

On a tour of Ireland

Molly Malone

Molly Malone was a woman; she was a prostitute at night and she sold fish in the streets of Dublin during the day. Today there is a statue of her in Dublin. She is a major legend in Ireland. Today her statue is situated in the center of Dublin. The population doesn't really know she truly existed, but researchers have found both her birth and death certificates. Lots

of women believe she sold fish during the day, and was a prostitute at night, but other women believe "she was a rare woman who kept her virginity."

A singing tribute

Songs about Molly Malone have been sung by lots of singers and come in many different versions. Among them there are: The Dubliners, one of the most famous Irish folk bands. Renaud, a French singer and songwriter, or yet Bing Crosby and Kate

Smith... These songs speak about the life of Molly Malone, her legend and what people have said in the past about her. You can learn about her life through these songs, which are now famous in several countries.



Molly Malone statue in Dublin

A rich historical heritage

Carrigaholt Castle was built in about 1480 by the McMahons, chiefs of the Corcabascin Peninsula. It stands at the end of a fishing pier overlooking the Shannon Estuary and the harbour. This is a tall, well-preserved five storey tower house. It has a fiery and colourful history which would fill volumes.



Leprechauns

A leprechaun is a type of fairy in Irish folklore, usually taking the form of an old man, clad in a red or green coat, who enjoys partaking in mischief. Like other fairy creatures, leprechauns have been linked to the Tuatha Dé Danann of Irish mythology. The Leprechauns spend all their time busily making shoes, and store away all their coins in a hidden pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. If ever captured by a human, the Leprechaun has the magical power to grant three wishes in exchange for their release.

Popular depiction shows the Leprechaun as being no taller than a small child, with a beard and hat, although they may originally have been perceived as the tallest of the mound-dwellers.

