

Holidays in Ireland

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National holidays and weekends

- New Year's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- May Holiday
- June Bank Holiday



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New Year, January 1st

The most ancient holiday in Ireland, celebrated mainly in the family circle at the festive table. In the New Year's Eve tradition of the Irish open their doors for good luck, prepare national dishes (pudding cake with cumin), and wait for all guests, which traditionally hosts must bring bread and salt.



St. Patrick's Day. March 17th



On this day, residents wearing red wigs and green costumes, and not forgetting to take pots of clover (symbol of Ireland), hasten to the parade, where they wait for dance, music and fireworks

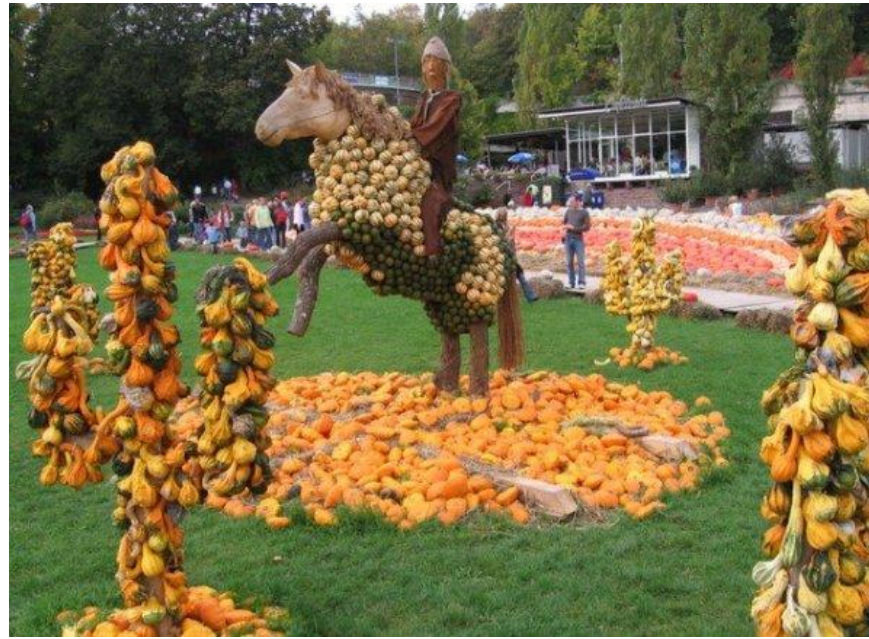
Good Friday and Easter Monday

Good Friday and Easter Monday are public holidays in the country. The main symbol of Easter eggs are dyed. They are decorated with stickers and applications, and people organize games, such as egg rolling.

There is a tradition of meeting dawn on Easter Sunday. The Irish believe sunrise symbol of Christ's resurrection.



Harvest Festival, August 1st



In Ireland, imminent arrival of autumn meet holiday Lughnasadh, which means "wedding Meadows". On this day, the Irish eat a loaf of grain of the new harvest, bonfires on the hills, bake traditional cakes with blueberries and make straw dolls.

Christmas, December 25th



Children decorate the Christmas tree, hang on the fireplace red socks, left for Santa Claus's reindeer pies, stuffed turkey and adults prepare pudding with dry fruits hang on the door bells and wreaths of holly. And the streets are the artists of different genres, choirs sing Christmas songs, and are fair-sale.

St. Stephen's Day, December 26th



On this day all dress up in Irish boy chimney sweeps, smeared with soot face, sing carols and collect money, which then go to charity. Also on this day horseracing as St. Stephen - the patron of horses.