

Tourism Ireland

Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland

Q&A

(The information in this Q&A is up to date as at Thursday the 23rd of July)

Q. Is the island of Ireland open for business this year?

A. Northern Ireland is now open for business to those countries on their safe corridor, for further information go to www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors

In the Republic of Ireland, the Department of Foreign Affairs published a 'green list' of 15 countries. Anyone arriving to Ireland from a green list location will not have to restrict their movements and the list will be reviewed every 2 weeks. If you arrive into Ireland from a location that is not on the green list, you will have to restrict your movements for 14 days.

For more information go to <https://dfa.ie/> and www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/travel.html#

Q. What is the name of the form that should be filled in when travelling to Ireland will it be available in German and French?

A. If travelling to Northern Ireland you should complete the Public Health Passenger Locator Form and it can be accessed via the following link www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk. This form is available in English.

If travelling to the Republic of Ireland you should complete the Passenger locator form which can be accessed via the following website www2.hse.ie/file-library/coronavirus/covid-19-passenger-locator-form.pdf. This form is available in English and Irish

Q. What does it mean to restrict your movements in the Republic of Ireland?

A. Restricting your movements means avoiding contact with other people and social situations as much as possible.

Don't:

- go to work, school, religious services or public areas
- use public transport or taxis
- invite visitors to your home
- visit others, even if you usually care for them
- go to the shops or pharmacy unless it's absolutely necessary - where possible, order your groceries online or have some family or friends drop them off.
- meet face-to-face with older people, anyone with a long-term medical condition or pregnant women

Q. What are the social distancing rules 1 or 2 metres

A. Current guidance is 2 metres but this may change

Q. Is there a Covid Tracker App in Ireland?

A. In the Republic of Ireland, the app can be located here <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/da832-download-the-covid-tracker-app/>

Q. Are there temp checks at airports upon arrival?

A. All airports have implemented enhanced health and safety protocols including enhanced cleaning procedures, hand sanitisers, signage, screen etc and they are all in compliance with EASA however temp check are not in place. This may change in the future, but for the moment there is no requirement for temperature checks.

Q. When visiting Ireland, where and when should masks be worn?

A. In southern Ireland, wearing a face covering is required by law on all public transport. It is also strongly recommended in situations where it is difficult to practise social distancing, for example in shops.

In NI wearing a face covering is required by law on all public transport. It is also strongly recommended in situations where it is difficult to practise social distancing, for example in shops.

Q. What are the current VAT rates

In the Republic of Ireland

The Reduced rate is 13.5%

The Standard rate is 23%

In Northern Ireland

The Reduced rate is 5%

The Standard rate is 20%

(The UK and NI has cut the Vat rate to 5% from 20% for food services in restaurants, cafes, and for accommodation firms through to mid-January)

Q. Will there be guidelines around coach travel?

A. Guidelines for the reopening of tourism based transport in the Republic of Ireland has been produced and can via accessed here <https://failtecdn.azureedge.net/failteireland/Guidelines-for-Re-opening-Tourism-Transport.pdf>

Q. Is there a list online of organisations that are part of the Covid-19 Safety Charter?

A. Yes, the can be located on the following website for the Republic of Ireland <https://www.failteireland.ie/Footer/COVID-19-Safety-Charter/List-of-businesses-compliant-with-COVID-19-safety.aspx>

Q. Do you have info on attractions that will not open in 2020?

A. We anticipate that most attractions will be open in 2020 however there may be some that will not. You should engage directly with your suppliers to understand when they will be open

Q. What are the requirements for ensemble performances? Any different requirements for bands/orchestras/choirs?

Q. Due to additional risks of spreading the virus linked to choir rehearsals and the playing of wind musical instruments (trumpets, trombones, flutes and so on), extra precautions are advised for

groups involving these. Practice, teaching and performance should be outdoors if possible and with strict adherence to 2 metre physical distancing advice. Additional protective measures such as screens, instrument covers and face coverings may be used to help reduce the risk further for those taking part in these activities. www.gov.ie

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