

**IRELAND VS POLAND
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TRAVEL ADVICE FOR FANS**



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Before you travel...

- Irish citizens must hold a valid passport to enter Poland. **NOTE:** Under Polish law, you are required to have your ID readily accessible at all times or be able to produce identification within a short timeframe.
- It is recommended that you bring a scan or photocopy of the passport page with your photograph. This can be useful in case of loss or theft of your passport.
- **Currency:** Poland uses the zloty (€1 = approx. 4, 2 PLN). Debit and credit cards are widely accepted but you should confirm before you order – some cafés, bars and restaurants are cash-only.
- The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade strongly recommends that you obtain comprehensive travel insurance which will cover all overseas medical costs, including medical evacuation, before travelling to Poland.
- You should also obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) free of charge which entitles you to emergency medical treatment. This card is not a substitute for travel insurance. See www.ehic.ie for further details.
- **Language:** English is generally widely spoken in Warsaw, especially among younger people.

Getting around Warsaw...

Public and private transport connections to Warsaw are clearly signposted in the arrivals hall of Chopin and Modlin airports.

Warsaw has an integrated public transport system and tickets are valid on metro, tram, bus and rail services within the Warsaw city limits. Ticket machines in metro stations can be accessed in English and accept both cash and cards. One-way tickets cost 4,40 zloty. 24hr, 48hr and 72hr tickets can also be purchased. **IMPORTANT:** Public transport tickets **must be validated** by stamping them before boarding the metro or immediately after boarding a bus or tram.

Getting to “Stadion Narodowy”...

The **National Stadium** is located 4 km east of Warsaw’s Central railway station and 3 km away from Warsaw’s old town. The dedicated gate for Irish fans is gate 10. There are various ways to reach the stadium by public transport:

By train from the city centre “Warszawa Śródmieście” stop to “Warszawa Stadion”. This is the most convenient option for access to gate 10. **By metro** to “Stadion Narodowy” station on Metro Line 2.

By bus or tram from the city centre to “Rondo Waszyngtona” or “Al. Zieleniecka”.

If your property has been lost or stolen...

- You must report the theft of your documents and/or property within 24 hours to the police and **obtain a police report**. This may be needed for insurance purposes and **must** be presented to the Embassy if an emergency travel document is required (see below).

If your passport has been lost or stolen...

The Embassy can issue an emergency travel certificate valid for one single journey back to Ireland.

Please make an appointment with the Embassy in advance. You will require:

- Two passport photographs (there is a photo booth in Warszawa Śródmieście train station and Złote Tarasy shopping centre near Warszawa Centralna railway station)
- Your police report (or lost property report if your passport was lost)
- Any other form of ID that you are carrying
- Fee of €16 OR 68 zloty in cash
- Proof of travel e.g. flight bookings
- If you are not travelling directly home, an emergency passport may be required for onward travel – please ask the Embassy for further details.

If you run out of money...

If your cash or credit cards have been lost or stolen, or if you run out of funds for any other reason, we recommend that a family member or friend transfer funds to you through a commercial money transfer agent. You will require photo identification to collect the transferred funds. If you have also lost your ID, the funds could be transferred to a family member or friend who is with you in Poland.

GENERAL EMERGENCIES

Emergency Numbers in Poland

European Emergency Number	112
Fire Brigade	998
Police	997
Ambulance	999

Consular Assistance

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