

IRELAND – The Green Island

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It isn't long ago that 36 pupils, two teachers and I set out for Ireland. We flew from Vienna directly to Dublin, the East is where we started our language trip. After two days, we made our way across the green island straight to the West, to Galway. After one week, we were all sad about leaving this wonderful country. So, I'll now explain to you what makes Ireland such a great island!

Shortly after our arrival the cliché of Irish people's friendliness was already justified. No matter where you go, you can find nice people at almost every corner. Even if we didn't ask anyone, someone always offered us his or her help, regardless of whether it was at finding the correct way, taking the right bus or anything else.

Besides, also the salespeople were really friendly: In every shop, the cashier always started some small talk! I don't think that you'll find this in Austria very often.

While our teachers stayed at a B&B, we pupils split up into pairs and stayed with host families. I myself expected that there'd be one old lady or perhaps a couple that speak a lot with us and cook for us. Actually, the reality was a bit different. I mean yes, there were a woman and her man, but then there were also their two sons, their two daughters, two Spanish girls that spent a week in Galway just like us, another boy from Spain that had been studying there since September, the two dogs Charly and Ellie and finally also a cat called Lexy. Therefore, it was always full house and you never got bored! Luckily, all these people are really nice guys, especially Karen, the mother. She always asked us if everything was okay or if we needed something. To speak like the Irish: She's lovely! (Among them, almost everything seems to be LOVELY.)

Apart from the people there, I could find thousands of other reasons why you should really go to Ireland. For example, the landscape. It's not for nothing called "The green island". During our drive from Dublin to Galway, we also stopped at the very impressive Cliffs of Moher. The grass was greener than anywhere else, the view over the sea wider and even more beautiful than I had dreamed of and the cliffs higher and steeper than I had expected it. One false step and you fall down 200 meters right into the sea! All in all, the landscape of some Irish places deeply impressed me, I hardly know how to put it into words.

Finally, I can say that if someone asked me to go to Ireland again, I couldn't say "No". Even if I've already seen a lot of things there, I'm sure there're still plenty of wonderful places that wait to get explored. So, don't wait! Pack your suitcase, take the next plane and visit Ireland – an unbelievable island!