

Canada

Market Profile



The island of Ireland welcomed

244k

visitors from
Canada in 2018



Visitor Market

Canada is the 9th largest market for the island of Ireland, and the 5th strongest in terms of revenue.

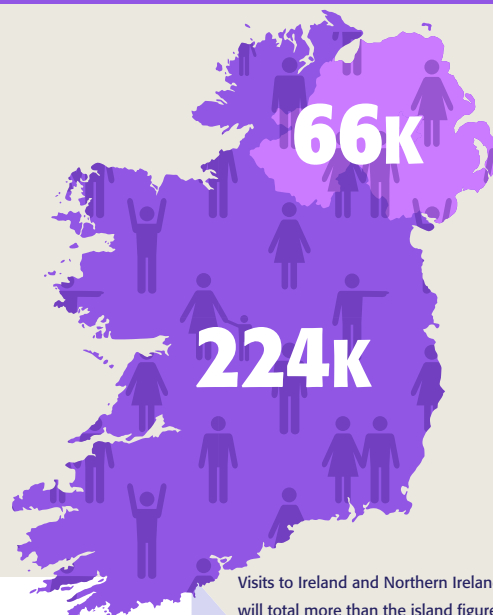
Where do they come from?

39%
Ontario

22%
British Columbia

11%
Alberta

17%
Quebec



+8%

Visitor growth in 2018



Ireland



Northern Ireland

25.5M

Outbound leisure trips

In 2018, 5.4m (20%) of all Canadian outbound leisure trips were to Europe and 244k (5%) of these visitors spent time on the island of Ireland.

Latest Performance

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

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

Revenue and Bednights

Spend by visitors from Canada increased by +2% to €227M/£198M in 2018. This is an additional €4.7M/£4.1M when compared to 2017. Canadian visitor spend accounts for 4% of all visitor spend to the island of Ireland.



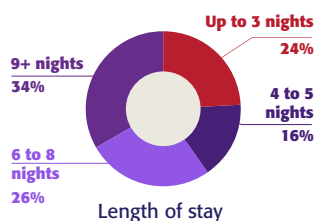
2.3M

Bednights

80% of Canadian visitors stayed in paid accommodation, principally hotels and to a lesser extent B&Bs, guesthouses and rented accommodation.

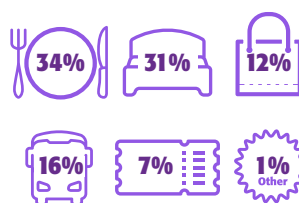
9.3

Average nights on the island



€933/£812

Spend per visitor

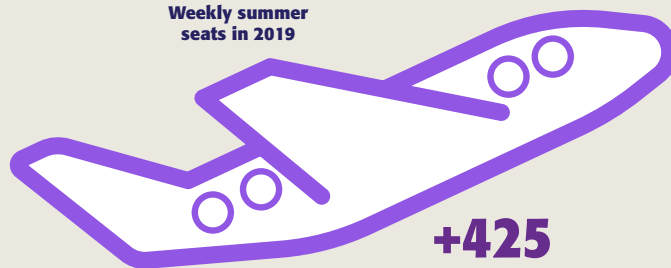


Air Access

Weekly air seat capacity to the island increased from 9K to 9.5K in 2019, which is a +5% increase when compared to 2018.

9.5k

Weekly summer seats in 2019



+425

Additional seats over 2018

6

Canadian airports



Montréal, Toronto, Halifax, Hamilton, Vancouver and Calgary.

6

Canadian cities

5

Airlines



Aer Lingus, Air Canada, Air Transat, Norwegian Airlines and Westjet.

Industry Opportunities

Tourism Ireland works with airline partners to create co-operative marketing opportunities for our industry partners to also get involved with.

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Holidaymakers

We welcomed 166k Canadian holidaymakers in to the island in 2018. Since 2014, holidaymaker growth have almost doubled.



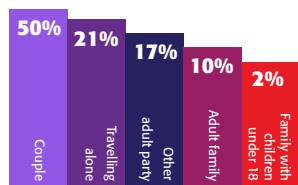
1.4M

Holidaymaker nights

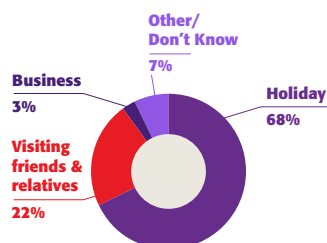


50%

holiday as a couple



Reasons for visiting



Interest in Visiting

62% of Canadian holidaymakers are interested in taking a holiday to the island of Ireland.



Top Ten

Holiday destination

The island is on the top 10 list of holiday destinations that Canadian holidaymakers are interested in visiting.

9%

Actively planning a holiday to the island in 12 months

The island of Ireland competes with the US, Italy, France, Spain and Great Britain in terms of destinations that Canadian holidaymakers are actively planning on visiting.

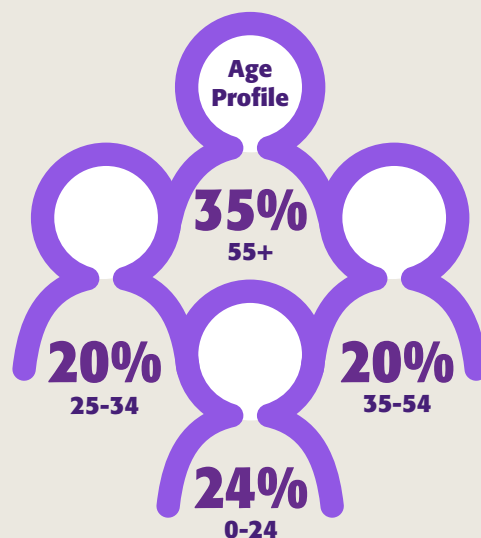
Driving Holiday Growth

Tourism Ireland has created a tailor-made marketing programme targeting Canadian holidaymakers to stimulate interest and holiday booking from this market.

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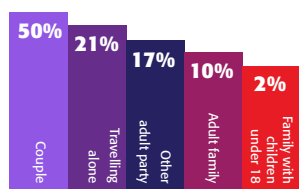
Holidaymaker Profile

Just over one third (35%) of all Canadian holidaymakers to the island of Ireland are over the age of 55+. Half of holidaymakers travel as a couple to the island.



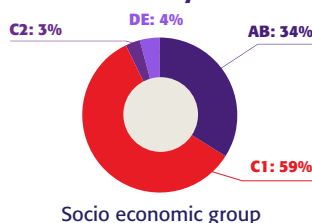
50%

holiday as a couple



93%

ABC1 holidaymakers



19%

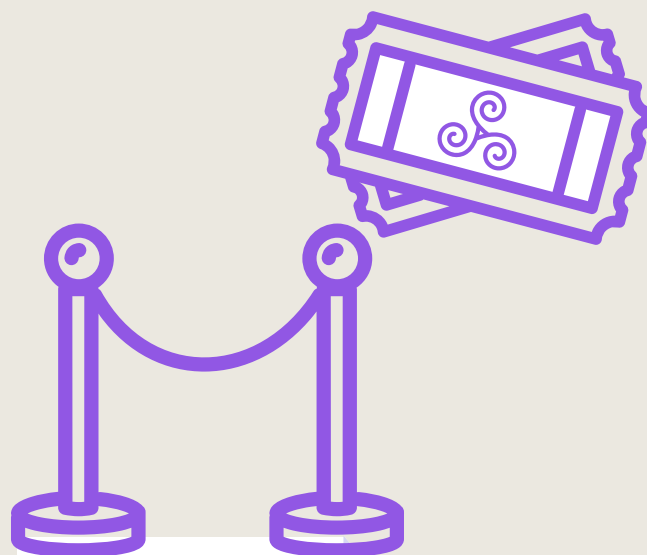
repeat holidaymakers

81% of Canadian holidaymakers visited for the first time in 2018.

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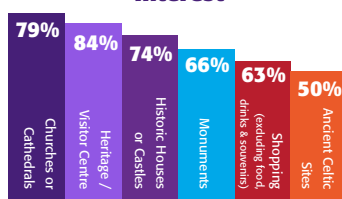
Active Holidaymakers

Canadian holidaymakers are active visitors, exploring historical sites and engaging in multiple events and activities while on the island.



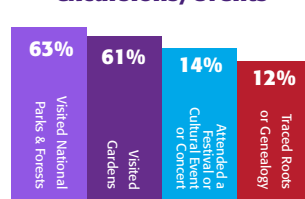
97%

Visit sites of historical interest



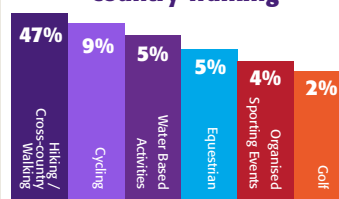
89%

Engage in excursions/events



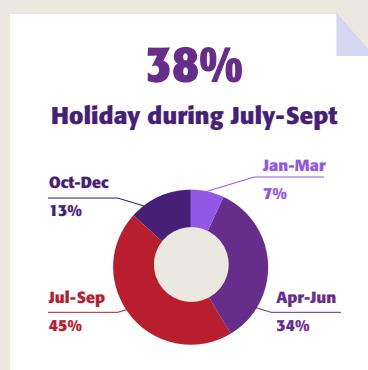
59%

Take part in hiking/cross country walking



Canadian Explorer

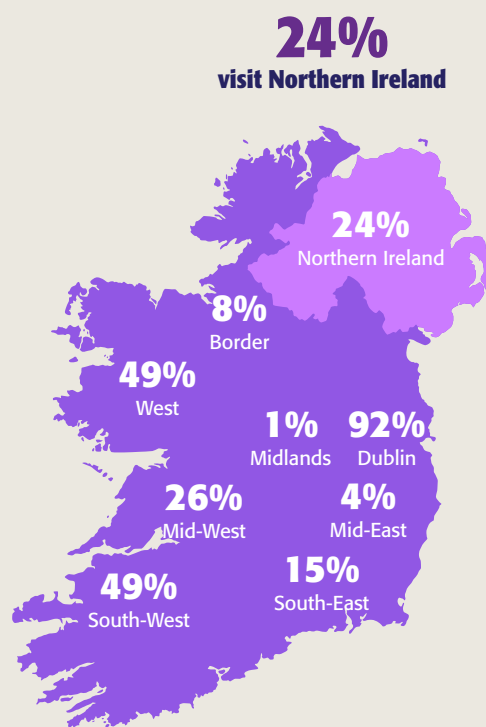
Holidaymakers from Canada visit more regions than any other market and are more likely to use a car during their trip than most other holidaymakers.



Tourism Ireland runs targeted email marketing campaigns timed to coincide with critical holiday decision-making periods.

Why not get involved in our eMarketing partnership programme?

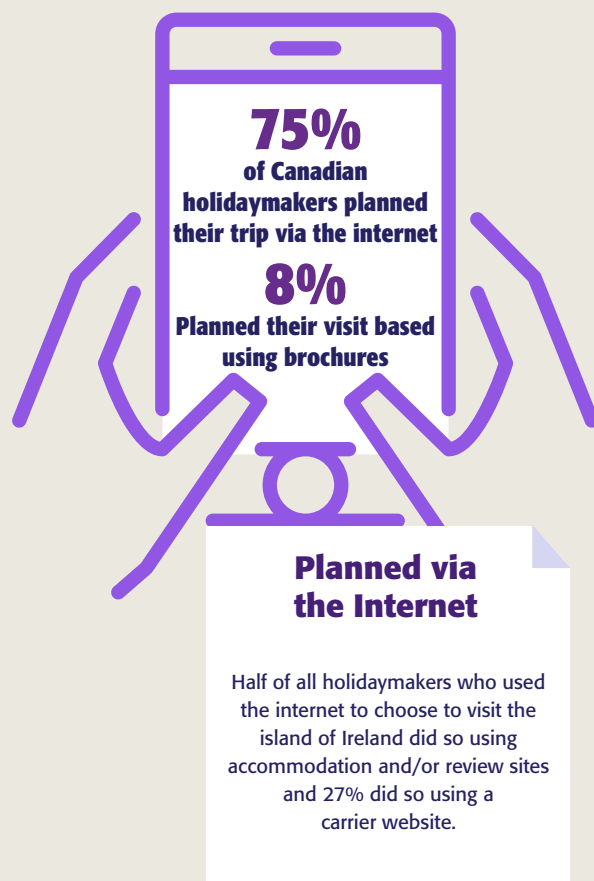
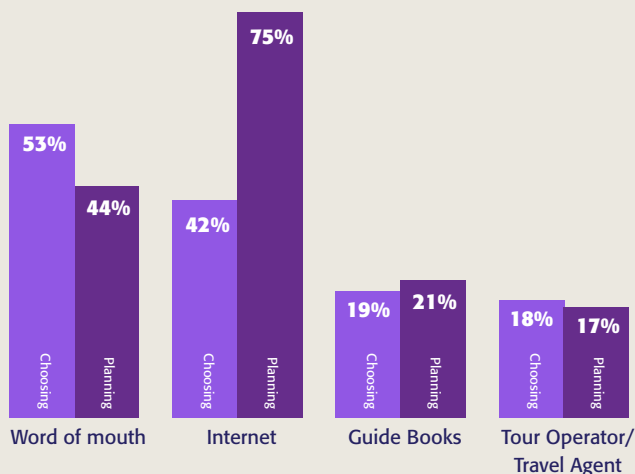
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Online & Offline Inspiration

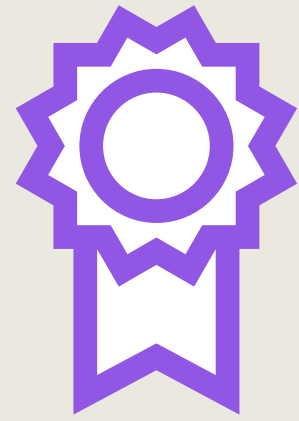
Word of Mouth remains the most powerful influencer among holidaymakers from Canada when choosing to visit the island of Ireland.

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



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 Canadian team who can partner with you to help deliver more visitors and revenue from Canada 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 Canada and other markets.

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All the information contained within this publication is based on information provided by: NISRA's Northern Ireland Passenger Survey, The CSO's Country of Residence Survey and the Passenger Card Inquiry, Fáilte Ireland's Survey of Overseas Travellers and Port Survey, and Tourism Ireland overseas research programme.