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Dublin is the only collection point to hire a campervan or motorhome from in Ireland. You can take your vehicle on the ferry from England or Wales as an alternative.

Campsites in Ireland are in all the main centres and many of the small ones too. [www.pitchup.com](http://www.pitchup.com) is a useful site.

<http://www.camping-ireland.ie/>

### **Driving in Ireland:**

Before you hit the open road, here's what you need to know

#### **Roads in the Republic of Ireland**

Roads in Ireland are generally of a very high standard. Motorways are prefixed with an "M" (for example M50), while national roads are prefixed with an "N" (for example N18).

#### **Roads in the Northern Ireland**

Roads in Northern Ireland are prefixed with an "M" for motorway; an "A" and a "B" for primary and non-primary roads.

Be mindful that signs in the Republic of Ireland show distances in kilometres, while in the North miles are used.

### **Tolls**

There are a number of tolled roads in Ireland.

#### **Republic of Ireland**

West-Link (M50 Motorway, Dublin)

M1 Motorway Boyne Bridge, Drogheda

East-Link (Dublin Port)

M4 motorway

M8 motorway

Dublin Port Tunnel

N25 Waterford City

#### **Northern Ireland**

There are no toll roads in Northern Ireland.

### **License and insurance**

Visitors wishing to drive in Ireland will require either a full valid national driving license or an international driving permit issued abroad. Either of the above can be obtained from the country of origin.

### **Driving laws**

**Driving in Ireland** is on the **left hand side** of the road and it is required that all passengers **wear seat belts at all times in both the front and back of the vehicle**. For those riding motorcycles, both motorcyclists and their passengers must wear helmets. Ireland's laws on drink driving are very strict. Those drivers found to be contravening the laws will be heavily penalised.

Speed limits in the **Republic of Ireland** are:

50kph/30mph in built-up urban areas

80kph/50mph on single non-national open roads

100kph/60mph on national roads

120kph on motorways

In **Northern Ireland**, speed limits are:

30mph/50kph in built-up urban areas

60mph/96kph on single carriageways

70mph/112kph on dual carriageways and motorways

### **Signposts**

In the Republic of Ireland, signposts denoting speed limits are now in kilometres per hour. Also only in the Republic, signposts and place names are displayed in both Irish (Gaelic) and English. In Gaeltacht areas (an area where Irish is the primary language) only Irish is used.

Signposts and speeds in Northern Ireland are in miles and miles per hour while all place names are displayed in English only.

### **Fuel**

The island of Ireland is well served by petrol stations. Prices will vary between the petrol stations. The Automobile Association website features **information on pricing** in both Northern Ireland and the Republic.

Useful website to help you plan your driving holiday in Ireland:

<http://www.ireland.com/en-gb>