



Otázka: Ireland

Jazyk: Angličtina

Přidal(a): Zuzia

GEOGRAPHY

Ireland (called the Emerald Isle) is an island to the northwest of continental Europe. To the west of Ireland there is the Atlantic Ocean, to the east, across the Irish Sea, Great Britain.

The highest mountain is Carrauntoohil located in the south-western part of the island. Its height is 1038 m.

There are many rivers and lakes in Ireland. The most important river is the Shannon which runs from north to south.

Ireland has a mild, changeable oceanic climate and lots of rain – good for growing grass, which is why it is known as the Green Island

Ireland is famous for its beautiful landscapes, music, history and mythology.

POLITICAL SYSTEM

Ireland is a constitutional republic with a parliamentary system of government. . The head of the state is the President. The population of Ireland is about 4.5 million inhabitants. Its capital city is Dublin. The official languages are Irish and English. Most people speak a little Irish, but only a small number of the population are fluent or native speakers.



SYMBOLS

1. **the flag** (green, white and orange)
2. **the shamrock**, which is the symbol of Christianity. It symbolises the Holy Trinity (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit).
3. **the harp**

CULTURE

St Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland in the year 430. Is a big holiday for the Irish .

It is celebrated on March 17.

People dress up and there are street parades, fireworks and lots of Guinness drinking

INTERESTING PLACES

Dublin - the capital is the most visited place, with the Guinness Storehouse (a museum of the Irish most famous beer). We can find there also Dublin Castle, St Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street and the Guinness Brewery

Other cities: **Cork, Limerick, Galway, Waterford**

Cliffs of Moher - in the west coast, rise 120 meters above the Atlantic Ocean.



Glendalough – an early Medieval monastery from the 6th century.

Whiskey distilleries – Jameson, Tullamore Dew and Bushmills

IRISH CULTURE - famous people

Irish writers – Jonathan Swift, Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, James Joyce

Irish music – U2, Clannad, Enya, Glen Hansard