

Summer in Ireland

Unlike other countries, summer begins in Ireland on 1st May each year and finishes on 31st July. This is different to the UK and USA.



Irish Weather in the Summer

Ireland has a temperate climate. This means it doesn't get too cold or too hot. Winter is usually very mild in Ireland. It is very rare to see heavy snow. In the summer, the weather gets warmer, normally between 18-20 °C. The weather in Ireland can be very changeable even in the summer. During the summer, Ireland gets more daylight than in the winter. In June and July, it is bright for almost 18 hours each day. It only gets dark after 11 p.m. The longest day of the year is at the end of June and is known as the summer solstice.

Plants and Animals

During the colder winter months, many animals in Ireland go into a deep sleep called hibernation. Lots of birds leave Ireland for warmer countries during these months also. This is called migration. However, during the summer, Irish wildlife is at its most active.



Honeybees, butterflies and dragonflies can also be seen. Honeybees fly from flower to flower collecting pollen to make honey.



The Irish countryside is also decorated by many different kinds of wildflowers, including daisies, clover, buttercups, foxgloves and honeysuckle.

What Do People Do in Ireland during the Summer?

Children get their summer holidays at the end of June in Ireland. However, there are generally lots of things to do in Ireland during the summer. Many art and music festivals are held during the summer months. Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann is generally held during the summer and is a week dedicated to celebrating Irish music and culture.



Questions

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2. Explain what a temperate climate is.

3. Describe the weather in Ireland during the summer.

4. How many hours of daylight are there during June and July?

5. Why is it not common to see wild animals in Ireland during the winter?

6. What kind of wild animals can be found during the summer?

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8. What kind of wild flowers are found during the summer?

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Answers

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A temperate climate is a climate that doesn't get too hot or too cold.
3. Describe the weather in Ireland during the summer.
The weather gets warmer during the summer, normally between 18-20 °C.
4. How many hours of daylight are there during June and July?
There are 18 hours of daylight during June and July.
5. Why is it not common to see wild animals in Ireland during the winter?
Many wild animals in Ireland hibernate during the winter.
6. What kind of wild animals can be found during the summer?
Foxes, squirrels, badgers, bats, honeybees, butterflies and dragonflies can be found during the summer.
7. What do honeybees do during the summer?
During the summer, honeybees fly from flower to flower collecting pollen to make honey.
8. What kind of wild flowers are found during the summer?
You can find daises, clover, buttercups, foxgloves and honeysuckle.
9. When do children get their summer holidays?
Children get their summer holidays at the end of June.
10. What is the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann?
The Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann is a festival which is dedicated to celebrating Irish music and culture.