

A short Tour of Ireland



Traditional Irish dancing



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXb7pEEcWq0> – local festival
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgGAzBDE454> – riverdance
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9KkbU4yStM> – riverdance2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmokDwpepGI>

5 top Irish myths



Facts

Size: 486Km by 275Km

Population 4.8M in Rep Ireland
+1.8M in N.Ireland

Diaspora 80M – US, UK, Aus

Weather – unpredictable
Main conversation topic
3 deg to 23 deg –
Rain 150-250 days/year

Tourists – 10 M per year
200K are French

Popular places; Dublin, SW & N. Ireland



Brief History of Ireland - 1



- 4000 BC first farmers arrived – Stone Age
- 300 BC Celts - iron age warriors from mainland Europe – celtic language & traditions
- 600 AD– Christian missionaries – St Patrick – Irish christian scholars excelled at Latin , Greek & theology - Book of Kells crafted
- 900AD - Vikings arrived from Scandinavia, invaded & settled - founding of Dublin capital city in 988
- 1014 – Irish chief – Brian Boru defeated Vikings at Battle of Clontarf
- 12th century – arrival of Normans, - walled towns, churches,
increase in agriculture & commerce
- 16th century – King Henry VIII declared himself king of Ireland (1541) – plantation of English & Scottish protestant landlords – start sectarian conflict

Brief History of Ireland - 2



- 17th Century – Penal laws - disempower catholics - irish owned 5% land
- 1782 – favorable trading agreement with UK – Henry Grattan
- 1829 – Act of Catholic Emancipation - Daniel O Connell – great liberator
 - Act of the union – set up of Irish Government
- 1845 – The great Famine, blight hit potato crops – starvation & emigration. pop decreased from 8M to 4.5M people over 5 years
- 1912 – Home rule Act - then suspended with WW1 in 1914
- 1916 – Easter Rising – Irish rebels seized key locations (GPO) in Dublin – P Pearse & J. Connolly to proclaim irish independence – many died
- 1918 election of E De Valera –Guerilla war with UK until 1921 – M Collins
- 1922 – Irish free state declared as republic – UK still held northern Ireland & systemic discrimination against catholics

Brief History of Ireland - 3

- 1968 – Start of Catholic Civil rights marches –British army in Belfast
- 1972 Bloody Sunday – 13 civilians killed by UK army in Derry during march
~5000 people killed on both sides over next 25 years – Troubles
- 1998 – Good Friday Agreement signed by british & Irish governments in Belfast– to agree on power sharing. assembly to govern Northern Ireland (Tony Blair & Bertie Ahern)
 - IRA gave up its weapons
 - Election of new 108 member assembly to sit in parliament – Stormont house, Belfast – including Catholics
- Now – What will happen with Brexit ?



Politics

- Ireland is a parliamentary, representative democratic republic and a member state of the European Union since 1973
- The National Parliament was set up in 1937 (Oireachtas) – It governs house of representative (Dail Eireann) & the Senate
- President is elected directly by people every 7 years – MD Higgins
- Senate is advisory board (60 members – 11 by president & others by industry boards)
- Dail Eireann - has 158 members are directly elected by the people
- The Dail nominates Prime minister – Taoiseach is Leo Varadkar



World heritage sites in Ireland



- Bru na Boinne – Newgrange Co Meath
 - Site of complex prehistoric graves, tombs & stone structures some from 35 Century BC
- Skellig Michael – island of Kerry
 - Monastery for Christian monks dating from 7th Century. The monks lived in beehive huts on the mountain
- Giant's Causeway – Co Antrim
 - 40, 000 basalt rocks sticking out of sea



Newgrange





Skellig Michel



5. Giant's Causeway



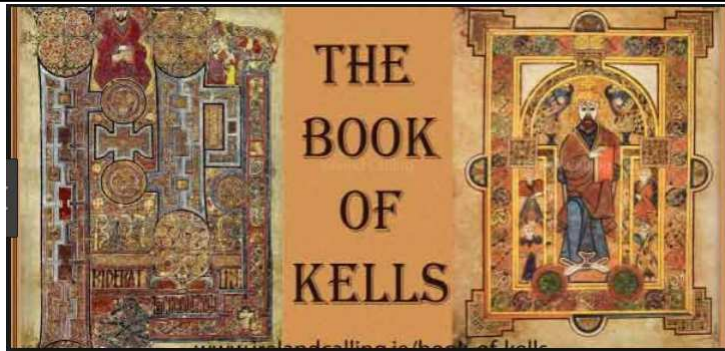
St Patrick's Day - Facts

- Celebrated 17 March – he died 17 Mar 387 AD
- He was among first catholic missionary to Ireland
- He is the patron saint of Ireland
 - He was born welsh
 - He used 3 leaf shamrock to explain holy trinity
- The first St Patricks day parade took place in New York in 1760's
- It is a national holiday in Ireland
- Shamrocks are the national emblem of Ireland



Trinity College





Powerscourt – Co Wicklow



West Cork



West Cork



2. Ring of Kerry



Dingle peninsula



1. Cliffs of Moher



Lahinch Golf Course



Aran Islands



Glendalough Monastery



Clonmacnoise



Castels of ireland

3. Rock of Cashel



Castels of ireland

1. Kilkenny Castle



Castels of ireland






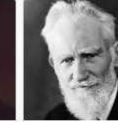


7. Swords Castle









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Famous Writers & Poets

Writers > Republic of Ireland

 James Joyce 1882–1941	 Oscar Wilde 1854–1900	 W. B. Yeats 1865–1939	 Samuel Beckett 1906–1989	 Jonathan Swift 1667–1745	 George Bernard Shaw 1856–1950	 Seamus Heaney 1939–2013	 Bram Stoker 1847–1912
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Ireland

- William C. Campbell, Physiology or Medicine, 2015.
- John Hume, Peace, 1998.
- Seamus Heaney, Literature, 1995.
- Seán MacBride, Peace, 1974.
- Samuel Beckett, Literature, 1969.
- Ernest Walton, Physics, 1951.
- George Bernard Shaw*, Literature, 1925.
- W. B. Yeats, Literature, 1923.

- 4 winners of Nobel prize for literature in 20 century

PATRICK KAVANAGH, 1904-1967

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Memory of My Father

Every old man I see
Reminds me of my father
When he had fallen in love with death
One time when sheaves were gathered.

That man I saw in Gardiner Street
Stumble on the kerb was one,
He stared at me half-eyed,
I might have been his son.

And I remember the musician
Faltering over his fiddle
In Bayswater, London.
He too set me the riddle.

Every old man I see
In October-coloured weather
Seems to say to me
"I was once your father."

-Patrick Kavanagh
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Famous Irish Actors & Actresses

Actors > Republic of Ireland



Movies > Republic of Ireland

All Genres ▾ All Years ▾



Music

Music Artists > Republic of Ireland



U2, The Frames, The Cranberries, Morrissey, Sinéad O'Connor, Thin Lizzy, Enya, Chieftans, Westlife, Boyzone, Ed Sheeran

Sport

- Gaelic Football
- Hurling – Camogie
- Golf
- Cycling
- Fishing



Fly fishing in Rivers





Why You should visit Ireland

- Direct flight from Marseille in Summer
- Cool temperature – Green Grass – fantastic beaches
- Welcome culture – not expensive outside of city
- A lot to see & do
 - Castles
 - Walks & bikes
 - Lots of festivals
 - music , dancing, singing
 - Lots of arts & Crafts
 - painting, pottery, textiles, metals

