

# ARRIVING IN IRELAND

**AIR TRAVEL:** There are 2 major airports to Ireland for International travel.

**Dublin** in the east and **Shannon** in the west. Dublin airport is by far the easiest to fly into to reach us in County Mayo and it is the airport we recommend IF you are taking public transport. HOWEVER, if you are renting a car for the duration, Shannon is quite a good choice too as you can rent a vehicle there. (It is more problematic to rent cars outside of the airport). The public transportation network from Shannon to Westport is difficult to navigate. [Car rental search](#)

**HOTEL in Dublin:** If you decide to stay over in Dublin, the ASHLING HOTEL (<https://www.ashlinghotel.ie>) near the train station is the most convenient and less noisy than some of the city centre hotels. It is 3-minute walk to Heuston Station.

**TRAIN to Mulranny,** in County Mayo, is a 3 and ½ hour journey by train from **Dublin Heuston Station**. It makes for a long day to head directly west to the retreat, so we recommend a night in Dublin before heading west so you will arrive fresh and ready for class. But it is certainly doable if jet lag not a problem. You can get a bus or a taxi from the Airport to Heuston Station.

**Book your train tickets** online a few weeks before you travel: (<https://www.IrishRail.ie>) This way you will be assigned a seat. There are luggage racks. There are 4 trains a day. The midday train 12:45 pm is the most convenient as it gets to **WESTPORT** by 4 pm and you will be in time for the Welcome Reception.

The retreat staff have arranged collections for the 12:45 Dublin train arriving at 4 pm, as well as the 2 later trains, provided we have your arrival times. You will be taken to your house or B&B and then on to the Welcome Reception at the school.

Most of the resident houses are within walking distance to the school and the others will require lifts which we will arrange every day at times that suit you.

You can find out more about Mulranny at the [www.mulranny.ie](http://www.mulranny.ie) website.

## **PACKING TIPS:**

- October can be one of the best months of the year, but always prepare for cool weather with clothes that can be layered.
- Please bring an adapter (not a converter) for your phone charger and laptop/iPad. It is hard to find them where you are heading. They can be purchased at the airport when you arrive.
- Not all the rooms have Wi-Fi, but all the classrooms do and so do the restaurants and pubs.
- There is an ATM in the village, but it often runs out of money, so be sure to get cash at the airport before you come.
- Your hairdryer will not work here. Please let us know if you require one and we will leave one in your room.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Art school and our lovely little village by the sea.

Cheryl, Nuala and Lora.