

GERMANY VS IRELAND

Gelsenkirchen 14 October 2014

TRAVEL ADVICE FOR FANS



EMBASSY OF IRELAND

Jägerstraße 51, 10117 Berlin.

Telephone: +49 30 22072 0 (Weekdays 09.30- 12.30)

Out-of-hours (emergency only): Please call the general Embassy number above and further instructions will be given as to how to contact a consular officer.

Before you travel...

- Irish citizens must hold a valid passport to enter Germany. **NOTE:** Under German law, you are required to have your passport readily accessible at all times or be able to produce identification within a short period of time.
- **Currency:** Germany uses the **Euro**. Debit and credit cards are accepted but you are advised to ask before ordering in bars and restaurants as many are cash-only.
- The Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade strongly recommends that you obtain comprehensive travel insurance which will cover all overseas medical costs, including medical evacuation, before travelling to Germany.
- You should also obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) free of charge which entitles you to emergency medical treatment. This card is not a substitute for travel insurance. See www.ehic.ie for further details.
- **Language:** English, at least at a basic level, is generally spoken in most urban areas in Germany.

Arriving at the airport in Germany

Public and private transport connections are signposted in the arrival halls of all major German airports. Your journey to Gelsenkirchen will depend on the airport you are flying into. The high speed ICE train, operated by Deutsche Bahn, services routes to Gelsenkirchen Hauptbahnhof (Main Train station) from all major cities (visit <http://www.deutschebahn.com/en/start.html>) and tickets can be bought online before you travel. Further information on travel options that are specific to each airport can be found on the following websites:

- Düsseldorf Airport http://www.dus.com/dus_en/bahn/
- Cologne/Bonn Airport <http://www.koeln-bonn-airport.de/en/parking-arrival/bus-rail-services.html> .
- Frankfurt airport http://www.frankfurtairport.com/content/frankfurt_airport/en/directions/arriving_by_bus_or_train.html
- Berlin airport (<http://www.berlin-airport.de/en/travellers-sxf/to-and-from/buses-and-trains/index.php>)

Getting around Gelsenkirchen...

Information on public transport in Gelsenkirchen can be found on <http://www.vrr.de/en/> Ticket machines can generally be accessed in English. It is advisable to have cash at hand, preferably small change, to buy tickets at the ticket machines as the card readers may be out of order. **NOTE:** Public transport tickets **must be validated!!** i.e. stamped in advance of boarding the underground train or immediately after boarding a bus or tram.

Getting to the stadium...

The match is taking place at Veltins-Arena (Arenaring 1, 45891 Gelsenkirchen). The Arena can be reached with tram 302 (<http://www.vrr.de/en/#>) from Gelsenkirchen's mail railway station (Hauptbahnhof). Take the tram (Stadtbahn) in the direction of GE-Buer and get off after approximately 15 minutes at stop VELTINS-Arena. The nearest underground train station is "Gelsenkirchen-Buer Nord" on the over-ground S9 line (approx. 5km away). A list of taxi companies in the region can be found on <http://www.dasoertliche.de/Themen/Taxi/Gelsenkirchen.html>

If your property has been lost or stolen...

You must report theft of your documents and/or property within 24 hours to the police and **obtain a police report**. This may be needed for insurance purposes and must be presented to an Embassy Consular Official if an emergency travel document is required (see below).

If your passport has been lost or stolen...

The Embassy's Consular Official can issue an emergency travel certificate that is valid for one single journey back to Ireland. Please contact the Embassy by calling +49 30220720. You will require:

- Two passport photographs
- Your police report (or lost property report if your passport was lost)
- Proof of identify (copies of passport/birth cert, other forms of ID such as a drivers licence)
- Fee of €15 in cash
- If you are not travelling directly home, an emergency passport may be required for onward travel – this will necessitate travelling to the Embassy in Berlin.

If you run out of money...

If your cash or credit cards have been lost or stolen or if you run out of funds for any other reason, it is possible for a friend or family member at home to transfer cash via Western Union – call Western Union (1800 395 395 if in Ireland) or www.westernunion.com You will need ID (passport) to collect the money.

GENERAL EMERGENCIES

Emergency Numbers in Germany

European Emergency Number 112

Police 110

Consular Assistance

Embassy of Ireland: +49 30 22072 0

Department of Foreign Affairs: +353 1 478 0822

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