



Why Ireland

Renowned the world over for its warmth, hospitality, unrivalled infrastructure and unique culture, it's little wonder that Ireland is considered The Event Island. From its cosmopolitan cities to stunning seascapes, captivating cliffs to lush mountain tops, events held here take on the very essence of their surroundings.

International championships in particular excel in world-class infrastructure, vibrant people and a landscape that never fails to inspire. And what we bring to every occasion is a style and spirit that's uniquely Irish. A deeply passionate nation, we adore being part of a crowd that roars with unwavering support. Irish hearts, like Irish doors, are always open.

Dublin

Effortlessly combining the traditional with the modern, the historic with the contemporary, and the dynamic with that famous Irish laid-back quality, Dublin is an exciting and inspirational city eager to extend a warm welcome to competitors from across the globe. Scoring high on essential criteria such as accessibility, facilities and service, Dublin delivers in its own inimitable way.

Captivating experience

Dublin is a breath of fresh air, a truly unique capital that's steeped in tradition yet young at heart. In the historic, compact city centre there are lots to do and see, and visitors will love the rich selection of galleries, museums, restaurants, pubs and shops, not to mention the traditionally warm welcome from Dubliners.

Easy to get to

Ireland ideally located on the edge of Europe, is less than an hour from London, less than two hours from Paris or Brussels and just six hours from the east coast of the US by air. Dublin International Airport is only 12KM from the city centre and the city itself is small and compact and is tailor-made for carefree exploring by foot.

It also has an excellent transport system, which includes an urban rail system (DART), a stylish new tram network (Luas) and an extensive citywide and national bus service. Taxis are plentiful and reasonably priced by international standards.

Safety

Dublin is a safe and welcoming city with a strong, stable economy. Over the last fifteen years, Ireland's rate of economic growth has been the highest among member nations of the European Union. The city is one of the friendliest in Europe and maintains a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Climate

Dublin's climate is mild and very changeable.

It is influenced by the Gulf Stream. Winter temperatures average 4°C-7°C (39°-44°F) and in summer between 16°C-20°C (60°F-67°F). There are about eighteen hours of daylight daily during July and August, only getting truly dark after 23.00.

Population

The population of Dublin City and County is almost 1.4 million. English is the spoken language throughout Ireland. Irish (or Gaelic) is the original native language of Ireland. Place names and signage are usually in both languages.

Currency

The Euro is the only currency that is officially recognised as legal tender in the Republic of Ireland. Each Euro has 100 cents.

UNESCO City of Literature

With writers such as James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, George Bernard Shaw, WB Yeats, John Synge, Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift and Bram Stoker all hailing from Ireland's capital, Dublin was awarded the UNESCO City of literature in 2010 for its' on-going contribution to the literary world.

Dun Laoghaire

Considered as the sailing and leisure capital of Ireland, Dun Laoghaire is located on the outskirts of Dublin. It offers sailors, officials and families a uniquely compact site - with easy circulation between the accommodation, boat park, and social/dining areas. The championship venue is a short distance from the sailing area, airport and capital city of Dublin.

People

Dublin was voted the 'Lonely Planet Guide's Friendliest city' – twice! Our warm welcome, passion for life and genuine sense of fun entices visitors from around the globe. With a global family of 70 million who still spur on the home side, our renowned hospitality and clear sense of unity is never more apparent when we get the opportunity to host an international sporting event.