How to get to the RDS

www.rds.ie
About the RDS

Ireland's premier venue for meetings, conferences, exhibitions, entertainment and sporting events. The RDS is located just minutes from Dublin City Centre on a 42 acre site and is surrounded by hotels. The RDS also has 2,000 car park spaces on site, as well as parking facilities for bicycles. There is a taxi rank located outside the front of Hall 1 on Merrion Road.

Details of car parking, public transport and airport links are detailed on this access guide.

We hope that the information provided makes your journey to the RDS as simple as possible whether travelling from overseas or within Ireland.

Disabled Access

At the RDS there are car parking, facilities and venue access available for people with disabilities.

Event Information and Tickets

To purchase tickets for RDS events click here

Contact us

Tel: +353 (0)1 668 0866 Email: info@rds.ie

RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.
Click **HERE** to view an interactive map of the routes operated from Dublin Airport.

**Facts about Dublin Airport**

- Only EU capital with all day US Pre clearance
- Dublin Airport is located 12km north of Dublin city centre
- 328 flights per week to North America by 10 airlines serving 11 destinations in the US and 4 in Canada.
- Dublin – London is the busiest route in EU and **second busiest in the World**
- Linking three continents **Africa-Europe-America** with 5th freedom Ethiopian Airlines ADD DUB LAX
- Dublin Port Tunnel cuts journey time from the airport to the city centre, to **12-15 minutes**.
- Private/public bus services that operate from the airport: **Aircoach, Airlink**.
- **Taxis** are readily available for hire outside the airport (a taxi journey into the city centre from the airport should cost approximately €25).
- Most international **car rental** companies have representation in the airport terminal.
- Check-in capacity of **165 desks**.
From the Airport
The RDS is serviced by the Aircoach that brings you directly to and from Dublin airport. Aircoach stops are located on Merrion Road in front of the RDS main complex entrance. These stops are serviced by bus route 702. For more information on timetables visit www.aircoach.ie or call +353 (0)1 844 7118. For information on Dublin Airport flight arrivals and departures visit www.daa.ie

Aircoach Bookings for people with disabilities must be made in advance. Please call to arrange your booking.

From the Ferry
Dublin has one ferry port - Dublin Port. Irish Ferries and Stena Line are the two ferry lines that operate at this port. Dublin Port, north of the city, is approximately ten minutes drive from the RDS.

For more information on Ferry times contact: Irish Ferries P.O. Box 19, Alexandra Road, Ferryport, Dublin D01 W2F5 Web: www.irishferries.com Tel: 0818 300 400 or Tel: +353 818 300 400 Email: info@irishferries.com Stena Line Terminal 2, Alexandra Road, Dublin 1 Web: www.stenaline.ie Tel: +353 (0)1 907 5555
Bus Éireann

Bus Éireann is the National Bus Service that operates national and commuter bus routes throughout Ireland, stopping in many towns along the way. See below the Bus Éireann routes:

**East**
- Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Longford, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath, Wexford, Wicklow

**South**
- Clare, Cork, Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford

**West**
- Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo

**North**
- Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan

The central Dublin bus station is called Busáras and is located on Store Street in Dublin 1. It is linked to the RDS by the Dart from Connolly Station, which is 3 minutes walk from Busáras.

For timetables and more information on national bus routes visit [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie) or call +353 (0)1 836 6111

 Disabled access is available
Irish Rail - *Iarnród Éireann*

InterCity Rail services run from 2 different Dublin stations: Heuston Station and Connolly Station.

**Heuston Station** has trains to and from to Ballina, Westport, Galway, Limerick, Tralee, Cork, Waterford, Portlaoise and Kildare.

**Connolly Station** has trains to/from Belfast, Sligo, Dundalk, Kildare, Longford and Rosslare Europort.

*The Luas Red Line links the two stations door to door.*

The RDS is linked to the train stations by the Dart at Connolly Station. Connolly Station also has bus connections, DART and LUAS terminals.

For more on national train timetables and information visit [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie) or call 185 036 6222

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The RDS is serviced by several bus routes nationally (see Bus Éireann) and locally by Dublin Bus. The direct Dublin Bus routes to RDS Ballsbridge from Dublin city centre (Trinity College) include:

1. From Harristown To Monkstown Avenue via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
2. From Mountjoy Sq. Towards Loughlinstown/Cherrywood via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
3. From Palmerstown (Old Lucan Rd.) Towards Sandymount via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
4. From Harristown To Monkstown Avenue via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
5. From Mountjoy Sq. Towards Loughlinstown/Cherrywood via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
6. From Palmerstown (Old Lucan Rd.) Towards Sandymount via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
7. From Harristown To Monkstown Avenue via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
8. From Mountjoy Sq. via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
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24. From Harristown To Monkstown Avenue via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
25. From Mountjoy Sq. Towards Loughlinstown/Cherrywood via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
26. From Palmerstown (Old Lucan Rd.) Towards Sandymount via Ballsbridge (Anglesea Rd.)
27. From UCD Belfield To Clare Hall Via RDS Ballsbridge

There are also multiple routes serviced to and from the nearby Stillorgan Road, Bus Garage stop 772 which is only 10 minutes walking distance from the RDS.

Click here to see stillorgan rd bus routes

For more information on local Dublin Bus routes visit www.dublinbus.ie or call +353 (0)1 873 4222

Disabled access is available
LUAS - Dublin Light Rail

There is no direct route from the LUAS to the RDS. However, the LUAS connects to the DART system that passes by the RDS. The LUAS connects to the DART at Connolly Station. Connections to Heuston Station and National rail routes can then be reached through Connolly station.

For more information visit www.luas.ie or call 1800 300 604

Connolly Station is accessible by lift and there are two wheelchair areas on board each Luas.
DART

Dublin DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transport) service operates from the City Centre to Ballsbridge. Lansdowne Station and Sandymount Station are approximately a 5 minute walk from the RDS.

Directions from Sandymount Station
Follow the exit signs and turn right onto Sandymount Avenue. Continue until you reach the traffic light - the Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge will be directly in front of you. For the Main Complex, Halls 1-7, turn right onto Merrion Road and the entrance will be on your left.

For the Simmonscourt Complex, Hall 8, continue straight ahead from the crossroads, passing the Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge on your left. The Simmonscourt Complex is down the road on the left.

Sandymount platform is accessed by ramp and you must ask the ticket office for the gate release.
Car Parking

Under regular circumstances, the Merrion Road Car Park is open year-round from 7:30am – 6:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Simmonscourt and Anglesea Road Car Parks are only open for particular events.

A flat fee is charged upon entry and parking is provided on a first come first serve basis.

Check before you travel! Different car parks are used for different events.

Due to some events there may be limited/no parking. Please check our website www.rds.ie or call +353 (0)1 668 0866
Access Guide

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Walking to the RDS
Pedestrian routes from transport links are marked on the map. Each square grid on the map represents half a square kilometre, or about 7 minutes average walking time.