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TRAVEL WITH KIDS

The ultimate guide

Travelling with kids is exciting and incredibly rewarding, but the path to a great family-friendly holiday isn't always clear.

Travel search engine KAYAK.ie has developed this guide to provide local insight for travelling families, to help them plan and manage their holiday better.



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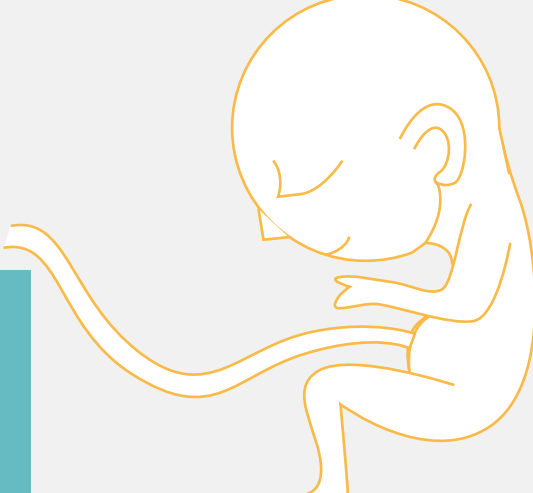
AIRLINES



KAYAK compared 3 common airlines for Irish travellers: Aer Lingus, Ryanair, and CityJet, to find out how easy it is for families to fly with them.

This is a general overview. Please note that it's always best to check with your doctor or midwife before travelling when pregnant, or with a newborn baby.

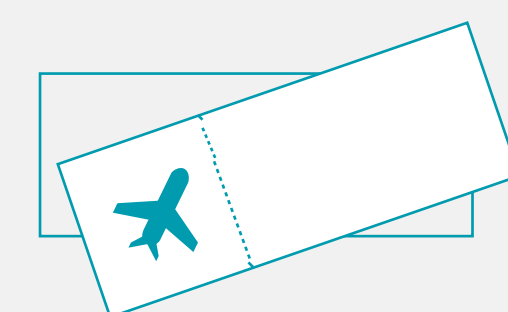
UP TO WHEN CAN EXPECTANT MOTHERS FLY?



Up to 35 weeks for flights within Ireland/UK Up to 33 weeks for other routes	Up to 36 weeks Medical clearance required after 28 weeks	Up to 36 weeks
Aer Lingus	Ryanair	CityJet



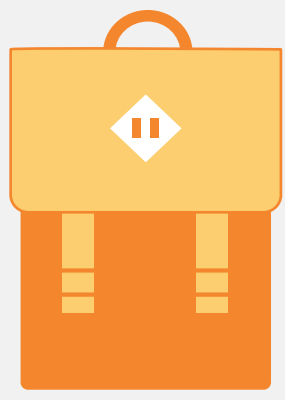
TICKET PRICES



	Aer Lingus	Ryanair	CityJet
Infant on adult's lap (under 2 years)	€20 flat fee each leg for flights within Europe, or 10% of adult fare for transatlantic flights	€20 flat fee each leg	€20 flat fee each leg
Child (2-11)	Adult fare	Adult fare	Adult fare
Youth (12-15)	Adult fare	Adult fare	Adult fare

NOTE: Aer Lingus allows infants from 6-36 months old to travel in an approved forward-facing car seat. CityJet allows the same, for infants from 6-24 months old. Ryanair also allows this for infants up to 24 months, however to do so, bookings must be made via their call centre.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE FOR CHECK-IN AND CARRY-ON



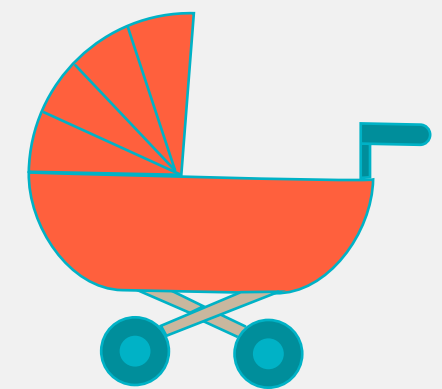
Check-in luggage

For most of these airlines, children over 2 years have the same check-in and carry-on luggage allowance as adults.

Carry-on luggage

Some airlines allow extra hold and/or carry-on luggage for travellers with infants - e.g. for Aer Lingus passengers travelling with an infant qualify for an extra 10kg of carry-on luggage.

TRAVELLING WITH A PUSHCHAIR OR CAR SEAT



Aer Lingus

Up to 10kg for carry-on plus a small handbag/laptop/duty free bag or nappy changing bag. Pushchairs must be checked in.

€ No fee to check in pushchair

Ryanair

One item of carry-on up to 10kg, plus one smaller item. If travelling with an infant (under 2 years) seated on your lap, you may also carry a baby bag up to 5kg in weight. Pushchairs must be checked in.

€ No fee to check in pushchair

CityJet

One carry-on item up to 12kg and one small personal item (laptop/hand bag/shopping bag). If travelling with an infant, permitted extra 10kg to check in and baby bag on board. Pushchairs allowed free of charge.

€ No fee to check in pushchair

ON BOARD: TOYS OR ACTIVITIES

Aer Lingus

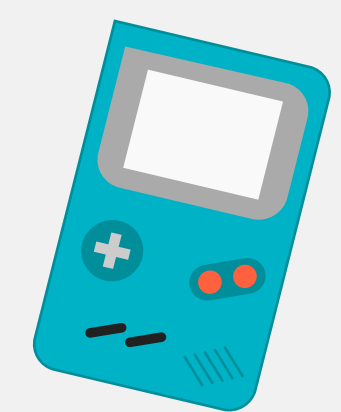
No

Ryanair

No

CityJet

No



ON BOARD: KID-FRIENDLY MOVIES OR GAMES

Aer Lingus

In-flight entertainment system including movies and games (transatlantic flights only).

Ryanair

No

CityJet

No



Take something for little ones to chew on during take-off and landing, to help their ears pop



Take a change of clothes in your cabin baggage in case of any accidents

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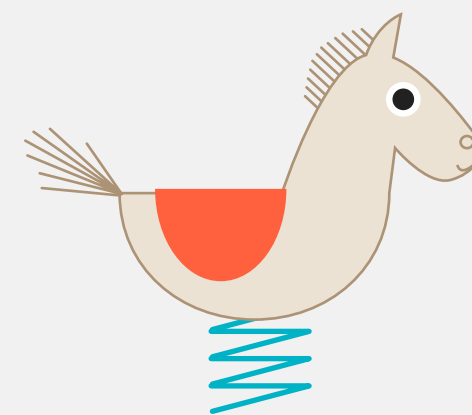
[KAYAK.ie](https://www.kayak.ie) compared 3 common airports for Irish travellers: Dublin, Cork and Shannon. It also compared 5 airports at popular destinations for Irish travellers: Arrecife, Malaga, London Heathrow, Faro and Barcelona.

SECURITY & FACILITIES AT POPULAR LOCAL & OVERSEAS AIRPORTS



Security

For most airports enough liquid baby milk or formula for the journey can be carried, as an exception to the 100ml liquids rule, while excess should be checked in. At security you may be asked to taste the contents.



Airport facilities

Check-in priority is available at Dublin Airport for a fee via Fast Track.

	PLAY AREAS	CHANGE FACILITIES	FAMILY ROOMS
Dublin - DUB	Nearby at Mezzanine Food Court	✓	✗
Cork - ORK	✗	✓	✗
Shannon - SNN	✗	✓	✗

	PLAY AREAS	CHANGE FACILITIES	FAMILY ROOMS
Arrecife - ACE	✓	✗	✗
Malaga - AGP	✓	✓	✓
London - LHR	✓	✓	✓
Faro - FAO	✗	✓	✗
Barcelona - BCN	✓	✓	✗

HOTELS



Where to stay in top destinations for Irish travellers?
[KAYAK.ie](https://www.kayak.ie) recommends a kid-friendly hotel for 5 popular European destinations.



	Hotel	Why it's good for families	Age until which hotel is free for kids	Max occupancy per room
Arrecife	Hotel Princesa Yaiza	Has a huge complex of swimming pools and relaxation areas, and even a 'paradise of illusions' open to children up to 16 years old.	Up to 3 years (only first child may stay free of charge)	2 adults & 2 children
Malaga	Sol Principe	Beachfront location with many kids' activities: as well as a swimming pool and play area, there are treasure hunts, camping, storytelling, culinary workshops and sports competitions.		2 adults & 2 children
London	Park Plaza Westminster Bridge London	Centrally located, goodie-bag at check-in including activity book and puzzles. Kids' menus, family rooms, and swimming pool.	Up to 12 years	Up to 6 in a family suite
Faro	Hotel Florida	Family-friendly hotel with babysitting services and a kids' playground	Up to 12 years	4
Barcelona	Novotel Barcelona City	Kids' activities, swimming pool, family package deals.	Up to 16 years	2 adults & 2 children

DESTINATIONS



Looking for inspiration for your next family holiday? Here's 3 top kid-friendly destinations, with enough activities to keep everyone entertained from tots to teens, and parents as well. And if these 3 don't float your boat, there are 3 good alternative options too. No excuses, get planning!



TOP KID-FRIENDLY DESTINATIONS FOR IRISH TRAVELLERS

Mallorca

Beach, aquarium, horse riding

The Algarve

Beach, water park, go-karting

French Riviera

Beach, kids' clubs and games, water sports

Cornwall

Beach, playgrounds, mini-golf, zoo

Fuerteventura

Beach, dolphin and whale spotting, star-gazing

Costa del Sol

Beach, theme and leisure parks, waterparks, museums