# 30 Things Not to Do in Ireland as a Tourist



30 Things NOT to do in Ireland as a Tourist: Advice, facts, figures and trivia to enjoy Ireland and the Irish

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### 1. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

The Irish people are known for being friendly and helpful. If you're lost or confused, don't be afraid to ask for directions or advice. They'll be happy to help you out.

### 2. Don't drive on the wrong side of the road.

Ireland is one of the few countries in the world where people drive on the left-hand side of the road. If you're not used to driving on this side of the road, be sure to take extra care and pay attention to the traffic around you.

#### 3. Don't drink too much alcohol.

While Ireland is known for its pubs and Guinness, it's important to drink responsibly. Don't overindulge, or you could end up getting sick or even getting into trouble.

#### 4. Don't be disrespectful of the Irish culture.

The Irish people are proud of their culture and heritage. Be respectful of their traditions and customs, and don't make any offensive comments.

### 5. Don't wear offensive clothing.

Avoid wearing any clothing that could be considered offensive or disrespectful. This includes clothing with offensive slogans, symbols, or images.

#### 6. Don't be loud and boisterous.

The Irish people are generally quiet and reserved. Avoid being loud and boisterous, especially in public places.

#### 7. Don't litter.

Ireland is a beautiful country, so please help to keep it clean. Don't litter, and dispose of your trash properly.

#### 8. Don't go hiking alone.

If you're planning on going hiking, don't go alone. Always hike with a partner or group, and be sure to let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.

## 9. Don't swim in unsupervised waters.

The Irish coast can be dangerous, so always swim in supervised waters. Be aware of the tides and currents, and never swim alone.

#### 10. Don't drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Drinking and driving is illegal in Ireland. If you're caught driving under the influence, you could face serious penalties, including fines, imprisonment, and the loss of your license.

### 11. Don't take photos of people without their permission.

It's rude to take photos of people without their permission. Always ask before taking someone's photo, and respect their wishes if they don't want to be photographed.

#### 12. Don't haggle over prices.

Haggling is not common in Ireland. When you're shopping, be prepared to pay the asking price.

#### 13. Don't tip excessively.

Tipping is not expected in Ireland. If you do choose to tip, a small amount (10-15%) is sufficient.

#### 14. Don't use your phone in public places.

It's considered rude to use your phone in public places, such as on public transportation or in restaurants. If you need to use your phone, step outside or go to a quiet area.

### 15. Don't smoke in public places.

Smoking is banned in all public places in Ireland, including pubs, restaurants, and public transportation. If you want to smoke, you'll need to do so outside.

#### 16. Don't jaywalk.

Jaywalking is illegal in Ireland. Always cross the street at designated crosswalks.

#### 17. Don't be late for appointments.

The Irish people are generally punctual. If you're late for an appointment, be sure to call or text to let the other person know.

### 18. Don't make assumptions about people.

The Irish people are a diverse group of people. Don't make assumptions about them based on their appearance or accent.

### 19. Don't make jokes about terrorism.

Terrorism is a sensitive topic in Ireland. Avoid making jokes about it, as it could be offensive to some people.

#### 20. Don't talk about politics or religion.

Politics and religion are two sensitive topics in Ireland. Avoid discussing them with people you don't know well.

#### 21. Don't be afraid to try new things.

Ireland is a great place to try new things. Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone and try something new, such as a traditional Irish meal or a hike in the countryside.

#### 22. Don't be afraid to ask for directions.

If you're lost or confused, don't be afraid to ask for directions. The Irish people are generally helpful and will be happy to point you in the right direction.

#### 23. Don't be afraid to be yourself.

The Irish people are accepting of people from all walks of life. Be yourself, and you're sure to have a great time in Ireland.



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