

Northern Ireland

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Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom.



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Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland.



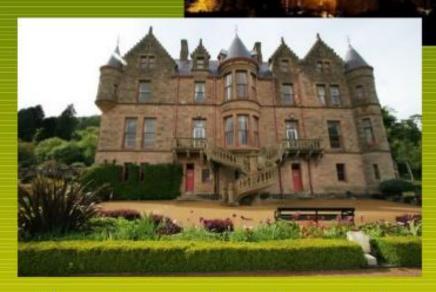
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There are a lot of beautiful buildings and parks in Belfast.



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There is a university and there is a castle in Belfast, too.



It rains a lot in Ireland, making everything very green. It is often called "The Emerald Isle."

Flag of Ireland Ulster Banner

The Ulster Banner, the flag, was used from 1953 to 1972 by the Stormont government to represent the government of Northern Ireland.





The National Holiday is March 17, St. Patrick's Day, named after the Patron Saint of Ireland.

Most people in Ireland speak English, but a few still speak Gaelic.









The harp is a symbol of Ireland. It can be seen on the presidential flag and on the back of the Irish Euro coin.



The shamrock is another symbol of Ireland. It is always worn on St. Patrick's Day.









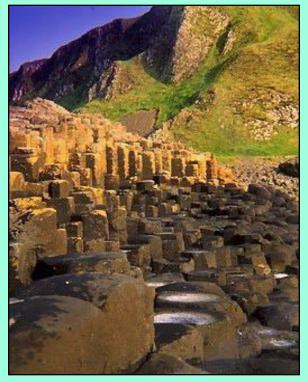




Castles and ruins are found all over the Northern Ireland





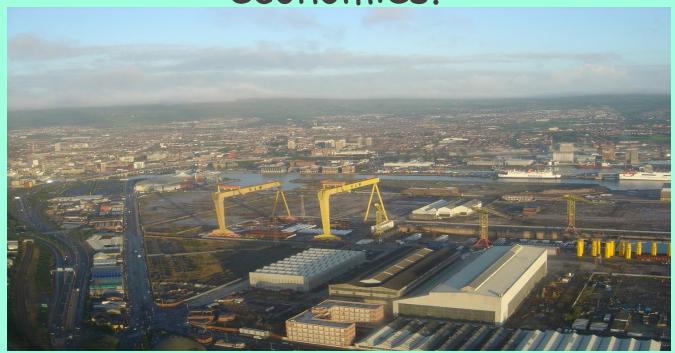


The Giant's Causeway is a mass of stone columns that extend from a cliff in Northern Ireland and disappear under the sea towards Scotland. They were formed by a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago. However, the ancients believed it to be the work of a giant named Fin M'Coul.

Northern Ireland's rich and unique bakery tradition is a pure delight for most visitors. In contrast to the rest of the British Isles, where local bakeries have all but disappeared, most market towns and villages in Northern Ireland still have bustling businesses, which are often in their second or third generation.



Northern Ireland, which was once the industrial powerhouse of Ireland, is apparently the poorest region in UK today and is the smallest of the four economies.



Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland is the largest fresh water lake in Europe.

