

# THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

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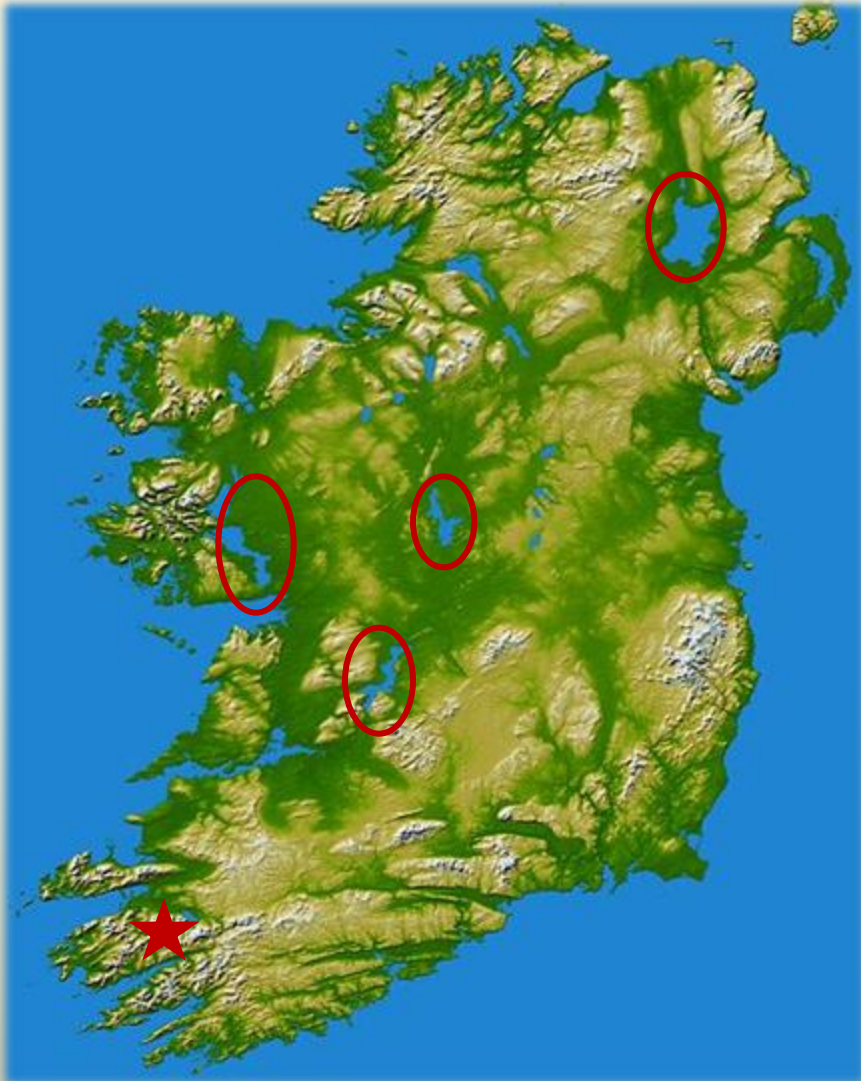
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# LOCATION



- The Republic Of Ireland is situated on the island of Ireland.
- It is bordered to the north-east by Northern Ireland, which is a part of the United Kingdom.
- It is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, the Irish Sea to the east, St George's Channel to the south-east, and the Celtic Sea to the south.
- Ireland is sometimes called the emerald island due to its green countryside.

# GEOGRAPHY



- The Republic Of Ireland is low in the middle and high on the outside.
- The middle part is full of lakes and rivers. Ireland's largest lakes are Lough Neagh – in northern Ireland and Lough Corrib in the Republic of Ireland.
- Its longest river, the Shannon, goes through many small lakes and two large ones-Lough Ree and Lough Derg.
- The west coast of Ireland mostly consists of cliffs, hills and low mountains (the highest point being Carrauntoohil at 1,038 m).

# RELIGION

- ❑ Christianity is the main religion in the Republic Of Ireland.
- ❑ Approximately 86.8% of the population are Roman Catholics.
- ❑ The patron saint of Ireland is Saint Patrick. Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, is celebrated in Ireland and abroad as the Irish national day.
- ❑ In Northern Ireland, which is a part of the UK, about 60% of people are protestants and 40% are Catholics.
- ❑ Religion has always been a conflict between Catholics and Protestants of the Northern Ireland.





St Parick's Day

- The population of the Republic Of Ireland is over 4 million.
- Ireland has two official languages.
- English, which is spoken everywhere and Irish language called Gaelic spoken just in certain parts of Ireland.  
Gaelic language was originally language spoken by Celts

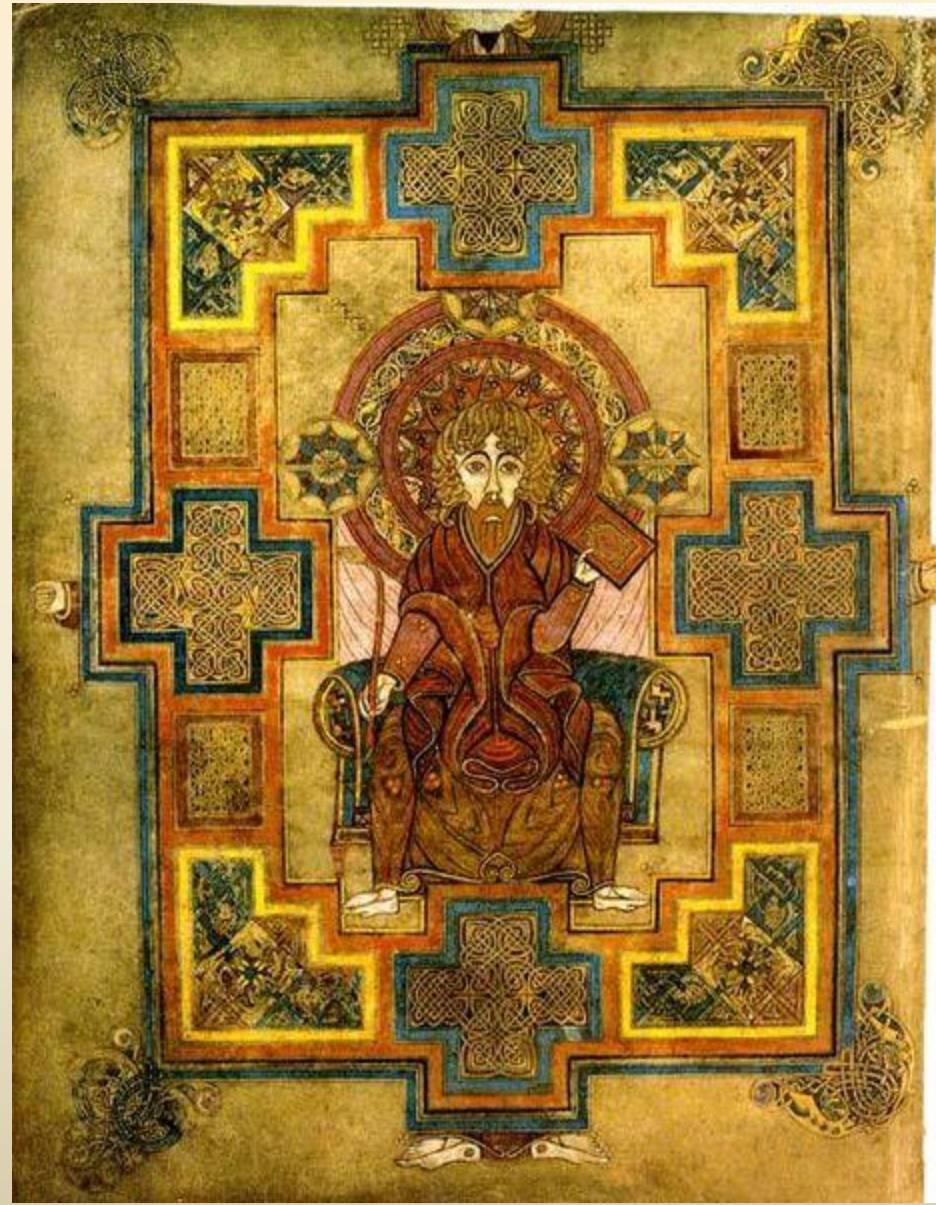
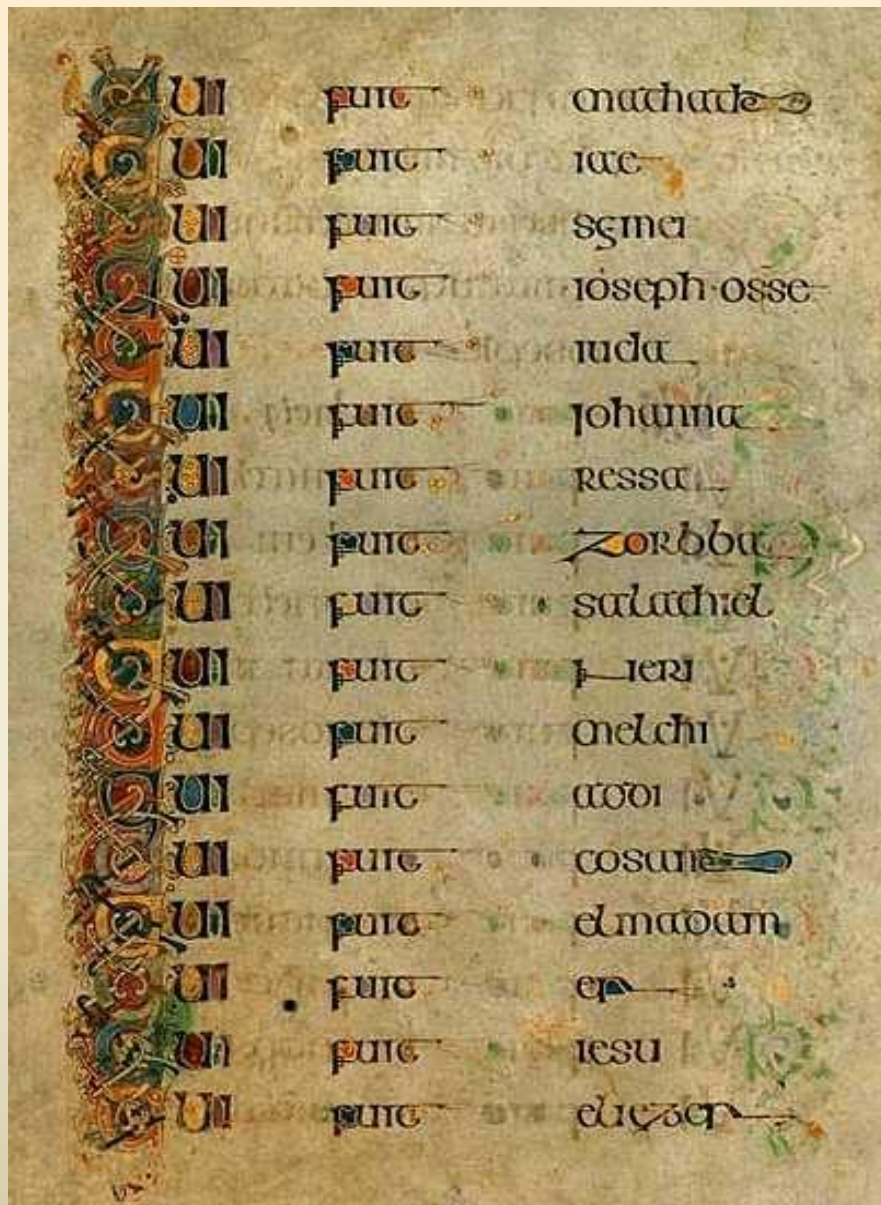




- Among the biggest cities are Dublin, the capital.
- In Dublin there is Trinity College, the Ireland's oldest and most famous university, dating back to the 16th century.
- The library is home to the world renowned 9th century Book of Kells, a Latin text of the four gospels.







Book of Kells





Half Penny Bridge - Dublin





Temple Bar in Dublin





**Doors in Dublin**



# POLITICAL SYSTEM

- ❑ Ireland is a republic, with a parliamentary system of government.
- ❑ The Republic of Ireland is divided into 26 counties.
- ❑ It has a Parliament consisting of an upper house (Senate) and a lower house (House of Representatives).
- ❑ The head of the government is the prime minister, the head of state is the president.

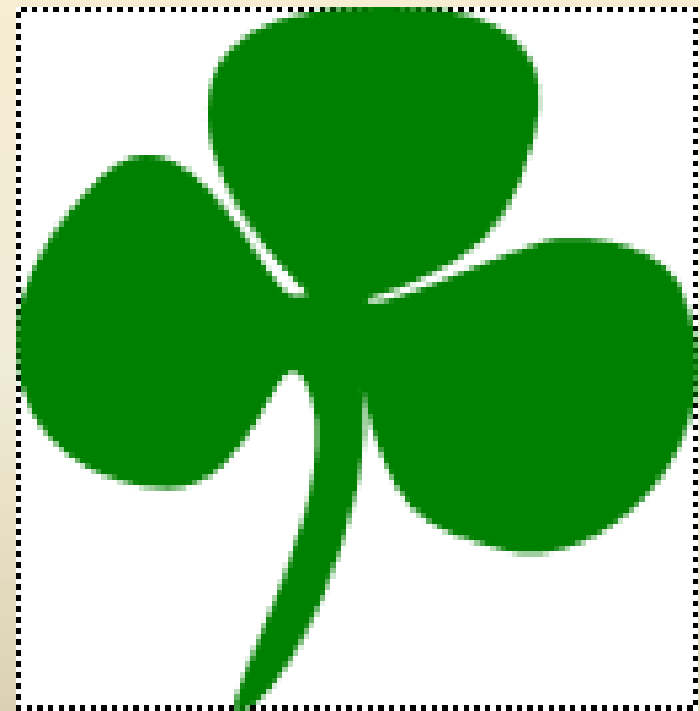
# NATIONAL SYMBOLS

- The national flag is the tricolour of green, white and orange.
- The three stripes on the Irish flag illustrate the Irish political situation: orange represents the Irish Protestants (this dates back to the protestant King William of Orange), green symbolises the Irish Catholics and their nationalism, and white symbolises the peace between them.





- The official emblem of the country is the harp.
- The shamrock is another recognized symbol of Ireland. St Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Blessed Trinity.



# ECONOMY, INDUSTRY, RAW MATERIALS

- Ireland is a small, modern, trade-dependent economy.
- There are many small farms in Ireland.
- Most of the farmland is used to support livestock, mainly sheep, the leading source of Ireland's exports.





- **Principal crops include barley, sugar beets, potatoes and wheat.**
- **There are also significant reserves of zinc and lead ores, natural gas, and peat.**
- **Ireland exports different products, mainly machinery, computers, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.**
- **Tourism plays an important role in Irish economy as well.**



Peat bog

# CULTURE, SPORT

- Ireland is known for its traditional music and songs, which goes back hundreds of years but is still played throughout the country.
- Among the best-known modern groups are U2, Cranberries and Westlife, and among singers are Enya and Sinéad O'Connor.
- Many famous writers were born in Ireland, such as James Joyce, Oscar Wilde and Jonathan Swift.
- Among traditional Irish dances are Irish jig dating back to the 16th century and even more popular reel.
- Ireland's national sports are Gaelic football and hurling, which are organized on an all-Ireland basis.
- Ireland's national football league is the League of Ireland, but most internationals and well-known players play in the English Premier League.
- Among other popular sports are golf and soccer.







Pulnabrone













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