



Country Profile: Ireland

Ireland is a highly developed democracy with a modern economy. Tourist facilities are widely available. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Ireland for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Ireland
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Dublin
Boundary Countries:	United Kingdom
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Cork: Bon Secours Hospital Dublin: Beaumont Hospital, Bon Secours Hospital, Cherry Orchard Hospital, Mater Private Hospital, Mercy University Hospital Galway: Bon Secours Hospital Tralee: Bon Secours Hospital
Main Cities:	Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Killarney
Country Size:	70,280 sq km
Population:	3,969,558

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English (official) is the language generally used, Irish (official) (Gaelic or Gaeilge) spoken mainly in areas located along the western seaboard
Currency:	Euro (EUR)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 88.4%, Church of Ireland 3%, other Christian 1.6%, other 1.5%, unspecified 1%, none 3.5%.
National Holidays:	Saint Patrick's Day, 17 March
Economic Status:	Ireland is a highly developed democracy with a modern economy.
Security:	Irish Defense Forces (Oglaigh na h-Eireann): Army (includes Naval Service and Air Corps)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Dublin 42 Elgin Road Ballsbridge Dublin 4 Phone: +353 1 668-8777
Major Airports:	Airports: 36, Airports w/paved runways: 15 Dublin Airport (DUB/EIDW) Dublin Airport, Ireland, Aer Rianta, Dublin, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND Tel: +353 (0)1 814 1111, +353 (0)1 814 4092 Fax: +353 (0)1 814 4364 Website: www.aer-rianta.ie Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +353 (0)1 808 0400

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