



The jewels of the Irish gods



While crossing the enchanted land belonging to Aengus (the Irish God of love) with his family, Ecce, son of the King of Ireland, is given a horse as compensation for having lost his. He was told that the horse must be kept in motion at all times or Ecce and his people would face disaster. However, he forgets this and lets the horse stop. He discovers a magic fountain between its hooves. Once king, Ecce builds a fortress around the fountain, protected from the world by thick walls. His daughter Libane was put in charge of keeping the door closed and of only letting people from the fortress draw from the water. One day Libane forgets to shut the door and the water instantly drowns the whole plain, and forms a lake now known as Lough Neagh. The king Ecce and all his people died, apart from his daughter who lived underwater in a cave. Over time she started to change into a mermaid, half woman half fish. The legend of the water-keeper was born. Her song bewitched the people of Ulster. She lived like this for 3 centuries before being fished by Comgall of Bangor, which named her MUIRGEN : born of the sea.

In Irish mythology, the passage to another world where Gods live is done through water: Lakes, rivers and Oceans. During her life, under the sea, Muirgen grew fruit on the sea bed to serve to the Gods at the Feast of Immortality. As homage to Celtic legends, the Parcs St Kerber invite you to taste an Irish jewel fit for the feast of the Gods. The Muirgen is a meaty, crunchy oyster farmed in Ireland and gently refined in the waters of the bay of Mont St Michel. It has a pure and sweet flavour from the purity of the water from the legendary lakes.