

5 things you should know before going to Northern Ireland.

When you meet Irish people for the first time, they're very willing to know you better. They start asking a lot of questions, why are you here, what do you do, etc. They are also very willing to help you. Sometimes these are only words, but sometimes they can really help you with your problems. Although they are very friendly it is always better to know something about the country and the people themselves before you go there. That is why I wrote these five things. If your life leads you to Northern Ireland you will be surprised that almost all of these five things you will notice in your first week of being there. Don't believe me? Ask somebody who was there☺

1. Do not wear football T-shirts anywhere because you do not know in which area you are at the moment. It may sound strange but it has a very strong historical background. Everything is connected with the perpetual struggle between Protestants and Catholics. These two religions have been fighting with each other for ages! If you are wearing Celtic Glasgow T-shirt, for example, you may feel insecure in the Protestant areas. Although Żurawski and Boruc are quite popular there, do not be surprised if you will be punched or beaten.
2. Be careful with Irish girls! They are more aggressive than guys. It is a very common scene when two girls are fighting on the street because they had a crush on the same guy in the same time in the same pub.
3. If you like chips and crisps and you are in the take away do not forget to mention that you do not want vinegar. Otherwise, you will have chips with the vinegar which is not a very good mixture. Believe me! Oh! One more thing, always ask for 'red sauce' because for many Irish people the word 'ketchup' is just unknown.
4. Do not be afraid if you do not understand them at the beginning. I think nobody understands Irish people when they meet them for the first time. They speak very fast use a lot of abbreviations and have completely different accent that you have to ask them at least twice to understand something what they have just said.
5. And the last thing. Do not believe in the stereotype that Polish people are the heaviest drinkers in the world. Well, apart from Russians of course. Irish people can drink a lot. I mean really a lot! It's because most of the pubs there are closed at 2 in the morning so they want to drink as much as

possible in a very short time. The result is that almost all guests leave the pub with an unsteady gait. The only thing is that their alcohol is weaker than the alcohol in Poland. For example, beer in the pub has generally 4,5%. If it has more it is considered as a strong one;-)