

# Ireland

**Continent:** Europe

**Languages Spoken:** Irish, English

**Population:** 5,100,000

**Currency:** Euro (EUR)

**Area:** 70,273

## Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Cliffs of Moher', 'writeup': 'Dramatic sea cliffs on the west coast offering stunning views over the Atlantic Ocean.'}
- {'name': 'Trinity College and The Book of Kells', 'writeup': 'Historic university in Dublin housing the illuminated manuscript, the Book of Kells.'}
- {'name': 'Guinness Storehouse', 'writeup': 'Famous brewery in Dublin showcasing the history and production of Guinness beer.'}
- {'name': 'Ring of Kerry', 'writeup': 'Scenic circular tourist route in County Kerry featuring mountains, lakes, and coastal views.'}
- {'name': 'Newgrange', 'writeup': 'Ancient passage tomb older than Stonehenge and the Egyptian pyramids, located in County Meath.'}

## Head of State / Government:

President Michael D. Higgins

## Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': "St. Patrick's Festival", 'writeup': "Annual celebration on March 17th honoring Ireland's patron saint with parades and cultural events."}
- {'name': 'Galway International Arts Festival', 'writeup': 'Major arts festival featuring theatre, music, and visual arts held every July.'}
- {'name': 'Puck Fair', 'writeup': 'Traditional festival in Killorglin celebrating a wild goat as king, held in August.'}

## Food & Cuisine:

Irish cuisine features hearty dishes such as stews, soda bread, and seafood, with an emphasis on locally sourced ingredients and traditional recipes.

## Brief History:

Ireland has a rich history from ancient Celtic culture through Viking and Norman invasions, to British rule and eventual independence in the 20th century, now existing as the Republic of Ireland.

## Important People:

- James Joyce - Renowned modernist writer
- W.B. Yeats - Nobel Prize-winning poet
- Michael Collins - Leader in the Irish independence movement

- Bono - Lead singer of U2 and activist
- Mary Robinson - Former President and human rights advocate

**Current Conflicts:**

Ireland is currently peaceful with no active internal or external conflicts.

**Youtube Links:**

- Discover Ireland: Top Attractions and Travel Guide
- History of Ireland: From Ancient Times to Modern Day
- Irish Culture and Traditions Explained
- Irish Food and Drink: A Culinary Journey
- Exploring the Natural Beauty of Ireland