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Bank holiday ireland 2025

Christmas is almost here, and people are looking forward to some well-deserved time off. If you're looking ahead to your annual leave next year and planning your holidays, you'll need to know when the bank holidays for 2025 are. Next year will be the third time that Ireland has a bank holiday in February, following the introduction of the St Brigid's Day public holiday in 2023. There are ten bank holiday in Ireland in 2025. The vast majority of employees are entitled to paid leave for bank holiday periods under the Organisation of Working Time Act. Here's the full list of public holidays next year: Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day Monday, February 3 - St Brigid's Day Monday, March 17 - St Patrick's Day Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday Monday, May 5 - May Day Monday, June 2 - June Bank Holiday Monday, August 4 - August Bank Holiday Monday, October 27 - October Bank Holiday Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day Friday, December 26 - St Stephen's Day For all the latest news from Dublin and surrounding areas visit our homepage. Join our Dublin Live breaking news service on WhatsApp. Click this link to receive your daily dose of Dublin Live content. We also treat our community members to special offers, promotions, and adverts from us and our partners. If you don't like our community, you can check out any time you like. If you're curious, you can read our Privacy Notice. As we bid farewell to another year and look forward to 2025, it's worth looking ahead to when Bank Holidays fall next year so you can maximise your annual leave. Here's your guide to when these holidays fall in the coming year, as well as what you're entitled to in terms of work, reports RSVP Live. The full list of bank and public holidays are as follows: Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day Monday, February 3 - St Brigid's Day Monday, March 17 - Saint Patrick's Day Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday Monday, May 5 - May Day Monday, June 2 - June Bank Holiday Monday, August 4 - August Bank Holiday Monday, October 27 - October Bank Holiday Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day Friday, December 26 - St Stephen's Day READ MORE: St Stephen's Day hit and run in Blanchardstown claims another life as man, 40s, dies READ MORE: Partner and baby of young mum killed in Limerick hit-and-run pose in heartbreaking Christmas photo Since 2023, we've been marking St Brigid's Day with a new annual public holiday in early February. This falls on the first Monday of February, unless St Brigid's Day (February 1) lands on a Friday, in which case Friday, February 1 becomes the public holiday. Good Friday, which falls on April 18 in 2025, is not a public holiday. While some schools and businesses close on that day, you have no automatic entitlement to time off work. It's worth keeping track of these dates as they can help you maximise your annual leave by availing of the bank holidays for additional leave when the opportunity allows. However, not all public holidays land on a weekday and it's a common misconception that the following Monday becomes a public holiday if the actual holiday falls on a weekend. This isn't the case. If a public holiday does fall on a weekend, there's no automatic legal right to have the next working day off. Some employers might treat the following Monday as a public holiday, but they can also require you to work. Under the Organisation of Working Time Act, most employees are entitled to paid leave for bank holiday periods. If a bank holiday lands on your usual working day and you're required to work, you're entitled to one of the following: A paid day off within a month of the public holiday An additional day of annual leave An additional day's pay For those receiving social welfare or Child Benefit, public holidays can often alter the payment schedule, leading to early payment. Join the Irish Mirror's breaking news service on WhatsApp. Click this link to receive breaking news and the latest headlines direct to your phone. We also treat our community members to special offers, promotions, and adverts from us and our partners. If you don't like our community, you can check out any time you like. If you're curious, you can read our Privacy Notice. Ireland has several bank holidays throughout the year, during which banks and many businesses are closed. In 2025, these holidays include New Year's Day, St Brigid's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter Monday, May Day, June Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, October Bank Holiday, and Christmas Day. Additionally, there is a bank holiday on December 26th, known as St. Stephen's Day. These holidays may vary depending on the calendar and location.Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's DayMonday, February 3 - St Brigid's DayMonday, March 17 - Saint Patrick's DayMonday, April 21 - Easter MondayMonday, May 5 - May DayMonday, June 2 - June Bank HolidayMonday, August 4 - August Bank HolidayMonday, October 27 - October Bank HolidayThursday, December 25 - Christmas DayFriday, December 26 - St Stephen's Day Discover upcoming bank holiday dates for Ireland and start planning to make the most of your time off. 2025 Bank Holidays 2026 Bank Holidays 2027 Bank Holidays 2028 Bank Holidays On all bank holidays listed above, banks, schools and most businesses are closed and public transport is usually on a less-frequent timetable, although more and more shops are opening on public holidays now. The June holiday is a replacement for what previously was known as the Whit Monday holiday, the day after the Christian celebration of Pentecost. Although the date of Whit Monday varies depending on the fall of Easter each year, the current bank holiday is always on the first Monday in June. The holiday in August is selected for convenience, providing a bank holiday where there would otherwise potentially be a four-month interlude. As the New Year approaches, many of us may be getting organised and wondering what bank holidays we can look forward to in 2025. The Government has confirmed the dates for all of the bank holidays in 2025, with many falling on different dates than 2024 The first of these holidays was on New Year's Day, which fell on Wednesday, 1 January 2025, a time to ring in the new year with celebrations. St Brigid's Day is up next, falling on Monday, 3 February 2025, marking the feast day of Ireland's patroness. Following that is Saint Patrick's Day, set to be celebrated on Monday, 17 March 2025 - a day dedicated to honouring Ireland's patron saint with parades, festivities and a vibrant display of Irish culture. Easter Monday falls on 21 April and provides another public holiday for religious observances. The first Monday in May, 5 May, will be the next bank holiday in Ireland, and the first of two summer bank holidays. The next follows shortly thereafter. The June Bank Holiday, scheduled for Monday, 2 June. Monday, August 4, marks the August Bank Holiday, a final summer holiday for many before the back-to-school season kicks off. The October Bank Holiday will offer the public another break on Monday, 27 October, as the country transitions into the cooler months. Christmas Day, will be the next public holiday following that, and will fall on Thursday, 25 December, in 2025. Finally, the last public holiday of the year is St Stephen's Day, and this will be observed on Friday, 26 December. When a fixed date public holiday falls on a weekend, there's no legal requirement for the next working day to be a holiday. In such cases, workers are entitled to a paid day off within the same month, an extra day of annual leave, or an additional day's pay. Part-time workers who've worked 40 hours per week for the five weeks preceding the bank holiday are entitled to a day's pay if the holiday falls on a day they usually work. If you're required to work on that day, you're entitled to an extra day's pay. If you haven't worked 40 hours, your day's pay or a fifth of your weekly pay is calculated based on the average over the 13 weeks you worked prior to the public holiday. Those in Northern Ireland might be in for an additional Bank Holiday in 2025 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Reports suggest that a four-day weekend could be planned to mark this significant moment in history. The festivities are expected to take place around May 9 next year, honouring Victory in Europe Day - the day Germany surrendered to the Allies in 1945. It will also pay tribute to August 15, the day Japan admitted defeat. Join Galway Bn's top stories and breaking news service on WhatsApp. Click this link to receive breaking news and the latest headlines direct to your phone. We also treat our community members to special offers, promotions, and adverts from us and our partners. If you don't like our community, you can check out any time you like. If you're curious, you can read our Privacy Notice. Introduction There are 10 public holidays in Ireland each year (increased from 9 in 2022).Public holidays may commemorate a special day or other event, for example, Saint Patrick's Day (17 March) or Christmas Day (25 December).Since 2023, there has been a new annual public holiday to mark St Brigid's Day. The public holiday is the first Monday in February, except where St Brigid's Day (1 February) happens to fall on a Friday, in which case Friday 1 February will be a public holiday. On a public holiday, sometimes called a bank holiday, most businesses and schools close. Other services (for example, public transport) still operate but often have restricted schedules. Dates of public holidays Public holidays are:New Year's Day (1 January)First Monday in February, or 1 February if the date falls on a FridaySaint Patrick's Day (17 March)Easter MondayFirst Monday in MayFirst Monday in JuneFirst Monday in AugustLast Monday in OctoberChristmas Day (25 December)Saint Stephen's Day (26 December)Public Holiday dates in Ireland 2025 2026 1 January 1 January 3 February 2 February 17 March 17 March 21 April 6 April 5 May 4 May 2 June 1 June 4 August 3 August 27 October 26 October 25 December 25 December 26 December 26 December Good Friday is not a public holiday. While some schools and businesses close on that day, you have no automatic entitlement to time off work on that day.How is the date of Easter Monday set each year?Easter Monday is the only public holiday that can vary significantly from year to year. The date of Easter moves every year.Easter should be the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after 21 March. This means the earliest possible date for Easter Sunday in any year is 22 March, and the latest is 25 April.Easter Monday falls on 21 April 2025 and 6 April 2026. Public holidays and your entitlements Most employees are entitled to paid leave on public holidays. Full-time workers have immediate entitlement to benefit for public holidays and part-time workers have entitlement to benefit when they have worked a total of 40 hours in the previous 5 weeks. Read about 'Part-time employees' below.If you qualify for public holiday benefit, you are entitled to one of the following:A paid day off on the public holidayAn additional day of annual leaveAn additional day's payA paid day off within a month of the public holidayYou can ask your employer at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply. If your employer does not respond at least 14 days before the public holiday, you are entitled to take the actual public holiday as a paid day off.Your public holiday entitlements are set out in the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997. You can also read about the appropriate rate of daily pay in the Organisation of Working Time (Determination of Pay For Holidays) Regulations (SI 475/1997).Part-time employeesIf you work for your employer for at least 40 hours in the 5 weeks before the public holiday and it falls on a day you normally work, you get paid for the day even if you don't work. If you have to work that day, you are entitled to an extra day's pay.If you don't normally work on a certain day but it's a public holiday, you should get paid one-fifth of your weekly pay. Even if you never work on public holidays, you still get paid a fifth of your weekly pay as compensation for the public holiday. Again, you must have worked for your employer for at least 40 hours in the 5 weeks before the public holiday.You can count time spent on annual leave as 'time worked' when calculating the 40 hours worked in the 5 weeks before the public holiday.When public holidays fall on a weekendIf the public holiday falls on a day which is not a normal working day for that business (for example, on Saturday or Sunday), you are still entitled to benefit for that public holiday. However, you do not have any automatic legal entitlement to have the next working day off work.Read more about public holidays and your employment rights on the Workplace Relations Commission website. If you are on 'sick leave' on a public holiday If you are on sick leave during a public holiday, you are entitled to benefit for the public holiday you missed. Your employer can also choose to regard you as not on sick leave on the public holiday and pay you as normal for the public holiday. If this is the case, the public holiday is not counted as a sick leave day.You are a part-time workerIf you are on sick leave during a public holiday, you are entitled to benefit for the public holiday once you worked for your employer for at least 40 hours in the previous five-week period - see 'Part-time employees' above.ExceptionsYou are not entitled to pay or time off for the public holiday if you are on sick leave immediately before the public holiday, and either of the following apply:You have been off work for more than 26 weeks due to an ordinary illness or an accidentYou have been off work for more than 52 weeks due to an occupational accident If you are on maternity, adoptive, paternity, parent's, parental leave or domestic violence leave You are entitled to leave for any public holidays that occur while you are on maternity leave, parental leave, paternity leave, adoptive leave, parent's leave or domestic violence leave.However, you are not entitled to public holiday benefits if you were absent from work immediately before the public holiday and your absence is:Over 13 weeks, due to lay off or some other reason and authorised by your employerDue to a strikeAfter the first 13 weeks of carer's leaveThese rights are set down in the Maternity Protection Acts 1994 and 2004, the Parental Leave Acts 1998 - 2023, the Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016, the Adoptive Leave Acts 1995 and 2005, and the Parent's Leave and Benefit Act 2019 respectively. If you are on lay-off, short-time work, or lose your job During lay off or short-time working, you still are employed by your employer and your contract of employment remains in force. This means that you are entitled to benefit for any public holidays that occur during the first 13 weeks of lay off.Part-time employees must have worked at least 40 hours in the 5 weeks before the public holiday.If you lose your jobIf your employment finishes during the week, ending on the day before a public holiday, and you have worked for your employer for the previous 4 weeks, you should get an additional day's pay for the public holiday. This also applies to part-time employees who have worked at least 40 hours in the previous 5 weeks. For example:In the case of Gazburo Ltd. v. BATU (DWT9916), the claimants finished their employment on 18 December 1998. They claimed an entitlement to be paid for the public holiday's on 25 and 26 December.As the Court interpreted the wording of Section 23(2)(a) of the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997, the week ending at midnight on 24 December began at midnight on 18 December. Since the claimants worked for the employer during the 4 weeks before that week, they were entitled to an additional day's pay for 25 December.The week ending on 25 December began at midnight on 19 December. Since the claimants ceased to be employed on 18 December, they had no entitlement to be paid for 26 December. I am not getting my public holiday entitlements If you are not getting your public holiday entitlement, you should discuss this with your employer.You can also complain to the WRC under the Organisation of Working Time Act. You must make your complaint using the WRC's online complaint form within 6 months of the dispute or complaint occurring.This time limit may be extended for a further 6 months if there was reasonable cause for the delay.Read more about how to make a complaint, including details of the WRC adjudication process. More information You can find out more about public holidays on the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) website.You can also contact the WRC's Information and Customer Service: Page edited: 1 January 2025 A Bank Holiday is a day on which the banks are closed. BUT - not all bank holidays are Public Holidays. There used to be nine public holidays in Ireland up to 2022 - but since February 2023 there are now 10 public holidays a year. A new permanent February public holiday was introduced for St Brigid's Day in 2023. This new public/bank holiday will always be on the first Monday in February, unless the 1st of February is a Friday - then it will be on that date . The next public /bank holiday in Ireland will be Monday June 2nd 2025 Unless stated otherwise, all the dates below are both Public and Bank Holidays in Ireland Public/Bank Holiday Dates 2025NotesWednesday January 1st 2025Monday 3rd Feb 2025St Brigid's DayMonday 17th March 2025 St Patrick's DayMonday April 21st 2025Easter Monday/Monday 5th May 2025Monday June 2nd 2025Monday August 4th 2025Monday 27th October 2025Thursday 25th Dec 2025Christmas Day/Friday 26th Dec 2025 The 12th of July is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland - but it is not a holiday in the Republic of Ireland. Some assume that the following Monday is treated as a public holiday when a public holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday. This did happen in the past - but it is no longer the case. If a public holiday falls on a weekend, workers do not have any automatic legal entitlement to have the next working day off work. When this happens - some employers might treat the following Monday as a public holiday but your employer can require you to attend work on that day.Suppose a public holiday falls on a day that is not a normal working day for a business (for example, on Saturday or Sunday). In that case, employees are still entitled to the benefit for that public holiday. When this happens, you are entitled to one of the following Whether you're looking to plan your next long weekend or simply trying to get organised for the year ahead, our guide to Ireland and Northern Ireland 2025 & 2026 bank holidays has you covered! From St. Patrick's Day and the Battle of the Boyne to Easter and Christmas, you'll find all of the bank holidays in Ireland and Northern Ireland here. Read on to discover all the bank holidays in Ireland in 2025 and 2026... Skip ahead to: Bank Holidays in Ireland FAQs Bank Holidays in Ireland 2025 Bank Holidays in Northern Ireland 2025 Bank Holidays in Ireland 2026 Bank Holidays in Northern Ireland 2026 Bank Holidays in Ireland FAQs When is the next bank holiday in Ireland? The next bank holiday in Ireland for 2025 is the June Bank Holiday, which falls on the 2nd June 2025. The next bank holiday in Northern Ireland for 2025 is the Spring Bank Holiday, which falls on Monday 26th May 2025. How many bank holidays are there in Ireland? In Ireland, there are 10 bank holidays and in Northern Ireland, there are also 10 bank holidays. How to maximise annual leave 2025 in Ireland? There is so much to see and explore in Ireland and you can get a head start by maximising your 2025 annual leave. By requesting 33 days of annual leave you could get a whopping 77 days off! To do this, book of the following dates: 2nd and 3rd January for 5 days off 4th to the 7th of February for 9 days off The 18th to the 21st March for another 9 days off The 22nd to the 25th of April for 9 days off In May, the 6th to the 9th for 9 days off 3rd to the 6th of June for 9 days 5th of August to the 9th for another 9 days off In October book the 28th to the 31st for 9 days off Finally in December book the 29th to the 31st for 8 days off Bank Holidays in Ireland 2025 New Year's Day - Wednesday 1st January St Brigid's Day - Monday 3rd February Saint Patrick's Day - Monday 17th March Easter Monday - Monday 21st April May Day - Monday 5th May June Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd June August Bank Holiday - Monday 4th August October Bank Holiday - Monday 27th October Christmas Day - Thursday 25th December St Stephens's Day - Friday 26th December Bank Holidays in Northern Ireland 2025 New Year's Day - Wednesday 1st January St Patrick's Day - Monday 17th March Good Friday - Friday 18th April Easter Monday - Monday 21st April Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 26th May Battle of the Boyne (Orangemen's Day) - Monday 14th July (substitute day) Summer Bank Holiday - Monday 25th August Christmas Day - Thursday 25th December Boxing Day - Friday 26th December Bank Holidays in Ireland 2026 New Year's Day - Thursday 1st January St Brigid's Day - Monday 2nd February St Patrick's Day - Tuesday 17th March Easter Monday - Monday 6th April May Day - Monday 4th May June Bank Holiday - Monday 1st June August Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd August October Bank Holiday - Monday 26th October Christmas Day - Friday 25th December St Stephen's Day - Monday 28th December (substitute day) Bank Holidays in Northern Ireland 2026 New Year's Day - Thursday 1st January St Patrick's Day - Tuesday 17th March Good Friday - Friday 3rd April Easter Monday - Monday 6th April Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 25th May Battle of the Boyne (Orangemen's Day) - Monday 13th July (substitute day) Summer Bank Holiday - Monday 31st August Christmas Day - Friday 25th December Boxing Day - Monday 28th December (substitute day) Celebrate the bank holidays in Ireland with your loved ones at one of these Irish holiday homes. Use our Ireland Travel Guide to make the most of these Irish bank holidays. The dates for all of the bank holidays in 2025 have been confirmed, with many falling on different dates than last year. The first of these holidays was on New Year's Day, which fell on Wednesday, 1 January 2025, a time to ring in the new year with celebrations. St Brigid's Day is next on Monday, 3 February 2025, marking the feast day of Ireland's patroness. Following that is Saint Patrick's Day, celebrated on Monday, 17 March 2025 - a day dedicated to honouring Ireland's patron saint with parades, festivities and a vibrant display of Irish culture. Easter Monday falls on 21 April and provides another public holiday. The first Monday in May, 5 May, will be the next bank holiday in Ireland, and the first of two summer bank holidays. The June Bank Holiday is Monday, 2 June. The August Bank Hol will be on Monday, August 4, a final summer holiday for many before the back-to-school season. The October Bank Holiday gives us another break on Monday, 27 October, with a long stretch until Christmas Day on Thursday, 25 December 2025. Finally, the last public holiday of the year is St Stephen's Day, on Friday, 26 December 2025. When a fixed date public holiday falls on a weekend, there's no legal requirement for the next working day to be a holiday, GalwayBee reports. Workers are entitled to a paid day off within the same month, an extra day of annual leave, or an additional day's pay. Part-time workers who work 40 hours per week for the five weeks before the bank holiday are entitled to a day's pay if the holiday falls on a day they usually work. If you're required to work on the bank holiday, you're entitled to an extra day's pay. If you haven't worked 40 hours, your day's pay or a fifth of your weekly pay is calculated based on the average over the 13 weeks you worked prior to the public holiday. 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