



## OVERSEAS VISITORS

# ISLAND OF IRELAND

## 2014 FACTS & FIGURES

1/2 MILLION  
EXTRA VISITORS

8.4 MILLION  
VISITORS

€246m/£199m  
SPEND INCREASE

### OVERSEAS VISITORS

Almost 8.4 million visitors were welcomed on the island of Ireland in 2014, over half a million more than in 2013 [+6% increase].



8.4 MILLION

### WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

GB [48%], US [13%], Germany [7%], & France [5%] represented almost three-quarters of all overseas visitors to the island in 2014.



### AVERAGE SPEND/LENGTH OF STAY

The average spend per overseas visitor was €492/£398 in 2014. The average length of stay for visitors was 7.7 nights and holidaymakers was 6.7 nights.



GREAT BRITAIN



NORTH AMERICA



MAINLAND EUROPE



OTHER AREAS

### WHY WERE OUR VISITORS HERE?

More than two-fifths of visitors to the island of Ireland in 2014 came for a holiday, that is +280,000 (+8%) more holidaymakers than in 2013. More than one-third (37%) came to visit friends and/or relatives (VFR) while almost one-fifth came for business reasons.



HOLIDAY

43%



VFR

37%



BUSINESS

16%



OTHER

4%

### PROMOTABLE VISITORS\*

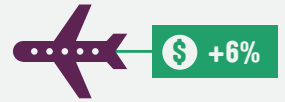
More than 4 million promotable visitors were welcomed to the island in 2014, +256,000 more than in 2013.

+7%



### OVERSEAS REVENUE

The island of Ireland generated €4.1/£3.4 billion in 2014, an additional +€246/£199 million compared to 2013.



€4.1/£3.4 BILLION

### WHERE DID THE REVENUE COME FROM?

GB [30%], US [23%], Germany [8%], & France [5%] represent two-thirds of all overseas revenue generated on the island in 2014.

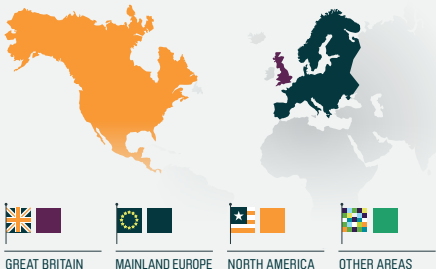


### POPULAR PLACES?

Dublin, the South West and Northern Ireland remain the most popular destinations for visitors.



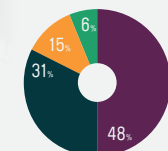
### 2014 NUMBERS & MARKET AREA SHARE



VISITORS

8,435,000

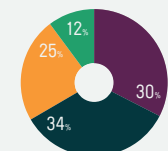
+6%  
Change vs 2013



REVENUE

€4,148 million  
£3,354 million

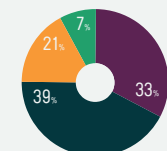
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PROMOTABLES\*

4,084,000

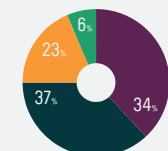
+7%  
Change vs 2013



HOLIDAYMAKERS

3,645,000

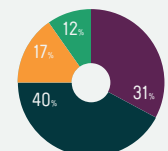
+8%  
Change vs 2013



NIGHTS

65,149,000

+7%  
Change vs 2013



\* Promotable visitors are made up of holidaymakers, conference, trade fair/exhibition visitors and visitors here for English Language Training (ELT).

## WHERE DID OUR VISITORS COME FROM? [000's]

	Island of Ireland			Republic of Ireland			Northern Ireland		
	2014	vs. 2013	Share	2014	vs. 2013	Share	2014	vs. 2013	Share
<b>Total</b>	8,435	+6%		7,105	+6%		1,789	+6%	
	4,066	+4%	48%	3,007	+5%	42%	1,175	+1%	66%
	2,614	+6%	31%	2,490	+6%	35%	265	+9%	15%
GERMANY	555	+15%	7%	535	+15%	8%	59	+16%	3%
FRANCE	441	+4%	5%	420	+3%	6%	48	+11%	3%
SPAIN	291	+11%	3%	274	+10%	4%	32	+23%	2%
ITALY	253	+9%	3%	246	+9%	3%	21	+13%	1%
	1,236	+14%	15%	1,146	+10%	16%	227	+38%	13%
USA	1,077	+13%	13%	1,005	+9%	14%	182	+38%	10%
CANADA	158	+27%	2%	140	+22%	2%	46	+36%	3%
	520	+8%	6%	462	+7%	7%	122	+2%	7%
AUS / NZ / 00	208	+1%	3%	191	-1%	3%	55	-14%	3%

## WHY WERE OUR VISITORS HERE?

	Holiday	VFR*	Business	Other
<b>Total</b>	43%	37%	16%	4%
	31%	49%	18%	2%
	51%	25%	17%	8%
	66%	21%	9%	4%
	45%	37%	13%	5%

VFR\* – Visiting friends and relatives



## HOW MUCH DID OUR VISITORS SPEND?

	Island of Ireland				Republic of Ireland				Northern Ireland			
	2014 €m	2014 £m	vs. 2013	Share	2014 €m	2014 £m	vs. 2013	Share	2014 €m	2014 £m	vs. 2013	Share
<b>Total</b>	4,148	3,354	+6%		3,596	2,908	+8%		552	446	-6%	
	1,245	1,006	+1%	30%	927	749	+4%	26%	318	257	-6%	58%
	1,390	1,124	+5%	34%	1,301	1,052	+6%	36%	88	72	-1%	16%
	1,018	823	+12%	25%	940	760	+13%	26%	77	62	-1%	14%
	496	401	+11%	12%	428	346	+16%	12%	68	55	-16%	12%

Exchange Rate: 1 Euro = 0.81 Sterling

## HOW DOES PURPOSE OF VISIT CONTRIBUTE TO SPEND?

	Business	VFR*	Holiday	Other
<b>Total</b>	17%	26%	49%	9%
	23%	40%	35%	3%
	18%	16%	51%	15%
	10%	15%	69%	6%
	13%	38%	37%	12%

VFR\* – Visiting friends and relatives

## HOW DID THEY SPEND THEIR MONEY?

	Bed & Board	Food & Drink	Shopping	Internal Transport	SS/Ents*	Misc
<b>Total</b>	30%	33%	14%	12%	7%	4%
	26%	38%	13%	12%	6%	5%
	32%	32%	14%	12%	7%	3%
	31%	32%	13%	13%	8%	3%
	29%	32%	16%	11%	8%	5%

SS/Ents\* – Sightseeing & Entertainment



## HOW MANY NIGHTS DID THEY STAY?

	2014 [000's]	vs. 2013	Share
<b>Total</b>	65,149	+7%	
	20,496	0%	31%
	25,908	+11%	40%
	11,182	+6%	17%
	7,563	+14%	12%



## WHERE DID THEY STAY?

	Friends/Relatives	Hotels	Rented	B&B/Guesthouse	Other
<b>Total</b>	33%	25%	14%	9%	18%
	49%	24%	8%	4%	14%
	23%	22%	20%	11%	23%
	21%	42%	11%	12%	14%
	41%	17%	17%	7%	18%

## WHERE ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND DID OUR VISITORS & HOLIDAYMAKERS STAY?

	Dublin	South West	Northern Ireland	West	Shannon	South East	East & Midlands	North West
<b>Visitors</b> (000's)	4,119	2,229	1,789	1,442	1,077	870	781	602
<b>Share</b>	49%	26%	21%	17%	13%	10%	9%	7%
<b>Holidays</b> (000's)	2,245	1,490	544	1,040	702	562	294	323
<b>Share</b>	62%	41%	15%	29%	19%	15%	8%	9%

% VISITORS

% HOLIDAYMAKERS



## WHERE DID OUR PROMOTABLE VISITORS COME FROM?

	2014 (000's)	vs. 2013	Share
<b>Total</b>	4,084	+7%	
	1,364	+9%	33%
	1,594	+4%	39%
	851	+12%	21%
	275	-2%	7%



## WHERE DID OUR HOLIDAYMAKERS COME FROM?

	2014 (000's)	vs. 2013	Share
<b>Total</b>	3,645	+8%	
	1,253	+9%	34%
	1,336	+7%	37%
	821	+12%	23%
	234	-2%	6%



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## HOLIDAYMAKER PROFILES

### WHAT SOCIO ECONOMIC GROUP DO OUR HOLIDAYMAKERS BELONG TO?

	AB Managerial Professional	C1 White Collar	C2 Skilled Worker	DE Unskilled Worker
<b>Total</b>	32%	50%	14%	4%
	34%	41%	19%	6%
	30%	53%	15%	3%
	32%	55%	10%	2%
	36%	53%	7%	4%



### HOW LONG DID OUR HOLIDAYMAKERS STAY?

	1-3 nights	4-5 nights	6-8 nights	9-14 nights	15+ nights	Average nights
<b>Total</b>	26%	20%	30%	18%	6%	6.7
	45%	23%	22%	9%	1%	4.7
	21%	20%	31%	21%	8%	7.4
	16%	16%	36%	25%	8%	7.9
	41%	18%	22%	13%	6%	9.3

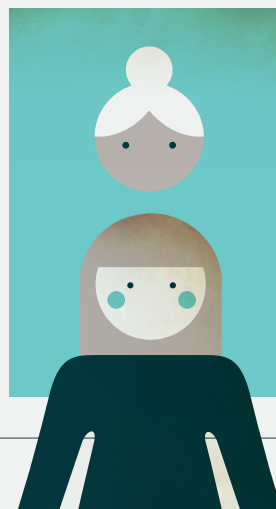
### WHAT AGE ARE OUR HOLIDAYMAKERS?

	U16	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
<b>Total</b>	3%	16%	20%	12%	18%	17%	13%
	3%	11%	13%	13%	23%	20%	16%
	5%	18%	26%	14%	17%	13%	7%
	3%	17%	18%	10%	14%	20%	19%
	2%	17%	23%	10%	23%	13%	12%



### HAD OUR HOLIDAYMAKERS BEEN HERE BEFORE?

	1st visit	Repeat	Born here
<b>Total</b>	59%	39%	2%
	24%	70%	6%
	67%	33%	0%
	75%	24%	1%
	75%	24%	2%



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**Tourism Ireland is the organisation responsible for marketing the island of Ireland overseas as a tourist destination.** In addition to this role Tourism Ireland also undertakes regional / product marketing and promotional activities on behalf of Fáilte Ireland and the Northern Ireland Tourist Board through its overseas market offices.

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