

Trainline pulls into Ireland

First domestic market launch in ten years for the rail and coach ticket retailer

Dublin, 21 October 2026: Trainline, Europe's leading train and coach booking app, has arrived in Ireland. In its first new domestic market launch in ten years, Trainline is bringing Irish rail and coach booking together, making it easier for those travelling to compare routes, times and prices without searching across different operators.

Passengers in Ireland can search and book Irish Rail services alongside journeys from Bus Éireann Expressway, Citylink, JJ Kavanagh, Wexford Bus, Dublin Express and Aircoach, gaining access to Trainline's features.

Passengers prioritise convenience

Research from Trainline commissioned ahead of the launch shows that convenience is key, with almost nine in ten (89%) Irish consumers saying ease of booking is important when planning travel, while 83% value being able to compare travel options and 82% want journey information in one place.

The research also highlights some of the common frustrations those travelling face, with one in five saying they find having to look in different places for travel information frustrating, while 40% say being able to book a rail or coach journey in one place would make planning and booking easier. By bringing Irish rail and coach information and booking together in one place, Trainline can help simplify that process for travellers.

Trainline is already familiar to many in Ireland, with 42% of respondents saying they have used the app while travelling abroad, including nearly one in five who have used it several times.

Hannah Randall, Country Manager at Trainline, said:

"We're bringing Ireland's rail and coach journeys together in one app for the first time, so comparing routes, times and fares takes seconds. We may be new to domestic travel in Ireland, but we're not new to those travelling; more than four in ten people we surveyed have already used Trainline abroad. And for visitors who know us from elsewhere in Europe, it's a familiar way to explore more of Ireland".

Experience meets demand

The launch comes as public transport use in Ireland continues to grow. In 2025, 363.5 million passenger journeys were made across the Transport for Ireland network, up 6% year-on-year, while Irish Rail carried more than 55 million passengers, according to figures released by the National Transport Authority earlier this year¹.

¹ National Transport Authority - [Passenger Journeys Up 6% Across the TFI Network in 2025](#)

Trainline brings almost three decades of rail and coach travel experience to Ireland. It serves 27 million customers, works with more than 270 rail and coach companies, and enables travel booking across more than 40 countries.

For those travelling, that means Trainline can now be used for journeys at home as well as elsewhere in Europe. For international visitors, it provides a familiar way to compare and book rail and coach travel, making it easier for them to explore beyond Ireland's main gateway cities.

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About Trainline

Trainline is the leading independent rail and coach travel platform selling rail and coach tickets to millions of travellers worldwide. Via our highly rated website and mobile app, people can seamlessly search, book and manage their journeys all in one place. We bring together millions of routes, fares and journey times from 270 rail and coach carriers across more than 40 countries. We help our customers find the best value fares for their journey and smart, real-time travel information on the go. Our aim is to make rail and coach travel easier and more accessible, encouraging people to make more environmentally sustainable travel choices.

About the research

The research was conducted by 3Gem on behalf of Trainline via an online survey of a nationally representative group of 1000 people aged 18+ years old between 2nd - 6th October 2026.