



# ON THE ROAD

An easy-to-digest guide to driving in Ireland

# DRIVER'S CHECKLIST



## Valid documentation

Driving licence and vehicle rental agreement



## Warning triangle



## First aid kit



## Loose change for tolls

(11 in the country)



## 112 is the European emergency number

N-Roads = National  
Roads  
R-Roads = Regional  
(minor) Roads



# SPEED LIMITS

**Motorways**



**Dual carriageways**



**Main roads**



**Built up areas**



The Irish police are  
known as the Garda  
Síochána

# DOs

## ✓ Always remember to drive on the left

In Ireland you drive on the left side of the road and the driver sits on the right hand side of the car.

## ✓ Prepare for your journey properly

There are not many service stations on motorways in Ireland.

## ✓ Abide by the laws of the road

Even foreign drivers can be issued with penalty points.

## ✓ Wear your seat belt

Children must use booster seats or an appropriate child restraint system.

## ✓ Research your directions and plan your route in advance

In parts of Ireland's 'Gaeltacht' areas, road signs are written only in the Irish (Gaeilge) language.

Put the heart  
crossways in  
someone = To  
give someone a  
fright

# Don'ts

## ✘ Use your mobile phone while driving

Not only is it dangerous, but it's against the law and you could be fined up to €2,000.

## ✘ Many minor roads can be narrow with no 'hard shoulder'

Watch out for oncoming traffic and adverse road conditions.

## ✘ Drink and drive, it's a very serious offence in Ireland

The legal limit for fully licensed drivers is 0.05mg/ml in Ireland compared to 0.08mg/ml in the UK.

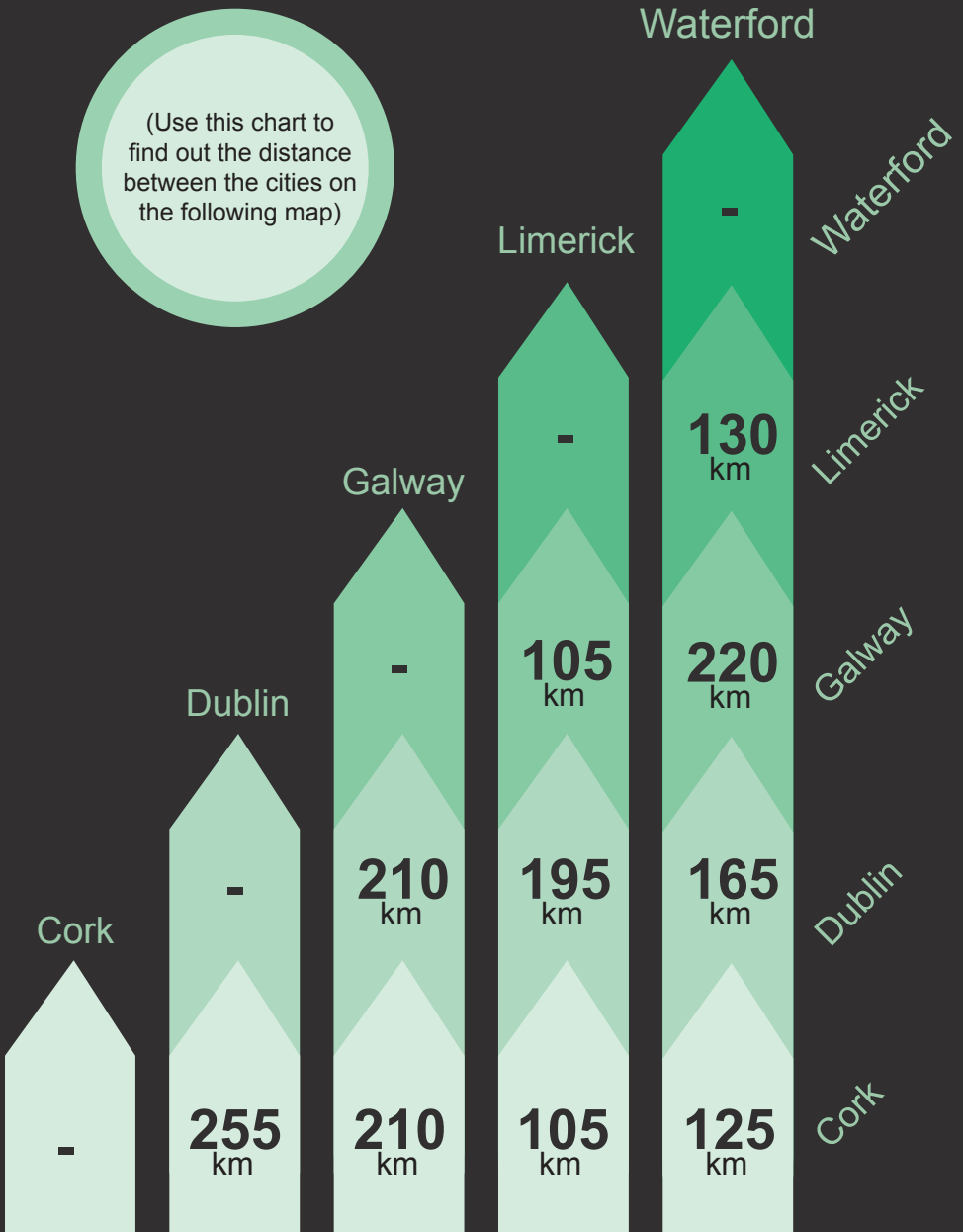
## ✘ Speed

Mobile speed camera detectors and police checkpoints are commonplace throughout the country.

# DISTANCE CHART

Distance between popular Irish destinations

(Use this chart to find out the distance between the cities on the following map)



Disclaimer - This is only a proposed guide and not a direct reflection of driving regulations in Ireland. It is the responsibility of the driver to research and understand all driving legislation.

# DISCOVER THESE PLACES

How well do you know Ireland?

The Jacks = the toilet

Arseways = something  
you say when things go  
wrong

Gardai = police



Galway

Dublin

Limerick

Waterford

Cork

# LIVE LIKE A LOCAL

## Talk like a local



What's the craic? =  
how are you?

Minerals =  
soft drinks



## Embrace the local traditions



Head to the pub and experience  
lively Irish bands. Remember to join  
in by banging the table to the beat.

Keep an eye out for leprechauns – mysterious  
creatures from Irish folklore. If you can catch one,  
it may grant you three wishes in return for its  
freedom.



## Try this for a tongue twister

An bhfacha tú an bacach, nó an bhfacha tú a mhac? Ní fhaca mé an bacach  
is ní fhaca mé a mhac, ach dá bhfeicfinnse an bacach nó dá bhfeicfinnse a  
mhac, ní bhacfainn leis an bacach is ní bhacfainn lena mhac!

Translation: Did you see the oaf or did you see his son? I didn't see the oaf  
nor did I see his son, but if I should see the oaf or should I see his son, I'd  
ignore the oaf and I'd ignore his son!