

IRELAND SUMMER PACKING LIST

JUNE – AUGUST • 50–66°F (10–19°C)

Sunshine, wind and sideways rain —
often in the same afternoon.

JUNE 64° / 52°F

Longest days, one of the sunniest months

JULY 66° / 53°F

Warmest — also peak crowds and prices

AUGUST 66° / 53°F

Same temps, wetter, shorter evenings

CLOTHING — LAYERS

- ☐ Lightweight, breathable tops
- ☐ Fleece or cozy sweater
- ☐ Merino base layers (for hiking)
- ☐ Wool sweater — or buy one in Galway

JACKETS

- ☒ **Waterproof + windproof rain shell with hood**
- ☐ Packable puffer for chilly mornings

BOTTOMS

- ☐ Jeans or lightweight pants for towns + pubs
- ☐ Leggings or hiking pants for trail days
- ☐ One pair of shorts (optimistically)
- ☐ A dress or one nicer outfit

SHOES

- ☐ Waterproof everyday shoes
- ☐ Waterproof hiking boots — grip + ankle support
- ☐ Casual sneakers or flats for cities
- ☐ Skip suede, white, or anything you'd hate muddy

ACCESSORIES

- ☐ Beanie — yes, even in June
- ☐ Sun hat
- ☐ Sunglasses (you'll want them at 9 PM)
- ☐ Scarf — layer, wind block, car blanket
- ☐ Swimsuit for a hotel spa or sauna
- ☐ Gloves for exposed coastline hikes

★ Don't leave home without it.

HIKING & OUTDOOR GEAR

- ☐ Daypack with a rain cover or dry bag
- ☐ Broken-in waterproof hiking boots
- ☐ Reusable water bottle — tap water is safe
- ☐ Merino wool hiking socks
- ☐ Blister pads + anti-blister balm
- ☐ Trekking poles for steep descents
- ☐ Small first aid kit
- ☐ Quick-dry towel

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Passport + paper copies
- ☒ **UK ETA if visiting Northern Ireland**
- ☐ Type G power adapter (works both sides)
- ☐ Power bank
- ☒ **Cash in euros (€) AND pounds (£)**
- ☐ Packing cubes
- ☐ Compact travel umbrella for cities
- ☐ Travel pillow for the overnight flight

TOILETRIES & HEALTH

- ☐ Sunscreen — 16 hours of daylight in June
- ☐ Lip balm + lotion for the wind
- ☐ Insect repellent — midges on the west coast
- ☐ Motion sickness tablets
- ☐ Refillable toiletry bottles
- ☐ Prescriptions + a copy, full trip's worth
- ☐ Toothbrush, painkillers, deodorant, razor

Layers, not bulk. Waterproof everything. Expect four seasons in one afternoon.

NICE TO HAVE

- ☐ Noise-canceling headphones
- ☐ Dry bag or waterproof phone pouch
- ☐ Offline maps downloaded
- ☐ Kindle for rainy afternoons
- ☐ Travel laundry bag
- ☐ Snacks for long drives between stops
- ☐ Foldable daypack for castle days

LEAVE IT AT HOME

- ✗ A giant winter coat — layers beat bulk
- ✗ A full-size umbrella — the wind always wins
- ✗ Lots of sundresses — you'll wear one, maybe two
- ✗ Heels — cobblestones and castle stairs say no
- ✗ A wool sweater from home — buy it in Galway

NOTES

GOOD TO KNOW

- The rain shell is the one non-negotiable. Waterproof, not water-resistant, and packable enough to live in your day bag.
- Northern Ireland is part of the UK, so it needs its own UK ETA — quick to do online and linked to your passport.
- Two currencies: euros in the Republic, pounds in the North. Carry a little of each for honor-system parking and remote lunches.
- One plug type covers both — Type G. Check voltage on anything with a heating element.
- Check your credit card's rental car coverage before you go. Ireland is a common exception, and it is expensive to find out at the counter.
- Some castle hotels and restaurants have evening dress codes.
- Coastal attractions can close for high wind — build in a backup plan.
- Cell service drops in Connemara and along the Wild Atlantic Way.
- In June the sun is up around 5 AM and sets close to 10 PM.

BEFORE YOU GO

- ☐ Apply for the UK ETA
- ☐ Check credit card rental car coverage
- ☐ Break in the hiking boots
- ☐ Get a little cash in euros and pounds
- ☐ Download offline maps for the west coast
- ☐ Check voltage on anything that heats up
- ☐ Confirm dress codes for castle dinners
- ☐ Book any spa or sauna slots