

FUTURE FOAM IRELAND

Things to know before you go

What to pack for clothes

During the month of October, you can expect cool, changeable autumn weather with some sunny days (average high 57°F, average low of 48°F) and about a 35-40% chance of light rain or shower. Layers are key! For daytime: a windbreaker/rain jacket with hood, a warm mid-layer (fleece or wool) and comfortable shoes for walking are necessities. Evenings: Dinners in Dublin and County Clare, think "Smart Casual" - dresses, skirts or dress pants for ladies (bring a light sweater, blazer or wrap), khakis or dress pants and a polo or collared shirt for men. Our final night at Dromoland Castle will be a bit dressier, with jackets or sport coat for men (tie optional).

Should I bring a hairdryer?

No need - both hotels will have full-size hair dryers. (See page 2 for electricity/adaptor info.)

Entry requirement

As of this writing (September 2026), U.S. Citizens are required to have a valid passport throughout your travel dates with at least two blank pages, it's strongly suggested to travel with a passport with 6 months validity after your return date (April 9, 2027), since many countries are requiring this and can change their policy at any time without notice.

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Baggage Information

On most airlines, each person is allowed **one carry-on and one personal item** (that must fit under the seat in front of you). Carry-on size must weigh less than 20 lbs and be smaller than 9x14x22 including wheels and handles. Checked bags must weigh less than 50 lbs and be smaller than 62 linear inches. Because airline policies are ever changing, check your baggage allowance and any **baggage fees** using the "manage booking" or "my trips" section on your airline's website or app. You will need to enter your (six-letter) confirmation code found on your e-ticket receipt (included in this mailing) and your last name.

Don't forget the **3-1-1 Rule for carry-ons**: 3.4 ounce (100 ml) bottle or less; 1 quart-sized clear plastic, zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger placed in screening bin. If in doubt, put your liquids in checked luggage.

Two special Future Foam luggage tags for each guest are included in this mailing. Please put one on every piece of luggage you check. If the airline does "misplace" (we never say "lose") a bag, it's easier to locate if there's a Future Foam luggage tag attached.

New TSA Rule

TSA Rules are ever-changing. Some new(ish) rules include (but not limited to): You no longer have to remove your shoes; Electric rechargeable toothbrushes, cordless hair straighteners, portable chargers or power banks containing lithium metal or lithium ion batteries or anything gas or butane-fueled are only allowed in carry-on bags. E-cigarettes and vaping devices are only allowed in carry-on bags. TSA list can be found here:

<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/whatcanibring/all>



The Journeymasters

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Your departure Airport

TSA suggests arriving **3 hours prior** to your scheduled flight time for an international flight. Three hours may be too early if your flight has an early morning departure. If you are unsure, call your airline and ask what time the ticket counter opens in your departure city.

Arrival at the Dublin International Airport

Once you clear Immigration, retrieve your luggage and clear Customs, you'll be met by your Irish journeymasters in the Arrivals Hall. They'll direct you to your transportation waiting to take you to the InterContinental Hotel Dublin.

What are the check in and out times?

Although official check-in time at the InterContinental Hotel in Dublin is 3:00pm, the hotel will do their best to have rooms ready as soon as possible. If rooms aren't ready yet upon arrival, the hotel will store your luggage and you're free to explore Dublin. Your journeymasters will be at the Future Foam Hospitality Desk to help answer any questions or give suggestions of things to do in Dublin. Check-out time is 12:00pm. When you arrive at Dromoland Castle, check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out is 12:00pm.

Please note: A credit card is required to check-in, and the InterContinental in Dublin will place a hold of €100 per night per room on the card for incidentals. Any unused amount is returned in 3-7 days. Dromoland Castle places a nominal authorization of €1.

What are the addresses and phone numbers for our hotels?

(October 3, 4 & 5) InterContinental Hotel Dublin: Simmonscourt Road, Ballsbridge, D04 A9K8, Dublin, Ireland Main Telephone: (from a mobile phone) +353 1 665 4000

(October 6, 7 & 8) Dromoland Castle: Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare, Ireland, V95 ATD3 Main Telephone: (from a mobile phone) +353 61 368 144 (If dialing from a landline, add 011 first.)

What is the electricity in Ireland? Do I need to bring an adapter or converter?

The voltage in Ireland is 230V with Type G plugs, which means our U.S. plugs won't physically fit the outlets, and you will need an adapter. Since US devices typically operate at 120V, you may need a voltage converter to step down the 230V supply to 120V for safe usage: most electronics (phone, laptop, camera) are dual voltage (110-120V AND 220-240V) and just need the plug adapter. Some electronics (such as flat irons and hair dryers) are not dual voltage and can't handle the voltage difference, in which case you'll also need a voltage converter. Both hotels DO have full-size hair dryers.

Can I use my cell phone? What about Wi-Fi?

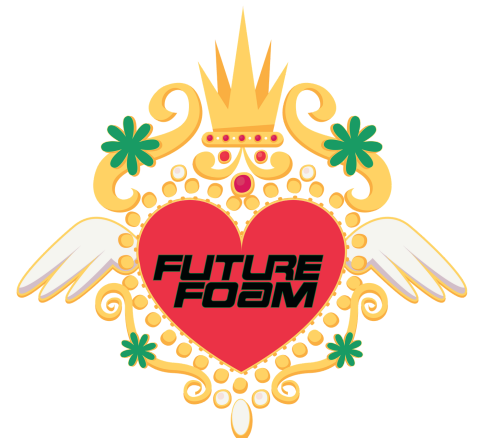
International calling depends on your service plan, contact your carrier for details. Free basic Wi-Fi is available in both hotels' guest rooms and public areas.

What is the currency in Ireland?

Currency in Ireland is the Euro. You will get the best exchange rate by using a major creditcard. Both hotels, and most other establishments will accept major credit cards. It is recommended to bring some cash in Euros for small businesses, vendors, or for tipping. You'll get a good exchange rate at your local bank - so plan ahead.

What is the time difference?

Ireland uses IST (Irish Standard Time) now and during our trip. If it is 10:00pm in Ireland: IST is five hours ahead of Eastern Time, (5:00pm, Atlanta); six hours ahead of Central Time (Chicago, 4:00pm.); and eight hours ahead of West Coast Time (Los Angeles, 2:00pm).



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Where will the Future Foam Hospitality Desk be located?

Your Future Foam Hospitality Desk will be located in the lobby of the InterContinental Dublin and the Dromoland Castle. Your Future Foam journeymasters - Kris and Nancy, along with local Irish journeymasters - will be there from morning until dinnertime, or the start of the Welcome and Farewell evening events - to help make the most of your trip. Stop by and say "hello"!

What about tipping?

All gratuities to service people for all Future Foam functions are included, including hotel housekeeping, luggage handling in Ireland, and tour guide gratuities. If a bell person or someone does you a special favor, a little tip may be in order.

More questions?

If you have general questions about Ireland, the "Tourism Ireland" website is www.ireland.com. If you have Future Foam trip-specific questions, contact The Journeymasters at 1-800-875-3422 or email us at trips@journeymasters.com

Your adventure in Ireland with **Future Foam** is almost here! See you soon!

