

Interesting Facts About Ireland

The following are some fun and random facts about Ireland.

- Ireland is known as the Emerald Island, thanks to its lush greenery.
- In Ireland, lakes are called as loughs (pronounced as locks) e.g. Lough Mourne.
- The Gaelic is the commonly spoken language in Ireland, next to Irish and English.
- The [St. Patrick's Day](#) is celebrated in Ireland on March 17th which is a national holiday and a feast day.
- One of the other fun facts about Ireland is that there are nearly 8 times more Polish speakers in Ireland than Gaelic speakers.
- Not a single snake is found in Ireland. On the other hand, the only reptile found is the lizard.
- One of the other fun facts about Ireland is that the Irish Police force, are unarmed, but the detectives always carry firearms.
- George Bernard Shaw, Bram Stoker, James Joyce, Oscar Wilde, W. B. Yeats, Samuel Beckett, Richard Harris, Pierce Brosnan, Alec Baldwin, Cillian Murphy, Ben Affleck, George Clooney, Harrison Ford and Colin Farrell are some of the famous Irish.
- James Hoban, an Irish, designed the White House in Washington.
- According to the Irish birthday traditions, people hold the birthday child upside down and bump the head slightly on the floor. The bumps correspond to the age of the child. It is believed that this tradition brings good luck.
- Another fun facts about Ireland: the number of cell phones in Ireland is more than the number of people.
- Most of the Irish family names start with 'Mac' or 'O'...', which literally means 'son of ...' and 'grandson of ...' respectively in Gaelic.
- The rugby and soccer are the most loved sports in Ireland.
- The Celtic knot is one of the most famous Irish symbols that stands for continuity of life. Apart from this, the harp, the Shamrock, and the Irish wolfhound are some other famous symbols that belong typically to Ireland.
- [Titanic](#), the Unsinkable ship, which sunk in its maiden voyage, was made in Ireland.