

My stay in Tralee, Ireland

Hi everyone,

My name is Timon Freudiger and I have lived here in Tralee for the last 5 and a half months. I got the opportunity to live one year abroad, six months in Ireland and the other six months in France, to improve my language skills and make new life experiences. I am very grateful that I can be part of the kv plus program.

We arrived on the 31st of July after a long journey from Zürich Airport to Dublin and then came by bus to Tralee. For me personally it was hard to say goodbye to my family and friends, because I was used to spend a lot of my time with them. Our host families picked us up and welcomed us warmly. It was a little bit unlucky, but I had to change my host family two times in the first three weeks. Now I can stay with a really nice and friendly family. My host family consists of my host father and mother, their son Seamus who is 17 years old and their daughter Tess who is 15 years old. I appreciate the time with them and that I am integrated into the family. It will be tough to say goodbye to Tralee and my host family at the end of the month.

After the first two weeks in the Celtic school of English I started working for Cremur Heating. This is a company which makes bathroom renovations, timber floorings, sells stoves and other heating systems. My work in the office is not very challenging, but the employees are very friendly. In addition I do enjoy relaxing working hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). We also had English classes two evenings a week which prepared us for our Cambridge exams which took place on the 1st of December in Dublin. I am so delighted that I passed 😊.

Tralee is a lovely town in the south-west of Ireland. Even though Downtown is not so big, there are a few shopping opportunities, restaurants, coffee shops and a lot of Pubs, where you can enjoy a pint of Guinness. In my free time I like to go to a Pub with my friends to have a good time together and experience the Irish culture. On the weekends I am usually exploring different places all over Ireland or stay at home with my host family. I also visited the local church and got to know new people.

In October my family from Switzerland visited me. We had a wonderful week together and saw a lot of beautiful places on our road trip along the west coast of Ireland. I went home to celebrate Christmas and to see my family and friends again. It was also an awesome time.

The time flies fast, already in two weeks we are going to move to Bordeaux. I am looking forward to the next six months, but I am also excited how the change from English to the difficult French language will be.

