Great Britain is an island country in the northwest of Europe, consisting of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland



## Northern Ireland



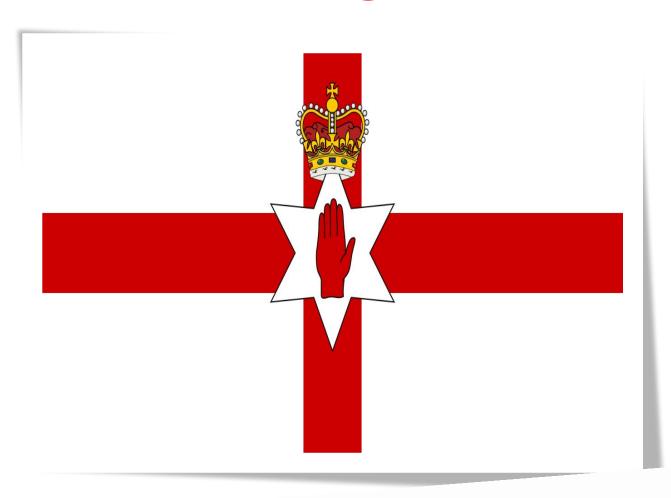
Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland





Belfast is a cityregion of the same name in the south-east of Morthern Treland. By the number of inhabitants, the region is the largest of all the regions of Morthern Treland.

## Flag of Northern Ireland



"The Ulster Banner"

The flag of Northern Ireland is currently officially represented by the flag of Great Britain. In 1924, the British Government granted the Government of Northern Ireland a flag, the so-called Ulster banner, officially used in 1953-1972. The flag consisted of the red cross of St. George with a six-pointed star superimposed on it, with images of the crown and the "red hand" (the historical symbol of Ulster.

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# A public holiday in Northern Ireland









St. Patrick's Day is a cultural and religious holiday celebrated annually on March 17, the day of the death of the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. Saint Patrick, according to legend, brought **Christianity to the pagan island** and drove out all the snakes. According to one version, he died presumably in 461 or 493. This holiday has outgrown national borders and has become a kind of international day of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in different cities of the world — in New York, Buenos Aires, Melbourne. Bright processions, parades and celebrations of people dressed in green.

The famous national dish of Ireland is coddle made of sausage, bacon, potatoes, and other vegetables.



# Sights of Northern Ireland





Belfast Town Hall

The Road of Giants



Carrick-a-reed-Ropybridge

Dark Alley