

GETTING AROUND IRELAND

EVERYTHING YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS NEED TO KNOW!

DUBLIN

THE LEAP VISITOR CARD

WWW.LEAPCARD.IE

This card offers visitors unlimited transport across Dublin city and suburbs (including Airport to City transfer) for 1, 2 or 7 days, with top up options, on any public transport (Bus, Luas, Dart). Available 24 hours at Dublin Airport or for purchase, from:

DUBLIN AIRPORT

- Bus & Travel Information Desk (T1 Arrivals)
- 24-hour Spar Convenience Store (T2 Arrivals)
- Discover Ireland Tourist Information Desk (T2 Arrivals)

DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

- Dublin Bus, 59 Upper O'Connell St.
- Discover Ireland Centre, 14 Upper O'Connell St.
- Visit Dublin Centre, 25 Suffolk St.

DART – DUBLIN COASTAL LIGHTRAIL

WWW.IRISHRAIL.IE

Dublin's iconic DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) system offers a fast and frequent way to get to Dublin's coastal villages. The service travels along the picturesque Irish Sea coast for much of its journey with routes to Malahide and/or Howth in north Dublin, or southwards to towns and villages including Dún Laoghaire, Dalkey and further south to Bray and Greystones, County Wicklow. Leap Visitor card is valid for DART or purchase single/return ticket at any station ticket machines.

LUAS – DUBLIN'S ROADTRAM

WWW.LUAS.IE

'Luas' (Irish word for speed) is Dublin's light-rail road crossing the city on two lines (The Red line and the Green line). Your clients can purchase single/return or flexi-tickets covering travel for 7 or 30 days, from vending ticket machines at streetside Luas stops or use their Leap visitor card.

BUS

WWW.DUBLINBUS.IE

Dublin has an extensive network of public bus routes, making it easy to get around and to the suburbs too. The Dublin Bus website provides route, timetable and fare information making it easy for your clients to bus around the sights, and a real time information service shows when buses are due to arrive at stops.

DUBLIN BUS FREEDOM PASS

WWW.DUBLINSIGHTSEEING.IE

Provides 72 hours of unlimited journeys on:

- Airlink Express – Airport to City centre.
- Green Hop-on Hop-off open-top City Tour bus.
- Dublin Bus Public Transport

HOP ON HOP-OFF BUS TOURS

There are two hop-on/hop-off bus tour providers in Dublin, allowing your clients to experience all the city has to offer at their own pace.

www.dublinsightseeing.ie (Green Bus) City Sightseeing Bus offering a 1 or 2 day ticket, on a choice of 2 routes. 2 free children's tickets with every adult ticket purchased and



a free 1916 walking tour and free access to The Little Museum of Dublin with every ticket purchased. Also available is: Evening Ghost Bus Tour, 1916 Rebellion Tour, North Coast & Castle Tour, South Coast & Gardens Tour.

www.citysightseeingdublin.ie (Part of Greyline Tours – Red Bus) Sightseeing tour offers a 24 or 48 hour ticket, with discounted access to over 50 attractions, on a choice of 3 routes. 2 free children’s tickets with every adult ticket purchased and a *free 1916 walking tour (* Available in Summer).

DUBLIN PASS

WWW.DUBLINPASS.COM

The Dublin Pass offers a sightseeing package with free entry to over 25 top attractions, museums and monuments in Dublin – city and coast, as well as a free 24-Hour hop-on/hop-off bus tour service. Benefits include 'Fast Track' entry and a free one-way airport transfer.

DUBLIN BIKES

WWW.DUBLINBIKES.IE

Dublin is one of the top ten bicycle-friendly cities in the world. 120km of cycle lanes and an excellent City Bike Scheme makes it easy for visitors to enjoy Dublin on two wheels.

There are also many private bike hire providers and bike tour operators, not only in Dublin but all over Ireland should your clients wish to enjoy their holiday in Ireland by bike. For further information about these providers in locations to suit your clients programme, contact us at businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie





BEYOND DUBLIN

DUBLIN AIRPORT TRANSFERS TO CITIES

A range of private and public bus providers offer coach transfers directly from the Airport to various cities and towns in The Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland's Ancient East. These include:

- www.buseireann.ie
- www.dublincoach.ie
- www.gobus.ie
- www.jjkavanagh.ie
- www.airporthopper.ie
- www.aircoach.ie

BUS EIREANN – PUBLIC BUS TRANSPORT AROUND IRELAND

WWW.BUSEIREANN.IE

Travelling to Ireland's Ancient East or the Wild Atlantic Way by bus from Dublin has never been easier. Visitors can sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery without the hassle of maps or parking. With bus stations in all major towns serviced with a comprehensive road network, there has never been a better time to travel by coach or bus.

OPEN-ROAD PASS

Bus Éireann now offer an Open Road visitor ticket, valid for hop on/hop off travel (three of six days) on public scheduled services, allowing the freedom to Explore Ireland's Ancient East or Discover the Wild Atlantic Way at your clients own pace.

See <http://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=337>

RAIL

WWW.IRISHRAIL.IE

Ireland's Ancient East and the Wild Atlantic Way are accessible by rail with Cork, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, Sligo, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford and Athlone just some of the city routes served from Dublin's two Intercity train stations: Heuston and Connolly. Tickets can be purchased online or in the train station.

Destination	Travel Time from Dublin by Rail
Cork	2 hrs 45 mins
Killarney	3 hrs 20 mins
Limerick	2 hrs 15 mins
Galway	2 hrs 30 mins
Sligo	3 hrs 10 mins
Belfast	2 hrs 15 mins
Kilkenny	1 hr 30 mins
Waterford	2 hrs 20 mins
Wexford	3 hrs
Athlone	1 hr 30 mins



CAR HIRE

[WWW.CARRENTALCOUNCIL.IE](http://www.carrentalcouncil.ie)

Car hire is widely available. Advance booking is advisable with an approved car rental company pre-travel to ensure widest availability of options and packages. Alternatively, clients can contact a range of providers when they arrive at their chosen Irish Airport in the arrivals hall. Meet and greet services can also be arranged at ferry ports in Dublin. Many hotel concierge services can also arrange local car hire contacts and services.

CHAUFFEUR DRIVE/CHAUFFEUR GUIDE

If your clients prefer the chauffeur drive option there are a range of providers on hand to meet their needs. For further information and a list of pre-qualified suppliers, please contact us directly at businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie

PRIVATE COACH HIRE

If your clients are looking for a comprehensive coach tour around Ireland there are an abundance of companies at hand so they can sit back and relax and take in the wonderful scenery that Ireland has to offer. See <http://www.discoverireland.ie/Info/Getting-Around/By-bus-or-coach>

RAIL TOUR OPERATORS

With a choice of 1st class and luxury Rail holiday operators, visitors can enjoy a relaxed first class rail experience or rail holiday, allowing them explore Ireland without the need of a car with a choice of tours and packages. These include:

- Raitours Ireland – www.railtoursireland.com
- Belmond Grand Hibernian – www.belmond.com/grand-hibernian-train

PLANNING YOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT JOURNEY:

For complete details of public transport services in Ireland visit www.transportforireland.ie. The free app Real-Time-Ireland allows visitors select their preferred destination and departure point to get a complete listing of public transport options and schedules for the selected route – complete with journey times and any notifications of changes to service times. www.transportforireland.ie/real-time/real-time-ireland/

TRAVELLING TO THE ISLANDS OF THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

The Wild Atlantic Way boasts a collection of beautiful islands off the mainland, with each accessible by a variety of transport options. While some can be travelled by road via causeways and bridges, others by air, most are accessed via the island's own ferry. See also 'Travelling in Ireland by Air' across.



Island Name	Accessing the Islands
Donegal Islands	
Arranmore Island	www.arranmoreferry.com
	www.arranmorefastferry.com
Gola Island	www.donegalislands.com
Tory Island	www.toryislandferry.com
Mayo Islands	
Clare Island	www.clareislandferry.com
	www.omalleyferries.com
Inishturk Island	www.clareislandferry.com
	www.omalleyferries.com
	www.inishturkisland.com
Inis Bigil	www.leneghanferries.com
Galway Islands	
Inishbofin Island	www.inishbofinislanddiscovery.com
Clare Islands	
Holy Island, Lough Derg	www.holyisland.ie
Aran Islands	
Aran Islands – Flights	www.aerarannislands.ie
Aran Islands – Ferries	www.aranislandferries.com
Doolin to Aran Islands	www.doolin2aranferries.com
	www.doolinferry.com
	www.obrienline.com
Kerry Islands	
Skelligs Islands	Book at www.skelligexperience.com
Valentia Island	www.valentiaisland.ie/getting-here
Blasket Islands	www.blasketisland.com
	www.blasketislands.ie
	www.dinglebaycharters.com
Cork Islands	
Bere Island	www.bereislandferries.com
	www.murphysferry.com
Cape Clear Island	www.cailinoir.com
Dursey Island	Access via cable car
	www.durseyisland.ie/cable-car-timetable
Garinish Island	www.bluepoolferry.com
	www.harbourqueenferry.com
Heir Island	www.heirislandferries.com
Long Island	www.longislandferry.org
Sherkin Island	www.sherkinisland.eu
Whiddy Island	www.whiddyferry.com

TRAVELLING IN IRELAND BY AIR

As a modestly-sized island with an extensive rail and bus network, modern motorway and road infrastructure connecting the main cities and towns, there's little need for internal flights. However if your client's time is limited, and they want to maximise their time to see more of the Island, there are domestic flights between Dublin-Kerry and Dublin-Donegal, which travel twice daily and take approximately 40 minutes.

A range of private helicopter and small propeller plane charter and tour companies are also available:

- Executive Helicopters (Private hire)
www.executive-helicopters.com
- Irish Helicopters (Private hire)
www.irishhelicopters.com
- Aer Arann Islands (Private charters & tours)
www.aerarannislands.ie
- Wild Atlantic Way flights (Private charters & tours)
www.wildatlanticflights.com
1 to 5.5 hrs journey times across Ireland and the Islands using 4 seater modern planes for optimal views. All departures from Weston Airport with city transfers available.

PRIVATE BOAT RENTALS

Ireland has an excellent network of Inland waterways – rivers and canals and recreational lakes that provide wonderful opportunity to travel Ireland and enjoy the scenery from the water with mooring options included.

- For a range of pleasure boat and fishing day trips search boating or fishing on www.discoverireland.ie or contact us at businessdevelopment@failteireland.ie
- For private rental of Cruise and Barge boats (with accommodation), see Irish Boat Rental Association website www.boatholidaysireland.com

UNIQUE TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

Looking for something a little different for your client... perhaps with a vintage feel or the open road wind on your face, visitors can also consider options such as:

- Vintage VW campervan rentals www.Retrocamper.ie
- Motorbike rentals & Tours: For listings search motorbike on www.discoverireland.ie
- Motorhome and campervan rentals For listings search motorhome or campervan on www.discoverireland.ie
- For a range of Luxury Experiences with exclusive access via Luxury Private Yacht or Classic chauffeur car, see www.secretirelandescapes.com

