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IRELAND, THE EMERALD ISLAND

Ireland is an island nation on the westernmost edge of Europe. It is the continent's second largest island (after Great Britain). The ***Republic of Ireland*** occupies 80 percent of this landmass, while a large chunk of land in the north, called ***Northern Ireland***, is part of the United Kingdom. All together, the island of Ireland is made up of **32 counties**. The capital city of Ireland is **Dublin**.

THE IRISH CULTURE

Irish culture has had a significant influence on other cultures, especially in the field of literature. Alongside mainstream Western culture, a strong indigenous culture exists, as expressed through Gaelic games, Irish music, Irish language, and Irish dance. The island's culture shares many features with that of Great Britain, including the English language, and sports such as association football, rugby, horse racing, golf, and boxing.



HOUSES IN IRELAND



City houses are typically three to four bedroom and semi-detached (two houses attached by a central wall). In the city areas, houses are usually terraced or rowhouse (house joined to another on either side of it). Free standing or detached houses are more common in towns and villages. Most houses in Ireland are built of **concrete**.



IRISH CUISINE



This cuisine is based on fresh vegetables, fish (especially salmon and trout), oysters, mussels and other shellfish, traditional soda bread, the wide range of cheeses that are now being made across the country, and, of course, the potato.

But, the most famous food/dish in Ireland is the Irish Champ. Champ is probably one of the best known of Irish dishes and it's a very simple one. Mashed potatoes made with good milk, butter and scallions (spring onions). Mashed together and sometimes served as a full meal back in the day.



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



Patrick's Day was originally celebrated in Ireland with religious services and feasts ***in honour of St. Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints***. When Irish immigrants brought St. Patrick's Day traditions to the United States, the day evolved into a secular celebration of Irish culture.

The day commemorates Saint Patrick and ***the arrival of Christianity in Ireland***, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve ***public parades*** and ***festivals, céilithe***, and the wearing of ***green attire*** or ***shamrocks***.

Leprechaun, the little bearded men



Leprechaun, in Irish folklore, ***fairy in the form of a tiny old man often with a cocked hat and leather apron.*** Solitary by nature, he is said to live in remote places and to make shoes and brogues.

The leprechaun story says capturing these small creatures will secure a wee bit of luck in addition to three wishes. With this in mind, they have become associated with the “***luck of the Irish,***” which is one of the reasons they remain so popular today.

INFORMATIONS ABOUT THIS PROJECT

sources I used:

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ireland>
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