

# OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



## Country:

Ireland (IE)

### Sex & Dating

- Dating culture is considered to be more traditional and reserved than U.S.
  - More casual than other European countries
- Traditional gender roles more common in rural areas

### Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
  - Drinking outdoors is generally permitted, forbidden in some public places
  - Pub culture is very prominent
- Cannabis (marijuana) recreational use is illegal
  - Medicinal use permitted under conditions
  - Laws are strictly enforced

### LGBTQIA+ Culture

- IE is considered very welcoming and accepting of LGBTQIA+ community
  - Anti-discrimination laws are in place
  - Same-sex marriage is legal
  - More conservative in rural areas
- Resources
  - Rainbow SIG
  - Diversity Abroad
  - OutRight Action International

### Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 5 million
- Currency: Euro in Republic of Ireland
  - Pound sterling in Northern Ireland
- Official Languages: English & Gaelic
- Greetings tend to be warm and friendly, eye contact is important
- Communication is generally indirect, conflict is typically avoided and humor is common
- Many facets of Irish national identity are associated with religion (Catholicism)

## Resources

999 Ireland emergency number, 112 General EU emergency number

**+353** Country phone code

- [DU's Travel Assistance](#)
  - Phone: +1 443-569-8601 / Website: [dutravelassistanceprovider](#)
  - Please use DU credentials to sign in
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](#)



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