

Logistics for the Basking Shark Conference 2025

1. Public transportation Dublin to Galway

While several car rentals are available in **Dublin airport**, Ireland has a robust public transportation between large cities. There is a direct **bus service** from Dublin airport to the Galway Bus station of approximately 2 and a half hours to 3 hours. The CityLink usually has Wi-Fi (although it can be spotty) and options to charge your devices (not always reliable). It is recommended to buy tickets online beforehand. It is possible to buy them on the bus but that is subject to availability.

- <https://www.citylink.ie/>

Alternatively, it is possible to take a **train** to Galway from Dublin, however this departs from **Dublin City (Heuston)** not the airport. The train ride is approximately 2 and a half hours to 3 hours and tickets can be purchased online or in person (subject to availability). Both Wi-Fi and power sockets are available but are not always reliable. The CityLink **bus** services also runs between Dublin Heuston and Galway and takes approximately 3 and a half hours (see above for more information on the bus service).

- <https://www.irishrail.ie/en-ie/>

If you took the **Ferry** to **Dublin** from Holyhead (UK), you will need a bus to the city centre before you can make your way to Galway. A regular bus service¹ operates between the ferry terminal to Talbot Street in Dublin. From there you can take a separate bus to **Dublin Heuston** train station, take a tram² or walk to the train station (45 min+).

¹<https://www.irishferries.com/uk-en/frequently-asked-questions/our-ports/Dublin-bus-times>

²The red line - <https://www.dublinpublictransport.ie/dublin-trams/>

Alternatively, you can take a bus to Galway from **Crampton Quay** with CityLink. Crampton Quay is a 15 min walk from Talbot Street. There are also regular bus services and tram services. All will require a small bit of walking through Dublin.

2. Public transportation Cork Airport to Galway

If you are flying into Ireland through Cork, a comfortable **bus** service is available to Galway through Citylink. The drive is approximately 3 and a half hours, both Wi-Fi and

sockets are available on CityLink buses but are not always reliable. It is recommended to buy tickets online beforehand. It is possible to buy them on the bus but that is subject to availability.

- <https://www.citylink.ie/>

3. Public transportation Shannon Airport to Galway

The Expressway **Bus** service offers regular journeys from Shannon Airport to Galway city centre. The journey lasts from approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes. Sockets and Wi-Fi are usually available but not always reliable. It is recommended to buy tickets online beforehand. Tickets can be purchased on the spot but are dependable on availability.

- <https://www.expressway.ie/journey-search>

4. City bus services in Ireland

All cities in Ireland will have a bus service run through TFI. TFI has an app that allows you to plan your route and follow up with any delays (TFI Live). Tickets are purchased on the bus through a Leap Card or cash, the buses **do not take credit/debit cards**. Some drivers also do not offer cash back, so it is best to have a small amount of cash on you. It is possible to buy a leap card online or in a local retailer (see online). Leap cards can be topped up in local retailers or through an app. Fares are cheaper with leap cards, but the purchase does come with a deposit.

- <https://about.leapcard.ie/>

The bus service in Galway is known to be late, especially during peak hours due to the high amount of traffic, but they are reliable. The **bus stop** in front of ATU (**conference location**) is ATU Galway, Mervue or ATU Galway, Renmore but the stop may be called GMIT on the bus itself. If you are uncertain or nervous, do ask clarification to the bus driver.