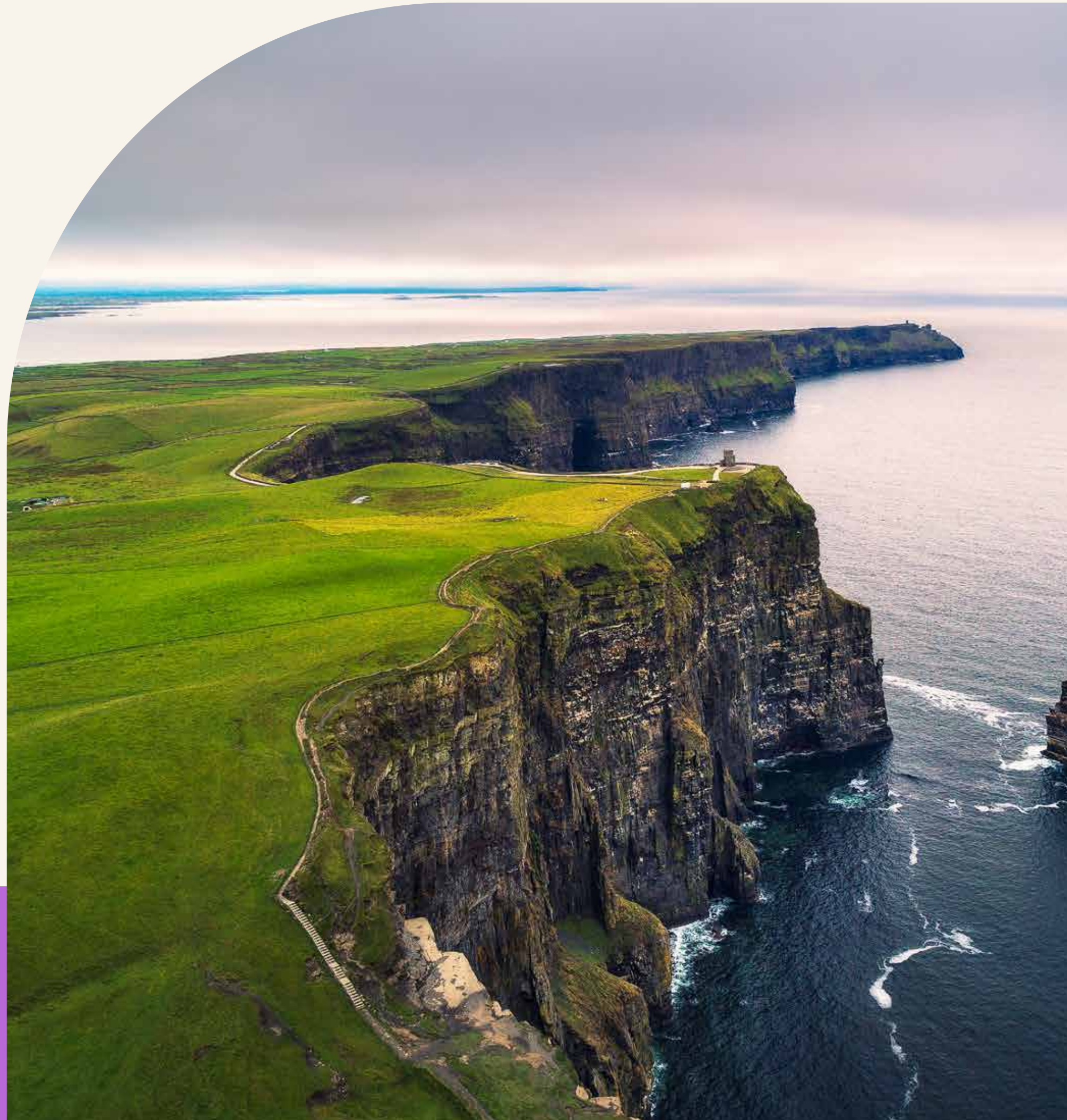




IRELAND GUIDELINE

LIVING IN DUBLIN OR CORK



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INTRODUCTION

Moving to a new country is an exciting yet challenging experience, and we are here to help make your transition to Ireland as smooth as possible. This guide has been carefully designed to provide essential information for international students and newcomers, covering everything from finding accommodation and opening a bank account to securing a job and understanding visa requirements.

Whether you are settling in Dublin or Cork, this guideline will serve as your go-to resource, offering practical tips, important contacts, and valuable insights into life in Ireland. Our goal is to ensure that you feel prepared, informed, and confident as you embark on this incredible journey.

Welcome to Ireland – let the adventure begin!





HOW TO FIND PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION IN IRELAND

Undoubtedly, one of the most important things when arriving in Ireland is finding permanent accommodation. With a permanent address, you'll be able to open a bank account at an Irish bank, apply for your student visa, and save money, as the prices for long-term rooms are better than student accommodations, hostels, or host families.

To find permanent accommodation in Ireland, here are some steps a student can take:



1. Research Online: Utilise various online platforms and websites dedicated to housing listings. Popular websites include Daft.ie, Rent.ie, MyHome.ie and HostingPower.ie. These platforms allow you to filter your search based on preferences such as location, price range, and property type.

2. Join Student Accommodation Groups: Look for social media groups or online forums specifically for student

accommodation. These groups often have postings from landlords or other students looking for roommates.

3. Contact Letting Agencies: Reach out to local letting agencies that specialise in student accommodation. They can provide you with a list of available properties or add you to their waiting lists.

4. Consider Commuting Options: If you are unable to

find suitable accommodation close to the city centre, consider areas with good transportation links. Both Cork and Dublin have an extensive bus network, and proximity to bus stops or train stations can make commuting easier and cheaper.

5. Be Prepared: When contacting landlords or letting agencies, be prepared with necessary documents such as proof of enrollment, references, and a deposit.

Having these ready can help you secure a place more quickly.

6. Consider Sharing Accommodation: Sharing a house or apartment with other students can be a cost-effective option. Look for potential roommates within your School or student community.



HOW TO AVOID SCAMS

Just because you're in Europe doesn't mean you're immune to scams! There are bad-intentioned individuals everywhere in the world. Some of these people try to take advantage of newly arrived students in the country by offering non-existent houses, abusive contracts, inflated prices, and so on. Therefore, only rent houses that you have visited and do not make payments to third parties! If there is a contract, read it carefully to ensure you agree with the rules imposed by the landlord. Here are some additional tips to better prepare yourself when searching for your room in Ireland:

1. Visit the Property in Person:

Always try to visit the property and meet the landlord or agent in person before making any payments or signing a lease. This will help you verify the authenticity of the listing and assess the condition of the accommodation.

2. Be Cautious with Online Listings:

While online platforms are convenient for searching accommodation, be vigilant of potential scams. Look for red flags such as unusually low

prices, generic or stolen photos, and poor grammar in the listing description. Stick to well-known and reputable rental platforms such as Daft.ie, Rent.ie, MyHome.ie or HostingPower.ie. These platforms often have verification processes in place to minimise the risk of scams.

3. Research the Landlord or Agency:

Gather as much information as possible about the landlord or letting agency. Search for their contact details, website, and online presence.



Remember, it's always better to be cautious and take necessary steps to verify the legitimacy of accommodation listings than to fall victim to a scam. Read and understand the terms of the lease agreement before signing anything, and if something seems suspicious, seek professional advice.

Check if they have any reviews or if there are any reports of scams associated with their name.

4. Avoid Upfront Payments: Be cautious of landlords or agents who ask for large upfront payments or deposits without any formal documentation or contract. It is common to pay a security deposit and the first month's rent, but ensure you have a written agreement outlining the terms and conditions. Be cautious of landlords or agents who insist on payment through wire transfers or unconventional methods. These methods can be difficult to trace or recover if a scam occurs. Whenever possible, opt

for secure payment methods like bank transfers or online payment platforms.

5. Trust Your Instincts: If something feels off or too good to be true, trust your instincts. Scammers often try to rush you into making quick decisions or create a sense of urgency. Take your time and do thorough research before committing to anything.

6. Seek Recommendations: Ask for recommendations from friends, fellow students, or your school advisors. They may have reliable contacts or resources to help you find legitimate accommodation options.



OPENING AN ACCOUNT WITH AIB BANK:

International students can open a bank account with AIB Bank App:

STEPS:

1. Download AIB App: Download the AIB Mobile Banking App from the App Store or Play Store. Select the option to "Become an AIB customer."

2. Verify Email Address: Enter your email address. AIB will send a unique code to your inbox that is required to continue.

3. Provide Personal Details: Enter your personal details, and the app will present the most suitable account for you.

4. Complete a Video Call: You will be connected to a video call with an agent. Have your photo ID ready and ensure a stable internet connection. The agent will verify your identity

5. Provide Additional Details: After the video call, follow the on-screen steps to select a branch and register for internet banking.

6. Prove Your Address: Your account will be opened, but you must prove your address before using it.

7. Wait for Letter: AIB will send a letter to your registered postal address containing a unique code.

8. Enter Code from Letter: Enter the code in the app to activate your account. You can then deposit money and transact online (this may take 24 hours). A debit card and PIN will be sent separately.

IMPORTANT: Language school students should select a basic account. If a student selects a student account in error, they must restart the process and choose a basic account.



ALTERNATIVE OPTION: IN-BRANCH ACCOUNT OPENING

Any students who find themselves unable to open an account via AIB mobile app will need to get in contact with an AIB branch to make an appointment. They need to go in-person in a branch with the following documents:

- **Passport**
- **Bank letter from ICOT College**
- **Health Insurance Policy**

Ensure that the name, address, and date of birth match across all documents to avoid delays. Due to high demand, appointment availability may be limited, and you may not get your preferred date and time.

Please note that AIB Bank encourages all students to use the app option first. If the app is not used, the bank may not offer an in-person appointment and will ask students to try the app option before proceeding further.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A STUDENT VISA:

Upon arrival, new students must book an appointment at Immigration to register their first student visa. Please check the steps below:

1. Students must access and register in the INIS Portal in order to book an appointment for a first time visa application.
2. Our advisors can provide you with a brief guide to assist you in completing this process.
3. Currently, all first time visa applications are handled in person, at Burgh Quay Office in Dublin. Students must bring the following documents to register their visas:
 - a. Valid Passport;
 - b. Original Enrolment Letter;
 - c. Attendance Letter – It must be requested by the student to their ICOT advisor 3 days before the appointment date;
 - d. *Health Insurance Policy;
 - e. Financial Proof – Bank statement with a balance of at least **€4.680**;
 - f. Return Flight Ticket;
 - g. Appointment Email and attachment properly completed and printed;
 - h. Debit/Credit card on student's name to pay the visa fee of 300 euro;

** Health Insurance policy must contain the updated information regarding student's permanent address in Ireland. If your insurance was hired with ICOT College, make sure that this information is shared with your ICOT advisor at your earliest convenience. If this service has been provided by your Travel Agency, make sure that your policy contains the updated information about your course and permanent address.*

4. After attending your appointment in person, your IRP card is expected to be posted to your address within 2 weeks time.

If students have any doubt regarding this process, they are very welcome to discuss it further with their ICOT Advisors.



HOW TO FIND A JOB:

Finding a job in Ireland as a student-visa holder can be an exciting opportunity. Here are some steps to help you in your job search:

1. Understand your visa restrictions: There are certain restrictions on the number of hours students can work per week. In Ireland, students will be allowed to take up casual employment of up to 20 hours part-time work per week in term time or up to 40 hours per week during the vacation periods stated in the Irish calendar, which is from June to September, inclusive, and from 15th December to 15th January. Familiarise yourself with these restrictions and ensure that any job you seek is within those limits.

2. Network: Networking is crucial for finding job opportunities. Attend career events, industry meet-ups, and conferences related to your field of interest. Connect with professionals on platforms like LinkedIn and reach out to them for informational interviews or advice.

It is also important that you communicate with colleagues in your school and roommates, as they may have something to recommend to you. Networking can often lead to hidden job opportunities.

3. Online job portals: Utilise online job portals and websites dedicated to job searches in Ireland, such as Indeed.ie, IrishJobs.ie, or Jobs.ie. These platforms allow you to filter job listings based on location, industry, and other preferences. Upload your CV and apply to relevant job openings.

Debit/Credit card on student's name to pay the visa fee of 300 euro;

4. Research local companies: Identify companies in Cork that align with your interests. Visit their websites, check for career sections, and apply directly through their online application systems. It is also common to apply within the stores, so it is highly recommended that you walk along the town and drop your CV in the businesses that you consider a good opportunity.

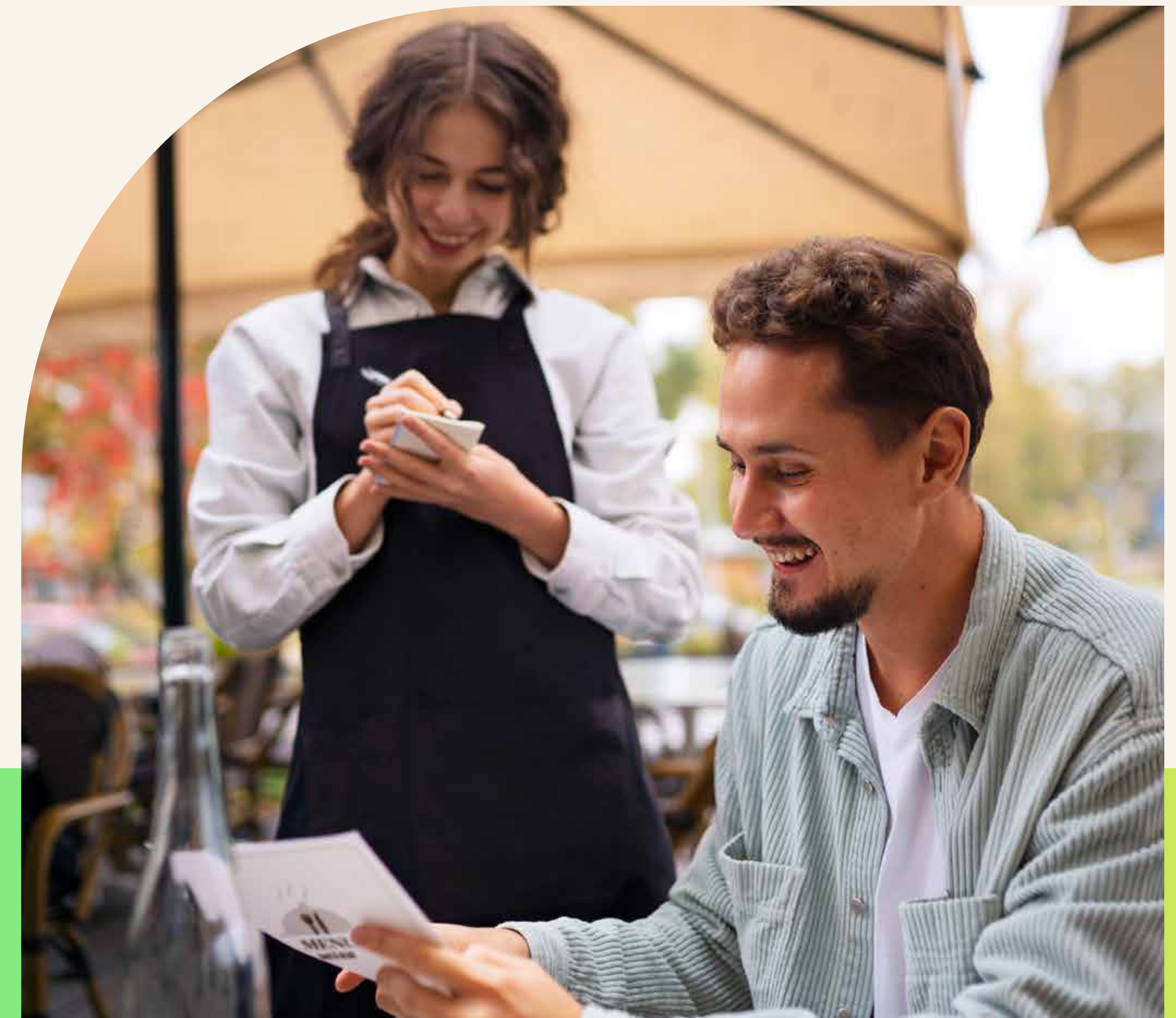
5. Volunteering: Explore volunteer opportunities related to your field of interest. Not only does volunteering demonstrate your commitment and skills, but it also allows you to expand your network and gain practical experience.

6. Utilise social media: Leverage social media platforms like LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook to connect with professionals, join relevant groups, and stay updated on job postings. Engage with industry-related content and showcase your expertise to build a professional online presence.

7. Polish your CV/resume and interview skills: Prepare a well-written CV or resume that highlights your skills, education, and any relevant work experience. Tailor it to the specific job you're applying for, emphasising your strengths and how they align with the position. Prepare for job interviews by researching common interview questions, practising your responses, and learning about the company you're applying to. Highlight your skills, experiences, and enthusiasm during the interview to leave a positive impression.

ICOT regularly offers CV classes to its students. These classes aim to help students to build their CV's and to prepare for a job interview in Ireland. It is free to join and we encourage all new students to participate in it. Please consult your ICOT Advisor to get more information.

Remember, finding a job takes time and effort, so be persistent and patient. Stay proactive in your job search, seek advice from career counsellors or mentors, and continue to enhance your skills and knowledge in your chosen field. Good luck with your job search in Ireland!





WHAT IS THE PPS NUMBER:

In Ireland, the PPS (Personal Public Service) number is a unique identifier issued to individuals for their interactions with public service agencies. It is similar to a Social Security number in other countries. The PPS number is used for various purposes, including taxation, social welfare benefits, healthcare, and employment.

The PPS number is issued by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP). It consists of seven digits followed by either one or two letters. The number is unique to each individual and remains the same throughout their lifetime.

Basically, students need a PPS number in order to formally work in the country and be able to pay for their taxes regularly. It is common that companies ask for someone's PPS number when doing an interview.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE PPS NUMBER:

To obtain a PPS Number in Ireland, students need to follow the steps:

1. Create an User in <https://www.mygovid.ie/>;
2. Login at MyWelfare.ie using your GovID User;
3. Look for the option to apply for a PPS Number;
4. Follow the steps in the website;

Students need to choose the reason why they need a PPS Number. The reason valid for students is the one saying they started a job in the country.



5. Upload the required documentation:

- **Passport;**
- **Proof of Address;**
- **Proof of the reason they informed (In this case, it can be proved by a letter issued by their employer confirming their employment details; or an employment contract);**

6. After submitting the documents, students need to check the notifications along the days to see if any supporting document is required;

7. If new documents are not requested, students just need to wait between 2-4 weeks and a letter with the PPS number is sent via post;

8. There may be a possibility that students need to go in person to the office to finalise the process. In this case, an email will be sent with the appointment details and students must bring all original documents for a face to face analysis.

If students have any doubt regarding this process, they are very welcome to discuss it further with their ICOT Advisors.



LIVING COST IN CORK & DUBLIN:



Living costs for a student in Ireland can vary depending on factors such as accommodation preferences, lifestyle choices, and individual spending habits. Here's a breakdown of typical expenses a student might encounter:

1. Accommodation: Rent prices can vary widely depending on the type of accommodation and its location. On average, students can expect:

CITY	SHARED ROOM	INDIVIDUAL ROOM
DUBLIN	€500 – €600/MONTH	€800 – €1000/MONTH
CORK	€450 – €550/MONTH	€550 – €850/MONTH

2. Utilities: Utilities such as electricity, heating, and internet are usually not included in rent and can cost around €50 to €100 per month for both cities, depending on usage and the size of the accommodation.

3. Food: Grocery expenses for a student can range from €50 to €100 per week, depending on dietary preferences and whether meals are cooked at home or eaten out. Dublin can be a bit more expensive than Cork when it comes to drinking and eating in restaurants, bars and pubs, but within the range mentioned above.

4. Transportation: Ireland offers a well-connected public transportation system, including buses, trams and trains. A monthly student bus pass typically costs around €40 to €60 and can be used in both cities.

5. Healthcare: In Ireland, healthcare is a mix of public and private services. GP visits typically cost around €60–€80. Public healthcare is subsidized through taxes, but some services, like outpatient visits or hospital stays, may have additional fees. Many schools provide health insurance that covers emergency care due to accidents, but it excludes pre-existing conditions. The excess fee for claims is typically €100. For private care, basic health insurance plans start from around €500 to €1,200 per year, depending on coverage.

6. Cultural Activities: Cultural activities and trips organized within student programs typically cost between €50–€70 per event. These activities may include guided tours, museum visits, and day trips to nearby cities or historical sites. Prices can vary depending on the location and type of activity, so it's a good idea to budget accordingly for these enriching experiences.

7. Emergency Expenses: It's important to set aside some



funds for unforeseen expenses or emergencies, such as personal items, health issues, or unexpected costs related to academic or personal needs. Students can calculate their own savings targets according to their incomes, but we would recommend something like 5–10% of the total monthly income whenever possible.

Overall, students in Cork and Dublin should budget around €850 to €1250 per month for living expenses, depending on their lifestyle and accommodation choices. Planning and managing finances wisely can help students enjoy their time in Ireland while staying within their budget constraints.

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STUDENT LEAP CARD

The Student Leap Card is a special discount card available to students in Ireland. It provides discounted fares on public transportation, including buses and trains, making it more affordable for students to travel around the city and beyond. The card also offers discounts at various retail outlets, restaurants, and entertainment venues, helping students save money on everyday expenses.

STEPS:

1. Apply online at <https://student.leapcard.ie/New-Card#dobCheck>;
2. Pay the application fee;
3. Collect your card at a designated pick-up point;

THE CRAWFORD ART GALLERY

This gallery's collection comprises over 3,000 works, ranging from eighteenth-century Irish and European paintings and sculptures to contemporary video installations. **ADMISSIONS: FREE**
LOCATION: EMMETT PLACE, CORK. T12 TNE6 - 8 MINUTES WALK FROM ICOT
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://CRAWFORDARTGALLERY.IE/](https://crawfordartgallery.ie/)



THE ELIZABETH FORT

An interesting star-shaped fort (castle) dating from the seventeenth century. Discover its fascinating history and take in scenic views of the city. **ADMISSIONS: FREE**
LOCATION: ELIZABETH FORT, BARRACK STREET, CORK. T12 8AO - 5-MINUTE WALK FROM ICOT
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.CORKCITY.IE/EN/ELIZABETH-FORT/](https://www.corkcity.ie/en/elizabeth-fort/)

THE ENGLISH MARKET

Cork's iconic English market has been trading since 1788. Renowned as a food market, it is an important part of Cork's food culture, emphasising fresh, local produce with traditional Cork foods and an array of international delights. Often with generations of families working in the Market. **ADMISSION: FREE + LOCATION: GRAND PARADE - 5 MINUTES WALK FROM ICOT**
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.CORKCITY.IE/EN/ENGLISH-MARKET/](https://www.corkcity.ie/en/english-market/)



SAINT FIN BARRE'S CATHEDRAL

Designed by William Burges and consecrated in 1870, this Church of Ireland (Anglican) cathedral lies on a site that has been used for worship since the seventh century. This cathedral offers a rich architectural and historic experience. **ADMISSION: €6 (STUDENT ADMISSION)**
LOCATION: BISHOP STREET, THE LOUGH, CORK - 8 MINUTES WALK FROM ICOT
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://CORKCATHEDRAL.WEBS.COM/](https://corkcathedral.webs.com/)



FITZGERALD'S PARK

Was originally the site of the Cork Exhibition, held in 1902/03, a commercial and industrial showcase for the city economy. The park still retains a mix of formality and romance, with trim geometric flower beds contrasting with winding wooded paths - trees slant over a riverbank that is dotted with plantings of bulbs and herbaceous perennials. Overall, it is a beautiful and relaxing place to spend some time. **ADMISSION: FREE + LOCATION: MARDYKE, CORK - 28-MINUTE WALK FROM ICOT**
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.CORKCITY.IE/EN/THINGS-TO-DO/PARKS-OUTDOORS/CORK-CITY-PARKS/CORK-CITY-PARKS/](https://www.corkcity.ie/en/things-to-do/parks-outdoors/cork-city-parks/cork-city-parks/)

MUST-SEE IN CORK

WALKING DISTANCE FROM ICOT

NANO NAGLE PLACE

The complex houses an award-winning museum, regenerated heritage buildings, walled gardens, a design shop & Cork focussed bookshop and the wonderful Good Day Deli. The beautifully restored convent buildings are home to several community education projects. **ADMISSION: FREE + GUIDED TOUR OF THE MUSEUM: €6.50 (STUDENT RATE); NON-GUIDED TOUR OF THE MUSEUM: €5 (STUDENT RATE) LOCATION: NANO NAGLE PLACE, SOUTH PRESENTATION CENTRE LTD., DOUGLAS STREET, CORK CITY, T12 X70A - 3-MINUTE WALK FROM ICOT + WEBSITE: [HTTPS://NANONAGLEPLACE.IE/](https://nanonagleplace.ie/)**



SHANDON'S BELLS

This Church of Ireland (Anglican) church, built in 1722 is iconic in Cork City. On your visit, you can climb 132 steps to see spectacular 360° views of Cork at 36.65m **ADMISSIONS: FREE**
LOCATION: SHANDON BELLS AND TOWER, ST. ANNE'S CHURCH OF IRELAND, EASON'S HILL, SHANDON, CORK CITY, T23 YN88 - 15-MINUTE WALK FROM ICOT
WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.SHANDONBELLS.IE/](http://www.shandonbells.ie/)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK (UCC)

Founded in 1849, UCC is an important part of the fabric of Cork City. The beautiful college grounds offer a pleasant place to relax outdoors. Visitors can also avail of a historic tour to learn about this iconic corner of Cork. **ADMISSION: HISTORIC TOUR: €5 + LOCATION: MAIN CAMPUS: ENTRANCES ON THE WESTERN ROAD AND COLLEGE ROAD - 20 MINUTE WALK FROM ICOT**
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.UCC.IE/EN/DISCOVER/VISIT/](https://www.ucc.ie/en/discover/visit/)



BANTRY

This beautiful town is truly a jewel in West Cork with scenic mountain sights and a variety of shops and pubs to enjoy. One particular place of interest is Bantry House, which has a fascinating history, beautiful gardens and fantastic views to take in.

TRANSPORT: BANTRY IS AN HOUR AND A HALF DRIVE FROM CORK CITY. THE TOWN IS ALSO ACCESSIBLE ON THE 236 BUS FROM WASHINGTON STREET. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEPARTURE TIMES. PLEASE CHECK BUS ÉIREANN'S WEBSITE.



BLARNEY CASTLE

Whilst Blarney Castle could never be described as the most authentic Irish tourist experience, it is certainly one of the most iconic. The tour of the castle makes for an engaging trip, and the beautiful gardens make for an enjoyable day trip.

ADMISSIONS: STUDENT ADMISSIONS: €16 + SOUVENIR/AUDIO GUIDE: €6 - TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT [HTTPS://BLARNEYCASTLE.IE/](https://blarneycastle.ie/) .

TRANSPORT: BLARNEY CASTLE IS A 20-MINUTE DRIVE FROM ICOT. IT IS ALSO ACCESSIBLE ON THE 215 BUS ROUTE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEPARTURE TIMES. PLEASE CHECK BUS ÉIREANN'S WEBSITE.



COBH

This scenic town boasts colorful buildings, a beautiful cathedral and scenic views of Cork Harbour. Places to visit include the Titanic Experience Cobh, a museum dedicated to Cobh's relationship with the Titanic as the last stop before the ship embarked on its ill-fated voyage to America.

TRANSPORT: COBH IS A HALF AN HOUR DRIVE FROM ICOT COLLEGE. YOU CAN ALSO GET THERE BY TRAIN FROM CORK KENT TRAIN STATION. FOR INFORMATION ON DEPARTURE TIMES AND PURCHASING TICKETS ONLINE. VISIT IARNRÓD ÉIREANN'S (IRISH RAIL'S) TRIP PLANNER ON THEIR WEBSITE.



FOTA WILDLIFE PARK

This wildlife park hosts a myriad of attractions from giraffes to elephants to cheetahs and emus. What makes Fota special is that animals are given more space than in a traditional zoo. The park is also notable for its free-roaming lemurs, kangaroos and wallabies.

ADMISSION: STUDENT ADMISSION: €14.90 AT THE GATE: €13.55 IF PURCHASED ONLINE. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.FOTAWILDLIFE.IE/](https://www.fotawildlife.ie/) .

TRANSPORT: FOTA WILDLIFE PARK IS A HALF HOUR DRIVE FROM ICOT. YOU CAN ALSO GET THERE BY TRAIN FROM CORK KENT TRAIN STATION. FOR INFORMATION ON DEPARTURE TIMES AND PURCHASING TICKETS ONLINE. VISIT IARNRÓD ÉIREANN'S (IRISH RAIL'S) TRIP PLANNER ON THEIR WEBSITE.



KINSALE

This absolute gem on Cork's south coast is a wonderful spot to be beside the seaside enjoying some fish and chips. Nearby is the old military fort, Charles fort, which along with an interesting history, has some beautiful views of the surrounding coastline.

TRANSPORT: KINSALE IS A FORTY MINUTE DRIVE FROM ICOT. IT IS ALSO ACCESSIBLE ON THE 226 BUS ROUTE FROM CITY HALL. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEPARTURE TIMES. PLEASE CHECK BUS ÉIREANN'S WEBSITE.



YOUGHAL

Boasting a beautiful beach, Youghal is a seaside favourite in East Cork. It is perfect for a summer day trip or those wishing to spend some time by the coast.

TRANSPORT: YOUGHAL IS AN HOUR'S DRIVE FROM ICOT. IT CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED ON THE 40 BUS ROUTE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEPARTURE TIMES. PLEASE CHECK BUS ÉIREANN'S WEBSITE.



MUST-SEE IN DUBLIN

GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

Explore Ireland's most famous beer brewery with interactive exhibits and a rooftop Gravity Bar offering panoramic city views.

ADMISSION: €26+

LOCATION: ST. JAMES'S GATE, DUBLIN 8

WEBSITE: GUINNESS-STOREHOUSE.COM



TRINITY COLLEGE & THE BOOK OF KELLS

Visit the historic university and see the stunning illuminated manuscript in the Long Room Library.

ADMISSION: €18+

LOCATION: COLLEGE GREEN, DUBLIN 2

WEBSITE: TCD.IE/VISITORS/BOOK-OF-KELLS/

DUBLIN CASTLE

A historic government complex with beautiful architecture and gardens, plus a tour of the medieval undercroft.

ADMISSION: €8

LOCATION: DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2

WEBSITE: DUBLINCASTLE.IE



TEMPLE BAR

A lively district full of pubs, restaurants, street art, and live music, known for its vibrant nightlife.

ADMISSION: FREE TO EXPLORE (DRINKS/FOOD EXTRA)

LOCATION: DUBLIN 2

WEBSITE: THETEMPLEBARPUB.COM

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Ireland's largest cathedral, built in honor of the country's patron saint, with a beautiful interior and gardens.

ADMISSION: €9

LOCATION: ST. PATRICK'S CLOSE, DUBLIN 8

WEBSITE: STPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.IE



PHOENIX PARK & DUBLIN ZOO

One of Europe's largest urban parks, home to wild deer and the famous Dublin Zoo.

ADMISSION: PARK: FREE | ZOO: €18+

LOCATION: PHOENIX PARK, DUBLIN 8

WEBSITE: PHOENIXPARK.IE | DUBLINZOO.IE



KILMAINHAM GAOL

A former prison turned museum, offering a fascinating look into Ireland's fight for independence.

ADMISSION: €8

LOCATION: INCHICORE ROAD, DUBLIN 8

WEBSITE: KILMAINHAMGAOLMUSEUM.IE

NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

A fantastic collection of Irish and European art, including works by Caravaggio and Vermeer.

ADMISSION: FREE

LOCATION: MERRION SQUARE WEST, DUBLIN 2

WEBSITE: NATIONALGALLERY.IE



HA'PENNY BRIDGE

A historic pedestrian bridge over the River Liffey, perfect for photos and a scenic walk.

ADMISSION: FREE

LOCATION: BACHELORS WALK, NORTH CITY, DUBLIN 1



LITTLE MUSEUM OF DUBLIN

A quirky museum showcasing Dublin's history through local artifacts and storytelling.

ADMISSION: €10

LOCATION: 15 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, DUBLIN 2

WEBSITE: LITTLEMUSEUM.IE

JAMESON DISTILLERY BOW ST

Take a tour of this famous whiskey distillery with tastings and an interactive experience.

ADMISSION: €30+

LOCATION: BOW STREET, SMITHFIELD, DUBLIN 7

WEBSITE: JAMESONWHISKEY.COM



GRAFTON STREET

A bustling shopping street known for buskers, high-end stores, and charming cafés.

ADMISSION: FREE TO EXPLORE

LOCATION: DUBLIN 2

EPIC THE IRISH EMIGRATION MUSEUM

An interactive museum exploring Irish emigration and the global Irish diaspora.

ADMISSION: €19.50

LOCATION: CHQ BUILDING, CUSTOM HOUSE QUAY, DUBLIN 1

WEBSITE: EPICCHQ.COM



MUST-SEE IN DUBLIN



HOWTH & HOWTH CLIFF WALK

A charming fishing village with fresh seafood, stunning coastal views, and a scenic cliff walk.

LOCATION: 30 MINUTES FROM DUBLIN CITY

ADMISSION: FREE

TRANSPORT: DART TRAIN FROM DUBLIN CITY CENTER (CONNOLLY/TARA STREET/PEARSE STATIONS)

WEBSITE: HOWTHISMAGIC.COM



MALAHIDE CASTLE & GARDENS

A historic castle with beautiful gardens, guided tours, and a butterfly house.

LOCATION: MALAHIDE. 35 MINUTES FROM DUBLIN

ADMISSION: €14+

TRANSPORT: DART TRAIN TO MALAHIDE FROM DUBLIN CITY CENTER

WEBSITE: MALAHIDECASTLEANDGARDENS.IE

DALKEY & KILLINEY HILL

A picturesque coastal town known for Dalkey Castle, stunning views from Killiney Hill, and celebrity homes.

LOCATION: 40 MINUTES FROM DUBLIN

ADMISSION: FREE (DALKEY CASTLE: €10)

TRANSPORT: DART TRAIN TO DALKEY OR KILLINEY FROM DUBLIN CITY CENTER

WEBSITE: DALKEYCASTLE.COM



BRAY & BRAY HEAD WALK

A lively seaside town with a scenic coastal walk up to Bray Head for panoramic views.

LOCATION: 45 MINUTES FROM DUBLIN

ADMISSION: FREE

TRANSPORT: DART TRAIN TO BRAY FROM DUBLIN CITY CENTER

WEBSITE: VISITWICKLOW.IE



POWERSCOURT ESTATE & GARDENS

One of Ireland's most beautiful estates, featuring landscaped gardens, a waterfall, and a distillery.

LOCATION: ENNISKERRY. 50 MINUTES FROM DUBLIN

ADMISSION: €11+ (GARDENS), €7 (WATERFALL)

TRANSPORT: BUS 44 FROM DUBLIN CITY CENTER TO ENNISKERRY. THEN TAXI OR WALK (30 MIN)

WEBSITE: POWERSCOURT.COM

DAY TRIPS

NEWGRANGE & BRÚ NA BÓINNE

A UNESCO World Heritage Site with prehistoric passage tombs older than the pyramids.

LOCATION: COUNTY MEATH. 50 MINUTES FROM DUBLIN

ADMISSION: €10+

TRANSPORT: BUS 163 TO DROGHEDA. THEN LOCAL BUS OR TAXI TO THE VISITOR CENTER

WEBSITE: HERITAGEIRELAND.IE



GLENDALOUGH & WICKLOW MOUNTAINS

A breathtaking valley with ancient monastic ruins, lakes, and scenic hikes.

LOCATION: 1 HOUR FROM DUBLIN

ADMISSION: FREE

TRANSPORT: ST. KEVIN'S BUS FROM DUBLIN CITY CENTER (DAWSON STREET)

WEBSITE: GLENDALOUGH.IE



SKERRIES & SKERRIES MILLS

A coastal town known for sandy beaches, seafood, and a 12th-century windmill complex.

LOCATION: 40 MINUTES FROM DUBLIN

ADMISSION: €10 (MILLS TOUR)

TRANSPORT: TRAIN FROM DUBLIN CONNOLLY STATION TO SKERRIES

WEBSITE: SKERRIESMILLS.IE



LOUGH TAY (GUINNESS LAKE)

A stunning dark-water lake surrounded by Wicklow Mountains, famous from TV shows like Vikings.

LOCATION: 1 HOUR FROM DUBLIN

ADMISSION: FREE (PRIVATE ESTATE. BEST VIEWED FROM A HIKE)

TRANSPORT: NO DIRECT PUBLIC TRANSPORT; BEST REACHED BY CAR OR GUIDED TOUR



BOYNE VALLEY & TRIM CASTLE

A historic region featuring the largest Norman castle in Ireland and ancient ruins.

LOCATION: COUNTY MEATH. 1 HOUR FROM DUBLIN

ADMISSION: €5 (TRIM CASTLE)

TRANSPORT: BUS 111 FROM DUBLIN TO TRIM

WEBSITE: HERITAGEIRELAND.IE



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