

IRELAND ,Republic of Ireland, Éire

The population of Republic of Ireland is approximately **4.5 million** people. On the isle live 6.2 million people and just under 1.8 million live in Northern Ireland.

The Capital - Dublin - (Dubh Linn - meaning black pool)

Baile Átha Cliath, pronounced {balaacia - meaning Town of the Rock}

There are an estimated 3 million Irish passport holders abroad. The total number of people with Irish ancestors has been put at 70 million by some sources.



Settlement of Ireland

- The first people came to Ireland around 8000 B.C. - so called Pre-Celtic period
- They were gatherers and hunters (Stone Age and Bronze Age)
- Approx. 600 B.C. - 150 B.C. -- Arrival of Celtic peoples and establishment of Celtic culture (Iron Age)
- Approx. 150 B.C. - 432 A.D. -- Celtic, pagan culture ("Heroic" Age)
- 432 - 793 -- Arrival of *writing*, **St. Patrick**, and Christianity
- 793 - 1014 - Scandinavian (**Vikings**) invasions and settlement
- Vikings founded most of the major towns - Dublin, Limerick, Cork
- End of Viking era after the Battle of Clontarf (Irish High King Brian Boru)
- *1170 - beginning of the English involvement in the Irish governing*

Celtic

- According to the Ancient Greeks and Roman, the people living from the Alpine to the north were *Keltoi* - meaning *Barbarians*.
- *Barbarians* - *Boii*(Bohemia),*Belgae*,*Helvettii*,*Parisi*
- Celtic were dominant power in Western Europe in the early Iron Age
- Those times they got to Ireland
- Celtic mixed with the earlier inhabitants and amalgamated culture and language
- Greatest barbarians power was from Germania (*Franks*, *Frisias*, *Alamans*, *Saxons*, *Vandals*, *Lombards etc.*) - *edging out others more to the west*
- Irish Celtic arrived in Ireland from Iberian Peninsula

1170 - 1922 -- English conquest and control of Ireland

- During power struggling in Ireland after the death of Brian Boru came Diarmait Mac Murchada. He sought aid from Henry II, King of England, to recapture lost kingdom. The name of Diarmait now lives in infamy in the hearts of Irishmen.

So the **Norman Invasion** began and with it almost 800 years of English involvement in the governing of Ireland - but who's to blame?

1170 - 1602-09 -- Loose, sporadic control, mainly confined to "the Pale"

The Pale was a quite small area around Dublin where English authority truly existed.

Henry VIII (first king of England and Ireland) created a **Church of Ireland** to get more control. In those times the monasteries were dissolved and a lot of land was offered for low rent to English and Scottish immigrants (known as Plantation).

1609 - 1782 -- Growing English control, Cromwellian Settlement, Penal Laws

1641-49 -- English Civil War and **Irish rebellion**

Like a reaction on great Catholic rebellion came Cromwell's invasion and massacre of Drogheda in 1649

Cromwell is one of most reviled figures in Irish history

Started conflict between Catholics and Protestants.

1695-1727 -- Period of the most severe Penal Laws - Catholic could not sit in parliament, serve as sheriff or member of town council, could not join the army, own a gun or work as a lawyer or judge, no buy a land or take a lease - to said only part of them.

The Rise of Irish Nationalism and Prosperity, Great Famine

- 1740 - first Irish **great famine** - nearly 0.5 mil. died
- Penal Law was slowly relaxed and repealed
- New industry, forest were stripped away, cattle were bred, trans-Atlantic shipping, beer was brewed, iron smelting
- 1793 -- Catholic Relief Act -- allows Catholics to vote for Parliament, but not to serve in Parliament
- 1800 -- Act of Union reincorporates Irish Parliament into English Parliament -- **Ireland becomes part of the "United Kingdom"**
- 1829 -- Catholic Emancipation Bill passed by English Parliament
- Irish population grow from 5 mill. In 1800 to over 8 mil. In 1841
- **1845-50 -- The Famine or Great Hunger** - potato blight - one million died, another more fled (coffin ships)

1900 in Irish history

- 1922 - 1948 -- Irish Free State--Dominion status, gradual loosening of ties with England
- 1916 - Easter rising
- 1922-23 -- Irish civil war
- 1939 -- Irish Free State declares neutrality in World War II
- 1948 -- Republic of Ireland Act
- 1949 -- Éire formally declared a Republic April 18

History summary

- Irish history is filled with struggling by national and religious conflicts, wars, revolutions and bloodshed. When they were released of the supremacy of England they were not firm enough and united to separate. The alliance with English opponents never gained them any advantage and prospect. Under the reign of many rulers who declared that the prosperity and welfare is their goal only selfishness and greed was main motive. And that was always to the detriment of poor people. Irish were so influenced by emigration and immigration so they are now all over the world and Ireland is home of lot of other cultures and people. In 1850 the population was more than 8 mil. and in 1930 only 2.5 mil.

The symbols of Ireland - known?

Shamrock



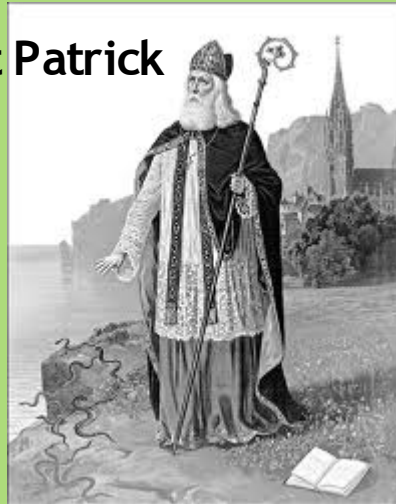
Harp

Irish Cross



Leprechaun

St Patrick



The symbols of Ireland – unknown?

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- Strong Black Coffee,
 - Brown Sugar
 - 1 gill of Irish whiskey
 - Fresh whipped cream



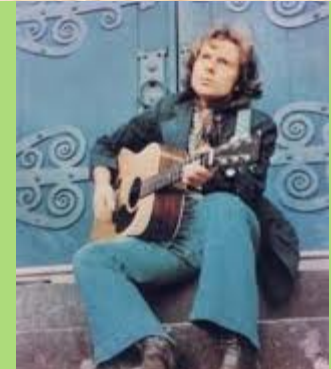
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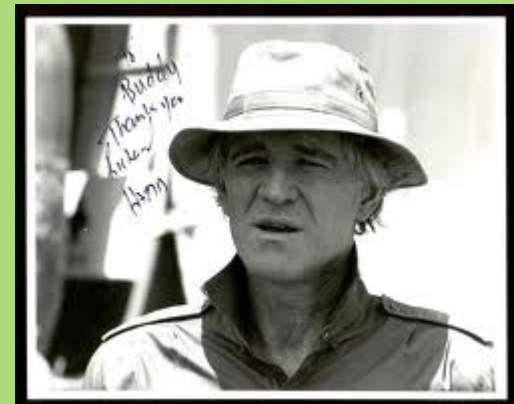
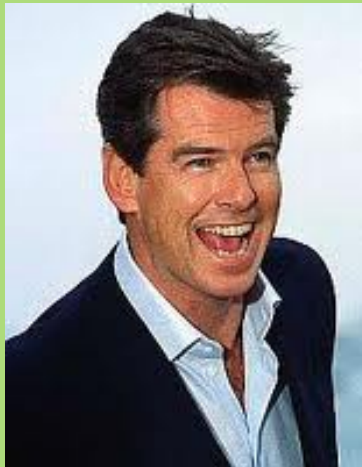
The symbols of Ireland – simply red



The symbols of Ireland - Music



Actors



What's typical for Ireland?

When you come to Ireland for the first time you are struck by the **Cleanliness** that is the absence of dirt – almost no dust and bad smells and



People, social life



- First name terms
- Greeting, thanksgiving
- Dignity
- Gratefulness
- Confidence, respect - in terms of patient doctor relation
- Self responsibility
- ??? Hypocrisy ??? in formal contact (dear, sincerely, very welcome, etc.)



Symbols of Ireland - The Nature - The Emerald Isle



Symbols of Ireland - The Celtic Tiger

What was the reason of Economic Miracle? Foreign direct investments from US information technology companies (Dell, Intel, Microsoft). Low wages and taxes and language advantage compare to other EU countries. Open work market for foreign workers. European union economic aid to infrastructure and education , even though Irish would not agree with this theory.



Symbols of Ireland – low cost airlines

Airlines founder Tony Ryan – Ryanair



Symbols of Ireland (Dublin)

- Culture and Education



Famous People of Irish History

- Writers - Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift, George Bernard Shaw, James Joyce, F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Butler Yeats - poet
- Arctic explorer Ernest Shackleton, Tom Craen
- Kennedys , Ronald Reagan, Barack Obama
- Painter Jack Yeats
- Thief Ned Kelly

Health care

- *Public* - every citizen (owner of Medical card) has an access to predominantly free health care just for some fee (including members of EU)
- *Health insurance companies* (VHI, AVIVA, QUINN)
- *Ministry of Health and Children* – responsive for policy and service
- *HSE – Health Service Executive* – in charge of executing the policy
- *Irish Medical Council* – is to protect the public by promoting and ensuring high standards of professional conduct and professional education, training and competence among registered medical practitioners

Mount Carmel



Health system – Mount Carmel Hospital

- Mount Carmel Hospital – private hospital
- About 3 births daily (cca 1000/year)
- Rooming in, Main Nursery, SCBU
- Gestational age over 33 weeks, mostly healthy newborns
- Elective Caesarian S. – (last month 31% CS, 25% elective)
- Ventouse often than forceps (vacuum extr. KIWI)
- Less number of episiotomies – less than 20%, no tears
- Analgesia more than 90% (65% epidural, 25% spinal)
- Hold on after head delivery (before delivering rest of the body)
- Neo Puff at delivery room and theatre, one Bird VIP ventilator
- Despite they are Baby-Friendly hospital they don't have much worries about exclusive breastfeeding
- Blood sugar checked immediately after admission
- Top up formula first day up to 30 ml/dose
- A lot of samplings – when baby SGA (TOTRCH) or mum is on thyroid supplementation (TFT – thyroid function tests)

Health system - confusing things

- K-vit.-Konakion – i.m. since 2011
- D vit (Abidec)– since 2010
- Discharge usually after 48 hours but also after 24
- Hips and talipes assessment
- Security tagging + sign strap (one on arm, one on leg)
- Transport service
- Screening PKU – different timing
- New words –
puky,windy,tummy,fussy,flusterd,settled,mucousy,guzzle, bonny
baby,latch on, bluish, arouse, growing blood,squirt,voiding,etc.
- Abbreviations –
HQ,RIP,IUD,DCDA,SCBU,CRT,RA,FBC,PU,BO,SVD,
NPO,AF,WNL,FTA....
- Names of staff
- Telephoning

***Do you think someone was
interested?***

