

KISSING THE BLARNEY STONE



To kiss it, one has to lean backwards (holding on to an iron railing) from the parapet walk.



The Blarney Stone is a block of carboniferous limestone located at the Blarney Castle, about 5 miles from Cork, Ireland.

According to legend, kissing the stone endows the kisser with the gift of gab (great eloquence or skill at flattery). The stone was set into a tower of the castle in 1446. The castle is a popular tourist site in Ireland, attracting visitors from all over the world to kiss the stone and tour the castle and its gardens.

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The word blarney has come to mean “clever, flattering, or coaxing talk.” Irish politician John O’Connor Power defined it this way: “Blarney is something more than mere flattery. It is flattery sweetened by humor and flavored by wit. Those who mix with Irish folk have many examples of it in their everyday experience.”