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**Ireland IS THANKFUL FOR YOU**

During this season of Thanksgiving, we send you our best wishes. We are thankful to have you in our family and when the time is right for travel, we'll greet you with the warmest of Irish welcomes. Until then, join us online for inspirational stories, scenery and charm. Happy Thanksgiving!

Visit Us Online



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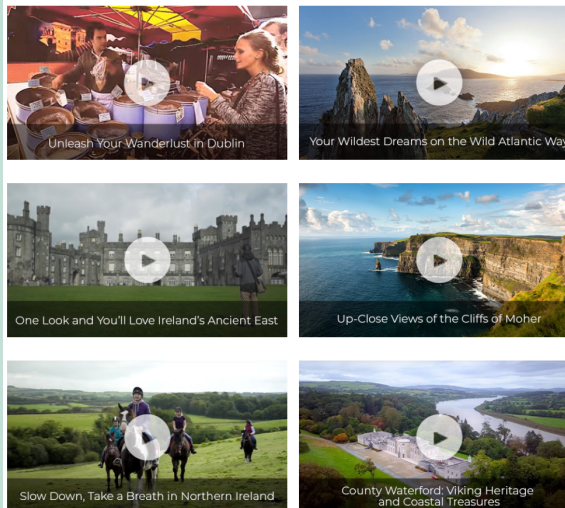
**Ireland'S Inspiration**

### Poetry of Ireland: W.B. Yeats

Enchanted by his homeland, poet and playwright William Butler Yeats captured the spirit of Ireland in his works. Discover how Yeats immortalized Sligo, his childhood home, in "The Song of Wandering Angulus," and learn which poems were penned within his riverside castle in Galway. When it's your time to visit Ireland, you can follow in his footsteps and find your own artistic inspiration.

Get Inspired

### Dream of Ireland with These Videos



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**Holiday INSPIRATION**

### 8 Christmas Secrets of Ireland

The Irish love Christmas and it shows! Find out eight facts you may not know about celebrating on the island of Ireland, and how you can join in on the festivities when you're ready. Hint: Mistletoe is not just for kissing!

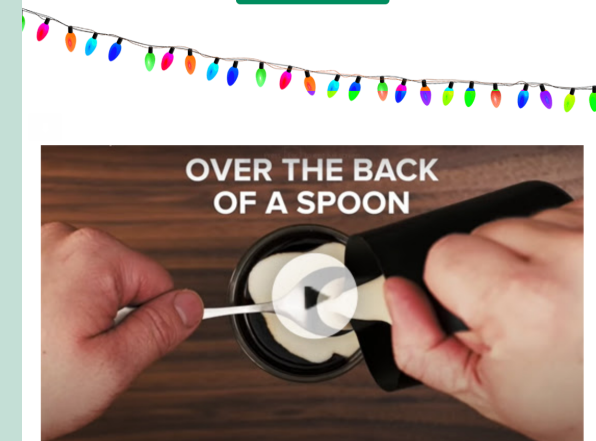
Get the Facts



### Quiz: How the Irish Do Christmas

There's a lot to learn about the holidays in Ireland. Test your seasonal know-how and discover how — when the time is right — you can celebrate like a local.

Take the Quiz



### Create the Perfect Irish Coffee This Christmas

Get into the holiday spirit, Irish style! We're spilling the secrets to crafting a rich, creamy Irish coffee that will keep you warm all winter long.

Watch Now

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**Ireland'S Hidden Gems**

As you dream of your journey to see Ireland's great wonders, take time to dig deeper into the island's remote corners and hidden treasures. A closer exploration reveals humble churches and crumbling castles that are steeped in history, shimmering pools of water, and other delightful surprises that tell the stories of Ireland.

UNCOVER TREASURES



Valentia Island, County Kerry

### SECRET ISLANDS

Scattered throughout the waters surrounding Ireland, even the smallest islands are teeming with life. Shipwrecks full of lore, uninhabited natural landscapes and remote local communities are just a few ways you can plan for future island-hopping adventures.

DISCOVER THE ISLANDS



### WARM WELCOMES FROM THE LOCAL CULTURE

Whether your passions lead you toward literary trails, heritage sites or vibrant cities, you'll always be welcomed with warm Irish cheer when the time is right. Get to know the unique cultures of communities across the island.

MORE IRISH CHARM

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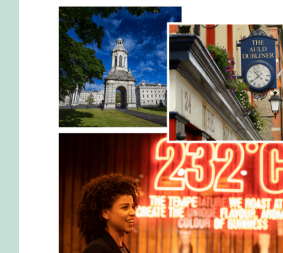
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**Find Your Ireland**

### Video: Get to Know Ireland

When you're ready to begin planning your journey to Ireland, get to know the island from every angle — from the stunning Wild Atlantic Way to the enchanting stories of Ireland's Ancient East, and deep into the vibrant cities of Dublin, Belfast and beyond. Find all the ways you can explore every region of this amazing country, pick out the highlights and hidden gems you want to see, and map out your journey. When the time is right, all of Ireland's wonders are here for you.

Discover More



### A Glimpse Into Dublin

It's no wonder Dublin is consistently named Europe's friendliest city! Always warm, always welcoming, Dublin is a city full of discoveries. Get inspired to travel again with our go-to city guide, whether you're in the mood to learn about farm-fresh dining, modern fashion or enchanting coastal villages.

Inside Dublin

### Great Escapes in Northern Ireland

Discover a place where untamed beauty meets local charm. Imagine yourself stepping into inspirational landscapes, hearing crashing waves along the Causeway Coastal Route and feeling the upbeat energy of Belfast and Derry-Londonderry on this virtual journey through Northern Ireland.

Go North



### In Awe of Ireland's Ancient East

The stories of Ireland's Ancient East are full of wonder, and everywhere you look there's an intriguing castle, a prehistoric monument or a meaningful local celebration. Uncover 5,000 years of history in our guide to this special corner of the island.

Be In Awe

### Wild Coastal Treasures

The long, winding coast of Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way is brimming with adventures, with every day revealing something new — from surf legends tackling epic waves to rich maritime history. Until we can welcome you again, learn more about epic wonders like the Cliffs of Moher and how to meet the locals in towns and villages along the way.

Go Wild



### It's Time to Start Dreaming

Discover the incredible flavors, amazing landscapes and places to stay in one handy guide. Download a complimentary copy of our travel magazine, and get inspired to begin planning your vacation just as soon as the moment is right for you.

DOWNLOAD NOW

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**FILL YOUR HEART WITH IRELAND**

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Tourism Ireland is delighted to partner with Williams Sonoma and Bake from Scratch magazine to bring you the very best of the island of Ireland's culinary experiences! Be sure to pick up the Authentic Ireland issue of Bake from Scratch magazine available now and fill your heart with the recipes, locations and stories found within its pages. Scroll down to get a sneak peek of one of Darina Allen's favorite Irish recipes and to find out how you can win your own Authentic Ireland trip!



Check It Out



Follow along as the teams from Williams Sonoma and Bake from Scratch magazine taste their way around the island of Ireland.

View Video

Bring a taste of the island of Ireland to your kitchen with Ballymaloe Cookery School's very own Darina Allen's recipe for Sweet White Scones. Print the recipe below to whip up these delicious treats.



For even more culinary content, visit [Ireland.com](#).

See More

### Sweet White Scones

"If I could teach you how to make one thing, if you had never baked or cooked anything, this dough is where I'd start. Our Sweet White Scones are made with our soda bread dough. You don't have to stamp them out using a cutter, you can cut them into whatever shape you like using a knife. Brush the top with buttermilk or egg wash and dip it into grated cheese or put some scallions or chopped seaweed, curry powder or raisins or rosemary into the mix. This recipe is an incredibly versatile thing." — Darina Allen

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup (50 grams) demerara or other coarse sugar
- 1 1/2 large eggs (75 grams)
- 1 cup (240 grams) whole milk
- 3 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons (454 grams) all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons (24 grams) castor sugar
- 4 teaspoons (20 grams) baking powder
- Pinch salt
- 6 tablespoons (85 grams) cold salted butter, grated
- Jam and whipped cream or jam and butter, for serving

#### PRO TIP:

Cut the dough with as little waste as possible, as the lightest scones will come from the first rolling.

MAKES 9 SCONES

### WIN YOUR OWN AUTHENTIC IRELAND TRIP FOR TWO!

To celebrate our partnership with Williams Sonoma and the launch of the Authentic Ireland issue of Bake from Scratch magazine, we're giving away a customized, six-night Ireland vacation for you and a friend.

Enter Now

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### Nature Inspires, Ireland Delivers

You're already familiar with the iconic image of Ireland's pastoral green terrain. But there is so much more to experience, including some of Earth's most dazzling natural phenomenon. Always dreamed of seeing the shimmering Northern Lights? They're visible from the Inishowen Peninsula. Bioluminescent waters and surreal volcanic landscapes are just part of your journey. Learn about all the amazing wonders you can see when you are ready to travel.

NATURAL WONDERS

**Discover Your Irish Roots**

If you're one of the 70 million people around the world who claim Irish ancestry, you can trace your genealogy with a few easy-to-access resources. Begin putting together the pieces of your family's history, and then start planning so that one day you can follow in their footsteps in the land they called home.

**TRADITIONAL BEEF STEW**

By Kevin Dutton

### Watch: Cozy Up with Irish Beef Stew

Cooler weather calls for comfort food, and do we have a dish for you! Enjoy an authentic taste of Ireland with this recipe for Irish beef stew. Chef Kevin Dutton, owner of Dunbrody House in County Wexford, shows his step-by-step instructions plus a few tips on where to taste this classic dish when it's time to visit Ireland again.

COOK IT UP

**Get More Inspiration**

We're always on the lookout for the next magnificent photograph, and we love sharing the stories of locals who make the island of Ireland so special. Whether you're searching for a spark of inspiration or need tips for your long-awaited vacation, we're here to be your personal guide. Follow us online and let us bring the essence of Ireland straight to you.

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