Summer in Ireland

Summer in Ireland lasts for three months (May, June and July). It begins on May Day which is the 1st May each year. It ends on 31st July. It comes after spring and before autumn.

Irish Weather in the Summer

The weather in Ireland is very mild. This means it doesn't get too cold or too hot. In the winter, the weather gets colder but it is rare to see heavy snow. During the summer, the days get warmer but it doesn't usually get hotter than 20°C. In June and July it is light for almost 18 hours each day. It only gets dark after 11 p.m.

Plants and Animals

In winter, many animals in Ireland go into a deep sleep called hibernation. Lots of birds leave Ireland for warmer countries during winter. However, during the summer, Irish wildlife is at its most active. Foxes, squirrels, badgers and bats can be found all across Ireland.

Honeybees are busy collecting pollen to make honey during the summer months and dragonflies can be seen near rivers and lakes. Summer is also the season for butterflies in Ireland.

During the summer, the Irish countryside is decorated by many different kinds of wildflowers, including daisies, clover and buttercups.

What Do People Do in Ireland During the Summer?

Children get their summer holidays at the end of June. Many art and music festivals are held during the summer months. Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann is generally held during August and is a week dedicated to celebrating Irish music and culture.

Questions

1. When does the Irish summer begin and end?

2. What season comes before summer? What season comes after summer?

3. Describe the weather in Ireland during the summer.

4. What time does it get dark during the summer?

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

6. What do honeybees do during the summer?

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

8. What is the celebration held in August, dedicated to Irish music and culture called?

Answers

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   The Irish summer begins on 1st May and ends on 31st July.

2. What season comes before summer? What season comes after summer?
   Spring comes before summer. Autumn comes after the summer.

3. Describe the weather in Ireland during the summer.
   The weather in Ireland is mild. The temperature usually stays at around 20°C.

4. What time does it get dark during the summer?
   During the summer, it gets dark after 11 p.m.

5. What kind of wild animals can be found during the summer?
   Answers could include: foxes, squirrels, badgers, bats, honeybees, dragonflies and butterflies.

6. What do honeybees do during the summer?
   During the summer, honeybees collect pollen to make honey.

7. What kind of wild flowers are found during the summer?
   Daisies, clover and buttercups can be found during the summer.

8. What is the celebration held in the summer dedicated to Irish music and culture called?
   The celebration held in the summer dedicated to Irish music and culture is called Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.