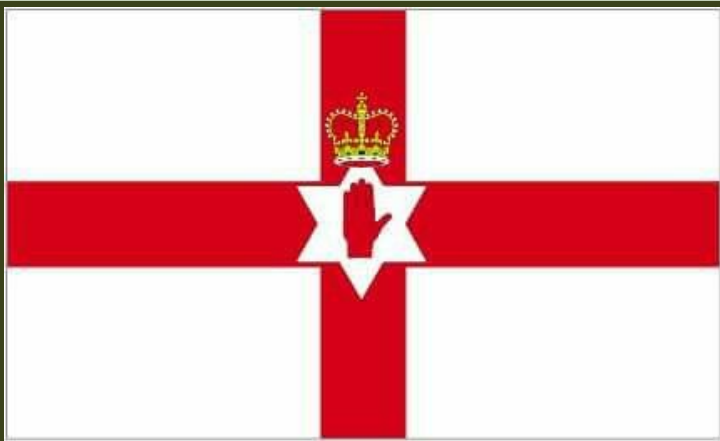


Northern Ireland



Northern Ireland is a country in the United Kingdom and is bordered by the Republic of Ireland. Its capital is Belfast and its population is 1.88 million. It has an oceanic climate with cold, rainy winters and mildly rainy summers.

Languages

The most widely spoken language in Northern Ireland is English followed by Polish. The regional languages of Irish and Ulster Scots, though not widely spoken, are protected under the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.

Nationality

British, Irish or both

Currency

Great British Pound



Ethnic Groups

The majority of the population of Northern Ireland is white, with the largest non-white ethnicities being Indian and Chinese. The Irish Travelers, also called Pavees or Mincéirí, are a nomadic indigenous ethnic group that make up .7% of the population. Their historical origins are still mostly unknown, but the group are often subject to explicit political and cultural discrimination.

Major Sites

- Giant's Causeway
- Carrick-a-Rede Hanging Bridge
- Danluce Castle
- Slieve Binnian
- Rathlin Island
- Glengariff Forest Park
- Portrush Whiterocks Beach
- Cave Hill

Major Holiday

The Glorious Twelfth, July 12

Northern Ireland's national symbols are a shamrock and flax.

