

Ireland vs Poland 11 September 2018 Wrocław TRAVEL ADVICE

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The Embassy looks forward to welcoming the Irish national football team and supporters to Wrocław on 11 September. Wrocław 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 <u>App Store</u> or <u>Google Play</u>.
- 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 <u>not</u> 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 Polish citizens 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 (€I = 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 Wrocław, especially among younger people.
- Climate: Please check the weather forecast before you travel to Wrocław. The average temperature for September is approximately 20 degrees but this year temperatures have been higher than average. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and wear sun screen. It is not safe to swim in the Oder 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.

To and from the stadium

Map of the stadium is available here: http://stadionwroclaw.pl/stadion/dojazd/

- There have been reports in Poland, particularly at airports, 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.
- On September 11, 2018 holders of a football match ticket travel free of charge on all special lines, i.e. on lines T1, T2, S1 and S2.

Fares for travelling on regular lines of public transportation (i.e. all except for T1, T2, S1 and S2 lines) are PLN 3.40 (single fare) and PLN 1.70 (concession fare).

TRANSPORT TO THE STADIUM

T1 9 (special tram line)

Galeria Dominikańska – Kazimierza Wielkiego - św. Mikołaja – pl. Jana Pawła II – Legnicka – Milenijna – Pilczycka – Królewiecka – **Stadion Wrocław (Królewiecka)**

Stadion Wrocław (Królewiecka) – Królewiecka – Pilczycka – Milenijna - Legnicka – pl. Jana Pawła II – most Sikorskiego – Jagiełły – most Mieszczański – Dubois – Drobnera – pl. Bema – mosty Młyńskie – św. Jadwigi – most Piaskowy – Piaskowa – św. Katarzyny – **Galeria Dominikańska**

The line will transport fans to the stadium, operating approximately every 15 minutes between 6.30pm and 8.45pm (last train starting from Galeria Dominikańska).

T2 (special tram line)

Galeria Dominikańska – Kazimierza Wielkiego - św. Mikołaja – pl. Jana Pawła II – Legnicka

- Lotnicza Kosmonautów Średzka Leśnica Leśnica Średzka Kosmonautów Lotnicza
- Legnicka pl. Jana Pawła II Ruska
- Kazimierza Wielkiego Galeria Dominikańska (reversing at pl. Społeczny).

The line will transport fans to the stadium, operating approximately every 15 minutes between 6.20pm and 8.35pm (last train starting from Galeria Dominikańska).

TRANSPORT FROM THE STADIUM

T1 (special tram line)

Stadion Wrocław (Królewiecka) – Królewiecka – Pilczycka – Milenijna - Legnicka – pl. Jana Pawła II – Ruska – Kazimierza Wielkiego – **Rynek** (running further towards end stations - FAT or Opera).

The line will transport fans from the stadium, operating approximately every 2 minutes starting from the end of the match, i.e. from approximately 10.45pm.

T2 (special tram line)

Leśnica – Średzka - Kosmonautów - Lotnicza – Legnicka – pl. Jana Pawła II – Ruska – Kazimierza Wielkiego – **Galeria Dominikańska** (running further towards end stations Rondo Reagana or Dworzec Główny PKP).

The line will transport fans from the stadium, operating approximately every 2 minutes starting from the end of the match, i.e. from approximately 10.45pm.

S1 (special bus line)

Pilczyce – Lotnicza - Metalowców - Bystrzycka - Koszalińska - Hermanowska - Kołobrzeska - Żernicka - Zemska - Rogowska - Strzegomska - Wagonowa - Fabryczna - Robotnicza - Śrubowa - Strzegomska - pl. Strzegomski - Legnicka- pl. Jana Pawła II – Ruska – Kazimierza Wielkiego – **Rynek**

The line will transport fans from the stadium, operating approximately every 2 minutes starting from the end of the match, i.e. from approximately 10.45pm.

S2 (special bus line)

Stadion Wrocław (Królewiecka) – Królewiecka – Pilczycka – Hutnicza – Lotnicza - Legnicka - pl. Jana Pawła II – Ruska – Kazimierza Wielkiego – **Rynek**

The line will transport fans from the stadium, operating approximately every 2 minutes starting from the end of the match, i.e. from approximately 10.45pm.

Local laws and security at the match...

- 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.

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/Temporary Consular Office in Wrocław in advance. You will require:
 - > Two passport photographs
 - 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/Temporary Consular office 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		Consular Assistance
European Emergency Number	112	Embassy of Ireland: +48 22 564 22 00
Fire Brigade	998	Emergency line (out of office hours):
Police	997	+ 48 602 765 602
Ambulance	999	
All services available in English		Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: +353 1 478 0822

Stay safe, and enjoy the match!