

Landmarks of Ireland

Giant's Causeway

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Located off the coast of Co. Antrim, this unique landscape is made up of 40,000 mostly hexagonal basalt columns. Legend has it that Fionn Mac Cumhail built the causeway to walk to Scotland to fight an enemy.

Newgrange

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Located in Co. Meath, Newgrange is a megalithic passage tomb dating from between 3100 and 2900 BC, older than the pyramids in Egypt. People especially like to visit on one of the solstices to see the tomb lit up by the morning sunrise.

Cliffs of Moher

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Located in the Burren in Co. Clare, the cliffs rise 394 ft. above the Atlantic Ocean at Hag's Head. Almost one million visitors visit the cliffs every year. They have also been featured in one of the Harry Potter movies.

Aran Islands

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The Aran Islands are made up of three main islands off the west coast in Galway Bay. This unique landscape features natural stone walls and views of the Atlantic ocean. People living on the islands are native Irish speakers.

Skellig Islands

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Consisting of two islands, Skellig Michael and Little Skellig, they are located on the Iveragh peninsula in Co. Kerry. They are famous as a bird sanctuary and for the early Christian monastery which is now a world heritage site. Skellig Michael recently featured in a Star Wars movie.

Ben Bulbin

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Featuring a distinct plateau formation, Ben Bulbin is part of the Dartry Mountains overlooking Sligo. It dominates the landscape on the road north of Sligo. The mountain features in the ancient Irish legend of Diarmuid and Gráinne.

Powerscourt Waterfall

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Located on the River Dargle near Enniskerry Co. Wicklow, Powerscourt Waterfall is owned by the Powerscourt Estate. It is Ireland's highest waterfall standing at 121m tall.

Croagh Patrick

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Croagh Patrick is located near Westport in Co. Mayo, overlooking Clew Bay. Also known as "The Reek", it is a place of pilgrimage where some people climb it barefoot. There is a chapel located at the summit where mass is said on Reek Sunday in July each year.

Connemara

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Connemara is located in the Irish-speaking area in the west of County Galway. It features a rugged landscape of mountain, bog, heathland and lakes. It has a coastline of tiny coves, bays and fishing villages.

Clonmacnoise

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The monastery of Clonmacnoise is located in County Offaly on the River Shannon, south of Athlone. It was founded in 544 by St. Ciarán and was known as a great centre of religion, learning and craftsmanship. The ruins are visited by thousands of people every year.

Hill of Tara

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The Hill of Tara is located near the River Boyne in County Meath. It contains a number of ancient monuments. According to tradition, it was the seat of the High King of Ireland in ancient times.

Glendalough

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Glendalough is a glacial valley located in County Wicklow. It is known for the early medieval monastic settlement located there which was founded by St. Kevin in the sixth century. It is also known as an area of great natural beauty.

Phoenix Park

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The Phoenix Park is an urban park located in Dublin. It is one of the largest urban parks in Europe. It contains Dublin Zoo and Áras an Uachtaráin, the president's residence. It is also home to lots of natural wildlife.

Carrowmore Tombs

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Carrowmore is a collection of megalithic tombs located on the Coolera peninsula in County Sligo. Overlooked by the nearby Knocknarea Mountain, the oldest of the surviving tombs date back to 3700 BCE, making them among the oldest megalithic tombs in Ireland.

Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge

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Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge is a famous bridge made of rope, located near Ballintoy in County Antrim. It links the mainland to the tiny island of Carrickarede. It spans 20 metres and is 30 metres above the rocks below.

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