



ST PATRICK'S DAY TRIVIA QUIZ

ANSWERS

1. Question: Saint Patrick is the patron saint of which country?
Answer: Ireland.
2. Question: Why is St Patrick's Day celebrated on March 17?
Answer: It's the day Saint Patrick died in 461 CE.
3. Question: Where was the real Saint Patrick born?
Answer: Britain.
4. Question: What was St. Patrick's name when he was born?
Answer: Maewyn Succat.
5. Question: What happened to Saint Patrick at age 16 before becoming a priest?
Answer: He was abducted and brought to Northern Ireland.
6. Question: Where is St. Patrick buried?
Answer: No one knows exactly where he is buried, but Down Cathedral in Ireland is the most widely accepted location.
7. Question: What is a boxty?
Answer: An Irish potato cake.
8. Question: What is the traditional main dish served at many St. Patrick's Day celebrations in America?
Answer: Corned beef and cabbage.
9. Question: Approximately how many pints of Guinness do drinkers consume on St. Patrick's Day worldwide?
Answer: 13 million.
10. Question: What do the three leaves of a shamrock symbolize on St. Patrick's Day?
Answer: The Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost), according to the legend that Saint Patrick used the shamrock to illustrate the concept to potential converts. It can also symbolize love, hope, and faith.
11. Question: What are the odds of finding a "lucky" four-leaf clover?
Answer: Trick question! A Google search may tell you 1 in 10,000, but the real answer has not been reliably quantified, according to researchers at the University of Georgia.
12. Question: What's the highest number of leaves ever recorded on a single clover stem?
Answer: 56, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. That's a lot of luck!
13. Question: What does the circle at the very center of a Celtic cross represent?
Answer: The sun.
14. Question: According to Irish lore, what animal did St. Patrick drive out of Ireland?

Answer: Snakes

15. Question: What does “Erin go bragh” mean?
Answer: Ireland forever.
16. Question: How do leprechauns earn their gold?
Answer: Making and mending shoes.
17. Question: What is another name for Ireland?
Answer: “The Emerald Isle.”
18. Question: How many days does Dublin’s annual St. Patrick’s Day festival last?
Answer: Four. (Some years, it has expanded to five!)
19. Question: What is the national flower/emblem of Ireland?
Answer: The Shamrock.
20. Question: Name a historic site that has been lit up in green on St. Patrick’s Day in recent years.
Answer: The Roman Colosseum, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Sydney Opera House, and the Empire State Building are among the possible correct answers.
21. Question: How many people visit New York’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral each year?
Answer: Over 5 million.
22. Question: Name the giant, iconic ferris wheel that turns green to celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day in England.
Answer: The London Eye.
23. Question: Where and when was the first St. Patrick’s Day parade in Ireland?
Answer: 1903 in the Irish town of Waterford. (Dublin followed in 1931.)
24. Question: Where and when was the first St. Paddy’s Day celebration in the British American colonies?
Answer: Boston in 1737
25. Question: What’s the oldest and largest St. Patrick’s Day Parade in the world?
Answer: The New York City Saint Patrick’s Day Parade, first held in 1762.
26. Question: What year did St. Patrick’s Day switch over from a strictly holy day for Catholics to an official Irish public holiday?
Answer: 1903.
27. Question: About how many Americans claim to have some Irish ancestry?
Answer: 31.5 million.
28. Question: What American city has dyed its river green every St. Patrick’s Day since 1962?
Answer: Chicago, using 40 pounds of green vegetable dye.
29. Question: On St Patrick’s Day 2011, Irish-American astronaut Catherine Coleman celebrated in space by playing a century-old flute and a tin whistle belonging to what famous Irish music group?
Answer: The Chieftains

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