

Transport to Cork

For travellers from overseas, it is possible to fly straight to Cork. The airport is a few miles outside the city, supplied by a regular bus and taxi service to the city centre. For details of the airport itself, see <http://www.corkairport.com/>. For connecting flights, it is often convenient to fly through London or Manchester. The Irish national airline Aer Lingus (<https://www.aerlingus.com/>) provides a range of options, as does the budget airline Ryanair (<https://www.ryanair.com/ie/en/>). Some visitors find it convenient to fly to Dublin or (perhaps less often) Shannon, from where you can travel by bus or train to Cork. Dublin Airport in particular offers a regular and affordable bus service straight to Cork city centre; alternatively, it is possible to get a bus or taxi from Dublin Airport to Heuston Station for a train direct to Cork. It is also not uncommon to find connecting flights from North America to Cork via Amsterdam or Paris. It is not necessary to book bus or train tickets in advance in Ireland, though you can do so if you wish at the following websites: <http://www.irishrail.ie/> for trains and <http://www.aircoach.ie/> or <http://www.buseireann.ie/> for buses. In general, of course, buses are considerably cheaper than trains. A bus from Dublin Airport to Cork will take roughly 3.5 hours; the train takes roughly 2.5 hours.

Within Cork itself, taxis are widely available. The standard fare from the airport to the city centre or university is around €13-16, depending on your precise destination. Fares are regulated and the service is generally safe and reliable. The university is a short walk (10 mins) from the city centre; the train station and bus station are situated on the opposite side of the city from the university, but it only takes approximately 30-40mins to walk to them from University College Cork.