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TRAVELING? HOW TO PREPARE

Whether you're heading home for a visit or planning a holiday abroad, travel should be exciting, not stressful. But for Irish immigrants and visa holders in the U.S., there are a few extra steps to take to ensure your trip goes smoothly.

This guide outlines the key points to help you stay informed and prepared.

CHECK YOUR PASSPORT AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

BEFORE YOU BOOK THAT FLIGHT

Confirm you have your passport in hand.

Check your passport's expiration date.
Many countries require at least 6 months of validity for entry and reentry.

Verify your U.S. visa or green card status.
Make sure it's valid for reentry into the U.S.

Be aware: Passport and visa processing can take time, especially during peak travel seasons. If you need support navigating this, contact your local Irish center for guidance.

HELPFUL LINKS

U.S. Passport Info: travel.state.gov/passport

Irish Passport Renewals: dfa.ie/passportonline

Connect with the nearest Irish Center in the U.S.

LEARN MORE

Find your local center at **IrishinMotion.org**

We get it. We're all in motion. No matter your journey, we're here for you and your loved ones.
Visit our website to download clear, trusted guides on your rights, your options, and how to take your next steps.

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BE SMART ABOUT TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know your devices and social media accounts may be subject to inspection at the U.S. border

When traveling:

- Travel with as few devices as possible
- Use strong passwords and update your privacy settings
- Power off your devices at border entry points
- Keep devices on airplane mode until fully cleared through customs
- Make sure devices and apps don't contain sensitive or personal information that could raise questions

Social media information is collected as part of U.S. immigration procedures, including:

- Visa applications and renewals
- Status adjustments
- Enforcement efforts

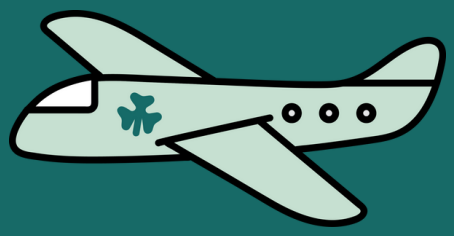
You may be asked to disclose:

- Social media handles (required for visa applicants)
- Email addresses
- Phone numbers
- Other platform usage

Your online presence matters; be thoughtful about what you post and carry with you.

FOLLOW THE COALITION + SHARE!
Follow us at @irish_coalition

Irish in Motion moves with you, from takeoff to touchdown, we help you travel with clarity and care. Help us inform others by following us online and sharing with your loved ones.



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KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU LAND

Upon arrival in the U.S.:

- Go to i94.cbp.dhs.gov to confirm your I-94 arrival record. It will show your entry date and how long you're allowed to stay.
- **Be honest and mindful** in customs interviews — what you say and do can be monitored.
- Understand that **officers can inspect belongings** (including electronics) if they have reasonable suspicion of a law violation.
- If you have a criminal record or travel concerns, contact your local Irish center before you travel.

FINAL CHECKLIST
TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

BEFORE YOU GO:

- Valid Passport
- Visa or green card confirmed
- Travel documents in order
- Technology secured
- I-94 checked upon arrival

And remember, your local Irish center is here to support you!

NEED ADVICE?

Contact us, if you need guidance on passports, visas, or travel documents before your trip.

LEARN MORE

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