The Great Little of Fun Things You Probably Don't Know About the Inner Ireland

Ireland is a land of stunning natural beauty, rich history, and warm hospitality. But there's more to the Emerald Isle than meets the eye. Here are a few fun facts you probably don't know about Ireland:



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- 1. Ireland is the only country in the world with a national anthem that's not in its own language. The Irish national anthem, "Amhrán na bhFiann" ("The Soldier's Song"),is actually sung in Irish. However, the lyrics were written in English by Peadar Kearney in 1912.
- 2. The Irish language is one of the oldest spoken languages in Europe. It's a Celtic language, and it's closely related to Welsh, Breton, and Cornish. Irish is still spoken by about 1.5 million people in Ireland, and it's taught in schools throughout the country.

- 3. Ireland is home to the world's largest collection of early Christian manuscripts. The Book of Kells, which is housed in Trinity College Dublin, is one of the most famous of these manuscripts. It's a beautifully illuminated manuscript that contains the four Gospels of the New Testament.
- 4. Ireland is the birthplace of some of the world's most famous writers. James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, and Samuel Beckett are just a few of the Irish writers who have won Nobel Prizes for Literature.
- 5. **Ireland is a major exporter of food and drink.** Guinness beer, Irish whiskey, and dairy products are just a few of the Irish products that are exported all over the world.
- 6. **Ireland is a relatively young country.** It gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1922.
- 7. **Ireland is a member of the European Union.** It joined the EU in 1973.
- 8. **Ireland is a popular tourist destination.** In 2019, over 10 million tourists visited Ireland.
- 9. **Ireland is a great place to live and work.** It has a high quality of life, a strong economy, and a friendly population.

So, there you have it. A few fun facts you probably didn't know about Ireland. If you're ever planning a trip to the Emerald Isle, be sure to keep these facts in mind. You're sure to have a great time!

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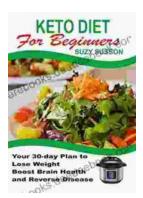
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