

Scotland & Ireland 2026

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Passport & Visa: You must have a valid passport with at least four (6) blank pages and must not expire before 6 months after the date of return (Oct. 24, 2026). **Visas** are not **required** for US Citizens for visits lasting less than 90 days. We recommend you carry a copy of your Passport with you and leave one home with your loved ones.

Packing: April is spring in Ireland and Scotland with temperatures **averaging high of 13°C/53-55°F**. We may experience a brief shower or two. We recommend you pack your clothing in layers, for easy peel off or put on! A jacket, sweater or shawl would be perfect. Clothing type recommended is warm & cool; hand-sanitizer & hand wash, comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, hat, and umbrella. For flying, we also recommend you bring any medication and or medical supplies needed. A “Neck-Roll” may make your flight more rewarding! Pack smart so that you are not over-burdened with too many pieces of luggage. We want you to have an easy-breezy journey! PLEASE ALERT CST OF ANY DIETARY or MEDICAL NEEDS, AND OR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT YOU MAY NEED TO CARRY AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION!



Country Time Zone: Ireland & Scotland is 5 hours ahead of US-EST



Carrying Money: Of course it is a personal choice; the amount of money you wish to carry to cover meals not mentioned in itinerary, shopping, etc.; recommendation- minimum \$50 per person per day should be sufficient, only a suggestion; you may wish to spend more or less. *Most major credit cards are widely accepted in establishments.*

Money Exchange: The Currency in Ireland uses Euros, and Scotland uses Pounds. US Dollars are rarely accepted, however, there are many places to exchange currency. When exchanging money upon arrival, make sure that you have clean, crisp bills. DO NOT USE TRAVELERS CHECKS. Make sure to keep the receipts so that you can exchange any leftover pounds or euros back at the end of your trip. Or even better, spend everything while you're

there so you can avoid being hit twice for fees.

Using your Credit Card in Ireland & Scotland: When it's possible to pay for goods and services by **credit card**, most all major credit cards are accepted

Gratuity: It is customary as a group to offer gratitude for our Tour Guides, Drivers & Land handlers. (This does not include hotel housekeeping) The recommended amount for tipping is \$15 per person per day (10-days on ground & handling = \$150 per person... *we ask that you place your \$US-Dollars in a sealed envelope with your name and amount on the outside of envelope for collection upon arrival at the first hotel check-in.*

Eating food & Drinking water in Ireland & Scotland: Most all foods are safe to eat, especially cooked foods, peeled fruits & vegetables. Uncooked foods, like salads lettuce are not recommended, due to it being washed in their tap water. Street foods are very delicious, however, be selective in your choices. Drink only bottled water. Bottled water is widely available and is relatively very cheap. You can brush your teeth with their tap water. The choice of using bottled water is yours.

Do I need Vaccinations to travel?

Immunizations are not a requirement for US Citizens. However, you should be up to date with routine vaccines. Consult with your physician.

Phone Adapters & Power Converters: Do I need Power Adapters (USA to the Ireland & Scotland)?

Yes, Electrical Power Adaptors are needed; Ireland & Scotland power sockets, use **outlet plug type G**, which is the *plug* that has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Operates on a 230V supply *voltage* ... we highly recommend you invest in an International Adaptor! Universal Adaptor can be purchased online; Walmart, Staples and or most electronic stores. The cost is minimal. See sample below

International Adaptor Samples:



How do I dial an International Phone Number from the USA? *(This information is best left for your family at home)*

Ireland Country Code: +353, then the number provided / Scotland + 44, then the number

Your Cell Phone: You may be able to use your own cell phone while in Ireland & Scotland. Check with you cell phone provided for international usage, activation and per minute rates. Purchasing a rental phone in this country may be expensive. FYI: there is an “AP” that is also FREE, called WhatsApp. It lets you message and call friends and family. Switch from SMS to WhatsApp to send and receive messages, calls, photos, videos, documents, and Voice Messages. Cell phone to cell phone... you and your loved ones will have to download this app to your cell phone to communicate... if you and your family have a Facebook account, you can communicate with face-time through fb messenger, also free. Check it out

What do I dial in an Emergency?

Ireland Police: dial 112 or 999 – **Scotland:** dial 101 or 999. See also US Embassy phone numbers below

Airline Luggage Allowance:

Most international air carriers economy allow 1 checked piece of luggage, weighing maximum 50lbs each, 1 carry-on, plus a purse or backpack. Business class air, allows 2 checked bags,
1 carry-on, plus a purse or backpack.

Hotels below or similar:

[The Iveagh Garden Hotel –Ireland](#)

[The Great Southern Hotel Killarney](#)

[The Hardiman Hotel Galway](#)

[Kingsmills Hotel – Scotland](#)

[Doubletree by Hilton Edinburgh](#)

US Embassy Ireland & Scotland:

Consulate General of the United States: 3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW, United Kingdom
US Embassy contact - 2234 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

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Extra Spending Money:

- Meals not included in itinerary, average \$25 & up depending on selection and location
- Shopping & personal purchases are at your own discretion
- Extra pieces of luggage outside of the allowed included, cost is subject to change per airlines discretion
- Bottled water & selective beverages outside of what will be provided to us in the country on our tour and dining days.

➤ *An updated “KNOW-B-4-U-GO” will be issued as needed*

(Average spring temps for both are 50-58)

