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Foreword

Welcome to Ireland!

Prepare yourself for the most unpredictable weather on Earth.
Welcome to Ireland!

Comhghairdeas!

(Congratulations!)

On behalf of the Indonesian Students' Association in Ireland (PPI Irlandia), we would like to warmly welcome you to the Republic of Ireland (not Northern Ireland!). PPI Irlandia serves as a hub for Indonesian students across Ireland and will be your first point of contact for any inquiries or assistance you may need after receiving your Letter of Acceptance (LOA) from your university.

We are excited to introduce our brand-new 4th edition of the PPI Irlandia Guidebook, released after three years. While it retains much of the useful content from the 3rd edition, the latest version includes updated prices, store locations by county, recommended travel destinations around Ireland, and an entirely new section about bringing your family to Ireland.

All of the information in this guidebook comes from real experiences and insights of Indonesian students currently living in Ireland. We hope it helps you prepare and gives you a clear picture of what to expect as you begin your journey here. Remember that we have all been in your position before, feeling anxious, curious, and maybe even wondering, “*Where exactly is Ireland? Is it part of the UK? The EU? The Schengen Area?*” Don’t worry, the surprises ahead are all part of the adventure.

That is exactly why PPI Irlandia is here: to guide, support, and make you feel at home. No matter where you study or live in Ireland, PPI Irlandia will always be your home away from home.

If you have any question beyond what is covered in this guidebook, please do not hesitate to contact our team via email at ppi.irlandia@ppi.id or ppi.irlandia@gmail.com.

Once again, congratulations and welcome to Ireland! We cannot wait to meet you and share this exciting journey together.

Cygnus Maryam Abhisarikallah

President of PPI Irlandia 2024/2025

Pre-Departure

Visa

- A student visa is granted only if the study period exceeds 3 months
- There is no visa fee for Indonesian citizens
- The following website provides information on visas in Ireland:
- <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-study-in-ireland/what-are-my-study-visa-options/how-to-apply-for-long-term-study-visa/>.



Item Checklist	Scholarship	Self-Funding	Summer/Short Class	English Course
Application Form	A visa application can be made through this link: https://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/OnlineHome.aspx			
Photographs	2 pieces of photos 3.5 cm x 4.5 cm (80% zoom, white background) Must be new, no more than 6 months			
Transcript and Degree Certificate	Transcript and Degree certification from the last education. Copy of the original and Sworn Translations (if it's not in English)			
English Proficiency Test	English Proficiency Test, such as IELTS/TOEFL/ and Duolingo English Test (The same one that you applied to the university)			Evidence of English Level
Letter of Funding Resources	A letter from the scholarship body confirming the coverage, written in English	Letter from your own funding (private, company, family, etc) written in English		

Item Checklist	Scholarship	Self-Funding	Summer/Short Class	English Course
Bank Statement	<p>No minimum fund, as long as the scholarship also covers your living costs. If it's not covered, prepare 7000 Euros per year (convert to IDR)</p> <p>Typically, awardees of scholarships that include a living allowance are not required to present their bank statements.</p> <p>However, in recent instances, some awardees have been asked to provide their bank statements. Therefore, we still recommend preparing them.</p>	The minimum amount is 7000 Euros per year (converted to IDR) after your tuition fee, and is written in English		
University Letter of Acceptance (LOA)	Received LOA (Unconditional)			
Itinerary	Flight Itinerary is enough (DO NOT BOOK THE TICKET YET!)			
Accommodation	<p>Contract from the landlord/Student Accommodation (Beware of scam, we recommend using PPI Irlandia's viewing service before paying your rent)</p> <p>Itinerary from Hotel/Airbnb for several days/week</p>			
Tuition Payment Slip and Tuition Receipt from University/ School	If the scholarship body has not paid the tuition fee prior VISA application, the applicant needs to pay the minimum tuition fee	Tuition payment proof (usually from a bank) and the receipt of payment provided by the campus (usually a few days after the transfer)		
Medical Insurance	Policy/Proof of medical insurance for students			

Item Checklist	Scholarship	Self-Funding	Summer/Short Class	English Course
Birth Certificate	Copy of the original and a sworn translation (if it's not in English/bilingual)			
Passport	Copy of the current original and previous (if any)			

Medical Insurance

All non-EEA (non-EU) students must have private medical insurance while studying in Ireland. Proof of insurance is required when registering with the Irish Immigration (IRP).

Accepted types of insurance:

- Group insurance provided by your school or university; or
- Your enrolment letter which confirm that you are covered under the policy, that the fees are paid, and it must include a brief description of the coverage; or
- Individual private medical insurance purchased in Ireland, if your school does not offer group insurance
- Minimum coverage requirement:
- Your insurance must cover at least €25,000 for accident and €25,000 for illness, including hospitalisation.
- Important reminders:
- You must maintain valid medical insurance throughout your entire stay in Ireland.
- Proof of insurance must be in English.

- Do not cancel your insurance after registration, as this violates immigration conditions.

For official details:

www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-study-in-ireland/what-are-my-study-options/a-fee-paying-private-primary-or-secondary-school/private-medical-insurance/

Here are our recommendations for Medical Insurance:

Study and Protect: <https://www.studyandprotect.com/>

VHI: <https://www.vhi.ie/internationalstudents>

Irish Life: <https://www.irishlifehealth.ie/onlinesales/health-insurance-plans/study-in-ireland>

Laya Health Care: www.layahealthcare.ie

UCD Medical Insurance Group Scheme:

For UCD students, UCD has partnered with VHI to provide medical insurance, offering a 3% discount each year. Prices may vary due to different age groups.

More detail: www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/healthinsurance/

Accommodation

We will not sugarcoat the accommodation matter. Accommodation might have been the hardest issue in your preparation for moving to Ireland. Ireland is experiencing a housing crisis, a situation shared by almost all European countries. PPI Irlandia will do its best to provide the best information for students in preparing their accommodation.

Accommodation searching can be daunting; we have warned students multiple times regarding the possibility of scams. That is why PPI Irlandia offers a paid viewing service. We urge students to never pay any fee before they are allowed to view the place and sign the contract.

For those of you who are interested in the PPI Irlandia's viewing service, do not hesitate to contact us through email: ppi.irlandia@ppi.id. PPI Irlandia does not provide a service to search for accommodation; we only provide a viewing service!

PPI Irlandia also provides a housing database. The housing database also includes houses previously rented by Indonesian students. You will be able to access the database through the PPI Irlandia Incoming WhatsApp group. To get invited to the WhatsApp group, keep an eye on PPI Irlandia's Social Media page, as the team provides a new WhatsApp group every year.

All information regarding securing your accommodation can be found on our official website (Incoming Student Tickets): ppiirlandia.com/new_student/



Here are the price ranges for accommodation in each county based on the 2025 students experience:

Dublin

- **Student Accommodation (On-Campus/Off-Campus)**

800 - 1500 Euros/Month

Differs based on each type of room and location. A Cheaper room option is either sharing a bathroom or sharing a room with other students.

Price excludes deposit.

- **Digs (Owner-Occupied House)**

500 - 900+ Euros/Month

Typically, the price range of around 400 - 600 Euros does not include bills/utilities, and is far from the city.

A price range of 700-900+ Euros includes bills/utilities and is closer to the campus or city.

Some digs also ask you to pay for a deposit.

- **Apartment/House**

1100 - 5000+ Euros/Month

Typically, the lower price range is for a studio apartment. The more space they offer, the higher their cost will be.

The closer the place is to the city centre, the more expensive it is.

Price also excludes bills/utilities and a deposit.

Galway

- **Student Accommodation (On-Campus/Off-Campus)**

450 – 1000+ Euros/Month

Differs based on each type of room and location. A cheaper room option is either sharing a bathroom or sharing a room with other students. Price excludes deposit. Rent can be cheaper if you stay for a full academic year; one-semester contracts are usually higher.

- **Digs (Owner-Occupied House)**

400 – 700+ Euros/Month

Some digs include bills/utilities, others don't. It depends on the landlord/landlady. Deposits usually required.

- **Apartment/House**

1300 – 2500+ Euros/Month

Lower range is usually for studio apartments. Larger spaces (2–3 bed apartments) are higher. The closer the location is to the city centre or university, the more expensive it is. Price excludes bills and a deposit.

Cork

- **Student Accommodation (On-Campus/Off-Campus)**

600 – 1000+ Euros/Month

Differs based on each type of room and location:

- A cheaper room option is either sharing a bathroom or sharing a room with other students.
- Student accommodation owned and managed by the university (e.g., UCC, MTU) is generally cheaper than private student accommodation (e.g., Yugo, ScholarLee, Nido).
- A few campus student accommodations charge utility bills separately from the monthly rent (e.g., UCC Student Accommodation)
- Price excludes deposit.

- **Digs (Owner-Occupied House)**

500 - 900+ Euros/Month

Some digs include bills/utilities, others don't. It depends on the landlord/landlady. Deposits usually required.

A price range of 700-900 Euros includes bills/utilities and is closer to the campus or city.

- **Apartment/House**

1300 – 2500+ Euros/Month

Lower range is usually for studio apartments. Larger spaces (2–3 bed apartments) are higher. The closer the location is to the city centre or university, the more expensive it is. Price excludes bills and a deposit.

Limerick

- **Student Accommodation (On-Campus/Off-Campus)**

600 - 1000+ Euros/Month

Differs based on each type of room and location. A Cheaper room option is either sharing a bathroom or sharing a room with other students.

Price excludes deposit.

Rent can be cheaper if you stay for a minimum of 1 year, for one semester expect the price to be higher.

- **Digs (Owner-Occupied House)**

400 - 700+ Euros/Month

Some digs include bills and utilities in the rent, and some are not, similar to a deposit. It depends on how the landlord/landlady made the decision.

- **Apartment/House**

1300 - 2500+ Euros/Month

Typically, the lower price range is for a studio apartment. The more space they offer, the higher their cost will be.

The closer the place is to the city centre, the more expensive it is.

Price also excludes bills/utilities and a deposit.

Dundalk

- **Student Accommodation (On-Campus/Off-Campus)**

400 - 700 Euros/Month

Differs based on each type of room and location. A Cheaper room option is either sharing a bathroom or sharing a room with other students.

Price excludes deposit and utilities.

- **Digs (Owner-Occupied House)**

380 - 500+ Euros/Month

Some digs include bills and utilities in the rent, and some are not, similar to a deposit. It depends on how the landlord/landlady made the decision.

- **Apartment/House**

1200 - 2400+ Euros/Month

Typically, the lower price range is for a studio apartment. The more space they offer, the higher their cost will be.

The closer the place is to the city centre, the more expensive it is.

Price also excludes bills/utilities and a deposit.

Sligo

- **Student Accommodation (On-Campus/Off-Campus)**

300 - 600+ Euros/Month

Differs based on each type of room and location. A Cheaper room option is either sharing a bathroom or sharing a room with other students.

Price excludes deposit and utilities.

- **Digs (Owner-Occupied House)**

380 - 500+ Euros/Month

Some digs include bills and utilities in the rent, and some are not, similar to a deposit. It depends on how the landlord/landlady made the decision.

- **Apartment/House**

1200 - 2400+ Euros/Month

Typically, the lower price range is for a studio apartment. The more space they offer, the higher their cost will be.

The closer the place is to the city centre, the more expensive it is.

Price also excludes bills/utilities and a deposit.



Carlow

- **Student Accommodation (On-Campus/Off-Campus)**

750 - 900+ Euros/Month

Differs based on each type of room and location. A Cheaper room option is either sharing a bathroom or sharing a room with other students.

Price excludes deposit and utilities.

- **Digs (Owner-Occupied House)**

600 - 700+ Euros/Month

Some digs include bills and utilities in the rent, and some are not, similar to a deposit. It depends on how the landlord/landlady made the decision.

- **Apartment/House**

1100 - 1500+ Euros/Month

Typically, the lower price range is for a studio apartment or a one bedroom. The more space they offer, the higher their cost will be.

The closer the place is to the city centre, the more expensive it is.

Price also excludes bills/utilities and a deposit.



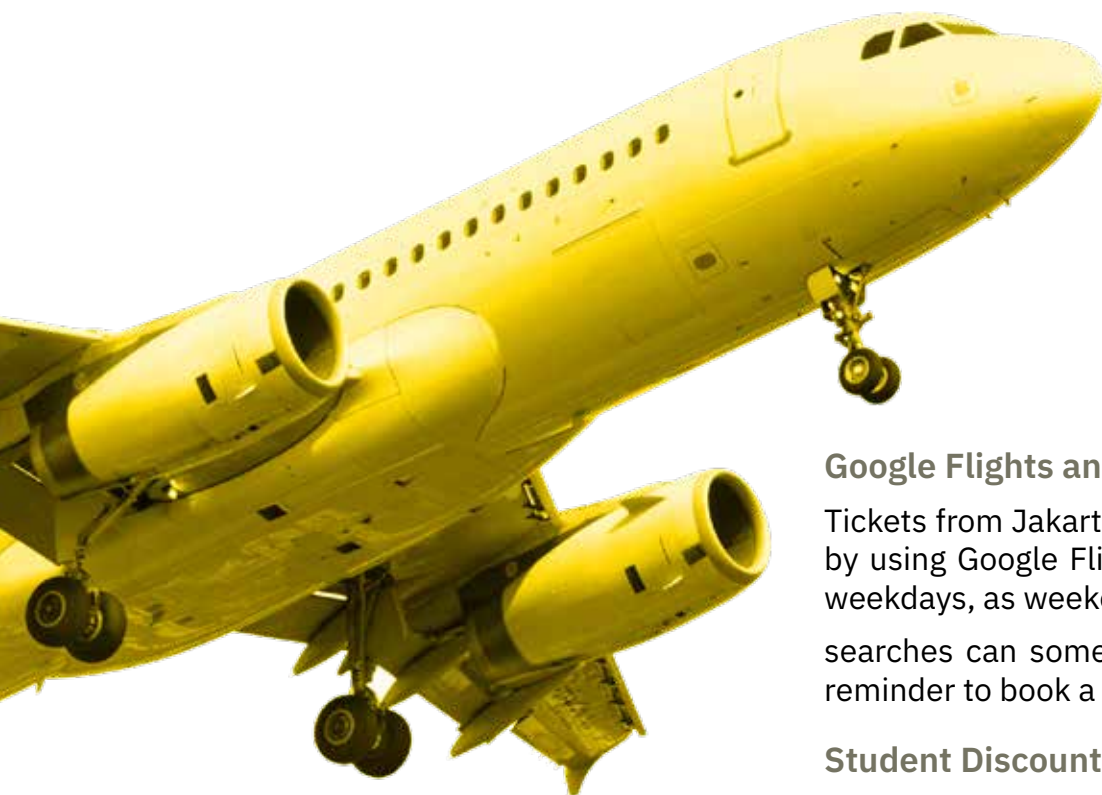
More tips and tricks from us for you to secure an accommodation:

- The graduation ceremony for universities usually commences around October or November every year, but it depends on the university's policies. Trick: Keep an eye out, since this is a good time to take over the rooms of the students who are leaving. If you know one of them, ask for their help to get it for you.
- Be active and nice. As a landlord, you would never hand over the key to someone who is disrespectful and dishonest. So, the landlords also need to be convinced that their property is in good hands and that you will take care of it for them. Usually, they avoid students who like doing 'party all night'.
- Generally, the closer the accommodation is to the university, the higher the cost will be. Please also consider the travel time between walking and taking public transport. Do not forget that the travel cost might add up. Keep in mind that most bus service ends at 11 PM (Check their timetable).
- On the first day of living in your apartment, take pictures of all the damage and show them to the landlord; this is to be used as proof in case the landlord is blaming you for pre-existing damages.

Only after securing an accommodation, you are allowed to:

- Opening a new Bank Account to secure your living costs + tuition fee.
- Getting an IRP, a yearly permit to live legally in Ireland
- Getting a PPS number to get access to a job.
- If you're bringing a family member, applying for a PPSN can help your child get free healthcare





Google Flights and Skyscanner

Tickets from Jakarta to Dublin can be quite expensive. Students can find cheap flights by using Google Flights and Skyscanner. We recommend searching for flights during weekdays, as weekend

searches can sometimes result in higher prices. With Google Flights, you can set a reminder to book a flight when a cheap option becomes available.

Student Discount

Fortunately, as a student, you are eligible for a 10-20% discount on student tickets for some airlines. You can check the student club pages of some airlines with the links below:

1. Qatar Airways:

<https://www.qatarairways.com/en/student-club.html>

2. Emirates:

<https://www.emirates.com/ie/english/special-offers/student-special-fares/>

3. Turkish Airlines:

<https://www.turkishairlines.com/en-int/student/>

Airlines

After receiving your VISA, the next step is to book your flight ticket. It is advised that you do not proceed with the ticket payment before you receive your VISA. Here are a few options on how you can book cheaper tickets for Ireland



Codeshare Flight

Another way to get cheaper tickets is by booking a codeshare flight. You can find these on Traveloka and other online ticketing platforms. With a codeshare flight, you'll be flying on two or more airlines under a single booking code. For example: Qatar Airways with Garuda Indonesia, or KLM with Garuda Indonesia.

When choosing a codeshare flight, pay close attention to the baggage policy. Since you'll be flying with different airlines, baggage allowances and rules may vary slightly.

Fly from Malaysia or Singapore

Another way to get a cheaper flight is to start your journey from Singapore or Malaysia. Flights to Ireland are usually more frequent from these countries, which often results in lower ticket prices compared to flying directly from Indonesia to Ireland. Just make sure to check the baggage allowance for your flight from Indonesia to Singapore or Malaysia before booking.

If you live outside Jakarta

A common question is: *"Can I depart from the nearest airport to where I live and fly directly to Ireland?"*

This depends on the airline. In many cases, you may need to transfer through Singapore or Malaysia before continuing on to Ireland, especially if you are not departing from Soekarno-Hatta Airport in Jakarta.

Bringing Family to Ireland

An experience by Efa Apriyanti, a PhD student for Nursing in Trinity College Dublin and an awardee of LPDP Scholarship, is as follows.

Moving to Ireland with your family is exciting, and with the right preparation, it can be smooth and stress-free. Start with your visa—apply at least three months before departure through www.irishimmigration.ie and make sure your finances cover living costs. Agencies

like IDP can help, though they charge per family member.

Travel days are easier when you plan around your children. Night flights often work best, and explaining the trip in simple terms keeps kids calm. Bring essentials, check in online, and arrive early at the airport. Snacks and small activities are lifesavers on the plane, and resting in Dublin before heading to your new home will make the first day more manageable.

For housing, expect to spend €1,200–€1,500 a month in suburban areas, with daft.ie as the go-to website. Choose a location close to transport, shops, schools, and places of worship—being near a train line gives you great flexibility. Ireland's public transport is reliable and often cheaper if booked via apps, so secure your accommodation before you arrive and you'll settle in faster. Children under 8 years old can now travel free by getting them a child leap card.

Once you're in Ireland, focus on the essentials: open a bank account (AIB, Bank of Ireland, or Revolut), book your IRP appointment right away, and apply for a PPSN for work or school registration. For your children's education, you can choose between state-funded Catholic

National Schools (you can choose single-sex schools or mixed-gender schools), multicultural Educate Together, and or even join online Sekolah Indonesia Den Haag as a complementary if you want to stay connected to Indonesia's curriculum.

Healthcare is managed through the HSE. Register with a GP early, and remember that children under eight and pregnant women may qualify for a Medical Card. GP visits cost around €45–65, ER visits about €100, but many services—like cervical screenings and flu vaccines—are free. Doctors also recommend Vitamin D supplements for families during the darker months.

Day-to-day living can be affordable if you shop smart. Compare providers for utilities and internet, look for grocery deals at ALDI, Lidl, and Too Good To Go, and try thrift shopping at local charity stores or on Vinted.

Finally, don't miss out on exploring Ireland's natural beauty! Public transport, family discounts, or even a second-hand car can make traveling easier—just remember to factor in extra costs like insurance and road tax. With planning and flexibility, life in Ireland can be both comfortable and rewarding for the whole family.

What to Pack?

Expecting a cute fall and winter outfit? Well, sorry to burst your bubble! Ireland is full of strong wind and uncontrollable rains. Each day, you can experience four weathers at once! Here are list of belongings that we recommend students to bring, it is important for students to survive Ireland's weather:

1. Rain jacket with hood/Waterproof jacket
2. Water-resistant bag
3. Umbrella (beware that the strong winds might break it)
4. Windbreaker jacket (perfect for autumn)
5. Winter jacket
6. Boots/Shoes with a good grip for icy weather or hiking
7. Portable dryer (very optional, for those of you who wonders how to dry undergarment in cold weather)

Medicine:

1. Tolak Angin
2. Minyak Kayu Putih
3. Paracetamol
4. Vitamin (Vitamin C & Vitamin D)
5. Any personalized medicines (for specific conditions, allergic, etc)

Food:

1. Bring a lot of Indonesian snack to comfort your homesickness
2. Bring Instant Noodles can be a good solutions for food in a few days, we recommend Flavored Indomie other than original, there are only a few options here in Ireland
3. Spice mix (in a proper packaging)
4. DO NOT bring any real meat or fish, as it is forbidden to bring them!

Last but not least, make sure that your Indonesian ATM card works internationally and is able to conduct tap or contactless transactions (Jenius or Revolut is highly recommended). Also bring enough cash, a minimum of 100-200 EUR, for early arrival, since money exchange and withdrawal can be quite challenging without local knowledge.



Post-Departure

Getting to your destination from Dublin Airport

Most flights, especially those from Indonesia, arrive through Terminal 1, although a few aircraft may land in Terminal 2.

Here are few routes that is available for you depending on your destination:



source: pexels.com (Wolfgang Weiser)



1. Dublin

- a. Dublin Bus 16 and 19 (Zone 15)
 - i. Accept Leap Card and Cash
 - ii. Not ideal for the first time in Ireland because they don't necessarily provide places for bags
- b. Dublin Express (Zone 1) and Aircoach (Zone 15)
 - i. Accept Cash or buy online through their website
 - ii. If you're returning, you can buy a ticket at a student price through TFI Go Apps; just make sure to bring your Leap Card.
 - iii. Provides a separate place for your bags
 - iv. More information: www.dublinairport.com/to-from-the-airport/by-bus/dublin-buses
- c. FREE NOW Taxi or Uber

2. Galway

- a. Citylink / GoBus / Aircoach
 - i. Direct coach services from Dublin Airport to Galway City (Eyre Square or GMIT/ATU stops)
 - ii. Tickets can be purchased online or directly from the driver (card accepted)
 - iii. Journey time: approx. 2.5 – 3 hours
 - iv. Student discounts available with Student or Young Adult Leap Card
- b. Bus Éireann Expressway Route 20/X20
 - i. Runs from Dublin Airport to Galway Bus Station
 - ii. Accepts Leap Card and online tickets
 - iii. Similar journey time (approx. 3 hours)
- c. Irish Rail (via Heuston Station, Dublin)
 - i. Train from Dublin Heuston to Galway Ceannt Station (~2.5 hours)
 - ii. To reach Heuston, take Airlink/Dublin Bus/taxi from Airport (~30–40 min)
 - iii. Student discounts available with Leap/Student Travelcard

3. Cork

- a. Citylink / Aircoach
 - i. Direct coach services from Dublin Airport to Cork City (Citylink/Aircoach Lower Glanmire Bus stops)
 - ii. Tickets can be purchased online or directly from the driver (card accepted)
 - iii. Journey time: 3.5 hours
 - iv. Student discounts available with Student or Young Adult Leap Card
- b. Irish Rail (via Heuston Station, Dublin)
 - i. Train from Dublin Heuston to Cork Kent Station (~ 3 hours)
 - ii. To reach Heuston, take Airlink/Dublin Bus/taxi from Airport (~30–40 min)
 - iii. Student discounts available with Leap/Student Travelcard

4. Limerick

- a. Dublin Coach route 300
 - i. Final Stop at University of Limerick
 - ii. Available to purchase online or directly to the bus driver (pay by card)
 - iii. For more information, please visit their official website: www.dublincoach.ie/all-timetables
 - iv. The bus stop can be found near the main exits of the airport.

5. Dundalk

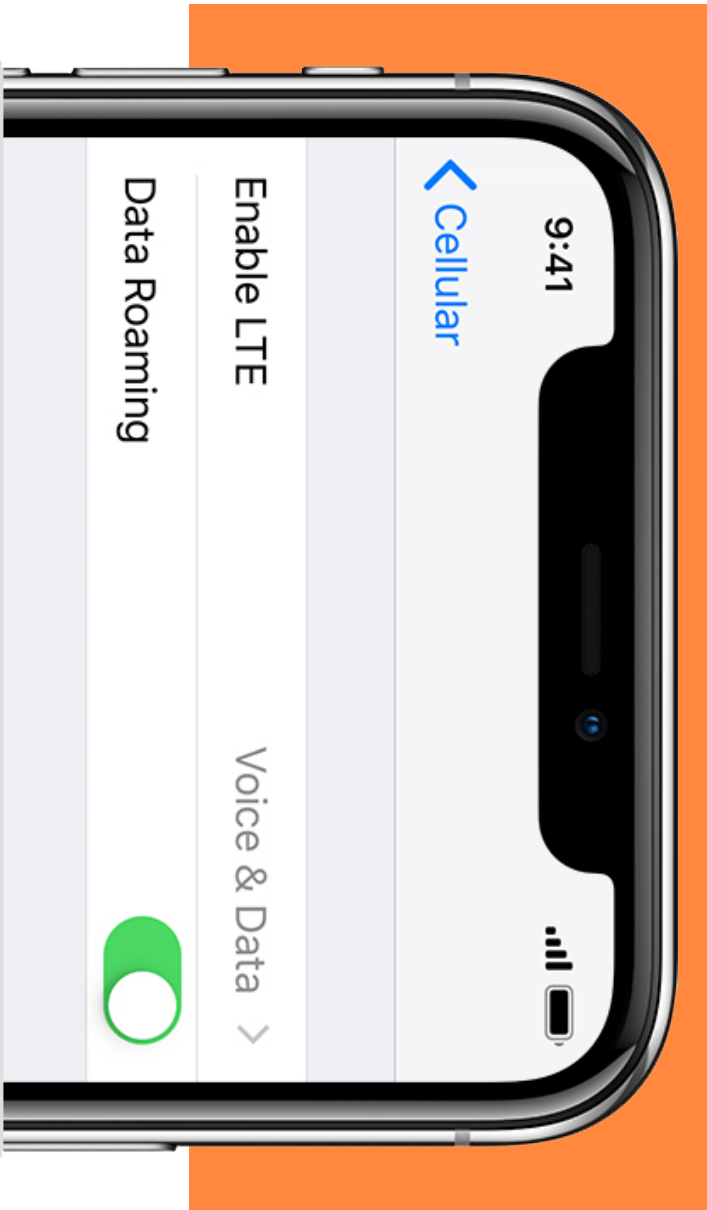
- a. Expressway Route 100X (Zone 13)
 - i. The final stop at Dundalk (Bus Station - Long Walk).
 - ii. Tickets can be purchased online or directly from the driver, and only card payments are accepted.
 - iii. For more information, please visit their official website: www.buseireann.ie/routes-and-timetables/100xairport.

6. Sligo

- a. Expressway Route 23
 - i. Tickets can be purchased online or directly from the driver, and only card payments are accepted.
 - ii. For more information, please visit their official website: <https://www.expressway.ie/route/23/dublin-to-sligo>

7. Carlow

- a. Expressway Route 4
 - i. The bus will travel to Waterford but will have stop at Carlow
 - ii. Tickets can be purchased online or directly from the driver, and only card payments are accepted.
 - iii. For more information, please visit their official website: www.expressway.ie/route/4-x4/dublin-airport-to-waterford



Temporary Belongings

For students, to travel around freely (before getting Student/Young Adult Leap Card and SIM Card) we recommend buying an Adult Leap Card and a temporary SIM Card in the airport.

A Leap Card can be purchased and topped up at convenience stores such as Wright Food Fyre in Terminal 1.

Temporary SIM cards are usually available for 30 days, and they can be extended. But they usually are pricey, a range over 20-30 euros per month. After getting your temporary SIMcard, we recommend purchasing a cheaper SIM Card online. Don't worry, the phone number that you purchased in the airport can be transferred to your new SIM card. More information will be available in the SIM Card section. Temporary SIM cards can be purchased in the airport terminal 1, WHSmith and vending machines near the carpark. You can find some free SIM Cards in the airport near brochure or magazine racks, but they usually still require you to top up the vouchers.

Communications

Wi-Fi

There is a public Wi-Fi service called EDUROAM, which can be accessed by students at any university within the EU. EDUROAM is available across universities and many public areas in Ireland. For more information, visit: <https://www.eduroam.ie/eduroam-in-ireland>.

(Note: To access EDUROAM, you must first complete the registration process at your university. Once registered, you will receive an account that allows you to log in using your university credentials whenever you connect to EDUROAM)

You can also access public Wi-Fi on public transportation (e.g., Bus Éireann). However, be cautious, as these connections may not be secure. Avoid using public Wi-Fi to transfer sensitive data or conduct financial transactions.

MOBILE SIM CARD

Ireland offers a wide selection of providers. For those who want to stay online extensively, some of them offer "all-you-can-eat data" / unlimited data. It fully depends on your personal needs.

As of 2022, Ireland has 70 - 80% coverage of 5G network with some rural areas still in 4G. Chances are any providers mentioned below will provide a 5G network in most of the public areas. The comparison of affordable SIM providers is as follows:

Provider	Pros	Rates & sample plan	Website
Vodafone	Very strong network/coverage; good for 5G; large provider. (Wikipedia)	SIM-only “Classic” plan: €25/month (24-month) with unlimited calls/texts + unlimited 5G data + 50 GB EU roaming. (vodafone.ie)	vodafone.ie
eir mobile	Broad network; unlimited data/5G options; good if bundling broadband. (eir)	“Totally unlimited 5G data” campaign available online. (eir)	eir.ie/mobile
Tesco Mobile	Value-oriented; simple pricing; good for prepay & SIM-only; added perks (Clubcard). (Tesco Mobile)	Prepay example: €15 top-up/28 days → 30 GB data + 3,000 texts + 10,000 minutes (with Clubcard). Contract plan: €35/month (Clubcard price) unlimited 5G data, 10,000 any-network minutes/texts. (Tesco Mobile)	tescomobile.ie
48 Mobile	Very budget-friendly; good value for SIM-only; uses Three’s network. (48.ie)	Prepay/unlimited data deal: €12.99/month → unlimited data + 5,000 minutes + 5,000 texts. (48.ie)	48.ie
GoMo	Online-only digital operator; simple plan; good if you’re okay managing everything via app. (Wikipedia)	Example: Unlimited calls & texts + 120 GB 4G/5G + some EU roaming for a fixed monthly price (online sign-up) (Wikipedia)	gomo.ie
Clear Mobile	Low-cost flanker brand under Vodafone; unlimited 5G data plan at discount rates; good for heavy data users. (Wikipedia)	One plan: unlimited calls/texts + unlimited 5G data + 19 GB EU data (online only). (Wikipedia)	clearmobile.ie

**Tips:**

- If you mainly use data (streaming, WhatsApp, video calls), look for plans with unlimited or large data allowances (e.g., 30 GB+).
- EU roaming is important: many plans include EU data, useful if you travel around Europe.
- Pre-pay / SIM-only suits students: avoid long device contracts unless you need a new phone.
- Always check network coverage in your area (Galway, Cork, Carlow), less populated areas may get weaker signal/5G.
- Check contract length: 24-month ties vs 30-day rolling gives flexibility.
- Budget alternatives (48 Mobile, GoMo) can save money, trade-off might be fewer perks or support channels.



source: pexels.com (Tracy Le Blanc)



Congratulations

Since you have arrived in Ireland and are ready to start your journey as an international student, one of the first things you should do now is to consult and notify your university. Classes for Undergraduate and Master's usually start in the early week of each trimester, depending on your intake (Autumn or Spring). Do consult your program manager to know exactly what to prepare for your first day. Also, keep your eyes out for orientation events that usually happen all over the university, there are usually many

fun events and free goodies. If you require information about the campus from the students, you can get help/ information from student peer mentors that each university has.

Irish Residence Permit (IRP)

Irish Residence Permit (IRP) is an important document that proves you are legal to be in Ireland; it is represented by a stamp number and takes the shape of a card. Each stamp shows what you can do while you are here, for instance, study, work, or invest in a business. IRP is very hard to attain due to the large number of students coming in every year, so make sure to make an appointment as soon as you arrive in Ireland! Getting an appointment can take some time to wait, don't worry, just keep trying to get an appointment.

As a student, you will receive stamp 2 which limits you from working full time, but will still be able to work part-time. Stamp 2 holders will be permitted to work part-time up to 20 hours per week throughout the academic year and up to 40 hours per week during the college vacation periods, which are June to September inclusive and December to January inclusive.

If you are coming to Ireland from outside the EU, and wish to stay for more than 90 days, you must apply for immigration permission and then register it once it is granted.

Registration is how the Ireland government records that we have been given permission to stay in Ireland. The type of permission you receive is printed on an Irish Residence Permit (IRP) sent to you by post once you have successfully registered.

So, what you need to do on how to make an appointment for IRP are as follows:

1. For first time registrations with Immigration, students will have to attend the Registration Office in Burgh Quay, Dublin, in person. Schedule an appointment to attend an in-person appointment at ISD's office in Dublin. The office is located near O'Connell Bridge. Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) Office, 13-14 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2.
2. To schedule an appointment, please use the online [Customer Service Portal](#).
3. You must have the following to schedule your appointment:
 - a. A valid email address (you will be sent an email with a code needed to set up your account).
 - b. A mobile phone number (you will be sent a text message from immigration to verify the mobile phone number and download an app).
 - c. Your passport

Follow the steps below to create your Customer Service Account with immigration:

1. Go on the [Immigration website](#) to create / login to your Customer Service Account.
2. Enter your email address, and a verification code will be sent to your email address. Enter the verification code received.
3. Enter your personal details.

4. Create a new password (take a note of this password for future reference).
5. Your mobile phone number needs to be verified. A verification code will be sent with a link to download the ID-Pal App.
6. Log on the ID-Pal App to upload your passport and take a live picture of yourself.
7. You must wait 24h to have your identity verified.
8. Once verified, you can log in to your account and book an appointment.

Please read the [Guide to Using the Online Self-Service Portal](#) on the Irish Immigration website and follow the steps provided. If you find difficulties creating your Customer Service account then you can email immigrationportalsupport@justice.ie who will assist you.

Documents needed for Appointment

Once your appointment has been made, you will receive a confirmation email. You must bring a copy of this email with you on the day of the appointment, along with any documentation requested in the confirmation email.

These include:

1. Copy of email appointment confirmation
2. Valid Original Passport
3. University's Letter of Attendance

4. Proof of Payment of University Fees (if you're an awardee of a scholarship/grant, you just need to show a confirmation letter from the provider that guarantee your tuition fees)
5. Proof of Sufficient Finances (if students did not need a visa to come to Ireland, then you need to show 6 months' worth of bank statements). You can visit the immigration [Information on Student Finances](#) for further information. (if you're an awardee of a scholarship/grant, you just need to show a confirmation letter from the provider that guarantee your living cost)
6. Proof of Health Insurance
7. Payment Fee of €300: Payment can only be made by credit/debit card.
8. Proof of Address

The immigration officers may also ask for other documents at any time. You should read your confirmation email carefully. Further information can be found on [Home - Immigration Service Delivery \(irishimmigration.ie\)](#)

Once you have access to the [Customer Service Portal](#), you can use your customer service account for registration appointments, to ask any questions, request changes to your personal details, and check your application progress.

Under 18 and Registering with the Immigration Services

If you are under 18 at the time of your appointment, you will be required to have your parent/guardian attend your appointment with you. Some students use a guardianship company, such as [Godsil](#), who can provide this service if their parent is not in the country. They will assist with preparing your documents and accompany you to your registration appointment.



source: pexels.com (Kelly)

Personal Public Service (PPS) Number

A Personal Public Service (PPS) Number is a unique reference number that gives you various benefits such as social welfare, public services, and citizen information. A PPS Number consists of 7 numbers followed by either one or two letters. To get a PPS Number, you would need to provide the following information in your application form.

Identity

As a non-EU citizen, you must use your passport as proof of identity.

Address

You need to show evidence of your address. The document must show your name and address and not be older than 3 months. You can use any of the following documents to do this:

- Household utility bill
- An official letter or document
- A financial statement
- Property lease or tenancy agreement
- Confirmation of address by a third party such as a hotel or hostel administrator or manager, school principal, or property owner

Reason to obtain a PPS Number

You can mention that you are an international student in the PPS Number application as it is a requirement to register for a class or course. To get a PPS Number, you would need to apply online through [MyWelfare Homepage](#).

For more information visit [Get a Personal Public Service \(PPS\) Number](#) official page.

GP Administration

A GP Visit Card allows you to visit a General Practitioner (GP) for free consultations. To apply for this card, you must already have a Personal Public Service Number (PPSN). Once you have your PPSN, you can apply for the GP Visit Card online through the official HSE website. If you are applying on behalf of your family, you can submit one application that includes all family members.

HSE Website:

<https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/gp-visit-cards/gp-visit-cards/>

During the application process, you will be asked to choose your preferred GP. It is recommended to select a doctor located near your home, as this will be helpful in emergency situations.

Your chosen GP may accept or reject your application depending on their patient quota. If your application is rejected, a notification letter will be sent to your home address within approximately two weeks. You can then reapply with a different GP until your application is accepted. Once approved, your GP Visit Card will be delivered to your home.

After receiving the card, you should bring it or provide the card number each time you visit your GP so that they can verify your eligibility and prioritise your appointment. If you have not yet received your card, you can still visit a GP by booking an appointment directly with their clinic.

If you have children under six years old, you can apply for a GP Visit Card for Under 8, which entitles them to free GP consultations at any time. Please note that this card is not related to child immunisation. Additionally, if you have an income while living in Ireland, there is an income limit for eligibility. More details about income thresholds and requirements can be found on the following websites:

Citizens Information Website:

<https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/medical-cards-and-gp-visit-cards/gp-visit-cards/>

GP Visit Card for Under 8s:

<https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/gp-visit-cards/under-8s/>

For reference, a Medical Card provides broader benefits than the GP Visit Card. While the GP Visit Card covers free consultations, the Medical Card also includes free prescriptions and additional healthcare services.

Some campuses also provide a GP service. Usually, the campus GP is available exclusively for students, and in some cases, you do not need a GP card to access it. GP services on campus are also more affordable compared to other GPs.



source: www.carlowlive.ie

Lapor Diri KBRI

Indonesian citizens are required to report themselves when they arrive in Ireland. With this you can access state administration services such as passport renewal, elections, emergency assistance, and issuance of state documents. Self-reporting is available on this link:

<https://consular.indonesianembassy.org.uk/e-konsuler/>

Email:

consular@indonesianembassy.org.uk

(For general information and inquiries)

Emergency Phone Number: +44 7425648007 / +44 7795105477



Banks

Living in Ireland will of course require money and access to that money. It should be noted that each university has partnerships with certain banks that will make it easier for students to register their bank accounts. An initial deposit is required to create a bank account and the amount varies by bank.

You can register yourself online or by coming directly to the nearest branch or online, and it may take up to 7 days to get your ATM card.

The following is a list of recommended banks in Ireland:

- Bank of Ireland (BOI)
 - Third-Level (Student) Account:
personalbanking.bankofireland.com/bank/current-accounts/3rd-level-current-account/features-benefits/
- Allied Irish Bank (AIB)
 - Student Account: aib.ie/our-products/current-accounts/student-plus-account
- Permanent tsb Student Bank Account - Current Accounts | permanent tsb
 - Student Account: www.ptsb.ie/everyday-banking/current-accounts/student-account/

Surviving Kit

Leap Card

The simplest way to pay for your fare on Irish public transport is using a TFI Leap Card, a prepaid travel card. There are several types of Leap Card:

- Adult Leap Card
 - For age 25 and above
 - Can be purchased in convenience stores and online for more personalised card

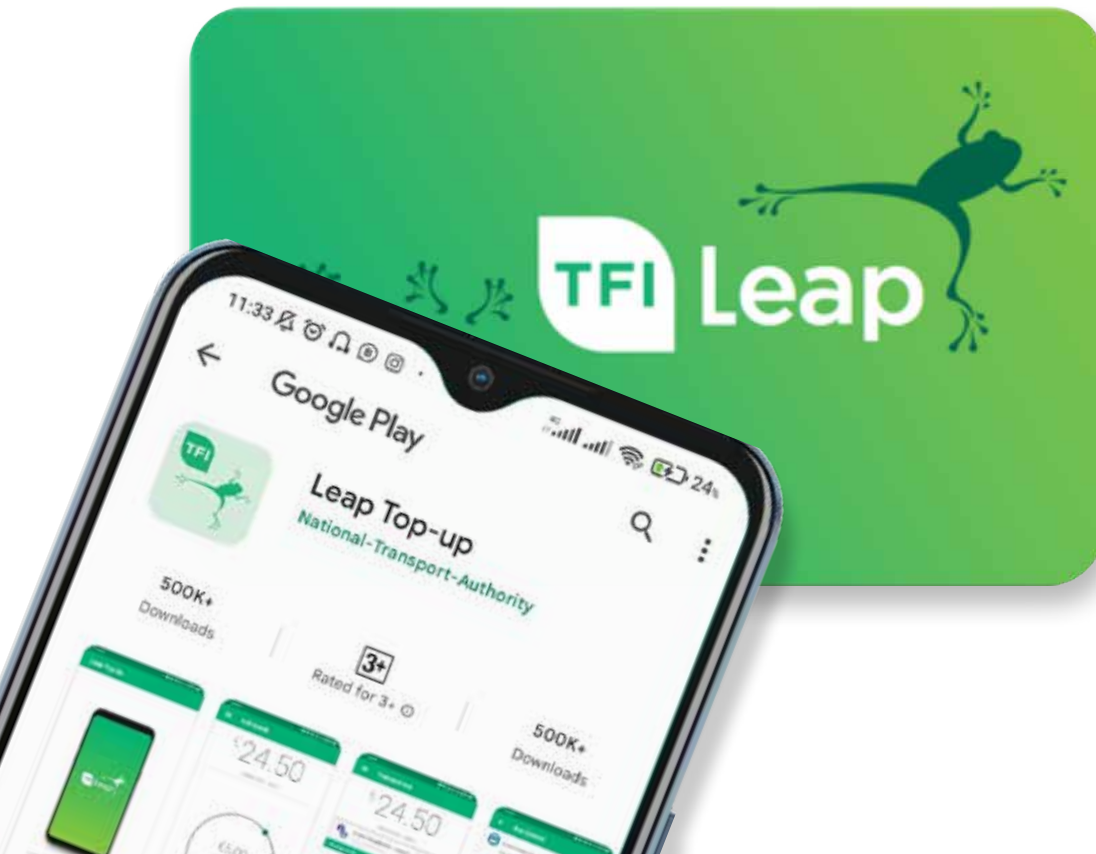
- Young Adult Leap Card
 - For age 19 - 25
 - Available to purchase online and need to prepare some documents
 - We recommend that students in the age of 19-25 to choose young adult option rather than students
 - Will automatically expire on your 26th birthday
- Student Leap Card
 - For any age students
 - Available to purchase online and need to prepare some documents
- Child Leap Card
 - For age 16-18
 - Available to purchase online and need to prepare some documents
 - Will automatically expire on your 19th birthday

More information about Leap Card: about.leapcard.ie

Here is How to Recharge your Leap Card:

1. Leap Top-Up App (applicable to phone that has NFC)
2. Ticket Machines
3. Convenient Stores

Leap Cards differ in every county, but using a Young Adult/



Student Leap Card will give you a 50% discount from the original price. For more information regarding Leap Card fare, please read section that discuss each county in this guidebook.

Transport for Ireland (TFI) Apps

TFI Live

App that will show you the live location of your public transportation. It might not be accurate from time to time, but they are more reliable than using Google Maps.

Available on App Store and Google Play Store

TFI Go App

The TFI Go App allows you to buy tickets for Ireland bus services and participating commercial bus operators directly from your phone. Your ticket is downloaded to the TFI Go App and can be used to travel straight away. There's no need for printing, simply activate your ticket before each journey and show it to the driver while boarding.

To avail of discounted Young Adult and Student fares, a valid TFI Young Adult or Student Leap Card must be shown to the driver when boarding.

Features:

- Single, two Journey and ten Journey tickets available for Adults and Young Adults and Students
- One day and seven-day zonal tickets available in cities.

Available on App Store and Google Play Store

Utilities Tips

Please check with your agent/landlord when you rent student accommodations because normally these bills are already included in what you paid for the whole term of leasing. On the other hand, when you rent an apartment, the landlord should show the electricity meter, the initial values, and MPRN (Meter Point Reference Number). These numbers are needed if you'd like to apply for a new/change provider.

Most new buildings have dual price electricity day-standard/night-cheaper. There is usually a 50% discount for daily use, starting from 11 pm to 8 am (Winter) or 12 pm to 9 am (Summer). Use these hours to turn on your heater, dishwasher, or your washing machine. You can also use electricity/internet bills as proof of address when applying for IRP.

There are some broadband provider options such as Eir, Vodafone, Virgin Media, and Sky with additional options such as Cable TV or mobile data. A good website to check on Internet and Electricity providers is bonkers.ie (<https://www.bonkers.ie>) in which you can compare the deals and the best value provider depending on where you live.

Heating can differ on each accommodation. Some will have them turned on all the time, but others utilise a timer. If you are in charge of your own heating bills, please make sure to keep an eye on how many times you turn on and off the heater. With the recent hike in oil prices, your heating bill can cost a fortune if left unattended.

Daily Supplies

Supermarkets in Ireland offer membership that can give you discounted price and vouchers, so make sure to register yourself for membership. Here is a list of supermarkets where we can find our daily needs:

1. Lidl

- a. Have a very good bakery
- b. Website: www.lidl.ie
- c. Membership: www.lidl.ie/c/lidl-plus

2. Aldi

- a. Affordable!
- b. Website: www.aldi.ie
- c. Membership: www.aldisavings.ie

3. Tesco

- a. It's kind of "everything you're looking for"
- b. Best in seafood and dairy products
- c. Website: www.tesco.ie
- d. Membership: www.tesco.ie/clubcard/myaccount-register

4. Dunnes

- a. You can find higher-quality items here.

- b. Best in veggies, fruits, biscuits, and dairy products

- c. Website: www.dunnesstores.com

- d. Membership: www.dunnesstores.com/valueclub

5. SuperValu

- a. It's a kind of premium class supermarket
- b. Website: supervalu.ie
- c. Membership: supervalu.ie/rewards

6. Marks & Spencer

- a. More of a premium class supermarket. Good for biscuits and bakery products
- b. Website: www.marksandspencer.com/ie
- c. Membership: www.marksandspencer.com/ie/joinsparks

Some of the supermarkets provide membership which comes along with some perks and deals.

Apart from the supermarkets above, in every city, there are local stores that are available and sell various options for

daily needs which are very easy to find on Google Maps.

In addition, halal products are very easy to find in Ireland. Almost every city has shops that sell halal meat.



source: www.fodors.com

Indonesian Stores

Ireland has shops that sell various Indonesian products. These shops are online stores that serve delivery throughout Ireland or Cash on Delivery for certain regions.

1. DeSa Asian Store: This store is located in Dublin and accepts delivery services throughout Ireland and Cash on Delivery for the Dublin area. Services are provided through:
 - Store Location: 123A Old County Rd, Drimnagh, Dublin 12, D12 XR89
 - Website: desa.ie
 - Instagram: @desa.ie
 - WhatsApp: +353 89 451 7042
2. Makan IE: This store accepts deliveries throughout the EU and Cash on Delivery at certain times in the Dublin city centre area. Orders can be made via:
 - Website: www.makan.ie
 - Email: info@makan.ie
 - Instagram: @makanie_indoeat
 - Whatsapp: +353 85 859 7338
3. KioskKana: Kioskana is an Indonesian store located in Gouda, the Netherlands, and accepts deliveries to Ireland. Orders can be made via:
 - www.kioskana.com
 - Instagram: @kioskana

Dublin

Introduction

Dublin is the capital city of Ireland. Located on the East Coast of Ireland, Dublin stretches along the Irish Sea in a half-moon shape. Dublin City covers an area of 115 km² and is home to more than 125.000 university students.

Dublin has a world-renowned history of literature and film with famous figures such as George Bernard Shaw (playwright, critic, and Nobel Prize winner), James Joyce (writer and poet), Oscar Wilde (playwright, poet, essayist, and novelist), and Dracula creator Bram Stoker. Leading Hollywood actors from Dublin include Maureen O'Hara, Brendan Gleeson, Gabriel Byrne, and Colin Farrell.

Dublin is a relatively small city and easily accessible. The extensive tram system and the suburban rail system, DART, provide excellent transport links within the city.



source: www.ireland.com



1. Trinity College Dublin

Trinity College Dublin (TCD) is the oldest university in Ireland, founded in 1591. TCD is the highest-ranked Irish university, recognised for its academic excellence. The university is located in the city centre, where Dublin's cultural and retail districts meet. Communities in TCD are very dynamic, with over 22,000 students from various backgrounds and age groups. TCD is currently ranked among the top 100 universities worldwide by QS World Ranking and among the top 50 in Europe.

Trinity College Dublin is also a famous tourist destination in Ireland due to their Book of Kells experience, which has the oldest bible in Ireland. So don't be surprised to find so many people on the campus.

Website: tcd.ie

2. University College Dublin

University College Dublin (UCD) is one of the leading research-intensive universities in Europe. It is where undergraduate education, master's and PhD training, research, innovation, as well as community involvement form a dynamic spectrum of activities. As the largest university in Ireland, UCD plays a significant role in contributing to Ireland's development through its studies and

discussions on society, business, economy, culture, language, creative arts, as well as through research and innovation. The quality of their teaching is complemented by high standards of support.

UCD is currently ranked 118th in the world, according to the QS World Ranking 2026, and it has the highest employability rate among Irish universities.

Website: ucd.ie





3. University College Dublin Smurfit

UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School is Ireland's leading business school and part of University College Dublin (UCD). Located in Blackrock, County Dublin, the school offers a professional and international environment dedicated to postgraduate education, including master's, MBA, and PhD programmes in areas such as management, finance, marketing, and business analytics.

Recognised among the top 100 business schools in the world, UCD Smurfit holds the prestigious triple crown accreditation (EQUIS, AMBA, and AACSB), a distinction achieved by less than 1% of business schools globally. The school is known for its strong industry connections, high graduate employability, and extensive global alumni network, making it an excellent choice for those pursuing a career in international business and leadership.

Website: www.smurfitschool.ie

4. Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) is a medical professional and educational institution, also known as the RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ireland's first private university. RCSI's main campus is situated on St. Stephen's Green and York Street in central Dublin and incorporates schools of medicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy, and nursing. It offers undergraduate and postgraduate education in a number of healthcare fields. RCSI achieved Ireland's highest position in the Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings 2021, coming joint second in the world for 'Good Health and Wellbeing' from a total of 871 institutions.

RCSI students in majority are predominantly muslims, that is why RCSI is one of the few universities in Ireland that provides a bidet in their toilets and a separate gym for women and men.

Website: [rcsi.com](https://www.rcsi.com)



5. Dublin City University

Dublin City University (DCU) has established a reputation as Ireland's University of Enterprise through strong and active relationships with academic, research, and industry partners both at home and abroad. DCU is located near Dublin City Centre and Dublin Airport.

Website: dcu.ie

6. Technological University Dublin

Technological University Dublin (TUD) is Ireland's first technological university, established on 1 January 2019. Its history stretches back to 1887 through the amalgamated Dublin Institute of Technology, which progressed from the first technical education institution in Ireland, the City of Dublin Technical Schools. It is the second-largest third-level institution in Ireland, with a student population of 28,500.

Website: tudublin.ie



7. Griffith College Dublin

Founded in 1974, Griffith College Dublin is the largest independent third-level institution in Ireland, with campuses in Dublin, Cork, and Limerick. The main campus is located one mile from St. Stephen's Green on Dublin's South Circular Road. Griffith College has a growing international reputation for student success.

The college has earned a reputation and won awards for providing excellent teaching and learning materials for the students. Griffith College offers internationally recognised postgraduate and graduate degree programs, complemented by a range of professional, short-term, and corporate training education solutions.

Website: griffith.ie



8. Dublin Business School

Dublin Business School (DBS) is one of Ireland's largest independent colleges, located in the heart of Dublin City. The school offers a wide range of programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in fields such as business, management, marketing, accounting, law, psychology, and information technology. DBS provides a practical and career-focused learning environment designed to prepare students for success in both local and international industries.

With a strong emphasis on employability and global perspectives, DBS attracts students from over 70 countries worldwide. The school is well known for its industry-aligned curriculum, experienced lecturers, and close connections with major companies in Ireland. Its central location also offers students easy access to Dublin's professional, social, and cultural life, making DBS a vibrant place to study and grow.

Website: dbs.ie

Transport

Dublin has several options for within-city public transport.

1. Dublin Bus

- a. TFI 90 Minutes Fare Adult with Leap card or without Leap card: 2 Euros
- b. TFI 90 Minutes Fare Students/Young Adults with Leap Card: 1 Euro
- c. TFI 90 Minutes Fare Child with Leap Card: 0.65 Euro
- d. Drivers do take cash/coin, but only for the fixed amount (they will not give a return)

2. LUAS (Tram)

- a. There are two LUAS routes: the Green Line and the Red Line
- b. Prices are similar to the Bus (TFI 90 Minutes)
- c. Be sure to tap on and tap off; sometimes, there will be guards checking your card/ticket
- d. If you're changing LUAS from the Green Line to the Red Line, still make sure to tap on and tap off at each station to avoid any fine

3. Dublin Area Rapid Transit (DART)

- a. DART runs along the coast of the Irish Sea from Malahide or Howth in north County Dublin southwards as far as Greystones, Co. Wicklow
- b. Prices are similar to the Bus and LUAS (TFI 90 Minutes)

4. TFI Bikes

- a. Public bicycle service available across Dublin City, ideal for short trips.
- b. Register via the TFI Bikes app or directly at a bike station terminal.
- c. Subscription options:
 - i. Annual Subscription: €35 per year (first 30 minutes free per trip)
 - ii. 3-Day Ticket: €5 (first 30 minutes free per trip)
- d. After the first 30 minutes, additional charges apply (e.g., €0.50 for the next 30 minutes).
- e. Bikes can be picked up and returned at any official TFI Bike station in the city.
- f. Always ensure the bike is securely docked to avoid extra charges.



Accommodations

Finding accommodation around Ireland has been really challenging over the past few years. Here, we provide a list of accommodations that students can explore.

Our recommendation for Student Accommodations:

1. Yugo Accommodation
2. Nido Accommodation
3. Aparto Student Accommodation
4. ISA Accommodation
5. Student On-Campus Accommodation

The Other Accommodations website is provided by the university, but these are only for their students:

1. University College Dublin: www.ucdaccommodationpad.ie
2. Dublin City University: www.dcustudentpad.ie
3. Technological University Dublin: www.tudublinstudentpad.ie

Other options to look for accommodation in Dublin are through these websites:

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|---|---|
| 1. Daft.ie | 4. Housinganywhere.com |
| 2. Rent.ie | 5. MyHome.ie |
| 3. Hostingpower.com | |

Asian Shop

1. Asia Market
2. Super Asia Food
3. Oriental Emporium
4. Asian Food Co Mary St (Halal Grocery Shop)
5. Asian Mart
6. Star Asia Food
7. Mini India
8. etc.

Worship Places

Mosques

1. Dublin Mosque
2. Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland (ICCI)
3. Faizan E Madinah
4. Islamic Centre of Ireland (Al-Mustafa Masjid)
5. Shuhada Foundation of Ireland
6. A lot of universities also provide a prayer room
7. etc.



Catholic Church

1. St Teresa's Church
Discalced Carmelities
2. St. Catherine's Church
3. St. James Church
4. St. Mary of the Angels,
Capuchin Church
5. St. Saviour Church
6. etc.

Protestant Church

1. Dundrum Methodist Church
2. Christ City Church
3. Immanuel Church Dublin
4. etc.

Places to Visit

1. National Art Gallery
2. Irish Museum of Modern Art
3. Botanical Garden
4. Chester Beatty
- 5.
6. Dun Laoghaire
7. Bray Hiking Trail
8. Phoenix Park
9. Herbert Park (recommended in Spring)
10. Kilmainham Gaol
11. Dublin Zoo
12. Guinness Storehouse
13. Kildare Village



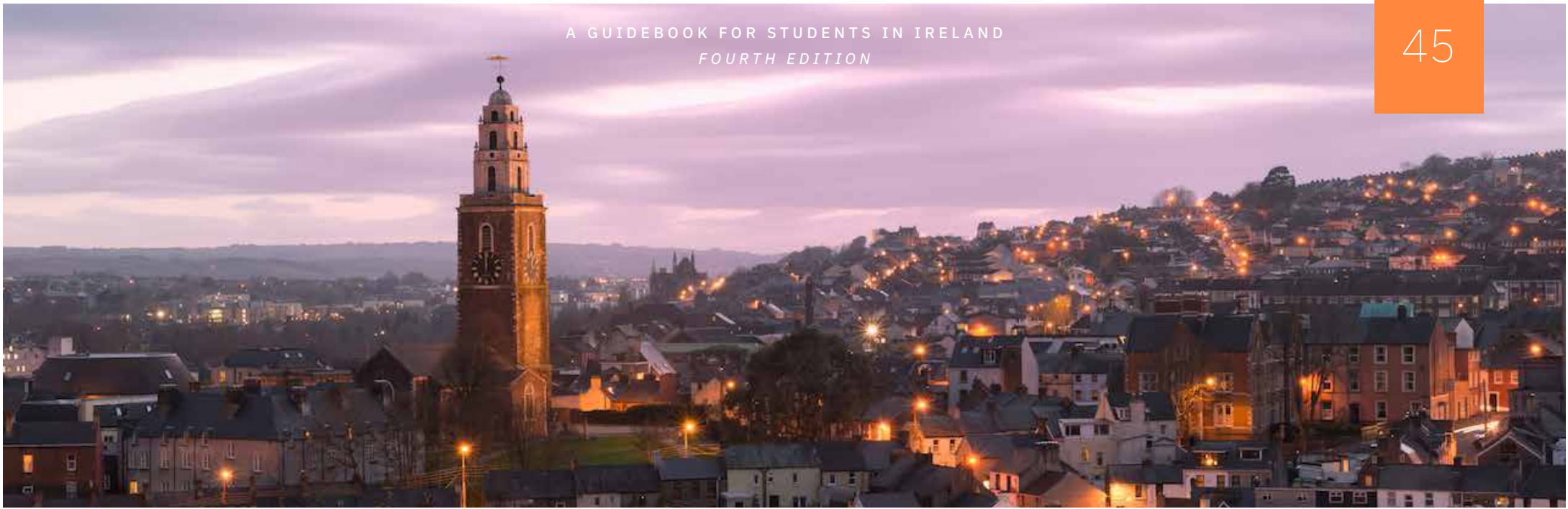
source: www.ireland.com



Tips/Info from our Students

1. Dublin is a big city. It is advised not to go alone at night in some parts of Dublin, such as the city centre
2. We advise students to live in the area of South Dublin, and avoid North Dublin, such as Tallaght
3. A lot of restaurants and Asian shops offer student discounts, so make sure to always bring your student card or student/young adult Leap Card
4. Rather than buying water in the restaurant, make sure to ask for tap water (tap water in Ireland is drinkable). A restaurant is obligated to give its customers tap water, a requirement that is also in place in other counties
5. It's best to avoid groups of teenagers hanging around in public places, especially late in the evening. They're usually harmless, but it's safer to keep your distance.





Cork

Introduction

Cork (Irish: *Corcaigh* meaning “marsh”) is the second largest city in the Republic of Ireland and the third largest on the island of Ireland located in the south-west of Ireland, in the province of Munster. Following an extension to the city’s boundary in 2019, its population is c. 210,000.

The city centre is an island positioned between two channels of the River Lee which meet downstream at the eastern end of the city centre, where the quays and docks along the river lead outwards towards Lough Mahon and Cork Harbour, one of the largest natural harbours in the world.

Originally a monastic settlement, Cork was expanded by Viking invaders around 915. Its charter was granted by Prince John in 1185. Cork city was once fully walled, and the remnants of the old medieval town centre can be found around the South and North Main streets.

The third largest city by population on the island of Ireland, the city’s cognomen of “the rebel city” originates in its support for the Yorkist cause in the Wars of the Roses. Corkonians sometimes refer to the city as “the real capital”.



Universities

1. University College Cork

National University of Ireland, Cork (UCC) (Irish: *Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh*) is a constituent university of the National University of Ireland and is located in Cork. The university was founded in 1845 as one of the three Queen's Colleges located in Belfast, Cork, and Galway. Amongst other rankings and awards, the university was named the Irish University of the Year by The Sunday Times on five occasions; most recently in 2017. In 2015, UCC was also named as top performing university by the European Commission-funded U-Multirank system, based on obtaining the highest number of "A" scores (21 out of 28 metrics) among a field of 1200 partaking universities. For your information, George Boole was the first professor of mathematics at UCC. He is famous for developing Boolean algebra, which would later make computer programming possible.

Website: www.ucc.ie/en/

Social Media: www.youtube.com/uccireland

2. Munster Technological University

Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) (Irish: *Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Chorcaí*) was a third-level educational institution in Ireland, located in Cork. Upon its dissolution, the institute had 17,000 students (both part-time and full-time) in art, business, engineering, music, drama, and science disciplines. On 1 January 2021, CIT merged with IT Tralee to become Munster Technological University, Ireland's second Technological University. Cork Institute of Technology consisted of two constituent faculties and three constituent colleges. The constituent faculties are Engineering and Science, as well as Business and Humanities. The constituent colleges are the CIT Crawford College of Art and Design, the CIT Cork School of Music, and the National Maritime College of Ireland. Faculties were made up of Schools which in turn comprise two or more academic departments.

Website: <https://www.mtu.ie/courses/cork> and <https://www.cit.ie/>



Transport

1. City buses (Bus Éireann): Adult Leap €1.35- €1.80; Young Adult/Student €0.65-€0.80; last bus 23:00 (only bus no. 220 operates 24 hours); city + suburbs
2. Intercity coaches (Citylink/GoBus/Bus Éireann): Cork–Dublin/ Airport 3h; Cork-Limerick 1,5h; Cork-Galway 3h; student fares available
3. Irish Rail (Cork Kent Station):
Intercity: Cork–Dublin 2.5 ; YA/Student discounts
Commuter: Cork-Mallow 20minutes; Cork-Cobh (26minutes); Cork-Middleton (30minutes); YA/Student discounts
4. TFI Bikes: annual €35; first 30 min free per trip; stations citywide
5. Taxis (Free Now/UBER): metered



Accommodations

1. Campus Accommodation

UCC: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/campusaccom/contact/>

MTU: <https://www.cit.ie/studentlife/accommodation>

2. Private Apartment Complexes

In Cork, there are many more rooms available through privately run student apartment complexes than Campus Accommodation. The buildings closest to our campus will fill very quickly once they open for applications. <https://www.ucc.ie/en/accommodation/privateapartmentcomplexes/>

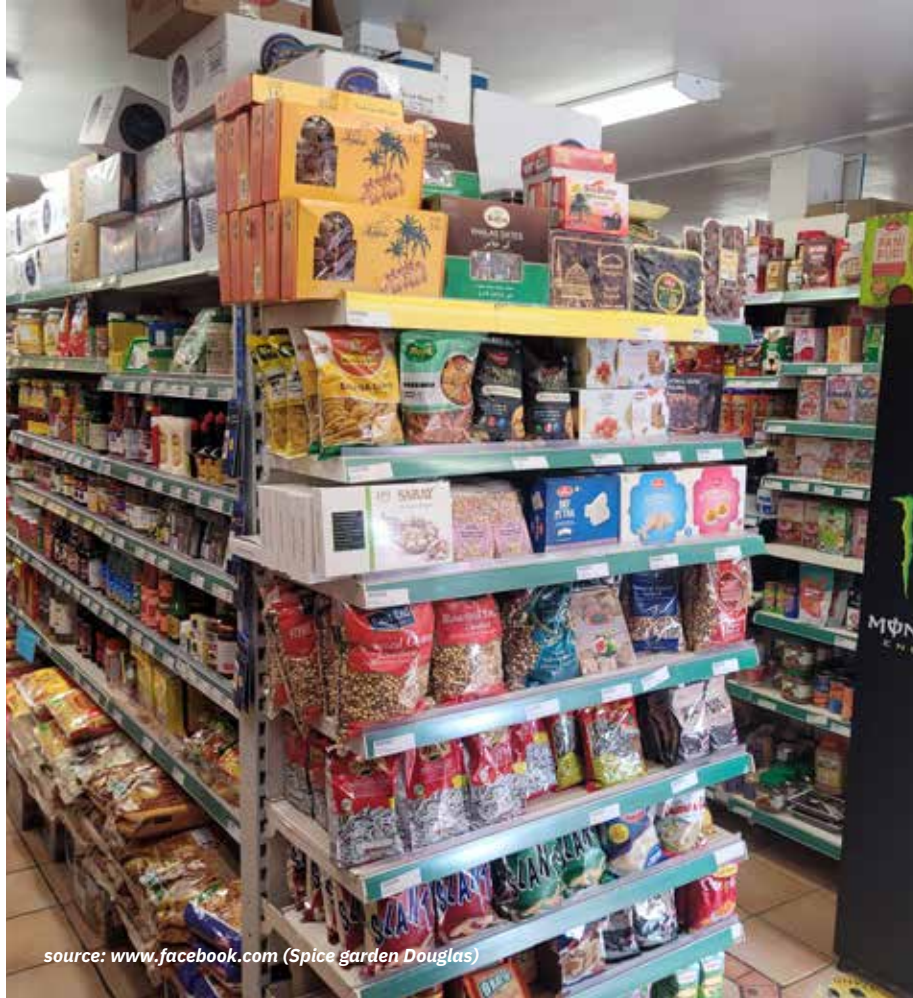
3. House Share/House Rentals

If you are interested in house shares you should start searching early and be prepared to continue searching for several months. You may find that there is more availability in April and May.

- <https://uccstudentpad.ie/Accommodation>
- <https://www.daft.ie/student-accommodation>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1700273420257096/>

Other options to look for accommodation in Cork are on these websites:

1. [Daft.ie](https://www.daft.ie)
2. [Rent.ie](https://www.rent.ie)
3. [Hostingpower.com](https://www.hostingpower.com)



Asian Shops

1. Jia Jia Market (Cornmarket Street) - halal products are available
2. Asian Foods (14 N Main St)
3. YoYo Asian Supermarket (16 George's Quay)
4. Spice Garden (Apartment 3, S Douglas Rd)
5. SensAsian Fare (Unit 8b, Westpoint Business Park, Ballincolig) - halal products are available
6. Spicetown Asia Supermarket (Barr Na Sraide, Unit 8 Main St, Ballincolig) - halal products are available

Halal Shops - meat & poultry are available

1. Summerstown Stores Halal Food (60 Summerstown Rd)
2. Sultan's Halal Super Market (6 Coburg St)
3. Zaiqa Retail Cash & Carry Spices
4. Moynihan's Poultry (The English Market)



Worship Places

Churches

1. UCC Chaplaincy
2. Honan Chapel, UCC
3. Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral
4. Roman Catholic Cathedral of St Mary & St Anne, Shandon

Mosque

1. Togher Mosque, 60 Tramore Road, Cork, T12 XV27
2. City Mosque Coburg St. Cork, T23 Y6C2
3. Blarney St Mosque, Cork T23 X59Y
4. Shandon St Mosque, Cork Dawah Centre, 73 Shandan Street, Cork
5. Middleton Mosque at P25 YX43
6. Mallow Mosque at "Mr Kabab", Main Street

Moslem Prayer Room in Campuses

1. UCC - Brookfield Health Science Complex, Level 3 (male & female are separated, dedicated ablutions space)
2. UCC Chaplaincy, Level 2
3. MTU - MTU also has moslem prayer room. Check it out on @mtu_islamicsoc_cork (instagram account)



Download "Cork Islamic Cultural Centre" on Play Store/ App Store to gain more information about updates and schedules for regular prayer, Friday prayer, Ramadhan, Eid-ul Fitr & Eid-ul Adha.

Place to Visit

Cork City

1. Blarney Castle → take the city bus no.215 from the city centre (St. Patrick's Quay).
2. Fitzgerald Park → have a walk, or take the city bus no.220/208 heading to UCC.
3. The Lough Park → have a walk from the city centre, or take the city bus no.214 from the city centre heading to Togher.
4. Ballincolig Regional Park → take the city bus no.220 from city centre/UCC heading to Ballincolig/Ovens.
5. Cork City Gaol → have a walk from the city centre, around 20 mins.
6. Elizabeth Fort → have a walk from the city centre, around 20 - 25 mins.
7. Blackrock Castle → have a walk from the city centre, or take the city bus no.212/202 from the city centre heading to Blackrock.
8. The Butter Museum → have a walk from city centre
9. Camden Fort Meagher → take bus no.220 heading to Carrigaline-Fort Meagher
10. Cork Opera House

Outside Cork City:

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| 1. Fota Wildlife Park & Fota House | 6. Ballycotton - Ballycotton Cliff Walks |
| 2. Cobh Heritage Centre | 7. Glengariff - Glengariff Village |
| 3. Kinsale - Charles Fort & James Fort | 8. Bantry - Bantry House & Garnish Island |
| 4. Clonakilty Inchydoney beach, West Cork Model Railway Village | 9. Skibbereen |
| 5. Youghal - popular for beach spot | |



Other Counties, near to Country Cork

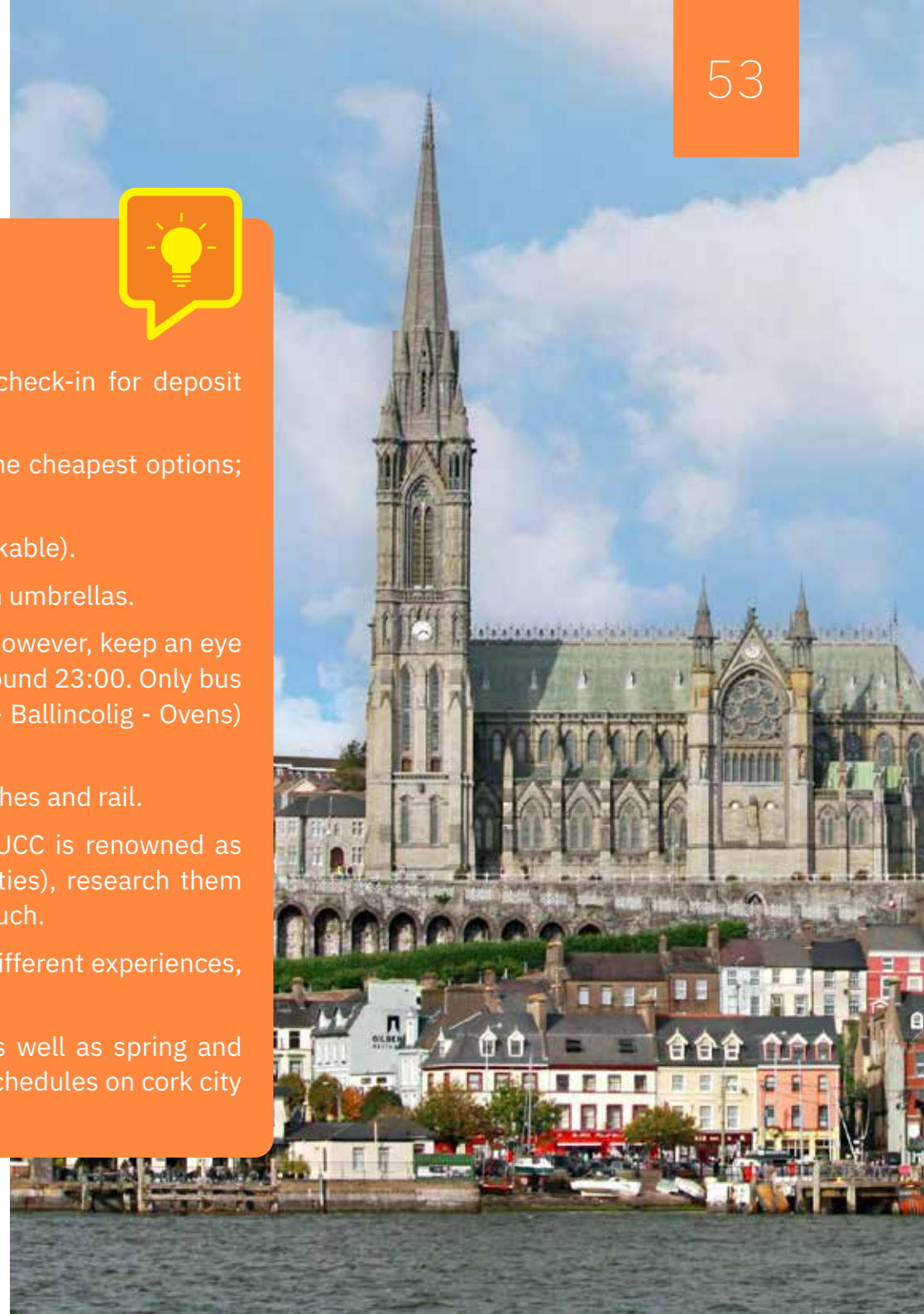
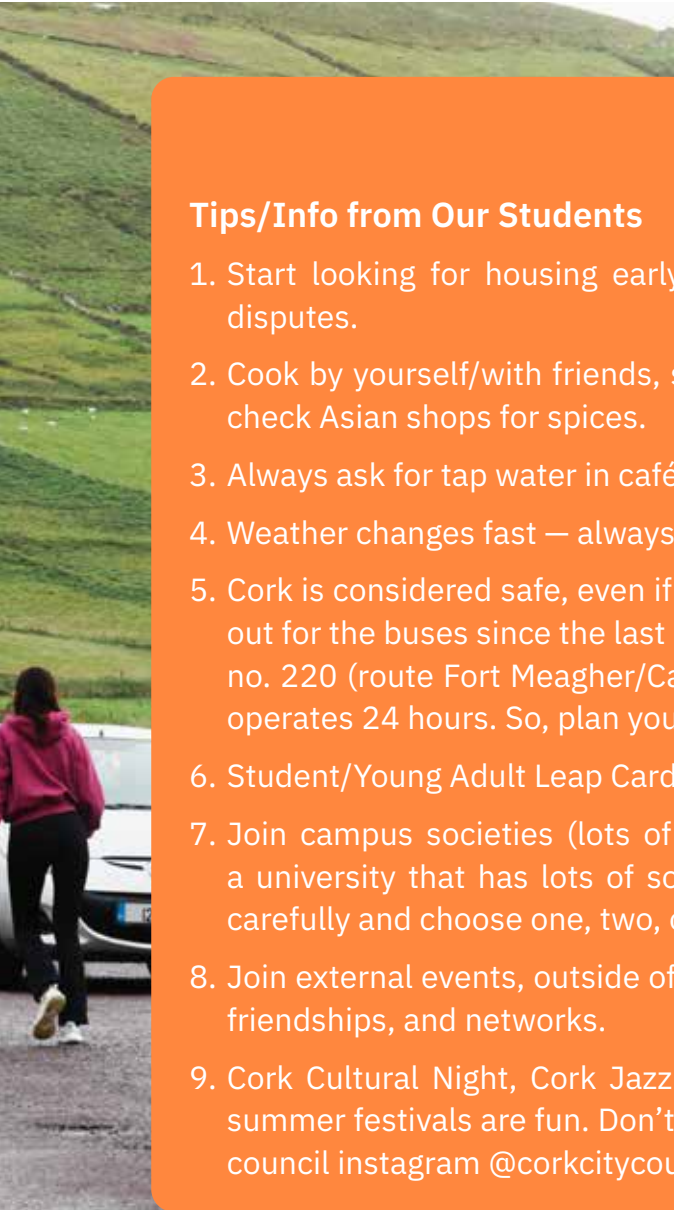
1. County Tipperary: Rock of Cashel & Cahir Castle → you can take:
 - From Parnell Place Bus Station (Cork), take bus no.245X heading directly to Cashel and Cahir Castle (Student Discount Applied), or
 - Take the intercity train from Cork Kent Station to Thurles. Once you arrive at Thurles Station, walk to Liberty Square and take the local bus No. 394. However, be sure to check the local bus schedule, as most services operate every two hours. Plan your trip accordingly. Student discounts apply.
2. County Kilkenny: Kilkenny Castle, Rothe House & Garden, St.Mary's Medieval Museum→ you can take the bus 600 M9 Express Service from Andersons Quay (located in front of Parnell Place Bus Station, just go left toward Andersons Quay). Student Discount Applied.
3. County Waterford: Dungarvan - Dungarvan Castle & Waterford City - famous for "The Viking Triangle" spot→ you can take the bus 600 M9 Express Service from Andersons Quay (located in front of Parnell Place Bus Station, just go left toward Andersons Quay). Student Discount Applied.
4. County Kerry: Killarney National Park, Muckross House, Ross Castle, Ring of Kerry → you can take the intercity train from Cork Kent Station to Killarney Station (direct). Student Discount Applied.





Tips/Info from Our Students

1. Start looking for housing early (June–July); take photos at check-in for deposit disputes.
2. Cook by yourself/with friends, split bulk buys at Lidl/Aldi for the cheapest options; check Asian shops for spices.
3. Always ask for tap water in cafés/restaurants (it's free and drinkable).
4. Weather changes fast — always carry a rain jacket, don't rely on umbrellas.
5. Cork is considered safe, even if you're walking alone at night. However, keep an eye out for the buses since the last city buses no longer operate around 23:00. Only bus no. 220 (route Fort Meagher/Carrigaline - UCC - Bishopstown - Ballincolig - Ovens) operates 24 hours. So, plan your trip accordingly.
6. Student/Young Adult Leap Card halves fares; also valid on coaches and rail.
7. Join campus societies (lots of free events, food, networks). UCC is renowned as a university that has lots of societies (around 116-117 societies), research them carefully and choose one, two, or maybe more that suits you much.
8. Join external events, outside of campus activities. You'll gain different experiences, friendships, and networks.
9. Cork Cultural Night, Cork Jazz Festival, Halloween Parade, as well as spring and summer festivals are fun. Don't miss them out. Check for the schedules on cork city council instagram @corkcitycouncil or @cork_daily.



Galway

Introduction

Galway is a vibrant city on the west coast of Ireland, situated by the scenic Galway Bay along the Wild Atlantic Way. Often called the “City of Tribes” due to the 14 merchant families that once ruled it, Galway is known for its thriving arts scene, traditional music, and friendly atmosphere. With a population of around 100,000, it feels more like a large town – compact and easy to explore on foot. Students make up more than 20% of the population, giving the city an energetic and creative buzz year-round. Galway regularly hosts festivals such as the Galway International Arts Festival and the Galway Races, so there’s often something exciting happening in the city.



Universities

1. University of Galway (UoG)

Established in 1845 (formerly known as NUI Galway), UoG is a top research university and one of Ireland's oldest institutions. Its campus is set along the River Corrib, just a short walk from the city centre, and hosts a diverse community of over 18,000 students. The university is known for programs in arts, business, science, engineering, and medicine, and it attracts students from around the world. UoG's picturesque quadrangle and vibrant campus life make it a central part of Galway's identity.

Website: universityofgalway.ie



2. Atlantic Technological University, Galway (ATU)

ATU's Galway campus (formerly GMIT) is a technological university that offers a range of practical and career-focused courses in engineering, computing, science, business, and creative arts. It became part of ATU in 2022 as a result of a merger of institutes in the west/north-west region. The ATU Galway campus is located on the east side of the city (Dublin Road area) and provides modern facilities for its students. It's known for strong industry links and hands-on learning.

Website: atu.ie (Galway campus)



Transport

1. City buses (Bus Éireann): Adult Leap €1.35; Young Adult/Student €0.65; last bus 23:00; city + suburbs
2. Intercity coaches (Citylink/GoBus/Bus Éireann): Galway–Dublin/Airport 2.5–3h; student fares available
3. Irish Rail (Ceannt Station): Galway–Dublin 2.5h; YA/Student discounts
4. TFI Bikes: annual €35; first 30 min free per trip; stations citywide
5. Taxis (Free Now): metered; ranks at Eyre Sq

Accommodations

1. UoG: Corrib Village, Goldcrest Village, Dunlin Village
2. Private: Gort na Coiribe, Cúirt na Coiribe, Dunaras Village, Menlo, Bailey Point
3. ATU area: Glasán Student Village, An Fiodán, Gleann na gCaor
4. House-share zones: Newcastle, Shantalla, Salthill, Headford Rd
5. Portals: Daft.ie, Rent.ie, HousingAnywhere, FB groups

Asian Shops

1. Aroma Foods (Westside)
2. Jasmine Asian Grocery (Mary St)
3. Oriental Food Market (Terryland/Headford Rd)
4. Carnival Asian Supermarket (city centre)
5. Asiatic Manila (Abbeygate Upper St)

Halal Shops

1. Aroma Foods (halal butcher)
2. Speedos Halal (Abbeygate St)
3. Halal Market/Prospect Hill (small grocer)
4. Ballybrit Asian Shop

Catholic Churches

1. Galway Cathedral
2. St. Augustine's Church
3. St. Ignatius Church (Jesuit Church)
4. Church of St. John the Apostle (Knocknacarra)
5. Church of Christ the King (Salthill)



Protestant Churches

1. St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church
2. Galway City Baptist Church
3. Methodist & Presbyterian Church (St. Columba's)

Mosques

1. Galway Mosque (Masjid Maryam)
2. Galway Islamic Cultural Centre (GICC)

Places to Visit

1. Eyre Square
2. Latin Quarter & Shop Street
3. Spanish Arch & Galway City Museum
4. Galway Market (near St Nicholas' Collegiate)
5. St Nicholas' Collegiate Church
6. Lynch's Castle (medieval townhouse)
7. Galway Cathedral
8. Salmon Weir Bridge
9. Salthill Promenade & Blackrock Diving Tower
10. Silverstrand Beach
11. Barna Woods
12. Merlin Woods & Park
13. Lough Corrib (lake, boat trips)
14. Town Hall Theatre
15. Galway Arts Centre
16. The Galway Races (summer horse racing festival)
17. Galway International Arts Festival (July)

Tips/Info from our Students

1. Start looking for housing early (June–July); take photos at check-in for deposit disputes.
2. Newcastle/Shantalla are closest to the University of Galway; Salthill is pricier but scenic.
3. Cook with friends, split bulk buys at Lidl/Aldi; check Asian shops for spices.
4. Always ask for tap water in cafés/restaurants (it's free and drinkable).
5. Weather changes fast — always carry a rain jacket, don't rely on umbrellas.
6. Last city buses finish around 23:00; plan nights out accordingly.
7. Student/Young Adult Leap Card halves fares; also valid on Dublin–Galway coaches and rail.
8. Join UoG/ATU societies (lots of free events, food, and networks).
9. Summer festivals (Arts Festival, Galway Races) are fun, but they raise accommodation prices.

Limerick

Introduction

Limerick, located in the West of Ireland, is about 3.5 hours from Dublin. It lies below the Shannon River, bordering it with County Clare. It is the most populated county in Munster Province after Cork. The county is well connected with bus routes covering most towns, which run regularly. Also known as the Treaty County, it is one of the most historic places in Ireland. Its landmark King John's Castle has stood here since 1200.



Universities

1. University of Limerick

Proud as a university with the best student experience, the University of Limerick offers a range of disciplines, including business, arts and humanities, social sciences, science and engineering, as well as music. It owns the Kemmy Business School and the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, one of the best academies in their respective areas.

Website: ul.ie



2. Technological University of Shannon (TUS) - Moylish Campus

TUS - Moylish Campus is one of the best institutions of technology in Ireland. From diplomas and certificates to postgraduate studies, from finance to engineering. TUS - Moylish Campus is home of opportunities.

Website: tus.ie

Transport

Choice of transportation in Limerick is usually limited to buses, bikes, and FREE NOW taxis. For a long distance commute, taking a bus will be the best option.

1. Bus Eireann

- a. Adult without Leap Card: 1.90 Euros
- b. Adult with Leap Card: 1.30 Euros
- c. Student/Young Adult with Leap Card: 0.65 Euros

2. Dublin Coach (310)

- a. One route only
- b. Adult: 1.50 Euros
- c. Student/Young Adults: 0.75 Euros

3. TFI Bikes

More information: www.bikeshare.ie/limerick.html

Accommodations

Finding accommodation around Ireland has been really challenging over the past few years. Here, we provide a list of accommodations that students can explore.

Our recommendation for TUS students:

- 1. Cratloe Wood Student Village
- 2. Thomond Village

Our recommendation for University of Limerick students:

- 1. University of Limerick Accommodation
- 2. Courtyard Student Village
- 3. Groody Student Park
- 4. Brookfield Hall

Other

- 1. Grave Island Student Village

Other options to look for accommodation in Limerick are available on these websites:

- 1. Daft.ie
- 2. Rent.ie
- 3. Hostingpower.com

Asian Shop

- 1. Yong Xing Supermarket
- 2. Good Foods Asian Supermarket
- 3. Cheong Heng Hong Oriental Supermarket



source: ie.polomap.com



1. Soryana Supermarket
2. East End Asian Supermarket
3. Asian Arabic Food
4. Khan Supermarket

1. St. Munchin's Church
2. St. Mary's Cathedral
3. St. Michael's
4. St. John's Cathedral
5. Abundant Life Christian Church

1. Masjid Al-Noor
2. Limerick Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre
3. Mosque Al Furgan

1. Hunt Museum
2. Limerick City Gallery of Art

3. Milk Market
4. King's John Castle
5. Adora Village (30 Minutes from the City)
6. Bunratty Castle and Folk Park (45 Minutes from the City)



1. A lot of the stores in Limerick will be closed on Sunday, and the buses start operating at 8 am in the morning
2. There are a lot of charity shops and thrift shops in Limerick for you to find cute and affordable clothing
3. Limerick is a very calm city, with its centre primarily located around the University of Limerick.
4. If you are an upcoming student at the University of Limerick, we advise you to join the Body Program. Usually, the Body Program will provide you with a tour guide to show you around Limerick.

Dundalk

Introduction

Dundalk is the third largest town in Ireland, located on the North-East side of the country, near the Northern Ireland border in County Louth. Dundalk is also known for its football team, Dundalk FC, which competes in Ireland's top-tier football league. They are the second most successful club in the League's history (with 14 league titles and 12 FAI Cups), and the most successful in the Premier Division era.





University

1. Dundalk Institute of Technology

Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) is the focal point for higher education and research on the Belfast-Dublin corridor, serving the North Leinster and South Ulster regions of Ireland. DkIT has 70+ industry-focused Bachelor's and Master's degree programs, with $\frac{2}{3}$ of them offering work placement. DkIT is a global campus with international students from over 35 countries.

Website: www.dkit.ie

Transport

There is only one bus going around Dundalk, which is the Bus Éireann line 174 (174/174A/174B).

1. Bus Éireann 174

- a. Adult with Leap Card: 1.50 Euros
- b. Adult without Leap Card: 2 Euros
- c. Student/Young Adult with Leap Card: 0.75 Euros
- d. Child Leap Card: 0.65 Euros



Accommodations

Finding accommodation around Ireland has been really challenging over the past few years. Here, we provide a list of accommodations that students can explore.

Our recommendation for DkIT students:

1. Setanta Apartments
2. Mourne View Hall
3. Green Park Student Accommodation

Other options to look for accommodation in Dundalk are available on these websites:

1. [Daft.ie](https://www.daft.ie)
2. [Rent.ie](https://www.rent.ie)
3. [Hostingpower.com](https://www.hostingpower.com)
4. [homes.mitula.ie](https://www.homes.mitula.ie)

Halal Shop

1. Marhaba Food Store & Halal Meat Grocery
2. Ayla Supermarket Dundalk
3. Noor Foods

Worship Places

Catholic Church

1. St. Patrick's Parish Church Dundalk
2. Holy Family Church Dundalk
3. St Nicholas' Roman Catholic Church

Protestant Church

1. Dundalk Presbyterian Church
2. Presbyterian and Evangelical Churches
3. Dundalk Baptist Church
4. Redeemer Christian Fellowship

Mosque

1. Dundalk Muslim Community Centre
2. DkIT prayer room/Islamic Society
3. Yaqeen Islamic Community Centre

Places to Visit

1. Ladywell Shrine
2. Marshes Shopping Centre
3. Jocelyn Place (Bar and Cafe)

Tips/Info from our Students



1. There are currently no Asian stores in Dundalk. If you miss Asian food, our advice is to visit Dublin (take it as a holiday) or order online through Rongs Asian Store, which offers free shipping for orders above 50 euros.
2. DkIT is a global campus offering various societies that you can join and explore!

Sligo

Introduction

Sligo is a coastal seaport and the country town of County Sligo, Ireland within the western province of Connacht. With a population of approximately 20,228 in 2025, it is the second largest urban centre in the West of Ireland, with only Galway being larger. Sligo is known for its literary heritage and rugged countryside. Sligo County Museum displays memorabilia of local poet W.B. Yeats, paintings, and Stone Age artifacts. The model is a contemporary art center featuring works by 20th-century Irish artists. It takes about 3 hours from Dublin City, and about 2 hours from Galway City. Sligo is located pretty close to the border with the UK, it only takes about 40 minutes to reach the border from Sligo.





University

1. Atlantic Technological University Sligo

Atlantic Technological University (ATU) is the largest university in Sligo and the northwest area. It's ranked as the 5th best institute of Technology campus in Ireland, with a stunning 21st century learning environment.

ATU has three different faculties: School of Business and Social Science, School of Engineering and Design, as well as School of Science with nine different departments.

Website: www.atu.ie/campus/sligo

Transport

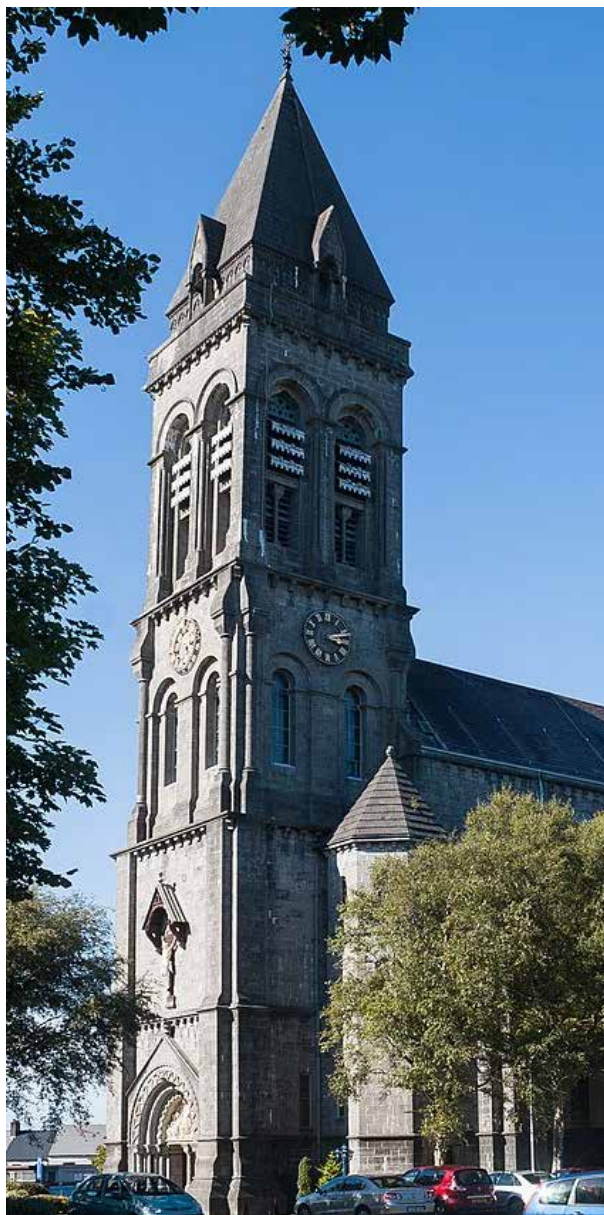
1. Bus S1, S2, and S3
 - a. Adult Leap Card: 1.50 Euros
 - b. Young Adult/Student: 0.75 Euros

Accommodations

Finding accommodation around Ireland has been really challenging over the past few years. Here, we provide a list of accommodations that students can explore:

1. The Clarion Village
2. Yeats Village
3. Ard Nua Village
4. Getaway Apartments
5. Benbulbin Court





Other options to look for accommodation in Sligo are available on these websites:

1. [Daft.ie](https://www.daft.ie)
2. [Rent.ie](https://www.rent.ie)
3. [Hostingpower.com](https://www.hostingpower.com)

Asian Shops

1. Royal Spice Land
2. Sligo Spice Irish & Asian Supermarket

Halal Shops

1. Pakiza Halal Food
2. Hamdan Asian Store Halal

Worship Places

Churches

1. St. Mary's Cathedral
2. St. Joseph's Catholic Church
3. St. Anne's Catholic Church
4. Dominican Friary
5. St. John's Cathedral
6. Calry Church Wine Street

Mosque

1. Sligo Muslim Centre
2. Pakiza Masjid

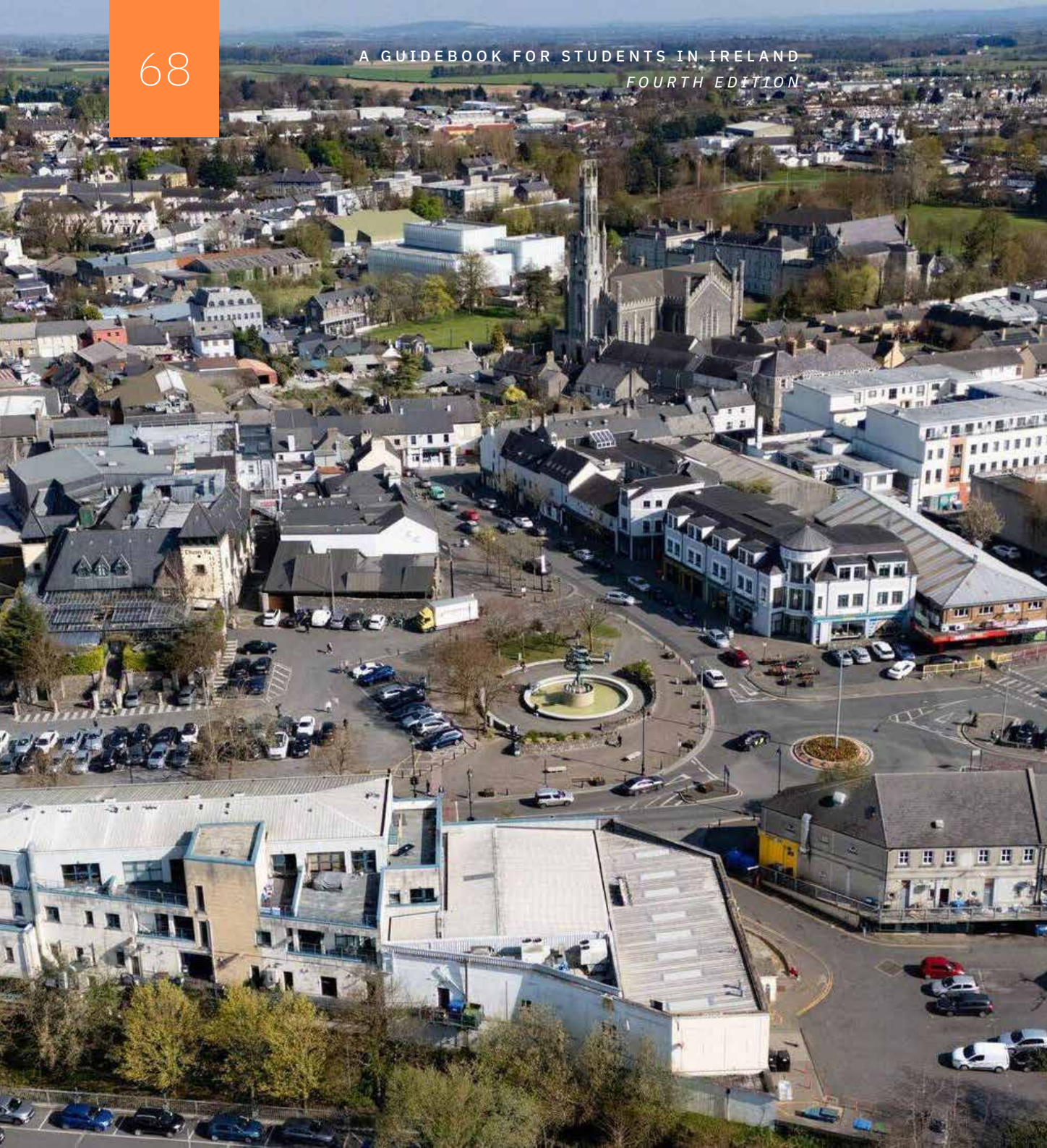
Place to Visit

1. The Model Museum
2. Strandhill, Rosses Point
3. Food: Hooked, Bia bao, Bistro Bianconi, Tucos
4. Queen Maeve Cairn



Tips/Info from Our Students

1. Transportation is based on the season (School or holiday). Usually the bus will be more frequent in school season, and will only operate every 1 hour during holiday season.
2. Sligo is relatively walkable town



Carlow

Introduction

Carlow is the county town of County Carlow, located in the southeast of Ireland, 84 km away from Dublin. It has a population of approximately 24,272. Carlow is also known as the second smallest County in Ireland!

Carlow is a very nice town to live in, especially for students. The quiet atmosphere is very suitable for everyone who needs a proper situation to study. It also has a lot of educational institutions, and it makes Carlow a student town.

Nevertheless, it still has what the cities in Ireland all have in common, which is mesmerizing nightlife. It offers a few choices of bars and nightclubs which can be perfect refreshment for students who are tired of their school life.

There is also no need to worry about transportation inside the town. Everywhere is within walking distance of approximately 3 km.

Universities

1. South East Technological University (SETU Carlow)

SETU Carlow offers undergraduate and postgraduate levels of studies in various fields including aerospace, mechanical, and electrical engineering; built environment engineering; sports and health; computing; data science; business and law; digital marketing and design; science; childhood and social studies; and humanities.

Website: www.setu.ie



2. Carlow College

Founded in 1782, Carlow College is the oldest second university in Ireland. The college offers various areas of study for undergraduate and postgraduate.

Website: carlowcollege.ie

Transport

1. Carlow Town by CW1 dan CW2
 - a. Adult without Leap Card: 2 Euros
 - b. Adult Leap Card: 1.50 Euros
 - c. Young Adult/Student Leap Card: 0.75 Euros
 - d. Child Leap Card: 0.65 Euros

2. Bolt Bikes

For more information:

carlowtourism.com/outdoor-activities/carlow-town-e-bike-scheme/

Accommodations

Finding accommodation around Ireland has been really challenging over the past few years. Here, we provide a list of accommodations that students can explore:

1. HATCH Riverbank Apartments
2. Carraign Abhainn
3. Centaur House Apartments

Other options to look for accommodation in Carlow are also available on websites:

1. Daft.ie
2. Rent.ie
3. Hostingpower.com

Asian Shops

1. Little Panda's Asia Market
2. Asiap Shop Staplestown Rd, Clayton Hall

Halal Shops

1. Needs Halal Shop
2. A1 Asian Foods (Halal)
3. Spicemax Asian Food and Grocery and Halal Butcher

Worship Places

Churches

1. Cathedral of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary.
2. Saint Mary's Church of Ireland.
3. Saint Clare's Church.
4. Holy Family Church Askea Carlow.
5. Carlow Methodist Church.
6. Assembly of God Ireland Ministry Carlow.

Mosque

1. Carlow Masjid - Carlow Islamic Cultural Centre

Place to Visit

1. Carlow Castle
2. Altamond Garden
3. Oak Park
4. Delta Sensory Gardens
5. Duckett's Grove
6. Kilkenny Castle
7. The Chocolate Garden of Ireland
8. Carlow River
9. Oisin Park

Tips/Info from Our Students

1. Carlow city are connected to train and buses, so there's no need to have a car to live here
2. A very good place for students who wish to bring their family. There are many good schools for parents to register their children (Primary-Secondary levels). Living allowance in Carlow is relatively lower than Dublin.

Indonesian Community in Ireland



PPI Irlandia

PPI Irlandia is the Indonesian Students' Association in Ireland. The organisation was established on 30 January 2016 with the aim of becoming a hub for Indonesian students.

The members of PPI Irlandia consist of active students from


various academic levels, such as Undergraduate, Master's, and PhD, who come from different counties across Ireland. PPI Irlandia organises projects and activities for Indonesian students in Ireland, the Indonesian communities in Ireland, international students, and prospective Indonesian students who plan to study in Ireland.


In collaboration with other Indonesian communities in Ireland, PPI Irlandia has successfully hosted annual events such as Pesta Rakyat (Indonesian Festival) and Halalbihalal.

An independent initiative by PPI Irlandia is the newly launched Ajakan PPI Irlandia (Invitations by PPI Irlandia), where Indonesian students are invited to join our social and community gatherings. PPI Irlandia also organises academic events such as Probe and Criticism on Scientific Paper (PRISMA), where students can share their studies and research with fellow Indonesian students and audiences.


We warmly invite all incoming Indonesian students to join us, either as members or as part of the organising committee. Each year, registration links are provided by the committee, and they can be found on our social media pages.

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Indonesia and Irish Associations (IIA)



The Indonesian Irish Association (IIA) is the oldest Indonesian community in Ireland, founded in 2002. The association welcomes all

Indonesians, regardless of their background, including those from the diaspora, students, and tourists.

IIA is actively involved in many events that showcase Indonesia's rich culture. It also plays an important role in supporting Indonesian-owned businesses in Ireland by promoting their products and services at most of IIA's events.

IIA has the largest membership base of Indonesians in Ireland. Members enjoy various benefits, including discounts for selected events and products.

All information about IIA can be found on their social media pages:

 www.indonesianirish.ie


 Indonesian Irish Group


IPA Ireland

The Indonesian Professionals' Association in Ireland (IPA Ireland) is a newly established community for Indonesian workers in Ireland. It serves as a hub to support networking and to share information about job opportunities in Ireland.



All information about IPA Ireland can be found on their social media pages:

 @ipa.ireland

 Indonesian Professionals Association – Ireland


FIRDAUS


The Forum Kajian dan Dakwah oleh Muslim Indonesia di Irlandia (FIRDAUS) is a religious group comprising Indonesian Muslims in Ireland, including students and non-students.



The main purpose of this group is to study and discuss Islamic teachings. Discussions are held once every two weeks through an online platform and are usually led by an Islamic scholar.

All information regarding FIRDAUS is available on their social media pages:

 @firdaus_irlandia

 Available upon arrival in Ireland


Komunitas Kristiani Indonesia di Irlandia (KONKRIID)



KONKRIID is a Christian community in Ireland consisting of Indonesian Christians from both Catholic and Protestant backgrounds. It serves as a welcoming hub where members can come together to pray, worship, and share in fellowship through various spiritual and social activities.

The community aims to strengthen faith, foster togetherness, and provide support for Indonesians living in Ireland who seek a sense of belonging within a warm and caring Christian environment.

All information regarding KONKRIID is available on their social media pages:

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Sanggar Tari Indonesia - Irlandia




Sanggar Tari Indonesia is a newly formed community in Ireland consisting of Indonesians who share a passion for traditional Indonesian dance. The community connects people from all backgrounds, regardless of their dancing experience, and welcomes anyone

interested in learning and celebrating Indonesian culture through dance.

The group is often invited to perform at various events across Ireland, proudly showcasing the beauty and diversity of Indonesia's cultural heritage to the wider public.

All information regarding Sanggar Tari Indonesia can be found on their social media pages:

 @sanggartariindonesia

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Emergency Contact

Ireland

☎ 112 or 999

For further information, please consult this page:

🌐 www.gov.ie/en/department-of-the-taoiseach/publications/emergency-contacts/

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Explore Ireland!

This page is solely made by personal experiences, and it will make you tempted to travel around Ireland! Ireland is mostly a country that offers you an extravagant history and nature. Whether the seasons are cold and hot, there will always be an opportunity for you to explore.

Travelling in Ireland requires no hustle or bustle; there are plenty of transportation modes that you can use! If you do have a Driving License (National or International, but we do recommend bringing both!), it is better to rent a car with your friend! Here are a few modes of transportation that we recommend you:

1. Bus

- a. Expressway: www.expressway.ie
- b. Citylink: www.citylink.ie
- c. TFI Local Link: www.transportforireland.ie/tfi-local-link

2. Train

- a. Irish Rail: www.irishrail.ie

3. Tour Bus

- a. Paddywagon: www.paddywagontours.com
- b. Wildrover: wildrovertours.com

4. Rent a Car

- a. Sixt Car Hire: www.sixt.ie
- b. Hertz: www.hertz.ie

You got your mode transportation ready? Now, let's go to the most exciting part. Travel! Here are a few of our recommendations and photos to keep you tempted! Our (Cygnus) personal ratings and what season it is best for you to visit. To be totally honest, some of the season is pretty the same, mostly rain, but there are days where it's the luckiest day with sun shining! So make sure to keep an eye out for the weather prediction, and keep your hopes up (frfr)!

County Dublin

1. Howth Summit

A good activity if you like hiking or tracking but don't want to travel too far off. It is a beginner trail, so everyone can join! There are two options for you to travel, either going down to the private beach or just walking and circling the summit!

- a. Best Time to visit: Summer, Autumn, and Spring
- b. Commute: Dart (Howth Route) or Bus (Route H3 - Howth Summit)

2. Shankill Beach

A more proper beach but with rocks, not sand. A good place for you and your friends to have a picnic and BBQ. YUM!!

- a. Best Time to Visit: Summer
- b. Commute: Dart (Stop at Shankill Station)

3. Herbert Park

Do you wanna know what Cherry Blossoms look like in Europe? This is your chance to dress to impress for photos and have a cute picnic with your friends! There are also markets every Saturday!

- a. Best Time to Visit: Spring! and summer
- b. Commute: Dublin Bus

4. Kildare Village

Want to shop and hunt for massive discount? A lot of high end brands as well! It will be a lie if you come there just for a window shopping activity, you will spend something there (personal experience, LOL)

- a. Best Time to Visit: Everyday but I recommend doing it on Black Friday! Massive discount everywhere
- b. Commute: Irish Rail (Stop at Kildare) or Dublin Coach (Route 300)

County Galway

1. Salthill

One of the best beaches in Ireland! And there is sand! You can also try to swim there, usually people do it. Just be careful, whenever the season is, it will be cold!

- a. Best Time to Visit: Summer
- b. Commute: Walk from Eyre Square or Bus (Route 401)

2. Kylemore Abbey

Ever wonder to see a real posh castle and beautiful nature? Filled with history and nature trails, you will fall in love with Connemara!

- a. Best Time: Spring, Summer, and Autumn

- b. Commute: Car and Bus Eireann/Citylink

3. Eyre Square (Christmas Market)

The center of Galway, you can walk everywhere from Eyre Square. The Galway Christmas Market is one of the best and most beautiful markets in Ireland. It offer you a fantastic time to explore the culture, food, and games!

- a. Best Time: Winter (For Christmas Market)
- b. Commute: Walk or Irish Rail and Bus if you travelling from different county



County Cork

1. Cobh

Remember those colorful houses on the internet? Here is a perfect Pinterest location for you! A tourist friendly location where you can explore every corner of the town!

- a. Best Time: Spring and Summer
- b. Commute: Car and Bus





County Wicklow

1. Blessington Lake

A perfect healing place especially after mid-term and bring your snack! You might wanna have a quick picnic or long, we won't judge you!

- a. Best Time: Spring and Summer
- b. Commute: Car and Dublin Bus (Route 65)

2. Borckagh

One of the best places for you to see the whole scenery of Wicklow, especially in the winter! Usually the snow is pretty thick there.

- a. Best Time: Summer, Autumn, and Winter
- b. Commute: Car and TFI Link Bus

3. Seefin Passage Tomb

It's a beginner to intermediate hiking route, and you'll see a historic tomb at the top! Perfect place for you to have a deep conversation with your friends!

- a. Best time: Summer
- b. Commute: Car

4. Glendalough

Monastic Sight known as the "Valley of Two Lakes"! Highly Recommended for hiking or just having a quick picnic!

- a. Best Time: Any time
- b. Commute: Car, Irish Train then Buses

County Wexford

1. Coumshingaun Lough

One of the best hiking experiences! Trails are Intermediate to advanced level, so please be prepared! Usually for first timers, you can stop your adventure at the lake, it is a pretty scenery you got there. But, if you prepare for a challenge, get yourself to the top!

- a. Best time to Visit: Spring, Summer, and Autumn
- b. Commute: Car



County Clare

1. Cliffs of Moher

The top destination for tourists, and highly requested! Harry Potter fans should scream!! Be prepared because it always has a strong wind there, very rare to see a whole sunny Cliffs of Moher

- a. Best Time: Summer
- b. Commute: Car and Tour Bus

County Kerry

1. Ring of Kerry

Driving Route that showcases amazing Ireland's nature! Highly Recommended, and you'll never get sleepy in the car!

- a. Best Time: Spring and Summer
- b. Commute: Car

2. Dunquin Pier

One of the Westernmost Points in Europe! It might look small from the photos, but it is majestic when you get there!

- a. Best Time: Anytime
- b. Commute: Car

3. Cliffs of Kerry

If Cliffs of Moher is too touristy for you, visit these Cliffs! Personally, I liked it more than Moher. There is a charge for 5 Euros each person. More colors as well!

- a. Best Time: Summer
- b. Commute: Car and Bus (Might be around 8 hours of travels due to several transits)

4. Dingle

A colorful city in County Kerry, it offers a lively environment and has one of the best aquariums for you to see! Have you ever heard about Murphy's Ice Cream? It was created first in Dingle!

- a. Best Time: Summer
- b. Commute: Car and Bus (Bus Eireann Route 275)

5. Rossbeigh Beach

An underrated sandy beach in Ireland with horses, it allows you to experience the scene of a movie!

- a. Best Time: Summer
- b. Commute: Car

6. Gap of Dunloe

Do you want to know what it feels like to travel to a place that came out of a folk story? This is a perfect spot for you! You can either walk touring the place, or if you're lazy like me, just drive. LOL!

- a. Best Time: Summer and Spring
- b. Commute: Car and Bus Tour





County Kilkenny

1. Kilkenny Castle

The largest available castle in Ireland!
Offers an amazing history! It is a paid experience, but they offer a student discount!

- a. Best Time: Anytime
- b. Commute: Irish Rail Train (Stop at Kilkenny Stations)





County Sligo

1. Benbulbin

One of the best natural phenomena that I saw in my own eyes! Truly spectacular, will recommend 100%!!! If you're up for the challenge, try hiking!

- a. Best Time: Spring and Summer
- b. Commute: Car and Bus

2. Creevykeel Court Tomb

Inviting all history lovers out there! Wanna see one of the most mysterious tombs in Ireland? Here is your chance. It is somehow still a mystery what this tomb actually is for. Maybe you can solve it?

- a. Best Time: Anytime
- b. Commute: Car

3. Fossil Beach

Another shhhh! Secret place for history lovers! This is your chance to see a real life fossil. This place is rare for people to come, usually just the locals. Good thing you read this guidebook!

- a. Best Time: Anytime
- b. Commute Car

County Donegal

1. Fairy Bridge

A place with mystical history behind it. They said sometimes you can see a fairy flying along on the bridge. Located near a town called Bundoran.

- a. Best Time: Summer but really anytime
- b. Commute: Car or Bus Expressway from Dublin





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