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Hello and welcome to another issue of our lovely fanzine, which we hope you will enjoy and find really useful on your journey to Lisbon! We've packed it full fun facts and some tips on how to navigate yourself around the place. Plus, and most importantly, we have filled it lots of propaganda to tell you how great we are. If you're a business that wants to give us LOTS of money to show how great YOU really are, well give us a shout!

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Wednesday 8th: Window Preview

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Editor's Message

Hello, dear reader! Well, what a disaster we had for the last window, eh? A complete sh*t show of the highest order. However, amazingly we're still in this, even if we lose to our hosts as long as we beat Armenia on Tuesday, we could still bag a play-off. It's a big ask to get something from Portugal away, however, a bit of pride would be nice!



As much as I enjoyed Yerevan, I'm relieved that it's only a three hour trip from London to Lisbon. As opposed to a 12 hour red-eye, including layovers in Frankfurt and Athens. So, if we get a pasting, at least the journey won't be as bad. I know, I'm such an optimist.

Before the last window there was talk of qualification and contract extensions, which still may be the case bizarrely. But I think we just want to see that the players actually care. We had ten minutes in Yerevan and then one of their lads went through Evan Ferguson without a single protest from one of our lads. That was it. We'd already lost.

The manager hasn't helped matters either by needlessly over complicating things. Trying to be too clever. During an international window you get about two training sessions. Why not just keep things simple? Put players in their natural position and see what happens.

These lads with a simple but effective plan are capable of getting something in Portugal. But we just seems to muddy the waters too much. The manager has gone for a bit more experience this time around, although some changes were forced by injury. That experience will be crucial to get us back onto the tracks. Some players have really themselves, their country and the manager down badly. Or really well... Depends how you look at it.

We need to get back to basics. Be aggressive, be assertive and fight for each other. Normal characteristics of an Irish football team.

Anything less than a win at home to Armenia and we could see some real anger towards the manager and the players. Never mind USA'94, this could be Cyprus, Croke Park 2007.

David

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From the Airport to the City Centre

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Metro

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You can always find a taxi at the airport, normally queueing outside the departures and arrivals terminals. As the city centre is close by, taxis are an affordable transportation option, even with the luggage fees that may be charged separately by the driver. Depending on traffic, the journey to the city centre is quick, costing between 10 and 15 euros. If you choose this mode of transportation, negotiate a price. Also, Uber is widely recognised and available in many parts of Portugal, including Lisbon.



How to get to the Stadium



How to get to Estádio José Alvalade

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The Republic of Ireland's 1982 World Cup Qualifying Campaign

Lisbon - What to see

The capital city of Portugal, Lisbon is one of the <u>oldest cities in the world</u> and predates other modern European capitals by centuries. Lisbon is mainland <u>Europe</u>'s westernmost capital city. It lies in the western portion of the <u>Iberian Peninsula</u>, on the northern shore of the River <u>Tagus</u>, and serves as the country's chief port, largest city, and commercial, political, and tourist centre. There is so much to see in Lisbon, and we could have listed countless things, but here are five places to visit in this wonderful city.

Belem Tower -

Lisbon's iconic monument rises from the river, where it served as a beacon to the many explorers who departed from this site in the 15th and 16th centuries. Also protected as World Heritage, it is a symbol of the Age of Discovery.



The Monument to the Discoveries -

The Monument to the Discoveries (Padrão dos Descobrimentos) is located on the northern bank of the Tagus River in Lisbon. This massive monument is shaped like a ship with 33 people aboard, led by Prince Henry the Navigator. The monument stands at 170 feet tall and it is a significant landmark that celebrates Portugal's maritime history and exploration. Inside are temporary exhibitions and a terrace at the top which offers a breathtaking view.



Lisbon - What to see

Graça Viewpoint - Miradouro da Graça is one of the most famous viewpoints in Lisbon. It sits right across from a beautiful local castle, and the old church and monastery of Graça (founded in 1271, rebuilt after the earthquake in 1755).

The viewpoint is easily accessible both on foot from the centre and by the historic tram 28, which has a stop just a short distance away.





Jerónimos Monastery - This
World Heritage monument is a
marvel of Manueline (Portuguese
Gothic) architecture. It was built
in the early 1500's, and features
magnificent stonework inspired
by the sea and the East,
particularly in the cloisters. Paid
for with the profits from the spice
trade, it's the resting place of
explorer Vasco da Gama, whose

tomb is found at the entrance of the church.

Mercado da Ribeira (Time Out Market) – This is Lisbon's biggest food market, selling freshly-caught fish, fruit, and vegetables. The food hall opens at 10am and serves meals until late, from stalls provided to some of the city's top chefs. Canteenstyle communal tables, fill up quickly with locals and tourists throughout the day. In total there are 28 food stalls, 8 drink counters, and a dozen stalls selling various kinds of products.



The Good Stuff!

Irish Bars in Lisbon

These locations have been carefully selected by our in house expert James Agnew



.1.O'Gilin's Irish Pub - Lisbon's oldest Irish pub speaks for itself. Nestled in the lively Cais do Sodré, it is a favourite with the Irish ex-pat crowd and has friendly staff and a charming feel.

Address: R. dos Remolares 8, 1200-371 Lisboa, Portugal

The Corner Irish Pub – Is a pub that was established in 2014 in Bairro Alto in Lisbon.

Bairro Alto is a picturesque working class quarter dating from the 16th century that has traditionally been the city's bohemian haunt of artists and writers. Its grid of streets is quiet during the day but is transformed at night into the city's vibrant nightlife quarter.

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Estádio José Alvalade



The Estádio José Alvalade is home of Sporting Clube de Portugal. The stadium is named after José Alvalade (1885–1918), one of the founders and first club member of Sporting CP.

Estádio José Alvalade was built to serve as a playing venue for the Euro 2004 tournament and to provide Sporting with a modern home.

It officially opened on 6 August 2003 with a friendly between Sporting and Manchester United. During the 2004 European Championships, it hosted three first round group matches, a quarter final, and the semi-final between Portugal and the Netherlands.

One year later, in 2005, Estádio José Alvalade hosted the UEFA Cup final between CSKA Moscow and Sporting.



The Estádio José Alvalade is a visually stunning venue, featuring a colourful facade and a roof supported by distinctive green masts. The stadium has been undergoing renovations since 2021 including the removal of the moat, allowing for the addition of 2,000 more seats. Other significant improvements included the addition of new Exclusive Access Lounges. With the completed work, capacity increased to 52,095 seats.

Estádio José Alvalade

Sporting CP offers guided tours of the Estádio José Alvalade, providing an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at this iconic venue. Highlights include:

Access to the players' tunnel and dressing rooms.

Exploring the pitch and press conference areas.

Visiting the Sporting Museum, which displays the club's rich history, trophies, and memorabilia. The stadium sits in the heart of an urban area and is surrounded by motorways and residential apartment blocks and housing. Attached to the stadium is Alvaláxia shopping centre, which has some restaurants and a cinema. Although you may find the odd place to get something to eat or drink near the stadium, you will have much more variety in Lisbon's city centre.



Full Stadium Information

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Ireland v Portugal

Head-to-Head Record



16 Jun 1946 Portugal v Republic of Ireland L 3-1 International Friendly
04 May 1947 Republic of Ireland v Portugal L 0-2 International Friendly
23 May 1948 Portugal v Republic of Ireland L 2-0 International Friendly
22 May 1949 Republic of Ireland v Portugal W 1-0 International Friendly
25 Jun 1972 Portugal v Republic of Ireland L 2-1 Independence
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15 Nov 1995 Portugal v Republic of Ireland L 3-0 UEFA European Championship
29 May 1996 Republic of Ireland v Portugal L 0-1 International Friendly
07 Oct 2000 Portugal v Republic of Ireland D 1-1 FIFA World Cup
02 Jun 2001 Republic of Ireland v Portugal D 1-1 FIFA World Cup

Ireland v Portugal

Head-to-Head Record



09 Feb 2005 Republic of Ireland v Portugal W 1-0 International Friendly
10 Jun 2014 Republic of Ireland v Portugal L 1-5 International Friendly
01 Sep 2021 Portugal v Republic of Ireland L 2-1 FIFA World Cup
11 Nov 2021 Republic of Ireland v Portugal D 0-0 FIFA World Cup
11 Jun 2024 Portugal v Republic of Ireland L 3-0 International Friendly



Flashback

Portugal v Ireland Flashback - 7th October 2000

Matt Holland's brilliant equaliser 18 minutes from time earned Ireland a superb point away to Portugal in their World Cup 2002 qualifier. With the likes of Luis Figo, Rui Costa and Sa Pinto on show, the worst was feared, but with Roy Keane marshalling the midfield, Ireland secured a creditable draw with an impressive rearguard performance.

Mick McCarthy's side, who performed so admirably away to the Netherlands in their opening qualifier, knew to expect a tough evening at a raucous Estádio da Luz.

Ireland had the first serious attempt on goal, when Roy Keane headed Kevin Kilbane's corner over the bar. Moments later Robbie Keane, found himself challenging Dimas Teixeira at the back and was unlucky to see his poked effort go fractionally wide of the goal.

After 20 minutes João Pinto teed up Sa Pinto, but he sent his effort high and wide of Alan Kelly's goal.

After 24 minutes Rui Costa teed up Sa Pinto and the Sporting Lisbon striker curled a 20-yard shot narrowly past Kelly's right-hand post, with the 'keeper well beaten.

Then it was Costa's turn when the midfielder was unlucky to see his superb shot from outside the area beaten away by Kelly

Moments later Roy Keane's shot was well saved by Silva after the ball was deflected by Robbie Keane on its way to goal.

At half time Ireland boss Mick McCarthy brought on Ipswich's Matt Holland for the injured Niall Quinn.

On 55 minutes Rui Costa struck another effort marginally over the crossbar. Ireland finally bowed to pressure in the 57th minute when they allowed Conceicao to cut into the penalty area on his left foot and curl his low shot beyond the reach of a despairing Kelly to put the hosts 1-0 up.

Portugal looked certain to add to their lead, but Matt Holland's tremendous shot from 25-yards gave Quim no hope and sent the 12,000 travelling Irish fans into a frenzy. This was Hollands first goal for Ireland.

The goal was certainly against the run of play, but as the Republic showed against the Dutch, they had resilience and strength in the side, qualities which would ultimately see them qualify for the 2002 World Cup.

Rep of Ireland: A. Kelly, Carr, Breen, Dunne, Harte, McAteer, Kinsella, R. Keane, Kilbane, R. Keane, N. Quinn. Subs: Kiely, Duff, Staunton, Finnan, Holland, Foley, Fleming.

A look at Portugal

By James Agnew

The Portugal national football team Seleção Portuguesa de Futebol has represented Portugal in men's international football competitions since 1921. The national team is controlled by the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF). They are currently coached by Roberto Martinez. The team plays its home matches in stadiums across Portugal.

Portugal's first participation at a major tournament was at the 1966 World Cup in England. With a side featuring the famous <u>Eusébio</u>, Portugal finished in third place in the tournament. In Euro 1984 they reached the semi-finals losing to the hosts and eventual winners France. Since Euro 2000, Portugal have qualified for every European Championship and World Cup Finals. During this run they were semi-finalists at Euro 2000, runners up in Euro 2004, they finished in fourth place at the 2006 World Cup and were semi-finalists at Euro 2012.

In 2016 Portugal won its first ever major trophy by defeating hosts France in the Euro 2016 final. They then finished in third place at the Confederations Cup, held in Russia in 2017. In 2019 they defeated the Netherlands to win the Nations League, and six years later they won their second Nations League title after beating Spain in the 2025 final in Munich.

Portugal is currently 5th in the FIFA rankings. Their highest ever ranking was 3rd place and their lowest was 43rd place. Portugal's biggest win came on 11th September 2023 when they defeated Luxembourg 9-0. Their heaviest defeat came against England on 25th May 1947, a match that they lost 10-0.

Their most capped player (with 233 appearances) is the legendary Ronaldo, and he is also unsurprisingly their highest ever goal scorer with an astonishing 141 goals.

The Portuguese squad is made up of stars that play in the top leagues across Europe, such as Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes, Manchester City's Bernardo Silva and Rúben Dias, and Paris St Germain's <u>Vitinha</u> and <u>Gonçalo Ramos</u>.

In the most recent Nations League campaign, Portugal played in League A, Group 1 which also contained Croatia, Scotland and Poland. With a record of four wins and two draws, Portugal finished top of their group and qualified for the quarter-finals against Denmark, a match which they won 5-3. In the semi-finals they defeated Germany 2-1 and then they were then crowned Nations League Champions with a 5-3 penalty victory over Spain after the match finished 2-2 after extra time.



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Irish citizens do not require a visa to enter Portugal.

Visitors to Portugal are advised to follow the guidance of national and local authorities and stay fully informed of what is going on by monitoring local news and social media. Under Portuguese law, you must carry identification at all times.

Emergency Assistance

The best help is often close at hand so if you have problems, try talking to your local contacts, or hotel management.

You can contact all emergency services in Portugal by dialling 112.

Driving

If you're planning to drive in Portugal, be aware that driving regulations and customs are different from those in Ireland. Traffic is faster and the accident rate is much higher. Cars drive on the right side of the road.

If you want to drive:

- Be aware of Portugal's traffic laws, such as speed limits. Fines have recently been increased considerably for several offences
- Never allow children under 12 to travel in the front passenger seat
- Portugal operates a toll system on its motorways and you risk heavy fines if you don't or can't pay toll fees.
 Don't use the green lanes at the tolls they're reserved for motorists who subscribe to the automatic pay system (Via Verde)

Health

As an Irish resident you are entitled to get healthcare through the public system in countries of the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland if you become ill or injured while on a temporary stay there. Ensure that you get or renew your EHIC (the new name for the EIII) before you go, and remember, you need one for every person travelling in your group.

Useful Information

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Buying comprehensive travel insurance can save you and your family a lot of money if something goes wrong. It will also ensure that you get the medical attention you need, when you need it. Hospital bills can quickly run into thousands of euros, and a medical evacuation back to Ireland can cost thousands more.

Irish Embassy

Please note that if you require assistance in the case of emergency while the Embassy is closed, contact the main Embassy number, 00 351 213308200, and leave a message on the Duty Officer voice mailbox. This mailbox will be monitored regularly.

Alternatively, you can call the Duty Officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs at 00353 1 408 2000 Monday to Friday 09:30-12:30 Embassy of Ireland, Portugal Avenida da Liberdade,

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Key Portuguese Phrases

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Please/Por favor

Thank you/Obrigado/Obrigada

You're welcome/De nada

Yes/Sim

No/Não

Help/Ajuda

Emergency/Emergência

Excuse me/Com licença

Sorry/Desculpe

English/Inglês

Restaurant/Restaurante

Food/Comida

Drink/Bebida

Wine: Vinho; vinho tinto (red wine)/

Vinho branco (white wine)

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Martin's Memorable Away Days

By Martin Prendergast

Italy vs Ireland - Bari, April 2009

A sun-soaked trip and a thrilling game under Trappatoni. World Champions Italy were reduced to 10 men within minutes, but still took the lead, forcing Ireland to adapt tactically. The drama came late: an 89th-minute equaliser — whether Robbie Keane's or Noel Hunt's is still debated — secured a precious point. It was a positive marker in a strong World Cup qualifying campaign. It was a tremendous result, champagne flowed to celebrate thanks to the generous Italian hospitality.

Austria vs Ireland - Vienna, November 2016

Under Martin O'Neill, Ireland earned a famous 1–0 win thanks to James McClean's goal. On a freezing evening, McClean's goal-scoring form and fight epitomised Ireland's spirit around this time. This was one of Martin O'Neil's teams finest results, Irelands first competitive away victory against a team ranked above them since Scotland in 1987. A great night had in Vienna!

Wales vs Ireland - Cardiff, October 2017

Another O'Neill-era highlight. James McClean again proved the hero, scoring the only goal in a tense 1–0 win at the Cardiff City Stadium. The victory secured Ireland a playoff place for the 2018 World Cup, though hopes were later dashed by Denmark that sadly showed the MON/Keane era was coming to an end.

England vs Ireland - Wembley, March 1991

A politically charged and intimidating night in London, just weeks after the release of the Birmingham Six. England had just been World Cup semi-finalists, Ireland basking in the euphoria from their debut World Cup of Italia '90. Despite going behind, Ireland dominated, showing resilience and quality. Niall Quinn equalised for a deserved 1–1 draw, underlining that Ireland were now ready to stand shoulder to shoulder with the best.

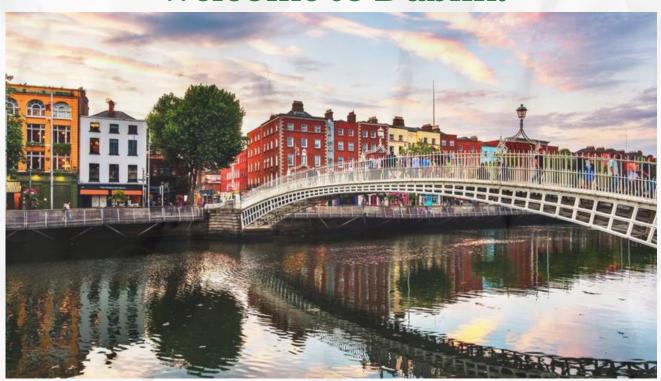
France vs Ireland - Paris, November 2009

The infamous World Cup playoff second leg at the Stade de France. Ireland had lost 1–0 in Dublin, but put on a heroic performance in Paris. Robbie Keane's strike levelled the tie and forced extra time. Then came that Thierry Henry handball, setting up William Gallas' decisive goal. A heartbreaking exit, still roar today, given the cruel nature of the defeat. We were so close.....anyone who was there will wince when they hear that feckin' Black Eyed Peas song that followed us out of the stadium.

Bosnia & Herzegovina vs Ireland - Zenica, November 2015

The first leg of the Euro 2016 playoff. Ireland travelled to Zenica in foggy, hostile conditions (ultras surrounded us) against a talented Bosnian side. Robbie Brady struck late with a brilliant goal to put Ireland ahead emerging from the fog to celebrate with us, before Edin Džeko equalised soon after. The 1–1 draw was a huge result, giving Ireland the upper hand heading back to Dublin – where they would complete the job and book their ticket to France.

Welcome to Dublin!



From the Airport

Amazingly in 2025, Dublin still has NO rail connection to the City Centre or anywhere. Which is pretty outrageous, but hey ho. However you do have plenty of other road options.

There is a LEAP Card available which is a travel top up card and normally results in cheaper travel throughout Ireland's capital. These are available in the newsagents in Dublin Airport. You download the app from your normal stores and you can physically top-up your card through your phone. This can be used on most buses, trams and trains including the DART which goes direct to the Aviva Stadium.

Check out the maps we have attached on the following pages to help get you going!

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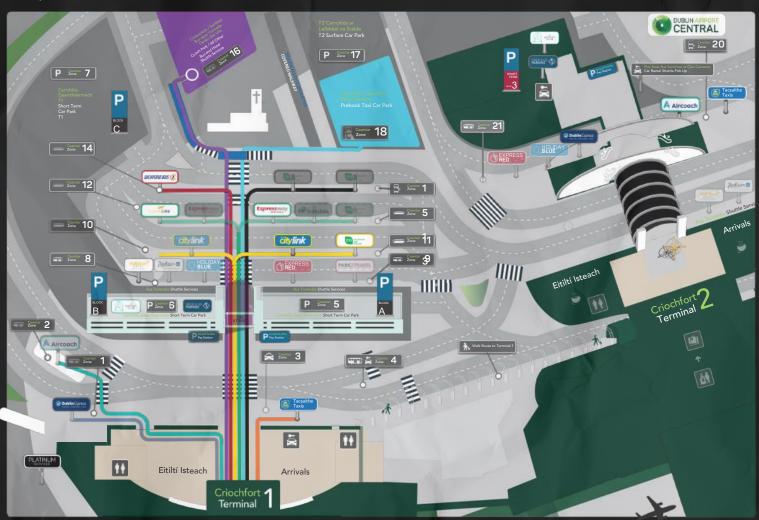




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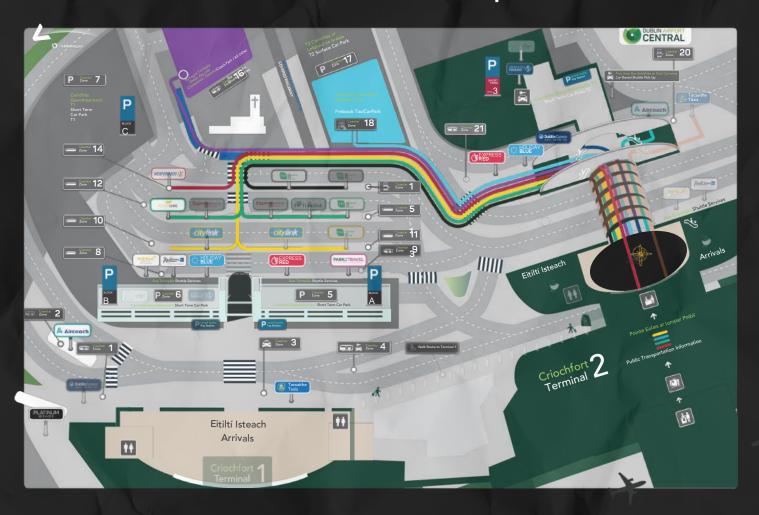






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Aviva Stadium



Entry to the Aviva Stadium

There are 5 coloured coded routes to access the stadium. The route you must take is dictated by the location of your seat within the stadium. The applicable route colour will be stated on your event ticket.

On event days stewards will be positioned outside the stadium to provide further assistance.



Irish International Football at Lansdowne Road

The famous Lansdowne roar was in full evidence recently against France as we were treated to a raucous and stirring fan reaction to the arrival in Dublin of the World Cup Finalists. As ever, we were the 12th man for our Boys in Green. Lansdowne Road (or the Aviva if you prefer!) is a special place when Ireland play. But what of the history of the Irish soccer team at this famous venue?

Located in Dublin 4 (Ballsbridge) and nestled beside the River Dodder, the venue is named after the nearby road, which in turn was called after William Petty-FitzMaurice (the 1st Marquess of Lansdowne). The history of the ground can be traced all the way back to 1872, when it was founded by Henry Dunlop, a track walker, an engineer and Trinity College graduate who founded the Irish Champion Athletic Club and was the organiser of the first All-Ireland Athletics Championships.

The orientation of the old ground was initially East/West, changed to North/South and the first stand was a covered stand on the West side with an uncovered stand to the left (completed in 1908). In 1928 the East side of the ground was fitted with a stand. The West stand was then replaced by a two-tier structure in 1955. In 1974 the lower tier of the West stand was renovated and then the East stand was completely rebuilt in 1983. The old Lansdowne Road had some iconic touches (such as the rail track running directly under the West Stand). It was of course used primarily for Rugby (for international fixtures and Lansdowne Rugby Football Club and Wanderers Rugby Football Club), but the first international soccer match took place at Lansdowne Road on 17th March 1900 between Ireland and England (this was a time when the Belfast based Irish Football Association controlled the game throughout the island of Ireland) and England won 2-0. In 1927 the Irish Free State played an international game against Italy and this was the last soccer game played at the venue until Manchester United played Waterford in a European Cup tie in September 1968.

The FAI first leased the ground for international matches in 1971 and from 1990 until 2006 the ground was used for the vast majority of the home fixtures for the Irish soccer team. The traditional home of Irish Football is of course Bohemians Dalymount Park in Phibsborough (a wonderfully historic and atmospheric old venue with a storied history all of its own), but when Dalymount was deemed no longer suitable to host international fixtures, games were eventually moved to Lansdowne Road and the last full Irish international match played at Dalymount was in 1990 (in a friendly versus Morocco).

As most of the games were played at Lansdowne Road post 1990, floodlights were installed in 1993 to allow international soccer matches to take place in the evenings.

In 2010 the famous old ground was replaced by a 51,700 all-seater football and rugby stadium. The development of the new stadium was announced in January 2004 at an initial cost of approximately €365 million (growing to €410 million). €190 million was to come from the Irish government with the remainder paid by the IRFU and the FAI.

The development was originally meant to begin in January 2007 but was slightly delayed (works commenced on 17th May 2007). While the stadium was being rebuilt internationals were mainly played at Croke Park with matches also staged at the RDS and Thomond Park in Limerick.

In February 2009, a sponsorship deal, reported to be in the region of €44 million for 10 years, was struck under which the new stadium would be known as the Aviva Stadium and it officially opened on 14th May 2010.

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Unlike the old ground, which was exclusively owned by the IRFU, the Aviva Stadium is owned and controlled by the IRFU and the FAI through a 50:50 joint venture which has a reported 60-year lease on the stadium.

The revamped stadium is a bowl shape with four tiers on three sides of the ground. The North Stand incorporates only the lower tier of the bowl (with the roof dipping and rolling down at this end) and is mostly used by away fans for international games. Planning permission was granted for this stand on the condition that it did not intrude on the local housing any more than the previous section of Lansdowne Road did. Decked out in green seats, on a match night the lit-up stadium with flashing lights and booming music is quite a sight and experience.

The first international game at the revamped stadium was a friendly against an Argentina side featuring Lionel Messi on 11th August 2010 and the first competitive goal was scored by Kevin Kilbane against Andorra on 7th September 2010. It is also the current venue for FAI Cup Finals.

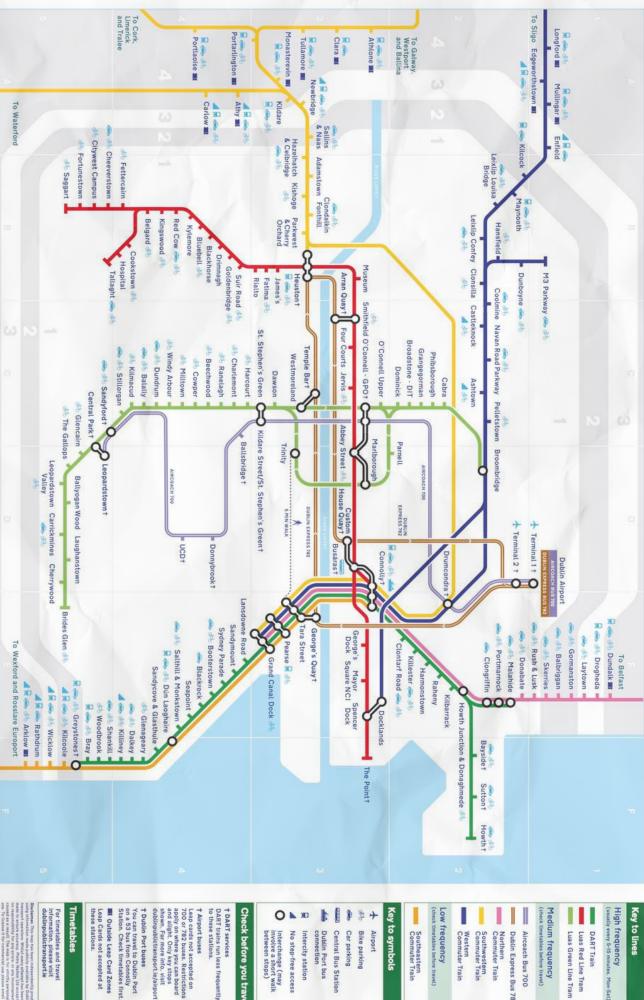
The Aviva Stadium is Ireland's only UEFA Category 4/Elite Stadium and has won recognition (including an award by the British Construction Industry for the innovation of its design).

There have been lots of famous games and moments over the years. Think Liam Brady's winner over Brazil in 1987. Jason McAteer's goal and our outstanding win against Holland in 2001. Shane Long's breakaway strike in the crucial 1-0 victory against Germany in 2015. Special times that are seared into the memory of Irish football fans.

Admittedly, after the rebuild, the cavernous new Aviva Stadium felt corporate and sterile. We missed the famous creaky old Lansdowne Road with its memories of agony and ecstasy. But new grounds take time to bed in. We needed to get acquainted with our new home. And as the years have gone by, we have begun to feel comfortable in our surroundings. And that was in full evidence when France came to town. What an atmosphere (of course driven by our singing section in the South Stand!). And although we didn't get the result we craved, we left the stadium with heads held high, and back into the night proud of our players and fellow supporters. The feeling and emotion that we collectively created was special.

Here is to more great memories in our famous home!

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