

The island of Ireland is divided into two countries: Northern Ireland (which is part of the United Kingdom) and the Republic of Ireland (also known as Ireland).

Ireland is known for its beautiful green, grassy hills. It rains a lot in Ireland, making the grass grow very green.

The country of Ireland is about the same size as Indiana or Maine in the United States.

If you like castles and forts, you will love visiting Ireland. There are over 1,000 castles and fortresses all over Ireland in excellent condition.

Ireland Fun Facts

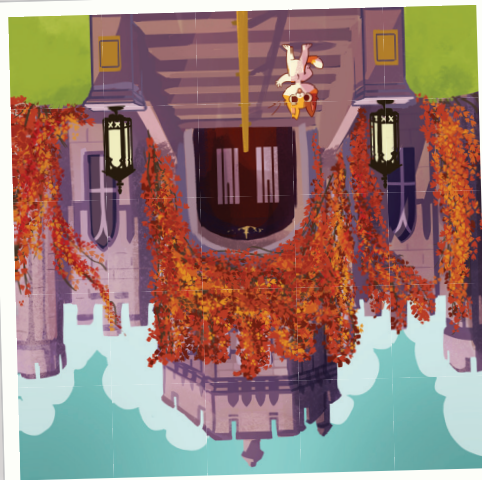
The Trinity Knot is another symbol from Ireland. Three is considered a lucky number



The Claddagh Ring originated in Ireland. The hands represent friendship and the heart love.



KeeKee visiting Dromoland Castle. Originally built over 500 years ago. It is now a fancy hotel where your family can stay.



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Irish Language & Some Phrases

The official language in Ireland is called Irish (what Americans often call "Gaelic"). While English is the most popular language, many speak Irish as a second language. Here are a few fun Irish sayings:

"Two people shorten the road" - Traveling with someone makes the time go faster.

"May the wind always be at your back" - Someone says this when they wish you good luck or a fun and easy journey.

"What's the story horse?" - How are you?

"Having a whale of a time!" - Having a good time.

Some Traditionally Irish Food

Traditional foods in Ireland include:

Soda Bread..... Scone-like tasty bread.

Irish Butter..... Delicious butter from Irish cow milk.

Fish & ChipsBattered fish served with French Fries.

Bangers & Mash.....Pork sausage with mashed potatoes.

Boxty..... Delicious Irish potato pancake



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