



IRELAND

Information on your destination

Documents to take

Passport (or an identity card if you come from a European country within the Schengen treaty). You must be 21 years old to pilot a boat.

Highway Code

Minimum age 17 years old, wearing a seat belt is compulsory at the front and rear, speed limits: motorway: 120 km/h - other roads: 100 km/h - in town: 50 km/h. For your information, the Irish ride on the left side.

Opening Hours

From 7.30 am to 10 pm - shops: from 9 am to 6 pm - pubs: during the week from 10.30 am to 11.30 pm, on Sunday from 12.30 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 11 pm - from Monday to Friday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Phone

For Ireland dial: +353.

In case of emergency

Fire brigade: 999

Police: 999

International emergency numbers: 112

Fishing

The Upper and Lower Lough Erne are waters particularly prized by fishermen. In the Irish Republic, you need a licence but only for certain type of fish; ask for more details at the base. Warning: laws have changed and have become more restrictive since 2006. In Northern Ireland however a fishing licence is required: about € 12,50 for 3 days and € 40 for 21 days (checks are made).

Advice for navigation

In Ireland, the locks work with a magnetic card that can be bought at the base for the price of €13. Locks are open every day from 9am to 8pm. The same card allows to access to the toilets in public ports, showers, washing machines and to empty the used water holding tanks. Spending the night in public ports is free but costs about € 15 in private marinas. It is forbidden to spend the night anchored on the lakes. Leaving from Leitrim and going south, the locks are manual and cost about € 1.50.

Navigation on the lakes is forbidden in rough weather (Force 3 Beaufort). Children up to the age of 17 must wear a life jacket. On the lakes, make sure you stay in the middle of the channel. Otherwise, you risk running aground. Refloating a boat entails significant costs, and these are covered neither by the insurance nor by the accidental damage waiver and will be for you to pay should this happen.

The Irish rules

1. It is illegal to have or to use live fish as bait.
2. The only legal method to catch freshwater fish is by rod and line.
3. It is forbidden to have in your possession, or to kill, more than 4 fish per day.
4. It is forbidden to have in your possession, or to kill, more than 1 pike a day.

5. It is forbidden to have in your possession, or to kill, a pike of more than 50 cm or to have more than 750 grams by weight of pike flesh or parts.
6. A pike of more than 50 cm must be put back in the water where it was caught.
7. It is forbidden to have in your possession more than 4 freshwater fish to be used as bait.
8. It is forbidden to kill a freshwater fish longer than 25 cm.
9. It is forbidden to sell your catch of the day.