



Reopening tourism - how Ireland compares - a quick glance

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Sources: Our World in Data; National Tourism Authorities; Eurostat; European Commission.

<p>Several European countries are already welcoming holiday visitors who have evidence of a negative PCR test without any quarantine requirement. The current situation varies across the continent in advance of the EU's digital certificate which will allow visitors from within Europe, and from further afield, with proof of vaccination, PCR test or previous infection to enter European Union countries without the need for test or quarantine upon arrival. However, member states will be allowed to set their own requirements for travellers from individual countries based on their own epidemiological criteria. A common feature of the current situation across Europe, where countries are open to travellers other than for essential reasons, is the continued need to maintain social distancing which limits capacity at venues, the requirement to wear masks, together with reduced trading hours and/or curfew in some destinations.</p>									
Reopening to tourists									
Selected European country comparison									
	Ireland	UK*	France	Germany*	Greece	Iceland	Italy*	Portugal	Spain*
State of virus/vaccinations									
<i>Biweekly change in infections</i>	-41%	-13%	-36%	-45%	11%	-60%	-38%	-11%	-29%
<i>Cumulative Vaccination per 100 population</i>	38.9	83.1	44.8	49.5	44.3	63.1	47.7	47.1	48.9
Entry requirements	Closed for non-essential travel Pre-departure Covid-19 RT-PCR test required + mandatory hotel quarantine from selected countries	Trafficlight system re origin: mandatory PCR test (Green); Test + self quarantine (Amber); Test + mandatory quarantine (Red)	Open to Europeans eff. June 09 & open to visitors from outside Europe with 'pass sanitaire'	Open to EU/Schengen & Israel nationals with negative test & digital entry registration. Non-essential travel from other countries restricted.	Vaccination cert, PCR test or proof of infection (eff. May 15) irrespective of origin. Arrivals may be subject to rapid test - if negative moved to hotel quarantine at Govt. expense	open to all with vaccine cert or proof of infection. Free PCR test on arrival, results by app in 6-24 hrs.	Open to visitors from EU/Schengen, UK, and Israel PCR test/ no quarantine. Low risk (US, Japan, Canada, UAE & Singapore) PCR test + 10 days quarantine, except US on 'covid tested flights'	open for non-essential travel to all EU/Schengen area nationals, as well as the U.K residents (eff. May 17).	Reopening to British from May 24 (without test or vaccination). From June 07 open to all vaccinated visitors, irrespective of origin.
Tourist accommodations	Reopens June 02	Open	Open	Phased reopening by state	Open	Open	Open	Open	Gradual reopening
Dining/Bars	outdoor	eff. June 07	Open	Open	Phased reopening by state	Open	Open Bars 'till 9pm	Open	Open (to 11pm or 1am)
	indoor	no date or plan	Open	Open from June 09	Phased reopening by state	Open	Open 'till 11pm 6pm)	June 01 (until 6pm)	Open
Visitor attractions/Museums	Open	Open	Open		Open	Open	Open	Open May 30	Reopening underway
Other	Latest reopening plan due May 28th	*Regional variations apply. Plan to lift all restrictions by June 21	All restrictions lifted by June 30. Curfew: 9pm, moving to 11pm June 09	*Regional variations apply. Gradual & varying reopenings x state, eff. Whitsun weekend May22/24	Pared-down curfew remains in place 12.30am to 5 am	Most open of European travel and tourism economies	*Regional variations apply. Curfew 11pm; midnight from June 07. Plan to eliminate end	In process of lifting restrictions - in 4 phases - reviewed every 15 days.	*Regional variations apply
Importance of tourism sector									
<i>GDP</i>	3%	11%	8%	9%	21%	33%	13%	20%	14%
<i>Tourism employment as % of total jobs (2018)</i>	10%	5%	7%	6%	25%	15%	11%	12%	14%