

ABOUT IRELAND

SPORTS

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The Irish love international sports like soccer and rugby, but they have their very own national sports, too. One traditional sport in Ireland is called hurling. Sticks, or *hurleys*, use to hit a ball, a *slíotar*. Matches are usually 70 minutes long and last between two teams. Women play a similar sport, which is called camogie. The final match is played every September in Dublin.



MUSIC

call learn not use perform sing

Music is a strong tradition in Ireland. A typical musical event is called a "session." Sessions take place in pubs, clubs, and homes, where musicians and singers get together to play Irish music in an informal setting. Sheet music is not used at a traditional session because the tunes and songs are learned by heart. Some of the oldest songs are sung without musical accompaniment.



FOOD

boil make mash mix serve

One of Ireland's dishes, *colcannon*, is made traditionally on Halloween. It is boiled with potatoes and cabbage, which are cooked in separate pots. The potatoes are mashed until creamy, and then they are mixed with the cabbage, leeks, milk, spices, and butter, and baked in a pan.

