

# My language stay in Cork

Hello everyone!

In this report I am going to tell you about my experience in Cork. It's been 5 months since we arrived in Ireland. The weather is getting warmer and more pleasant than at the start and our CAE exam is coming up.

## About Cork...

The city center of Cork is quite small, although it is the second largest city in Ireland. There are some shopping possibilities, restaurants and Irish pubs, but the main attractions are outside the city. The nature there is breathtaking... In our free time we go to the cliffs, walk along the beaches or visit nearby fishing towns like Kinsale. I would highly recommend planning day trips if you are visiting Cork; take the bus to Galway or book a tour to the Cliffs of Moher.

Some of my favorite attractions:



Cliffs of Moher  
Stunning views, definitely worth visiting :)



Blarney Castle  
Kissing the Blarney stone brings you good luck!



Ballycotton  
A lovely beach and an adventurous cliff walk.

I am a little disappointed about the nightlife. I imagined it to be quite different. They rarely let people my age (18-20) into the pubs and nightclubs. Over time we learned a few tricks to sneak in, but even if you do get in, they close at 2am. A positive fact is that there are a lot of concerts and other shows. I went to the Ed Sheeran concert and to "Picture this". It's an Irish band that had their first gig in a pub in Cork.



## My host family



I live 30 minutes outside the city in a two-family house with another girl from KVplus, my host parents, their 18-year-old daughter and our dog Rocco. Our house is in a quiet neighborhood. My relationship with our host parents is very good. When we see each other after work, we have a quick chat and share some news from the day. If we need advice for trips, good pubs or anything else, we can always count on their help.

## My workplace

I couldn't be happier about my workplace! At first, I was skeptical about working in a restaurant, but my concerns were blown away after my first day.

Luigi Malones is an Italian and Irish restaurant in downtown Cork. I work as a waitress in a large team of young and international colleagues. My daily tasks are serving food to the guests, cashing in at the reception, taking orders or helping at the bar. No day is like the other... My work is very varied, and I love that! I have become close friends with my colleagues and we often go out together.



## To sum up,

This stay is giving me the opportunity to improve my English more easily due to the daily confrontation. I would not have made this progress otherwise. I have become more independent and have been able to set my professional/private goals. This project is an incredible experience and I recommend it to everyone!

Best regards from Cork,

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