



IRISH PHONE GUIDE

Will my cellphone work in Ireland

To be quite honest, there's no simple answer to the question "Will my cellphone work in Ireland?". It really depends on a few things – your service provider, the type of service you already have, and the type of phone you wish to take with you on your travels. Most carriers do have options for international roaming, contact your provider for more info

Extra fees

You may be tied in to a plan or service in your home country, but when travelling abroad, you have to expect to pay fees that are related to the roaming service.

So what can you expect to pay?

Again, this is very dependent on your service provider. The approx. rates are **\$1.49/minute for calls, \$0.019/KB for data, and a text message would cost me 50 cents** to send.

Bring it anyway!

Bringing your cellphone to Ireland is a good idea for a few reasons. For one, you'll have access to your contacts while abroad, so you'll be able to track down phone numbers easily. Secondly, you'll have your phone available to you before your flight leaves for Ireland, and again when you touch down in your home country on the way back. Another great reason to bring your phone (smartphones anyway), is that even if you aren't using the phone service while abroad, you can use its WIFI capabilities in cafe's, hotels, airports etc along the way. You may even be able to use VOIP services, such as **Skype**, to make low cost, or even free, calls.

Other options

At \$1.49/min I wouldn't be making too many calls in Ireland with an American phone. One option is a Pay-As-You-Go phone. You can pick up these throughout Ireland very cheaply. It will allow you to make international calls, send text messages, and most importantly, be *contactable*.

Tips!

Calling an Irish mobile number will be more expensive than if you were to call an Irish landline. **Irish mobile numbers generally begin** with 08X, e.g. 087, 086, 085. Don't forget to bring a [plug converter](#) for your phone/camera chargers. You can purchase similar universal plug adapters [here on amazon.com](#). Just be sure to check that your appliance can handle the output from an Irish outlet/socket.