Ireland

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Introduction

The emerald isle, or Ireland, is a fascinating country full of beautiful scenery. It has a rich culture with traditional music, food and sports.

* Currency in Ireland-Euro
* Population-4.595million
* Location-Europe
* Geography-low central plains
* Capital city-Dublin
* Dominate religion-Christianity
* Language spoken-Irish Gaelic and English

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Christmas in Ireland

Just like in America Ireland also celebrates Christmas but unlike America their Christmas starts on the 8th of December and last till the 6th of January. An interesting fact is that in Irish or Gaelic Christmas is called ‘nollaig’

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## Food in Ireland

Irish food is known for the quality and freshness of its ingredients most cooking is done without herbs or spices except for salt and pepper. Some repersenitive Irish foods include Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and Irish soda bread these are just some of the many repersenitive Irish foods.

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Irish stew

## Aran sweaters

One traditional Irish clothing is Aran sweaters; aran sweaters take its name from the set of islands where it originated many generations ago, off the coast of Ireland. The Aran Island lies at the mouth of Galway Bay. They used to be very popular. Each family clan had its own unique stitching or pattern that was used in its sweaters.

Aran sweter

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## hurling

One Irish sport is hurling. The game resembles field hockey but played with a shorter stick with a broader oval blade. It is the national game of Ireland and may date back to the 2nd millennium B.C the game is played with two opposing forces there are 15 people on each team. The object is to get the silothar (ball) into the opponents goalpost. The goalpost is H shaped with a net under the cross post if the silothar goes over the post a point is scored if it goes under the post and into the net a goal which is worth three points, is scored.



## Potato famine

Beginning in 1845 and lasting six years, the potato famine killed over a million men, women and children in Ireland, and caused another million to flee the country the cause of this was late blight a disease that destroyed both the leaves and the edible part of the potato plant.

## Invasion of Ireland

The Normans invaded Britain in 1066 they landed in Ireland a century later in 1169 for most the Middle Ages. Ireland was ruled as a separate kingdom under the British crown, just the eastern part, gradually they extended their control but is wasn’t till 1603 that a victory over the Irish in Ulster allowed the British complete control over Ireland

I chose Ireland because I wanted to learn more about it and most of my family is Irish and I have family in Ireland. I would like to visit Ireland to see all the historical land marks