

# Our Journey to Dublin

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## **Wednesday, 04 April 2018**

On Wednesday we arrived in Dublin after a three-hour flight. We were picked up by our host families and could see where we would stay in the following 6 days. We didn't have anything scheduled for the first day, so we were allowed to plan the day by ourselves. We explored the city and in the evening when we came back to our host family, we had a more or less Irish dinner: there was lasagna with chips and broccoli waiting for us.

## **Thursday, 05 April 2018**

It was our first full day in Dublin, so we all enjoyed breakfast at our host families' home. The whole class met at 8 o'clock at the Spire and went together to our school. After 3 hours of English lessons we had time for lunch. So, most of us went to a little Italian restaurant and ate very well. For the afternoon, an orientation tour was planned. The tour began at the Garden of Remembrance, went through the city and ended with the oldest shopping center of Dublin. During the tour we went on a Scavenger Hunt. After our guided tour we had time at our hands until we had to go back to our host families.

## **Friday, 06 April 2018**

On Friday 6 April we had our second and last classes. It was really different to let's say daily school because it was real fun, for sure with our gorgeous teacher Karen. After three hours of school we had about 1.5 hours left for lunch and for some shopping. In the afternoon we took part in our first theatre workshop in Dublin. The main actor who showed us how to become a good actor/actress was called Charlie. He was quite funny! After those 4 hours full of energy and fun we went back to our host families, where we were expected for dinner. We also got a three-course-menu which was very delicious. In the evening we were very tired so we took a shower and soon after went to bed.

### **Saturday, 07 April 2018**

Today we had a backstage tour at the Abbey theater. Our tour guide was extremely motivated to show us everything about the building. He told us a lot about the history of the Abbey theatre, the foundation, the people who worked there, and so on. The tour guide of the Abbey theatre also showed us the stage where the actresses performed that day. We got a lot of information about how the performers did their makeup and how much time it took to produce a wig. In our opinion the tour through the Abbey theatre was very interesting!

In the afternoon we watched the theatre "The Unmanageable Sisters" at the Abbey theatre. The show was quite interesting but sometimes it was a little bit hard to understand because the actresses spoke very fast and made some jokes we couldn't understand. All in all, it was a funny day where we got a lot of information about the daily routine of an actor/actress.

### **Sunday, 08 April 2018**

On the 5th day of our journey to Dublin, Ireland, we did a full-day-trip to Belfast. As our bus arrived about half an hour late and we were sharing it with another group, we had to pick up some other tourists, too. So, we were quite happy that our bus-driver was in a good mood and sang songs or told stories about Ireland every now and then.

Our first stop was the "Titanic-museum" which was really interesting. The best about the museum were the small "cars" in which we were able to "drive" through one sector of the exhibition (so we didn't have to walk 😊).

Afterwards we went to the city center where we spent about three hours visiting a market, shopping centres or doing some sightseeing. Although it must be said, that shopping was not that easy as no one of us thought of taking along some pounds.

All in all it was a joyful day and we all fell into our beds completely tired in the evening.

### **Monday, 09 April 2018**

In the morning we had our theatre workshop with Charlie again. We thought of the “script” of our own plays. As usual, it was funny with Charlie. Afterwards, our teachers picked us up because we wanted to go to Howth to do the cliffwalk. We were surprised by a stunning panorama and luckily the weather was really nice. We took a lot of pictures and we loved to breathe in the fresh sea breeze. In the evening the whole class met at O’Sheas Merchant to eat some typical Irish food. We didn’t want to miss out on Irish nightlife, so some of us went to the Temple bar after dinner. Although it was a beautiful evening we were looking forward to finally catch some sleep.

### **Tuesday, 10 April 2018**

We had our last theatre workshop and we could perform our little plays. We were allowed to act before our teachers who enjoyed our plays immensely and we had a lot of fun, too.

In the afternoon we had time to spend on our own. And of course, most of us went shopping. In the evening we visited a great theatre play, which was a kind of one man show. We could not stop laughing during the play. The actor wasn't always easy to understand but what we could understand was definitely entertaining.

### **Wednesday, 11 April 2018**

Our last day in Dublin. Therefore, we decided to go to the famous Guinness Storehouse in Dublin. We started at 9.00 a.m. by bus and arrived at 10.00 a.m. at the Storehouse in Dublin.

There was no queue so early and this is why we immediately got our tickets for €20. Inside we got a lot of impressions about the history as well as the ingredients and the brewing process of the Guinness beer. At the end we “tasted” a pint of Guinness which was included in the admission price, which we poured ourselves. Furthermore, we were proud of our certificate and enjoyed the view at the Gravity Bar.

At 12.00 o’clock we went home to our host families where we got something for lunch. At 1.50 p.m. our host families dropped us off at the meeting point where a private bus transfer picked us up. Our flight to Munich was at 4.20 p.m. and we arrived at 9.45 p.m. We arrived after 11 p.m. in Innsbruck where our parents were waiting for us.