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An island located close to Britain, Ireland has been in nearly constant conflict with its neighbors.

Here are ten things to know about the amazing country of Ireland.

1. The island is split between two countries, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.
2. Prior to 1921, the entire island was part of and controlled by Britain.
3. In 1921, 26 counties in the south were given independence and became the Republic of Ireland.
4. Northern Ireland is approximately 55 percent Protestant and 44 percent Catholic. This division is the cause of the Troubles.
5. Ireland has remained neutral during the two World Wars despite the fact Great Britain played a major role in the war.
6. In 1990, Mary Robinson was elected the first female President of the Republic of Ireland.
7. You will find "rag trees" in Ireland. As the name suggests, trees are covered with rags tied to the branches.
8. In some parts of the country, you can go bowling on Sundays. On the public roads! The idea is to raise money for charity.
9. The ancestors of U.S. Presidents Kennedy and Reagan were Irish.
10. The Patron Saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick, was Scottish!

Ireland has a long and storied history as well as a unique cultural all its own. As you can tell from the list above, there are many interesting facts about Ireland.

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