**Ireland**

Ireland is in the north of Europe in the northern hemisphere and borders with the United Kingdom to the north-east. It is three times the size of Sicily.

The flag of Ireland is green, white and orange. Its capital city is Dublin and there are about 5 million inhabitants. People use Euros and the official languages are English and Irish.

There are large plains in the central part and low mountains (Donegal, Wicklow) and hills in the north, south and east. The highest mountain is mnt. Carranthuoill. The coasts are flat in the east and rocky in the west and north-west. Mountains are 10.5%, hills are 11,5% and plains are 78%.

The most important rivers and lakes are river Shannon and Lake Ree, Lake Derg and Lake Corrib. There are some navigable canals.

There is an ocean climate and you can find sphagnum, sedge and heather; the vegetation is like that of the United Kingdom and France. The animals are the red deer, the fox, the badger, the rabbit, the otter, the gray seal, the common seal, the squirrel, the hedgehog, the ermine, the hare. There are also many birds and many types of fish: the salmon, the trout, and the eel.