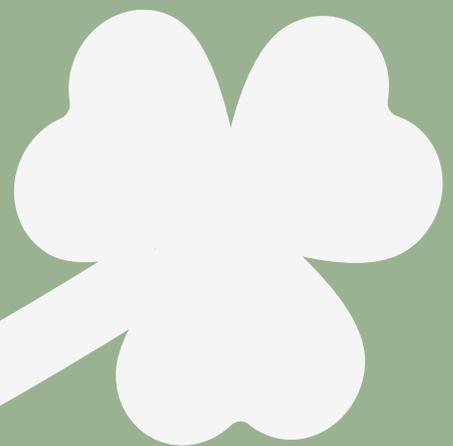




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Your tickets are booked and it's time to get organised! →

This **Packing Checklist and Top Tips** is to help you stay organised, take the stress out of packing and ultimately save time!

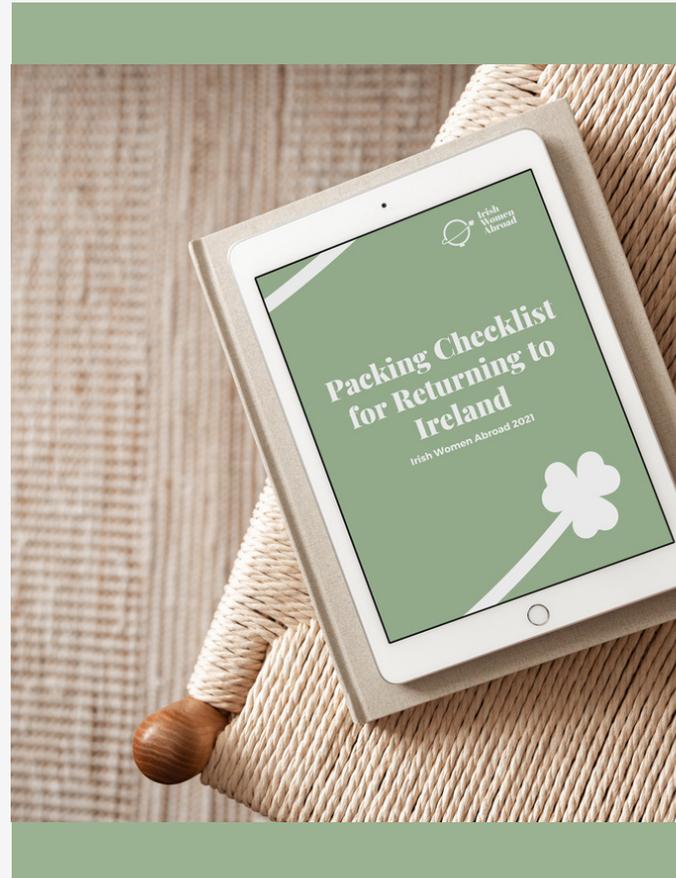
Use this checklist as a **guide only** - it's based on my own experiences of returning to Ireland.

The trick to a hassle-free move is to prepare your moving plan well ahead of schedule and give yourself as much time as possible to plan your move.

Go n-éirí an bóthar leat!
(May the road rise to meet you).

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2-3 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Organise your passports and paperwork** well in advance
- Start decluttering and sorting** out what you plan to ship, send via air freight and pack in your suitcases

1 MONTH BEFORE DEPARTURE

Start packing the following items:

- Bedding, towels and linen** that you plan to bring
- Photos, ornaments and sentimental items**
- Any appliances that you can do without short term**
- Clothes that you will need on arrival** in Ireland
- Presents and souvenirs**

1 WEEK BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Once you have decided what you are packing you can use air freight companies like [Send My Bag*](#) to send any extra bags home at an affordable price. You can get a 5% discount by clicking [here](#)

2 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Wash and dry all clothes, bedding** etc. you intend to take with you.
- Pack all remaining items (except clothes for travelling and a couple of towels)**.
- Pack chargers and adaptors.**

Keep the following items together:

- Passports**
- Travel documents**
- Currency**
- Tickets**
- Valuables**

1 DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Check in for your flight and print boarding passes**
- Pack carry-on bags**
- If you have any remaining items** that won't fit in your bags, you can send via [Send My bag.*](#) Click [here](#) for your 5% discount.

DEPARTURE DAY

- Make sure nothing is left behind**
- Check again that all passports** are packed
- Check again that all required documents** are packed
- Check again that all valuables** (e.g. jewellery, money, etc.) are packed



TIPS FOR LUGGAGE PACKING

- Pack all the things you'll need straight away** but you can survive without if your luggage gets lost
- Check your baggage allowance** with your airline
- Pack your valuables in your hand luggage**
- Pack your favourite bed linen and anything else you will need immediately on arrival**
- Pack at least one adapter in your hand luggage** and of course your phone charger!

TIPS FOR AIR FREIGHT PACKING

- Use air freight for the items you can't fit in your suitcases and that you will need on arrival.** [Send my Bag*](#) is a highly recommended service for sending items to Ireland that you can't fit in your suitcases
- Your air freight should arrive within a few days** or it might be held up so don't include perishables or items you need urgently.
- Ideas for what to pack based on my experience:**
 - Appliances such as **Hair Curler or Nutri Bullet, that you might want to use right away**
 - Shoes and handbags**
 - Favourite items** like books or scented candles to make you feel at home
 - If you have kids then their toys, games, school items, sports equipment, lunch boxes etc.; and favourite foods you can't buy in Ireland**
 - Bed linen, towels etc- **use a vacuum- pack to make it smaller so it takes up less space**
 - Anything else you think you will need soon!**

TIPS FOR SHIPPING CONTAINER PACKING

- Make sure you **follow the advice of the removalist company, they will provide lots of paperwork to complete and comply with**
- Remove all batteries from your items**
- Label all the boxes** when you start packing. This will make it easier for when you need to itemise boxes. For example, don't write 'miscellaneous' on the box, describe the individual items such as candles, pictures, bags etc.
- Anything that will have come in contact with insects, seeds and soils could be prohibited from importation**
- Be careful when packing not to pack items on the list of things not to pack!**
- Wrap your items very well, making sure that all valuables have bubble wrap and are appropriately protected**

You can read more information on [Sending Money Abroad Cheaply here](#)

Find [Top Tips and Returning to Ireland Checklist here](#)

Have a safe journey! → 🍀



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