

CULTURE CLASS

IRELAND

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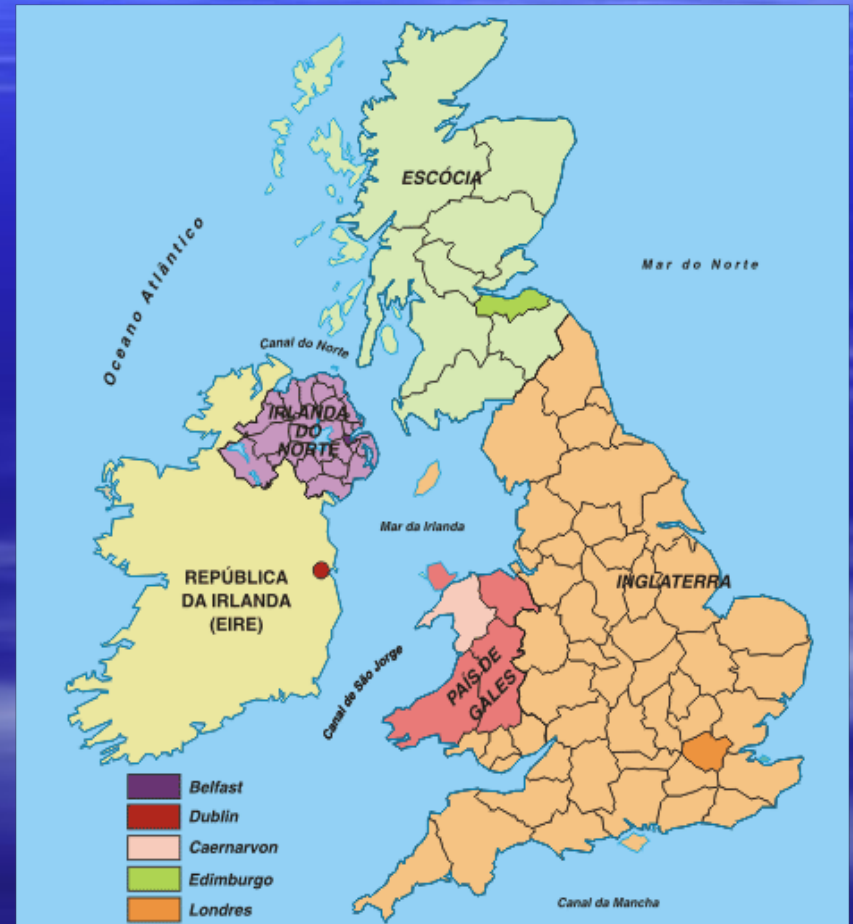


- THE COUNTRY
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THE COUNTRY

- **Ireland** (in Irish: Éire; in English: Ireland) is the third biggest European island, located in the Atlantic Ocean.
- It is politically divided between the Republic of Ireland (about 85%) of the island, and the North Ireland, as part of the United Kingdom.

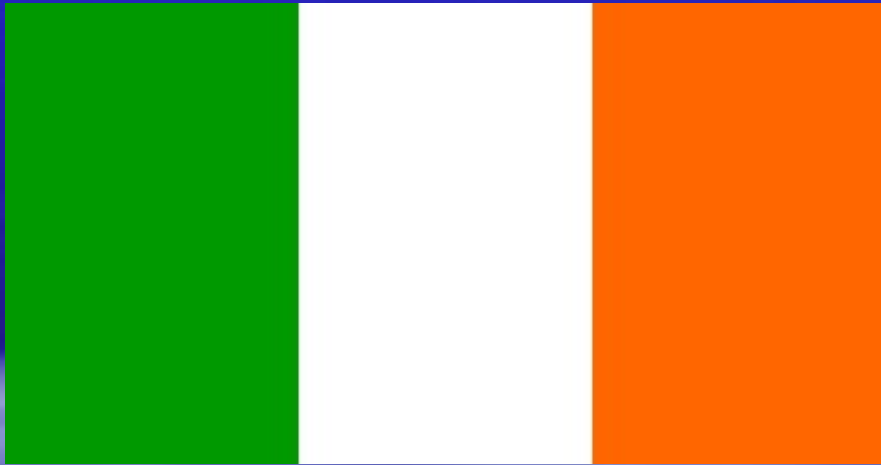
IRELAND LANDSCAPE AND MAP



The coats of arms



THE IRISH FLAG AND MAP



IRISH PROVERB

"May the roof above us never fall in.

And may the friends gathered below

it never fall out."

The People of Ireland

- 50% of Irish people are under 25 years old. The Irish people are hard-working, very honest and known for their friendliness, hospitality, sense of fun and wonderful humor. Family life is important in Ireland and children are included in most events. In the rural areas people often maintain a great sense of the old, traditional Irish ways, but in the urban areas, Ireland is very modern.

TRADITIONAL IRISH GARMENT



Food

- Traditional foods of Ireland are simple and include lamb, Irish stew, sausage, homemade cheeses, fresh fish, fresh baked breads and scones, fish & chips (chippers), potatoes, carrots, corned beef, cabbage and boxty. The Irish are known for their large breakfasts called “frys”.
- Today the foods of Ireland feature their local ingredients and include sophisticated international cooking technique and gourmet dishes. All types of international cuisine are found in Ireland.

IRISH BREAKFAST



IRISH FOOD



Castles of Ireland

- Ireland contains many castles, stone towers and stone walls, some in ruins and some which have been restored. The fortified castles of Ireland were used for defense against intruders.
There are many famous castles in Ireland, but the most famous is perhaps The Blarney Castle, which is famous for its stone, which is believed to have the power to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who kiss it.

BLARNEY CASTLE



Story Telling, Myths and Legends

- Ireland is well known for its many myths and legends. There are many fun and wonderful stories of fairies and leprechauns – the little people. It is said that fairies dwell in mounds in the earth and to touch one of these mounds is to bring bad luck. Leprechauns, on the other hand, bring good luck – especially if you can catch one. It is said that leprechauns are mischievous, but will lead you to their pot of gold, which they keep at the end of the rainbow. However, they'll disappear if you take your eyes off of them for even just a moment. The Irish are wonderful storytellers and there are many books available on Irish myths and legends.



St. Patrick's Day

- March is Irish heritage month in many places, thanks to the March 17 celebration of the life of St. Patrick, beloved patron of Ireland. People celebrate this day with a parade, that is considered a Carnival party for the Irish people.
- They wear green clothes on this day because if you aren't wearing green and want to take part in the activities, you will be pinched by others.
- They also prepare green food and beverages.

Legend of Saint Patrick

Good St. Patrick travelled far, to teach God's Holy Word

And when he came to Erin's sod, a wondrous thing occurred

He plucked a shamrock from the earth and held it in His hand

To symbolize the Trinity that all might understand

The first leaf for the Father

And the second for the Son

The third leaf for the Holy Spirit

All three of them in one.

THE PARADE



AN IRISH FLOWER

- Patrick used the three-leaf shamrock to explain about the Holy Trinity:
- The Father
- The Son
- The Holy Spirit



Irish Saying

*“May the saddest day
of your future be no
worse than the happiest
day of your past.”*



Symbols

- Shamrock
- Leprechaun
- Pot of gold
- Rainbow
- Beer
- Pipe

