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The Arrival

The journey really began at the Cologne-Bonn airport. Once there, everything was so stressful that we had to search for everything. But when we were finally through the check-in and security check, everything was so relaxed. We all sat together in the waiting area and talked. But then the stress started all over again, the flight was about an hour late and we didn't know what was going to happen with the cabs that were supposed to pick us up in Dublin.



But the flight itself was just mega. I was quite nervous but the view of the clouds was priceless. Arrived in Dublin there was again a small struggle. The suitcase delivery was also a little late.

When everyone had his suitcase we left the airport together and walked to the cabs. At the cab we were divided into groups and everyone received his leap card.

The leap card is simply a ticket with which you can take the bus and train (luas). Marie and I live closest to the airport, so we arrived at our host family's house first.



The House



When we arrived at the host family, it was just dreamlike. The house and the settlement seems to come as in a small perfect world, just like in all the series. In addition, the front door was decorated, which has fully given a nice vibe. We finally rang the doorbell and were met by Jess and Evan Moore. They showed us the house and our rooms. There was a big one and a small one. We played a little game around the rooms, scissors rock, paper. I had won haha and got the big room. The bed was just gorgeous. The first night, I wanted to never get up again.

When we unpacked our suitcases we went down to the living room and gave small gifts, they were souvenirs from Oberhausen. A little later the host parents came and we sat down at the table. They asked us questions, for example how the flight was. After that we each got our own keys and wifi password. The whole house was beautiful and classic, especially I liked the color of the wallpaper.

My room



The living room



The second living room



The kitchen



The little bathroom



Our bathroom



My Host Family



My first impression of Jess and Evan, was just wow respect. Jess is a doctor and Evan is a lawyer. They both love to travel and hike.

Both are very loving, friendly, funny humorous and open. They are also the most offensive people I know.

They really take care of us very well. Evan always makes sure we have enough water and heat and jess is the best cook I have ever had. The food was always super delicious and freshly prepared. She even gave us the recipes and cookbooks. I'm looking forward to recreating the dishes haha. But these are things that do not make people. What makes people and their character is how confident you are, how you present yourself and all that. I have the two very dollie closed in the heart and am sad that I have to go again. I could write so much about them but it would be too long. They are really great host parents and would be really good, loving umd caring parents.

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The day starts at 9 am, so the kids come into the pre school. When everybody is here, it's time for the circle time.

In the morning circle, the children are greeted individually. The children greet themselves with individual interactions. For example, the name of the child is sung and clapped.

It looks like this: Good morning dear Sandra, we clap for you. The children then perform this action. In addition, children's songs are sung. The content is about different animals and their sounds, but the children were also allowed to choose the songs. Furthermore, one is taught the alphabet and numbers. And it is asked about the weather. After the morning circle, the children have about an hour of free play which should promote the free development of the child. Then they clean up and prepare the children for lunch. Around 10:30/11:00 am there is lunchtime. Before going to the garden at 12:00, the diapers are changed while the others play. After the garden, hands are washed and jackets are taken off. At 1:20 pm -1:40 pm the toddlers are picked up by the parents. At 2:00 pm the elementary students arrive. They eat their lunch and then do their homework. If the weather is good, sometimes they go to the playground. The day then ends at 4:00 pm. In the morning circle, the children are greeted individually. The children greet themselves with individual interactions. For example, the name of the child is sung and for example clapped.

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Freetime

Pubs :

Of course we went to several pubs and ordered a Guinness. The pubs are really fun and in most of them live music is played. But also some Irish music 🎵



Shoppingcenter:

I was with Marie also often shopping we went then mostly to pennys.

Pennys is a kind of subsidiary of primemarkt.



Trinity college:

We went to trinity college ourselves and wanted to go to the library, but unfortunately it didn't work out because you had to pay for the tickets online by credit card, however we went to the campus.



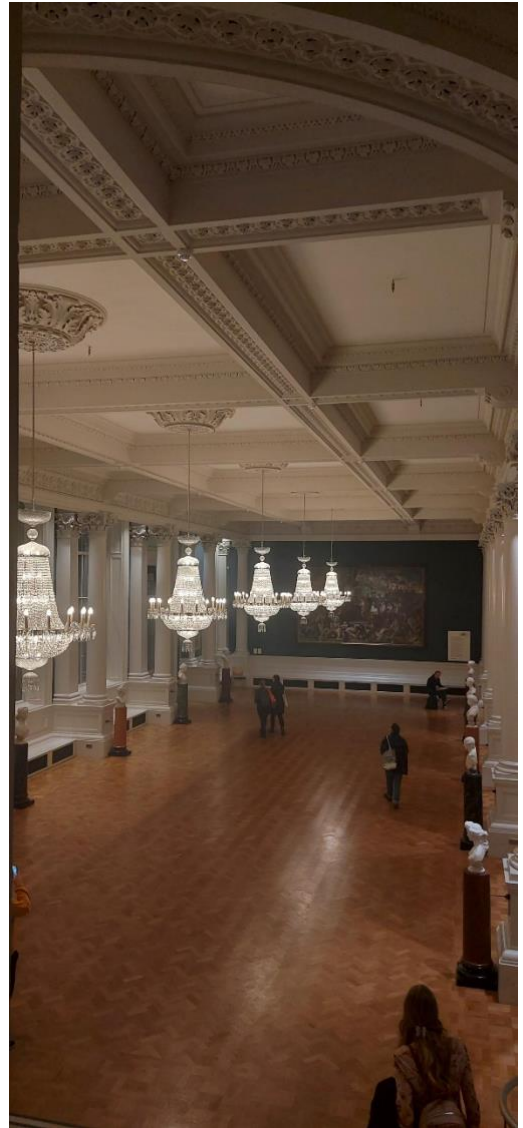
The national gallery:

The paintings were very expressive. The colors were also intense.







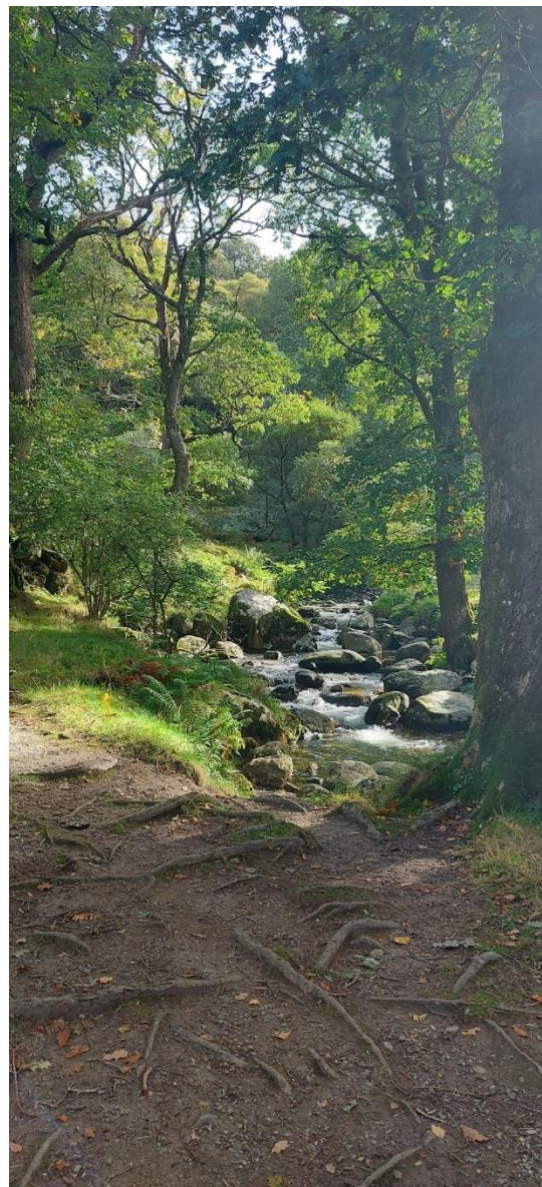


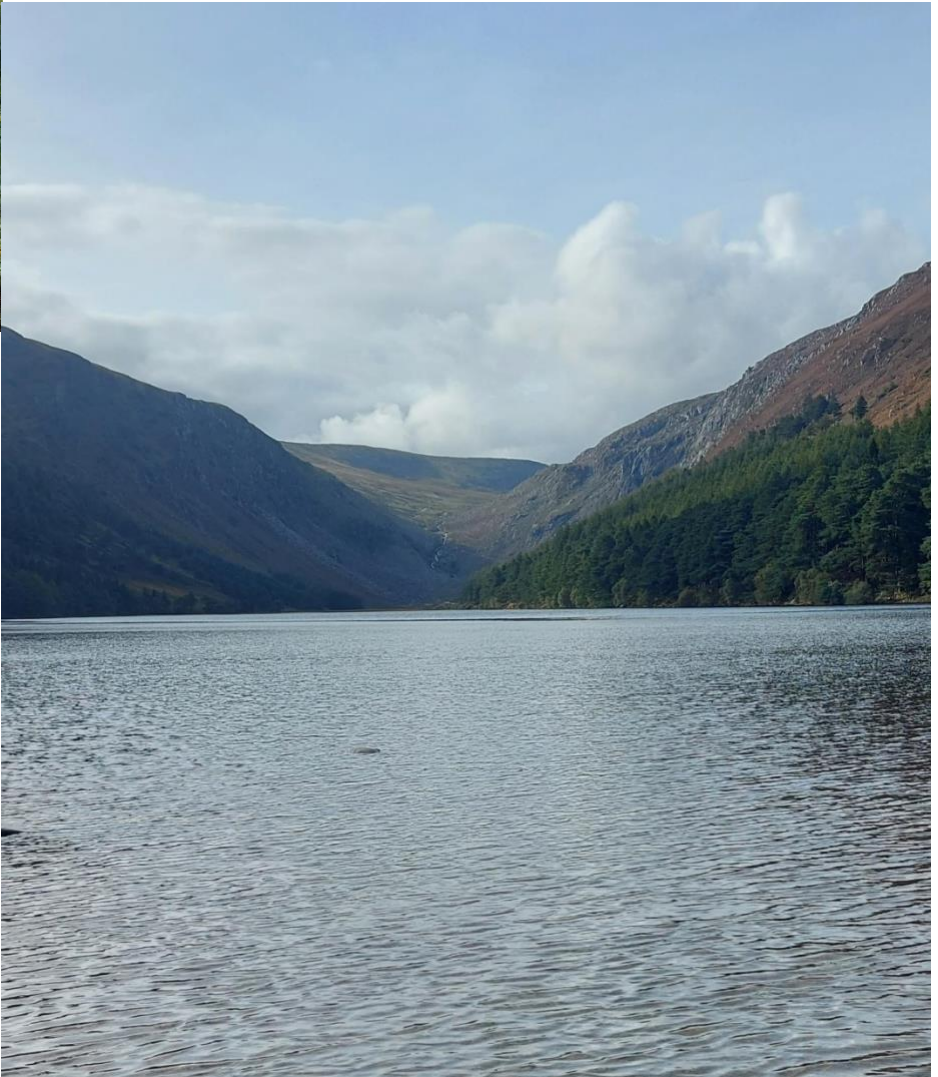
Hiking with the host family:

We went hiking with the host parents, it was really beautiful and the landscape was so beautiful. Everything was full of nature, hills, stones and rocks. In between there were also different streams running past us. There was even a small waterfall. Further through run was then there a lake. When we were done hiking Evan even bought us a huge ice cream, which we then ate on a bench.

I think the pictures speak for themselves.

It was just breathtaking.





Cliffs of Mohor

The view was really cool only the weather was mega shitty within 2 minutes you were soaking wet. And it was so little that you could hardly stand on your feet. In the end I was so wet that I had to buy new clothes.

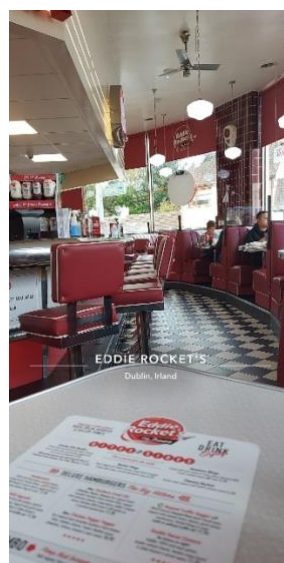


Galway

Is a small sweet town with about 80 000 inhabitants.



Eddie burgers: was a cool 50s style fast food restaurant.



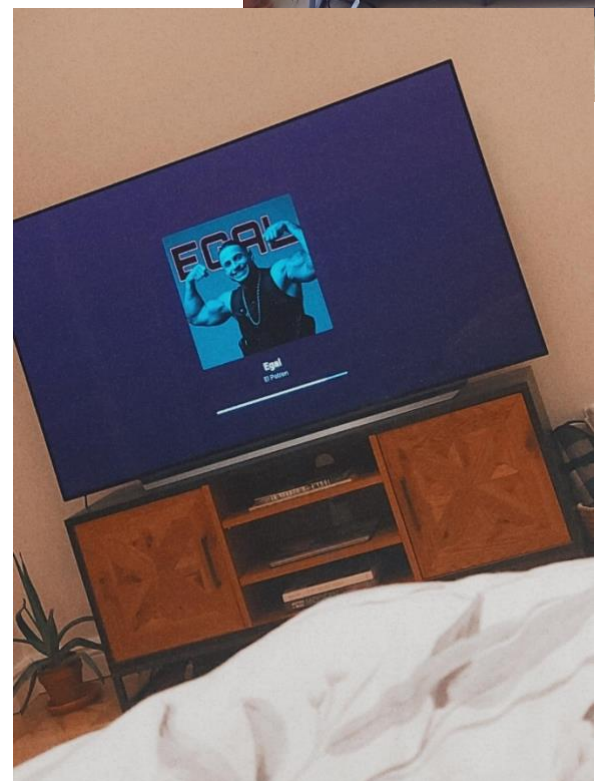
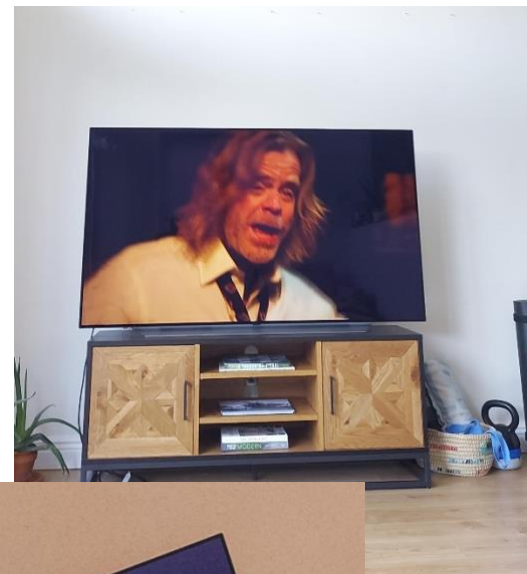
Churches:



Sickness and movie nights:

However, I unfortunately got sick after the trip „Cliffs of Mohor " as I was already a bit groggy before.

We all watched movies together in the evenings and we started a series with Evan called "entucourage".



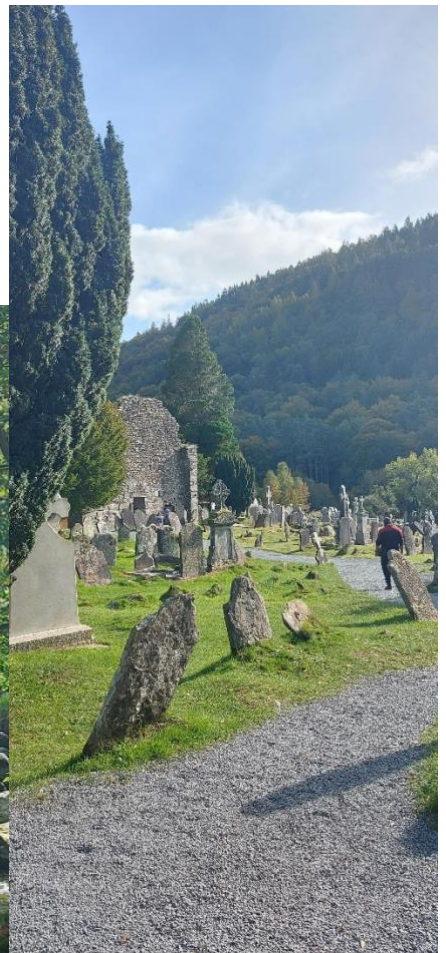
Favorite excursion

- Hiking and mohor Cliffs

Which is my favorite experience/activity? Unfortunately, I can't answer that.

Hiking with the host parents was a lot of fun. Learning something about vikings as well and the history behind these places interests me a lot.

You can't put all the memories into words or all the thoughts. Something always comes to mind and pictures come to mind.



But also the Cliffs of Mohor were mega. It is one of the typical tourist attractions but the view is worth it although the weather was not very nice.



Worst experiences

It's not that bad but when I got sick and really didn't feel well, the 3 days of being sick felt like a waste of time. You just couldn't do anything during the 3 days except lie in bed and sleep. However, I did sit in the garden from time to time and get some fresh air.

But also the traffic was annoying, because the buses hardly came on time or the after-work traffic was too crowded. In the beginning it took us 3 hours to get home from work. We got off at 4pm and arrived home at 7pm. Even our host parents were surprised why it took so long. Also my work colleagues said it was normal and annoying that you need so long home, through all the traffic.



Food/drink

Our host mother always cooked fresh food for us, except on her wedding day, when we ordered food. There was mostly Asian/Thai cuisine, and it was always vegetarian. she can cook very well, by the way. After the meal there was always tea time with cookies.

Drinking was a bit of an acquired taste, as the water tasted of chlorine. Although it had been filtered 2 times. Once through a tap with filter and a second time through a container with filtration.

In addition, the Irish like to drink "Irish coffee" or "hot whiskey". The Irish coffee consists of coffee and a kind of cream and a shot of whiskey. The hot whiskey is filled with a sip of whiskey and hot water. A slice of orange is placed in the cup. In the orange itself are still cloves.

Pictures with friends

