

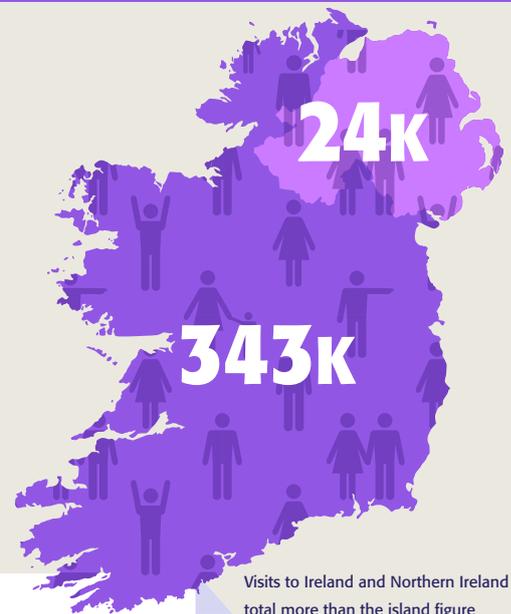
Italy

Market Profile



Visitor Market

Italy accounts for 3% of all visitors to the island of Ireland. We welcomed **352k** visitors from Italy in 2017.



Where do they come from?

20%
Lombardy

8%
Veneto

8%
Piedmonte

22%
Lazio

Visits to Ireland and Northern Ireland total more than the island figure due to visitors spending time in both locations.

Visitor Growth in 2017



Island of Ireland

33M Outbound visits

Italy is Europe's 5th largest outbound market. Italian visitors made over 33M outbound trips in 2017 with 82% of those visits within Europe.

Latest performance

Read more to access the latest performance on visitors, holidaymakers and revenue from Italy.

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Revenue and Bednights

Spend by visitors from Italy increased by +7% in 2017, generating an additional +€13/£11M compared to 2016.



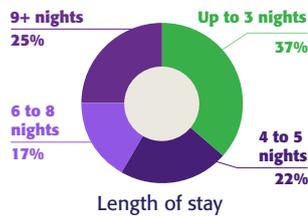
3.2M

Bednights

Rented accommodation is the most popular type of accommodation among Italian visitors.

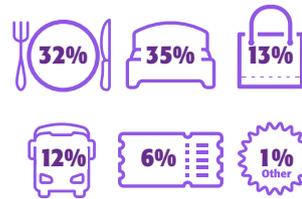
9.1

Average nights on island



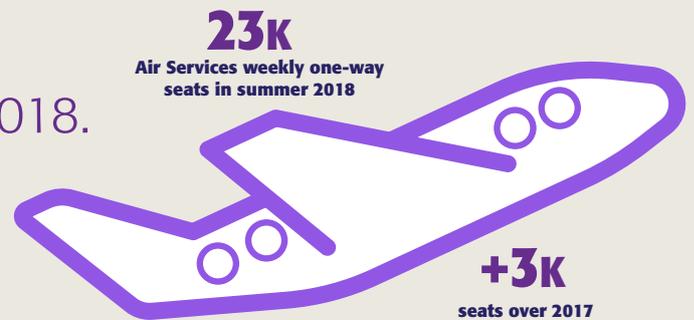
€553/£481

Spend per visitor



Air and Sea Access Links

Air routes to the island of Ireland increased by +17% in summer 2018.



22k

One-way seats per week to Ireland



14 Italian airports
3 Airlines

1,311

One-way seats per week to Northern Ireland



3 airports
3 airlines

Industry opportunities

Tourism Ireland works with airlines and sea carriers to create co-operative marketing opportunity for our industry partners to get involved with.

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Holiday Market

More than half (57%) of all Italian visitors that come to the island of Ireland are here for a holiday, which is just over 200k holidaymakers from Italy. This is an +11% increase when compared to 2016.



1.2M

Holidaymaker nights

The average stay for Italian holidaymakers to the island of Ireland is 6.2 nights. The average stay for holidaymakers in Northern Ireland is 2.3 nights.

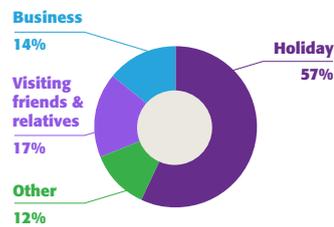
€98M/£85M

Holidaymaker Revenue



growth versus 2016

Reasons for visiting



Interest in Visiting

The island of Ireland is the 3rd most popular destination among Italian holidaymakers in terms of future interest in visiting in the next 3 years.



55%

Intend to holiday to the island in the next 3 years

To ensure intent, we stimulate potential holidaymakers with our messaging to reassure them that you can fill a holiday with lots to see and do, offering the unique experience of Ireland and the friendly & welcoming people.

27%

Actively planning a holiday to the island within 12 months

The island of Ireland competes as a holiday destinations with France, Spain, Britain and Greece. After Britain, Ireland has the 2nd strongest conversion (interest to intent) rate of all outbound destinations monitored.

Driving holiday growth

Tourism Ireland has created a tailor-made marketing programme targeting holidaymakers to stimulate interest and holiday booking from our 6th largest holiday market.

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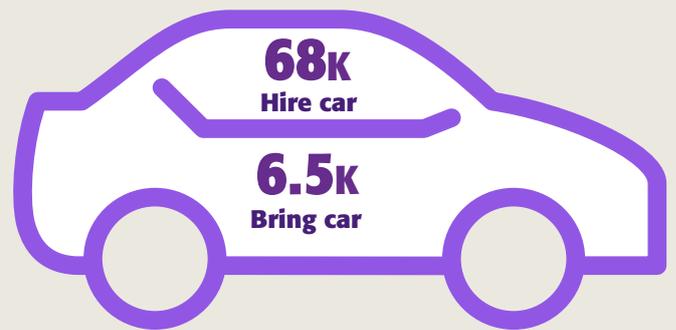
Our Best Prospects

Culturally Curious holidaymakers really like to immerse themselves in a destination by soaking up the atmosphere and mixing with the locals. They love to explore by venturing off the beaten track against the backdrop of a beautiful landscape. Recommendations are particularly important to them.



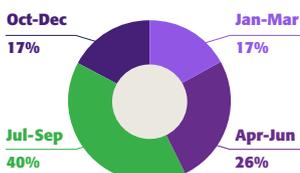
Italian Tourers

Italian holidaymakers often prefer not to drive when abroad. They use public transport and other modes of transport to get around the island of Ireland, with just 37% using a car.



66%

Holiday during Apr-Sept



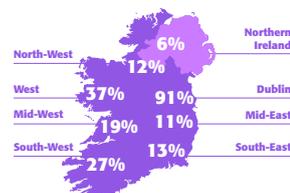
Personalised campaigns

Tourism Ireland runs targeted digital marketing campaigns to coincide with critical holiday decision-making times. Get involved in our Digital and Social Media partnership programme.

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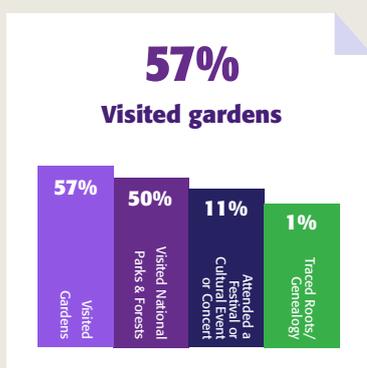
6%

Visit Northern Ireland



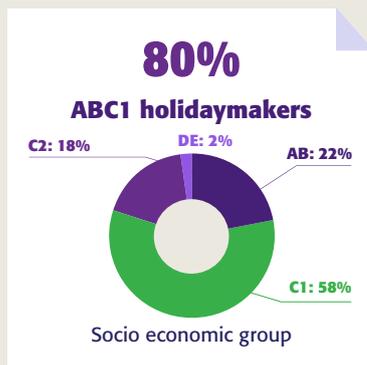
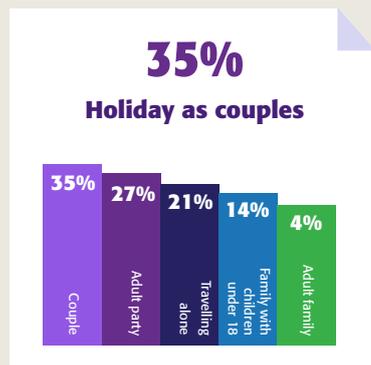
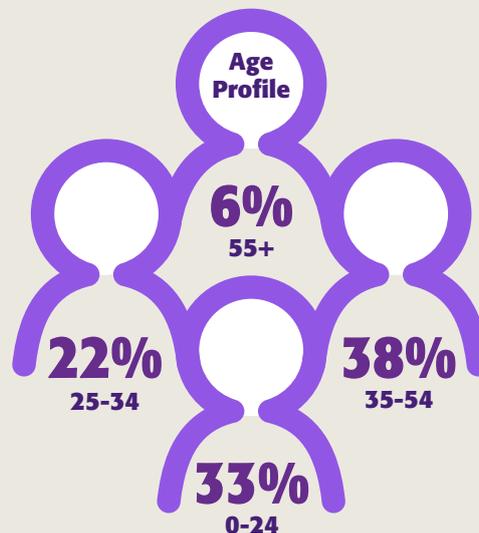
Active Holidaymakers

While the Italian holidaymaker is inspired to choose a holiday in Ireland by our stunning scenery, they are particularly interested in exploring our historical sites during their visit to the island of Ireland.



Holidaymaker Profile

55% of our Italian holidaymakers are under 35 years of age and 17% have been here before.



17%
Repeat holidaymakers

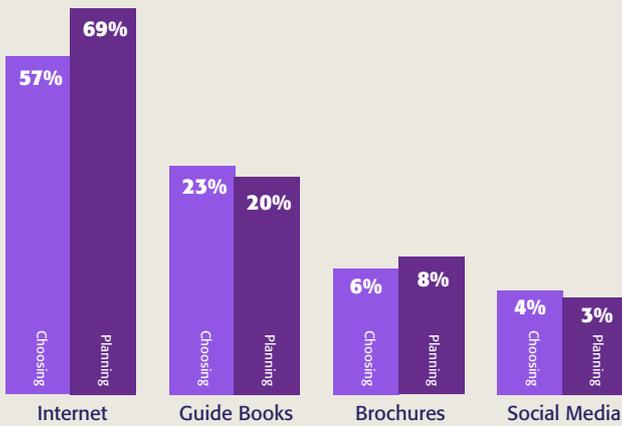
One of the highest incidences of 'first time' visits is consistently recorded among Italian holidaymakers with 83% of holidaymakers visiting for the first time in 2017.

Online & Offline Inspiration

When choosing the island of Ireland to visit, 57% of holidaymakers from Italy were inspired via the internet to come to the island for a holiday.



Just some of the sources of influence when choosing/planning visit



Planned via Social Media

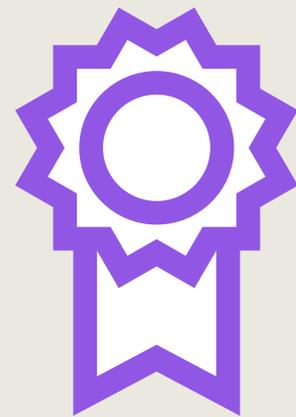
Of those who used Social Media, Facebook was the most popular social media outlet for holidaymakers with 88% using it when planning to visit the island of Ireland, followed by Youtube (32%) and Instagram (22%).

Planned via the Internet

36% of all holidaymakers who used the internet to choose to visit the island of Ireland did so using an accommodation website and 33% used a carrier website.

Partnering for Success

Tourism Ireland is the organisation responsible for marketing the island of Ireland overseas as a tourist destination.



Contact us

Get in contact with our Italian team who can partner with you to help deliver more visitors and revenue from Italy to your business, and the island of Ireland.

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Market Insights

Learn about opportunities in other markets and keep up-to-date on latest visitor numbers and market intelligence.

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Marketing Opportunities

Select the marketing opportunity that's right for you to help attract additional visitors and grow your business from Italy and other markets.

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