

# IRELAND

## TRANSCRIPT

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I come from Ireland. It's a small country in the West of Europe. It's just next to the United Kingdom.

The Irish flag has three colors, green, white and orange. You often see the Irish flag above important buildings like the government building or the town hall. One of the most important symbols of Ireland is the Shamrock.

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The Shamrock is a small green plant with three leaves, so the Shamrock looks like a four leaf Clover but it only has three leaves and they look like 3 hearts joined together in Ireland. The countryside is very beautiful. We have lots of lakes, mountains, beaches and cliffs. Along the West Coast especially some of these cliffs are among the highest in Europe. All around Ireland you can see lots of castles.

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We have a very long history in Ireland and there are many castles all over. Sometimes people still live in these castles, while other times they are only for tourists to visit. Each

castle has its own unique story, and many are centuries old.

{ 2:28 } Another interesting fact about Ireland is its rich culture. Traditional Irish music is famous worldwide, and you'll often hear it played in pubs. Instruments like the fiddle, tin whistle, and bodhrán are common. Festivals celebrating Irish music and dance happen throughout the year.

{ 3:02 } The Irish also have a love for storytelling. Folklore and legends are an important part of their heritage. Stories of leprechauns, fairies, and giants are told to children and adults alike.