



HOLSET IRELAND • KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

For the Holset award trip to the 'Emerald Isle' from May 2 to May 8, 2026, expect the quintessentially mild and unpredictable "four seasons in a day" weather. While May is historically one of the driest and sunniest months in Ireland, you should still prepare for cool breezes and the famous "soft rain".

The Forecast: Late Spring in Ireland

During your stay, temperatures will generally hover in a comfortable but cool range.

- **Daytime Highs:** Typically reach 54°F to 66°F (12°C to 19°C).
- **Nighttime Lows:** Dip down to 41°F to 51°F (5°C to 11°C).
- **Daylight:** You'll enjoy long days with nearly 15 hours of light, as the sun rises around 5:30 AM and sets after 9:00 PM.
- **Conditions:** Expect a mix of bright sunshine, constant cloud cover (roughly 53% of the time), and scattered showers.

The "Emerald Isle" Packing Strategy

To stay comfortable and mobile, follow the "One-Plus-One" rule: one checked suitcase for your main gear and one carry-on for your essentials.

1. The "Must-Haves" Carry-On: Keep your most critical items at arm's reach.

- **Passports:** Your primary ID.
- **Medications:** Prescription refills and essential over-the-counter meds.
- **Tech:** Phone, chargers, and a travel adapter.

2. The Paper (and Digital) Trail: Don't let a lost bag or phone derail your trip.

- **The Physical Backup:** Pack a printed photocopy of your passport in your checked bag, separate from the original.
- **The Digital Safety Net:** Save a clear photo of your passport on your phone and email a copy to yourself for cloud access.
- **The Home Base:** Leave one physical or digital copy with a trusted contact back home.

3. Layering Like a Local: Since the weather changes on a dime, your wardrobe should be modular.

- **The Base:** Light T-shirts or long-sleeves.
- **The Mid:** A fleece, lightweight sweater, or hoodie for when the wind picks up.
- **The Shell:** A waterproof, windproof jacket with a hood is non-negotiable.
- **The Feet:** Comfortable, waterproof walking shoes or boots for damp cobblestones and trails.

Credit & Currency

- **Currency:** Our Ireland trip locations will use the Euro (€). While cards (Visa/Mastercard) are accepted almost everywhere, keep some cash for small pubs or rural shops.
- **ATMs:** The easiest way to get local currency is to use your bank card to withdraw money when you arrive. ATMs are conveniently located at the airport and in most towns and villages. You'll need your PIN code, just as you would at home.
- **Pay in Euros or USD?:** When you are using your credit card, some establishments may ask you if you prefer to be charged in your home currency or the local currency (euros). We suggest you to always ask to be charged in the local currency, as the exchange rate will be more favorable.
- **Tipping:** A tip of 10-12% is standard in restaurants if a service charge isn't already included. It's not expected at the bar for just drinks.