

TRAVEL



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Westport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo

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27-29 **MAY** 2026



By Air

The Closest Airport is Knock Airport (Ireland West Airport Knock)

Ireland West Airport Knock is 38km from Castlebar.
There is car hire at the airport, taxis and bus service.

Ireland West Airport Knock is approximately 45 minutes drive from Castlebar. There is a bus service with approximate departure times on weekdays 08:30; 11:00; 14:00; 17:15; 18:00 and 20:00. The bus stop is a very short walk from Arrivals area. You can buy tickets on the bus or buy on-line, see this webpage for information <https://www.irelandwestairport.com/getting-to-from/by-bus/>.

The quickest way to travel to Castlebar from the Airport is to hire a taxi. The taxi fare is between €75-100. It is best to book a taxi before your arrival to ensure there is one available. Here is a link to contact details for taxi companies that serve Knock airport <https://www.irelandwestairport.com/getting-to-from/airport-cabs/>

Flight destinations listed below but please be aware that some of these are for the summer season only so check the schedules directly with airlines:

- UK: Birmingham, Bristol, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London Heathrow, Luton, London Stansted, Manchester
 - France: Cologne
 - Italy: Bergamo
 - Portugal: Faro
 - Spain: Alicante, Barcelona, Cadiz, Lanzarote, Malaga, Palma (Majorca), Tenerife
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Other Airports

Shannon

Shannon airport is 158km from Castlebar <https://www.shannonairport.ie>

You can hire a car from the airport.
There is no direct bus or coach route from Shannon to Castlebar

Dublin

Dublin is 240km from Castlebar <https://www.dublinairport.com>

You can hire a car from Dublin airport. The journey by car takes approximately 3 hours.

The most straightforward and cheapest way to travel from Dublin Airport to Castlebar is using the bus. The Citylink bus No. 721 bus departs from the airport and goes to Castlebar town centre. The journey takes about 4 hours. You can book a place on the bus through their website <https://www.citylink.ie/destinations/castlebar/>

Alternatively, you can take a bus into Dublin city and take the train from Dublin Heuston station to Castlebar. Irish Rail is the operating service and the full timetable is found at the link below

https://www.irishrail.ie/getmedia/08f88508-a5fe-4b3d-8273-2e1935ddfcfe/10_dublin-westportballina.pdf

A suggestion how to offset your Travel

For delegates who would like to offset the travel carbon emissions associated with their travel to the conference, may we suggest a donation to the excellent charity; www.worldlandtrust.org

The World Land Trust is an international conservation charity that protects the world's most biologically significant and threatened habitats. Including areas where Swifts overwinter.

Their patron, Sir David Attenborough says;

"The money that is given to the World Land Trust, in my estimation, has more effect on the wild world than almost anything I can think of."

Please visit their website to find out more and if you so wish, to make a donation.