaeltacht (Irish speaking areas), it is likely to be in Irish only.

Safety belts must be worn at all times and all children under 150cms in height or 36kgs (79lbs) in weight must use a child restraint system such as child car seat or booster cushion. Visit www.rsa.ie

Sat-Navs are a useful navigation tool. However, there are many towns in Ireland that share the same name. It is advisable to consult with a traditional printed road map as an extra resource when navigating.

ROAD TYPES

Motorways directly connect most of the larger urban towns and cities. Their route numbers are preceded by the letter 'M'. Signage for Motorway routes are blue in colour. Speed limits are normally 120 km/h.

National Roads interconnect most of the main towns across the country. Their route numbers are preceded by the letter 'N'. Signage for National routes are green in colour. Speed limits are normally 100 km/h.

Regional Roads interconnect the majority of smaller towns and villages. Their route numbers are preceded by the letter 'R'. Signage for regional routes are white in colour. Speed limits are normally 80 km/h.

TOLLS

There are a number of toll roads in the Republic of Ireland, most of which operate conventional barrier plazas where toll charges are paid in cash or electronically via tag. The M50 motorway around Dublin is a barrier-free toll road, tolls can be paid on www.eFlow.ie and at any outlet with a Payzone sign.

For further information, visit www.tii.ie.

For information on driving in Northern Ireland, visit www.nidirect.gov.uk.



Ireland's Climate

Ireland has a **mild and temperate climate**. Temperatures in **Spring** range from 8°–12°C (46°–54°F), in **Summer** they average around 18°–21°C (64°–70°F), while Autumn temperatures average at 14°–17°C (57°–63°F) and **Winter** temperatures are typically 4°–8°C (39°–46°F). Ireland's weather is liable to change, so be sure to dress appropriately with layered clothing. Extreme weather events are rare, but weather warnings must be observed when issued. For comprehensive local forecasts, visit www.met.ie

Public Transport

BUS

There is an extensive bus service across Ireland, which is provided by the national carrier **Bus Éireann** (www.buseireann.ie) and a number of privately operated bus companies.

Local Link provides reliable rural community bus services (www.locallink.ie). The national bus service in Northern Ireland is **Translink** (www.translink.co.uk).



RAIL

The nationwide rail network is operated by **Irish Rail** (Iarnród Éireann) and provides comprehensive services between many towns and cities, visit www.irishrail.ie. In Dublin, the rail network is made up of the Dublin Area Rapid Transit or **DART** (www.irishrail.ie) and a Tram system called the **Luas** (www.luas.ie). In Northern Ireland, the rail network is operated by **Northern Ireland Railways** (www.translink.co.uk)

TFI NATIONAL JOURNEY PLANNER

Get integrated information on train, bus, and tram services throughout Ireland. Download the app or visit www.transportforireland.ie

Travel Passes

LEAP VISITOR CARD

Available for the Dublin area, this is a pre-paid ticket that offers unlimited travel for 1 day (24 hrs), 3 day (72 hrs) or 7 day (168 hrs) on **Dublin Bus, Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin City services, Luas, DART and Commuter Rail in the Short Hop Zone (all of Dublin city and county)**. It is not valid on hop-on / hop-off tours. Available to buy online, at official Tourist Information Centres in Dublin and selected agents. Visit www.leapcard.ie



IRISH RAIL TOURIST TICKETS

Trekker Four Day – 4 consecutive days of unlimited travel on all Irish Rail Services for €110.

Explorer – 5 days unlimited travel out of 15 consecutive days on all Irish Rail Services for €160. Available to purchase in Irish Rail Ticket Offices. Visit www.irishrail.ie

Emergencies...

In an emergency, the "blue light" services – **An Garda Síochána** (National Police Service), **Ambulance**, **Fire** and **Irish Coast Guard**, can be contacted by dialling **112** or **999**. **The Irish Tourist Assistance Service** (ITAS) is a safety and assistance service to help tourists who are victims of crime. Visit www.itas.ie – Tel **+353 (0)1 666 9354**



Tourist Information Centres

For Inspiration and Great Ideas



Visit one of Fáilte Ireland's Tourist Information Centres, where you will receive free and unbiased advice, information, maps and literature. You can also book attractions, events, festivals and tours.

TOURIST INFORMATION LINE:
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Aran, Kiltonan, Inis Mór, Co. Galway, H91 R26E
Athlone, Athlone Castle, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, N37 EA32*
Cahir, Castle Car Park, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, E21 K336*
Clifden, Galway Road, Clifden, Co. Galway, H71 P659*
Clonakilty, Ashe Street, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, P85 X340*
Cong, Old Courthouse, Cong, Co. Mayo, F31 Y681*
Cork, 125 Patrick Street, Cork City, T12 AE81
Dingle, The Quay, Dingle, Co. Kerry, V92 HHTO
Donegal, The Quay, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal, F94 PX52
Dublin, 14 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, D01 WP59
Dublin, new location 2022 – City Centre
Ennis, Arthur's Row, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 RX78*
Galway, Galway City Museum, Spanish Parade, Galway City, H91 CX5P

Kenmare, Heritage Centre, Kenmare, Co. Kerry, V93 XVX6*
Kilkenny, 79A High Street, Kilkenny, R95 DX53
Killarney, Beech Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry, V93 AW26
Kinsale, Pier Road, Kinsale, Co. Cork, P17 C973
Letterkenny, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 E796*
Limerick, 20 O'Connell Street, Limerick City, V94 H9Y2*
Mullingar, Market Square, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, N91 PW95*
Sligo, new location 2022 – Town Centre*
Tralee, Denny Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 HW92*
Waterford, 120 Parade Quay, Waterford City, X91 KC3V*
Westport, Bridge Street, Westport, Co. Mayo, F28 NF77*
Wexford, The Quay Front, Wexford Town, Co. Wexford, Y35 YV25*
Wicklow, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow, A67 YK82*
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