



Ambasáid na hÉireann  
Embassy of Ireland

Cork City F.C. vs Legia Warszawa  
Warsaw  
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TRAVEL ADVICE

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The Embassy congratulates Cork City F.C and looks forward to welcoming the team and supporters to Warsaw on 17 July. Warsaw is a safe city and most visits pass off without incident. However, if a problem occurs, the Embassy is here to help. The following travel advice will help you to prepare for your trip and enjoy your visit to Poland.

*Before you travel...*

- **Ensure that your passport is valid for the duration of your stay in Poland.** Under Polish law, you are required to have your ID readily accessible at all times. Apply [here](#) for a passport and apply [here](#) for a Passport Card if you are over 18 years of age.
- Download the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade **TravelWise App**, and set an alert for Poland to get security updates directly to your phone. The app is available free at the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
- Get **comprehensive travel insurance** that will cover all overseas medical costs, including medical evacuation.
- Get a **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**, free of charge, which entitles you to basic emergency medical treatment in EU countries. **It is not a substitute for travel insurance.**
- **Register with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade** before travelling to Poland, which will help us contact you or your family in an emergency. This can be done easily [online](#) or through the TravelWise application.
- **Irish-Polish dual nationals** are regarded and treated as a Polish citizen by the Polish authorities while in Poland. Polish authorities will expect Irish-Polish dual nationals to enter and leave Poland on a Polish passport. For more information you should contact the [Embassy of Poland](#) in Dublin.

### *When in Poland...*

- **Keep a photocopy or a scan of your passport information page or passport card** in case you lose them, and also give the details to family or friends.
- Under Polish law, if asked by police, you must be able to verify your identity by presenting photographic identification.
- **Currency:** Poland uses the zloty (€1 = approx. 4.3 PLN). Debit and credit cards are widely accepted but you should confirm before you order – some cafés, bars and restaurants are cash-only.
- **Language:** English is generally widely spoken in Warsaw, especially among younger people.
- **Climate:** It is high summer in Warsaw and temperatures can be over 30 degrees. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and wear sun screen. It is not safe to swim in the Vistula river. Do not jump into canals or fountains.
- Be careful when using your bank card in night clubs. There have been some reports of visitors discovering they had spent larger sums of money than expected.

### *Getting around Warsaw...*

- The match takes place at the Legia Warszawa stadium in the Powiśle district of central Warsaw. Entrance to the stadium for Cork City F.C. fans is through Gate D1 from Ulica Myśliwiecka (Myśliwiecka Street).
- Public and private transport connections to Warsaw are clearly signposted in the arrivals hall of Chopin and Modlin airports.
- There have been reports in Warsaw, particularly at the airport, of overcharging by non-regulated taxi drivers. Only use official taxis, which have the name and telephone number of the taxi company on the side of the door and on the top of the taxi. Taxis with a crest but no company name are not officially registered.
- Warsaw has an integrated public transport system and tickets are valid on metro, tram, bus and rail services within the Warsaw city limits. Ticket machines in metro stations can be accessed in English and accept both cash and cards. One-way tickets cost 3.40 PLN for a 20-minute journey and 4.40 for a 75 minute journey. 24hr, 48hr and 72hr tickets can also be purchased. **IMPORTANT:** Public transport tickets **must be validated** by stamping them before boarding the metro or immediately after boarding a bus or tram.
- Public transport to Legia Stadium is by city bus to either 'Rozbrat' or 'Legia Stadion' bus stops. A list of routes serving these stops can be found on [Legia's website](#).

### *Local laws and security at the match...*

- There will be a **strong police presence** for the match, with many police in riot gear. Follow all instructions from police and security officials on the day. There will be security checks at the stadium so plan to arrive early.
- Polish police do not hesitate to enforce the law which allows for an entire group of people to be arrested and charged for an offence committed by one or more within the group.
- **It is illegal to drink or to be drunk in public places in Poland.** Public drinking and rowdy behaviour are not tolerated by the police and can lead to arrest or overnight detention in a detoxification centre. If you are detained overnight in a detoxification centre, you must pay for the cost of the stay and might be difficult for you to contact your family/friends.
- Legia Stadium is on the edge of a quiet residential district and the law requires 'quiet time' between 10pm and 6am.

### *If your property is stolen...*

- Report the theft of your documents and/or property within 24 hours at a police station and **obtain a police report**. This may be needed for insurance purposes and must be presented to the Embassy if you need an emergency travel document (see below).

### *If your passport has been lost or stolen...*

- Report the loss or theft at a police station and **obtain a police report**.
- The Embassy can issue an emergency travel certificate valid for one single journey back to Ireland. Please make an appointment with the Embassy in advance. You will require:
  - Two passport photographs (there is a photo booth in Warszawa Śródmieście train station and Złote Tarasy shopping centre near Warszawa Centralna railway station)
  - Your police report (or lost property report if your passport was lost)
  - Any other form of ID that you are carrying
  - Fee of €30 OR 135 PLN in cash
  - Proof of travel e.g. flight bookings
  - If you are not travelling directly home, an emergency passport may be required for onward travel – please ask the Embassy for further details.

### *If you run out of money...*

- If you find yourself without funds or access to funds, ask a family member or friend to transfer funds through a money transfer agent. Photo ID is required to receive transferred funds. If you have lost your ID, have funds transferred to a friend.

## GENERAL EMERGENCIES

### Emergency Numbers in Poland

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| European Emergency Number | 112 |
| Fire Brigade              | 998 |
| Police                    | 997 |
| Ambulance                 | 999 |

**All services available in English**

### Consular Assistance

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**Stay safe, and enjoy the match!**