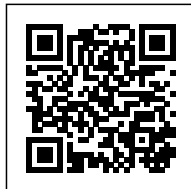
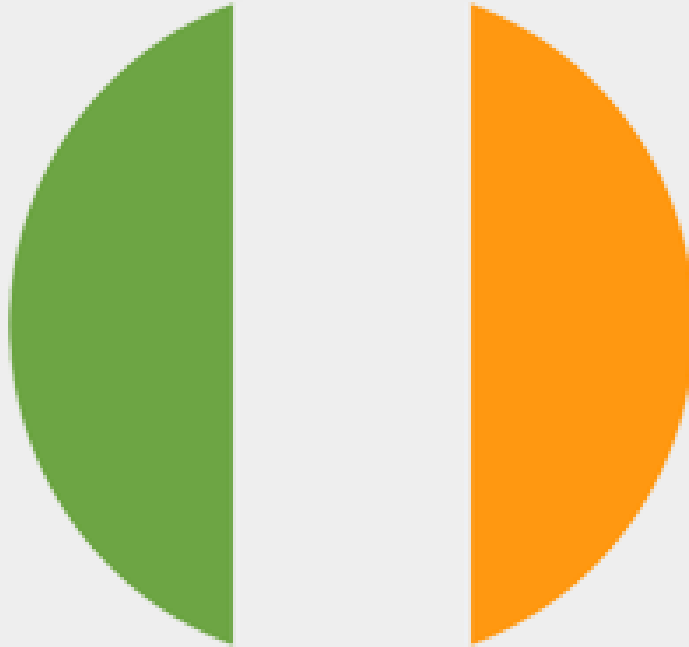


# IRELAND


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Ireland is a country in [Europe](#). The official name of Ireland is the Republic of Ireland. It shares borders with the [United Kingdom](#). The people of Ireland are called Irish. The country is in Western Europe, occupying five-sixths of the island of Ireland in the North Atlantic Ocean, west of Great Britain.

Etymology discusses where a term is considered to have originated from and how its meaning has changed over time. Etymology has been a factor in the naming of countries all across the world, and Ireland has also been influenced. The etymology of Ireland can be defined as; "The fertile place" or "Place of Éire (Eriu)", a Celtic fertility goddess.

An ethnicity is a group or sub-group of people who are connected based on common characteristics which may include religion, origin, language, traditions, or culture. The ethnic groups in Ireland include Irish, Norse (Scandinavian), Norman, English, French, Scottish, Welsh, Ulster-Scots, and various immigrant populations.

Aer Lingus is the national airline of Ireland. The national color of the country is green. The emoji flag of the country is , and the ISO code is IRL.

Ireland is known for shamrocks, delicious cuisine, and castles. The national dish of Ireland is Irish Stew. The national instrument of Ireland is Irish Harp.

The country has the time zone Greenwich Mean Time (UTC) followed by dd/mm/yyyy as the standard date format.

Ireland is divided into 26 counties, 3 cities (cathracha), and 2 cities and counties. The capital of the country is Dublin, which is also the largest city in Ireland.

The literacy rate in Ireland is 100%.

The country's total area is 84,421 km<sup>2</sup> (32,595 sq mi), and the total population is 4,937,786. The country's average elevation is 118 m (387 ft), whereas the country's terrain can be defined as; Mostly level to rolling interior plain surrounded by rugged hills and low mountains; sea cliffs on the west coast. The country's usual climate is temperate maritime; modified by North Atlantic Current; with mild winters, and cool summers; consistently humid; overcast about half the time.

The area of land next to a sea is called the coast, and a coastline is defined as the line where land and sea meet. Ireland has 1,448 km of coastline.

The Euro serves as the national unit of currency, and the Central Bank of Ireland is recognized as the country's central bank. The domain for Ireland is .ie and the country code is +353. Harp and the Shamrock is the country's coat of arms.

Museums are known to educate and connect visitors with the nation's history, culture, civilization, art, and architecture. The National Museum of Ireland serves the same purpose and is considered one of the most significant tourist attractions. The National Museum of Ireland is home to a large

collection of artifacts. It has been designated as the national museum of the country.

The national dress of Ireland is the Kilt, and 13 March is designated as National Day. In Ireland, the majority of the population practices Roman Catholicism as their religion.

Nature is a blessing from God and we must protect it because it provides us with the oxygen and food to survive. It also helps to keep our environment beautiful and clean. To emphasize the significance of nature, Ireland has selected a few forces of nature as national symbols. Ireland's national bird is the Northern lapwing, while its national animal is the Irish Hare. The national flower is Shamrock. The national tree of Ireland is the Sessile oak, and the highest peak is Carrauntoohil.

Mythical creatures can be found in the literature and mythologies of many different nations. They represent imaginative representations of various creatures, humans, or hybrids. They are known for their specific features, supernatural abilities, and distinctive appearance. The mythical creature of Ireland is Leprechaun.

Sports have always played an important role in developing the social and cultural structure of Ireland and other countries. When it comes to designating sports as the official symbol, Hurling, Gaelic Football and Gaelic Handball are considered the country's national sports.

Poetry is a highly valued form of art, and many poets are considered significant national symbols of the country. The national poets of Ireland are Thomas Moore, William Butler Yeats, and Seamus Heaney.

The country's national anthem was written by Peadar Kearney (English), and Liam Ó Rinn (Irish), and it was composed by Peadar Kearney and Patrick Heeney.

The country's national hero is John Hume.

Due to their unique qualities and rich cultural or historical backgrounds, national monuments around the world are of great importance. Séadchomhartha Náisiúnta is recognized as the national monument of the country. It attracts visitors from all around the world.

Numerous organizations are working on a global level to improve the current state of affairs and to collaborate in order to establish and maintain constructive partnerships. Ireland is a member of the [European Union \(EU\)](#), and [United Nations \(UN\)](#). Ireland collaborates with them to organize, analyze, and address various events and situations.

The tourism slogan of the country is "Jump into Ireland".

Taoiseach – Micheál Martin is the current Prime minister of Ireland, and Michael D. Higgins is the President.

Ireland has declared English, and Irish as the country's official languages.

**- Further information regarding the symbols and knowledge of Ireland can be found in the table**

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