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1. Welcome to Dublin

Welcome to Dublin, the capital of Ireland. This charming town with its [history](#) dating back to Viking times bubbles with creativity, culture and craic – the Irish word for having a good time. Dublin is one of Europe’s most popular city-break destinations. Whether you come for business, the city’s rich cultural heritage, the shopping, the [restaurants](#) or the famous [Dublin nightlife](#), you are guaranteed a ‘céad míle fáilte’ - a ‘hundred thousand welcomes’ in Irish.

1.1. ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- Currency: Euro.
- Language: English and Irish.
- Plugs: Three-prong outlet.

1.2. SECURITY

While Dublin is regarded as a relatively safe city to visit, there are a few cautionary measures you should take when visiting to ensure you enjoy a safe trip.

As in any major city, we advise you to be careful about walking alone at nighttime, travel in groups of at least two if possible. Be wary of groups of youths, or people who appear to be intoxicated or using drugs.

If you feel unsafe and need help, Gardaí (Irish police) normally patrol the streets in the city centre. So, you can ask one of them for help.

If there are no Gardaí around, you can go into a shop and ask for help there. In case of emergency, you can phone the emergency services by dialling **999** or **122**.

Keep all of your personal belongings close by and your valuables secure, particularly on crowded public transport and when seated at cafés or restaurants. As with any big city, pickpockets will target tourists. Always be aware of your surroundings, exercise situational awareness, and we are sure you will have a safe trip and an amazing time!

1.3. WEATHER IN DUBLIN

Dublin has a mild climate which makes a visit at any time of the year a pleasure.

The weather in Dublin during February is quite chilly, with temperatures ranging from 4°C to 8°C. Warm clothing is essential, and rain is expected for about half of the month.

1.4. FOOD & DRINKS

Here’s a run-down of the most authentic Irish dining throughout Dublin.

- **Fish and seafood:** Seafood Café, Winding Stair, Leo Burdocks, Beshoff Bros;
- **Meat:** O’Neills Pub, The Boxty House, FX Buckley, Featherblade, Mister S;
- **Vegetarian and vegan:** Cornucopia, Tang;
- **Cafes:** Avoca, Bread 41, Clement&Pekoe, Cocobrew, Two Pups, The Fumbally, Borther Hubbard, 3fe, As One, Cloud Picker, Nutbutter;
- **Pubs with traditional Irish live music:** The Cobblestone, O’Donoghues, Darkey Kelly’s, The Brazen Head, The Celt, Gogarty’s, The Old Storehouse, Pipers Corner.

1.5. THINGS TO DO

On O’Connell Street, you’ll find the historic GPO (General Post Office), and the striking Spire. By crossing the River Liffey, explore the cultural quarter Temple Bar. You’ll also find Trinity College – home to the Book of Kells – and the original Irish parliament on College Green.

Further up Dame Street you'll see the City Hall and the Dublin Castle. You should also visit the Christ Church Cathedral and Dublinia, both attractions date back to the Viking and Medieval history of the city. You can browse paintings and masterpieces at the National Gallery or the Hugh Lane Gallery, and head to the National Museum to check out Viking remains and megalithic rock art.

in the Liberties quarter, you'll see the iconic Guinness Storehouse, and there's art on show at IMMA (Irish Museum of Modern Art) with its tranquil gardens. While in the area, you'll find the Kilmainham Gaol and Courthouse, a former prison which once detained many important figures in Irish history.

1.6. CITY TRANSPORTATION

Dublin Bus

[Dublin Bus](#) provides bus services within Dublin city and to and from the surrounding areas. These services include city bus services, Railink, School link, Airlink, Nitelink and DART feeder buses. Dublin Bus operates services between Dublin city centre and Dublin Airport. These services run via Busáras, Connolly Rail Station and Heuston Rail Station.

DART and LUAS

The DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transport) runs along the east coast of Ireland from Malahide in county Dublin to Greystones in county Wicklow. [LUAS](#) is the tram/light rail system in Dublin.

Leap Visitor Card

The Leap Visitor Card is a convenient public transport ticket for tourists and visitors to Dublin. Get unlimited travel for your selected time period on Dublin City Bus services (operated by Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead Ireland), Luas (tram), DART and Commuter Rail in the Dublin area.

You can choose from a number of options:

- 1 day (24 hours) – €8.00
- 3 days (72 hours) – €16.00
- 7 days (168 hours) – €32.00

Your chosen time period starts from the first time you use the card.

The Leap Visitor Card is currently available to buy from selected agents in Dublin.

Dublin Airport:

- Wrights Airport Convenience Store (T1 Arrivals)
- WH Smith (T1 Arrivals)
- Spar Shop (Terminal 2)

Dublin City Centre:

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| • Dublin Bus, 59 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1 | • Spar, 50 Talbot Street, Dublin 1 |
| • Spar, 63 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1 | • Spar, 70/72 Talbot Street, Dublin 1 |
| • Spar, 19-20 Dame Street, Dublin 2 | • GPO, O'Connell Street, Dublin |
| • Mullins Newsagent, Unit 1B Heuston Station, Dublin 8 | • Trinity College Dublin Student Union, 6 Trinity College, Dublin 2 |
| | • Easons, Unit 2, Connolly Station, Dublin 1 |

2. Conference Venue

The Conference will be held at the [Hilton Dublin \(Charlemont Place\)](#).

Overlooking the leafy banks of the Grand Canal, this city centre hotel is the perfect location for any visit to Dublin. At the heart of Dublin, it is within walking distance of many iconic Dublin attractions. There is a LUAS tram stop (Charlemont) right in front of the hotel.

2.1. FOOD & DRINKS NEAR HILTON DUBLIN HOTEL (CHARLEMONT PLACE)

- **Restaurants:** Sprezzatura; The Port House Cava; La Gordita; Krewe; Mister S; Delahunt; Sophie's; Camden Rotisserie; Mak.
- **Cafes:** 3fe; One Kinda Folk; Ebb&Flow; Bretzel Bakery; Brother Hubbard; ALMA.
- **Pubs:** J O'Connell, Cassidy's, Camden Bites & Brews; Taphouse; Blackbird; McCafferty's at The Barge; Devitt's; Bleeding Horse; M O'Briens;

2.2. [TRANSPORT FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT TO HILTON DUBLIN HOTEL \(CHARLEMONT PLACE\)](#)

[Your Hotel Address](#)

Hilton Dublin, Charlemont Place, Saint Kevin's, Dublin D02 A893

Ph: +353 1 402 9988

By bus

- Take Dublin Express [Route 783](#) for 6 stops (around 50 minutes)
- Get off at Harcourt Luas Stop
- Walk about 10 minutes to the Hilton Dublin Hotel (Charlemont Place).

OR

- Take Aircoach [Route 700](#) for 6 stops (around 45 minutes)
- Get off at Leeson Street Lower Stop
- Walk about 10 minutes to the Hilton Dublin Hotel (Charlemont Place).

By taxi

Passengers should follow taxi signage from Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 to the taxi ranks outside both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. A taxi dispatcher is available at both taxi ranks if you require any further information or assistance.

As a passenger in a taxi, you are entitled to:

- Engage a taxi for journeys up to 30km.
- Have all fares calculated on the taxi meter.
- A receipt printed by the taximeter.
- A clean vehicle and a pleasant journey.

All licensed taxis are obliged to display passenger information including rights and responsibilities and fare information, which will be supplied by the Commission for Taxi Regulation, in the front and back of the vehicle.

All licensed taxi drivers must display their driver identification card in clear view of the customer.

OR

You can use the [Free Now app](#) to be collected from the airport or taxis can be picked up from the designated airport waiting area. The line usually moves very quickly.

The journey should take approximately 40 minutes and will cost around 30–45EUR. Please note this is an estimated fare and prices may vary depending on traffic congestion, number of passengers and time and day of pick-up.

2.3. VISA REQUIREMENTS AND INVITATION LETTERS

Please see [this webpage](#) from the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs for information on visa requirements for travelling to Ireland for the Conference. If you require a visa or preclearance, you will be directed to the AVATS [Online Application facility](#), which will guide you through the application process.

A short stay 'C' conference/event visa allows you to travel to Ireland for up to 90 days to attend a conference, symposium or other event, for example for business or academic reasons. It is recommended that you prepare your application three months in advance.

If you require an invitation letter to travel to Ireland for the Conference, please do not hesitate to contact Charlotte (charlotte@gisf.ngo), the GISF Membership and Events Officer.

3. Health System

If you are an EU/EEA or Swiss national and are travelling or staying in Ireland, you are entitled to receive free maintenance and treatment in public beds in Health Service Executive (HSE) and voluntary hospitals should you become ill or have an accident.

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) makes it easier for you to get medical care quickly and easily. It is evidence that you are part of a health insurance scheme administered by another state in the EU/EEA or Switzerland.

Out-patient services in public hospitals are also free of charge but some people may have to pay an initial charge if they have not been referred by a Doctor (GP-General Practitioner). If you are in a private hospital or in a private bed in a public hospital, you must pay for both maintenance and treatment. If you have private health insurance, it may cover some or all of the costs.

Most general hospitals and some specialist hospitals have accident and emergency or casualty departments which patients may attend without being referred by a GP. If you attend without a GP referral, you may be charged. However, if you have to return for further visits in relation to the same illness or accident, you do not have to pay the charge again.

4. Emergency Contacts

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