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Tíreolaíocht na hÉireann — Geography of Ireland

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The four provinces — Na ceithre cúige

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Leinster — Laighin

Eastern province. 12 counties including Dublin (Baile Átha Cliath), Wicklow, Wexford, Kilkenny. Ireland's most populous province.

Example: Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford, Carlow, Kildare, Meath, Westmeath, Louth, Offaly, Laois, Longford, Kilkenny

2

Munster — An Mhumhain

Southern province. 6 counties. Home of Cork (the Republic's second city), Limerick, Kerry (the Wild Atlantic Way, Ring of Kerry).

Example: Cork, Limerick, Kerry, Clare, Tipperary, Waterford

3

Connacht — Connachta

Western province. 5 counties. Much of Connacht is along the Wild Atlantic Way. Galway is the capital.

Example: Galway, Mayo, Sligo, Roscommon, Leitrim

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Ulster — Ulaidh

Northern province. 9 counties — 3 in the Republic (Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan), 6 in Northern Ireland (Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry/Derry, Tyrone).

Example: Only province that is divided between two jurisdictions



- RIVERS: River Shannon — longest river in Ireland (360km). River Liffey — flows through Dublin. River Lee — Cork city. River Boyne — site of Battle of the Boyne 1690.
- MOUNTAINS: MacGillycuddy's Reeks (Kerry) — highest range, contains Carrauntoohil (1,041m, Ireland's highest peak). Wicklow Mountains. Twelve Bens (Connemara).
- LOUGHS: Lough Corrib (Galway, largest in Republic). Lough Derg (Shannon). Lough Ree. Lough Neagh (Northern Ireland — largest lake in British Isles).
- COASTLINE: 2,500km of coastline. The Wild Atlantic Way (2,500km, world's longest coastal route) runs along the west coast from Donegal to Cork.
- BOGLANDS: approximately 20% of Ireland is covered in peat bog — unique habitat and historically used for fuel (turf/sod). Protected under EU Habitats Directive.
- THE BURREN (Co. Clare): a unique limestone karst landscape with Mediterranean, Arctic, and Alpine plants growing side by side — found nowhere else in Europe.
- POPULATION: Republic of Ireland — approximately 5.1 million. Northern Ireland — approximately 1.9 million. Dublin is by far the largest city (1.3m in greater Dublin area).

