

# Biden to visit ancestral homeland

U.S. President Joe Biden will visit the island of Ireland, from where his forebears hailed, amid a €5m security operation

**AIR FORCE ONE** Crew: 26, passengers: 70  
Boeing 747-200B Speed: 1,037km/h



Cost: €2.8bn

## ANCESTRAL HOMES

Mayo: **Blewitt** family

Louth: **Finnegan** family

Ballina, Co. Mayo

"Homecoming" speech expected

## SECURITY

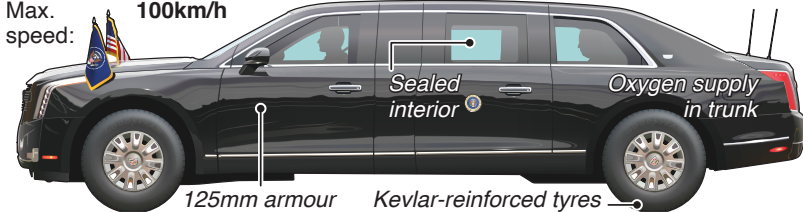
Over 1,000 personnel including:  
250 Secret Service,  
400-500 gardai (200 armed),  
Irish Defence Forces

Aircraft carrier off west coast



**THE BEAST:** Cadillac armoured limo

Weight: ~9,000kg  
Max. speed: 100km/h



Kevlar-reinforced tyres

Picture: Getty Images



**Apr 11: Belfast**  
Biden will mark 25th anniversary of **Good Friday Agreement**, but will not attend formal ceremony later in month

**Apr 12: Dublin**  
Official State visit to Aras an Uachtarain, residence of President **Michael D. Higgins**. Meeting with **Taoiseach Leo Varadkar** at Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park

**F-35C Lightning II** carrier variant

Displacement 88,000 tonnes  
(fully loaded) Crew: 5,200  
Aircraft: 60+

2011 model got stuck on ramp at U.S. embassy in Dublin

Sources: NY Times, Irish Central

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